

UNDERSTANDING AND IMPLEMENTING PREMIS

A 90 minute introduction

ENTENDER E IMPLEMENTAR PREMIS
Una introducción de 90 minutos

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Purpose of the Tutorial

- Introduce PREMIS
- Give a first baseline of common understanding
- Introduce you to the PREMIS community

Objetivo del taller

- Presentar PREMIS
- Dar una primera base de entendimiento común
- Presentarle a la comunidad PREMIS

Understanding PREMIS – Entender PREMIS



https://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/understandingPREMIS_spanish_2021.pdf

Who are we?

From the PREMIS Editorial Committee:

- Sarah and Leslie

We know that this might be true today:

- You have just started to know PREMIS
- The PREMIS data model is a bit scary
- You might have been using PREMIS in practice
- You come from
 - a library
 - an archive
 - a university
 - or something different



¿Quiénes somos?

Del Comité Editorial de PREMIS:

- Sarah y Leslie

Sabemos que:

- Acaba de empezar a conocer PREMIS
- El modelo de datos de PREMIS da un poco de miedo
- Puede que haya estado utilizando PREMIS en la práctica
- Usted trabaja en:
 - una biblioteca
 - un archivo
 - una universidad
 - o algo diferente

What do we want you to think about?

- Think about your use case!
 - I want to use PREMIS ...???
- Example: I'm digitising a number of publications made at my institution and I need to preserve these for the future and making sure they are accessible 50 years from now.

¿En qué queremos que piense?

- Piense en su caso de uso
 - Quiero utilizar PREMIS porque ...
- Ejemplo: Estoy digitalizando una serie de publicaciones realizadas en mi institución y necesito preservarlas para el futuro y asegurarme de que sean accesibles dentro de 50 años.



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**TODAY IS JUST
A FIRST
INTRODUCTION**

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**DIGITAL
PRESERVATION
METADATA -
WHY IS IT NEEDED AND
WHAT DOES IT LOOK
LIKE?**

What is digital preservation metadata?

- Digital preservation metadata = Metadata to ensure long-term accessibility of digital resources
- Digital objects must be self-descriptive
- Must be able to describe, manage and discover independently from the systems that were used to create them
XML (machine and human readable)
- Often bundled with the content files in an information package

¿Qué son los metadatos de preservación digital?

- Metadatos para la preservación digital = Metadatos para garantizar la accesibilidad a largo plazo de los recursos digitales
- Los objetos digitales deben ser autodescriptivos
- Deben poder describirse, gestionarse y descubrirse independientemente de los sistemas utilizados para crearlos.
XML (legible por máquinas y personas)
- A menudo se incluye con los archivos de contenido en un paquete de información

Domain / Dominio

Born digital
Nacido digital



Digitized
Digitalizado



DP metadata supports preservation goals



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WHAT IS PREMIS?



The PREMIS standard

- International *de-facto* standard for metadata to support the preservation of digital objects and ensure their long-term usability.
 - Information you need to know for preserving digital objects
 - Preservation Metadata: Implementation Strategies*
- Developed by an international team of experts.
- Implemented in digital preservation projects around the world.
- Incorporated into commercial and open-source digital preservation tools and systems.

The PREMIS standard

- Data Dictionary (PREMIS 3.0)
 - <http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/v3/premis-3-0-final.pdf>
 - Version 3 – major release
- XML schema v3.0
 - <http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/premis.xsd>
- OWL ontology
- Supporting documentation



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ON-LINE RESOURCES

- Website
 - <https://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/>
- Vocabularies
 - <https://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/preservation.html>
- Ontology
 - <https://id.loc.gov/ontologies/premis.html>
- Tools at COPTR
 - [https://coptr.digipres.org/index.php/PREMIS_\(Preservation_Metadata_Implementation_Strategies\)](https://coptr.digipres.org/index.php/PREMIS_(Preservation_Metadata_Implementation_Strategies))
- Zenodo
 - <https://zenodo.org/communities/premis>

E-mail list

- PREMIS Implementors' Group forum (pig@listserv.loc.gov)
 - Subscribe through the form:

<https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=PIG>

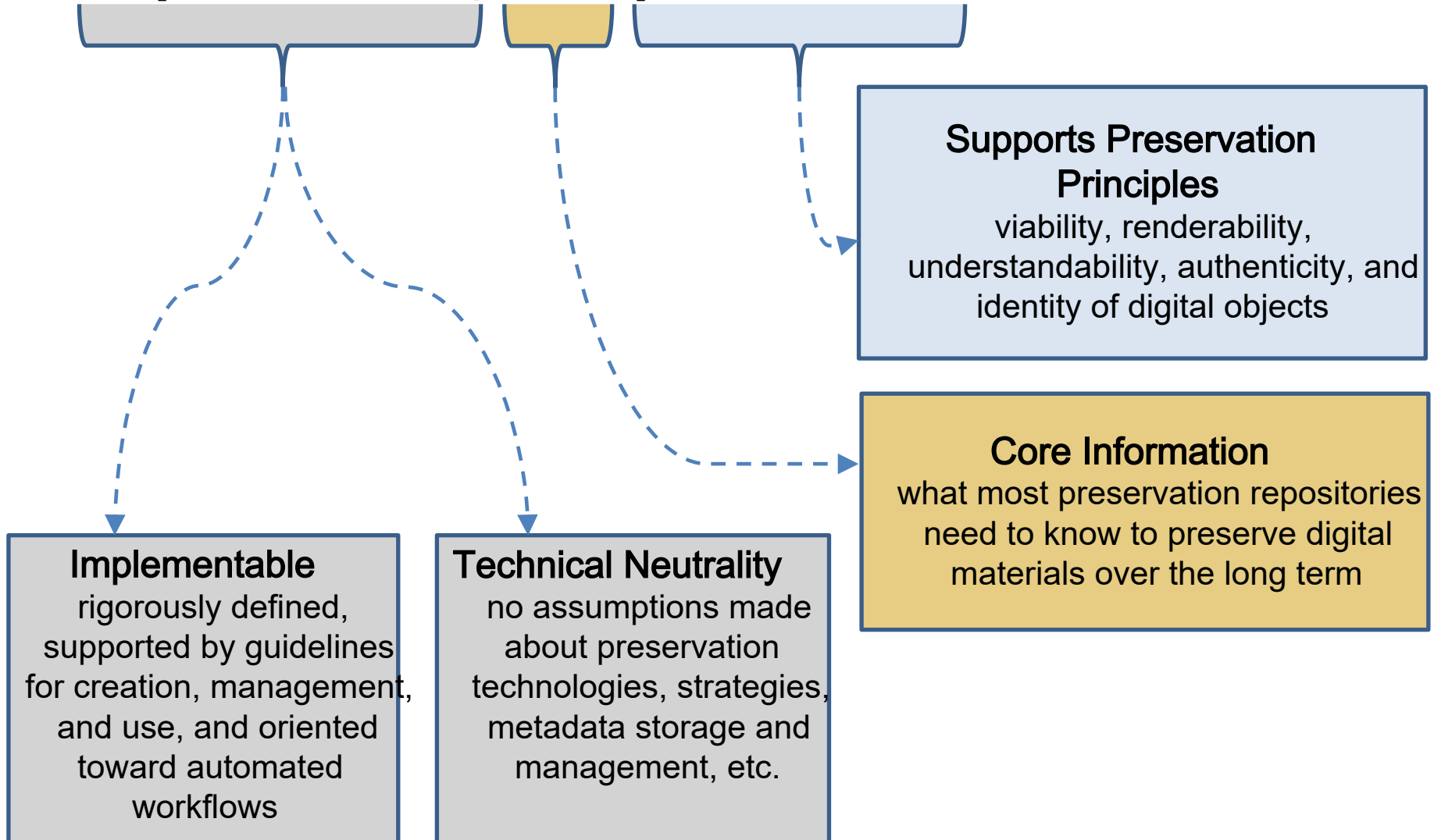
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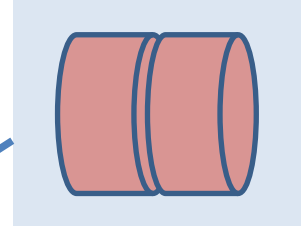


BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING PREMIS

Implementable, core preservation metadata



Benefits of implementing PREMIS (1)

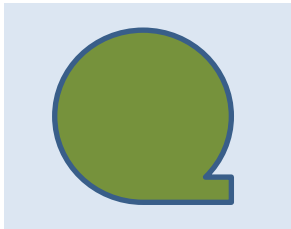


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`GID="galapagos"`

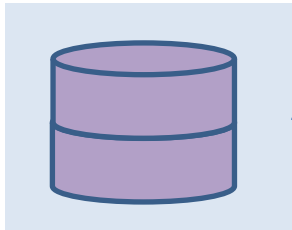
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Interoperability through implementable preservation metadata

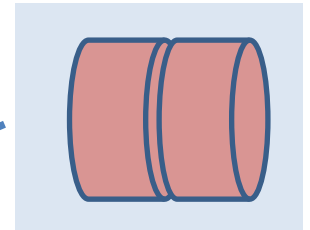
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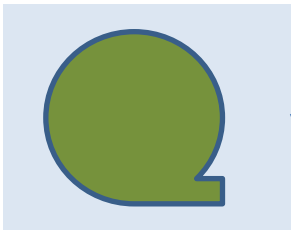
```

premis:objectIdentifier
premis:objectIdentifierType="hdl"
premis:objectIdentifierValue="galapagos.6754.1"
    
```



```

<galapagos.6754.1> a premisOwl:IntellectualEntity ;
premisOwl:identifier
<http://hdl.handle.net/galapagos.6754.1> .
<http://hdl.handle.net/galapagos.6754.1> a
http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/identifiers/hdl .
    
```



ID="6754.1"
GID="galapagos"



ID="1"
TYPE="hdl"
GROUPID="galapagos.6754"

Benefits of implementing PREMIS (2)

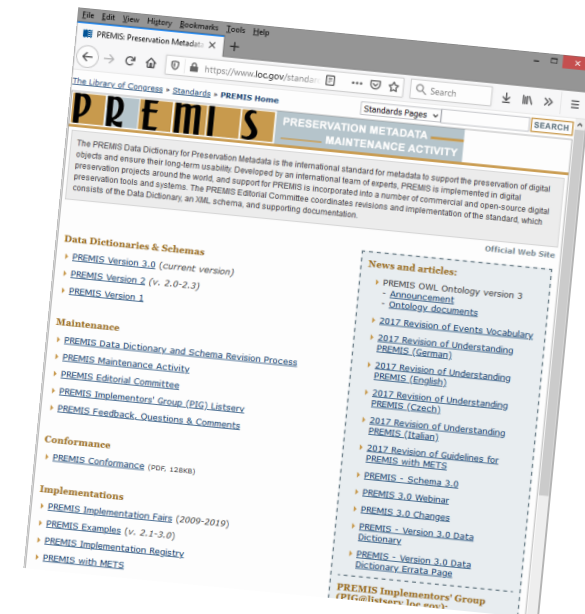
- What do I need to know about a digital object I am preserving?
 - ... today
 - ... in the future
- How can I best capture that information?
- Are there community best practices?



De-facto standard for preservation metadata

PREMIS “things that most working preservation repositories are likely to need to know in order to support digital preservation” -- PREMIS Data Dictionary

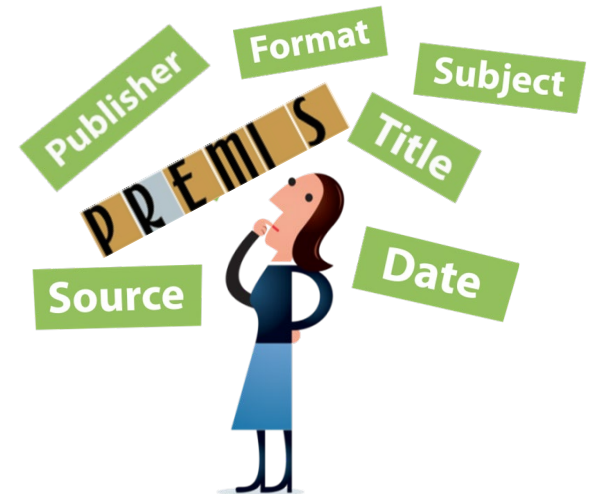
- Valuable resource to know what you need to capture
- A method to model the information you need
- A data model with MANY implementations in different institutions
- A community of users with good resources



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OUTLINE OF MAIN ENTITIES
THE DATA MODEL & KEY CONCEPTS



The PREMIS Data Model

The PREMIS Data Model is created by the community and experts in digital preservation




Why have a data model?

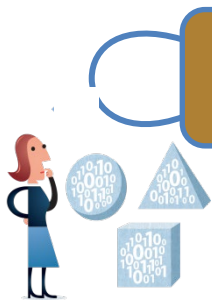
- Organizational convenience (for development and use)
- But: not a formal entity-relationship model; not sufficient to design databases

The PREMIS Data Model includes:



Entities 
 "Things" relevant to digital preservation

Semantic Units 
 Detailed information on entities



Object

Object

Agent

Agent



Rights



Rights

Event

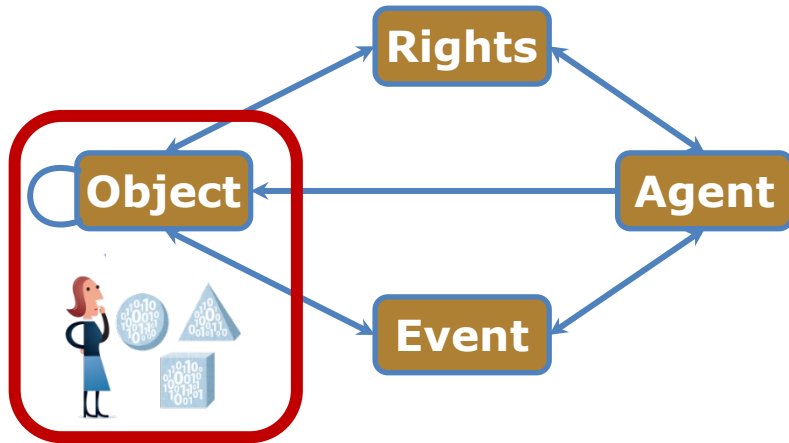
Event



Relationships
 Specifies relations between entities

- agentIdentifier
- agentIdentifierType
- agentIdentifierValue
- agentname
- agentType

Objects



- These are the objects that you preserve
- Objects can be intellectual entities, representations or bitstreams (more later)

Examples:

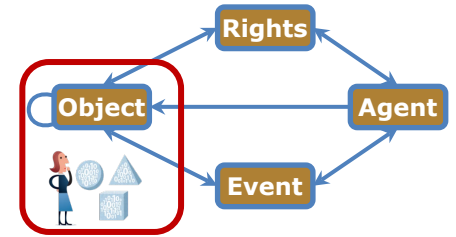
- A PDF file
- An image within a file
- A book
- A book representation

Different types of objects

Implementation choices:

- Determine which types of Objects are in scope

Types of objects (objectCategory)

