Workshop C1: Stand Fedora 6 und Linked Data

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Program

- Introduction, History of Fedora Commons
- Data model, Matterhorn RDF
- Fedora 6, Oxford Common File Layout

Introduction, History of Fedora Commons

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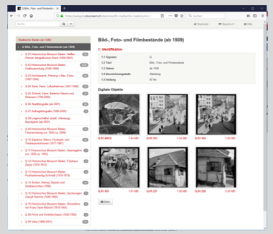

Integration

atom access to memory

OAI-PMH

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What Fedora is (not)

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- **Fedora is the flexible, modular, open source repository platform**
  - **since version 4: ...with native linked data support.**

- What it is:
  - adding functionality and semantic to the storage layer
  - supporting concepts to model simple to complex objects in a flexible way
  - offering standardized and controlled access to the objects stored
  - solid base for complex digital resources platforms

- What it is not:
  - an end-user platform with a flashy user interface
  - an out-of-the-box digital reading room
  - an ingest workflow engine

What's wrong with Fedora 3?

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- Good experiences with Fedora 3
  - Stable and reliable product used for ten years
  - Active/international community
  - Focus on core functionality
  - Platform independent, flexible infrastructure requirements
  - Good support of community standards (XML based)

But...

- New standards evolve in metadata management and object modeling
  - Semantic web
  - Ontologies (e.g. PREMIS, MODS)
- Technology stack
  - is getting deprecated
  - lacks functionality
  - should support new/emerging standards
  - performance improvements necessary

Advantages of Fedora 4

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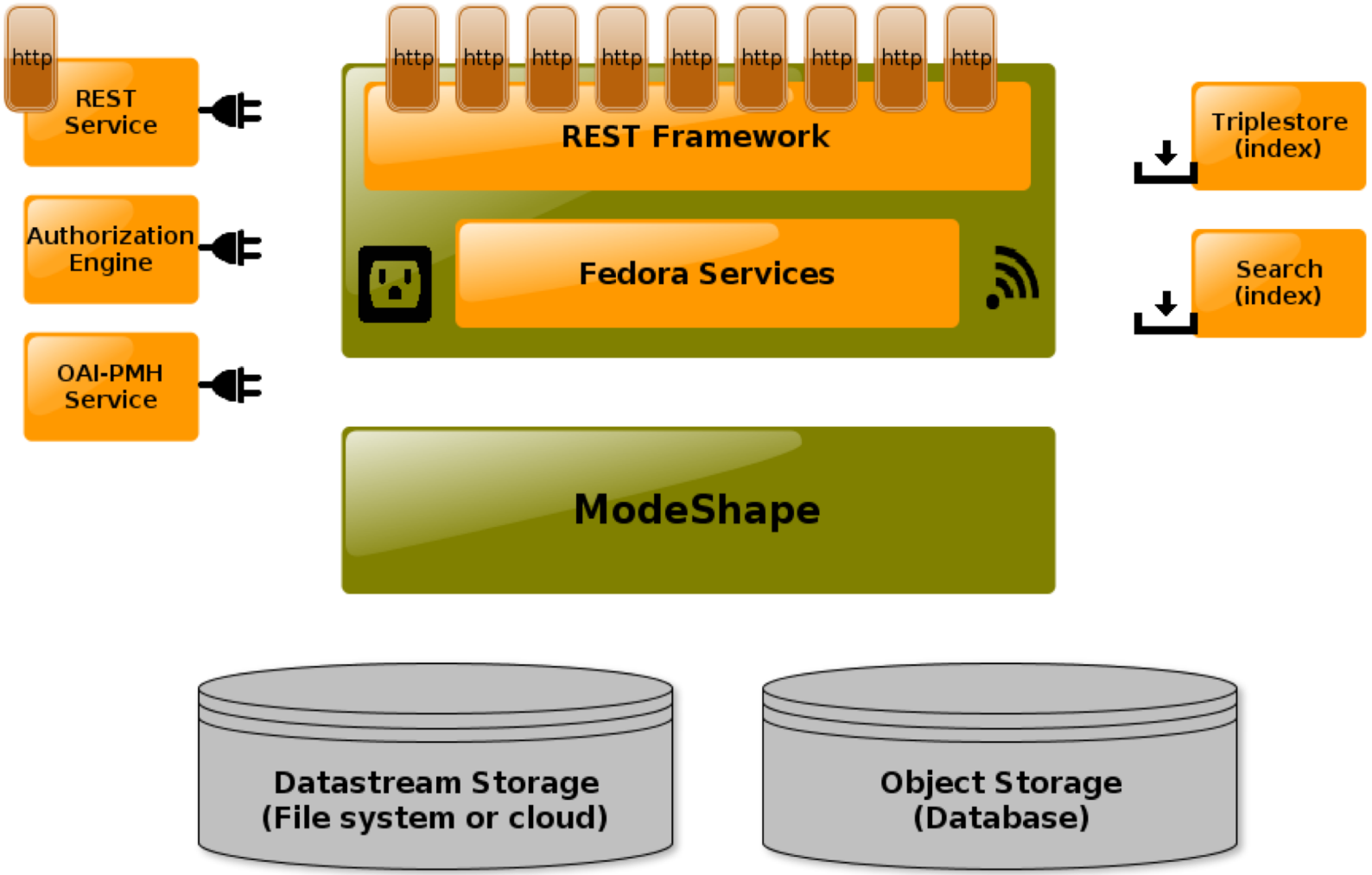
- continued community support
- even more focus core functionality
  - modularizing/externalizing
  - using reliable technologies for core concepts:
    - Memento (Versioning)
    - ACL (Permissions)
- native support for Linked Data
  - Fedora 4 is a LDP server, i.e. implementing the W3C rules on handling web resources (https://www.w3.org/TR/ldp/)
  - Metadata not only as literals, but as resources

