Five Years On: Next Steps

Tom Baker
Closing Discussion
27 April 2011
DCMI Bibliographic Metadata TG

• London/2007 result: DCMI RDA Task Group
• Evolved into DCMI Bibliographic Metadata TG
  – First meeting!
  – Involving more communities (ISBD, IFLA, EU...)
• Yesterday: next steps
  – Clarifying and comparing requirements
  – Common language for Application Profiles, building on or inspired by DCMI Abstract Model
DCMI Vocabulary Management Community

• Resulted from DC-2011 “unconference”

• Yesterday: three areas
  – Preservation of “element sets” used for Linked Data: role of libraries, business models
  – Multilingual vocabularies
  – Sustainably tracking the growing vocabulary space: discover vocabularies, evaluate trust
Growing the conversation

• 2007: RDA + DCMI + Semantic Web
• 2007-2012
  + ISBD + IFLA +
  Implementers: BL, Cambridge, EU...
• Mapping!
  – Not just a dialog of people, but of Turtles!
  – Now Terry the Turtle meets his cousins
London/2007: unfinished tasks

• Defining application profiles
  – Vendors need them
  – Expressing higher-level aggregations of statements in a RDF-compatible way
Evolving requirements

- Requirements for libraries
  - Quality control
  - Records?
- “Constrained” vocabularies
- Ontologies?

- Requirements for broad use in LOD
  - Use outside libraries
  - Widely understood
- “Unconstrained” vocabularies
- Application profiles
Goals for London/2017?

- Application profiles (soon!)
- Widely used RDA/ISBD/IFLA vocabularies
  - Promoting best practice
- Putting RDA data “into the cloud”
  - LOD cloud first published in May 2007!
  - RDA/RDF data – and ISBD and...
  - Library, archival, and museum data as central nodes?
Next Steps

• [Your proposal here...]