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# CIDOC CRM+FRBRoo: An Integrated View of Museum and Library Information

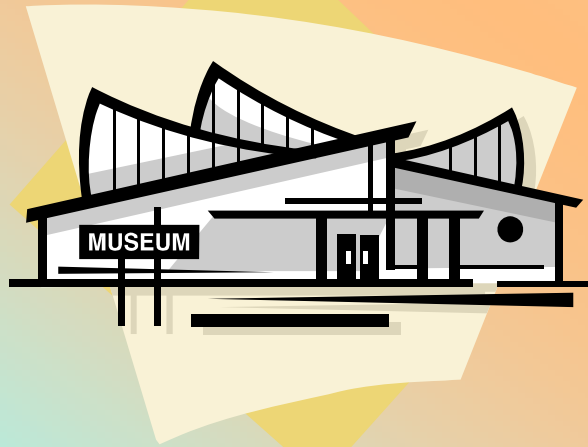
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# Museums and libraries

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akin but different...



mostly copies of publications

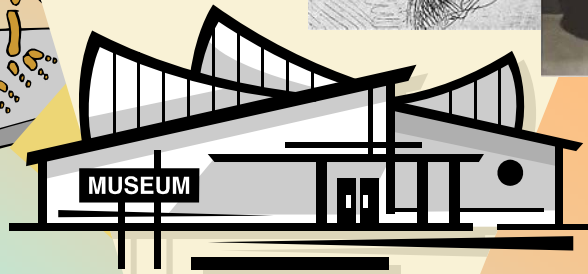
→ How could they cooperate  
(at least as far as cataloguing is concerned)?

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# Museums and libraries



different but akin...



