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CULTURAL REPOSITORIES, DESCRIPTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

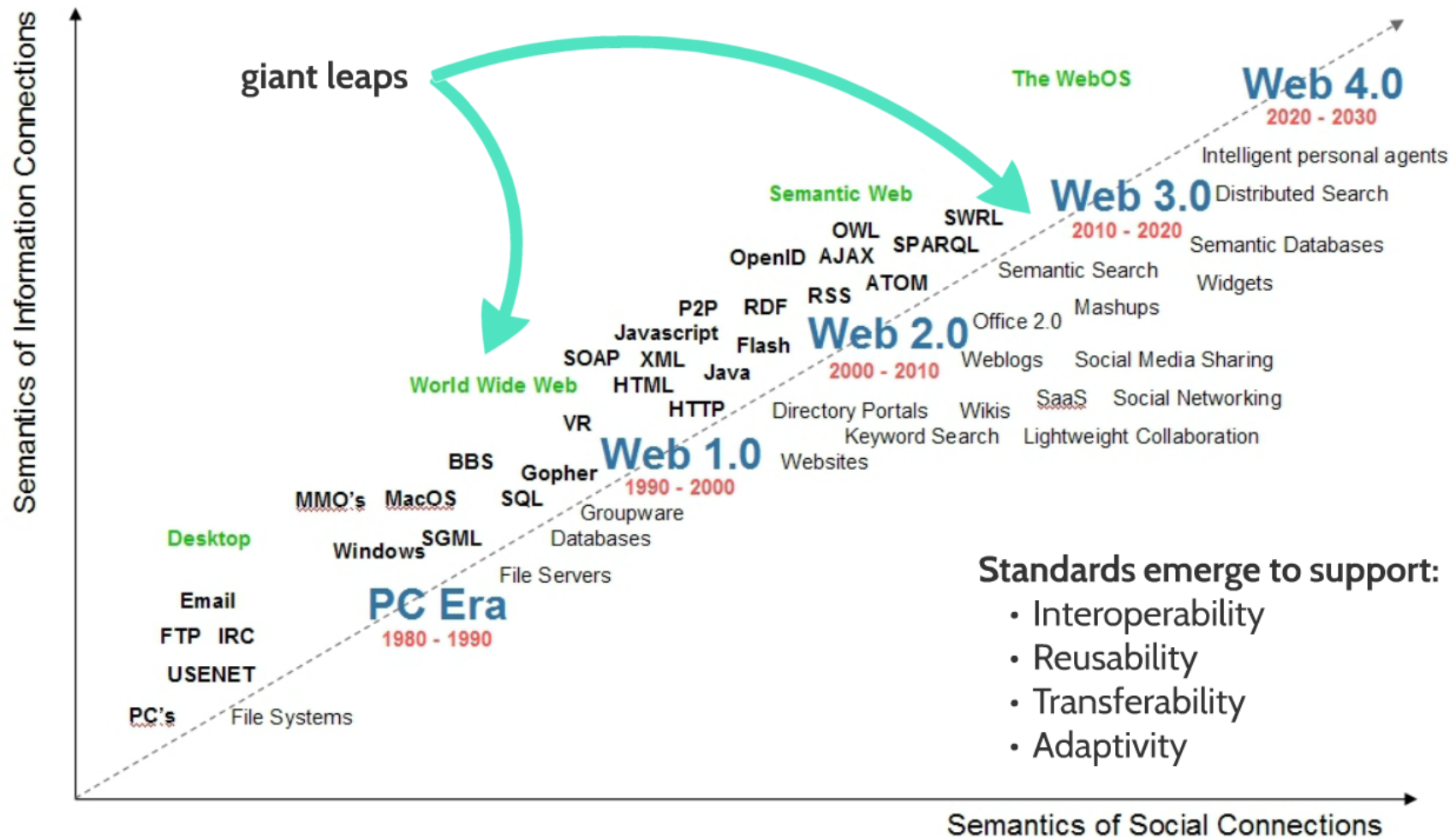
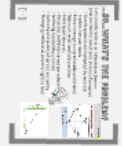


- Introduction to cultural databases, metadata schemas and international standards

- Europeana and the European cultural content

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SOME HISTORY...



Source: Radar Networks & Nova Spivack, 2007 – www.radarnetworks.com

...SO...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

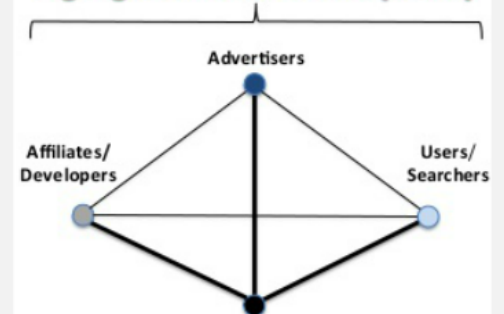
Let's see the Web as an Information System
(that we need to search and retrieve information)

- Search systems are motivated by business models, not user needs
- Index coverage is unpredictable and limited
- Too much recall, too little precision
- Index spam abounds
- Resources (and their names) are volatile
- Archiving is presently unsolved
- Authority and quality of service are spotty
- Managing intellectual property rights is hard

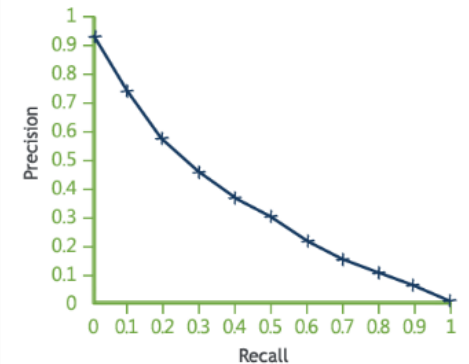


Business Model (Strip): Customer Growth Engine

Big Urgent Market Problem (BUMP)



Google.com (Search)
(Search Engine:
Multi-sided Platform)



STANDARD CAN BE PART OF A SOLUTION

Standard is not itself a:

- Organization and management of a content
- Express a business
- Described standard indicators
- Enable automated discovery/usage/evaluation

It is only by project oriented about:

- Demands
 - Planning of treatments
- Structure
 - Content control
 - Content generation
- System
 - Approaches for content creation and evaluation

METADATA CAN BE PART OF A SOLUTION

Structured data about data

- Organization and management of content
- Support discovery
- Direct content in channels
- Enable automated discovery/manipulation

Interoperability requires conventions about

- Semantics
 - The meaning of the elements
- Structure
 - human-readable
 - machine-parseable
- Syntax
 - grammars to convey semantics and structure

METADATA

Metadata are data about the data and can be

- structural (such as connections between data)
- descriptive (such as descriptions about the data)

Chronologically, the first metadata were devised in the libraries in the form catalogs and cards accompanying each book

In the digital era, everything becomes digital and so do metadata, along with their utility

- to become machine readable

BASIC CATEGORIZATION

- **Descriptive metadata**
 - description of the data that supports identification and retrieval
- **Management metadata**
 - description of the history of the data and responsible for digital curation
- **Structural metadata**
 - description of relations between the data
- **User-defined metadata**
 - Any user-defined metadata

A METADATA SCHEMA

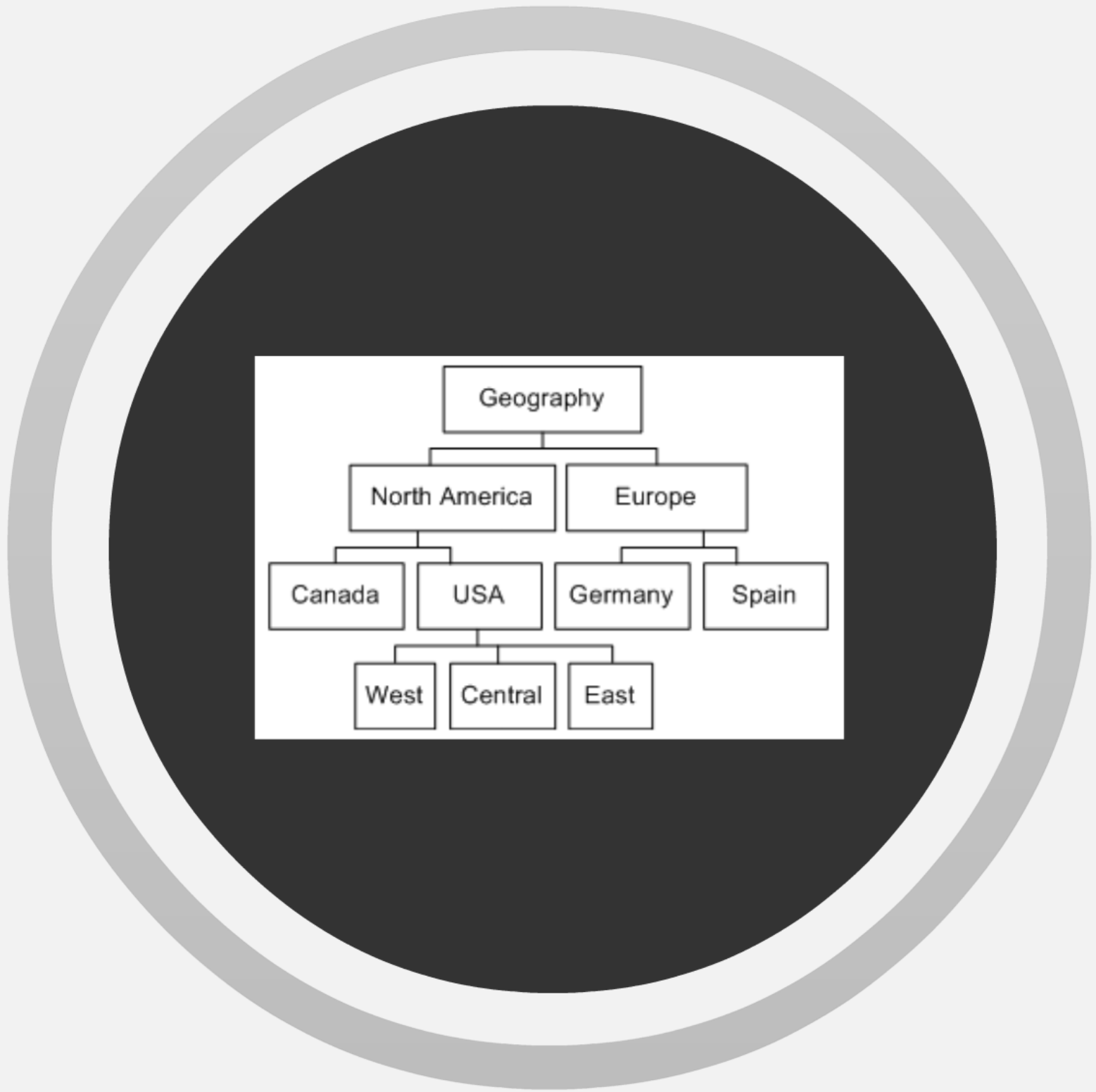
is a set of data fields and relations among them

