

**Notes and queries**

This decision tree assumes continuation of the current publishing pattern, where only the latest expression of a research work is made available online. Should this pattern change to a position where all - major - versions remain publicly available, it would need to be revisited.

Whilst we are not encouraged to delete anything, I've left in the option to cover nuking from space in emergencies.

Publications splitting into parts are related to their replacements by the property `splitInto`.

Publications merging into one new publication are related to their replacement by the property `mergedInto`.

`splitInto` and `mergedInto` can both be read as sub-properties of `supersededBy`.

Where a publication is superseded by one and only one publication, would we want to issue a rel-canonical from the old resource to the new URL?

If so we need to consider chains of splits, merges and superseding, so if:  
A > mergedInto > B > supersededBy > C  
A still issues a rel-canonical to C.

