

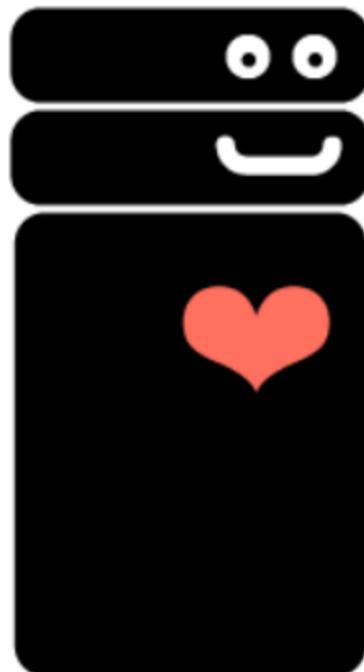
Embedded Semantic Markup, schema.org, the Common Crawl, and Web Data Commons: What Big Web Data Means for Libraries and Archives

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Slides: <https://ronallo.com/presentations/2013-dlf>

How Search Engines Work

1. Robots crawl the Web
2. Process and index crawl data
3. Try to answer search queries with the most relevant results



Semantics

Semantics in HTML

```
<ol>
  <li>First item</li>
  <li>Second item</li>
  <li>Third item</li>
</ol>
```

HTML5 Semantics

```
<nav></nav>
<header></header>
<article>
  <section></section>
  <section></section>
</article>
<footer></footer>
```

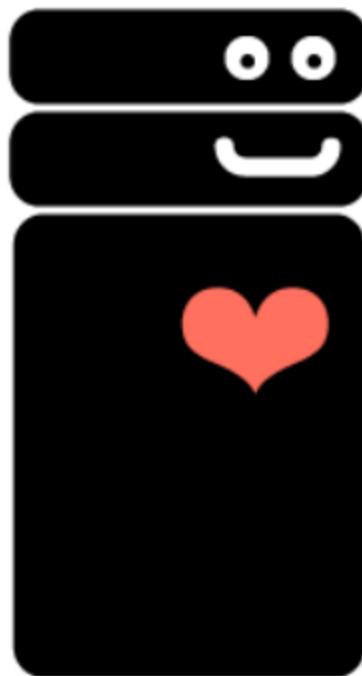
Trapped Knowledge

Embedded Semantic Markup

Embedded Semantic Markup Example

[Jason Ronallo](#) is the Associate Head of Digital Library Initiatives at NCSU Libraries.

Embedded Semantic Markup Is Hidden Annotations Meant for Machines



Embedded Semantic Markup Exposed

Person has the properties name, url, jobTitle, and affiliation.
The affiliation is with a Library that has a name and url.



Embedded Semantic Markup Structure

http://www.w3.org/ns/md#item	rdf:type	schema:Person
	schema:affiliation	rdf:type schema:Library
		schema:name NCSU Libraries
		schema:url http://lib.ncsu.edu
	schema:jobTitle	Associate Head of Digital Library Initiatives
	schema:name	Jason Ronallo
rdfa:usesVocabulary	http://schema.org/	

Embedded Semantic Markup HTML

```
<span itemscope itemtype="Person">
  <a itemprop="url"
    href="http://twitter.com/ronallo">
    <span itemprop="name">Jason Ronallo</span>
  </a> is the <span itemprop="jobTitle">
    Associate Head of Digital Library
    Initiatives</span> at
    <span itemprop="affiliation" itemscope
      itemtype="Library">
      <span itemprop="name">
        <a itemprop="url" href="http://lib.ncsu.edu">
          NCSU Libraries</a>
        </span>
      </span>.
    </span>
```

JSON Serialization

```
{"items": [  
  { "type": [ "http://schema.org/Person" ],  
    "properties": {  
      "url": [ "http://twitter.com/ronallo" ],  
      "name": [ "Jason Ronallo" ],  
      "jobTitle": [ "Associate Head of Digital Library Initiatives" ],  
      "affiliation": [  
        { "type": [ "http://schema.org/Library" ],  
          "properties": {  
            "name": [ "NCSU Libraries" ],  
            "url": [ "http://lib.ncsu.edu/" ]  
          }  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
]
```

RDF (Turtle)

