Extension of element and value vocabularies

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Vocabulary Extension

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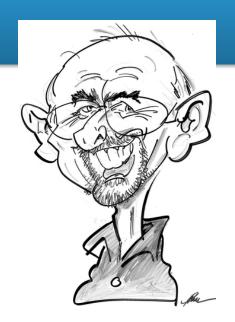
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I am not an ontology/vocabulary geek!

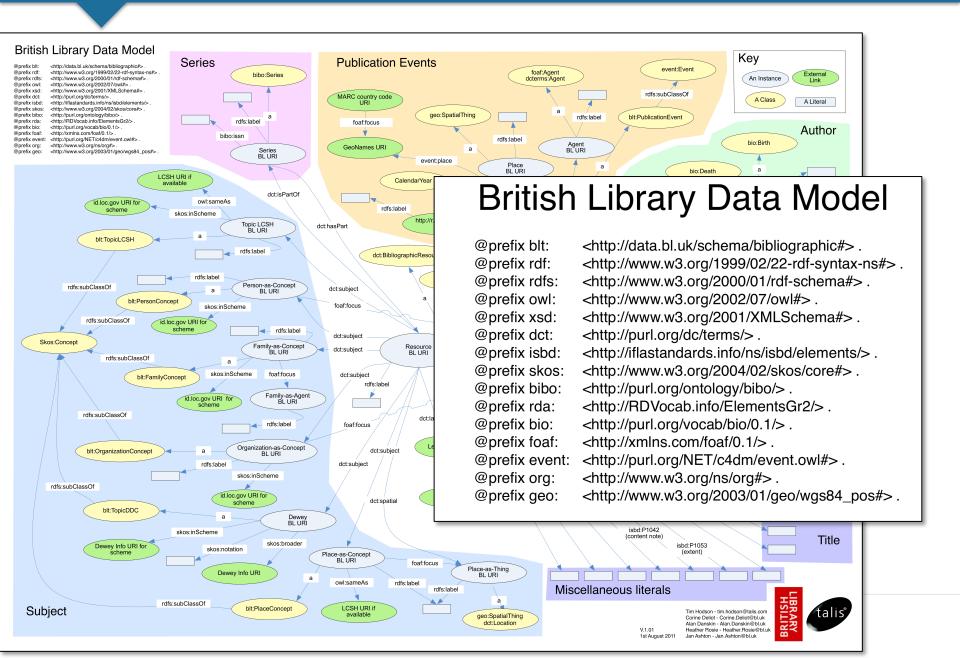
- I want to describe my stuff
 - Well
 - Understandably
 - Sustainably
 - Usefully
 - What are my options?



What are my options?

- Create my own vocabulary
- Use an established vocabulary
- Use lots of vocabularies
- Extend a vocabulary

What others do....



British Library Data Model

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@prefix blt: <http://data.bl.uk/schema/bibliographic#>.
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>.
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>.
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@prefix owl: ...

@prefix xsd: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>.

@prefix dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .

@prefix isbd: <http://iflastandards.info/ns/isbd/elements/> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .

@prefix bibo: http://purl.org/ontology/bibo/>.

@prefix rda: http://RDVocab.info/ElementsGr2/.

@prefix bio: <http://purl.org/vocab/bio/0.1/> .
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

@prefix event: <http://purl.org/NET/c4dm/event.owl#> .

@prefix org: <http://www.w3.org/ns/org#> .

@prefix geo: http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#.

- What bits of which can I use?
- What if they change?
- How do I explain my use?

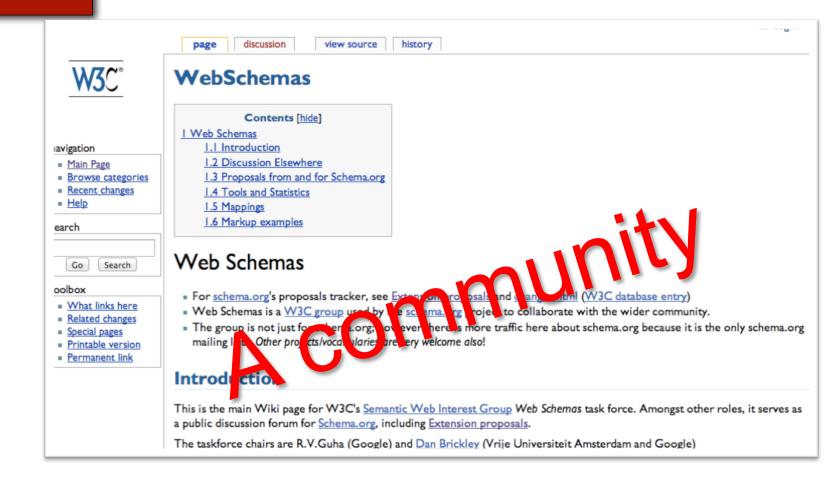


I don't want to manage a vocabulary!

- I don't need the burden!
- [Hopefully] there is one close to my needs
- How to engage?
- What are the challenges?

An example....

schema.org



The challenges

- They might not agree with your needs
- Naming semantics
- Domain / Range
- Time

Vocabulary Extension Issues

Issues...