

Content and Bibliographic Theory

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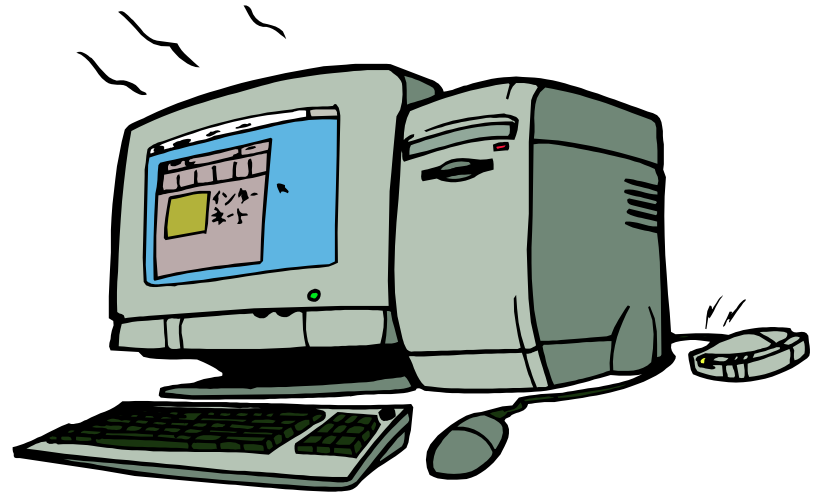
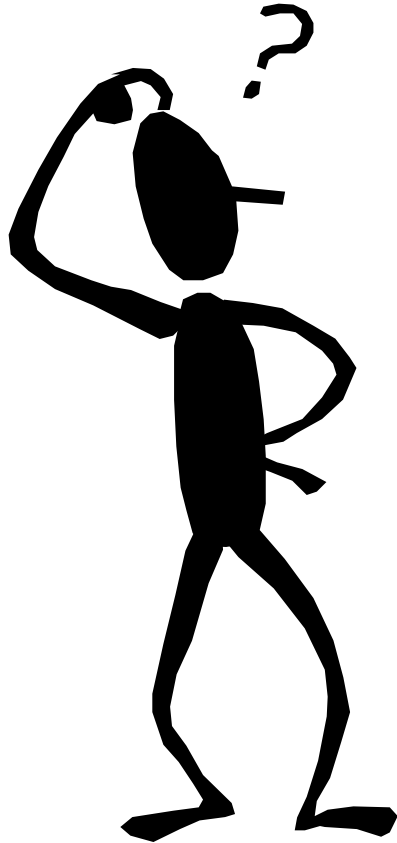
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Godfrey Rust 1999

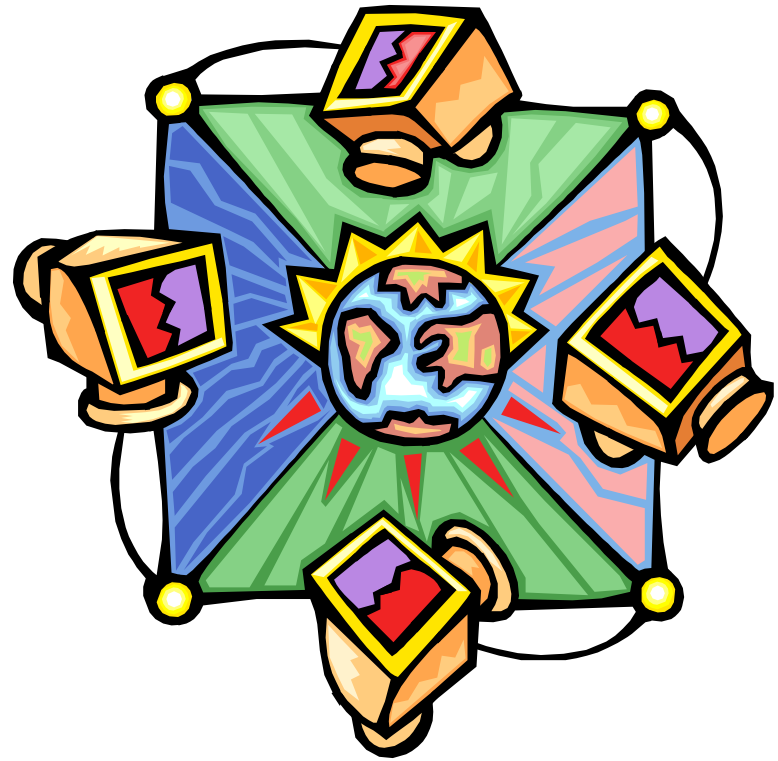
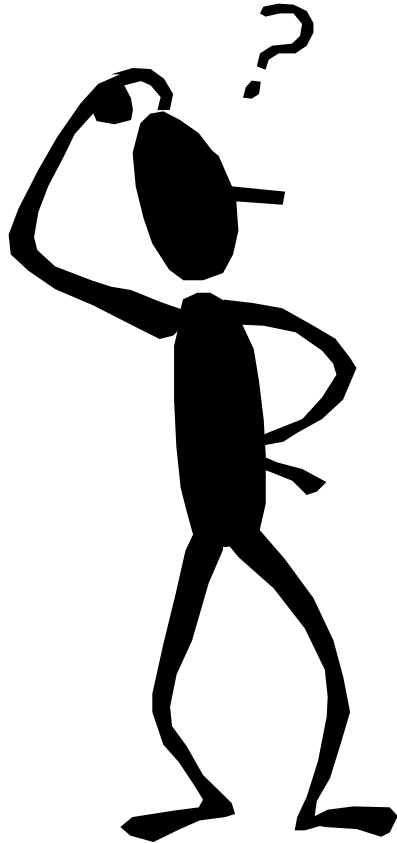
Stuff is more complex than you think.