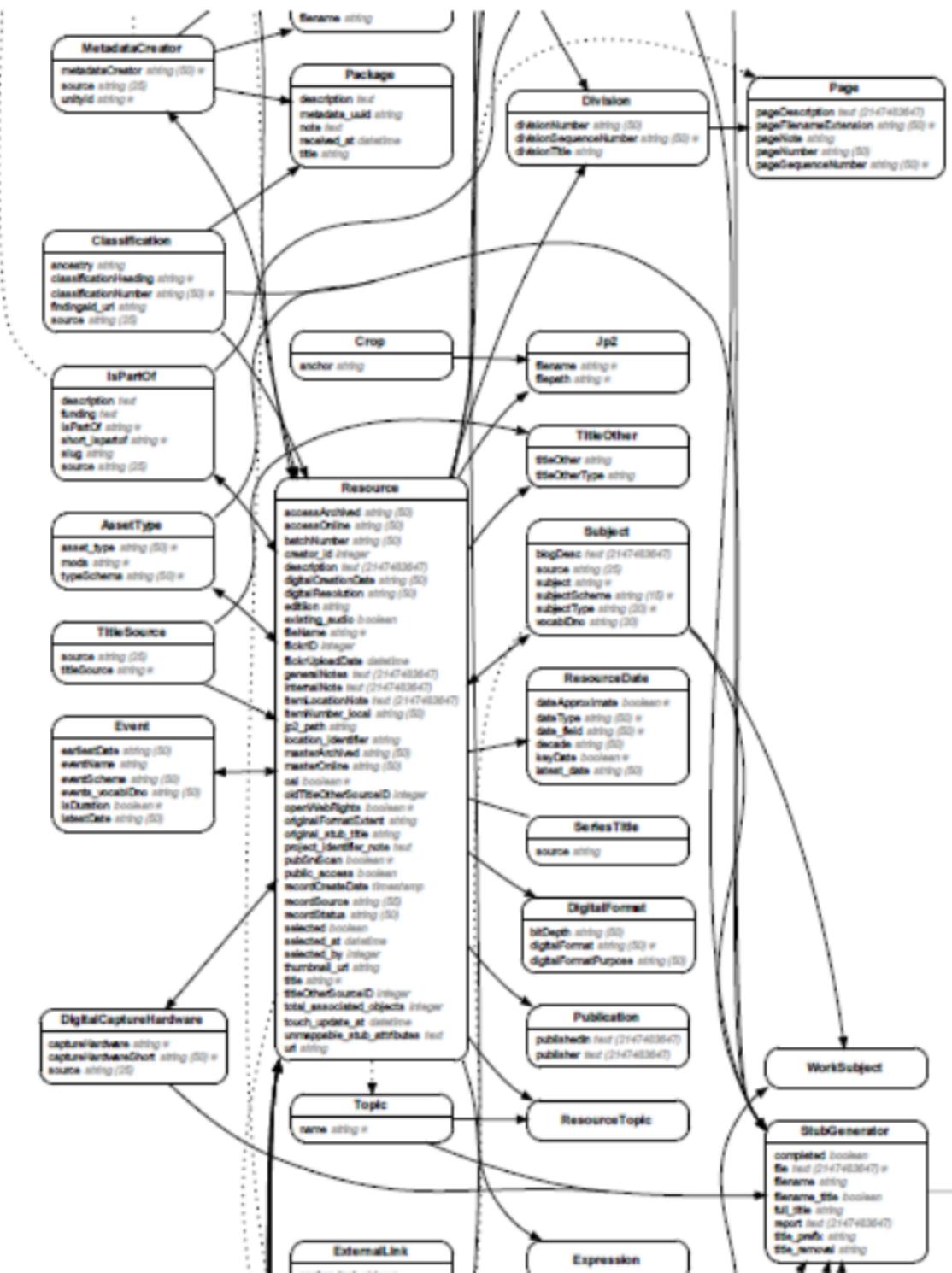
```
@prefix md: <http://www.w3.org/ns/md#> .  
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .  
@prefix rdfa: <http://www.w3.org/ns/rdfa#> .  
@prefix schema: <http://schema.org/> .  
  
<> md:item ( [ a schema:Person;  
    schema:affiliation [ a schema:Library;  
        schema:name "NCSU Libraries";  
        schema:url <http://lib.ncsu.edu> ];  
    schema:jobTitle "Associate Head of Digital Library Initiatives";  
    schema:name "Jason Ronallo";  
    schema:url <http://twitter.com/ronallo> ] );  
rdfa:usesVocabulary schema: .
```

Types of Embedded Semantic Markup

- Microformats
- RDFa (Lite)
- Microdata

Why use embedded semantic markup?

- A way to *structure* data in HTML
- To communicate with machines
- Your eyes are on the Web site (Maintain this data in one place and keep it in sync)
- Rich Metadata to Rich Embedded Data



The End of Dumbed Down Metadata

Vocabularies for Understanding

Schema.org

Schema.org

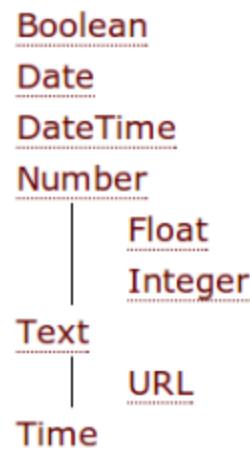
- Shared, Web-scale, single-stop vocabulary for describing the content of Web pages.
- Released 2011
- Maintained by the major search engines (Bing, Google, Yahoo, Yandex)
- Everything is a Thing
- 407+ Types of Things (Numbers from early 2013)
- 545+ Properties of Things
- Everything from Airport to Library to Volcano
- Expanding and open to proposals to update the schema (see SchemaBibEx W3C Community Group)
- Single site for documentation. Easy to use. No fragmentation.

