

Specialising the EDM for Digitised Manuscripts

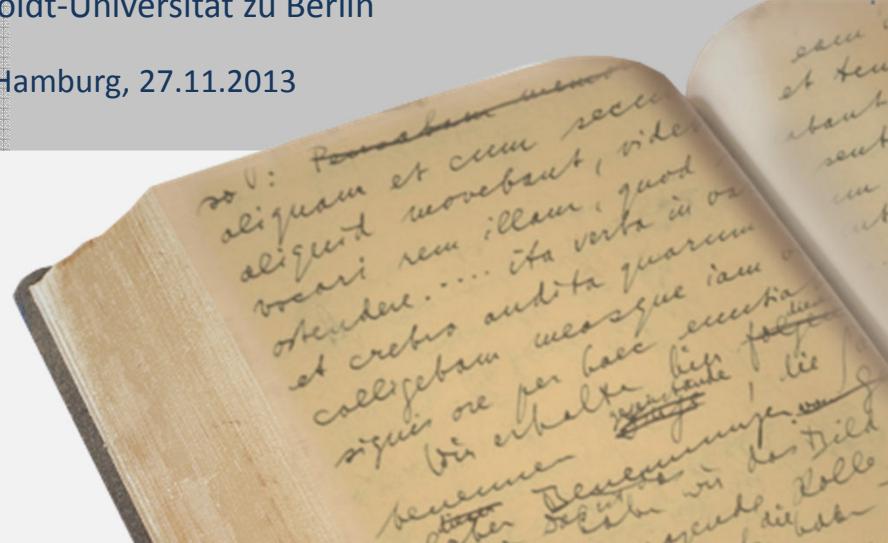
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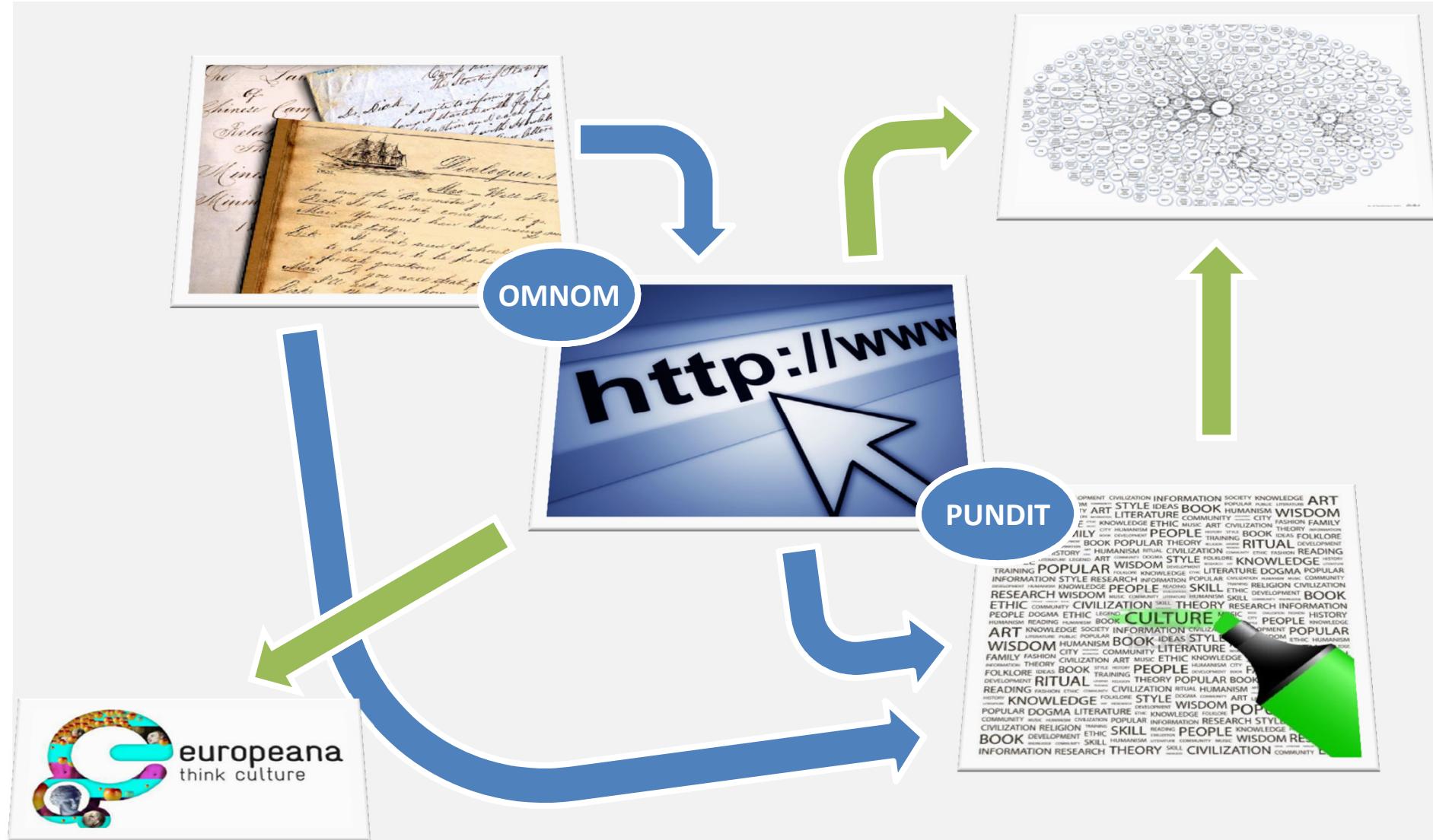


