

Organization Descriptions from the Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

This dataset contains a highly detailed presentation of the evolution of names and administrative histories of Federal and non-Federal organizations. It is used by the National Archives and Records Administration to track the organization that created records, and as a source of access points for indexing archival descriptions and/or other authority records with consistent headings. This is the first time the data is available as raw data in XML format. These organization descriptions are published in the Archival Research Catalog (ARC). Visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/> to learn more.

This file size is approximately 1.7 GB. Use WinZip or a similar program to extract the contents of the files.

Organization Authority File XML Full XSD

Summary:

1. The Organization authority file XML full XSD is provided and accounts for all XML tags used for Organization authority file records published in the Archival Research Catalog (ARC) (<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>).
2. Most of the attributes are defined in the Lifecycle Data Requirements Guide (LCDRG). Definitions have been provided in the “Comment” column for those attributes that are not defined in the LCDRG.

The following is an empty Organization XML document from ARC. This document includes all possible XML tags for any Organization authority file record.

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<?xml version="1.0?">
<organization>
  <organization-id/>
  <display-name/>
  <preferred/>
  <source-note/>
  <index-character/>
  <related/>
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    <organization-name org-name-id="">
      <name/>
      <establish-date/>
      <abolish-date/>
      <related/>
      <donations/>
      <creations/>
      <contributions/>
      <subject-of/>
      <use-for>
        <use-for-display-name/>
      </use-for>
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          <predecessor-display-name/>
        </predecessor>
      </predecessors>
      <successors>
        <successor num="" successor-id="" standard="">
          <successor-display-name/>
        </successor>
      </successors>
    </organization-name>
  </organization-names>
</organization>
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<administrative-history-note/>
<jurisdictions>
  <jurisdiction num="" jurisdiction-id="" standard="">
    <jurisdiction-display-name/>
  </jurisdiction>
</jurisdictions>
<program-areas>
  <program-area num="" program-area-id="" standard="">
    <program-area-display-name/>
  </program-areas>
<staff-members>
  <staff-member num="" staff-member-id="" standard="">
    <staff-member-display-name>
  </staff-member>
</staff-members>
</organization>
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The following tables demonstrate how the XML tags map to the data elements listed in the Lifecycle Data Requirements Guide (LCDRG).

Attributes	In the LCDRG (Y/N)	ARC XML tags	Repeatable (Y/N)	Comment
Organization ID	N	<organization-id/>	N	The unique id of the organization record.
Display Name	N	<display-name/>	N	The display name for an Organization Name. The Display Name includes the Establish and Abolish Dates in parentheses after the name.
Preferred	N	<preferred/>	N	Indicates if an Organization Name is preferred or not within an Organization authority record.
Source Note	Y	<source-note/>	N	
Index Character	N	<index-character/>	N	The character used to create a browsable index of Organization Names (both preferred and non-preferred) in ARC. Usually a lower case version of the first letter of the name.
Related to	N	<related/>	N	Count of the number of archival descriptions to which an Organization authority record is related.
Organization Name	Y	<organization-names> <organization-name org-name-id=""> <name/> <organization-name/> </organization names/>	Y	Preferred Organization Names are repeatable within a single Organization authority record. Each of these authorized names may be associated with archival descriptions in a variety of roles.

Establish Date	Y	<establish-date/>	N	
Abolish Date	Y	<abolish-date/>	N	
Related	N	<related/>	N	Count of the number of archival descriptions to which a specific Organization Name within an Organization authority record is related.
Donations	N	<donations/>	N	Count of the number of Collections that have been donated by the Organization under a particular Organization Name.
Creations	N	<creations/>	N	Count of the number of Series that have been created by the Organization under a particular Organization Name.
Contributions	N	<contributions/>	N	Count of the number of Series, File Unit(s), and Item(s) that the Organization contributed to under a particular Organization Name.
Subject Of	N	<subject-of/>	N	Count of the number of Series, File Unit(s), and Item(s) that the Organization is a subject of under a particular Organization Name.
Use For	Y	<use-for> <use-for-display-name/> </use-for>	Y	Lists Variant Organization Names associated with a specific Organization Name.

Predecessor	Y	<pre> <predecessors> <predecessor num="" predecessor- id="" standard=""> <predecessor-display-name/> </predecessor> </predecessors> </pre>	Y	
Successor	Y	<pre> <successors> <successor num="" successor- id="" standard=""> <successor-display-name/> </successor> </successors> </pre>	Y	
Administrative History Note	Y	<pre> <administrative-history-note/> </pre>	N	
Jurisdiction	Y	<pre> <jurisdictions> <jurisdiction num="" jurisdiction-id="" standard=""> <jurisdiction-display-name/> </jurisdiction> </jurisdictions> </pre>	Y	
Program Area	Y	<pre> <program-areas> <program-area num="" program-area- id="" standard=""> <program-area-display-name/> </program-area> </program-areas> </pre>	Y	
Staff Member	Y	<pre> <staff-members> <staff-member num="" staff-member- id="" standard=""> <staff-member-display-name> </staff-member> </staff-members> </pre>	Y	This attribute is in the LCDRG as “Personal Reference” for an Organization.

