



# PID's ( in theory land )

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## Locations change

- “URL’s won’t change”
  - But: High Volatility: Average Lifetime of Pages < 2 months
- Item URL’s
  - <http://www.example.org/perl/item.pl?id=42>
  - Domain changed
  - <http://www.example-moved.org/perl/item.pl?id=42>
  - Host changed
  - <http://repo.example-moved.org/perl/item.pl?id=42>
- Solved by redirection layer on top
  - Assign an administrative ID: i.e. “1234”
  - Establish service which makes redirection of “1234” configurable (i.e. to [repo.example-moved.org](http://repo.example-moved.org))
- Location problem solved and freely configurable, but introducing new abstraction layer and new dependency to external service provider



## Web Technologies change

- Old Application/Website in Perl
  - <http://www.example.org/perl/item.pl?id=42>
- Newer Application/Website in PHP
  - <http://www.example.org/item.php?id=42>
- Prepare for technology independence
  - <http://www.example.org/item/42>
    - Could be resolved to `/perl/item.pl?id=42` or `/item.php?id=42`
- Solves technology problem, but introduces the need for an own redirection service within application
- Now already 2 Resolvers are necessary: 1 external for Location, 1 for own Web Application, Complexity growths



## Item Re-Arrangement

- Old Item number
  - 42
- Administrative Units merge, many items have to be migrated
  - Many items “42” might exist
  - Locations can be handled by the external abstraction service
  - Location ID’s 1234, 2345, 3456 could be consolidated into new ID (i.e. 9999)
  - Items 1234/42, 2345/42, 3456/42 must be re-assigned to new item ID’s
- Apply for globally unique Item ID’s right from the beginning to ensure the ID’s are unique
- Another external Authoritative Service for issuing globally unique Item ID’s necessary (like i.e. ISSN)
- 3 Services now needed, 2 of them external to single web application



## Service discontinuation

- Administrative ID or Item ID issuing Organization discontinues
  - Best Case
    - Could be delegated to other Organization smoothly
  - Worst Case
    - No Resolving possible anymore by ID's
  - Now out of scope to Item provider
- Repository discontinues services
  - Items could be found somewhere else
  - Is there any helpful data available by ID Registration Authority?
    - The more metadata available from the ID RA the easier it will be to find the item somewhere else
- Metadata integration within RA necessary



## Item Representations

- What is Item 42 ?
  - Item 42 has some metadata
  - Is a publication with supplementary material available
  - Includes a PDF file and two images
  - PDF file has 2 versions
- And even beyond traditional publication items (granularity, relations, content-types)
- Which Use Cases for Humans do apply?
- Which Use Cases (Protocols) for Machines do apply?
- These are probably different



## Use Cases for Humans (Examples)

- Show Metadata
  - Download PDF
  - Cite Version
  - Show Image
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- Use Cases should be connected to according services
  - Services should be actionable on Items
  - Service ID's and their registration is necessary for sustainable referencing





## Use Cases for Machines (Examples)

- Get Information about Item in standardized format
  - Versions
  - Metadata
  - Properties
  - ...
- Get Information about data within item
- Retrieve contents/data/files within item
- Get Information about aggregations
- Retrieve network of other relations about this item
- Standards to be chosen for each of these requirements





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Thanks for your attention