

Information or What is stuff?

CS 431 Architecture of Web Information Systems

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Logistics

- Start thinking about reaction papers
- Partners for projects chosen by Feb 15
- Posts should be made by 8AM Friday AM
- Don't wait for the end of the semester to establish a blog presence
- Connection of readings to lecture and intelligent questions

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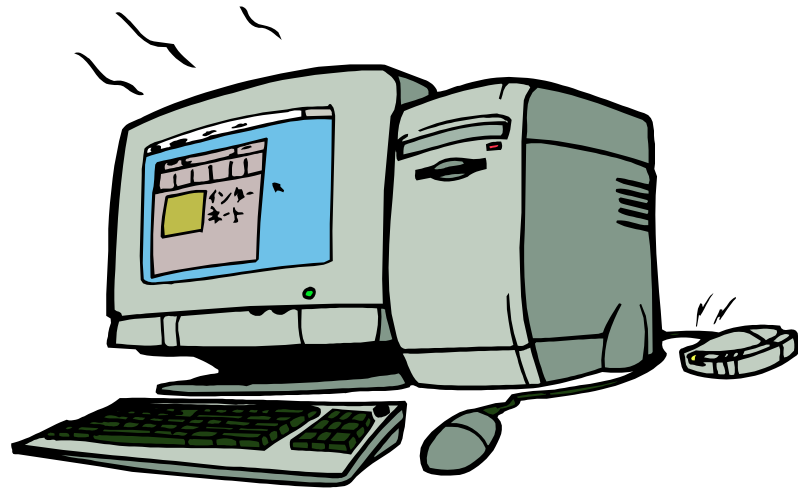
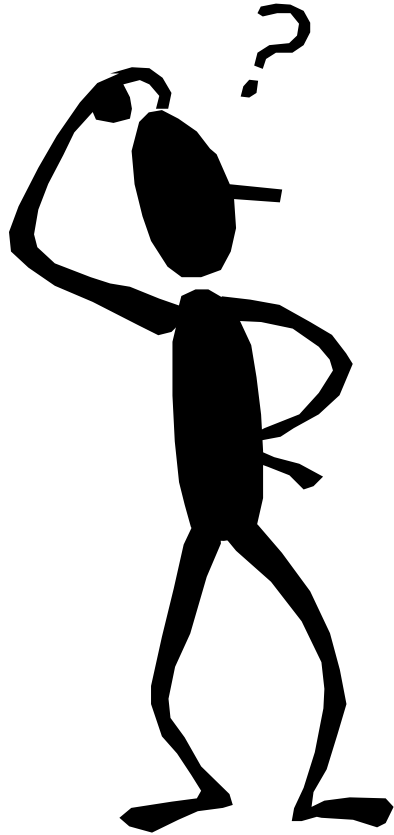
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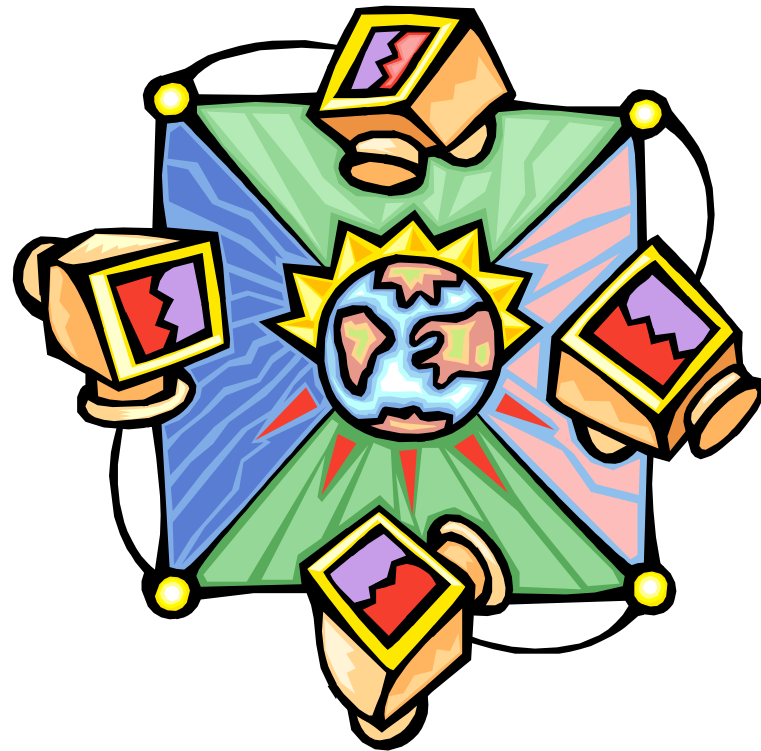
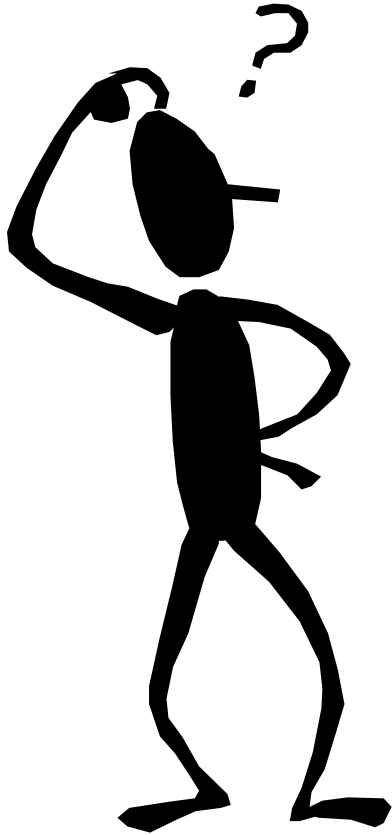
Stuff is more complex than you think.