A schema can be represented by various computer languages

- The Dublin Core schema can be represented as free text using either the XML or the RDF language

A schema can be

- **Hierarchical**
 - elements are nested so that parent-child relationships exist between the elements
- **Linear**
 - each element is completely discrete and classified according to one dimension
- **Planar**
 - two dimensional; each element is completely discrete but classified according to two orthogonal dimensions



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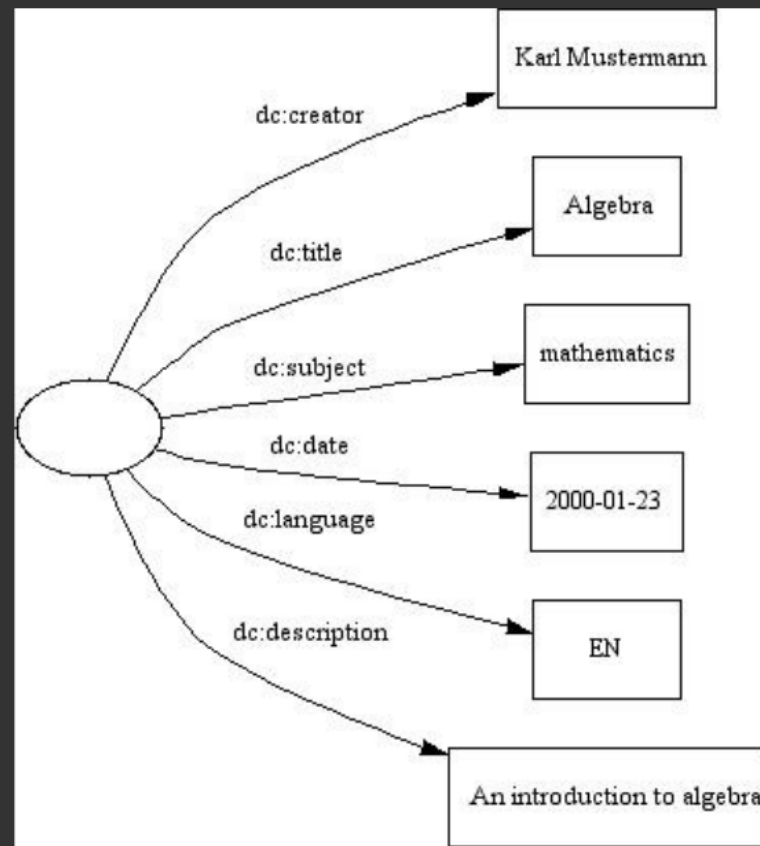
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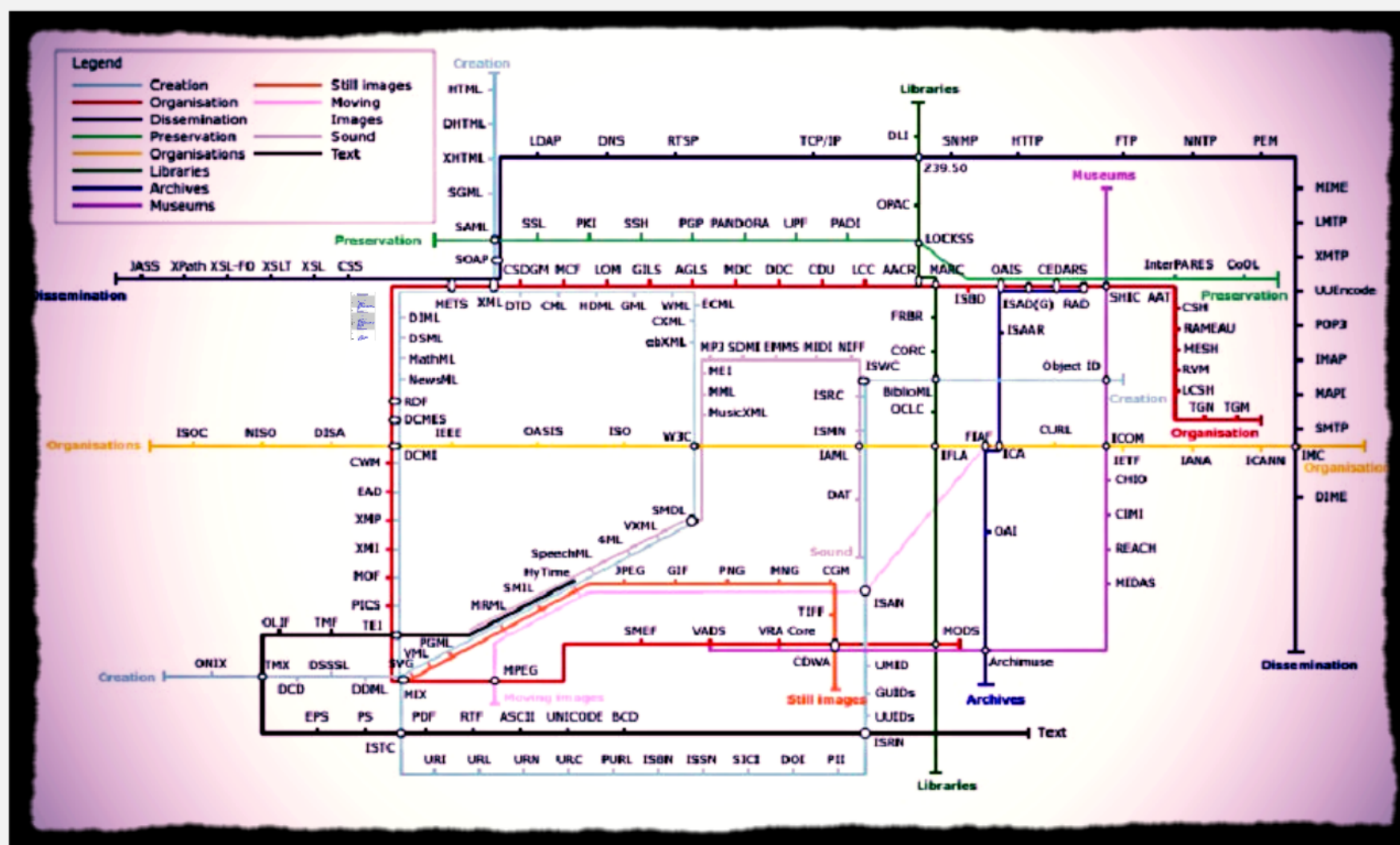
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METADATA DESCRIPTION LANGUAGES

Language	Web resource
Encoded Archival Description (EAD)	www.loc.gov/ead
Ecological Metadata Language (EML)	http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/software/eml
Geography Markup Language (GML)	www.opengeospatial.org/standards/gml
Contextual Query Language (CQL)	www.loc.gov/standards/sru/specs/cql.html
Keyhole Markup Language (KML)	http://code.google.com/apis/documentation
Open Digital Rights (ODRL)	http://www.w3.org/community/odrl/
Resource Description Framework (RDF)	www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer
Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML)	www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail.html?csnumber=16387
Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL)	www.w3.org/TR/SMIL3
Text Encoding Initiative (TEI)	www.tei-c.org
Extensible Markup Language (XML)	www.w3.org/XML
XPath	www.w3.org/TR/xpath
XQuery	www.w3.org/TR/xquery

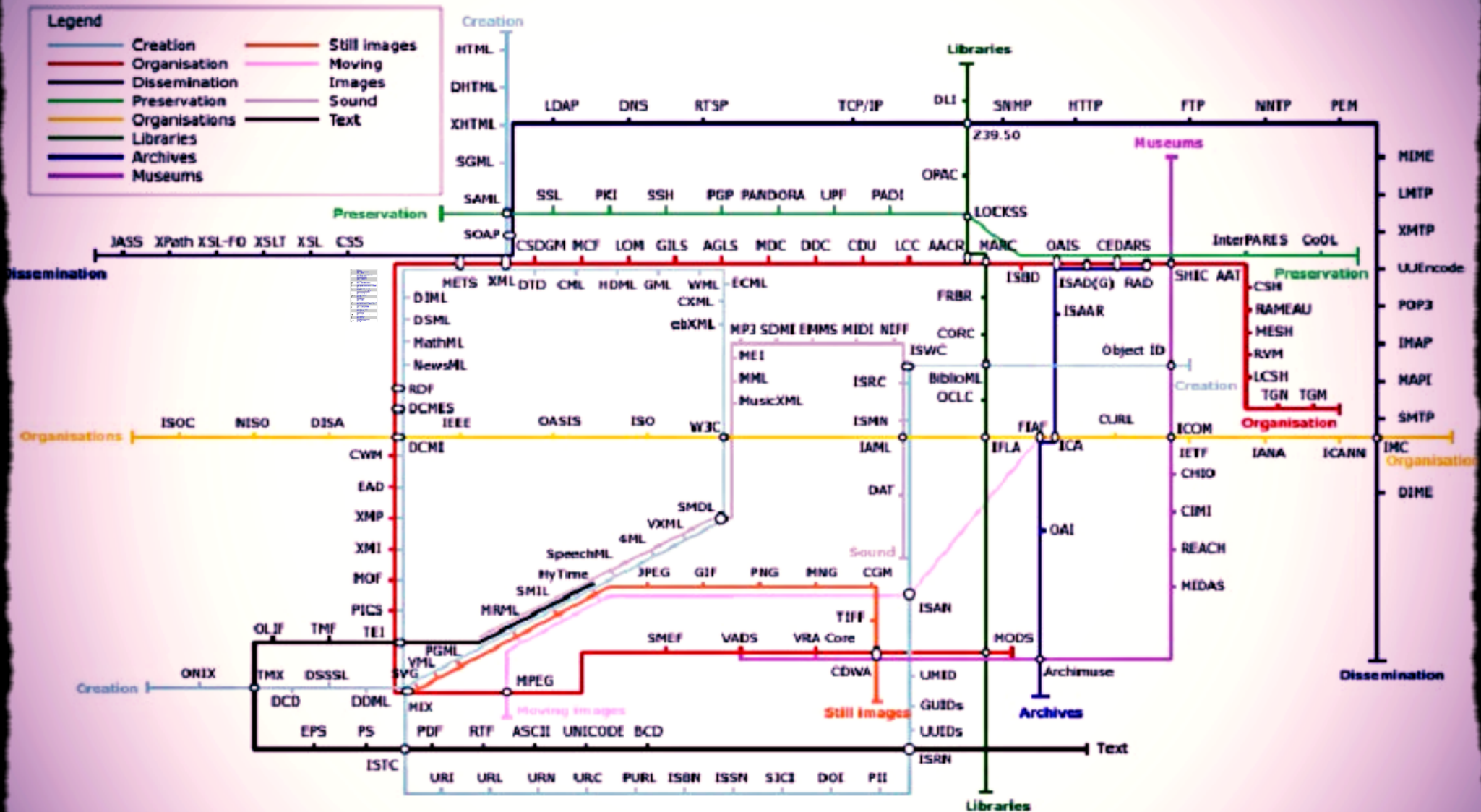
STANDARDS



THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.

