Linked Open Data for Beginners

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Topics

- What is linked data?
- What does linked data look like?
- Linked data implementation
- Other linked data programs at IGeLU
- Q&A

What is Linked Open Data?

- Way to publish and connect structured data
- Sharing and connecting data
- Open = freely used, modified, and shared
- Machine-readable
- Library information becomes discoverable and linkable



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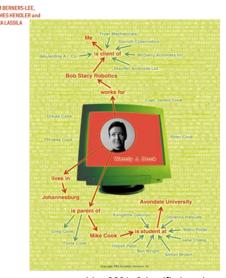
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A Few Linked Data Milestones

- 2006 Tim Berners-Lee coins the term "Linked Data"
- 2008 Europeana prototype goes live
- 2010 Linked Data Service of GND prototype starts
- 2011 Linked Data and Ex Libris Tools at IGeLU
 - LOD Special Interest Working Group forms (now LOD <u>Community of Practice</u>)
 - schema.org launches
- 2012 Wikidata launches
 - BIBFRAME model is released
- 2016 Share-VDE begins
- 2023 Ex Libris Linked Data Focus Group forms



A new form of Web content that is meaningful to computers will unleash a revolution of new possibilities



May 2001, Scientific American

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Linked Data Principles

https://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html

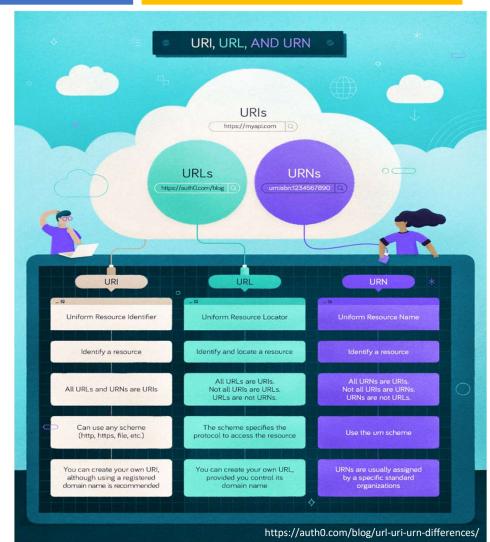
- Use URIs as names for things
- Use HTTP URIs so that people can look up those names
- When someone looks up a URI, provide useful information, using the standards
- Include links to other URIs so that they can discover more things.



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Comic_Mural_Tintin,_Herg %C3%A9,_Brussels.jpg

URIs

- URI = Uniform Resource Identifier
 - Identifies a resource
 - URL = Uniform Resource Locator
 - URN = Uniform Resource Name
- IRI = Internationalized Resource Identifier
 - Can contain most characters from the universal character set (UNICODE/ISO 10646)



URIs (continued)

- URIs can be resources for people, organizations, buildings, artworks, places, things, and concepts
 - Maison de Verre https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q109037412
 - Volume <u>http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDACarrierType/1049</u>
- Multiple URIs can identify the same resource
 - Chantal Akerman

http://viaf.org/viaf/49220690

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q239823



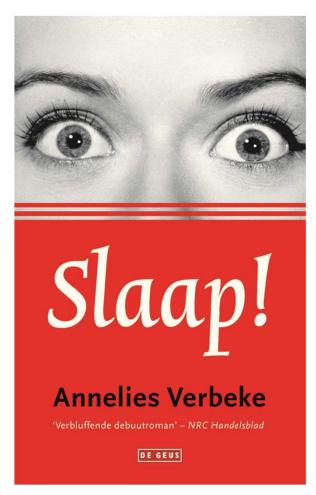
RDF and SPARQL

- RDF = Resource Description Framework
 - Standard model for expressing relationships
 - Computers use these structured relationships



<the book> <has the author><Annelies Verbeke>

- SPARQL
 - Standard to query and extract data from RDF
 - SPARQL endpoints



https://www.singeluitgeverijen.nl/de-geus/boek/slaap/

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Ontologies: a selection

RDA/RDF

 Aligned with the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM)

