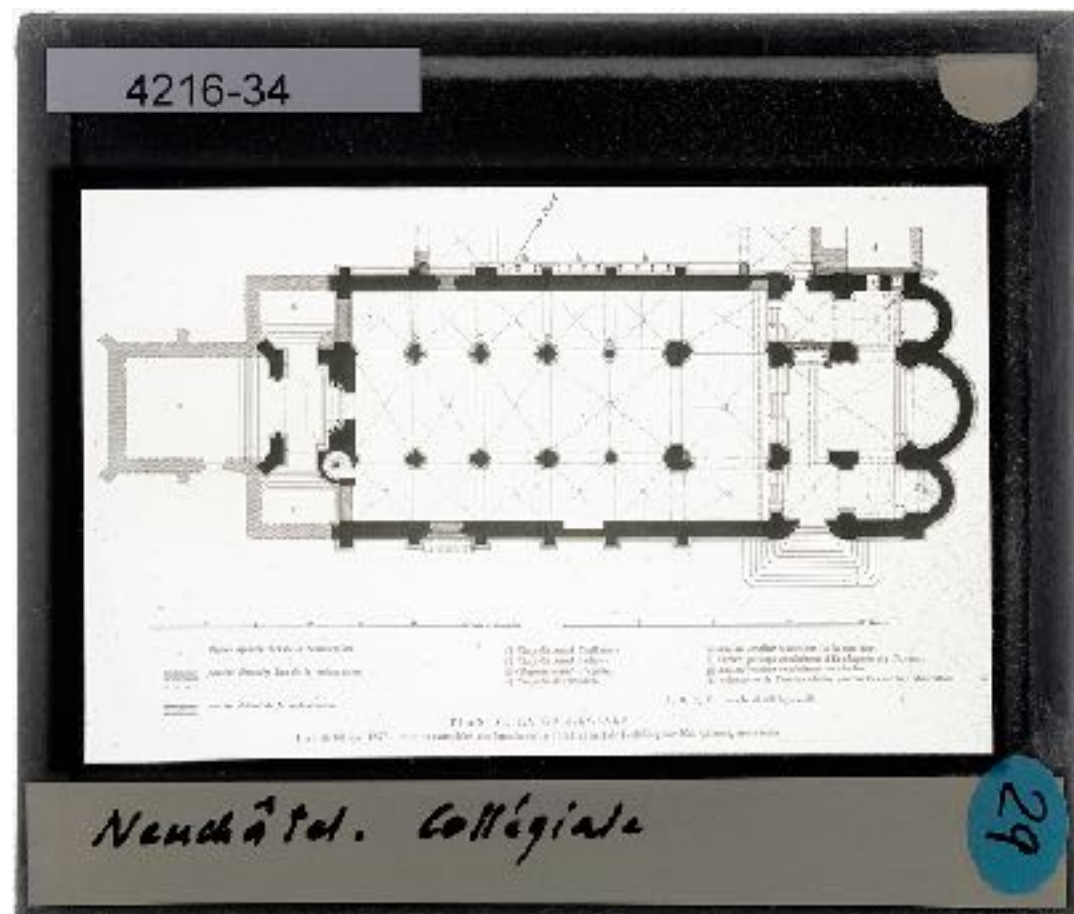


Overview Tuesday

- Questions
- CIDOC-CRM
- Extensions
- Afternoon: Setup and modelling of own data

Data Model

- Write down the classes and properties for a historic slide archive





CIDOC-CRM

Introduction

A bit of history

- Until 1998 CIDOC existed as an Entity Relationship model, being derived from the technology of relational databases.
- Not being flexible enough, it meant supporting a highly complex system that is impossible to maintain.
- In 1996 CIDOC-CRM was born as a project to replace the E-R-model.

Relational Databases are not good at relations

Name	ID
Peter	1
Susanne	2
Hans	3
Julia	4

Relation	ID
Mother	1
Father	2
Daughter	3
Son	4

Name_ID	Relation_ID	Name_ID
1	2	3
2	1	3
4	3	1
3	4	1

A bit of history

- CRM is an object-oriented model, that allowed for new use-cases to be added on an ongoing basis.
- It was also conceived to be database technology agnostic.
- The primary objective of the CRM initiative was to allow exchange and sharing of information.

