

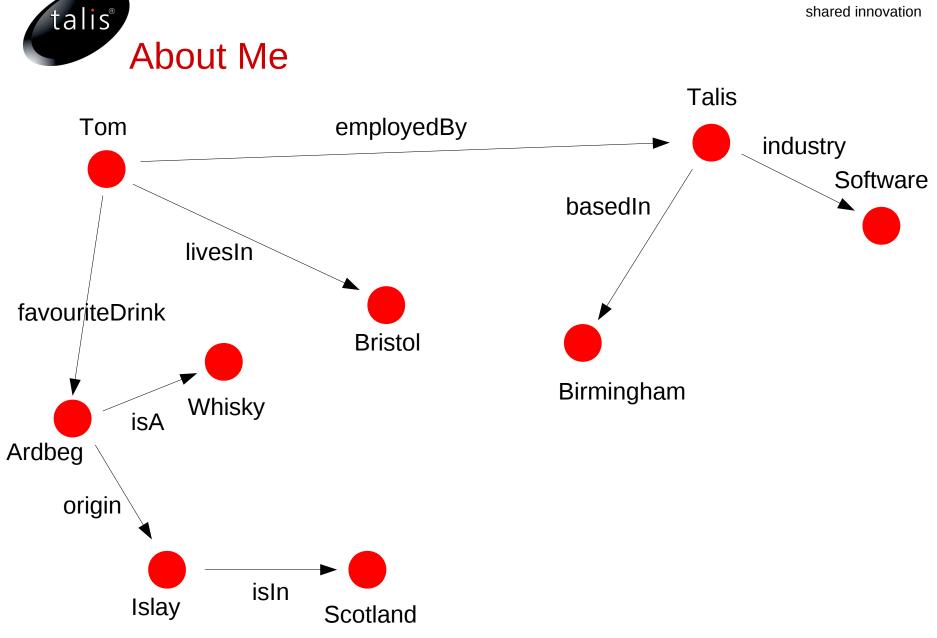
The Web of Everything

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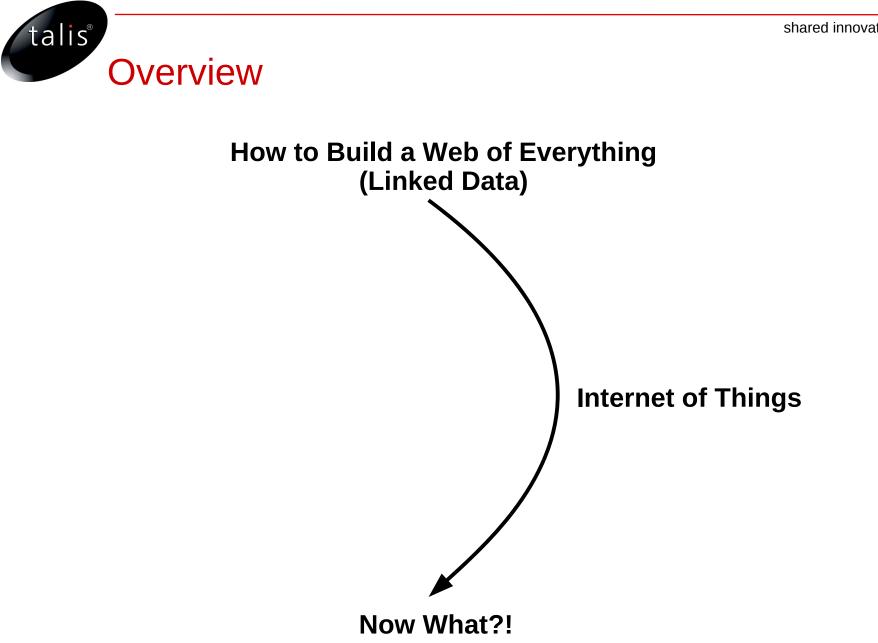
- One of the oldest software companies in the UK (kind of)
- Sharing data since the very beginning
- Several distinct businesses in Talis Group
 - Talis Aspire (reading/resource list management for Unis)
 - Kasabi (data marketplace)
 - Talis Consulting
- All predicated on Linked Data / Semantic Web technologies
- All underpinned by a common technology platform





- How to Build a Web of Everything
 - The Linked Data Backstory
 - Principles, Progress and Publishing
- Linked Data and the Internet of Things
 - [Internet of Things Intro]
 - [Lodometer]
- Now What?
 - Application Architectures and Grand Challenges
 - Implications of Linked Data for Applications
 - The 'Killer App' Question







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Part 1: How to Build a Web of Everything



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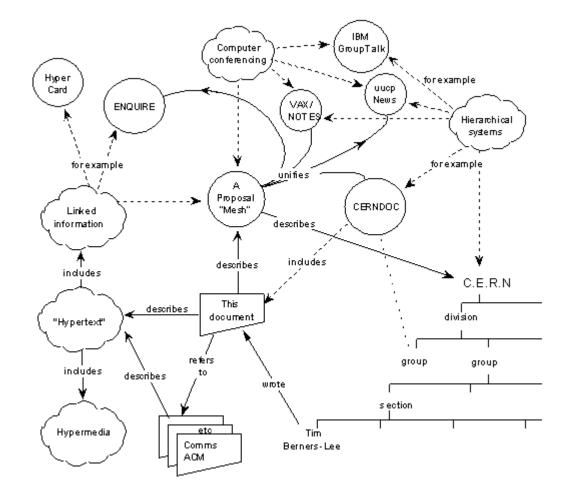
A Web of Everything?

- Web of Documents
- Web of Services and Transactions
 - actually simply services delivered and transactions conducted over the Web
- Web of People
 - aka "Social Web", actually simply "Networks of People interacting via the Web"
- Web of Data
 - actually a Web of Data about Things
- Web of Everything



"Information Management: A Proposal"

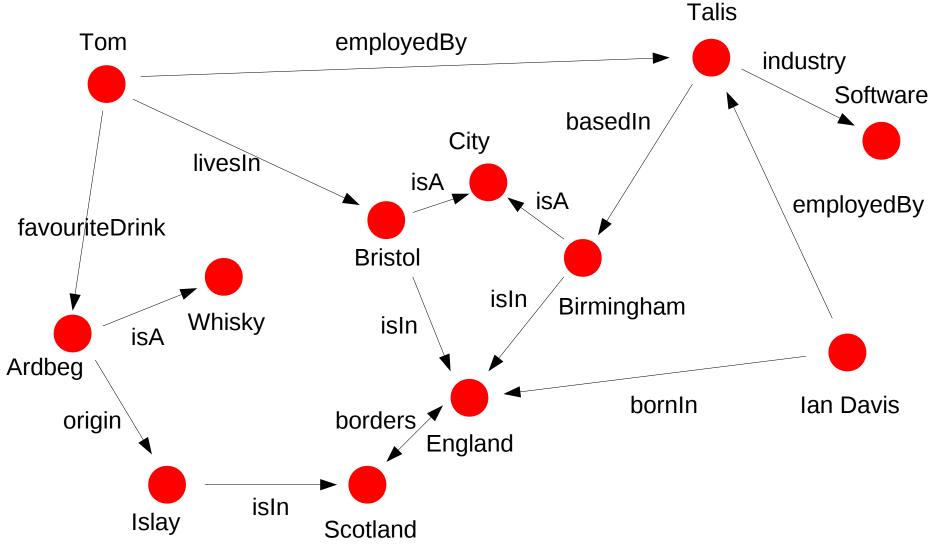
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Putting Graph Data into the Web