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Where did I put that file?



Where is that information?



Am I getting compensated for my talent?



Copies?
Derivations?
Contributions?



Is that available in a way I can use it?



Are there other resources like these?



Information vs. Data - Formal basis

- Claude Shannon - Problem of noisy communication channels
- *Entropy*
 - Informally - measure of the amount of information in a data transmission
 - Amount of disorder in a system.
 - Proportional to the uncertainty of the recipient of a data stream about the content of the message
- Implications
 - Same content can be *encoded* in multiple data streams
 - These different streams mathematically have different information content even though they may be expressions of same information (preservation implications)

Same Information?



24-bit color



8-bit color

Content, Data, Metadata -- informal definitions

Content refers to resources as *information* that is of interest to a user. It is the **human** view of information:

music	<i>Beethoven's Fifth Symphony</i>
database	<i>Genome Database</i>
literature	<i>Gone with the wind</i>
web site	<i>weather.com</i>
software	<i>MS Word</i>

Content, Data, Metadata -- informal definitions

Data emphasizes on the bits and bytes to be processed by a computer. It is the **computer** representation of information:

- bit and byte layout (e.g., ASCII)
- compression schemes (e.g., MP3)
- image format (GIF, JPEG, PNG)

Content, Data, Metadata -- informal definitions

Metadata is data about data/content.

Descriptive metadata (e.g., catalog records)

Administrative metadata (e.g. circulation records)

Structural metadata (e.g. serials record)

Rights metadata (e.g. shrink wrap license)

