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## Learning PREMIS Knowledge Base: a Tool for Humans and Machines

Integrating Original Documentation for Annotating Ontology

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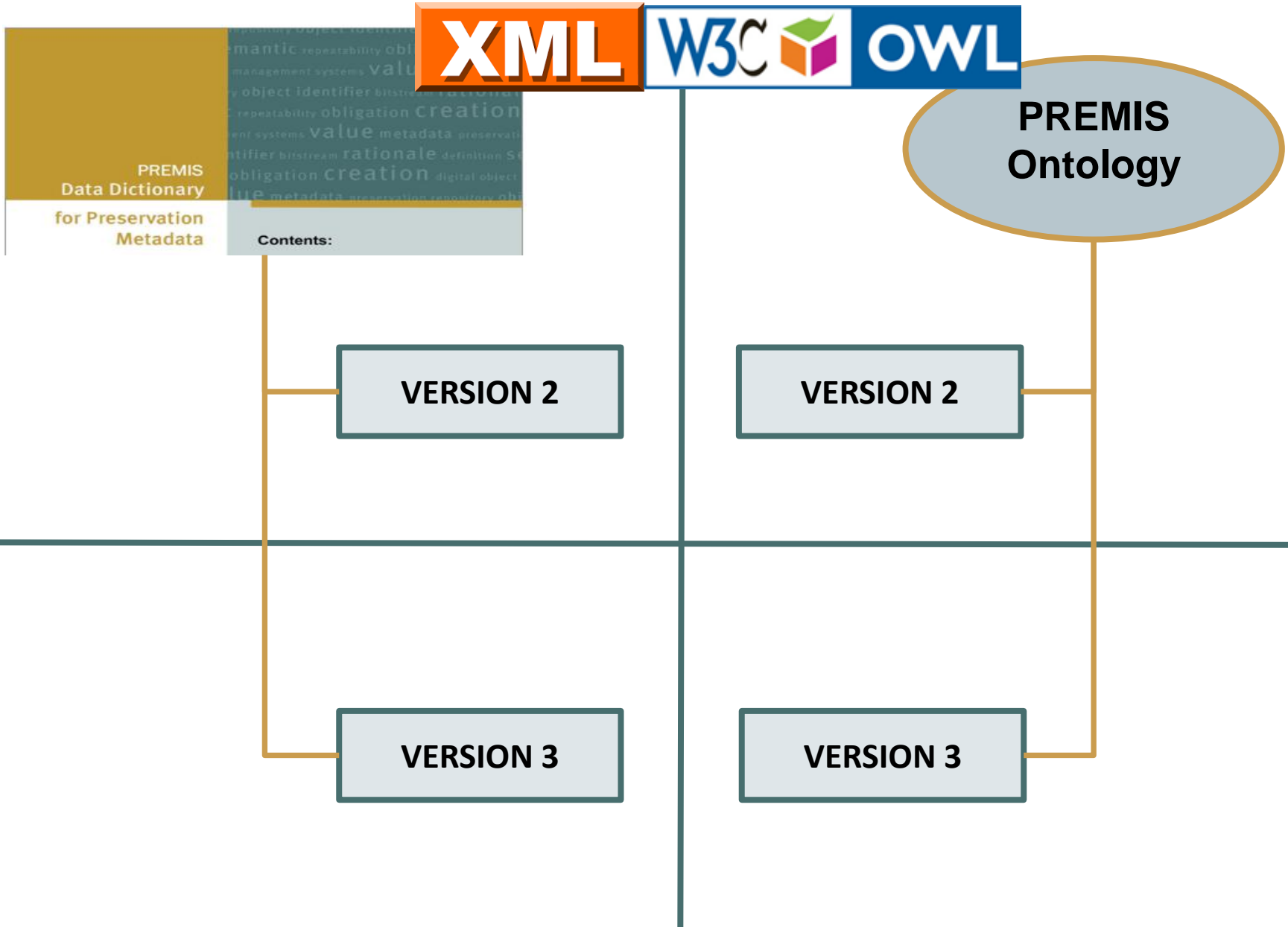
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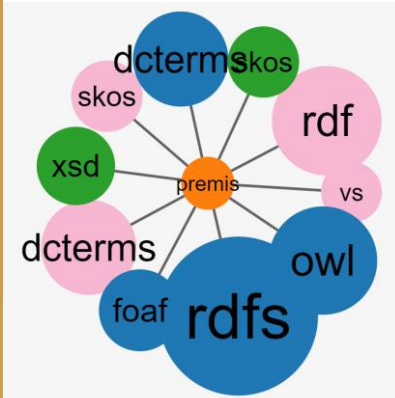




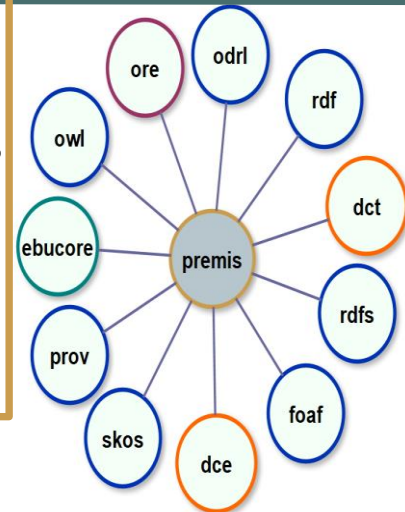
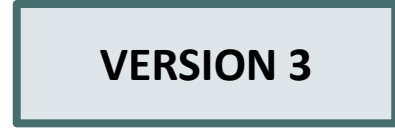
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- significant connections
- + codified knowledge