Digitised Manuscripts to Europeana



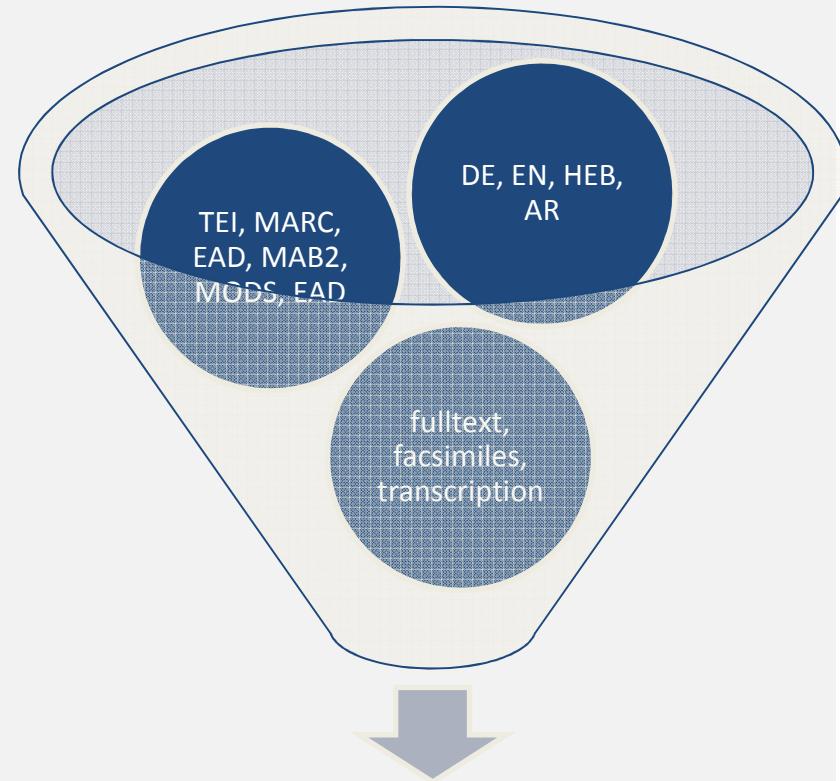
- EU-funded Europeana satellite project
- Duration: Three years (2012 – 2015)
- Partners from Germany, Austria, Norway, Greece, UK and Italy
- DM2E works on:
 - a tool-chain for data migration to Europeana and the LOD Web ([OMNOM](#)),
 - a digital research environment for the Digital Humanities ([PUNDIT](#)),
 - an open community of cultural heritage professionals ([OPENGLAM](#))

DM2E: Infrastructure



DM2E: Provided Content

- Metadata about manuscripts:
 - Described by: TEI, MAB2, MARC, EAD, METS/MODS
 - Database content
 - In different languages
 - 118.000+ items
 - 20.006.930+ pages



