What does this record describe? Dublin Core record retrieved via the OAI Protocol

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Museum of Zoology, Fish Field Notes publisher:

format: jpeg

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Trib. Pine River, Manistee R.; JAM26-460; 05;

1926/05/18; R10W; S26; S27; T21N

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description: Flora and Fauna of the Great Lakes Region

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Metadata for You and Me: Moving Towards Shareable Metadata

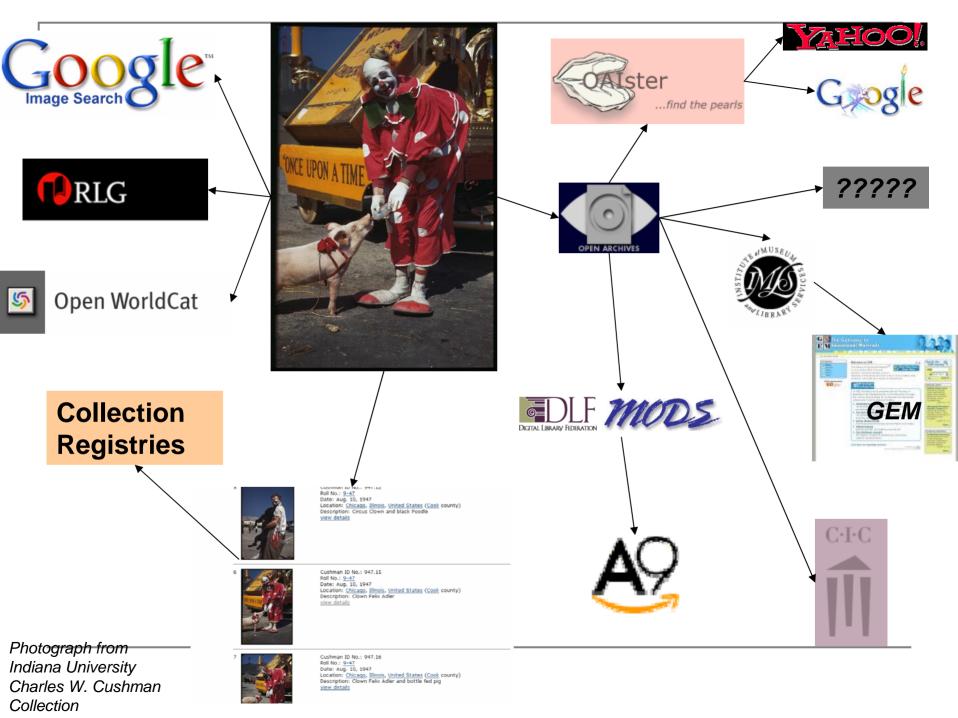
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Why share metadata?

- Benefits to users
 - One-stop searching
 - Aggregation of subject-specific resources
- Benefits to institutions
 - Increased exposure for collections
 - Broader user base
 - Bringing together of distributed collections

Don't expect users will know about your collection and remember to visit it.



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Shareable metadata defined

- Promotes search interoperability "the ability to perform a search over diverse sets of metadata records and obtain meaningful results" (Priscilla Caplan)
- Is human understandable outside of its local context
- Is useful outside of its local context
- Preferably is machine processable

Two efforts to promote shareable metadata

- Best Practices for Shareable Metadata (Draft Guidelines)
 - http://oai-best.comm.nsdl.org/cgibin/wiki.pl?PublicTOC
- Implementation Guidelines for Shareable MODS Records (also draft guidelines)
 - http://www.diglib.org/aquifer/DLF_MODS_ImpGuidelines_ver4.pdf

Finding the right balance

- Metadata providers know the materials
 - Document encoding schemes and controlled vocabularies
 - Document practices
 - Ensure record validity
- Aggregators have the processing power
 - Format conversion
 - Reconcile known vocabularies
 - Normalize data
 - Batch metadata enhancement

Metadata as a view of the resource

- There is no monolithic, one-size-fits-all metadata record
- Metadata for the same thing is different depending on use and audience
- Affected by format, content, and context
- Harry Potter as represented by...
 - a public library
 - an <u>online bookstore</u>
 - a fan site

Choice of vocabularies as a view

- Names
 - LCNAF: Michelangelo Buonarroti, 1475-1564
 - ULAN: Buonarroti, Michelangelo
- Places
 - LCSH: Jakarta (Indonesia)
 - TGN: Jakarta
- Subjects
 - LCSH: Neo-impressionism (Art)
 - AAT: Pointillism

