Linked Open Data - the value-add to a postcard collection

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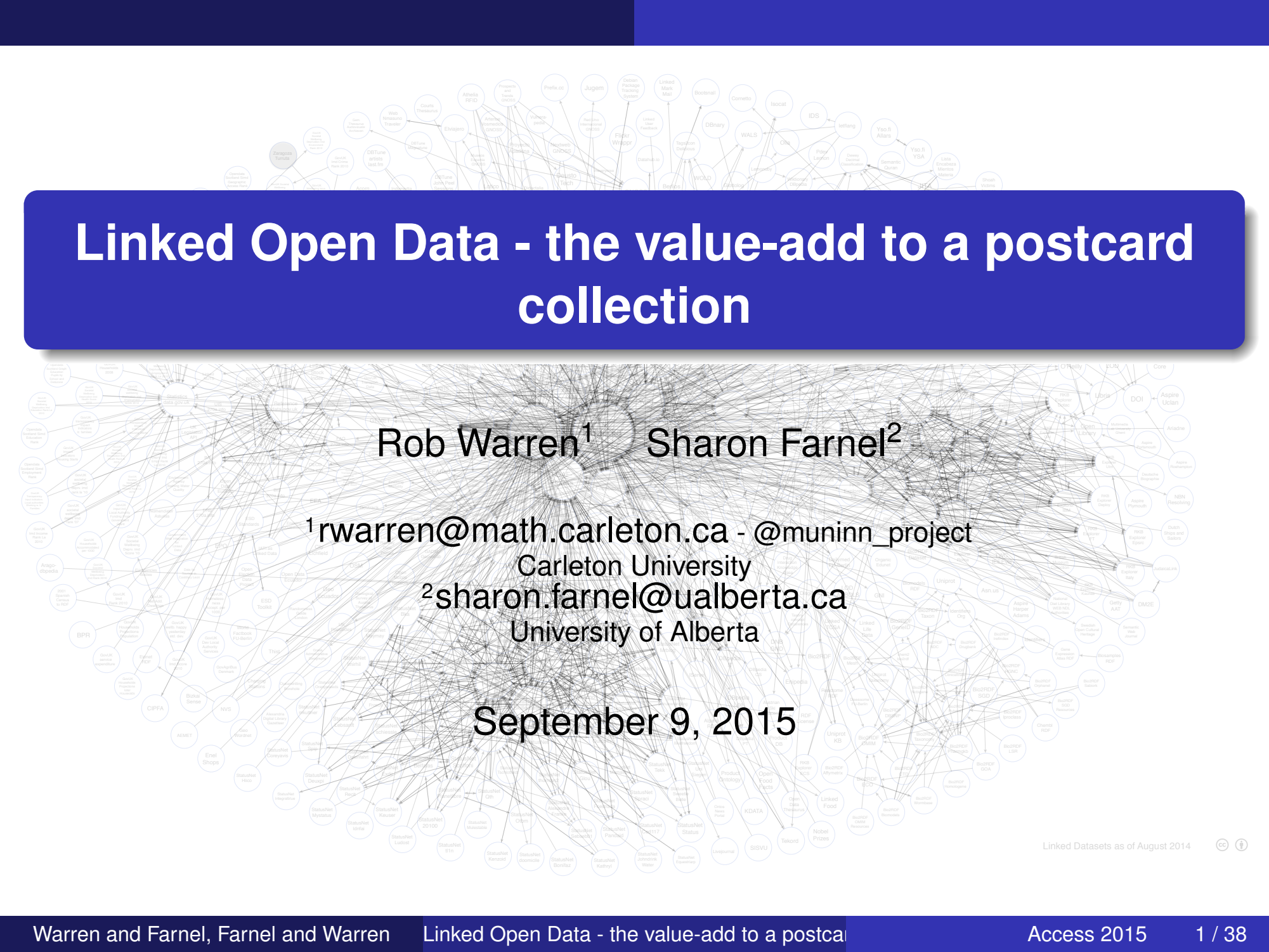

Peel Prairie Postcards Collection

Prairie Postcards

Activities & sports 	Animals 	Buildings 
Business & industry 	Events 	Land & land use 
Natural phenomena 	Objects 	Organizations 
People 	Plants 	Vehicles 

Background

- Enable the documentation of decisions / processes using RDF and Prov ontology.
- Promote organizational memory without too much overhead.
- Clouds of clouds -> from collections of collections to custom organizations.
- How much can we offload to machines?

Project Budget

Sharon's Budget

Rob's Budget (Matching Funds)

Manual Meta-data creation

- 'Stub' records (place, ID, etc.) from CSV.
- In-house guidelines, use of authorities (e.g., LC).
- Largely one individual over 2 year period; other staff and student assistance prior to launch.
- Final QA before website launch; minor cleanup and enhancements ongoing.

Tools and Processes

- Mods XML to rdf Mads via LC stylesheet (with minor edits).
- Additional RDF triples / linkages generated from raw XML Mods.
- Mostly perl, bash scripts and api's.

From strings to URIs

- Links to Geonames and Linked Geo Data (OSM).
- Links to LC Subject headings
- Try facial detection.
- Extract personal names and corporate names as foaf.
- Add full provenance information.
- ~~Extract colours from postcards: BW/Sepina?~~

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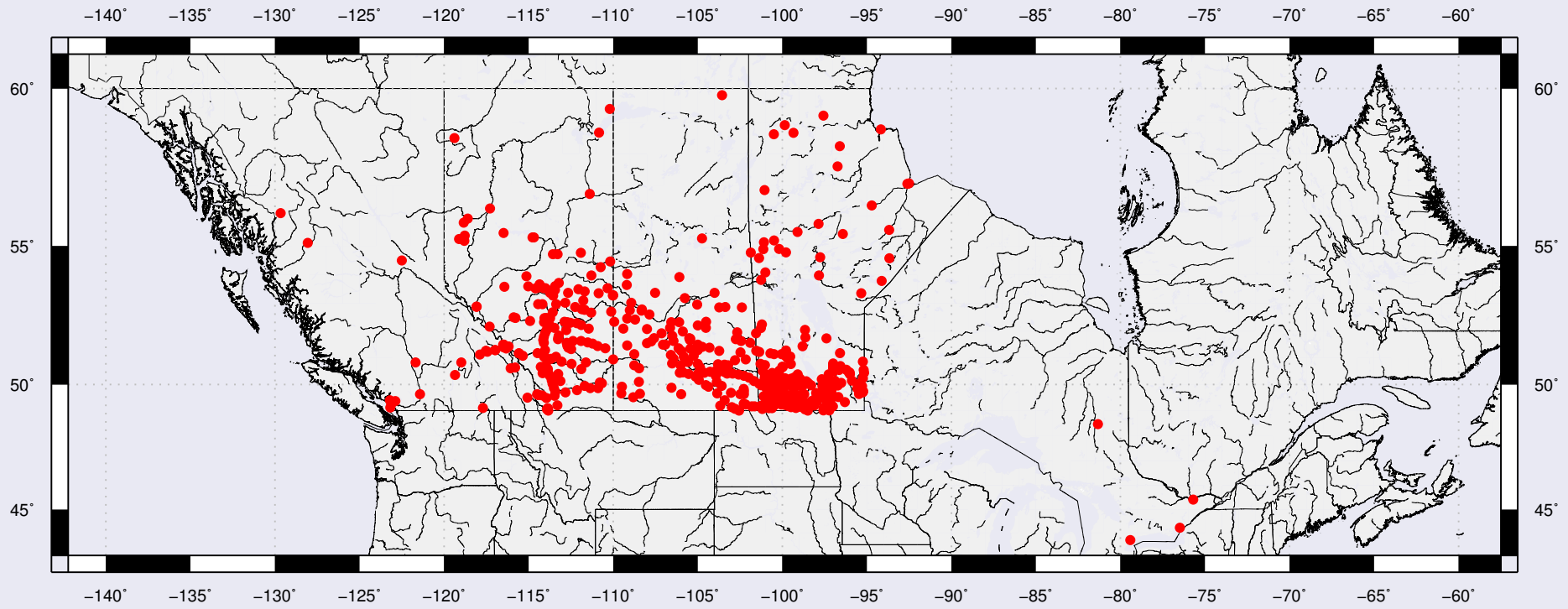
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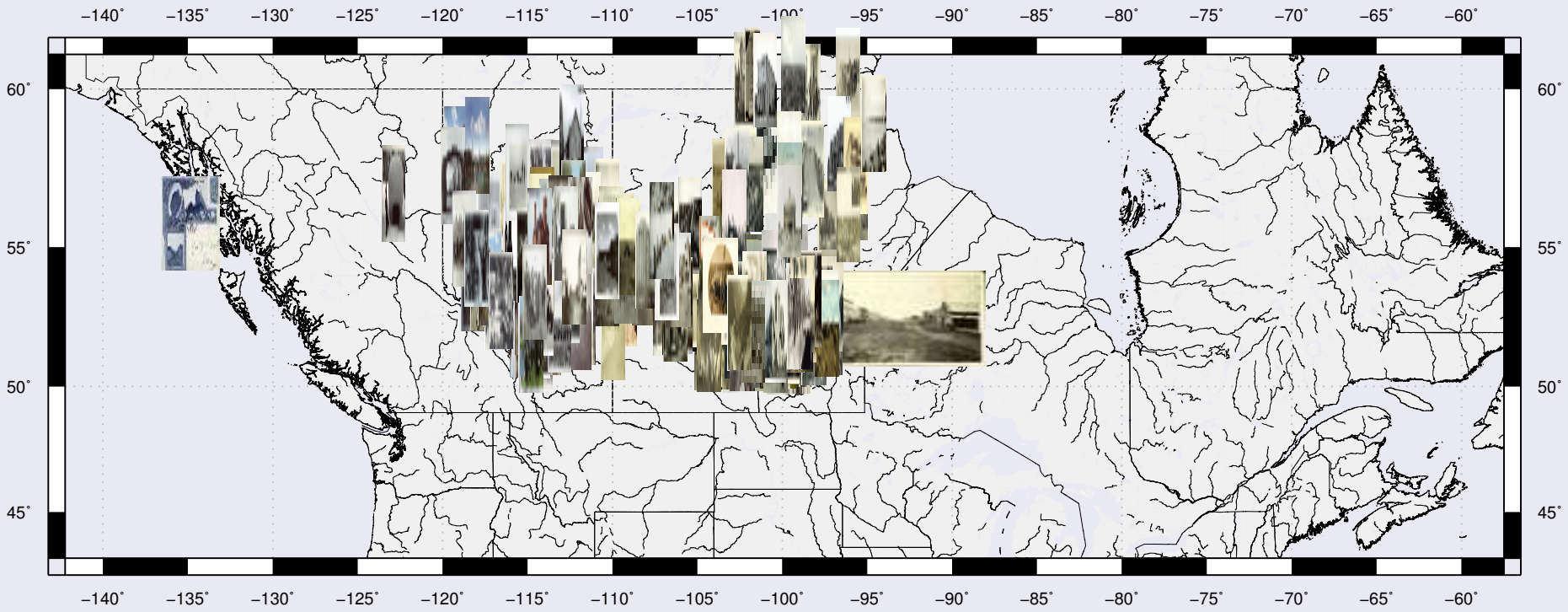
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Mads to geonames and linkgeodata

- Quality of location data ranges from great to plain wrong.
- Used geonames and linkedgeodata (OSM) api.
- Use OWL to deal with corner cases.
- Some data is likely unusable.

Data quality

People try very hard, but...

