

Abandon your database, use Wikidata instead!

Workshop report

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Organization

- ▶ 24 dedicated participants
- ▶ Day 1: Wikidata background and editing
- ▶ Day 2: Wikidata querying, projects & discussion
- ▶ <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:ELAG>

Wikidata background & editing

- ▶ Contributing to Wikidata is not difficult!
- ▶ We put ELAG into Wikidata!
(source: <https://elag.org/history/>)
 - ▶ Q24406303 = “ELAG conference”
 - ▶ list of ELAG conference instances with details
 - ▶ graph of conferences following each other

Brainstorming session (in groups)

EXIT our databases, enter Wikidata:

What types of data could be moved into Wikidata?

- ▶ translations of labels and names
- ▶ additional quickly changing information (e.g. author affiliation)
- ▶ use of Wikidata as general authority file
 - ▶ to be used as hub with mappings
- ▶ links between entities
- ▶ anything that could be asked for in SRI

More concrete examples

- ▶ data about events (such as ELAG)
- ▶ scientific articles and citations
- ▶ scientific information with references (WikiCite)

Open questions from the session

- ▶ Stable and consistently used set of Wikidata properties?
- ▶ What is the scope of Wikidata (data about anything?)
- ▶ What about notability criteria (data about everything?)
 - ▶ How to judge which areas are covered well or not?
 - ▶ Can't put every in Wikidata,
but the more is in, the more useful it is!
- ▶ Copyright on existing databases?