F4 Architecture



Fedora 5

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- Fedora 5 has been published at the end of 2018
- primarily an alignment of the API and a reference implementation
  - Resource Management (Linked Data Platform)
  - Resource Versioning (Memento)
  - Resource Authorization (Web Access Controls)
  - Notifications (Activity Streams)
  - Binary Resource Fixity (HTTP headers)
- Adoptions by frameworks
  - Samvera/Hyrax/Avalon
  - Islandora

Onwards perspectives:

- Migration Path analysis: https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/FF/Designing+a+Migration+Path
- Roadmap: https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/FF/Roadmap

Data model, Matterhorn RDF

New data model: From Matterhorn METS to Matterhorn RDF

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- Matterhorn METS (XML):
  - based on METS, EAD, PREMIS (v2)
  - is today used in > 25 institutions in Switzerland, Germany, France.
  - will continue as a standard for SIPs/DIPs

- Matterhorn RDF
  - Fedora 4ff: A new RDF-based data model is possible
  - Rework the Matterhorn METS Profile in view of the possibilities offered by Linked Data and Open Linked Data
  - Resource can be uniquely identified using a URI
  - Relationships between resources can be qualified
  - The use of external resources and knowledge sources for cataloguing is greatly simplified (eg. Wikidata, GND, VIAF).
  - Make use of existing resources to improve the precision of archival description

Matterhorn RDF

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- The Matterhorn RDF data model is again a joint development by the State Archives Canton of Wallis and docuteam. It is based both on the ICA standards for descriptive metadata (now ISAD/ISAAR/ISDF, in the future Records in Context (RiC)) and the OAIS information model.
- The class model of Matterhorn RDF is mainly based on the PREMIS 3 ontology and the library standard RDA (but not the FRBR data model). The PREMIS classes are enriched with attributes from other ontologies to be able to model the required details.
- Most important ontologies:
  - PREMIS 3
  - RDA (Ressource Description and Access)
  - DC, DC Terms, CIDOC, SKOS
- All informations are online:
  - https://wiki.docuteam.ch/doku.php?id=docuteam:matterhornrdf
  - https://matterhorn.tools

Matterhorn RDF: Improved contextualization

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Contextualization of documents

- **What?** → Content (ISAD)
- **Who?** → Actors (ISAAR)
- **How?** → Process of creation (ISDF)

Contextualization goes further

- Preservation description information
- Representation Information

The goal is a model that contains **both the content and the technical contextualization** of a document or a record.