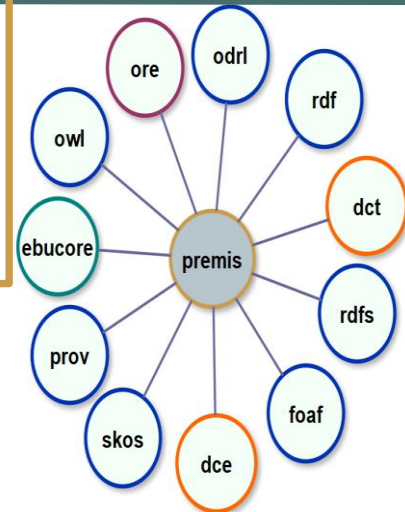
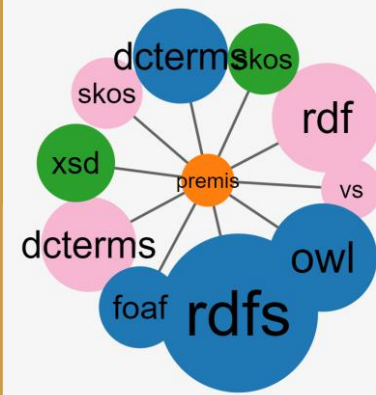
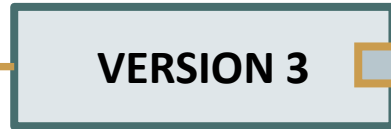
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C. W. Choo. The knowing organization: How organizations use information to construct meaning, create knowledge and make decisions. International journal of information management, 16(5):329340, 1996.

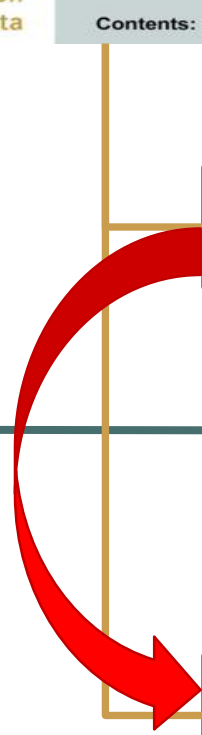
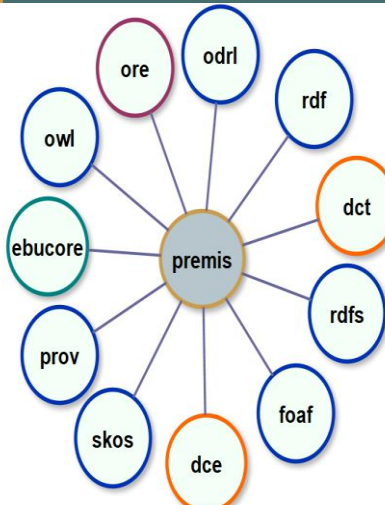
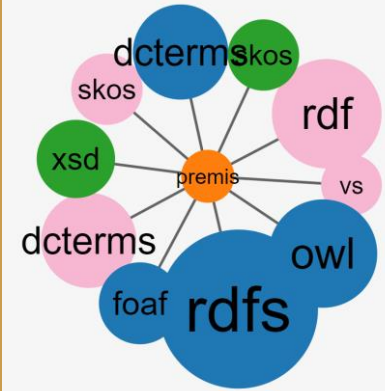


# Modeling PREMIS as a Linked Data Vocabulary





# Reciprocal influence in modeling





# Example: the knowledge about Fixity

PREMIS  
Data Dictionary  
for Preservation  
Metadata

Contents:

## PREMIS Ontology

### VERSION 2

```
<file1> a premis:File ;
premis:hasFixity <file1fixity> .
<file1fixity> a premis:Fixity ;
premis:hasMessageDigestAlgorithm crypHashFunc:md5 ;
premis:hasMessageDigest
"37ba62655d93e540a8195a6f02ec8bdc"^^xsd:string ;
premis:hasMessageDigestOriginator
"PHP 5.2.10 function"^^xsd:string .
```

### VERSION 2

Semantic units pages 59-63  
Special Topics page 258  
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### VERSION 3

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```
<file1> a premis:File ;
premis:fixity <file1fixity> .
<file1fixity> a crypHashFunc:md5 ;
rdf:value "258622b1688250cb619f3c9ccaefb7eb" ;
dct:creator <GNUgperf31> .
```



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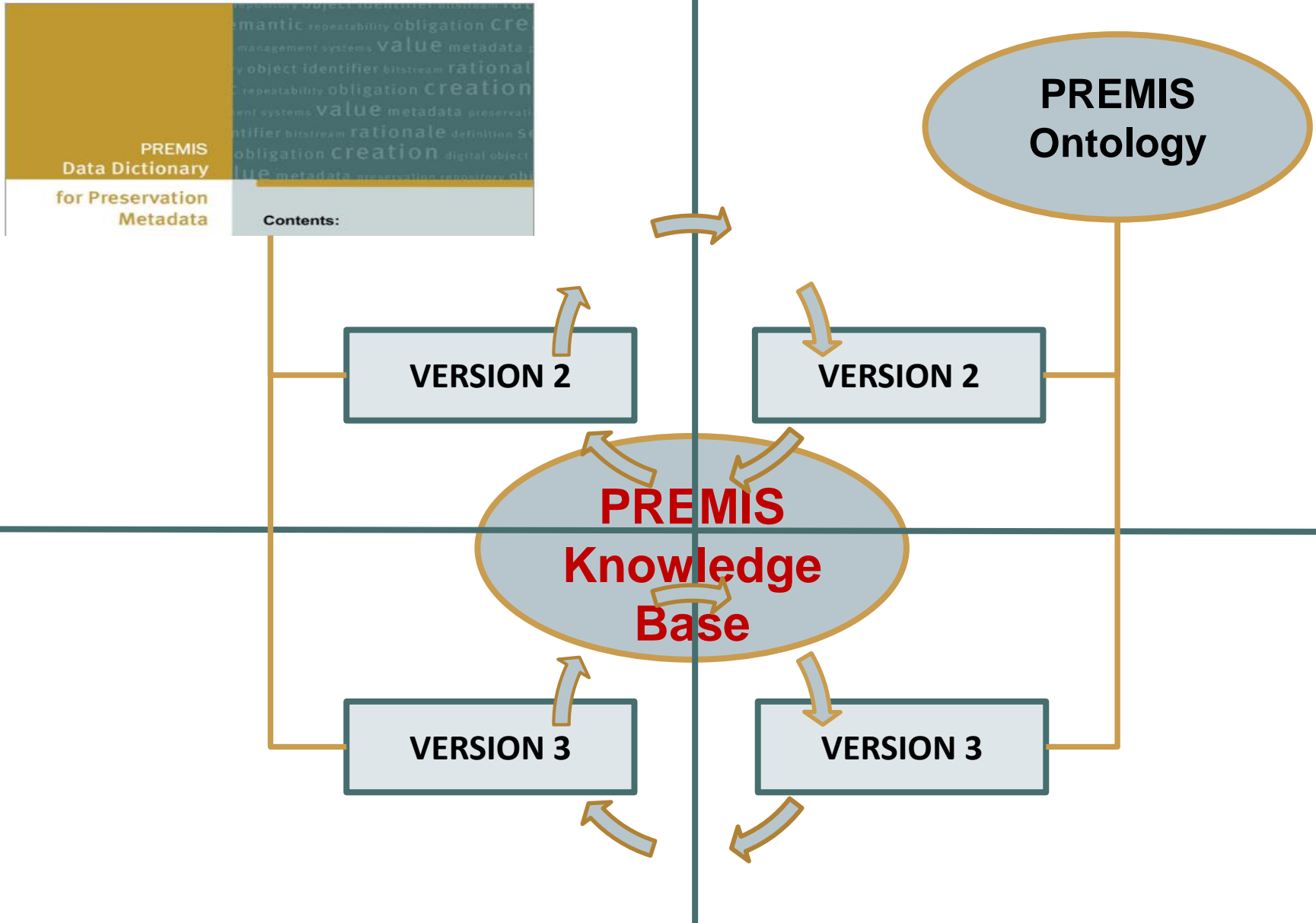
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"37ba62
premis:
"PHP 5.2
```

