

On building universal bibliographic control

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Overview

- ❖ Failure of centralized, top-down standards
 - ❖ IFLA UBC Programme
- ❖ Result is a mix of long-established and new standards for resource description
 - ❖ Overlap considerable, and inevitable
 - ❖ The resource remains the same
- ❖ RDF supports interoperability at finest common level of dumbness
 - ❖ A matter of relative granularity
- ❖ Infrastructure required to maintain maps
 - ❖ Protocols, version control, provenance



Universal
Bibliographic
Control



+ KOS++

Confusing
tongues?

RDF

BIBFRAME: Bibliographic Framework	FR: Functional Requirements	ISBD: International Standard Bibliographic Description
BibO: Bibliographic Ontology	DC: Dublin Core	RDA: Resource Description and Access
CRM: Conceptual Reference Model	MARC21	schema.org UNIMARC

Say what
we mean

Map of “Audience”

Element sets (schema)

Unconstrained
versions

isbd:
“has note on use or audience”

rdau:
“Intended audience”

rdfs:subPropertyOf

dct:
“audience”

rdaw:
“Intended audience”

schema:
“audience”

m21:
“Target audience”

frbrer:
“has intended audience”

m21:
“Target audience of ...”

Value vocabularies (KOS)

Broader/narrower/same?

m21:
e

“adult”

BBFC:
18?

MPAA:
NC-17?

pbcore:
adult

“adult”

umarc:
m

“adult, general”

umarc:
k

“adult, serious”

Granularities and overlaps

Property label in English	Granularity
RDA: has place of publication	Fine
ISBD: has place of publication, production, distribution	Medium
BIBFRAME: Place, name, and/or date information relating to the publication, printing, distribution, issue, release, or production instance	Coarse

Granularity of “Place”

Aggregation of “Place” +
other elements

Black box



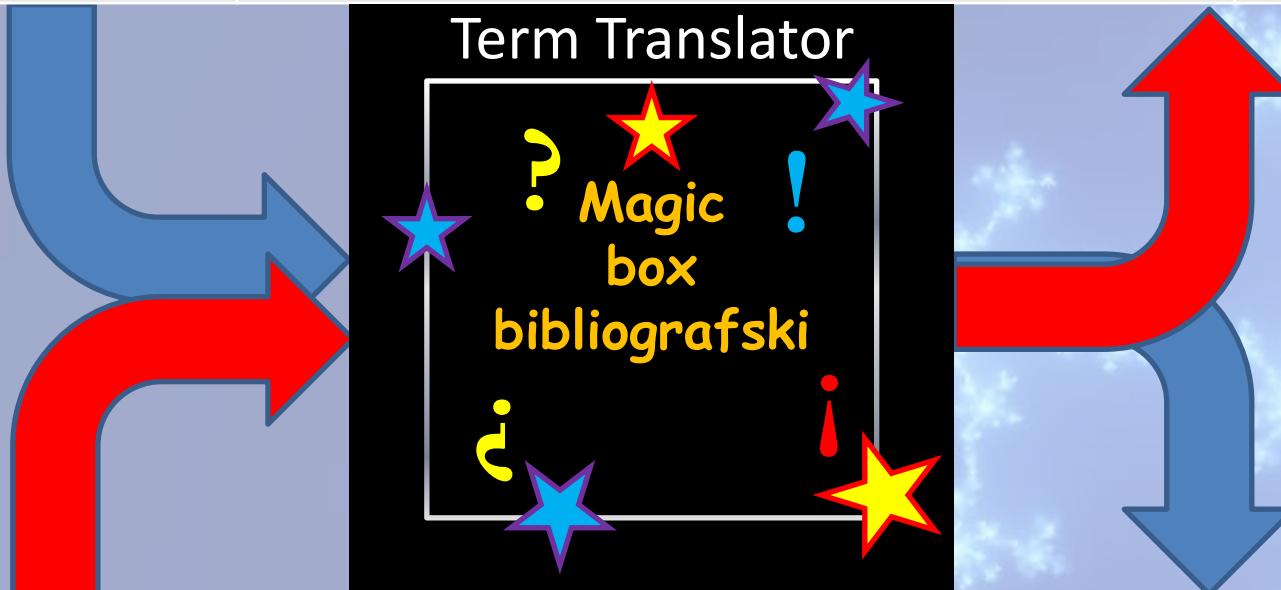
We do not need to know what goes on inside

Subject	Predicate/property	Object
This resource	has place of publication (RDA)	"Zagreb"
ex:Resource1	rdam:P30088	"Zagreb"



Subject	Predicate/property	Object
This resource	has place of publication, production, distribution (ISBD)	"Zagreb"
ex:Resource1	isbdu:P1016	"Zagreb"

Subject	Predicate/property	Object
This resource	has frequency of issue ... (UNIMARC)	"daily"
ex:Resource1	unimarc:U110_a1	unimarccf:h