Matterhorn RDF: core concepts

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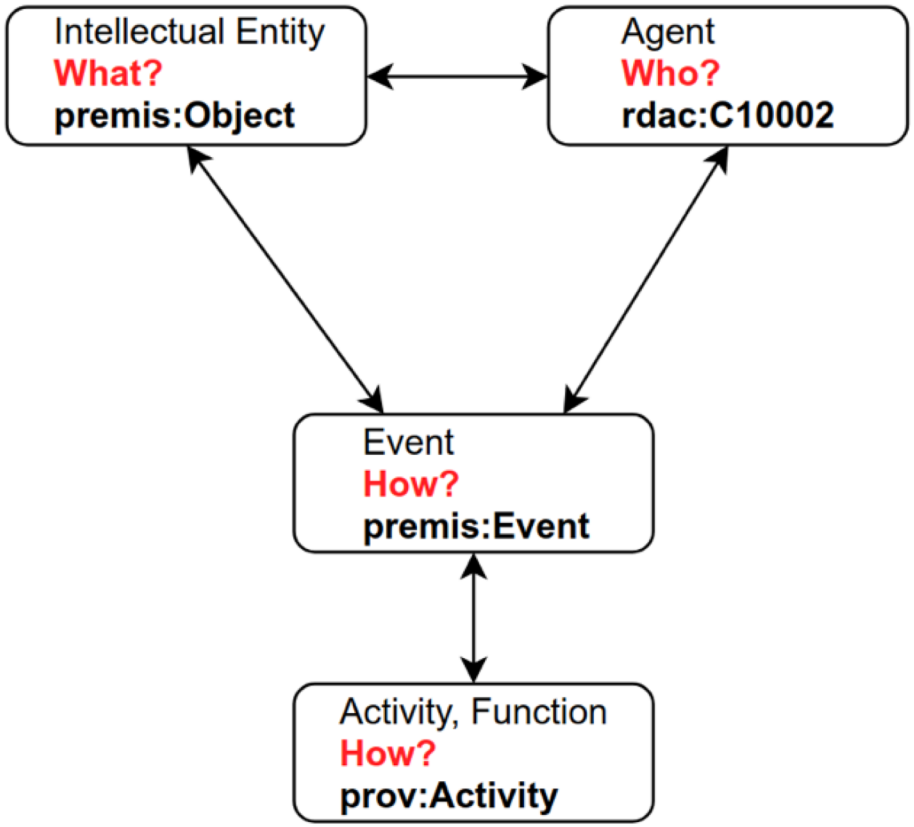
Very similar to the PREMIS 3-model with three core classes

- Intellectual Entities (Records):
  - premis:object from PREMIS 3 ontology
- Agents:
  - rdac:C10002 from RDA ontology
- Functions and Events:
  - prov:Activity from PROV ontology of the W3C



