

Language

Element name	Language
DCMI definition	A language of the intellectual content of the resource.
Usage	Recommended
Usage instruction	A specific resource (an instance of scientific output) is either written in one human language or more. In these cases all used languages are used in the DC element 'language'. If a specific resource (an instance of scientific output) is written in one human language and is translated into other human languages, each translation does have its own record.. Recommended: ISO 639-x, where x can be 1,2 or 3. Best Practice: we use ISO 639-3 and by doing so we follow: [http://www.sil.org/ISO639-3/codes.asp] If necessary, repeat this element to indicate multiple languages. If ISO 639-2 and 639-1 are sufficient for the contents of a repository they can be used alternatively. Since there is a unique mapping this can be done during an aggregation process.
Do not confuse with	Country codes ISO 3166-1 http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/english_country_names_and_code_elements.htm
Scheme	ISO 639-3 http://www.sil.org/ISO639-3/codes.asp
Examples	<pre><dc:language>eng</dc:language> <dc:language>deu</dc:language> <dc:language>nld</dc:language> <dc:language>nld/dut</dc:language> <dc:language>dut</dc:language> <dc:language>nl</dc:language></pre>