A bit of history

- Coming from a Computer Science background, automated reasoning was a big thing for the CRM creators. They define it as: „the ability to formally manipulate the data using logical rules in order to generate new information“.
- CRM clearly followed political topics: „In contributing to this resource of information institutions become important members of a revolutionary digital research community.“
- Or: „The value and relevance of data increases when it is communicated with its full meaning and context. This relevance is magnified when the knowledge of different institutions is combined to enable different perspectives to be preserved.“

Definition - general

- The CIDOC CRM is an ontology - a form of knowledge representation. An ontology represents the categorical knowledge within a domain, in this case the cultural heritage domain. The function of a domain ontology is to mediate the variability within a domain and provide a framework under which we can collaborate despite having different datasets. It is a language, not a statement of current scholarly convictions.

Definition - technology

- It is independent of any technical implementation framework. It is commonly employed using Resource Description Framework (RDF) databases, the lingua franca of linked data, but could also be used with other meta-models. Different technologies create a different set of constraints. The design of a knowledge representation system should not be based, or dependent upon, a particular technology. It should represent knowledge in a more generic form. Its only logical restriction is the kind of positive statements information systems can support so far.

Definition - no fields or values

- It does not mandate any fields or values. Unlike other standards that work by using an agreed set of fields and/or values the CRM supports variability. The reason why there are so many field/value based standards is because different cultural groups will naturally have different requirements. The CRM provides a semantic framework that describes more general entities (including events) and the relationships between them.

Definition - bottom up

- It is an empirically based ontology. Rather than being defined by a committee (top down), the CRM is based on empirical analysis of real practice and local knowledge (bottom up). The CRM develops as a result of understanding existing models of practice that have themselves developed over a considerable period of time; it represents nearly twenty years of international research. It is unlikely that a similar exercise would come up with a significantly different result. It is scientifically constituted and not influenced by the strength of opinion of a particular group or expert.

Definition - poly-hierarchical

- It is poly-hierarchical (not a flat linear structure) providing an optimal range of generalisation/specialisation above the point of individual institutional terminological descriptions. In such a framework context and semantics become important.

Definition - terminology alignment

- It does not concern itself with differences in terminology between institutions, it supports the ability to “plugin” local terminologies and provides an ontological framework under which these vocabularies (conceptual terminology) can be compared and linked.

Definition - automation

- It provides a framework for matching instances of people, places, things, events and periods using the information and context around these entities. It does not need to rely on primitive string matching techniques.

Definition - reasoning

- It has the ability to support rich computer-based reasoning. The ontology is based on the concept of object-oriented classes with carefully designed relationships that conform to rules of logic. The CRM provides the opportunity for a computer to infer new information by putting together fragments of information (semantically harmonised) from different sources and creating the conditions in which logical propositions can be concluded.
- The most important kinds of computer-based reasoning the CRM can support are generalisations of relationships and deductions from highly indirect relations such as what parts have in common with their wholes, what wholes inherit from their parts and what is transferred across meetings and processes of derivation. These are not meant to replace scholarly conclusions but to comprehensively detect facts relevant to answer research questions. Besides others this ensures that highly specialized knowledge stays accessible to generic questions regardless the specificity of representation.