Matterhorn RDF: Conceptual Model

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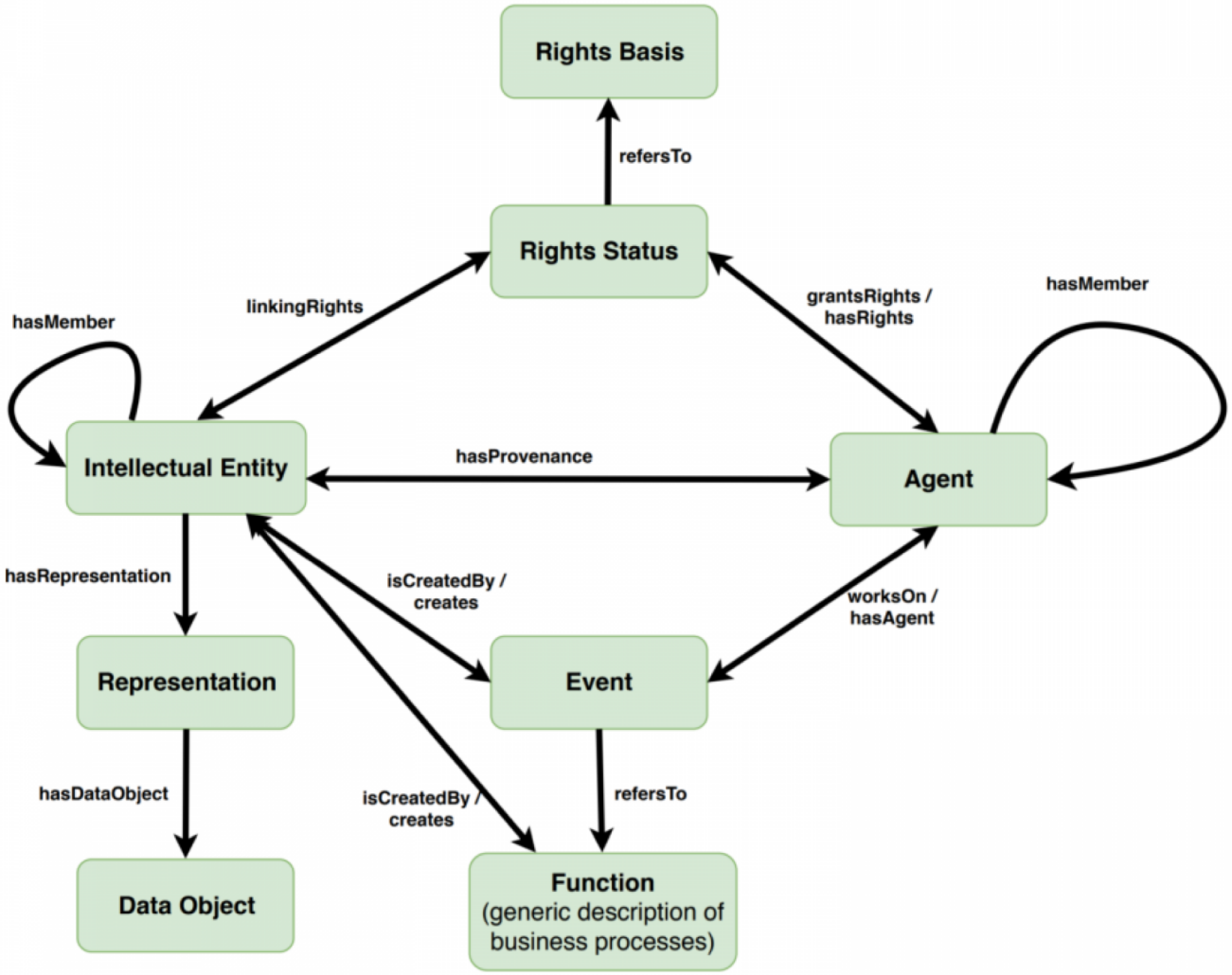

Matterhorn RDF: Class model

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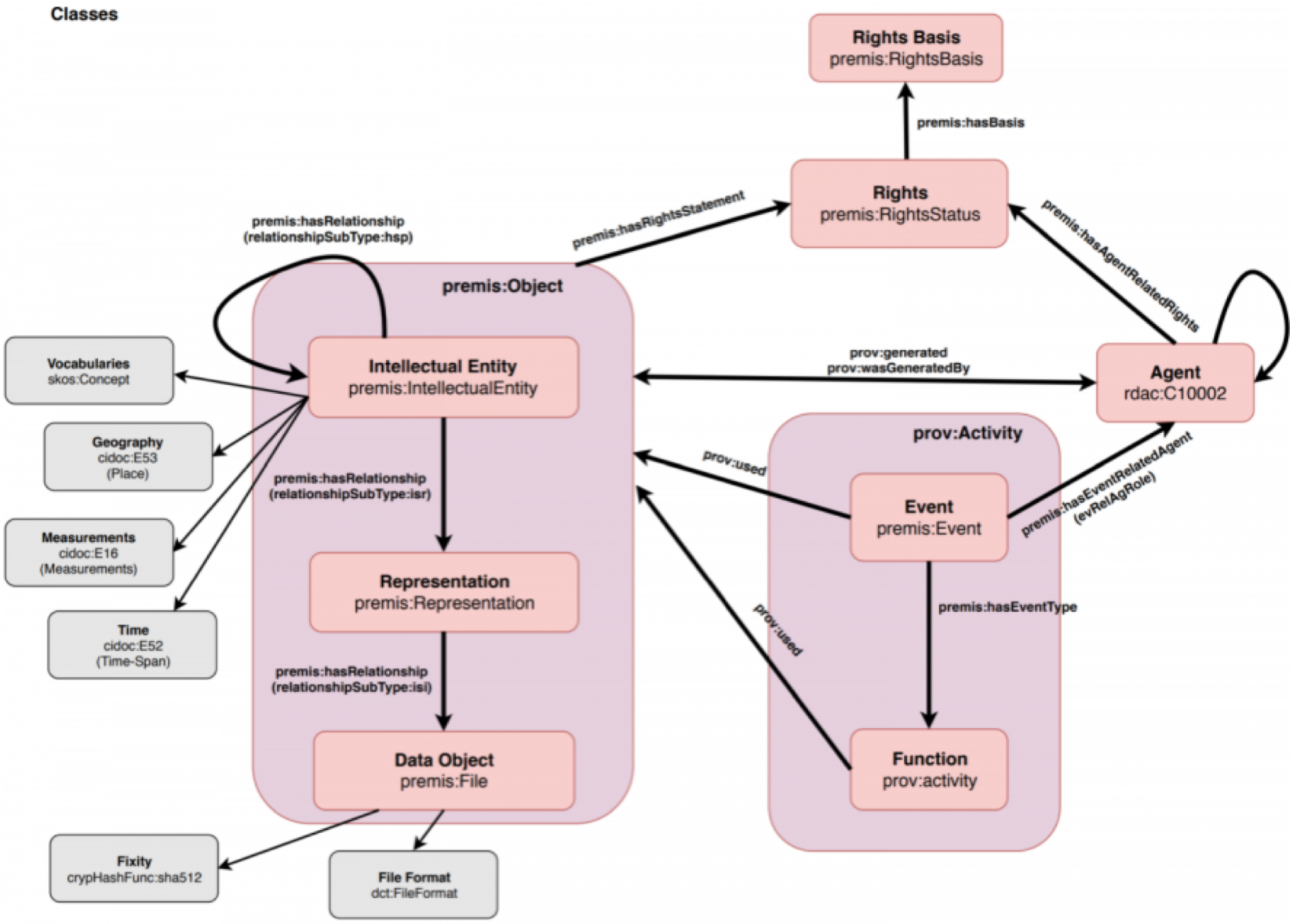