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Where did I put that **file**?



Where is that **information**?



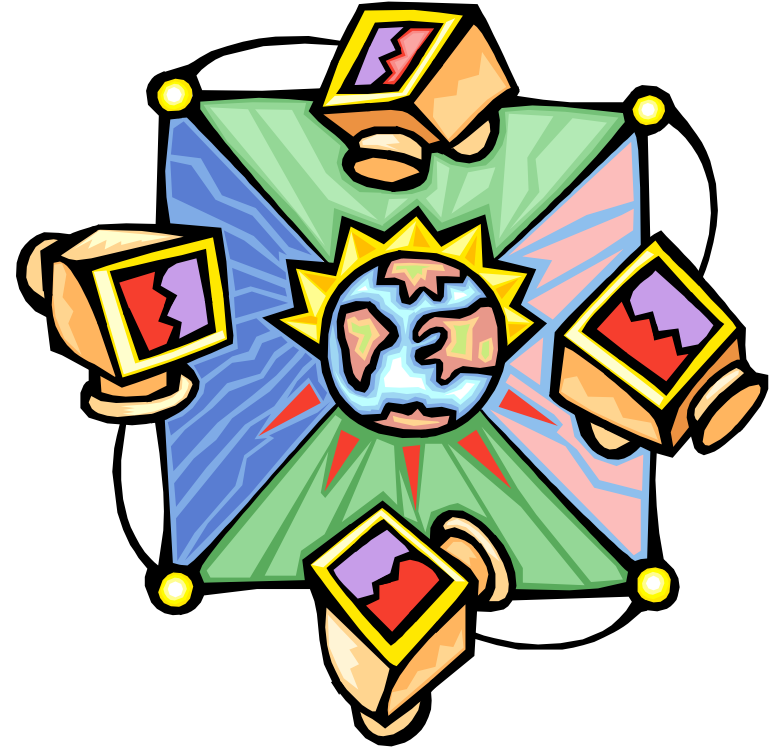
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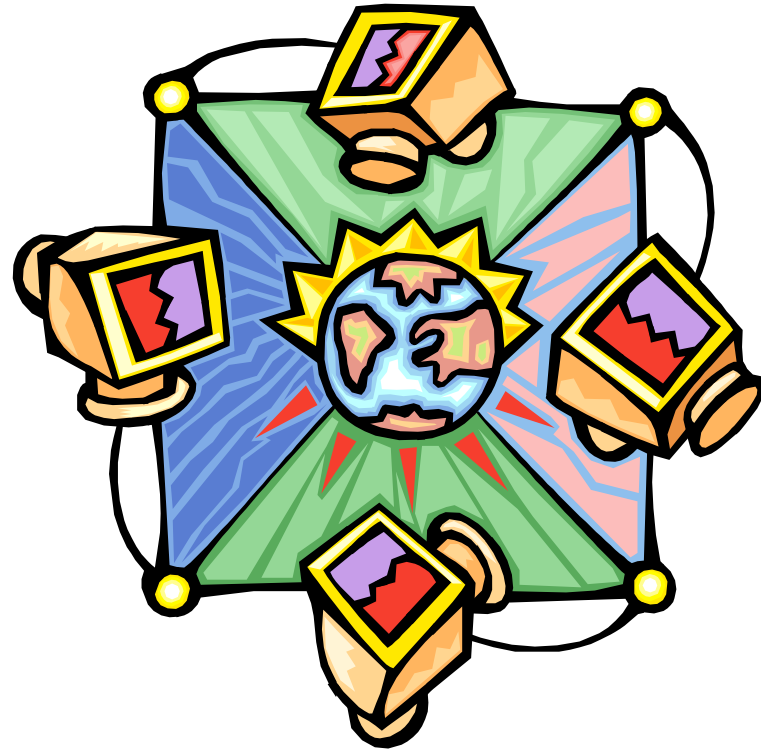
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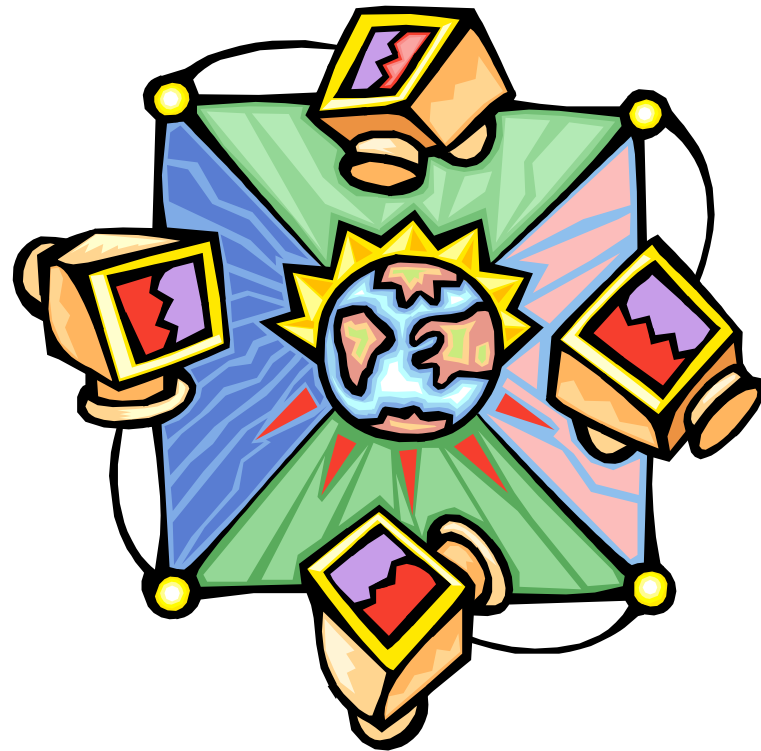
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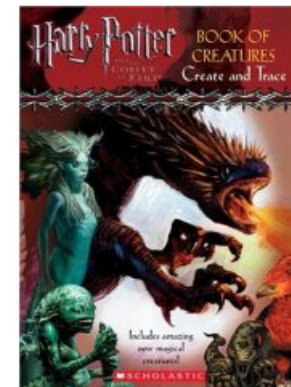
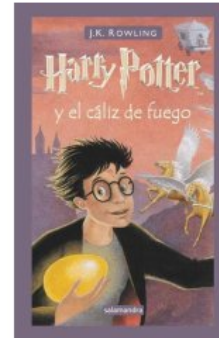
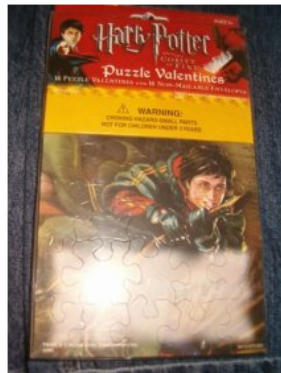
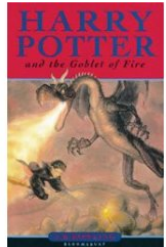
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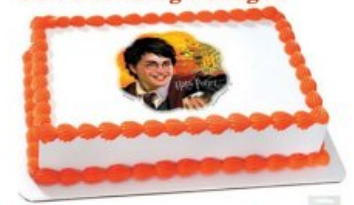
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So you said you wanted "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"