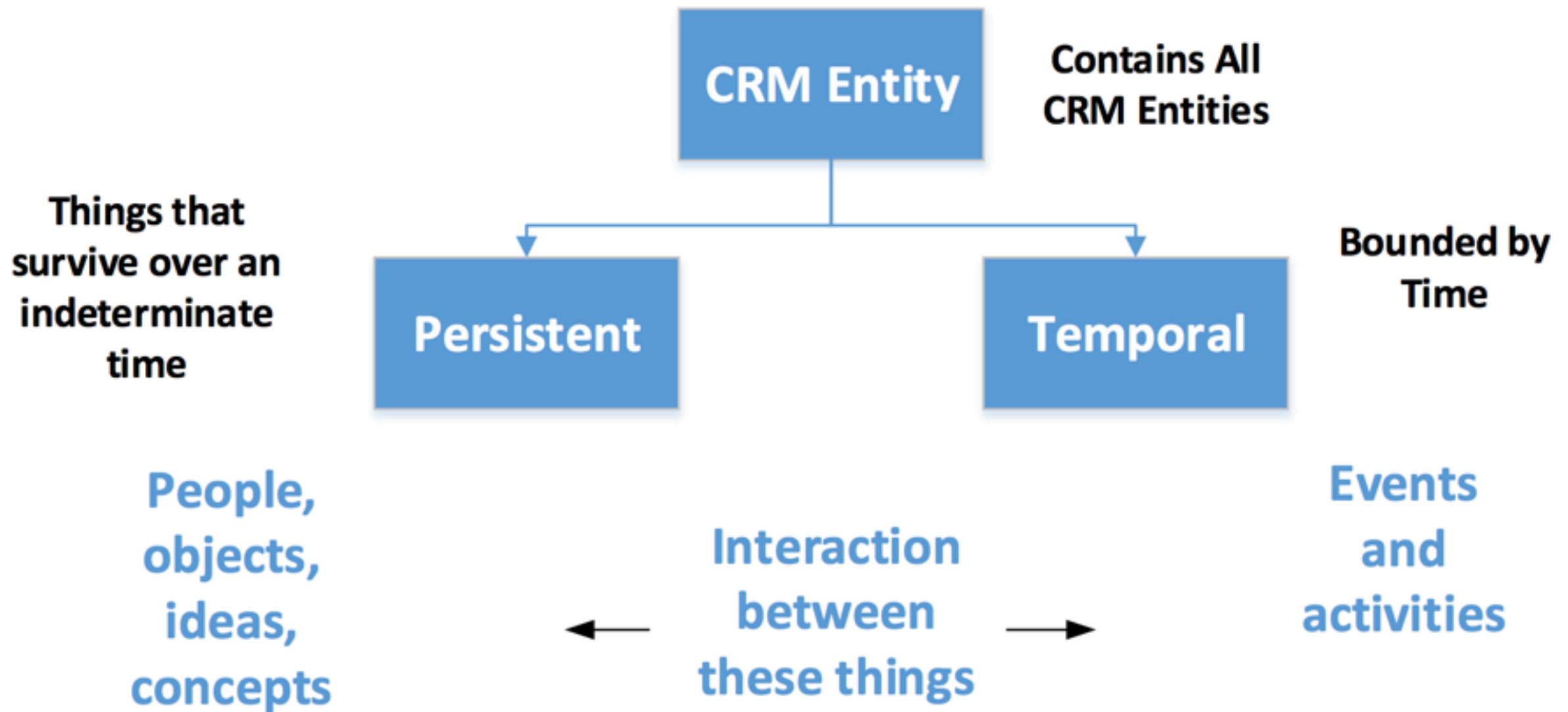
Mapping

- CRM acknowledges that somebody has to do the mapping of the data. Because if the source data has only implicit semantics, then a human (read domain expert) is needed to express this information explicitly.