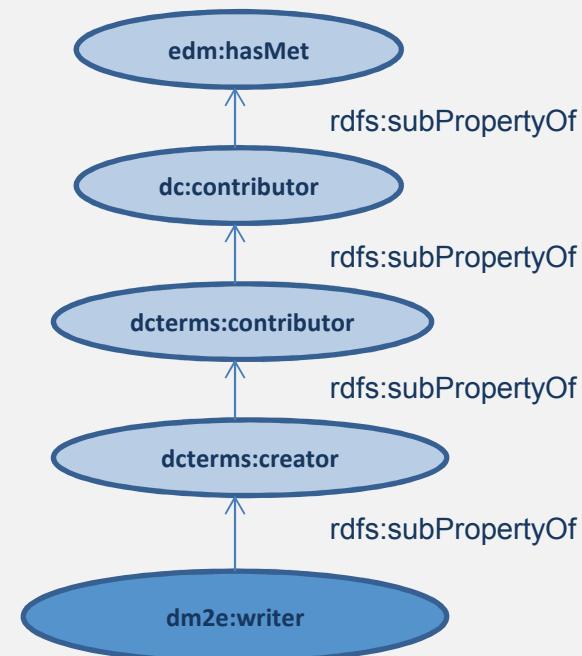
DM2E: Data Model



- Semantically and structurally heterogeneous data
 - e.g. EAD, METS, TEI, MARCXML and MAB2, relational databases, proprietary schemas
- The Europeana Data Model (EDM) is made for this scenario!
 - provides a generic semantic interoperability layer
 - enables the definition of “applications profiles” which may address the needs of specific communities
- The DM2E Data Model (DM2E)
 - is an “application profile” of the EDM for the domain of handwritten manuscripts
 - retains rich descriptions by specialising the EDM

DM2E: Specialisation approach

- RDF(S) allows the specialisation of EDM classes and properties
 - use of `rdfs:subClassOf`
 - use of `rdfs:subPropertyOf`
- An “application profile” typically also includes
 - additional ontological restrictions
 - documentation



DM2E: Specialisation Guidelines

- Empirical analysis of provided source metadata
- Iterative mappings to the EDM
- Close cooperation with data providers
 - agree on shared conceptualisations
- Create rich and connected representations
 - retain original semantics as much as possible
 - use existing URLs of resources
 - assign a class to the resources (`rdf:type`)