USE CASES. YEPH!

THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.



HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:

(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



SOON:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

Standard	Web resource
AACR2	http://www.aacr2.org/
AAT	http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/index.html
AES	http://www.aes.org/standards/meetings/project-status.cfm
AES Process History	http://www.aes.org/standards/meetings/project-status.cfm
Atom	http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4287
BISAC	http://www.bisac.org/publications/product.php?p=14
CCO	http://cco.vrafoundation.org/
CDWA	http://www.getty.edu/research/publications/electronic_publications/index.html
CIDOC	http://www.cidoc-crm.org/
CQL	http://www.loc.gov/standards/sru/specs/cql.html
DACS	http://www.archivists.org/governance/standards/dacs.asp
DC	http://www.dublincore.org/documents/dces/
DCAM	http://dublincore.org/documents/abstract-model
DDC	http://www.oclc.org/dewey/en.html
DIF	http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/add/difguide/index.html
DIG35	http://standards.ieee.org/develop/wg/CPIQ.html
DTD	http://xmfiles.com/dtd/
DwC	http://www.tdvw.org/activities/darwincore/
EAC-CPF	http://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/
EAD	http://www.loc.gov/ead/
EML	http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/software/eml/
FGDC/CSDGM	http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/
FOAF	http://www.foaf-project.org/
FRAD	http://www.ifla.org/publications/ifla-series-on-bibliographic-control-34
FRBR	http://www.ifla.org/publications/functional-requirements-for-bibliographic-records
FRSAD	http://www.ifla.org/node/1297
GEM	http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/classification-and-indexing/functional-requirements-for-subject-authority-data/frsad-final-report.pdf
GILS	http://www.gils.net/
GML	http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/gml
ID3	http://id3.org/
Indecs	http://www.doi.org/topics/indecs/indecs_framework_2000.pdf
ISAAR (CPF)	http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/isaar2ndedn-e_3_1.pdf
IEEE LOM	http://lsc.ieee.org/wg12/
ISAD(G)	http://www.ica.org/en/node/30000
ISBD	http://www.ifla.org/publications/international-standard-bibliographic-description
ISO 19115	http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=26020
KML	https://developers.google.com/kml/documentation?hl=en&cs=1
LCC	http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcc.html
LCSH	http://authorities.loc.gov/
Linked Data	http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html
MADS	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mads/
MARC	http://www.loc.gov/marc/
MARC Relator Codes	http://www.loc.gov/marc/relators/relaterm.html
MARXML	http://www.loc.gov/standards/marxml/
MathML	http://www.w3.org/Math/
MEI	http://music-encoding.org/home
MESH	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/
METS	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mets/
METS Rights	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mets/news080503.html
MIX	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mix/
MO	http://musicontology.com/
MODS	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/
MPEG-21 DIDL	http://mpeg.chiariglione.org/standards/mpeg-21
MPEG-7	http://mpeg.chiariglione.org/standards/mpeg-7
MuseumDat / LIDO	http://network.icom.museum/cidoc/working_groups/data_harvesting_and_interchange/what-is-lido/
MusicXML	http://www.musicxml.com/
NewsML	http://www.lptc.org/cms/site/single.html?channel=CH0087&document=CMS1206527546450
OAI-ORE	http://www.openarchives.org/ore/
OAI-PMH	http://www.openarchives.org/pmh/
OAIS	http://public.ccsds.org/publications/archive/650x0b1.pdf
ODRL	http://www.w3.org/community/odrl/
OpenURL	http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/openurl.html?url=159705
PB Core	http://www.pbcore.org/
PREMIS	http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/
PRISM	http://prismstandard.org/
QDC	http://www.dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
RAD	http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/archdesrules.html
RDA	http://rdatoolkit.org/
RDF	http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer/
Relax NG	http://www.relaxng.org/
RSS	http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/rss/rss.html
SCORM	http://scorm.com/scorm-explained/
SGML	http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=16387
SKOS	http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/
SMIL	http://www.w3.org/TR/SMIL3/
SPECTRUM	http://www.collectiontrust.org.uk/spectrum-heading-to-sweden/
SRU	http://www.loc.gov/standards/sru/
TEI	http://www.tei-c.org/index.xml
TextMD	http://www.loc.gov/standards/textMD/
TGM I	http://www.loc.gov/rf/print/tgm1/
TGM II	http://www.loc.gov/rf/print/tgm2/
TGN	http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/index.html
Topic Maps	http://www.topicmaps.org/
ULAN	http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/index.html
VRA Core	http://www.vraweb.org/projects/vracore4/
VSO Data Model	http://docs.virtuallibrary.org/wiki/DataModel18
XML	http://www.w3.org/XML/
XOBIS	http://xobis.stanford.edu/

STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATIONS

- Visual Resources Association foundation (VRA Foundation), <http://vrafoundation.org/>
 - mostly for educational purposes
- International Council on Archives (ICA), <http://www.ica.org/>
 - effective management of records and preservation, care and use of the world's archival heritage
- Society of American Archivists (SAA), <http://www2.archivists.org/>
 - enables archivists to achieve professional excellence and foster innovation to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of enduring value
- Collections Trust, <http://www.collectionstrust.org.uk/>
 - develop, promote, maintain and improve standards of collections and information management in museums, art galleries, heritage organisations and other collecting institutions
- Open Archives Initiative (OAI), <http://www.openarchives.org/>
 - develops and promotes interoperability standards that aim to facilitate the efficient dissemination of content
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI), <http://www.ansi.org/>
 - oversees the creation, promulgation and use of thousands of norms and guidelines that directly impact businesses in nearly every sector

STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATIONS

- Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI), <http://dublincore.org/>
 - supports shared innovation in metadata design and best practices across a broad range of purposes and business models
- Europeana, <http://pro.europeana.eu/>
 - promote digital cultural heritage, and to unlock it for future generations
- The International Council of Museums (ICOM), <http://icom.museum/>
 - defines professional standards of excellence for the global museum community
- Getty, <http://www.getty.edu/>
 - dedicated to critical thinking in the presentation, conservation, and interpretation of the world's artistic legacy
- Library Of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>
 - largest library in the world with significant standardization activities
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), <https://standards.ieee.org/>
 - drives the functionality, capabilities and interoperability of a wide range of products and services
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO), <http://www.iso.org/>
 - independent, non-governmental membership organization and the world's largest developer of voluntary International Standards
- National Information Standards Organization (NISO), <http://www.niso.org/>
 - identifies, develops, maintains, and publishes technical standards to manage information, including retrieval, re-purposing, storage, metadata, and preservation

SOME STANDARDS BY THEIR APPLICATION

Application	Standard	Organization
Museums, Libraries, Archives	VRA-Core	Library Of Congress
	MODS	Library Of Congress
	CIDOC-CRM	The International Council of Museums
	CCO	Visual Resources Association foundation
Museums	SPECTRUM	Collections Trust
Libraries	METS	Library Of Congress
	PREMIS	Library Of Congress
Archaeology, Cultural Heritage	MIDAS Heritage	Forum on Information Standards Heritage
Art, Artifacts	AAT	Getty
	ULAN	Getty
	TGN	Getty
	CONA	Getty
Museum resources	LIDO (f. MuseumDat)	ICOM
	OAI-PMH	Open Archives Initiative
	EAD	Library Of Congress
Archives	ISAD(G)	International Council on Archives–Canadian Institute of Actuaries
	DACS	Society for All Artists
Resource description	Dublin Core	Dublin Core Metadata Initiative
	FOAF	FOAF project
	EDM	Europeana

ONTOLOGY

Ontology is the philosophical study of the nature of being, becoming, existence, or reality, as well as the basic categories of being and their relations

- **deals with** questions concerning what entities exist or may be said to exist, and how such entities may be grouped, related within a hierarchy, and subdivided according to similarities and differences

In computer science, an ontology is a formal naming and definition of the types, properties, and interrelationships of the entities that really or fundamentally exist for a particular domain of discourse

- It is a practical application of philosophical ontology, with a taxonomy

The word element **onto-** comes from the Greek **ὄν, ὄντος** (being, that which is), present participle of the verb **εἶμί** (be)

- core meaning within computer science is **a model for describing the world** that consists of a set of types, properties, and relationship types

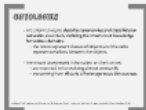
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ONTOLOGY

Tom Gruber is credited with a deliberate definition of ontology as a technical term in computer science:

- *An ontology is a **description of the concepts and relationships** that can formally exist for an agent or a community of agents.*
- *Ontologies are often equated with taxonomic hierarchies of classes, class definitions, and the subsumption relation, but **ontologies need not be limited to these forms.***
- *Ontologies are also **not limited to conservative definitions** – that is, definitions in the traditional logic sense that only introduce terminology and do not add any knowledge about the world.*
- *To specify a conceptualization, **one needs to state axioms** that do constrain the possible interpretations for the defined terms.*



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ONTOLOGIES

- Are a formal way to **describe taxonomies and classification networks**, essentially **defining the structure of knowledge for various domains**
 - the *nouns* represent classes of objects and the *verbs* represent relations between the objects
- Are meant to represent information on the Internet
 - are expected to be evolving almost constantly
 - are coming from all sorts of heterogeneous data sources

ONTOLOGY

Components

Most ontologies describe individuals (instances), classes (concepts), attributes, and relations. Common components include:

- **Individuals:** instances or objects
- **Classes:** sets, collections, concepts, classes in programming, types of objects
- **Attributes:** aspects, properties, features, characteristics or parameters for objects and classes
- **Relations:** ways in which classes and individuals can be related to one another
- **Function terms:** complex structures formed from certain relations that can be used in place of an individual term in a statement
- **Restrictions:** formally stated descriptions of what must be true in order for some assertion to be accepted as input
- **Rules:** statements in the form of an if-then sentence that describe the logical inferences that can be drawn from an assertion in a particular form
- **Axioms:** assertions (including rules) in a logical form that together comprise the overall theory that the ontology describes in its domain of application; as used here, "axioms" also include the theory derived from axiomatic statements (not only a-priori knowledge as usually used)
- **Events:** the changing of attributes or relations