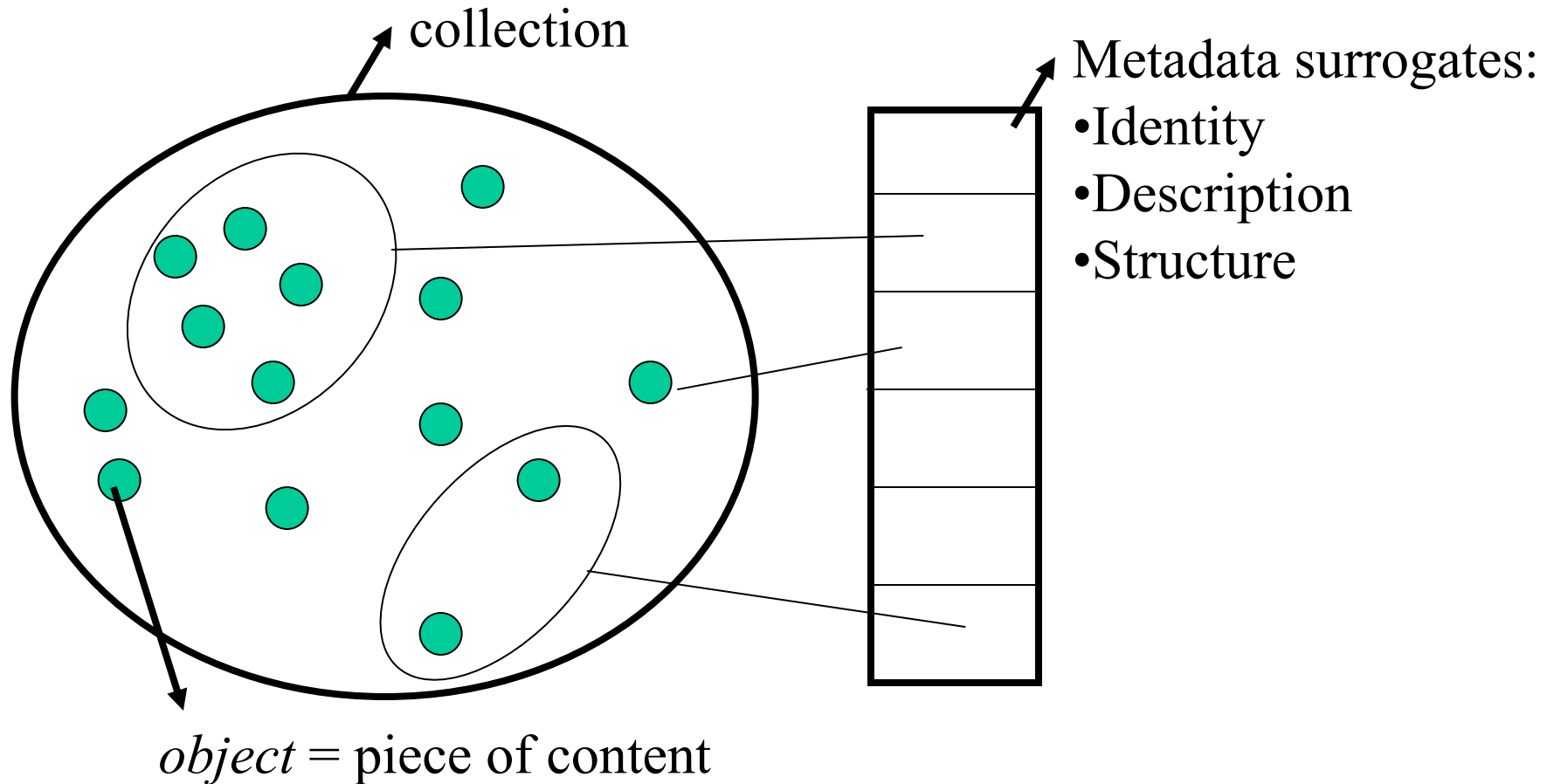
Provides a tangible **surrogate** for:

Abstract information entities

Available or unavailable physical information
entities

Bibliographic model

establishes equivalence classes to organize information objects for human understanding and management



Objectives of a bibliographic system

1. To **locate** *objects* in a file or database as the result of a search using attributes or relationships of the *objects*:

- Known item **search** - To find a **singular** object
- **Search** - To locate **sets** of objects representing:
 - All *objects* corresponding to some information unit
 - All *objects* by a given author
 - All *objects* about a given author
 - All *objects* on a given subject
 - All objects published by a given publisher
- These are all **access points** into the information space

Objectives of a bibliographic system

2. To **identify** an *object* (i.e. confirm that a described object corresponds to the sought object or distinguish between objects with similar characteristics)
3. To **select** an *object* that is appropriate to the user's needs/capabilities
4. To obtain **access** to an *object* (purchase, loan, license, ...)
5. To **navigate** the file or database (**browse**)

Traditional models challenged by networked digital information

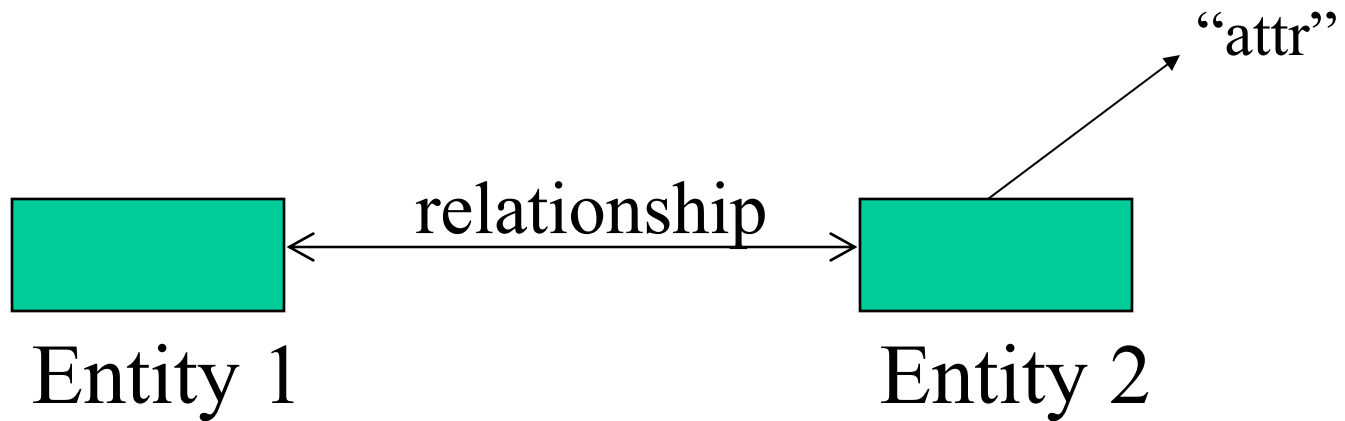
- Scale of **corpus** or **collection**
- Variety of content - *Internet Commons*
- Unbinding of information from its carrier
- Mutability/dynamic nature of content
- 'universal context' - all types of people, resources, needs