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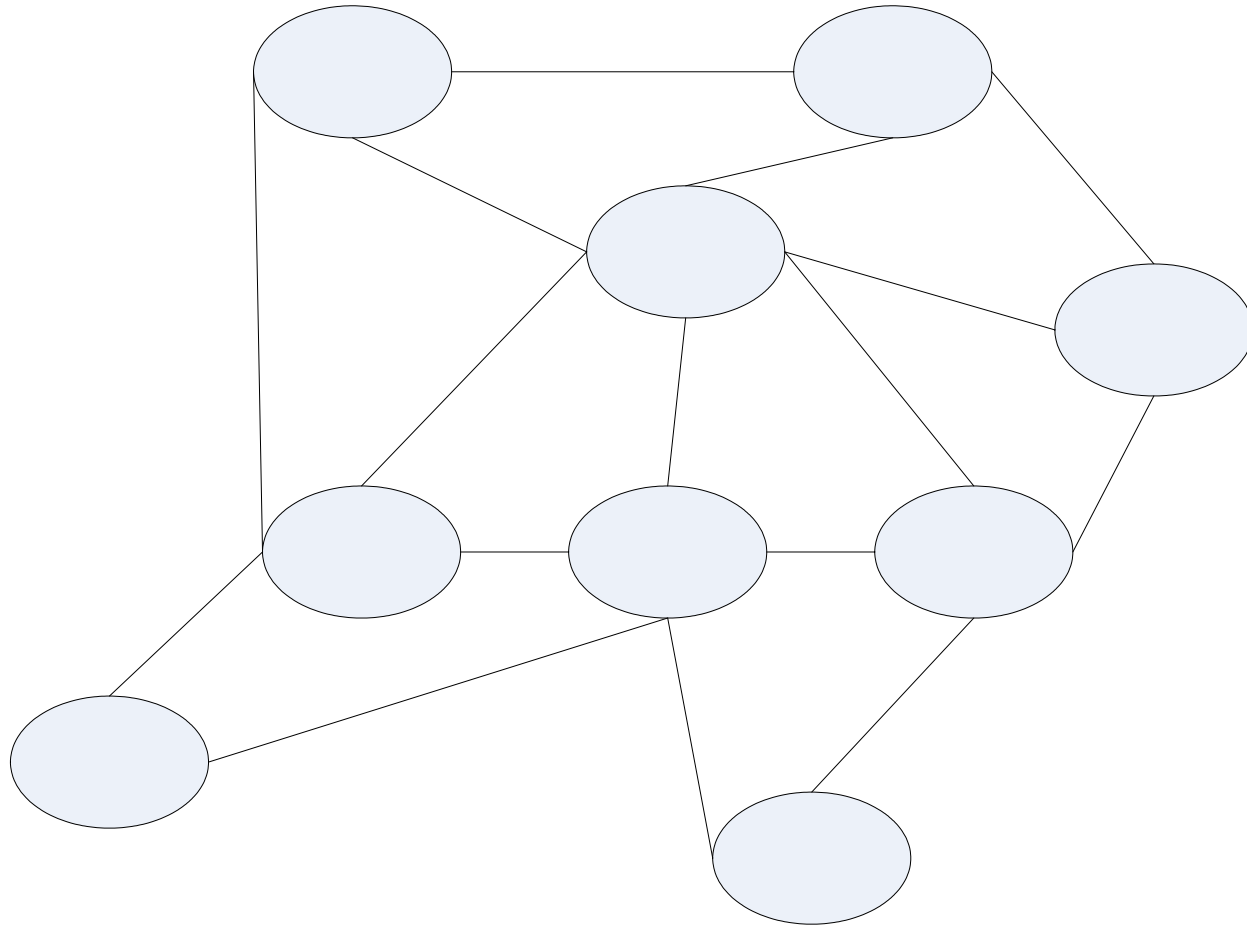
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