<city>Regina?</city>

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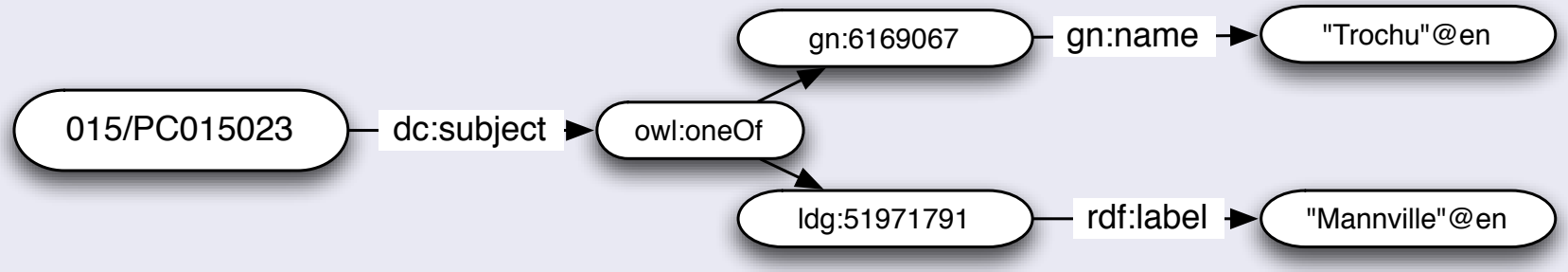
<city>Trochu or Mannville</city>



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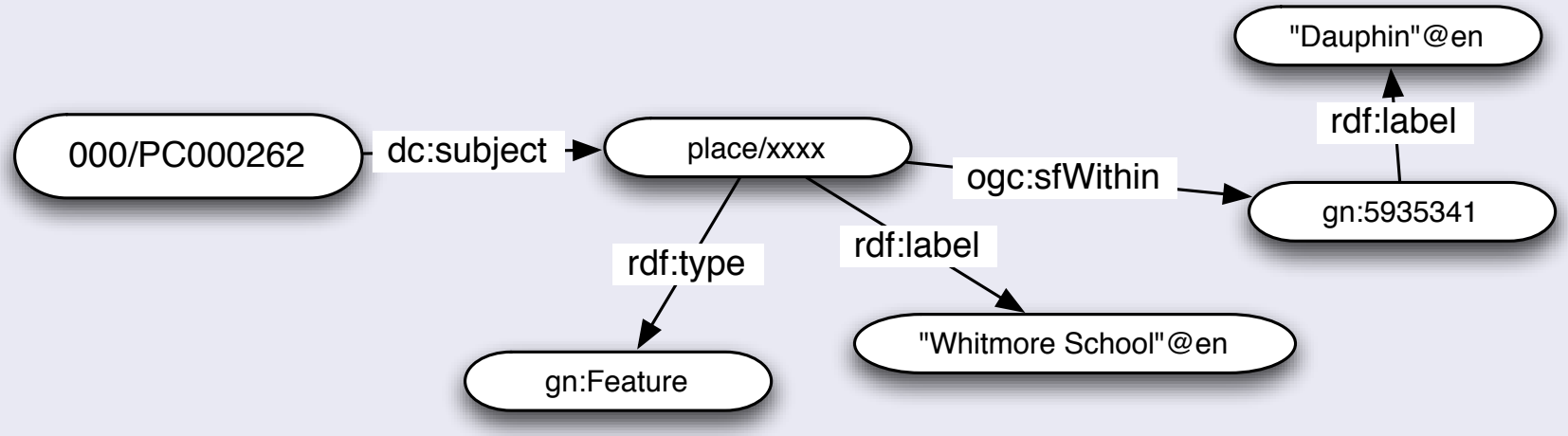

A running example

Postcard 8011

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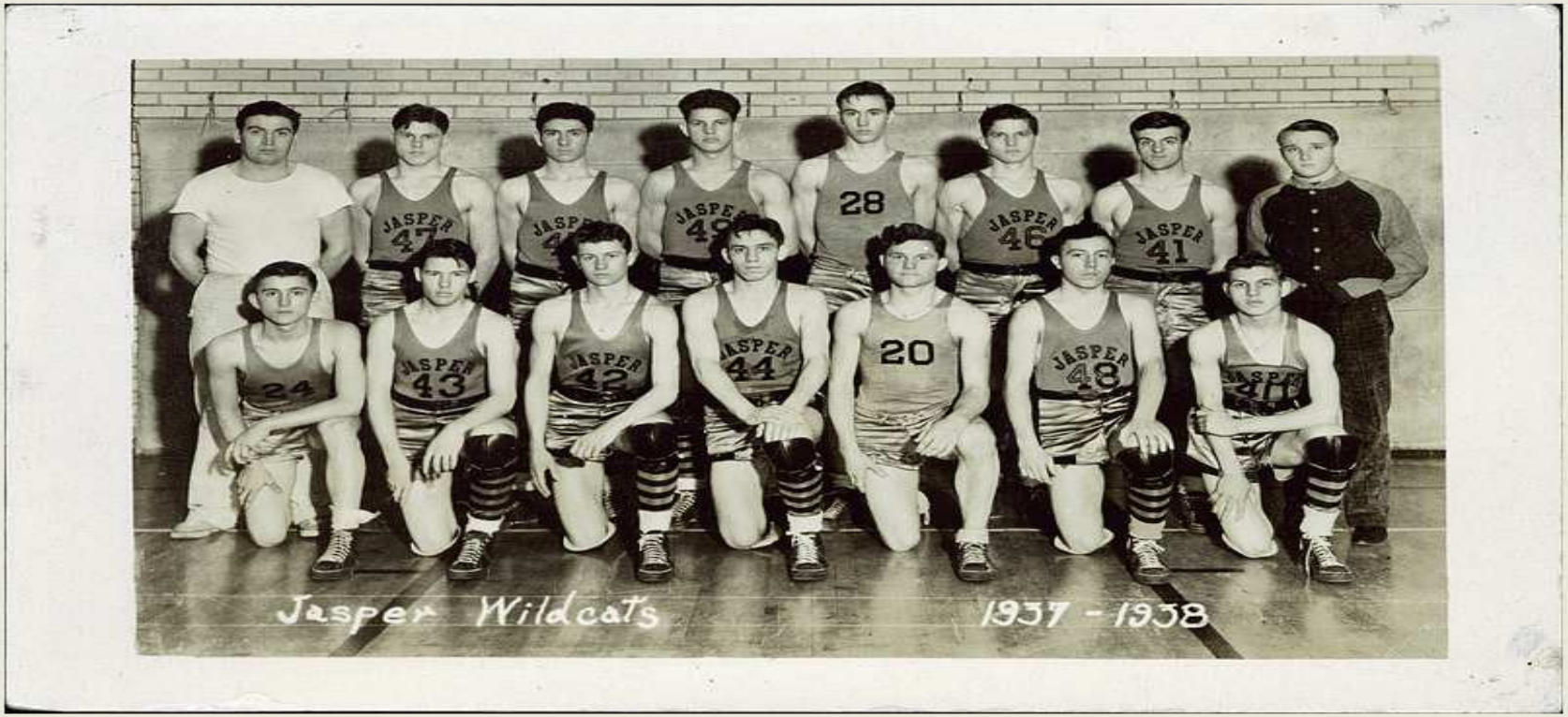
Jasper Wildcats, 1937-1938. [Jasper: c1937-1938.



Description: Group portrait of Wildcats basketball team players posing in two rows (standing and kneeling on their right knees) in front of a light colored background in a room.

Physical description: 1 postcard : sepia ; 9 x 14 cm.

Language: English

Subject headings:

- **Canada--Alberta--Jasper**
- **Basketball players**
- **Sport clothes**

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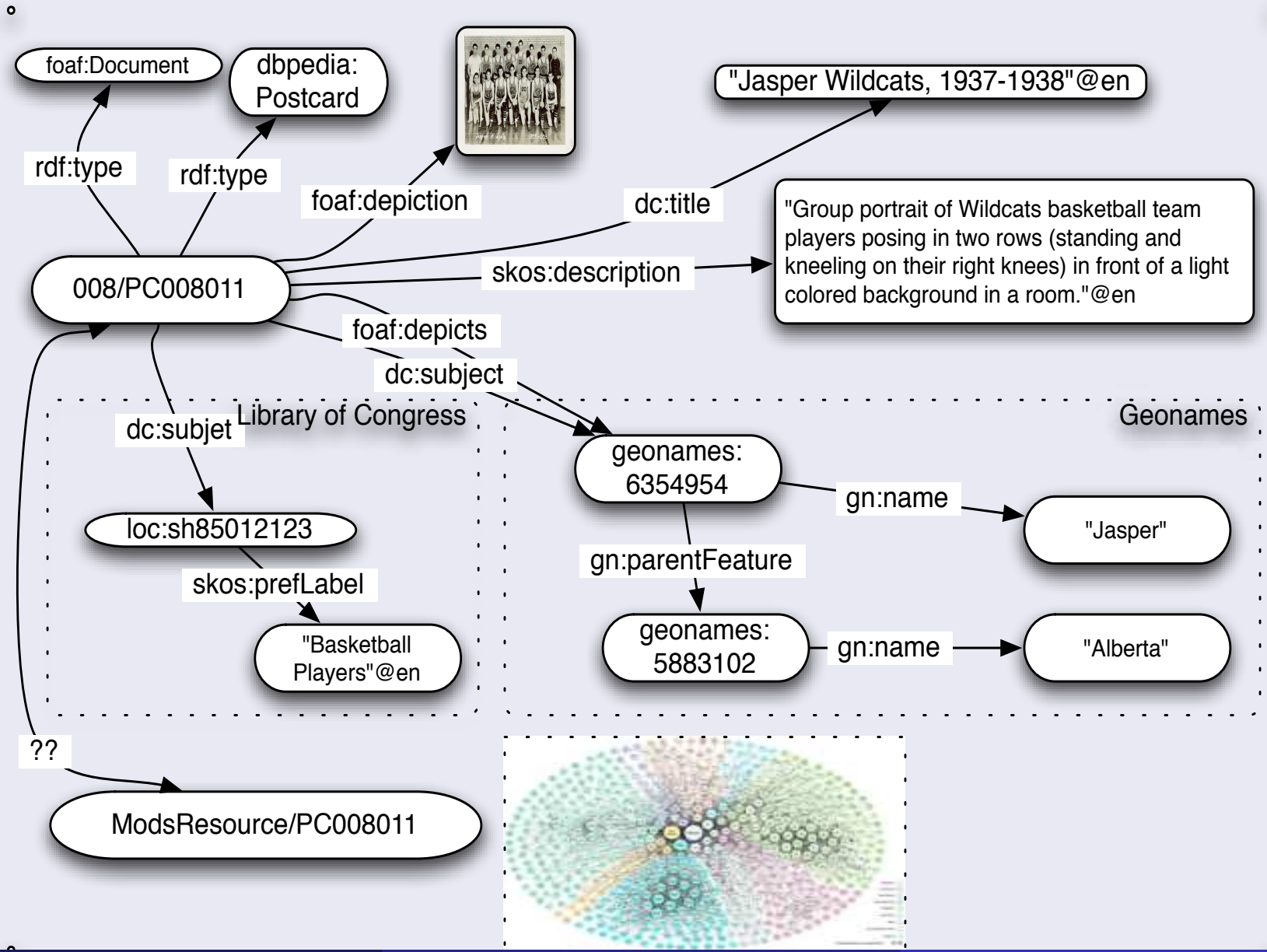