• Use URIs as names for things

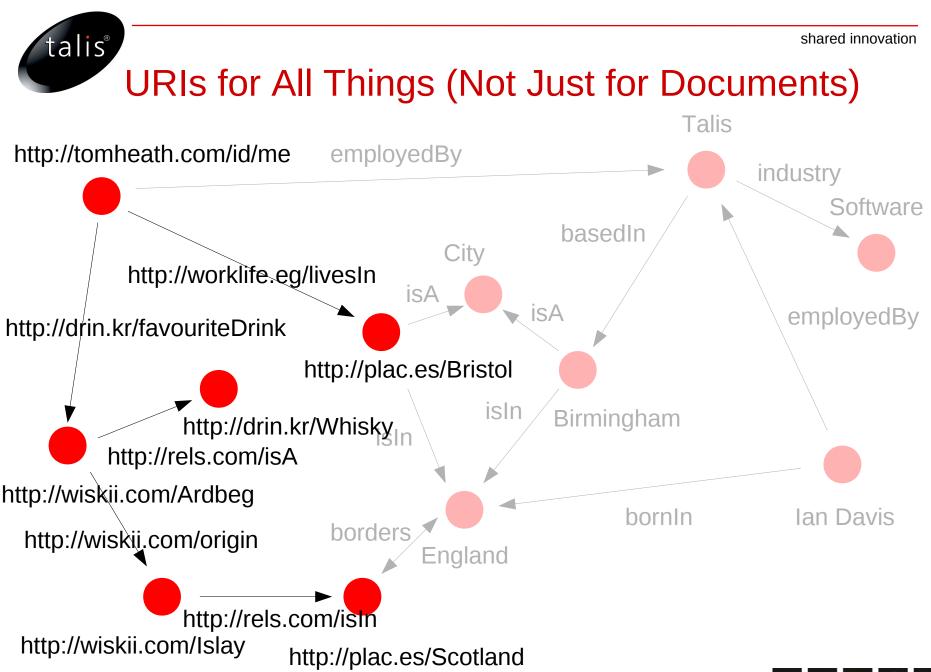
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- Include RDF links to other URIs
 - to enable discovery of related information





- ...is not just structured data published on the Web
 not equivalent to CSV files, (plain) XML, database dumps
- ...is a way of putting data *into* the Web
- ...is based on well-established Web standards
- ...can add value
 - less redundancy, greater discoverability, network effects
 - value *does* depend on the use case
- ...is experiencing rapid adoption



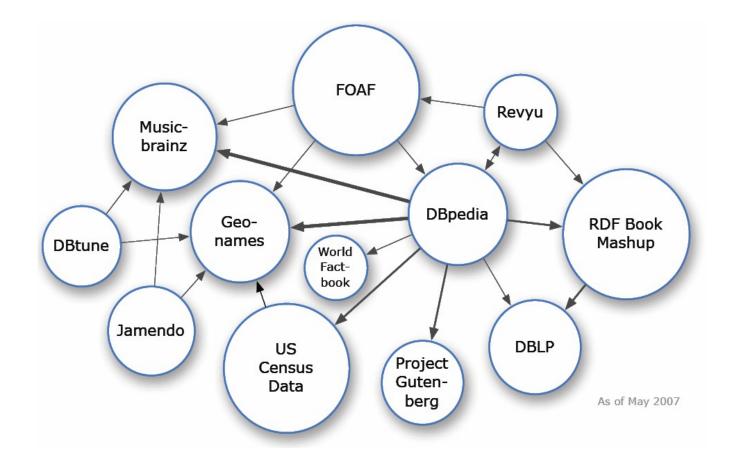
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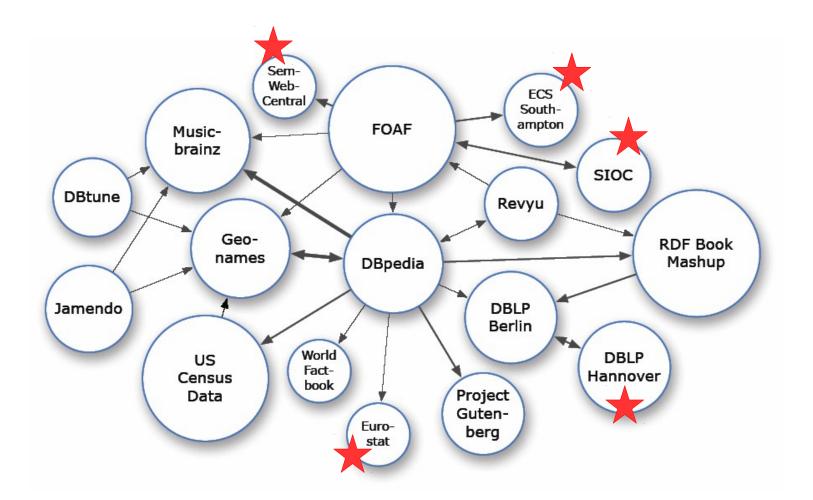


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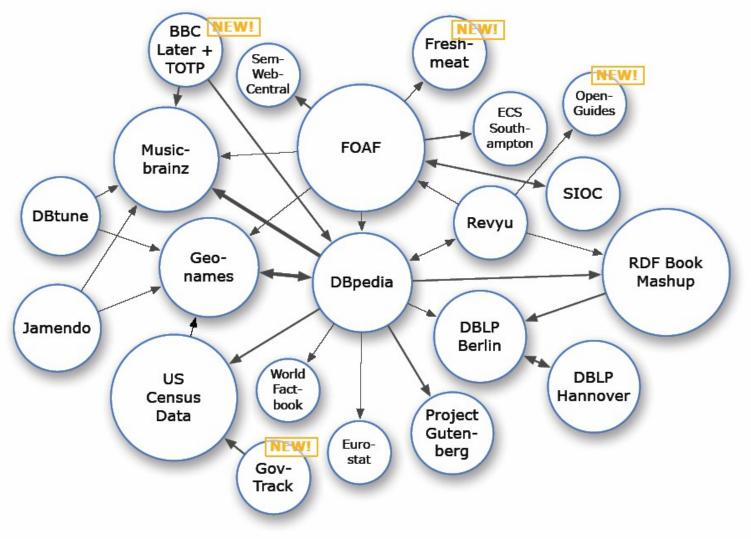


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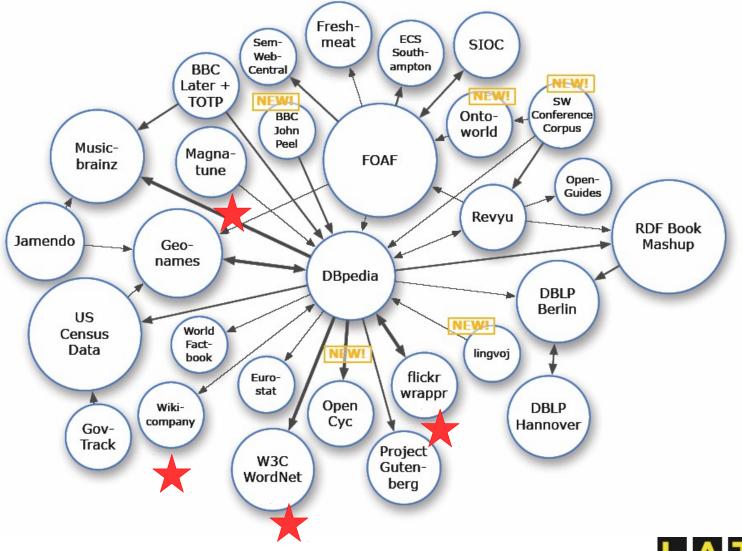