The Type Hierarchy

Here is the entire hierarchy in a single file.

Types that have multiple parents are expanded out only once and have an asterisk

[DataType](#)



[Thing](#): additionalType, description, image, name, sameAs, url

[Action](#): agent, endTime, instrument, location, object, participant, result, startTime

AchieveAction

Thing > CreativeWork

The most generic kind of creative work, including books, movies, photographs, software programs, etc.

Property	Expected Type	Description
Properties from Thing		
additionalType	URL	An additional type for the item, typically used for adding more specific types from external vocabularies in microdata syntax. This is a relationship between something and a class that the thing is in. In RDFa syntax, it is better to use the native RDFa syntax - the 'typeof' attribute - for multiple types. Schema.org tools may have only weaker understanding of extra types, in particular those defined externally.
description	Text	A short description of the item.
image	URL	URL of an image of the item.
name	Text	The name of the item.
sameAs	URL	URL of a reference Web page that unambiguously indicates the item's identity. E.g. the URL of the item's Wikipedia page, Freebase page, or official website.
url	URL	URL of the item.
Properties from CreativeWork		
about	Thing	The subject matter of the content.
accountablePerson	Person	Specifies the Person that is legally accountable for the CreativeWork.
aggregateRating	AggregateRating	The overall rating, based on a collection of reviews or ratings, of the item.
alternativeHeadline	Text	A secondary title of the CreativeWork.
associatedMedia	MediaObject	The media objects that encode this creative work. This property is a synonym for encodings.
audience	Audience	The intended audience of the item, i.e. the group for whom the item was created.

Why use Schema.org?

- Growing implementation base.
- Software implementations (CMS).
- With implementations and known consumers, other consumers will follow.

Improve
Discoverability
on the Open
Web

Rich Snippets

Vegan Golden Vanilla Cupcakes

www.food.com/.../vegan-golden-vanilla-cupcakes-3023...



★★★★★ 23 reviews - 35 mins - 148.1 cal

This cupcake recipe is from the book **Vegan Cupcakes Take Over The World**. You can make this recipe using soy margarine or canola oil. **IF USING OIL ...**

Ingredients: apple cider, flour, cornstarch, baking powder, baking soda, canola ...

Library Examples

- NCSU Libraries
- Future Possibilities

Perspective drawing

Grove Arcade

Charles Parker Papers, 1924-1929 (MC00383)



A Grove Arcade Drawing is a <http://schema.org/CreativeWork>

Perspective drawing

Grove Arcade

Charles Parker Papers, 1924-1929 (MC00383)

← name

CreativeWork

image



Item Information

Item information

Title:
Perspective drawing

Topics:
Architecture

Subjects:
Perspective views
Sketches

Original Format:
Tracings; 580mm x 930mm

Item identifier:
[mc00383-001-ff0004-001-001_0005](#)

Genre:
Design and construction documents
Architectural drawings

Digital Project:
[Beaux Arts to Modernism](#)

Source information

Repository:
[Special Collections Research Center at NCSU Libraries](#)

Collection:
[Charles Parker Papers, 1924-1929 \(MC00383\)](#) held by
Special Collections Research Center at NCSU Libraries

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Architecture

Subject:

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publisher

Organization
name
url

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keywords

description

genre

Building Information

Building: Grove Arcade (Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina)

Architect:

Parker, Charles N. 

Built:

1924

Street:

1 Page Avenue

Community:

Asheville

State:

North Carolina

Zip:

28801

Provenance note:

E. W. Grove, first owner; Walter Taylor and Associates, second owner.

Architectural note:

The structure was initially intended as a skyscraper, and the use of ivory-glazed terra-cotta and decorative griffins lend the structure a unique appearance. The structure's molded panels include an image of the architect, Charles N. Parker.

Historical note:

The arcade is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was occupied by the federal government in 1942.

Location:

Asheville (N.C.)

Subjects:

Commercial buildings

Latitude, Longitude:

35.595203, -82.555895 

External Resources:

Grove Arcade: History 

Embedded Building Information

LandmarksOrHistoricalBuildings

Building: Grove Arcade (Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina)

Parker, Charles N. Person name & url

1924 Event startDate

1 Page Avenue streetAddress

Community:

Asheville addressLocality

PostalAddress

State:

North Carolina addressRegion

Zip:

28801 postalCode

creator

events

address

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Grove Arcade: History ↗

geo

Rich Snippets: Video

USDA Public Service Film, "Bug Sprays and Pets" a P...



<d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/.../ua024-002-bx0149-066-0...>

May 5, 2013

▶ 0:36

Using a **bug spray** in your home? That's fine. But make sure you remove **pets** and their food and water first ...

Third result in Google video search for "bug sprays and pets."

Future Farmers of America with James Baxter Hunt, Jr. - Student ...



<d.lib.ncsu.edu/.../future-farmers-of-america-hunt> ▾

Oct 23, 2012

Governor **James Baxter Hunt, Jr.** describes his experiences in high school as a member of the **Future** ...

