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Generic Dataset Metadata Template

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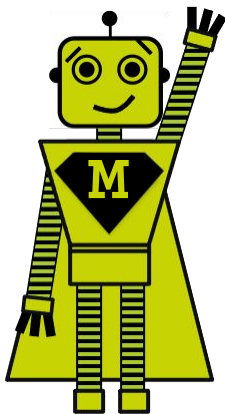
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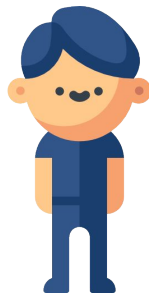
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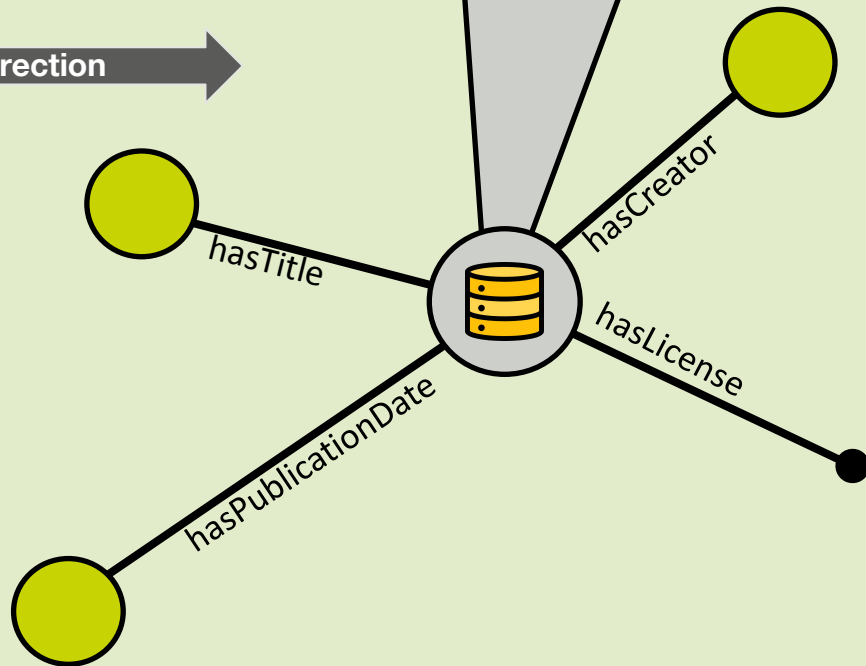
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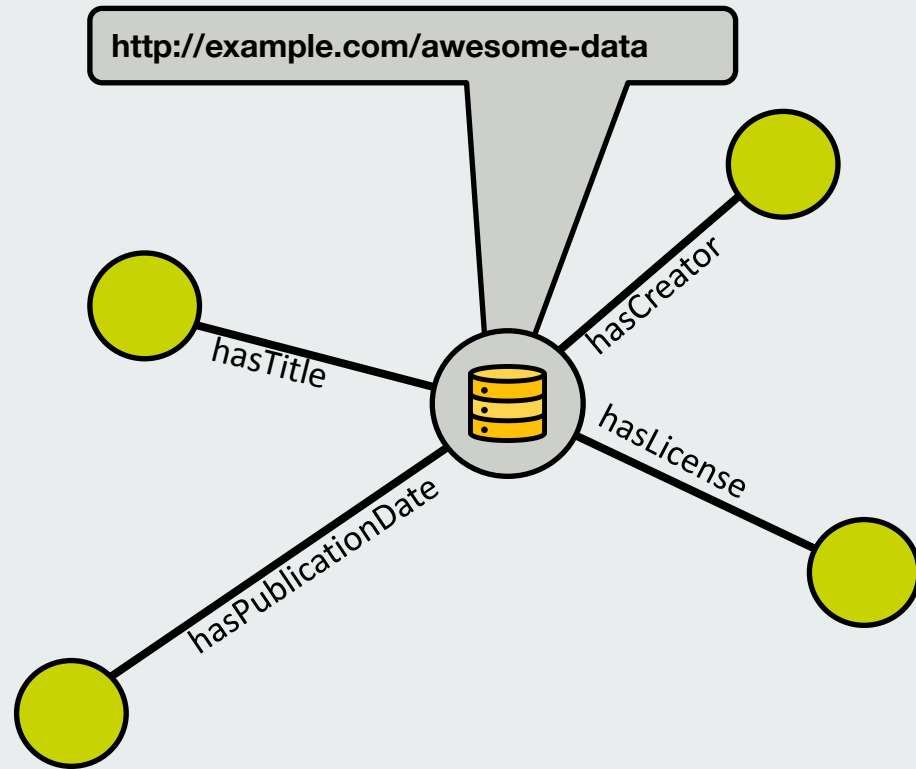
Understandable only by humans

