

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR)

Dr. Nanaji Shewale

Librarian

Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE)

B M C C Rd, Pune (India)

nanamani@gmail.com

<https://dspace.gipe.ac.in>; <http://gipe.ac.in>

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records

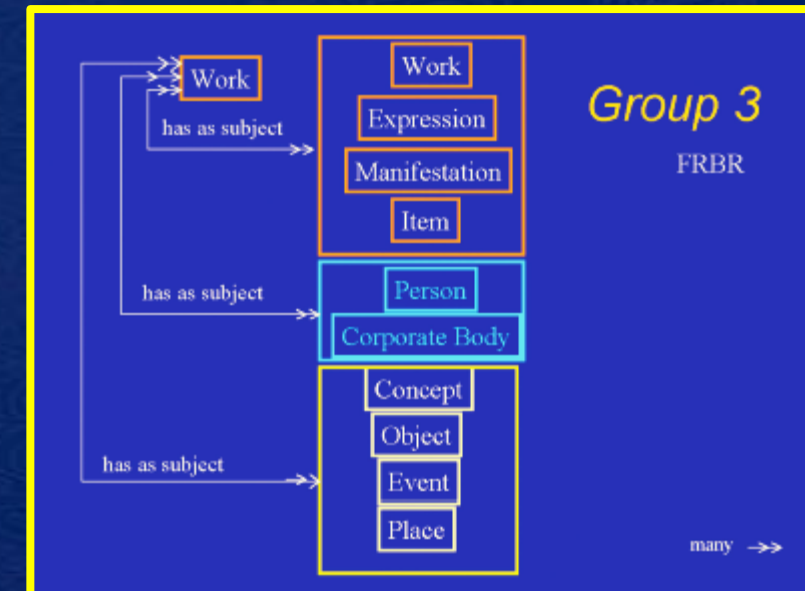
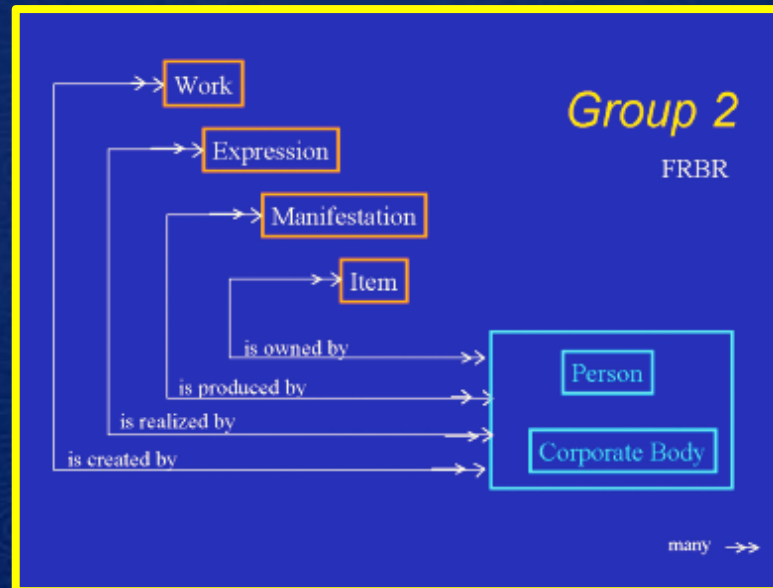
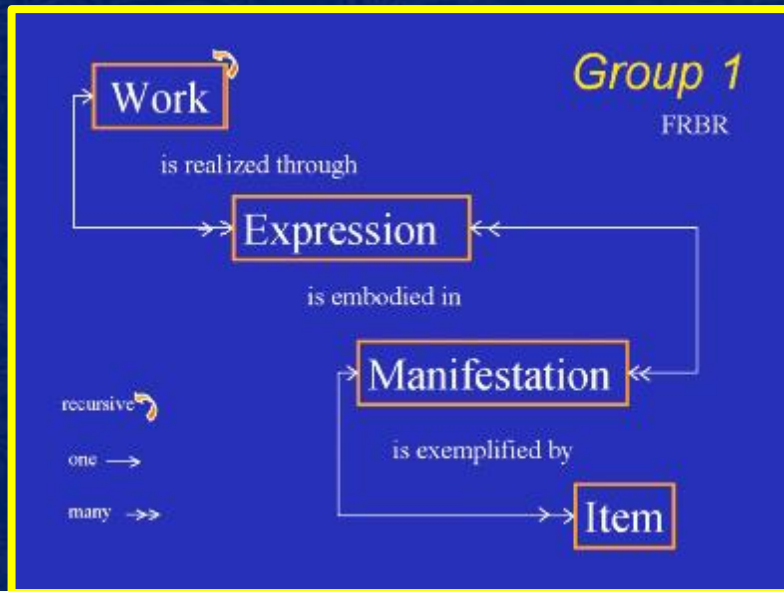
- A conceptual **Entity–Relationship model** developed by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- Relates **User Tasks** of retrieval and access in online library catalogues and bibliographic databases
- According to Allyson Carleye, Primary purpose is improving
 - cataloguing records (**a product**),
 - cataloguing (**a process**) and
 - catalogs (**a technology**)

Courtesy: What is FRBR? By Tillett, Barbara. Library of Congress. Feb 2004. <https://www.loc.gov/cds/downloads/FRBR.PDF>