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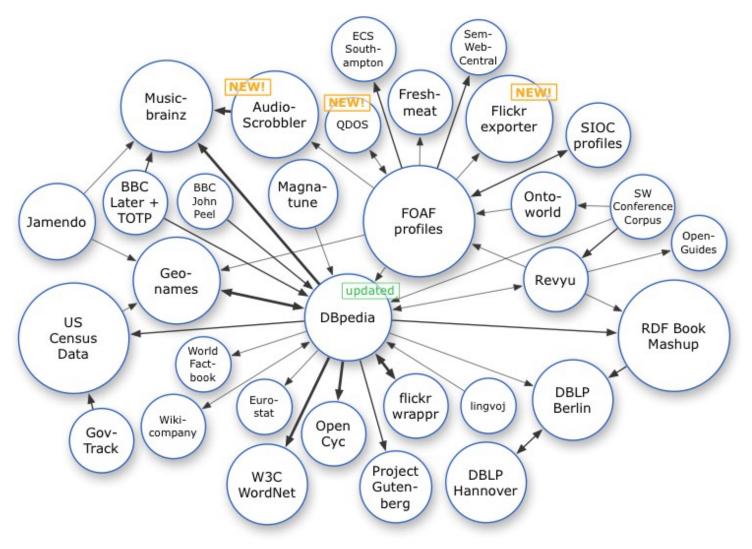


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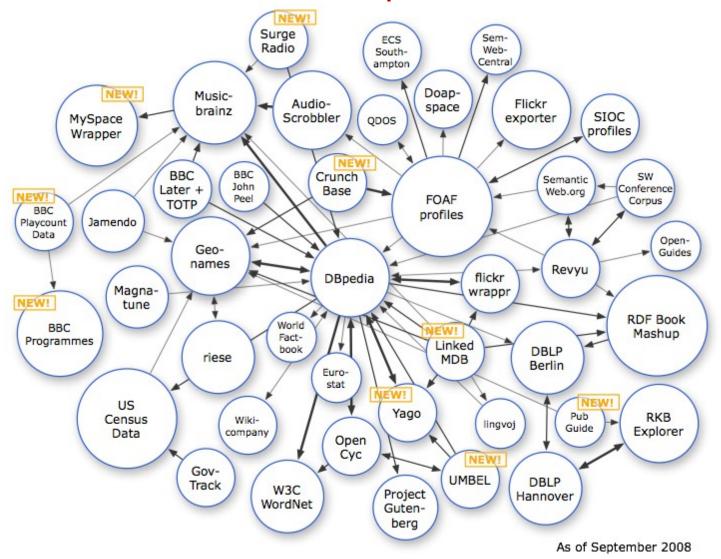
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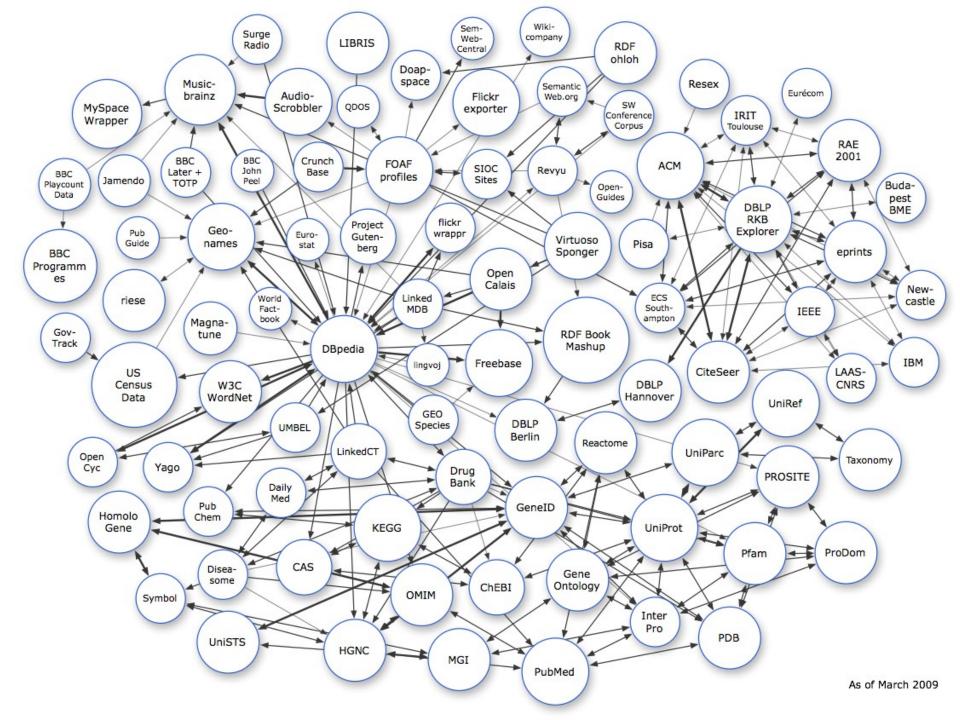


