



The Canadian Linked Data Initiative: What is happening with Linked Data in Canada?



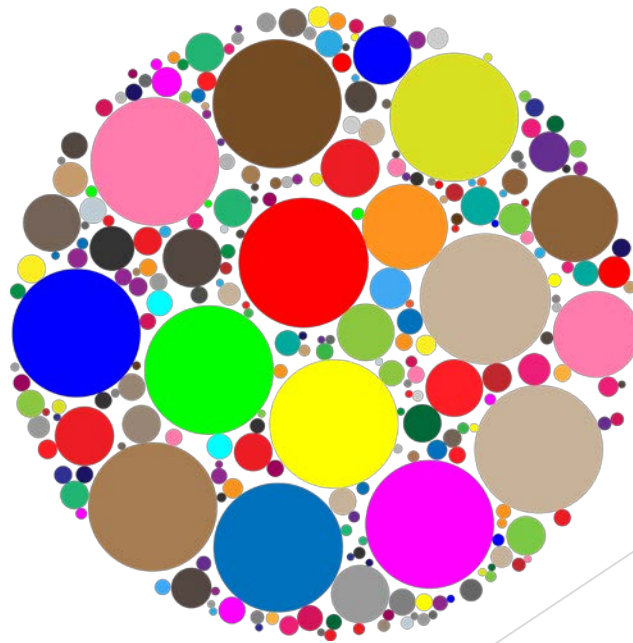
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Outline

- Introducing us
- What are we doing?
- Challenges
- Next Steps





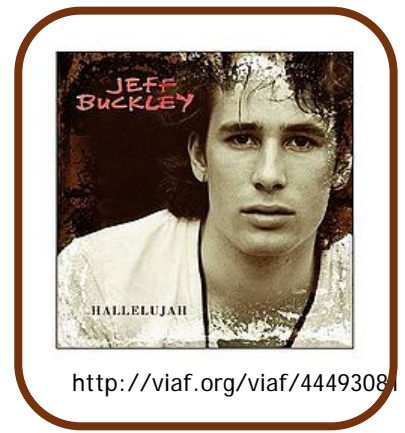
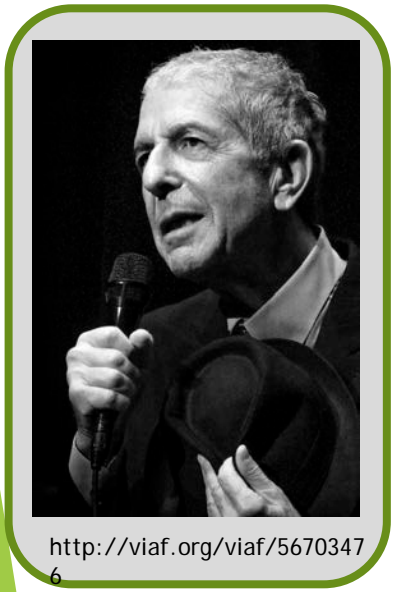
But first: Why?

- Potential to open our metadata (and collections) to new possibilities!
- Reveal new relationships across institutional silos
- Increase visibility of Canadian musicking



Like this Canadian

Linked “Hallelujah”





Pivotal moment

- ALA Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries (Big Heads) 2015
- Canadian initiatives were small and dispersed
- *A coordinated Linked Data effort was needed*



Opportunity.



Call to action





What we found

- Recognition that no one institution can do it alone
- Benefit from the strengths of each institution
- Nationally advancing knowledge and practice
- Canadian institutions have a long tradition of collaboration

We agreed to

- Collaborate
- Get our libraries on board
- Form working groups to tackle specific big picture issues



