

## *Presentation metadata*

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# OPEN DATA SUPPORT

Training Module 2.1

## The Linked Open Government Data & Metadata Lifecycle

## *Learning objectives*

By the end of this training module you should have an understanding of:

- What a lifecycle for Linked Open Government Data (LOGD) is.
- The difference between supply and demand of data.
- The different steps of an LOGD lifecycle.
- Tools and best practices associated with each step in the lifecycle.

# **Content**

This module contains ...

- An overview of existing lifecycles for Linked Open Government Data (LOGD).
- An hybrid lifecycle for LOGD and metadata, covering both the supply and the demand side.
- An overview of existing technologies for LOGD and metadata – including the Open Data Interoperability Platform (ODIP).



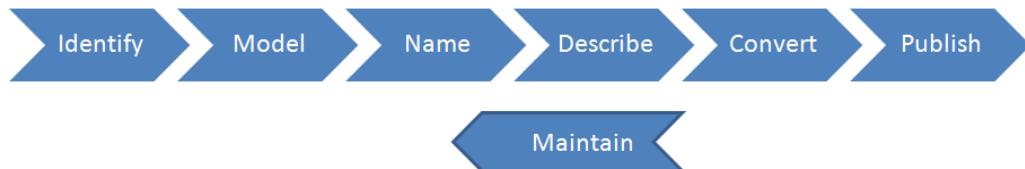
# Different LOD lifecycles

## The state of play

See also:

[http://www.w3.org/2011/gld/wiki/GLD\\_Life\\_cycle](http://www.w3.org/2011/gld/wiki/GLD_Life_cycle)

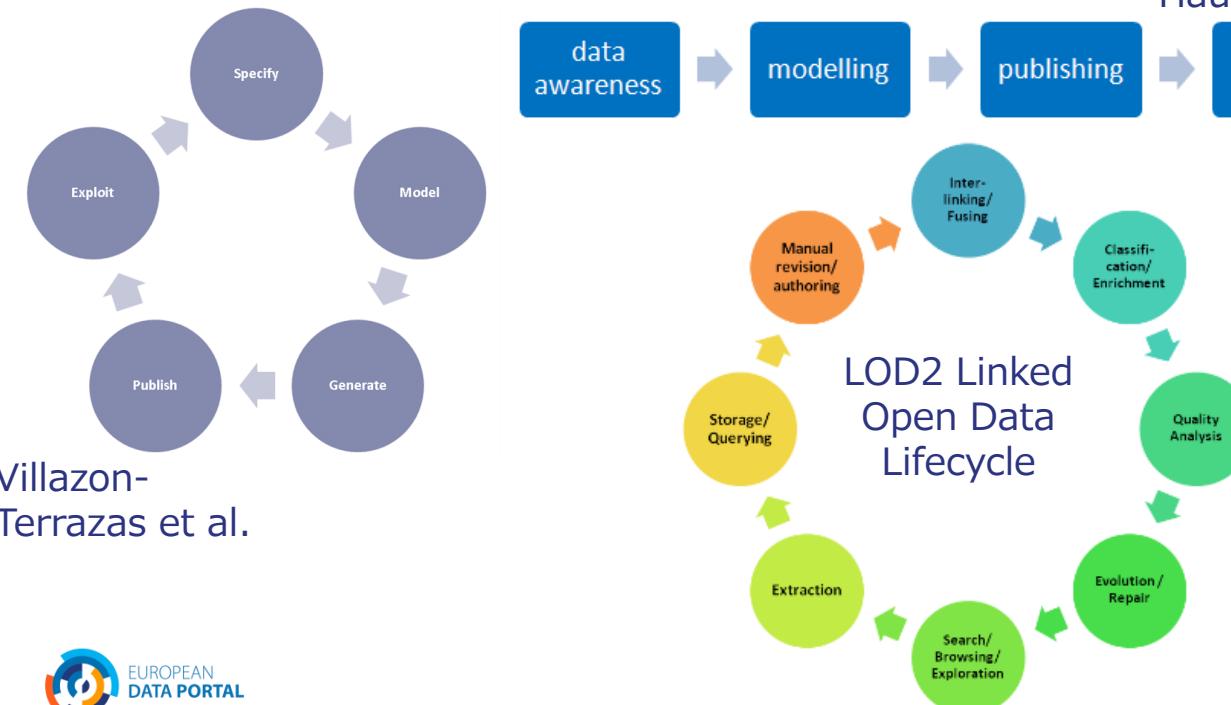
Hyland et al.



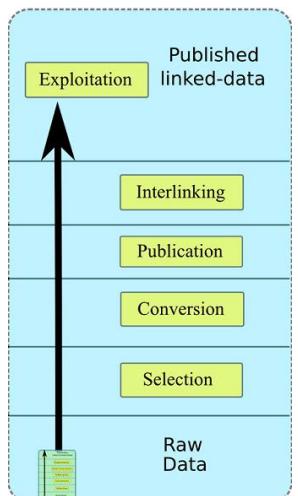
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Villazon-Terrazas et al.



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# *Different LOGD lifecycles*

## *Observations*

- No standardised LOGD lifecycle.
- Most approaches agree on a core set of phases, e.g. identify model, publish.
- The current lifecycles mainly focus on the *supply* of open data:
  - Identification and selection of LOGD.
  - Modelling and cleansing of LOGD.
  - Publishing and linking of data.
- But what about the *demand* side?
  - Find and retrieve LOGD.
  - Integrate and reuse of open data.
  - Provide feedback on LOGD.

# What is metadata?

*“Metadata is structured information that describes, explains, locates, or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve, use, or manage an information resource. Metadata is often called data about data or information about information.”*

-- National Information Standards Organization

<http://www.niso.org/publications/press/UnderstandingMetadata.pdf>

## Dataset description (DCAT)

```
:weather1-7 a dcat:Dataset ;  
dct:title "Measurements from weather stations 1-7" ;  
dct:description "Data from seven weather stations  
showing temparture, humidity,  
wind direction and wind speed" ;  
dct:modified "2013-07-01" ;  
dct:publisher <http://myweather.com/id/myweather> ;  
dcat:keyword "weather" ;  
dcat:landingpage <http://myweather.com/stations1-7.html> ;  
dcat:distribution :weatherdata-xlsx  
. .  
  
:weatherdata1-7-xlsx a dcat:Distribution ;  
dct:format <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/file-type/XLSX> ;  
dct:licence <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/CC0> ;  
dcat:downloadURL <http://myweather.com/stations1-7.xlsx>  
.
```

## Dataset

	Temp. °C	Humidity %	Wind direction	Wind speed km/h
Station 1	18.1	60	WSW	18
Station 2	17.5	59	WSW	20
Station 3	18.2	55	SW	22
Station 4	19.0	62	SW	18
Station 5	18.0	65	WSW	19
Station 6	18.2	63	SSW	21
Station 7	17.9	61	SW	22

