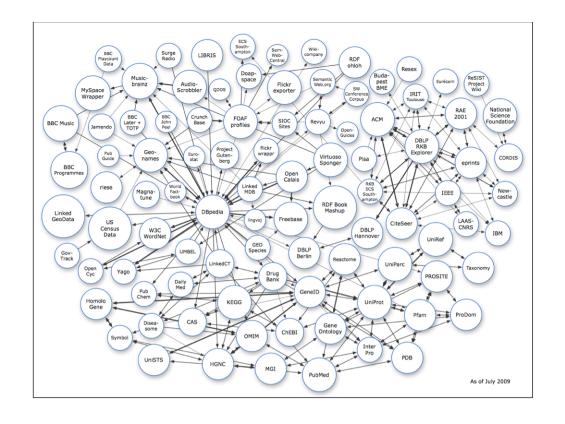
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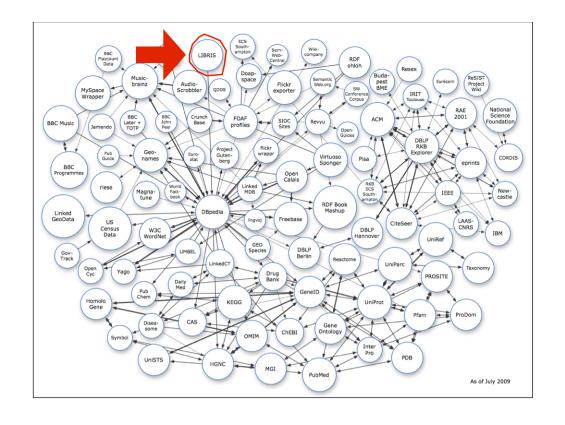
Anders Söderbäck LIBRIS, National Library of Sweden

Culture Institutions?

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museums
- Publishers
- Societies

Any
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What is Linked Data?

- "Best practices" for the semantic web
- A method to expose, share and link data with help of URI:s

Linked Data according to Tim Berners-Lee (2006)

- Use URIs as names for things
- Use HTTP URIs so that people can look up those names.
- When someone looks up a URI, provide useful information.
- Include links to other URIs, so that they can discover more things.

Data 3.0 (a Manifesto for Platform Agnostic Structured Data) according to Kingsley Idehen

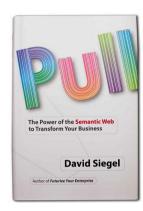
An "Entity" is the "Referent" of an "Identifier."

- An "Identifier" SHOULD provide a global, unambiguous, and unchanging (though it MAY be opaque!) "Name" for its "Referent".
- A "Referent" MAY have many "Identifiers" (Names), but each "Identifier" MUST have only one "Referent"
- Structured Entity Descriptions SHOULD be based on the Entity-Attribute-Value (EAV) Data Model, and SHOULD therefore take the form of one or more 3-tuples (triples), each comprised of:
 - an "Identifier" that names an "Entity" (i.e., Entity Name),
 - an "Identifier" that names an "Attribute" (i.e., Attribute Name), and
 - an "Attribute Value", which may be an "Identifier" or a "Literal".
- Structured Descriptions SHOULD be CARRIED by "Descriptor Documents" (i.e., purpose specific documents where Entity Identifiers, Attribute Identifiers, and Attribute Values are clearly discernible by the document's intended consumers, e.g., humans or machines).
- Structured Descriptor Documents can contain (carry) several Structured Entity Descriptions
- Stuctured Descriptor Documents SHOULD be network accessible via network addresses (e.g., HTTP URLs when dealing with HTTP-based Networks).
- An Identifier SHOULD resolve (de-reference) to a Structured Representation of the Referent's Structured Description.

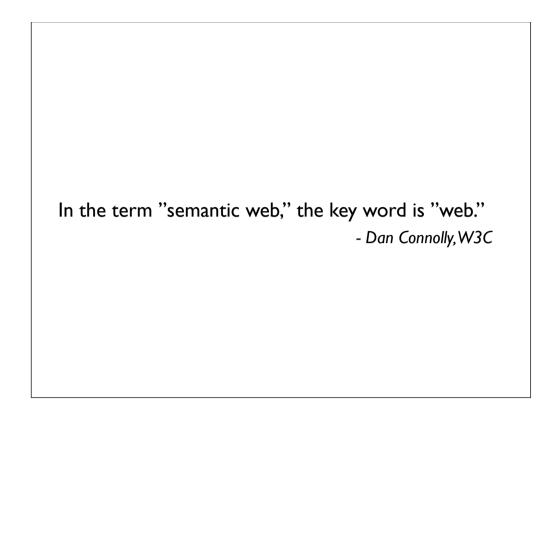
http://www.openlinksw.com/blog/kidehen@openlinksw.com/blog/?id=1624

"The Semantic Web Acid Test"

- Is it semantic?
- Is it on the web?



