



RDA is Here: Are You Ready?

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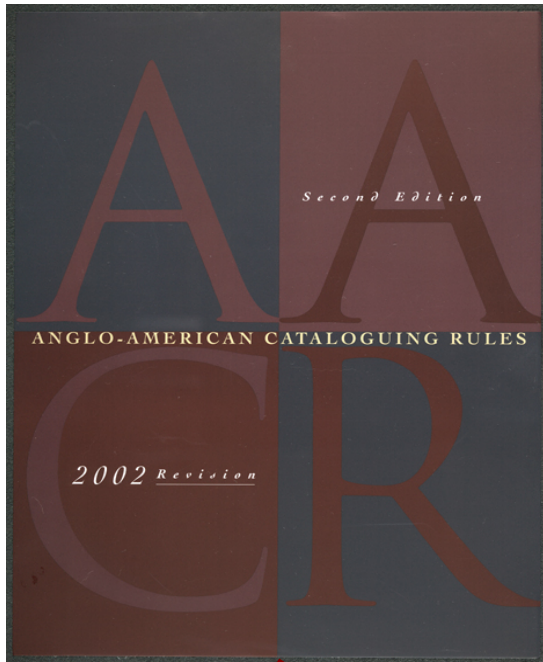
Module 1: Background and Structure of RDA

What's wrong with AACR?

- Increasingly complex
- Lack of logical structure
- Mixing content and carrier data
- Hierarchical relationships missing
- Anglo-American centric viewpoint
- Written before FRBR
- Not enough support for collocation
- Before Internet and well-formed metadata

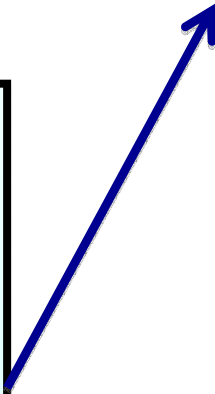
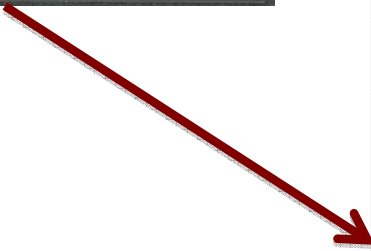
1997 International Conference on the Principles and Future Development of AACR

- **Toronto**, Canada
- JSC invited worldwide experts
- Issues leading to RDA
 - Principles
 - Content vs. carrier
 - Logical structure of AACR
 - Seriality
 - Internationalization



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RESOURCE DESCRIPTION & ACCESS

AACR3



JSC Collaborations with other Metadata Communities

- IFLA - Principles, Conceptual models, ISBD/ISSN
- ONIX (Publishers) – types of content, media, carriers
- Dublin Core, IEEE/LOM, Semantic Web, W3C

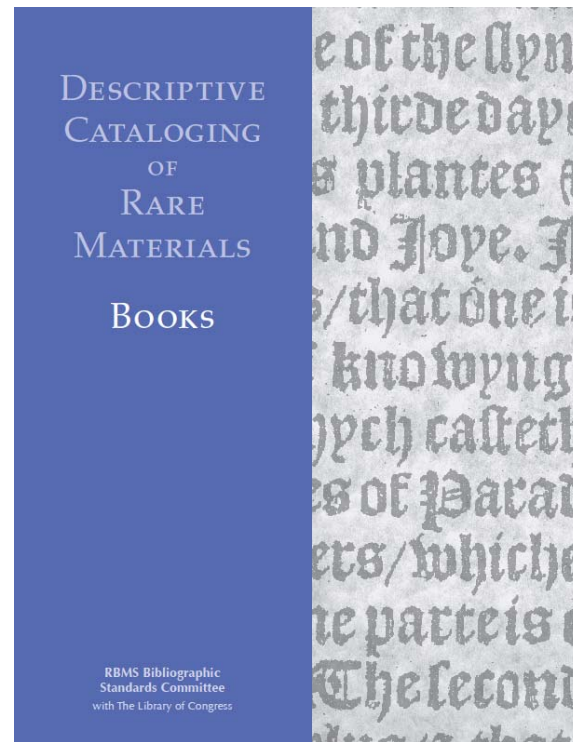
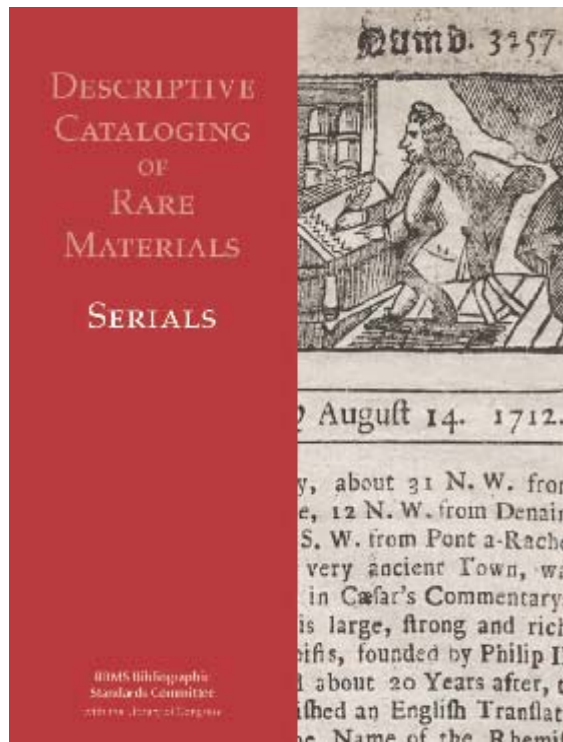
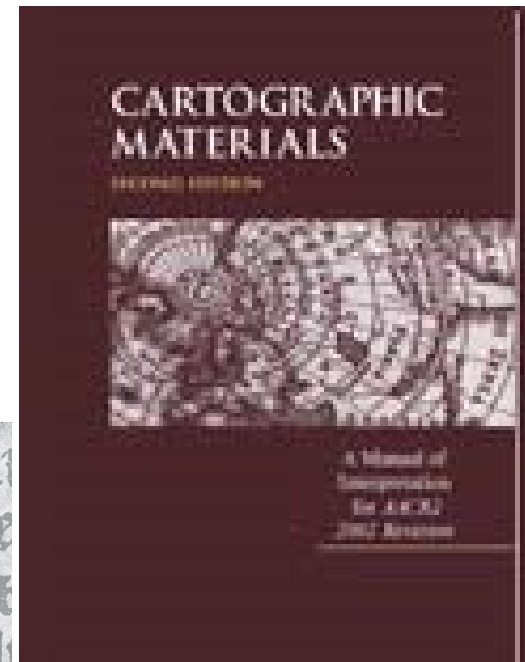
“Data Modeling Meeting” - London 2007



- RDA/MARC Working Group (MARBI)

Other Collaborations

- Law Library community
 - [Treaties](#)
- Hebraica and Religion Teams at LC
 - [Bible proposals](#)
- Mss/Archives experts at LC (Mss. Div., NUCMC, American Folklife Center, Rare Books)
 - [DACS](#)
- Music Div and Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Div., Music Library Association
 - [AMIM2 and Ch.6 proposals for music](#)
- Prints & Photographs Division
 - [CCO](#)
- Geography and Map Division at LC



GOALS: *RDA* will be ...

- A new standard for **resource description and access**
- Designed for the **digital** world
 - Optimized for use as an online product
 - Description and access of all resources
 - All types of content and media
 - Resulting records usable in the digital environment (Internet, Web OPACs, etc.)

RDA – The Goals

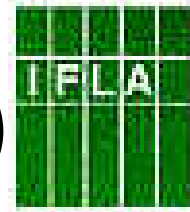
- Rules should be easy to use and interpret
- Be applicable to an online, networked environment
- Provide effective bibliographic control for all types of media
- Encourage use beyond the library community
- Be compatible with other similar standards
- Have a logical structure based on internationally agreed principles
- Separate content and carrier data
- Examples – more of them, more appropriate

RDA based on IFLA's international models and principles

- *Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR; 1998)*
- *Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD; 2009)*
- *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (ICP; 2009)*

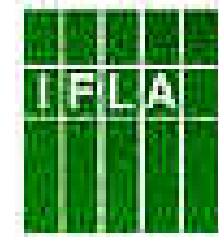
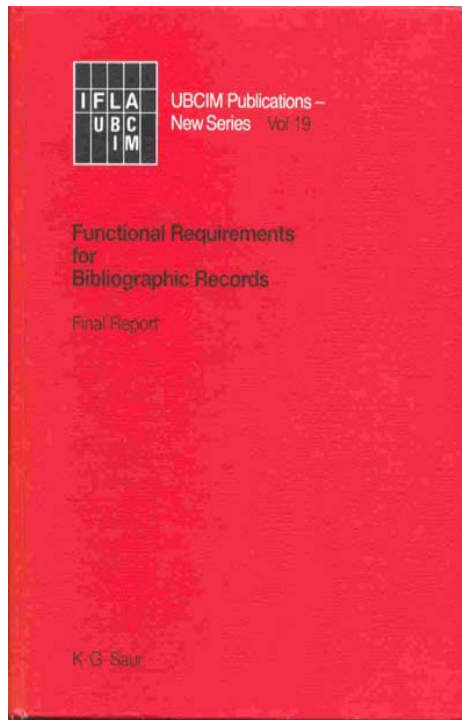


General Principles (ICP)



- Convenience of user
- Representation
- Common usage
- Accuracy
- Sufficiency and necessity
- Significance
- Economy
- Consistency and Standardization
- Integration
- Defensible, not arbitrary
- If contradict, take a defensible, practical solution.

FRBR



- IFLA's Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR)
- User tasks
 - Find
 - Identify
 - Select
 - Obtain
- Entities, Relationships, Attributes
- Mandatory elements for a national level bibliographic record

Addresses **user** tasks

FRBR:

- Find
- Identify
- Select
- Obtain

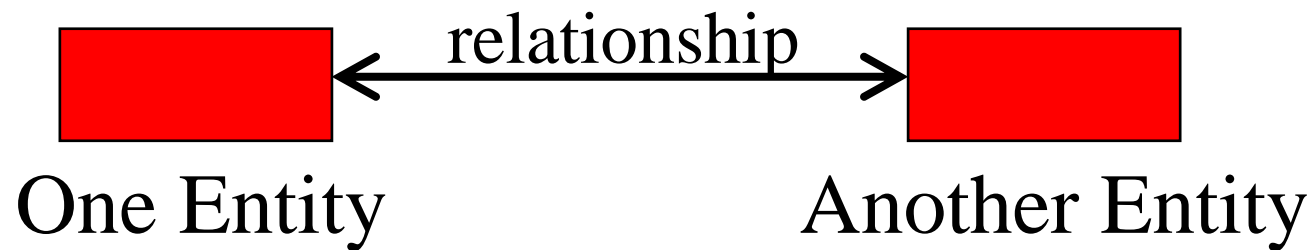
FRAD:

- Find
- Identify
- Contextualize
- Justify

- *ICP*'s highest principle = “convenience of the **user**”

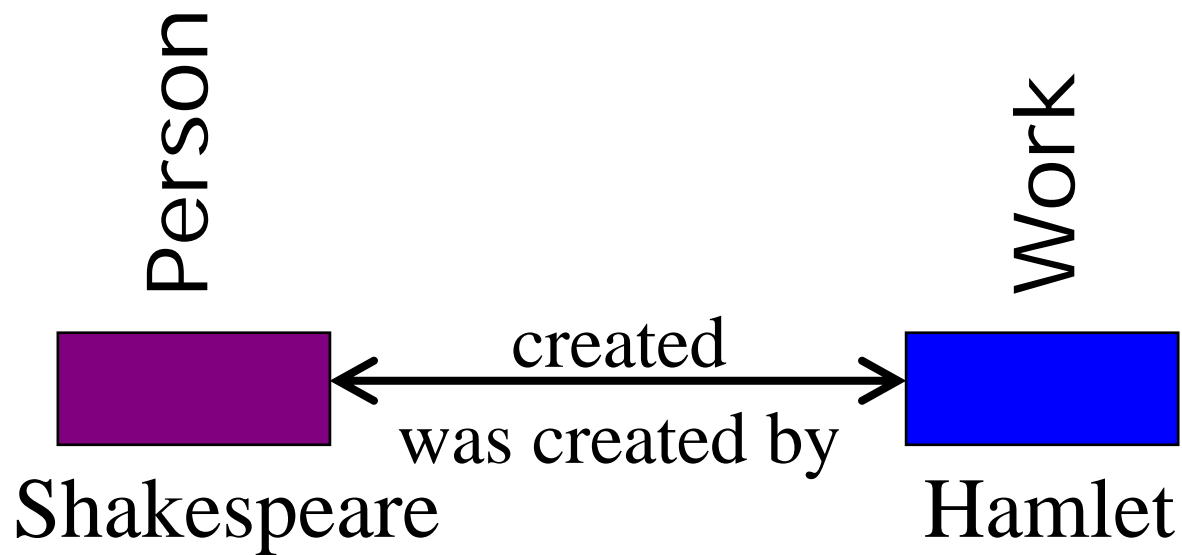
FRBR's Entity-Relationship Model

- Entities
- Relationships
- Attributes (data elements)



- National level required elements

FRBR's Entity-Relationship Model



Terminology

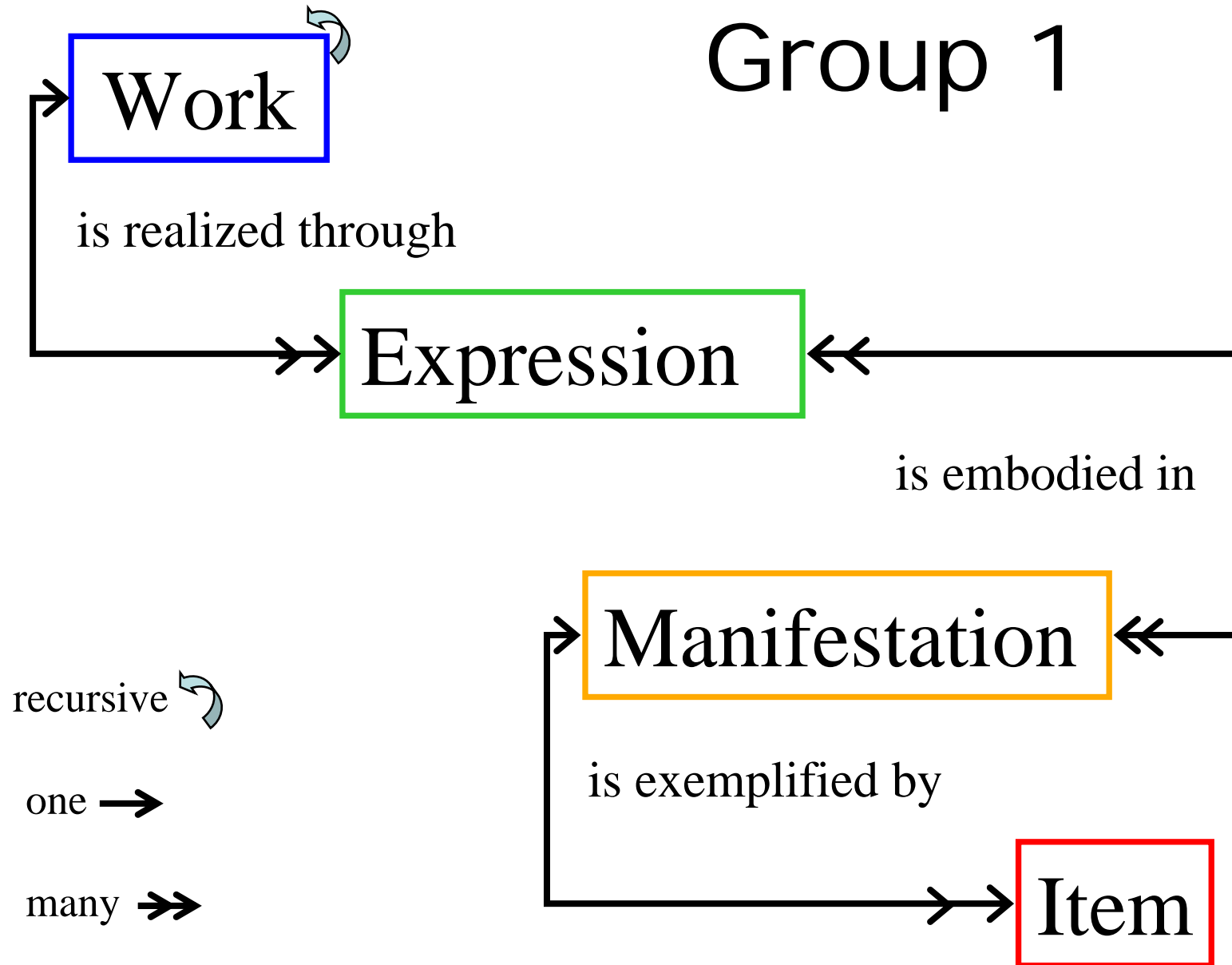
- FRBR and FRAD “attributes” are “elements” in RDA
- FRBR and FRAD Group 1 entities:
 - **Work**
 - **Expression**
 - **Manifestation**
 - **Item**

FRBR Entities

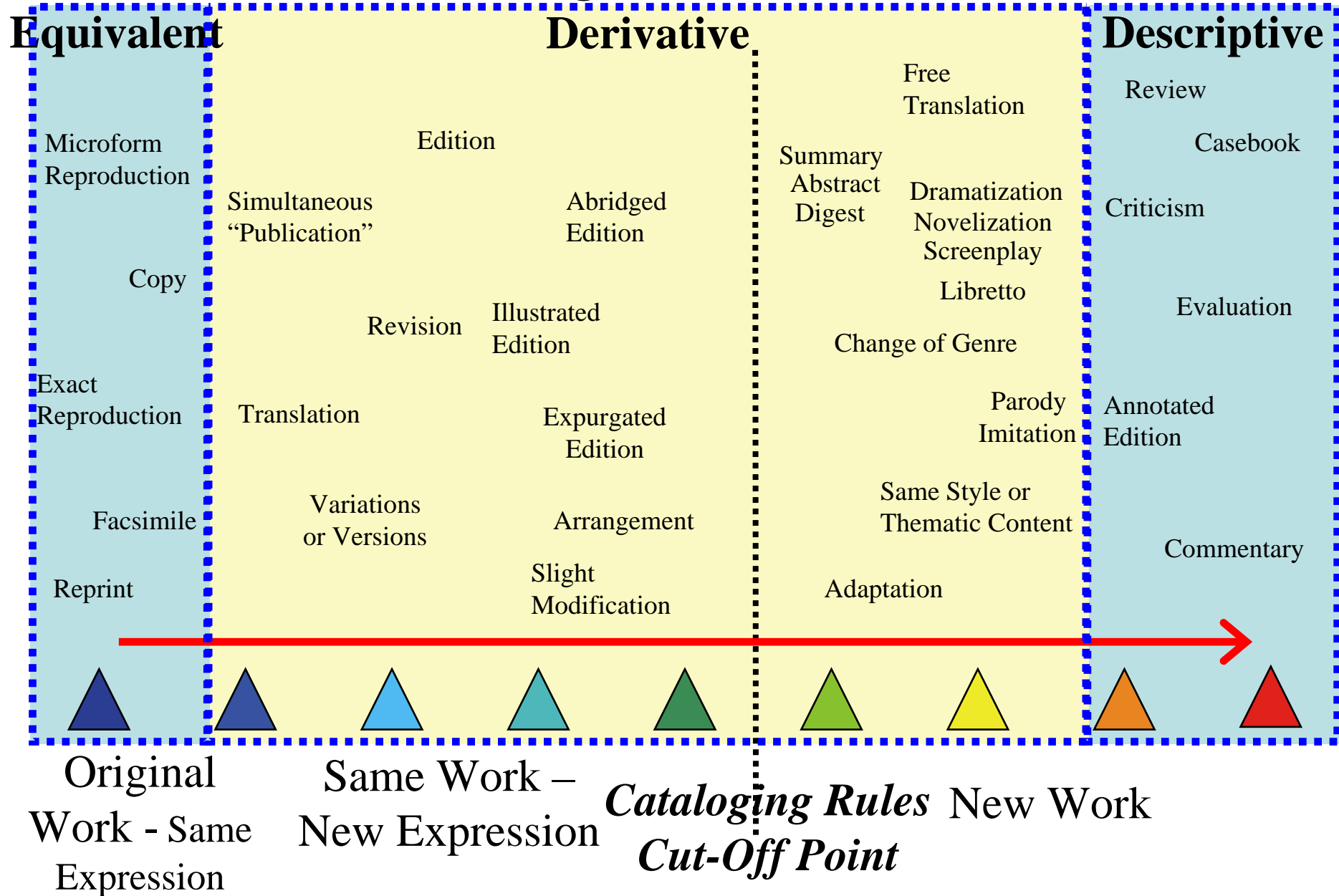
Group 1: Products of intellectual & artistic endeavor = **bibliographic resources**

- **Work**
- **Expression**
- **Manifestation**
- **Item**

Group 1

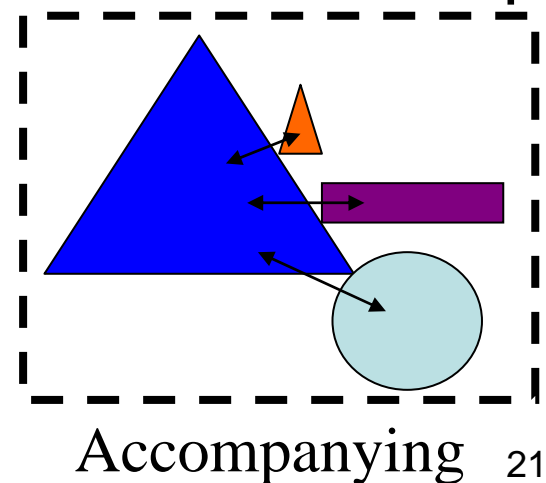
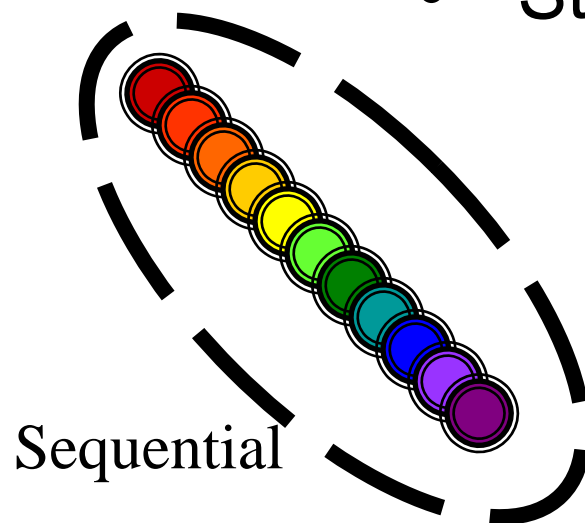
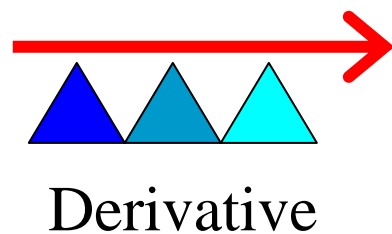
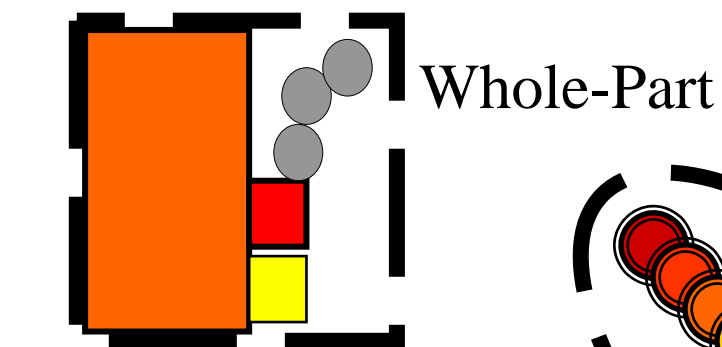
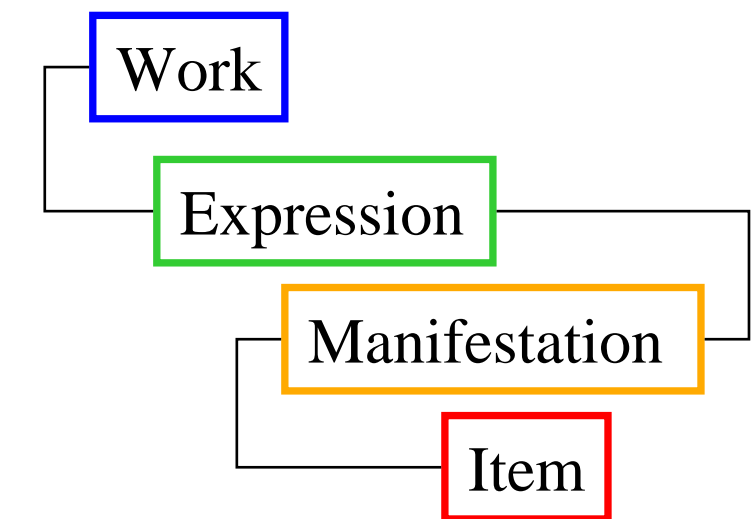


Family of Works



Relationships

- Inherent among the Group 1 entities
- Content relationships among works/expressions
- Structural relationships



Elements to Describe Resources

- **Work**

- ID
- Title
- Date
- etc.

- **Expression**

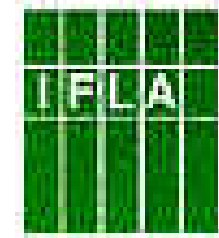
- ID
- Form
- Date
- Language
- etc.

- **Manifestation**

- ID
- Title
- Statement of responsibility
- Edition
- Imprint (place, publisher, date)
- Form/extent of carrier
- Terms of availability
- Mode of access
- etc.

- **Item**

- ID
- Provenance
- Location
- etc.



FRBR and FRAD Entities

Group 2: Those responsible for Group 1 entities

intellectual or artistic creation

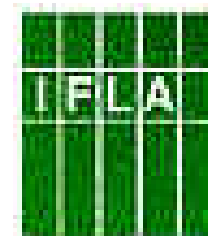
realization of works

production/publishing/ distribution/manufacture
custodial responsibility,

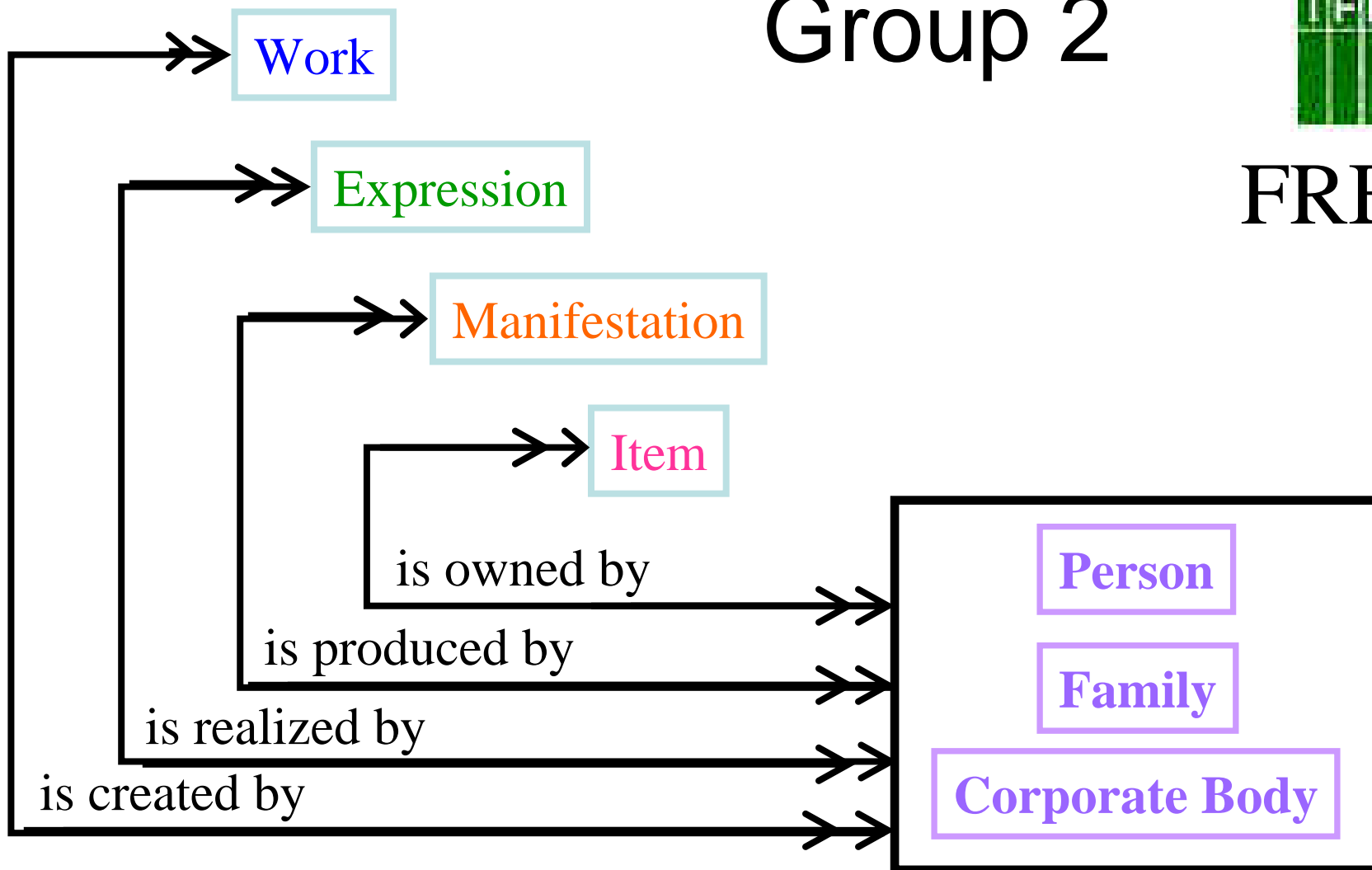
Or are the subject of works

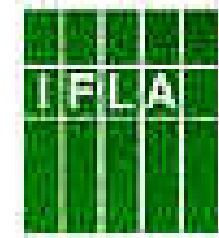
- **Person**
- **Corporate body**
- **Family**