ONTOLOGY

According to Michael Grobe (Univ. Kansas), here is a “big” formal definition:

An ontology **O** is a six-tuple **C, HC, HR, L, FC, FR**, where

- **C** is the set of concepts
- **HC** a taxonomy induced on the concepts
- **HR** the set of non-taxonomic relations
- **L** the set of terms (lexicals) which refer to concepts and relations
- **FC, FR** are relations that map the terms in **L** to the corresponding concepts and relations

$$O = f(C, HC, HR, L, FC, FR), HR, FR \text{ can be null}$$

If the ontology is **dynamic** all these structures are likely to change over time



Simple Ontology Example

Here is a set of concepts (C) represented as strings of English text:

{ “Vehicle”, “Car”, “Truck”, “2-wheel drive car”, “4-wheel drive car”, “front-wheel drive car”, “rear-wheel drive car” }

Here is a “taxonomy” (HC, called “is_a”?) “induced” on the set of concepts:

{ (“Car”, “Vehicle”), (“Truck”, “Vehicle”),
 (“2-wheel drive car”, “Car”), (“4-wheel drive car”, “Car”),
 (“front-wheel drive car”, “2-wheel drive car”), (“rear-wheel drive car”, “2-wheel drive car”) }

Here is a set of terms:

L = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Here is a relation (FC) mapping terms from the term set to concepts:

{ (0, “Vehicle”), (1, “Car”), (2, “Truck”), (3, “2-wheel drive car”),
 (4, “4-wheel drive car”), (5, “4-wheel drive car”), (6, “4-wheel drive car”) }

Here is a representation of the taxonomy (HC) using terms:

{ (1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 3), (6, 3) }

Here is a relation (“is_transitively_a” or “is_a_descendent_of” or a “transitive closure”) derived from the taxonomy assuming “transitivity” (items in **red** were added “by transitivity”):

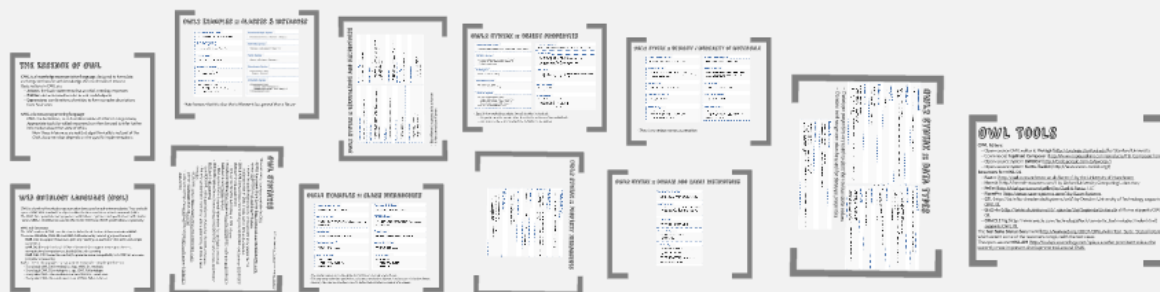
{ (1, 0),
 (2, 0),
 (3, 1), (**3, 0**),
 (4, 1), (**4, 0**),
 (5, 3), (**5, 1**), (**5, 0**),
 (5, 3), (**5, 1**), (**5, 0**) }

This seems to be one way of “sneaking” inference into the definition

ONTOLOGY LANGUAGE

Ontology languages are formal languages used to construct ontologies

- **Allow the encoding of knowledge** about specific domains and often include reasoning rules that support the processing of that knowledge
- The numerous ontology languages are **often classified by syntax or structure**
 - Syntax: **Traditional** (CycL, DOGMA, KIF, LOOM, OKBC) and **Markup** (OIL, OWL, RDF)
 - Structure: **Frame-based** (OKBC, KM), **Description logic-based** (KL-ONE, OWL) and **First-order logic-based** (CycK, KIF)



WEB ONTOLOGY LANGUAGE (OWL)

OWL is a family of knowledge representation languages for authoring ontologies. They are built upon a W3C XML standard for objects called the Resource Description Framework (RDF). The OWL family contains many species, serializations, syntaxes and specifications with similar names. **OWL** and **OWL2** are used to refer to the 2004 and 2009 specifications, respectively.

OWL sub-languages

The W3C-endorsed OWL specification includes the definition of **three variants of OWL**.

These are **OWL Lite**, **OWL DL** and **OWL Full** (ordered by increasing expressiveness).

OWL Lite: to support those users primarily needing a classification hierarchy and simple constraints

OWL DL: (Description Logic / Direct Semantics) to support max expressiveness, computational completeness, decidability and reasoning

OWL Full: (RDF-based Semantics) to preserve some compatibility with RDF Schema and provides no reasoning

Each of these sublanguages is a syntactic extension of its simpler predecessor.

- Every legal OWL Lite ontology is a legal OWL DL ontology
- Every legal OWL DL ontology is a legal OWL Full ontology
- Every valid OWL Lite conclusion is a valid OWL DL conclusion
- Every valid OWL DL conclusion is a valid OWL Full conclusion

OWL SYNTAXES

There are various syntaxes available for OWL

- **OWL2 Functional-Style Syntax** (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-owl-2-specification>)
 - easier for specification purposes and to provide a foundation for the implementation of OWL 2 tools such as APIs and reasoners.
- **OWL2 XML Syntax** (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-owl-2-xml-serialization>)
 - XML syntax for OWL defined by an XML schema
- **Manchester Syntax** (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-owl-2-manchester-syntax>)
 - OWL syntax that is designed to be easier for non-logicians to read
- **RDF/XML syntax** (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-owl-2-rdf-mapping>)
 - just RDF/XML, with a particular translation for the OWL constructs
 - the only syntax that is mandatory to be supported by all OWL 2 tools
 - includes
 - RDF/XML syntax (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-rdf-syntax>)
 - Turtle syntax (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2009/REC-owl2-primer-20091027/#ref-turtle>)

THE ESSENCE OF OWL

OWL is a **knowledge representation language**, designed to formulate, exchange and reason with knowledge about a domain of interest.

Basic notions in OWL are:

- **Axioms**: the basic statements that an OWL ontology expresses
- **Entities**: elements used to refer to real-world objects
- **Expressions**: combinations of entities to form complex descriptions from basic ones

OWL 2 is not a programming language

OWL 2 is declarative, i.e. it describes a state of affairs in a logical way

Appropriate tools (so-called reasoners) can then be used to infer further information about that state of affairs

How these inferences are realized algorithmically is not part of the OWL document but depends on the specific implementations

OWL2 EXAMPLES :: CLASSES & INSTANCES

Functional-Style Syntax

```
ClassAssertion( :Woman :Mary )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<Woman rdf:about="Mary"/>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:Mary rdf:type :Woman .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: Mary  
Types: Woman
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<ClassAssertion>  
  <Class IRI="Woman"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Mary"/>  
</ClassAssertion>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

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ClassAssertion( :Person :Mary )
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RDF/XML Syntax

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<Person rdf:about="Mary"/>
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Turtle Syntax

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OWL/XML Syntax

```
<ClassAssertion>  
  <Class IRI="Person"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Mary"/>  
</ClassAssertion>
```

* *Note however that it is clear that a Woman is less general than a Person*

OWL2 EXAMPLES :: CLASS HIERARCHIES

Functional-Style Syntax

```
SubClassOf( :Woman :Person )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Woman">  
  <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="Person"/>  
</owl:Class>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:Woman rdfs:subClassOf :Person .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Class: Woman  
SubClassOf: Person
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<SubClassOf>  
  <Class IRI="Woman"/>  
  <Class IRI="Person"/>  
</SubClassOf>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

```
SubClassOf( :Mother :Woman )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Mother">  
  <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="Woman"/>  
</owl:Class>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:Mother rdfs:subClassOf :Woman .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Class: Mother  
SubClassOf: Woman
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<SubClassOf>  
  <Class IRI="Mother"/>  
  <Class IRI="Woman"/>  
</SubClassOf>
```

- The subclass axiom is used to define that a Woman is a subset of a Person
- This way every individual specified as an instance of the class Woman is an instance of the class Person
- Similarly, the subclass Monther is used to define that a Mother is a subset of a Woman

OWL2 SYNTAX :: EQUIVALENCE AND DISJOINTNESS

Functional-Style Syntax

```
EquivalentClasses( :Person :Human )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Person">  
  <owl:equivalentClass rdf:resource="Human"/>  
</owl:Class>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:Person owl:equivalentClass :Human .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Class: Person  
  EquivalentTo: Human
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<EquivalentClasses>  
  <Class IRI="Person"/>  
  <Class IRI="Human"/>  
</EquivalentClasses>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

```
DisjointClasses( :Woman :Man )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:AllDisjointClasses>  
  <owl:members rdf:parseType="Collection">  
    <owl:Class rdf:about="Woman"/>  
    <owl:Class rdf:about="Man"/>  
  </owl:members>  
</owl:AllDisjointClasses>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
[] rdf:type owl:AllDisjointClasses ;  
  owl:members ( :Woman :Man ) .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
DisjointClasses: Woman, Man
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<DisjointClasses>  
  <Class IRI="Woman"/>  
  <Class IRI="Man"/>  
</DisjointClasses>
```

- *Every Person is expected to be a Human*
- *A Man cannot be a Woman*

OWL2 SYNTAX :: OBJECT PROPERTIES

Functional-Style Syntax

```
ObjectPropertyAssertion( :hasWife :John :Mary )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="John">  
  <hasWife rdf:resource="Mary"/>  
</rdf:Description>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:John :hasWife :Mary .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: John  
Facts: hasWife Mary
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<ObjectPropertyAssertion>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasWife"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="John"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Mary"/>  
</ObjectPropertyAssertion>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

```
NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion( :hasWife :Bill :Mary )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:NegativePropertyAssertion>  
  <owl:sourceIndividual rdf:resource="Bill"/>  
  <owl:assertionProperty rdf:resource="hasWife"/>  
  <owl:targetIndividual rdf:resource="Mary"/>  
</owl:NegativePropertyAssertion>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
[] rdf:type          owl:NegativePropertyAssertion ;  
   owl:sourceIndividual :Bill ;  
   owl:assertionProperty :hasWife ;  
   owl:targetIndividual :Mary .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: Bill  
Facts: not hasWife Mary
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasWife"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Bill"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Mary"/>  
</NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion>
```

- Specify how individuals relate (or not) to other individuals
 - Properties are the entities that describe the relation of two individuals
 - attention to the order in which the individuals are written