# *Best practices for publishing your data & metadata*

## *W3C Linked Data Cookbook*

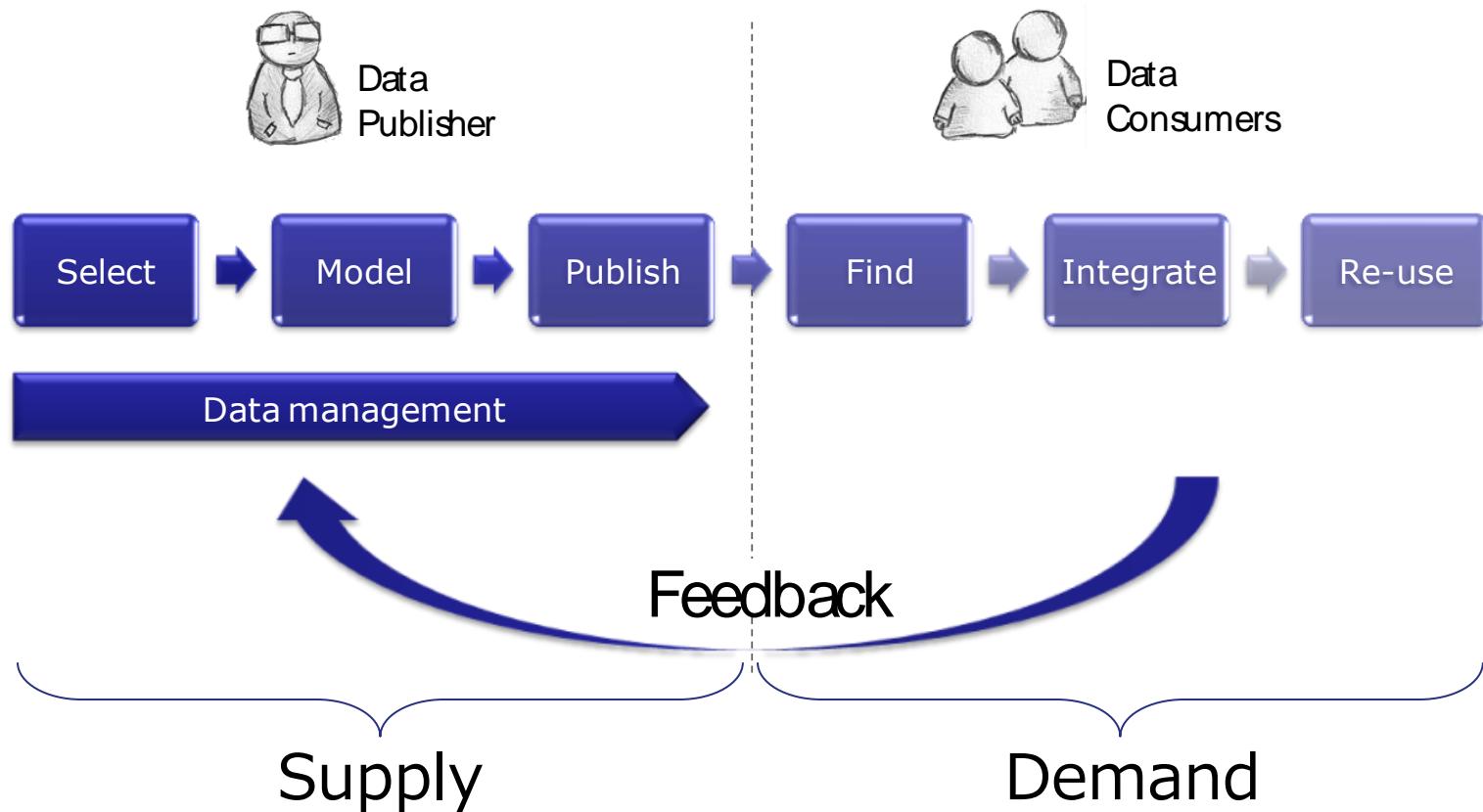
1. Model the data;
2. Name things with URIs;
3. Reuse existing vocabularies whenever possible;
4. Publish human and machine readable descriptions – ***metadata***;
5. Convert the data to RDF;
6. Specify an appropriate license;
7. Host the linked dataset and its metadata publicly and announce it!

### **See also:**

<http://www.w3.org/TR/gov-data/>

[http://www.w3.org/2011/gld/wiki/Linked\\_Data\\_Cookbook](http://www.w3.org/2011/gld/wiki/Linked_Data_Cookbook)

# *LOGD and metadata lifecycle focusing on supply and demand*



# LOGD & metadata supply

*Governments opening up their data and publishing it as linked data along with appropriate metadata descriptions.*

## *Selection of high-value data*

*Several dimensions can be considered in the selection process of Linked Open Government Data, both from the publisher's and the re-user's point of view:*

- **Transparency:** Does the publication of the dataset increase transparency and openness of the government towards its citizens?
- **Legal requirements:** Is there a law that makes open publication mandatory or is there no specific obligation?
- **Relation to public task:** Is the data the direct result of the primary public task of government or is it a product of a non-essential activity?
- **Current status of open publication:** Is the data already openly available or does it still need to be opened up?
- **Type of value:** Is the data useful for social engagement or does it have commercial value?
- **Audience:** Is the data primarily intended for the public or is it primarily aimed at back-office integration?

## ***Selection based on transparency***

*In some cases the publication of a dataset can increase the transparency and openness of the government towards its citizens, e.g.:*

- Parliaments' data, such as election results.
- The way governmental budgets are spent.
- Staff cost of public administrations

All the above-mentioned examples contribute to the transparency of the way public administrations are working.

## *Selection based on legal requirements*

*Some data may be **covered by a law or regulation** that mandates its open publication, e.g.:*

- Text of laws, directives, regulations etc.
- Proposals and proceedings of parliament and committees.
- Election results.
- Public budgets and expenditures.
- Invitations to tender and contract awards.

*Other data may be the **by-product of government activity** and would be useful for citizens and business to have access to, e.g.:*

- Condition of infrastructure and public spaces (roads, trees) .
- Timetables of public transport and schedules of garbage collection.

## *Selection based on relation to public task*

*Some data may be **the direct result of the primary public task** of government, for example the functions listed in COFOG, e.g.:*

- Executive, legislative organs, financial/fiscal affairs etc.).
- Public order and safety.
- Environmental protection.
- Health.
- Culture.
- Education.

*Other data produced by government are **non-essential** (they could be – and sometimes are – provided by the private sector) e.g.:*

- Mapping for navigation (cf. Google Street View)
- Weather forecasts (cf. Weather Channel)

## *Selection based on status of openness*

*Some data is already published openly and electronically, e.g. (in some countries):*

- Cadastral information.
- Topographic maps.
- Traffic information.
- Weather forecasts.

*Other data may still be hidden from the public (maybe because it is hard to publish or includes personal data, sensitive data or is partly subject to third-party licensing).*

## *Selection based on type of value*

*Some data may have primarily **societal value**, e.g.:*

- Laws and parliamentary data (e.g. voting records of representatives)
- Pre-election information (e.g. programmes of political parties)
- eDemocracy and eParticipation (e.g. public consultations)

*Other data may have more **commercial value** (business model), e.g.:*

- Road maps, real-time traffic information
- Real-time weather information
- Business information

## *Selection based on type of audience*

*Some data is aimed at society (citizens and business), e.g.:*

- Legal information.
- eDemocracy, eParticipation and public consultation.
- Procurement.