Group 2



FRBR

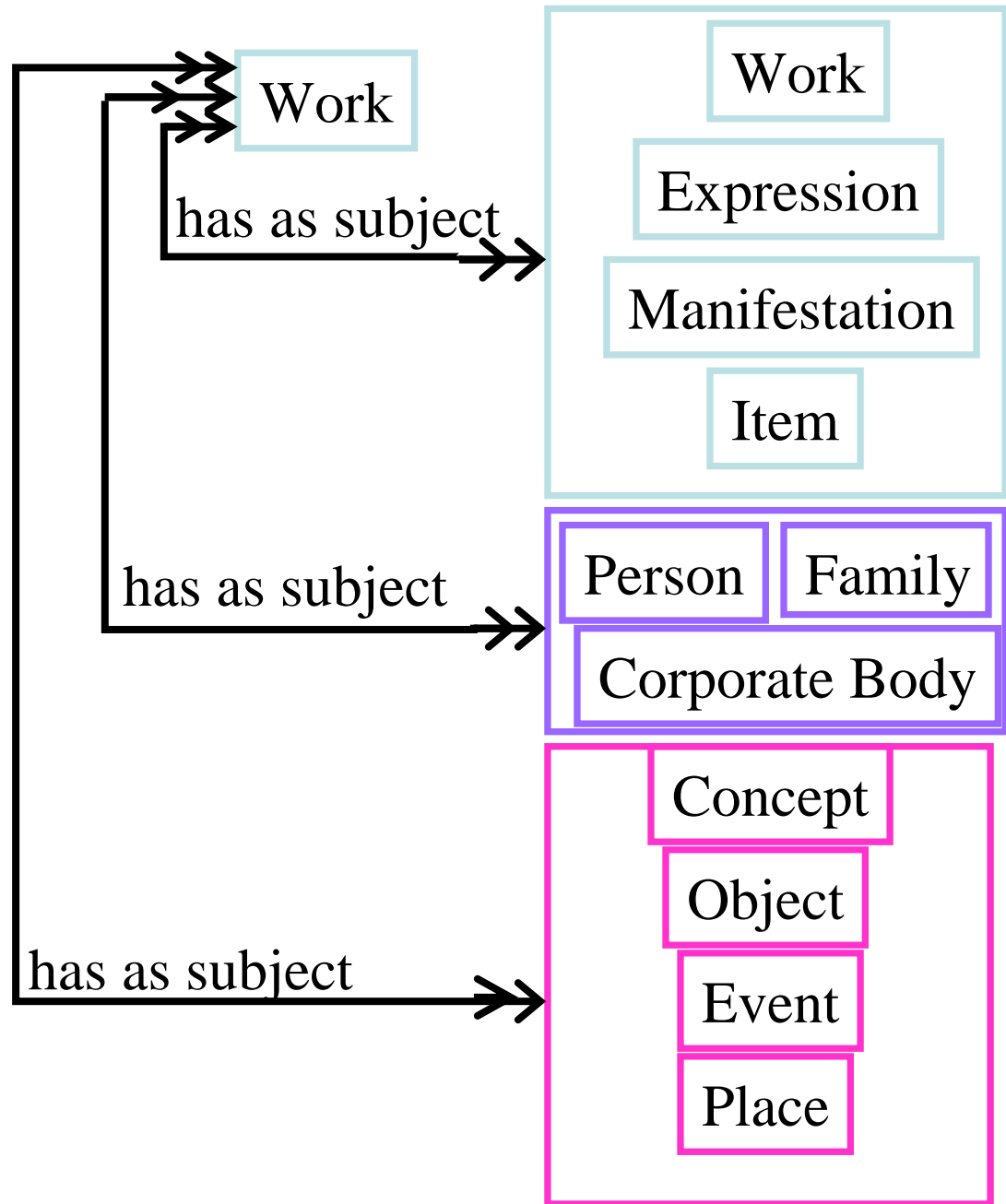




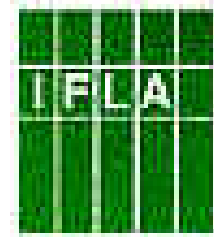
FRBR Entities

Group 3: Subjects of works

- **Groups 1 & 2 *plus***
- **Concept**
- **Object**
- **Event**
- **Place**



Group 3



FRBR

many →
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British Museum 1841 ("full and accurate" book catalog)

ACOSTA (CHRISTOVAL).

Tractado de las drogas, y medicinas de las Indias
Orientales, con sus plantas. *Burgos*, 1578. 4°

Another copy.

The same. *Ital.* *Venetia*, 1585. 4°

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Person Work Expression Manifestation Item



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Work



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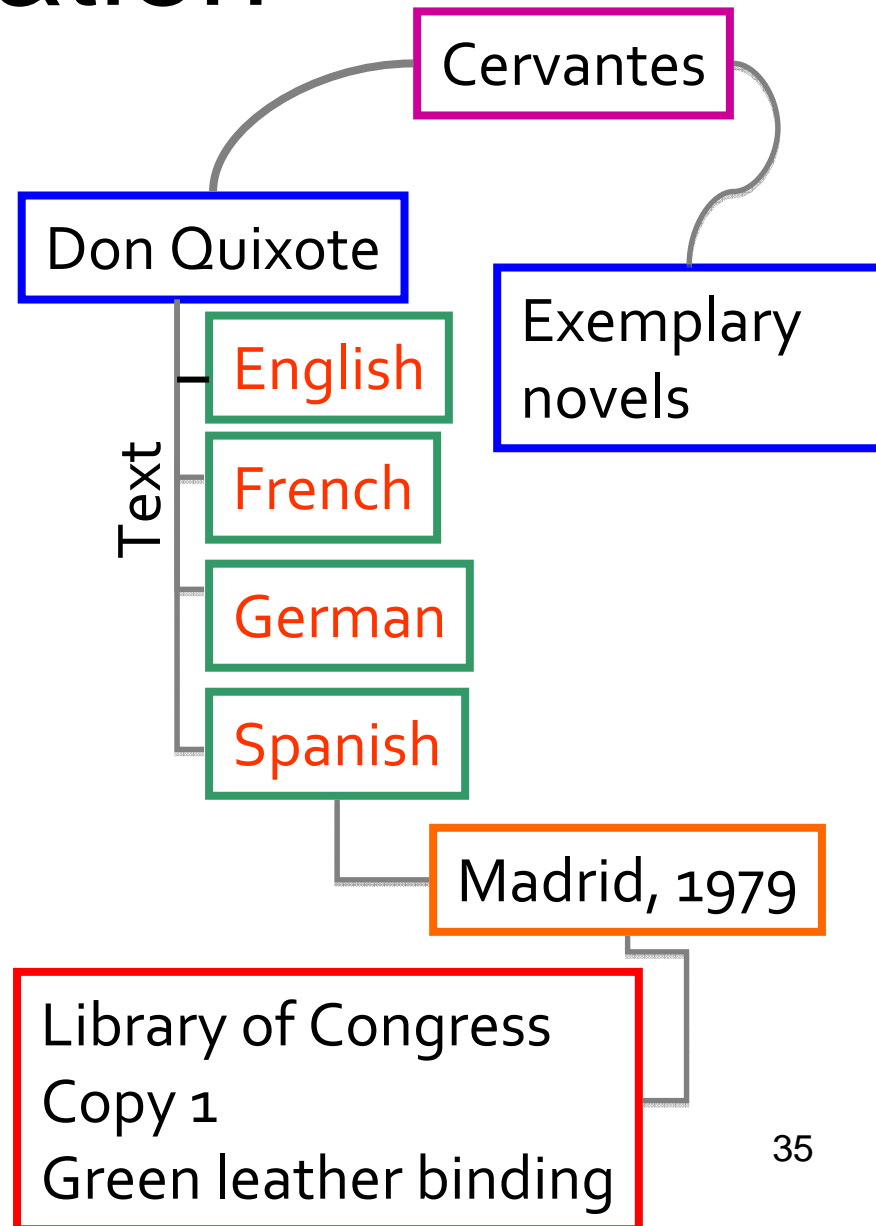
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Item
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Collocation

