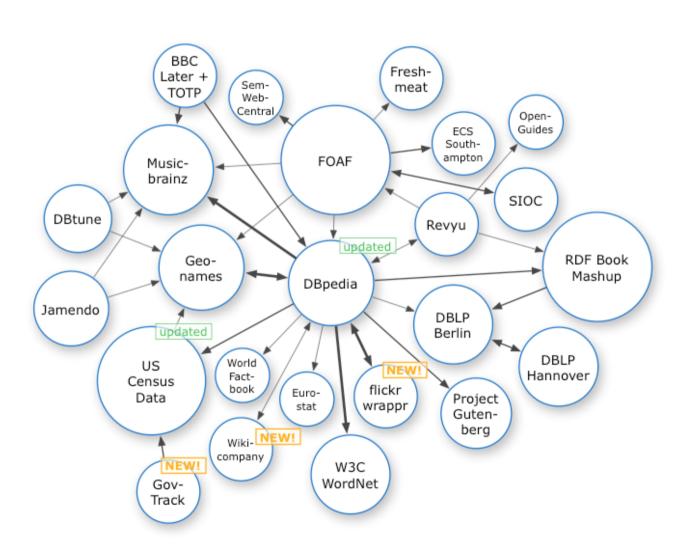
# Recent Developments in Web-enabled Vocabularies

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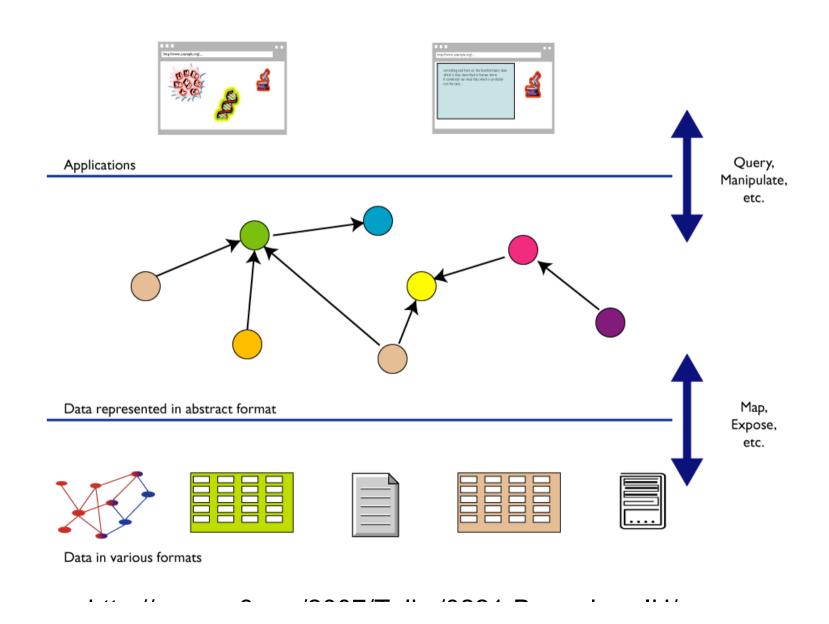
# **Linked Data**