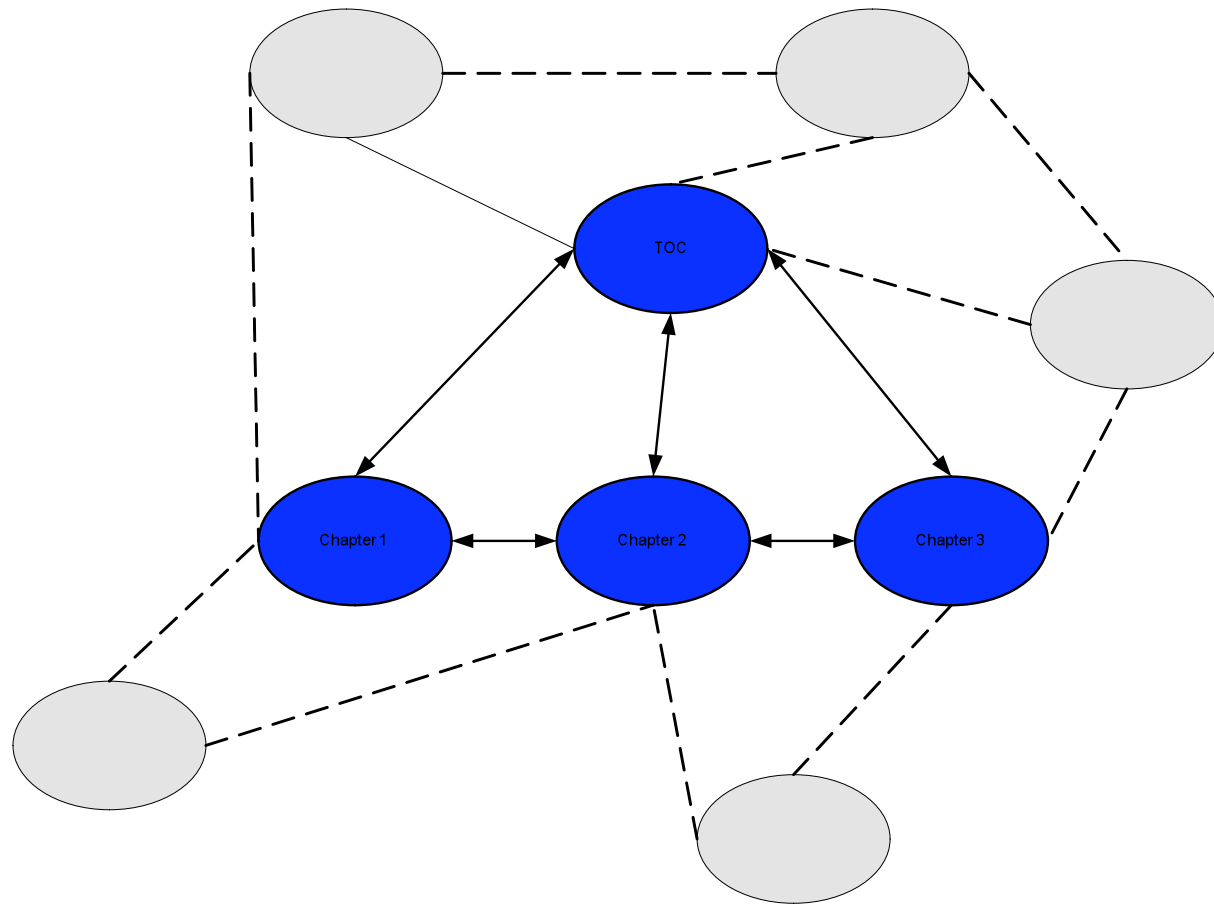
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From individual web graph nodes to **compound documents**