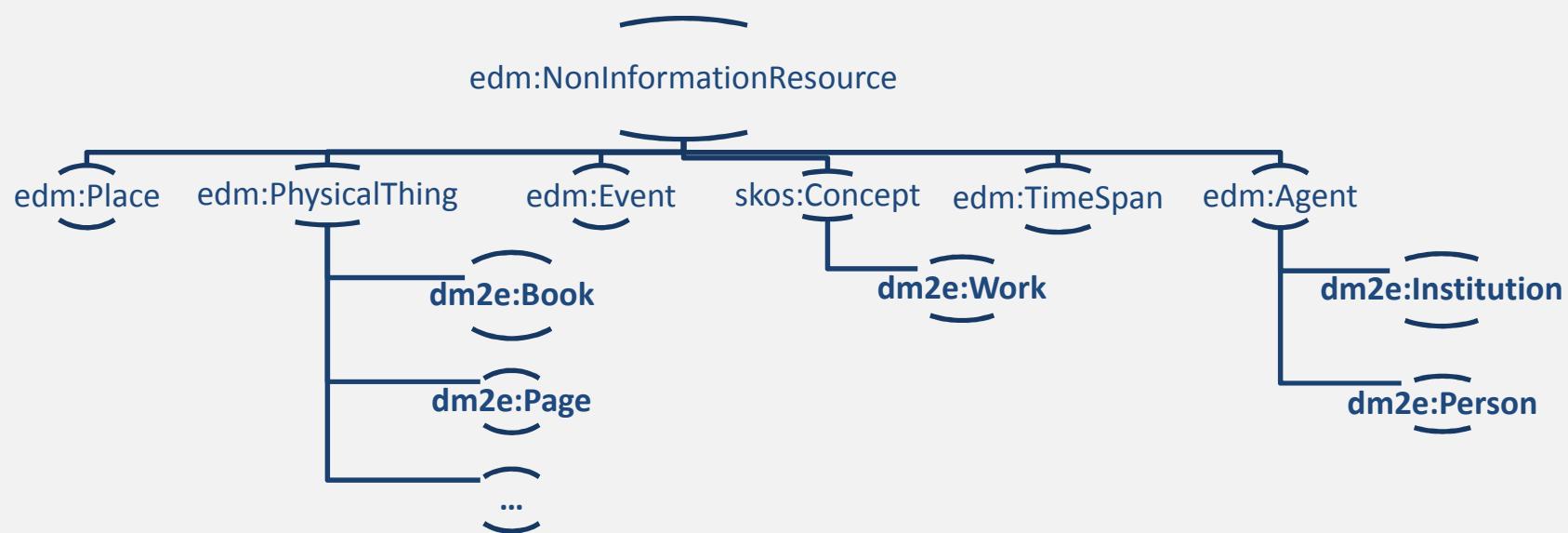
DM2E: Interoperability approach



- Create new classes or properties in the **DM2E-Namespace** only if there is no other suitable option available
 - reuse existing namespaces (ontologies)
 - mind existing semantics (scope notes, domains, ranges)
- Types, roles and relations between **agents**
 - Friend-of-a-Friend (**FOAF**) [**FOAF**] (**types of agents**)
 - Publishing Roles Ontology (**PRO**) [**SPAR**] (**roles of agents in the publication process**)
 - **VIVO** [**VIVO**] (**types of agents**)
- Detailed semantics on **bibliographic entities**
 - FRBR-aligned Bibliographic Ontology (**FaBiO**) [**SPAR**]
 - Citation Typing Ontology (**CiTO**) [**SPAR**]
 - Bibliographic Ontology (**BIBO**) [**BIBO**]