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Desired direction

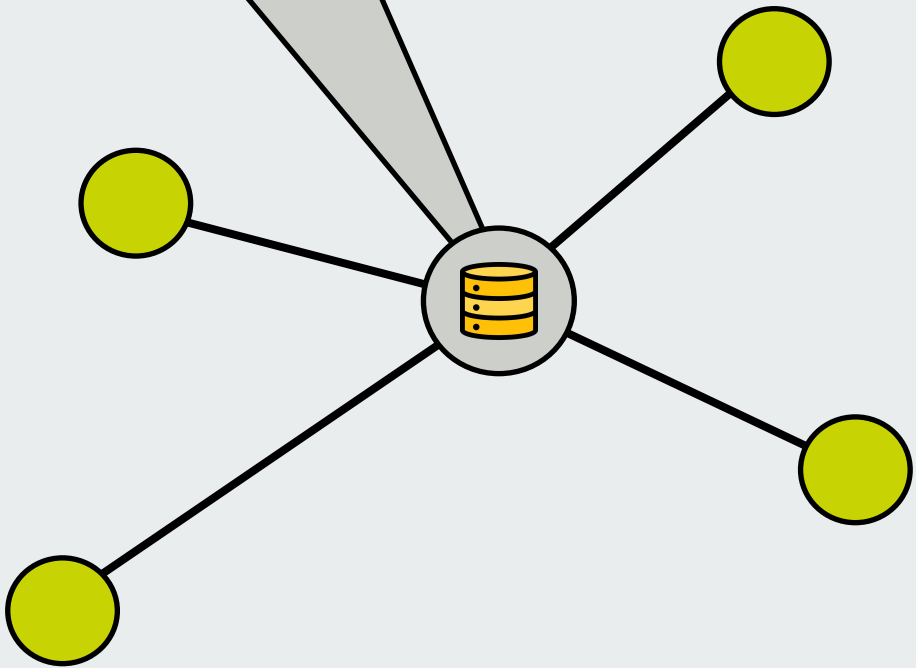


Understandable by humans and machines

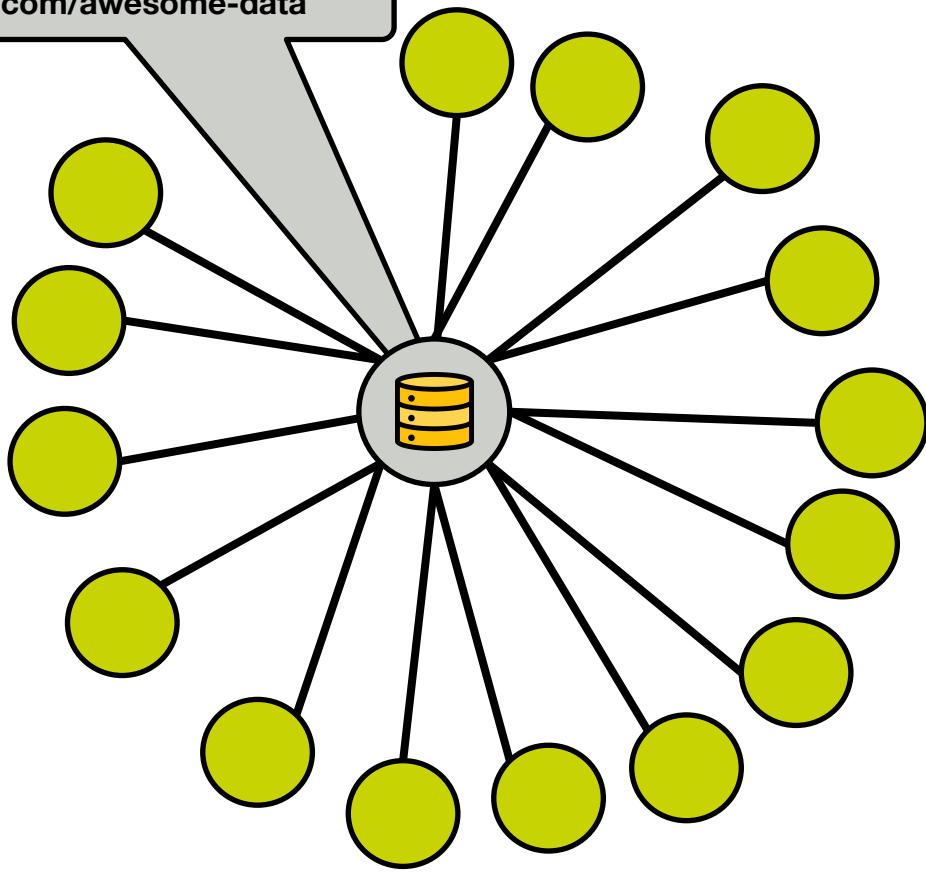


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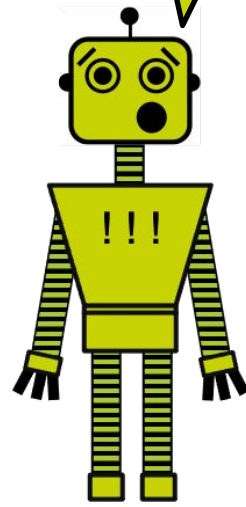
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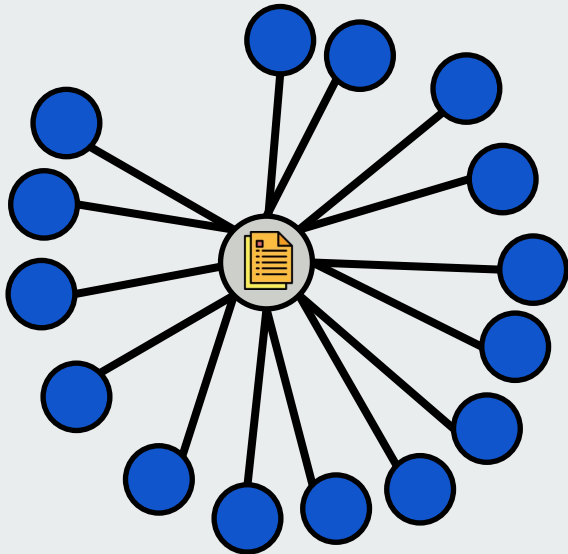
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Wow so rich!



Metadata Template



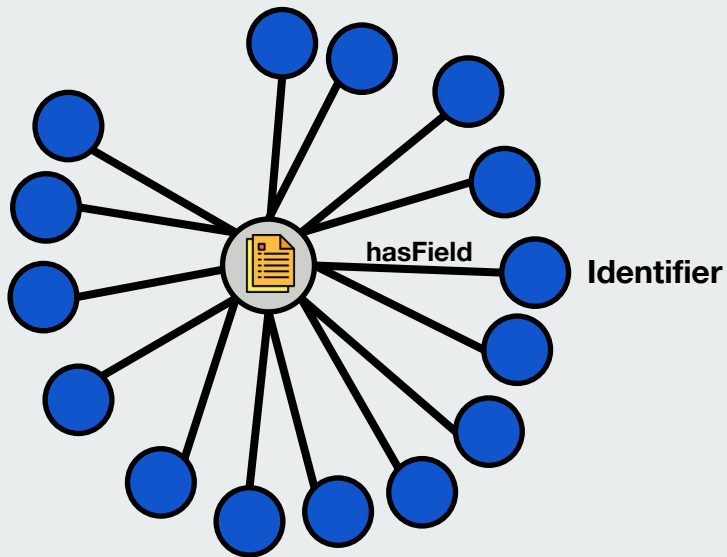
**Graph
representation**

Field*	Value
Identifier	<i>insert identifier</i>
Title	<i>insert title</i>