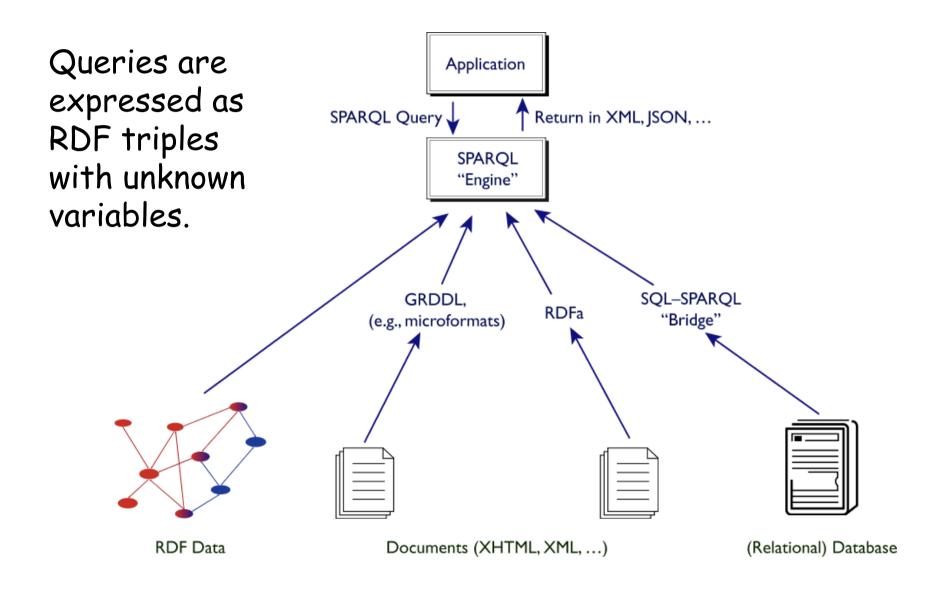
# **Open Linked Data**

- Value of information is very much a function of what it links to (Tim Berners-Lee)
- Four rules (for maximizing unplanned re-use)
  - 1. Identify things with URIs.
  - 2. Use HTTP URIs.
  - 3. Serve information on the Web against the URIs.
  - 4. Link related material.
- http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html

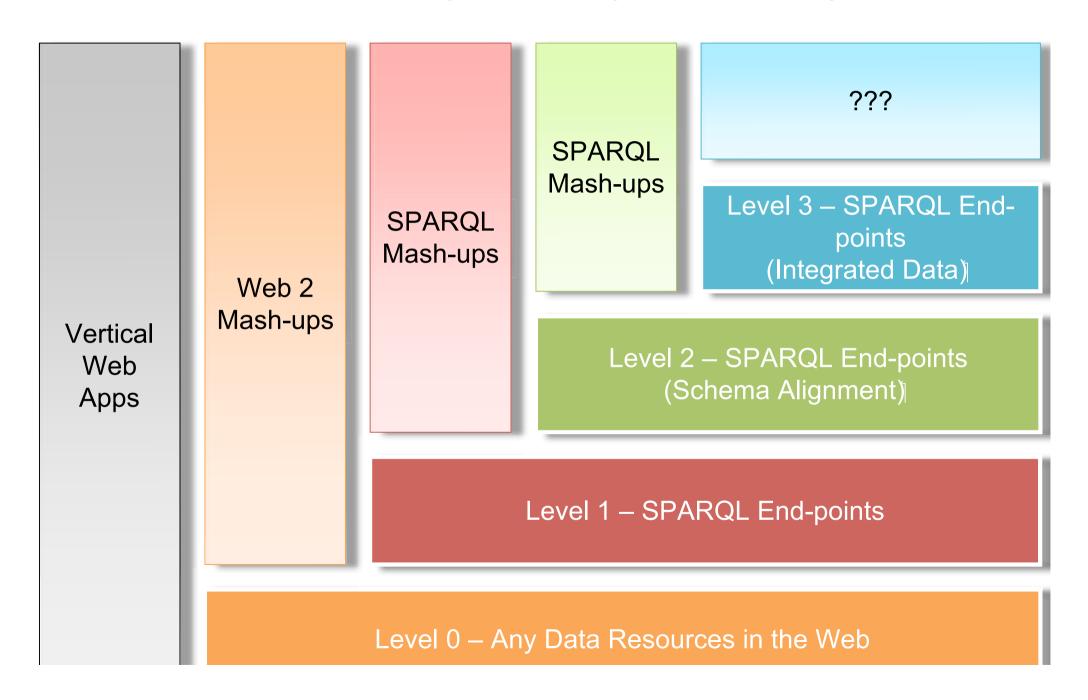
## RDF as a common format for merging data



### Merged data queried with SPARQL



## Data Web Layer Cake (Alistair Miles)



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## Getting data into triples

- GRDDL (Gleaning Resource Descriptions from Dialects of Languages)
  - Mechanism for extracting structured data from XML and XHTML documents and converting that data (via an XSLT script) into RDF
- RDFa ("RDF-in-attributes")
  - Embeds RDF-structured data into Web pages
  - Extends XHTML with attributes for carrying RDF data
  - Data can be cut-and-paste between RDF-aware applications

#### Microformats?

- Small XML formats to embed in Web pages
- Work well for well-defined contact (hCard) or calendar (hCal) information, but fields not designed to be shared across formats
- GRDDL can be used to extract RDF triples from Microformats

