EUDAT User Forum Session on Metadata & Simple Store Services

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Program

- 14.30-14.40 EUDAT Simple Store Service, Erwin Laure
- 14.40-14.50 EUDAT Metadata Service, Daan Broeder
- Community contributions:
- 14.50-15.00 Metadata at ICOS, Timo Vesala
- 15.00-15.10 Metadata at GBIF, Éamonn Ó Tuama
- 15.10-15.20 Metadata at agINFRA, David Massart
- 15.20-15.30 Metadata at BBMRI, Roxana Merino Martinez
- 15.30-15.40 Metadata at CESSDA, Melanie Wright
- 15.40-16.15 Discussion



Goal of the Metadata and SimpleStore Session

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At the EUDAT services part of EUDAT user conference, the second parallel session will have as subject "Metadata and Simple Store". The Simple Store aims as providing researchers and citizen scientist with a simple solution to safeguard and share important data sets that would otherwise be in danger of being lost. The EUDAT metadata service wants to provide an interdisciplinary metadata catalogue that enables researchers to look for interesting data sets also in other disciplines. Especially in the last service it is important to have the research communities actively engaged and therefore we have invited representatives of different communities to give a short overview of the state of metadata infrastructure in their community and discuss with us some important questions.

- Does your community have a 'stable' metadata schema and infrastructure
- Can you see the benefits of an interdisciplinary catalalog and if so can you name any other discipline from which you would like to use data sets
- What are important browsing dimensions & facets for catalog for your community



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Joint Metadata Domain

- Deliver a service for searching and browsing metadata across disciplines and repositories for users from different communities
 - Appropriate terminology for users of all disciplines when specifying queries
 - Access to the data when allowed
 - Useful visualization of results
 - Commenting facility to exchange experiences
- Aggregating metadata from different communities in one system gives rise to semantic interoperability and granularity visualization problems



User (Community) perspective

- From the user's perspective we think the following is important:
 - What are useful dimensions for searching & browsing?
 - How is the data presented e.g. what visualization options are available. e.g. geo-spatial, time line, taxonomies,
 - What metadata terminology can be used in the catalogue interface?
- Consider also the use for community's own purposes
 - Starting communities, that do not yet have set up a proper catalogue



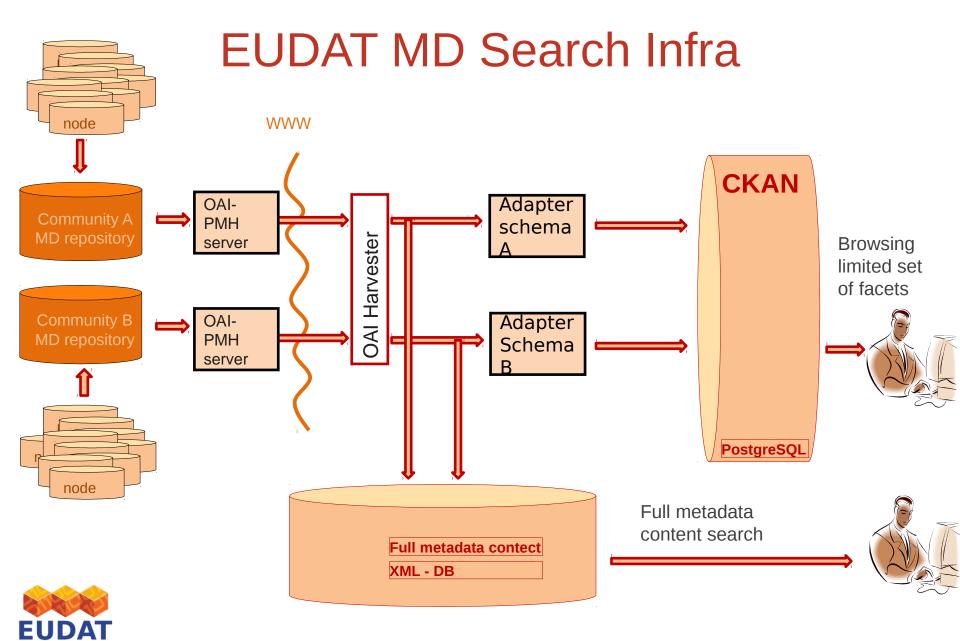
Interoperability

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Possible solutions:

- All repositories use the same metadata set
 - Not very practical. For sufficiently accurate description different (sub-)domains need different sets.
 - There are many existing metadata repositories with own sets & procedures that are difficult to change.
 - Already difficult to use one set only in a single repository
- Use a single set for exchange (->mapping by producer required)
- Use an interoperable metadata mapping framework
 - Hand crafted mappings
 - Ontology or concept registry based (community work required)
- Granularity problem is difficult to solve.
 - Filtering on metadata for data-sets versus metadata for single resources
 - Ranking search results, favoring the 'smaller contribution' communities





