

# Requirements for Visualization and Indexing of Museum Content

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#### Contributor:

Dürckheim-Montmartin, Friedrich von (Graf)

#### Date:

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#### Provenance:

Weimar, Cranachstraße 47

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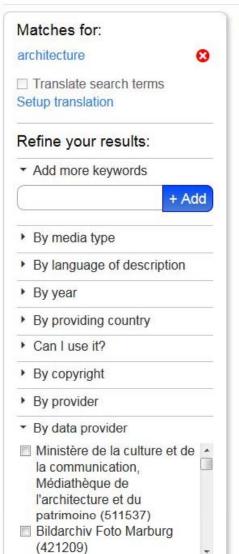
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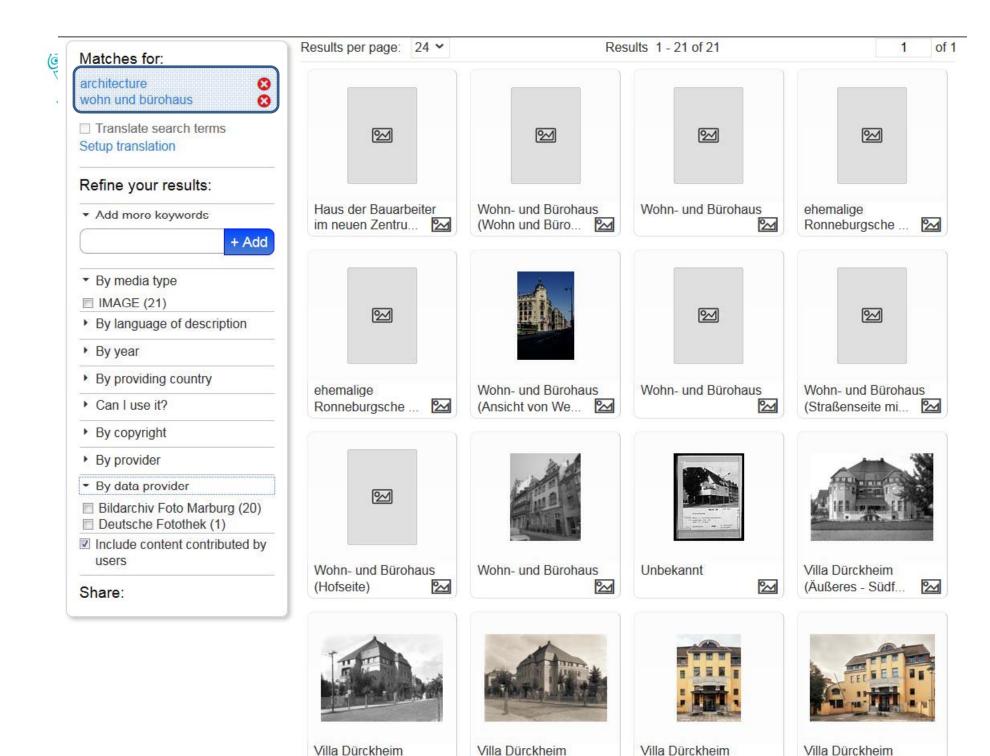
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### Issues

#### Visualization

- Display of ALL information no distinction between indexing and display
- No distinction between information coming from the content provider and automatically enriched information
- No possibility to display uncertainty
- No possibility to transmit type of contribution, roles, extent

#### Indexing

- Only "administrative" facets available
- No browsing aids for the user in terms of content

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### A bit of theory



### Purpose of indexing

#### "Give end-users consistent, reliable access to information" (CDWA)

Users want to retrieve

- all documents in an information system that match the search request, without any information loss (recall)
- only documents in an information system that match the search request,
   without any unwanted results (precision)

Recall and precision are measures for the quality of information retrieval.

The quality of "retrieval of documents relies heavily on the quality of their representation. If the documents are represented poorly or inadequately, the quality of the searching will likewise be poor". Mai 2000, 270

Precision is getting more and more important in the context of large-scale aggregation of metadata.



### A bit of theory



### Factors which affect recall and precision

- Recall is decreased by
  - synonyms occuring in natural language
     use controlled vocabularies employing synonym control
  - low exhaustivity too few indexing terms assigned
     consider rules or procedures for more in-depth indexing
  - inconsistent indexing dissimilar indexing of similar objects
     consider supervised training of indexers or machine aided feedback
- Precision is counteracted by
  - homonyms occuring in natural language
     use controlled vocabularies employing homonym control
  - low indexing specificity specific indexing terms are missing
     => follow the basic rule of indexing the most specific term
  - broadly related descriptors as indexing terms
     apply the most specific term, do not add broader terms from a hierarchy chain

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### A bit of theory



### Main principle of indexing

A more recent challenge is to harmonise collection-specific rules with the requirements arising from large-scale aggregation of metadata.

One general indexing priniciple is true for all kinds of documents:

"The single most important principle of subject indexing [...] is that a topic should be indexed under the most specific term that entirely covers it. Thus, an article discussing the cultivation of oranges should be indexed under *oranges* rather than under *citrus fruits* or *fruit*." Stock, 350

This main principle applies to all kinds of "documents" and to values of all types of descriptive metadata, such as

- the LIDO element Object/Work Type
- and ALL LIDO elements referring to concepts.