How functional  
information  
about premis:Fixity should  
be captured, structured in  
a computable form, and  
made accessible to the  
digital preservation  
community?

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# PREMIS Knowledge Base







# The attributes of PREMIS Semantic Units

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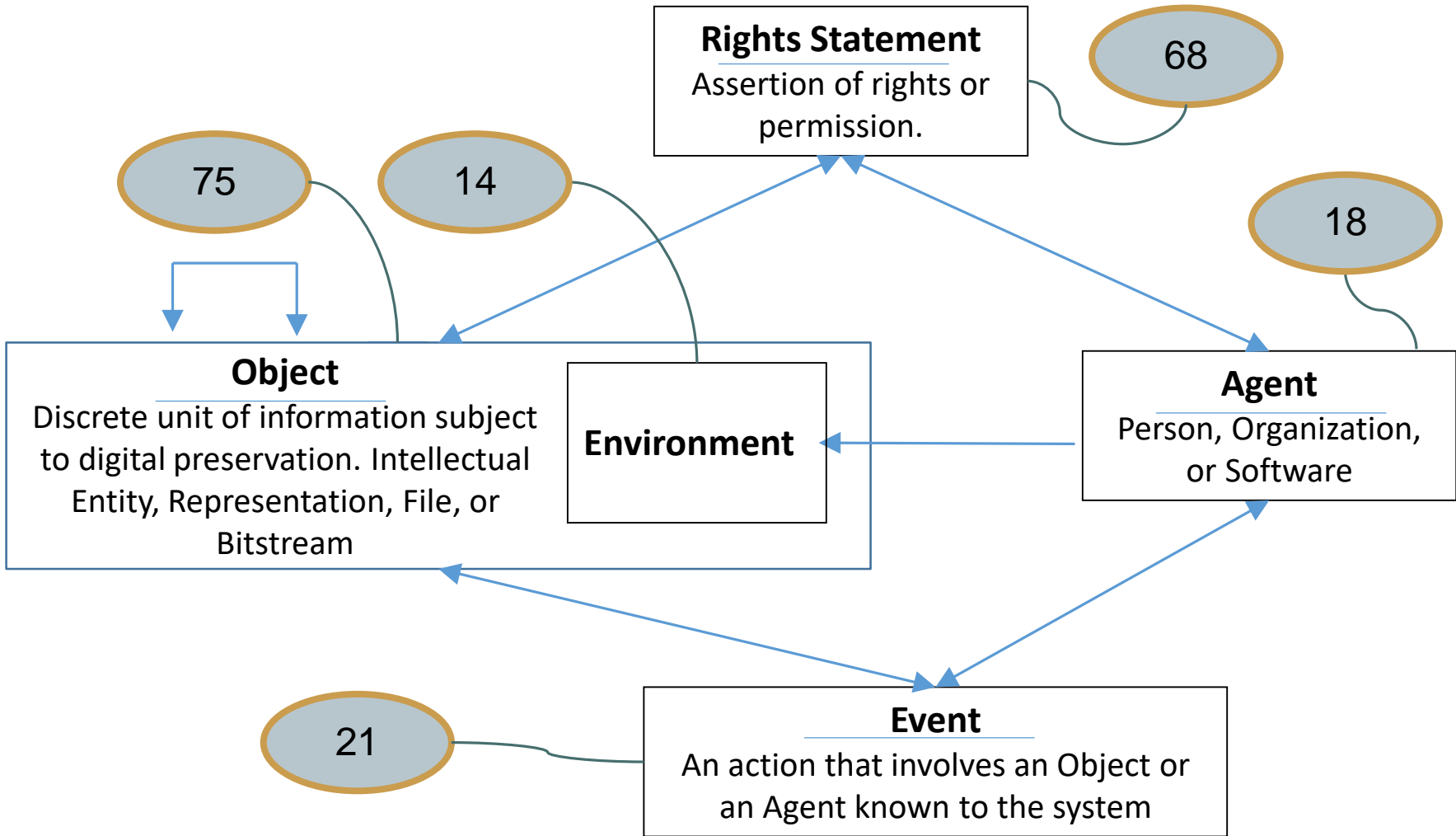
version 3.0  
June 2015

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  - Background
  - The PREMIS Data Model
  - General Topics on Structure & Use
  - Implementation Considerations
- The PREMIS Data Dictionary Version 3.0
  - Special Topics
  - Glossary

