



The challenge of interoperability between entity models

Share-VDE experience

LIBER conference 2020, Linked Open Data workshop, 23rd June 2020



Data publication: SVDE discovery platform



Linked data experience

The Testaments

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Author/creator

"Atwood, Margaret, 1939- author." [Search catalog for text "Atwood, Margaret, 1939- author." →](#)

Format / description

Book, 419 pages ; 25 cm

Published by

London, England : Chatto & Windus, 2019. , ©2019
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Summary

"More than fifteen years after the events of The Handmaid's Tale, the theocratic regime of the Republic of Gilead maintains its grip on power, but there are signs it is beginning to rot from within. At this crucial moment, the lives of three radically different women converge, with potentially explosive results. Two have grown up as part of the first generation to come of age in the new order. The testimonies of these two young women are joined by a third voice: a woman who wields power through the ruthless accumulation and deployment of secrets. As Atwood unfolds The Testaments, she opens up the innermost workings of Gilead as each woman is forced to come to terms with who she is, and how far she will go for what she believes."—Publisher description.

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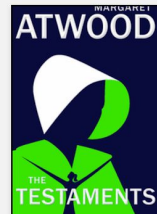
Sequel to: "The Handmaid's tale." [Search catalog for text "The Handmaid's tale" →](#)

Contains

Sequel to: Atwood, Margaret, 1939-. Handmaid's tale.

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Search for text string → View a record → Search for text string → View...



The Testaments

The Testaments is a 2019 novel by Margaret Atwood. It is a sequel to The Handmaid's Tale (1985). The novel is set 15 years after the events of The Handmaid's Tale... [Wikipedia](#)

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AUTHOR

Margaret Atwood (Canadian writer)

Margaret Eleanor Atwood CC OOnt CH FRSC (born November 18, 1939) is a Canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, essayist, inventor, teacher, and environmental activist. [Wikipedia](#)

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"The Handmaid's tale"

...a dystopian novel by Canadian author Margaret Atwood, originally published in 1985. It is set in a

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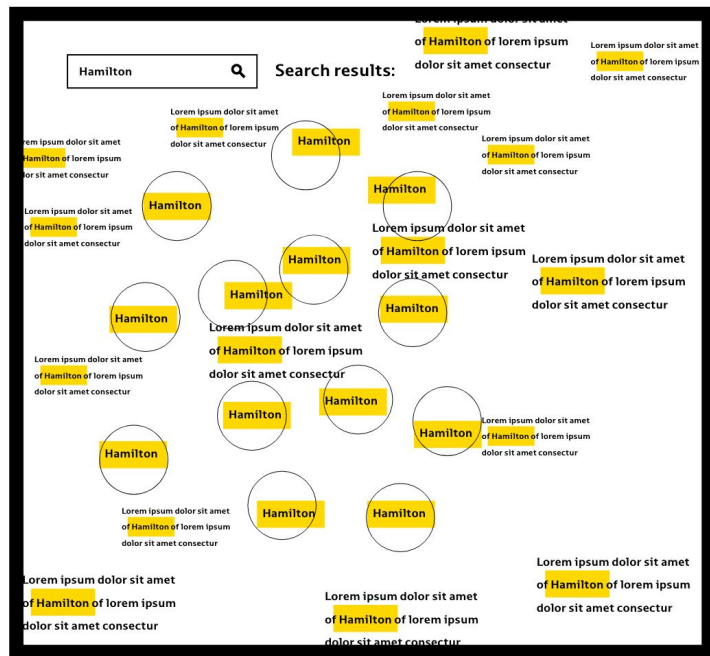
"A fitting sequel to The Handmaid's Tale. The characters in this book are different, but the world is the same. The world becomes more fleshed out, as the author adds details

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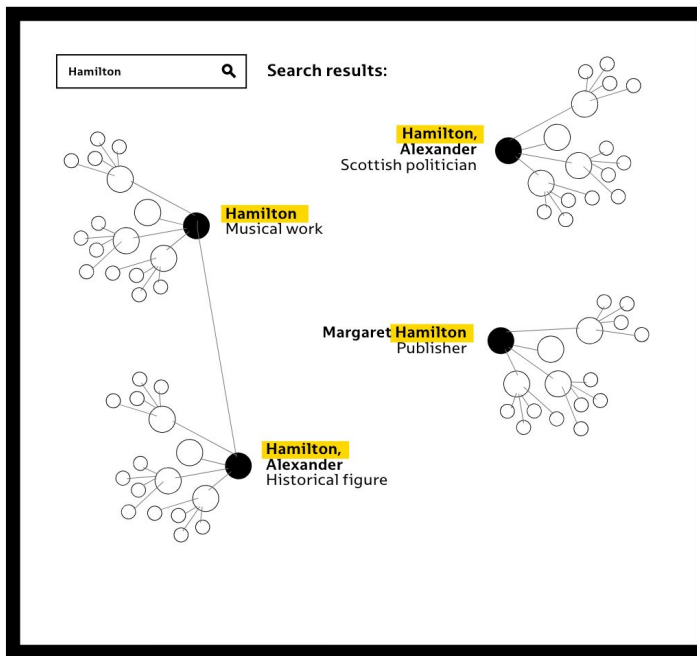
Search for known entities → Explore by moving from entity to entity directly.