OWL2 SYNTAX :: PROPERTY HIERARCHIES

Functional-Style Syntax

```
SubObjectPropertyOf( :hasWife :hasSpouse )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasWife">  
  <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="hasSpouse"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:hasWife rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasSpouse .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
ObjectProperty: hasWife  
SubPropertyOf: hasSpouse
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<SubObjectPropertyOf>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasWife"/>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasSpouse"/>  
</SubObjectPropertyOf>
```

OWL2 SYNTAX :: DOMAIN AND RANGE RESTRICTIONS

Functional-Style Syntax

```
ObjectPropertyDomain( :hasWife :Man )  
ObjectPropertyRange( :hasWife :Woman )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasWife">  
  <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="Man"/>  
  <rdfs:range rdf:resource="Woman"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:hasWife rdfs:domain :Man ;  
        rdfs:range  :Woman .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
ObjectProperty: hasWife  
Domain: Man  
Range: Woman
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<ObjectPropertyDomain>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasWife"/>  
  <Class IRI="Man"/>  
</ObjectPropertyDomain>  
<ObjectPropertyRange>  
  <ObjectProperty IRI="hasWife"/>  
  <Class IRI="Woman"/>  
</ObjectPropertyRange>
```

OWL2 SYNTAX :: EQUALITY / INEQUALITY OF INDIVIDUALS

Functional-Style Syntax

```
DifferentIndividuals( :John :Bill )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="John">  
  <owl:differentFrom rdf:resource="Bill"/>  
</rdf:Description>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:John owl:differentFrom :Bill .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: John  
DifferentFrom: Bill
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<DifferentIndividuals>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="John"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Bill"/>  
</DifferentIndividuals>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

```
SameIndividual( :James :Jim )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="James">  
  <owl:sameAs rdf:resource="Jim"/>  
</rdf:Description>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:James owl:sameAs :Jim.
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: James  
SameAs: Jim
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<SameIndividual>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="James"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Jim"/>  
</SameIndividual>
```

**There is no unique names assumption*

OWL2 SYNTAX :: DATA TYPES

Functional-Style Syntax

```
DataPropertyAssertion( :hasAge :John "51"^^xsd:integer )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<Person rdf:about="John">  
  <hasAge rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">51</hasAge>  
</Person>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
:John :hasAge 51 .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: John  
Facts: hasAge "51"^^xsd:integer
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<DataPropertyAssertion>  
  <DataProperty IRI="hasAge"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="John"/>  
  <Literal datatypeIRI="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">51</Literal>  
</DataPropertyAssertion>
```

Functional-Style Syntax

```
NegativeDataPropertyAssertion( :hasAge :Jack "53"^^xsd:integer )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:NegativePropertyAssertion>  
  <owl:sourceIndividual rdf:resource="Jack"/>  
  <owl:assertionProperty rdf:resource="hasAge"/>  
  <owl:targetValue rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">  
    53  
  </owl:targetValue>  
</owl:NegativePropertyAssertion>
```

Turtle Syntax

```
[] rdf:type owl:NegativePropertyAssertion ;  
   owl:sourceIndividual :Jack ;  
   owl:assertionProperty :hasAge ;  
   owl:targetValue 53 .
```

Manchester Syntax

```
Individual: Jack  
Facts: not hasAge "53"^^xsd:integer
```

OWL/XML Syntax

```
<NegativeDataPropertyAssertion>  
  <DataProperty IRI="hasAge"/>  
  <NamedIndividual IRI="Jack"/>  
  <Literal datatypeIRI="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">53</Literal>  
</NegativeDataPropertyAssertion>
```

- Datatype properties are used to describe various data values
- Domain and range can also be used for datatype properties

Functional-Style Syntax

```
DataPropertyDomain( :hasAge :Person )  
DataPropertyRange( :hasAge xsd:nonNegativeInteger )
```

RDF/XML Syntax