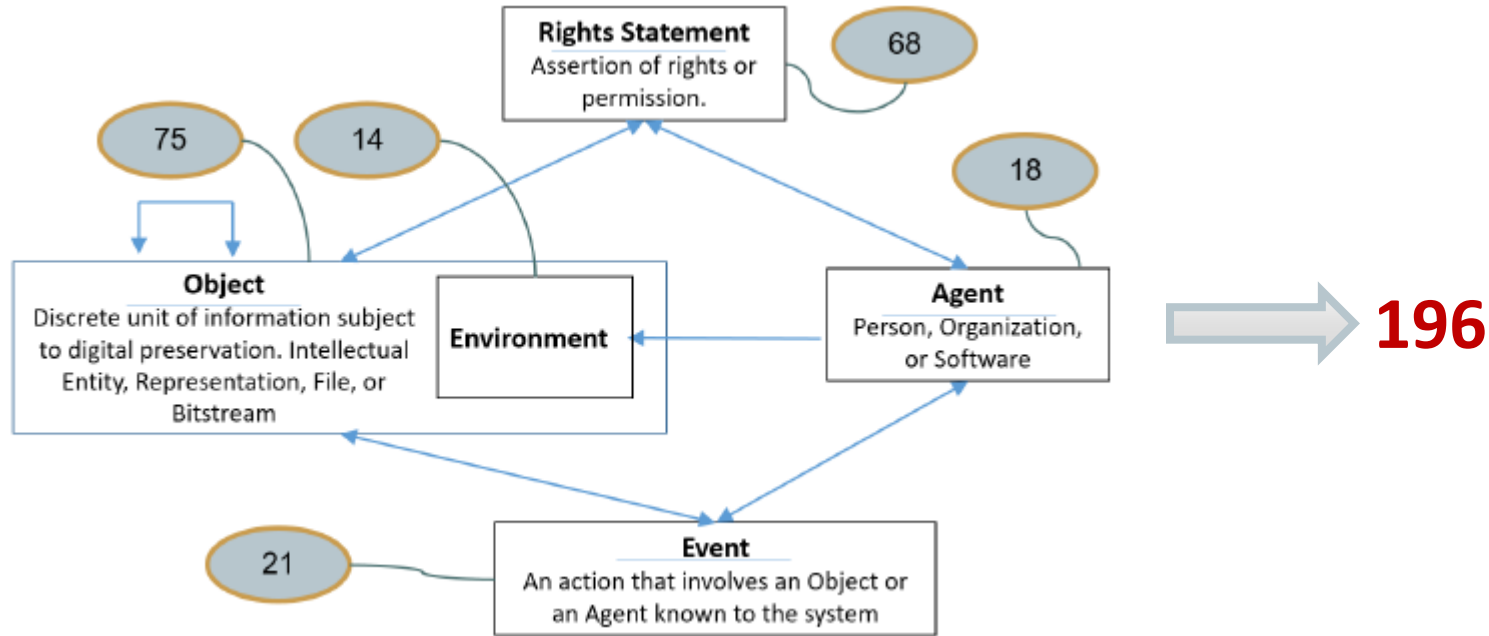
<b>Semantic unit</b>	1.5.2 Fixity		
<b>Semantic components</b>	1.5.2.1 messageDigestAlgorithm 1.5.2.2 messageDigest 1.5.2.3 messageDigestOriginator		
<b>Definition</b>	Information used to verify whether an object has been altered in an undocumented or unauthorized way.		
<b>Data constraint</b>	Container		
<b>Object category</b>	Intellectual Entity / Representation	File	Bitstream
<b>Applicability</b>	Not applicable (see usage note)	Applicable	Applicable (see usage note)
<b>Repeatability</b>		Repeatable	Repeatable
<b>Obligation</b>		Optional	Optional
<b>Creation / Maintenance notes</b>	Automatically calculated and recorded by repository.		
<b>Usage notes</b>	<p>To perform a fixity check, a message digest calculated at some earlier time is compared with a message digest calculated at a later time. If the digests are the same, the object was not altered in the interim. (Note that the terms "message digest" and "checksum" are commonly used interchangeably. However, the term "checksum" is more correctly used for the product of a cyclical redundancy check (CRC), whereas the term "message digest" refers to the result of a cryptographic hash function, which is what is referred to here.)</p> <p>The act of performing a fixity check and the date it occurred would be recorded as an Event. The result of the check would be recorded as the <i>eventOutcome</i>. Therefore, only the <i>messageDigestAlgorithm</i> and <i>messageDigest</i> need to be recorded as <i>objectCharacteristics</i> for future comparison.</p> <p>Representation level: it could be argued that if a representation consists of a single file or if all the files comprised by a representation are combined (e.g., zipped) into a single file, then a fixity check could be performed on the representation. However, in both cases the fixity check is actually being performed on a file, which in this case happens to be coincidental with a representation.</p> <p>Bitstream level: message digests can be computed for bitstreams although they are not as common as with files. For example, the JPKX format, which is a JPEG2000 format, supports the inclusion of MD5 or SHA-1 message digests in internal metadata that was calculated on any range of bytes of the file.</p>		

PREMIS-SU attribute	Description	Obligation
Identifier	Identification number	M
Name	Descriptive name	M
Definition	The meaning of the PREMIS-SU	M
Rationale	why the PREMIS-SU is needed	O
Data constraints	how the value of the PREMIS-SU should be encoded (see Sect. 5.1)	O
Object category	specifies the type of the PREMIS Object	O
Applicability	whether the unit applies to a specific type of PREMIS Object	O
Examples	one or more examples of values the PREMIS-SU may take	O
Repeatability	whether a PREMIS-SU can take multiple values	O
Obligation	whether a value for the PREMIS-SU is mandatory or optional	O
Creation/Maintenance notes	notes about how the values for the PREMIS-SU may be obtained or updated	O
Usage notes	information about the intended use of the PREMIS-SU, or clarification of the definition	O





# Semantic units vs PREMIS-OWL ontological entities



PREMIS-OWL ontological entities	PREMIS-OWL	
	ver. 2	ver. 3
owl:class	37	32
owl:ObjectProperty	39	22
owl:DatatypeProperty	25	15
owl:FunctionalProperty	39	
owl:InverseFunctionalProperty	2	
owl:AnnotationProperty	1	

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# PREMIS OWL and Annotation Properties

