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16:00 - 17:30

Breakout 3 - WG/IG/BoF Working Meetings
Participants list sign-up



Agenda

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- Review objectives of the meeting (5 min)
- Status of Metadata Standards Catalog (15 min)
- Proposed Metadata Elements and Proposed Process for 'unpacking' the elements to an agreed syntax (15 min)
- Breakout Groups Unpacking Elements (30 min)
- Group Report Back (20 min)
- Next Steps (10 min)



RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

Metadata
Standards
Catalog

WORKING GROUP

Metadata Standards Catalog

Update on progress

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We want to get researchers using standard metadata schemes, but

- › they might not **know of a standard** relevant to their data
- › even if they do, they might not know **how to use it**
- › even if they do, it might seem too much like **hard work**
- › even if it doesn't, an ad hoc scheme might seem like a **better fit**

The Metadata Standards Catalog will

- › make it easier to find out about standards
- › make it easier to use standards (tools, examples)
- › help with adapting and migrating between standards

| **D | C | C** Disciplinary Metadata

RDA Metadata Standards Directory

Search by Discipline



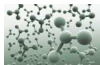
Biology



Earth Science



General Research Data



Physical Science



Social Science & Humanities

Search by Resource Type

Metadata Standards

Specifications for the minimum information that should be collected about research data in order for it to be re-used.

Profiles and Extensions

Standards that have been adapted for use in particular types of repositories, or for particular types of data.

Use cases

Institutional repositories and data portals using standards to determine which metadata should be collected upon data deposit.

Tools

Software that has been developed to capture or store metadata conforming to a specific standard.

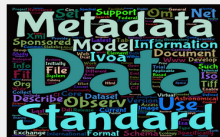
Metadata

RDA | Metadata Directory

View the standards
View the extensions
View the tools
View the use cases
Browse by subject areas

Contribute
Add standards
Add extensions
Add tools
Add use cases

github
 @twitter
 linkedin
 facebook



Metadata Standards Directory Working Group

The RDA Metadata Standards Directory Working Group is supported by individuals and organizations involved in the development, implementation, and use of metadata for scientific data. The overriding goal is to develop a collaborative, open directory of metadata standards applicable to scientific data can help address infrastructure challenges.

The RDA Metadata Standards Directory is maintained by [Sean Chen](#), [Kate Anne Roberts](#), and [Alex Dalt](#).
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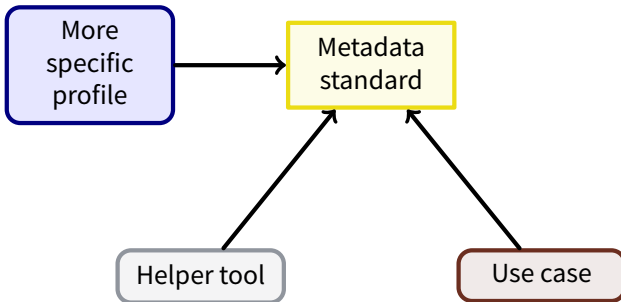
<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/metadata-standards>

<http://rd-alliance.github.io/metadata-directory/>

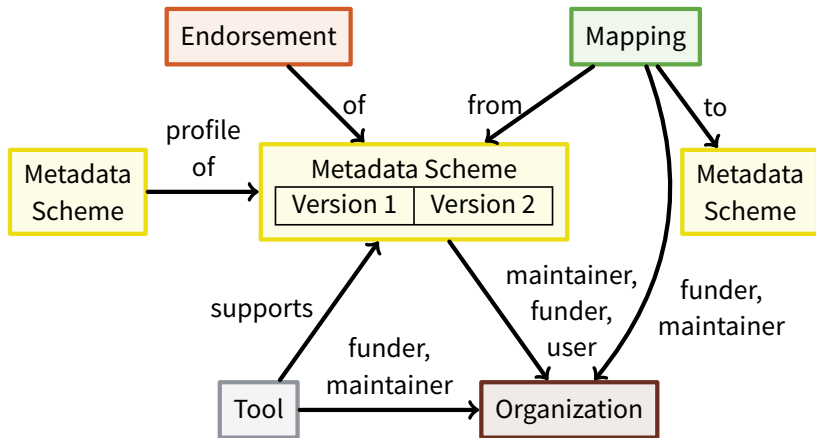
So why do we need a new Catalog?

- Search, not just browse
- Access data with machine-to-machine protocols
- Richer information
 - versions, mapping directionality, endorsements
 - greater use of entity relationships
- More services
 - Extracting what you need from compliant metadata . . .
 - Calculating migration pathways . . .
 - Comparing elements in different schemes . . .
 - Generating 'first-pass' converters . . .

Migrating the data: DCC/MSD data model



Migrating the data: MSC data model



Metadata Standards Catalog

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Metadata standards, profiles and schemes

- Browse by scheme name
- Browse by subject
- Search

Metadata-related tools

- Browse by tool name

github @twitter linkedin facebook

data: master — DAG

ab318 :zsh — Konsole

File Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help

13:42:01 Thu 30 Mar 2017

ab318@refusis:~>

ab318 :zsh

Demo

Future developments

GUI

Highlight standards bodies

GUI

Dynamic filtering while browsing

GUI

Side-by-side specifications

GUI

Version history as timeline

GUI

Search by article DOI

GUI

Show maturity rating for schemes

API

Make changes to database via API

API

Query standards by their elements

API

Query by element value encoding

API

Query by article DOI

API

Calculate crosswalks

More information

- › Track progress against requirements:
 - github.com/rd-alliance/metadata-catalog-dev/issues
- › View the new data model:
 - github.com/rd-alliance/metadata-catalog-dev/tree/master/db
- › Try out a local instance of the prototype Catalog:
 - github.com/rd-alliance/metadata-catalog-dev



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Thank you for your attention

Metadata Standards Catalog Working Group: <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/metadata-standards-catalog-working-group.html>



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The Metadata Groups Unpacking the Elements

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research data sharing without barriers
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Spatial Coordinates

- Purpose: to define a location with respect to some fixed origin
 - Geographical coordinates
 - Latitude/longitude (height/depth)
 - UTM universal transverse Mercator
 - UPS universal polar stereographic
 - ECF earth centred, earth fixed (XYZ from centre of earth)
 - Easting/northing (height/depth)
 - Astronomical coordinates
 - Altitude/azimuth
 - Declination/right ascension
 - (and others involving time – light years, parsecs)
 - Atomic coordinates
 - Angstrom units from given origin in X,Y,Z axes
- And what about relationship to time?

Accuracy, Precision, Resolution

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- Precision: the closeness of a value to the average value (usually denoted by the number of digits in the measurement)
- Accuracy: the closeness of a value to the true value (usually defined with reference to the accepted true value)
- Resolution: GSD: ground sample distance pixel spacing on the earth's surface
- Note different in astronomical images, electron microscopy, stereoscopic 3-D images...

Metadata to define a point

- X,Y,Z (possibly T) in some declared coordinate system
 - Precision
 - Accuracy
 - Resolution
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- From this we can define lines, polygons, bounding boxes...

Elements (<http://bit.ly/2nDH5Lr>)

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- Unique Identifier (for later use including citation)
- Location (URL)
- Description
- Keywords (terms)
- Temporal coordinates
- Spatial coordinates
- Originator (organization(s) / person(s))
- Project
- Facility / equipment
- Quality
- Availability (license, persistence)
- Provenance
- Citations
- Related publications (white or grey)
- Related software
- Schema
- Medium / format