Linked data experience

Without linked data



With linked data



Challenge: hide complexities

https://share-vde.org/search?q=shakespeare

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shakespeare



Advanced search ▾

14 results

7 People

6 Original Works

Person

William Shakespeare (English playwright and poet)

Person

Peter Shakespeare Doe (American visual artist. Illustrated a 2003 version of the work »Shakespeare lorem and ipsum«)

Person

John Collins (Danish-American journalist. Known in Danish as »Lorem dolor ipsum sit amet Shakespeare«)

Original Work

The complete works of Shakespeare (2013 non-fiction book about the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare. Written by Jane Doe)

Original Work

The work of William Shakespeare

Person

Maya, Ruzvidzo Shakespeare

Original Work

Quotation from Shakespeare



Complexities behind search functions #1

https://share-vde.org/advanced-search/original-works?q=

session

Search for a person for whom

last name contains Shakespeare and

first name contains william and

Clear all Search

Person results

Original works related to results

Publications related to results

4 results

Filter related people...



Year of birth

Name	Year of birth	Description
Francisco Gómez de Quevedo y Santibáñez Villegas	1569	Spanish nobleman, politician, and writer of the Baroque era
Lope Félix de Vega y Carpio	1572	Spanish playwright, poet, novelist, and marine

Complexities behind search functions #2

s://share-vde.org/ advanced-search/original-works?q=

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The screenshot shows an advanced search interface. At the top right, there is a 'Simple search' link with a caret. Below it, there are two search input fields, each followed by a dropdown menu set to 'and', a trash icon, and a plus icon. At the bottom right of this section are 'Clear all' and 'Search' buttons. A dropdown menu is open from the first search field, showing the following options:

- Search for...
- Agent of any type
 - Person (e.g. Jules Verne or Marina Abramović)
 - Family (e.g. Smith family or Benson family)
 - Organization (e.g. CERN or Penguin Books)
 - Conference (e.g. AIAA Thermophysics Conference)
- Original work or publication
 - Original work (e.g. Around the world in 80 days)
 - Publication (e.g. Around the world in 80 days, 3rd edition, 1906)

ublications related to results

4 results

Filter related people...



Year of birth

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Francisco Gómez de Quevedo y Santibáñez Villages

1569

Spanish nobleman, politician, and writer of the Baroque era



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The Agent entity

SHARE-VDE

Search all content...



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Person

William Shakespeare

1564-1616. English writer

William Shakespeare (bapt. 26 April 1564 – 23 April 1616) was an English poet, playwright and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon". His extant works, including collaborations, consist of approximately 39 plays, 154 sonnets, two l... — [Wikipedia](#)

More options

Original Works by Shakespeare

Original Works about Shakespeare

Related people

42 results

Filter original works...

Format

Year of publication

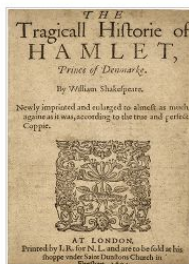
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Coriolanus	Physical book, e-book, audiobook	1607	External links	

The Original work entity and its publications

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SHARE-VDE ← "shakespeare" search Search all content... Q Log in

William Shakespeare Hamlet



Original Work ⓘ

Hamlet

Written by William Shakespeare in English

The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, often shortened to Hamlet (/ ˈhæmlɪt/), is a tragedy written by William Shakespeare sometime between 1599 and 1602. Set in Denmark, the play depicts Prince Hamlet and his revenge against his...— [Wikipedia](#)

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Library-held publications of Hamlet

Related Original Works

8 results

Filter publications...



Language

Location

All filters

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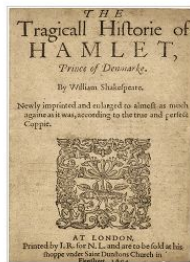
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Hamlet / Shakespeare ; traduction et préf. de Maurice Castelain	Douglas Fischer	English	Multiple locations	Available at Penn	
Hamlet; drama em cinco actos. Tradução portuguesa	Belinda Waldoock	Portuguese	Multiple locations	Available at partner inst.	

The Original work entity and its related works

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William Shakespeare Hamlet



Original Work 1

Hamlet

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Related Original Works

6 results

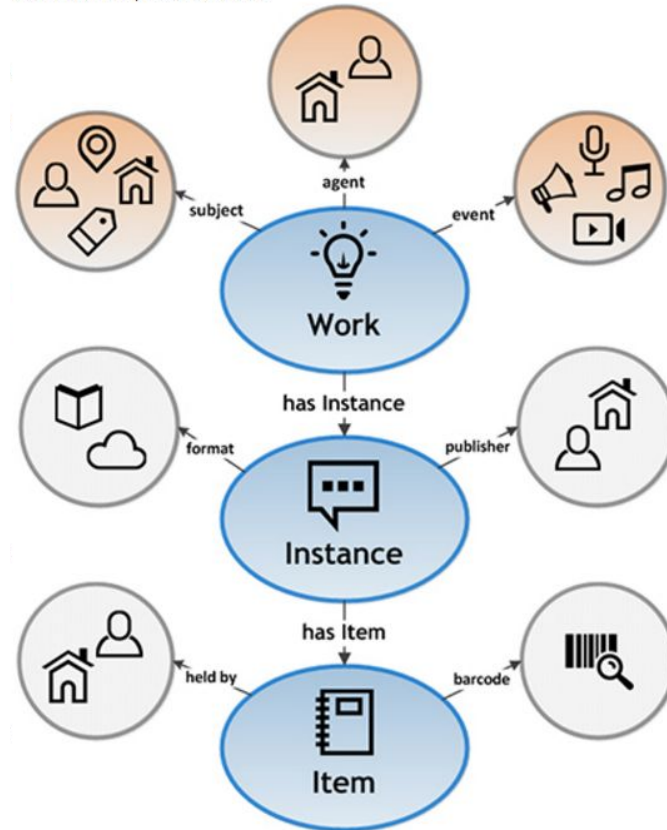
Filter Original works... Q Format Year of publication All filters

