

Encoded Archival Description and XML reading list

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Introductory EAD readings

Hunter, Gregory S. *Developing and maintaining practical archives: a how-to-do-it manual*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2003.
Chapters 1, 6.

Describing Archives: A Content Standard. Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2013.

DACS (2nd edition) will be used throughout the project to guide our descriptive content. Review the "Statement of Principles" and "Overview of Archival Description," pgs xv-xxiv; "Introduction to Describing Archival Materials" and "Levels of Description," pgs 3-13. Includes crosswalks from DACS – EAD and MARC. Available online at <http://files.archivists.org/pubs/DACS2E-2013.pdf>.

Dow, Elizabeth H. *Creating EAD-Compatible Finding Guides on Paper*. Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 2005.

A basic, accessible overview of EAD. Review chs. 1, 3, 5 (skim), and 6. This is unfortunately somewhat out-of-date because we will be using EAD3, not EAD 2002.

Santamaria, Daniel A. *Extensible Processing for Archives and Special Collections: Reducing Processing Backlogs*. Chicago: Neal-Schuman, 2015.

Chapters 1, 6.

Key EAD resources

Encoded Archival Description (EAD Roundtable, Society of American Archivists).

<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/encoded-archival-description-ead-roundtable>

Of particular interest is the list of tools/resources: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/technical-subcommittee-on-encoded-archival-description-ead/encoded-archival-description-ead>

Official website for EAD 2002, Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/ead/>

Out-of-date until EAD3 is released, but there are some resources here that will still be helpful such as the DTD and schema information.

EAD3 EADiva.com: <http://ead3.eadiva.com/>

Very helpful!! Includes example EAD-XML files, descriptions of the elements, guidelines.

EAD implementation and research

Gracy, Karen F. and Frank Lambert. "Who's Ready to Surf the Next Wave? A Study of Perceived Challenges to Implementing New and Revised Standards for Archival Description." *American Archivist* 77, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2014): 96-132.

"Over Under, Around, and Through: Getting Around Barriers to EAD Implementation." OCLC, 2010.

Wisser, Katherine M. and Jackie Dean. "EAD Tag Usage: Community Analysis of the Use of Encoded Archival Description Elements." *American Archivist* 76, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2013): 542-566.

J. Gordon Daines & Cory L. Nimer, "Re-Imagining Archival Display: Creating User-Friendly Finding Aids," *Journal of Archival Organization* 9 (2011): 4-31.

Yakel, Elizabeth. "Encoded Archival Description: Are Finding Aids Boundary Spanners or Barriers for Users?" *Journal of Archival Description* 2, no. 1/2 (2004):63-77.

Dooley, Jackie. "Are you ready for EAD3? It's coming soon!" OCLC Research, HangingTogether.org. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://hangingtogether.org/?p=4530>.

Introductory XML readings

Eisenberg, J. David. "Using XML." *A List Apart*. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://alistapart.com/article/usingxml>.

Accessible, non-jargony introduction. Also includes information on XSLT.

"XML Tutorial." W3 Schools. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://www.w3schools.com/xml/>.

Extensive tutorial on all aspects of working with XML, including encoding, viewing, DTD, schema, technologies, and examples.

Birnbaum, David J. "What is XML and why should humanists care? An even gentler introduction to XML." Course website, Digital Humanities, University of Pittsburgh. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://dh.obdurodon.org/what-is-xml.xhtml>.

The main course website also has significant information on working with XSLT and CSS. For example, XSLT basics: <http://dh.obdurodon.org/xslt-basics.xhtml>.

Hawkins, Kevin S. "Introduction to XML for Text." Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://ultraslavonic.info/intro-to-xml/>.

TEI/document focused but still helpful intro.

"A Gentle Introduction to XML." Text Encoding Initiative. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://www.tei-c.org/release/doc/tei-p5-doc/en/html/SG.html>.

Also TEI focused. Very extensive overview!

XML & EAD

"Understanding EAD and XML." EADiva. Accessed March 10, 2015, <http://ead3.eadiva.com/understanding-ead-and-xml/>.

Snow, Justin. "You can do it: tips for creating a stylesheet for your EAD records." *Practical Technology for Archives* 1 (November 2013). Accessed March 10, 2015, http://practicaltechnologyforarchives.org/issue1_snow/.

Wiedeman, Gregory. "XQuery for Archivists: Understanding EAD Finding Aids as Data." *Practical Technology for Archives* 3 (November 2014). Accessed March 10, 2015, http://practicaltechnologyforarchives.org/issue3_wiedeman/.

Sample EAD-XML workflows

Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. Saved in box.com Resources folder, hcipsar_EADfindingaidworksheet.xlsx

United States Naval Academy. Saved in boc.com Resources folder, USNA folder.

Yale University best practices: <http://www.library.yale.edu/facc/bpgs.html>

California Digital Library best practices:
http://www.cdlib.org/services/access_publishing/dsc/tools/ead_toolkit.html

Library of Congress best practices: http://www.loc.gov/rr/ead/lcp/lcp_archdesc.html