# Pushing SKOS

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## Controlled Vocabularies (and other authority data)

- Central to library and other knowledge organization processes for a long time
- Commonly used across many different sources, implicitly linking resources about the same topic
- Come along in very different forms, from PDF documents and XML to Excel

ISCED fields of education:

### 0 General programmes

### 01 Basic programmes

Basic general programmes pre-primary, elementary, primary, secondary, etc.

#### 08 Literacy and numeracy

Simple and functional literacy, numeracy.

### 09 Personal development

Enhancing personal skills, e.g. behavioural capacities, mental skills, personal organizational capacities, life orientation programmes.

#### 1 Education

### 14 Teacher training and education science

Teacher training for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school, vocational, practical, non-vocational subject, adult education, teacher trainers and for handicapped children. General and specialised teacher-training programmes.

Education science: curriculum development in non-vocational and vocational subjects. Educational assessment, testing and measurement, educational research, other education science.

#### 2 Humanities and arts

#### 21 Arts

Fine arts: drawing, painting, sculpture;

Performing arts: music, drama, dance, circus;

Graphic and audio-visual arts: photography, cinematography, music production, radio and television production, printing and publishing;

Design; craft skills.

#### 22 Humanities

Religion and theology;

Foreign languages and cultures: living or 'dead' languages and their literature, area studies;

Native languages: current or vernacular language and its literature;

Other humanities: interpretation and translation, linguistics, comparative literature, history, archaeology, philosophy, ethics.

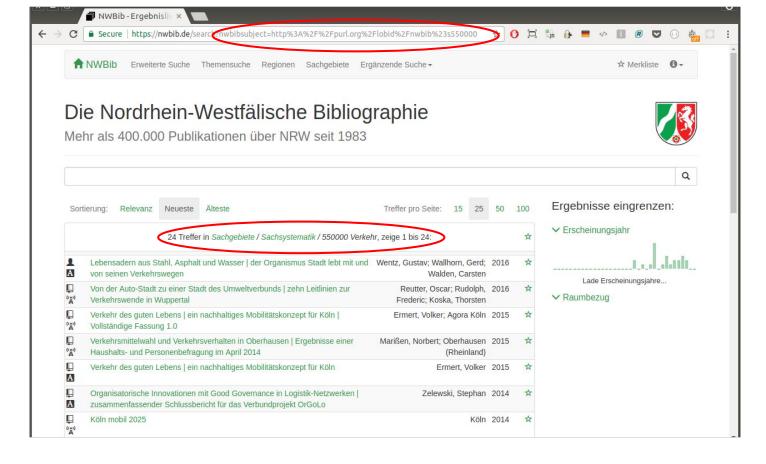
# How can I know what a certain term means?

So, where can I find those vocabularies?

## Simple Knowledge Organization System

- A common vocabulary for describing vocabularies on the web
- Dereferencable and thus self-descriptive using HTTP-URIs
- Machine readable by using RDF, (ideally)
   human readable by using HTML

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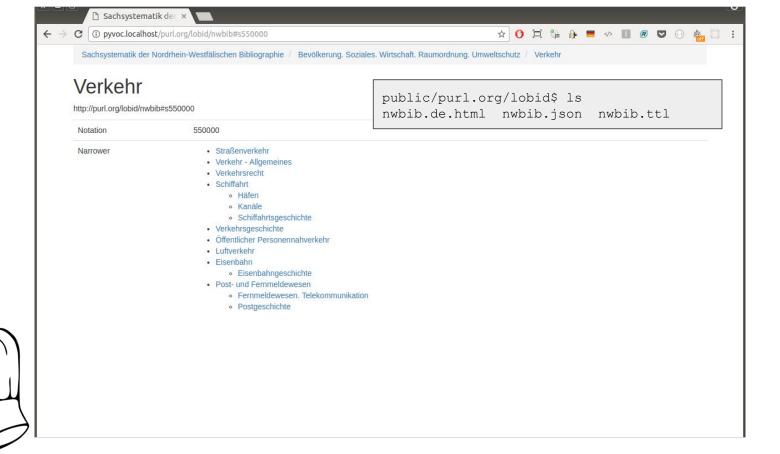
### Die Nordrhein-Westfälische Bibliographie

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First ingredient: static site generator to publish SKOS as HTML...

