Open Archives Initiative Object Re-Use & Exchange

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- OAI-ORE is a new interoperability effort conducted under the umbrella of the OAI
- Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; additional support from the National Science Foundation and Microsoft
- International effort; October 2006 September 2008:
 - Coordinators: Carl Lagoze & Herbert Van de Sompel
 - ORE Technical Committee: 13 international members
 - ORE Liaison Group: 8 international members
 - ORE Advisory Committee: 16 international members
 - Representing: scholarly publishers and aggregators, eScience, eHumanities, education, search engines, various repository systems, digital library efforts, related standardization efforts, etc.
- See http://www.openarchives.org/ore/
- See http://www.openarchives.org/ore/documents/CompoundObjects-200705.html for a recent white paper





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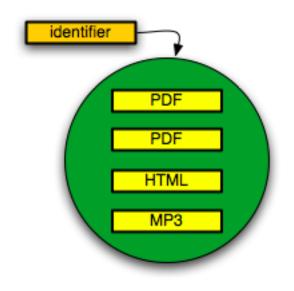
Facilitate Use and Re-Use of Compound Information Objects (and of their component parts)





Compound Information Objects

Units of scholarly communication are compound information objects:



<u>Identified</u>, <u>bounded</u> aggregations of related information units that form a logical whole.

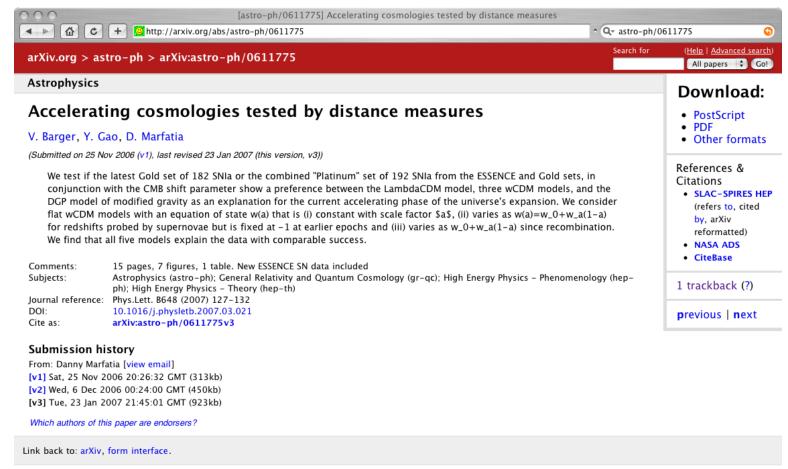
Components of a compound object may vary according to:

- Semantic type: book, article, software, dataset, simulation, ...
- Media type: text, image, audio, video, mixed
- Media format: PDF, HTML, JPEG, MP3, ...
- Network location
- Relationships: internal, external





Scholarly Examples



http://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0611775





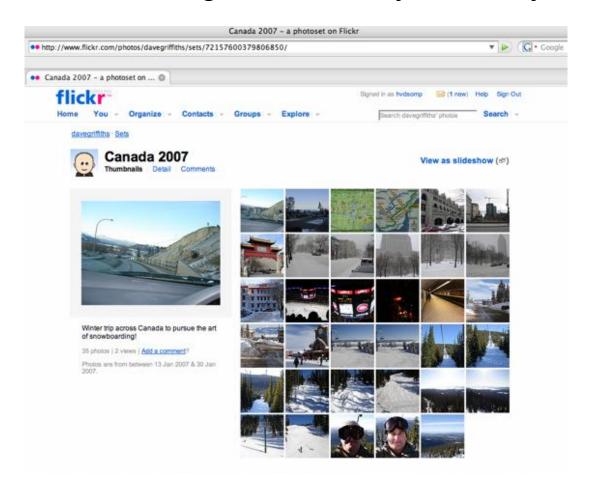
And more scholarly examples ...

- Scholarly publication with an article and supporting information including dataset, video, etc.
- Digitized book with multiple chapters, each chapter containing multiple scanned pages.
- Archaeological assemblies of images, maps, charts, and find lists.
- An ARTstor image object that is the aggregation of various renderings of the same source image.
- ...





But these things are not only scholarly ...