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2 "Hamlet" and other Shakespearean essays / [by] L. C. Knights.	3 Knights, L. C. (Lionel Charles)	Book	1979	
3 [Lecture on Hamlet] [sound recording]	4 Campbell, Joseph	Sound recording	1932	

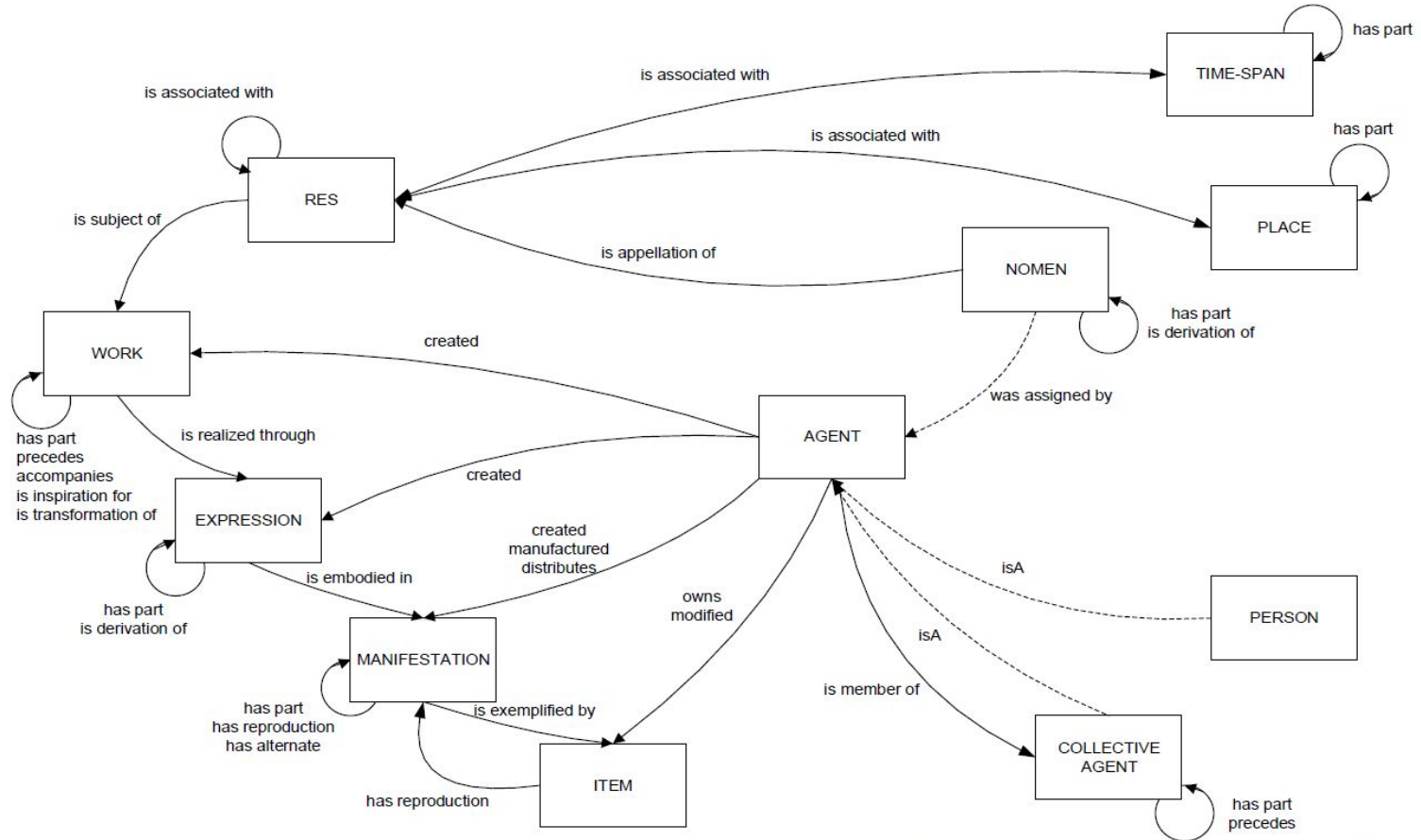
The evolution of SVDE entity model



Starting point: BIBFRAME 2.0



Challenge: interoperability with LRM model



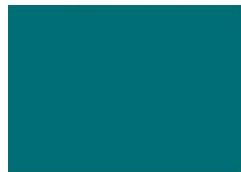
BIBFRAME vs. LRM



Work, Instance, Item (BIBFRAME)

vs.

