

# An Introduction to FRAD

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Getting Ready for RDA and FRBR:  
What You Need to Know

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# FRAD

Functional Requirements for Authority Data

# FRANAR Working Group

IFLA Working Group on Functional Requirements  
and Numbering of Authority Records

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# FRAD Goals & Objectives

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## □ Goal

- To extend the FRBR model to authority data

## □ Objectives

- To provide an understanding of how authority data functions currently
  - To clarify the underlying concepts to provide a basis for refining and improving on current practice in the future
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# Functions of the Authority File

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- 1) Document decisions
  - 2) Serve as reference tool
  - 3) Control forms of access points
  - 4) Support access to bibliographic file
  - 5) Link bibliographic and authority files
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# Users

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- Authority data creators
  - Library staff and patrons
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# Users

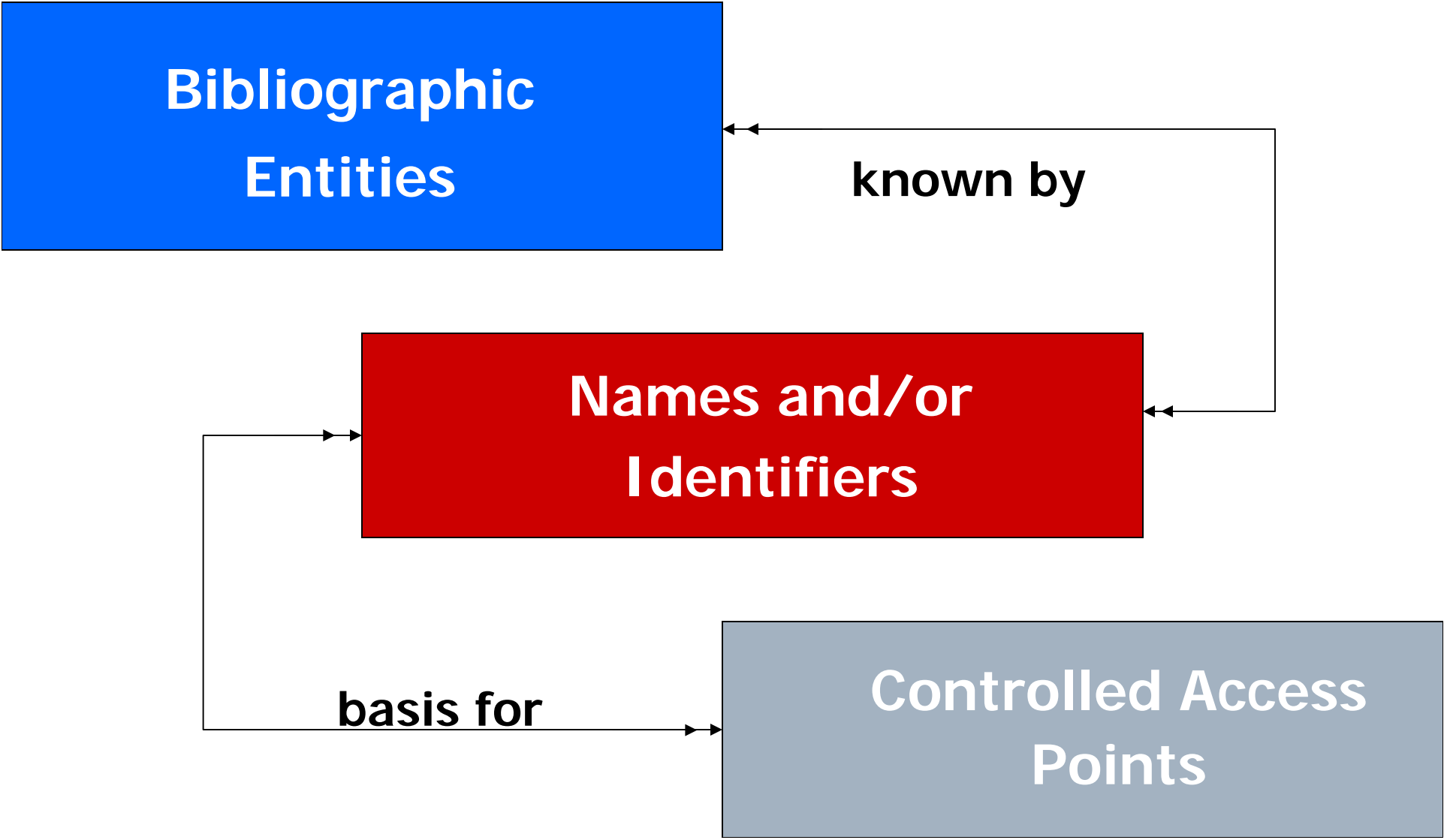
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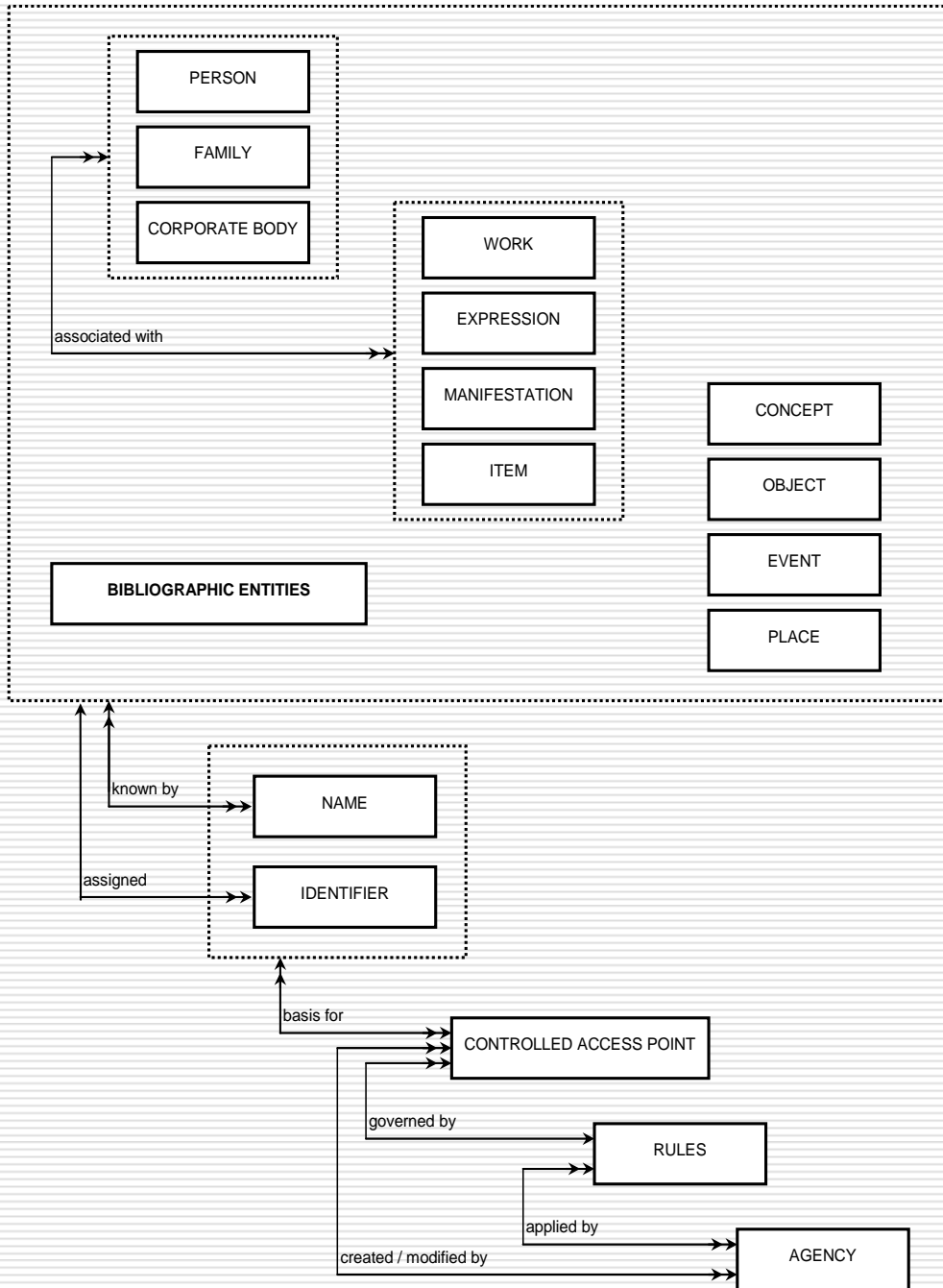
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# User Tasks