E and P labels

- Entity Types/Classes = E
- Relationships/Properties = P

Persistent and Temporary Things



Persistent and Temporary Things

Identity

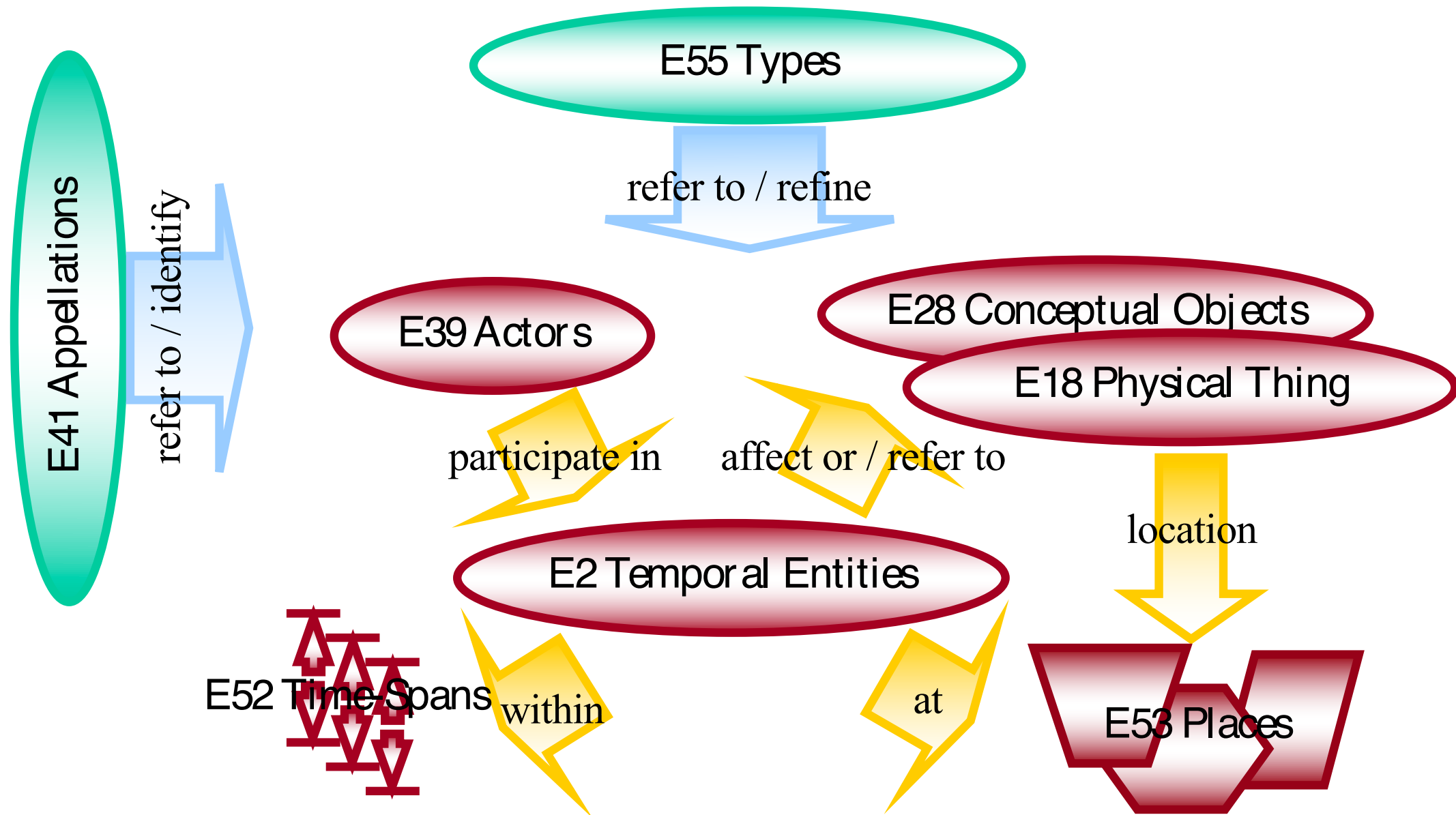


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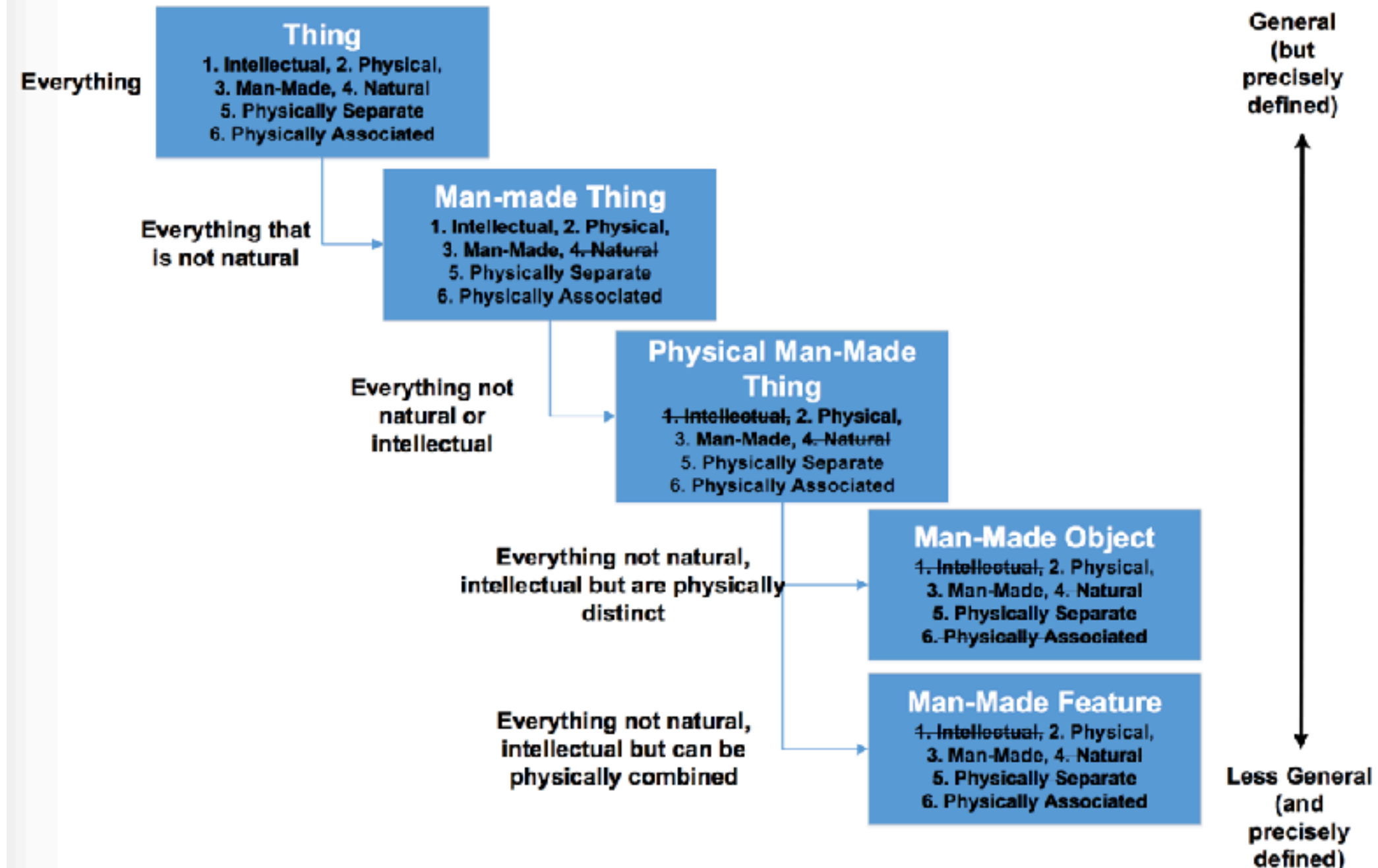