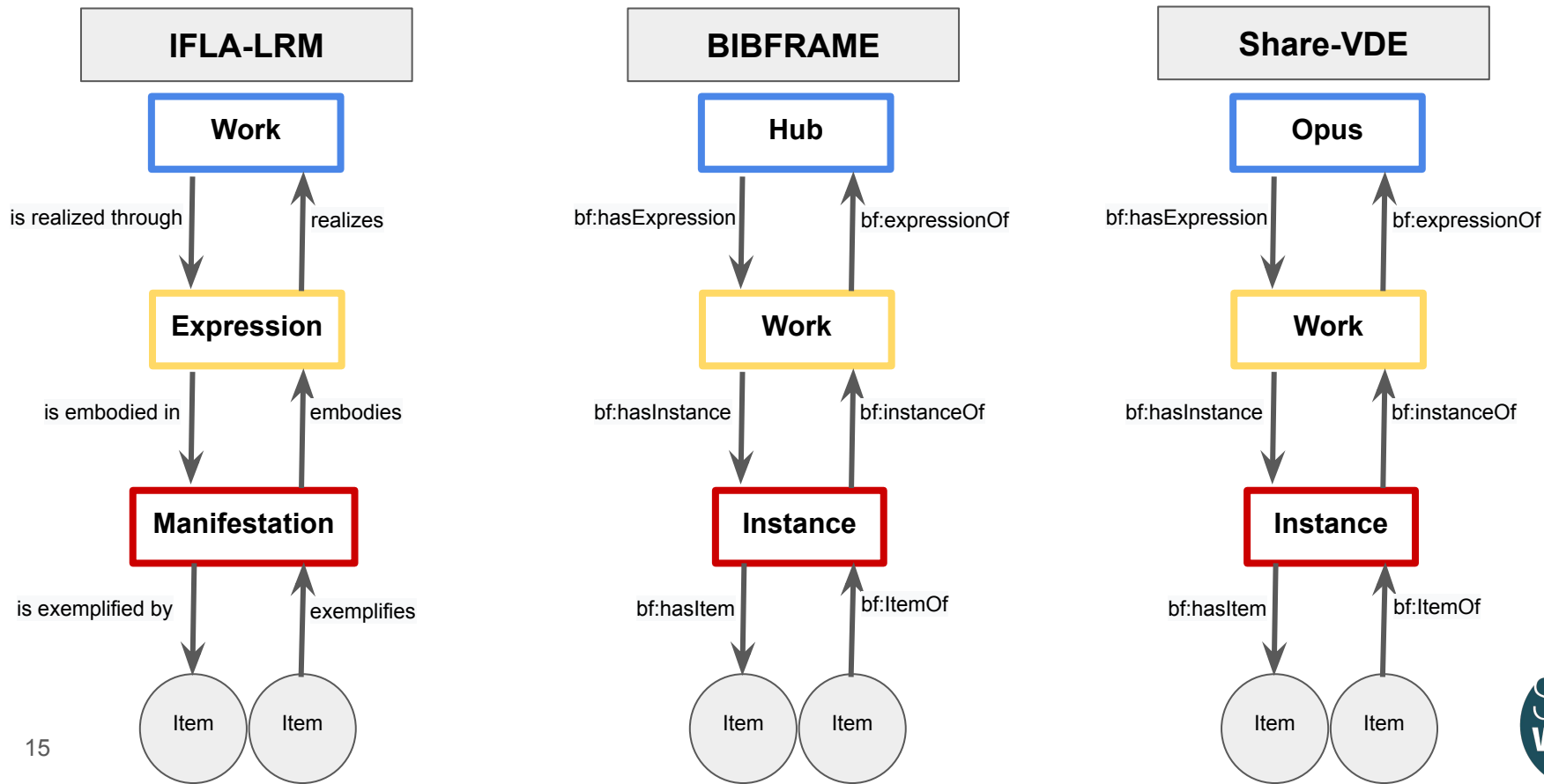
Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item (LRM)



IFLA Library Reference Model

**A Conceptual Model for
Bibliographic Information**

Comparison of entity models in the LD community



Challenge: identify the “original work”

In the Share-VDE portal the “grouping” ability (effective for the purpose of enhancing the user’s *navigation* function) is largely proposed starting from each entity.

If the Agent, with its attributes and its relationships, is clearly designed in all data models, both for researches and for librarians, the “Work” is a more complex entity due to the high degree of abstraction:

- ? how can we represent this abstraction without losing the effectiveness conveyed by the expression?
- ? how do we extract the intellectual content from the bf:Work that is the sum of both abstract content and concrete representation?

adding a new level/extension to BIBFRAME allows to separate the intellectual content → identification of the “original work”

Overcoming the challenges

To overcome the challenge of identifying the original work *and* keep interoperability with other models...

the SuperWork was created

To avoid confusion with other definitions of “superwork”, the Share-VDE SuperWork was *renamed* the Share-VDE *Opus* in February 2020 becoming also a new conceptual family or type of bibliographic element

The analysis of the entity model #1

The analysis in the dedicated SVDE working group considered 4 main scenarios to model the “work” entity

Main attempt:

