Open Archives Initiative
Object Re-Use & Exchange

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OAI Object Re-Use and Exchange

• OAI-ORE is a new interoperability effort conducted under the umbrella of the OAI

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• International effort; October 2006 - September 2008:
  o Coordinators: Carl Lagoze & Herbert Van de Sompel
  o ORE Technical Committee: 13 international members
  o ORE Liaison Group: 8 international members
  o ORE Advisory Committee: 16 international members
  o Representing: scholarly publishers and aggregators, eScience, eHumanities, education, search engines, various repository systems, digital library efforts, related standardization efforts, etc.

• See http://www.openarchives.org/ore/
• See http://www.openarchives.org/ore/documents/CompoundObjects-200705.html for a recent white paper
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Core goal of OAI-ORE:

Facilitate Use and Re-Use of Compound Information Objects (and of their component parts)
Compound Information Objects

Units of scholarly communication are compound information objects:

**Identified, bounded** aggregations of related information units that form a logical whole.

Components of a compound object may vary according to:

- Semantic type: book, article, software, dataset, simulation, …
- Media type: text, image, audio, video, mixed
- Media format: PDF, HTML, JPEG, MP3, …
- Network location
- Relationships: internal, external
Accelerating cosmologies tested by distance measures

V. Barger, Y. Gao, D. Marfatia

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We test if the latest Gold set of 182 SN1a or the combined "Platinum" set of 192 SN1a from the ESSENCE and Gold sets, in conjunction with the CMR shift parameter show a preference between the LambdaCDM model, three wCDM models, and the DGP model of modified gravity as an explanation for the current accelerating phase of the universe's expansion. We consider flat wCDM models with an equation of state w(a) that is (i) constant with scale factor a, (ii) varies as w(a)=w_0+w_a(1-a) for redshifts probed by supernovae but is fixed at 1 at earlier epochs and (iii) varies as w_0+w_a(1-a) since recombination. We find that all five models explain the data with comparable success.


And more scholarly examples …

- Scholarly publication with an article and supporting information including dataset, video, etc.
- Digitized book with multiple chapters, each chapter containing multiple scanned pages.
- Archaeological assemblies of images, maps, charts, and find lists.
- An ARTstor image object that is the aggregation of various renderings of the same source image.
- …
But these things are not only scholarly …

http://www.flickr.com/photos/davegriffiths/sets/72157600379806850/
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How to deal with compound information objects in a manner that is in sync with the Web architecture?
The OAI-ORE Effort: progress, challenges, synergies
JCDL 2007, Vancouver, Canada, June 20th 2007
Clifford Lynch, Savas Parastatidis, Neil Jacobs, Herbert Van de Sompel, Carl Lagoze
W3C Web Architecture: more details

Resource:
- First-class object
- Linkable

Relationship:
- Usually untyped
- Link type ontologies not-standardized

Representation:
- Second-class object (identified only in context of resource)
- Not linkable
- Many representations/resource
Publishing a Compound Object to the Web

(2), (7), (A) etc. are URLs identifying web resources.
Publishing a Compound Object to the Web
Publishing a Compound Object to the Web: Issues

The web graph does not reveal that resources with URIs (1), (3), (4), and (5) correspond to a common compound object.
Publishing a Compound Object to the Web: Issues


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The arc between e.g. the resources with URIs (1) and (5) is typed by means of a URI expressing a relationship type.
OAI-ORE: Publishing a Named Graph corresponding with a Compound Object
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How does this facilitate re-use?
Re-Use via URI referencing

Can reference (i.e. re-use) as follows:

(U) : just the resource identified by (U)

(X) : just the named graph identified by (X)

(U) in the context of (X): the resource identified by (U), but as it exists in the context of named graph (X)
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What is involved in achieving compound object interoperability using this approach?
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b) Discovery of these named graphs.

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Regarding (a): Resource Maps

- A Resource Map is the serialization of a named graph that corresponds with a compound object.
  - It is a splash-page for machine consumption
  - Experiments with RDF/XML, TRiX, ATOM, YADS
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- Resource Maps **must** allow for simply expressing the resources that are considered part of a compound object.

- Resource Maps **may**
  - Express resources that are not part of a compound object.
  - Distinguish between resources that are part of the compound object and those that are not.
  - Express the relationships among the resources referenced by the named graph.
  - Express the types of the relationships among the resources referenced by the named graph, i.e. label the arcs.
  - Express other information related to the named graph and to the resources that it references such as metadata, etc.
Regarding (b): Discovery of named graphs

- Class 1: Harvest type discovery
  - Expose Resource Maps via OAI-PMH, RSS, Sitemaps
Regarding (b): Discovery of named graphs

- Class 2: Linked Data type discovery

  - Convey URI of named graph in HTTP header returned in response to HTTP HEAD/GET against URI of a component of a compound object
    - ORE-specific header:
      - X-OAI-ORE-Named-Graph: <HTTP URI of named graph>
    - LINK header:
      - Link: <HTTP URI of named graph>; rel="info:ore/type/named_graph"

  - Reference a resource in the context of a named graph
Next Steps

• Alpha specification by the end of September 2007, covering:
  o Resource Map serialization
  o Discovery
  o Bootstrap vocabularies for relationship types and semantic types

• Test projects building on alpha specifications
  o eChemistry

• Iteration of alpha specifications, …