Choice of metadata format(s) as a view

- Depends upon:
 - nature of materials and holding institution
 - depth of description needed
 - community practice
 - relationships between multiple versions
 - need for repeating elements
 - technical environment
- MARC, MODS, Dublin Core, EAD, and TEI may all be appropriate for a single item
- High-quality metadata in a format not common in your community of practice is not shareable

6 Cs and lots of Ss of shareable metadata

Content
Consistency
Coherence
Context
Communication
Conformance

Metadata standards
(and not just DC)

Vocabulary and encoding standards
Descriptive content standards
(AACR2, CCO, DACS)

Technical standards
(XML, Character encoding, etc)

Content

- Choose appropriate vocabularies
- Choose appropriate granularity
- Make it obvious what to display
- Make it obvious what to index
- Exclude unnecessary "filler"
- Make it clear what links point to

Common content mistakes

- No indication of vocabulary used
- Shared record for a single page in a book
- Link goes to search interface rather than item being described
- "Unknown" or "N/A" in metadata record

Consistency

- Records in a set should all reflect the same practice
 - Fields used
 - Vocabularies
 - Syntax encoding schemes
- Allows aggregators to apply same enhancement logic to an entire group of records

Common Consistency Mistakes

- Inconsistencies in vocabulary, fields used, etc.
- Multiple causes
 - Lack of documentation
 - Multiple catalogers
 - Changes over time

Coherence

- Record should be self-explanatory
- Values must appear in appropriate elements
- Repeat fields instead of "packing" to explicitly indicate where one value ends and another begins

Common Coherency Mistakes

- Assumptions that records make sense outside of local environment
 - Use of local jargon
- Poor mappings to shared metadata format
- Records lack enhancement that makes them understandable outside of local environment

Context

- Include information not used locally
- Exclude information only used locally
- Current safe assumptions
 - Users discover material through shared record
 - User then delivered to your environment for full context
- Context driven by intended use

Common context mistakes

- Leaving out information that applies to an entire collection ("On a horse")
- Location information lacking parent institution
- Geographic information lacking higher-level jurisdiction
- Inclusion of administrative metadata

Communication

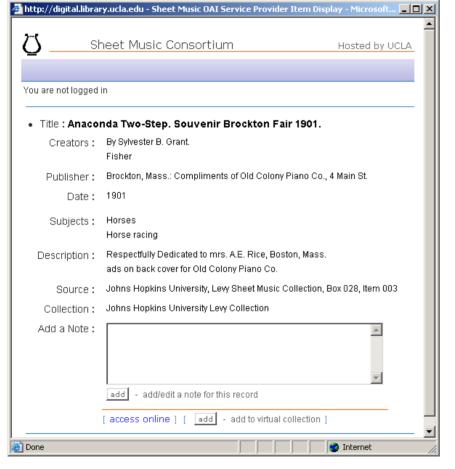
- Method for creating shared records
- Vocabularies and content standards used in shared records
- Record updating practices and schedules
- Accrual practices and schedules
- Existence of analytical or supplementary materials
- Provenance of materials

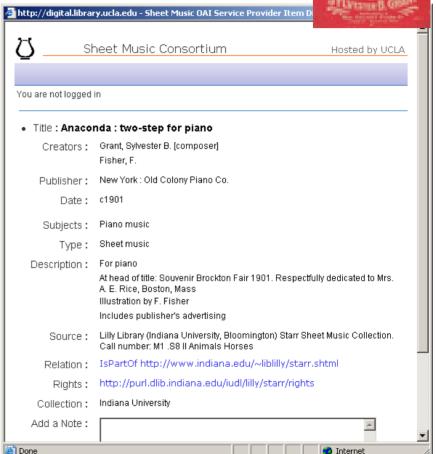
Conformance

To standards

- Metadata standards (and not just DC)
- Vocabulary and encoding standards
- Descriptive content standards (AACR2, CCO, DACS)
- Technical standards (XML, Character encoding, etc)

Standards promote interoperability





Before you share...

- Check your metadata
 - Appropriate view?
 - Consistent?
 - Context provided?
 - Does the aggregator have what they need?
 - Documented?

Can a stranger tell you what the record describes?

Final thoughts

- Creating shareable metadata requires thinking outside of your local box
- Creating shareable metadata will require more work on your part
- Creating shareable metadata will require our vendors to support (more) standards
- Creating shareable metadata is no longer an option, it's a requirement

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