Second result in Google for "jim hunt future farmers".

Future Possibilities

Answers instead of Search Results

[Alan Alda - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Alda

Alphonso Joseph D'Abruzzo (born January 28, 1936), better known as **Alan Alda**, is an American actor, director, screenwriter, and author. A six-time Emmy ...

[Robert Alda - Elizabeth Alda - Arlene Alda - Same Time, Next Year \(film\)](#)

[Alan Alda - IMDb](#)

www.imdb.com/name/nm0000257/

Includes filmography, biography, and upcoming television appearances.

[Biography - By type - 135 photos - Awards](#)

[Alan Alda](#)

www.alanalda.com/

A description for this result is not available because of this site's robots.txt – learn more.

[Alan Alda Challenges Scientists to Explain: What Is Ti...](#)

news.sciencemag.org/news/scienceinsider/December



Alan Alda

Alphonso Joseph D'Abruzzo, better known as Alan Alda, is an American actor, director, screenwriter, and author. Wikipedia

Born: January 28, 1936 (age 76), [The Bronx](#)

Spouse: [Arlene Alda](#) (m. 1957)

Parents: [Robert Alda](#), [Joan Browne](#)

Books: [Never Have Your Dog Stuffed And Other Things I've Learned](#), [More](#)

Children: [Elizabeth Alda](#), [Beatrice Alda](#)

Movies and TV shows

[Web](#) [Images](#) [Maps](#) [Shopping](#) [More ▾](#) [Search tools](#)

About 928,000 results (0.27 seconds)

[About the D. H. Hill Library | NCSU Libraries](#)

[www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/dhill ▾](#)

The D. H. Hill Library is NC State University's main library, located on the north campus. The library features the Learning Commons, one of the top student ...

[NCSU Libraries](#)

[www.lib.ncsu.edu/ ▾](#)

NCSU Libraries · Ask Us · My Account · Hours · FAQ · Log Out ... Today's Hours: 24 Hours at D.H. Hill Library. IE warning. You're seeing a different version of this ...

4.6 ★★★★☆ 15 Google reviews · Write a review

2 W Broughton Dr Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-3364

[Reserve a Room - The James B. Hunt Jr. Library](#)

[D. H. Hill Library Map | NCSU Libraries](#)

[www.lib.ncsu.edu/libmaps ▾](#)

D. H. Hill Library Map. Printer-friendly version. D.H. Hill Library map. NCSU Libraries 2 Broughton Drive, Raleigh, NC 27695-7111 (919) 515-3364 | Contact Us.

[D.H. Hill Library - North Carolina State University](#)

[www.ncsu.edu/facilities/buildings/dhill.html ▾](#)

However, a larger library was needed and the D.H. Hill Library opened in 1953, while Brooks Hall became the home of the School of Design. The library was ...

[D. H. Hill Library - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D._H._Hill_Library ▾](#)

The D. H. Hill Library is the main library at North Carolina State University. It is the third building to house NCSU Libraries, following Brooks Hall and Holladay ...

[Daniel Harvey Hill - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Harvey_Hill ▾](#)

D. H. Hill Library

[Directions](#)

The D. H. Hill Library is the main library at North Carolina State University. It is the third building to house NCSU Libraries, following Brooks Hall and Holladay Hall. Wikipedia

Address: 2 W Broughton Dr, Raleigh, NC 27695

Hours: Friday Open 24 hours - [See all](#)