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PREMIS-SU attributes	PREMIS-DD		PREMIS-OWL2 Attribute Name	PREMIS-OWL annotation property	PREMIS-OWL	
	ver. 2	ver. 3			ver. 2	ver. 3
<i>Data constraint</i>	195	196	<i>Data Constraint/s:</i>		30/1	-
	-	-	<i>Extensions:</i>		23	-
<i>Examples</i>	98	110	<i>Example/s:</i>	rdfs:comment	15/28	-
<i>Creation/Maintenance notes</i>	24	22	<i>Creation/Maintenance Notes:</i>	skos:historyNote	16	-
<i>Definition</i>	195	196	<i>Definition:</i>	skos:definition	111	-
<i>Rationale</i>	85	93	<i>Rationale:</i>		55	-
	-	-	<i>Entity properties:</i>	skos:editorialNote	3	-
	-	-	<i>Entity types:</i>		1	-
<i>Usage Notes</i>	126	120	<i>Usage Note/s:</i>	skos:scopeNote	2/56	-

PREMIS-OWL3 annotation property	Value/Type	#
rdfs:isDefinedBy	http://www.loc.gov/premis/rdf/v3/	69
rdfs:label	Name of the ontological entity	69
rdfs:comment	Definition of the entity	28
rdfs:seeAlso	Link to controlled vocabularies	17



## Linked Data principles

### 1) Use URIs as names for things

“not just Web documents and digital content, but also real world objects and abstract concepts”.

### 2) Use HTTP URIs so that people can look up those names

“to identify objects and abstract concepts”.

### 3) When someone looks up a URI, provide useful information, using the standards (RDF\*, SPARQL)

“use of a single data model for publishing structured data on the Web a simple graph-based data model that has been designed for use in the context of the Web”.

### 4) Include links to other URIs, so that they can discover more things

“not only Web documents, but any type of thing”.

## SKOS Simple Knowledge Organization System

1) thesauri, taxonomies, classification schemes, etc., expressed in SKOS RDF are machine-readable and, software applications can use them as a Semantic Web knowledge;

2) lightweight, intuitive conceptual modeling language for developing and sharing controlled vocabularies in the Semantic Web;

3) a bridging technology between the rigorous logical formalism of OWL, and the informal and weakly-structured data.



# Vocabularies and Annotation Properties

Property name	Description	Domain	Range
<b>provide a human-readable description of a resource</b>			
rdfs:label	A human-readable name for the subject.	rdfs:Resource	rdfs:Literal
rdfs:comment	A description of the subject resource.	rdfs:Resource	rdfs:Literal
<b>provide a machine-actionable URI as description of a resource</b>			
rdfs:seeAlso	Further information about the subject resource.	rdfs:Resource	rdfs:Resource
rdfs:isDefinedBy	The definition of the subject resource.	rdfs:Resource	rdfs:Resource

Can we use machine-readable URIs for connecting knowledge context for PREMIS Linked Datasets?

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# PREMIS-SU – Identification method

PREMIS-KB URIs are “talking segmented” identifiers

**dlcmrc-vocs\_2016-PREMISDD\_2017\_Object\_fixity**

**Agent** - **dlcmrc** is the identifier of the Library of Congress the main responsibility for the maintenance of the resource content

**Activity** – **vocs\_2016** is the URI of provenance information about the PREMIS-KB generation activity

**Entity** – current documentation resource:

- a) **PREMISDD\_2017**, chaining the dataset name the year of the Linked Data generation;
- b) **Object** the relevant container for belonging PREMIS-SUs;
- c) **fixity** the PREMIS-SU name.



PREMIS-SU's name  
are not unique in  
the PREMIS-DD

*linkingEventIdentifier* for **Object** and **Agent**;  
*linkingRightsStatementIdentifier* for **Object** and **Agent**;  
*linkingObjectIdentifier* for **Event** and **Rights**;  
*linkingAgentIdentifier* for **Event** and **Rights**.

Chaining names of the main entity & the PREMIS-SU works:  
**[...prefix...]*Object\_linkingEventIdentifier***

*startDate* and *endDate* for:

- *copyrightApplicableDates*,
- *licenseApplicableDates*,
- *statuteApplicableDates*,
- *otherRightsApplicableDates*,
- *termOfGrant*,
- *termOfRestriction*.

Identification method doesn't work, thus a deviation rule was applied:  
***dlcmrc-vocs\_2016-PREMISDD\_2017\_Rights\_termOfGrant\_startDate***



