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The Shape of Things to Come

OSGeo, Persistent Identifiers and the shape of things to come

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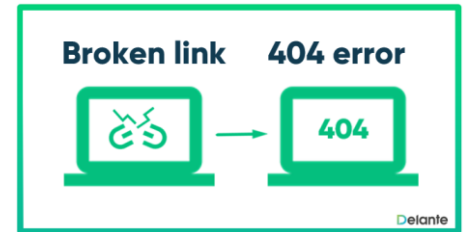
Disclaimer

- Due to the time constraint we're keeping this short.
- No Life of Brian related puns today.
- You will get them at FOSS4G 2023
- Same for 1970s spaceships and robots.
- More next year in Prizren.
- And now to something completely different..



URL are not suitable for scientific reference

- URLs expire when the content they're referring to is moved in the Internet.
- Trying to open an expired URL results in 404 error.
- This is a growing problem for the Web and OSGeo – many URLs from the early 2000s are already dead and gone.
- Trying to find mementos of broken URLs in the Internet Archive is cumbersome
- Anything referenced in a scientific publication should be permanent. URL are not permanent.





Broken Link Error



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Persistent Identifiers (PID) to the rescue

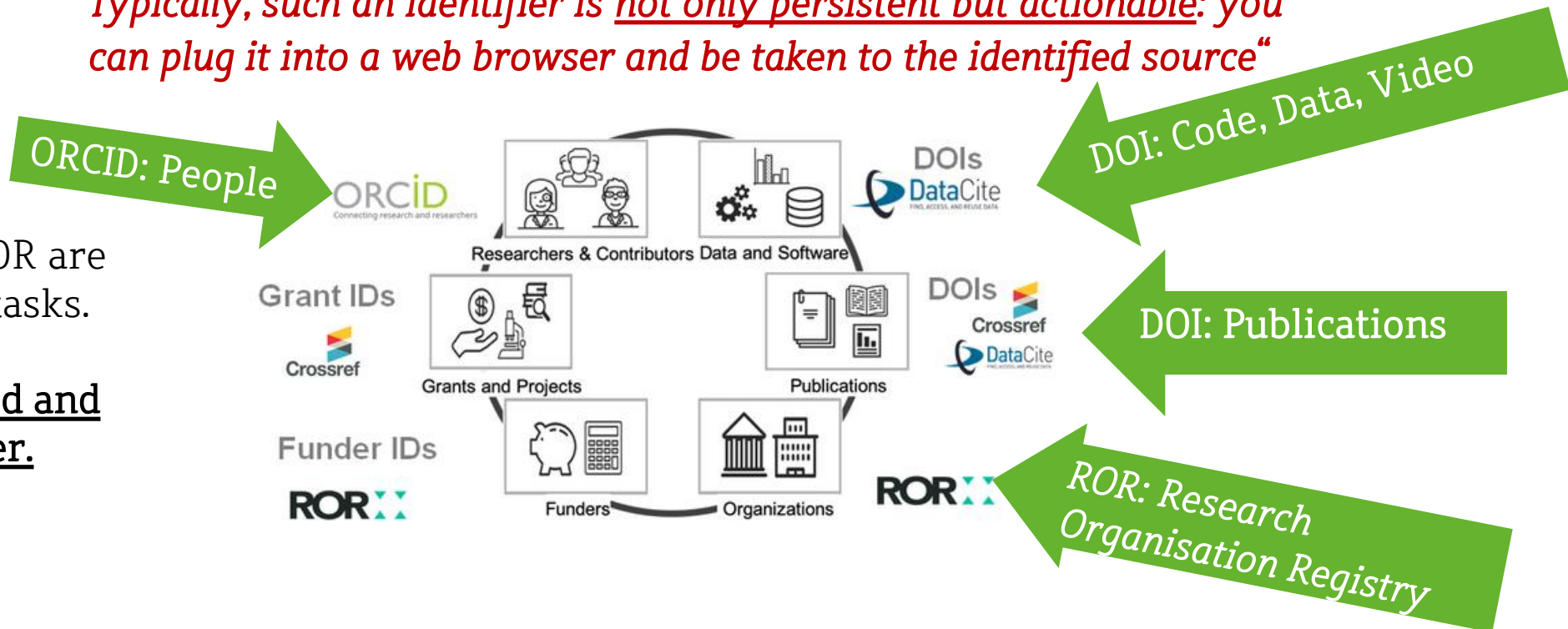
„A ***persistent identifier*** (PID) is a long-lasting reference to a document, file, web page, or other object.