SHACL instead of an Ontology

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- No ontology for Matterhorn RDF. Maintenance would cost too much time + effort.
- Formalization is done in Shapes Constraint Language (SHACL)
- For each property, restrictions regarding value ranges, minimum or maximum occurence and data types are to be formulated.
- Statements made in triples can be validated

```
sh:property [
    sh:path dc:title ;
    rdfs:label "Title"@en ;
    rdfs:label "Titel"@de ;
    rdfs:label "Titre"@fr ;
    rdfs:comment "ISAD 1.2; RDA 'has
title'" ;
    # owl:sameAs rico:title ;
    sh:datatype xsd:string ;
    sh:minCount 1 ;
    sh:maxCount 1 ;
    sh:nodeKind sh:Literal ;
] ;
```

RiC/Records in Context and Matterhorn RDF

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- ICA «Expert Group for Archival Description» (EGAD) works on «Records in Context» since 2012 to replace ISAD / ISAAR / ISDF
- **EGAD's non-generic approach:** Developing an RDF standard specific to archives, with gateways to library and museum standards
- **The Matterhorn RDF Data Model's generic approach:** Based upon RDF existing and consensual international standards, allowing to model Records in Context.
- In contrast to EGAD, the Matterhorn RDF Data Model is based on existing ontologies. It follows the best practices propagated by the W3C: **«It is best practice to use or extend an existing vocabulary before creating a new vocabulary.»**

Fedora 6, Oxford Common File Layout

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Designing a Migration Path Survey Results

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- **Goal of the study**: “assess the barriers to migrating to a supported version of Fedora”
- Almost **80%** of the participants are still **using Fedora 3**
  - current community for Fedora 4/5 is rather small
- **File System Layout** and **Preservation Capabilities** are **among the top 3 of Fedora 3 features**
- **Flexible Content Model** is the **top rated Fedora 3 feature**

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Fedora 6 Pilot

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- What we do
  - Weekly Tech Calls
  - Testing migration utilities for F3 → F6
  - Testing Fedora 6 setup an infrastructure
  - Test our tools against Fedora 6

- Goals
  - Running **Fedora 6 prototype** by the end of 2019
  - Start with migrations to Fedora 6 **soon after release**