RDA registry https://www.rdaregistry.info/

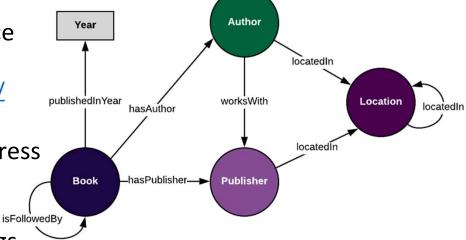
BIBFRAME

Developed by the U.S. Library of Congress

Uses RDF modeling

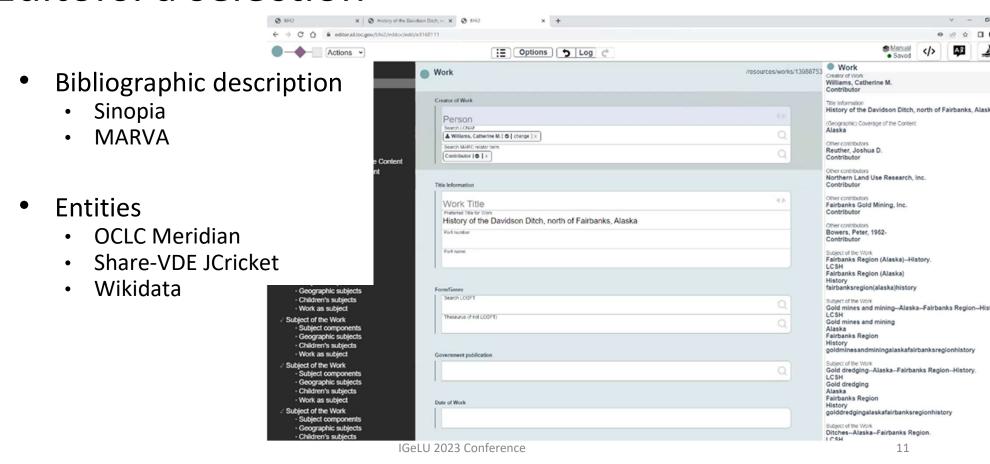
schema.org

Can be used with a variety of encodings

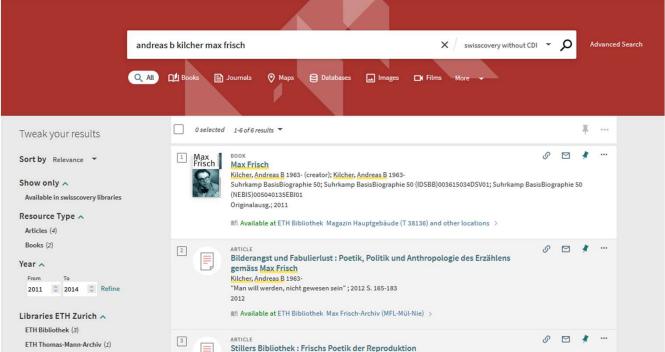


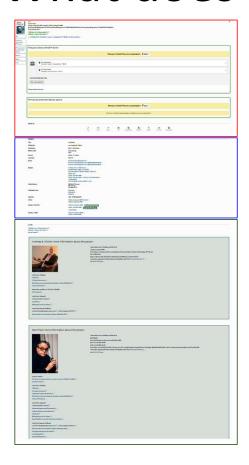
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Editors: a selection