From David Siegel - Pull, http://thepowerofpull.com



What is LIBRIS?

- Swedish union catalog
- Library directory
- Search interface
- Library infrastructure

What is LIBRIS?

- Existance since 1970
- Online public access (for humans) since 1997
- Open (or semi-open...) bibliographic records since 1997
- Marc21 since 2001
- Linked Open Data since 2008

LIBRIS Union Catalogue

- 180 libraries
- 6,5 million bib records
- 20 million holdings
- 250k authority records
- National bibliography

LIBRIS Library Directory

- Roughly 2000 libraries
- ILL information
- Administrative information
- Technical information
- Geographic locations

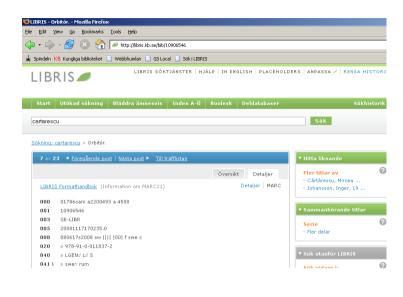


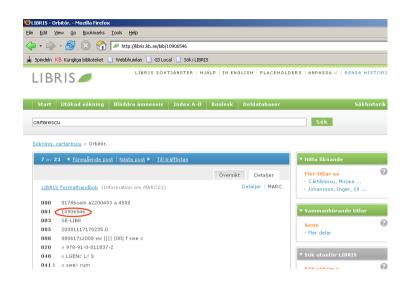
LIBRIS as Infrastructure

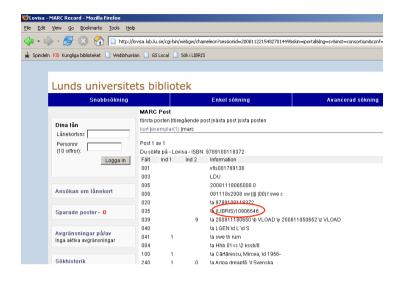


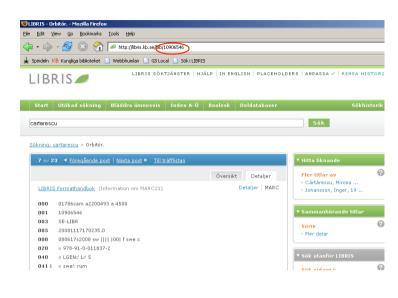
LIBRIS as Infrastructure

- Human Cataloging
- Automated imports of data
- Automated exports of data
- Open APIs
- LIBRIS-ID master identifier for bibliographic data in Sweden