Reviews

4.6 ★★★★☆ 15 Google reviews

People also search for



Bowenside



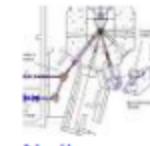
Brink Field



DickLink



Carter



North

Search, or say Google



22 minutes to Hunt Library, Centennial Campus



Wolfline #8 from Scott Hall

Hunt Library hours: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

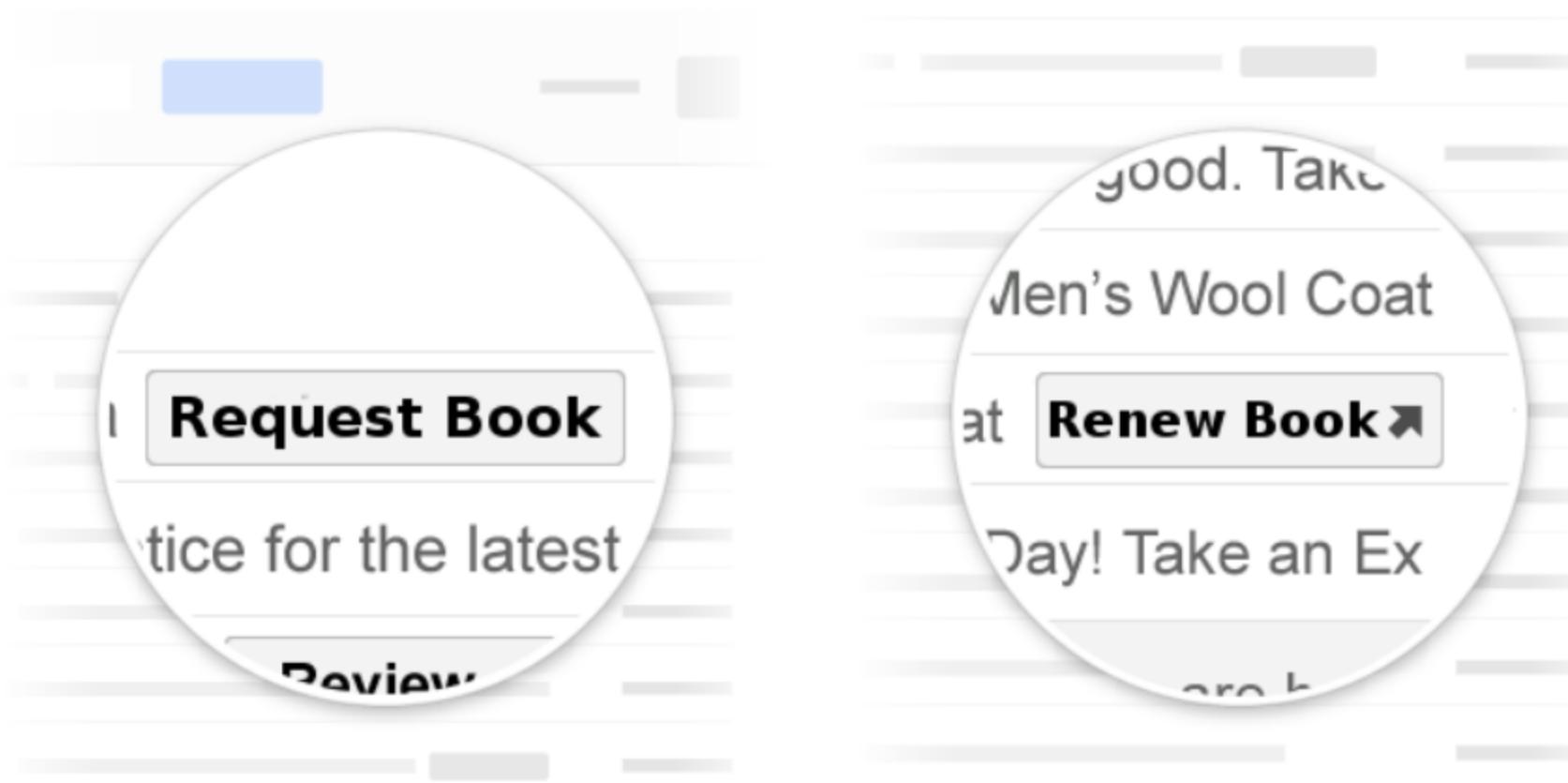
View nearby events



Fabulous Faculty @ DH Hill Library - Brickyard Farmer's Market - Read Smart Book Discussion (Salt Sugar Fat)

Save the Time
of the Reader

Schema.org Activities in Gmail



Embedded Semantic Markup +
a Web-scale Vocabulary =
The Semantic Web?

Yes

Research

Research Questions

Are academic institutions publishing embedded semantic markup?

Are academic libraries?

What kind of data are they publishing?

What syntaxes are they using?

What vocabularies?

How can you even answer these questions then?

- Ask them
- Crawl the Web
- Beg a search engine
- Give up

Common Crawl

Common Crawl is a non-profit foundation dedicated to providing an open repository of web crawl data that can be accessed and analyzed by everyone.

- Uses PageRank so is a snapshot of the current most popular part of the Web
- Over 5 billion Web pages (3,005,629,093 for the most recent (2012) set)
- 40,600,000 domains
- ~81TB total
- Big Web Data



<http://commoncrawl.org/>

Uses of the Common Crawl

- Free to access, cheap to use (AWS)
- Startups trying out business ideas (Swiftkey)
- Norvig Web Data Science Award
 - Associating concepts on the Web
 - Reading-level analysis and search engine
- Teaching Big Data skills in colleges

Common Crawl URL Search

<http://urlsearch.commoncrawl.org/?q=lib.ncsu.edu>



Common Crawl

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 Download as: [JSON](#)

<http://bliss.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://blogs.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/>
<http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/0228376>
<http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/bh2127pnc001>
http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/unccmc00145-002-ff0003-002-004_0002
<http://databases.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://dewey.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://dli.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://ematb.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://etd.lib.ncsu.edu/>
<http://ftp.lib.ncsu.edu/>
http://geodata.lib.ncsu.edu/dem/nc_20f

How to get to the
Embedded Semantic
Markup?

Web Data Commons

Extracting Structured Data from the Common Crawl

Domains with Triples	2,286,277
Typed Entities	1,811,471,956
Triples/Statements	7,350,953,995

Percentage of the Common Crawl corpus with embedded structured data? 12.3%

Cost to extract the data from the Common Crawl: \$398

<http://webdatacommons.org/>

What's an N-Quad?