Requires more advanced data models to represent:

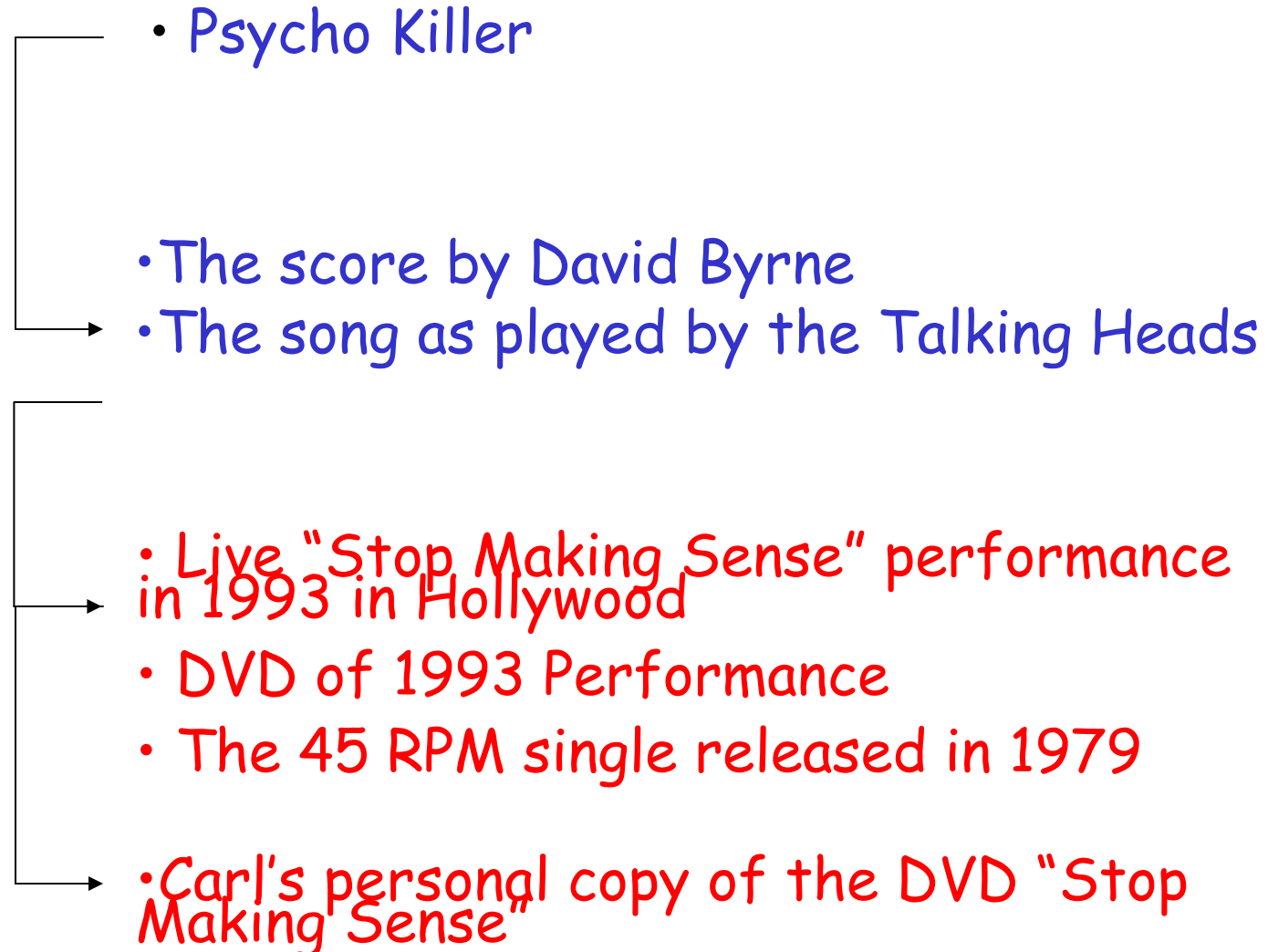
- Distinct entities
- Their attributes
- Their relationships
- Their evolution over time

