

Task Group Annual Report

Views Controlled Vocabularies

Web Site: <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/tree/master/views>

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Phase of work:

- The Views Controlled Vocabularies Task Group is chartered under the Audubon Core Maintenance Group. It is tasked with developing controlled vocabularies for the Audubon Core terms ac:subjectPart and ac:subjectOrientation, which are sometimes collectively referred to as a "view".
- The group collects use cases and establishes requirements in order to develop and test the controlled vocabularies.

Activities:

Summarize group activities including:

- The group maintains its records and documents in a subdirectory of the Audubon Core GitHub repository: <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/tree/master/views>. The core members and other interested participants meet several times per year electronically. Pending issues and upcoming meetings are organized using the issues tracker at <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/issues>. Typically notes and documents are created using Google Docs, then archived as PDFs in the repository. All official work of the group is public and open.
- During the past year, the group identified key stakeholders, solicited and assembled use cases. It then created candidate requirements based on those use cases: <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/blob/master/views/candidate-requirements.md>. We then examined two existing systems of controlled vocabularies and began working on a list of controlled values for subjectPart categorized by organism type.
- There were six Zoom meetings that took place between 2019-12-12 and 2020-05-27. The notes from those meetings are archived at <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/tree/master/views/historical>.

Accomplishments:

- Assembled use cases: <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/blob/master/views/submitted-use-cases.md>
- Candidate requirements: <https://github.com/tdwg/ac/blob/master/views/candidate-requirements.md>

Impediments to progress:

We lost one of our core members during the year who changed to a job unrelated to the group's work.

Due to work with other TDWG groups, the convener didn't have enough bandwidth to keep the meetings organized after June.

Changes in goals or scope

The group will continue to develop the actual controlled vocabularies with a goal of testing them during calendar 2021.

Plans for next calendar year

- Complete lists of controlled terms for subject parts by organisms.
- Examine commonalities in possible subject orientations for the enumerated subject parts, then develop a list of controlled values for subject orientation.
- Identify stakeholders who can test the candidate vocabularies using actual images.
- Evolve the candidate values into completed controlled vocabularies.