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### ... and <u>JSON-LD</u> (and <u>Turtle</u>)

## Why a static site generator?

- SKOS is usually read much more often than written
- Apache can do all the Linked-Data-Yada-Yada
- DB-based solutions are already out there

# But is it really all that useful to only know what a topic means and not which

resources about that topic are out there?

If you take away only one thing:

# To drive **OER adoption**, **communities of practice** are key.

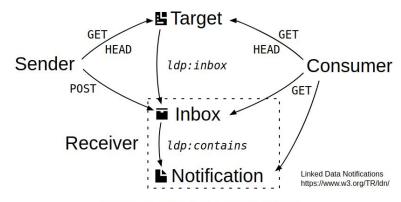
# **Topic-oriented technology** can help foster them.

TOOLs - Topic-Oriented Open Learning platforms, Pim Bellinga & Paul Gobée at OE Global 2018, Delft

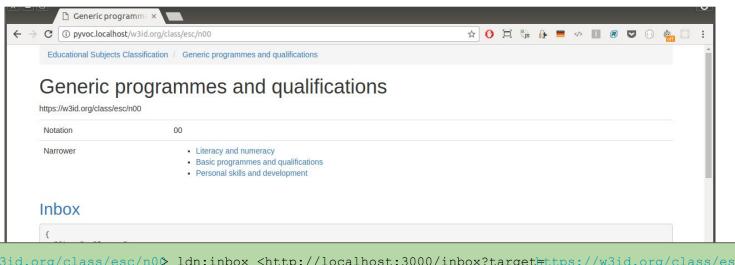
### **Linked Data Notifications**

- Simple protocol to publish notifications on the Web
- No further specification of the payload
- Pull approach for retrieval of notifications from an inbox

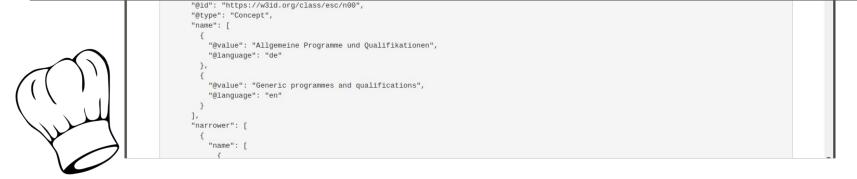
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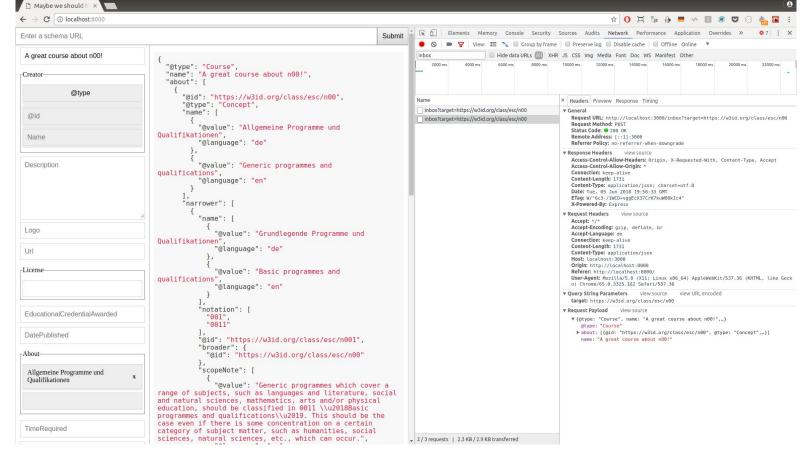
Overview of Linked Data Notifications



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Second ingredient: provide an inbox for each topic ...



... and send updates to that inbox!