Entity-Relationship Model

- Entities
- Relationships
- Attributes



Variants of information entities: Classes with different attributes



IFLA Model to represent object variants: entities

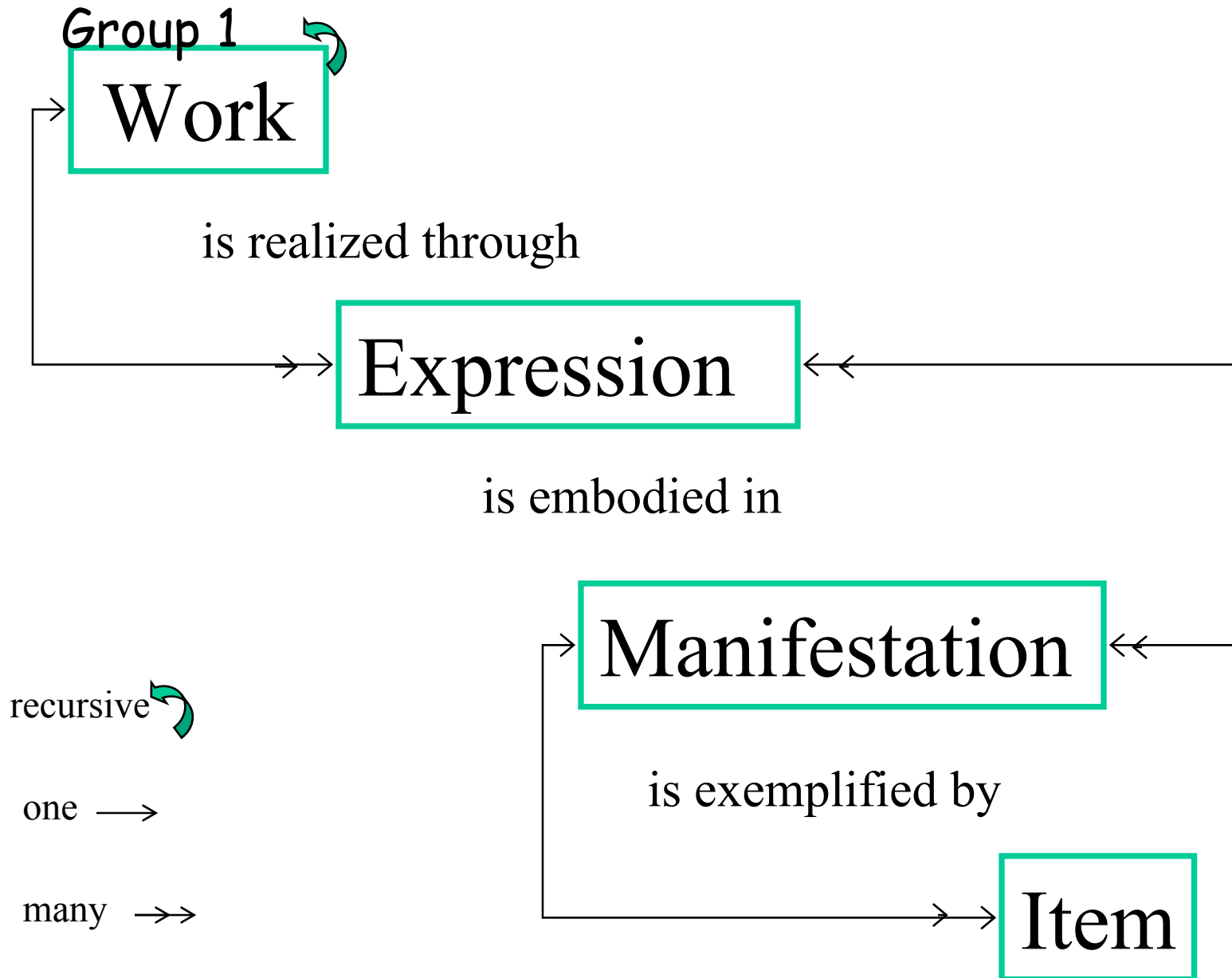
Entities are the key objects of interest to users of bibliographic data (i.e. of a bibliographic system):

Group 1 - **products** of intellectual endeavor: **work, expression, manifestation, item**

Group 2 - the **parties** responsible for the intellectual content: **person, corporate body**

Group 3 - the **subjects** of intellectual endeavor: **concept, object, event, place**

IFLA model is a conceptual framework.
It does not provide rigorous definitions



IFLA Model: **work**, expression, manifestation, item

A **work** is an **abstract** entity, an idealization e.g.