*Other data are focused on internal usage or for integration in the back office, e.g.:*

- Various sources that are used for law enforcement.
- Service performance indicators.
- Job descriptions of civil servants.

## *Selection based on size of audience*

*Some data are aimed at **large audiences and mass markets**, e.g.:*

- Traffic information.
- Public transport.
- Election data.

*Other data are essential for **small groups of people and niche markets**, e.g.:*

- Information about facilities and financial support for people with special needs.
- Economic statistics.
- Court decisions.

## *High value from a re-users perspective*

*From a re-user's perspective, the value of a dataset depends primarily on its **use and re-use potential**, which can effectively lead to the generation of (new) **business models**.*

The use and re-use potential of a dataset is defined by:

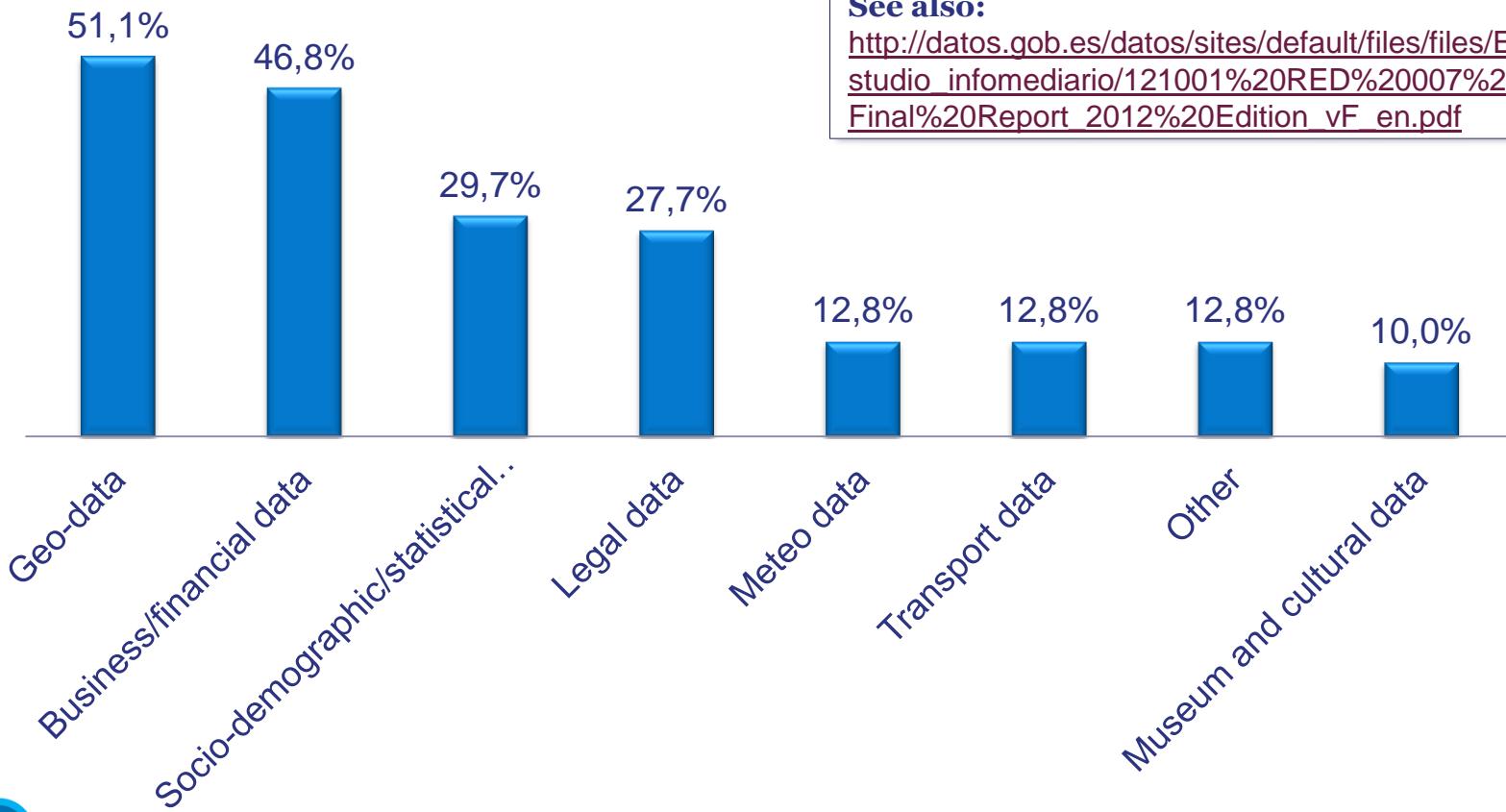
- The size and the dynamics of the target audience of the dataset; and
- The number of new and existing systems and services that are using the dataset.

*Opening up datasets with a high use and re-use potential leads to the creation of new products and/or services that have direct or indirect economic or social impact and/or positive economic externalities.*

## *Selection based on the needs of the audience*

*What data do the reusers need/want?*

According to a Spanish study, the following types of information are reused the most by businesses:



### **See also:**

[http://datos.gob.es/datos/sites/default/files/files/EStudio\\_infomediario/121001%20RED%20007%20Final%20Report\\_2012%20Edition\\_vF\\_en.pdf](http://datos.gob.es/datos/sites/default/files/files/Estudio_infomediario/121001%20RED%20007%20Final%20Report_2012%20Edition_vF_en.pdf)

# Datasets domains in European data portals

## Tags

[View all tags](#)

population local-government **care** disclosure  
**health** children health-and-social  
**transparency** communities Spend  
health-well-being-and-care **child finance** education  
**NERC\_DDC** nhs spend-transaction

Source:[<http://data.gov.uk/data>]

## Keywords

geospatial data (82)  
international trade (81)  
agriculture (77)  
environmental statistics (51)  
water (44)  
vector data (41)  
agricultural structure (39)  
balance of payments (38)  
EEA owned data sets (38)  
raster data (34)

Source:[<http://open-data.europa.eu/en/data/dataset>]



## Search Europe's Public Data

Find datasets

**Finance and Budgeting** (436)

**Social Questions** (226)

**Environment** (215)

**Transportation** (196)

**Education and Communication** (188)

**Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry** (176)

**Population** (145)

**Economy and Industry** (114)

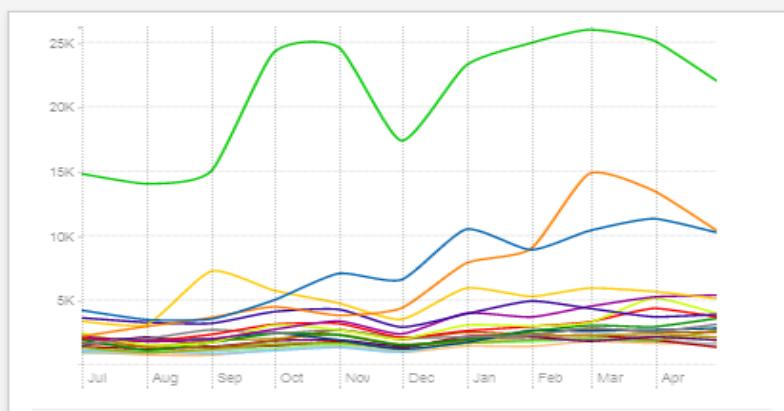
**Health** (79)