## **Tagging**

- "Taggers" create "tags" about "resources"
  - Collectively, taggers create "folksonomies"
- Problem: to represent tagging data re-usably
  - Freely created tags are not associated with structured ontologies, hence not normalized
    - Countless variants, typos...
    - Conceptualizations may differ even when purposes same
    - Often no clear need to share idiosyncratic tags
  - Research topics: models for formalizing folksonomies, formal expression of tagging data

## Extract data from wiki infoboxes...



#### navigation

- Main page
- Contents
- Featured content
- Current events
- Random article

#### search



#### interaction

- About Wikipedia
- Community portal
- Recent changes
- Contact Wikipedia
- Donate to Wikipedia
- Help

#### toolbox

- What links here
- Related changes
- Upload file
- Special pages
- Printable version
- Permanent link
- Cite this page

#### languages

- Afrikaans
- Alemannisch
- Analo-Saxon
- العربية 🍙
- Aragonés

#### Cnaries Darwin

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

(Redirected from Charles darwin)

For other people of the same surname, and places and things named after Darwin, see Darwin.

Charles Robert Darwin (February 12, 1809 – April 19, 1882) was an English naturalist, <sup>[1]</sup> who realised and demonstrated that all species of life have evolved over time from common ancestors through the process he called natural selection. <sup>[1]</sup> The fact that evolution occurs became accepted by the scientific community and the general public in his lifetime, while his theory of natural selection came to be widely seen as the primary explanation of the process of evolution in the 1930s, <sup>[1]</sup> and now forms the basis of modern evolutionary theory. In modified form, Darwin's scientific discovery remains the foundation of biology, as it provides a unifying logical explanation for the diversity of life. <sup>[2]</sup>

Darwin developed his interest in natural history while studying medicine at Edinburgh University, then theology at Cambridge. [3] His five-year voyage on the *Beagle* established him as an eminent geologist whose observations and theories supported Charles Lyell's uniformitarian ideas, and publication of his journal of the voyage made him famous as a popular author. Puzzled by the geographical distribution of wildlife and fossils he collected on the voyage, Darwin investigated the transmutation of species and conceived his theory of natural selection in 1838. [4] Although he discussed his ideas with several naturalists, he needed time for extensive research and his geological work had priority. [5] He was writing up his theory in 1858 when Alfred Russel Wallace sent him an essay which described the same idea, prompting immediate joint publication of both of their theories. [6]

His 1859 book *On the Origin of Species* established evolution by common descent as the dominant scientific explanation of diversification in nature. He examined human evolution and sexual selection in *The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex*, followed by *The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals*. His research on plants was published in a series of books, and in his final book, he examined earthworms and their effect on soil.<sup>[7]</sup>

In recognition of Darwin's pre-eminence, he was one of only five 19th century UK non-royal personages to be honoured by a state funeral, [8] and was buried in Westminster Abbey, close to John Herschel and Isaac Newton. [9]

#### Contents [hide]

#### 1 Biography

- 1.1 Early life
- 1.2 Journey of the Beagle
- 1.3 Inception of Darwin's evolutionary theory
- 1.4 Overwork, illness, and marriage
- 1.5 Preparing the theory of natural selection for publication
- 1.6 Publication of the theory of natural selection
- 1.7 Reaction to the publication
- 1.8 Descent of Man, sexual selection, and botany

#### Charles Darwin



Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882). At the age of Charles Darwin had just published On the Origin of Species.

Born 12 February 1809

Mount House, Shrewsbury,

Shropshire, England

**Died** 19 April 1882 (aged 73)

Down House, Downe, Kent, Engl-

Residence England

Nationality British

Fields Naturalist

Institutions Royal Geographical Society

Alma mater University of Edinburgh

University of Cambridge

Academic Adam Sedgwick advisors John Stevens Henslow

### Query on merged data in DBPedia

#### UNIVERSITAT LEIPZIG pedia **Query Wikipedia** This semantic database contains over 10 million statements extracted from the English Wikipedia. search for queries | Most popular | Upcoming Tennis players from Moscow Sitcoms set in NYC People influenced by Friedrich Nietzsche Soccer player with tricot number 11 from club with stadium with >40000 seats born in a country with more than 10M inhabitants Film music composer born 1965 Films longer than 5 hours Space Missions People being 1.80m tall List of Web browser software Battles in Saxony Mayors of US cities higher than 1000m Hip hop CDs from Texas Artists Pictures of American guitarists Scientists and their doctoral advisors Planes and their designers built in the 1st decate of the 20th century More Information: at dbpedia.org and in