FRBR User Tasks

- **Find:** to locate either a single entity or a set of entities as the result of a search using an attribute or relationship of the entity.
- **Identify:** to confirm that the entity described corresponds to the entity sought, or to distinguish between two or more entities with similar characteristics.
- **Select:** to choose an entity that meets the user's requirements with respect to content, physical format, etc., or to reject an entity as being inappropriate to the user's needs.
- **Obtain (or Acquire):** to obtain or acquire an entity through purchase, loan, etc., or to access an entity electronically through an online connection

FRBR Groups



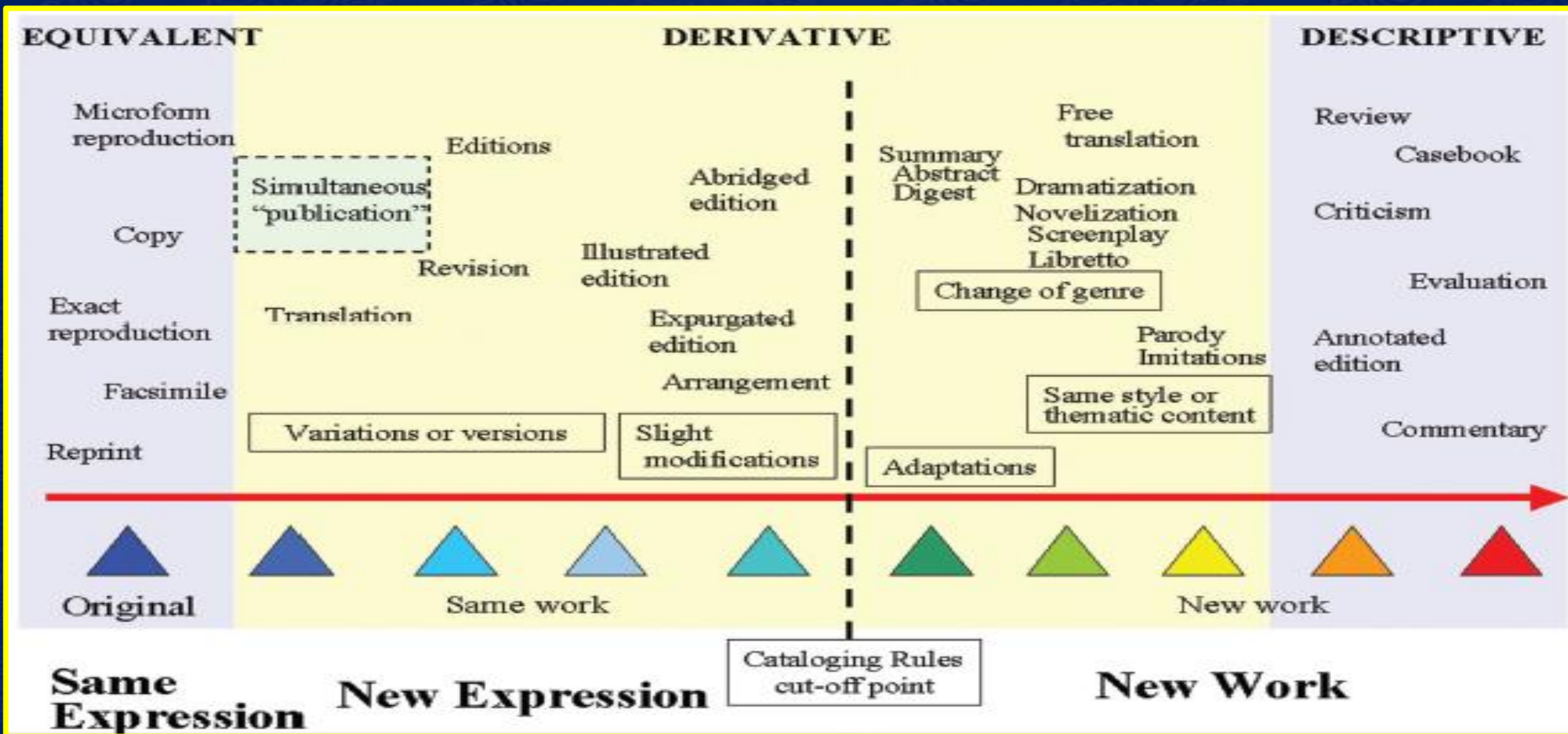
FRBR Entities

- FRBR comprises groups of entities:
- **Group 1** entities are work, expression, manifestation, and item (WEMI). They represent the products of intellectual or artistic endeavor.
- **Group 2** entities are person, family and corporate body, responsible for the custodianship of Group 1's intellectual or artistic endeavor.
- **Group 3** entities are subjects of Group 1 or Group 2's intellectual endeavor, and include concepts, objects, events, places.

FRBR Entities – Group 1 (WEMI)

- **Work** is a distinct intellectual or artistic creation.
- **Expression** is the specific intellectual or artistic form that a work takes each time it is ‘realized’.
- **Manifestation** is the physical embodiment of an expression of a work. As an entity, manifestation represents all the physical objects that bear the same characteristics, in respect to both intellectual content and physical form.
- **Item** is a single exemplar of a manifestation. The entity defined as item is a concrete entity.

FRBR – Family of Works



FRBR – Further Readings

<https://www.loc.gov/cds/downloads/FRBR.PDF>