Source:[<http://publicdata.eu/>]

## Metadata

# Which datasets are mostly viewed on Data.gov.uk

## Per publisher

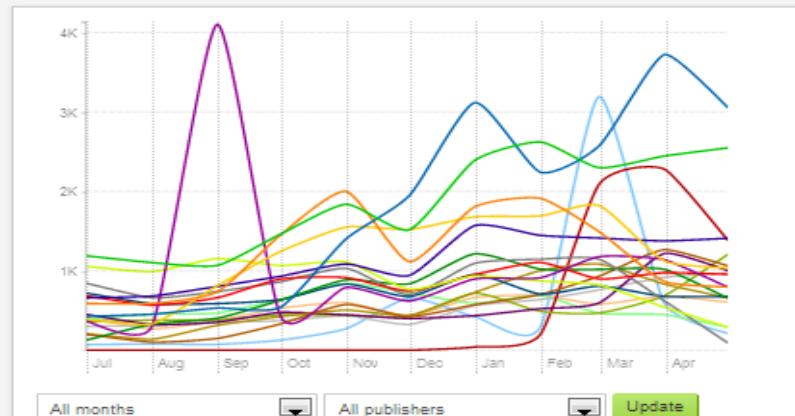


Statistics for

Publisher	Dataset Views
Office for National Statistics	230661
Department for Communities and Local Government	82763
NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care	79447
Department for Transport	56362
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	42654
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	41579
Home Office	33115
Department of Health	31702
British Geological Survey	26812
Department for Children, Schools and Families	25635
Ordnance Survey	24427
Environment Agency	24039
Cabinet Office	21773
Transport Direct	20471
Department for Education	18744
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency	18569
Department of Energy and Climate Change	17973
Department for Work and Pensions	16719
Ministry of Defence	15520
Ministry of Justice	14203

<http://data.gov.uk/data/site-usage/publisher?month=>

## Per dataset



All months  All publishers

Statistics for all months:

Dataset	Views	Downloads
Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) boundaries	20787	4203
English Indices of Deprivation 2010	20447	5752
UK Tariff Codes	13474	2907
Social Trends	13340	3020
Building Price and Cost Indices	12498	3259
Road Safety Data	11662	6355
Organogram and staff pay data for DEFRA	9622	2202
National Public Transport Access Nodes (NaPTAN)	9488	1758
Open Access Non-VOSA Sites	8937	1236
Average Earnings Index	8197	1355
Organogram and staff pay data for Environment Agency	8003	1913
Regional Household Income	6445	2392
Energy Consumption in the UK	6437	1717
NHS Payment by Results 2010-11 National Tariff Information	6407	1625
VAT registered businesses	6179	363
Bona Vacantia Unclaimed Estates and Adverts	6160	11930
Active Vehicle Testing Stations in Great Britain	6054	1627
Population estimates by broad age band	6050	882
GP practice prescribing data - Chemical level	5990	1292
National Public Transport Data Repository (NPTDR)	5901	1452

<http://data.gov.uk/data/site-usage/dataset>

## *Modelling your data & metadata is about ...*

- Making your data available in a **structured, comprehensible** and **machine-readable** way.
- **Reusing** what already exists in terms of vocabularies and reference data.
- Reaching the right quality level by **cleansing** your data.
- Providing **licensing information** so that data consumers know what the conditions of reuse are.
- Providing a rich description (**metadata**).
- Using **semantic technologies** (RDF, HTTP URIs...) for describing your data.



## *Model your data – reuse if possible, mint if necessary*

- **Reuse existing vocabularies as much as possible.**
  - If you determine there is no reusable, authoritative source for the specific domain, **create your own using:**
    - RDF Schema (RDFS): Basic RDF vocabulary to describe the classes and properties of classes.
    - Web Ontology Language (OWL): knowledge representation language for describing ontologies.

**See also:**

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/model-your-data-metadata>  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/owl FEATURES/>  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-schema/>

# *Reuse common vocabularies to model and describe your data ... (in RDF)*



General purpose vocabularies: DCMI, RDFS

To name things: rdfs:label, foaf:name, skos:prefLabel

To describe people: FOAF, vCard, Core Person Vocabulary

To describe registered organisations: Registered Organisation Vocabulary

To describe addresses: vCard, Core Location Vocabulary

To describe public services: Core Public Service Vocabulary

***...and metadata...***

To describe datasets (metadata): DCAT, DCAT Application Profile, VoID

To describe projects: DOAP, ADMS.SW

To describe interoperability assets: ADMS

# Find reusable vocabularies

## Joinup

- Online platform for searching for and sharing interoperability assets described with ADMS.
  - Developed by the ISA Programme of the EC.

More targeted.

Refine the search results via the faceted search filters.

The screenshot shows the Joinup website's advanced search page. At the top, there are navigation links for Contact, Search, Glossary, Help, Partners, Analytics Disclaimer, and English (en). Below that is a login form with 'Login or Sign up' and a search bar with a 'Search' button. The main header reads 'Share and reuse interoperability solutions for public administrations'. A blue banner at the top says 'European Commission > ISA > Joinup > Advanced search'. Below the banner are menu links for My Page, Communities, Semantic Assets, Software, News, Events, e-Library, and People. A large green circle labeled '1' highlights the search input field. To its right, the text 'More focused.' is written in green, followed by a description: 'Enter a search keyword to find interoperability assets available on different websites.' Below the search field is a 'Keywords' input box containing 'organisation', a 'Search' button, and a checked 'Retain current filters' checkbox. A blue circle labeled '2' highlights the 'Filtering by:' section, which lists 'Semantic Asset Projects' and 'Semantic Asset Releases' with clear filters buttons. A red circle labeled '3' highlights the 'Organisation Type List' section, which includes a thumbnail for 'esd standard', a description, and a link to 'Asset release | Created by Joinup Federation Support'. Further down, there are sections for 'Enterprise Competence Organisation Scheme' and 'EC Fisheries - Regional Fisheries Management Organisation Codes', each with a download link and a '0 downloads' counter. The bottom right corner features a five-star rating icon and the text 'OPEN DATA SUPPORT'.

<http://joinup.ec.europa.eu/>

# *Find reusable vocabularies*

## *Linked Open Vocabularies*

- Provides easy access methods to the ecosystem of vocabularies .
- Makes the ways they link to each other explicit.
- Provides metrics on how they are used in the LOGD cloud.
- Developed by the Open Knowledge Foundation.