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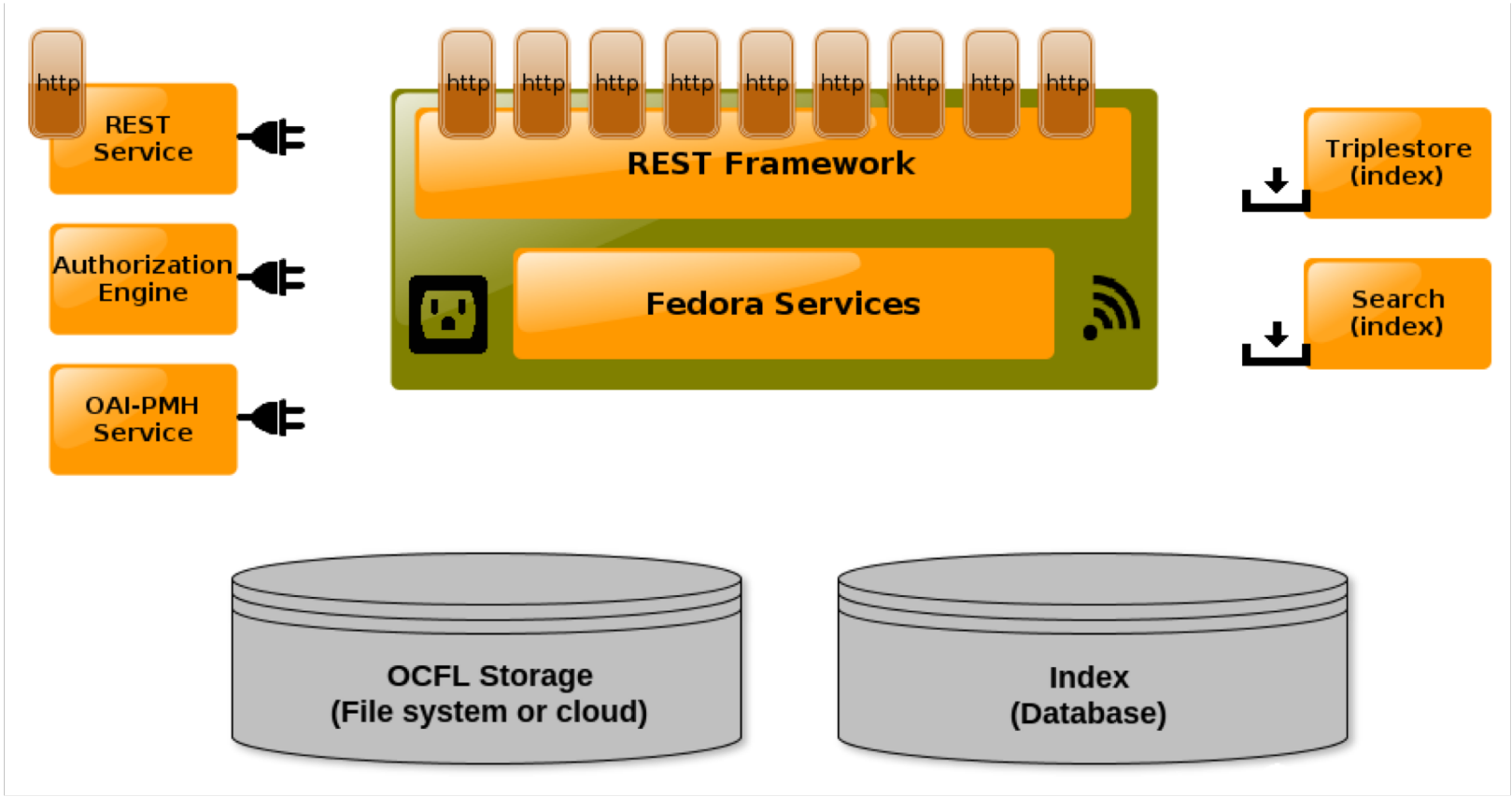
F6 Architecture



Why we wait for Fedora 6

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- Storage Structure similar to Fedora 3
  - Open Standard (repository independent)
  - same backup strategies can be used
  - easier migration
- Fedora objects will be self-describing outside of the context of the software
  - meaning: metadata and data will be stored together
- Rebuild from disk possible (again)

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Why we wait for Fedora 6

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- Synchronous Search Service included
  - provides basic search functionality over repository
  - full text search will still need an external index
- Implements same the Fedora API as Fedora 5
- Support for OpenJDK 11

