

Titles and SubTitles in ERN-3

In the ERN-3 standard, titles appear in many places. Some of these are specified to carry an additional `SubTitle` element, and others are not. The approach in ERN-4 is somewhat different.

The `FormalTitle` and `ReferenceTitle` should break out subtitles into the designated sub-element `SubTitle`. The `DisplayTitle`, on the other hand, should concatenate the title and subtitle into one string.

Location	XPath description	SubTitle?
DisplayTitles for Resources	<code>//ResourceList/SoundRecording/SoundRecordingDetailsByTerritory/Title[@TitleType="DisplayTitle"]</code>	No
ReferenceTitle of a Release	<code>//ReleaseList/Release/ReferenceTitle</code>	Yes
FormalTitle for Releases	<code>//ReleaseList/Release/ReleaseDetailsByTerritory/Title[@TitleType="FormalTitle"]</code>	Yes
DisplayTitles for Releases	<code>//ReleaseList/Release/ReleaseDetailsByTerritory/Title[@TitleType="DisplayTitle"]</code>	No

Version titles

If a label's supply chain system has subtitle or version information such as "remix" or "instrumental version" in a separate field, they should be communicated as a subtitle along the lines explained above.

In that case, the `FormalTitle` and `ReferenceTitle` composites should contain a `TitleText` and a `SubTitle` element. The `DisplayTitle`, on the other hand, should concatenate the title and subtitle into **one field without the `SubTitle` element**.

In the case where a recording (or other creation) has multiple subtitles or version titles, these should be stored – and communicated – in separate `SubTitle` elements.

If a label's supply chain system has subtitle and version information in a single field, than this concept does not apply, and the title and subtitle would appear together in one field everywhere. Companies that do not separate title and subtitle are however recommended to consider splitting the data into different fields in their systems.

Examples

In the Release the `ReferenceTitle` should carry any `SubTitle`:

```
<ReferenceTitle>
  <TitleText>Rocking the Decks</TitleText>
  <SubTitle>Crunked Out Mix</SubTitle>
</ReferenceTitle>
```

In Release/ReleaseDetailsByTerritory, the FormalTitle also carries the SubTitle, but the DisplayTitle does not:

```
<ReleaseDetailsByTerritory>
  <TerritoryCode>Worldwide</TerritoryCode>
  <DisplayArtistName>Bad News Bearzzz</DisplayArtistName>
  <LabelName>Pimpin Metadata Records</LabelName>
  <Title TitleType="FormalTitle">
    <TitleText>Rocking the Decks</TitleText>
    <SubTitle>Crunked Out Mix</SubTitle>
  </Title>
  <Title TitleType="DisplayTitle">
    <TitleText>Rocking the Decks (Crunked Out Mix)</TitleText>
  </Title>
```

Likewise, in ResourceList/SoundRecording, the DisplayTitle does not carry a SubTitle, it is instead concatenated:

```
<Title TitleType="DisplayTitle">
  <TitleText>Rocking the Decks (Crunked Out Mix)</TitleText>
</Title>
```