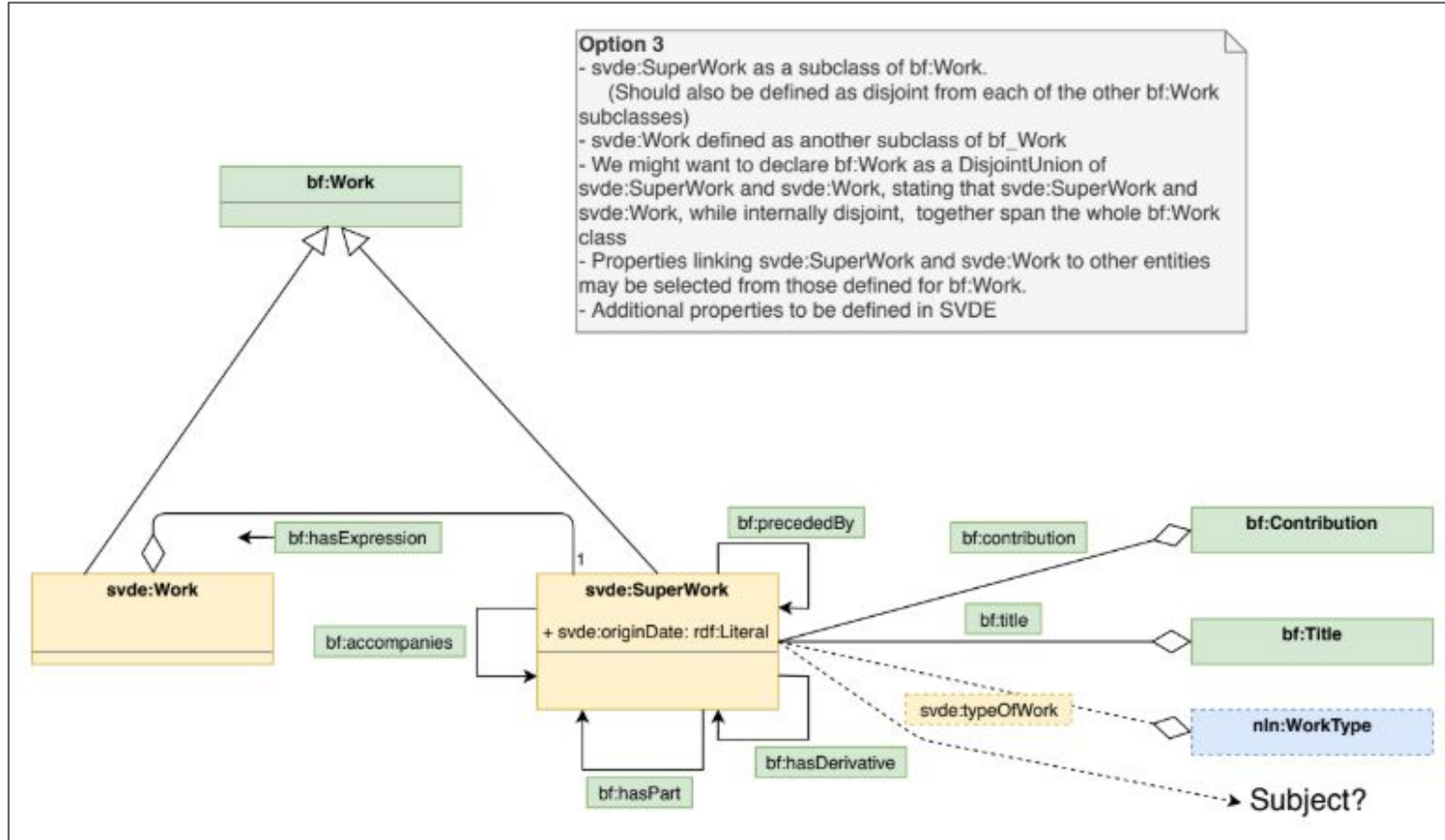
identify among many works at the same level the “original work” of an author, the “*Opus*” in its original Latin meaning



The aggregating power of an Opus is the ability to bundle together all variants and publications of an abstract work