Creator	<i>insert creator</i>
Publication date	<i>insert publication_date</i>
License	<i>insert license</i>
...	...

**(Web) Form
representation**

***Field = Property**

Metadata Template



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(Web) Form representation

*Field = Property

Transition to machine actionable template

Field	Value
Title	<i>insert_title</i>
Creator	<i>insert_creator</i>
Publication date	<i>insert_publication_date</i>
License	<i>insert_license</i>
Subject	<i>insert_subject</i>
Variable	<i>insert_variable</i>
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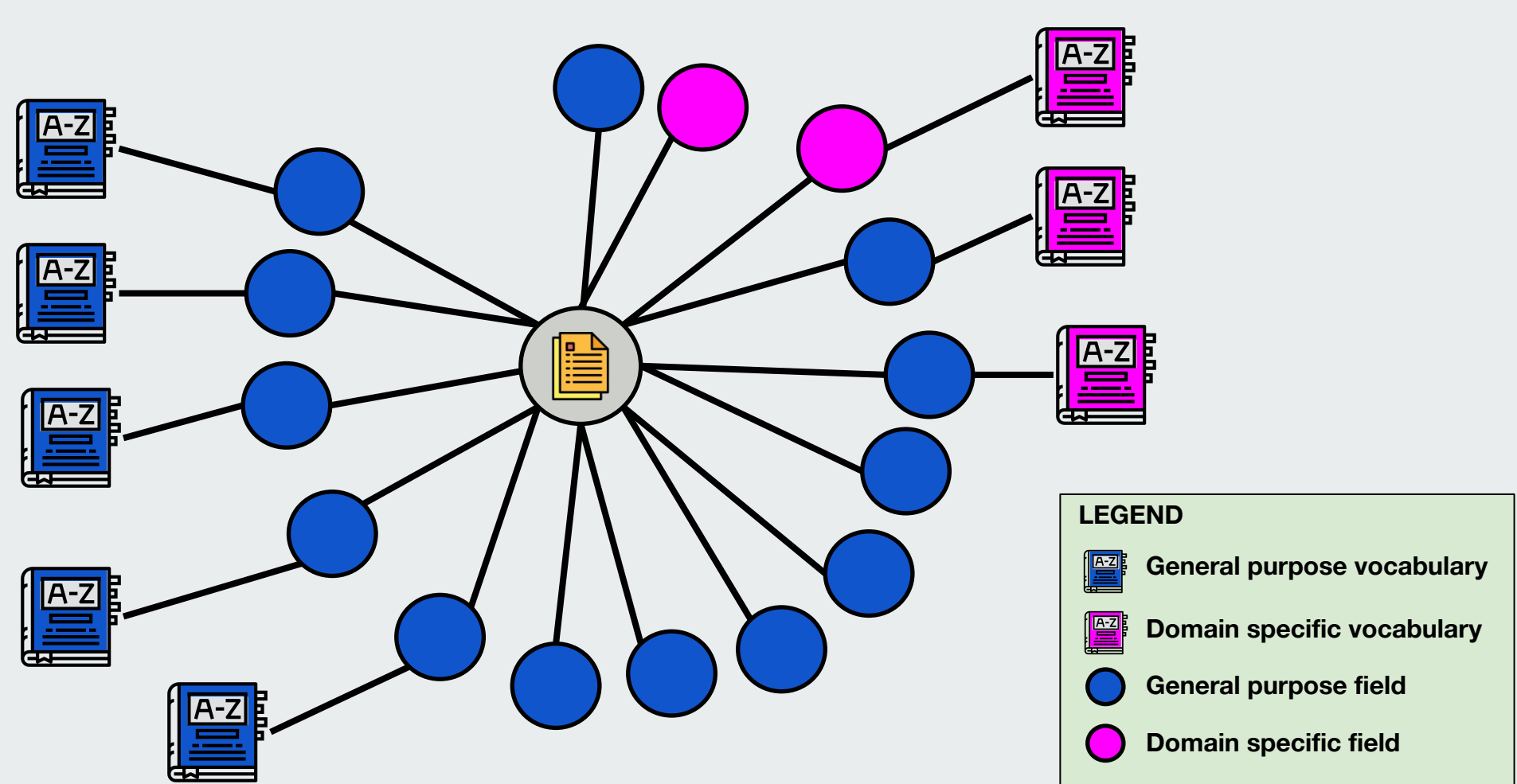