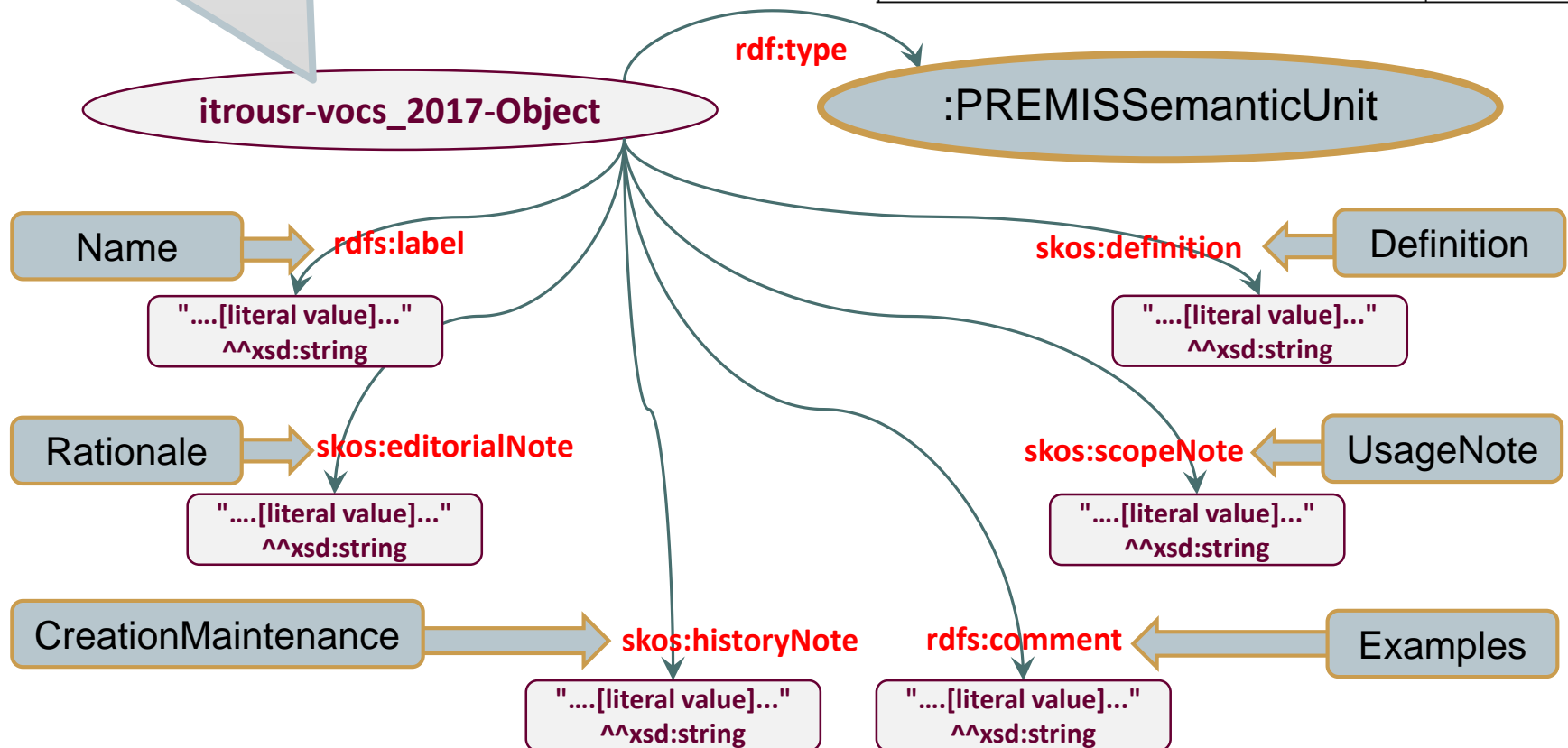


# PREMIS-SU attributes -> SKOS mapping

## Prototyping the local implementation:

- **itrousr**=identifier of the Sapienza Library System
- **vocs\_2017**=provenance information URI of the PREMIS-KB generation activity
- **Object**=instance of the **:PREMISSemanticUnit** class

PREMIS-KB Properties	occurrences
rdfs:comment	105
rdfs:label	205
skos:definition	205
skos:editorialNote	91
skos:historyNote	18
skos:scopeNote	78





**Container** - is an umbrella for two or more semantic components, no value of its own.

an additional documentation resource, its hierarchical relationships can be described by skos semantic relationships (broader, narrower)

**Datum** - *None: can take any form of value*  
- *Data type specification: integer, string, etc.*

The Range of a DataProperty

**Authority** - *value is taken from a controlled vocabulary.*

The Range of an ObjectProperty

PREMIS-DD  
ver. 3

Object			Agent			Event			Rights		
C	D	A	C	D	A	C	D	A	C	D	A
28	67	23	5	14	5	7	15	4	20	49	14

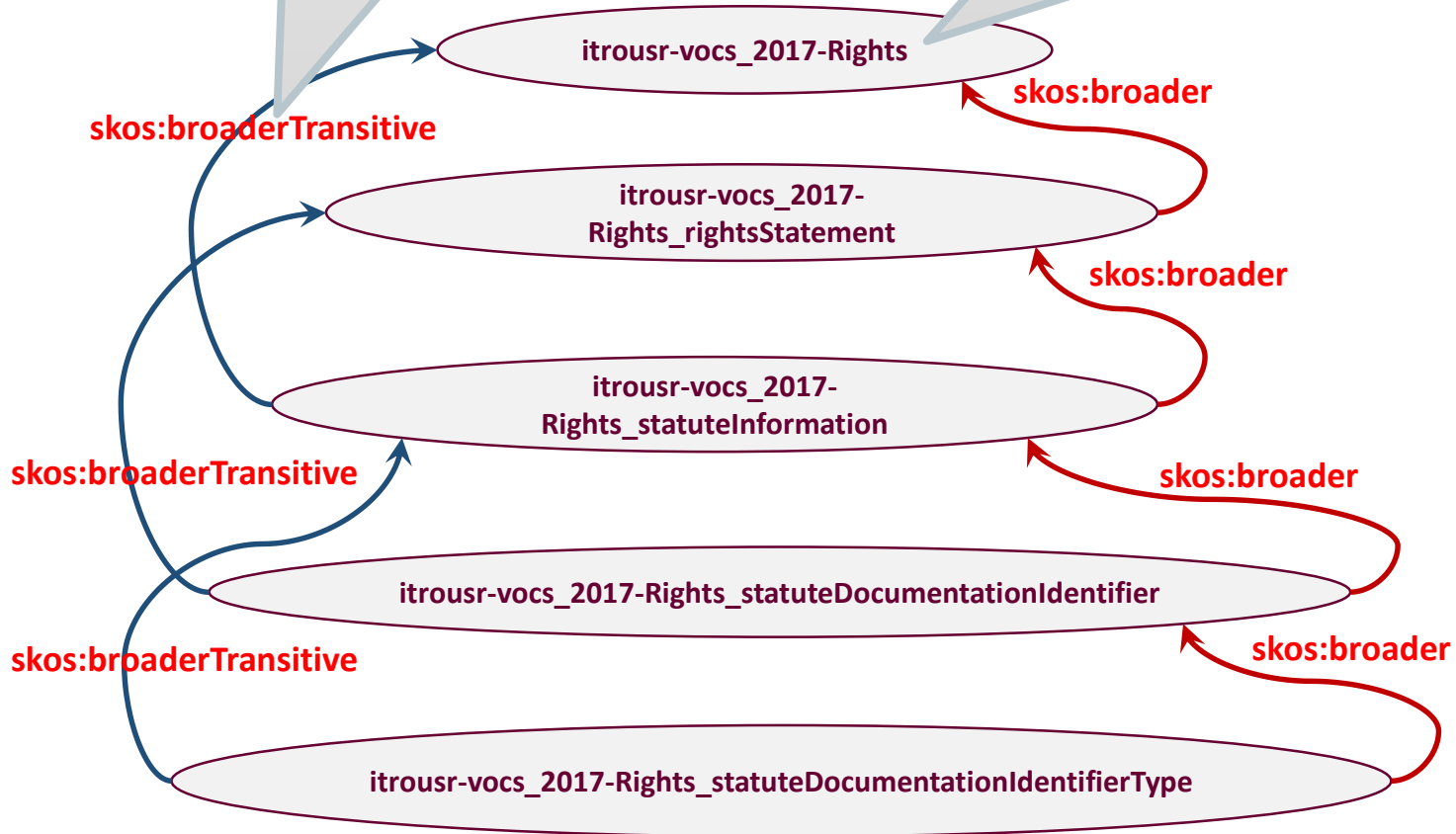
eventIdentifierType,  
eventType,  
linkingAgentIdentifierType  
linkingObjectIdentifierType