The term „persistent identifier“ is usually used in the context of digital objects that are accessible over the Internet.

Typically, such an identifier is not only persistent but actionable: you can plug it into a web browser and be taken to the identified source“

ORCID, DOI and ROR are PID for different tasks.

They can be linked and refer to each other.



OSGeo is exploring PID

- OSGeo committers include **ORCID** in code.
- 19 OSGeo Projects have registered **doi** for their repositories (<https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/DOI>)
 - -> Scientific citation of repos and releases
 - -> Due scientific credit to the committers
- Over 930 hours / 39 days of FOSS4G videos can be accessed via **doi** (<https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/TIB>)
 - **NEW:** Access all videos from a FOSS4G through a single DOI.
 - **COMING:** Same for recordings from FOSS4G 2022 (you can rewatch all presentations!)



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Eternal URLs and digital dogs tags – *Who cares ?*

- We all will care because of the emerging backend infrastructures, standards and funding.
- *Remember the Internet*: Connecting isolated computers to a network was a process and sparked unforeseen benefits and services.
- Emerging PID infrastructures enable connectivity and discoverability for metadata and content.
- Your input is needed to shape these things to come.

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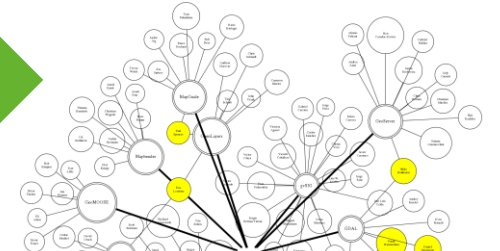
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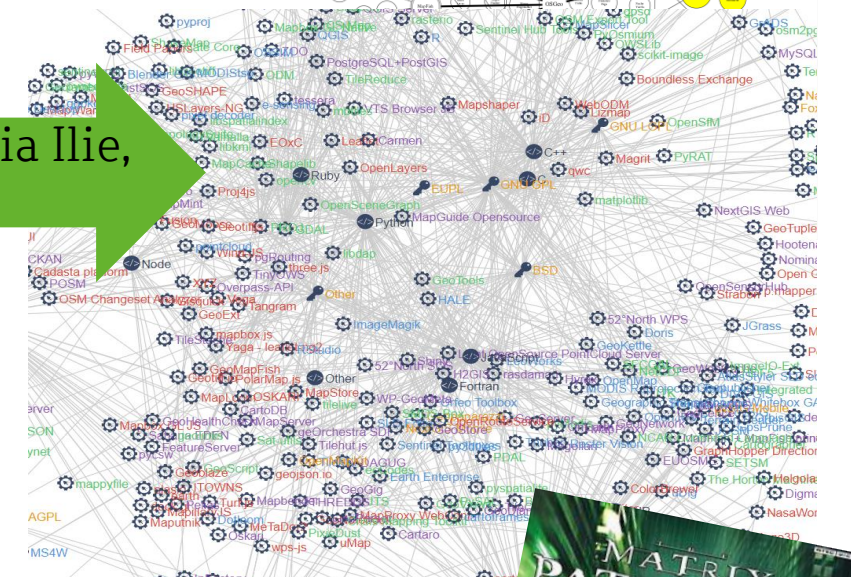
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in Prizren !