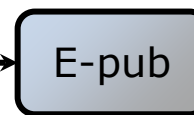
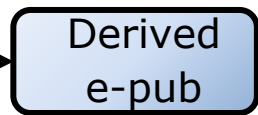
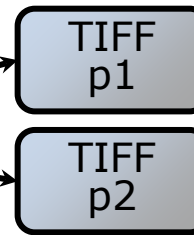


intellectual entity

representation

file

bitstream



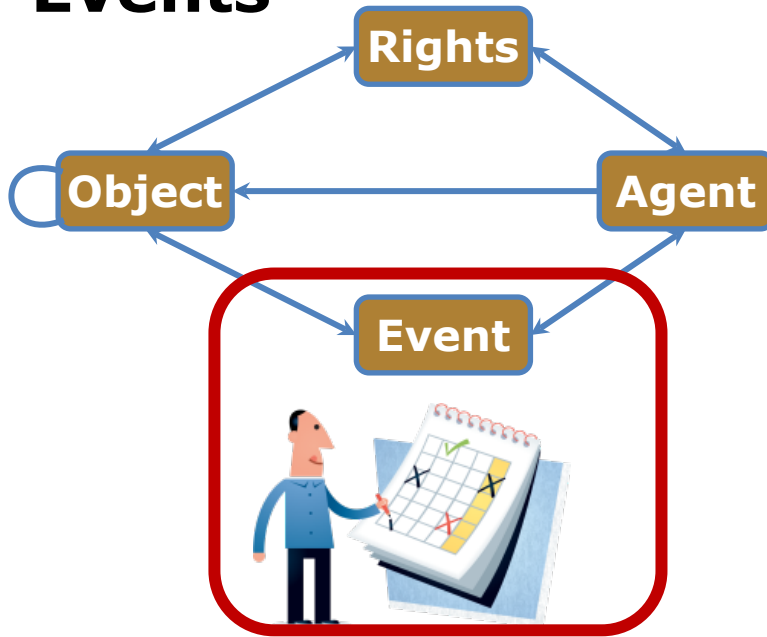
A distinct intellectual object that is considered relevant in the context of digital preservation

A set of objects, including structural metadata, that, taken together, constitute a complete representation

Named and ordered sequence of bytes that is known by an operating system

Data within a file with properties relevant for preservation purposes

Events



Examples:

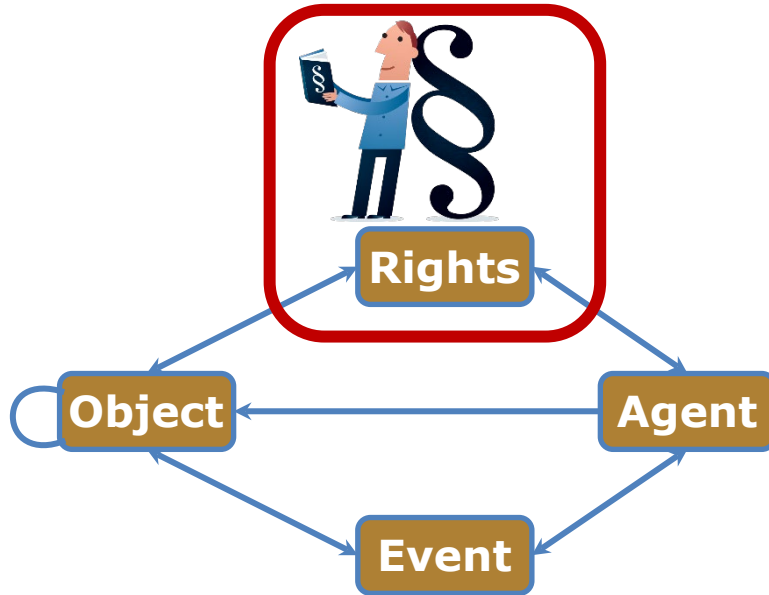
- Validation Event
e.g. using JHOVE
- Ingest Event

- An action that involves or impacts at least one Object or Agent
- Can document digital provenance, which is needed to track history of Object

Implementation choices:

- Determining which Events are in scope
- Determining which Events should be recorded, as well as the level of granularity

Rights Statements



Example:

- **Helen Smith** grants **FCLA digital repository permission** to the repository in regard to make three copies of **metadata_derived.pdf** for preservation purposes.

Rights to undertake an action or actions associated with an Object(s) in the repository.

Implementation choices :

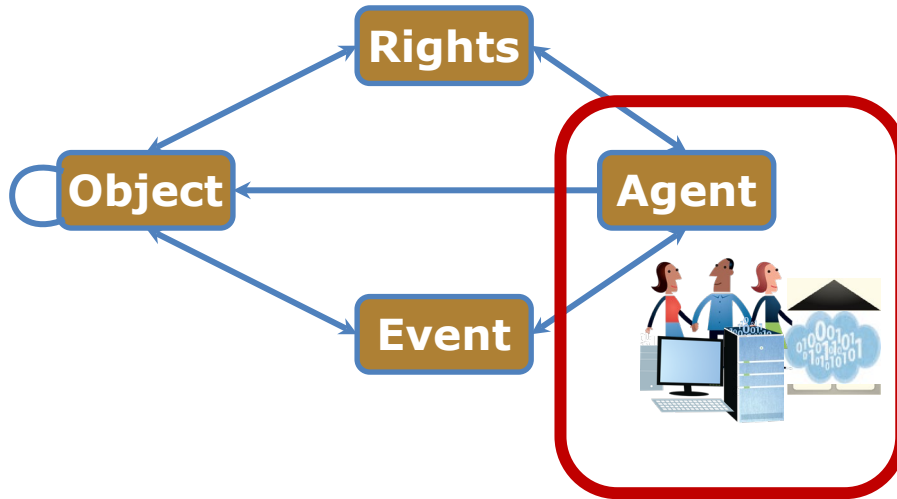
- Can use other schemes

PREMIS form:

Agent X

grants **Permission Y** to the repository in regard to Object **Z**.

Agents



- Person, organization, or software program/system
- Intended only to identify the agent, and to allow linking from other entity types.

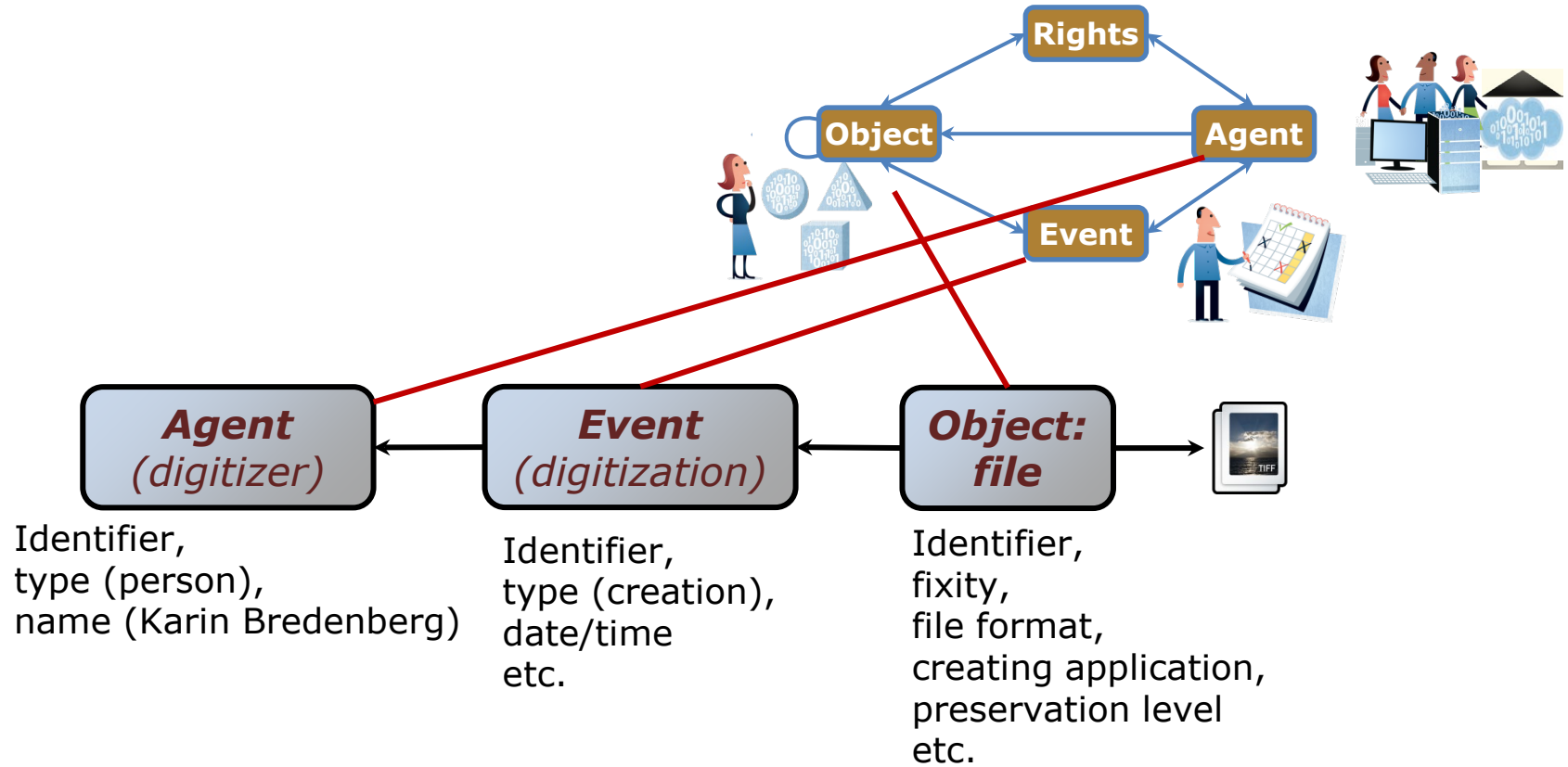
Implementation choices:

- Can use a richer scheme that may be appropriate.

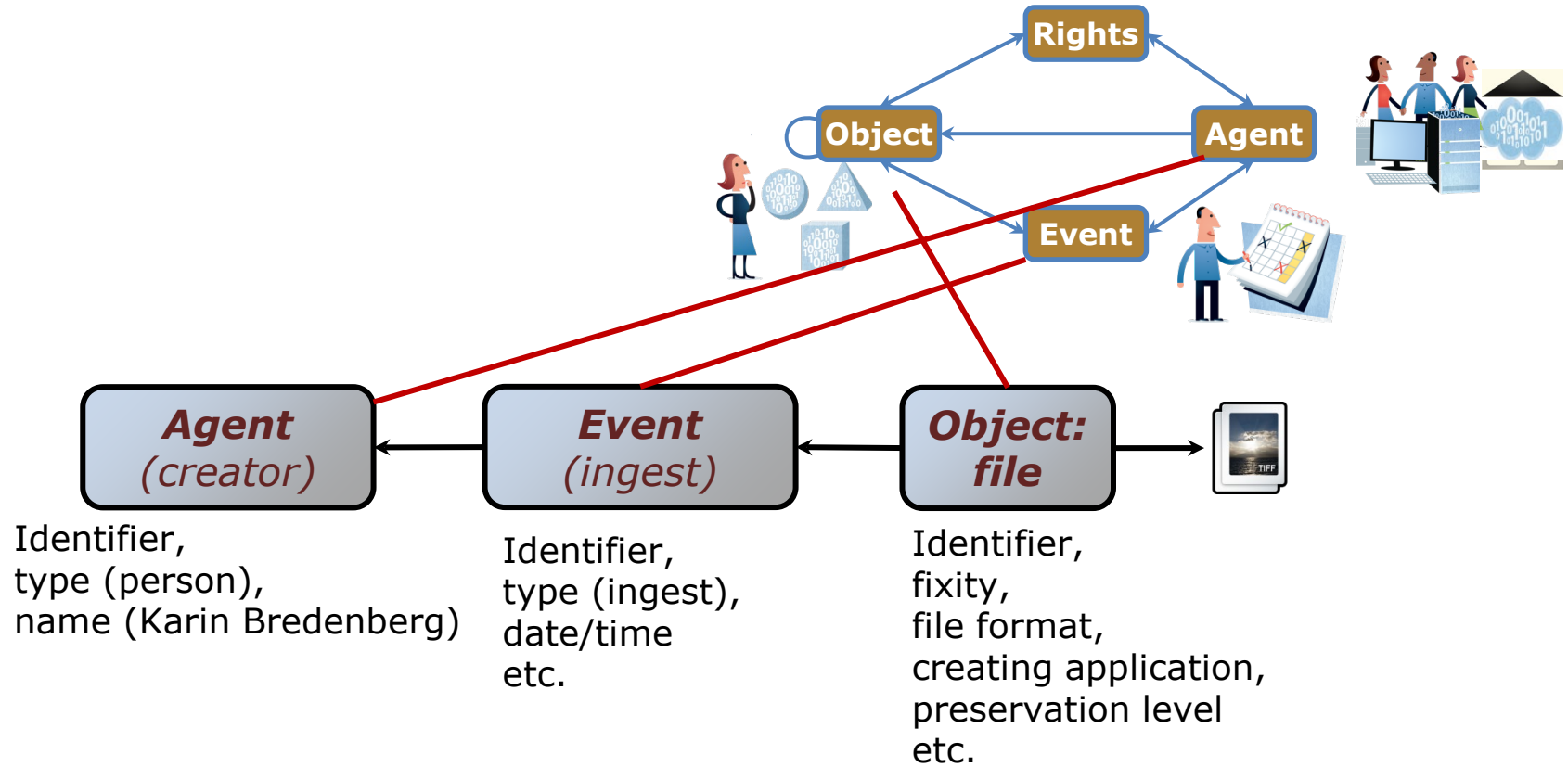
Examples:

- **John Smith** (a person)
- **IIPC** (an organization)
- **JHOVE version 1.5** (a software program)