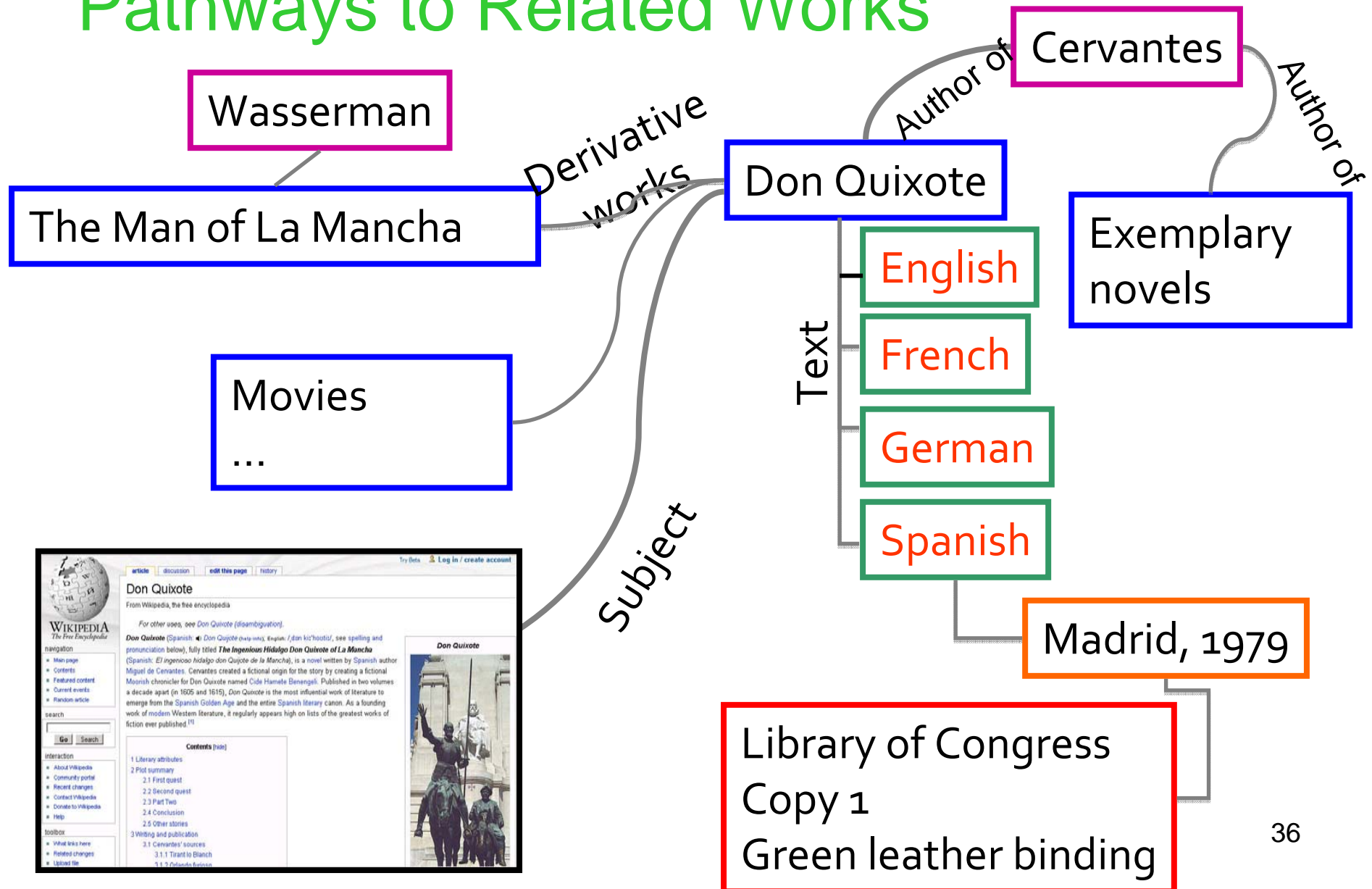
Objectives of a catalog:
display

- All the works associated with a person, etc.
- All the expressions of the same work
- All the manifestations of the same expression
- All items/copies of the same manifestation