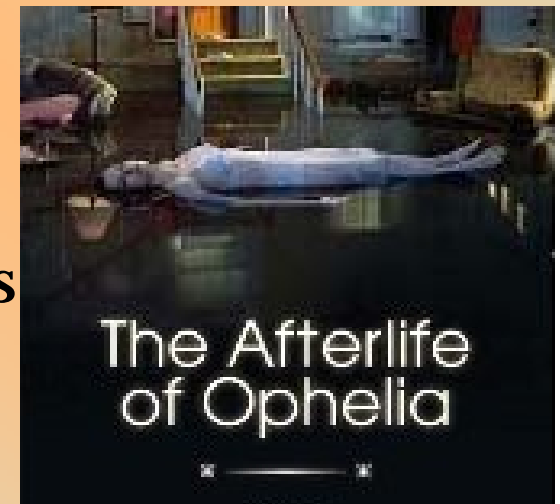
also non-unique objects



also unique objects

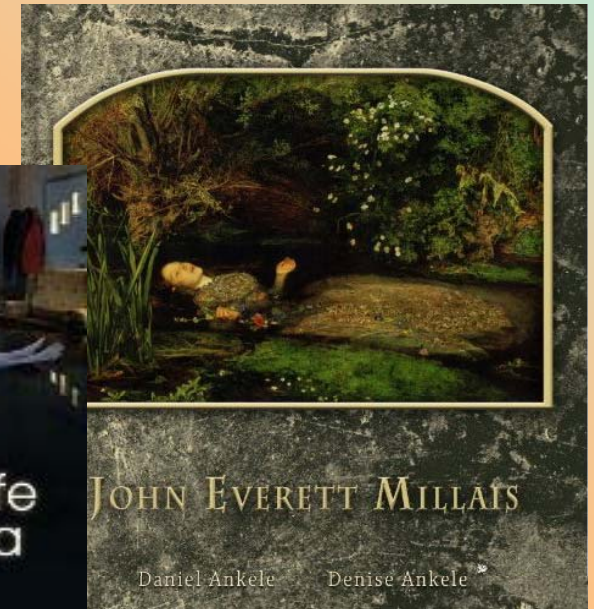
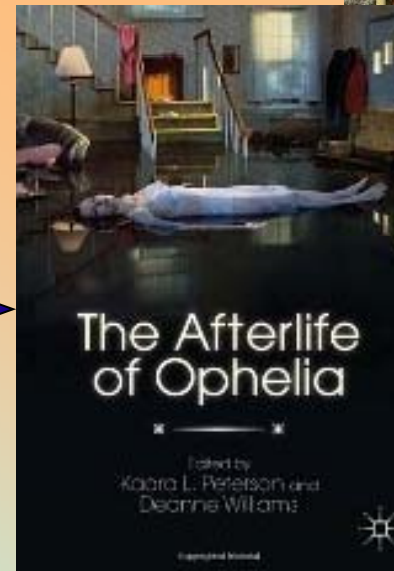
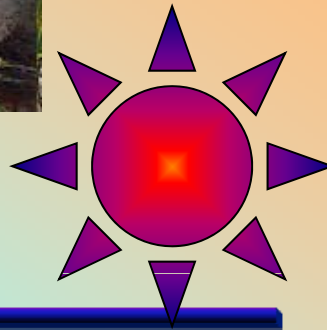
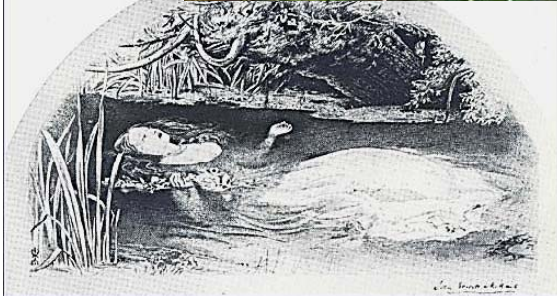


... and interrelated objects



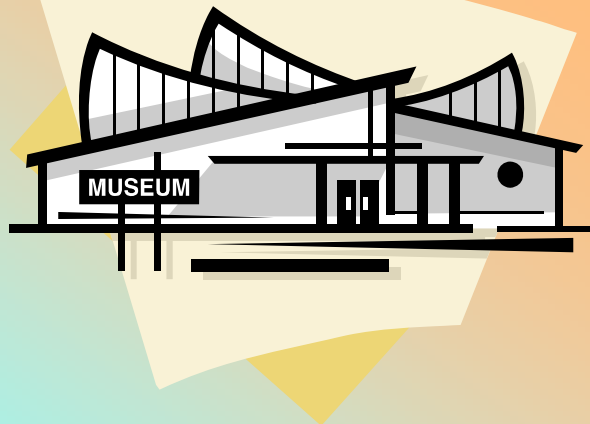
# Museums and libraries

- ➔ It does make sense to strive to make museums' and libraries' databases interoperable through a common conceptual model



# A striking coincidence

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- 1998: release of a preliminary version of CIDOC CRM by ICOM CIDOC



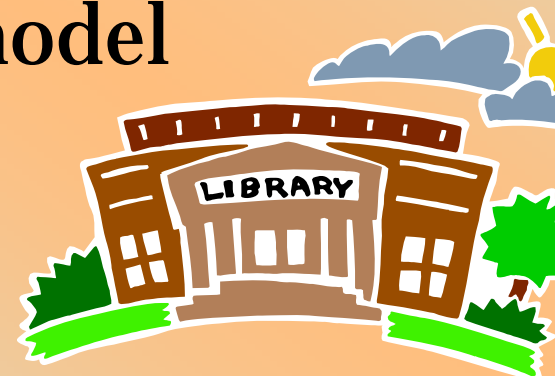
- 1997: FRBR model approved by IFLA
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# FRBR: A Family of Models

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- 1998: Functional Requirements for **Bibliographic** Records, FRBR
- 2009: Functional Requirements for **Authority** Data, FRAD
- 2011: Functional Requirements for **Subject** Authority Data, FRSAD
- 2014: on the agenda: a single model merging FRBR, FRAD, FRSAD



# CIDOC CRM

- In the meantime, in museums...
  - 1995→: development of ICOM's CIDOC CRM  
*ICOM: International Council of Museums*  
*CIDOC : International Committee for Documentation*  
*CRM: Conceptual Reference Model*
  - 2000: formation of CIDOC CRM SIG (Special Interest Group)
  - 2006: CIDOC CRM published as ISO 21127
  - Today: refinements still being made in the CIDOC CRM + extensions for specific domains (CRMdig, CRMarchaeo...)