the paper What have Innsbruck and

Contact: AKSW Workgroup @ BIS /

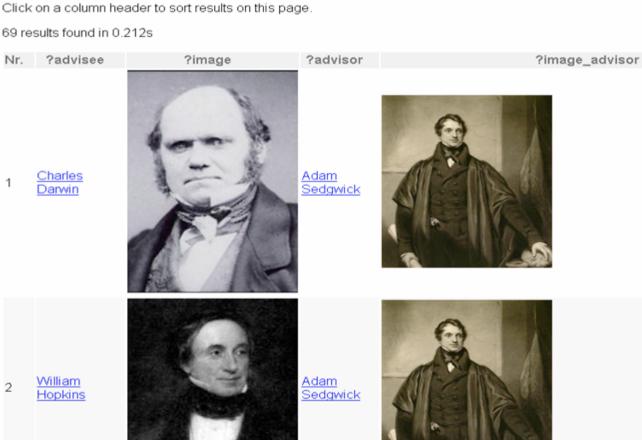
from Wiki Content.

Universität Leipzig

Leipzig in common? Extracting Semantic

#### Scientists and their doctoral advisors

Modify this query or create your own!



## Language of data, written with URIs

- URIs are the words in a new language of data
  - "classes"/"properties" like "nouns"/"verbs"
    - http://purl.org/dc/terms/title
  - When grammatically used, URIs are the basis of meaningful interoperability
- Established Domain Name System (DNS)
  - Global delegation of maintenance authority
  - Web infrastructure provides "dictionary" of context-independent terms

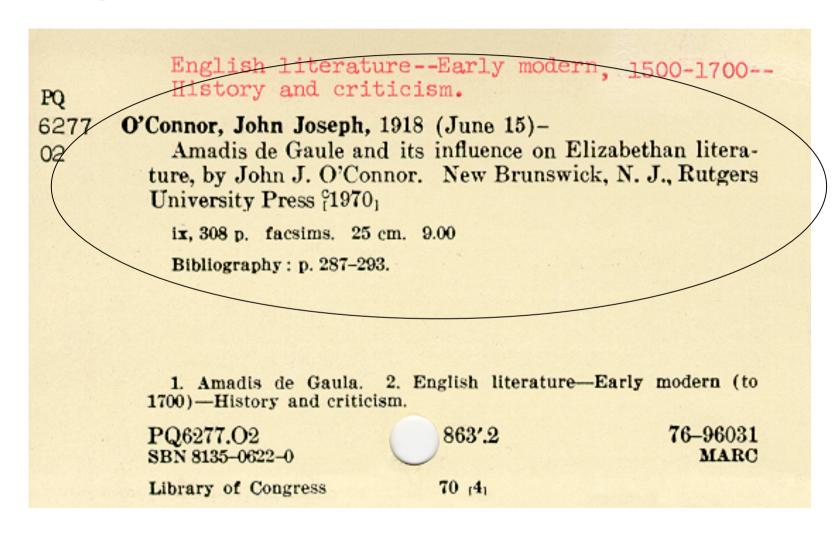
## Creating shared RDF vocabularies

- Vocabularies "born RDF"
  - Simple Knowledge Organization System (SKOS)
  - Web Ontology Language (OWL)
  - DCMI Metadata Terms
- Translation of pre-Web vocabularies into RDF
  - MARC Relators (roles of agents with respect to resources) Done!
  - RDA (successor to Anglo-American Cataloging Rules)
  - Library of Congress value vocabularies in SKOS
  - FRBR (Func. Requirements for Bibliographic Records)
  - CIDOC CRM

## Library catalog card

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# Library catalog card – bibliographic description



# Library catalog entities in RDF

- Resource Description and Access (RDA)
  - Successor standard to Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR)
- Based on FRBR
- Joint DCMI/RDA task force
- Prototype RDF vocabularies for bibliographic information
- Early stages

## Making implicit relations explicit

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### Using an existing code as basis for URIs...

