



Status of IPTC NewsCodes: as of 2005-10-03

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1 Introduction

This document provides a current status of all the controlled vocabularies maintained by the IPTC and branded as “NewsCodes”.

This document will be updated for IPTC meetings to reflect the latest changes.

2 Overview

Key to the table:

Lt version = latest version, with date of issue

Avail(able) as: WL = Web list, TS = NewsML1 TopicSet (XML)

Transl(ation): values comply with RFC 3066

Name	Explanation	Lt version / date	Avail as	Transl	Open issues
Audiocoder	Vocabulary for various types of software based audio-en/decoders currently in use.	2 2002-03-06	WL,TS	-	Unclear: “what is defined”, names outdated, values outdated, explanations missing
Characteristics property	List of names (not values!) to describe physical characteristics of content - like “width” and “height” for photos, or “sampling rate” for audio.	4 2003-11-11	WL,TS	-	--
Colorspace	Vocabulary to define colour space like RGB, YUV or CMY.	3 2004-04-21	WL,TS	-	Inconvenient codes (with a lot of spaces)
Confidence	Describes the degree of certainty that data assigned are correct.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	
Encoding	Vocabulary of popular encoding schemes used to transform data.	1 2002-10-21	WL,TS	-	Technical issues: an application is specified
Format	Describes the technical format of a content like JPG for a picture, MP3 for audio or NITF or PDF for text.	8 2002-10-21	WL,TS	-	Wrong/missing explanations
Genre	Describes the nature, journalistic or intellectual characteristic of a news object, not specifically its content.	7 2004-08-18	WL,TS	es,de	--
Howpresent	Describes the way in which a topic occurs in the content of a news object.	3 2003-06-18	WL,TS	-	Review explan. of “event”
Importance	Describes the relative significance of the metadata applied to a news object.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Labeltype	Describes the type of a label attached to a news object. (Labels are portions of human readable text - unlike most other metadata which are considered to be primarily machine readable only.)	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	Only one entry ?!
Location	List of identifiers used to describe regions of the world where events take place.	1 2004-01-27	WL,TS	-	Explanation of the whole set wrong
Mediatype	List of identifiers used to describe regions of the world where events take place.	4 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Mimetype	Describes the type of media in a more specific way by using IANA registered MIME types.	4 2002-10-21	WL,TS	-	Not in synch with IANA! Explanations missing Should we maintain it??



Newsitemtype	Describes the type of content that a news item carries in a very general way.	4 2002-10-21	WL,TS		Explanations missing
Notation	Describes the technical notation of a piece of content.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	Scope unclear, what makes the difference to format, coders?
Ofinterestto	Describes the target audience for a NewsItem, based for example on demographics, geography or other groupings. (see also "Relevance" below)	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	Ages overlap.
Priority	Describes the relative importance of a NewsItem for distribution.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Property	NewsML specific: Describes the type of a NewsML Property element.	1 2000-10-13	WL,TS	-	--
Provider	A unique ID assigned by the IPTC to a company, publication or service provider.	11 2004-04-21	WL,TS	-	Even IPTC members are missing
Relevance	Describes the extent in which a news object is relevant to the target audience specified by "OfInterestTo" (see above).	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Role	Describes the role of a news object within a package of several news objects - like e.g. "Main" (content), "Supporting", or "Caption".	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Scene	Describes the scene of what is covered by the content.	1 2003-11-13	WL,TS	de	--
Status	NewsML specific: The current usability of a NewsItem within NewsML.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	Despite being a mandatory NewsML1 CV no translations.
Subjectcode	The Subject Codes is a three level system for describing content by a well defined set of terms.	16 2005-08-26	WL,TS	es,fr, de	typos and wrong spellings.
Subjectqualifier	Subject Qualifiers provide a narrower attribute-like context for e.g. a sports-related subject code, like sex of acting people, indoor/outdoor sports etc.	12 2005-08-26	WL,TS	-	Despite being linked to the Subject Codes no translations.
Topicstype	NewsML specific: The kind of thing that the individual thing represented by the topic can be characterised as.	5 2003-11-13	WL,TS	-	Review explanations (e.g. Town, UNRegion).
Urgency	Describes the relative importance of a news object for editorial examination.	2 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	--
Videocoder	Vocabulary for various types of software based video-en/decoders currently in use.	3 2002-03-26	WL,TS	-	Unclear: "what is defined", names outdated, values outdated, explanations missing

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