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Europeana and the Mediterranean Region

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Europeana and the Mediterranean Region

- There is a new Web. It is like an universal database
- Europeana is at the cutting ledge of this new developments
- Europeana is open: Content, Source Code, Development

They can be used by the Mediterranean.

- Access to quality content in the new environment require good vocabularies (taxonomies, thesauri...)
- Vocabularies can be an initial focus for Mediterranean collaboration



http://linkeddata.org/

http://esw.w3.org/DataSetRDFDump

http://esw.w3.org/TaskForces/CommunityProjects/LinkingOpenData/DataSets/Statistics (~13 Billion triplets March 9, 2010)





News http://esw.w3.org/SweolG/TaskForces/CommunityProjects/LinkingOpenData

- 2010-04-27: Two Linked Data events took place at the World Wide Web conference in Raleigh: <u>3rd Linked</u> <u>Data on the Web workshop</u> and <u>W3C LOD Camp</u>.
- 2010-04-19: The German National Library (DNB) has published its person data (PND dataset describing 1.8 million people) and its subject headings (SWD, 164.000 headings) as Linked Data on the Web. <u>More details</u>...
- 2010-04-12: The Hungarian National Library has published its entire OPAC and Digital Library as Linked Data.
 More details ...
- 2010-01-21: <u>BBC News Tim Berners-Lee unveils government data project</u>. The website for the project is at <u>data.gov.uk</u>.
- 2010-01-12: A Japanese translation of this page is available <u>here</u>. Thanks a lot to Noboru Shimizu and Shuji Takashima for translating the page and for promoting Linked Data in Japan. An ongoing (traditional) <u>chinese</u> <u>translation</u> is also now(2/10) avaiable. More translations are welcome!
- 2009-12-09: <u>sameAs.org</u> now has over 10M different URI bundles.
- 2009-11-19: The White House <u>announced plans</u> to publish structured data as RDFa on the Web.
- 2009-10-30: The <u>New York Times</u> has started to publish parts of its subject headings as Linked Data under a CC BY license. Please refer to <u>data.nytimes.com</u> for details.
- 2009-10-15: <u>Data-gov Wiki</u> publishes a Linked Data version of the eGovernment data made available by the Obama administration via <u>data.gov</u>. Altogether the datasets enlarge the Linked Data cloud by 5 billion triples. <u>More details</u>.
- 2009-09-10: The website <u>LinkedGeoData</u> has started to publish a Linked Data version of the <u>OpenStreetMap</u> dataset adding around 2 billion triples to the Web of Linked Data. <u>More details</u>.
- 2009-06-18: <u>Tim Berners-Lee interviewed by the BBC</u> about the US and UK government initiatives to add government data to the LOD cloud.
- 2009-06-17: <u>CNET announced</u> that they will publish parts of their product data as Linked Data on the Web and also partner with Open Calais on interlinking textual content and data in order to create 'topic pages' across CNET web properties.
- 2009-06-03: [1] launched: service to find co-referent URIs.
- 2009-06-02: A Linked Data application for end-users is deployed at FSWC 2009.

The essence of RDF: the "triple"



Source: "The thirty minute guide to RDF and Linked Data", by Ian Davis and Tom Heath



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Europe's digital libraries, archives and museums online

- A showcase for Europe's cultural and scientific heritage
- A flagship project of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

"A digital library that is a single, direct and multilingual access point to the European cultural heritage."

European Parliament, 27 September 2007

"A unique resource for Europe's distributed cultural heritage ... ensuring a common access to Europe's libraries, archives and museums."

Horst Forster, Director, Digital Content & Cognitive Systems Information Society Directorate, European Commission



Europeana Content

- 7 million items are now accessible
 - 4 million images: photos, paintings, drawings, postcards, posters
 - 2.5 million texts: books, newspapers, manuscripts, letters
 - 92,000 videos: film, documentary, TV broadcasts, public information
 - · 24,000 sounds: cylinders, 78rpm discs, radio, field recordings



Jill Cousins, Europeana Foundation, May 2010, Berlin



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Tool for collaborative work for the WP4 tasks ATHENA, presented as a Network of Best Practice within the <u>eContentplus Programme</u>, takes its origins from the existing <u>MINERVA</u> network.

