Linked (Open) Data for Research Infrastructures

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Sustainability for RI Metadata Projects

- MERIL is coming to a close
 - Who will use the outputs, and how?
 - Who will maintain the data, and how?
 - Will newer projects contribute back to maintain a core DB?

- How do we link RI data with the rest of the scholarly web?
- Sustainability = FAIRness + Governance + Engagement?

Yeah Buffy, what are we gonna do now?

FAIR Principles for Digital Assets

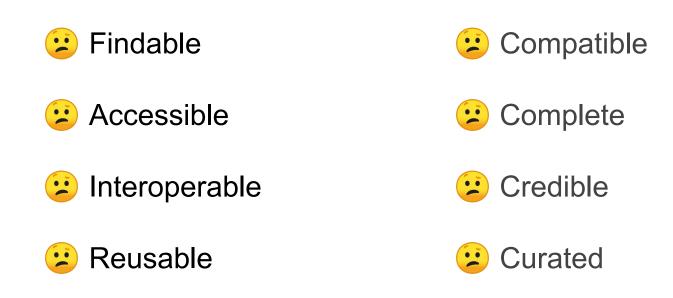
- Findable
 - Globally unique and persistent IDs (= PIDs), rich metadata, indexing
- Accessible
 - Open, free, and standardized protocols
- Interoperable
 - Standardized vocabularies, references to other metadata
- Reusable
 - Detailed provenance, clear usage license

Metadata 2020 Principles

• Compatible

- Provide a guide to content for machines and people
- Complete
 - Reflect the content, components and relationships as published
- Credible
 - Be of clear provenance, trustworthy and accurate
- Curated
 - Reflect updates and new element

European RI Metadata before MERIL







European RI Metadata with MERIL

















MERIL: Metadata 20/20 Hindsight

- Findability
 - No PIDs for RIs
- Interoperability
 - No PIDs for other fields in the model (organizations, people, works, etc.)

- Reusability/Compatibility
 - The CC BY-NC-ND license is "viral" and (thus) restrictive
- Curation
 - Curation is expensive and tedious

Quick Introduction to Linked (Open) Data

- Semantic web = web of linked data
 - Rather than a web of documents
 - Use URIs (≃ PIDs) as names for things
 - Include links to other URIs so that users can discover more things
- Benefit: query data + draw inferences using vocabularies
- Example: Wikipedia vs. Wikidata

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Today's PID is tomorrow's bacon

PIDs for RIs

- No standard (global, unified) PID for RIs yet
- MERIL: current IDs are not globally uniques nor persistent
- Recommendation: use the Handle System
 - Efficient, extensible, and secure identifier and resolution services
 - Integrations: digital libraries, scholarly web, internet of things, defense systems, grid computing, etc.

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• Backbone of the DOI System (DOIs are Handles)

Knowledge Graphs



Knowledge Graphs

- Knowledge graph ~ knowledge base ~ ontology
- Non specialized graphs, e.g. Wikidata and DBpedia
- Knowledge graphs for the scholarly web
 - FREYA (H2020): PIDs only
 - **Cobaltmetrics** (Thunken): PIDs and non persistent IDs
- No PIDs for RIs = no RIs in these graphs
 - Applications: content discovery, scientometrics, publisher analytics, etc.

Wishes to the FAIRy Godparent

- Data model and API: PIDs, PIDs everywhere!
 - PIDs for RIs
 - Other PIDs, e.g. DOI, GRID, ORCID
- User interface: use PIDs to autocomplete forms
- License: CC0 or CC BY



Sustainability for RI Metadata: What's Next?

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• FAIRness

• PIDs and a more permissive license

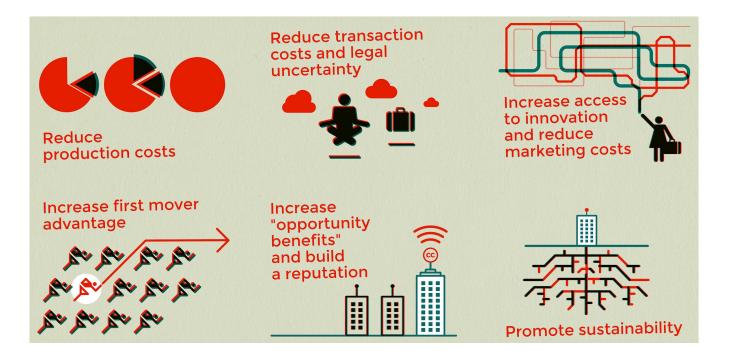
• Governance

• MERIL as the central registration authority

• Engagement

- Include private/for-profit RIs?
- CC Open Business Model

Sustainability: CC Open Business Model



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