- The Iliad
- The Weather Channel web site
- Beethoven's Fifth Symphony
- Unix operating system
- The Bible

This is roughly equivalent to the concept of "literary work" used in copyright law.

IFLA Model: work, **expression**, manifestation, item

An **expression** is a realization of a work; a representation of the work in a disseminatable form e.g.

- *The Iliad* has oral expressions and written expressions
- A musical work has a score, live performance(s), an original recording, cover(s),

Many works have only a single expression, e.g. a web page, or a book which only has a single edition, a painting, a medieval manuscript.

Modes of Expression

- Alpha-numeric
- Music notation
- Other notation (e.g., choreographic)
- Sound
- Still image
- Moving image
- Three-dimensional object
- Combinations of above

IFLA Model: work, expression, **manifestation**, item

A **manifestation** is the concrete embodiment of an expression; it reflects physical form e.g.

- The text of *The Iliad* has been manifested in numerous manuscripts and printed books.
- A musical recording can be distributed on CD, cassette, or on a soundtrack of a DVD.

IFLA Model: work, expression, manifestation, **item**

When many copies are made of a manifestation, each copy is a separate **item**, e.g.

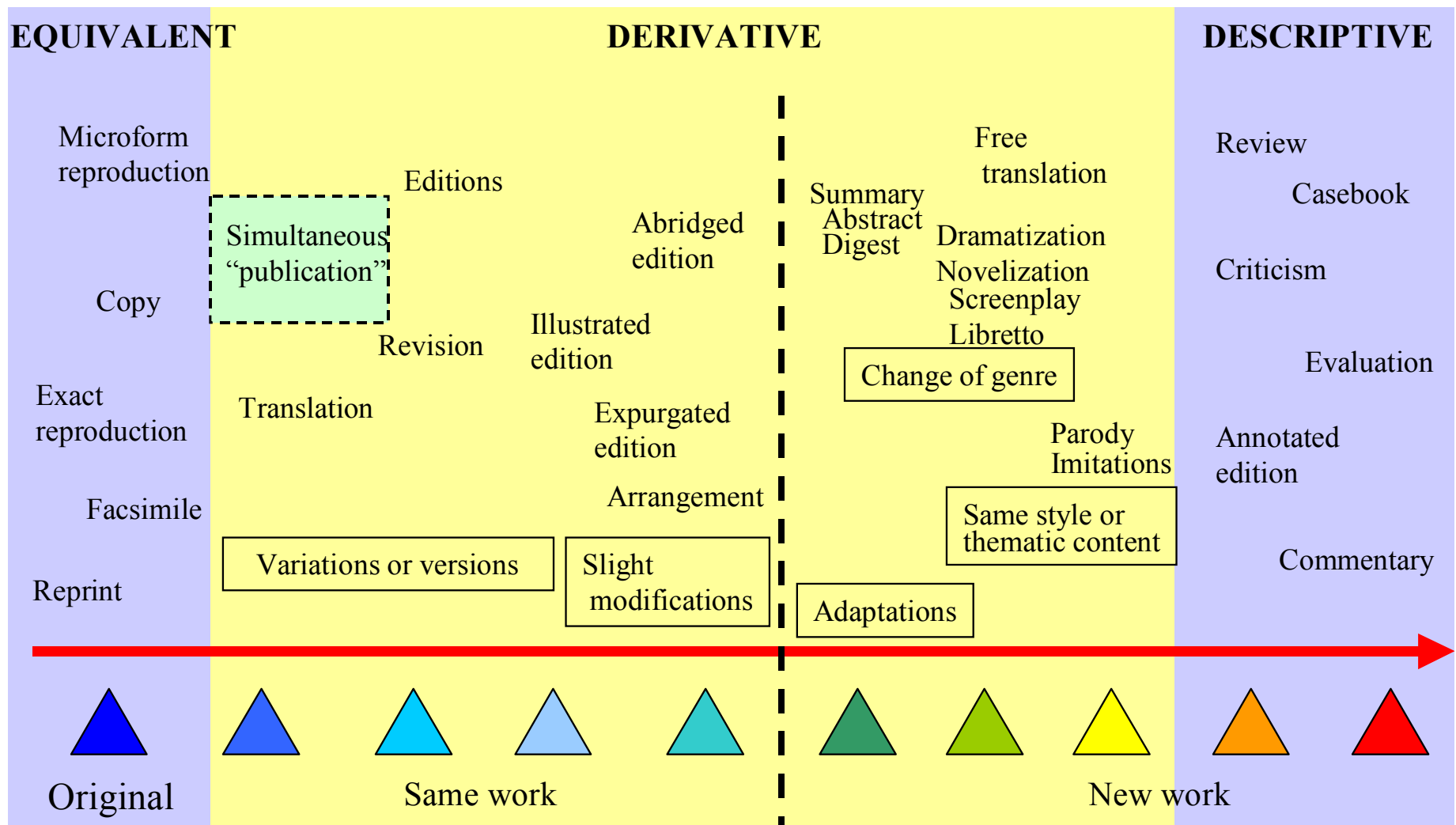
- the Cornell Library's copy of an edition of the Iliad
- your copy of the latest Foo Fighters track