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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 Surrogates -- informal definitions

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

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

Content, Data, Metadata Surrogates -- 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 Surrogates -- informal definitions

Metadata Surrogates 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)

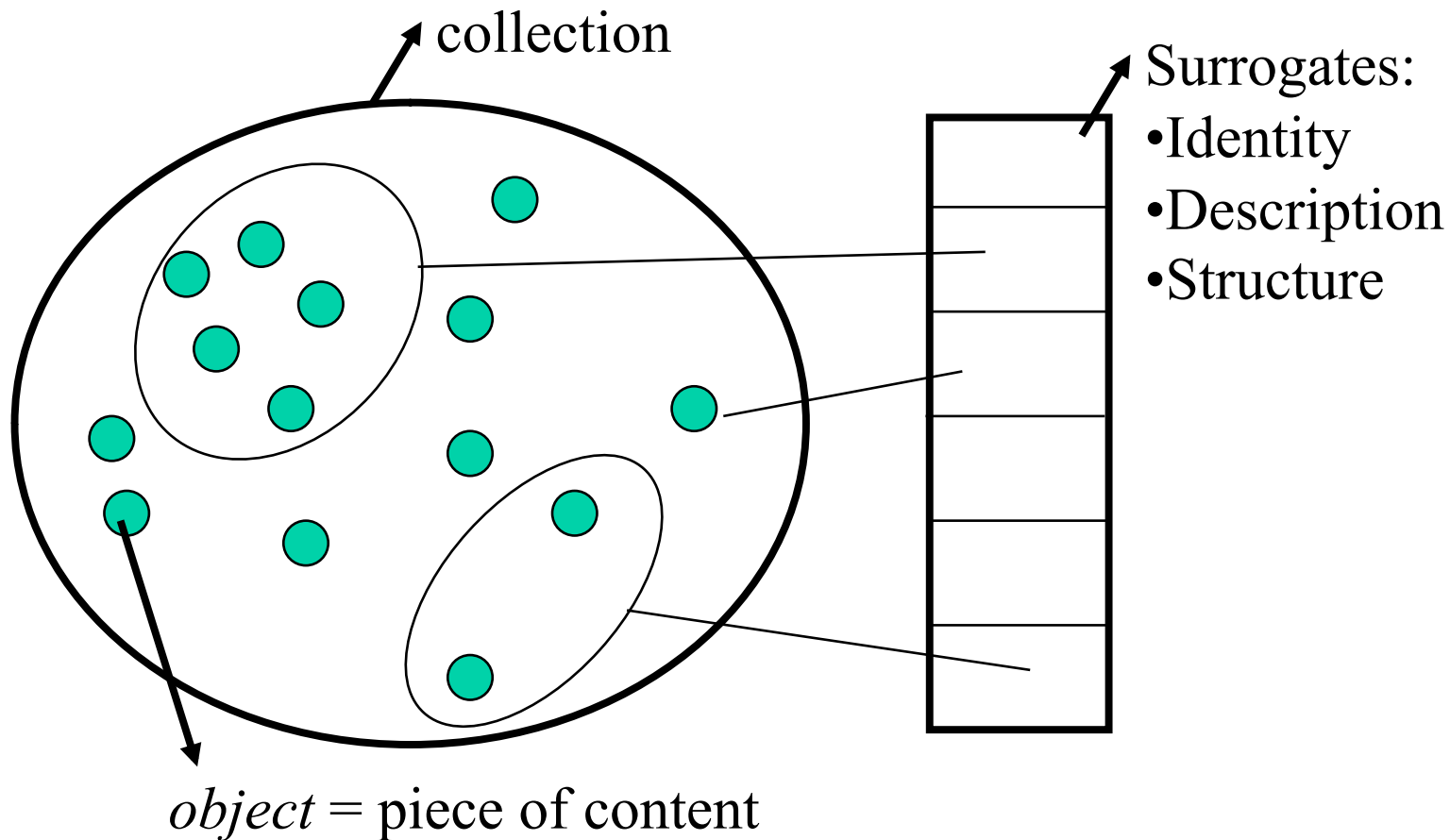
Provides a tangible **surrogate** for:

