

	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Purpose	To associate usage information (e.g. downloading, favoriting, recommending) with learning resources	Basic cataloging or description of a learning resource
Metadata format	comm_para version 1.00	Any other metadata format
Technical binding	http://ns.nsd.org/ncs/comm_para/1.00/ contains XML and controlled vocabulary schemas and sample XML records	Any other technical binding
Required metadata	<input type="checkbox"/> Record ID <input type="checkbox"/> Usage data resource URL <input type="checkbox"/> Integer type (favorited, ranked, viewed, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Date-time start <input type="checkbox"/> Date-time end	One or more required metadata fields are incomplete or not used in compliance with guidelines
Use of fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date-time start: chose a permanent start date • Integer data shows cumulative totals, not incremental totals 	Non cumulative totals or a changing date-time start
Use of vocabularies	Metadata records use and correctly apply vocabulary terms	Metadata records do not apply vocabularies, or do so in an inconsistent or incorrect way
XML	XML is valid and well-formed	XML is invalid or not well-formed
URLs	The usageDataResourceURL XML element goes to a resource URL within the NSDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URL is unavailable • URL goes to a landing page • URL is not in NSDL
Character encoding	Special characters (e.g. tildes, ampersands, etc.) are correctly encoded	Improper character encodings
Correct spelling	Metadata is free of spelling and punctuation errors	Metadata contains spelling and punctuation errors
Learning Registry	When NSDL harvests paradata from you in the comm_para format, your data will be shared with the Learning Registry;no further effort is required	Any other metadata format or paradata that does not contain NSDL resource URLs
Further documentation	More details	