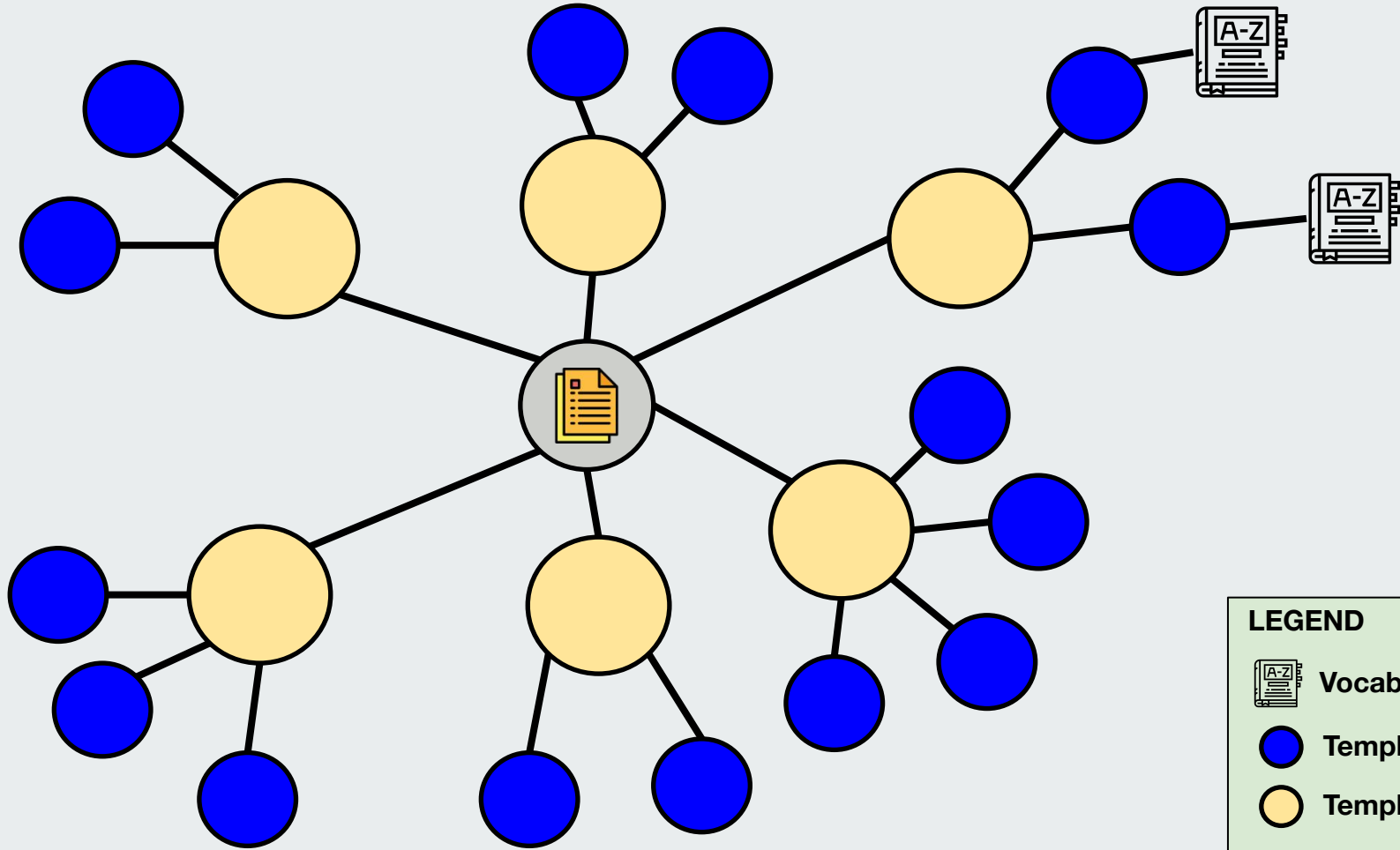
Human readable template

Field	Value
http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title	Free text
http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator	URL representing ORCID ID
http://vocab.fairdatacollective.org/gdmt/hasDatasetDate	datetime string
http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/rights	https://spdx.org/licenses/
http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/subject	http://data.windenergy.dtu.dk/controlled-terminology/taxonomy-topics/