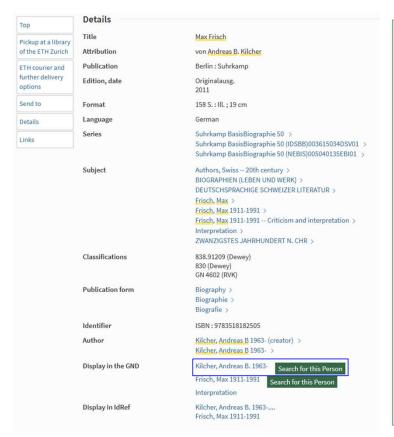


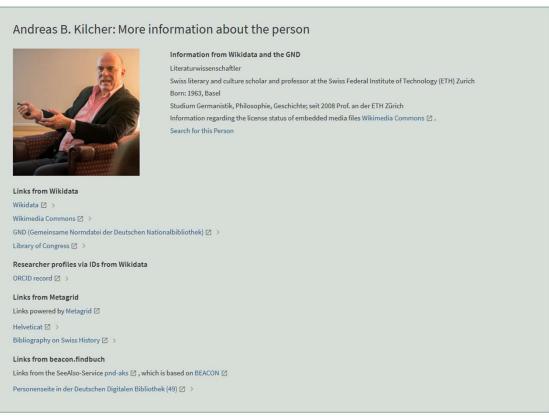


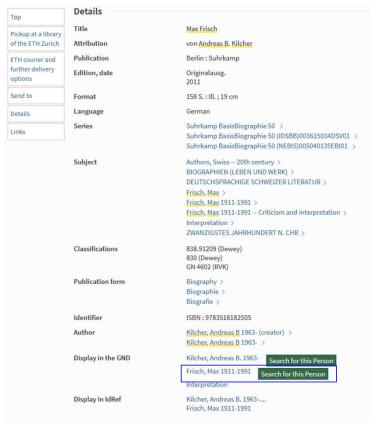
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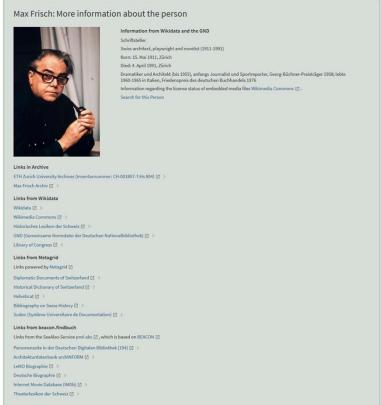
metadata details