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### ...and representing it in RDF

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k?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rdf:RDF
   xmlns:dcterms="http://purl.org/dc/terms/"
   xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-svntax-ns#"
   xmlns:skos="http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#"
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://lcsh.info/sh95000541#concept">
    <skos:prefLabel xml:lang="en">World Wide Web</skos:prefLabel>
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    <skos:altLabel xml:lang="en">World Wide Web (Information retrieval system)</skos:altLabel>
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# SKOS Example UK Archival Thesaurus

Term: Economic cooperation

<u>Used For:</u> Economic co-operation

Broader terms: Economic policy

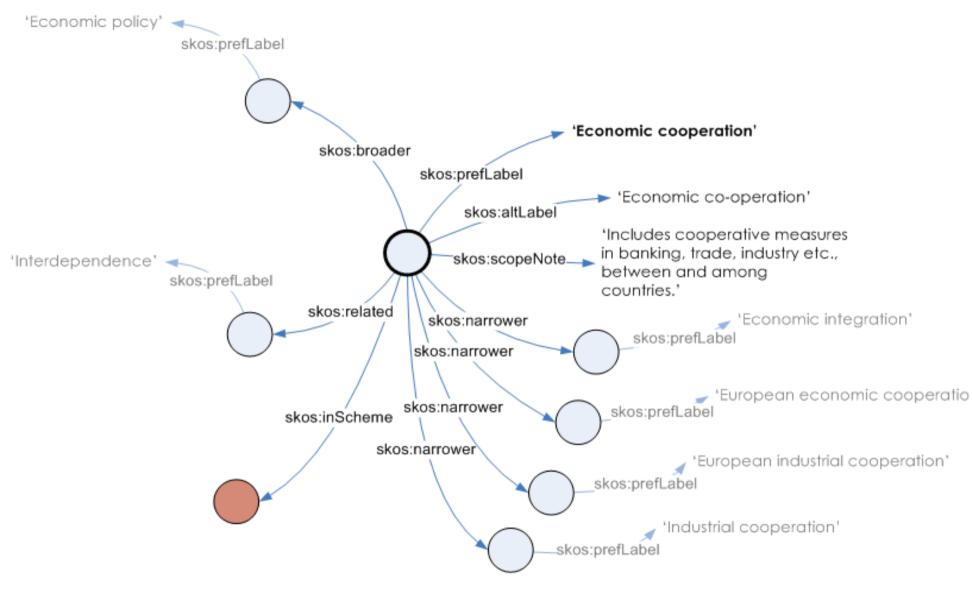
Narrower terms: Economic integration, European economic cooperation, European industrial cooperation, Industrial cooperation

Related terms: Interdependence

Scope Note: Includes cooperative measures in banking, trade, industry etc., between and among countries.