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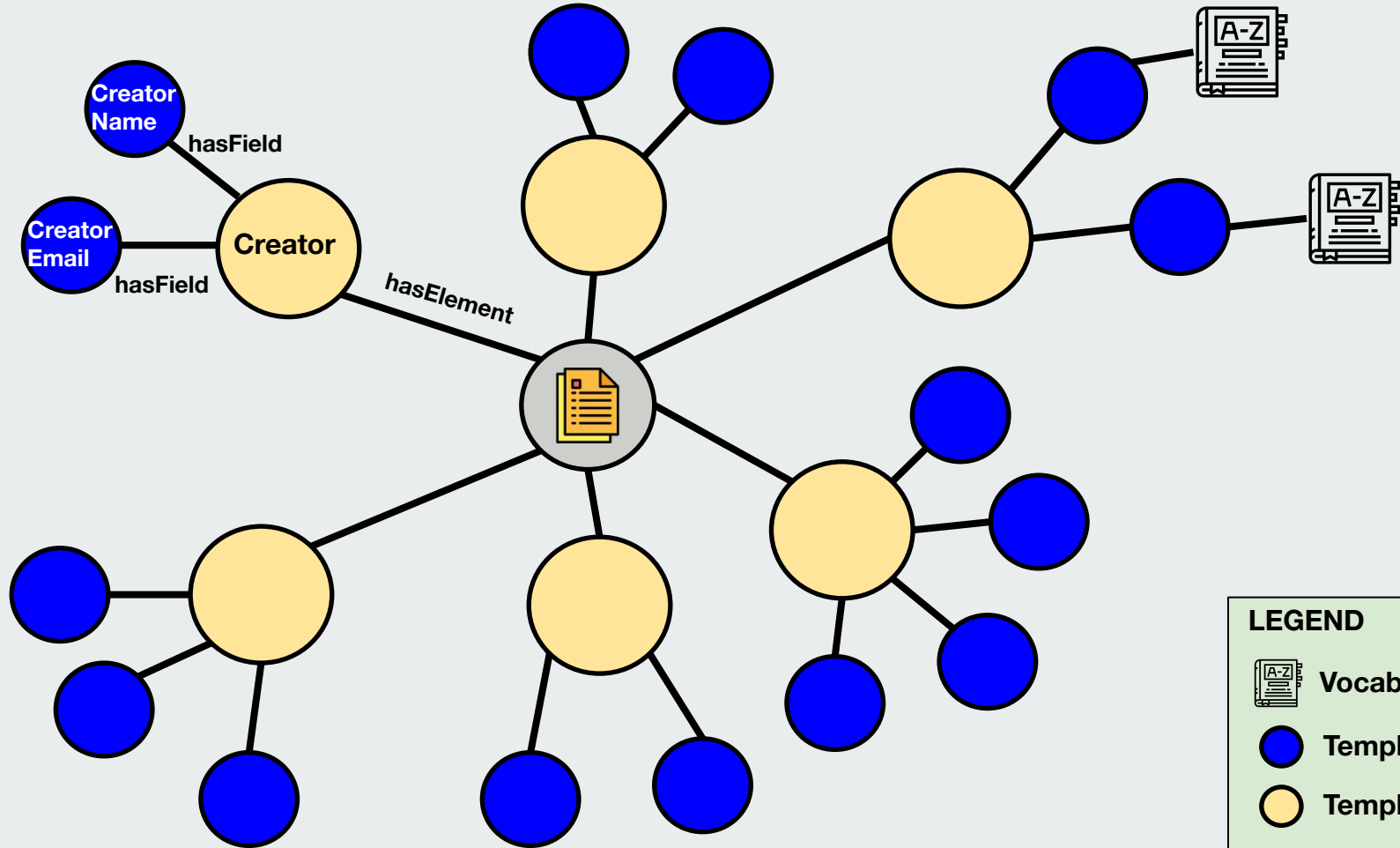
Human and machine actionable template








LEGEND

-  Vocabulary
-  Template field
-  Template element

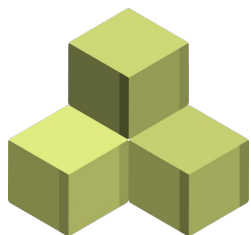


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Controlled vocabulary specs

RDF

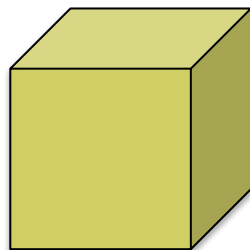


DATA
MODEL

TURTLE

JSON-LD

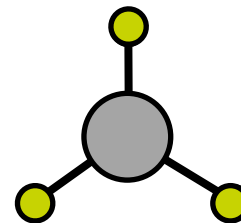
XML-RDF



FORMAT

SKOS

OWL



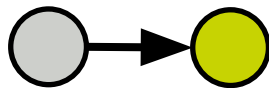
REPRESENTATION
LANGUAGE

Why RDF, Turtle and SKOS?