ATHENA will bring together relevant stakeholders and content owners from museums and other cultural institutions all over Europe and evaluate and integrate specific tools, based on a common agreed set of standards and guidelines to create harmonised access to their content.

ATHENA will contribute in the content provision to Europeana.

Events

Lijubljana: Sixth ATHENA Plenary Meeting 10-11 June, 2010 Plovdiv: The Education in the Information Society 27-28 May, 2010

News

2010-05-13 <u>Survey on methods and Technologies used by EU</u> <u>Cultural Institutions for Inventory and</u>

Authentication of Objects

A research activity is carried out by the Russian Federal Ministry of Culture within a EU-Russia exchange programme on the use of modern technical tools to support the inventory, identification, safety and security of cultural valuables in EU countries. (Deadline survey: 28 May 2010) More ►

2010-05-13 Europeana produces the Europeana Aggregators' Handbook

A document targeted to all kind of aggregators feeding Europeana. More ►



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Welcome to the APEnet project website

APEnet (Archives Portal Europe) is a Best Practice Network project supported by the European Commission in the <u>eContent</u>*plus* programme and its objective is to build an *Internet Gateway for Documents and Archives in Europe* where fourteen European National Archives in close cooperation with the <u>EUROPEANA</u> initiative will create a common access point to European archival descriptions and digital collections.

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This website is intended to inform you about the development of the project.

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APEnet presented the project at the <u>8th European</u> <u>Conference on</u> <u>Digital Archiving</u>, 28 - 30 April 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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- Europeana Public Domain Charter: libraries, museums and archives support Europe's heritage
- Feature on EUscreen in D-Lib Magazine
- Distance Educators to Focus on Media Use at Next Annual EDEN Conference

The EUscreen project aims to promote the use of television content to explore Europe's rich and diverse cultural history.

It will create access to over 30,000 items of programme content and information, and by developing a number of interactive functionalities and dynamic links with Europeana it will prove valuable to the widest range of cultural, educational and recreational users.

EUscreen started in October 2009 and the project consortium, which includes 27 partner institutions from around Europe, is being co-ordinated by Utrecht University.

New INA president appointed

28 May 2010, 9:32 am

By Claude Mussou

http://www.euscreen.eu /?p=724 6 hours ago Archivists and Academics Coming Together at 1st FIAT/IFTA Television Studies Seminar http://www.euscreen.eu /?p=7197 hours ago today: meeting about user requirements and portal development at the venue of Noterik 8 hours ago

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About	Judaica Europeana will work
Partners	with European cultural institutions to identify content
Work	documenting the Jewish contribution to the cities of
groups	Europe.
Events	It will digitise 10,500 photos,
Project	1,500 postcards and 7,150 recordings as well as several
presentation	million pages from books, newspapers, archives and
News:	press clippings. The digitised



The projects planned to deliver more approx 8 million new content in Europeana for Rhine are:

- 2,220,000 Athena: museum objects
- 100,00 Archives Portal Europe [APEnet]: national archives
- 73,000 Biodiversity Heritage Library [BHL-Europe]: texts and taxonomies
- 211,000 European Film Gateway: film, scripts, posters, stills
- 310,000 Etravel: regional local libraries
- 34,000 Europeana Connect: sound recordings
- 4,520,000 Europeana Local: regional libraries and museums
- 0 EU Screen: TV broadcasts
- 0 MIMO: Musical Instrument Museums Online



What will be linked?