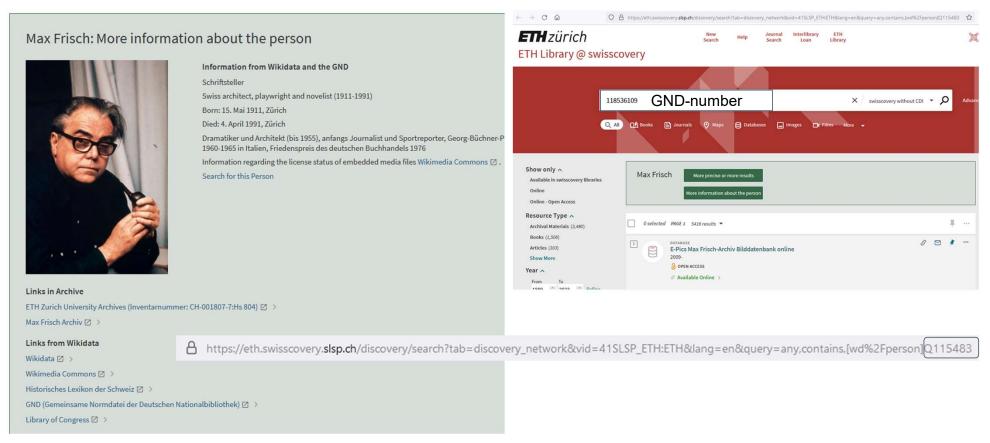
LOD information





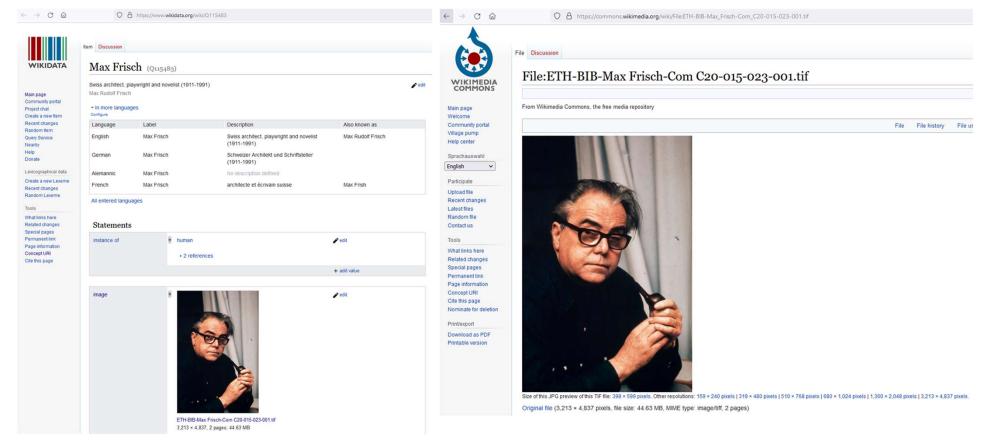


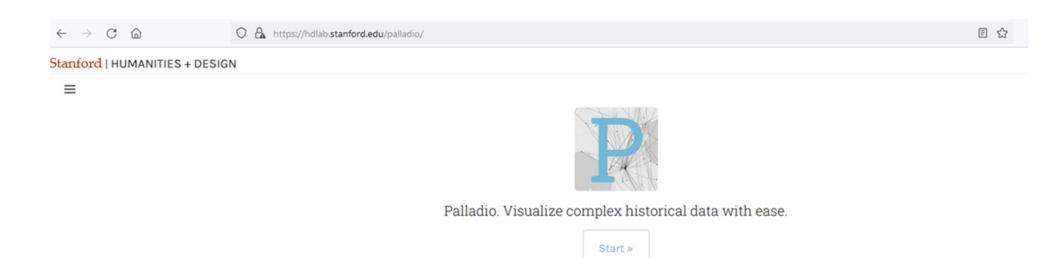


