## **Creating Natural History Collection**with Omeka S

Can a digital NHC be created by a researcher?

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### Omeka S is...

- a web publication platform and an open source software (license GPLv3)
- originally developed by <u>Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media</u>
- a <u>Digital Scholar</u> project

### You can create your own assets and metadata and publish them easily!



# Omeka S - Example usage for Judith's project

- Chose modules
- Consider the data model



#### **Omeka S - Modules**

In this example use case the following modules are installed:

- Scripto
- IIIF Server, Image Server & Universal Viewer
- Folksonomy
- Export



# botany:order dcterms:identifier "IS00001 Itemset URI:GBIF

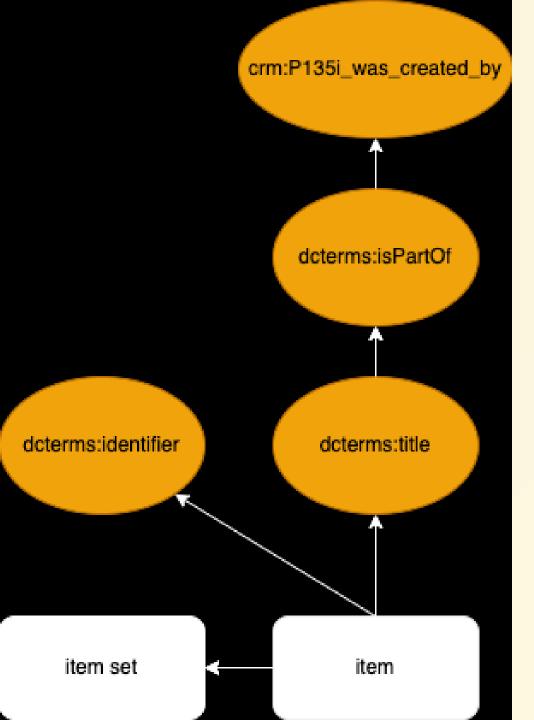
#### **Omeka S - Data structure 1**

Use case: A researcher is collecting images (drawing, painting etc.) of different flowers, to find out the aesthetic and cultural meanings of the flowers.

2 data schemes, item set and item:

- Item set should describe a sort of plant/flower (in this case "Chrysanthemum")
- Used vocabularies <u>dcterms</u> and <u>botany</u>





## Omeka S - Data structure 2

- The scheme "item" should describe the image of flowers
- Used vocabularies dcterms and CIDOC-CRM



### Omeka S - in use

**Backend** 

**Frontend** 



### Questions

- Can a digital NHC be created by a researcher? or Can such a dataset be defined as NHC?
- If yes, how can we make the digital NHC sustainable?