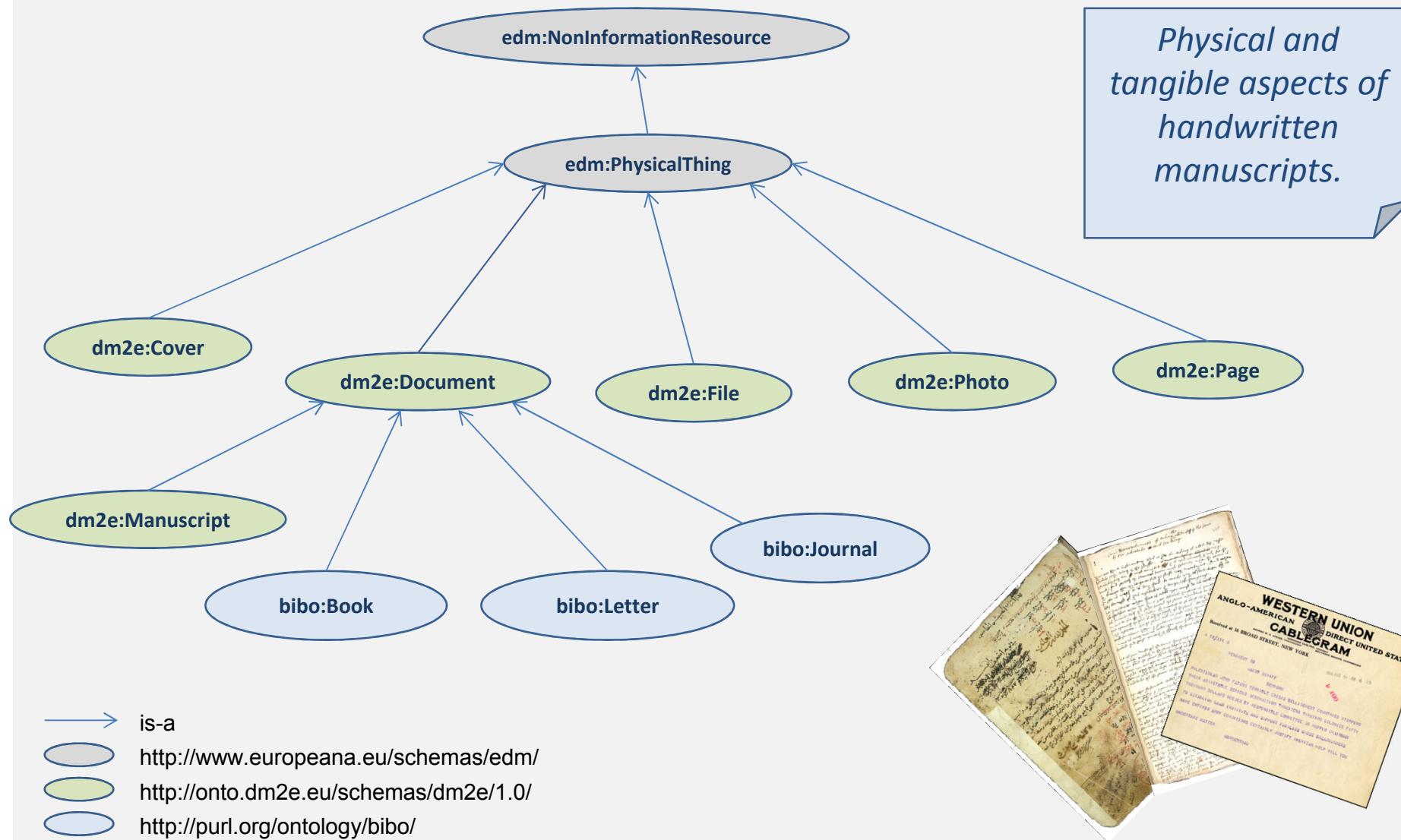
DM2E Model: Class-Specialisation

- 23 new or reused classes, mainly for
 - physical and conceptual parts of a handwritten manuscripts
 - as found in our source metadata
 - different types of Agents



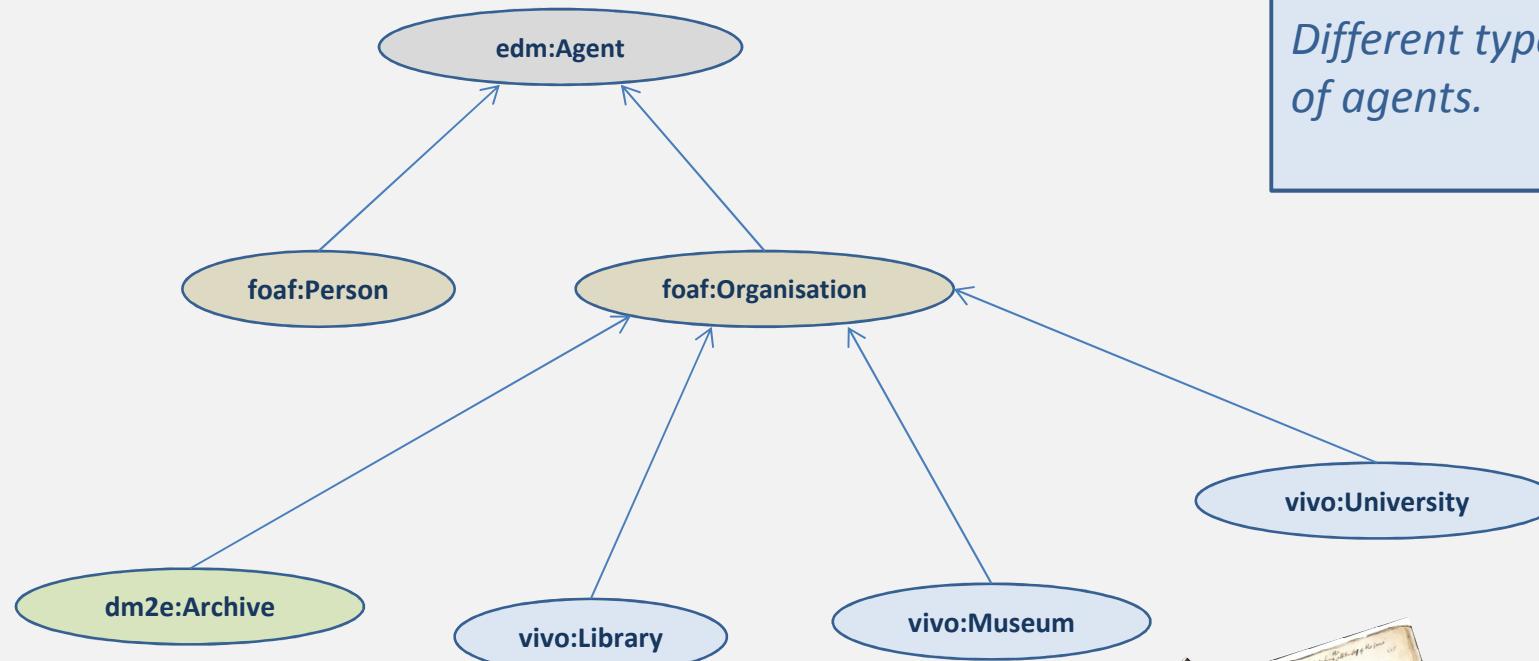
edm:PhysicalThing

Physical and tangible aspects of handwritten manuscripts.



