# Source Materials: Standards, exchange, dissemination, and integration

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### Relevant Standards Bodies

- Generic: International Standards Organization (ISO)
- Metadata: Dublin Core Metadata Initiative
- Places/Events: Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
- Biodiversity Domain: Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG)
- Libraries and Archives: National Information Standards Organization (NISO)
- Internet: World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

### Expeditions on the Web

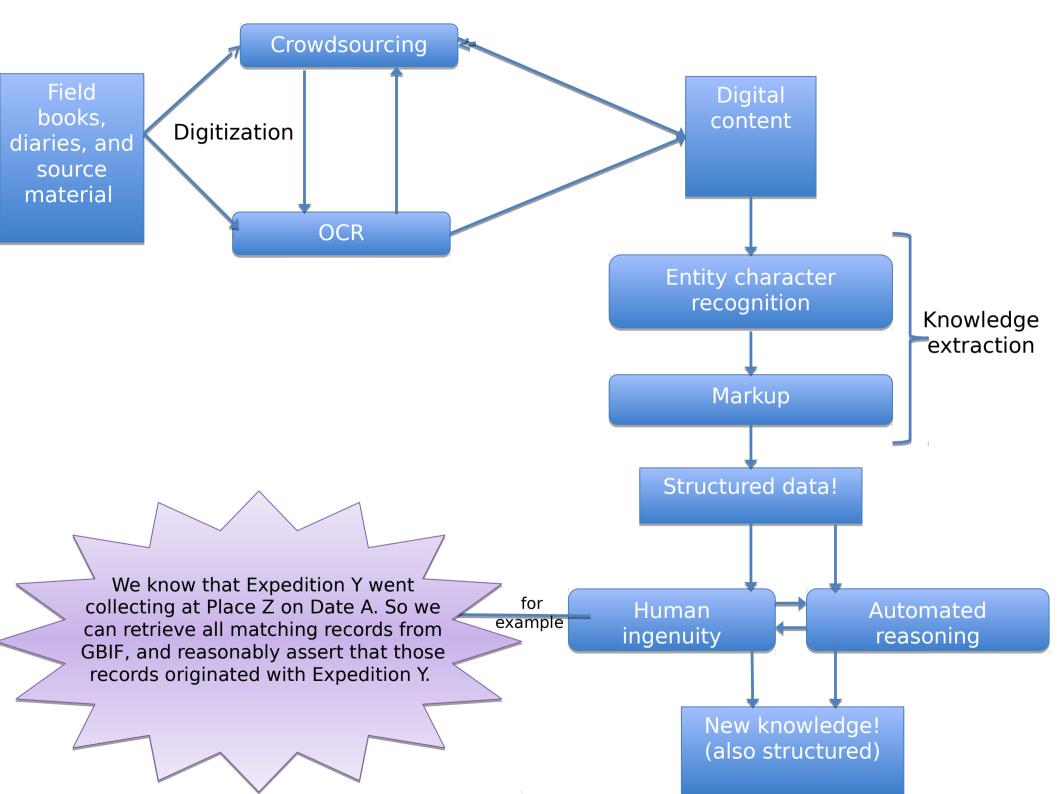
- The pieces are in place for an excellent virtual experience of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
  - University of Nebraska Lincoln has the journals on-line
  - Wikipedia has 70 pages in the category "Lewis and Clark Expedition", including List of species described by the Lewis and Clark Expedition
  - JSTOR Global Plants gives us links to the type specimens
  - BHL gives us access to William Pursh's Flora Americae Septentrionalis which has the descriptions of the plants and in some cases colour illustrations of them that match the specimens...