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Terms:
    architecture (object genre) (preferred, C, U, English-P, D, U, PN)
                                                                         Top of the AAT hierarchies
    architectuur (objectgenre) (C,U,Dutch-P,D,U,U)
                                                                          .... Objects Facet
    Architektur (Objektgattung) (C,U,German-P,D,SN)
                                                                          ...... Built Environment (Hierarchy Name)
    arquitectura (categoría de objeto) (C,U,Spanish-P,D,U,SN)
                                                                          ...... Single Built Works (Hierarchy Name)
                                                                          ...... single built works (built environment)
Facet/Hierarchy Code: V.PE
                                                                          ......<a><single built works by specific type></a>
                                                                          ...... <single built works by function>
Hierarchical Position:
                                                                          ..... office buildings
                                                                          ...... <office buildings by form>
    Objects Facet
                                                                           ...... office towers
          .... Object Genres (Hierarchy Name) (G)
                                                                          ...... <office buildings by function>
         ...... object genres (object classifications) (G)
                                                                                  ..... administration buildings
          ..... architecture (object genre) (G)
                                                                                   ...... corporate headquarters (built works)
                                                                                  ...... government office buildings [N]
          Related concepts:
              distinguished from .... architecture (discipline)
              meaning/usage overlaps with .... complexes (buildings)
               [300000202]
              meaning/usage overlaps with .... single built works (built environment)
               ...... (Single Built Works (Hierarchy Name), Built Environment (Hierarchy Name))
                                           [300004790]
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Indexing the specific term presupposes broader terms to be automatically added as search entries (not as indexing terms!) to assure retrieval of the specifically indexed item when using the broader term for search.

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# Current approach in Athena Plus

# Mandatory elements focused on Europeana

### Core Elements for the Delivery of Metadata to Europeana

### **Mandatory** *elements*

- > Metadata language
- > Europeana type
- Object / Work Type
- > Object Title
- Record Information:
   Record ID Record Type Record Source Record Info link
- ➤ Resource Information / Visual Surrogates
  Link DCHO (Master) Link DCHO (Thumbnail) Rights Resource

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### Requirements



### More mandatory elements!

Overview of the LIDO Metadata Elements - Mandatory | Mandatory if applicable | Recommended

#### **Mandatory elements**

These elements are mandatory in each metadata record and the information is used for browsing the objects in a museum-specific portal

Metadata language Object / Work Type Classification Object Title Location Event Information

Record Information Resource Set

#### Mandatory if applicable elements

These elements are mandatory if applicable for the described object and the information is used for browsing the objects in a museum-specific portal

#### **Repository Name**

Event Information -> Actor Cultural Context Date Period Place Material / Technique

Subject Information -> Theme-Concept Actor Date Place

#### Recommended elements

These elements are recommended if applicable and the information is used for displaying the object information in a museum-specific portal Inventory Number Object Description Object Measurement

Event Information -> Event Name Actor->Role Actor->Attribution Actor->Extent Method Material/Technique->Extent

Subject Information -> Extent Subject

Related Works

Rights Work

Resource Set -> Date Taken Creator of Resource Resource Description





### More specified vocabulary links!

# Use Getty vocabularies wherever possible – most appropriate, most elaborate and most sustainable source!

- AAT for
  - Object / Work Type and CH type classification
  - Cultural context
  - Periods
  - Materials and Techniques
- ULAN (second best: VIAF) for
  - Repository Name
  - Event Actor and Subject Actor
- TGN for
  - Repository Location
  - Event Place and Subject Place





### Mandatory vocabulary links!!

- Cultural Heritage Type: AAT Facet Codes
- Thematic Context: UDC Summary
- Repository Location: TGN nations for the "part of" relation
- Event Type: LIDO Event types
- Event Place : TGN nations for the "part of" relation





### Mandatory vocabulary links!!

- Cultural Heritage Type: AAT Facet Codes
  - -> http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/AATFacetPopup.html

	Built Environment
V.RD	Settlements and Landscapes
V.RG	<b>Built Complexes and Districts</b>
V.RK	Single Built Works
V.RM	Open Spaces and Site Elements
	Furnishings and Equipment
V.TC	Furnishings
V.TE	Costume
V.TH	Tools and Equipment
V.TK	Weapons and Ammunition
V.TN	Measuring Devices
V.TQ	Containers
V.TT	Sound Devices
V.TV	Recreational Artifacts
V.TX	Transportation Vehicles
	Visual and Verbal Communication
V.VC	Visual Works
V.VK	Exchange Media
V.VW	Information Forms





### Mandatory vocabulary links!!

- Thematic Context: UDC Summary
  - -> http://udcdata.info/064676

#### **UDC Summary Linked Data**

URI	http://udcdata.info/064676
Notation	7
Caption	THE ARTS. RECREATION. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORT
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Broader class	MAIN TABLES
Narrower classes	<ul> <li>7.01/.09 Special auxiliary subdivision for the arts</li> <li>71 Physical planning. Regional, town and country planning. Landscapes, parks, gardens</li> <li>72 Architecture</li> <li>73 Plastic arts</li> <li>74 Drawing. Design. Applied arts and crafts</li> <li>75 Painting</li> <li>76 Graphic art, printmaking. Graphics</li> <li>77 Photography and similar processes</li> <li>78 Music</li> <li>79 Recreation. Entertainment. Games. Sport</li> </ul>





### Further functionalities

- Provide appropriate grouping and order of information
- Display actor roles, attribution and uncertainty of information
- Allow for display values so that providers can take control how their items are displayed, particularly use the following display elements as they include information about uncertainty:
  - objectMeasurementsSet -> displayObjectMeasurements
  - eventActor -> displayActorInRole
  - eventDate -> displayDate
  - eventPlace -> displayPlace
  - eventMaterialsTech -> displayMaterialsTech





### **Further functionalities**

- Allow provider to set order (-> @lido:sortorder) so that providers can e.g. control order of appearance of artists – very important for art museums.
- Display events according to an ordering on event type vocabulary
- Allow for multiple digital resources with related information: description, creator (photographer), date taken, rights





## - Practical Mapping Exercise -