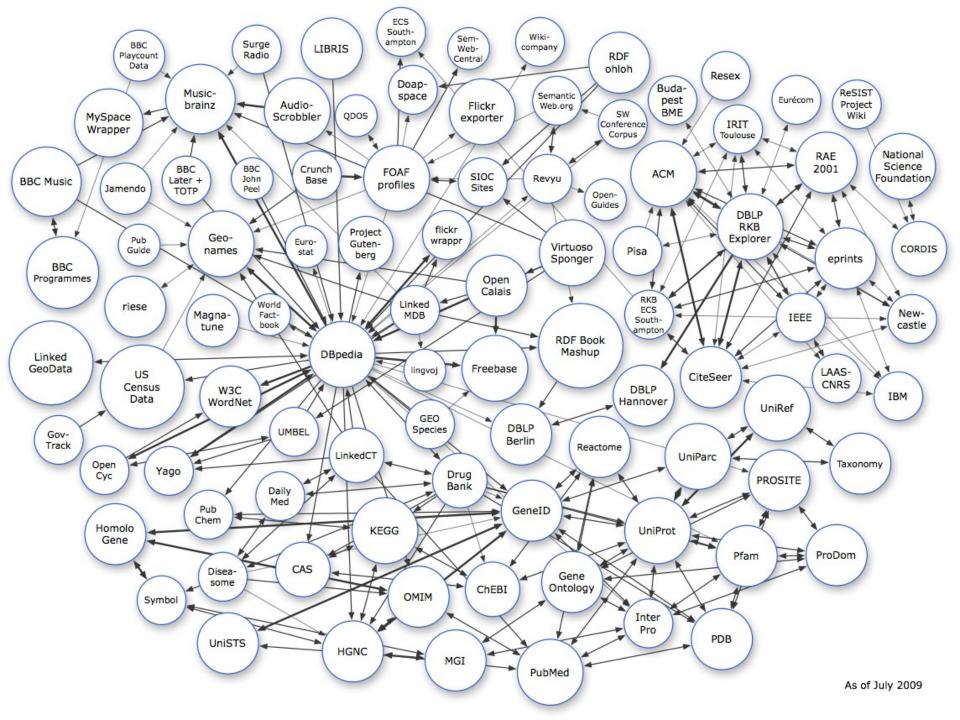
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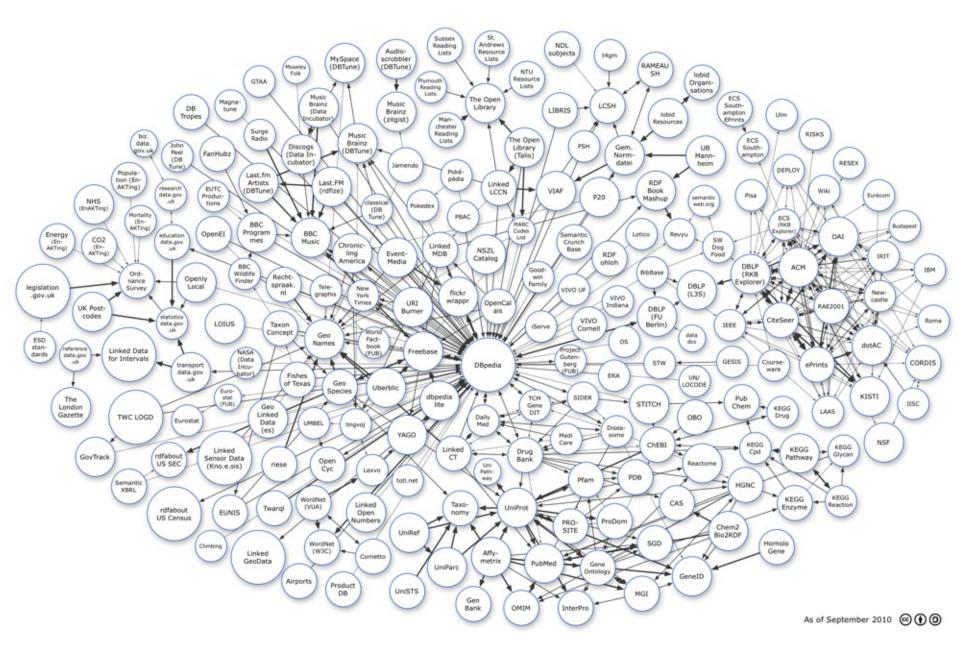
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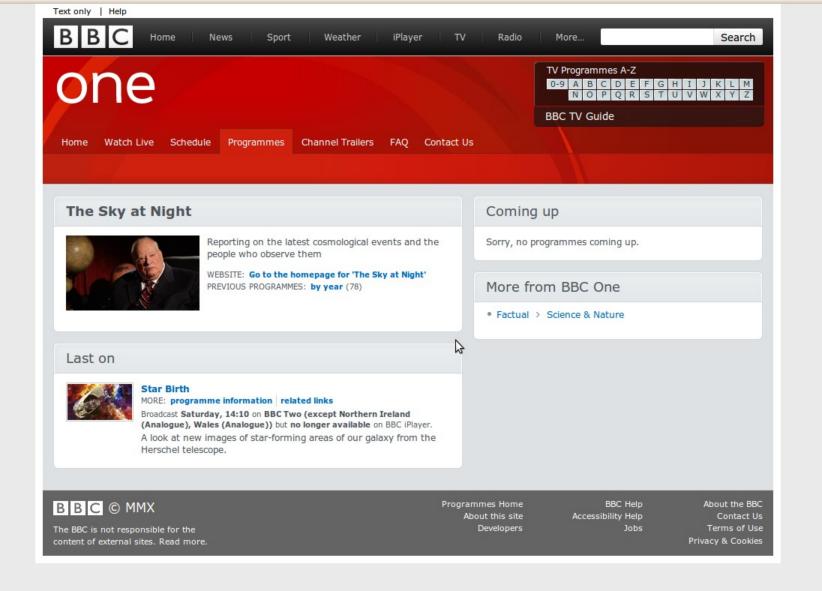






















With so much government data to work with, developers are creating a wide variety of applications, mashups, and visualizations. From crime statistics by neighborhood to the best towns to find a job to seeing the environmental health of your community-these applications arm citizone with the information they need to

Data.gov is leading the way in democratizing public sector data and driving innovation. The data is being surfaced from many locations making the Government data stores available to researchers to perform their own analysis. Developers are finding good uses for the datasets, providing interesting and useful applications that allow for new views and public analysis. This is a work in progress, but this movement is spreading to cities, states, and other countries. After just one year a community is born around open government data.

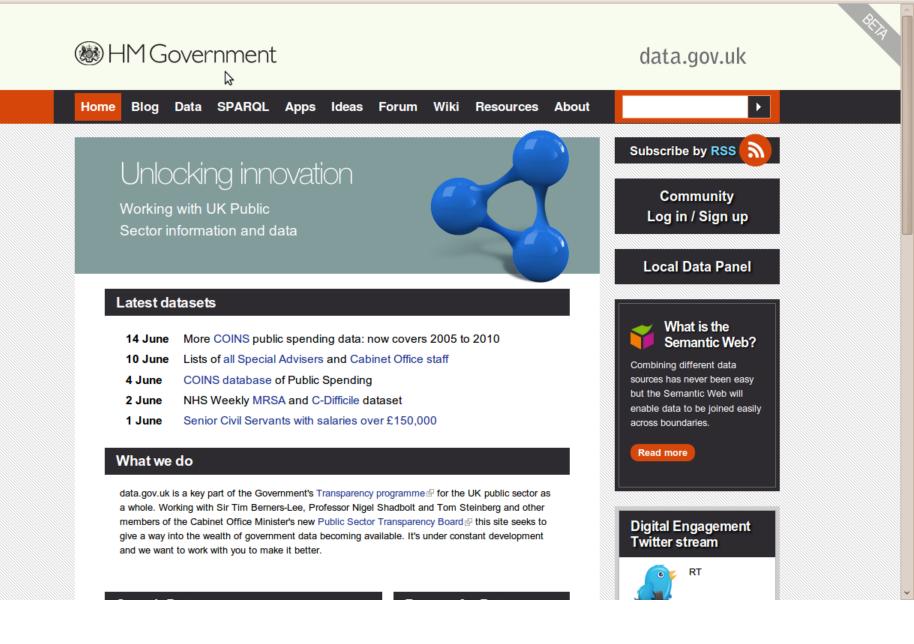
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6 Other nations establishing open data 8 States now offering data sites

As the Web of linked documents evolves to include the Web of linked data, we're working to maximize the potential of Semantic Web technologies to realize the promise of Linked Open Government Data.

Thanks to our collaboration with the Tetherless World Constellation at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Data.gov is now hosting one of the largest open collections of RDF datasets in the world! Check out some of their







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Energy Trends

Provides statistics on energy in the United Kingdom which provides a

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What is the Semantic Web?

Combining different data sources has never been easy but the Semantic Web will enable data to be joined easily across boundaries.