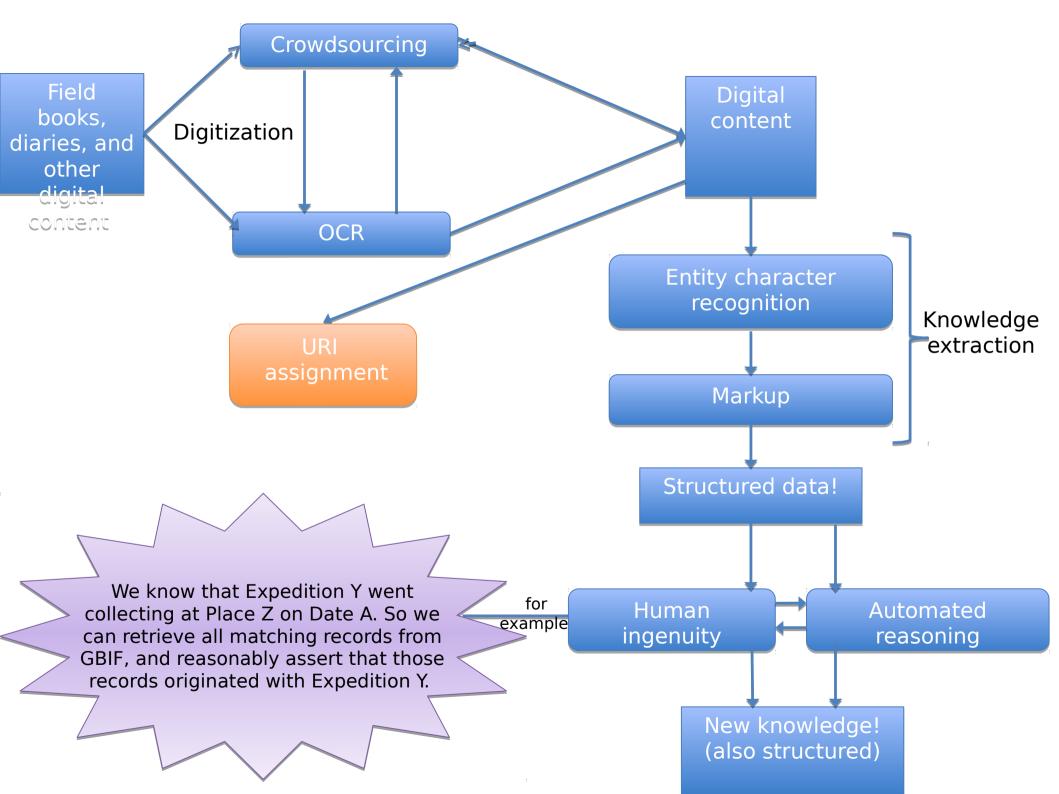


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Challenge 1: Expedite the process of doing for other expeditions what's already been done for Lewis and Clark.

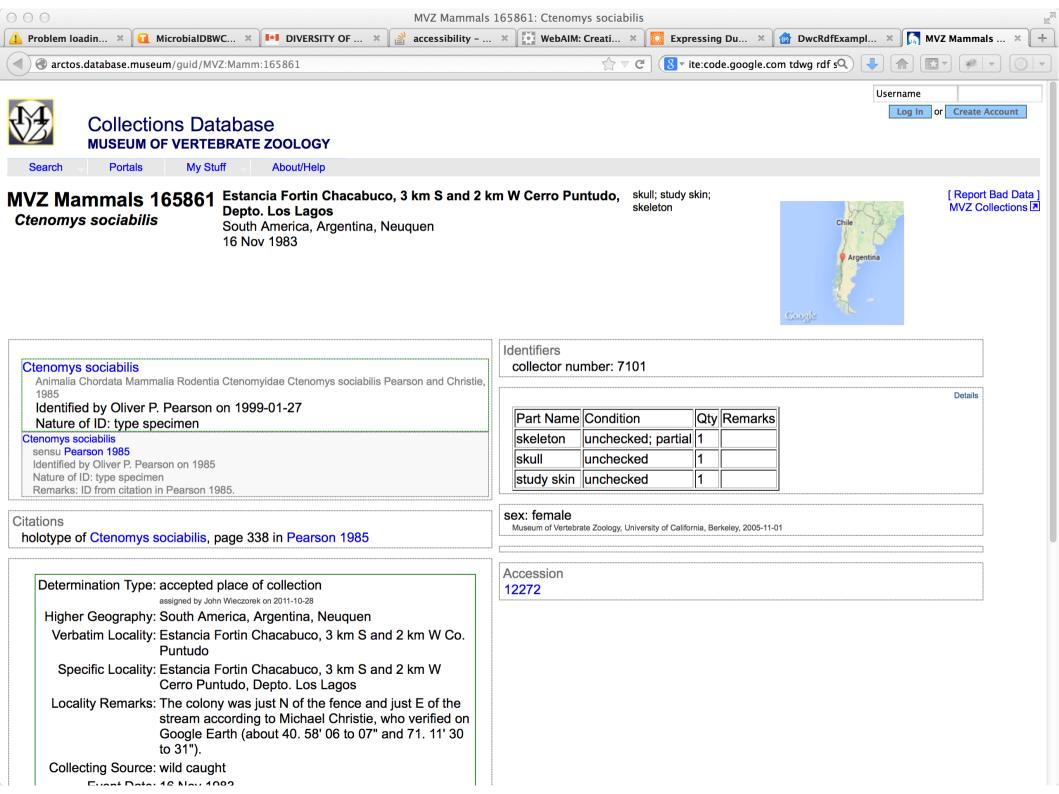
Challenge 2: Make appropriate use of identifiers and semantics to enable automatically integrating data from multiple sources – Wikipedia, JSTOR, BHL, and beyond.





### Identifiers

- We assign URIs to both concepts and things.
- http://purl.org/dc/terms/subject (abbreviated dcterms:subject) is the identifier for the Dublin Core subject property. It allows us to specify the topic of a resource.
- http://arctos.database.museum/guid/MVZ:Mamm:1658 61
  - is the identifier for ... something. We don't really know until we look it up.



### Thematic Networks

OBIS
PaleoPortal
Manis
Ornis
HerpNet

GBIF
Global Biodiversity Information Facility



Aggregated
Data

Specimen and Field Images



**Publications** 

XML: DiGIR/Tapir DarwinCore, ABCD

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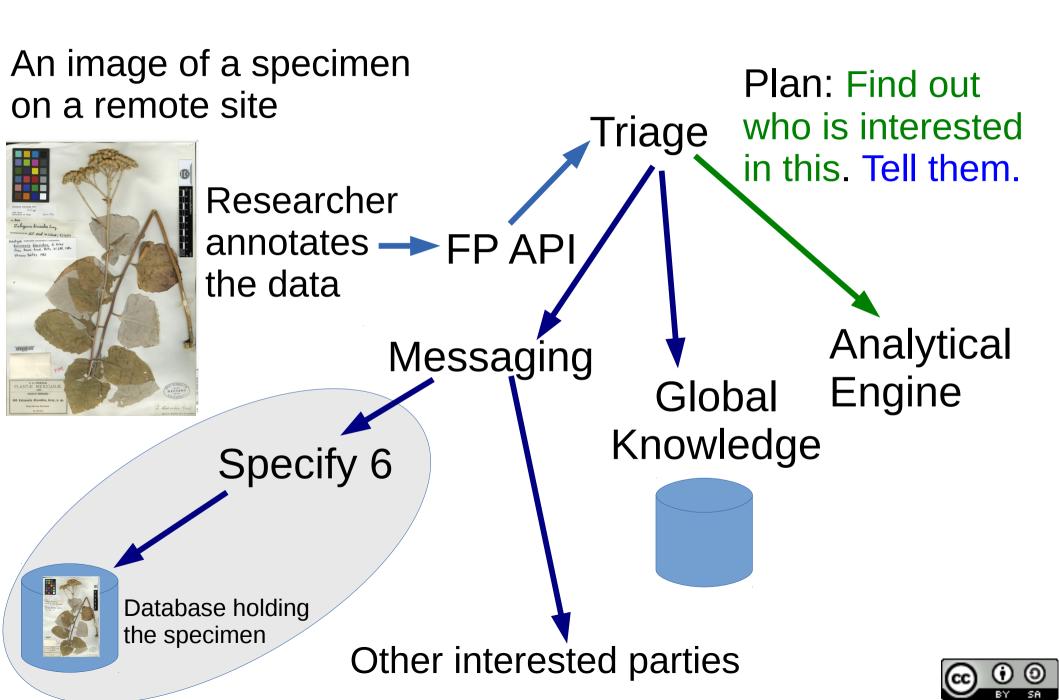
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**EOL Lifedesks** 

**EDIT Scratchpads** 



### A Filtered Push Network



# A Filtered Push Network

An image of a specimen on a remote site



Researcher

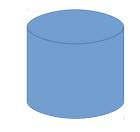
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Messaging Global Knowledge

Plan: Find out who is interested in this. Tell them.

Analytical Engine



Triage

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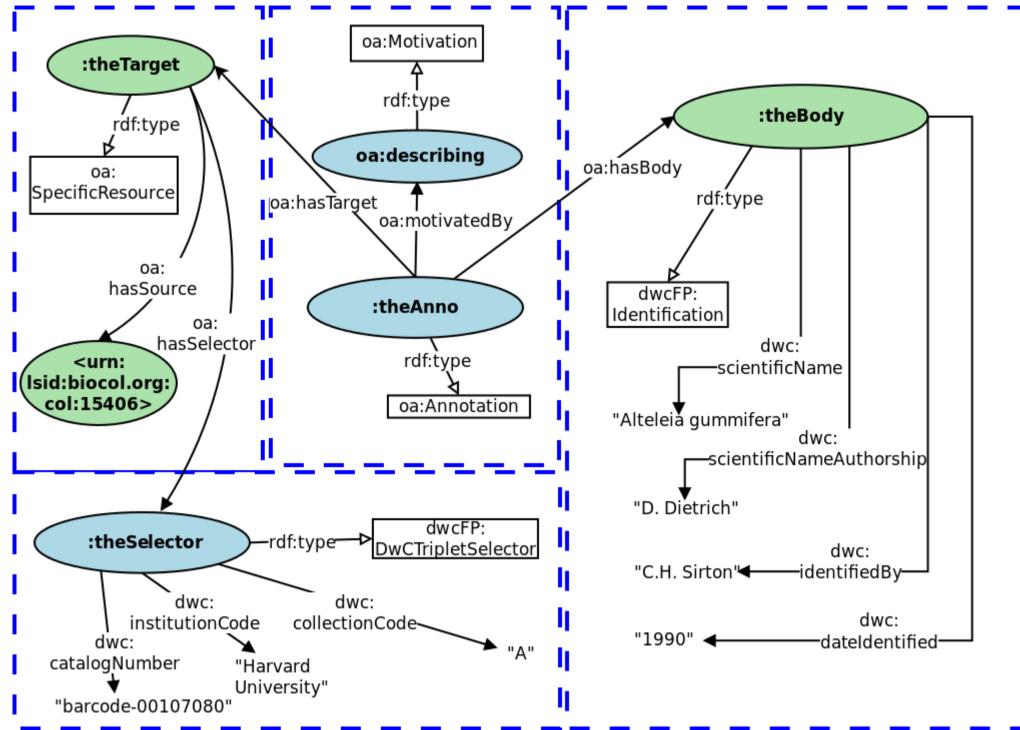
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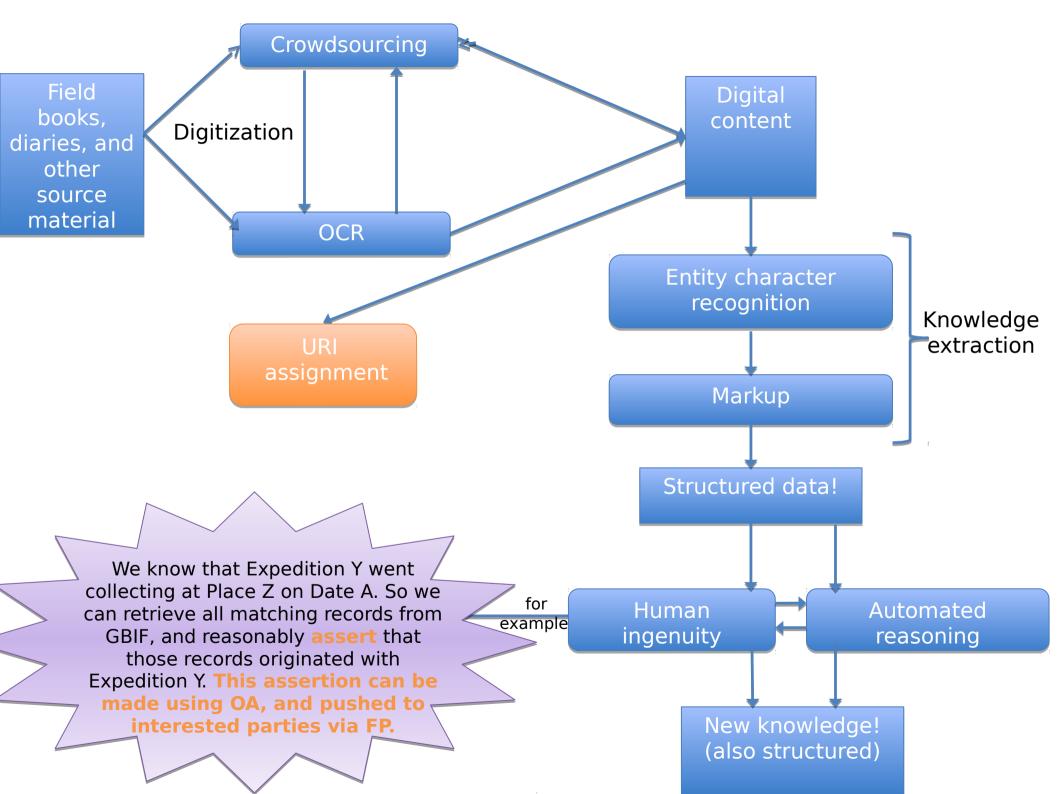
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Database holding the specimen



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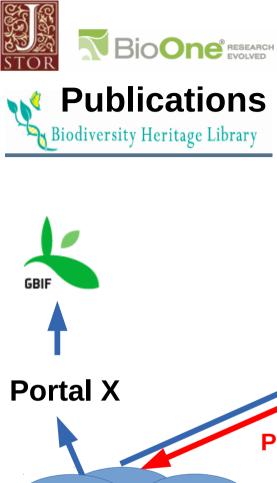




# What does all this buy us?

### Query answering

- Find all specimens that were collected on the United States
   Exploring Expedition of 1838 1842?
  - Who were the botanists that were on that expedition?
- What expeditions collected lizards in the American Southwest from 1850 – 1900?
  - · Where are those lizards now?
- Breadcrumb following (aka data browsing)
  - Why were those people on that expedition?
  - What else did William Rich (botanist on expedition) do in life?
  - What other people studied lizards during 1850 1900?



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Field Images

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### **FP Network**

**Explorer of Taxon Concepts** 

QC Analysis

**PUSH** 

**Annotation** Store

**Current Treatment** 

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**Distribution Maps** GIS, modeling





**EDITORIAL PROCESSING** 



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Salix cinerea Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 2: 1021. 1753.

Large gray or gray willow Large gray or gray willow

Shrubs, 3-7 m. Stems: branches brownish, not glaucous, pilose, villous, or tomentose to glabrescent, (peeled wood with striae to 62 mm); branchlets yellow-brown, pilose, velvety, or densely villous. Leaves: stipules rudi-mentary or foliaceous on early ones, foliaceous on late ones, apex acute or rounded; petiole convex to flat adaxially, 4-15 mm, tomentose adaxially; largest medial blade elliptic, broadly elliptic, oblanceolate, or obovate, 65-105 × 22-52 mm, 2-3 times as long as wide, base convex or cuneate, margins slightly revolute, entire, crenate, or sinuate, (glands submarginal), apex acuminate or convex, abaxial surface glaucous, tomentose, hairs erect or spreading, curly, adaxial dull or slightly glossy, pubescent or tomentose; proximal blade margins entire; juvenile blade yellowish green, sparsely to densely tomentose abaxially, hairs white. Catkins flowering before leaves emerge; staminate stout or subglobose, 26-39 × 12-26 mm, flowering branchlet 0-5 mm; pistillate densely flowered, stout or subglobose, 27-54(-75 in fruit) × 4-15 mm, flowering branchlet 1-5(-10) mm; floral bract dark brown, black, or bicolor, 2-3 mm, apex acute or convex, abaxially hairy, hairs straight. Staminate flowers: adaxial nectary oblong or ovate, 0.5-1 mm; filaments distinct, glabrous or hairy basally; anthers yellow or purple turning yellow, ellipsoid or shortly cylindrical, 0.7-1 mm. Pistillate flowers: adaxial nectary oblong or square, 0.4-1 mm, shorter than stipe; stipe 1.2-2.7 mm; ovary pyriform, long-silky, beak slightly bulged below styles; ovules 12 per ovary; styles 0.2-0.5 mm; stigmas slenderly or broadly cylindrical, 0.3-0.6 mm. Capsules 5-5.6 mm. 2n = 76.

Flowering mid Mar-late May. Stream shores, mesic woodlands, gravelly or sandy beaches, waste ground; 0-700 m; introduced; Ont.; Ala., Conn., D.C., Ga., Iowa, Ky., La., Md., Mass., Mich., Mo., N.J., N.Y., N.C., Ohio, Pa., R.I., S.C., S.Dak., Tenn., Utah, Va., W.Va., Wis.; Eurasia.

The Ohio occurrence of Salix cinerea is based on information from T. Cooperrider (pers. comm.).

Salix cinerea and S. atrocinerea are very closely related. Their occurrence in the flora area, as naturalized introductions, is not well understood, probably because they usually are introduced under the name S. caprea, and that species often is not treated in North American floristic literature (e.g., C. K. Schneider 1921; M. L. Fernald 1950). They probably are introductions of long-standing brought to the New World for their value as ornamentals and bee-plants. Salix atrocinerea was first documented in the southeastern United States (G. W. Argus 1986) after plants with ferruginous hairs and prominently striate wood were found in North Carolina; since that time, it has been found in other states and provinces. In the northeastern states, S. atrocinerea and S. cinerea are thought to be invasive species. The species do reproduce by seed and hundreds of seedlings were observed in a drained reservoir (A. Zinovjev, pers. comm.) and on sandy pond shores (T. Rawinski, pers. comm.), where they are thought to compete with native species.

The presence of long, prominent, striae on the peeled wood of 4-5 year old branches is commonly used in European literature (K. H. Rechinger 1993; A. K. Skvortsov 1999) to separate *Salix cinerea* and *S. atrocinerea* from *S. caprea* etc., in which the wood is smooth or with fewer, shorter striae. In the flora area, long striae also occur in *S. bebbiana*, *S. discolor*, and *S. humilis*, but usually they are not as long as or as prominent in *S. cinerea* and *S. atrocinerea*. Some floras (e.g., F. Martini and P. Paiero 1988) use the relative prominence of striae to separate *S. cinerea* and *S. atrocinerea*, but their separation remains difficult. The presence of ferruginous hairs on the leaves of *S. atrocinerea* is the best diagnostic characteristic, but they are not always present or easily observed. For a comparison of these species, see the key to species under subg. *Vetrix*. For further discussion of morphologies, see *Salix* ×*smithiana* Willdenow [p. 132] and 76. *S. discolor*.

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# Ontological Term Organizer (OTO)





### **Explorer of Taxon Concepts**

### THE ETC PIPELINE

ETC toolbox consists of four tools that can be used as a pipe line that takes clean textual phenotypical descriptions and outputs taxon-character data for taxon concept analysis. The tools may also be used separately if their required input data is available. The tools are produced through a collaborative project (NSF-DBI-1147266) between the University of Arizona and University of California at Davis.

#### **FEATURES**

- Data Sharing
- Begin at any step
- Full pipeline creation



#### **Matrix Generation**

Matrix generation generates taxon-character matrices from clean textual descriptions of organisms. The matrices can be used to create specimen identification keys or be used as input to the Tree Generation tool.





#### Tree Generation

Tree Generation generates candidate taxonomies from taxon-character matrices, based on the similarity of characters of taxa. The character-similarity based taxonomies may be one source of input for the Taxonomy Comparison tool.

Begin Tree Generation



### Taxonomy Comparison

Taxonomy Comparison takes expert provided relationships among taxa and optionally the result from the Tree Generation to perform logic reasoning and identify logic conflicts and/or ambiguities.

Begin Taxonomy Comparison



#### Visualization

Visualization integrates relationships among taxa and relationships between character and taxa in a visual way to facilitate taxon concept comparison and analysis.

Begin Visualization

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Begin New Pipeline















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Learn Terms



Review Terms 5 Parse Text

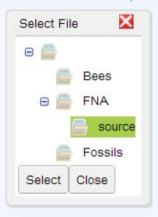




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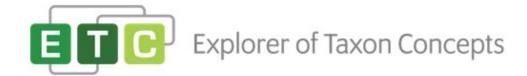


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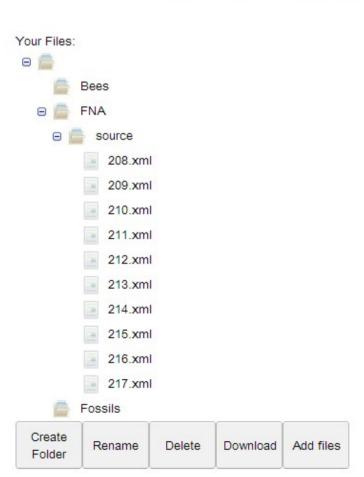






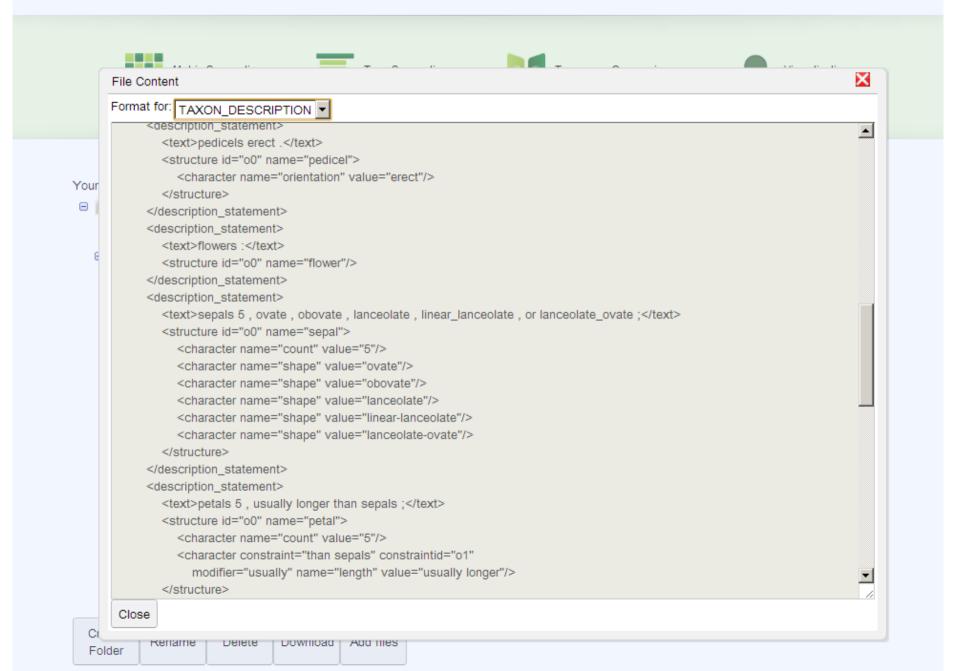


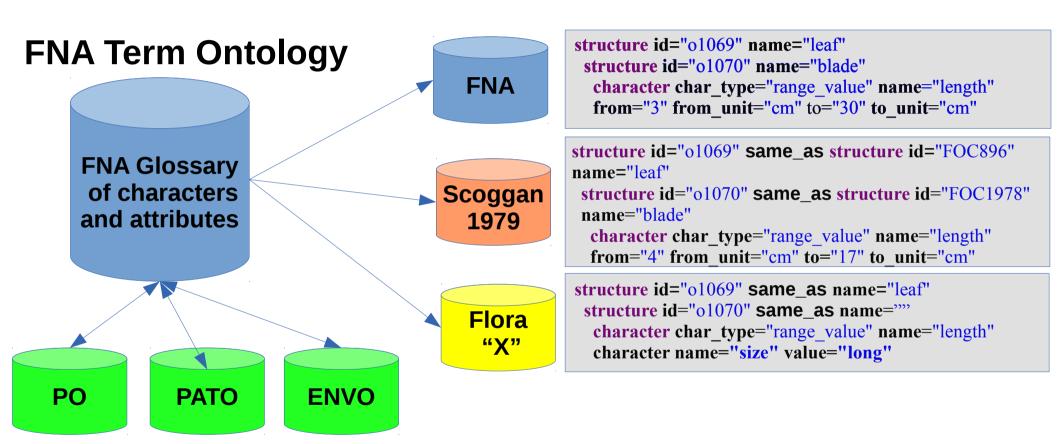




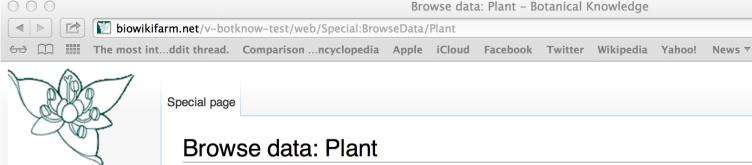


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PO: Plant Ontology; PATO: Phenotypic Qualities; ENVO: Environmental Ontology



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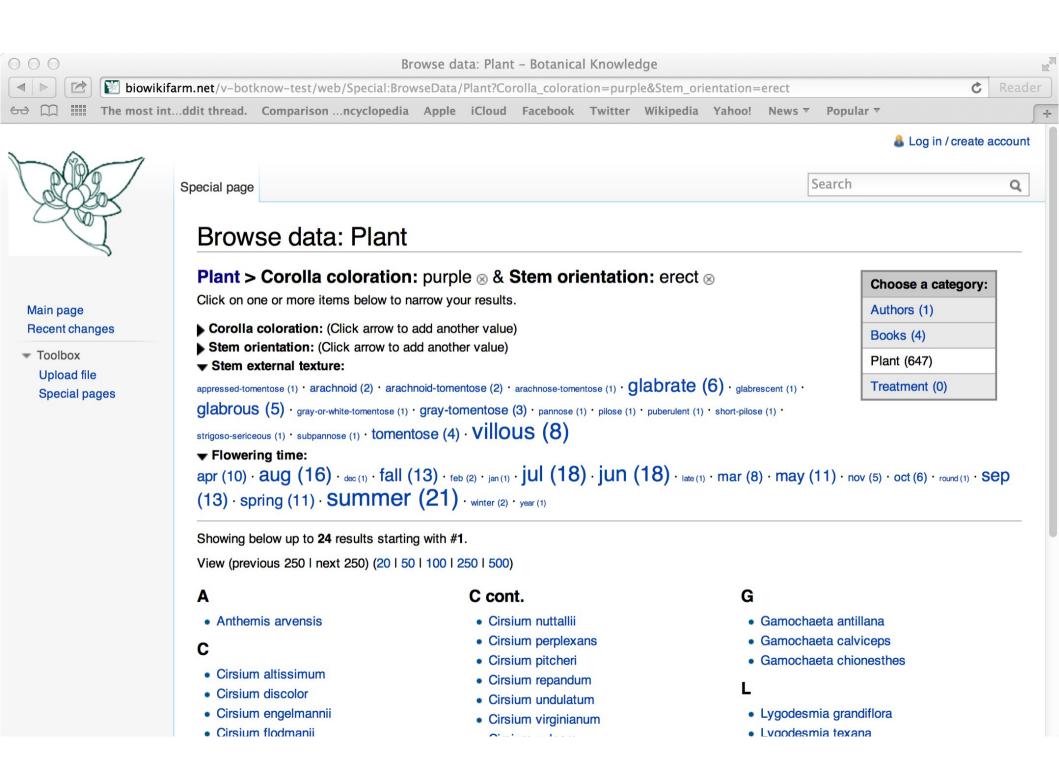
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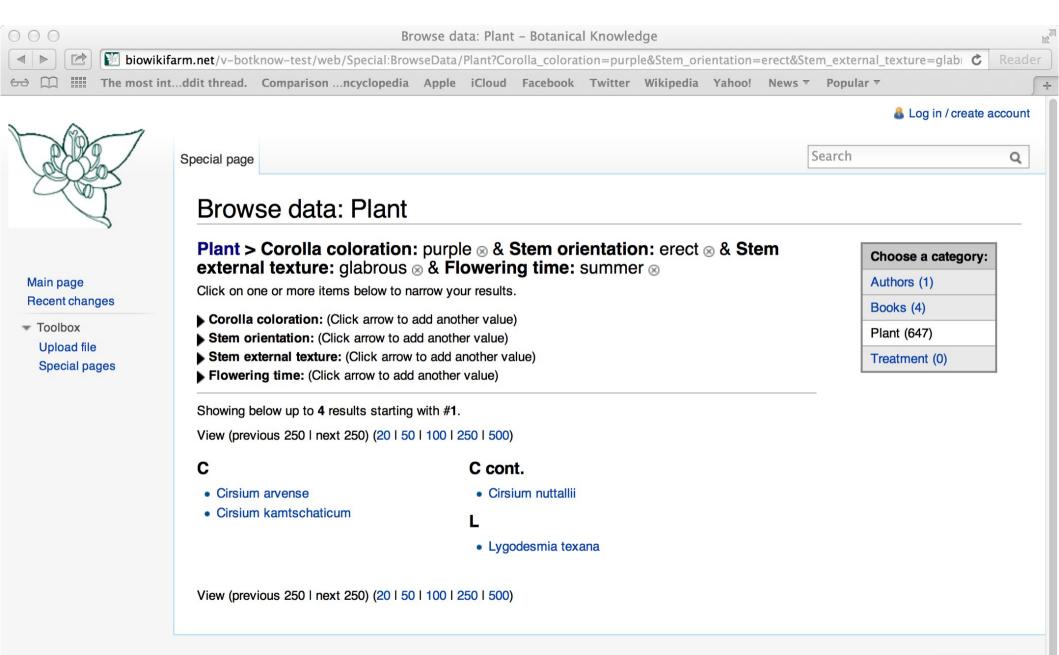
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# An iDigBio VoCamp?

- Begun in 2008 VoCamps have been used to leverage existing standards and community expertise to deploy Linked Data vocabularies for particular communities of practice.
  - It is these vocabularies that are used to say things about the resources that are described in our source material.

Step 1: Determine our "vocabulary needs".

- What are the things we want to describe?
  - Person, Expedition, Specimen, Place, etc.
- What are the relations that can exist between them?
  - member\_of, collected\_as\_part\_of, derived\_from, etc.

### Step 2: Which of these concepts already have URIs?

Look in FOAF, Dublin Core, Darwin Core, schema.org, Wikidata, etc.

Step 3: For the leftover concepts, mint new URIs in the iDigBio namespace.

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