Relationships

Pathways to Related Works

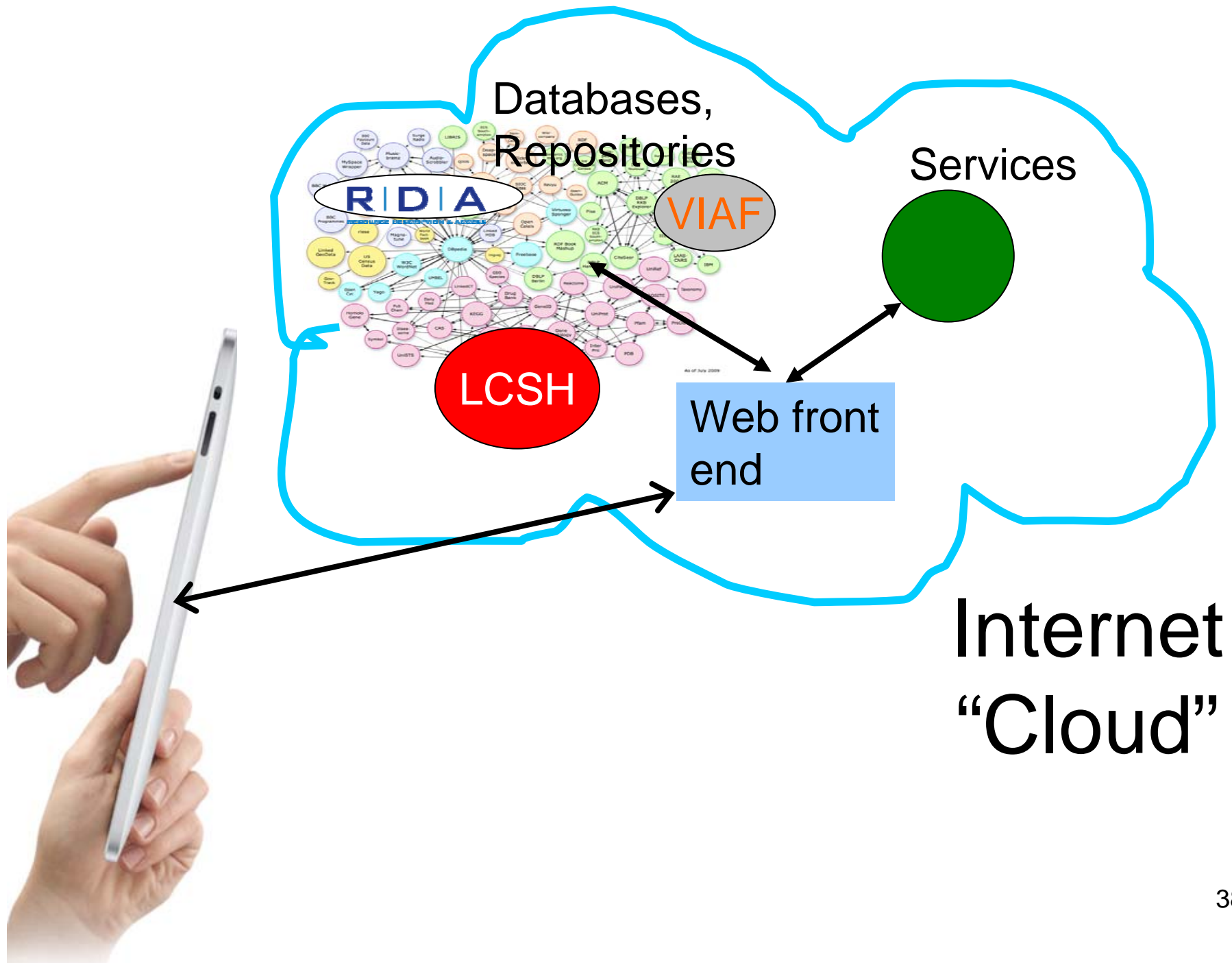


Internet



- Catalogs are no longer in isolation
 - Global access to data
- Integrate bibliographic data with wider Internet environment
 - Share data beyond institutions





Current Cataloging Environment

- Web-based
- Wide range of information carriers
 - complexity of content
- Metadata (bibliographic information)
 - Created by a wider range of personnel in and outside libraries
 - **Element-based** metadata schemas
 - Dublin Core, ONIX, etc.

Database/format Scenarios

Bib record (flat-file)

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Spoken word.
Donated by the author.

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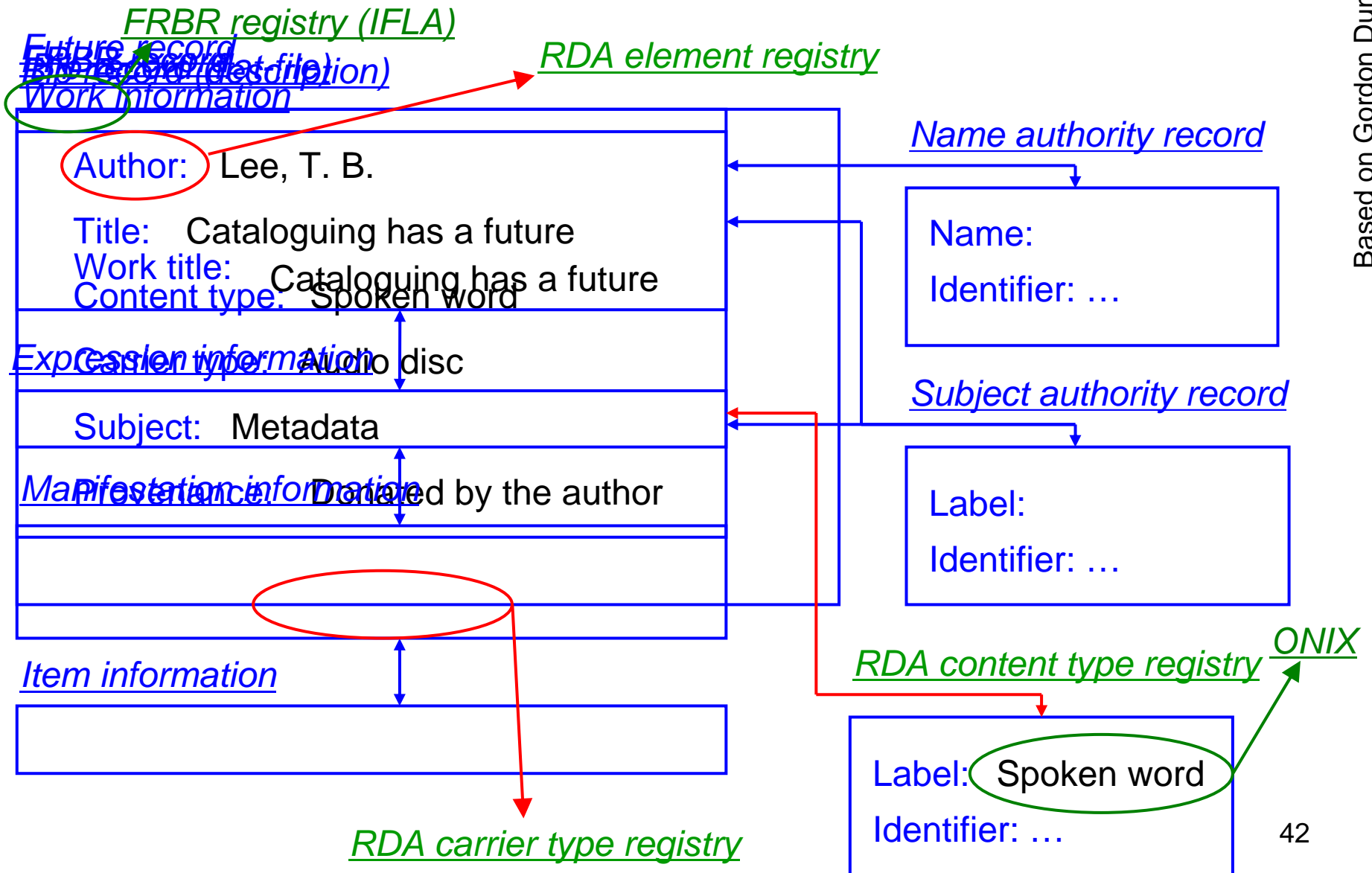


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300    $a 1 sound disc  
500    $a Spoken word.  
561 1  $a Donated by the author.  
650 0  $a Metadata
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Database/format Scenarios



Linked Data

Work information

Author: ←
Subject: ←
Work Title: Cataloguing has a future

Expression information

Content type: ←

Manifestation information

Title: Cataloguing has a future
Carrier type:

Item information

Provenance: Donated by the author

Name authority record

Name: Lee, T. B.
Identifier: ...

Subject authority record

Label: Metadata
Identifier: ...