```
<owl:DatatypeProperty rdf:about="hasAge">  
  <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="Person"/>  
  <rdfs:range rdfs:Datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#nonNegativeInteger"/>  
</owl:DatatypeProperty>
```

OWL TOOLS

OWL Editors

- Open-source OWL editor is **Protégé** (<http://protege.stanford.edu>) by Stanford University
- Commercial **TopBraid Composer** (http://www.topquadrant.com/products/TB_Composer.html)
- Open-source system **SWOOP** (<http://code.google.com/p/swoop/>)
- Open-source system **NeOn-Toolkit** (<http://www.neon-toolkit.org/>)

Reasoners for OWL DL

- **Fact++** (<http://owl.cs.manchester.ac.uk/fact++/>) by the University of Manchester
- **Hermit** (<http://hermit-reasoner.com/>) by Oxford University Computing Laboratory
- **Pellet** (<http://clarkparsia.com/pellet>) by Clark & Parsia, LLC
- **RacerPro** (<http://www.racer-systems.com/>) by Racer Systems
- **CEL** (<http://lat.inf.tu-dresden.de/systems/cel/>) by Dresden University of Technology supports OWL EL
- **QuOnto** (<http://www.dis.uniroma1.it/~quonto/>) by Sapienza Università di Roma supports OWL QL
- **ORACLE 11g** (http://www.oracle.com/technology/tech/semantic_technologies/index.html) supports OWL RL

The **Test Suite Status document** (http://www.w3.org/2007/OWL/wiki/Test_Suite_Status) lists to which extent some of the reasoners comply with the test cases

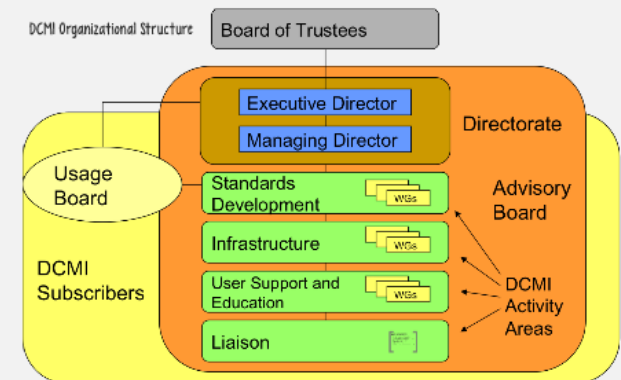
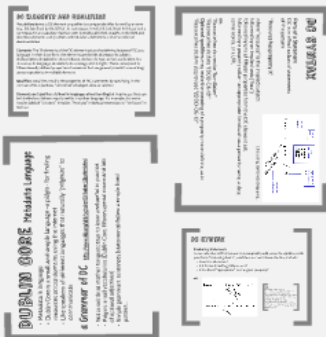
The open-source **OWL API** (<http://owlapi.sourceforge.net/>) plays a rather prominent role as the currently most important development tool around OWL.

DUBLIN CORE

Metadata Initiative

The mission of DCMI is to make it easier to search on the Web through the following resources activities:

- Develop metadata standards for discovery across domains (example: the Dublin Core)
- Define frameworks for the interoperation of metadata sets
- Facilitate the development of community or disciplinary specific metadata sets



DCMI ACTIVITIES

- **Standards** development and maintenance
- Metadata registry and **infrastructure**
- Technical **working groups** and periodic workshops
- **Tutorial** materials and user guides
- **Education** and training
- **Open source software**
- **Liaisons** with other standards or user communities

DUBLIN CORE Metadata Language

- Metadata is language
- Dublin Core is a small and simple language -a *pidgin*- for finding resources across domains using the internet
- Like speakers of different languages that naturally "*pidginize*" to communicate

a Grammar of DC <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/october00/baker/10baker.html>

- Not as subtle as mother tongues; easy to learn and useful in practice
- Pidgins: small vocabularies (Dublin Core: fifteen special nouns and lots of optional adjectives)
- Simple grammars: sentences (statements) follow a simple fixed pattern...

DC ELEMENTS AND QUALIFIERS

Vocabulary terms: a DC element or qualifier is a unique identifier formed by a name (e.g., title) prefixed by the URI of the namespace in which it is defined. In this context a namespace is a vocabulary that has been formally published, usually on the Web and describes elements and qualifiers with NL labels, definitions and other relevant documentation

Elements: The 15 elements of the DC element set are the defining feature of DC as a language. In their short form, the elements are dc:title, dc:creator, dc:subject, dc:description, dc:publisher, dc:contributor, dc:date, dc:type, dc:format, dc:identifier, dc:source, dc:language, dc:relation, dc:coverage, and dc:rights. These correspond to fifteen broadly defined properties of resources that are generally useful for searching across repositories in multiple domains

Qualifiers: Qualifiers modify the properties of DC statements by specifying, in the manner of NL adjectives, "what kind" of subject, date, or relation

Elements and qualifiers defined in languages other than English. In principle they can be labelled and defined equally well in any other language. For example, dc:creator may be labeled "Creatore" in Italian, "Pencipta" in Bahasa Indonesian, or "Verfasser" in German

DC SYNTAX

Parts of a Statement

DC is in effect a class of statements of the pattern

"Resource has property X"

where "resource" is the implied subject;
followed by an implied verb ("has");
followed by one of fifteen properties from the DC element set;
followed by a property value - an appropriate literal such as a person's name, a date, some words, or a URL

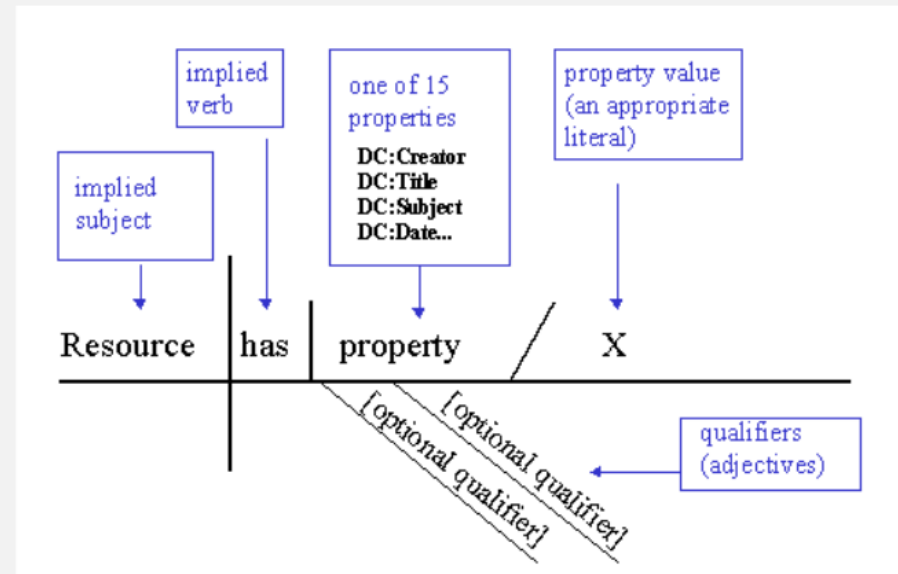
ex.

"Resource has dc:creator 'Tom Baker'"

"Resource has dc:date '2000-06-13'"

Optional qualifiers may make the meaning of a property more definite, as in

"Resource has dc:date dcq:revised '2000-06-13'"



Like using sentence diagrams...

DC SYNTAX

Evaluating Statements

To test whether a DC statement is conceptually solid, cover the qualifiers with your hand ("dumbing down"), read the statement above the line, and ask:

- Does it make sense?
- Is it factually and logically correct?
- Is the literal "appropriate" for the given property?

ex.

Resource	has	DC:Date	/ "2000-06-13"
		DCQ:ISO8601	DCQ:Revised

Resource	has	DC:Subject	/ "Languages -- Grammar"
		DCQ:LCSH	

EX.

Resource has dc:title 'A Grammar of Dublin Core'
Does it make sense? Yes. Is it correct? Yes. Is the literal "appropriate"? Yes, a sequence of words is normal and expected for the property dc:title.

Resource has dcq:iso8601 dcq:revised dc:date '2000-06-13'