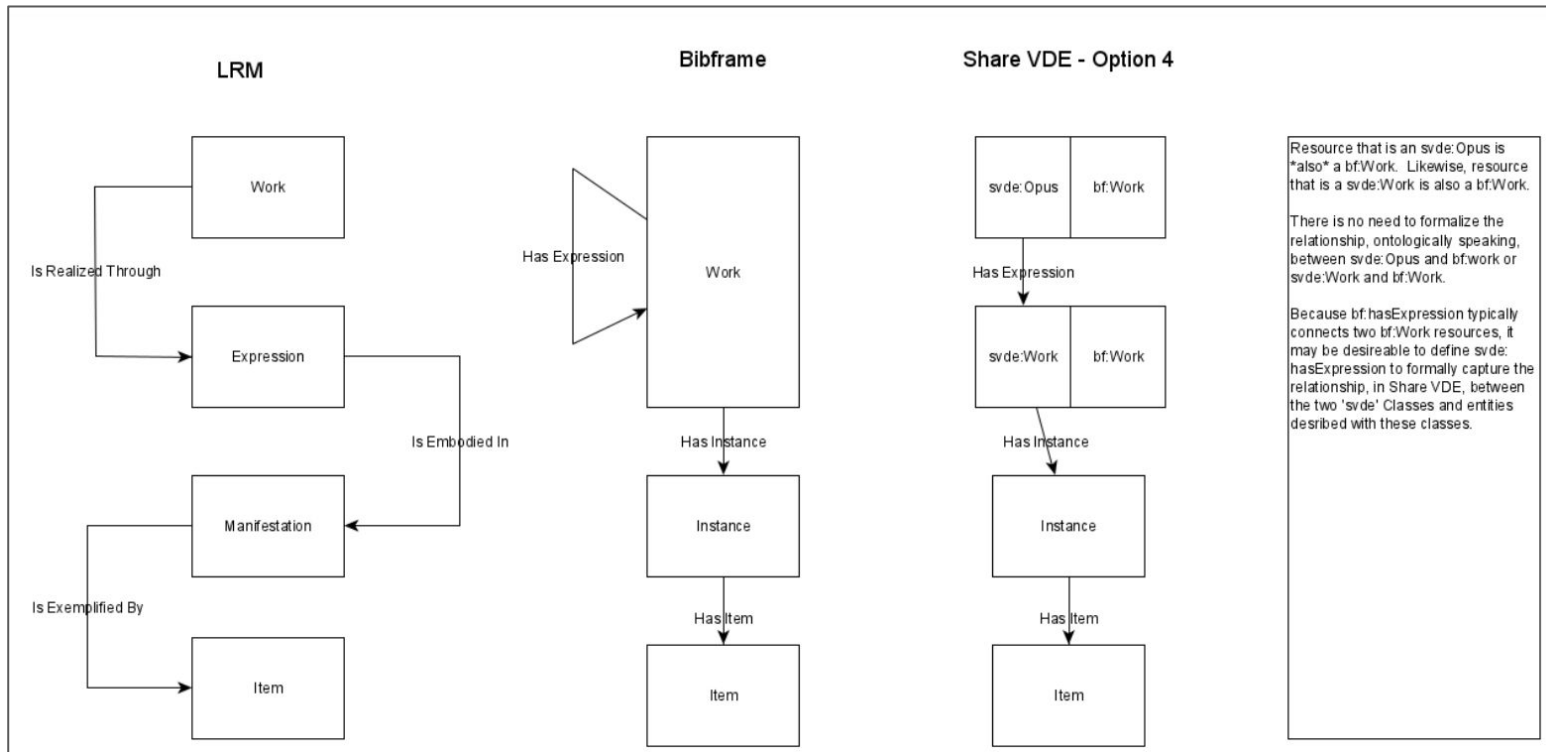
The analysis of the entity model #2

So called “Option 3”



The analysis of the entity model #3

So called
"Option 4"
more flexible
and
interoperable
with BIBFRAME
and IFLA-LRM



Similarities and differences #1

Representation in Option 3

Through **subclassing**:

svde:Opus is defined as a subclass of bf:Work



Desired model feature

An entity representing the abstract works of the bf:Work class is needed; svde:Opus

Any svde:Opus shall be regarded as a bf:Work.



Representation in Option 4

Through **instantiation algorithms**:

svde:Opus is defined as a separate class, not a subclass of bf:Work. All svde:Opus instances are also explicitly declared instances of bf:Work

Similarities and differences #2

Representation in Option 3

Through **subclassing**:

svde:Work is defined as a subclass of bf:Work



Desired model feature

An entity representing the “expression-like” entities of the bf:Work class is needed; svde:Work.

Any svde:Work shall be regarded as a bf:Work.