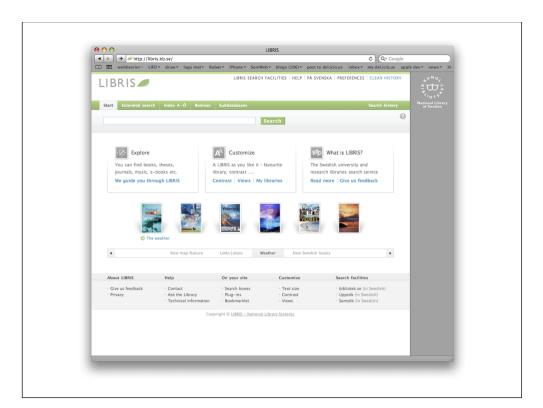


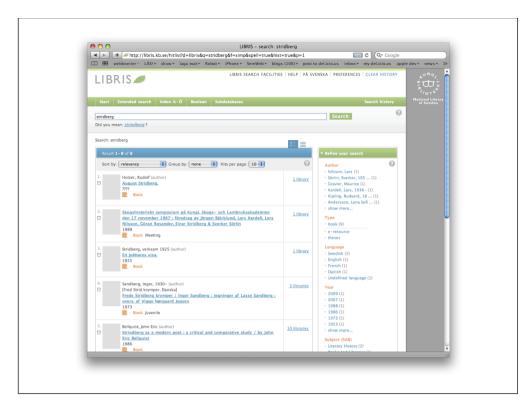


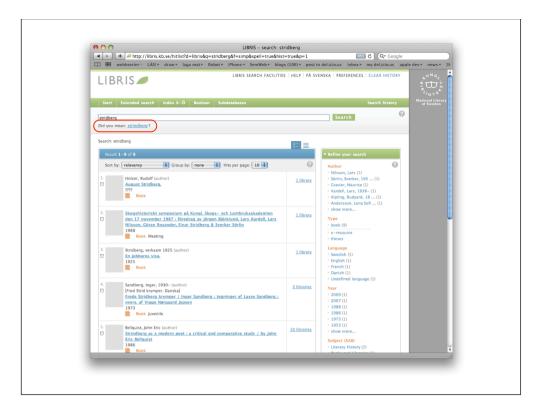
Why Linked Data?

New LIBRIS web interface

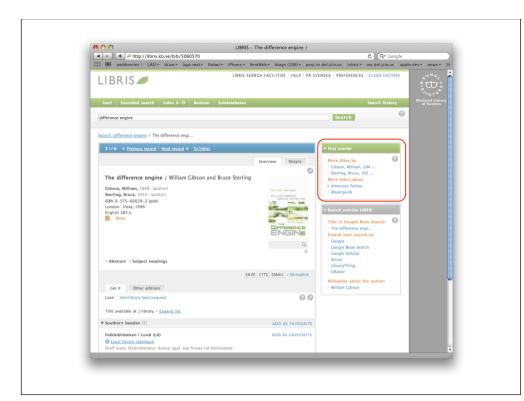
- Project 2006-2007
- Launch dec 2007
- "Next-Gen OPAC"

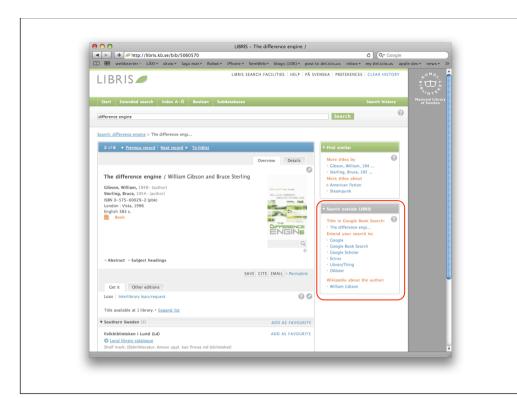


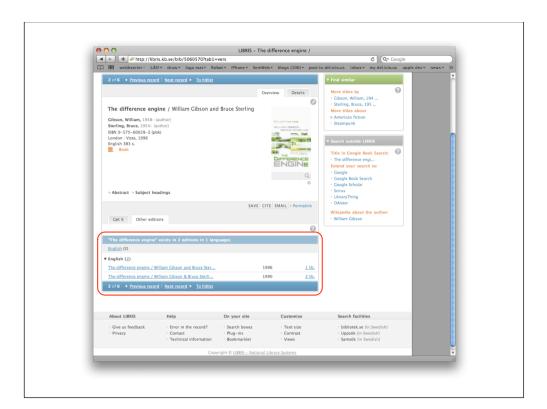












What does the world want from us?

- Good, usable, nice looking interfaces
- Data
- APIs..?

What doesn't the world want from us?

- Library specific protocols
- Neither z39.50 nor ISO2709

Design a thing by considering it in its next largest context - a chair in at room, a room in a house, a house in an environment, environment in a city plan.

- Eliel Saarinen

A library catalog must be designed by considering its context of the Web.

What is the Web?

- An infrastructure
- An environment
- The Web is social
- The Web is made of links
- The Web is a network
- The Web is an open system

Catalogs in Web context

- Need to be open
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Catalog/Web as Network