Abstract information entities

Available or unavailable physical information entities

Information (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, serendipitous discovery**)

Traditional models challenged by networked digital information

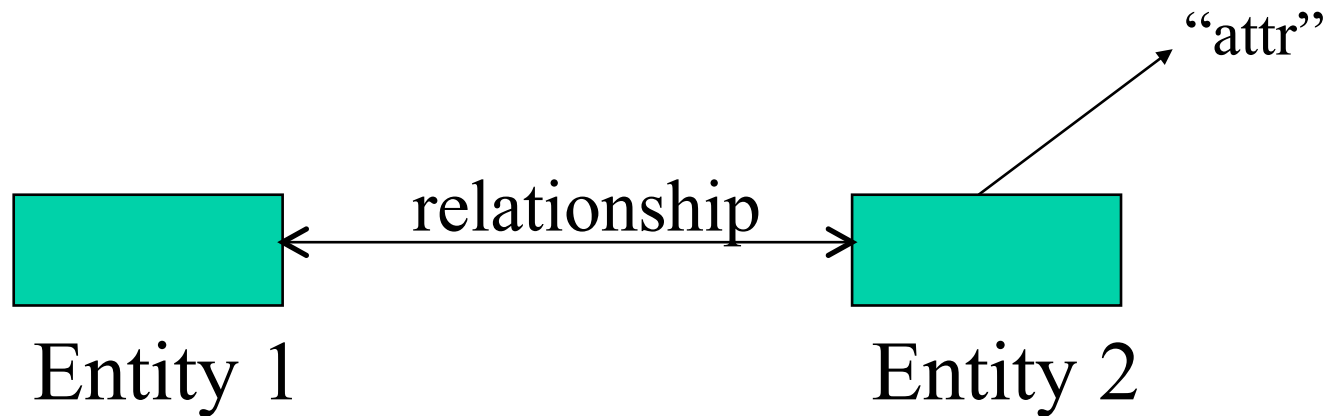
- Scale of **corpus** or **collection**
- Variety of content - **Internet Commons**
- Unbinding of information from its carrier
- Mutability/dynamic nature of content
- 'universal context' - all types of people, resources, needs

Requires more advanced data models to represent:

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

Entity-Relationship Model

- Entities
- Relationships
- Attributes



We'll see this applied later in the semester in the semantic web

Variants of information entities: Classes with different attributes



- Psycho Killer

- The score by David Byrne

- The song as played by the Talking Heads

- Live "Stop Making Sense" performance in 1993 in Hollywood

- DVD of 1993 Performance

- The 45 RPM single released in 1979

- Carl's personal copy of the DVD "Stop Making Sense"

