Element: TYPE

Label: Type

Element Description: The nature or genre of the content of the original resource.

General examples can be:
Type = "image"
Type = "sound or audio"
Type = "text"

Electronic art exhibition catalog:
Type = "image"
Type = "text"

Multimedia educational program with interactive assignments:
Type = "text"
Type = "image"
Type = "software"
Type = "interactive"

(Quotations marks are for emphasis here only; do not use them in metadata entry)

These types may be broken down further in description as under “text” for instance: home page, novel, poem, working paper, technical report, essay or dictionary. It is expected that TYPE may be chosen from an enumerated list of types.

For images, refine with a second term, either “Still image” or “Moving image”. If a resource is an image of text (such as a scan of a printed article), use the term Text.

If the resource consists of more than one type (e.g., an interview with sound and text files), use multiple type terms as needed to describe, separating them with a semicolon and a space (e.g., Interactive Resource; Sound).

Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the DCMI Type Vocabulary [DCMITYPE]. For further details see http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-type-vocabulary.

You may also use Thesaurus for Graphic Materials at http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/tgm/ and

Art & Architecture Thesaurus
http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/aat/

This element is searchable

Caution: To describe the file format, physical medium, or dimensions of the resource, use the Format element; it is sometimes confused with Type.