EUDAT Metadata Catalog prototype I

- Tentative choice for CKAN as catalog software
 - Open Knowledge Foundation software
 - Choice made after a 'limited' comparison: large community, available documentation, proven track record
 - EUDAT will still be investigating other catalog software!
 - All should be modular & pluggable
- Currently the catalog contains datasets from ENES & CLARIN communities
- Working on adapting CKAN to EUDAT needs
- Priorities:
 - Proper use of OAI-PMH and adaptor modules for modularity
 - Switch on facetted browsing function next to tag based searching
 - Include more communities

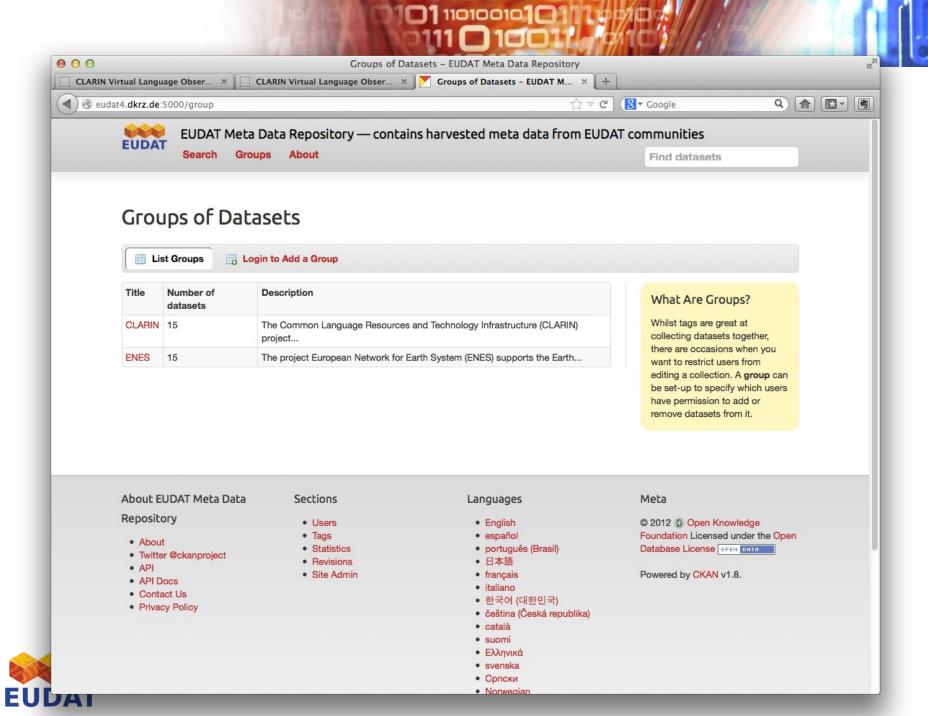


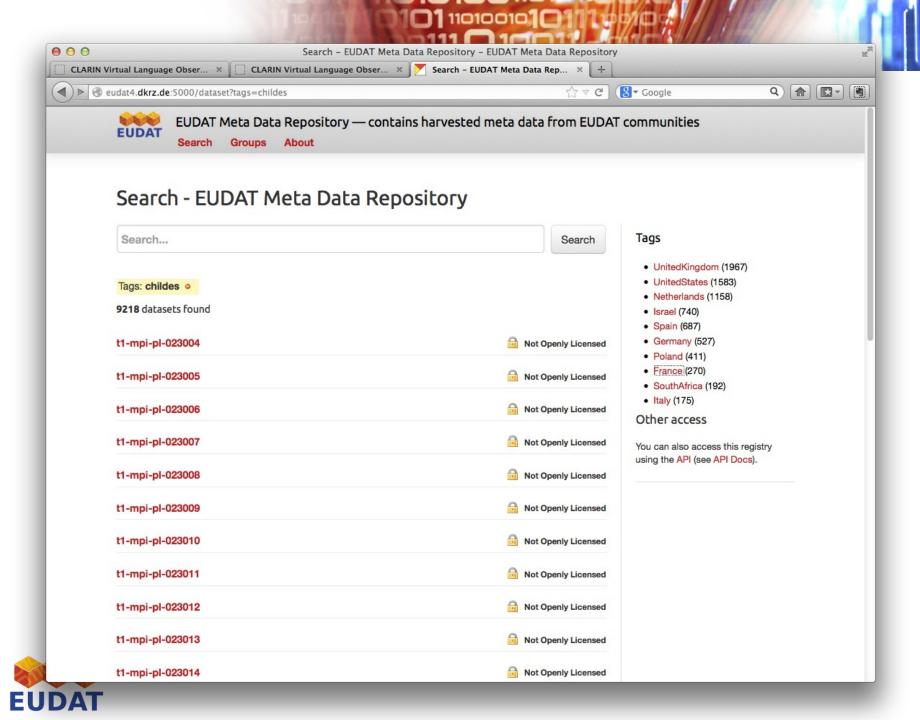
Metadata Catalogs

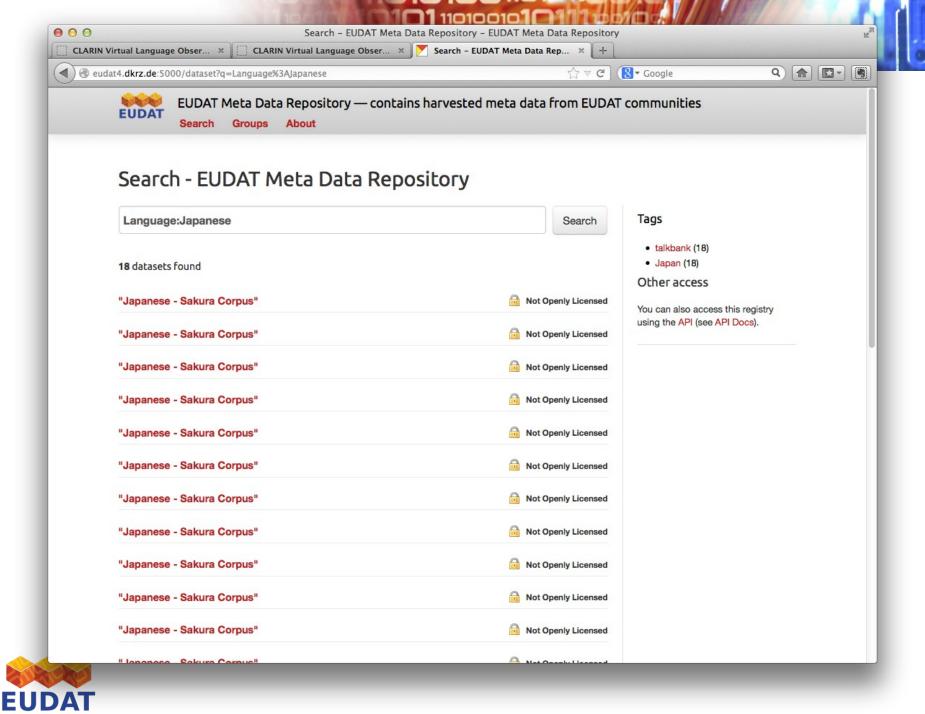
EUDAT prototype
 http://eudat4.dkrz.de:5000

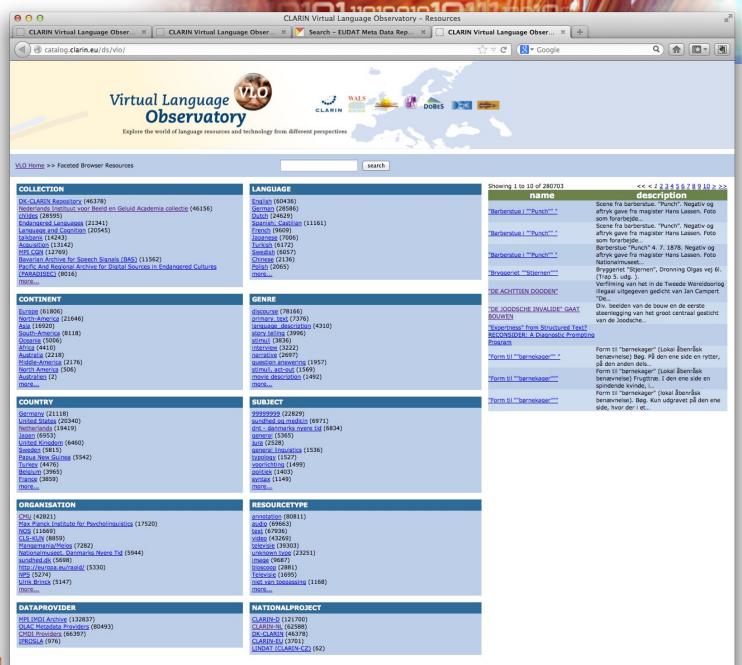
CLARIN VLO (Virtual Language Observatory)
 http://catalog.clarin.eu/ds/vlo/













Prototypes

- First prototype (target March 2013)
 - ENES, CLARIN metadata
 - CLARIN: 80.000 fixed schema record (C)IMDI
 - Limited number of adaptors.
- Second prototype
 - Specific topic related metadata:
 - Place: country, gps;
 - Time;
 - Subject (need subject taxonomy)



Thank you for your attention



CLARIN particulars