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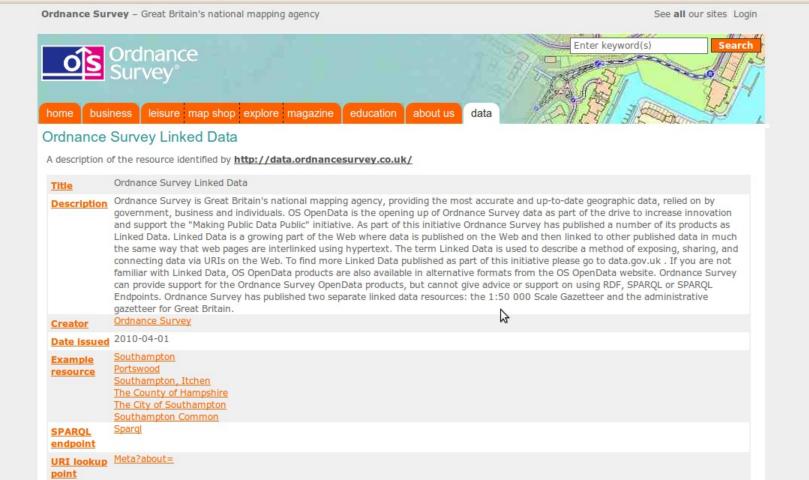
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Energy Consumption in the UK

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Gazetteer Ontology URI regex pattern
See also
data.gov.uk

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used

Spatial Relations Ontology

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Administrative Geography Ontology



The Open Graph Protocol



Introduction

The <u>Open Graph protocol</u> enables any web page to become a rich object in a social graph. For instance, this is used on Facebook to enable any web page to have the same functionality as a Facebook Page.

While many different technologies and schemas exist and could be combined together, there isn't a single technology which provides enough information to richly represent any web page within the social graph. The Open Graph protocol builds on these existing technologies and gives developers one thing to implement. Developer simplicity is a key goal of the Open Graph protocol which has informed many of <u>the technical design decisions</u>.

Basic metadata

To turn your web pages into graph objects, you need to add basic metadata to your page. We've based the initial version of the protocol on <u>RDFa</u> which means that you'll place additional <meta> tags in the <head> of your web page. The four required properties for every page are:

- og:title The title of your object as it should appear within the graph, e.g., "The Rock".
- og:type-The type of your object, e.g., "movie". Depending on the type you specify, other properties may also be required.
- og:image An image URL which should represent your object within the graph.

What is Schema.org?

This site provides a collection of schemas, i.e., html tags, that webmasters can use to markup their pages in ways recognized by major search providers. Search engines including Bing, Google and Yahoo! rely on this markup to improve the display of search results, making it easier for people to find the right web pages.

Many sites are generated from structured data, which is often stored in databases. When this data is formatted into HTML, it becomes very difficult to recover the original structured data. Many applications, especially search engines, can benefit greatly from direct access to this structured data. On-page markup enables search engines to understand the information on web pages and provide richer search results in order to make it easier for users to find relevant information on the web. Markup can also enable new tools and applications that make use of the structure.

A shared markup vocabulary makes easier for webmasters to decide on a markup schema and get the maximum benefit for their efforts. So, in the spirit of sitemaps.org, Bing, Google and Yahoo! have come together to provide a shared collection of schemas that webmasters can use.

We invite you to get started!

New! View our blog at blog.schema.org.

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 Openness is not on the critical path to Linked Data adoption



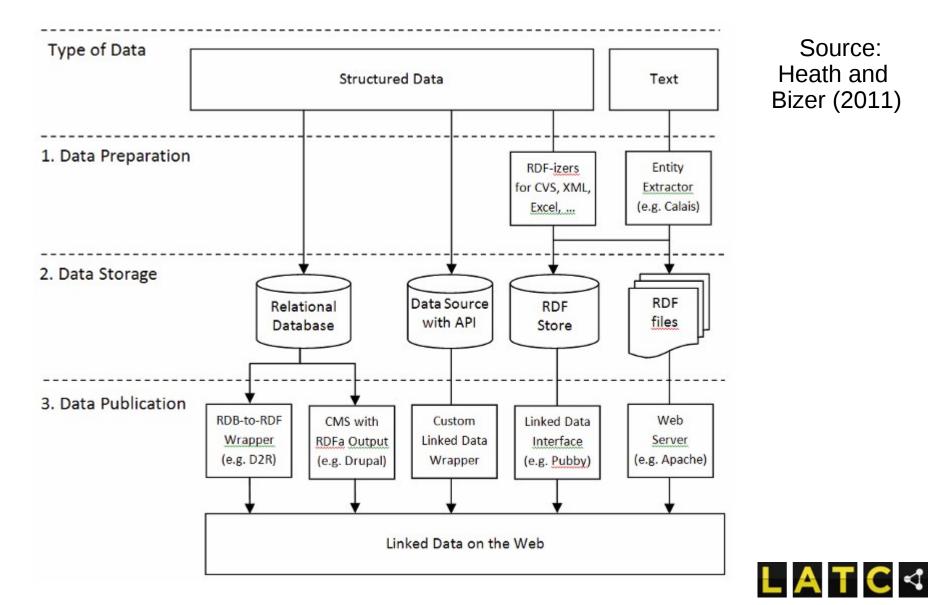
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Linked Data Publishing Patterns



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Six Steps to Publishing Linked Data





Six Steps to Publishing Linked Data

- 1. Understand the Principles
- 2. Model Your Data
- 3. Choose URIs for Things in your Data
- 4. Setup Your Infrastructure
- 5. Link to other Data Sets
- 6. Describe and Publicise your Data



1. Linked Data Principles: Redux

- Use URIs as names for things
- Use HTTP URIs

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- Provide useful information in RDF
- Include RDF links to other URIs





- What vocabularies can be used to describe your data?
 - Topical coverage
 - Breadth of adoption
 - Maintenance, documentation
 - How are you going to query it?
 - Reasoning implications
- Principles
 - Reuse wherever possible, don't reinvent
 - Mix liberally



3. Choosing URIs: Common Patterns

- http://dbpedia.org/resource/New_York_City
- http://dbpedia.org/data/New_York_City
- http://dbpedia.org/page/New_York_City
- http://mydomain.com/thing

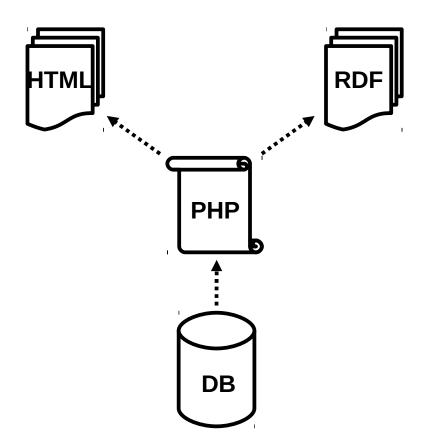
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- http://mydomain.com/thing.rdf
- http://mydomain.com/thing.html

- $\leftarrow Thing$
- \leftarrow RDF data
- ← HTML page
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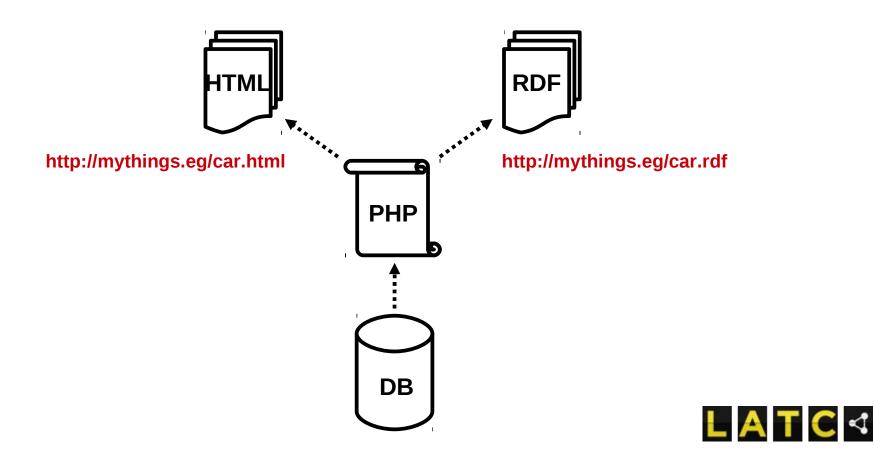