- Object Descriptions
 - Metadata
- Object Abstractions
 - E.g. Thumbnails, TOCs
- Existing Structured Resources
 - Vocabularies etc.
- Linked Data in the WWW
 - E.g. DBpedia, VIAF, LCSH





EuropeanaConnect Max Kaiser, Austrian National Library Cultural Heritage Online 2009, Florence, 16 Dec. 2009

Coordinated by the Austrian National Library

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek

Mock-up of the Spatio-temporal User Interface





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Mobile platform access



From Jill Cousins (2010)



Mobile Access Channel to Europeana

- Generic Mobile Client, adapting to the user's mobile device:
 - Different capabilities of mobile devices:
 - Hardware Level
 - Display resolution and size
 - Sensors (GPS, camera, ...)
 - Software Level
 - Operating System (Symbian, iPhone OS, Android, ...)
 - Mobile Browser (Opera, ...)
 - Support for JavaScript / AJAX
- Location-aware search





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By December 2010 - User Generated Content





From Jill Cousins (2010) From Repository to WunderKamer: user participation in Europeana. DISH 2009 Rotterdam





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Annotation Service

- Allows users to make their own contribution to Europeana content
- Annotation of multimedia resources
- Comments, discussion, linking
- Add value to existing content
- Enhance Europeana searchability through user-provided metadata
- Support establishment of social networks around Europeana



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Aggregator Structure





Europeana architecture

- Europeana is not a Web Portal
- Europeana is a services platform providing an Application Program Interface (API) enabling cultural institutions and users to
 - Access Europeana content
 - Provide content to Europeana
 - Build applications using Europeana functionalities for their own use.
- According to DELOS classification Europeana is a Digital Library System (DLS)
- The Europeana Portal is a web application using the Europeana API to access the Europeana Digital Library



Slide taken from the presentation by **Cesare Concordia**, ISTI/CNR at the LIDA 2009 Workshop LIDA 2009



Figure 2: API and DLMS Functionality

To hide the complexity of the underlying system, the Europeana API will be published as a set of callable methods, API endpoints and *calling conventions*. A developer who wants to build an application that uses an exposed Europeana DLMS functionality could write a routine performing three tasks (see section on Use Cases for an example):



C. Concordia et al. (2009). Not (just) a Repository, not (just) a Digital Library, nor (just) a Portal: A Portrait of Europeana as an API. IFLA, Milan.



Figure 5: External Application interacting with the API



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Europeana Semantic Elements

Source	Element	Refinement(s)
DC	title	alternative
DC	creator	
DC	subject	
DC	description	tableOfContents
DC	publisher	
DC	contributor	
DC	date	created; issued
DC	type	
DC	format	extent; medium
DC	identifier	
DC	source	
DC	relation	isVersionOf; hasVersion; isReplacedBy; replaces; isRequiredBy;
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Source	Element	Refinement(s)	
DC	coverage	spatial; temporal	
DC	rights		
DC terms	provenance		
Europeana	relation	isShownBy; isShownAt	
Europeana	userTag		
Europeana	unstored		
Europeana	object		
Europeana	language		
Europeana	provider		
Europeana	type		
Europeana	uri		
Europeana	year		
Europeana	hasObject		
Europeana	country	DA 2009	

Slide taken from the presentation by **Cesare Concordia**, ISTI/CNR at the LIDA 2009 Workshop Building a search engine on top of metadata is difficult Intrinsic quality problems: correctness, coverage

Especially when data is so heterogeneous 100s of formats From flat 5-fields records to 100-nodes XML trees Language issue!

We currently use a simple interoperability format Quick-win showing quickly its limits



Experimented solution

We can better use institutions' original metadata

Accommodate their different practices Data structures and semantics

Access objects via a semantic layer of vocabularies for subjects, persons, places...



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- On a very abstract level Europeana can be seen as a large collection of DSOs representing born digital or digitised cultural heritage objects
- Surrogates will be linked to semantic resources representing concepts as well as to reference entities such as persons, places and periods in time (contextualization)



LIDA 2009

Semantic data layer





"a network of inter-operating object surrogates enabling semantics based object discovery and use."



Networked Object Representations



Objectives and scope of semantic enrichment tools Stefan Gradmann- Marlies Olensky / 26.01.2010







From Gradmann (2008) http://www.slideshare.net/gradmans/europeana-semantica


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- Scope and Structure
- Information in the Record (Fields)
- Sample Record
- How to Use the AAT Online
- Printer-friendly version
- Spanish AAT: In Development

Purpose

The Art & Architecture Thesaurus ® (AAT), the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names ® (TGN), and the Union List of Artist Names ® (ULAN) are structured vocabularies that can be used to improve access to information about art, architecture, and material culture.