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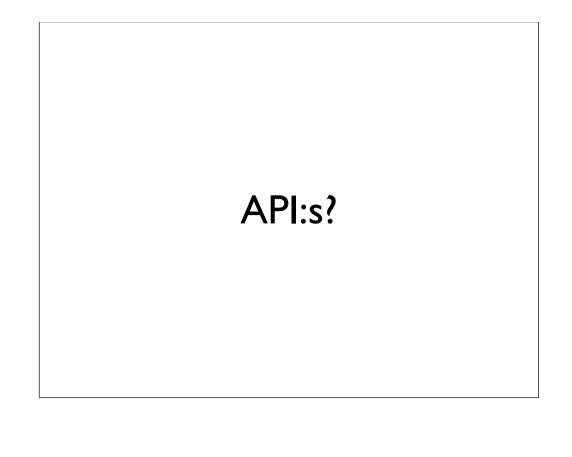
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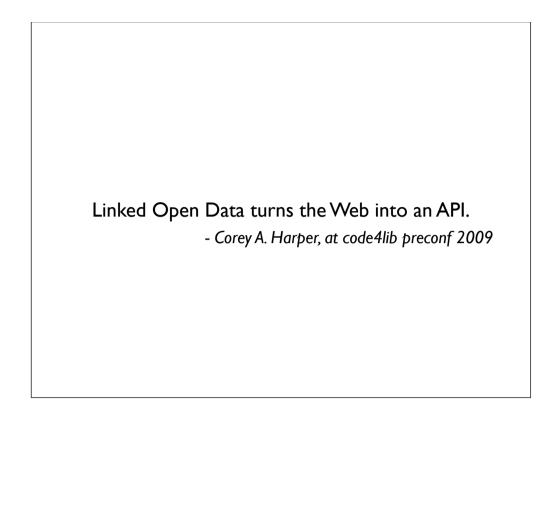


How APIs suck...

- We have made quite a few of them...
- Bigger demand for APIs than we could meet.
- APIs tend to limit use to what was intended by the creator of the API
- Context specific
- We would never, ourselves, be satisfied with having only API access to data
- APIs don't give the full view
- "What if there was a good way to provide all the data..? And all the relations..?"

It's time to dis-integrate the catalog, weave it into the Web, and push forward to the future.

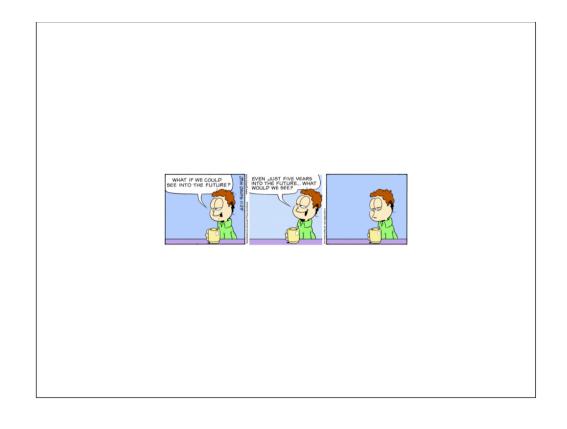
- Karen G. Schneider, "How OPACs suck" (2006)



And the Culture Institutions..?

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museums
- Publishers
- Societies

- TV-channels
- Newspapers
- Clubs
- Banks
- Churches

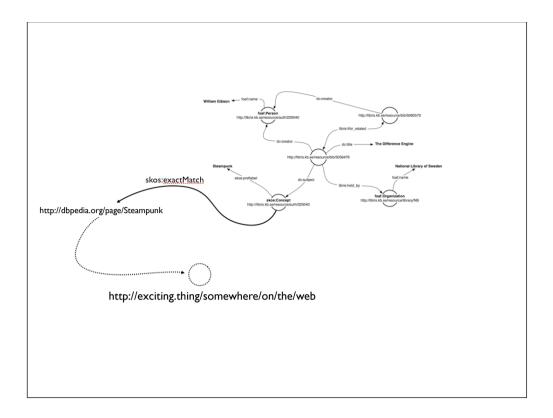




As a matter of fact...



...the future is a work-in-progress.

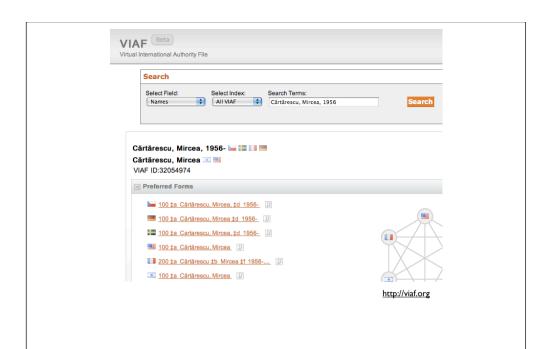


Network effects arise when the act of participation makes the entire network more useful for everyone.