# FRBR/CIDOC CRM Harmonisation Group

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- Formed 2003
- Representatives from
  - IFLA FRBR Review Group
  - CIDOC CRM SIG
- Objective: develop a unified model for descriptions of both unique and non-unique objects





# How?

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Early decision: CIDOC CRM as reference point  
'translate' FRBR into the CIDOC CRM formalism  
Examine each attribute and relationship defined in  
FRBR  
Find equivalents in CIDOC CRM  
Where no equivalent, declare new subclasses and  
subproperties  
Refine FRBR notions deemed too vague  
Add some new classes and properties to CIDOC CRM

FRBR + CIDOC CRM = FRBR<sub>OO</sub>

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**2003: International Working Group on  
FRBR and CIDOC CRM Harmonization**

**2009: FRBR<sub>OO</sub> version 1.0**

*(bibliographic data only)*

**2014: FRBR<sub>OO</sub> version 2.0**

*(bibliographic + authority data)*

# What does FRBR<sub>oo</sub> cope with?

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As an extension of CIDOC CRM, any type of item that is likely to be found in a museum:

- paintings
- drawings
- art prints...

... plus most types of items found in libraries:

- physical copies of a publication (books, CDs, DVDs, maps...)
- publications
- abstract content of publication
- performances...

... plus the content of authority files:

- information about persons,
- corporate bodies,

## How to use FRBR<sub>00</sub>?

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FRBR<sub>00</sub> is an ***extension*** of CIDOC CRM

- CIDOC CRM is a standalone model
- FRBR<sub>00</sub> can***not*** be used without CIDOC CRM

FRBR<sub>00</sub> is a ***reformulation*** of FRBR, FRAD, FRSAD

- Although this is not a requirement, it is recommended to be familiar with the original FRBR, FRAD, FRSAD

# How to use FRBR<sub>00</sub>?

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Labels are ***but*** labels

- The codes are the genuine identifiers of classes and properties
- Labels may be misleading
- All the intended meaning of classes and properties is conveyed by scope notes
- Reading (and understanding) the scope notes ***is*** a requirement

# An Example

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Stage  
model  
for:

title: *Ai amor sem pés nem cabeça*

performance of: Anonymous texts from 18th century

stage director: Luis Miguel Cintra

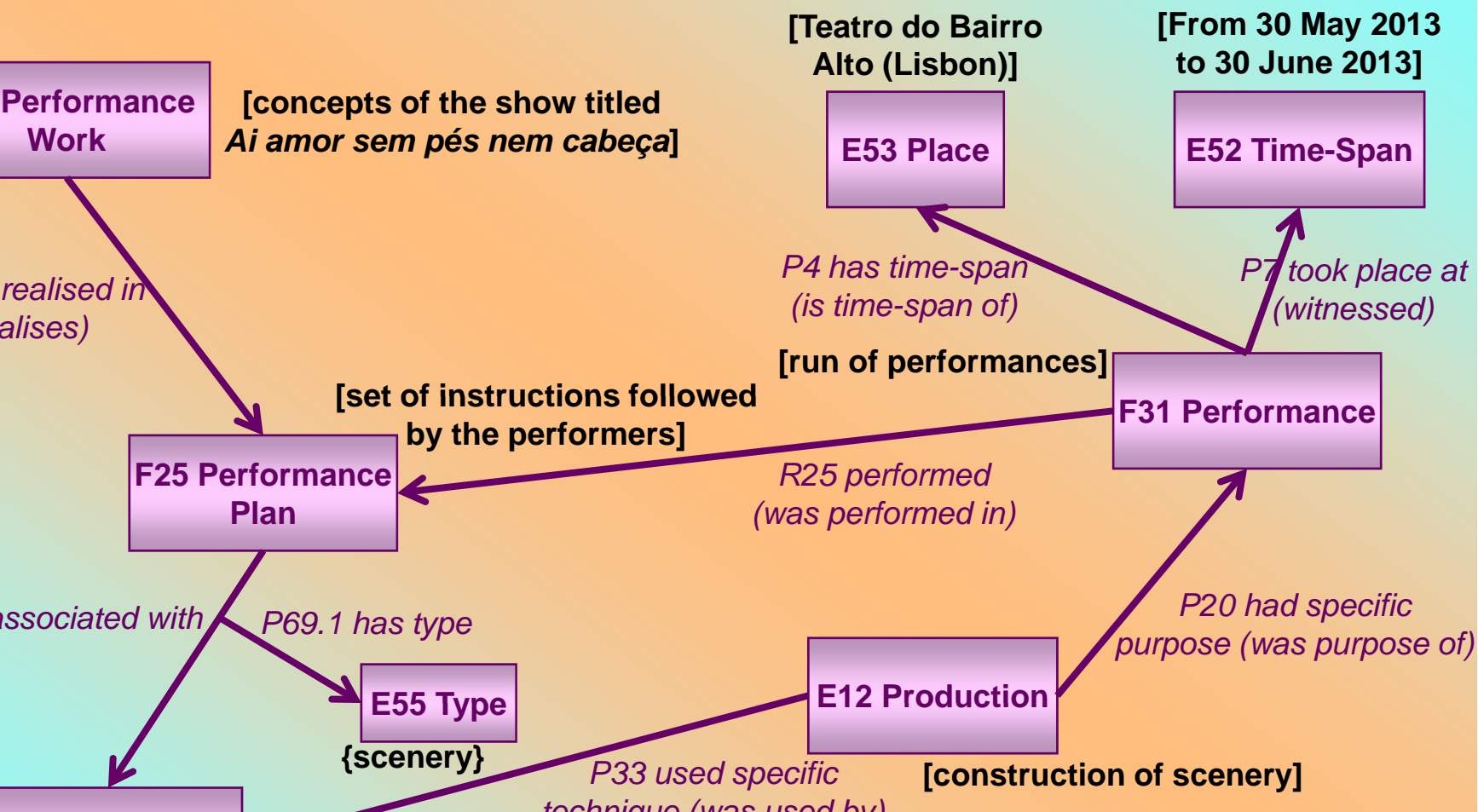
stage designer: Cristina Reis

costume designer: Cristina Reis

performers: Teatro da Cornucópia



# How FRBR<sub>oo</sub> models a stage model





Transforming FRBR into FRBR<sub>oo</sub>

WHO USES FRBR<sub>oo</sub>?



# Erlangen CRM / OWL

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## *Erlangen Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records object-oriented (EFRBRoo)*

### ■ *Latest Version*

<http://erlangen-crm.org/efrbroo/>

based on FRBRoo 1.0.2, EFRBR 121016 & the latest ECRM

[ [Protege 3.4.8 Project-File](#) | [Direct Download](#) | [Documentation](#) ]