The "LOV Search" Features gives you the possibility to search for an existing element (property, class or vocabulary) in the Linked Open Vocabularies Catalogue.  
LOV Aggregator endpoint and metrics about the use of vocabularies in the Semantic Web are used to bring you some relevant results.

organisation

Filter by Domain

- City (71)
- Data & Systems (0)
- Library (12)
- Market (4)
- Media (35)
- Science (5)
- Upper & Meta (4)
- Where & When (7)

Filter by Type

- rdfs:Class (53)
- rdf:Property (139)
- voaf:Vocabulary (8)
- Other (22)

Filter by Vocabulary (28)

- org (37)

147 results in 28 vocabularies

swrc:Organization (owl:Class)	score:0.904	>>
rdfs:label Organisation @de	score:0.884	>>
foaf:Organization (owl:Class)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label Organisation @fr	score:0.882	>>
swrc:organization (owl:ObjectProperty)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label organisation @de	score:0.882	>>
org:organization (owl:ObjectProperty)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label organisation @fr	score:0.882	>>
org:Organization (owl:Class)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label Organisation @fr	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:comment ...nt que "Agent". Les organisations sont souvent décom.....lisés pour nommer l'Organisation. En particulier 'sk... @fr	score:0.882	>>
cgov:postin (owl:ObjectProperty)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label Organisation @en	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:comment Indicates the organisation that this is a post... @en	score:0.882	>>
meb:organisation (owl:DatatypeProperty)	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:label organisation	score:0.882	>>
rdfs:comment ... User is part of an organisation	score:0.882	>>
lited:RP (owl:ObjectProperty)	score:0.882	>>

<http://lov.okfn.org/>

## *Cleansing your data & metadata*

*To ensure data and metadata can be published with an appropriate level of quality and minimum errors.*

This means:

- Fixing errors.
- Transforming/homogenising formats.
- Aligning inconsistencies in data and metadata.
- Removing duplicate/redundant information.
- Adding lacking information.
- Making sure the information is up-to-date.

**See also:**

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/introduction-to-rdf-sparql>

Cleanse your data with Open Refine (Google Refine) -

<https://code.google.com/p/google-refine/>



## Cleansing data - example

Duplicate

Formatting issue

error

Company name	Registration date	Country	E-mail	# Establishments
Nikè	1991-04-28	Belgium	niké	7
BARCO	15 September 1986	BE	Barco@email.be	2
Nikè		België		
Coca-Cola		United States	coca@cola.com	3

Cleansing operations

Missing information

Inconsistent information

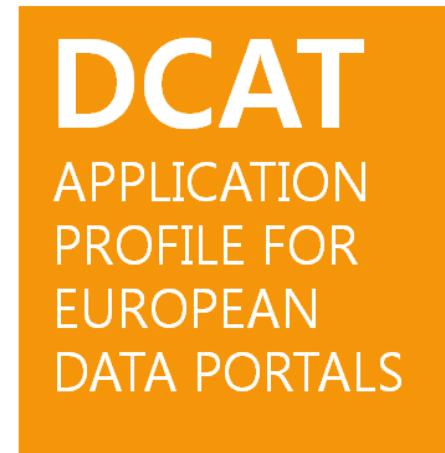
Redundant information

Company name	Registration date	Country	E-mail
Nikè	1991-04-28	BE	niké@sport.org
BARCO	1986-09-05	BE	Barco@email.be
Coca-Cola	1964-03-26	US	coca@cola.com

## *Model your metadata*

**The DCAT Application profile for data portals in Europe (DCAT-AP) is a specification based on the Data Catalogue vocabulary (DCAT) for describing public sector datasets in Europe.**

DCAT-AP improves the discovery of public sector datasets across borders and sectors.



### See also:

[https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat\\_application\\_profile/description](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/description)

# *Use persistent Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI) for naming things*

*Persistent URIs sets the foundations for Linked Data.*



Follow the pattern

e.g. <http://{domain}/{type}/{concept}/{reference}>

Re-use existing identifiers

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/id/school/123456>

Link multiple representations

e.g. <http://data.example.org/doc/foo/bar.html>

e.g. <http://data.example.org/doc/foo/bar.rdf>

Implement 303 redirects for real-world objects

e.g. [http://www.example.com/id/alice\\_brown](http://www.example.com/id/alice_brown)

Use a dedicated service

i.e. independent of the data originator



Avoid stating ownership

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/ministryXeducation/id/school/123456>

Avoid version numbers

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/doc/school/X/123456>

Avoid using auto-increment

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/id/school1/123456>

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/id/school1/123457>

Avoid query strings

e.g. <http://education.data.gov.uk/doc/school?id=123456>

Avoid file extensions

<http://education.data.gov.uk/doc/schools/123456.cs>

## See also:

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/design-and-manage-persistent-uris>  
<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/semic/document/10-rules-persistent-uris>

## *Licensing your data and metadata is about...*

- Informing potential reusers on how the **data and metadata** can be (re)used and/or adapted.
- Not associating your **data and metadata** with licensing information, is an important barrier for reuse and thus lowers the value opening your data will create.
- Open data should be, by definition, published under an **open license**.
- Metadata should be published under a licence indicating it is public domain to reinforce the reuse and discoverability of your data.

**See also:**

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/licence-your-data-metadata>

# *Open licenses*

## **See also:**

[http://discovery.ac.uk/files/pdf/Licensing\\_Open\\_Data\\_A\\_Practical\\_Guide.pdf](http://discovery.ac.uk/files/pdf/Licensing_Open_Data_A_Practical_Guide.pdf)

- Creative Commons (CC) (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/>)
  - Attribution (BY): The creator of the work should be mentioned.
  - Non Commercial (NC): The work can not be used for commercial purposes.
  - No Derivatives (ND): The work cannot be adapted or merged with other work.
  - Share Alike (SA): The work can be adapted but must be attributed with the same license if you make it available.
  - CC Zero (CC0): The work is public domain
- Open Data Commons (<http://opendatacommons.org/licenses/>)
  - Open Data Commons Attribution Licence (ODC-By): compatible with CC BY
  - Open Data Commons Open Database Licence (ODC-ODbL): compatible with CC BY SA)
  - Public Domain Dedication Licence (PDDL): compatible with CC Zero
- The Open Government Licence (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/>)



## *Publishing linked data is about ...*

***Breaking down the walls of the silos in order to create more value.***

- Making your data and metadata publically and easily accessible on the Web.
- Linking your data and metadata to other data (or metadata) in order to:
  - Attach meaning and content to it.
  - Give context to it.
  - Enrich it.
  - Allow people to discover more.



## Provide a SPARQL Endpoint

A SPARQL Endpoint is a service that allows others to query your linked data (and/or metadata).

The screenshot shows a web application for running SPARQL queries. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "Open Data Support" and links for "Home", "About", and "Sample Queries". Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a large title "SPARQL Query". A code editor-like box contains the following SPARQL query:

```
prefix dcat:<http://www.w3.org/ns/dcat#>
select *
where {{?record a dcat:CatalogRecord }{?record ?x ?y}}
LIMIT 100
```

At the bottom of this box is a button labeled "run query".

<http://data.opendatasupport.eu>



# *Publish your metadata*

*Publish your metadata on a central data broker to give it more visibility and increase the reuse of your datasets.*

The screenshot shows the ODIP interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'New Job', 'Manage Jobs', 'Error Reports', 'Get Support', and 'About'. Below the navigation, there's a form for creating a new job, including fields for 'Name\*', 'Description', 'Schedule type' (set to 'interval'), and 'Execution Interval'. There are also 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the form, there are tabs for 'Extractors', 'Transformers', and 'Loaders', with 'Extractors' currently selected. Under the 'Extractors' tab, there are three sections: 'CKAN Extractor' (described as extracting metadata from a CKAN API), 'RDF extractor' (described as extracting RDF statements from an RDF file), and 'SPARQL Extractor' (described as extracting RDF from SPARQL Endpoints using graph queries). Each section has an 'Add' button.