The CIDOC CRM

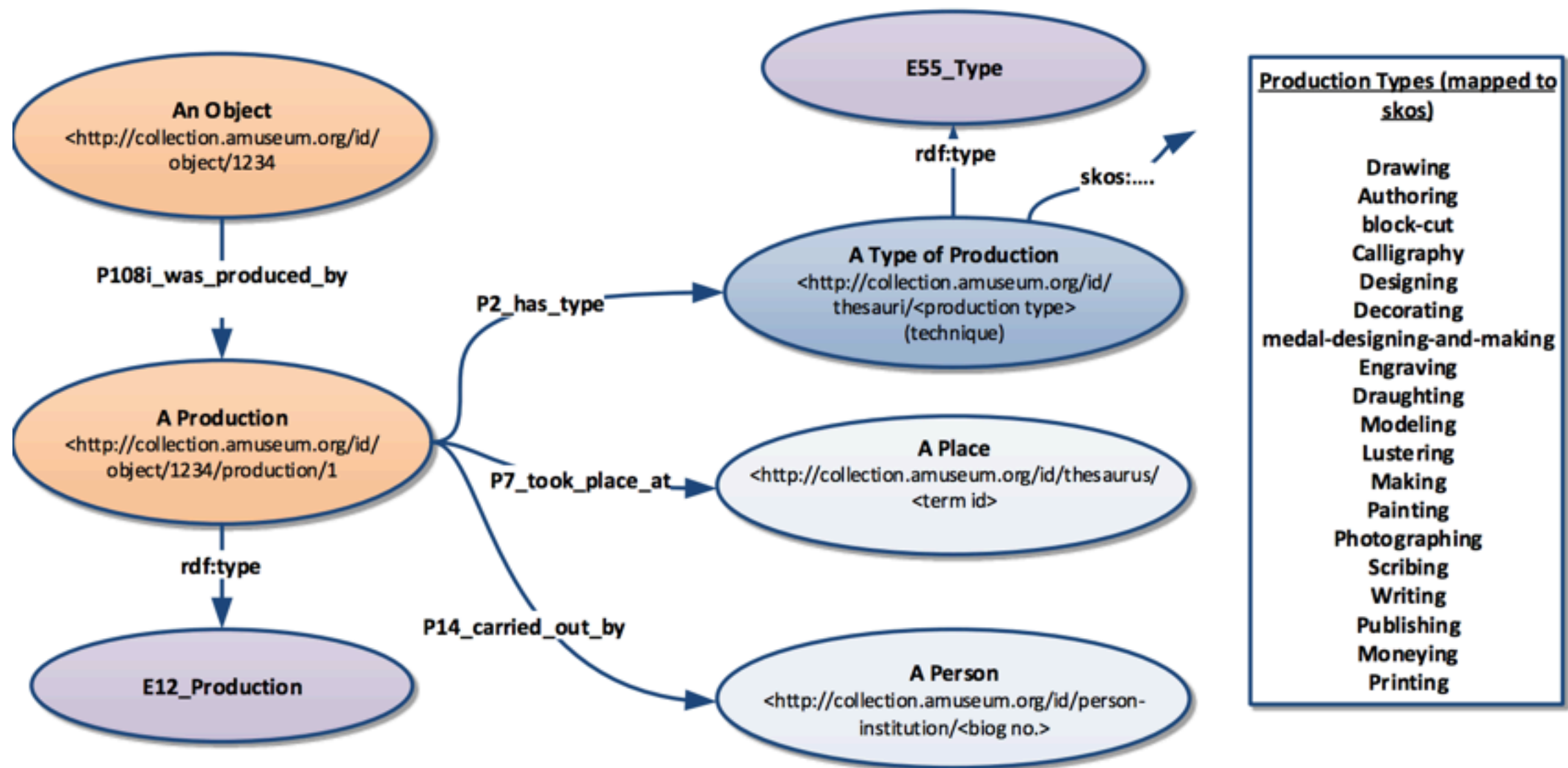
Top-level classes useful for integration