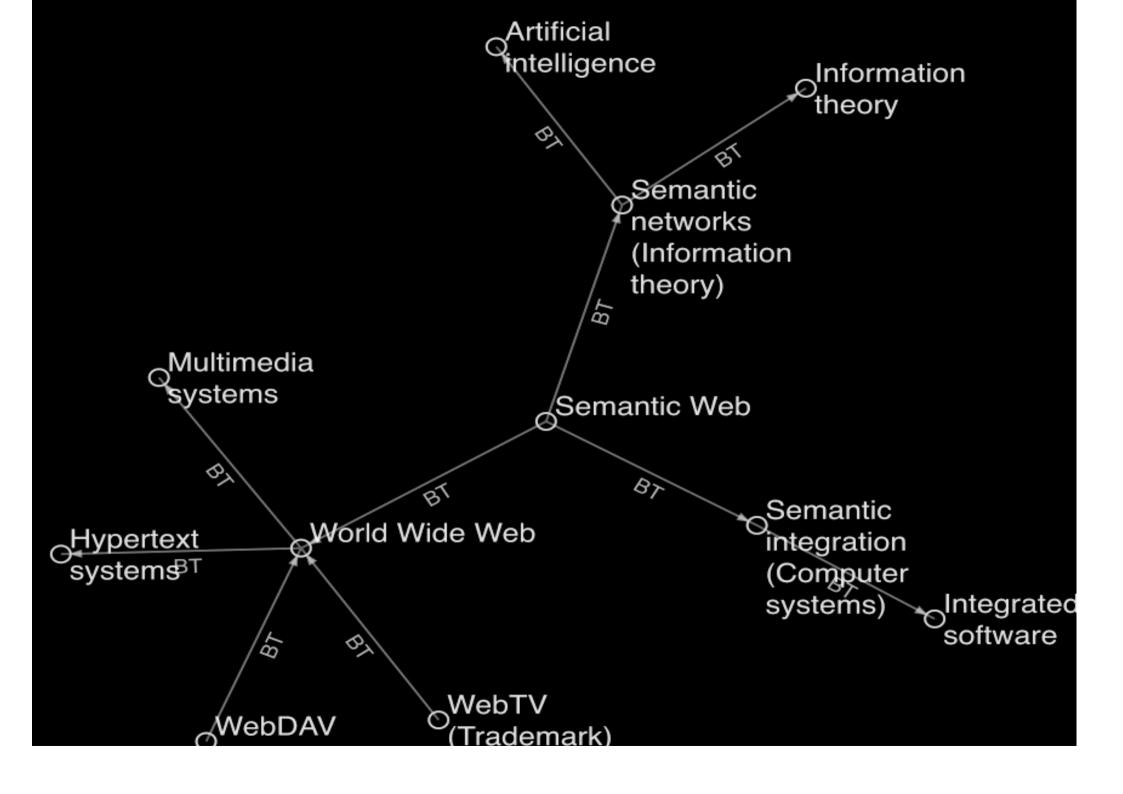
### SKOS Example

### **UK Archival Thesaurus in SKOS**



prefix skos: <a href="http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#">http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#></a>

http://inkdroid.org/bzr/lcsh/docs/slides/



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<a href="http://lccn.loc.gov/99027665">http://lccn.loc.gov/99027665</a>
  dc:title "Weaving the Web: the original design
    and ultimate destiny of the World Wide Web by
    its inventor /";
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  dc:creator "Fischetti, Mark.";
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  dc:publisher "San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco";
  dc:date "1999";
  dc:language "eng" ;
  dc:description "Includes index.";
  dc:subject "Berners-Lee, Tim.";
  dc:subject "World Wide Web" ;
  dc:identifier "URN:ISBN:0062515861 (cloth)";
  dc:identifier "URN:ISBN:006251587X (paper)" .
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    and ultimate destiny of the World Wide Web by
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- Level 1: Informal interoperability
  - Shared concepts with natural-language definitions
    - DCMI terms have carefully crafted, well-known definitions
  - No use of formal models or term URIs
  - Test: Is there a mapping to shared elements?
  - Example: IEEE LOM reuses some definitions and maps to 15-element "Dublin Core" (ISO 15836)

- Level 2: Semantic Interoperability
  - Correct use of formal RDF graph model with conformant vocabularies (eg DCMI Metadata terms)
  - Use of URIs and formal semantic relationships between terms (eg subproperties)
  - Test: Is there a mapping to RDF triples?
  - Examples:
    - All RDF data (by definition)
    - All RDF data extracted from non-RDF formats (eg via GRDDL transforms)
    - All XHTML or HTML data using RDFa or DC-HTML/2008.

- Level 3: Description set syntactic interoperability
  - Level-2-compatible data packaged in bounded description sets (records) as per DCMI Abstract Model (DC-AM)
  - Conventions for citing vocabulary encoding schemes (controlled vocabularies)
  - Test: Is there a mapping to "Expressing Dublin Core metadata using the DC-Text format"?
  - Examples: All data using DC-AM-compatible specifications, such as DC-DS-XML.

- Level 4: Description Set Profile Interoperability
  - Level-3-compatible data that follows the specification "Description Set Profiles: A constraint language for Dublin Core Application Profiles"
  - Additional interoperability via shared Functional Requirements and Domain Model ("Singapore Framework for Dublin Core Application Profiles")
  - Test: Is there a mapping to DSP constraints?
  - Examples:
    - Scholarly Works Application Profile