`_:node6eecc231551a72e90e7efb3dc3fc26`

`http://schema.org/Photograph/name`

`"Mary Travers singing live on stage"`

`http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/0228376 .`

Subject Predicate Object **Context**

An N-Quad is an RDF statement that also includes a context piece at the end. Context is the URL of the HTML page from which the data was extracted.

Line-based format makes it easier to do some rough parsing.

Summary Methodology

1. Grab all of the Web Data Commons extracted N-Quads (7,350,953,995 of them) from the August 2012 Common Crawl corpus.
2. Use commandline tools (cat & grep) to boil things down to just N-Quads that contain ".edu" somewhere, anywhere.
3. Analyze all of these RDF statements and output CSV.
4. Index in Solr and view with Blacklight.

Extraction code and documentation links:

<https://ronallo.com/presentations/2013-dlf>

Caveats

I have not done any calculations to determine what proportion of each site was crawled. So the comparisons here are just raw numbers. A very large university site might have lots of crawled pages, but it could be a smaller percentage of their whole website than a smaller number here from a university with a smaller website.

For the libraries they may have lots of materials that are not under the library subdomain which would skew those numbers significantly. I was also only looking for subdomains that included "lib.", "library.", and "libraries.". It could be that a lot of academic libraries have their site under a subdirectory or some other subdomain.

Total Resulting Statements (N-Quads)

All statements	7,350,953,995
All .edu	12,182,975
.edu context	8,178,985

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NC State Univ. Peer Institutions

Colorado State Univ.

Georgia Institute of
Technology

Iowa State Univ.

Michigan State Univ.

Ohio State Univ.

Pennsylvania State Univ.

Purdue Univ.

Rutgers Univ.-New
Brunswick

Texas A & M Univ.

Univ. of Arizona

Univ. of California-Davis

Univ. of Florida

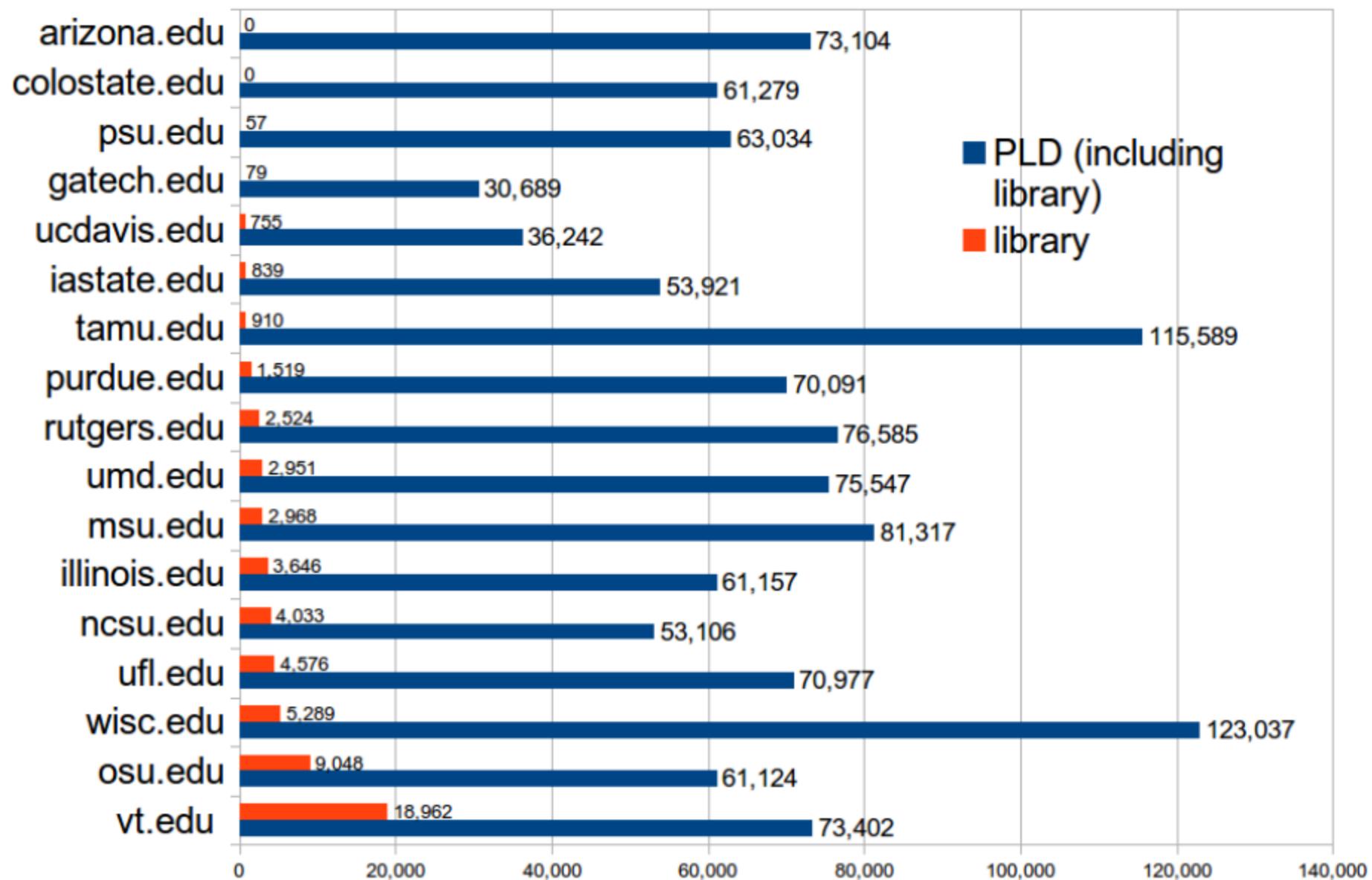
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign

Univ. of Maryland-College
Park

Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison

Virginia Polytechnic and
State Univ.

Common Crawl URLs



% of Common Crawl URLs w/ Embedded Semantic Markup

psu.edu	18.35%	gatech.edu	1.20%
illinois.edu	8.87%	ncsu.edu	1.19%
ucdavis.edu	5.58%	iastate.edu	0.71%
osu.edu	3.87%	wisc.edu	0.69%
rutgers.edu	3.45%	umd.edu	0.35%
arizona.edu	1.97%	colostate.edu	0.26%
msu.edu	1.67%	purdue.edu	0.20%
tamu.edu	1.58%	vt.edu	0.16%
ufl.edu	1.51%		

What kind of content is psu.edu describing?

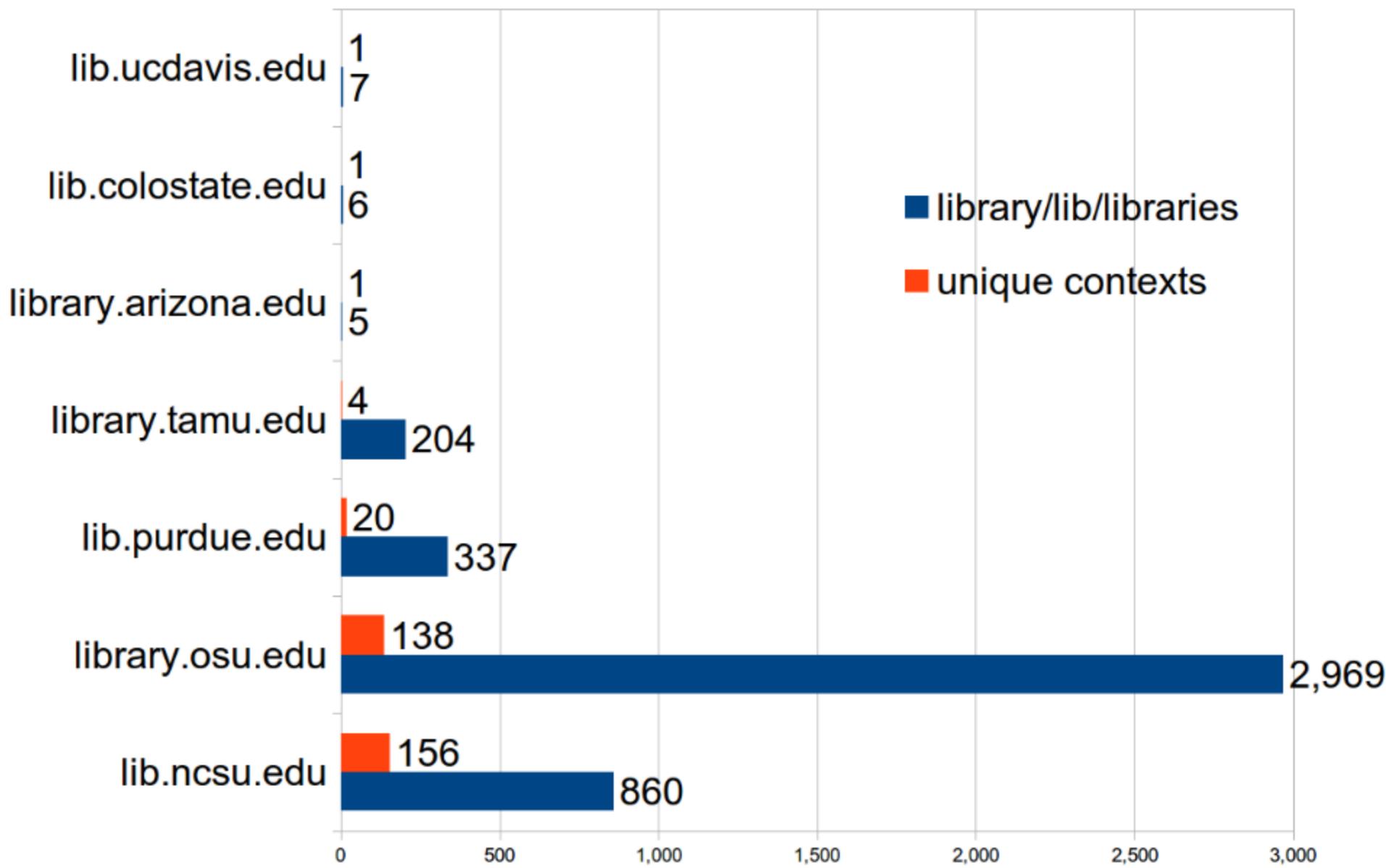
- hcard (Microformat)
- hcalendar (Microformat)
- open graph protocol (RDFa)

