# URIs in MARC records

Session 1

## What are URIs?

Uniform Resource Identifiers

Strings of characters that uniquely identify a resource

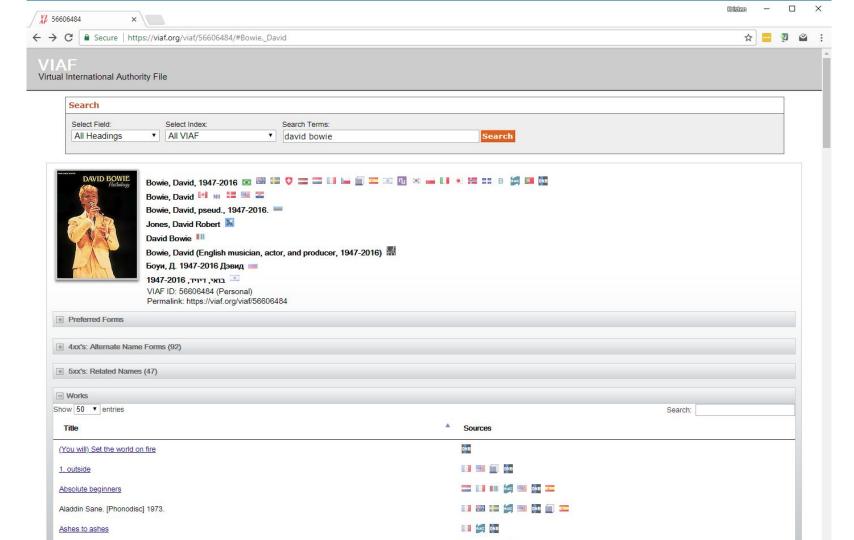


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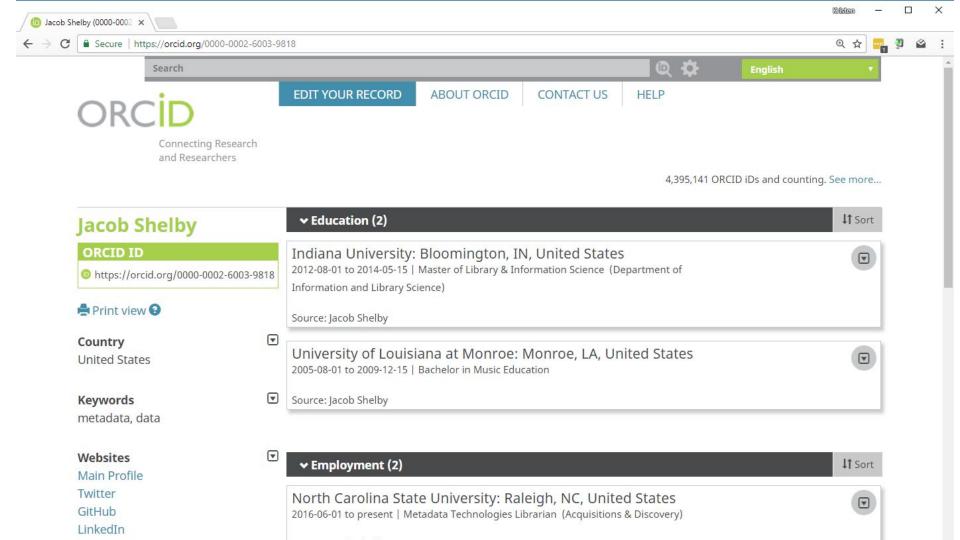


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# Exploring Linked Data Through the Lens of Technical Services



#### **ABSTRACT**

Linked data has swept across the library community, making its way into special collections and catalog data. What would linked data look like in a technical services environment? This article will look at the intersection of linked data and technical services. The article will begin with an introduction to linked data concepts. This will be followed by a look at linked data technologies and publishing strategies. The article will close with a discussion of potential and real applications of linked data in technical services, benefits and challenges of linked data, and thoughts on how the library community can contribute to the linked data effort.

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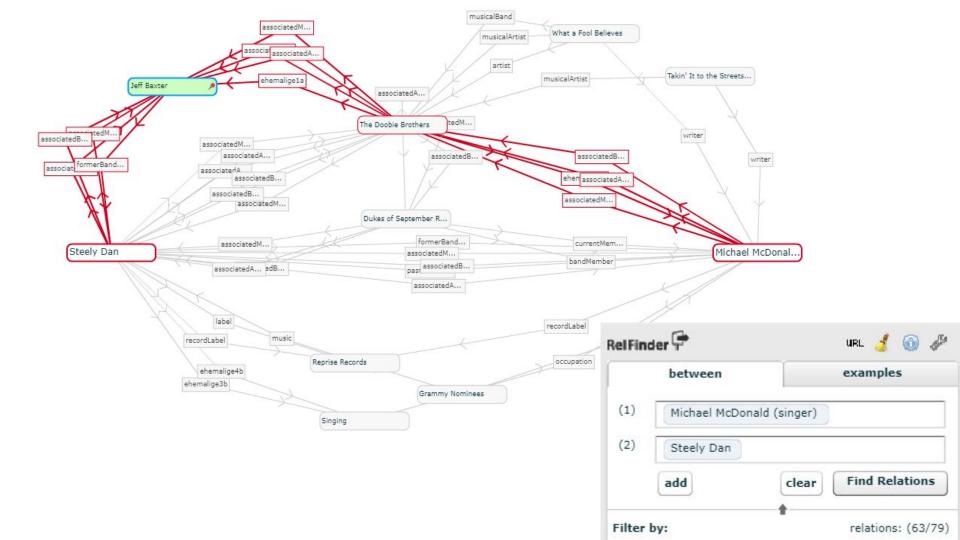
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# Why add URIs to MARC records?

It's extra work

They don't do anything

Shouldn't we just wait for BIBFRAME?











# Why add URLs to MARC records?

It helps us learn more about URIs

It helps learn more about tools that can harvest them

There may be ways to experiment with the data

The process might reveal other ideas

Adding URIs to our data now helps us prepare for BIBFRAME











# NCSU's URIs in MARC records micro-project

#### What we did:

- 1. Investigated how to get URIs into records
- Conducted department-wide training
- 3. Wrote a follow up report with more ideas

# URIs in MARC records activity

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- Look at the results
- 5. Import records back into your ILS

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## What now?

Evaluate MARC enhancement workflows

- Local scripting
- Vendor-provided records

Create a small pool of URI-enhanced records to use for future testing

- Convert to RDF
- Put into a triplestore

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