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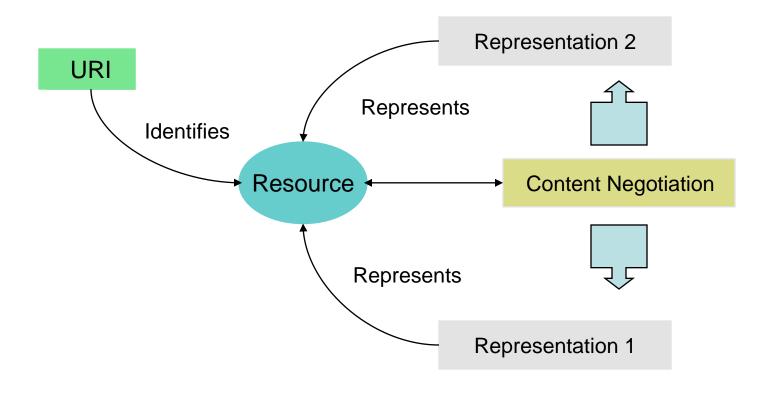
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How to deal with compound information objects in a manner that is in sync with the Web architecture?





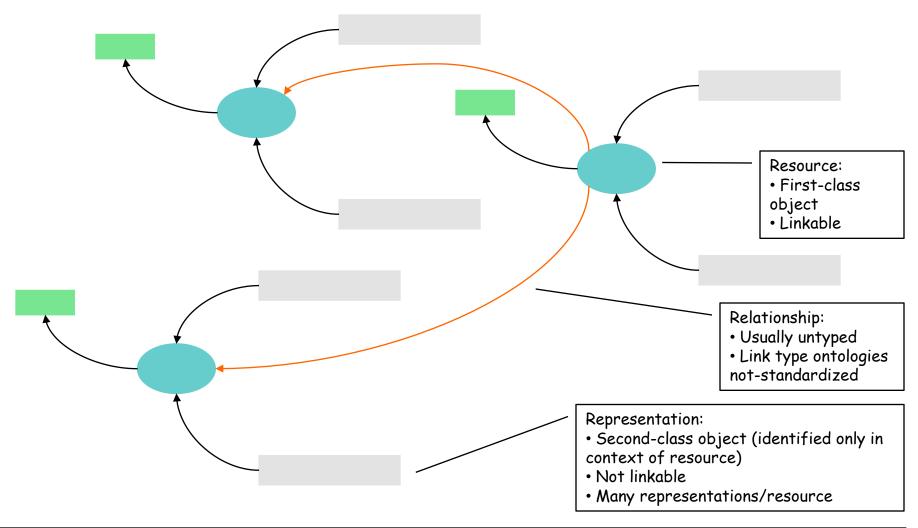
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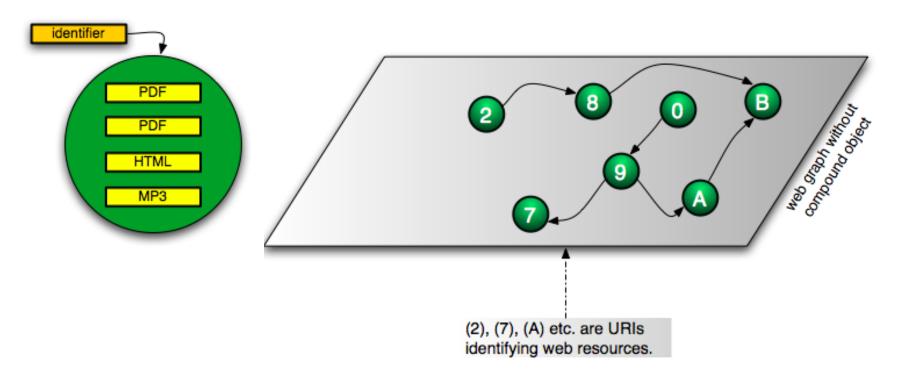
W3C Web Architecture: more details