Web Data Commons

Library Contexts

- lib.*.edu
- library.*.edu
- libraries.*.edu

Web Data Commons Library Triples and Unique Contexts



General Academic Institution Stats

Syntaxes Used by Academic Institutions

mf-hcard	5,854,493
rdfa	1,337,528
mf-hcalendar	770,228
mf-xfn	456,184
microdata	285,296
mf-geo	51,565
mf-hresume	5,363
mf-hreview	2,908
mf-hlisting	48

Schema.org Types Used by Academic Institutions

LocalBusiness	20,565	CollectionPage	1,275
PostalAddress	17,267	Blog	991
CollegeOrUniversity	11,554	University	550
Organization	10,172	CollegeorUniversity	420
WebPage	8,846	Review	372
Article	8,351	NewsArticle	316
BlogPosting	3,511	Place	313
Person	2,071	ScholarlyArticle	298
Event	1,539	SportsEvent	289
EducationalOrganization	1,508	Thing	168

Some library and archives-related schema.org types

CollectionPage	1275	duke.edu ncsu.edu
ScholarlyArticle	298	santafe.edu
ContactPoint	139	lynn.edu duke.edu
Photograph	20	ncsu.edu
Library	18	berkeley.edu
CreativeWork	12	ncsu.edu
LandmarksOrHistoricalBuildings	11	ncsu.edu
Book	6	ohiolink.edu
GeoCoordinates	4	marshall.edu

What about digital collections?

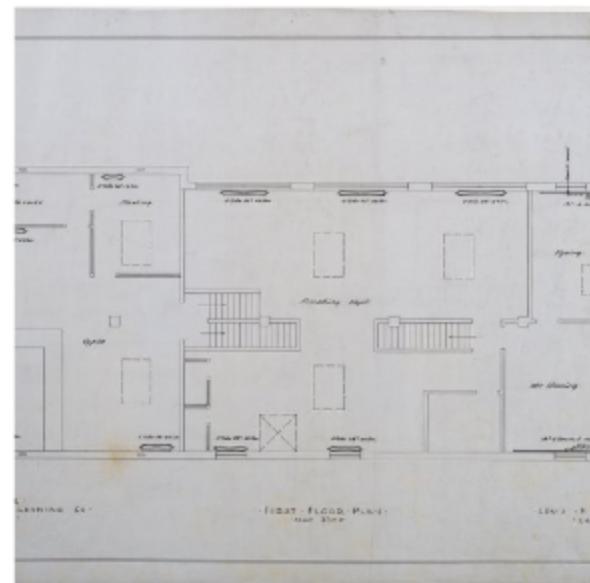
- Are digital collections represented in the Common Crawl?
- Are they publishing embedded semantic markup?

Have a digital collection with a sitemap? Please, go to this URL right now:

<http://go.ncsu.edu/sitemap>

Digital Collections at NCSU: Rare & Unique Materials

1. <http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/>
2. <http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/0228376>
3. <http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/bh2127pnc001>
4. http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog/unccmc00145-002-ff0003-002-004_0002



2013 Crawl

Libraries as Producers and Consumers of Big Web Data

Libraries as Producers

- Improve discoverability of our services and collections.
- The public interoperability API to our data (replace library-specific APIs).
- Enable new services we haven't thought of.

Libraries as Consumers

- Learn from what others are successfully doing.
- Help develop best practices for publishing data in HTML.
- Create (or seed) domain-specific vertical search engines.
- Web preservation.
- Become more familiar with handling big data.

Open Research

Code, documentation, data sets, and slides with speaker notes: <http://ronallo.com/presentations/2013-dlf>

Please submit your digital collection sitemaps:
<http://go.ncsu.edu/sitemap>

Links

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microdata_\(HTML\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microdata_(HTML))
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RDFa>
- <http://schema.org/>
- <http://www.w3.org/community/schemabibex/>
- <http://commoncrawl.org/> and URL search tool
- <http://webdatacommons.org/>
- Norvig Web Data Science Award
<http://norvigaward.github.io/>

NCSU Links

NCSU sites that use embedded semantic markup (Microdata) and Schema.org:

- Student Leadership Initiative <http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/student-leaders>
- NCSU Libraries Rare & Unique Materials
<http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections>

Credits

- Friendly Robut by Sean Hannan
- Google Now HTML and CSS derived from Bennett Feely
<http://codepen.io/bennettfeely/details/Ftczh>

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Please submit your digital collection sitemaps:

<http://go.ncsu.edu/sitemap>

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