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Possible Scenario of Use

- 1. Data and Service Providers declare themselves as providers.
- 2. Providers declare the kind of data or services they wish to provide.
- 3. They define and provide the metadata.
- 4. They provide their data.
- 5. All the harvested metadata is mapped to a unified and normalized XML schema.
- 6. The system traces and retrieves terms from the metadata and coreferences it with external authorities.
- 7. All metadata is stored in the metadata repository.
- 8. End user queries the data/metadata/services by using predefined queries or query formulation.



Components of the Infrastructure

1. Metadata Repository:

Management of Metadata based on Biodiversity Ontology (based on MarineTLO, inspired by ISO 21121) Identifier Generation Service.

- 2. Directory Service (~ Lifewatch Catalogue Service): Keeps information on available data /services/tools provided by the infrastructure.
- 3. Mapping Mechanism:

Maps the metadata from the data files described in various formats to the unique format accepted by the Metadata Repository.

- 4. Co-reference Directory: Co-reference resolution on instances/terms/services etc.
- 5. Ingest Tool: Ingest the metadata from various selected databases to the central metadata repository.
- 6. Access Manager: Authorization/authentication control.
- 7. Query Manager: Query Formulation & Execution
- 8. Content Storage: Data storage for datasets/images/maps/sequences etc.



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Data Flow Example



DwC and Semantic Models

- DwC can be translated without loss into Semantic Model.
- Semantic Model can be reduced to DwC.
- Complete compatibility with DwC services.
- Easy addition of features for increased precision (data tolerances, modalities etc.).



DwC drawbacks

- Often leaves the interpretation of the relationships between the whole record and one of its fields to the intuition of the human reader (it cannot be used to draw logical conclusion without human intervention) - No reasoning can be applied.
- Complex events causally related cannot be described.
- Fields like prey of and predator of are missing. Extensions by adding fields without property subsumption cause a proliferation of queries to collect related information.
- A well-defined ontology a formal definition of *relationships* between concepts in this domain and between its disciplines can solve this problem without increasing complexity.
- Shorter queries to retrieve the same kind of information than with DwC



MarineTLO

- Inspired by ISO 21121, OBOE, INSPIRE, DwC and others. It follows the event pattern
 - Things, people and ideas meeting in space and time
 - Strong mechanism for heterogeneous complementary information
- defines the underlying semantics of database schemata used in marine domain in terms of a formal ontology.
- does not define any of the terminology typically appearing as data in the respective data structures.
- foresees the characteristic relationships for its use.
- enables semantic interoperability.
- facilitates the knowledge sharing, information exchange integration, between heterogeneous sources found distributed across various infrastructures by providing a common understanding of the concepts and entities and relationships holding between them.



Occurrence Records in DwC

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Occurrence (more info)



Identification



Measurement Records Example

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year	2009
month	10
day	11
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Measurement





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The Graph



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