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Fedora 3 → Fedora 6

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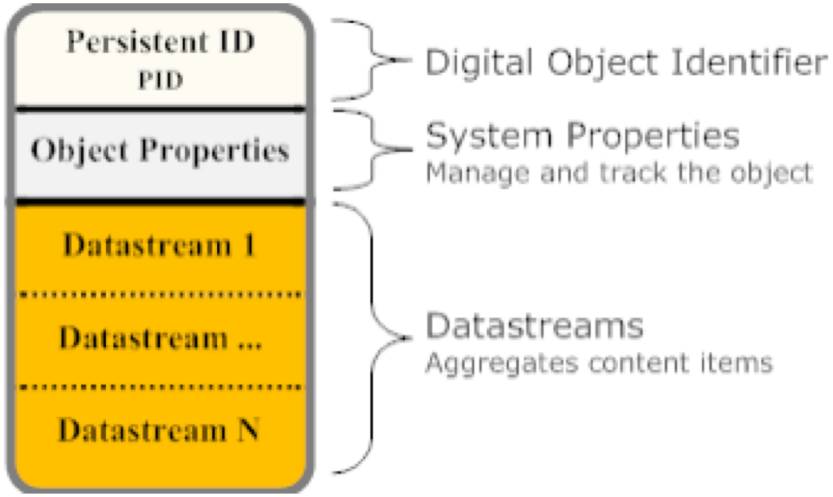
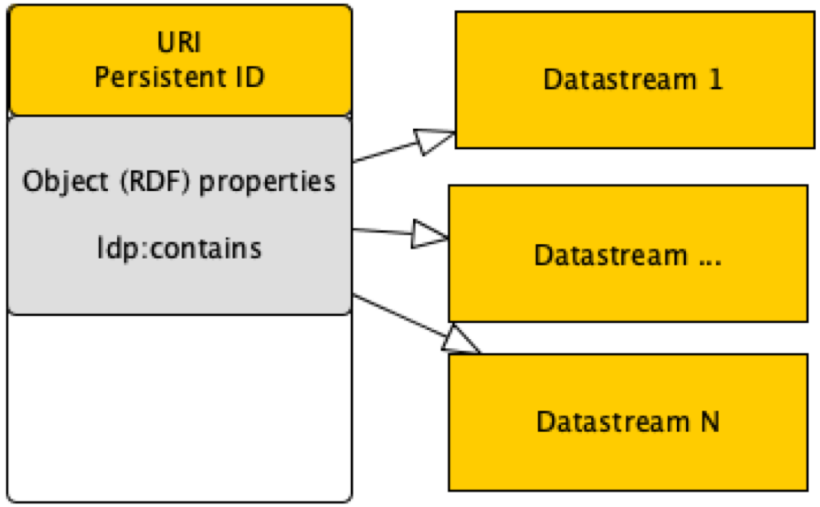
Fedora 3:

- Object
- Object Properties
- Datastream
- Datastream Properties

Fedora 6:

- RDF Ressource
- RDF properties
- Binary Ressource
- RDF properties of Binary Ressource





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Oxford Common File Layout (OCFL)

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"This Oxford Common File Layout (OCFL) specification describes an application-independent approach to the storage of digital information in a structured, transparent, and predictable manner. It is designed to promote long-term object management best practices within digital repositories."

Source: https://ocfl.io/, 30.10.2019.

- Website: https://ocfl.io/
- Latest specification draft: https://ocfl.io/draft/spec/

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Why OCFL?