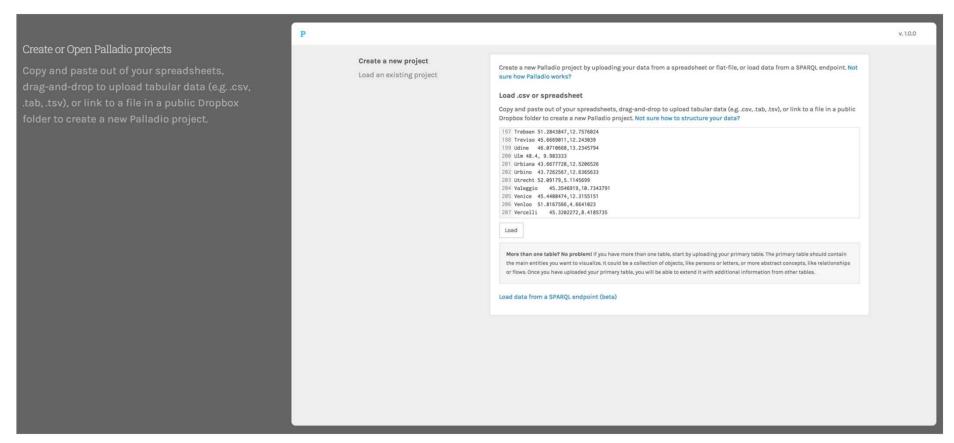


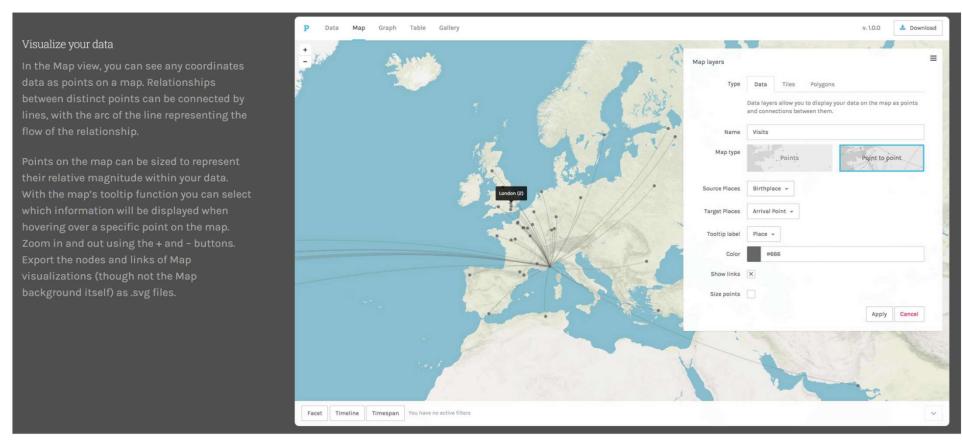
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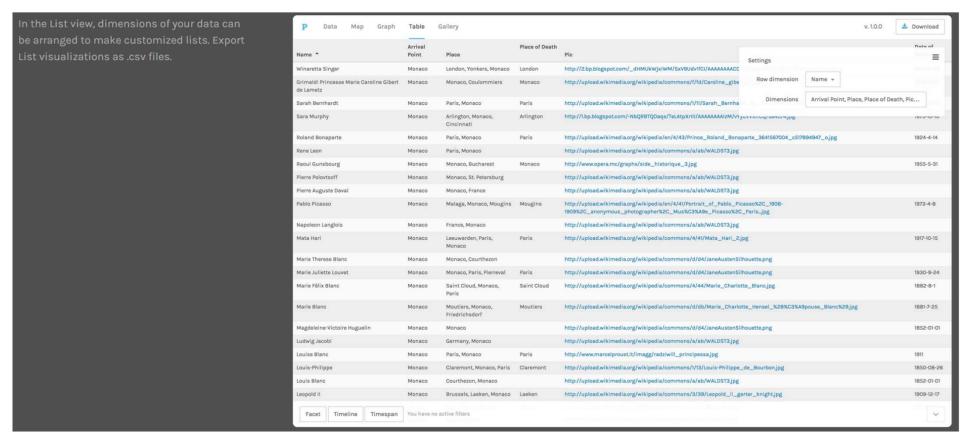


