

EIDR SYSTEM VERSION 2.1

Documentation Guide

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1 Introduction

The EIDR documentation is publicly available and located here:

eidr.org/technology

The base documentation is:

EIDR Registry User's Guide - The purpose of this overview document is to prepare you to use the EIDR system in your workflows. This document covers use cases from reading the EIDR database to creating records. The focus is on content records but includes all data in the EIDR Registry.

EIDR Data Fields Reference - This document describes in detail the data model for EIDR content records. This document is used to interpret EIDR resolution data and to support alignment of the EIDR data model with member systems. This provides sample XML output. Contains appendices on validation rules and resolution formats. Includes the EIDR Glossary.

EIDR Required Data Fields – Similar to the *Data Fields Reference*, but serves as a quick guide for Abstractions (root-level titles and episodic content) and Edits.

For those matching or registering content records, the following are recommended:

Best Practices Guide: Creating IDs for Movie & Television records - This takes the material in the *Data Fields Reference* and provides an easy introduction for the most common record types with best practices and tips. This guide is oriented toward metadata analysts.

Then in addition, depending on which interface you choose, consult these:

Tools Overview - This describes the EIDR Command Line Tools, which many EIDR members use for queries, bulk matching and registration. The Tools are part of the EIDR SDK install. Rather than covering things from the data model perspective, which is what the other documents do), this presents what the registry can do with the records. All of the tools in it are provided as sample code. This interface is only available to EIDR members.

REST API Reference - Describes the base REST API from calls to return codes. The REST API used XML as its data format. This document provides XML examples as templates and actual records. Note that this interface should be used only when working outside of Java or .NET platforms.

Registry Programmer's Guide - This describes the low-level EIDR API in a brief, conceptual approach.

There are specialized Best Practices Guides that delve into more detail on single topics. These include:

- Best Practice – Edits
- Best Practice – Digital Packages

- Best Practice – Documentaries and Actualities
- Best Practice – Episodic Distribution Bundles
- Best Practice – Language Codes
- Best Practice – Ratings Registrations

Finally, there are Technical Notes on how to use the EIDR system for specific tasks:

- Technical Note – How to Use EIDR to Identify Versions for Distribution Purposes. This provides information on Best Practices for commercial workflows for regional distribution.
- Technical Note – Finding All Alternate IDs of a Particular Type
- Technical Note – Alternate IDs Resolution and Queries
- Technical Note – Managing Aliases
- Technical Note – Using EIDR Region Codes
- Technical Note – EIDR Broadcast Workflows