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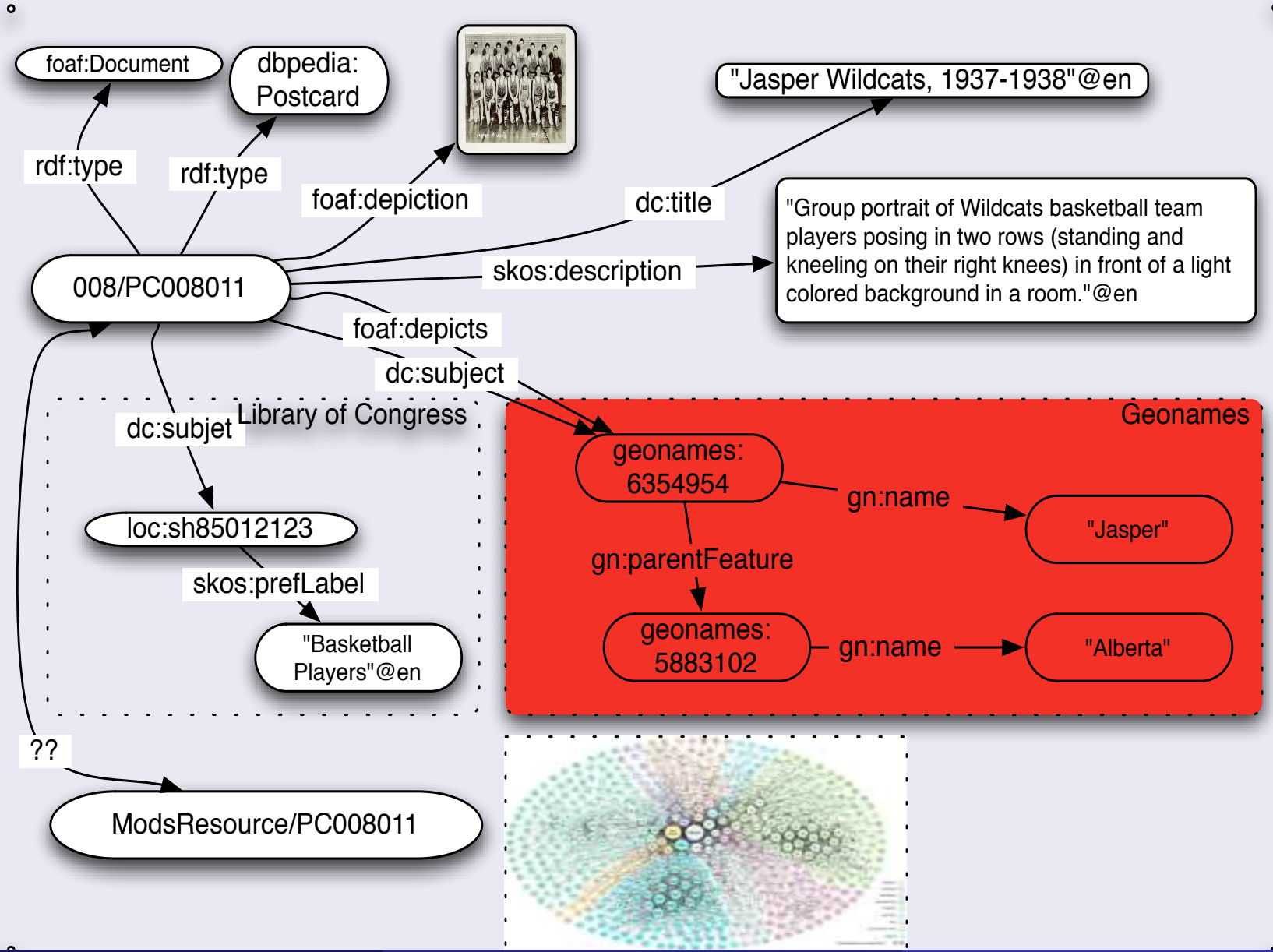

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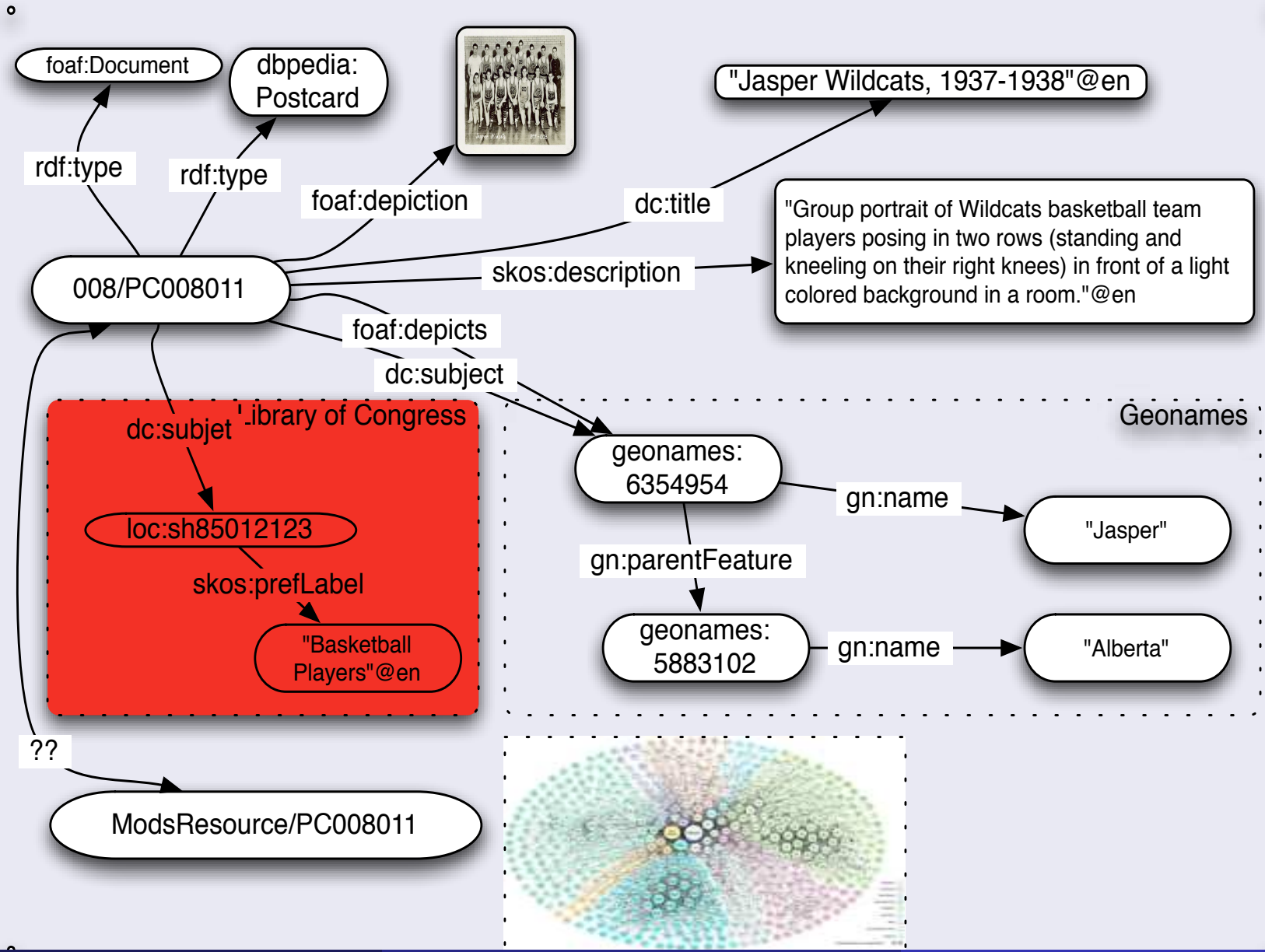

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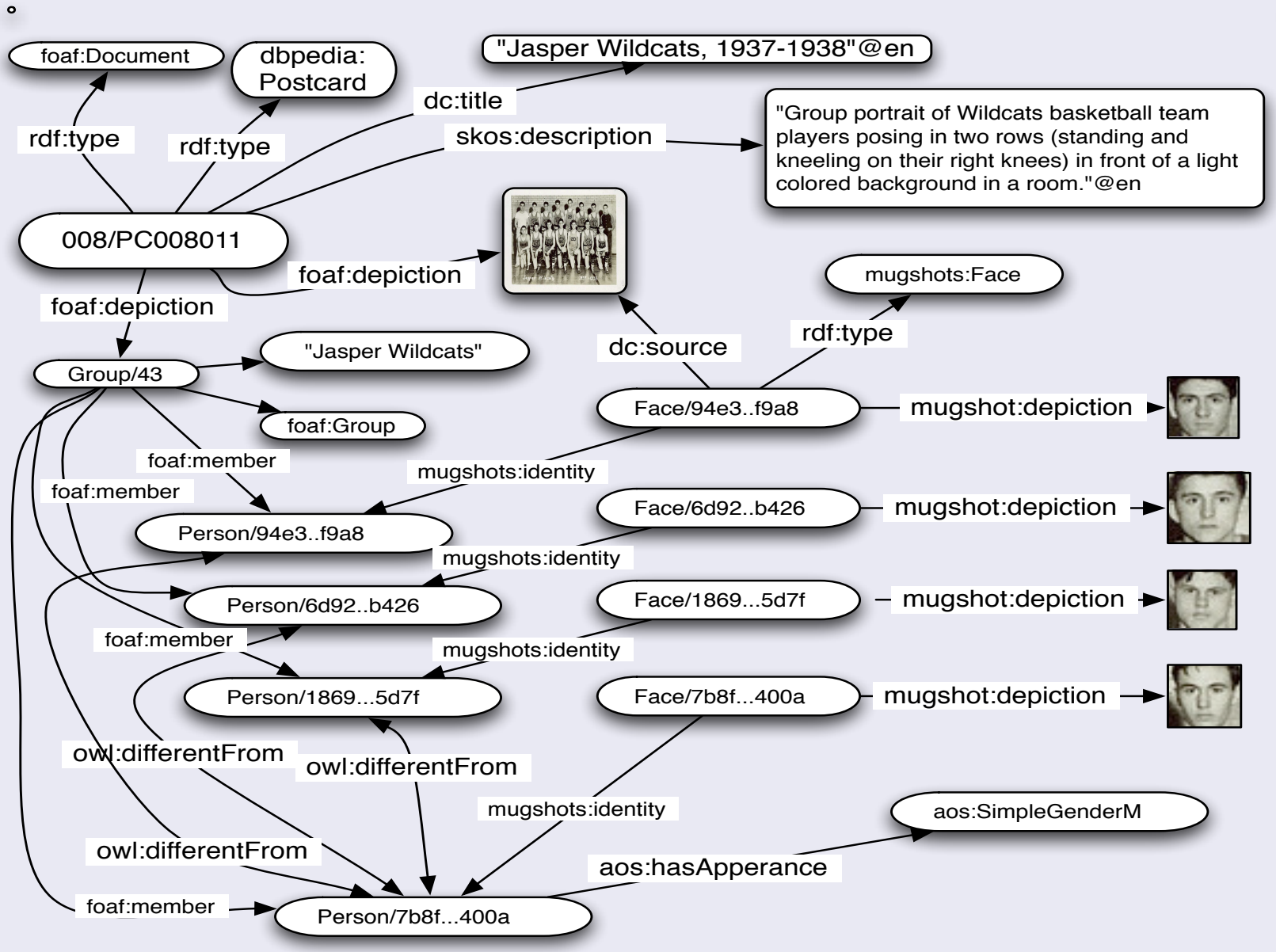

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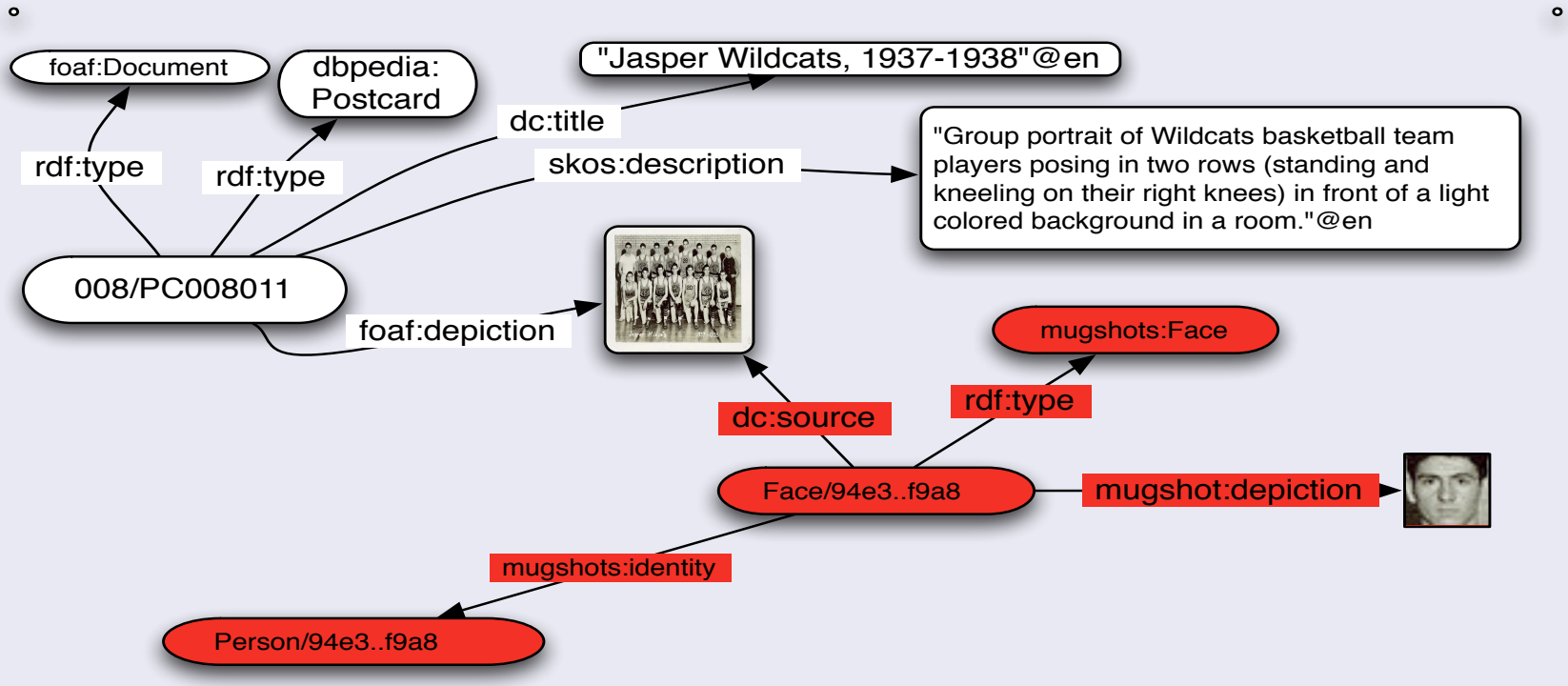