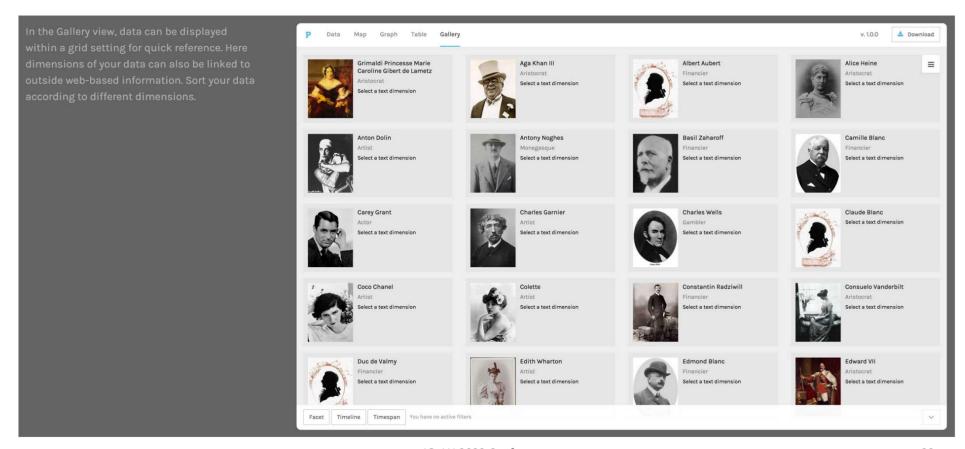


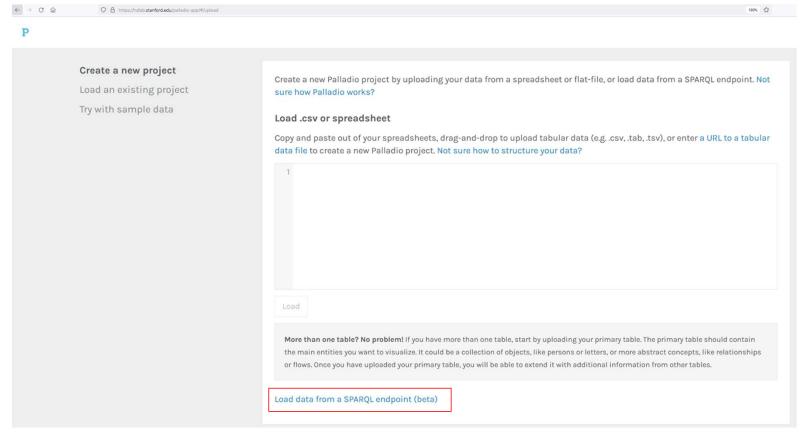












Linked data implementation



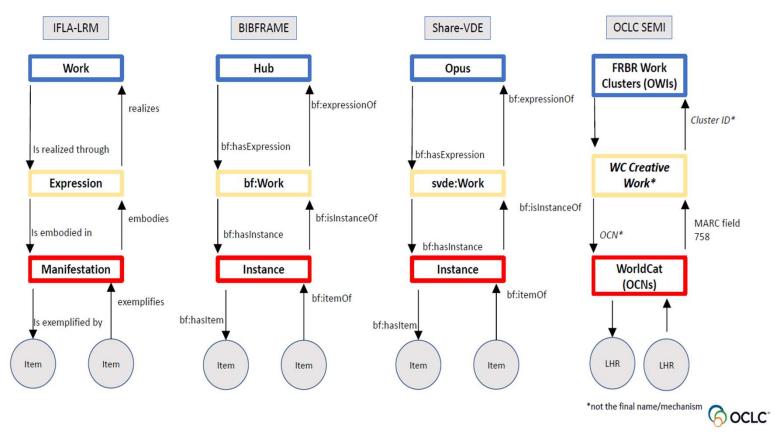
- Lack of the ontology/data model that the entire library community can agreed upon
- Difficulty with converting MARC records
- Lack of tools supporting end-to-end library workflows (from data creation to discovery)
- Lack of ways to (easily) illustrate the benefits of linked data

Linked data implementation - possibilities



- Harmonization of data models
- Increasing sources of linked data from libraries
- Linked data tools and services

Harmonization of library linked data models



Courtesy of Nathan Putnam, OCLC

Library data published as linked data











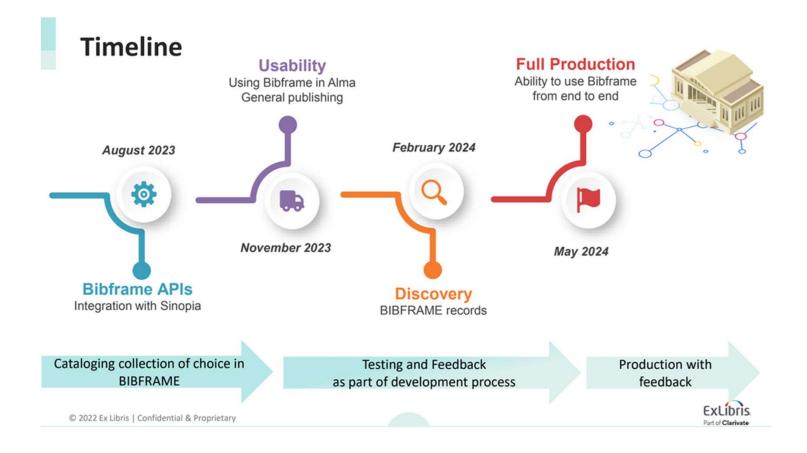


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Ex Libris linked data services

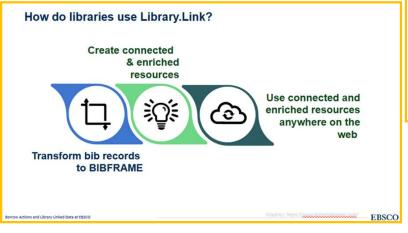


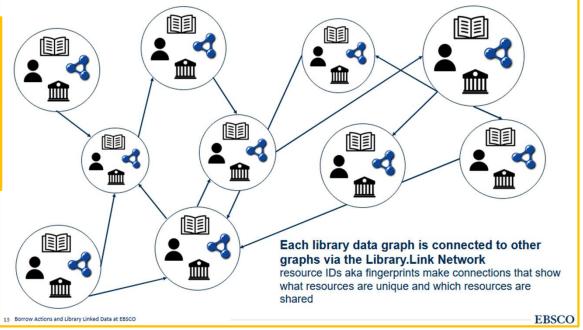
EBSCO's linked data service

biblio graph

Enhance the portability, visibility and value of your library's catalog so users can explore and access resources from anywhere on the web.