A Digitization Example



A Born-Digital Example



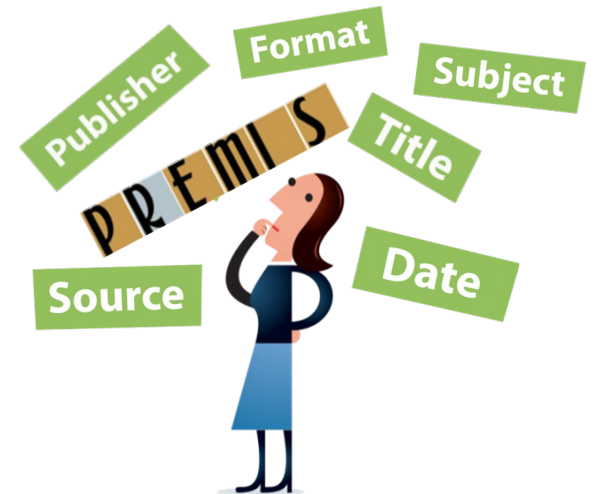
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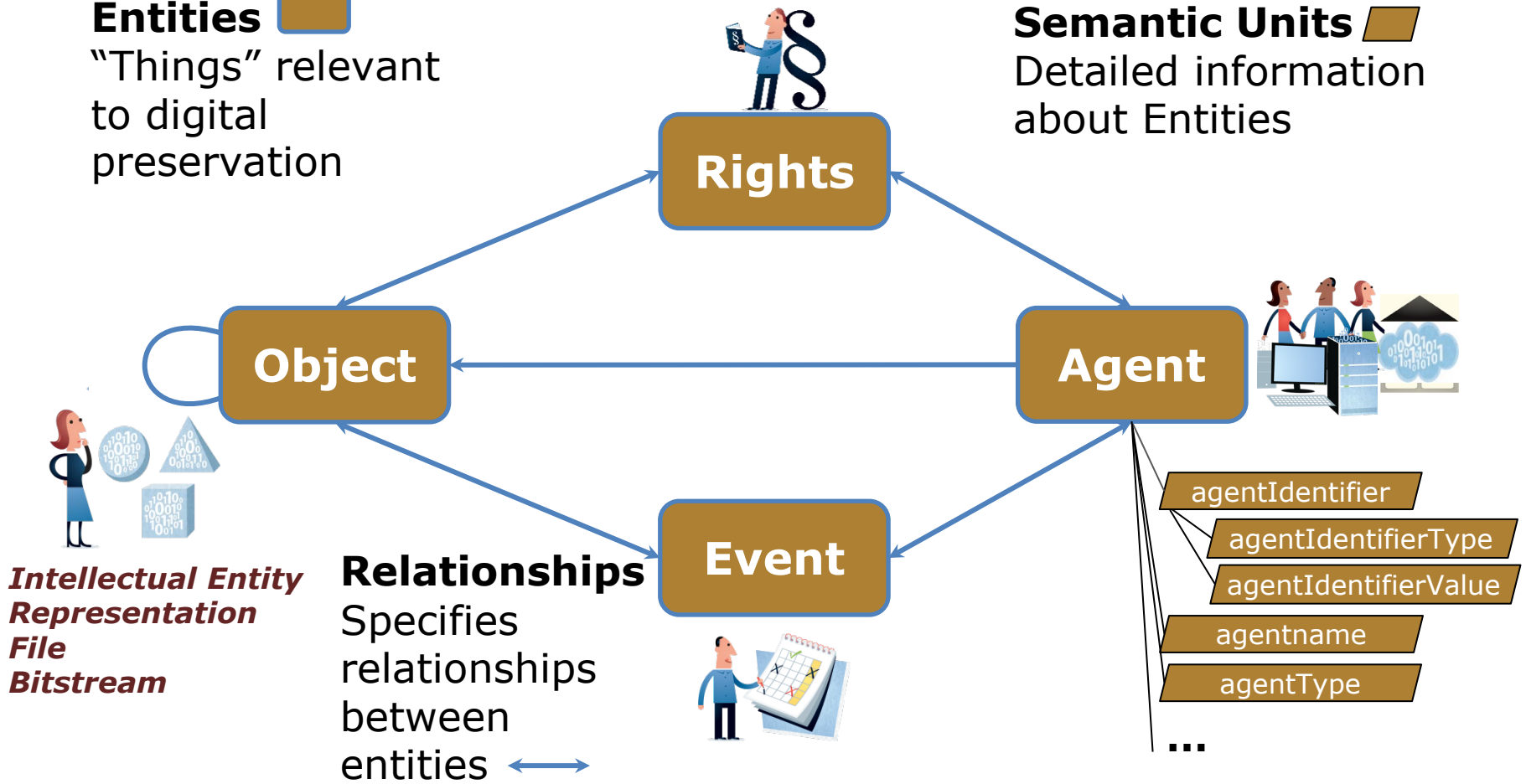
DATA DICTIONARY
DESCRIPTION OF DATA MODEL



PREMIS Data model

Entities 
 "Things" relevant
 to digital
 preservation

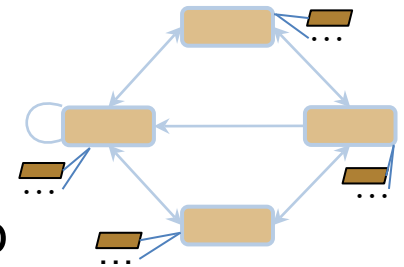
Semantic Units 
 Detailed information
 about Entities



Semantic Units

Properties of Entities

A piece of information most repositories need to know in order to carry out their digital preservation functions

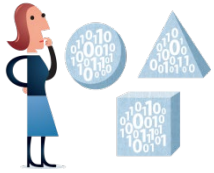


- Example: Two kinds of semantic unit

`objectIdentifier` [**container**] groups together related semantic units

`objectIdentifierType` [**semantic component**]

`objectIdentifierValue` [**semantic component**]



High level semantic units for Objects

What technical information is documented?



Which object is it?

`ark:/12148/btp6k102002g/f1`

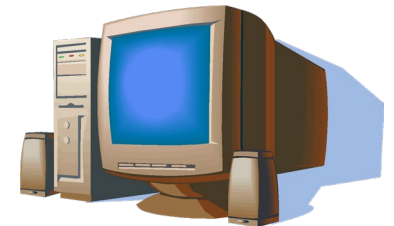
What is my preservation strategy for this object?

What kind of object is it?



Which of its characteristics do I have to preserve??

What software or hardware should be used to handle the object?



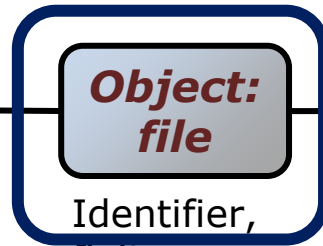
A digitization example



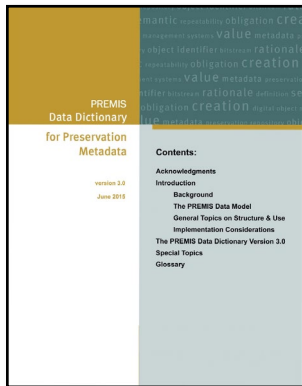
Identifier,
type (person),
name (Karin Bredenberg)



Identifier,
type (creation),
date/time
etc.



Identifier,
fixity,
file format,
creating application,
preservation level
etc.



Data Dictionary (PREMIS 3.0)

<http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/v3/premis-3-0-final.pdf>



DATA DICTIONARY

Entity semantic units

NB: Semantic units are applicable for Intellectual Entities, Representations, Files and Bitstreams unless otherwise indicated.

- 1.1 objectIdentifier (M, R)
 - 1.1.1 objectIdentifierType (M, NR)
 - 1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue (M, NR)
- 1.2 objectCategory (M, NR)
- 1.3 preservationLevel (O, R) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
 - 1.3.1 preservationLevelType (O, NR) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
 - 1.3.2 preservationLevelValue (M, NR) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
 - 1.3.3 preservationLevelRole (O, NR) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
 - 1.3.4 preservationLevelRationale (O, R) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
 - 1.3.5 preservationLevelDateAssigned (O, NR) [Intellectual Entity, Representation, File]
- 1.4 significantProperties (O, R)
 - 1.4.1 significantPropertiesType (O, NR)
 - 1.4.2 significantPropertiesValue (O, NR)
 - 1.4.3 significantPropertiesExtension (O, R)
- 1.5 objectCharacteristics (M, R) [File, Bitstream]
 - 1.5.1 compositionLevel (O, NR) [File, Bitstream]
 - 1.5.2 fixity (O, R) [File, Bitstream]
 - 1.5.2.1 messageDigestAlgorithm (M, NR) [File, Bitstream]
 - 1.5.2.2 messageDigest (M, NR) [File, Bitstream]

objectIdentifier

objectIdentifierType

objectIdentifierValue

- Mandatory (M)
- Optional (O)
- Repeatable (R)
- Not Repeatable (NR)

Object Strategies



Object

objectIdentifier

objectCategory

PreservationLevel

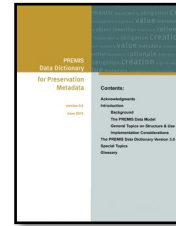
...

