

Data Archiving and Networked Services

Linking knowledge spaces

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Take home message

Best practices for data are so 90's ...
 but, no worries, there are alternatives ;-)

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 Linked knowledges spaces are richer and easier to map & explore





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 - Get a document from a source
 - Find a software able to process it
 - Process and write down links to other documents
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Then came the Web ...

Easy

 Web browsers display Web documents served by Web servers and wrote using a common language

Convenient

- Latest version of a document available from the Web server
- Links between unique identifiers assigned to Web documents (Uniform Resource Identifier)

Scalable

Decentralised document publication platform





This had a tremendous success!

- > 40 billion indexed web documents
- Numerous standards and tools
- Dedicated services to find and use documents











We could hardly go back now

 Would you dare not creating a web site for your research group or yourself?

 Web technologies are reaching out beyond simple documents







Helping you to find, access, and reuse data







Dealing with data until, well, now

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Sounds familiar?

 We deal with data the way we dealt with documents 20 years ago

 Lots of different formats, no links, hard to have up-to-date data, model de-coupled from the data...

















Linked Data



- 4 design principles, introduced in 2006
 - Use URIs as names for things
 - Use HTTP URIs so that people can look up those names
 - When someone looks up a URI, provide useful information, using the standards (RDF*, SPARQL)
 - Include links to other URIs so that they can discover more things
- Publish data using the Web (not on the Web)



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Packed with good stuff:

Open standards
HTTP

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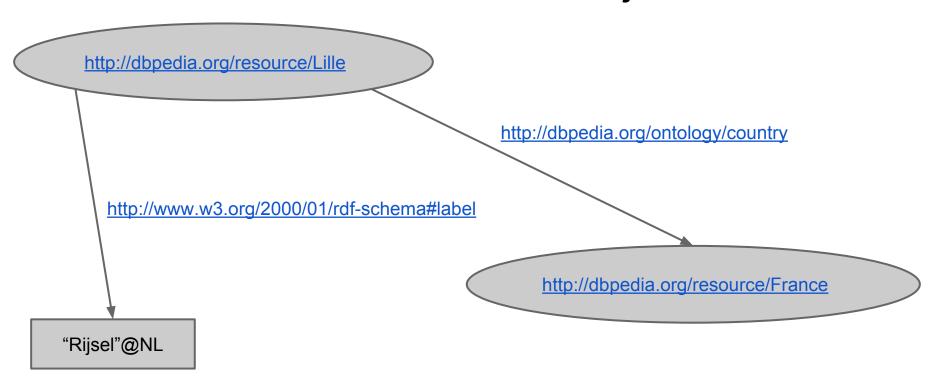
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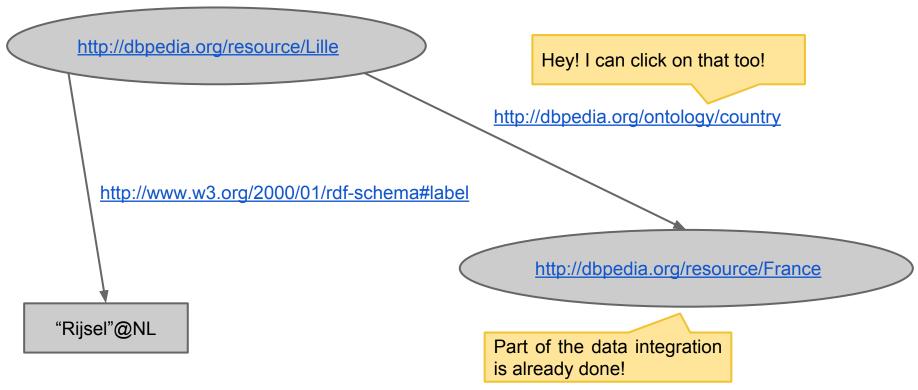






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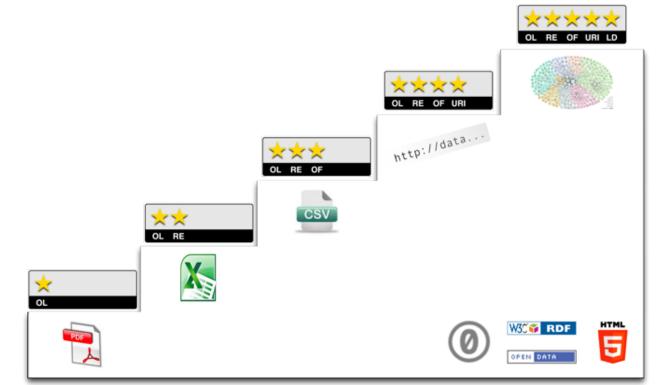






Linked Data + Open Data = LOD

 5-star scheme to get from closed data to open linked data http://5stardata.info/







LOD + Semantics = Semantic Web

 Tell a bit about the Semantics of your data and a computer will derive new facts for you

 For instance, "All the cities in France are in Europe" => "Lille is in Europe"





Let's take a step back

• A quick comparison of some features...