Contextual Resources: Agent

Different types
of agents.



- is-a
- http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/edm/
- http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/
- http://onto.dm2e.eu/schemas/dm2e/1.0/
- http://vivoweb.org/ontology/core#

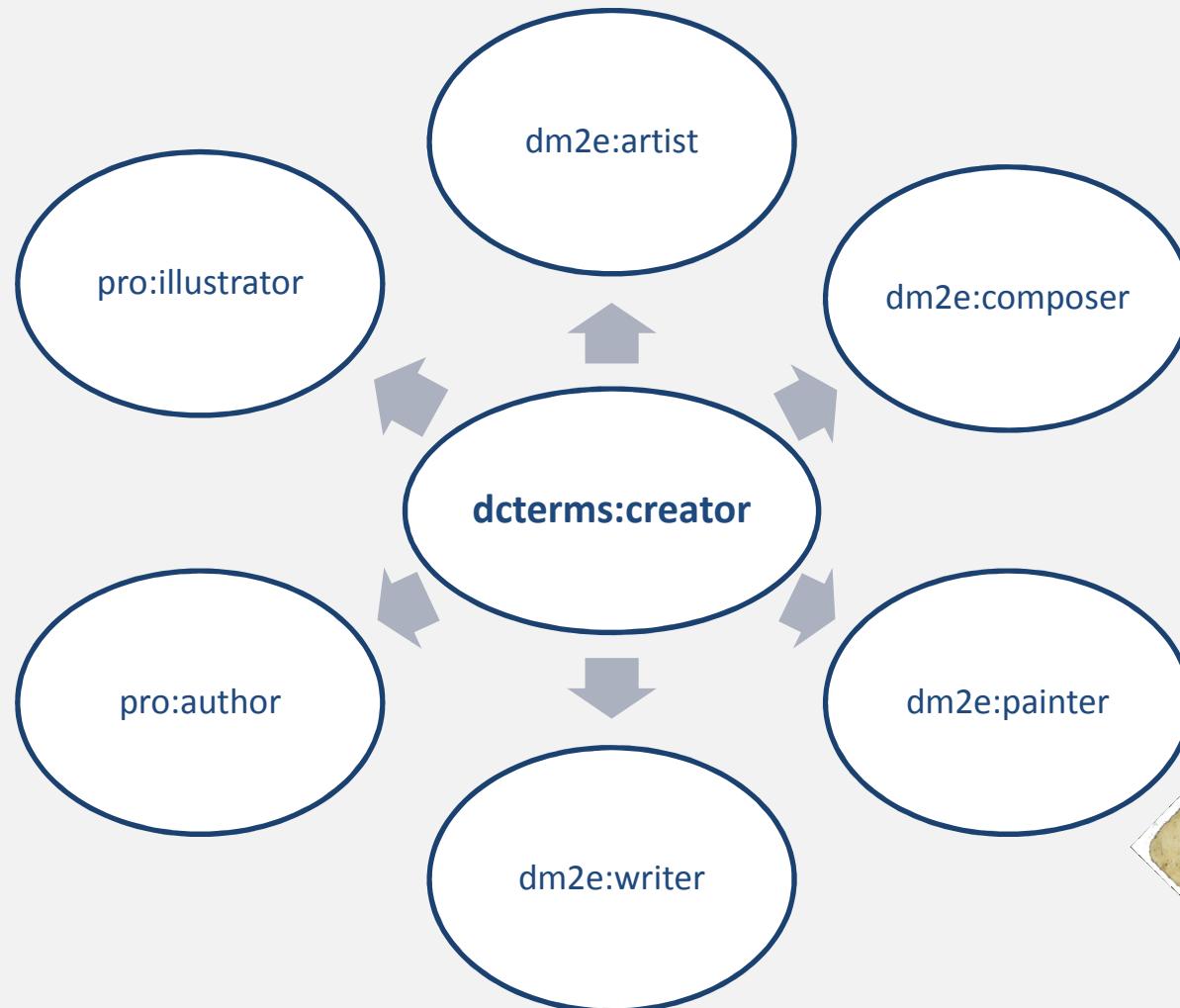


DM2E Model: Properties-Specialisation



- **Property-centric modelling**
 - more than 50 new properties
- Documentation for the DM2E Data Model contains only EDM properties which are utilized
 - to keep the documentation clear
 - e.g. dcterms:replaces, dc:source, or dc:conformsTo are not used
- **Domain and Range Restrictions**
 - some OWL-Restrictions on properties in order to encourage the use of specific resources of a specific type, e.g.
 - CHO hasPart CHO
 - WebResource hasPart WebResource
- **Some EDM-Properties are mandatory in DM2E**
 - dc:type: at least one of the physical (e.g. dm2e:Page) or logical (e.g. dm2e:Paragraph) aspects
 - dc:subject: ideally an URI from a controlled vocabulary