XML example

```

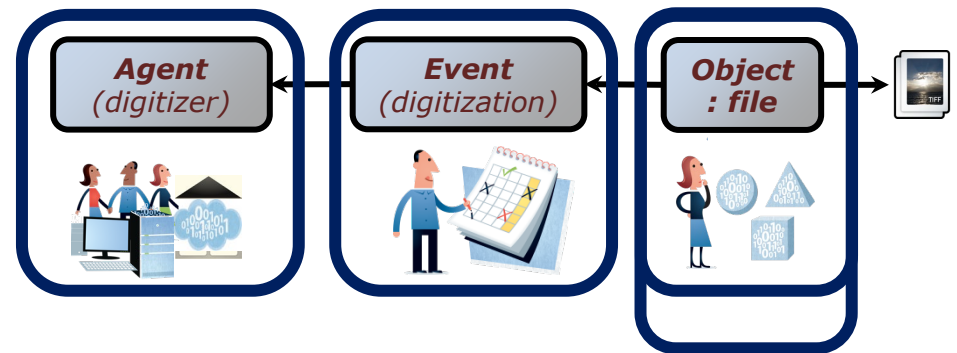
<premis>
  <object xsi:type="file" > ←
    <objectIdentifier>
      <objectIdentifierType>
        UUID
      </objectIdentifierType>
      <objectIdentifierValue>
        41d10-099-1e2-9
      </objectIdentifierValue>
    </objectIdentifier>
    ...
  </object>
  <rights> ... </rights> ←
  <event> ... </event> ←
  <agent> ... </agent> ←
</premis>

```



Using XML schema v3.0:

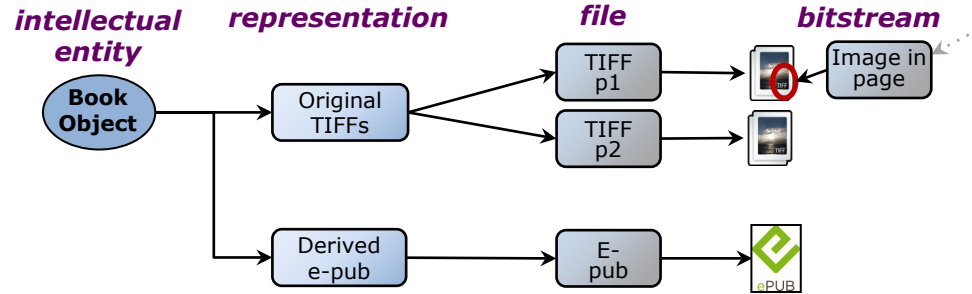
<http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/premis.xsd>



objectCategory



- Values:
 - intellectual entity
 - representation
 - file
 - bitstream



- Implemented as a ... so not explicitly re...

```

<premis>
  <object xsi:type="file" ... />
  ...
</object>
...
</premis>
    
```

Semantic unit	1.1 objectIdentifier		
Semantic components	1.1.1 objectIdentifierType 1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue		
Definition	A designation used to identify the Object uniquely within the preservation repository system in which it is stored.		
Rationale	Each Object held in the preservation repository must have a unique identifier to allow other entities to refer to it and to relate it to descriptive, technical, and other metadata unambiguously.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Intellectual Entity / Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Repeatability	Repeatability	Repeatability	Repeatability

Composition Level

Sometimes there is more than one layer of characteristics



Or they may be part of other files e.g.

- Mail attachments
- Images in PDFs, etc.

objectCharacteristicsExtension

NEEDS Change

Container to include external information
– e.g., for more granularity

Might contain format specific metadata for a file
– e.g., technical metadata for still images (MIX)



objectCharacteristicsExtension - example

```
<premis> ...
  <object xsi:type="file"> ...
    <objectCharacteristics> ...
      <objectCharacteristicsExtension>
        <mix:mix xsi:schemaLocation=
          "... http://www.loc.gov/standards/mix/mix20/mix20.xsd">
          ...
          <mix:BasicImageInformation>
            <mix:BasicImageCharacteristics>
              <mix:imageWidth>5894</mix:imageWidth>
              <mix:imageHeight>7768</mix:imageHeight>
              ...
            </mix:BasicImageCharacteristics>
          </mix:BasicImageInformation>
          ...
        </mix:mix>
      </objectCharacteristicsExtension> ...
    </objectCharacteristics> ...
  </object> ...
</premis>
```

All semantic units named
... Extension works like this

eventType

NEEDS Change so
its about
vocabularies instead

- Names the event

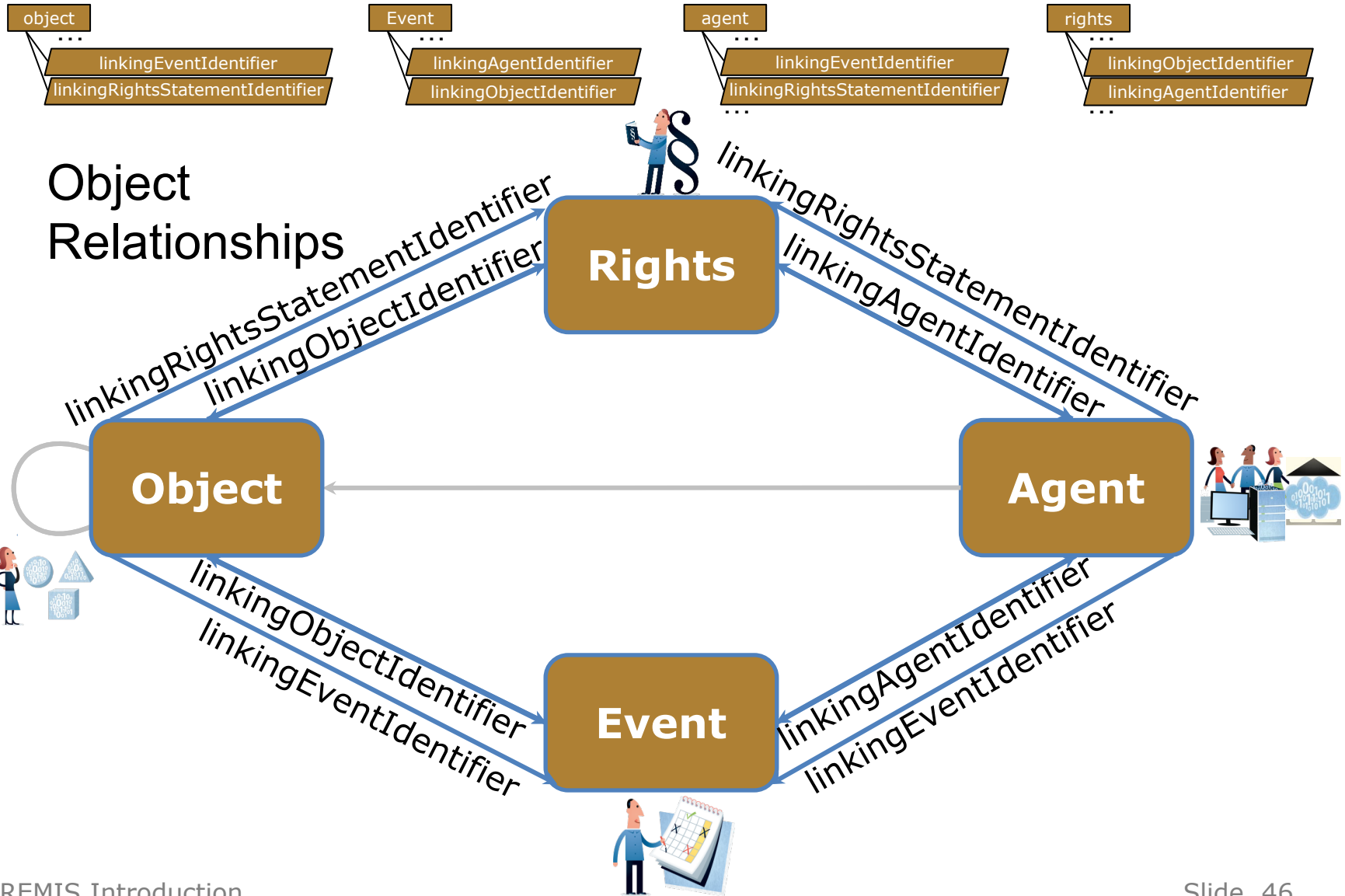
Ingestion **Validation** **Virus check** **creation**
Message digest calculation **Compression**
migration **Fixity check** **Decompression** ...

- This is an element where it is strongly recommended to use a controlled vocabulary, e.g.