The PREMIS-DD hierarchical structure has driven the automatic generation of SKOS properties and related inverse properties

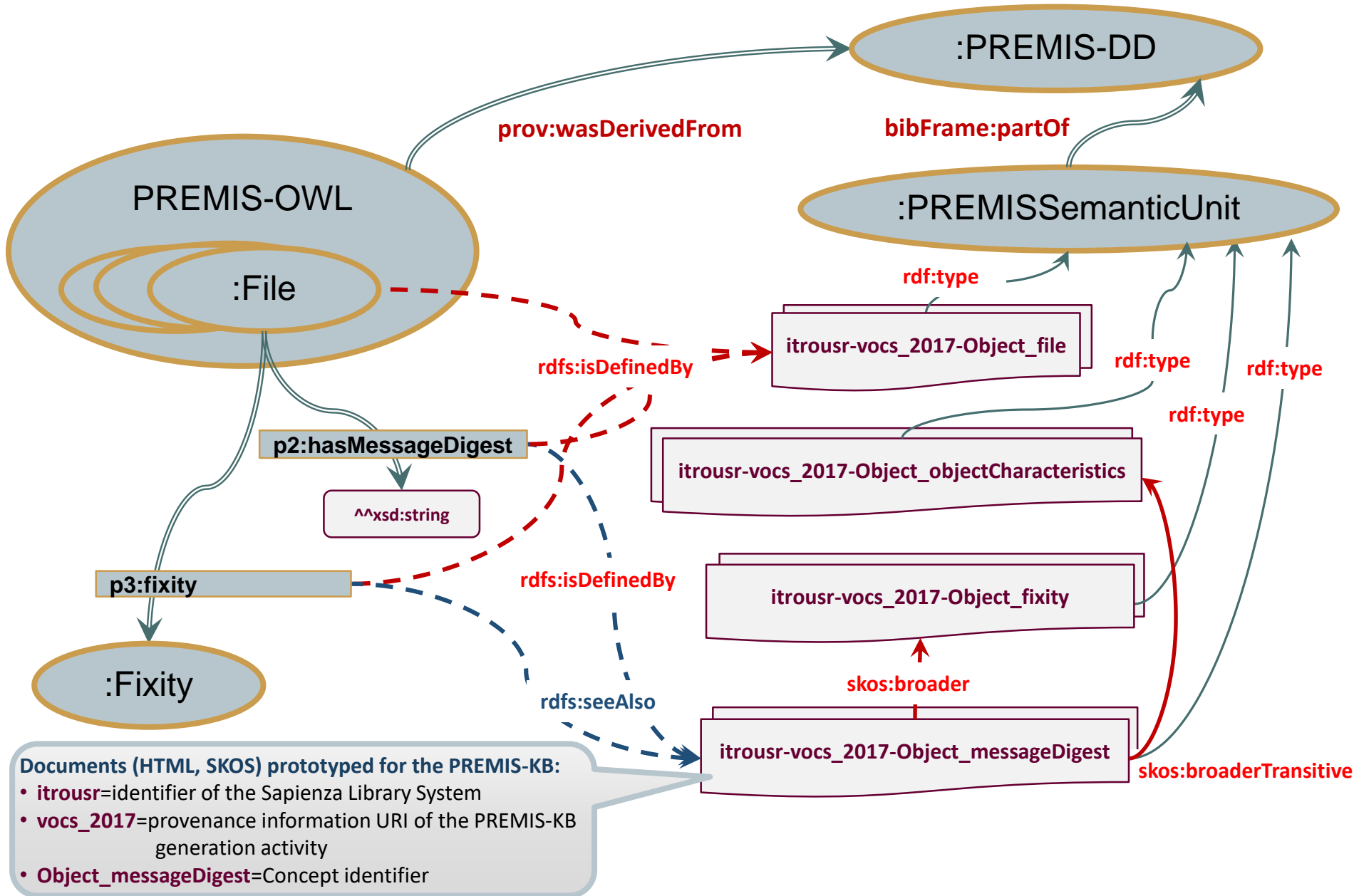
**Prototyping the local implementation:**

- **itrousr**=identifier of the Sapienza Library System
- **vocs\_2017**=provenance information URI of the PREMIS-KB generation activity
- **Rights**=instance of the **:PREMISSemanticUnit** class





