# Enhancing descriptive metadata with geospatial properties

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## Slides, Examples, & Other docs

http://bit.ly/DLF15geowkshop

github.com/cmh2166/DLF15GeoMetadata

### Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Existing Best Practices
- 3. Standards & Vocabularies
- 4. Tools & Scripts

### Goals for This Workshop:

- 1. Take awesome work for geospatial data
- 2. Explore how we can leverage in descriptive metadata for non-geospatial objects
- 3. See how it changes our work
- 4. Begin some broad best practices

### Why This Workshop?

Build new methods - or make consistent application of existing methods - for metadata supporting enhanced geographic discovery & identification of all resources in discovery layer

### Is This a Workshop?

- · Follow along
- Give feedback
- Tinker with examples
- Try out some tools, methods for generating
- Discuss building interoperability
- Please interrupt with questions, additions, corrections

### Existing Best Practices #1

### Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL)

- http://bit.ly/MWDLgeo
- Expands MWDL DC Application Profile
- Focus on DC (core & terms) in XML
- Primarily for MWDL partner institutions
- Question of Authorities

### Best Practices: MWDL cont.

- Geonames preferred authority
- Use dct:spatial, not dc:coverage
- Recommended dct:spatial usage:

```
place name hierarchy, URI, Lat., Long.; [repeat]
Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, United States,
http://sws.geonames.org/5308655/; Aurora (historical),
Mineral County, Nevada, United States,
http://sws.geonames.org/5499519/;
```

### Best Practices: MWDL cont.

- Coordinates: decimal degrees only
- Put in (or map to) dct:spatial
- Other geospatial metadata => unmapped fields
- These fields get parsed in Primo

```
Boise, Ada County, Idaho, United States, http://sws.geonames.org/5586437/, 43.6135, -116.20345
```

### Best Practices: MWDL cont.

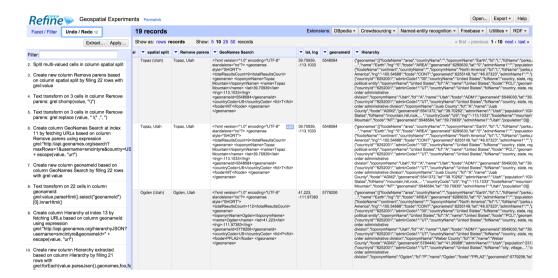
- Develop gazetter for regional names not in Geonames?
- Reviewing ways of handling point & box coordinates in DC/XML
- Working with OpenRefine reconciliation options

### MWDL OpenRefine Process

- 1. Pull data into OpenRefine
- 2. Hit Geonames API for each term
- 3. Return from XML output for top match into OpenRefine
- 4. Parse that XML return in OpenRefine for preferred term, hierarchy, URI, coordinates

Link to their test OpenRefine workflow

### MWDL Sample Data/Process



### Existing Best Practices #2

### MODS (kinda)

#### Existing options:

- originInfo/place/placeTerm
- subject/geographic/\*
- subject/cartographics/\*
- subject/hierarchicalGeographic/\*

### MODS:placeTerm

#### originInfo/place/placeTerm

- Heavily MARC-related
- Validates only with authority=ISO3166 or MARC Country Codes
- Can use preferred authorities' valueURI
- RDA: transcribe as found

### MODS:placeTerm

```
<originInfo>
  <place supplied="yes">
        <placeTerm type="text" valueURI=
        "http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n79007751">
        New York (N.Y.)
        </placeTerm>
        </place>
        <dateCreated encoding="edtf" keyDate="yes">
        1862-07-28
        </dateCreated>
</originInfo>
```

### MODS:geographic

#### subject/geographic

- Capture authority at subject level
- LC or TGN, growing use of Geonames
- Can use for LCSH complex subject strings
- Can couple with MODS:cartographics

### MODS:geographic

```
<subject>
  <geographic authority="naf" valueURI=
  "http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n78095779">
  Memphis (Tenn.)
  </geographic>
  <cartographics>
        <coordinates>
        35.14944N, 90.04889W
        </coordinates>
        </cartographics>
        </subject>
```

### MODS:cartographic

#### subject/cartographic/\*

- Gives us: mods:coordinates, mods:scale, mods:projection
- Can be extended with non-MODS elements (as of 3.6)

### MODS:coordinates

- subchild of MODS:cartographic
- no encoding attribute
- repeating statements is way of handling points, lines, polygons, so:
  - 1 coordinates statement == point
  - 2 coordinates statements == line
  - n coordinates statements == n-sided polygon, points supplied in polygontraversal order

### MODS:scale, projection

- subchildren of MODS:cartographic
- no type attributes
- in speaker's experience used rarely -mainly MARC records transform for cartographic objects

### MODS:cartographic

#### Similar to previous example...

```
<subject>
  <geographic authority="geonames" valueURI=
  "http://sws.geonames.org/4613427/">
  Chota (historical)
  </geographic>
  <cartographics>
        <coordinates>
        35.55508, -84.12991
        </coordinates>
        </cartographics>
        </subject>
```

### MODS:cartographic

As of 3.6...

