

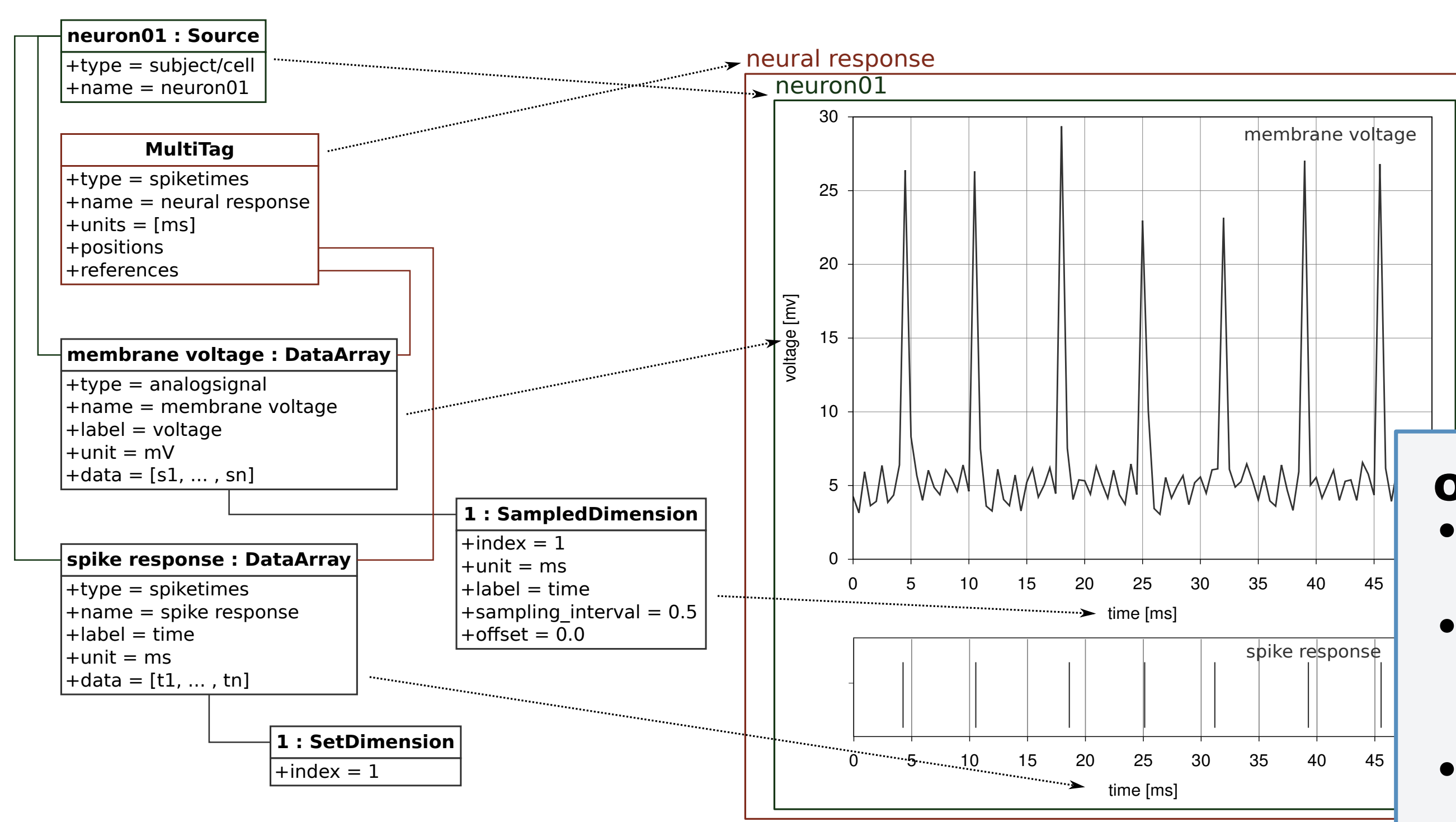
Formats and Data models

The NIX format

- Open data format
- Store data, analysis results, and metadata conveniently in the same file
- Descriptive associations between data, analysis results, and metadata