This means that a resource was revised on 6 June 2000. The statement dumbs down to "Resource has dc:date '2000-06-13'" which means that the date 6 June 2000 has something to do with the life-cycle of the resource. This is less specific than the qualified statement, but still correct.

Resource has dcq:lcsch dc:subject 'Languages -- Grammar'
This says that the resource is about the subject "grammar of languages," and that these words are a controlled term from the Library of Congress Subject Headings. The statement dumbs down to "Resource has dc:subject 'Languages -- Grammar,'" which makes sense even if we do not know that the term comes from the Library of Congress.

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Resource has dcq:lcsh dc:subject 'Languages -- Grammar'

This says that the resource is about the subject "grammar of languages," and that these words are a controlled term from the Library of Congress Subject Headings. The statement dumbs down to "Resource has dc:subject 'Languages -- Grammar'," which makes sense even if we do not know that the term comes from the Library of Congress.

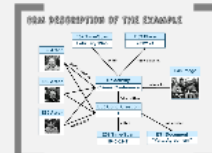
CIDOC-CRM

Committee on Documentation of the International Council - Conceptual Reference Model
(Comite International pour la Documentation)

“The primary role of the CRM is to serve as a basis for mediation of cultural heritage information and thereby provide the semantic 'glue' needed to transform today's disparate, localised information sources into a coherent and valuable global resource.”

Martin Doerr & Nick Crofts <http://cidoc.ics.forth.gr/>

- CIDOC formed in 1950 as one of the ICOM's 31 Int. Committees
- 550 members from 70 countries
- Publishes recommendations, standards, guidelines





The International Council of Museums <http://icom.museum/>

By the way...here is ICOM's definition of a museum

"A museum is a non profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment"

ICOM Statutes, Vienna, Austria, 2007

THE NEED FOR THE CRM

The Yalta Conference – a demonstration case



Let us regard a realistic demonstration case about **information objects related to the Yalta Conference February 1945**, the event designating somehow officially the end of WWII. Probably the best documented event in history.

1 - photograph (DC record) - The Bettmann Archive in New York

Type: Image

Title: Allied Leaders at Yalta

Date: 1945

Publisher: United Press International (UPI)

Source: The Bettmann Archive

Copyright: Corbis

Keywords: Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin



The example demonstrates a fundamental problem

In order to retrieve information about a case-specific subject, information that might be relevant must be integrated. Vocabulary and data associated with other cases may not solve the problem.

One problem of the knowledge is to be able to relate concepts to form and to relate the phenomena of the cultural Soviet-Soviet Republics to Jewish reality and to the Allied Nations etc.

A deeper problem is the fact that the author has not found a way to make the information available to the other people. The ideas, but are *not* available as an open, accessible (but is very indirectly preserved) in those areas.

2 - document (DC record) -- The State Department of the United States

Type: Text

Title: Protocol of Proceedings of Crimea Conference

Title.Subtitle: II. Declaration of Liberated Europe

Date: February 11, 1945.

Creator: Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Prime Minister of the United Kingdom President of the United States of America

Publisher: State Department

"The following declaration has been approved:
The Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the President of the United States of America have consulted with each other in the common interests of the people of their countries and those of liberated Europe. They jointly declare their mutual agreement to concert... and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world..."

3 - Getty TGN record

TGN ID: 7012124

Names: Yalta (C,V), Jalta (C,V)

Types: inhabited place(C), city (C)

Position: Lat: 44 30 N, Long: 034 10 E

Hierarchy: Europe (continent) <- Ukrayina (nation) <- **Krym** (autonomous republic)


Note: ...Site of conference between Allied powers in WWII in 1945...

Source: TGN, Thesaurus of Geographic Names



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[Semantic View \(JSON, RDF, N3/Turtle, N-Triples\)](#)

ID: 7012124

 **Yalta (inhabited place)**

Coordinates:

Lat: 44 30 00 N *degrees minutes* Lat: 44.5000 *decimal degrees*
 Long: 034 10 00 E *degrees minutes* Long: 34.1667 *decimal degrees*

see also here http://www.cidoc-crm.org/crm_core/core_examples/valta.htm

The example demonstrates a fundamental problem

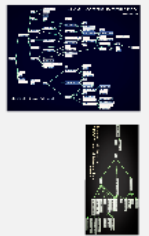
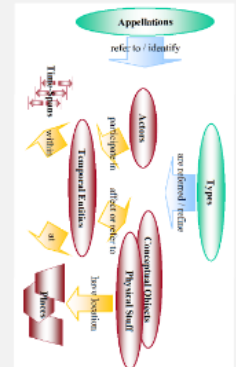
In order to retrieve information related to one specific subject, **information from multiple sources must be integrated**. Vocabulary and data structure unification only does not solve the problem.

One problem of this example is to be able to relate Crimea to Krym and to Yalta, the Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Joseph Stalin and to the Allied Leaders etc...

A **deeper problem** is the fact that the artifacts do not fit our question: **People document persistent items** like images, texts, places, but **our question was about an event**, something that is only indirectly preserved in those items.

CIDOC-CRM OVERVIEW

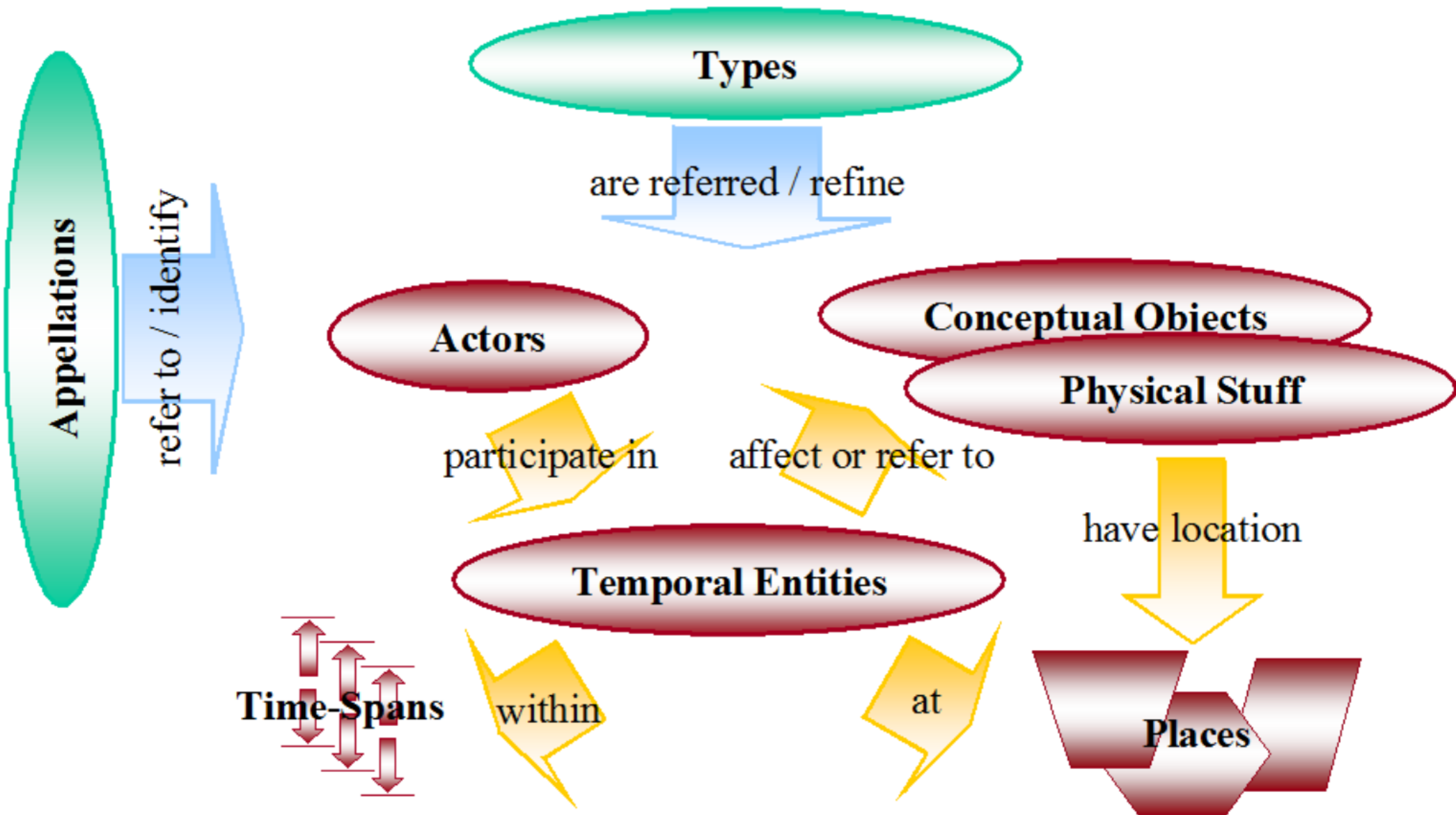
- CRM v3.4 comprises 84 Classes interlinked by 139 Properties
- Classes inherit properties from their parents, or Superclasses