RDA content type registry

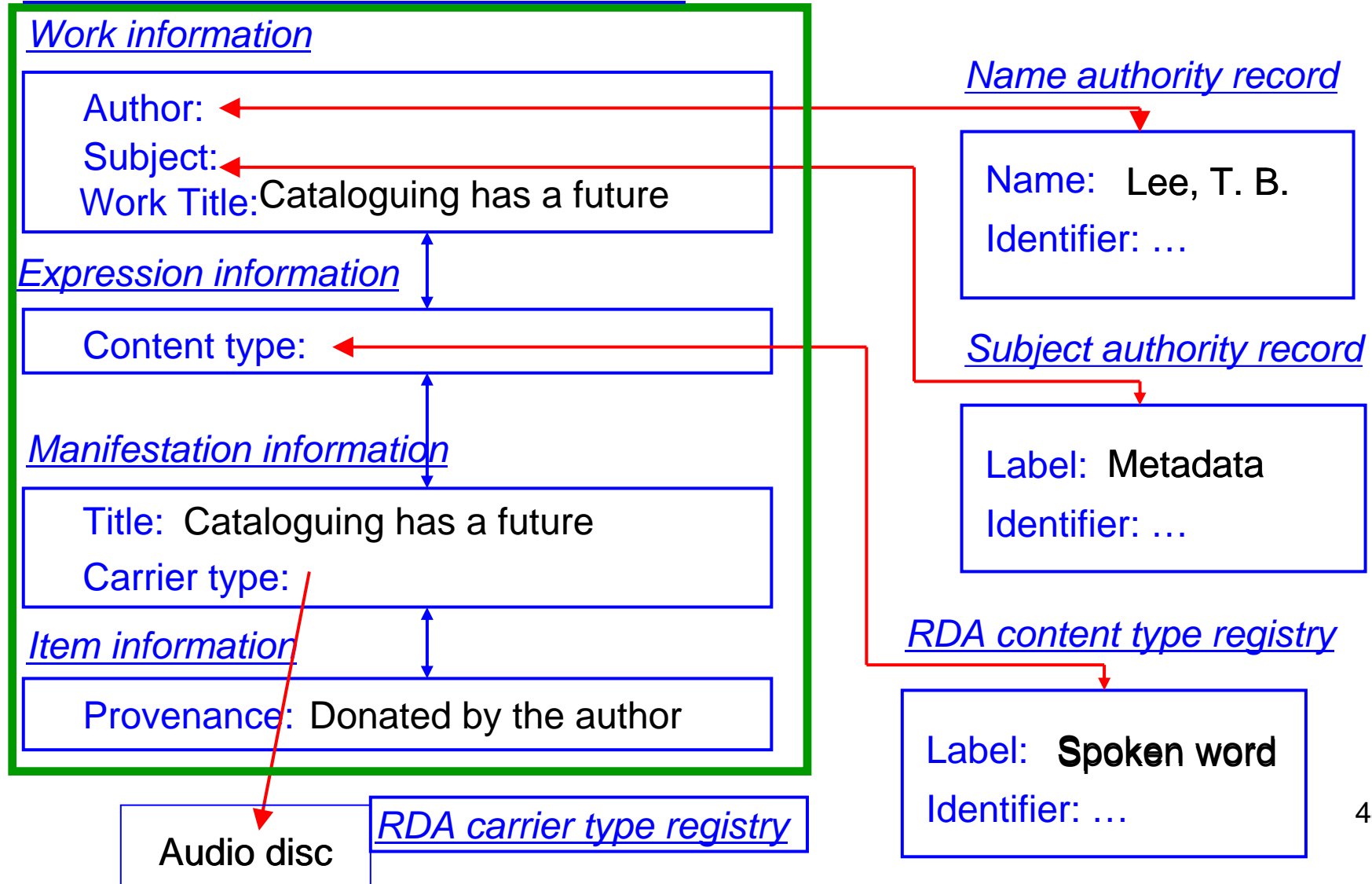
Label: Spoken word
Identifier: ...

RDA carrier type registry

Audio disc

Package for Data Sharing

Communication format record



Package for displays

Future display



Author: Lee, T. B.

Content type: Spoken word

Title: Cataloguing has a future

Carrier type: (Audio disc)

Quiz on FRBR



AACR2 to RDA vocabulary

- heading → authorized access point
- author, composer,
etc. → creator
- main entry → preferred title + authorized
access point for creator if
appropriate
- uniform title → (1) preferred title (+ other
information to differentiate);
(2) conventional collective
title

AACR2 to RDA vocabulary

- see reference → variant access point
- see also reference → authorized access point
for related entity
- physical description → carrier description

AACR2 to RDA vocabulary

- GMD  media type +
carrier type +
content type
- chief source  preferred sources

RDA is a content standard

- Not a display standard (as is AACR2)
 - Does have appendix D for ISBD and appendix E for AACR2 style for access points
- Not an encoding standard
 - Use whatever schema you prefer (MARC 21, Dublin Core, etc.)

Mappings, etc., for transition

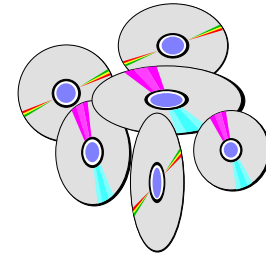
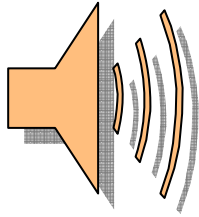
- RDA Appendix D mappings:
 - ISBD to RDA
 - MARC 21 bibliographic format to RDA
- RDA Appendix E:
 - Presentation and punctuation of access points
 - MARC 21 authority format mapping to RDA
- Other mappings in the RDA Toolkit

More international

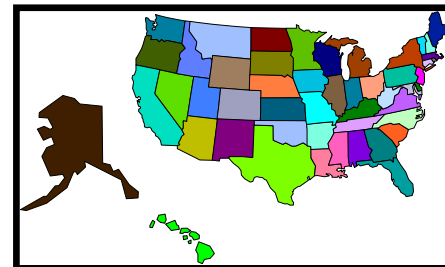
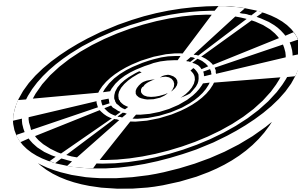
- Focus on local **user** needs
- Choice of agency preparing the description:
 - Language of additions to access points
 - Language of supplied data
 - Script and transliteration
 - Calendar
 - Numeric system



For wider scope of resources



- Response to what's being acquired in libraries
 - More elements for non-printed text resources
 - More elements for non-text resources
 - More elements for unpublished resources



Includes authority data instructions

- Based on attributes and relationships in FRAD
- Authorized/variant access points and elements will for now continue to be documented in authority records

Has **controlled** vocabularies

- Only a few **closed**: content, media, and carrier types; mode of issuance; etc.
- Most are **open**: cataloger can supply term if needed term not in list
- Vocabularies being registered on the Web (<http://metadataregistry.org/rdabrowse.htm>)
-- goal of multiple languages and/or scripts

RDA Structure

- General introduction
- **Identifying elements** (entities and their attributes)
 - Ch. 1-7: work, expression, manifestation, item
 - Ch. 8-16: person, family, corporate body, place
- **Relationships:** ch. 17-22, 24-32
- Appendices
- Glossary
- Index

RDA structure

- Not by class of materials: no separate chapters for books, printed music, etc.
 - Overarching principles applicable to all
- Basic goals: identify and relate (from FRBR/FRAD user tasks and ICP)
- Chapters: separate elements for goals
 - Assemble those elements when need authorized access points (instructions at end of chapters 6, 9-11)

RDA Toolkit **not** to be read linearly

- Using the online RDA Toolkit:
 - “Jumping in” via keyword searches
 - Going directly to elements from Table of Contents (ToC) pane
 - Following links
 - Seeing some duplication of content (needed for context)
- Printed text version of *RDA* is available
- Printed version of the RDA element set (a subset of the RDA content) in summer 2011

Core elements in RDA

- Based on attributes mandatory for a national level record in FRBR and FRAD
- Core elements listed as a group in RDA 0.6 and separately in appropriate chapters
 - Agency, consortium, etc., can add others

“Core-ness” identified at element level in RDA

- **If always** a core element (if applicable and available), label **CORE ELEMENT** appears below element name
- **If** use as a core element **depends** upon the situation, the label **CORE ELEMENT** is followed by an **explanation of the situation**

Other choices in *RDA*

- Alternatives and options
- “or” instructions
- “agency preparing ...” instructions

Review

- Current environment
- What's wrong with AACR2?
- Foundations for RDA: ICP, FRBR, FRAD
- Terminology
- RDA structure