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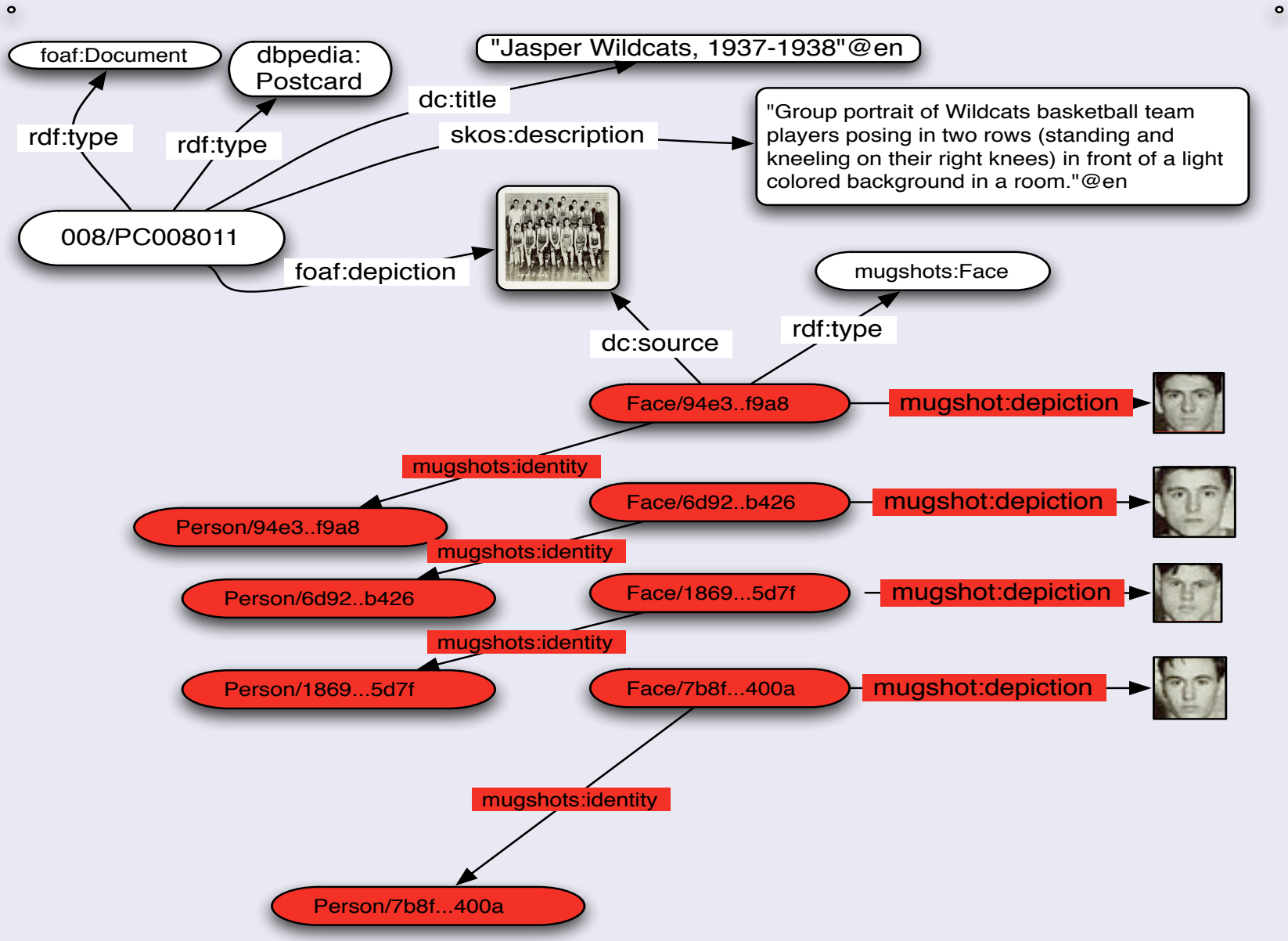

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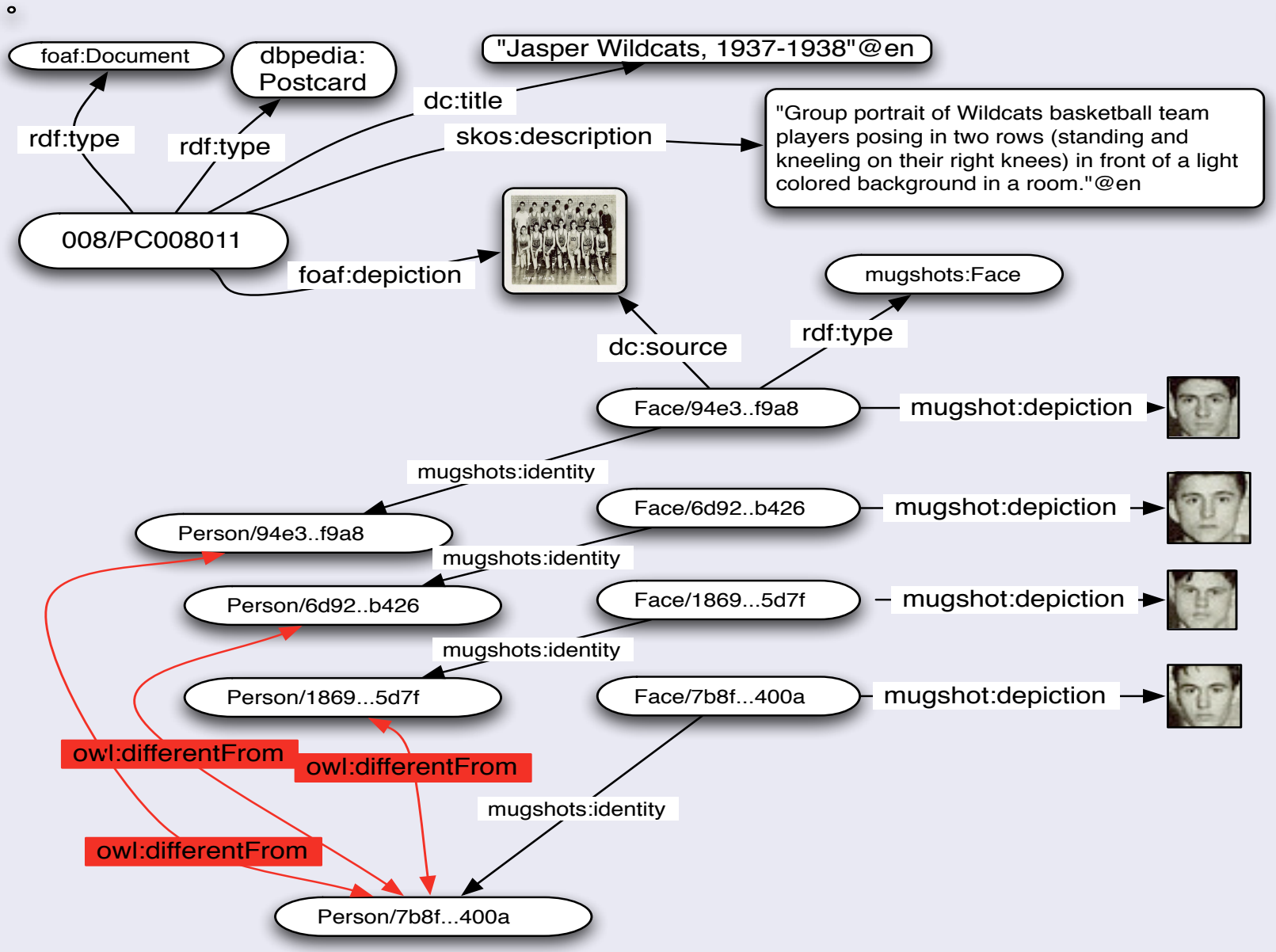

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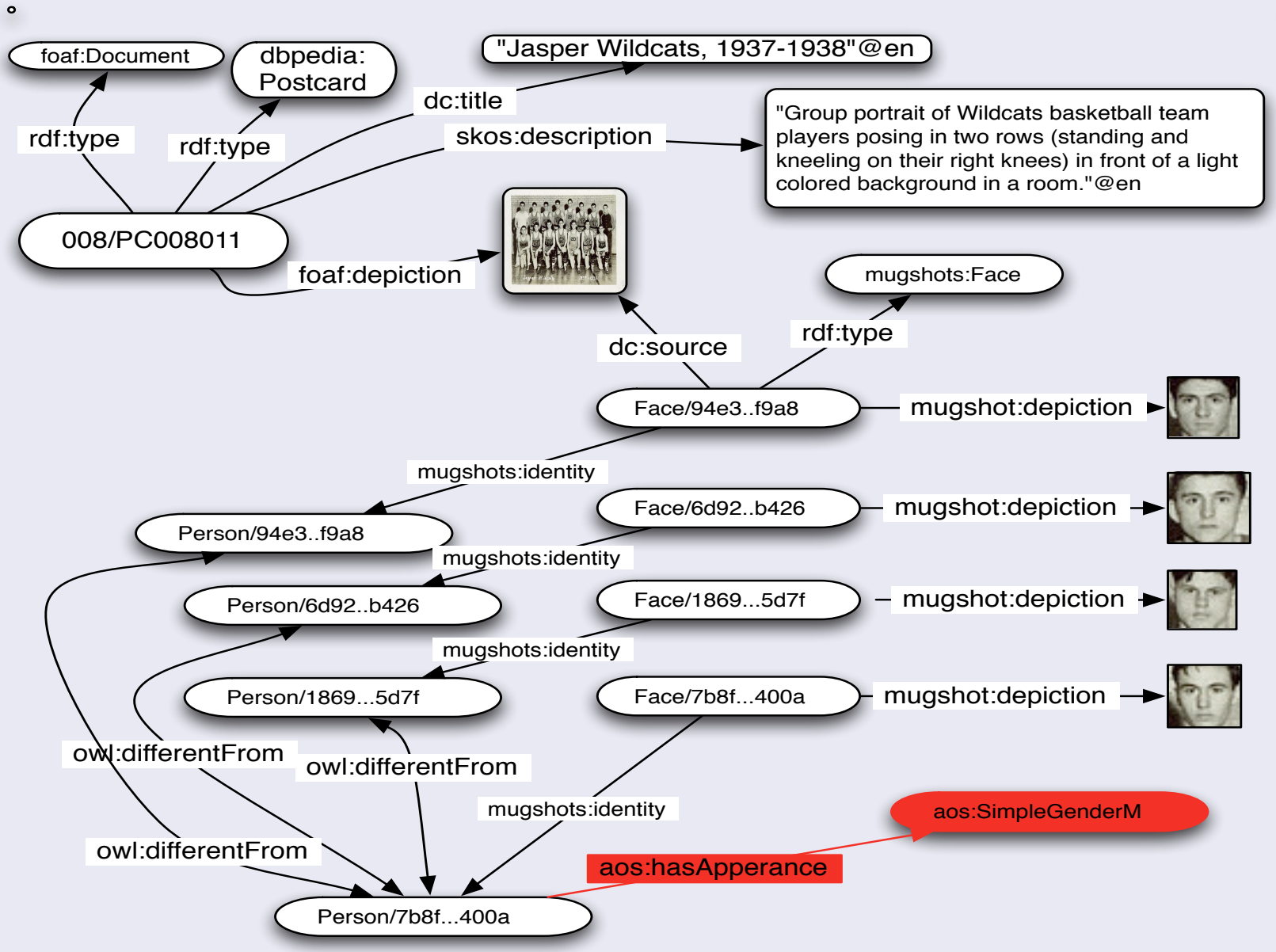