- Ian Davis, Talis



http://www.crossref.org/CrossTech/2010/03/dois_and_linked_data_some_conc.html





Working together to align the global network

An independent, community effort to standardize researcher identification

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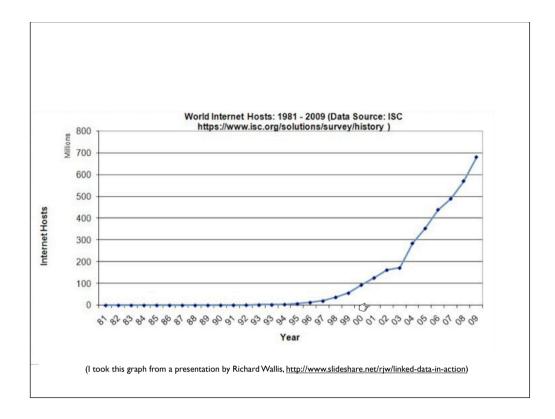
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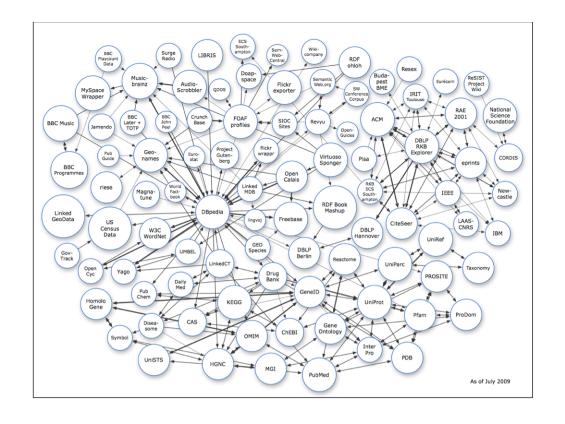


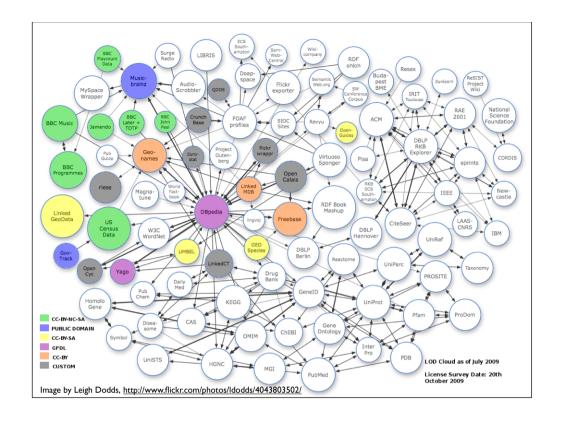
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Open World vs.
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"A piece of knowledge is open if you are free to use, reuse, and redistribute it"

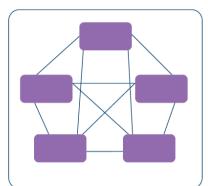
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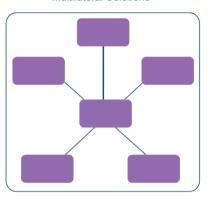




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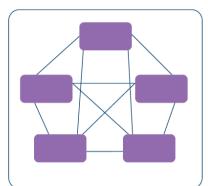


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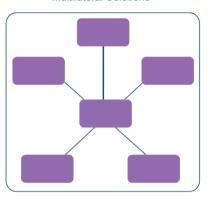




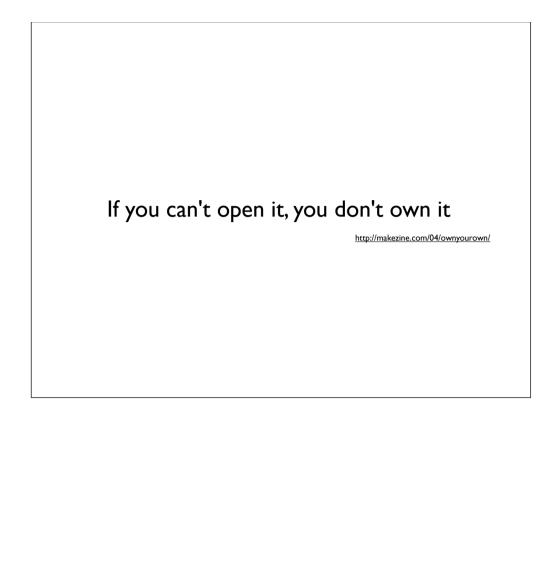
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Problems...

- Current library systems are not adapted for linked data
- Current bibliographic thinking is not adapted for linked data
- Current legal framework is not adapted for linked data
- All this will change...

Things to discuss

- Open networks outpaces walled gardens
- Strong networks require more than only one hub
- Redundancy is not necessarily a problem
- 'Good enough' beats perfection

Thanks!

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