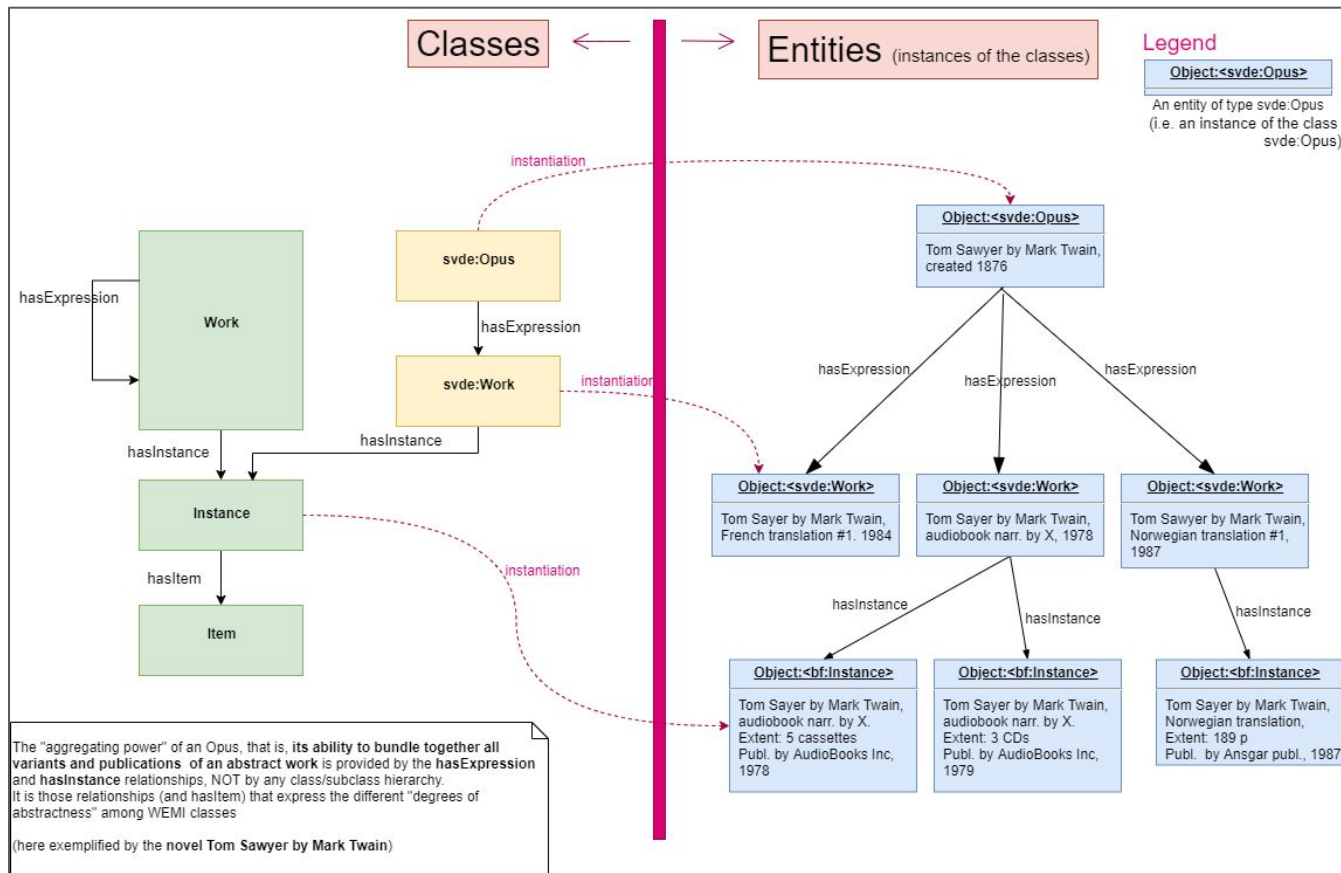
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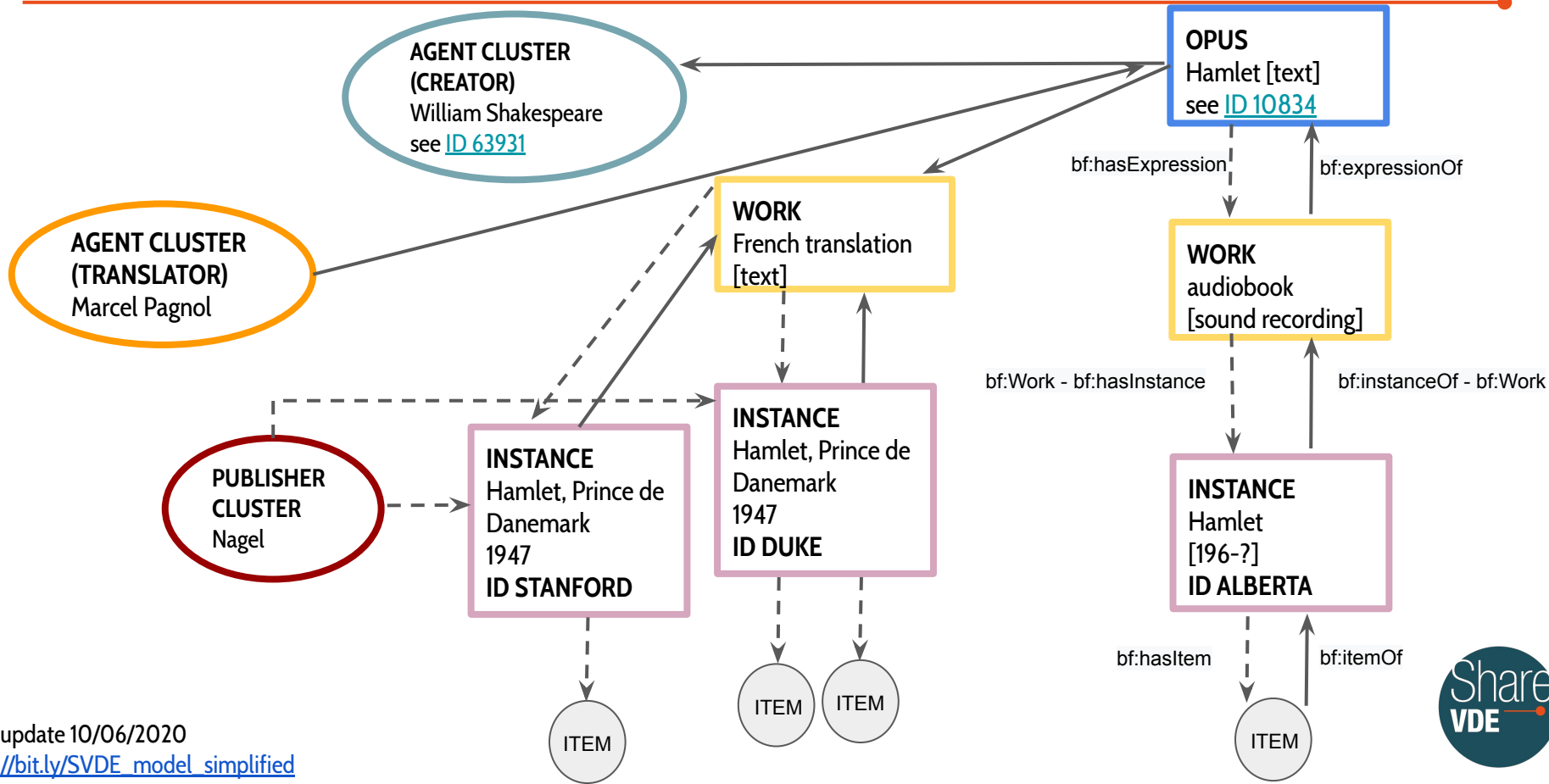
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The choice of the entity model

