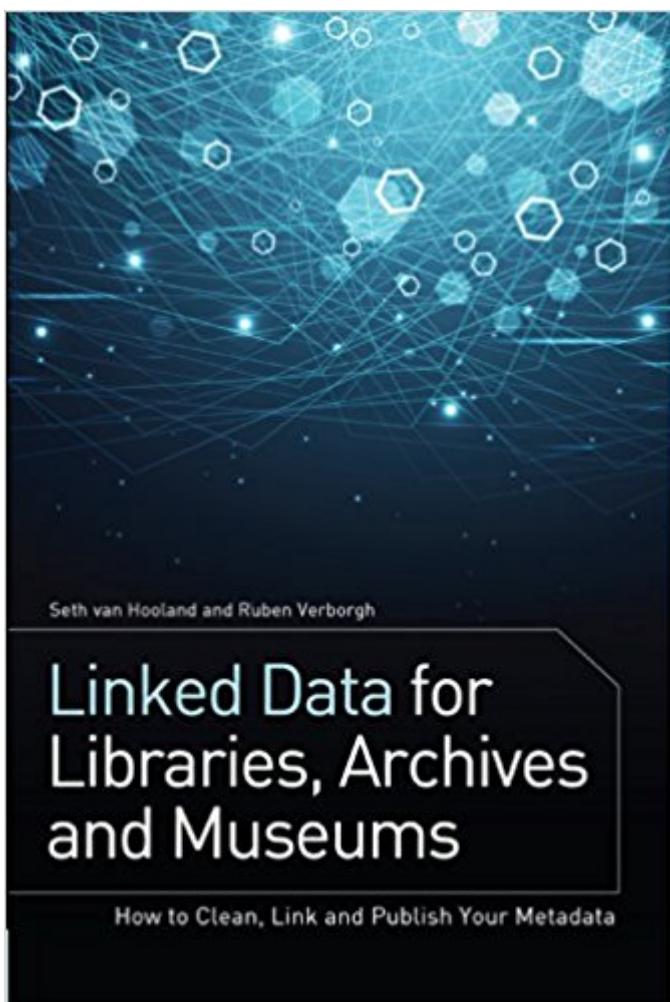


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# Linked Data For Libraries, Archives And Museums: How To Clean, Link And Publish Your Metadata



## Synopsis

Libraries, archives and museums are facing up to the challenge of providing access to fast growing collections while managing constrained budgets. Key to this is the creation, linking, and publishing of good quality metadata, which allows library collections to be discovered, accessed and disseminated in a sustainable manner. In this handbook, metadata experts van Hooland and Verborgh introduce the core concepts of metadata standards and Linked Data, and show how they can be applied to existing metadata. Giving readers the tools and understanding to achieve maximum results with limited resources, this book covers such crucial topics as The value of metadata, Metadata creation, including architecture, data models, and standards, Metadata cleaning, Metadata reconciliation, Metadata enrichment through Linked Data and named-entity recognition, Importing and exporting metadata, Ensuring a sustainable publishing model. This handbook delivers the necessary conceptual and practical understanding to empower institutions to make the right decisions when making their resources accessible on the Web.

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There's a lot of interest in the application of linked data to manage and improve discoverability to library and other resources. In this book, the authors provide much information about data modeling as well as cleaning, reconciling, enriching, and publishing of metadata. The discussion about the value of controlled vocabulary and thesauri will be of particular interest to librarians, curators, and archivists. Linked data's application in the field of digital humanities research is also discussed. The authors also provide case studies and exercises. Throughout the book there are many helpful figures, tables, and examples of linked data coding. Each chapter also includes notes and references for further reading, and the book contains a helpful glossary and index. This book would be of most interest to librarians or other professionals who want to explore the use of linked data to make their metadata more accessible.

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