Poly-hierarchical



Roles



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- Manual, meaning human, data collection
- Data collection sometimes spread over several decades
- Data has had previous migrations and additional imports from external sources
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What data are we working with

- Manual, meaning human, data collection
 - **Different backgrounds, mistakes, bad days**
- Data collection sometimes spread over several decades
 - **Different computer literacy, changing leadership**
- Data has had previous migrations and additional imports from external sources
 - **Already messy data is becoming even messier**
- People entering data know more than the data shows
 - **Limitations due to data formats, user interface, lack of support**

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Here is how it looks like

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Vague statements

Conflicting entity types

Overloaded data fields

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Extracting other entities

Identifying correct entities

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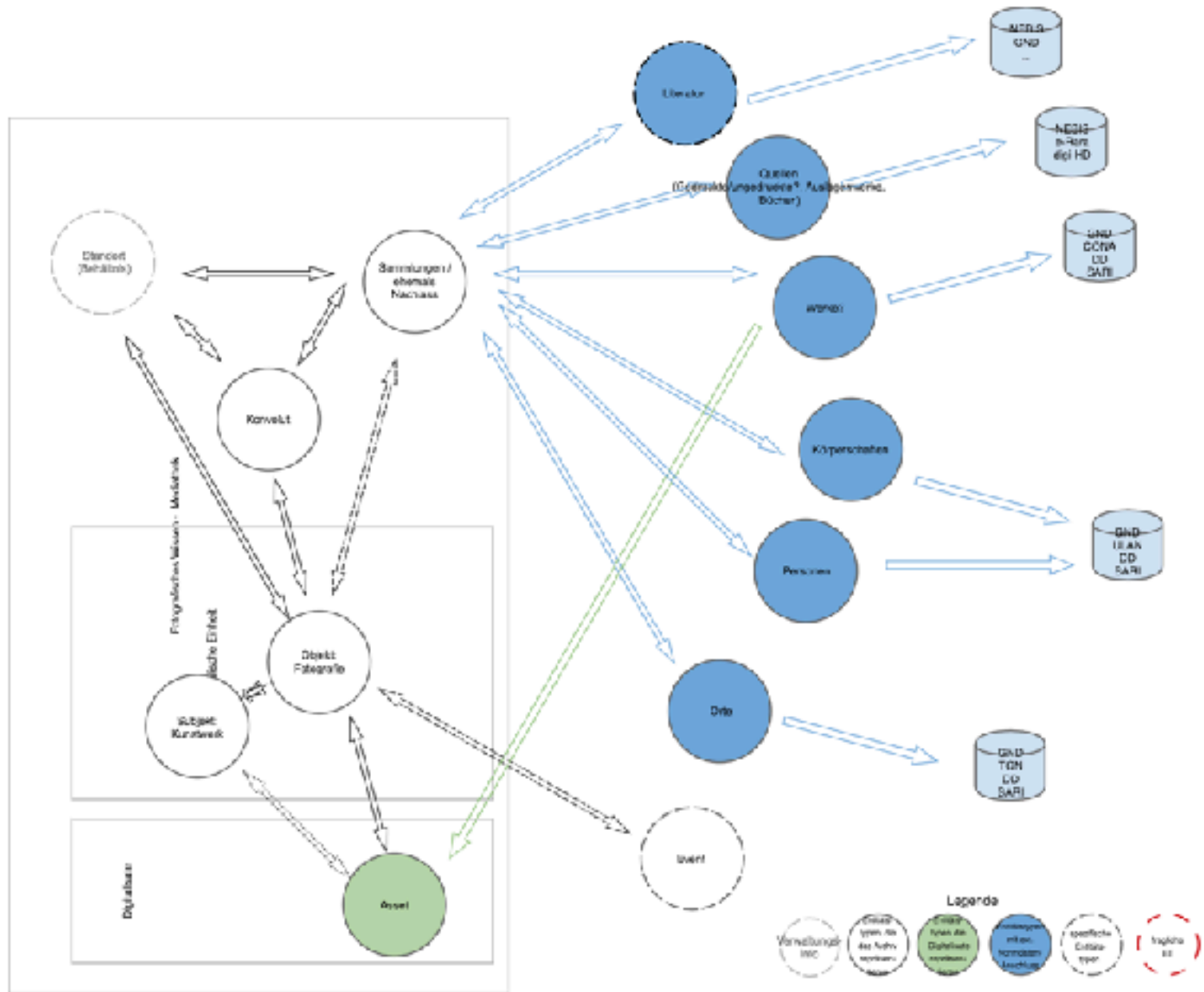
Returning unclear places

