OCLC and Vocabulary Identifiers

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Outline

- OCLC's vocabulary activities
- OCLC Research terminology services project
- Experimental use of identifiers

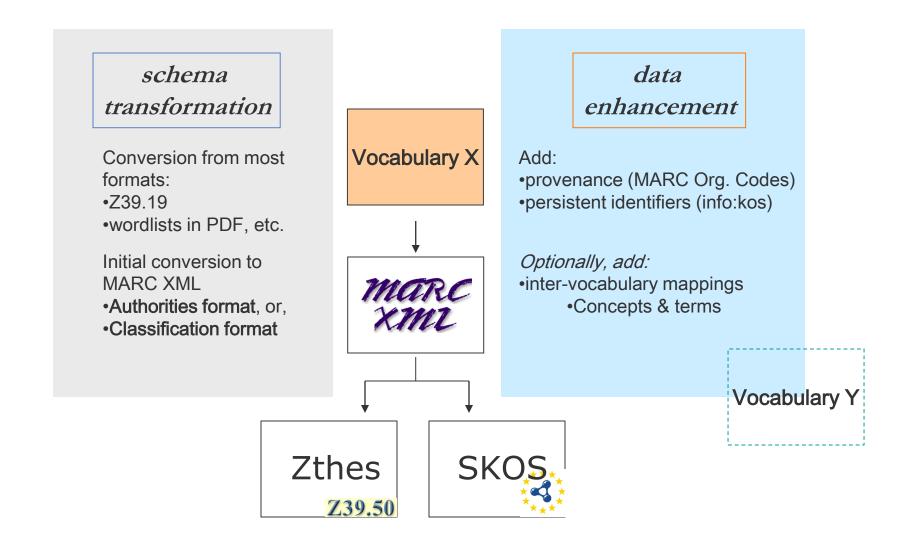
OCLC vocabulary activities

- Owner of Dewey Decimal Classification
 - Maintains English DDC file
 - Coordinates work on DDC in other languages
 - Provides DDC through various channels
 - No long-term decision on identifiers
 - Experimental use of GUIDs
- Various production applications
 - OCLC Connexion® cataloging interface
 - WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey
 - Loading various external files in FirstSearch, etc.

OCLC vocabulary activities (con't)

- Standards work:
 - NKOS/NISO/ISO, etc.
 - IFLA FRAR (Functional Requirements for Authority Records)
- OCLC Research:
 - Research into automatic classification
 - FAST vocabulary (faceted LCSH)
 - VIAF (Virtual International Authority File)
 - LAF (LC Authority File) various web services
 - Terminology services project
 - Two key activities:
 - Converting, normalizing and adding value to vocabularies
 - Releasing vocabularies in a web services environment
 - Experimental use of info:kos identifier

OCLC Research Terminology Services (TS) project



Identifiers in TS project - MARC

- Record identifier
 - MARC 001 (#)+ 003 (agency)
- Provenance
 - MARC 040 (chain of creation/modification)
- National control number (some files)
 - MARC 010 (OCLC transfers if known)
- URI
 - MARC 856 experimenting with info:kos
 - A few vocabularies have native URIs

GUIDs & info identifiers

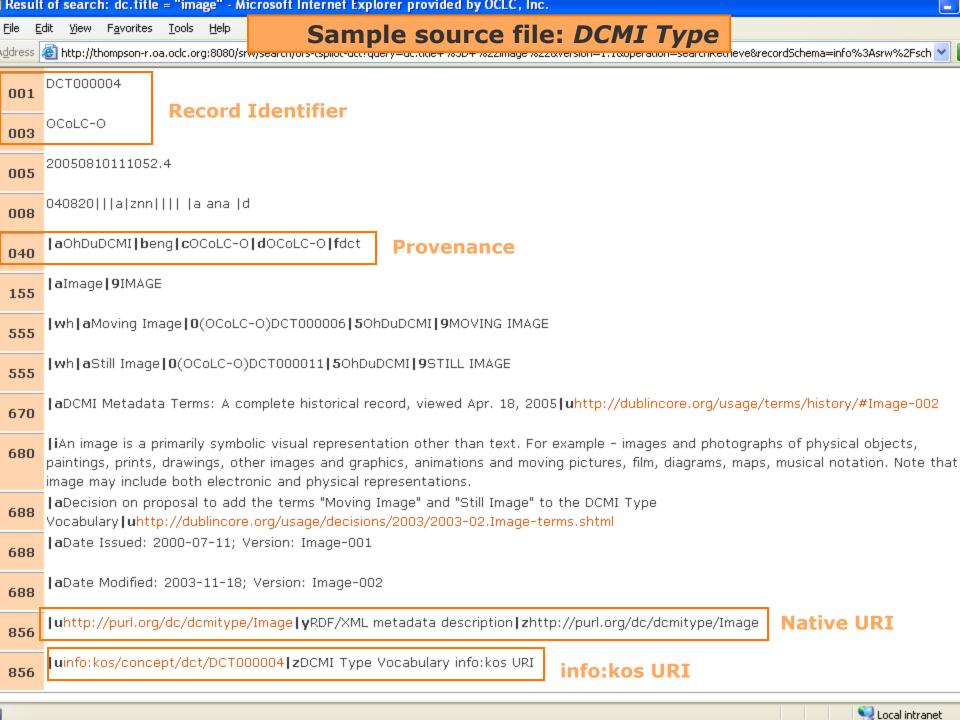
- GUID (Globally Unique Identifier)
 - Implementation by Microsoft of UUID (Universally Unique Identifier) specified by Open Software Foundation (OSF)
 - Pseudo-random number (16-byte (128-bit) number written in hexadecimal
 - 3F2504E0 4F89 11D3 9A 0C 03 05 E8 2C 33 01
- Info registry (NISO):
 - Mechanism for the registration of public namespaces that are used for the identification of information assets
- OCLC experimenting with info:kos scheme
 - Two elements in info:kos identifier:
 - scheme
 - concept
 - Structure of info:kos identifiers:
 - info:kos/scheme/«code»/«expr»/«lang»
 - info:kos/concept/«code»/«id»

Sample source file: GSAFD

(Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc.,)

Result of search: dc.title = "adventure"
Matches: 4
Records
Next Record(s)
Position: 1 Schema: MARC XML 000 00631cz a2200193n 4500 001 GSAFD000001 003 IIChALCS 005 20050503101755.2
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750_0 aAdventure stories 0(DLC)sh 85001072 5OCoLC-O 856 uinfo:kos/concept/gsafd/GSAFD000001 yinfo:kos/concept/gsafd/GSAFD000001 zGSAFD Vocabulary info:kos URI

GSAFD record in MARC 21 authorities format as retrieved from an SRW server at OCLC



Links

- OCLC Research
 - info:kos Application Notes
 - http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/termservices/resour ces/info-uri.htm
 - ResearchWorks
 - http://www.oclc.org/research/researchworks/
 - Terminology Services project
 - http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/termservices/
 - Terminologies Pilot
 - http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/termservices/resour ces/tspilot-services.htm
- FRAR: Extending FRBR Concepts to Authority Data
 - www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/papers/014e-Patton.pdf