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- Find
  - Identify
  - Contextualize
  - Justify
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# Entities & Attributes (1)

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## □ Person

- An individual or a persona established or adopted by an individual or group  
[FRBR, modified]

- *Dates of a person*
  - *Title of person*
  - *Place of birth*
  - *Language of person*
  - *Field of activity*  
*[etc.]*
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# Entities & Attributes (2)

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## □ Name

- A character or group of words and/or characters by which an entity is known  
[FRBR, modified]

- *Type of name*
  - *Scope of usage*
  - *Dates of usage*
  - *Language of name*
  - *Script of name*
  - *Transliteration scheme of name*
  - [etc.]*
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# Entities & Attributes (3)

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## □ Controlled access point

– A name, term, code, etc. under which bibliographic or authority record or reference will be found.

[GARR, modified]

- *Type of access point*
- *Language of cataloguing*
- *Script of cataloguing*
- *Source of access point*  
*[etc.]*

# Relationships (1)

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Work  $\Rightarrow$  Work

- Sequential relationship
  - Derivative relationship
  - Whole/part relationship
  - Accompanying relationship
- [etc.]
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# Relationships (1)

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Work  $\Rightarrow$  Work

- Derivative relationship

*Example:*

The relationship between the musical work, ***La chute de la maison Usher*** by Claude Debussy, and the literary work on which it is based, ***The fall of the house of Usher*** by Edgar Allen Poe.

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# Relationships (2)

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Name of Person  $\Leftrightarrow$  Name of Person

- Real name relationship
  - Earlier name relationship
  - Later name relationship  
[etc.]
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# Relationships (2)

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Name of Person  $\Leftrightarrow$  Name of Person

- Later name relationship

*Example:*

The relationship between a person whose name prior to marrying Robert Browning was **Elizabeth Barrett** and that person's later name, **Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

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# Relationships (3)

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Controlled access point  $\Leftrightarrow$  Controlled access point

- Parallel language relationship
  - Alternate script relationship
  - Different rules relationship
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# Relationships (3)

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Controlled Access point  $\Leftrightarrow$  Controlled Access point

- Alternate script relationship

*Example:*

The relationship between the controlled access point for “**Gogol, Nikolai Vasilievitch**” written in Latin alphabet and the controlled access point for “**Гоголь, Николай Васильевич**” written in the Cyrillic alphabet

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# What's Next for FRAD?

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- Final draft is almost ready for approval by IFLA Division IV
  - Watch for news of the publication
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