### ■ *Version 121016*

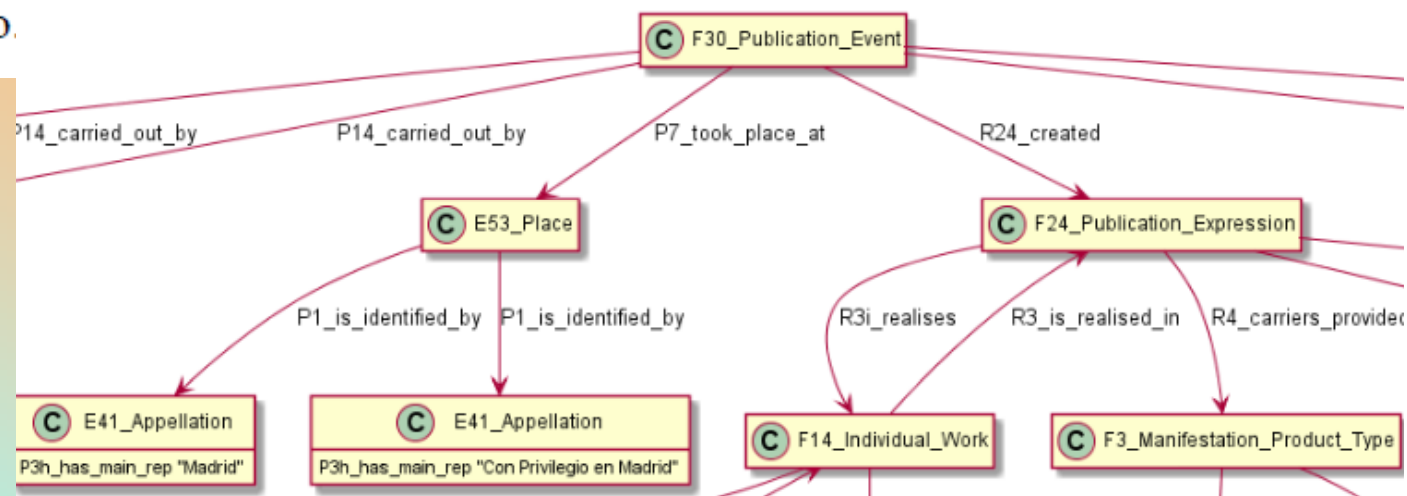
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based on FRBRoo 1.0.2 & ECRM 120111

# From MARC21 and Dublin Core, through CIDOC CRM: Tenuous Steps towards Representing Library Data in FRBRoo

by Mazurek, Krzysztof Sielski, Justyna Walkowska, Marcin Werla  
Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Center

Finally, we have created two mapping definitions: PLMET to FRBRoo and MARC 21 (as  
Poland) to FRBRoo.



# <http://www.purl.com/net/hucit>

VersionInfo : 0.8

Author : Matteo Romanello, Michele Pasin

Description : The description of the ontology.

hucit:F2\_Expression

hucit:Expression

hucit:Citation

hucit:CanonicalCitation

hucit:SelfContainedExpression

hucit:Thing

hucit:ConceptualObject

hucit:CitationStyle

hucit:Expression

hucit:Citation

hucit:CanonicalCitation

hucit:SelfContainedExpression

hucit:TextElement



## NAMESPACES

xml :

<http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace>

owl : <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>

efrbroo : <http://erlangen-crm.org/efrbroo/>

base : <http://www.purl.com/net/hucit/>

rdfs : <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>

owl2xml : <http://www.w3.org/2006/12/owl2-xml#>

dc : <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

rdf : <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

xsd :

<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>

# Sharing Ancient Wisdoms

One of the aims of the SAWS project is to record and visualise the links within and between gnomologia; between these collections and source texts; and between collections and their recipient texts.

To provide the vocabulary we wish to use to express the links in the gnomologia, we have designed an ontology. The SAWS ontology contains:

- Items of interest in the gnomologia (anything we might want to link to/from)
- Relations between those Items (any link we might want to express)

The SAWS ontology is our vocabulary for describing the types of relationships present between or within our texts. The ontology relationships themselves can be used to annotate manuscripts with these links.



