

# Encoded Archival Description (EAD)

## Official EAD Version 2002 Web Site

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*The EAD Document Type Definition (DTD) is a standard for encoding archival finding aids using Extensible Markup Language (XML). The standard is maintained in the [Network Development and MARC Standards Office](#) of the Library of Congress (LC) in partnership with the [Society of American Archivists](#).*

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- [EAD DTD Version 2002 now available](#)
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## EAD DTD Official Documentation for Version 2002

- EAD DTD Version 2002 and related files: [FTP and download instructions](#)
- EAD Version 2002 Tag Library: [Printed edition](#) | [Changes/Errata](#) | [Web \(HTML\) edition](#)
- EAD Version 2002 Application Guidelines: *(Not yet available)*

## EAD DTD Official Documentation for Superseded Version 1.0 (1998)

*We hope you have considered Version 2002 before using this older version of EAD.*

- EAD Version 1.0 (1998) Tag Library: [Printed edition](#) | [Web \(HTML\) edition](#)
  - EAD Version 1.0 (1998) Application Guidelines: [Printed edition](#) | [Web \(HTML\) edition](#)
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## EAD Tools and Helper Files

A variety of tools and helper files for a number of different XML authoring and editing applications is available at the SAA EAD Roundtable's Web site:

<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/ead/>

These tools will be kept up to date with the current versions of the software with which they are intended to be used.

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