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### MODS:geographicCode

- Like MODS:placeTerm, focused on country
- Only validates with marcgac, marccountry, iso3166
- Redundant possibly with use of valueURIs (in my opinion/limited use cases)

### MODS:hierarchicalGeographic

#### subject/hierarchicalGeographic/\*

- Gives us many different levels
- Questions of Authorities

#### With 3.6:

- Can indicate new place types, hierarchy levels (via attributes)
- Can indicate relevant time period
- Sorry Canada, 'Province' being depreciated for 'State'

### MODS:hierarchicalGeographic

```
<subject>
  <hierarchicalGeographic>
    <country>United States</country>
        <state>Tennessee</state>
        <region regionType="range">
            Great Smoky Mountains
        </region>
        <county>Blount County</county>
        <city period="1800-1914">Cades Cove</city>
        </hierarchicalGeographic>
</subject>
```

### What I do

- Subjects:
  - geographic & cartographics
  - geographic has LoC valueURI, form
  - cartographic from Geonames
  - o coordinates are decimal form
  - avoid complex subject strings
- hierarchical avoided unless legacy data
  - If equal interest in town + county, e.g., geographic repeated
- geographicCode not used
- extensions used when cartographic objects

### Existing Best Practices #3

#### DPLA MAP v.4

- more method then best practice
- http://dp.la/info/developers/map/
- JSON-LD
- Uses dcterms:spatial with object belonging to dpla:place
- Extends Europeana Data Model- edm:Place

### DPLA MAP v.4

#### dpla:Place in DPLA MAP:

- Name > skos:prefLabel
- Latitude > wgs84\_pos:lat
- Longitude > wgs84\_pos:long
- Altitude > wgs84\_pos:alt
- Geometry > geojson:geometry
- Parent Feature > gn:parentFeature
- Country Code > gn:countryCode
- ... (other properties)

### DPLA MAP v.4

#### dpla:Place Depreciated in DPLA MAP v.4:

- City > dpla:city
- State > dpla:state
- County > dpla:county
- Region > dpla:region
- Country > dpla:country
- Coordinates > wgs84\_pos:lat\_long

### DPLA dpla:Place

ISO3166

Country codes. Really, that's it. Very MARC-centric.

WGS84

World Geodetic System 1984. Coordinates, Altitude mainly (for library metadata data)

DCMI Point, Box Datatypes

Could be used in RDF-situations to further refine objects of dcterms:spatial predicates

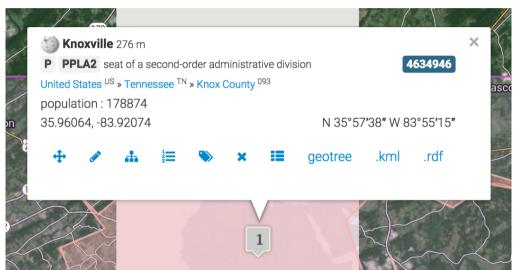
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#### Geonames

Becoming the favorite at present. Offers coordinates, hierarchy, RDF records for entities. PrefLabels don't play well with LoC headings.

#### Geonames



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Getty TGN

Covers hierarchies; similar term forms to AAT; Available as LOD via SPARQL Endpoint but not API; Gives coordinates with datatypes

#### Getty TGN

```
@prefix gvp: <http://vocab.getty.edu/ontology#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .
@prefix tgn: <http://vocab.getty.edu/tgn/> .
@prefix wgs: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84 pos#> .
tgn:7013841 a gvp:Subject , skos:Concept , ...;
 rdfs:label "Knoxville" , ... ;
 gvp:broader tgn:2001883 ;
tgn:7013841-place a schema:Place , wgs:SpatialThing ;
 wgs:lat "35.95"^^xsd:decimal;
 wqs:long "-83.9167"^^xsd:decimal;
 schema: geo tqn:7013841-geometry .
```

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id.loc.gov

Pulling in geographic information from GeoNames. Captured some coordinates, constantly under review for further linking (base MARC, transformed into SKOS/RDF, MADS/RDF).

#### id.loc.gov

#### **Knoxville (Tenn.)**

#### URI(s)

> http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n79109786

#### Instance Of

- > MADS/RDF Geographic
- > MADS/RDF Authority

#### Scheme Membership(s)

> Library of Congress Name Authority File

#### Collection Membership(s)

- > Names Collection Authorized Headings
- > LC Names Collection General Collection

#### Sources

- > found: Its A detailed itemized statement ... 1916-18.
- > found: GeoNames, algorithmically matched, 2009 (ppl; 35°57'38"N 083°55'15"W)

#### id.loc.gov

#### German National Library

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## Tools & Scripts: BoundingBox

By Klokan (Swiss company that focuses on Geodata), takes bounding box & encodes for choice of MARC, DC, few other schema/frameworks:

http://boundingbox.klokantech.com/

### Tools & Scripts: OpenRefine

OpenRefine Geonames Reconciliation Service

Extended with LCparse, Stanford local Gazetteer for better id.loc.gov <=> Geonames matchines

### Tools & Scripts: Catmandu

- getJson module with GeoNames API
- LDF/Aggregated RDF Reconciliation
  - DBpedia
  - $\circ \ id.\bar{loc.gov}$
  - $\circ$  TGN

### Links + Contact

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