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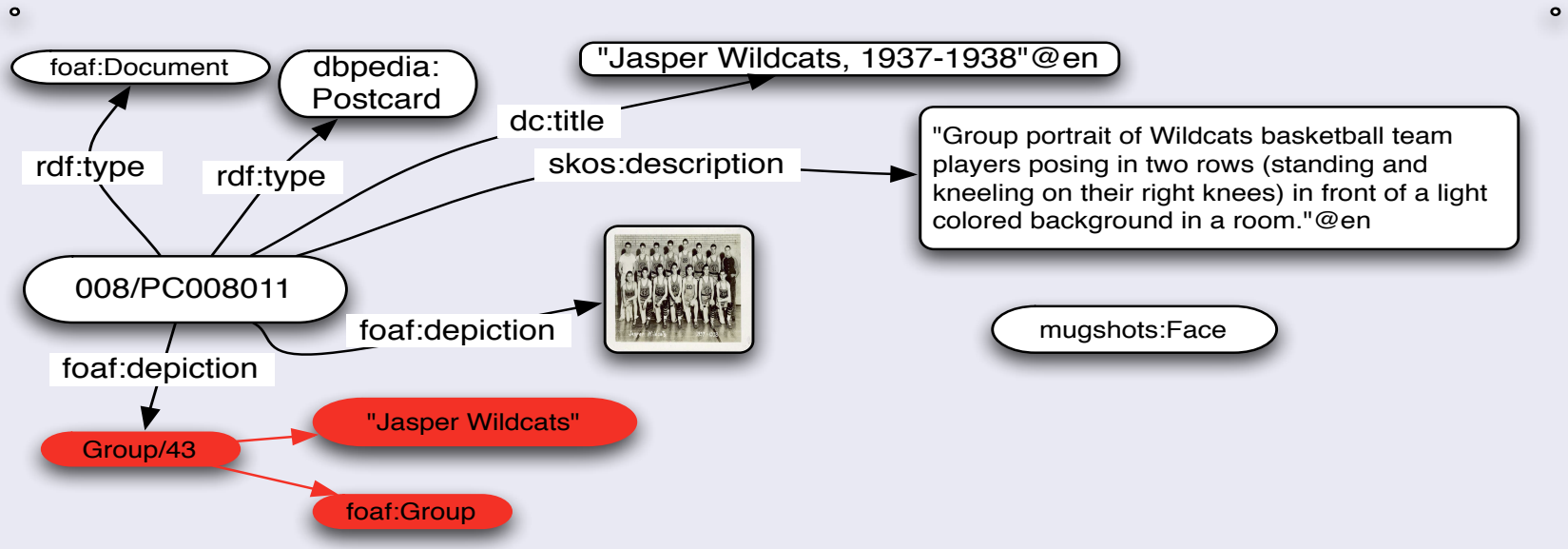

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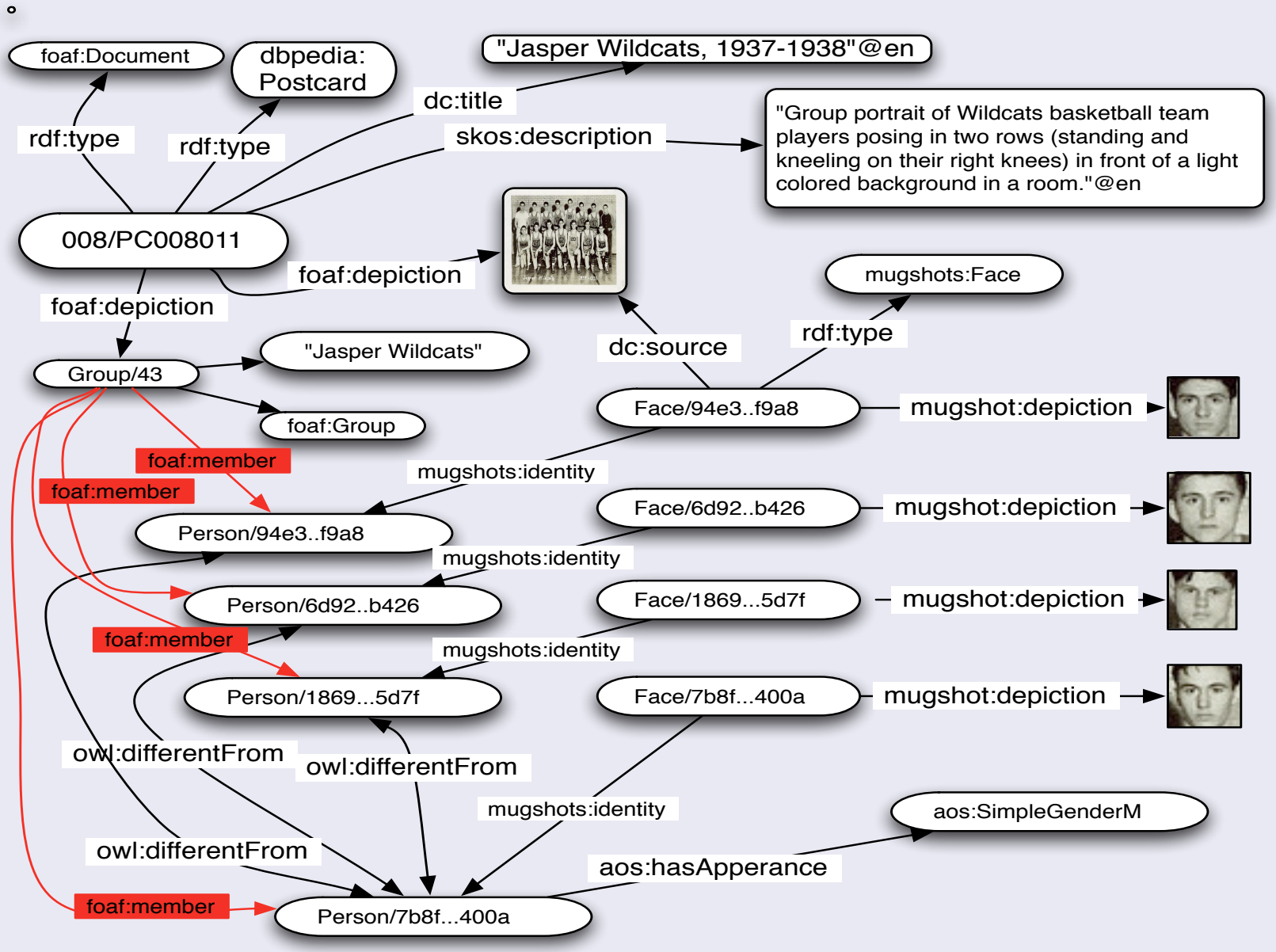

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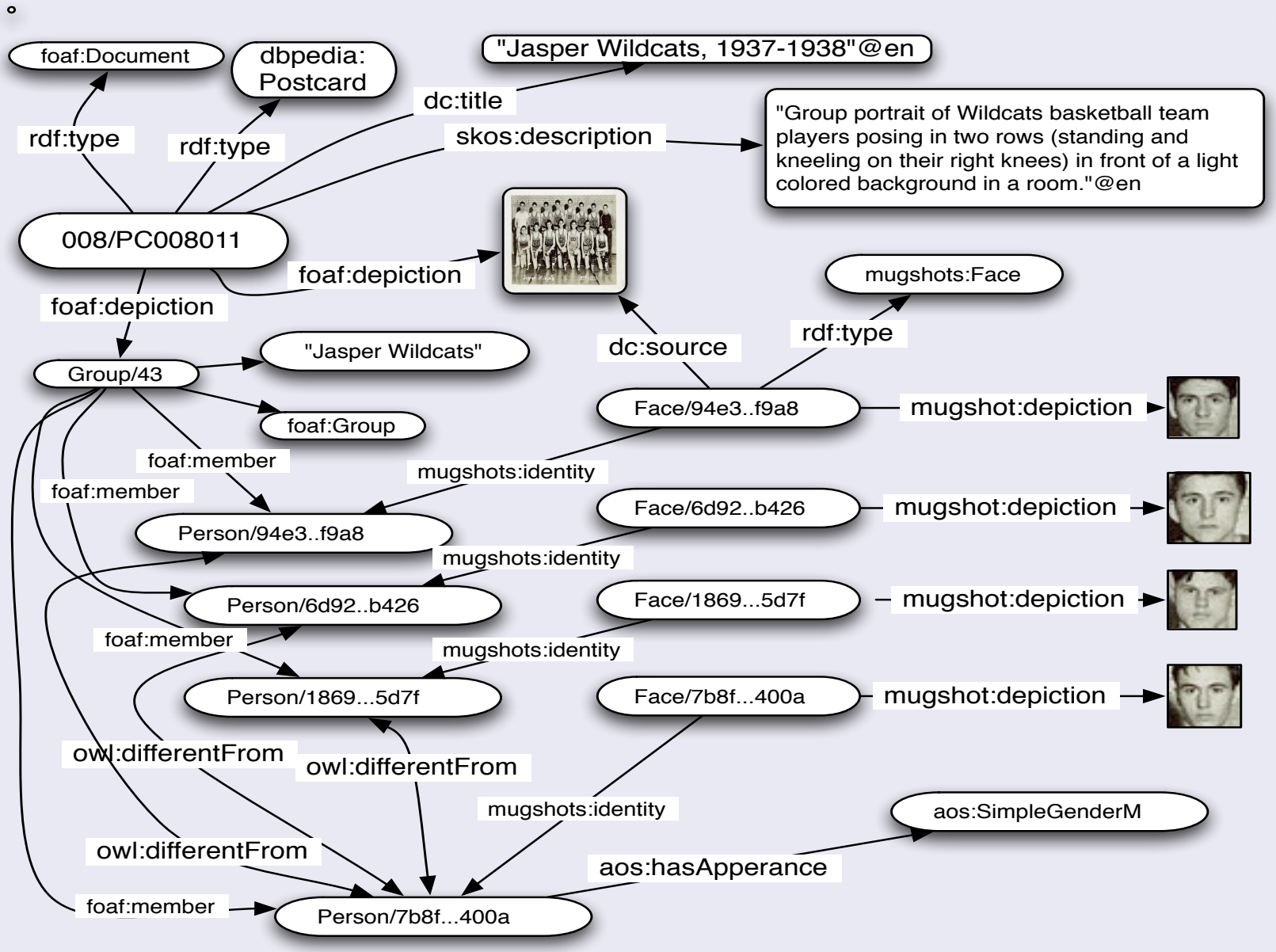

Support for transcription?