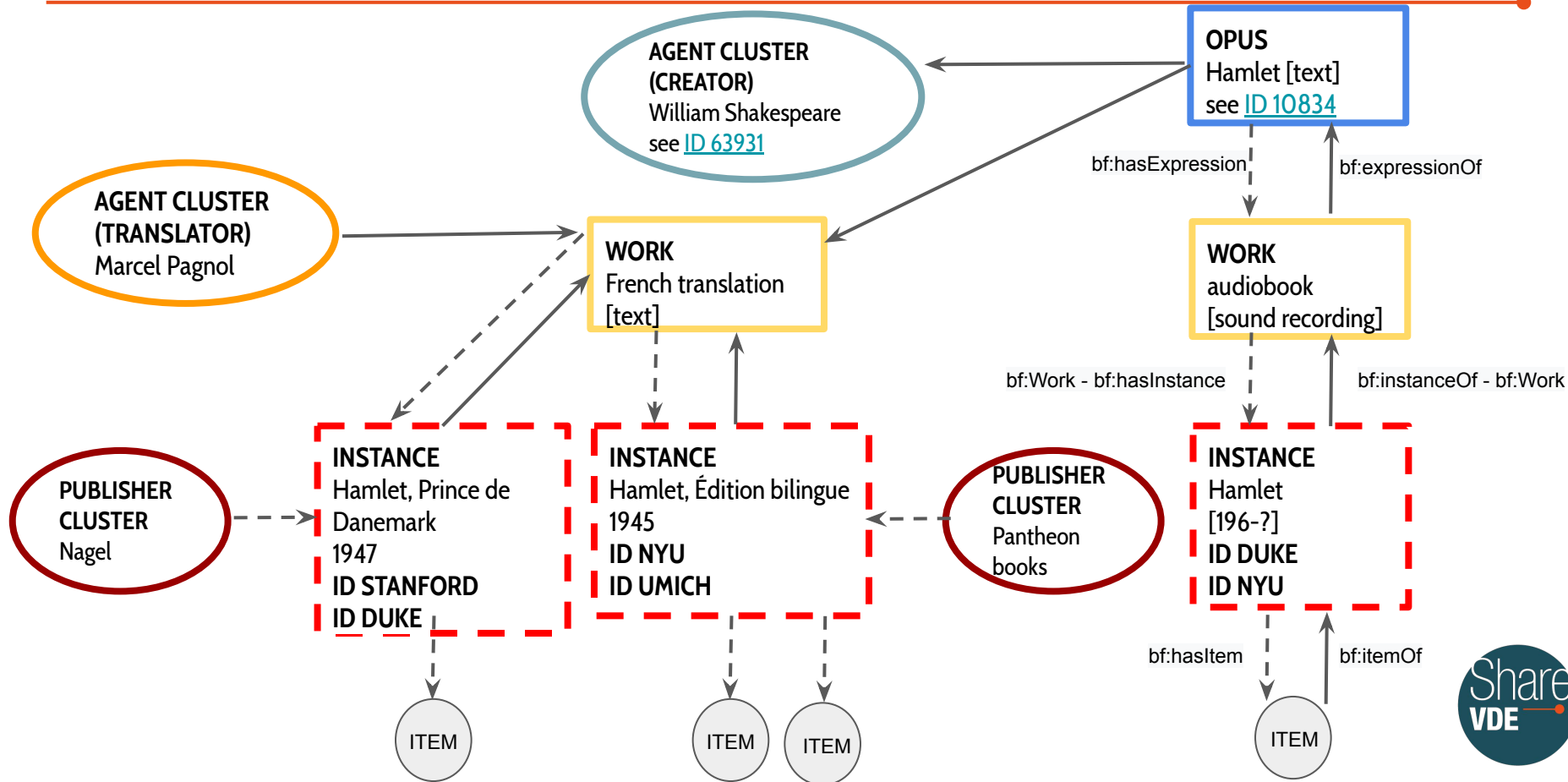
So called
"Option 4"



Current Share-VDE model simplified



Future Share-VDE model simplified



Where we are now

Goal: finalize the work done so far and choose the model that best fits the purpose of identification, description, conversion and maintenance of SVDE data - also taking into account interoperability issues with other models

How to advance **from discussion to implementation?**

1. Review svde:Opus in details
2. Substantiate the svde:Opus with attributes and relationships



Properties of an individual Opus

A	B	C	D	E
Properties of an individual Opus				
	Property	Definition	Related Class	Type of Property
	? [need to create]		nln:WorkType	object property
	bf.classification	Classification number in any scheme	bf.Classification	object property
	bf.contribution	Agent and its role in relation to the resource	bf.Contribution	object property
	bf.genreForm	Form category or genre to which a resource belongs	bf.GenreForm	object property
	bf.identifiedBy	Character string associated with a resource that serves to differentiate that resource from other resources, i.e., that uniquely identifies an entity	bf.IssnL (International Standard Serial Number that links together various media versions of a continuing resource); bf.ISWC (International Standard Musical Work Code, a unique, persistent reference number for the identification of musical works); bf.Istc (International Standard Text Code, a numbering system developed to enable the unique identification of textual works)	object property
	bf.legalDate	Date of legal work, or promulgation of a law, or signing of a treaty		data property
	bf.musicSerialNumber	Numeric designation for musical works consecutively numbered in music reference sources		data property
	bf.musicThematicNumber	Numeric designation for musical works consecutively numbered in music reference sources		data property

Data publication vs. data editing



Merge of more Opuses #1

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Person

William Goulding

British novelist, poet, playwright and Nobel Prize for Literature laureate

Sir William Gerald Golding, CBE (19 September 1911 – 19 June 1993) was a British novelist, playwright, and poet. Best known for his debut novel *Lord of the Flies* (1954), he would go on to publish another eleven novels in his lifetime. In 1980, he was awarded the Booker Prize for *Rites of Passage*, the first novel in what became his sea trilogy, *To the Ends of ...* — [Wikipedia](#)

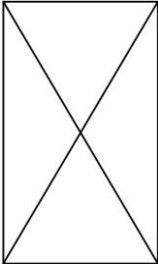
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Original works by **Original works about** **Related people**

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Merge of more Opuses #2

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2 original works selected [View selected](#) ▾

Merge of more Opuses #3

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➔ My merge list

Original works (2) Agents (0)

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Merge of more Opuses #4




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Merge 2 original works?

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Merge of more Opuses #5

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2 original works merged

1 BF work affected

Merge summary

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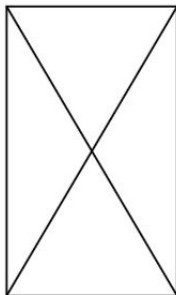
Name

William Goulding ...

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Relationship between existing Instance and new Opus

William Goulding > Lord of the Flies



Original work

Lord of the Flies

Written by William Goulding in English

Lord of the Flies is a 1954 novel by Nobel Prize-winning British author William Goulding. The book focuses on a group of British boys stranded on an uninhabited island and their disastrous attempt to govern themselves. Themes include the tension between groupthink and individuality, between rational and emotional reactions, and between morality and immorality. — [Wikipedia](#)

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Library-held publications BF works Related original works

Filter...

Location

Language

All filters

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