

# Persistence Statements Strawman MVP

This is a “strawman” proposal to kick off the Persistence Statement subgroup. The idea is to draft a minimum viable product (MVP) that is very simple. An example from the ARK spec: <https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc107835?info> (actually, UNT uses ‘??’, but ‘?info’ is the modern way to do it)

**erc:**

who: Austin, Larry

what: A Study of Rhythm in Bach's Orgelbüchlein

when: 1952

where: <https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc107835/>

**erc-support:**

who: University of North Texas Libraries

what: Permanent: Stable Content:

when: 20081203

where: <https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/>

Highlighted is one possible example of what a persistence statement could look like. It is presented in the ARK spec as an example, but is otherwise undefined anywhere else.

Let us try to add some definitions, starting with a new hypothetical example of an erc-support block.

**erc-support:**

who: University of North Texas Libraries | public research  
university | 1890

string: NR, OP, resolvable

content: keeping

object: lifetime

when: 20081203

where: <https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/>

The fields highlighted might be specific examples of these more general concepts

**erc-support:**

**who:** <provider name> | <provider type> | <starting year>

**string:** <property list for the identifier string (NR, OP, CC, +resolvable)>

**content:** <change expectation list (frozen, keeping, rising, molting, +waxing, +pre-release, +pre-name, +test)>

**thing:** <properties of the object, such as how long object it should be available (indefinite, lifetime, subinfinite)>  
**when:** <when this support statement was created>  
**where:** <URL of more detailed support information>

Related work on marking up metadata changes:

<https://digipres.club/@vphill/109388093436330675>

Background on proposed vocabulary terms:

<https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2017-039>

People are encouraged to use <https://yamz.net> to reference or create proposed vocabulary terms.