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This resource	has frequency of issue ... (UNIMARC)	"daily"
ex:Resource1	unimarc:U110_a1	rdf:1010

Subject	Predicate	Object
ex:Resource1	isbd:P1016	"Zagreb"
ex:Resource1	isbd:P1017	"Hrvatsko knjižničarsko društvo"
ex:Resource1	isbd:P1018	"2012"



Subject	Predicate	Object
ex:Resource1	isbd:P1162	"Zagreb : Hrvatsko knjižničarsko društvo, 2012"

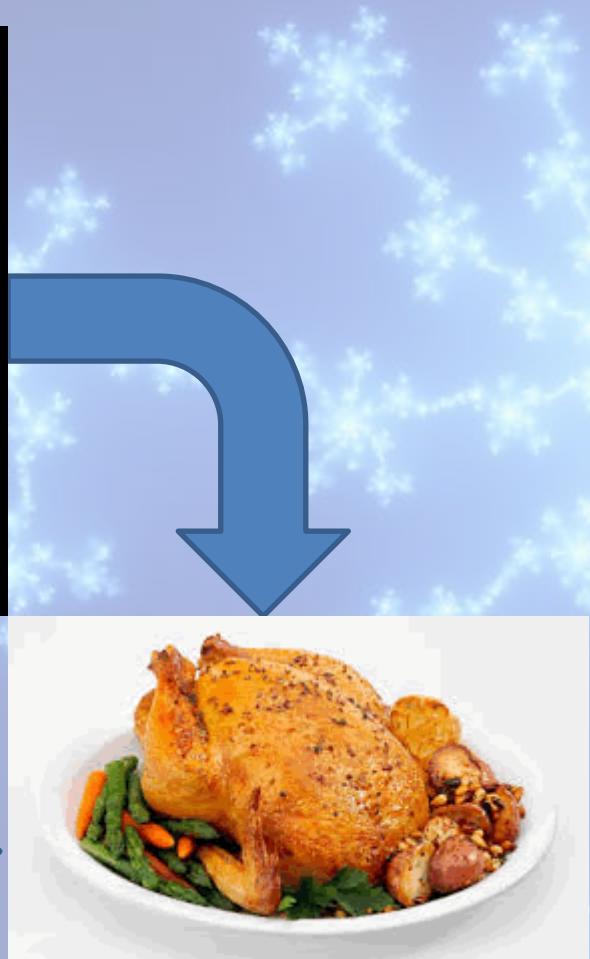
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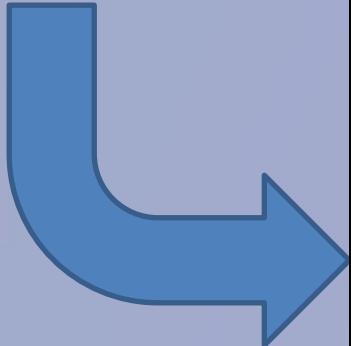


← Soup of triples



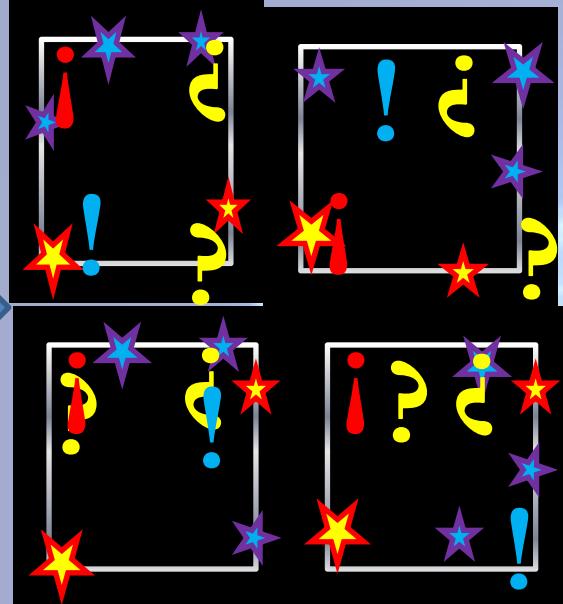
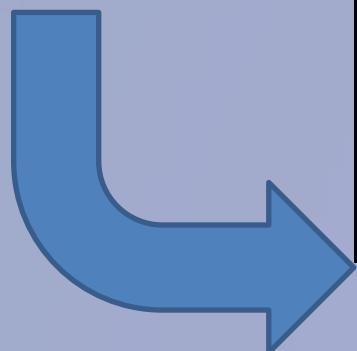
Reconstituted
ingredient →





Magic?

Act locally



Or Technique?

Think globally



Management infrastructure

- ❖ What happens if an element or concept changes?
 - ❖ Protocol for change notification and re-mapping
- ❖ Who are the parties to such a protocol?
 - ❖ Registry of ownership and provenance
- ❖ Self-governing or third party arbitration?
- ❖ How reliable is the map?
 - ❖ Version control? Meta-metadata? Provenance!

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