Your data model

- What kind of classes did you write down? And what kind of properties would you define?
- How did these definitions came about?

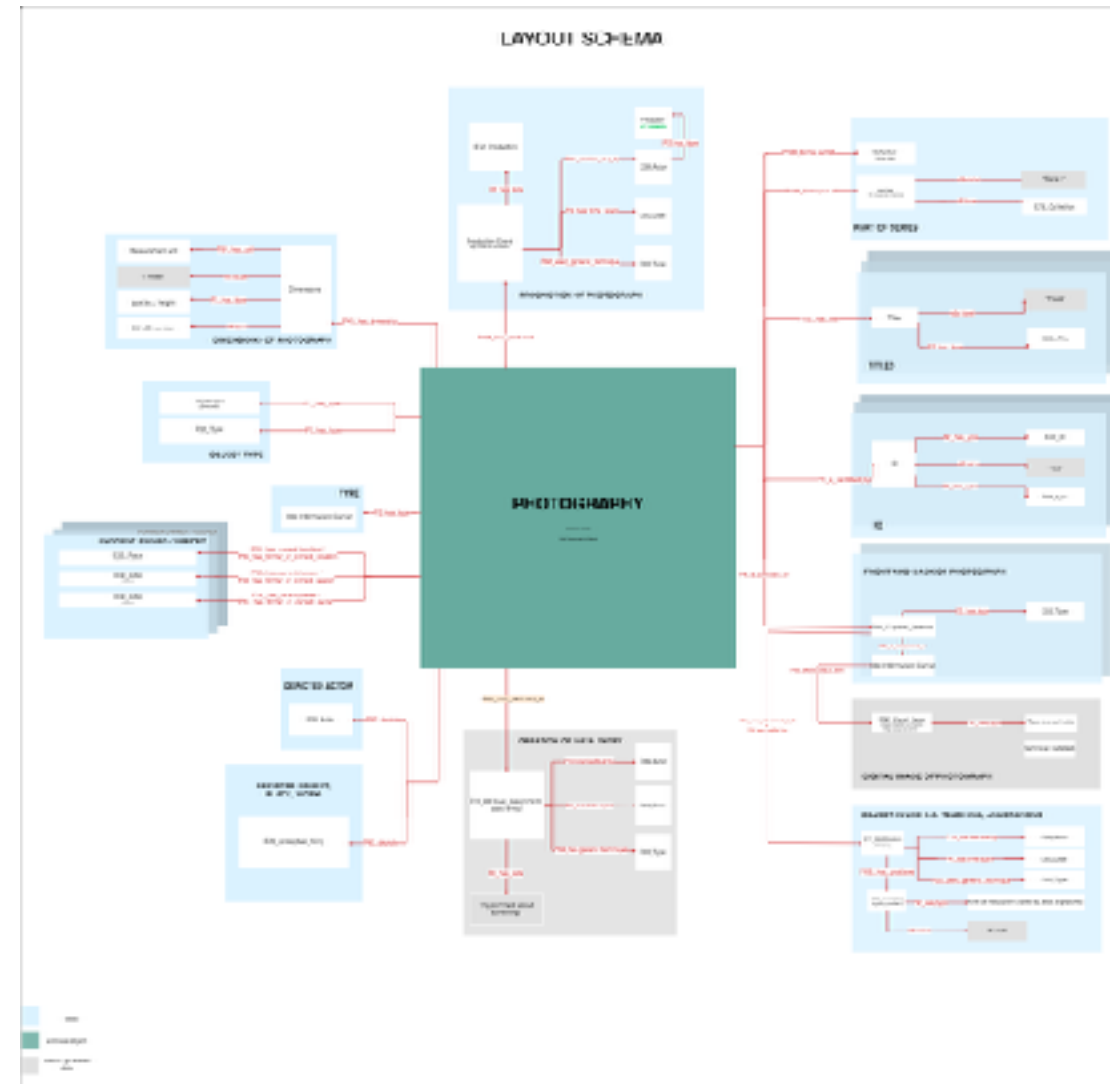