- **RDF** (Resource Data Framework) is a standard model for information (e.g. vocabularies) interchange on the Web
- **Turtle** is a common, human-readable and very compact data format for storing RDF data
- **SKOS** (Simple Knowledge Organization System) is a W3C recommendation designed for representation of thesauri, classification schemes, taxonomies, subject-heading systems, or **any other type of structured controlled vocabulary**.

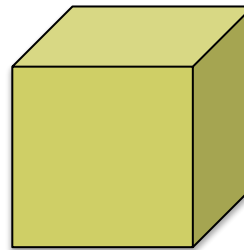
Metadata specs

LINKED DATA



APPROACH

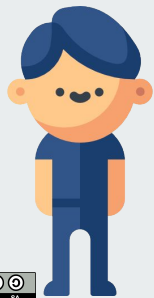
JSON-LD



FORMAT

Why LINKED DATA and JSON-LD?

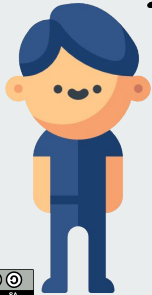
- **LINKED DATA** builds upon standard Web technologies such as HTTP and URIs/IRIs, but rather than using them to serve web pages for human readers, it extends them to share information in a way that can be read automatically by machines. This enables data from different sources to be connected and queried.
- **JSON-LD** is a lightweight Linked Data format. It is easy for humans to read and write. It is based on the already successful JSON format and provides a way to help JSON data interoperate at Web-scale. **JSON-LD is an ideal data format for programming environments**, REST Web services, and unstructured databases such as Apache CouchDB and MongoDB.



So...where do we start !?

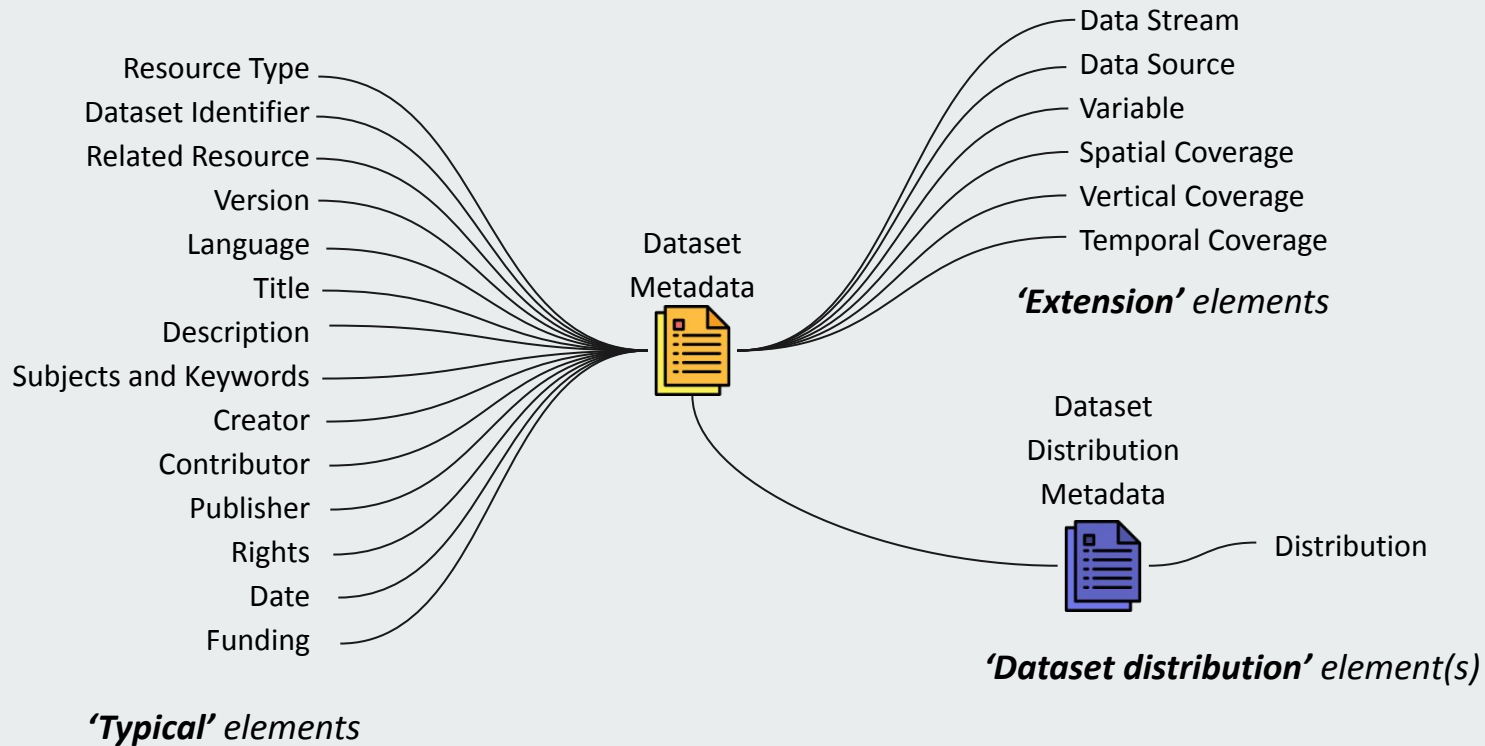


We start with a short intro to the
Generic Dataset Metadata Template
(**GDMT**)