- Event-centric and empirical; observations about the world
- Short-cuts, for typically incomplete knowledge
- Highly extensible through Sub-typing of classes and properties
- Ideally suited to RDF implementation



Intended scope: Exchange and integration of scientific documentation about museum collections

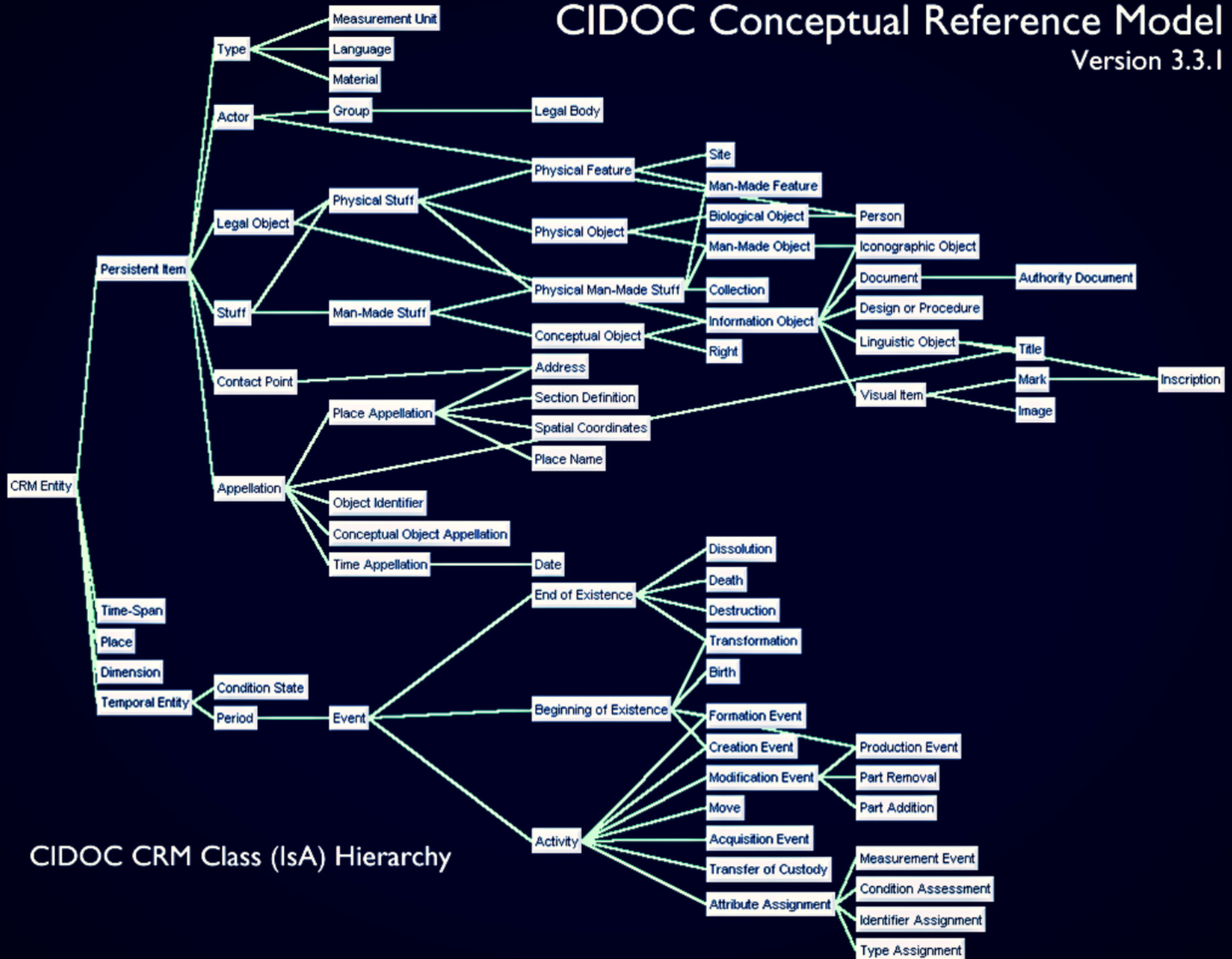
- “Scientific” means sufficient depth & precision for research
- “Museum” defined by ICOM
- Includes contextual information
- Includes exchange between museums, libraries & archives
- Excludes administrative information, e.g. visitor statistics

Practical scope: The set of extant data sets and structures used in museum documentation

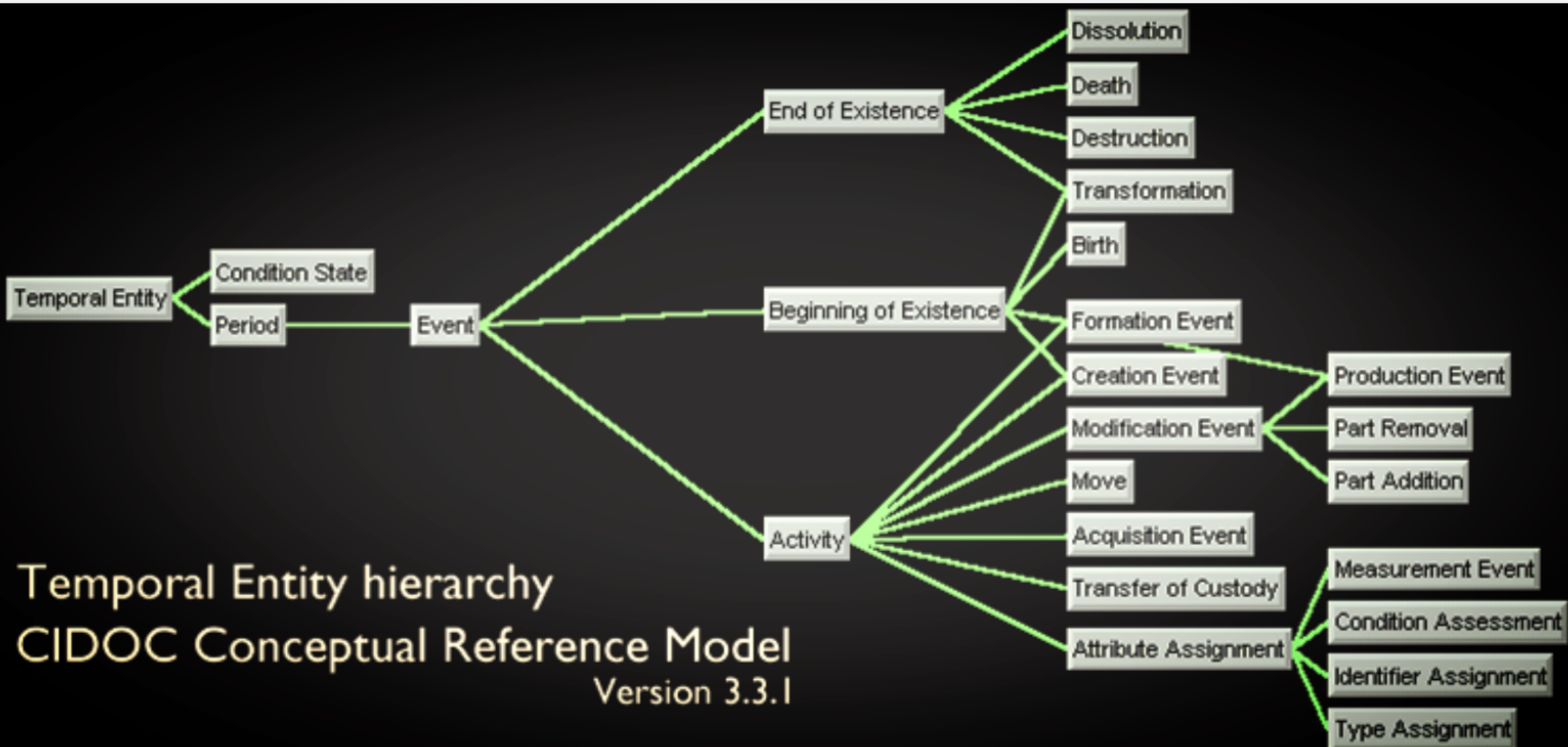


CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model

Version 3.3.1



CIDOC CRM Class (IsA) Hierarchy



MAKING IMPLICIT CONCEPTS EXPLICIT

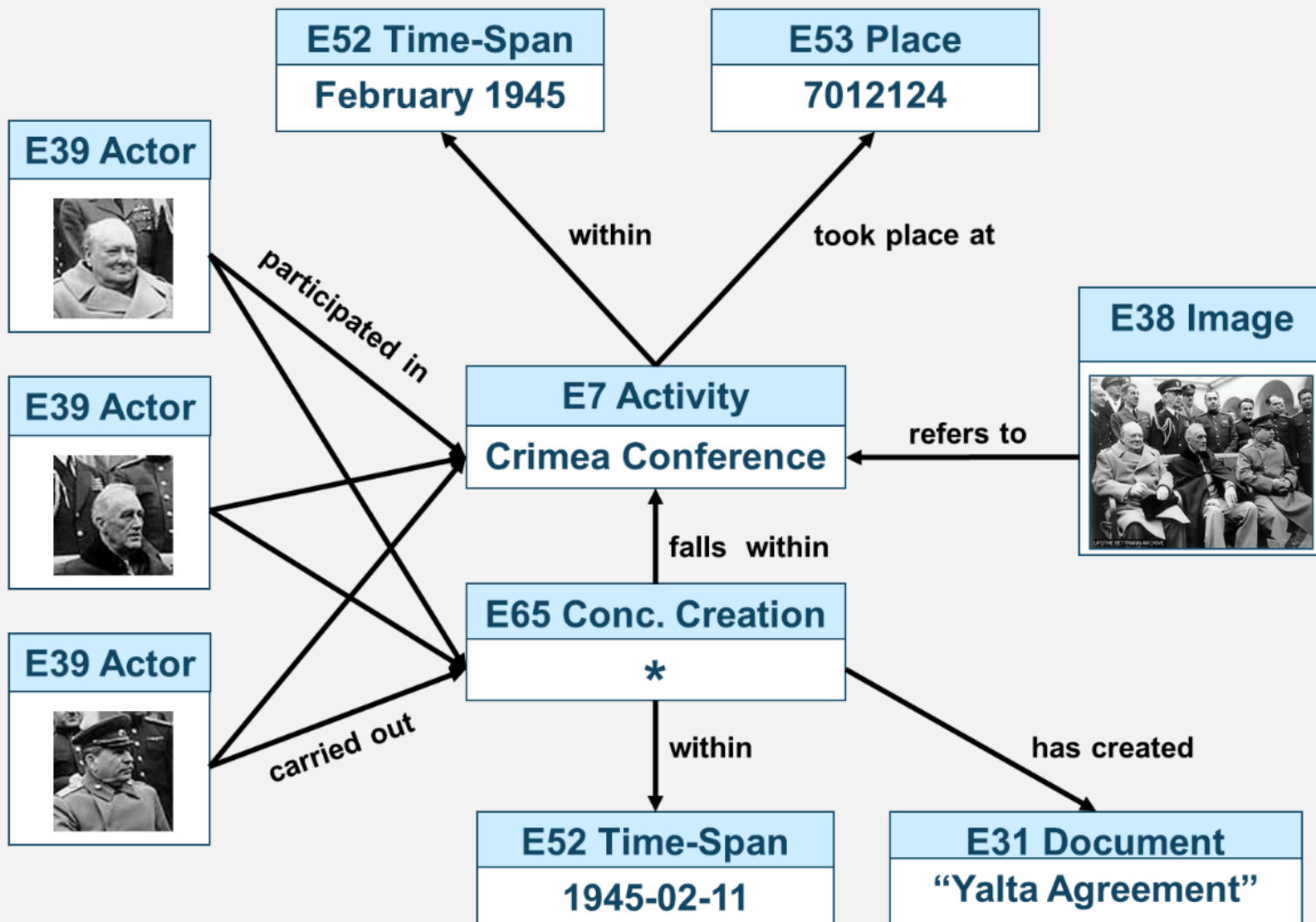
The element **DC.Creator** implies:

- An **Actor**, who created something
- An **Actor Appellation** by which to identify the creator
- An **Event**, the act of creation
- Some **Man-Made Stuff**, the physical or conceptual thing that was created and is being described by the DC record

E24 Physical Man-Made Stuff *p108 was produced by* **E12 Production Event** *p14 carried out by* **E39 Actor** *p131 is identified by* **E82 Actor Appellation**

E28 Conceptual Object *p94 was created by* **E65 Creation Event** *p14 carried out by* **E39 Actor** *p131 is identified by* **E82 Actor Appellation**

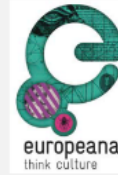
CRM DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMPLE



BENEFITS OF THE CRM

- **Elegant and simple** compared to comparable Entity-Relation model
- Coherently **integrates information** at varying degrees of detail
- **Readily extensible** through object-oriented class 'typing' and 'specializations'
- **Richer semantic content**; allows (some) inferences to be made from '**fuzzy**' data
- Designed for **semantically lossless mediation** of heterogeneous cultural heritage information

EUROEPANA



Europeana is a cultural heritage organisation whose goal is

- to provide access to Europe's entire heritage
- to bring cultures together
- to offer different approaches and point of views of any individual event
- to enhance the European identity
- to create new ways for people to engage with their cultural history through one single access point, the Europeana portal.

Europeana aims to develop a **European Digital Library** containing digitised material about the European scientific and cultural heritage.

The metadata description schema, known as EDM (Europeana Data Model), has **adopted CIDOC-CRM core**.

The consortium emphasises the need for linking existed descriptions of the digitised material in EDM descriptions, according to the **Linked Data approach**.



View resolution 3D model



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Church of Panagia Acheiropiitos - St. Paraskevi chapel (Basilica's baptistry) (3D)

Alternative Title:

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Description:

This is a 3D model at various resolutions (ultra low, low, medium, high, RAW) of a proktisma, attached to the south side of the church of Panagia Acheiropiitos,. Today, this is a chapel dedicated to St. Paraskevi. At first, scholars identified it as the basilica's baptistry, while more recent studies identify it as the church's diaconicon. Originally it must have had mosaic ornamentation to a great extent, as a preserved fragment indicates. The church of Panagia Acheiropiitos, a UNESCO World Heritage Monument, is located on Hagias Sofias Street, in the central part of the "intra muros" city of Thessaloniki. The church lies north of the main city road, the Byzantine Leoforos (Egnatia Street today), and very close to it.

Geographic coverage:

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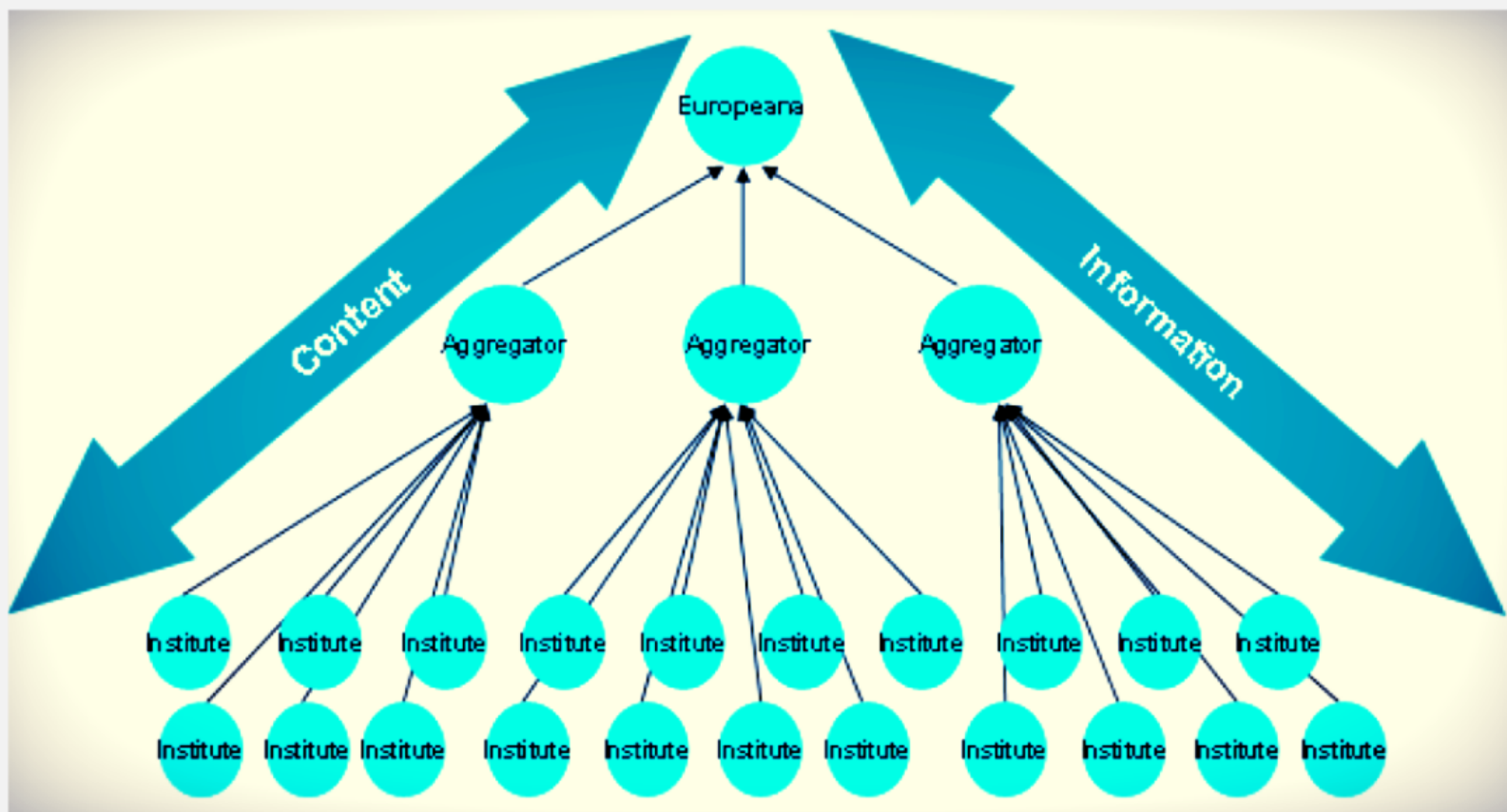
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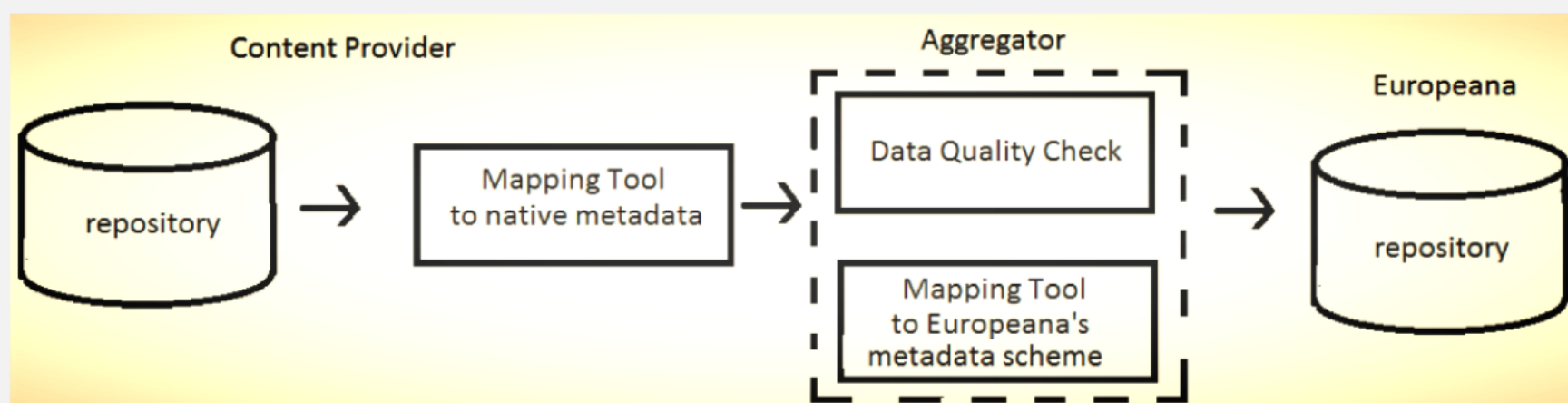
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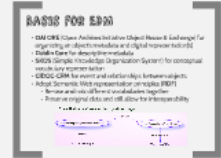
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EDM RATIONALE



Initial model: **Europeana Semantic Elements (ESE)**

- Represents lowest common denominator for object metadata
- Forces interoperability
- Convert datasets to a “flat” data representation
- Loss of richness of the original data

Requirements

- Distinguish “provided objects” (painting, book, movie, etc.) from their digital representations
- Distinguish object from its metadata record
- Allow multiple records for a same object, containing potentially contradictory statements about it
- Support for objects that are composed of other objects
- Support for contextual resources, including concepts from controlled vocabularies

Principles

- Allow different levels of granularity
- Allow the specification of domain-specific application profiles
- Enable the re-use of existing standards

BASIS FOR EDM

- **OAI ORE** (Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse & Exchange) for organizing an object's metadata and digital representation(s)
- **Dublin Core** for descriptive metadata
- **SKOS** (Simple Knowledge Organization System) for conceptual vocabulary representation
- **CIDOC-CRM** for event and relationships between objects
- Adopt Semantic Web representation principles (**RDF**)
 - Re-use and mix different vocabularies together
 - Preserve original data and still allow for interoperability

“Les Misérables” was written by Victor Hugo