Result of First iteration

Clear focus on the workflow

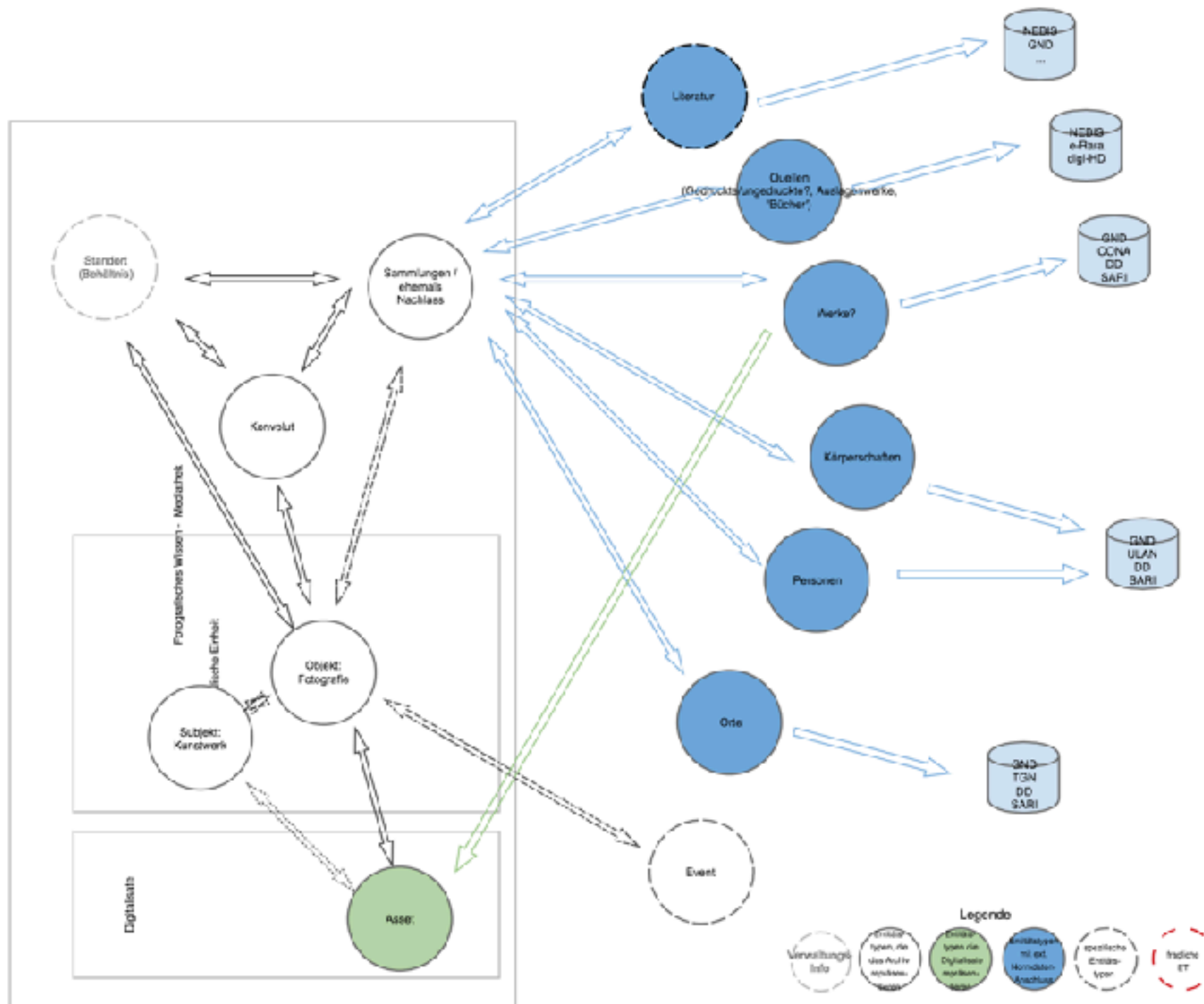


Current iteration

Reusing standards



Example



Example