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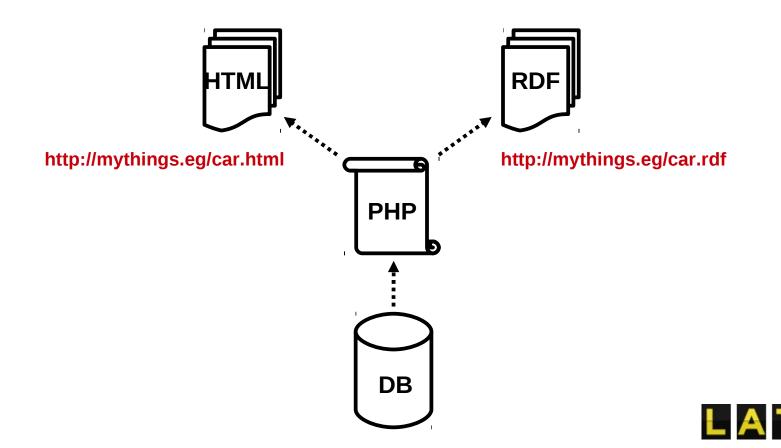
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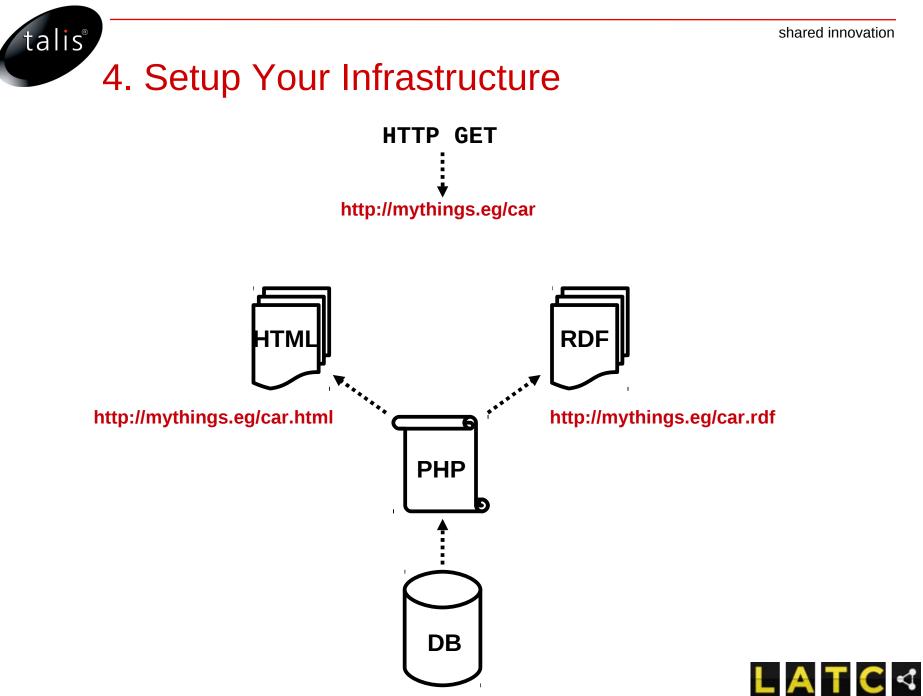


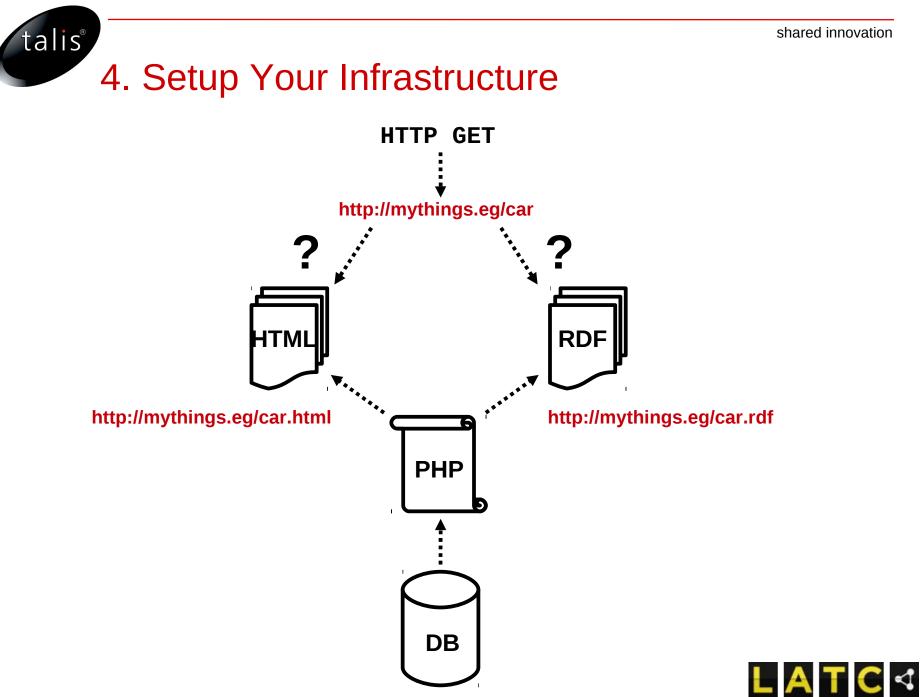
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http://mythings.eg/car