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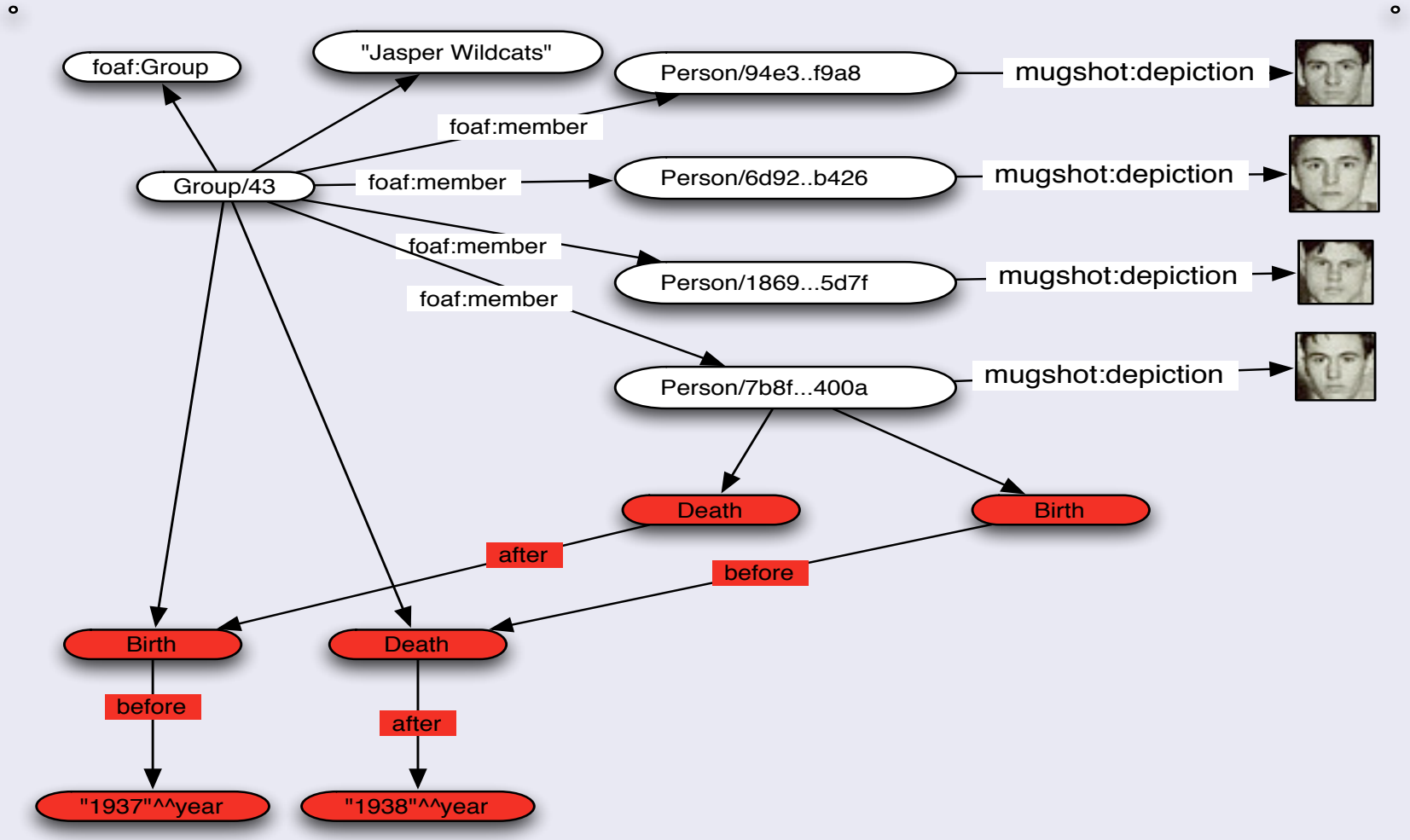

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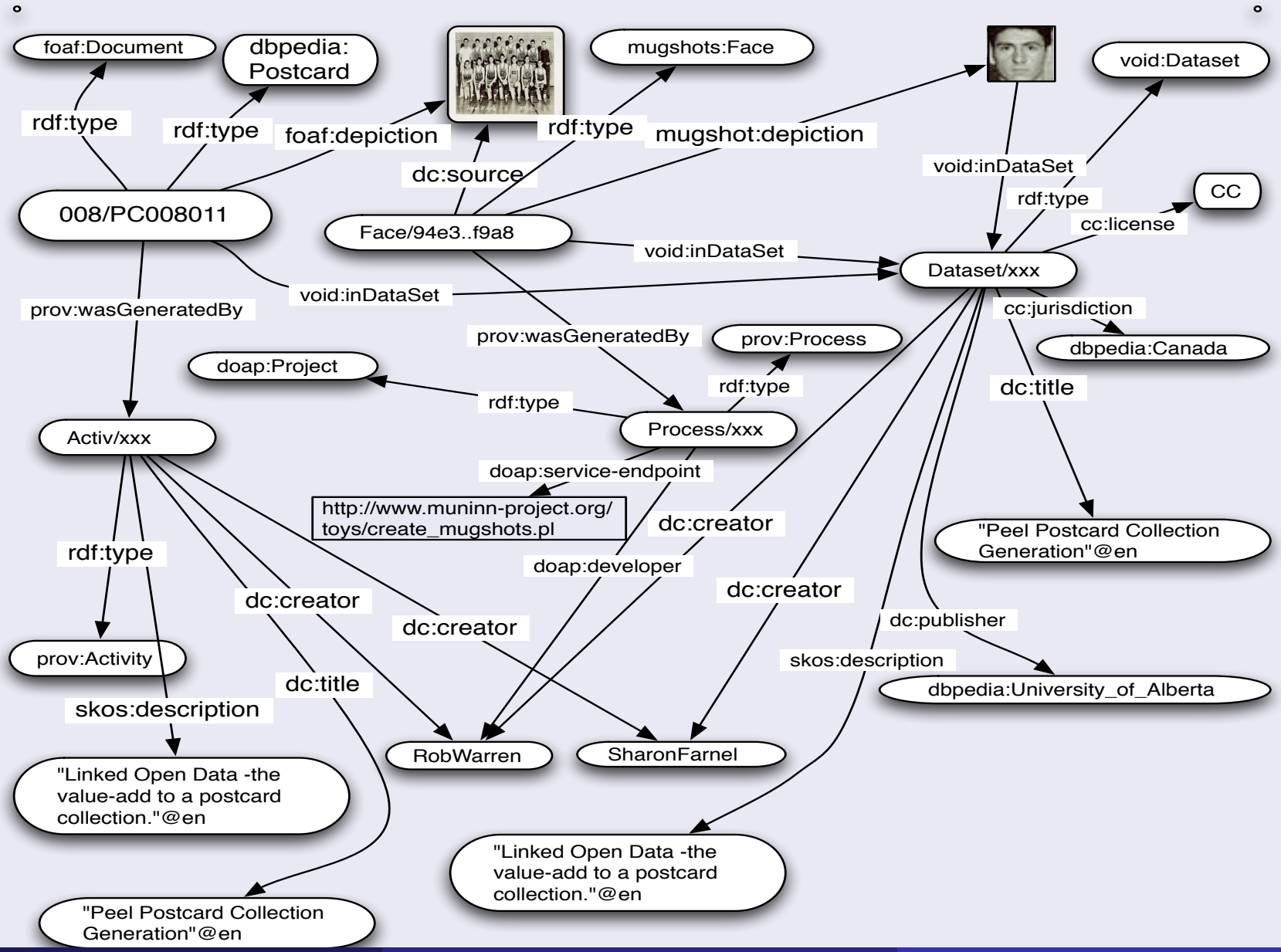

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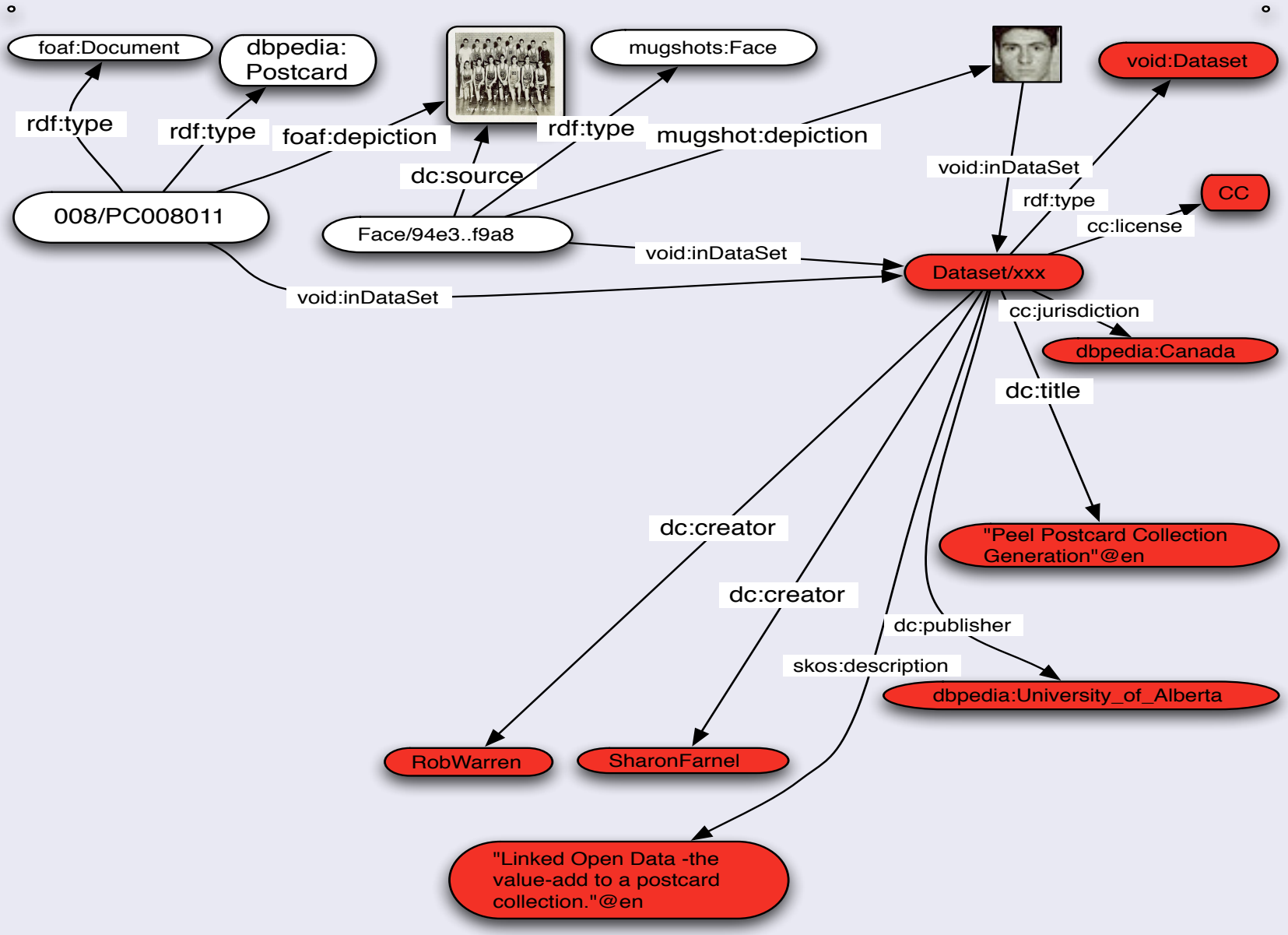

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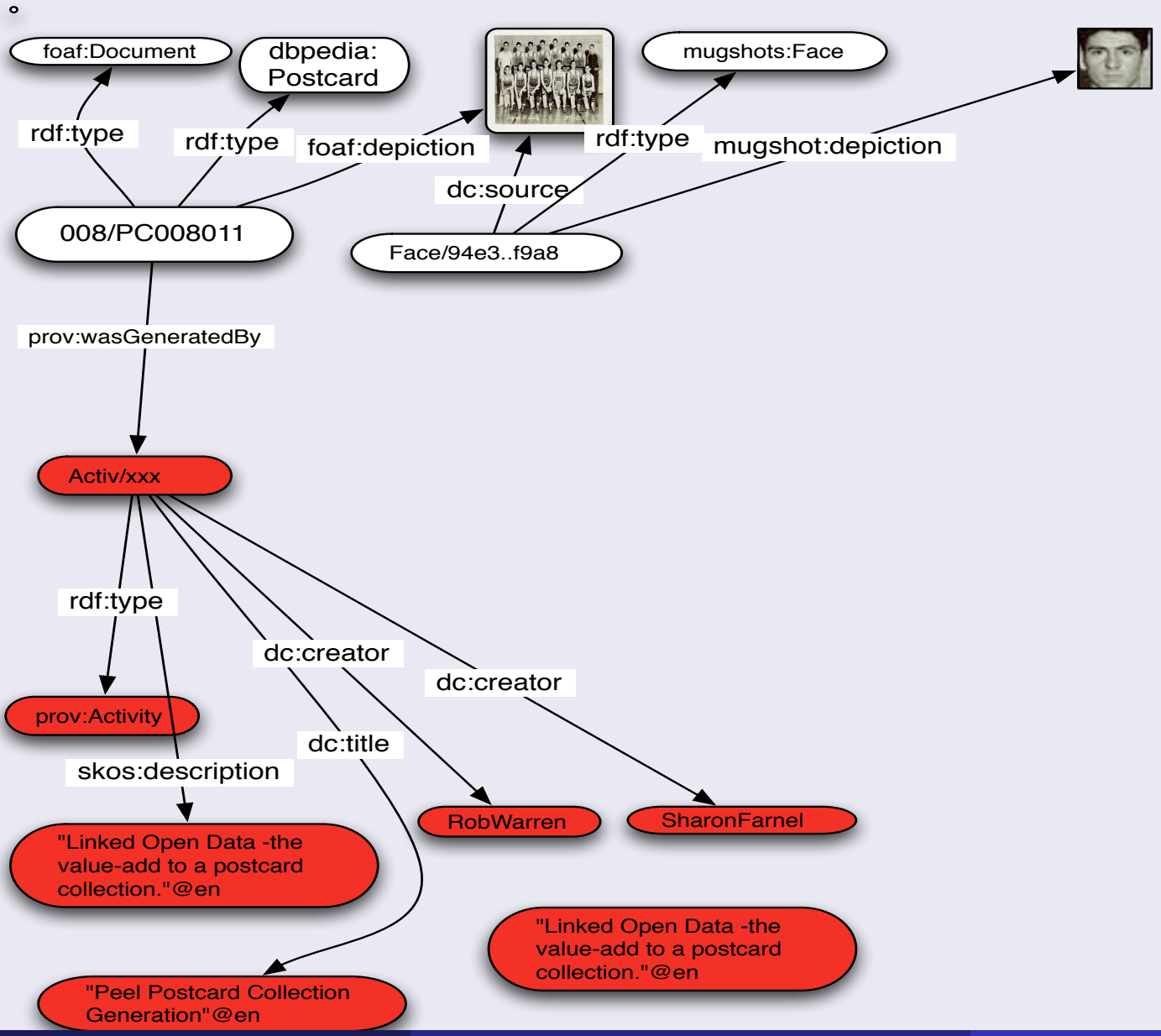