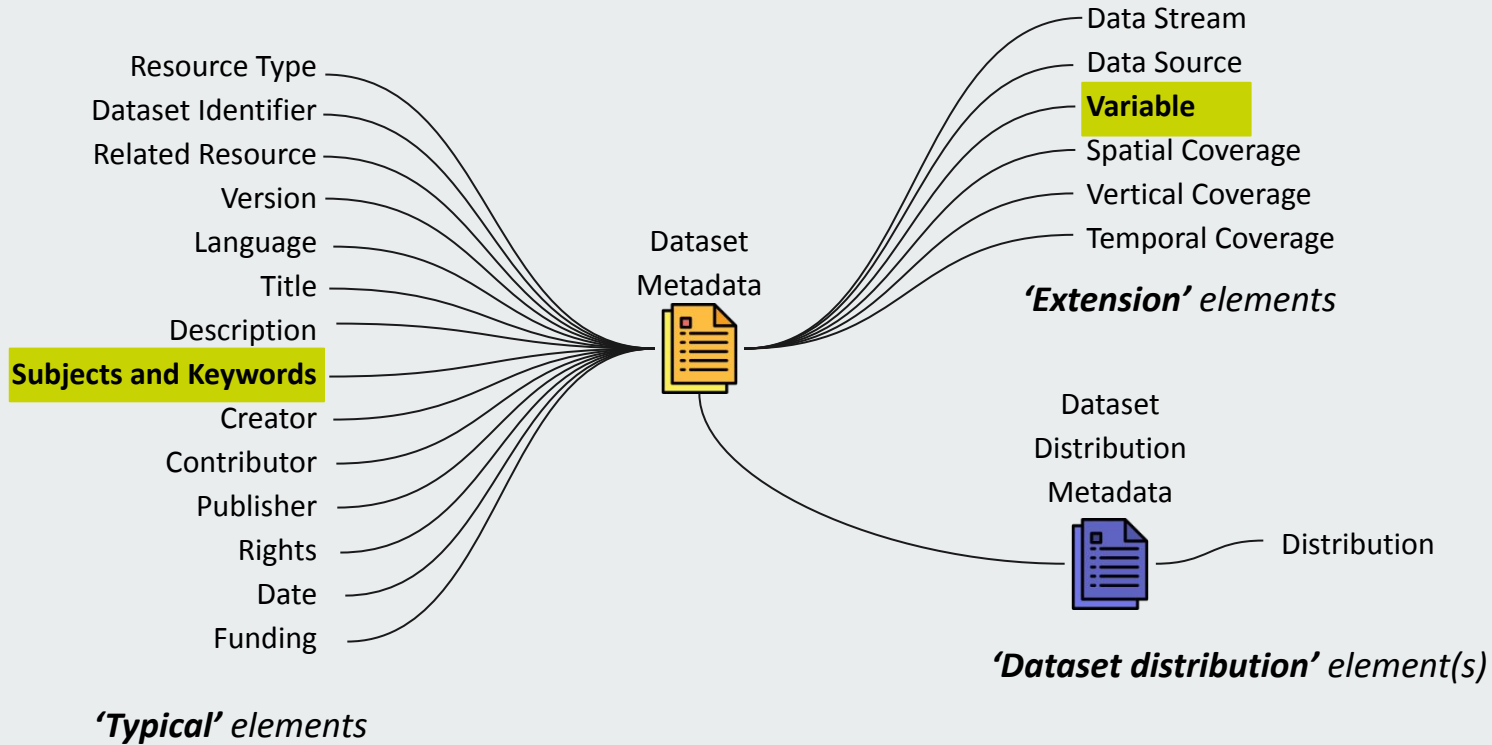
Generic Dataset Metadata Template (GDMT)

- Inspired by DataCite and DCAT scheme
- Scheme fused, improved, extended and ‘simplified’
- GDMT contains **100 fields** (‘only’ **13** mandatory) grouped in **~20 elements**
- Unlike the DataCite template, GDMT is **MACHINE-ACTIONABLE**, details at:
 - [CEDAR](#)
 - [GitHub](#)
- GDMT contains a **‘back-end’ vocabulary** that enables machine-actionability, which contains:
 - ~**130** RDF properties
 - ~**1000** controlled terms
- **GDMT was started during [M4M.5 & M4M.6](#)**



You can find definitions of elements and fields on [CEDAR](#) and [GitHub](#).

[OntoStack](#) serves the GDMT ontology, which contains a number of controlled terms and RDF properties that enable machine-actionability.