DM2E Model: Property Extensions



Example: Adding new properties as subproperties for `dcterms:creator`



Outlook: Uncertain Statements

Part of the next model version: How to deal with uncertain timespans and presumably creators?

- Problem: Confidence declarations for RDF-statements need Named Graphs or Reification
- Solution:

Agents

„The creator of the CHO is presumably Goethe.“

Timespans

„The timespan was somewhere in the 1920ies and lasted 2 years.“

```
res1 dc:creator presumedAgent1.
presumedAgent1 a PresumableAgent;
  isPresumably goethe;
  confidence 0.8.
```

```
timeSpan1 a edm:TimeSpan.
  uncertainBegin 1920;
  uncertainEnd 1929;
  duration 2.
```

Confidence is optional

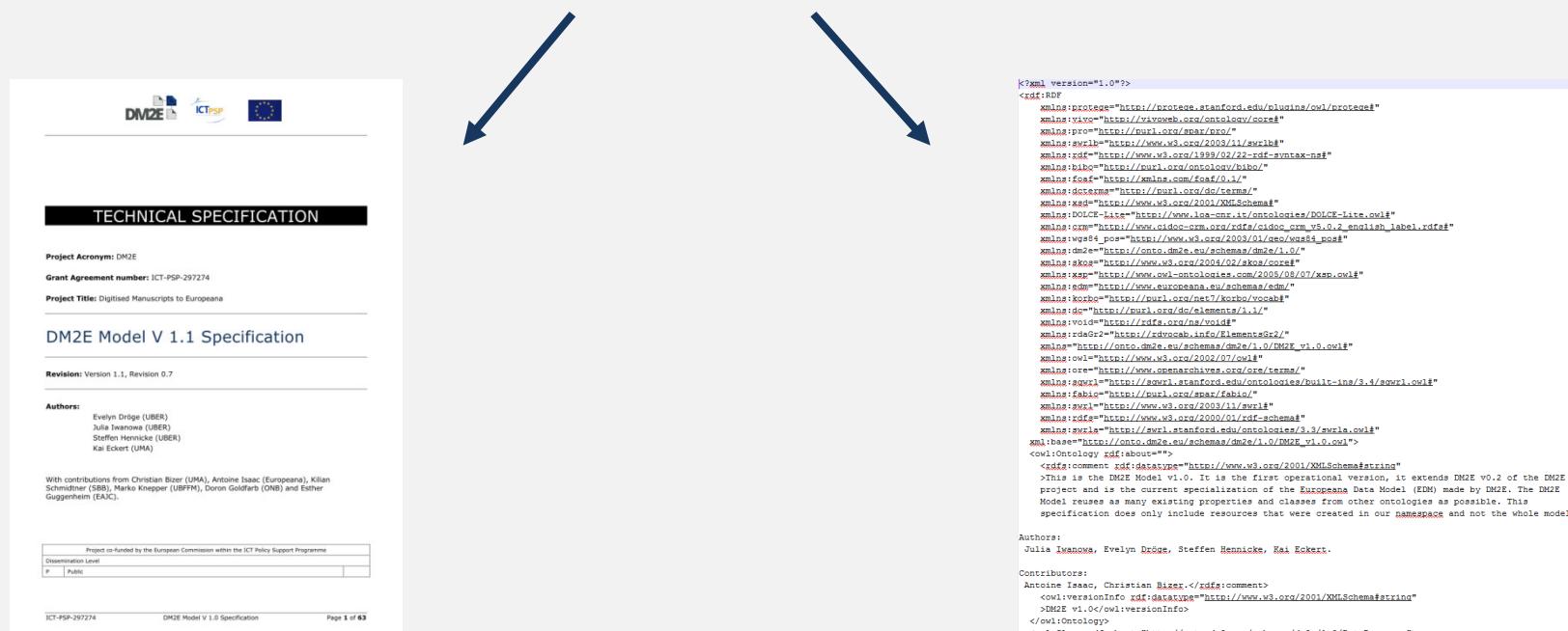
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Documentation: PDF and OWL