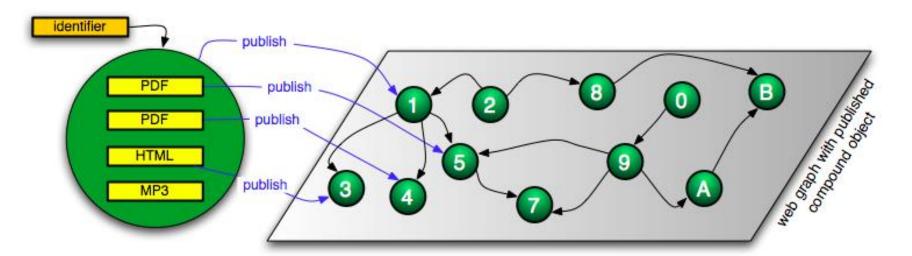
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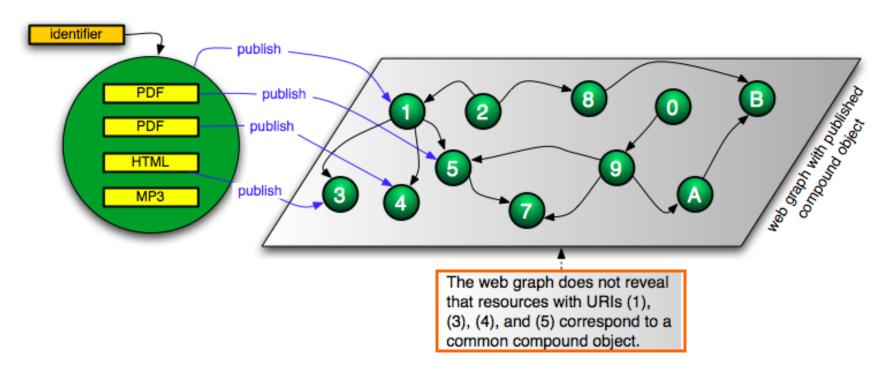
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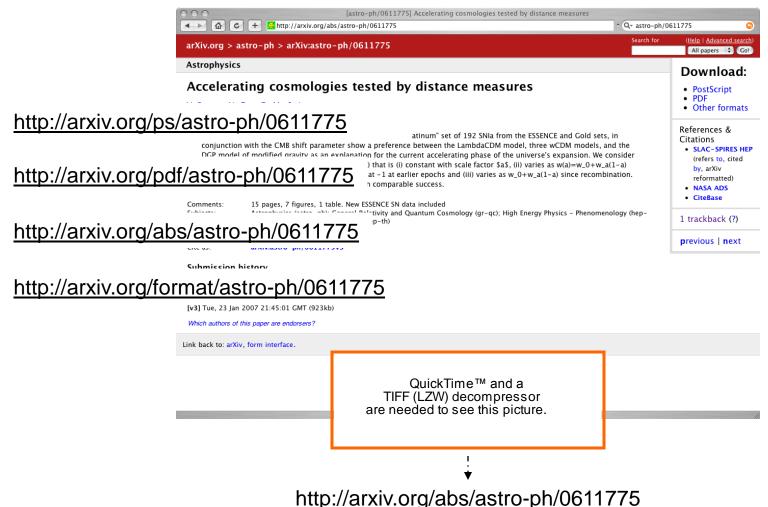
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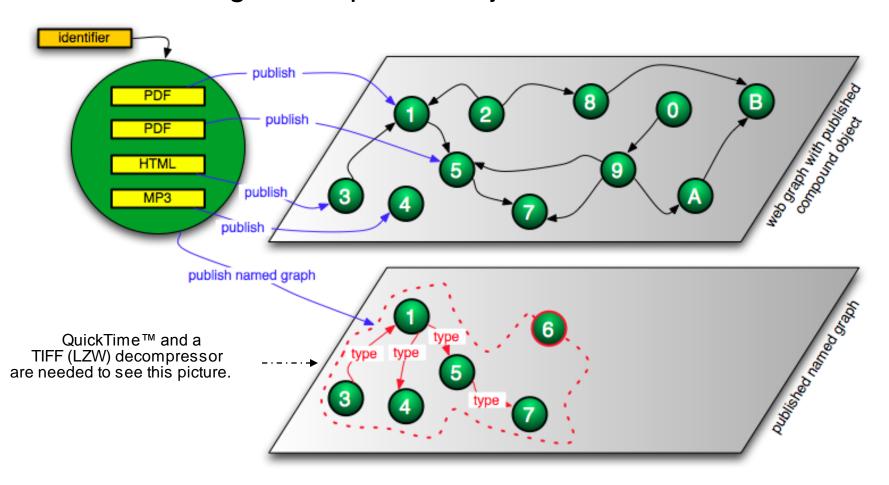
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Publishing a Compound Object to the Web: OAI-ORE

