Learn how to format authority punctuation in standard format and import/export format in Amlib. Punctuation can be formatted for MARC tag subfields in the following formats, which are explained below:

- Standard formats
- Import/Export formats

1. In Amlib go to Main > Authorities > MarcTags

![Marc Tags Within the System - FIONA at Chelsea Library](image)

2. Highlight the tag you would like to format and select F8 Format

3. Choose your option from the popup depending on which type of tag you are formatting

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<td>Standard</td>
<td>Default Format to be used on most Tags. <strong>Note:</strong> Any Tags that have split Authority/Non-Authority subfields should If Standard formatting is set for any Tag that has a split Authority, double formatting can occur e.g. Series Tag – an Authority Series Title but a Non</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Authority Series Number. Use the Import/Export style of Format. Semi colons may be doubled after the Series name and before the number during Import.</td>
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**Standard Formatting**

Punctuation can be set for a Tag depending on the Subfield added. For example, the most used punctuation is for Subject headings, to include a hyphen between the Main heading and subdivisions. The 650 tag is used for this example.

1. **WARNING** Choose **Standard** format as above

*Adding punctuation may affect the importing of records from cataloguing agencies where punctuation is taken from the imported record rather than the Amlib system. If punctuation is added using **F8 Format** button, duplicated punctuation may result. Check with Amlib Support if you are unsure.*
1. Choose a Subfield and Format Type

   - **Subfield**: Choose the Subfield from the list (i.e., a to z, or END)
   - **Standard Format**: For formatting a Subfield which is not dependent on whether specified Subfields exist before or after the Tag
   - **If SF Exists...Else**: Formats a Subfield depending upon whether one or more specified Subfields appear anywhere before another Subfield
   - **If Last SF...Else**: Formats a Subfield depending upon whether one or more specified subfields precede another Subfield

2. Type the format of the Subfield’s DATA

   - **Before**: Type the punctuation that is to come before the Data

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https://help.oclc.org/Library_Management/Amlib/Authorities/Format_authority_punctuation

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A **Standard Subfield** is a subfield for which the formatting remains constant no matter which Subfield is before or after it.

1. In Box 1 **Choose a Subfield and**, highlight the Subfield letter (a – z) then select **Standard Format** from the list of options.

2. In Box 2 **Type the format of the Subfield’s DATA**, type all the characters that define the Subfield’s format in the Before and After fields then select the **Paste** button. How the Punctuation will display in relation to the Data can be seen in the Format field just above, depending on the entry in the Before or After fields. This example uses `<space> - <space>` before the data in the tag.

3. When the Format is correct, select the **Paste** button, and then **F3 Save**
Import/Export Format (Split Authority)

Use for any Tag that has a split Authority. Double formatting can occur for example a Series Tag – an Authority Series Title but a Non-Authority Series Number.
1. Choose Import/Export format as above

2. In Box 1 Choose a Subfield and, highlight the subfield- for example v for Series Numbering

3. Select If SF Exists...Else

   1. Choose a Subfield and

   ![Subfield Selection](image)

   - Standard Forma
   - If SF Exists ... Els
   - If Last SF ... Else

4. Find subfield “a” from the IF box, and in the Before Field enter the punctuation to apply e.g. <space> ; <space>. Then select Paste

2. Type the format of the Subfield’s DATA.

   ![Subfield Data Format](image)

   If
   - Format DATA
   - Before 
   - After 

   Else
   - Format DATA
   - Before 
   - After 

Formats.  
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5. The formatting on Subfield v, which is contingent on subfield a being present is then set.

6. If a full stop is to be used at the end of the heading, select End from Box 1 and click Standard Format.

7. Enter a full stop in the After field and press Paste.
2. Type the format of the Subfield's DATA.