## **The Open Data Interoperability Platform (ODIP):**

- ODIP is a central data broker developed by the European Commission to enable the cross-border European search for datasets.
- ODIP data publishers and data portals to publish description metadata of datasets centrally.

### **See also:**

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/promoting-the-re-use-of-open-data-through-odip>

## *Data & metadata management is about...*

- Managing the lifecycle of the data – creation, update and keeping up to date, and decommissioning of datasets.
- Managing the lifecycle of the metadata.
- Putting in place processes for making sure your data and metadata has an appropriate level of quality.
- Stating ownership of data(sets) and metadata.

### **See also:**

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/introduction-to-metadata-management>



# *Collecting feedback from the reusers of your data*

Ask feedback to the (potential) users of data:

- Which data do they need.
- How did they use the data.
- What did they think about the quality.
- Make sure that requests and fixes reach you – crowdsource data quality!

## Behoefte aan meer data?

Via onderstaand formulier kunt u een verzoek om overheidsdata insturen. We zullen dan bemiddelen tussen u en de overheidsinstantie van wie u data zou willen hebben. We kunnen geen garantie geven dat een aanvraag ook leidt tot het beschikbaar komen van data.

Voor vragen kunt u contact opnemen met [paul.suijkerbuijk@minbzk.nl](mailto:paul.suijkerbuijk@minbzk.nl).

We houden ons aan de [e-mailgedragslijn voor overheden](#) van [burger@overheid.nl](mailto:burger@overheid.nl). Lees hier hoe Overheid.nl met uw [persoonsgegevens](#) omgaat. Velden aangegeven met een \* zijn verplicht.

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# LOGD demand

*The needs of businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers and governments for linked data.*

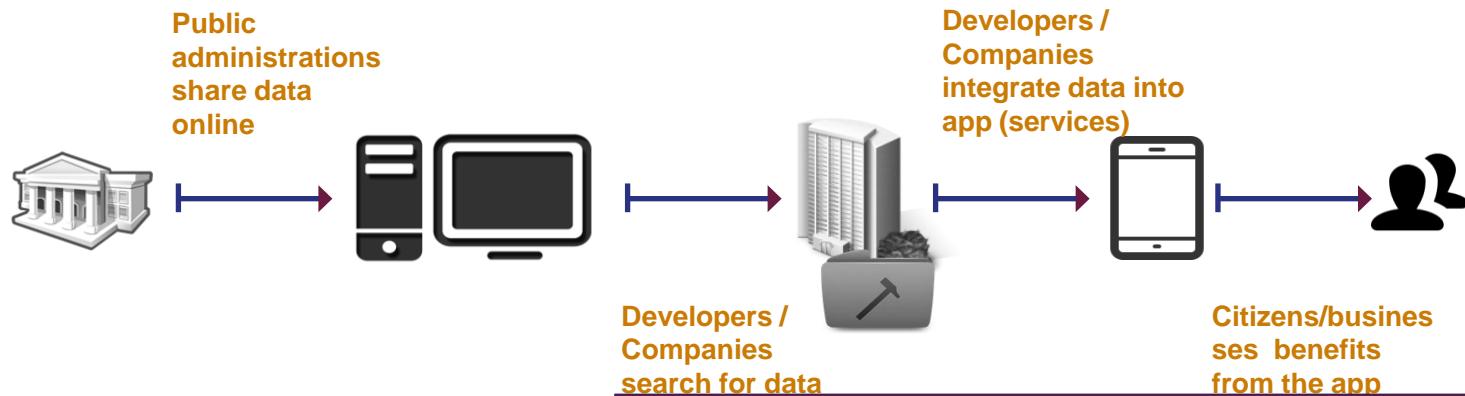


# *The LOGD lifecycle demand side is about ...*

Data reusers being able to

- find appropriate datasets;
- use the datasets for analysis, building apps and services;
- know what their government is doing (transparency);
- save costs.

## Publishing data



## *Where to find datasets?*

Datasets are made available on various platforms spread across Europe.

*“A Data Broker collects the **metadata** from various open data platforms and publishes it using a **common metadata model**. This way the datasets are **searchable** in a **uniform way** from a **single point of access**.”*

- Local Open Data Portals, e.g.
  - [opendatamanchester.org.uk](http://opendatamanchester.org.uk)
  - [Data.gent.be](http://Data.gent.be)
- Regional Open Data Portals e.g.
  - [opendata.regionpaca.fr](http://opendata.regionpaca.fr)
  - Open public data of the government of Catalonia
- National Open Data Portals
  - [Opendata.at](http://Opendata.at)
  - [opendata.lu](http://opendata.lu)
- European Open Data Portals, e.g.
  - [open-data.europa.eu](http://open-data.europa.eu)
- Open Data Brokers, e.g.
  - [Publicdata.eu](http://Publicdata.eu)
  - ODIP



# *Use SPARQL endpoint or faceted browser to find datasets*

A user looking can execute a SPARQL query on a **SPARQL endpoint** to find datasets or “filter his way” through the collection of datasets using a **faceted browser**.

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## SPARQL endpoint

Linked Data

Enter your SPARQL query against a datasource

Datasources:

Reference

Please select a datasource

Data format:

XML

Please select a data format

Enter your SPARQL query:

```
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
```

submit

<http://data.gov.uk/sparql>

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## Faceted browser

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Search... **Search**

Format: **RDF** Tag: **accountability**

110 Results

Sort by: Popularity

**Organogram and staff pay data for Department for Education**

Publisher: Department for Education Updated: 03 Jun 2013

A list of most Senior Civil Service posts in the Department for Education including title, contact details, their line manager, and where disclosed, the name of the officer. Vacant posts.

**Organogram and staff pay data for Department for Work and Pensions**

Publisher: Department for Work and Pensions Updated: 03 Jun 2013

A list of Senior Civil Service posts in the DWP including title, contact details, their line manager, and where disclosed, the name of the officer and salary details. This data has been...

**Organogram and staff pay data for Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff based in UK**

<http://data.gov.uk/data/search>

# Integrating datasets and building apps & services

The collage illustrates various tools and pilots for integrating datasets and building apps & services:

- BBC MUSIC:** A screenshot of the BBC Music website showing a Beatles track.
- LinkedIn Geodata:** A screenshot of the LinkedIn Geodata.org search interface, showing a map of Berlin with numerous red location markers.
- SIGMA:** A screenshot of the SIGMA platform showing a search interface for "Tim Berners-Lee".
- CORE LOCATION Pilot:** A screenshot of the Core Location Pilot interface titled "Interconnecting Belgian address data".
- Core Public Service Pilot:** A screenshot of the Core Public Service Pilot interface titled "describe public services only once".
- DATA.GOV.UK:** A screenshot of the DATA.GOV.UK homepage, part of the "Opening up government" initiative.

## Some tools for integrating datasets:

- Karma (<http://www.isi.edu/integration/karma/>)
- Talend ([http://www.talend.com/products/data-integration\)](http://www.talend.com/products/data-integration)

## See also:

<http://www.slideshare.net/OpenDataSupport/introduction-to-linked-data-23402165>

# Publishing LoGD using Open Refine



# **Using Open Refine to model and publish open data Getting started**

1. Install Open Refine from: <https://github.com/OpenRefine>
2. Install the RDF extension : <http://refine.deri.ie/>

And then...