Group 1 Entities' Attributes

FRBR

- **Work**
 - ID
 - Title
 - Date
 - etc.
- **Expression**
 - ID
 - Title
 - Form
 - Date
 - Language
 - etc.
- **Manifestation**
 - ID
 - Title
 - Statement of responsibility
 - Edition
 - Imprint (place, publisher, date)
 - Form/extent of carrier
 - Terms of availability
 - Mode of access
 - etc.
- **Item**
 - ID
 - Provenance
 - Location
 - etc.

Family of Works



Same Expression

New Expression

Cataloging Rules
cut-off point

New Work

Whole-Part Relationships

- **Components**
- **Aggregates**

Part-to-Part Relationships

- **Component to component**
 - **Sequential Relationship**
 - **Accompanying Relationship (or Companion Relationship)**
 - **Dependent**
 - **Independent**

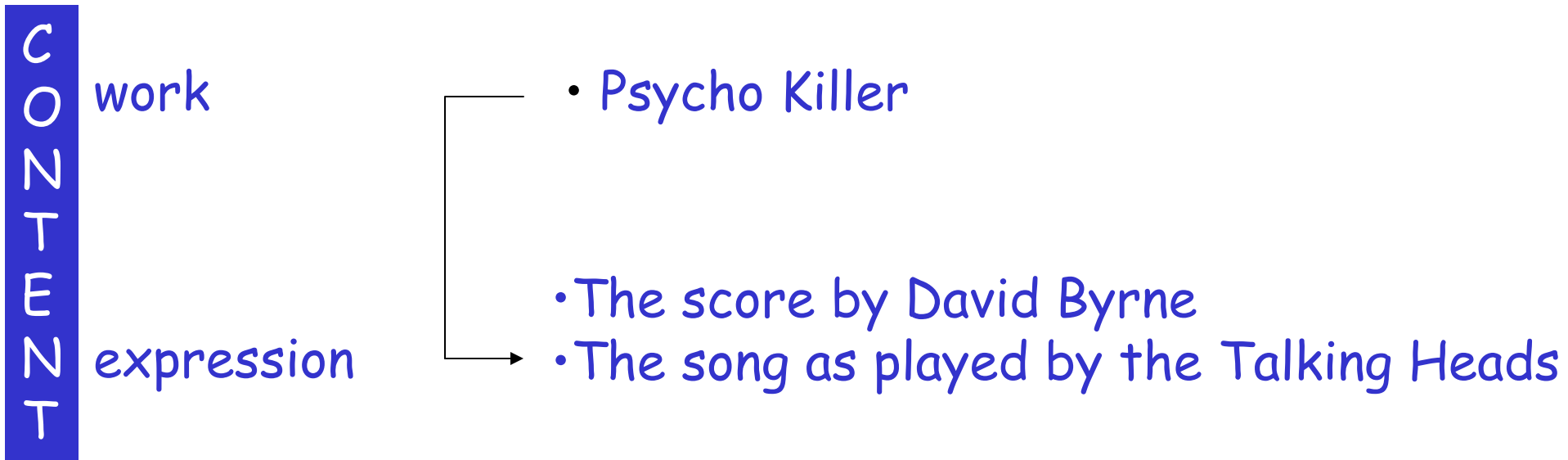
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- The score by David Byrne
- The song as played by the Talking Heads