The PDF and the OWL representations can be accessed via the project's website:

dm2e.eu/document/#DM2EModelSpecification

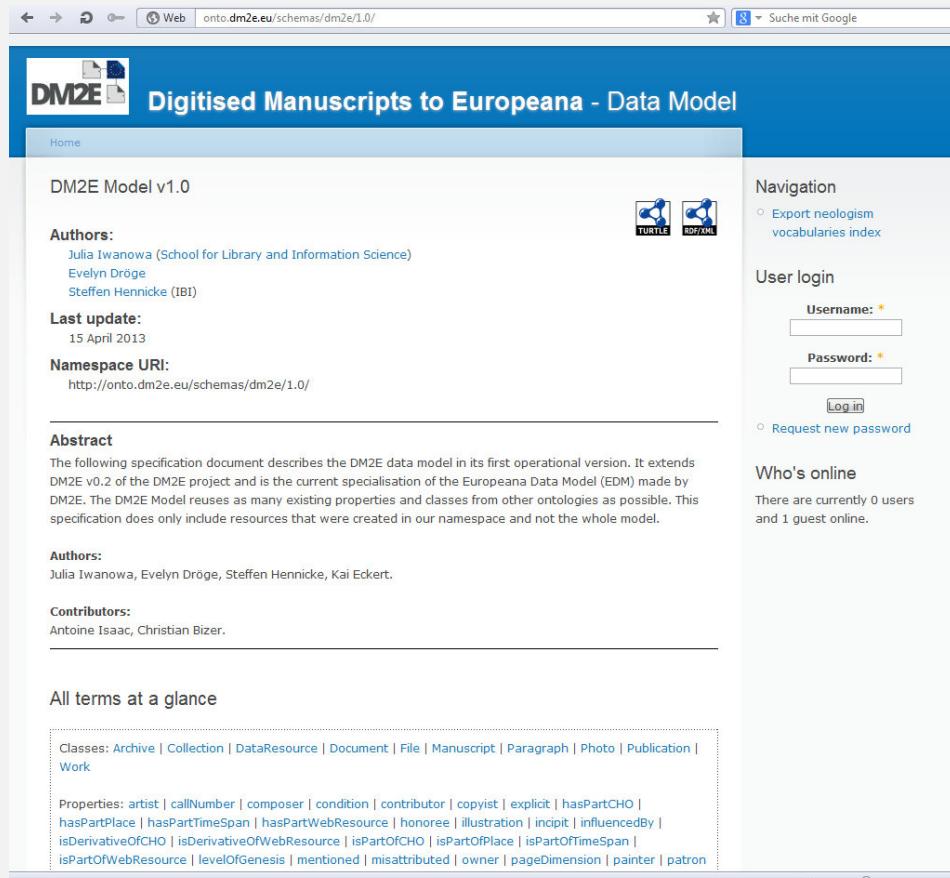


Documentation: Online



- Human & machine readable
- Version 1.0

onto.dm2e.eu



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the DM2E v1.0 documentation page at <http://onto.dm2e.eu/schemas/dm2e/1.0/>. The page has a blue header with the DM2E logo and the title "Digitised Manuscripts to Europeana - Data Model". The main content area is titled "DM2E Model v1.0". It includes sections for "Authors" (Julia Iwanowa, Evelyn Dröge, Steffen Hennicke), "Last update" (15 April 2013), and "Namespace URI" (<http://onto.dm2e.eu/schemas/dm2e/1.0/>). Below this is an "Abstract" section stating the document describes the DM2E data model in its first operational version, extending the DM2E v0.2 and reusing properties and classes from other ontologies. There are also sections for "Contributors" (Antoine Isaac, Christian Bizer) and "All terms at a glance" which lists various classes and properties used in the model. A sidebar on the right contains "Navigation" links for exporting neologism vocabularies and an index, and a "User login" form with fields for Username and Password, and a "Log in" button. It also shows "Who's online" information indicating 0 users and 1 guest online.

Summary

- The DM2E Data Model is an application profile of the EDM for the domain of Manuscripts
- DM2E v1.0: Latest and first operational version
- DM2E v1.1: Next version under development
- Work is on-going and feedback welcome!

Thank you for your attention!

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