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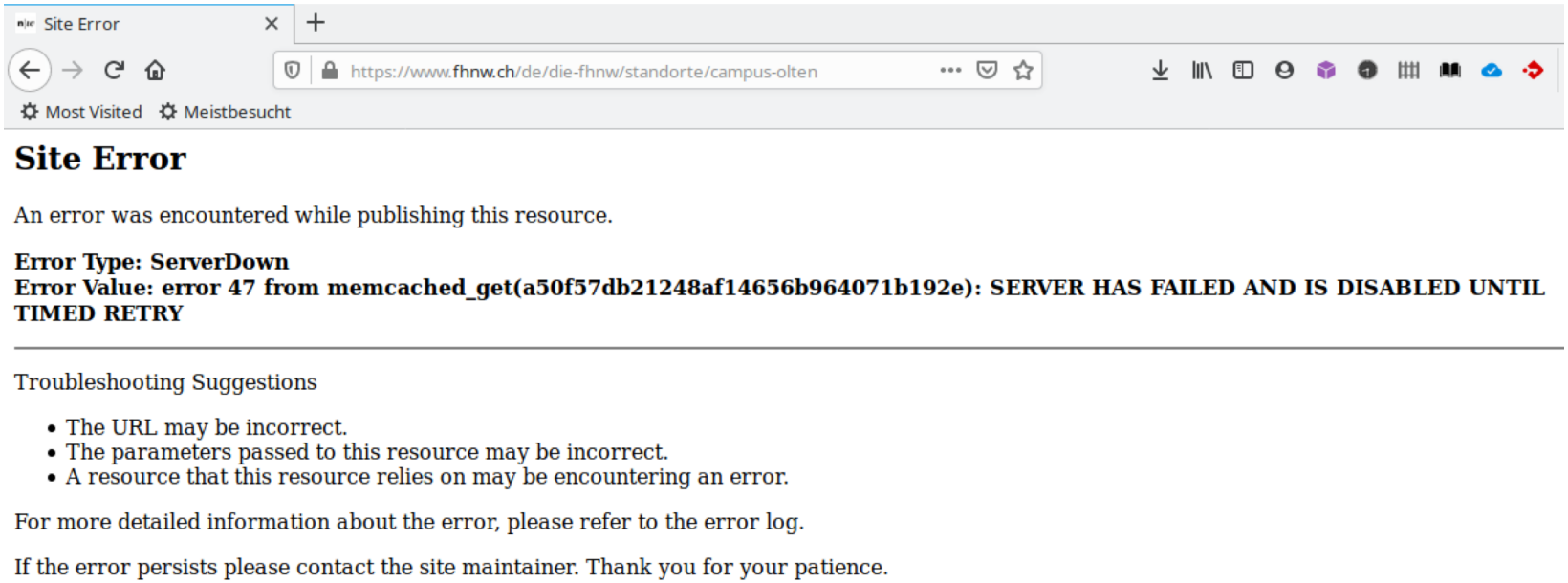

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Why OCFL?

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- **Completeness**, so that a repository can be rebuilt from the files it stores
- **Parsability**, both by humans and machines, to ensure content can be understood in the absence of original software
- **Robustness** against errors, corruption, and migration between storage technologies
- **Versioning**, so repositories can make changes to objects allowing its history to persist
- **Storage diversity**, to ensure content can be stored on diverse storage infrastructures including cloud object stores

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File Layout of an OCFL Storage Root

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```
ocfl  Storage root
├── '0=ocfl_1.0'  Root conformance declaration
├── ocfl_1.0.txt  Human-readable text of the OCFL specification; optional
├── ocfl_layout.json  Description of storage hierarchy layout; optional
├── it
│   ├── 2h
│   │   └── s9
│   │       └── [ojbect_root]
│   ├── 9a
│   │   └── n2
│   │       └── [object_root]
│   └── 0c
│       └── f7
│           └── …
└── …
```


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File layout of an OCFL object without binary (example: it-01:1)

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```
it-01%3a1 Object root
├─ '0=ocfl_object_1.0' Object conformance declaration
├─ inventory.json Inventory
├─ inventory.json.sha512 Inventory digest
├─ v1 Version
│   ├─ inventory.json
│   ├─ inventory.json.sha512
│   └─ content
│       └─ object.ttl RDF data
├─ v2
│   └─ ...
├─ v...
└─ head Mutable version
```

File layout of an OCFL object with binary (example: it-01:2)

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```
it-01%3a2 Object root
├─ '0=ocfl_object_1.0' Object conformance declaration
├─ inventory.json Inventory
├─ inventory.json.sha512 Inventory digest
├─ v1 Version
│   ├─ inventory.json
│   ├─ inventory.json.sha512
│   └─ content
│       ├─ object.ttl RDF data
│       └─ ORIGINAL Binary file
├─ v2
│   └─ ...
├─ v...
└─ head Mutable version
```

Serialization of RDF data in an OCFL object

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Content of `object.ttl`:

```
<info:fedora/it-01:1>
        <info:fedora/fedora-system:def/model#createdDate>
                "2017-08-
24T10:50:59.705Z"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime> ;
        <info:fedora/fedora-system:def/model#label>
                "01-SimpleTXT_1KB" ;
        <info:fedora/fedora-system:def/model#ownerId>
                "" ;
        <info:fedora/fedora-system:def/model#state>
                "Active" ;
        <info:fedora/fedora-system:def/view#lastModifiedDate>
                "2017-08-
24T10:50:59.705Z"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime> .
```