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- Live "Stop Making Sense" performance in 1993 in Hollywood
- DVD of 1993 Performance
- The 45 RPM single released in 1979

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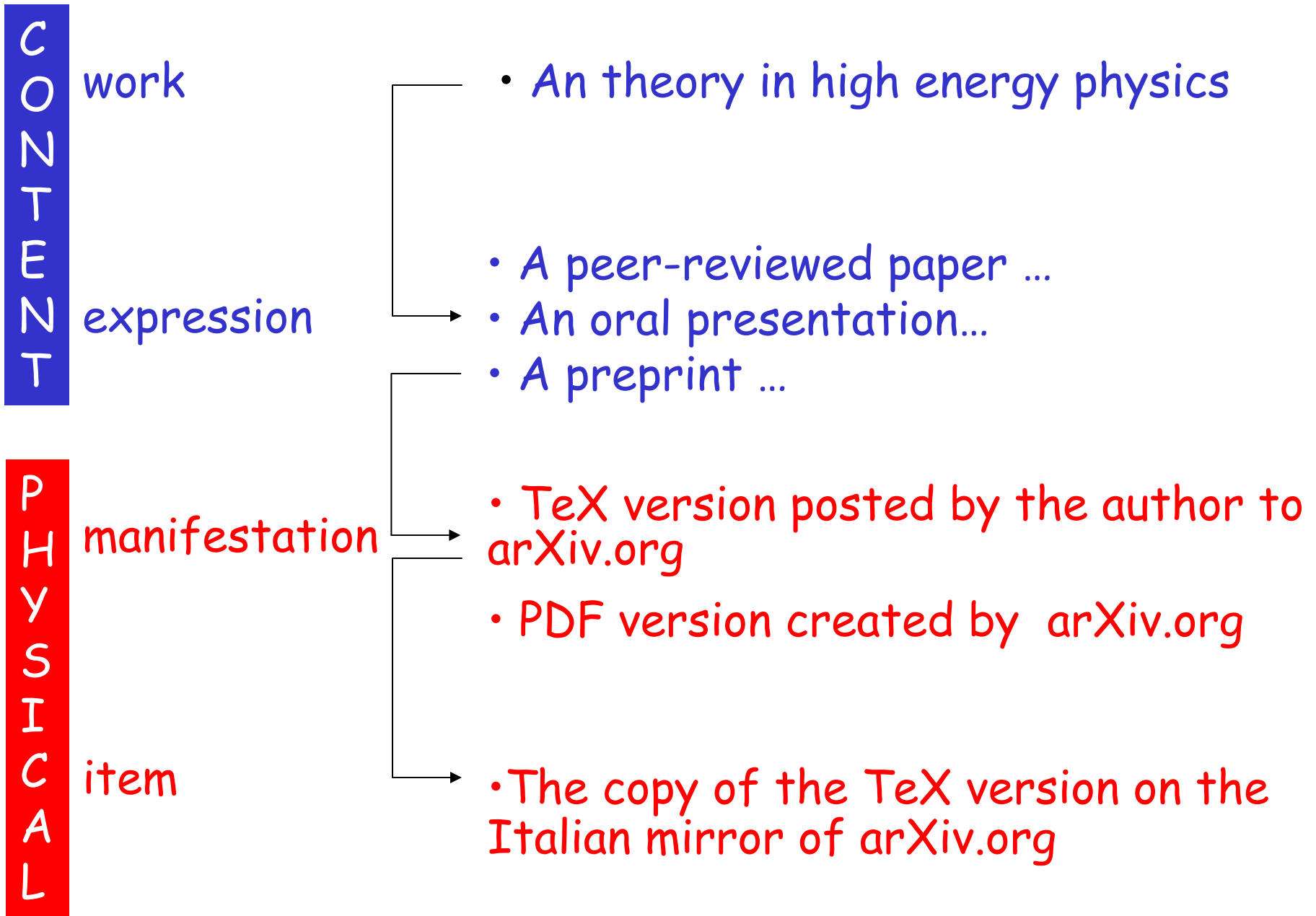
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item

- Carl's personal DVD

IFLA Model: work, expression, manifestation, item



Why should we care about all this?

- Matches a cognitive model of our information seeking and usage behavior
- Impacts intellectual property interests and laws
- Citations and reference linking
- Drives preservation decisions

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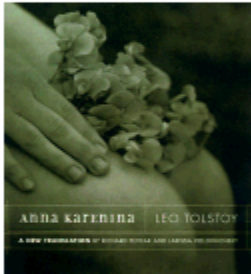
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