Cataloging Distribution Service

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<u>CDS HOME</u> - <u>What's New?</u> - <u>How to Order</u> - <u>Translations</u> CDS Products by: <u>Title</u> - <u>Subject</u>

Tools for Authority Control--Subject Headings

Cataloging Distribution Service offers these tools to help you with subject access:

Library of Congress Subject Headings, 31st edition (2008-2009) --now at discounted price Library of Congress Subject Headings Supplemental Vocabularies Classification Web - includes LC Subject Headings Free-floating Subdivisions: An Alphabetical Index, 22nd edition (2010) LC Period Subdivisions Under Names of Places, 5th edition (1994) Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings---Updates Subject Headings Manual LC Subject Headings Principles of Structure and Policies for Application (1990) LC Subject Headings Weekly Lists on CPSO Web Page MARC Distribution Service --- Subject Authorities



Controlled Vocabulary

DDC

Dewey Decimal Classification This document: <u>http://purl.org/scc-wc/ddc</u> XML/RDF: <u>http://purl.org/scc-wc/ddc/ddc.xml</u>

The Dewey Decimal Classification system attempts to catalog all human knowledge into one thousand general classes divided into ten broad and one hundred specific categories as shown below. Further refinement occurs by appending a decimal point and additional digits, thus .0 to .9 divides the class into ten subclasses (partial list shown). Each subclass can be similarly subdivided (.00 to .09) and subdivided yet again (.000 to .009) and so on. The structure is strictly hierarchal, thus the classification must remain valid regardless of right hand place truncation. Information about specific subclasses can be obtained from the DDC-22 available at most libraries.

The 100 Dewey Decimal Categories

000 Generalities	100 Philosophy and Psychology		
010 Bibliography	<u>110</u> Metaphysics		
020 Library & information sciences	<u>120</u> Epistemology, causation, humankind		



Thank you for your attention!

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EDM Europeana Data Model

Guus Schreiber

with input from Carlo Meghini, Antoine Isaac, Stefan Gradmann, Makx Dekkers et al. from Europeana V1

Background reading

EDM Primer

http://www.few.vu.nl/~aisaac/edm/EDM_Primer_100401.pdf



Rationale of EDM

Precursor: ESE (Europeana Semantic Elements)

- used in 2008 version of Europeana
- represents lowest common denominator for object metadata
 - convert datasets to Dublin-Core like standard
- forces interoperability
- major drawback: original metadata is lost

EDM goals

- preserve original data while still allowing for interoperability
 - Semantic Web representation



EDM requirements

- 1. Distinction between "provided object" (painting, book, program) and digital representation
- 2. Distinction between object and metadata record describing an object .
- 3. Allow for multiple records for same object, containing potentially contradictory statements about an object
- 4. Support for objects that are composed of other objects
- 5. Standard metadata format that can be specialized
- 6. Standard vocabulary format that can be specialized
- 7. EDM should be based on existing standards



EDM basics

- OAI ORE for organization of metadata about an object
 - Requirements 1-4
- Dublin Core for metadata representation
 - Requirement 5
- SKOS for vocabulary representation
 - Requirement 6

OAI ORE, Dublin Core and SKOS together fulfil Requirement-7!



EDM representation: RDF standard

- Ovals are web resources with a URL
- Arcs are properties linking resources to other resources or to literals
- Resources belong to classes
- RDF model can be specialized using subclass and



Dublin Core

- EDM uses the latest version of DCMI Metadata Terms
 http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
- Specified with an RDF model
- Specialization of 15 original DC elements
- dcterms:coverage dcterms:spatial dcterms:temporal
- Can be specialized itself
 - see requirement



SKOS: vocabulary publication on the Web

W3C standard

http://www.w3.org/TR/skos-primer/

- Adopted by large institutions such as Library of Congress
- Specified with an RDF model
- Can be specialized itself



OAI ORE Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse & Exchange

Specification:

http://www.openarchives.org/ore/1.0/toc.html

- Specified with an RDF model
- Four key notions (RDF classes)
 - Object: the book/painting/program being described
 - Aggregation: organizes object information from a particular provider (museum, archive, library)
 - Digital representation: some digital form of the object with a Web address
 - Proxy: the metadata record for the object