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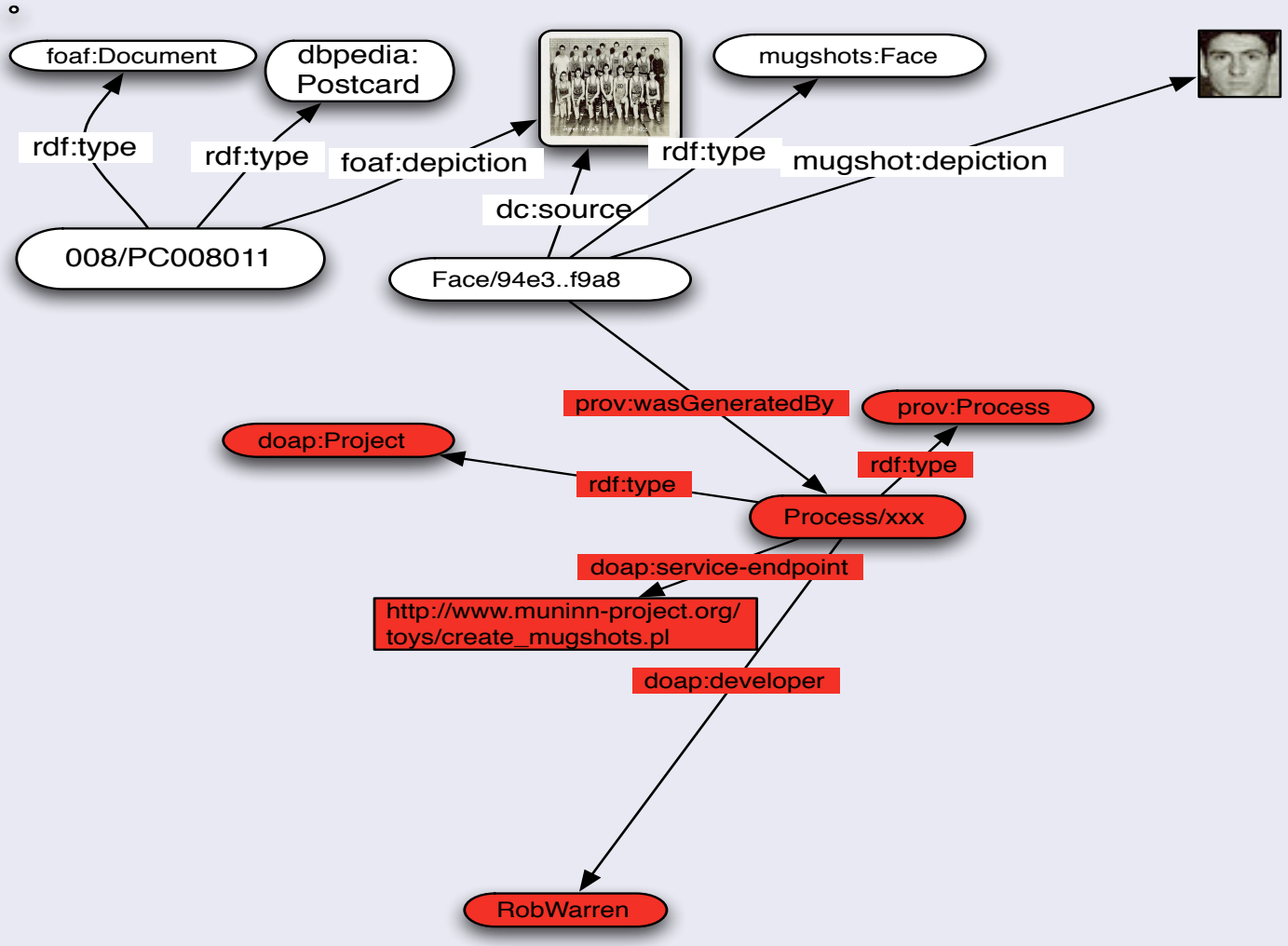

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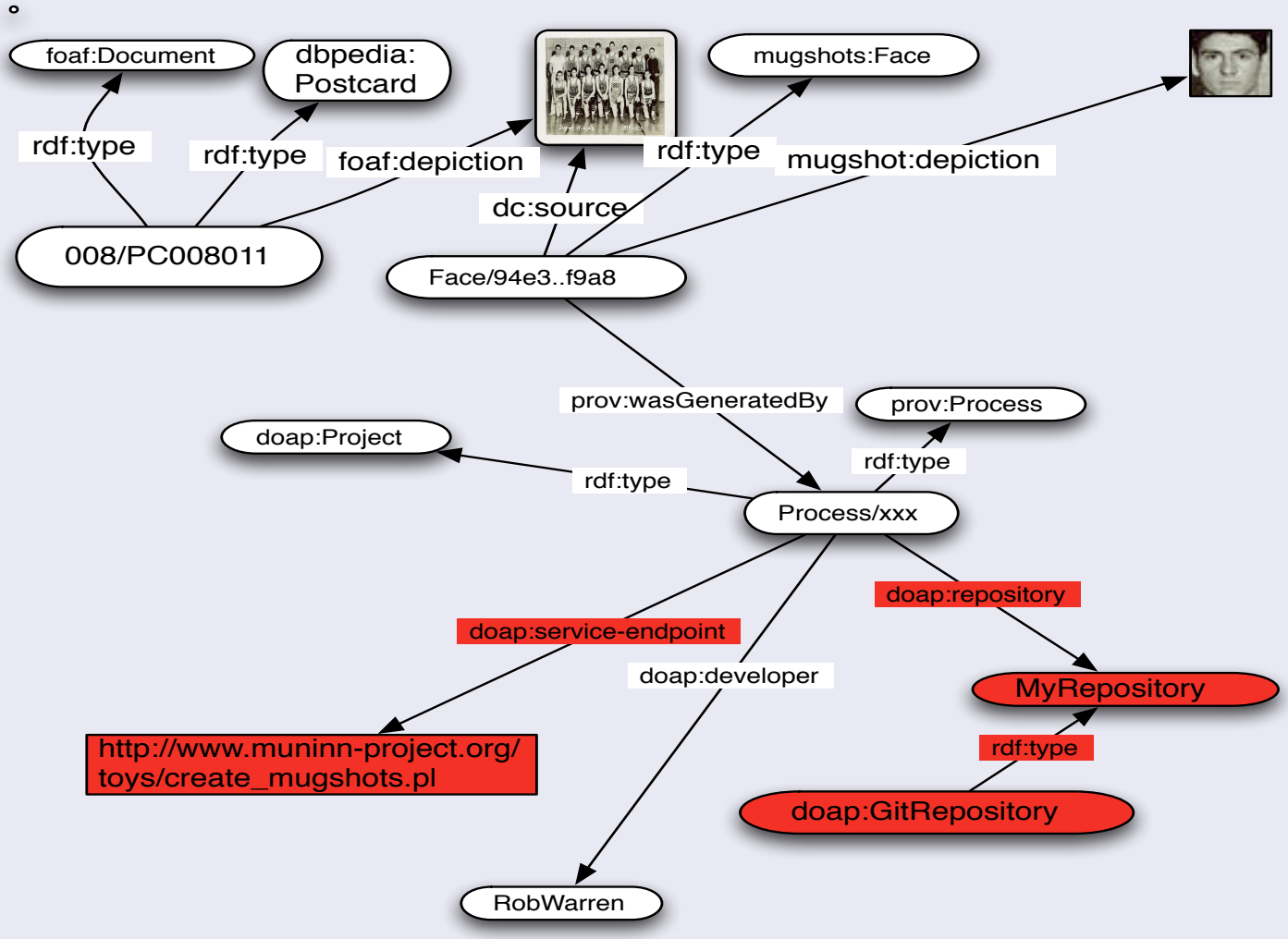

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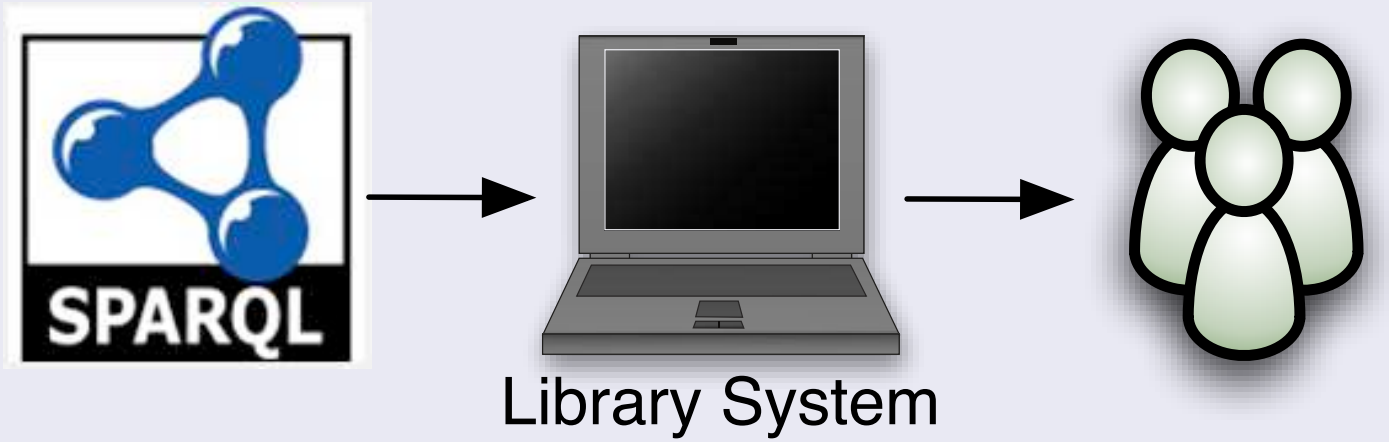