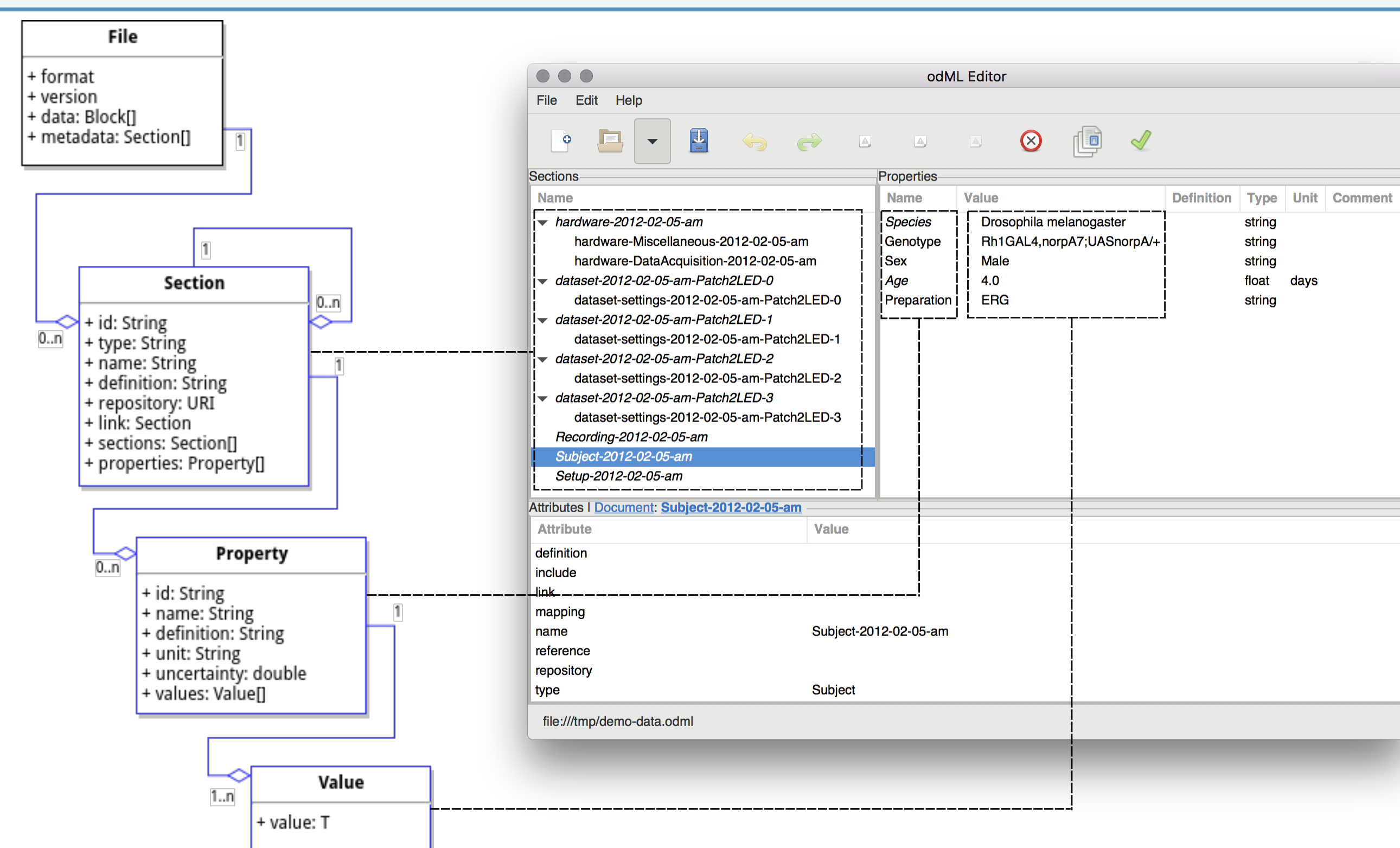
The NIX data model



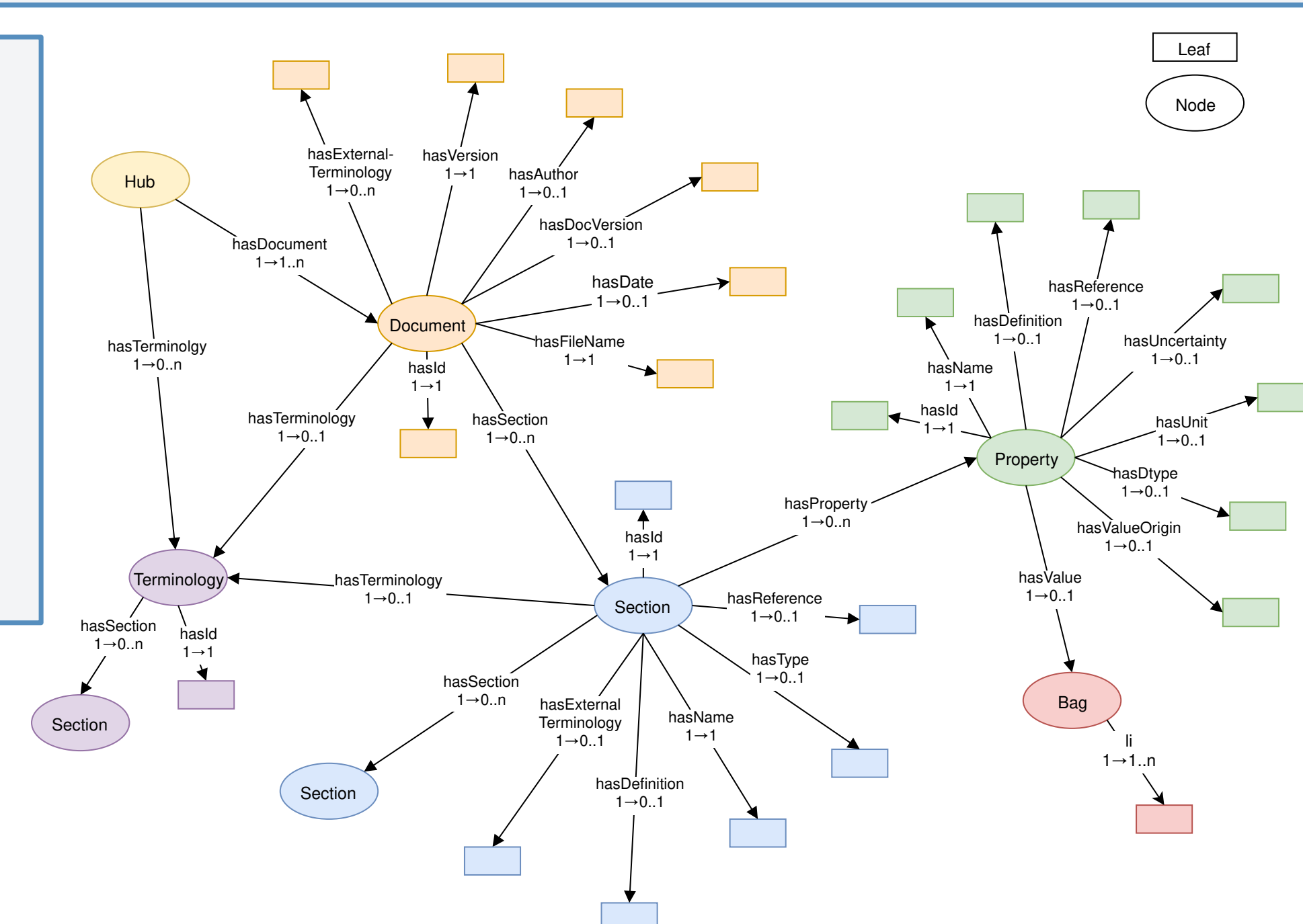
odML

- The metadata format embedded in NIX
- Standalone metadata can be written and read using the odML library
- Export odML data to RDF: Query metadata using semantic web technologies

odML Metadata format: Schema and GUI



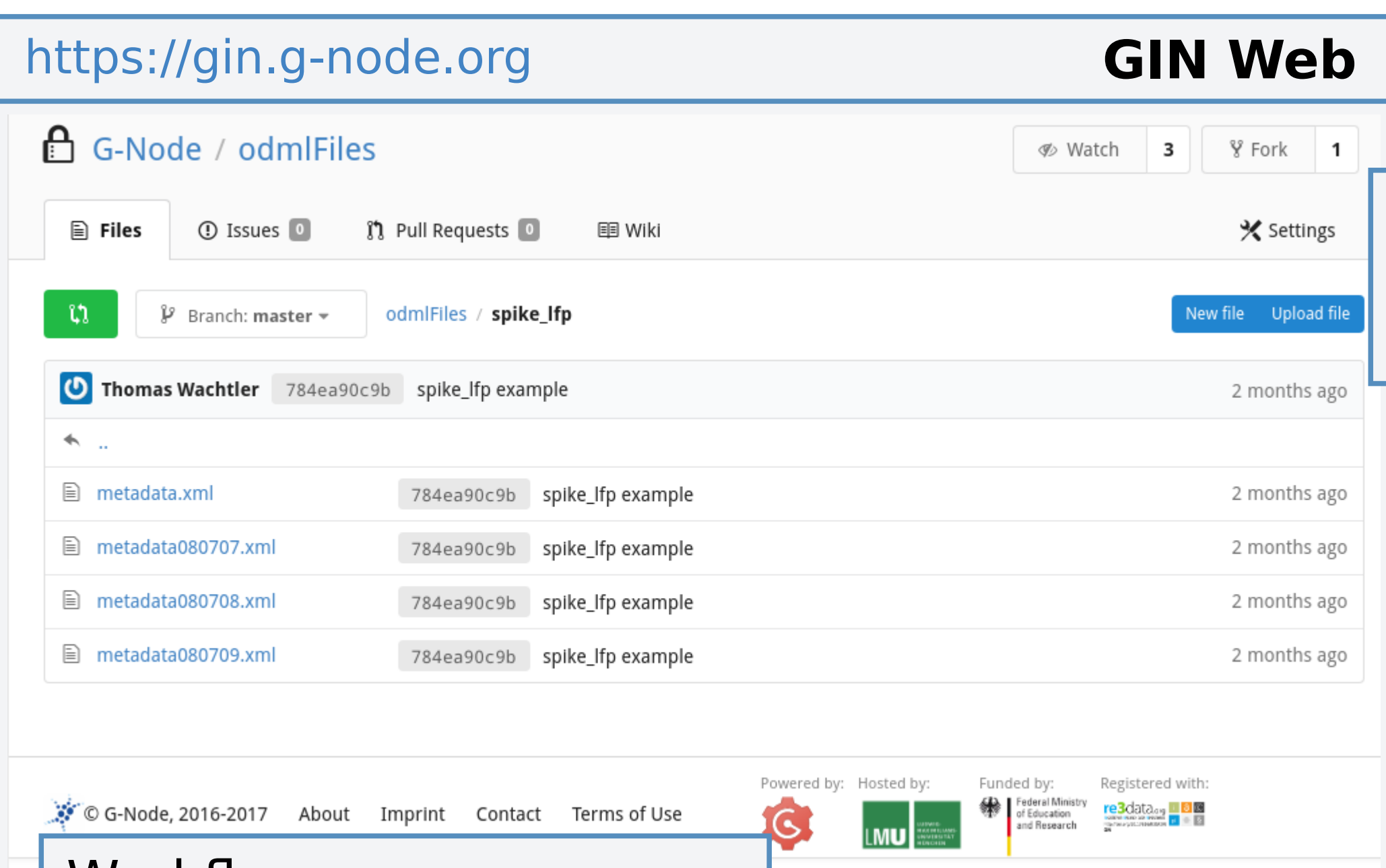
RDF schema for the odML data model



Libraries

- Free open source libraries for: C++, Python, Matlab, Java
- NIX IO for Neo: Saving and loading fully supported

The G-Node Infrastructure (GIN) Services



Workflow

- Manual access via web and command line
- Script automation

GIN Client

```
$ gin login
Login: achilleas
Password: *****
Hello achilleas. You are now logged in.

$ gin get G-Node/odmFiles
Fetching repository 'G-Node/odmFiles'... done.

$ gin ls
Synced:
  metadata.xml
  metadata080707.xml
  metadata080708.xml
  metadata080709.xml
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- Platform independent
- Secure access
- Public and private repositories

Main features

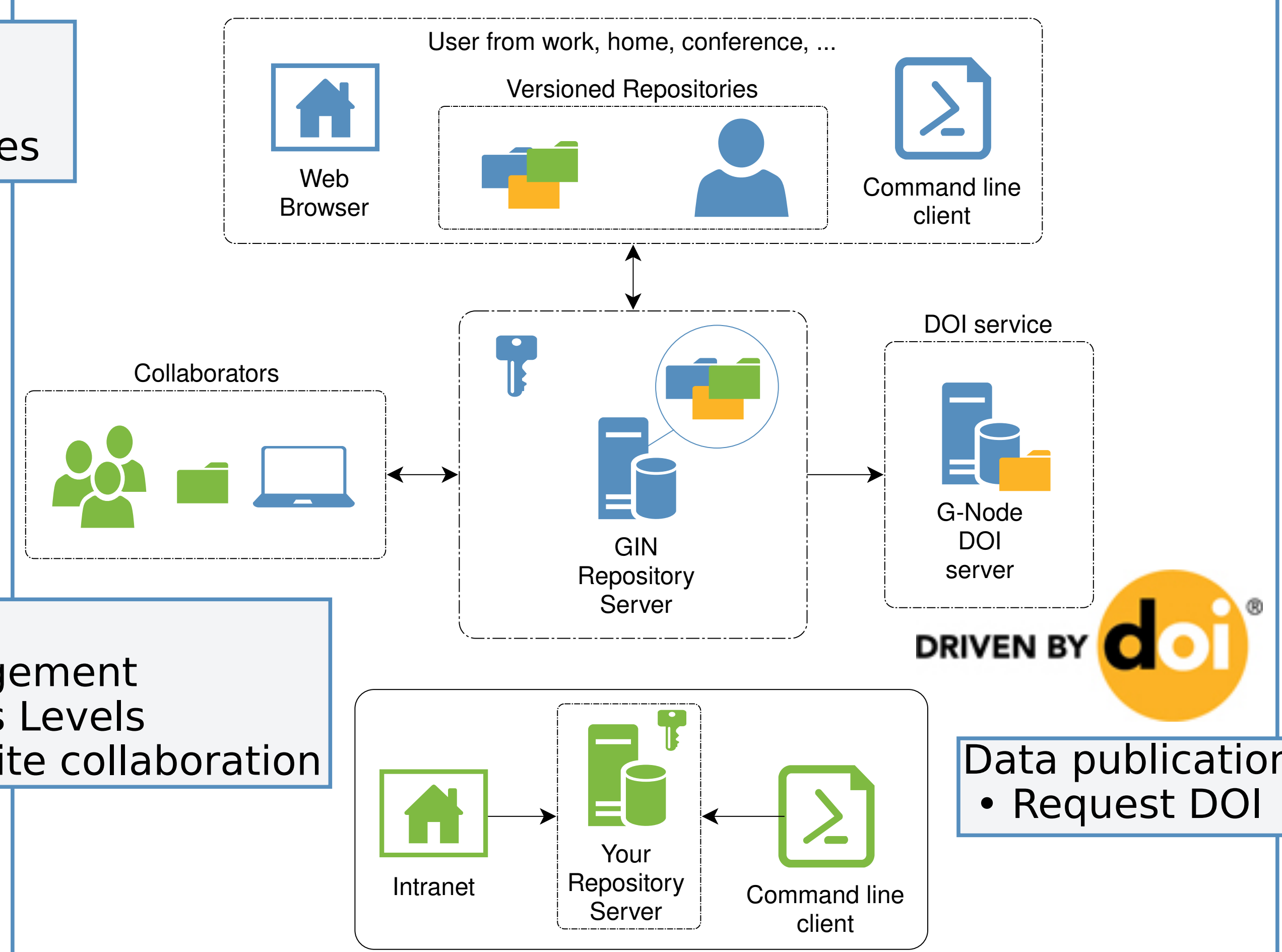
- Access data from any location
- Backup
- Built in versioning



Collaboration

- User management
- User Access Levels
- On and offsite collaboration

GIN services diagram



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Resources

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<https://github.com/G-Node/python-odml>
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