Integrating DMP Tools and Data Repositories

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Invenio Module: https://invenio-madmp.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
Background

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Working on an integration between our maDMP tool and Data Repository (Invenio RDM) for synchronizing information between both tools

Goal: Extract tool-independent framework for integration with a use of maDMPs
Use Cases

- Creating new DMPs in a DMP tool triggers creation of deposit drafts with partially pre-filled metadata in a Data Repository.
- Creating new deposits in a Data Repository triggers addition of datasets in DMP maintained by a DMP tool.
- Updates to dataset fields in either tool should be reflected in the other tool as well.

Feasibility has already been tested, now we want to do it *application-independently* in production.

- [https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/dcm2020/agenda](https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/dcm2020/agenda)
Use Case 1 - Automatic Creation of Deposit Drafts

Any Tool for creating DMP, compliant to RDA CS

Any Data Repository
Use Case 2 - Addition of New Datasets

Any Data Repository

Any Tool for creating DMP, compliant to RDA CS
Use Case 3 - Information Synchronization

Any Data Repository

Any Tool for creating DMP, compliant to RDA CS
Challenges

● Mapping between maDMP and Data Repositories
  ○ “how do we translate between two worlds?”
  ○ e.g. distributions vs. records

● Identification of specific Dataset Distributions
  ○ how do you reference something without ID?
  ○ make it unique: limit number of distributions per host for each dataset to one
Challenges

- **Modification Scope**
  - “who is allowed to change what?”
  - e.g. repository can only change its distribution’s properties

- **Request Format**
  - “what language do we speak?”
  - JSON Patch vs. JSON

- **Ownership management of created deposits?**
  - who is responsible, and how should they do it?
Communication Between DMP Tool and Data Repository

- Request Body: JSON (DMP or Dataset)
  - largely POST or PATCH semantics
- Two-way communication required
- Only authorized tools can participate
  - shared secret can also be used by CRIS system to modify the same set of DMPs
- DMP versioning done in the DMP tool
Open Questions

- Should metadata changes\(^{(1)}\) be reflected in all DMPs (re-)using the dataset?
  - even in DMPs for projects that are already finished?

\(^{(1)}\) Record metadata can be edited in Invenio and Zenodo, creating so-called revisions
Conclusions

We found solutions for some challenges, including:

- how do we map the concepts between RDA DMP and Invenio?
- communication: when, what and how?
- limit the modification scope of integrated applications

However, we still have some open questions

- If you encounter similar engineering challenges, please let us know!

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Challenge 1 - Mapping Between maDMP and Data Repos

- many RDA DMP JSON fields are irrelevant for us and can be ignored
- DMPs usually have no “native” counterpart in RDM repositories
  - for the integration though, we should at least remember their IDs
- Datasets are too abstract to be mapped directly to RDM Records
- Distributions, however, essentially are concrete dataset deposits
Challenge 2 - Identifying Distributions

- Distribution has no required unique identifier in the standard

- `access_url` is unique, but not always set
  - e.g. when a new DMP is created and distributions are still only planned

- Introduce limitation: each dataset has at most one distribution on each host
  - if the same data repository should host multiple distributions of the same dataset (e.g. in different formats), they should be added in the same deposit (i.e. record)
  - makes references by `dataset_id` and `host` unambiguous
  - does not change the current version of the standard
Challenge 3 - Request Format

- **JSON Patch?**
  - uses JSON Pointer to find items
  - we would require something more like XPath

- **RDA DMP Common Standard JSON**
  - using custom semantics
    - largely PATCH semantics
    - some exceptions, e.g. list of datasets
      - find items by their ID, track new/removed/updated datasets
Challenge 4 - Modification Scope

- Updates from Data Repositories can only change properties for their Distributions
  - exceptions: dataset_identifier and metadata (both pure additions, though)
  - otherwise, conflicts could arise with non-integrated data repositories: