From Open Data Portals to Open Data-Ecosystems

Experiences & thoughts on how to proceed from monitoring and analyzing Open Data Portals





My background



- from Open Data-Ecosystems
- to Open Data



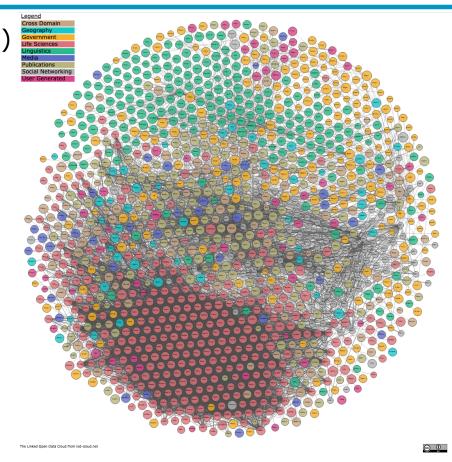


My background - The "Web of Data"



- past ~15 years research in Semantic Web and Linked (Open Data)
 - Standards (RDF, SPARQL, etc.) for
 - machine-readable
 - decentralized
 - Data Publishing & Processing

 ... which has led to a network of distributed, partially connected Knowledge Graphs



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state of affairs:

+ common data and meta-data format (RDF)

+ Ontologies are reused widely (~ i.e., widely reused meta—data schemata)

(while maybe less expressive than originally expected) Schema.org

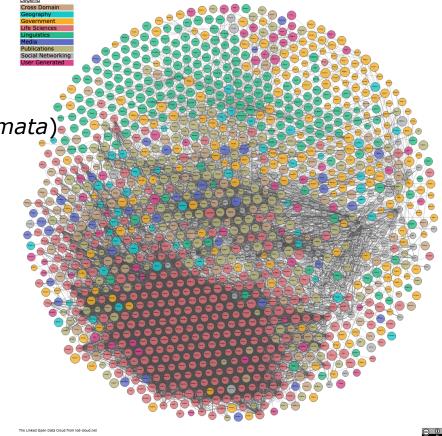
+ fairly scalable methods for distributed processing and querying (still a very active, stimulating academic research area!)

+ widely used "centernodes" around which knowledge can "chrystalize"









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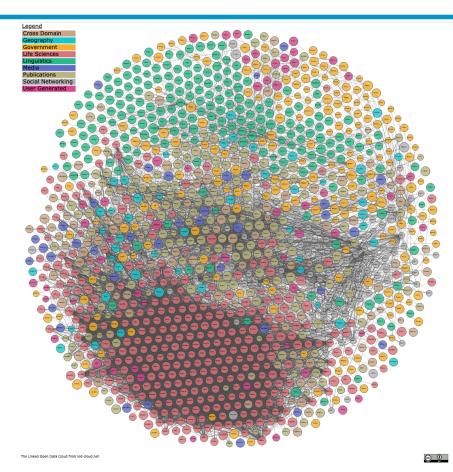
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- state of affairs:
 - lack of instance data links (28% of datasets do not link to external instances)
 - broken class and property links (schema definitions disappear, or exist multiple times, hard to maintain by academics)
 - plethora of data and metadata formats, (still) missing publishing best practices



Findability, (machine-)Accessability, Interoperability and Reuse/Reusability only partially given...



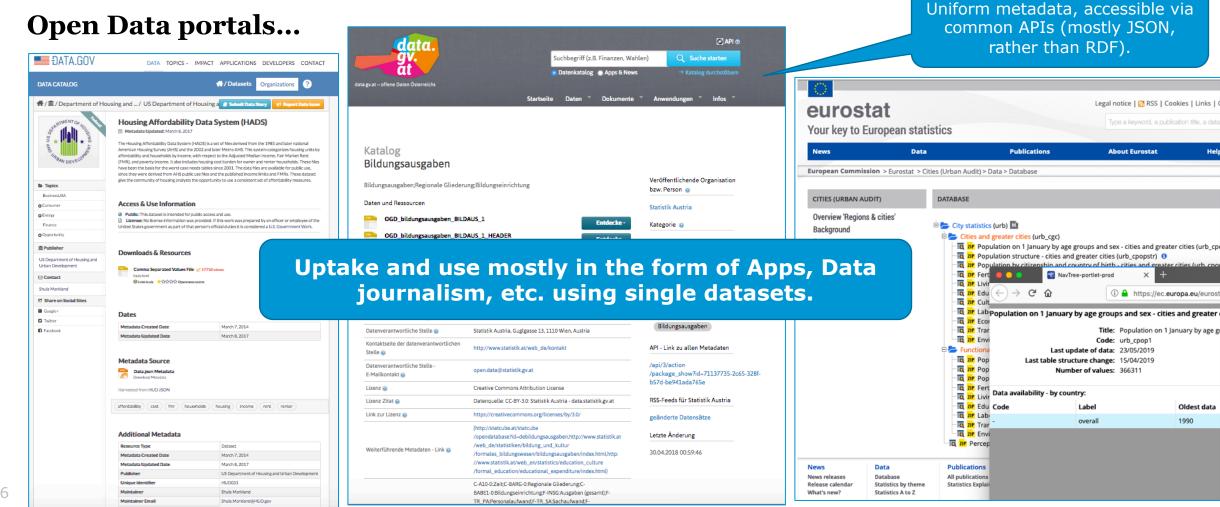




My background – Meanwhile in parallel...



We got quite excited about Open (Government) Data developments!



Can (Open) Data portals be a more viable basis for making the Web of Data a reality?



Big hopes (also for us as researchers!) & political push!





May 2009 – launch data.gov

March 2010 – Data.gov.uk launched



December 2011 – Neelie Kroes EU VP for Digital Agenda Data announced EU Open Data Strategy

May 2013 – Obama's <u>executive order</u> makes open data default for gov.information

- Stefan Bischof, Axel Polleres, and Simon Sperl. City data pipeline a system for making open data useful for cities. In I-SEMANTICS 2013 Posters & Demonstrations Track, volume 1026 of CEUR Workshop Proceedings, pages 45--49, Graz, Austria, September 2013. CEUR-WS.org. [.pdf]
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Can we use Open Data as a Web of Data?





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PhD thesis 2017

- Can we collect and use Open Data to answer relevant questions?
 - e.g. developments of Cities (in Europe, worldwide)

City **Answer:**

- partially,
- manual integration of a handful of sources
- lots of missing data
- We can develop new methods for automatic, scalable integration and model building (using Semantic Web technologies and Machine Learning!)

Hope:

The more data becomes available, the better (data quality & amount) it will work!



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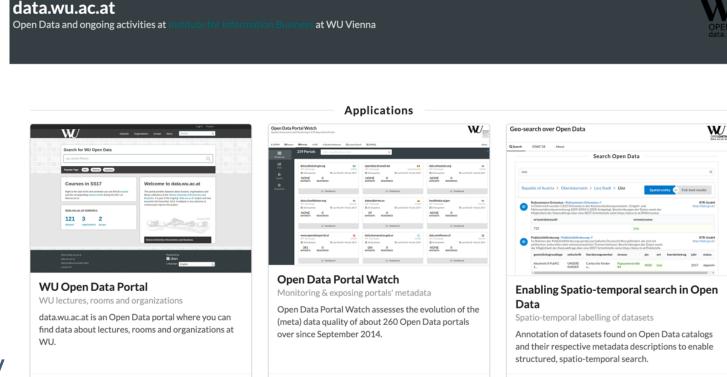
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Monitoring and Integrating Open Data

121 datasets



- Open Data Quality and Usability
- Semantic enrichment of Data Catalogs
- Dataset Search
- https://data.wu.ac.at/
- http://adequate.at/
- https://www.communidata.at/



359 portals



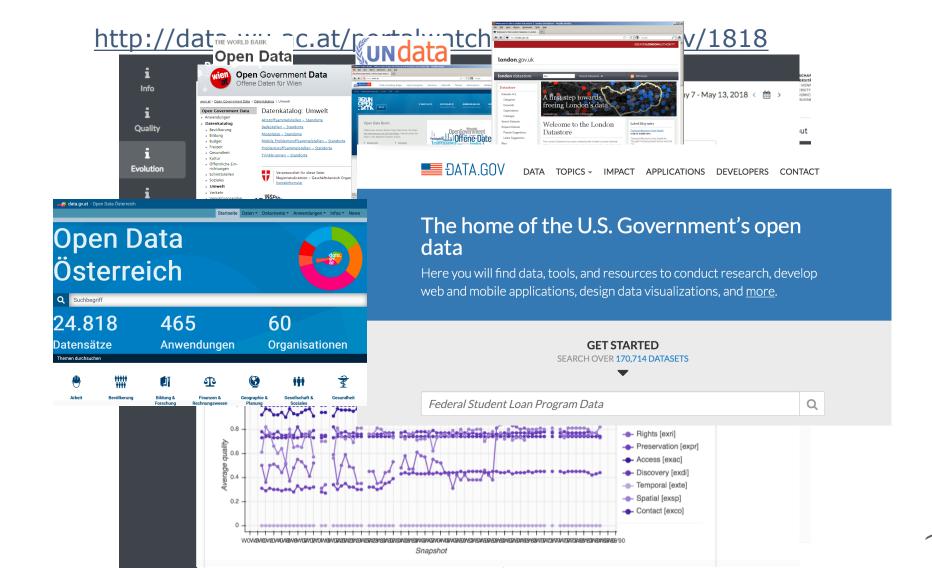
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Open Data Portalwatch (collecting and assessing metadata quality over time):







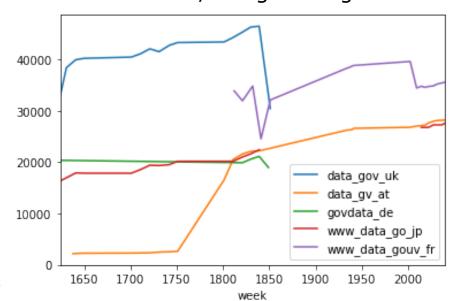




Does actually more (meta-)data become available?



- no unique answer...
 - afffected by:
 - failed crawls
 - wrong metadata
 - portal maintanance
 - changing interfaces/APIs
 - merged/consolidated datasets
 - last but not least: (our own) crawler maintanance/reengineering



- ... but
 - Therein lies the problem!
 - Why is the metadata not made available historically in first place?
 - Last,but not least: what should we measure?
 - #datasets? #resources?
 - #size_of_datasets/resources?
 - how? in fact:
 - advertised sizes differ from downloadable file sizes,
 - compression, etc.
 - "current" vs "incremental" datasets
 - Help? Google?

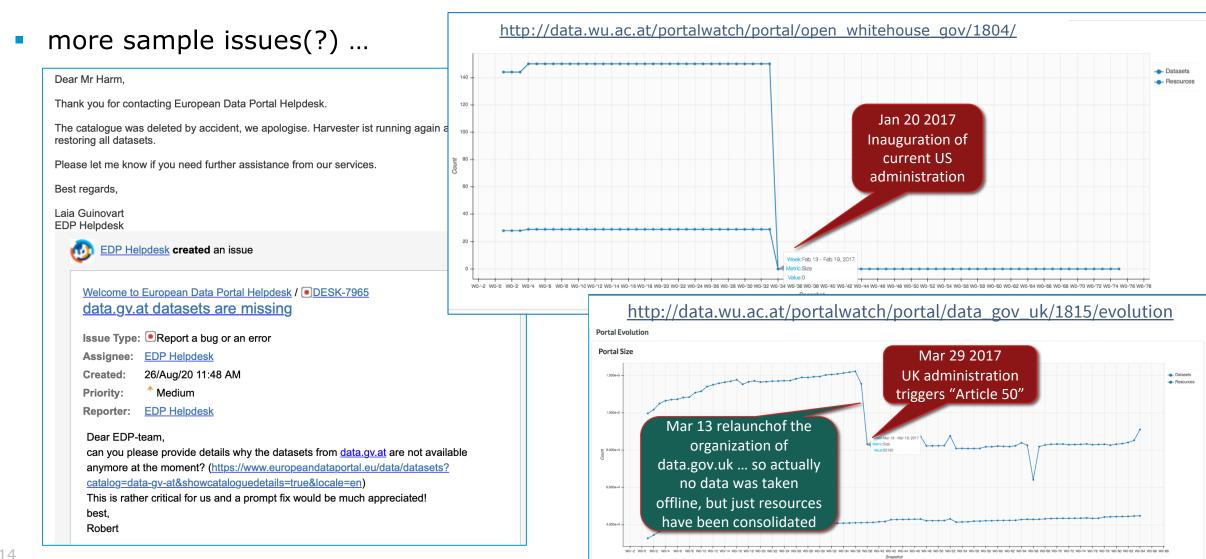








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Open Data Portalwatch



- ... Lessons learnt:
 - meta-data quality and portal QoS needs to be monitored at the portals
 - metadata integration (CKAN, SOCRATA, DCAT, schema-org) needed, predating/feeding into Google's dataset search
 - accumulated a large corpus of Open data portal metadata and data to learn from and do further research... but a real sustainability strategy and a WebArchive for OpenData are needed!





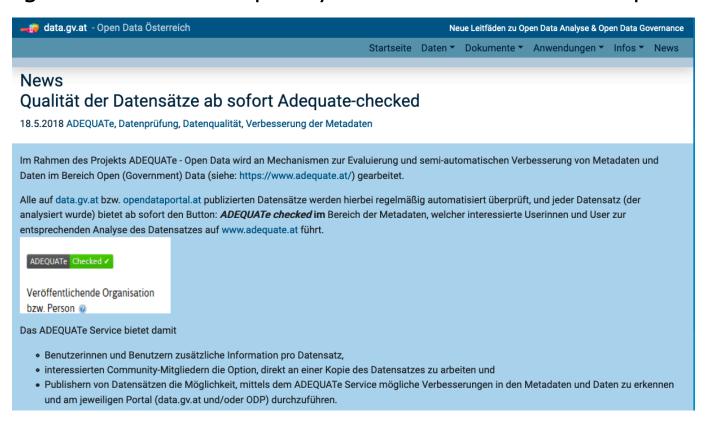
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Quality-check button (regular automated quality checks and feedback option for

users) on the portal



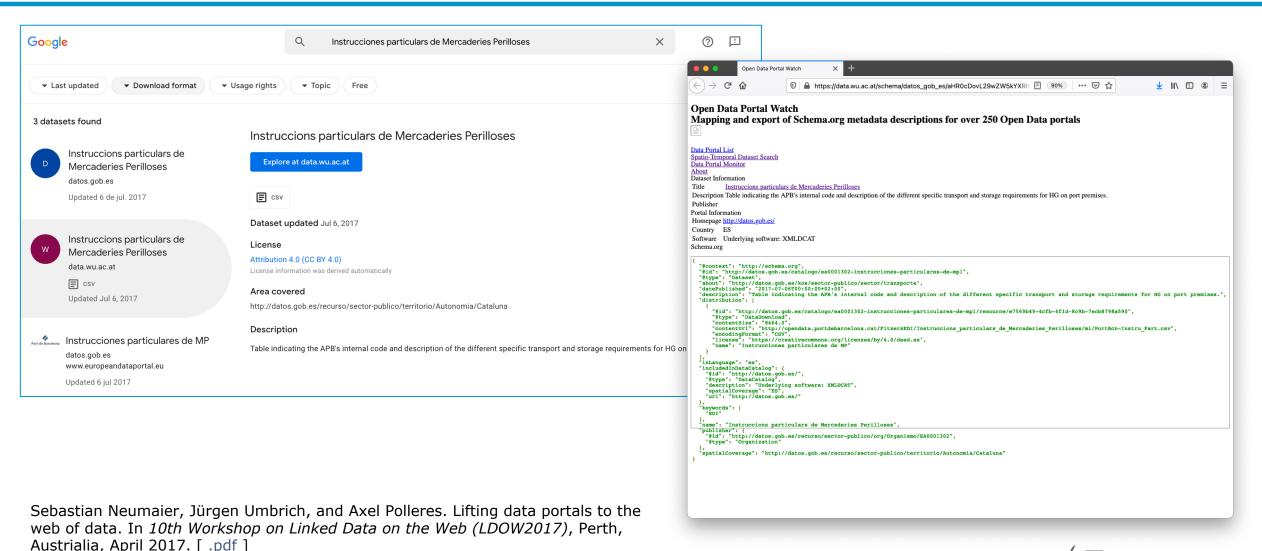


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Metadata integration (CKAN, SOCRATA, DCAT, schema-org) pre-dating/feeding into Google's dataset search







Large corpus of OpenData portal metadata & data



Available Content

Open Data Portal Watch

The Open Data Portal Watch framework is a scalable quality assessment and evolution monitoring framework for Open Data (Web) portals. We harvest the metadata of 280 Web

Quality Metrics

6 Dimensions 19 Metrics

More information about our quality dimensions and metrics.

Portals List

280 registered Portals

Basic information such as the country, software and the number of datasets.

SPARQL Endpoint

Structured Queries

Query all datasets and quality assessments at a SPARQL endpoint

API

SLIDE 18

RESTful API

Documentation of the RESTful ODPW API

Data dumps

All datasets as Turtle files

We provide the collected metadata for each portal and snapshot.

Statistics

Ton 10 file formats

Portal	Datasets	Resources
ransparenz.hamburg.de	138911	232585
pen.canada.ca	86390	217524
ww.data.gouv.fr	35633	193159
ffenedaten.de	28661	85350
ita.gv.at	28199	41113
vw.data.go.jp	27635	351328
ata.opendatasoft.com	20042	86246
ata.humdata.org	17690	276700
ita.gov.gr	10552	25947
ata.gov.ie	9976	28273

catalogues and perform a quality assessment of the metadata along 6 dimensions and 19 metrics.

Format	Count	Percentage
CSV	253472	12.35%
PDF	249675	12.17%
HTML	240061	11.7%
TIFF	190876	9.3%
XLS	164917	8.04%
json	120369	5.87%
other	112875	5.5%
CSV	107370	5.23%
xml	59073	2.88%
ZIP	45706	2.23%

License	Count	Percentage
Open Government Licence - Canada	201722	15.51%
Creative Commons Namensnennung 4.0 International	71900	5.53%
Creative Commons Attribution	64030	4.92%
Creative Commons Attribution 4.0	55828	4.29%
Creative Commons Attribuzione	53193	4.09%
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Creative Commons Αναφορά	53193	4.09%
dl-de-by-2.0	47278	3.64%
Public Domain	42996	3.31%
CC BY 4.0	34847	2.68%

Top 10 licenses

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What's next? What's missing for a FAIR (European) Data Ecosystem?



Accessability

Data search (is google Dataset search enough?)

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Data archiving and uniform access

Interoperability

Enable (also) non-open data

Reuse/Reusability

Also "Democratize" Data Processing

Architectural Vision ... decentralized data ecosystem

starting points are there

beyond current OpenData platforms





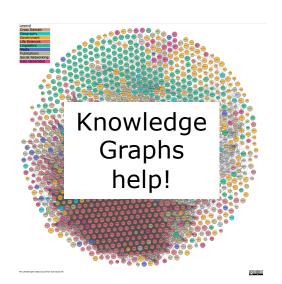


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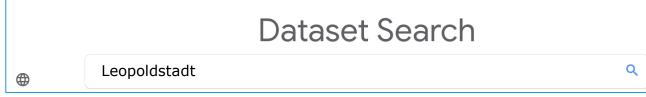
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Spatio-temporal search



Search for organisations



- Find semantically comparable datasets
 - (needs semantic labeling of datasets)





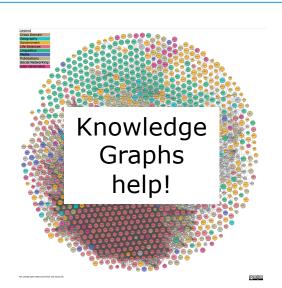


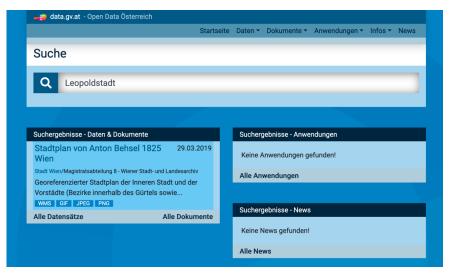
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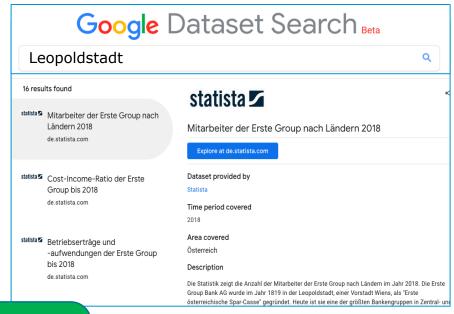
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Solution:

- (i) look into data, not only metadata!
- (ii) link to Existing Knowledge Graphs!

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Data search – Is google Datase

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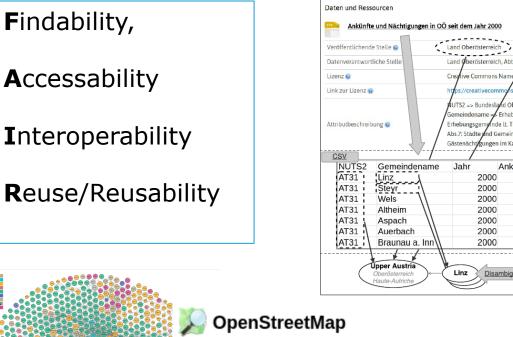
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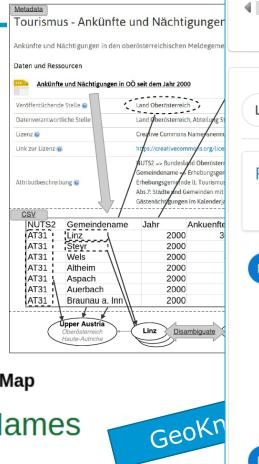
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Knowledge

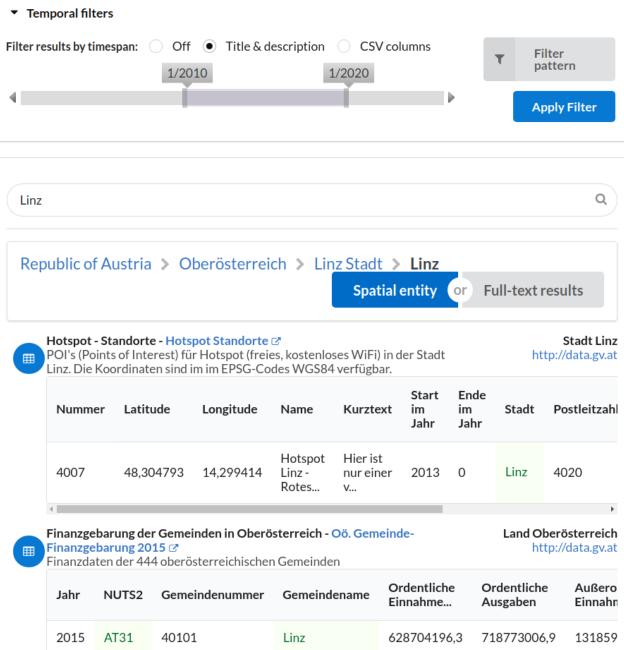
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help!















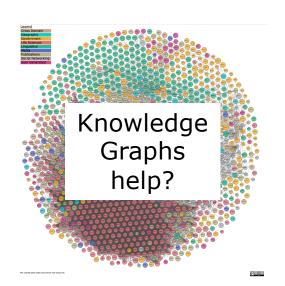


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Spatio-temporal search Done! Dataset Search Leopoldstadt Search for organisations **Dataset Search** Dataset by the Federal Ministry of Digitalisation and Economic Affairs Find semantically comparable datasets Currently still (needs semantic labeling of datasets) too hard Dataset Sea

Find datasets combinable with dataset XYZ





current name and portfolio dates to 2018.

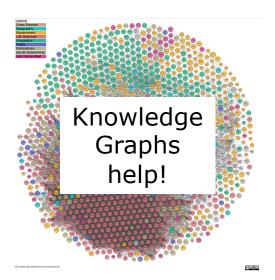


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Dataset Search Datasets by the Federal Ministry of Digitalisation and Economic Affairs 5 main challenges: (1) temporal changes in organizations and in the portal metadata, (2) lack of a base ontology for describing organizational structures+changes (3) metadata and KG data quality (4) multilinguality (5) disambiguating public sector organizations. In 2000, the Schüssel cabinet merged the Ministry of Economy with the Ministry of Labor. Road and maintenance and a number of minor matters were assigned to the Ministry of Traffic; water hydraulic engineering went to the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry of Environment took over

becoming the Ministry of Social Affairs in the process. The merger was undone in 2008. The Ministry's

Currently still too hard Challenges of Linking Organizational Information in Open Government Data to

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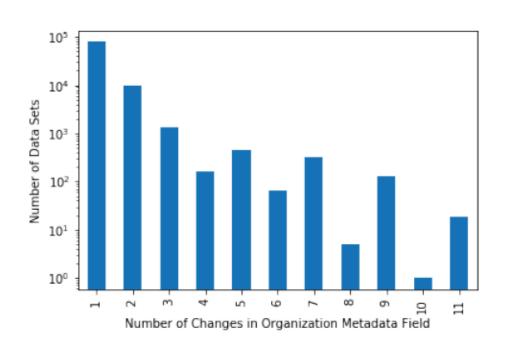


Fig. 1. The distribution of organizational changes for individual datasets. On the X-axis, the number of times an organization has been changed for a dataset on a particular data portal is shown while the overall frequency of such a change is reflected on the Y-axis. Note that the Y-axis is log-scale.







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Challenges of Linking Organizational
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Linking Organizational
Knowledge Graphs

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Table 2. Top 10 organization changes by label together with the number of occurrences of the change within datasets listed in ODPW.

Old Organization Label	New Organization Label	Frequency
NSGIC GIS Inventory (aka Ramona)	NSGIC GIS Inventory	13,793
Geoscience Australia	Corp	7,111
Daryl Beggs, Ruth Oulton, Benjamin Lang,	Benjamin Lang, Daryl Beggs, Ruth Oulton,	5,007
Daryl Beggs, Ruth Oulton, Benjamin Lang,	Engineering	5,007
Benjamin Lang, Daryl Beggs, Ruth Oulton,	Engineering	5,007
Ivan Begtin	Федеральная служба статистики	3,359
Archive bot	Национальный цифровой архив России	1,925
Senatsverwaltung für Gesundheit und Soziales	Senatsverwaltung für Gesundheit und Soziales Berlin	1,298
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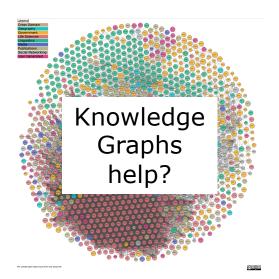


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main challenges:

- (1) lack of coverage in current KGs
- (2) heterogeneous representations within KGs

SemTab: Semantic Web Challen

This challenge aims at benchmarking systems dealing with the tabula

Editions

- SemTab 2019: [description] [results] [datasets] [proceedings]
 SemTab 2020: [description] [results [] [Synthetic dataset []]

In Wikidata the election class (Q40231) has 787 subclasses in total, they often represent parties and results differently

Publications

- Ernesto Jiménez-Ruiz, Oktie Hassanzadeh, Vasilis Efthymiou, Jiaoyan Chen, Kavitha Srinivas and Vincenzo Cutrona. Results of
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- Vincenzo Cutrona, Federico Bianchi, Ernesto Jiménez-Ruiz and Matteo Palmonari. Tough Tables: Carefully Evaluating Entity Linking for Tabular Data. International



Data archiving and uniform access?



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Crawl and index datasets, clean and index evolving, tabular datasets.

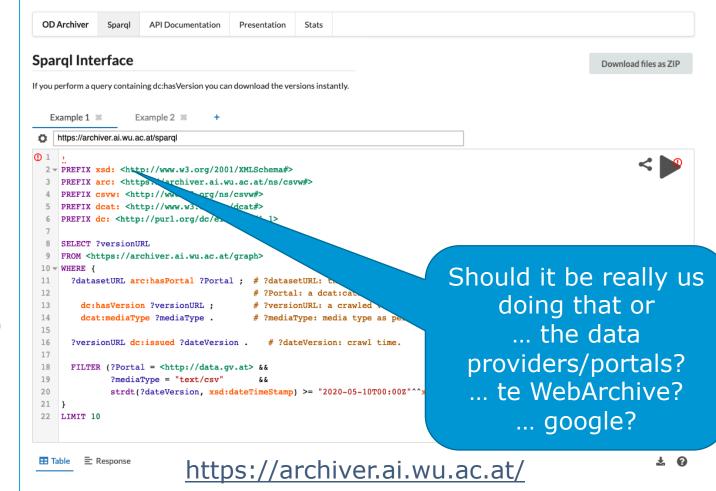
Search and query datasets over time!

- Total Corpus: 5.5 TB (CSV,JSON,XML,...)
- Latest Versions: 1.2 TB



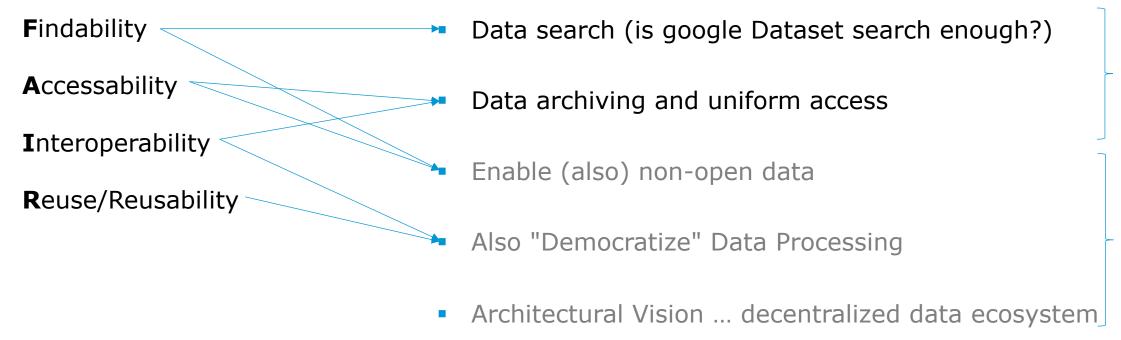
Thomas Weber, Johann Mitlöhner, Sebastian Neumaier, and Axel Polleres. ODArchive - creating an archive for structured data from open data portals. In ISWC 2020

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- How to Enable (also) non-open data?
 - Publish Open Metadata also for non-open (public) data!
 (e.g. micro-census data, public registries, e.g. COVID-vaccine-data?)
 - Semantic descriptions of Provenance, Usage Policies
 - Accountability records (Blockchain?)
 - Enable automated-contracting of Data?
 - eIDs, verifiable credentials, formal policies ODRL







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- How to also also "Democratize" Data Processing?
 - To really democratise Open Data, you need do democratize also computing power, or at least make it accessible to researchers
 - Marriage of "data portals" with "the cloud"
 - (e.g. "Open Data backend" for EOSC?)
 - Could mean a boost of European AI research?

Forderungen der ASAI zu einer konkreten AI Strategie in Österreich

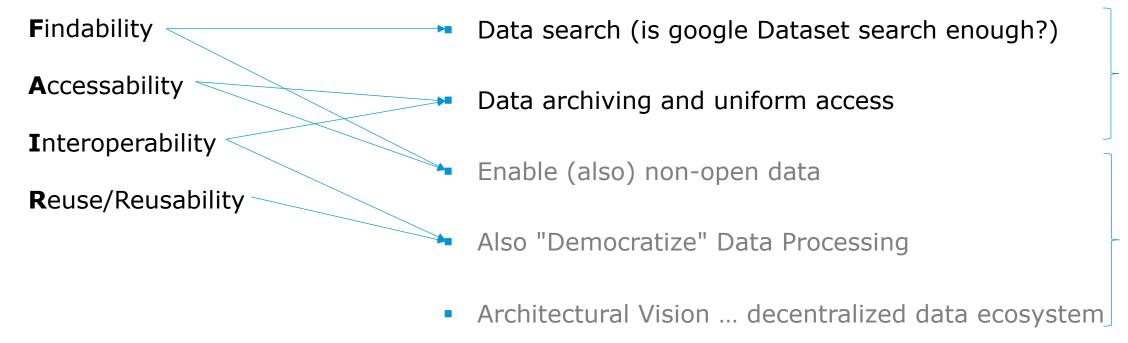
vom Vorstand der Austrian Society for Artificial Intelligence (ASAI)

Österreichische AI Strategie aus Sicht der Wissenschaft

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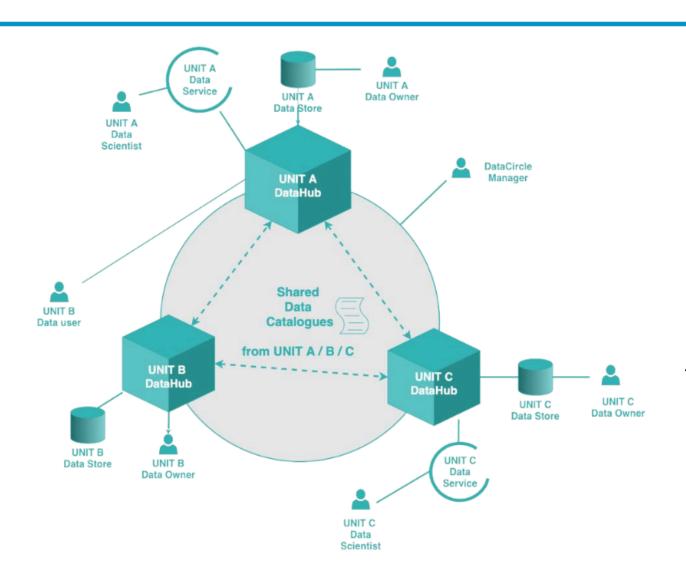




Vision: What's next?

Data-Ecosystem for Controlled Decentralized Data Sharing:





- FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable) Open & Closed Data!
- Data Sharing & Daten-Pooling
- Keep data sovereignty & trust
- Decentralisation
- Out of the box Data Science Pipelines
 & Cloud Services
- Shared Data Catalogs & Knowledge Graph are only a part of it!

Thanks to collaborators & project partners:







Take-home Summary:



Knowledge Graphs/Linked Data can help to strengthen Open Data

They're both puzzle pieces for Open Data Ecosystems..
... or what I would rather call "*The Web of Data*"

We need to think further, particularly:

- include closed data into our considerations
- mix top-down (best practices and standards) with bottom up population of this "Web of Data"
- we will need a working decentralized architecture for this (supporting QoS/QoD monitoring, access control, etc.)
- From an academic point of view:
 - Still enough work for a couple of PhDs...
 - → if you want to help? We're hiring! ②