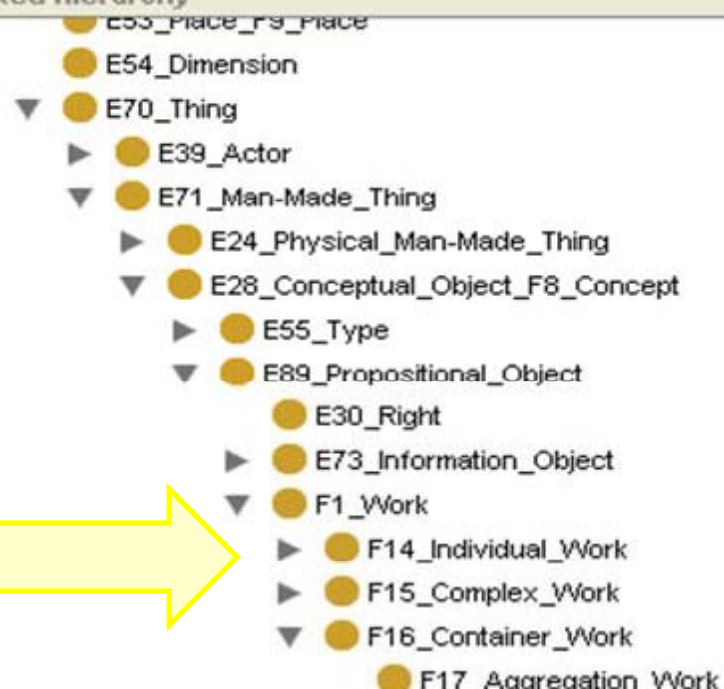
# Study of Manga Ontology based on Object-Oriented FRBR

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For Project: ● MangaOntology

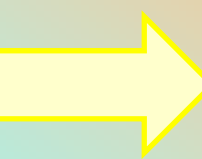
## Asserted Hierarchy



# IMESIS: A Semantic-based Approach for a Digital Library of Poetry in Music

Contribution to the Repertorio della Poesia Italiana in Musica 1500-1700 (RePIM)  
Repository

*Valeria Bartolini<sup>(1)</sup>, Cecilia Luzzi<sup>(2)</sup>, Marco Patella<sup>(1)</sup>, Angelo Pompilio<sup>(3)</sup> and  
Cesarino Ruini<sup>(4)</sup>*



The Digital Library for Poetry in Music (1500-1700) project could benefit considerably from the use of FRBRoo. This object-oriented model could be used not only as a point of departure for the definition of specialized ontologies in the domains of poetry and music, but also for the exhaustive description of the



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E-Learning and Digital Archives Program (TELDAP)

le of a query that can be answered through FRBR<sub>oo</sub>:

## **Ontology-Based Framework for Real-Time Audiovisual Art**

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ady uses the CIDOC CRM  
interested in the potential of FRBR<sub>oo</sub>



# In France

BES (Bibliographic Agency for Higher Education):  
Experimentation with an RDF ontology based on FRBR<sub>00</sub>:

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<F10.Person rdf:about="http://www.idref.fr/026667673/id">
<sudoc:P131F.1.est_identifie_par_forme_retenue>
- <crm:E82.Actor_Appellation>
  <rdf:value rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string">Pessoa, Fernando (1888-1935)</rdf:value>
- <crm:P106F.is_composed_of>
  - <sudoc:E82.1.Element_Entree>
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  </sudoc:E82.1.Element_Entree>
</crm:P106F.is_composed_of>
- <crm:P106F.is_composed_of>
  - <sudoc:E82.2.Autre_Partie_Nom>
    <rdf:value rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string">Fernando</rdf:value>
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INF: a project (in its infancy) to develop an RDF ontology  
based on FRBR<sub>00</sub>

Plans for collaboration between the two agencies

## A few words to conclude

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FRBR<sub>OO</sub> has a huge potential for the future

- Reuse of library info in museums and vice-versa
- Imagine applications making the best of these two worlds

But...

- Lack of critical mass so far
- Lack of really cross-domain experiments

FRBR<sub>OO</sub> and CIDOC CRM are often said to be 'too complex' to be practical...

- I loathe so-called 'simplifications.' They **always** result in huge complications on the long-term