Practical Validation

Is it a Real Thing?
Metadata Application Profile
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## DPLA MAP classes and properties

**A. class= "dpla:SourceResource"**

This is a subclass of "edm:ProvidedCHO," which comprises the SRs (in EDM called "cultural heritage objects" or "CHOs") about which DPLA collects descriptions. These descriptions are of the SRs, not the digital representations of them.

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<th>Label</th>
<th>Property, JSON-LD expression</th>
<th>Sub-property of</th>
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<th>Usage</th>
<th>Value Type, Origination</th>
<th>Vocab Schema</th>
<th>Syntax Schema</th>
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<tr>
<td>Collection*</td>
<td>dcterms:isPartOf, .sourceResource.collection</td>
<td></td>
<td>dc:relation</td>
<td>dcmitype: Collection</td>
<td>URI of collection or aggregation of which SR is a part</td>
<td>URI, DPLA</td>
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<td>min 0, max unbounded</td>
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<td>Contributor</td>
<td>d:contributor, .sourceResource.contributor</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Entity responsible for making contributions to SR</td>
<td>Literal and/or URI, Partner</td>
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<td>Creator*</td>
<td>d:c:creator, .sourceResource.creator</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Entity primarily responsible for making SR</td>
<td>Literal and/or URI, Partner</td>
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<td>Date*</td>
<td>d:c:date, .sourceResource.date</td>
<td></td>
<td>edm: TimeSpan</td>
<td></td>
<td>Date value as supplied by data provider</td>
<td>Literal and/or URI, Partner</td>
<td>W3CDTF, EDTF, local</td>
<td>min 0, max unbounded</td>
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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>d:c:description, .sourceResource.description</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Includes but is not limited to: an abstract, a table of contents, or a free-text account of SR</td>
<td>Literal, Partner</td>
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<td>Extent</td>
<td>dcterms:extent, .sourceResource.extent</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Size or duration of SR</td>
<td>Literal, Partner</td>
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<td>Format*</td>
<td>d:c:format,</td>
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<td>File format, physical medium or dimensions</td>
<td>Literal and/or</td>
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DPLA Use Cases

Validating Enrichments

➢ Harvested/mapped data not expected to conform
➢ DPLA enrichments add (domain model) structure, external links, syntax and datatype transformations, etc...
➢ Validate compliance against those constraints

Does DPLA’s data conform to its model?
DPLA Use Cases

Levels of Validation

➢ Communicate expectations & errors to data providers
➢ Drive quality control metrics & reporting
➢ Application Profile as automated feedback

Does partner supplied data meet harvest and quality requirements?
Levels of Validation: A Strawperson

➢ NOTICE
  ➢ Missing recommended fields; potential mapping issues
➢ WARN
  ➢ Values not in syntax schema or expected controlled vocab
➢ ERROR
  ➢ Data quality poor; cardinality or “domain/range” constraints not met
➢ REJECT
  ➢ Fails QA; strictly required fields not present
➢ FAIL
  ➢ Cannot successfully parse
DPLA Use Cases

Linked Data & API Consumers

➢ Developers should be able to confirm that data conforms to expectations
➢ Validate as JSON or JSON-LD via API
➢ Validate as RDF

*Can consumers interact with data in both Open & Closed worlds.*
Graph ⇔ AP ⇔ Object Model
class SourceResource < ActiveTriples::Resource
  configure :base_uri => 'http://dp.la/api/items/',
            :type => 'http://dp.la/about/map/SourceResource'

  validates_presence_of :rights, :title
  validates_type_of :date,
    :type => 'http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/edm/TimeSpan'

  property :title, :predicate => RDF::DC11.title
  property :rights, :predicate => RDF::DC11.rights
  property :date, :predicate => RDF::DC11.date,
    :class_name => 'DPLA::TimeSpan'

  ...
end
Validating Class

➢ “Domain”
   ➢ Object validates based on its declared class
   ➢ Do we need predicate-based validation?

➢ “Range”
   ➢ validates_rdf_type_of

What about Sub/Superclasses? Inference is possible, but unwieldy.
Validating Vocabularies

validates_xyz_of
➢ vocabulary
➢ vocabulary_scheme
➢ namespace