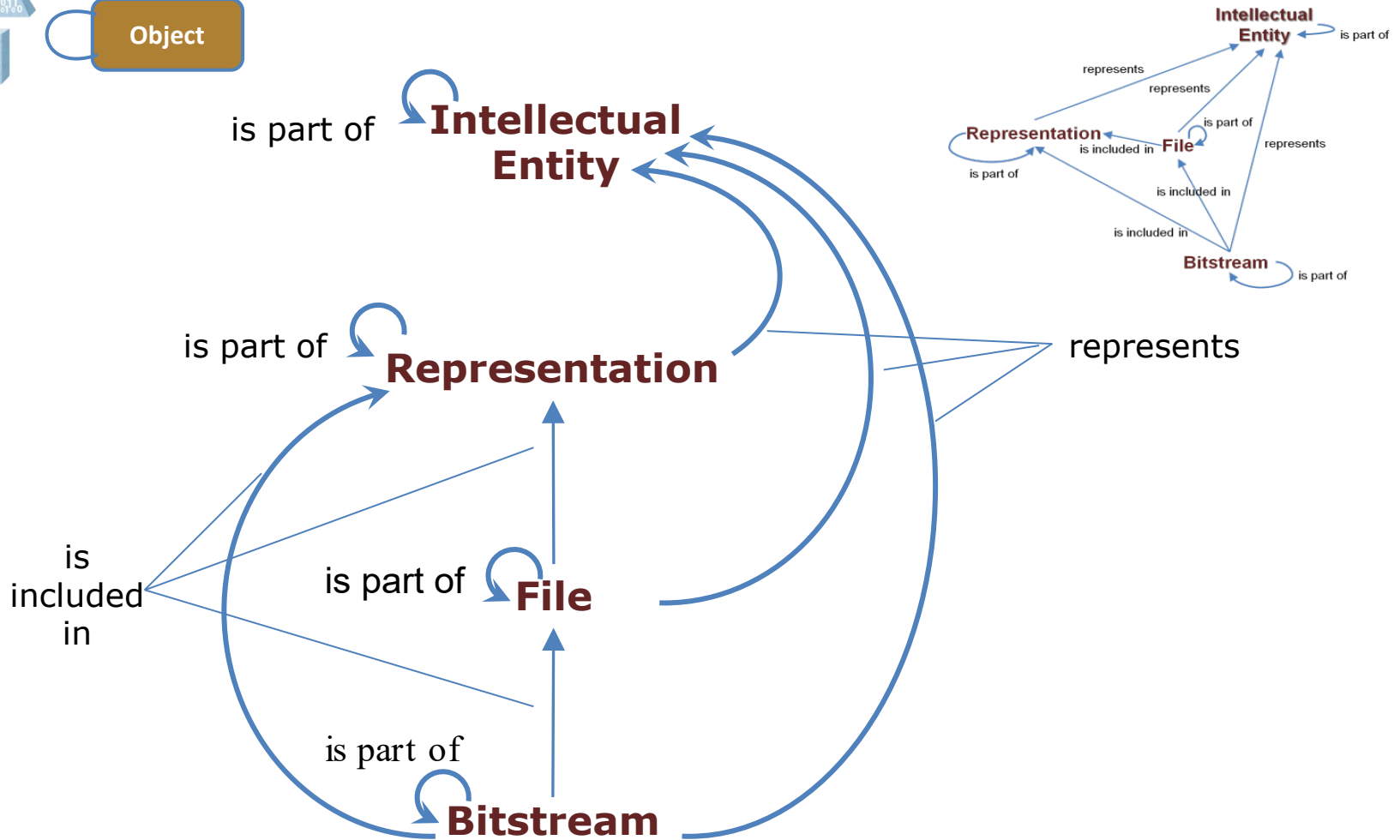
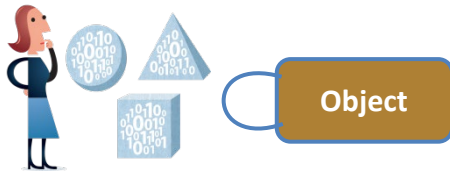
<http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/preservation/eventType.html>

- Can use coded values
- Granularity is implementation-specific, not mandated by PREMIS

Relationships: Semantic Unit Identifiers



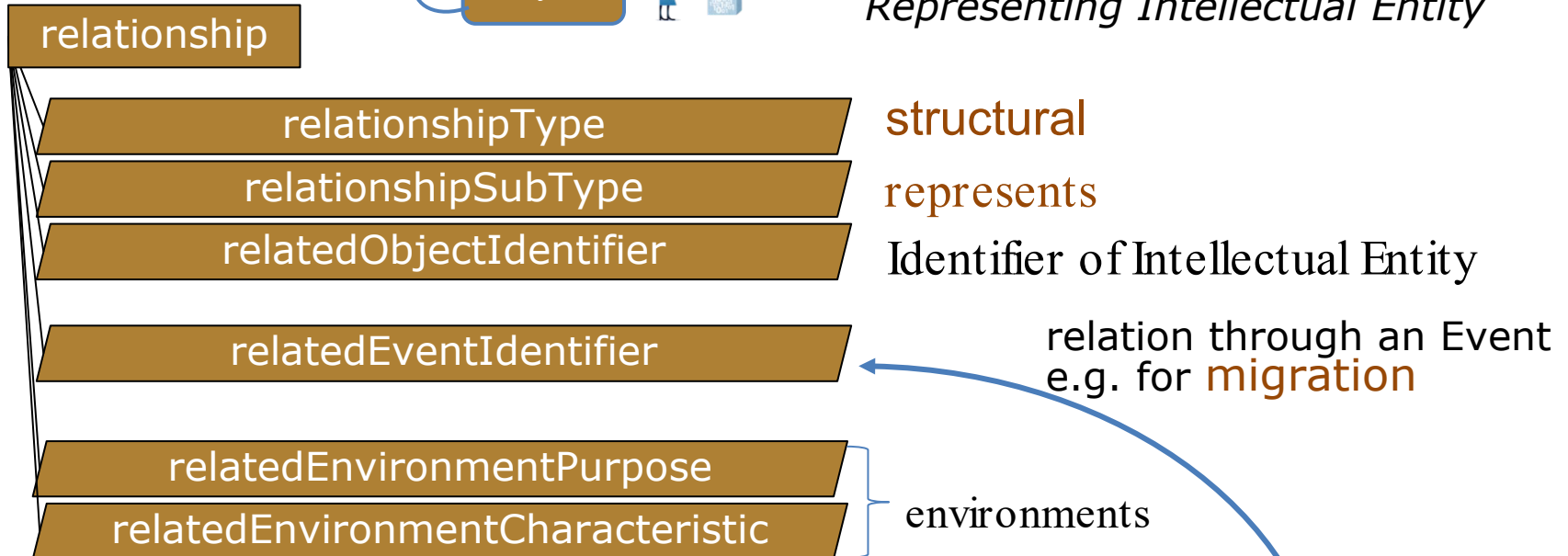
Objects and their interrelations



PREMIS Object Entity – Semantic Units



*Example:
Representing Intellectual Entity*



Objects can be associated with Events in two ways:

- If the Object has an associated Event with a **relationship**
- If the Object has an associated Event with **no relationship** to a second Object, e.g. **ingest**: use **linkingEventIdentifier**

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USING PREMIS

The Data Dictionary in action:
PREMIS Conformance and
repository interoperability



PREMIS Conformance statement

- <http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/premis-conformance-20150429.pdf>

Baseline requirements:

- For every implemented Entity (Objects, Events, Rights, Agents) mandatory semantic units must be captured
 - For those levels of Object that the repository supports (IE, representation, file, bitstream)
- Requirements for
- Shared name = Shared definition!
- Shared definition without shared name -> needs documentation

PREMIS Conformance Levels

	A – Object Entity Only	B – Object, Event & Agent
Level 1 – Mapping	Internal metadata is mapped to PREMIS & documented	
Level 2 – Export	Internal metadata can be exported (via a tool-/process-supported routine) to PREMIS	
Level 3 – Internal Implementation	PREMIS is implemented as internal metadata schema	

Example: What's conformant and what isn't?

