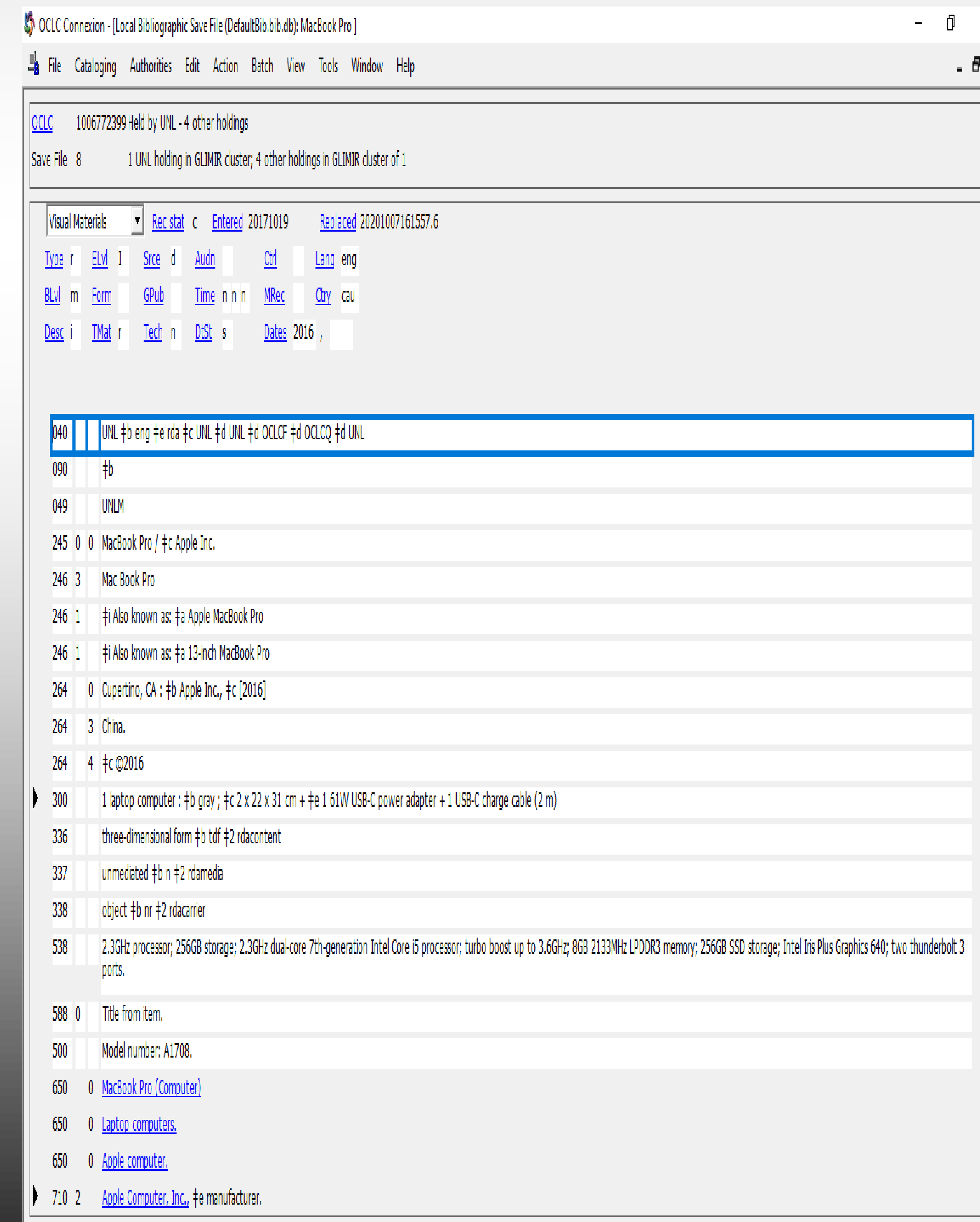


Equipment & Realia



Cataloging Three-Dimensional Artifacts and Realia Highlights

- Cataloger's judgement is essential
- The Bibliographic Format is "Visual Materials"
- Usually title is the main entry and most of the time cataloger supplies a title
- For a piece of art, main entry could be the creator
- For **Type** (Type of record) field we usually use "r" for three-dimensional artifact or naturally occurring object and "o" for kits
- For **TMat** (Type of material) field we usually use "r" for realia, "g" games, "w" toys, "a" art original, "c" art reproduction, "d" diorama, "p" microscope slide, "q" model, and "b" for kits
- Cataloging guidelines: [OLAC Best Practices for Cataloging Objects](#)



Description of three-dimensional artifacts and realia by AACR2

Three-dimensional objects of all kinds including models, diagrams, games, braille cassettes, sculptures, and other three-dimensional art works, exhibits, machines, and clothing...naturally occurring objects, including microscope specimens and other specimens mounted for viewing.

Description of three-dimensional form by RDA

A form or forms intended to be perceived visually in three dimensions. Includes sculptures, models, naturally occurring objects and specimens, holograms, etc.

AACR2 three-dimensional GMDs

- art original
- art reproduction
- diorama
- game
- microscope slide
- model
- realia
- toy

What is Realia?

- Three-dimensional objects from real life.
- Realia may include coins, textiles, artifacts, tools, utensils, models, toys, games, puppets, musical instruments, specimens, etc.
- It's hard to incorporate objects of realia in the general collection or to describe them easily in the catalog.
- It requires special formats cataloging rules.
- Unlike books, the artifactual value of these materials is important.

RDA: Content, Carrier, Media

- Content Type
three-dimensional form
- Carrier Type
object
- Media Type
unmediated

Content Description: Color (3-D Form)

- black and white
- color
- tinted blue
- blue, red, and white

Carrier Description: Extent (3-D Form)

- atlas
- coin
- diagram
- drawing
- flash card
- game
- model
- poster
- radiograph
- sculpture
- toy
- wall chart

Carrier: Base Material

- aluminum
- cardboard
- glass
- leather
- metal
- paper
- Plastic
- polyester
- textile
- Wood
- Plastic and wood

Carrier: Dimensions

height x width x depth
• 3 x 9 x 13 cm

Accompanying Material

- Number of physical units and name of any accompanying material
- e.g. 1 portable video magnifier, 1 battery, 1 charging cable with adapter, 1 carrying case, 1 user's guide

Manufacture statement [place : name, date]

Production statements include statements relating to the inscription, fabrication, construction, etc., of a manifestation in an unpublished form.

Kits: AACR2 definition

- A single-medium package of textual material.
- An item containing two or more categories of material, no one of which is identifiable as the predominant constituent of the item.

Object: RDA definition

- A three-dimensional artifact, a replica of an artifact, or a naturally-occurring object.

Equipment and Realia Collection

- Purchasing
- Equipment and realia display and access
- Academic use for research
- Use in lessons