

# PERSISTENT IDENTIFIERS OF TEXTUAL SEGMENTS AS A SCHOLARLY PROBLEM

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**A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE  
WORKING WITH TEXTS**

**CITATIONS ARE DATA**

**MARK 2:15**

**PLATO IN THE REPUBLIC CRITICIZES THE  
DIVISION OF LABOR BASED ON SEX  
(454D-456B).**

**CANONICAL TEXT  
SERVICES PROTOCOL  
(CTS)**

**A STANDARD APPROACH  
TO AUTOMATICALLY LINK CTS URNS  
WITH APIS WHICH RESOLVE THEM**

The [CTS-Handles Proposal](#)

## USE CASES 1: USER

As a user I want a CTS Work URN (with a passage reference) to resolve to a list of URLs serving editions and translations of this work.

As a user I want a CTS Edition/Translation URN with a passage reference to resolve to a list of URLs at which I can retrieve that passage.

As a user I want a CTS Edition/Translation URN which has been retired/replaced to resolve to a list of URLs for the replacement edition/translation.

## USE CASES 2: PUBLISHER

As a publisher I want to be able to publish a edition or translation URN for a text that in a namespace that is managed by another publisher.

As a publisher I want to be able to provide a single URL at which all CTS URN identified texts I publish are available.

As a publisher I want to be able to provide URLs at which subsets of CTS URN identified texts I publish are available.



**HANDLE / DOI**

**ARK**

**URN / URN:NBN**

**PURL**

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-meets-croatian-researchers-24-october-2017-zagreb-croatia>

**SEMANTICALLY**

**EXPRESSIVE**

**BOTH FOR HUMANS**

**AND FOR MACHINES**

# THE CTS-HANDLES PROPOSAL

a technical challenge: combine the Handle system  
with the CTS protocol

a management challenge: add a governance structure for it

the goal: a consumer of a CTS URN can get to its text segment  
without having to know where and how  
a publisher resolves the URN

**A STANDARD APPROACH WHICH ALLOWS FOR  
DISTRIBUTED PUBLISHING  
BUT  
CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT  
OF THE URN RESOLUTION**

**Centralized Handle System Provider (CHSP)** - one or more organizations assuming responsibility for registering and administering Handle prefixes for CTS Namespaces

**Participating CTS Text Publisher (PCTP)** - a publisher of CTS URN identified texts who wants their text URNs to be globally resolved by the Handle System

**hdl.handle.net provider (HDL)** - the provider of the global hdl.handle.net proxy service

**Non-Participating CTS Text Publisher (NPCTP)** - a publisher of CTS URN identified texts who does not want to participate in the centralized solution but wants to publish a Handle for their text

**A DISCUSSION ABOUT  
THE CROATIAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE  
IN SOME OF THE PROPOSED ROLES**