✗ None

✓ DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.5569542

✓ Eindeutiger Bezeichner: 10.5281/zenodo.5569542

✓ `<dc:identifier>https://zenodo.org/record/5569578</dc:identifier>`
`<dc:identifier>10.5281/zenodo.5569578</dc:identifier>`
`<dc:identifier>oai:zenodo.org:5569578</dc:identifier>`

✗ `<objectIdentifier>fmt/18</objectIdentifier>`

✓ `premis:objectIdentifier`
`premis:objectIdentifierType=„doi“`
`premis:objectIdentifierValue=„10.5281/zenodo.5569542“`

1.1 objectIdentifier (M, R)
1.1.1 objectIdentifierType (M, NR)
1.1.2 objectIdentifierValue (M, NR)

Which Entities to implement?

- Object is the core Entity (level A);
- Event and Agent are closely related (level B); implementing Agents has strong implications: it means the repository is able to manage and follow the use of its Agents in the Object lifecycle.
- The Rights Entity (excluded from the conformance statement) helps a repository tracking the intellectual property rights governing the Object, or some institutional policy.

PREMIS can be used as a/an ...

- basis for other standards / locally defined metadata catalogues (*no conformance, but inspiration*)
 - e.g., Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision
https://publications.beeldengeluid.nl/pub/389/BIJLAGE-C_Metadatadictionary-English.pdf
- self-assessment tool (*Conformance Level 1*)
 - Am I able to provide information about my digital assets following the Data Dictionary structure and requirements?
- export format (*Conformance Level 2*)
 - Preferably in a PREMIS-endorsed expression (XML or RDF)
- native format of the repository Data Management module (*Conformance Level 3*)
 - Any technology, using a PREMIS-endorsed expression or not, can be used

Examples for different implementations: RDF versus XML

```
<http://nri.library.ca/5143-026.nrw> a premis:File ;  
  premis:fixity <5143-026Fixity>
```



```
<5143-026Fixity> a crypHashFunc:sha256 ;  
  rdf:value "71f920fa275127a7b60fa4d4d41432a3 " ;  
  dce:creator "hashlib.sha256"
```

```
<premis:fixity>  
  <premis:messageDigestAlgorithm>SHA-256</premis:messageDigestAlgorithm>  
  <premis:messageDigest>  
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  </premis:messageDigest>  
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</premis:fixity>
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Examples for different implementations: CSV versus a spreadsheet

File, Algorithm, Digest, Origin;

Asdf.pdf; SHA-256, 71f920fa275127a7b60fa4d4d41432a3, NRI;



The screenshot shows a spreadsheet application interface. The top menu bar includes 'Einfügen', 'Zwischenablage', 'Schriftart', and 'Ausrichtung'. Below the menu bar, the formula bar shows 'F5' and a function icon. The spreadsheet grid has columns A, B, C, and D, and rows 1, 2, 3, and 4. The data in the grid is as follows:

	A	B	C	D
1	File	Algorithm	Digest	Origin
2	Asdf.pdf	SHA256	71f920fa275127a7b60fa4d4d41432a3	NRI
3				
4				

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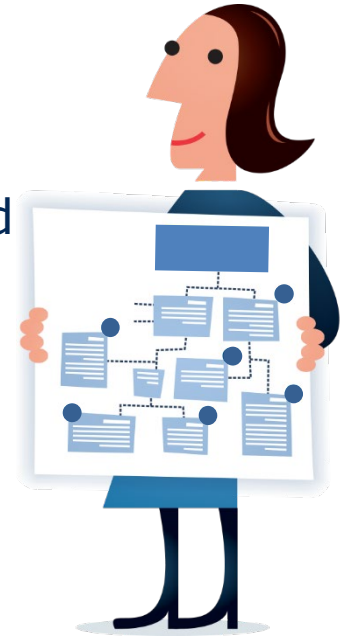


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WRAP UP

- Resources
- Current PREMIS EC activities
- Book
- Exercises



But first

Go to Menti, link in the chat and respond to the question we wanted you to think about in the beginning

What kind of digital objects will you use PREMIS for?



Resources

What you learned about PREMIS today is a good start, but there is much more to explore

<http://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/>

- Understanding PREMIS
- PREMIS-in-METS guidelines
- Conformance statement
- Examples of implementation

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Data Dictionary



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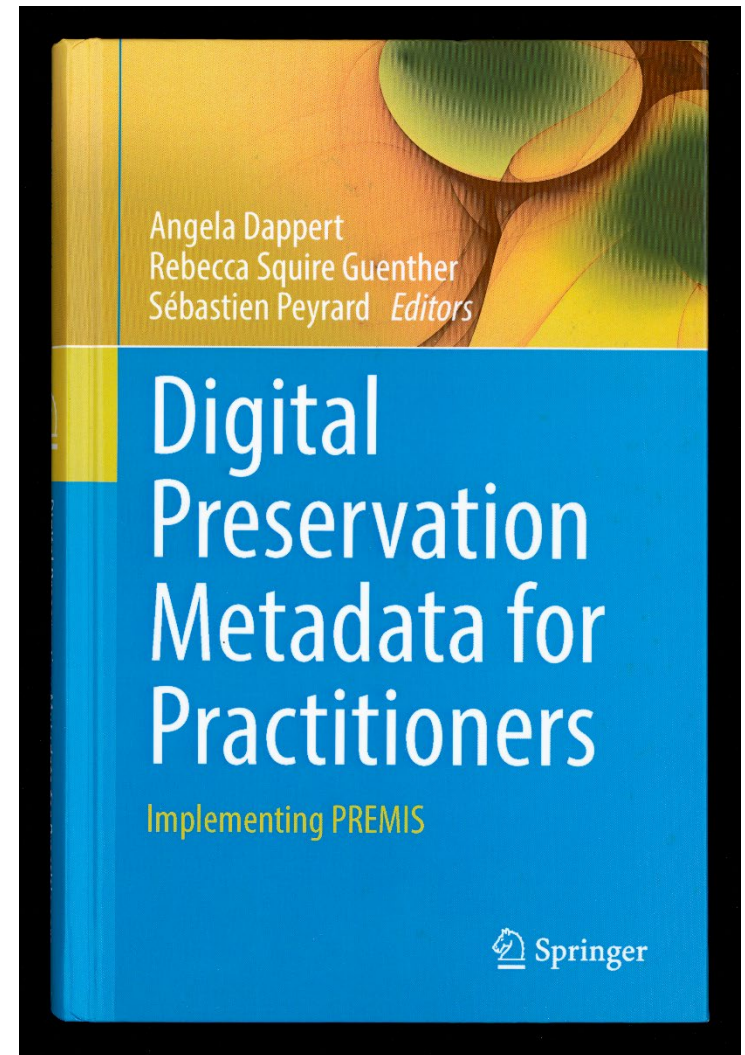
https://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/understandingPREMIS_spanish_2021.pdf

Current activity

- Move the DD to a TEI-format to simplify maintenance and transformations to publications
- DD updates following the ontology work
- Enhance our use of Zenodo
- Setup of new wiki
- Rights overhaul

Book

- ISBN E-book:
978-3-319-43763-7
- ISBN Hardcover:
978-3-319-43761-3
- <http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319437613>



Exercises

- There are 3 exercises you can use to start working with PREMIS metadata
 - <https://zenodo.org/communities/premis/search?page=1&size=20&q=exercise>
 - The solutions are available



On your own!

Today

- You have had an introduction to PREMIS! Today has covered a lot of information.
- Use the resources and exercises to learn more.
- Participate in the discussions on the email list!
- Watch the recording in English with more detail that will be available ????

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Finally...

PREMIS is a **community** standard.

- Participate!
 - Send examples
 - Ask questions
 - Send suggestions

Thank you!

Sarah and Leslie