- 1** Describe your data in a spreadsheet.
- 2** Create a project and upload it in Open Refine.
- 3** Map your data to appropriate RDF classes & properties.
- 4** Export the data in RDF.

# 1 *Describe your data in a spreadsheet*

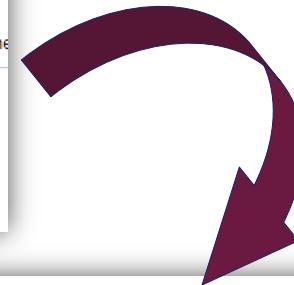
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<u>Company_name</u>	<u>Registration date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Nikè	1991-04-28	BE	niké@sport.org
BARCO	1986-09-05	BE	Barco@email.be
Coca-Cola	1964-03-26	US	coca@cola.com



# 2

## Create a project and upload it in Google Refine



Upload the spreadsheet

URI	Company_name	Registration_date	Country	E-mail
1. http://www.example.org/org/1234	Nikè	1991-04-28	BE	niké@sport.org
2. http://www.example.org/org/2345	BARCO	1986-09-05	BE	Barco@email.be
3. http://www.example.org/org/3456	Coca-Cola	1964-03-26	US	coca@cola.com



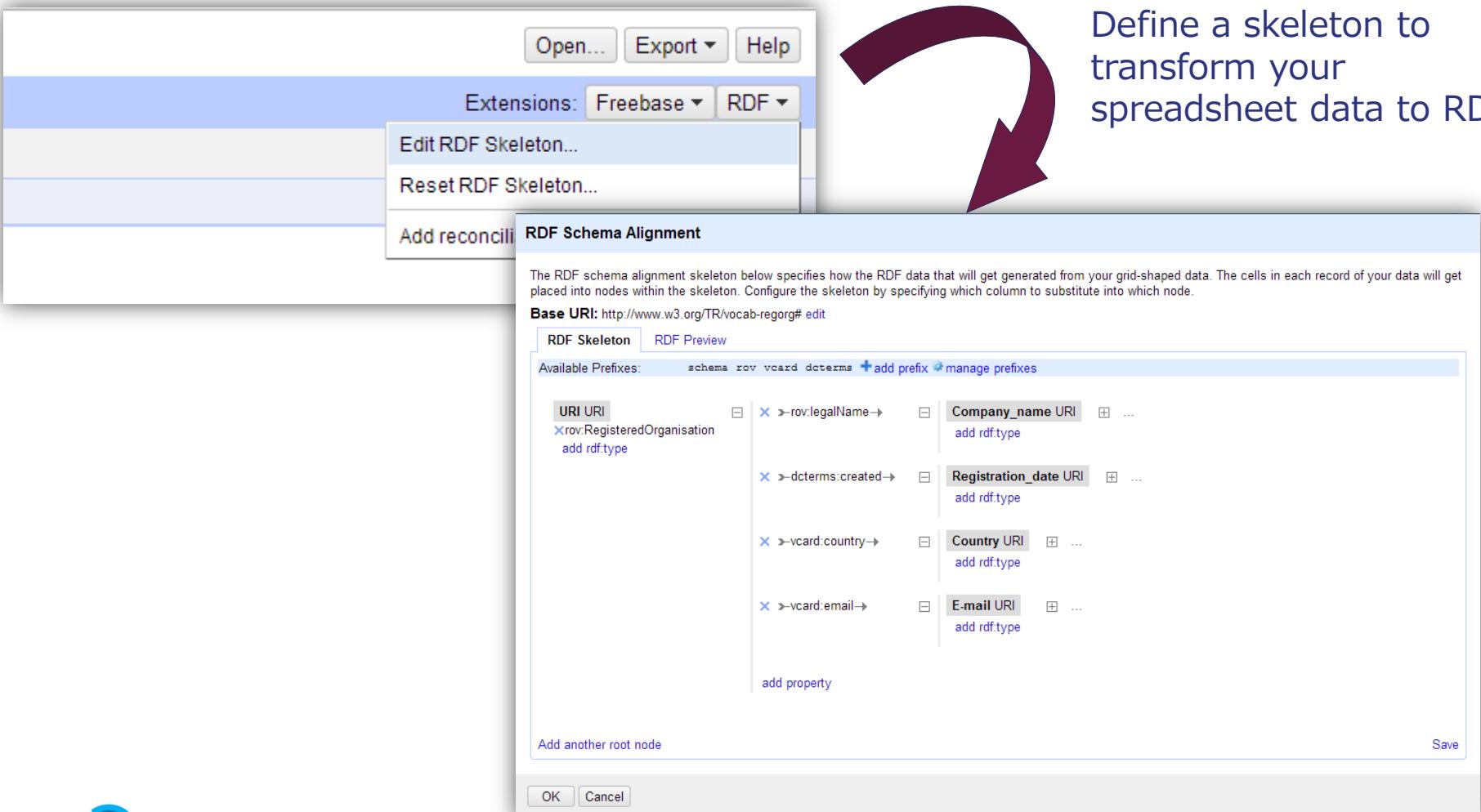
Select relevant tabs

Create the project

All	URI	Company_name	Registration_da	Country	E-mail
1.	http://www.example.org/org/1234	Nikè	1991-04-28	BE	niké@sport.org
2.	http://www.example.org/org/2345	BARCO	1986-09-05	BE	Barco@email.be
3.	http://www.example.org/org/3456	Coca-Cola	1964-03-26	US	coca@cola.com

# 3

## *Map your data to appropriate RDF classes & properties (model your data)*



Define a skeleton to transform your spreadsheet data to RDF

The screenshot shows the OpenRefine interface with the 'RDF Schema Alignment' tool open. The top menu bar has 'Extensions: Freebase ▾ RDF' selected. A red arrow points from the text 'Define a skeleton to transform your spreadsheet data to RDF' to the alignment editor window.

**RDF Schema Alignment**

The RDF schema alignment skeleton below specifies how the RDF data that will get generated from your grid-shaped data. The cells in each record of your data will get placed into nodes within the skeleton. Configure the skeleton by specifying which column to substitute into which node.

