Dublin Core at 21

Personal Reflections

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Agenda...

- My sense of "Dublin Core"
- Update of the 'Weibel' timeline
- Update of the 'Weibel' grades for Dublin Core
2010-2016

My sense of it...
"Dublin Core: An Obituary"
—Jeffrey Beall, Library Hi Tech News; Vol. 21, No 8, 2004

Abstract: The Dublin Core Metadata Standard was conceived illegitimately, had a troubled life, and has finally met its demise. Developed as a tool for online resource discovery, the standard waned after the arrival of Google. Because its fields were designed with a lack of specificity, Dublin Core suffered from nonstandard data elements and poor interoperability. Also, the poor organization behind the initiative contributed to its failure. Dublin Core will likely soon be replaced by an emerging standard, the Metadata Object Description Schema. –Emerald / Insight

"Dublin Core is Still Dead"
—Jeffrey Beall, Library Hi Tech News; Vol. 31, No 9, 2014

"Aren't you finished yet?"
—Anonymous

...seems the World doesn't think so
562 Vocabularies in LOV

DUBLIN CORE

vann
foaf
skos
dcterm
cc
dce
vs
schema
geo
gr
prov
event
time
bibo
void
adms
org
cc
dctype
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2010-2016

Weibel Timeline Update
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| 1994 | • 13 Elements  
      • 15 (the slippery slop begins)  
      • Dumb Down principle (refine, not broaden)  
      • One to one principle (Ranganathan Reborn) |
| 1997 | • Qualifiers: element refinements and encoding schemes (slipperier yet) |
| 1999 | • Governance and organization |
| 2000 | • Application profiles |
| 2001 | • Standardization  
      • Workshops become conferences  
      • Data models, always data models  
      • The tarpits of syntax reconciliation |
| 2007 | • DC Abstract Model |
| 2008 | • DCMI is independent |

*Stu Weibel...Keynote, DC-2010*
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| 2013 | • DCMI "winds up" as nonprofit in Singapore  
      • DCMI becomes a project of ASIS&T |
| 2014 | • Process started to standardize "dcterms" as ISO 15836, Part 2  
      • DCMI becomes member of W3C |
| 2014 | • Learning Resource Metadata Initiative (LRMI) specification approved as DCMI Community Specification & transferred to DCMI by Creative Commons (CC) and Association of Educational Publishers (AEP) |
| 2015 | • Significant increase in educational outreach through joint webinar series with ASIS&T |
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Onward to the Panel!

Questions? Comments?