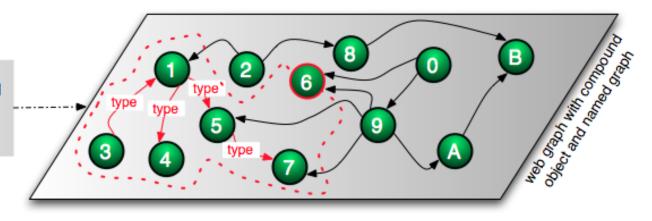






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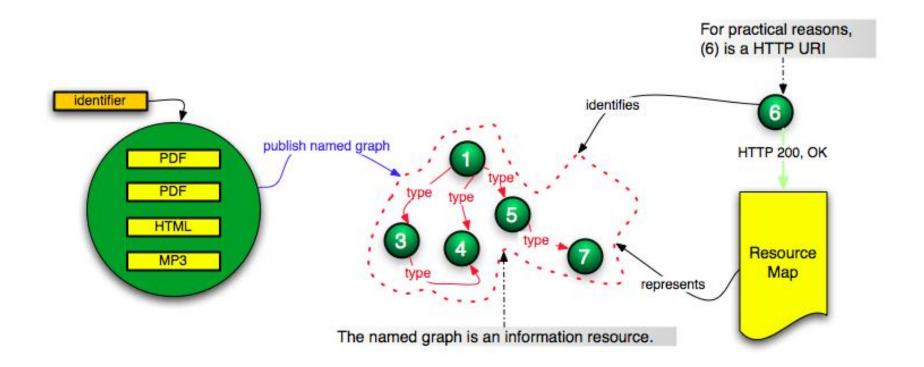
The arc between e.g. the resources with URIs (1) and (5) is typed by means of a URI expressing a relationship type.







OAI-ORE: Publishing a Named Graph corresponding with a Compound Object







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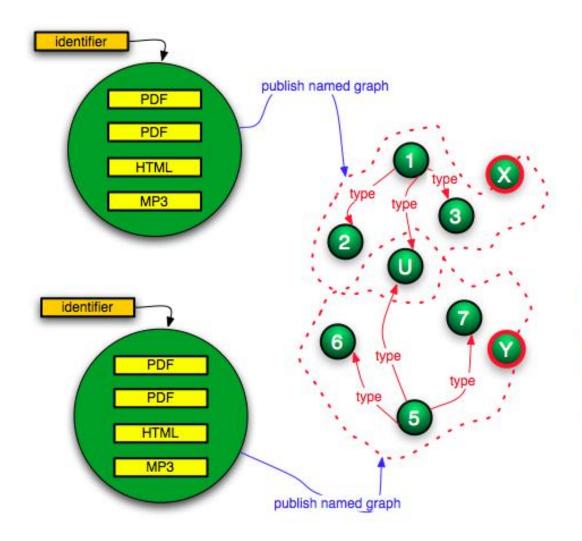
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How does this facilitate re-use?





Re-Use via URI referencing



Can reference (i.e. re-use) as follows:

- (U): just the resource identified by (U)
- (X): just the named graph identified by (X)
- (U) in the context of (X): the resource identified by (U), but as it exists in the context of named graph (X)





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What is involved in achieving compound object interoperability using this approach?





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- A Resource Map is the serialization of a named graph that corresponds with a compound object.
 - It is a splash-page for machine consumption
 - Experiments with RDF/XML, TRiX, ATOM, YADS





Regarding (a): Resource Maps

- Resource Maps must allow for simply expressing the resources that are considered part of a compound object.
- Resource Maps may
 - Express resources that are not part of a compound object.
 - Distinguish between resources that are part of the compound object and those that are not.
 - Express the relationships among the resources referenced by the named graph.
 - Express the types of the relationships among the resources referenced by the named graph, i.e. label the arcs.
 - Express other information related to the named graph and to the resources that it references such as metadata, etc.





Regarding (b): Discovery of named graphs

- Class 1: Harvest type discovery
 - Expose Resource Maps via OAI-PMH, RSS, Sitemaps





Regarding (b): Discovery of named graphs

- Class 2: Linked Data type discovery
 - Convey URI of named graph in HTTP header returned in response to HTTP HEAD/GET against URI of a component of a compoud object
 - ORE-specific header:
 - X-OAI-ORE-Named-Graph: <HTTP URI of named graph>
 - LINK header:
 - Link: <HTTP URI of named graph>; rel="info:ore/type/named graph"
 - Reference a resource in the context of a named graph
 - helloworld
 - <img src="http://a.com/img/foo3.png"
 context="http://b.org/foo/rem/">





Next Steps

- Alpha specification by the end of September 2007, covering:
 - Resource Map serialization
 - Discovery
 - Bootstrap vocabularies for relationship types and semantic types
- Test projects building on alpha specifications
 - eChemistry
- Iteration of alpha specifications, ...