# notifications be saved?

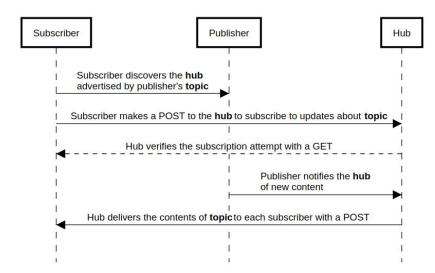
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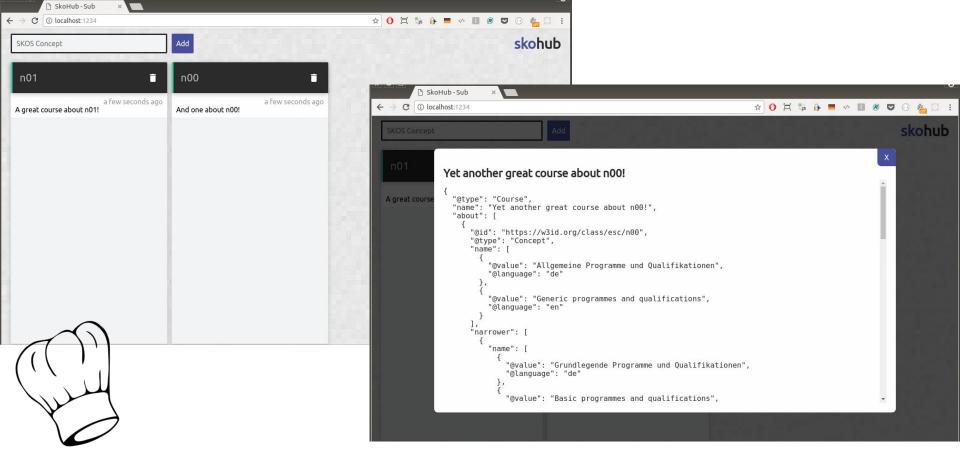
new notifications? How long should

### WebSub

- A simple protocol to communicate arbitrary content from a publisher to a subscriber
- No further specification of the publishing mechanism
- Push approach for retrieval of content

### https://www.w3.org/TR/websub/





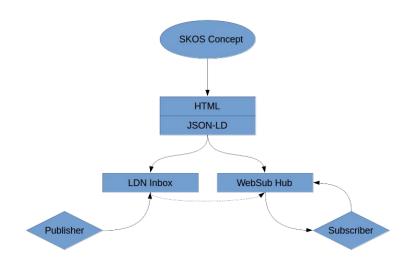
Final ingredient: provide the means to subscribe for update about topics

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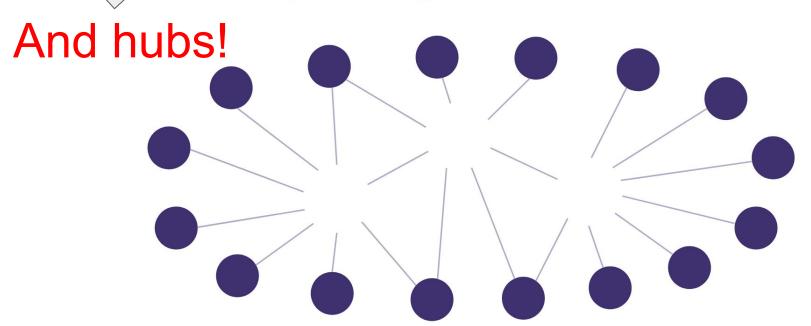
# skohub (simple knowledge organization hub)

- <u>Publication</u> of <u>SKOS vocabularies</u> as static
   <u>JSON-LD</u> and <u>HTML</u>
- Provision of an <u>inbox</u> for retrieval of metadata
- Forwarding of incoming data to the corresponding <u>subscriber</u>





Aggregators serve as a crucial out transparent layer in the network.



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# The *Paradox of Freedom*: you can only be free if you follow rules.

Decentralization means making our own choices.

Unless we agree on some basic things, no one will see the result of our choices.

### Agreement can be layered:

100% agrees on a small set (labeling, authorship, ...)

80% agrees on a larger set (places, dimensions)

5% agrees on many smaller sets (sizes, colors, ...)

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# Minimum viable record?

### Many open questions...

- What about authorization?
- What about <u>spam</u>?
- What about <u>advanced querying</u>?
- And all of yours of course!

# <a href="mailto:output">output</a> and <a href="mailto:output">output</a> literarymachine are happy to continue the discussion!