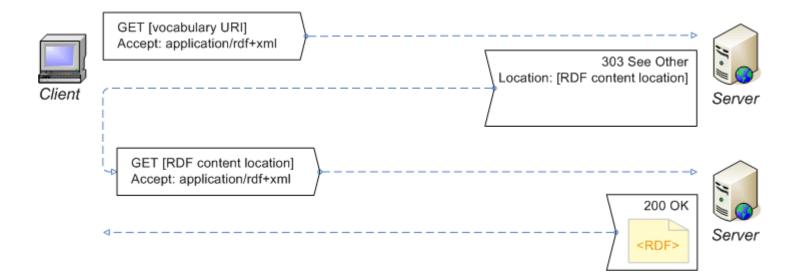






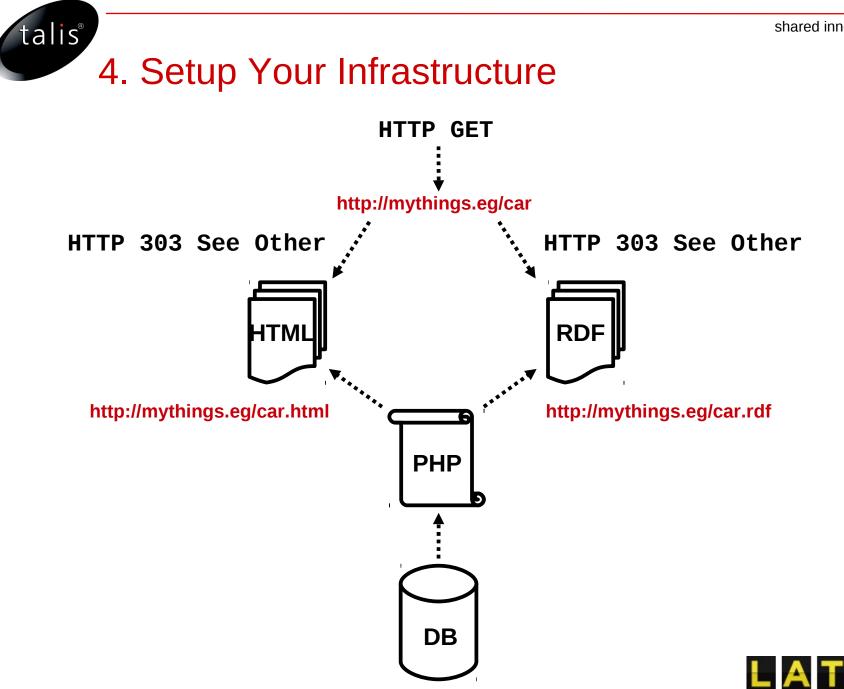
Content Negotiation and 303 Redirects

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4. Setup Your Infrastructure

- Useful tools for debugging ConNeg and 303s
 - Firefox Extensions
 - Modify Headers
 - LiveHTTPHeaders
 - cURL

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- http://dowhatimean.net/2007/02/debugging-semantic-websites-with-curl
- You don't have to 'roll your own'
 - But it's really easy!



5. Link to other Data Sets

- 'Roll Your Own' Linking Approaches
 - String Matching

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- e.g. comparing labels using similarity metrics
- Common Key Matching
 - e.g. ISBN, Musicbrainz IDs
- Graph Matching
 - Do these two things have the same label, type and coordinates
- Linking Frameworks
 - See: http://linkeddatabook.com/editions/1.0/#htoc60
- Aim for reciprocal links



5. Link to other Data Sets (Popular Predicates)

- owl:sameAs (thing to thing) ← not the only show in town
- foaf:based_near / ov:near (thing to thing)
- foaf:homepage (thing to document)
- foaf:page (thing to document)

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- foaf:made (thing to document)
- foaf:depiction (thing to document)
- foaf:primaryTopic (document to thing)
- foaf:topic (document to thing)
- foaf:maker (document to thing)
- rdfs:seeAlso (document to document)



6. Describe and Publicise your Data

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- Help others discover and index your data
 - Send pings to Sindice.com and pingthesemanticweb.com
 - Provide a Semantic Sitemap for your Data Set
 - Provide a voiD description of your Data Set
 - http://rdfs.org/ns/void-guide
- Apply a license or waiver to your data set
 - Protects consumers of your data => encourages reuse
 - Creative Commons is probably **not** applicable
 - Use the Open Database License (ODbL) or release into the public domain by applying PDDL or CC0 waivers
 - http://opendatacommons.org/



talis Additional Considerations

- How will you use the data?
 - Ease of publishing c.f. ease of querying
- Data volume and dynamism
 - Can you store / query all the data you produce?
 - Do you actually want / need to?
 - Which traditional solutions / architectures are applicable?



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Part 2: Linked Data and the Internet of Things



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Convergence of the Web and Physical Space

Departures 1

Due	Destination	Plat	Expected
12:27	Newcastle	158	On time
12:29	Poppleton	10	On time
12:32	Ilkley	3B	On time
12:34	Sheffield	178	On time
12:37	Manchester Vic.	120	On time
12:38	HUII	158	On time
12:40	Bradford F. Sq.	20	On time
12:40	London KX	б	On time
12:40	Manchester Pic.	16A	On time
12:41	York	9D	On time
12:43	Huddersfield	13A	On time
12:48	Sheffield	10B	On time
12:49	Carlisle	50	On time
12:51	Blackpool North	120	On time
12:55	Middlesbrough	15B	On time
12:55	Manchester Air.	16A	On time
12:56	Skipton	4B	On time
	Inaresborough	10	On time
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Due	Destination	Status	Platform	Details		
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13:52	Gloucester	On time	3	Details		
13:59	Bristol Temple Meads	On time	2	Details		
14:01	London Paddington	14:05 4 mins late	3	<u>Details</u>		
14:07	Swansea	On time	2	Details		



Internet of Things: Definitions

- "A global network infrastructure, linking physical and virtual objects through the exploitation of data capture and communication capabilities."
- "A world where physical objects are seamlessly integrated into the information network, and where the physical objects can become active participants in business processes."
- "The network formed by things/objects having identities, virtual personalities operating in smart spaces using intelligent interfaces to connect and communicate with the users, social and environmental contexts."
- "Internet of Things (IoT) is an integrated part of Future Internet and could be defined as a dynamic global network infrastructure with self configuring capabilities based on standard and interoperable communication protocols where physical and virtual 'things' have identities, physical attributes, and virtual personalities and use intelligent interfaces, and are seamlessly integrated into the information network."
- "The Internet of Things is not synonymous with ubiquitous / pervasive computing, the Internet Protocol (IP), communication technology, embedded devices, its applications, the Internet of People or the Intranet / Extranet of Things, yet it relies on all of these approaches"
- Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_of_Things



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Internet of Things: "Orthodoxy" (1)

- Devices
 - RFID (tags and) tag readers
 - Fixed sensors
 - Motes: low-cost, portable, disposable
 - Handheld devices
 - Arduino

— ...



Internet of Things: "Orthodoxy" (2)

- Identification schemes
 - EPC

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- SGTIN, SSCC, SGLN, GRAI, GIAI, DOD, etc... !ISBN?
- "The Electronic Product Code is a universal identifier for any physical object. It is used in information systems that need to track or otherwise refer to physical objects."

http://www.gs1.org/gsmp/kc/epcglobal/tds/tds_1_5-standard-20100818.pdf

- urn:epc:id:giai:0614141.12345400
- urn:epc:id:giai:CompanyPrefix.IndividulAssetReference
- IP addresses



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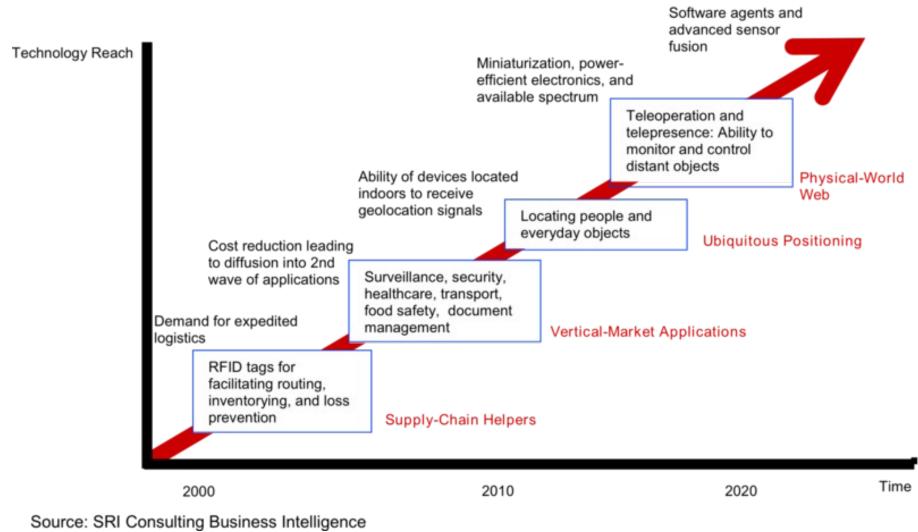
Internet of Things: "Orthodoxy" (3)

- Application areas:
 - supply chain/logistics
 - scientific research
 - safety and compliance
 - defense
 - domestic monitoring and automation
 - surveillance
 - facilities management
 - transport





TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP: THE INTERNET OF THINGS



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Internet_of_Things.png



Issues with the Orthodoxy (1)

Devices

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- Heterogeneous, often proprietary
- Where is the generalised infrastructure?
- Where are the generic, consumer-grade devices? (c.f. Android)
- Identifiers
 - Bottlenecks in assignment of identitiers?
 - urn:epc:id:giai:CompanyPrefix.IndividulAssetReference
 - Who assigns the company prefixes?
 - Lack of a universal lookup mechanism
 - Who controls the directory?