The Example - 1

Domaine	peinture
Type d'objet	tableau
Titre	PORTRAIT DE MONA LISA (1479-1528) ; DITE LA JOCONDE
Auteur/executant	LEONARDO DI SER PIERO DA VINCI ; VINCI Léonard de (dit)
Précision auteur/exécutant	Vinci, 1452 ; Amboise, 1519
Ecole	Italie
Période création/exécution	1er quart 16e siècle
Millésime création/exécution	1503 entre ; 1506 et
Genèse	oeuvre en rapport ; reproduit en gravure
Historique	commandé par le florentin Francesco del Giocondo, époux de Mona Lisa entre 1503 et 1506 ; nombreuses copies dont une conservée au Louvre ; gravé par Fauchery, par Filhol, par Landon
Matériaux/techniques	peinture à l'huile ; bois
Mesures	77 H ; 53 L
Sujet représenté	portrait (Mona Lisa, femme, à mi-corps, de trois-quarts, assis, accoudé, loggia, Italien) ; fond de paysage (montagne, rocher, cours d'eau, pont, plaine, route)
Date sujet représenté	1479-1528
Lieu de conservation	Paris ; musée du Louvre département des Peintures
	Musée de France au sens de la loi n°2002-5 du 4 janvier 2002
Statut juridique	propriété de l'Etat ; musée du Louvre département des Peintures
Anciennes appartenances	François ler ; Couronne de France
Numéro d'inventaire	INV 779
Commentaires	légère diminution du tableau sur les côtés (environ 7 mm) ; acheté vraisemblablement vers 1519, après la mort de l'artiste
Bibliographie	HEYDENRICH 6 ; OTTINO DELLA CHIESA 31 ; VILLOT I 484 ; HAUTECOEUR 1601 ; C.S.I. 1981, P 192
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C Musée du Louvre/A. Dequier - M. Bard

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détail de la bouche

- détail des mains
- détail des yeux
- détail du buste



Leonardo di ser Piero DA VINCI, dit Léonard de Vinci

Vinci, 1452 - Amboise, 1519

Portrait de Lisa Gherardini, épouse de Francesco del Giocondo, dite Monna Lisa, la Gioconda ou la Joconde

Vers 1503 - 1506 Peint à Florence Bois (peuplier) H. : 0,77 m. ; L. : 0,53 m.

Acquis par François ler en 1518 Département des Peintures

INV. 779

Aggregation organizes data of a provider





Proxy: metadata record for an object





Multiple aggregations = multiple providers



Europeana is "just" a special provider with processed/enriched metadata



Advanced modeling in EDM

- See the documentation
- Relations between "provided" objects
 - Part-whole links for complex objects
 - Derivation and versioning relations
- Predefined classes for person, place, time and event



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	Expulsion of Jews from Spain 1492 AD	Ayyubid Period 1187 AD Mamluk period 1291 AD	Renaissance 1499-1300 AD	High and Late Medieval 1300-1499 AD
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Where?

The award-winning *Where Once We Walked* (WOWW) has been completely revised and updated to reflect the changes in the political geography of Central and Eastern Europe since *WOWW* was published in 1991. There are also a number of improvements to the original edition noted below. The new edition identifies more than 23,500 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived





Where?



Research Wiki

Jewish Gazetteers

Jewish Genealogy > Gazetteers

A gazetteer is a dictionary of place-names. It describes towns, villages, rivers, mountains, and other geographical features. It usually includes the names of places that existed when the gazetteer was published. The place-names are generally listed in alphabetical order, similar to a dictionary.

Gazetteers may also provide information such as:

- · Present-day administrative jurisdictions, such as counties, provinces, and districts.
- · Religious jurisdictions, such as locations of Jewish congregations and Christian parishes.
- Statistics about the population, often including the population of Jews and other religions.
- Reference to local commerce, major cities in the vicinity, and sometimes historical notes.

You can use a gazetteer to locate where your family lived and determine the jurisdictions where records may have been kept. Gazetteers can help determine the county jurisdictions used in the Family History Library Catalog.





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