	Web of Documents	Web of Data	Any data on the Web
Model	Tree	Statements	Varied
Identifiers	URI	URI	URN + URI
Serialisation	XML	XML, TTL,	XML, CSV,
Granularity	Page	Statement	Data set
Access	Look up	Look up	Download
Schema	HTML	Varied	Varied
Query language	XQuery / XPath	SPARQL	Varied







Mapping knowledge spaces

- Without Linked Data
 - Download individual data sets
 - Integrate them as another data set
 - Map the output
 - (return to the first step on every update)

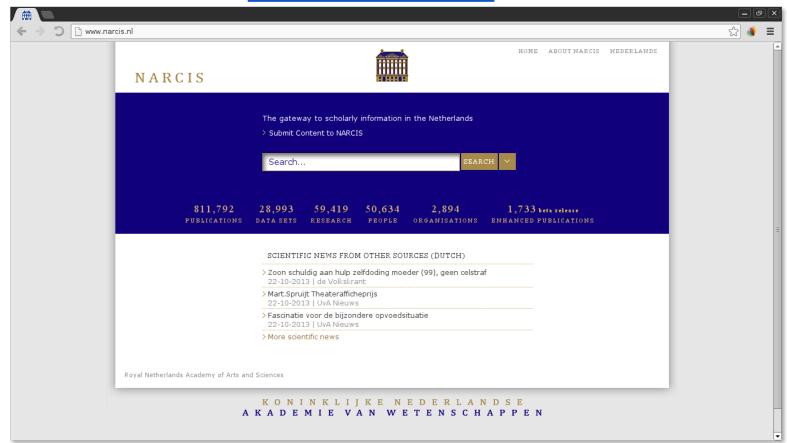
- With Linked Data
 - Index the different data sources
 - Map the output using "live" data
 - Eventually, cache the data for speed/accessibility





Example: Research landscape

Without <u>www.narcis.nl</u>

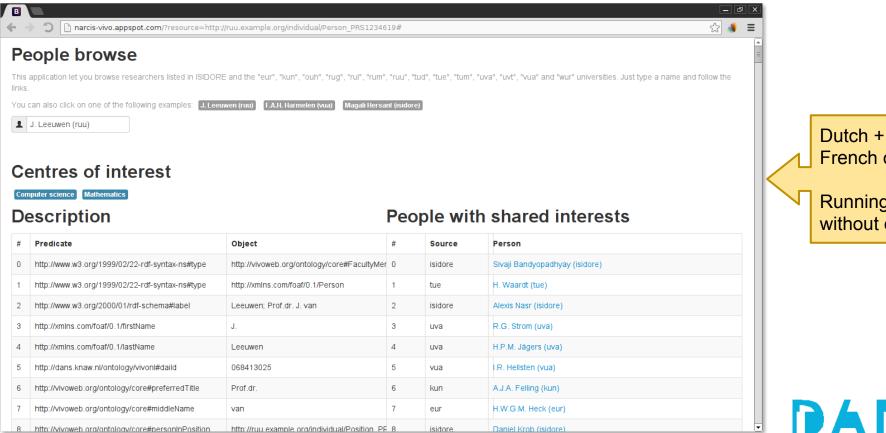


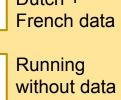




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With: http://narcis-vivo.appspot.com/



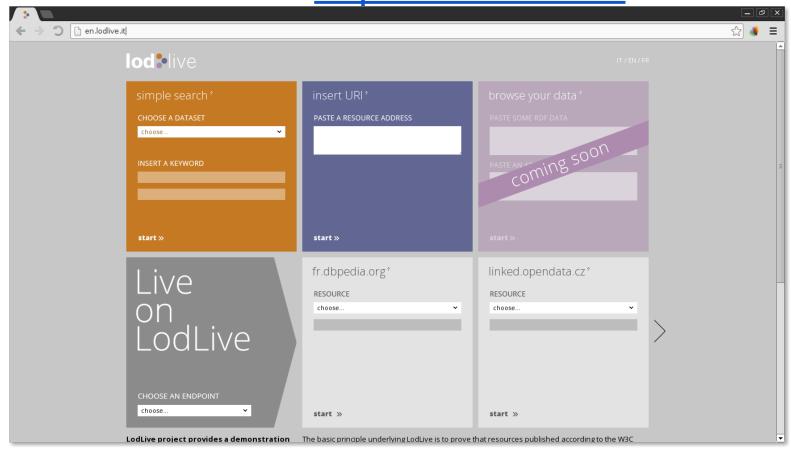






Live browsing of the Web of Data

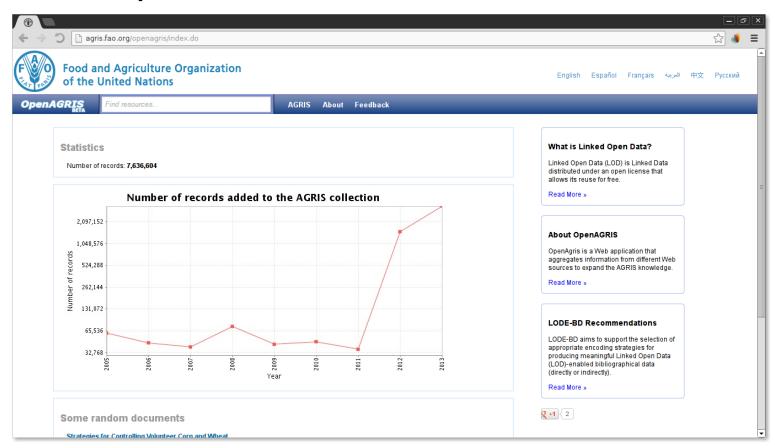
LODLive at http://en.lodlive.it/





Information relevant to FAO efforts

OpenAGRIS: http://agris.fao.org/openagris/index.do







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