Issues with the Orthodoxy (2)

• Connectivity

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- Of devices
 - Is this really an Internet of Things, or simply "Things on the Internet?"
 - c.f. Data on the Web vs Web of Data.
 - Q: What differentiated the Internet (and Web) from what went before? A: A generalised, universal infrastructure.
- Of data
 - Where are the links?
- Application Domains
 - Bit dull from a consumer perspective!
 - I already know how to find weather information!
 - Do I really need a networked wine rack, fridge, etc.?

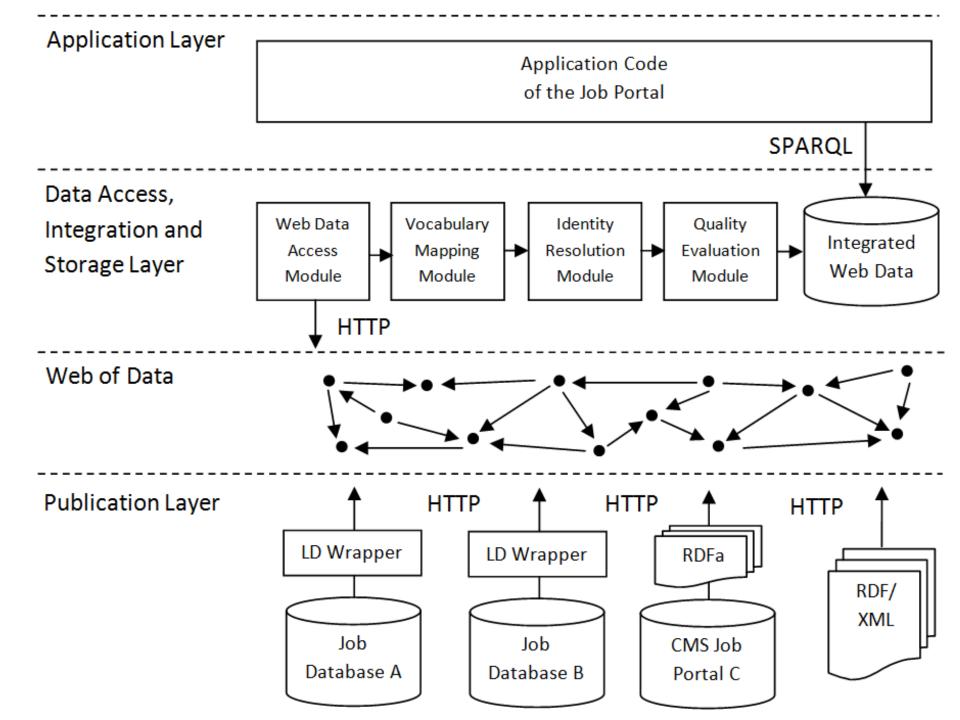


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Part 3: Now What?





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- Data Publishers
 - lowers the cost of consumption



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- Data Consumers
 - when the benefits outweigh the costs



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- Data Publishers
 - lowers the cost of consumption
- Data Consumers
 - when the benefits outweigh the costs
- Third Parties
 - when there is a gap in the market

http://tomheath.com/blog/2010/06/why-carry-the-cost-of-linked-data/



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Implications of Linked Data for the Applications we Build







http://www.flickr.com/photos/khouri/



The Document Metaphor is Everywhere!

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- "I'd better clear all those messy **files** off my **desktop** before I connect to the projector"
- "Damn, I sent the **email** without attaching the **file**"
- "<sigh> I really must update my home page"





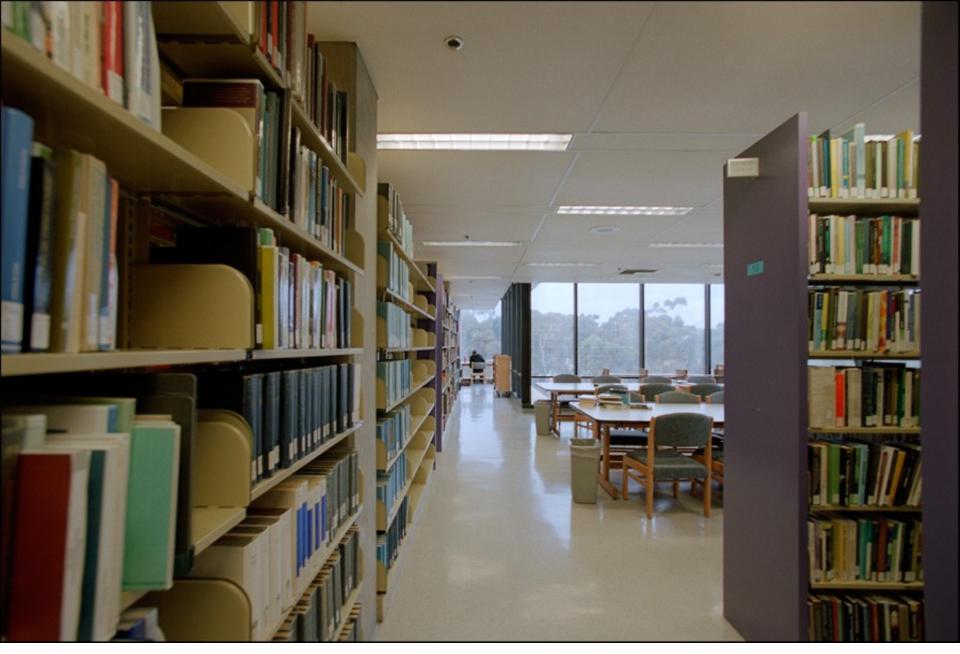
- Searching for a specific document
- Visiting a particular Web site
- Browsing from one (RDF) document to the next





- Describe any aspect you like... ...of any *thing* you like!
- Give identifiers (URIs) to those things
- Interact with those things directly!







http://www.flickr.com/photos/25831000@N08/







http://www.flickr.com/photos/kathycsus/



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- We need apps for direct actions on things, not just on ulletdocuments about things



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The 'Killer App' Question





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- No more obsessing or speculation allowed, principled analysis only!





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(Christensen and Raynor, The Innovator's Solution, 2003)





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- Risky business ideas?
 - A new search engine that exploits structured data
 - A reviewing and rating site that publishes data in RDF
 - A new CMS with Linked Data support





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 - What can we enable with Linked Data that a large number of people aren't doing right now because it's too hard, expensive or inconvenient?



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Conclusions





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