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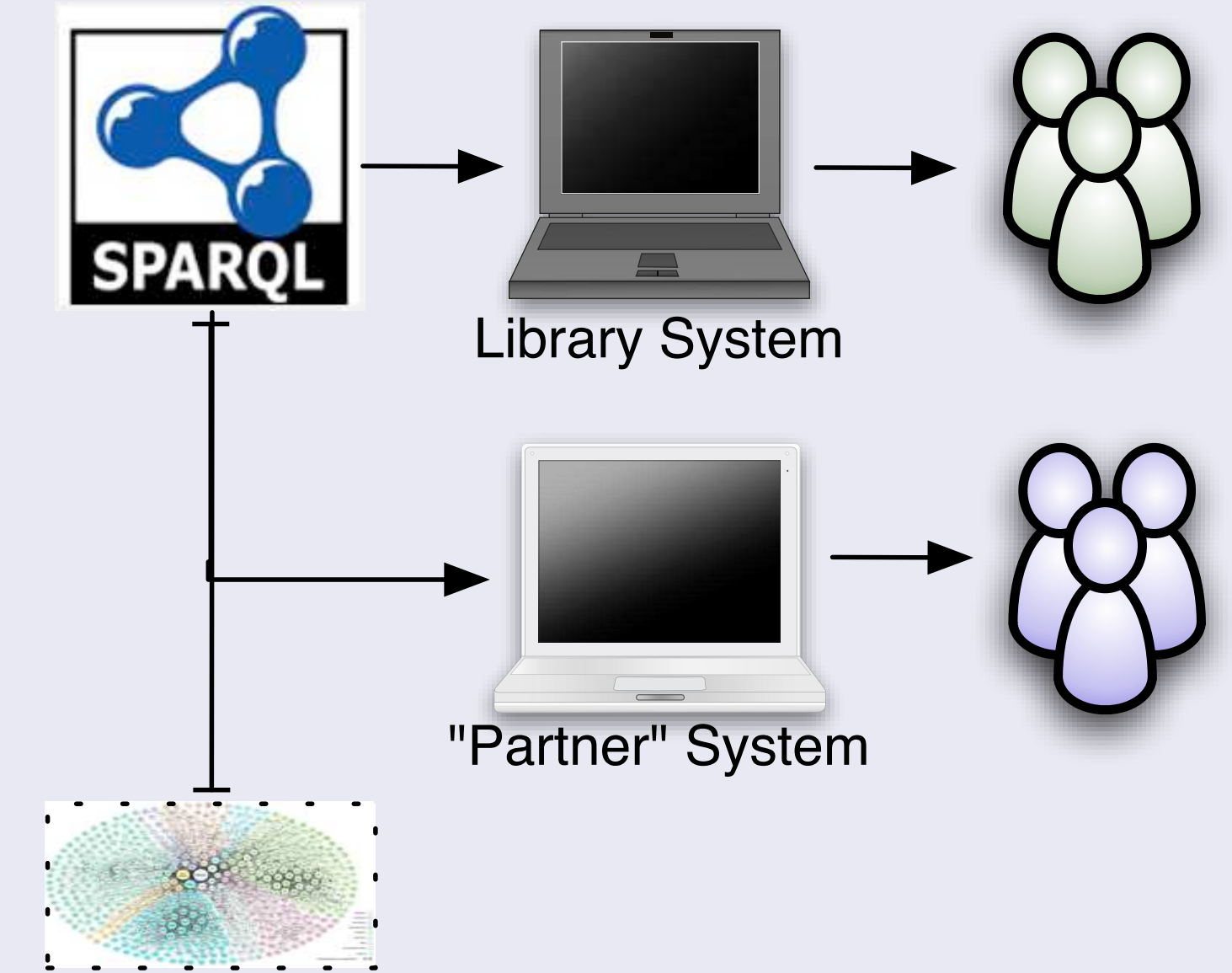

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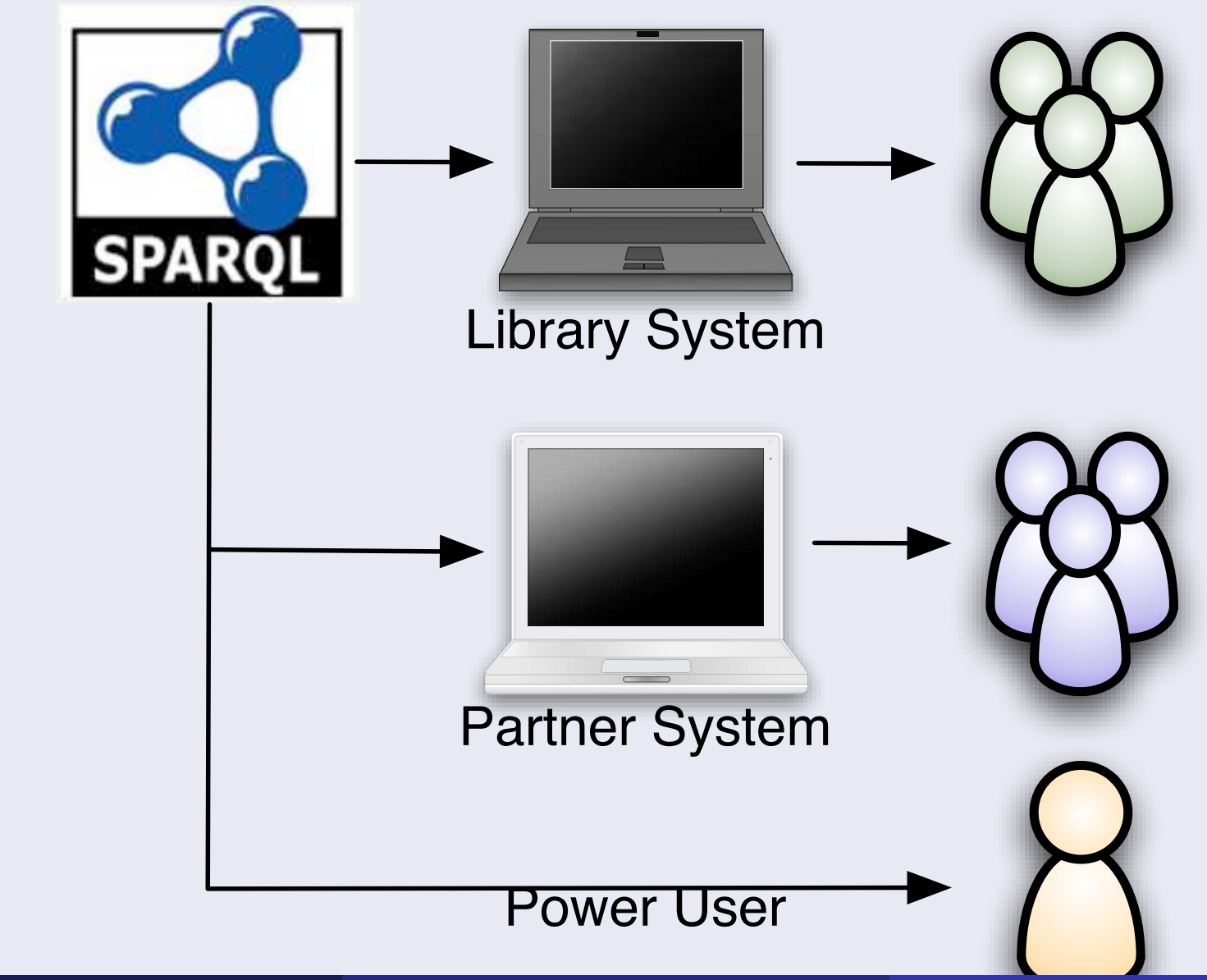
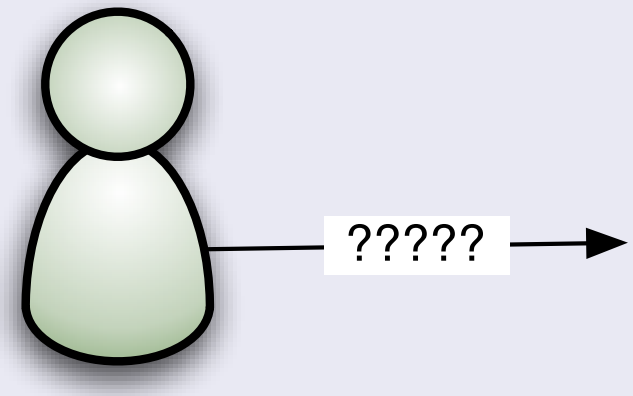


Why is machine readable data important?

...but not for long!



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The golden rule of Linked Open Data modelling:

The *thing* and the *name of the thing* aren't the same *thing*. [a]

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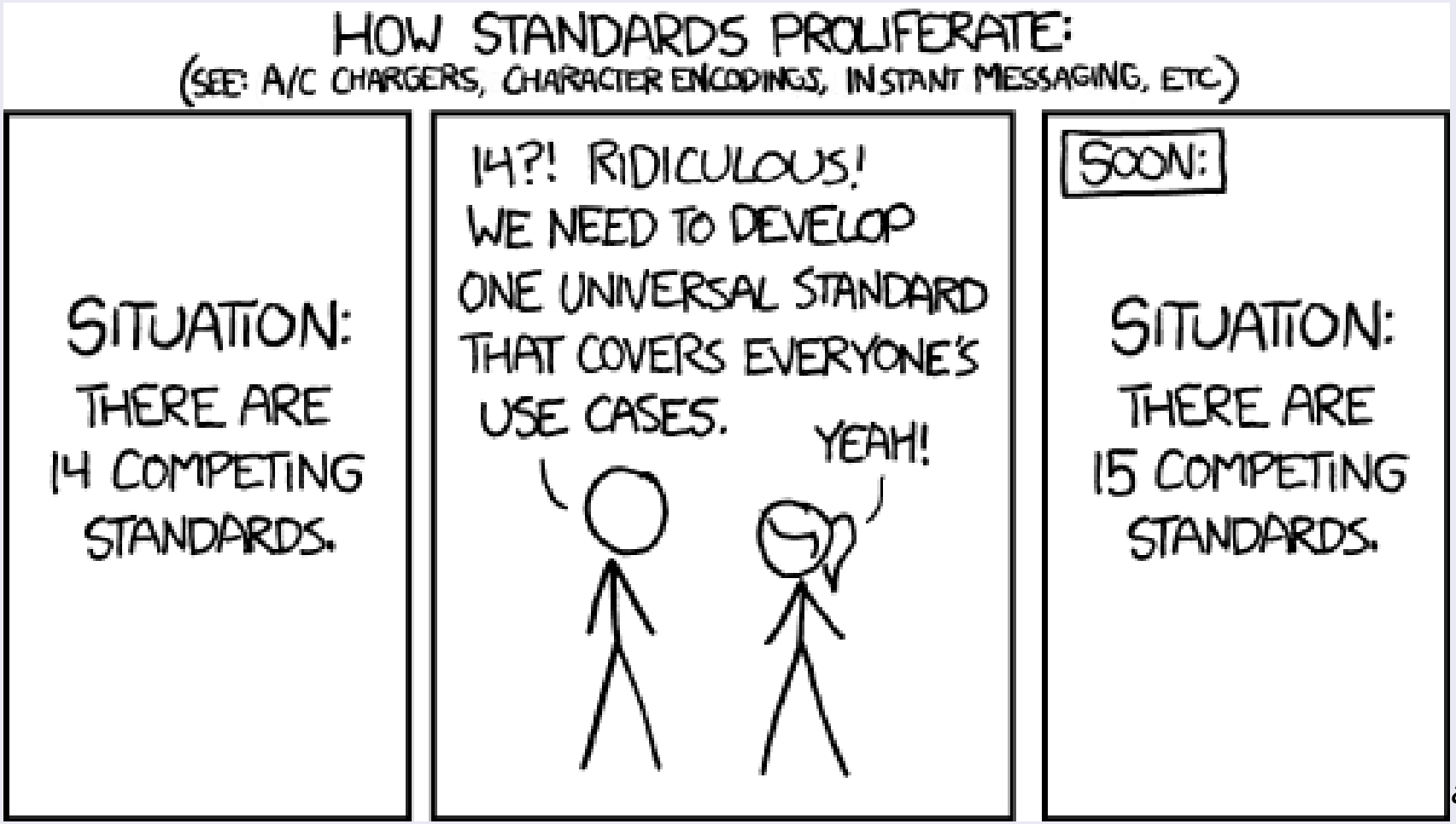
Linked Open Data and OWL let you pick and choose standards



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[a] https://xkcd.com/927/

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Lessons Learned, Next Steps

- Play with conversion to RDFa or Turtle and endpoints.
- Enhance other image collections in a similar way.
- Text-based collections - named entity recognition?
- Excel is the enemy of data quality.
- The artifact might be less important than the (meta?)data.
- RDF / LOD allows you to publish data, document it and (sometimes) fix mistakes later on.
- Separate the data from the application.

Code and scripts at:
`https://github.com/muninn/PC-Access2015`