**Base URI:** <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#> [edit](#)

**RDF Skeleton** [RDF Preview](#)

**Available Prefixes:** schema rov vcard dcterms [+ add prefix](#) [manage prefixes](#)

**URI URI**

xrov:RegisteredOrganisation  
[add rdf:type](#)

**Company\_name URI**  
[add rdf:type](#)

**Registration\_date URI**  
[add rdf:type](#)

**Country URI**  
[add rdf:type](#)

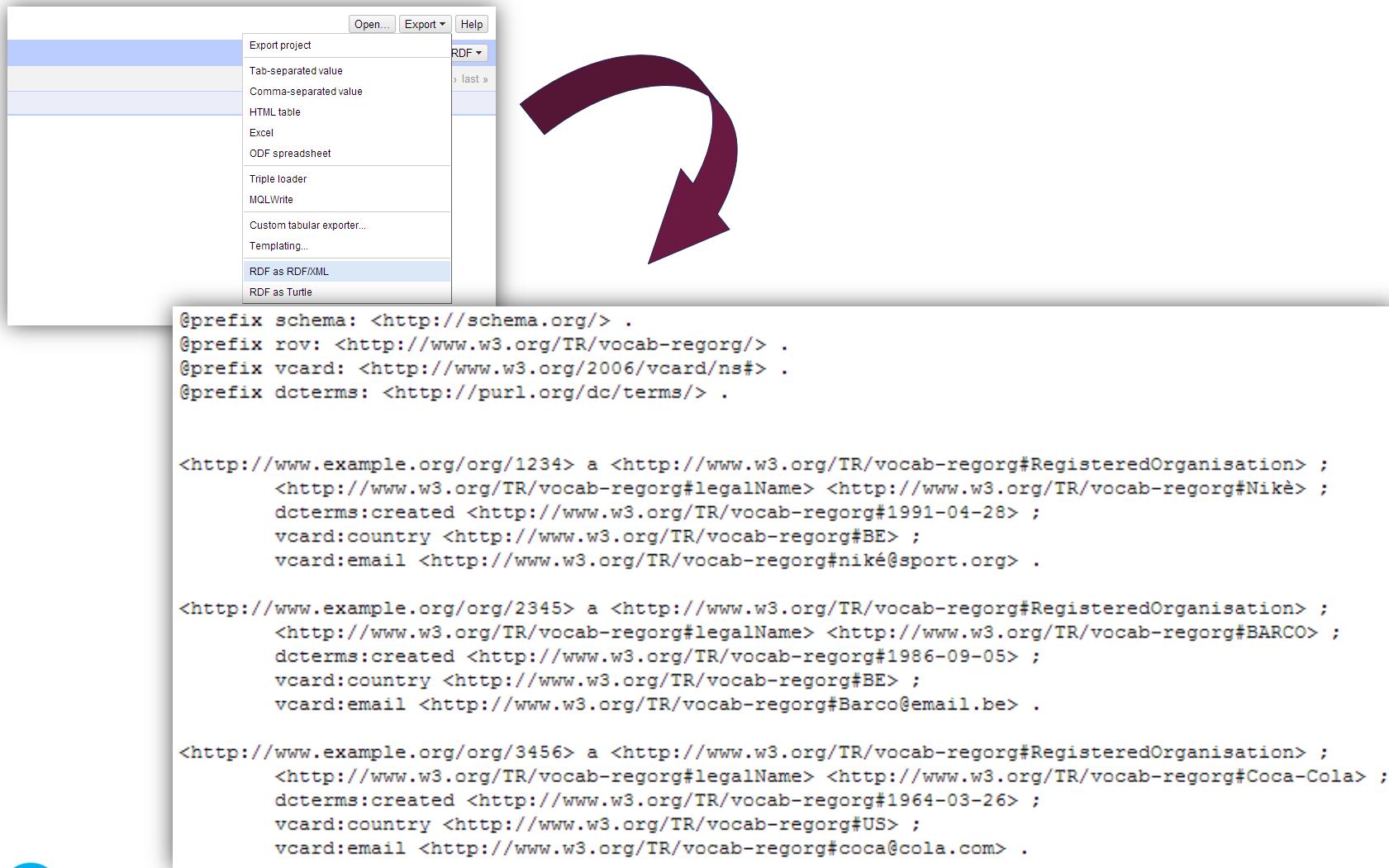
**E-mail URI**  
[add rdf:type](#)

[add property](#)

[Add another root node](#)

[OK](#) [Cancel](#) [Save](#)

# 4 Export your data to RDF/XML or Turtle



The screenshot shows a software application window with a menu bar at the top. The menu bar includes 'Open...', 'Export...', and 'Help'. The 'Export...' dropdown is open, showing various export options: 'RDF' (selected), 'Tab-separated value', 'Comma-separated value', 'HTML table', 'Excel', 'ODF spreadsheet', 'Triple loader', 'MQLWrite', 'Custom tabular exporter...', 'Templating...', 'RDF as RDF/XML' (selected), and 'RDF as Turtle'. A large red curved arrow points downwards from the 'Export...' menu towards the bottom of the window, where the generated RDF code is displayed.

```
@prefix schema: <http://schema.org/> .  
@prefix rov: <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg/> .  
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2006/vcard/ns#> .  
@prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .  
  
<http://www.example.org/org/1234> a <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#RegisteredOrganisation> ;  
    <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#legalName> <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#Nikè> ;  
    dcterms:created <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#1991-04-28> ;  
    vcard:country <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#BE> ;  
    vcard:email <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#niké@sport.org> .  
  
<http://www.example.org/org/2345> a <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#RegisteredOrganisation> ;  
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    vcard:country <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#BE> ;  
    vcard:email <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#Barco@email.be> .  
  
<http://www.example.org/org/3456> a <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#RegisteredOrganisation> ;  
    <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#legalName> <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#Coca-Cola> ;  
    dcterms:created <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#1964-03-26> ;  
    vcard:country <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#US> ;  
    vcard:email <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-regorg#coca@cola.com> .
```

# The LOD2 Stack

*tools for publishing and querying LOD*

# *Publishing your data with the LOD2 Stack*

*“The LOD2 stack is an integrated distribution of aligned tools which support the lifecycle of Linked (Open) Data from extraction, authoring/creation over enrichment, interlinking, fusing to visualization and maintenance. The stack comprises tools from the LOD2 partners and third parties.”*



Source: [<http://stack.lod2.eu/>]

## *Silk – A tool for linking your data*

*“The Silk framework is a tool for discovering relationships between data items within different Linked Data sources.*

*Data publishers can use Silk to set RDF links from their data sources to other data sources on the Web.”*

For download and more information:

<http://wifo5-03.informatik.uni-mannheim.de/bizer/silk>

## **Conclusions**

- The LOGD and metadata lifecycle should address both the supply and demand side.
- Choosing on which data and metadata to open up means taking into account different dimensions.
- Modelling is about getting the data and metadata structured and reaching an appropriate quality level.
- Publishing is about making the data and metadata public, easily accessible and searchable.
- Data and metadata management should ensure that processes and policies are in place to govern the lifecycle of data and metadata.
- The data publisher should provide means to receive feedback from the data reuser – sensing demand and crowd sourcing quality.
- Several tools are available for modelling and publishing LOGD –few are at production-level quality.



## *Group questions*



<http://www.visualpharm.com>

Do you have any data and/or metadata governance methodology at the corporate level?



<http://www.visualpharm.com>

Is there supply and demand for (Linked) Open Government Data in your country? If so, who provides what to whom?



<http://www.visualpharm.com>

In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to the provision of (Linked) Open Government Data in your country?

**Take also the online test here!**

# Thank you! ...and now YOUR questions?



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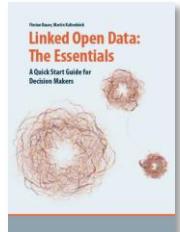
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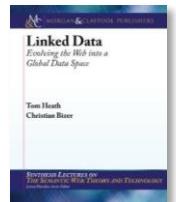


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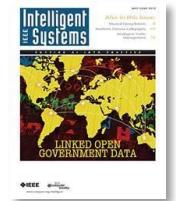
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