EBSCO BiblioGraph also connects catalogs within a graph and enriches with data from authoritative sources.





Slides courtesy of Gloria Gonzalez

Share-VDE: linked data for libraries

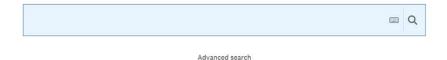


Main services provided:

- enriching MARC records with URIs
- converting MARC to RDF using the BIBFRAME vocabulary and other ontologies as needed;
- supporting a linked data discovery platform;
- providing entity editors for working with data directly.

Search for people, original works and publications

e.g. Jules Verne or Around the world in 80 days



Explore Share-VDE member libraries' linked open data entities created in BIBFRAME



Koen Debackere

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Koenraad Debackere

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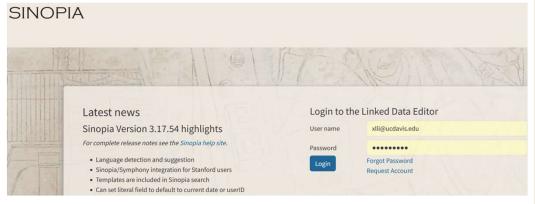
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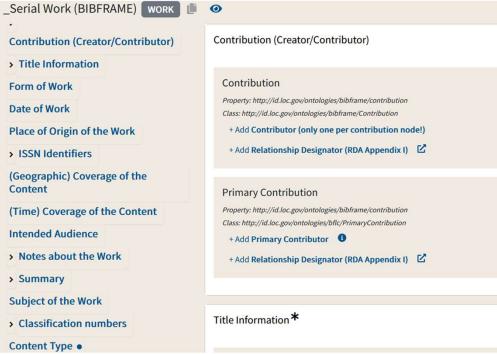
Description: Belgian university professor

Key Information

Language of Content	Entity Label	Description
English	Koenraad Debackere	Belgian university professor
German	Koenraad Debackere	
Spanish	Koenraad Debackere	profesor universitario belga

Sinopia: Linked data editor





Other linked data programs at this conference

Monday

- Áuthority linking with identifiers: lessons learned on a major configuration change (2:40–3:10 PM)
- A bookmarklet based application to interface the Alma Metadata Editor with the IdRef authority Web application (3:10–3:40 PM)

Tuesday

- Linked Data Library Ecosystem powered by AI (4:10–4:40 PM)
- Exploring Linked Open Data capabilities at the European Parliament Library (4:50–5:20 PM)

Wednesday

- Linkéd Open Data Community of Practice Open Meeting (9:40–10:10 AM)
- LOD-enabled library systems for the future: A librarian's perspective (10:20–10:50 AM)

Thursday

- The new BIBFRAME creation API for Alma (9:35-10:05 AM)
- Getting started in Sinopia. A linked data editor for metadata creation and reuse (3:05-3:35 PM)

Resources

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GND Linked Data Service:

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Resources

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Palladio, Stanford University: http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio

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Share-VDE: linked data for libraries: https://wiki.share-vde.org/wiki/Main Page

Sinopia: https://sinopia.io/

UCLA Research guides: Semantic Web and Linked Data https://guides.library.ucla.edu/semantic-web

University of Pittsburgh Guides: Metadata & Discovery @ Pitt: Linked Data and the Semantic Web. https://pitt.libguides.com/metadatadiscovery/linked-data

VIAF (Virtual International Authority File): https://viaf.org/

WorldCat Entities: https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity

Q&A

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