



Genre Vocabulary

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Description: This document defines the controlled vocabulary used for the “Item Type” metadata element, including both definitions of terms (in some cases derived from Omeka) as well as notes on their application and use. Focus is placed on project-specific terminology. Terms marked with “(*)” denote types with project-specific metadata subelements.

Term	Description and Notes on Use
BBS (*)	Acronym for Bulletin Board System. A computer server running software that allows users to connect remotely via modem to the system using a terminal or a terminal emulator.
BBS Network (*)	Linked Network of Bulletin Board Systems, often topically focused.
Born-Digital Archival Material (*)	Materials related to or derived from a community described in the Community Catalog. Item metadata will include links to relevant catalog entries.
Email	A resource containing textual messages and binary attachments sent electronically from one person to another or one person to many people.
Mailing List (*)	E-mail Mailing Lists. Used only for Community Catalog entries. All mailing list collections use Born-Digital Archival Material item type.
Oral History	A resource containing historical information obtained in interviews with persons having firsthand knowledge.

Proprietary Forum (*)	Forum on a proprietary platform (such as America Online (AOL), CompuServe, Livejournal, etc.)
Software	A computer program in source or compiled form. Examples include a C source file, MS-Windows .exe executable, or Perl script.
Usenet Newsgroup (*)	Individual Usenet Newsgroup. Used only for Community Catalog entries.
Website	A resource comprising of a web page or web pages and all related assets (such as images, sound and video files, etc.). May be used to describe archival objects or community catalog entry.
Yahoo Group (*)	A forum on the proprietary service Yahoo Groups. Used only for archived copies of Yahoo Groups.