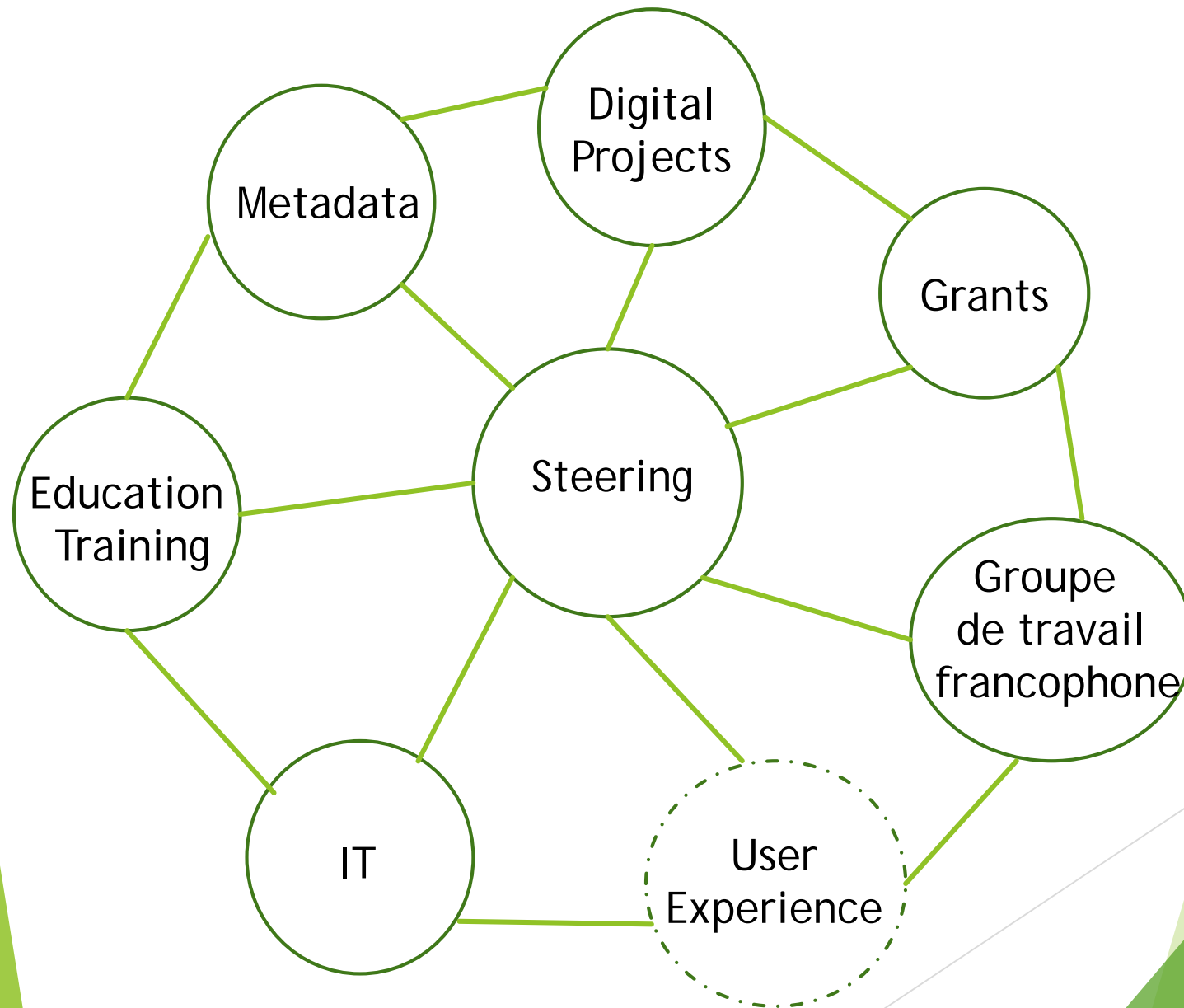


Working it out

- Groups meet monthly; set own agendas
- Everyone reports in at the steering meetings every 6 weeks



Working group structure





Linked Data Summit in Montreal

- October 24-26, 2016.
 - Explore
 - Share
 - Collaborate



Museums and Archives Linked Data Meeting

- Held in March 2017, in Ottawa
- Hosted by Library and Archives Canada
- Spearheaded by Charlie Costain,
Canadian Heritage Information Network
(CHIN)
- 2 day meeting with GLAM representatives
and invited speakers

Next steps



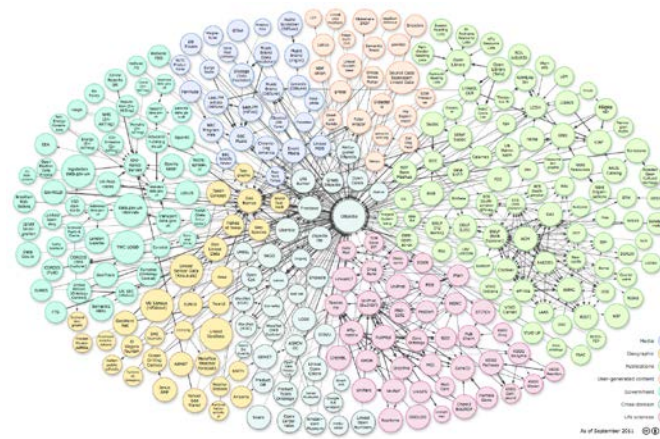
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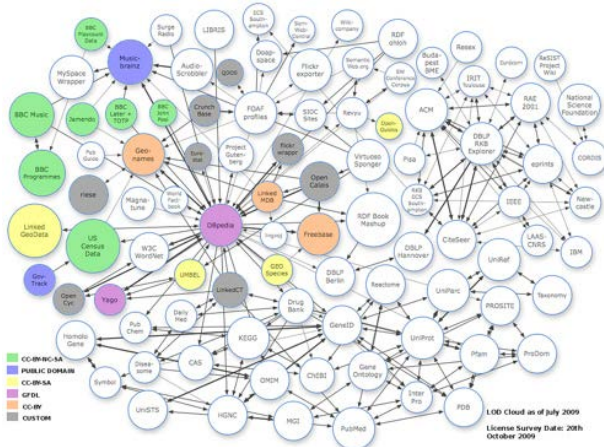
Opportunities



- Bringing together various groups
- Building a culture of learning
- Strengthening sense of community
- Stimulating imagination and creativity



Thank You!
Merci beaucoup!



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