# Ontology for the PREMIS-DD structure

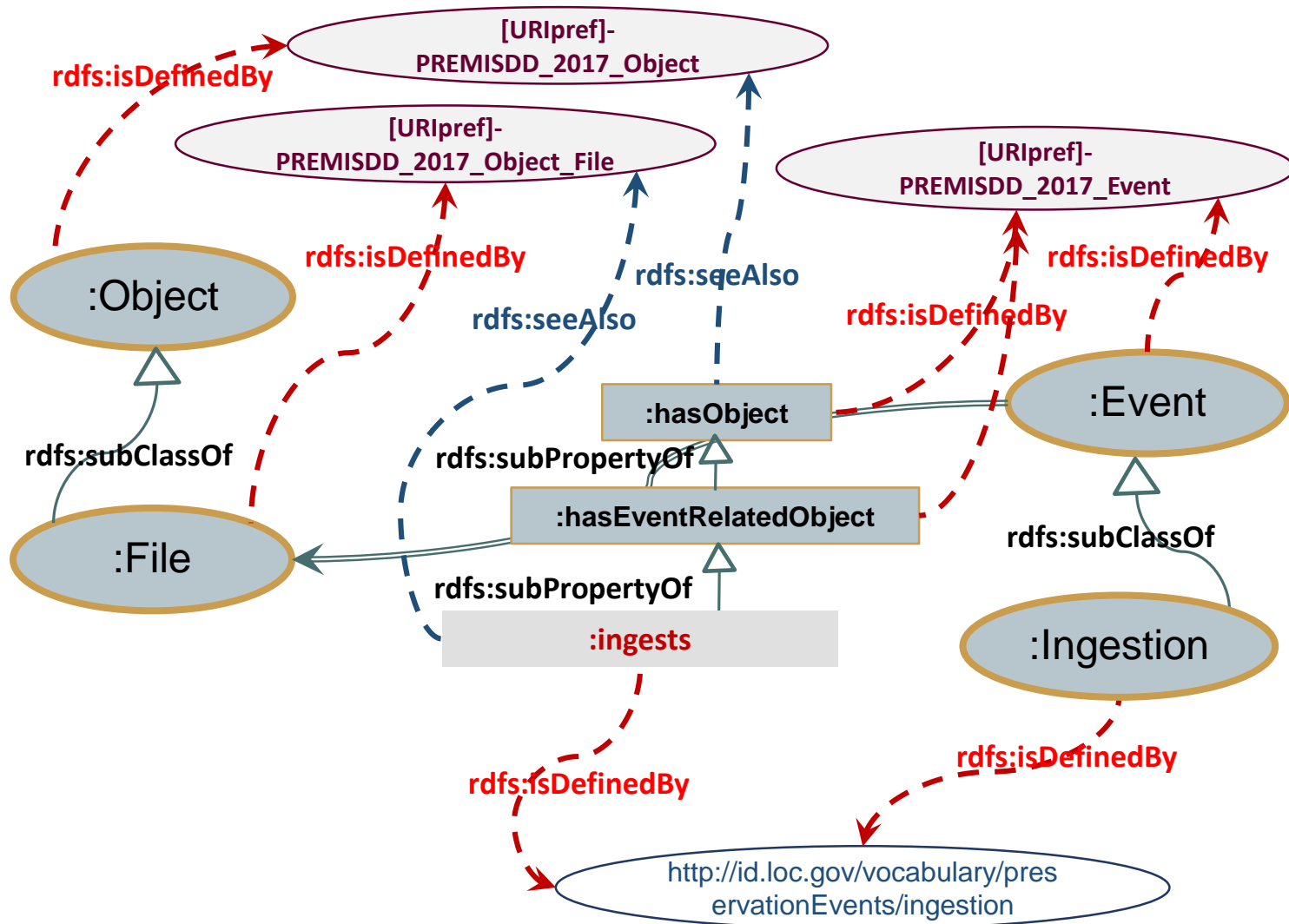


**Documents (HTML, SKOS) prototyped for the PREMIS-KB:**

- **itrousr**=identifier of the Sapienza Library System
- **vocs\_2017**=provenance information URI of the PREMIS-KB generation activity
- **Object\_messageDigest**=Concept identifier



# Integration of PREMIS-KB into PREMIS-OWL





```
#----->File class
premis:File
a owl:Class ;
rdfs:isDefinedBy
<premiskb/[URIPref]-PREMISDD_2017_Object_File> .
#----->Event class
premis:Event
a owl:Class ;
rdfs:isDefinedBy
<premiskb/[URIPref]-PREMISDD_2017_Event> .
#----->Ingestion subclassOf Event
premis:Ingestion
a owl:Class ;
rdfs:isDefinedBy
<http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/preservation/eventType/ing>
#----->ingests subPropertyOf hasEventRelatedObject
premis:ingests
a owl:ObjectProperty ;
rdfs:subPropertyOf premis:hasEventRelatedObject ;
rdfs:domain premis:Event ;
rdfs:range premis:Object ;
rdfs:isDefinedBy
<premiskb/[URIPref]-PREMISDD_2017_Event> .
rdfs:seeAlso
<premiskb/[URIPref]-PREMISDD_2017_Object> .
```



PREMIS Data Dictionary for Preservation Metadata - version 3.0 Nov. 2015. [Official web page](#)

Standards adopted

- Metadata Object Description Schema (MODS)
- Dublin Core (DC)
- Metadata Encoding Transmission Standard (METS)
- PREservation Metadata Implementation Strategies (PREMIS)
- MIX

Semantic Units of the PREMIS Data Dictionary

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in the OWL Ontology ver. 1 is defined as:

Class *Fixity*

InverseFunctionalProperty *hasFixity*

Containers	Current	Descendants
1 - Object 1.5 - objectCharacteristics	1.5.2 fixity	1.5.2.1 messageDigestAlgorithm 1.5.2.2 messageDigest 1.5.2.3 messageDigestOriginator

Semantic unit	1.5.2 fixity
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Data constraint	Container
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Data Dictionary

Semantic units go Open Data



Object

Event

Agent

Rights

[https://sbs.uniroma1.it/data/premisDataDictionary/dlcmrc-vocs\\_2016-PREMISDD\\_2017\\_Object\\_fixity](https://sbs.uniroma1.it/data/premisDataDictionary/dlcmrc-vocs_2016-PREMISDD_2017_Object_fixity)

## ➤ **Computable PREMIS-KB will benefit:**

- knowledge domain experts for PREMIS evolving changes
- community of developers for the implementation work;
- tasks of providing and consuming the PREMIS Linked Datasets;
- maintenance and design evolution of the PREMIS-OWL;
- long-life learning, the continuing education and the workers' professional development about the digital preservation metadata domain.

## ➤ **PREMIS-KB developments and challenges**

- enrichment of PREMIS-KB with PREMIS-DD translations (i.e. current Japanese, Spanish) considering that SKOS is devoted to manage multilingualism: other work is needed for including other languages.
- where to host PREMIS-KB, LOC website and/or wikidata?
- tools for exploiting PREMIS-KB dataset and support the community





**Thank you for  
your kind  
attention**

**Do you  
have any  
question?**

**PREMIS  
Knowledge  
Base**