By creating domain specific controlled vocabularies and updating GDMT to use them, we turn this template to be domain specific

GDMT in CEDAR OpenView

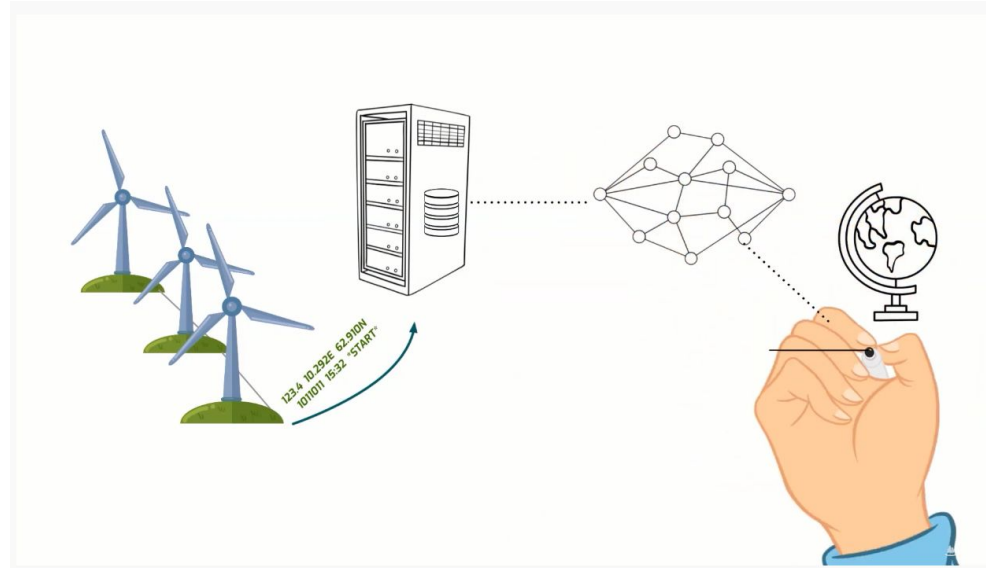
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://openview.metadacenter.org/templates/https:%2F%2Frepo.metadacenter.org%2F>. The page title is "Generic Dataset Metadata Template (GDMT) - Metadata template (Read-Only)". The breadcrumb trail is "CEDAR OpenView > Generic Dataset Metadata Template (GDMT) - Metadata template (Read-Only)".

The main content area is titled "View" and displays the "Generic Dataset Metadata Template (GDMT)". The form is organized into a tree structure:

- Generic Dataset Metadata Template (GDMT) (expandable)
 - Resource Type (expandable)
 - Dataset Identifier (expandable)
 - Version (expandable)
 - Language (expandable)
 - Title (1 of N) (expandable)
 - Subjects and Keywords (expandable)
 - Subject (1 of N) (expandable)
 - Subject Label (expandable)
 - Subject IRI (expandable)
 - Subject Scheme (expandable)
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 - Keyword (expandable)
 - Keyword (1 of N)

Each field in the form is represented by a horizontal line, indicating that the content is read-only.

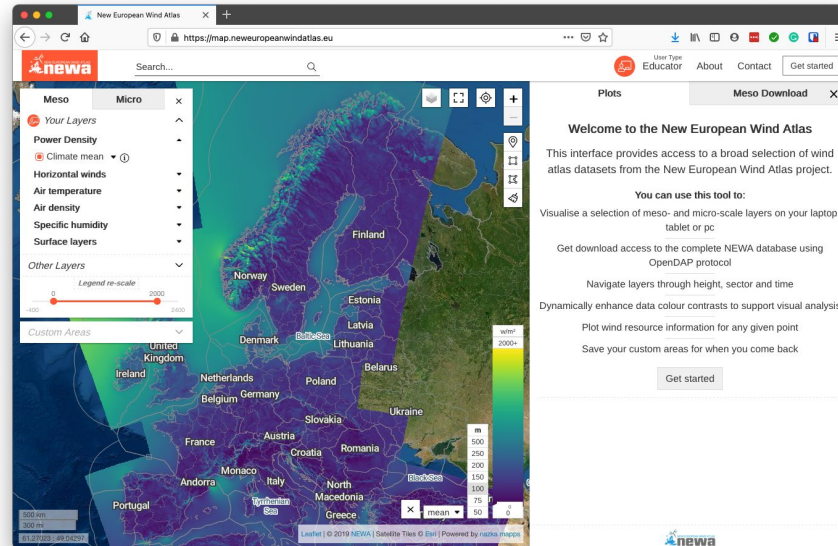
See Wind Energy use case



<http://bit.ly/we-fair>

Future work

- Automate metadata generation, i.e. reduce or completely remove a need for human interaction
- The idea will be implemented as one of the features of:
RESTful API for [New European Wind Atlas](#) micro scale data subsetting and aggregation

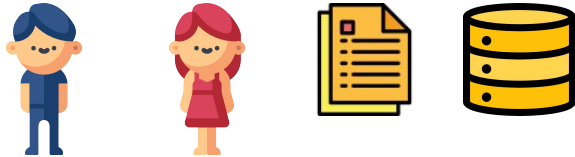




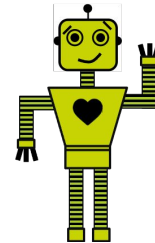
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