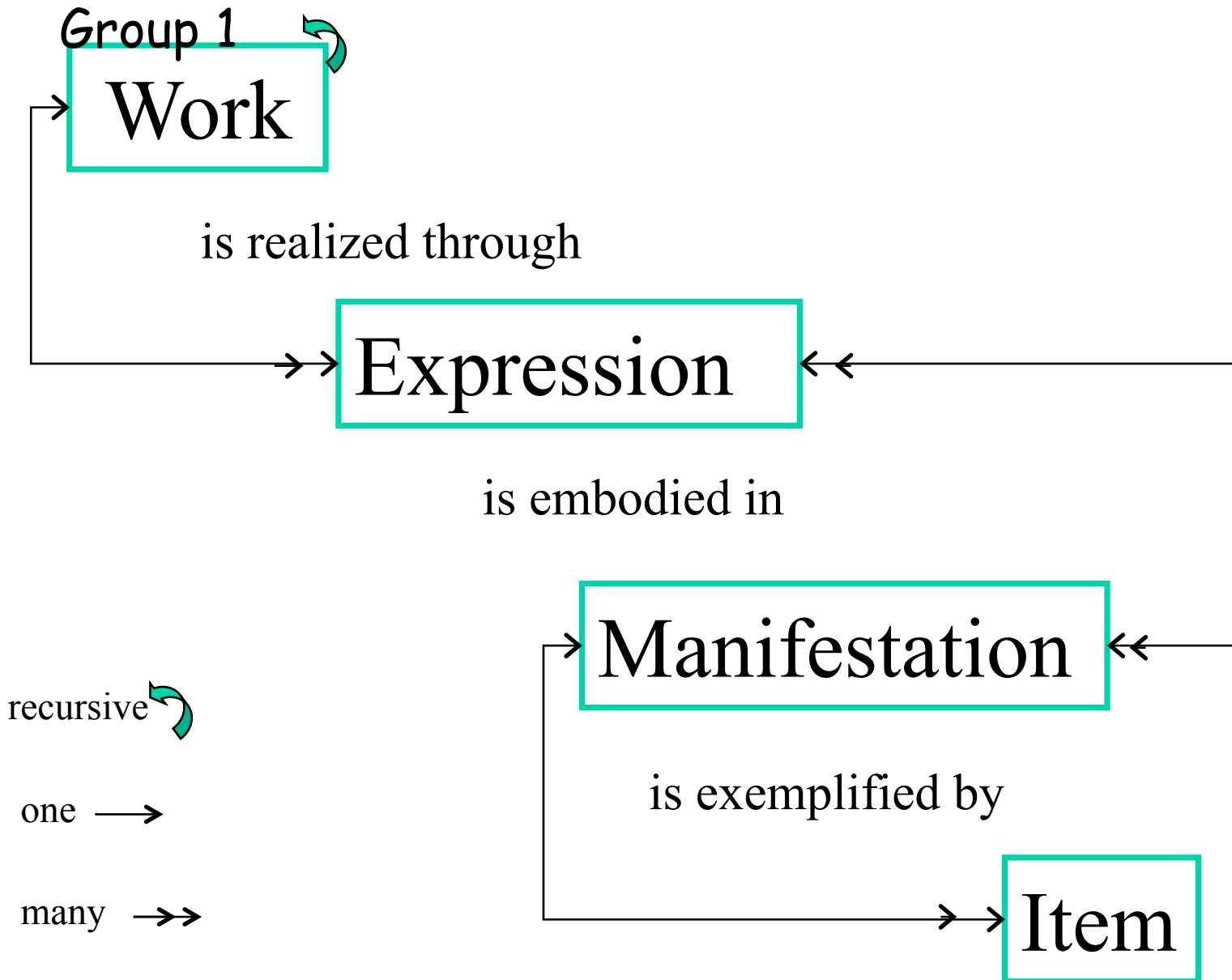
IFLA Model to represent object variants: entities

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: **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
- the mp3 of the latest Radiohead CD on Carl's iPod

Group 1 Entities' Attributes

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- **Work**

- ID
- Title
- Date
- etc.

- **Expression**

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- Title
- Form
- Date
- Language
- etc.

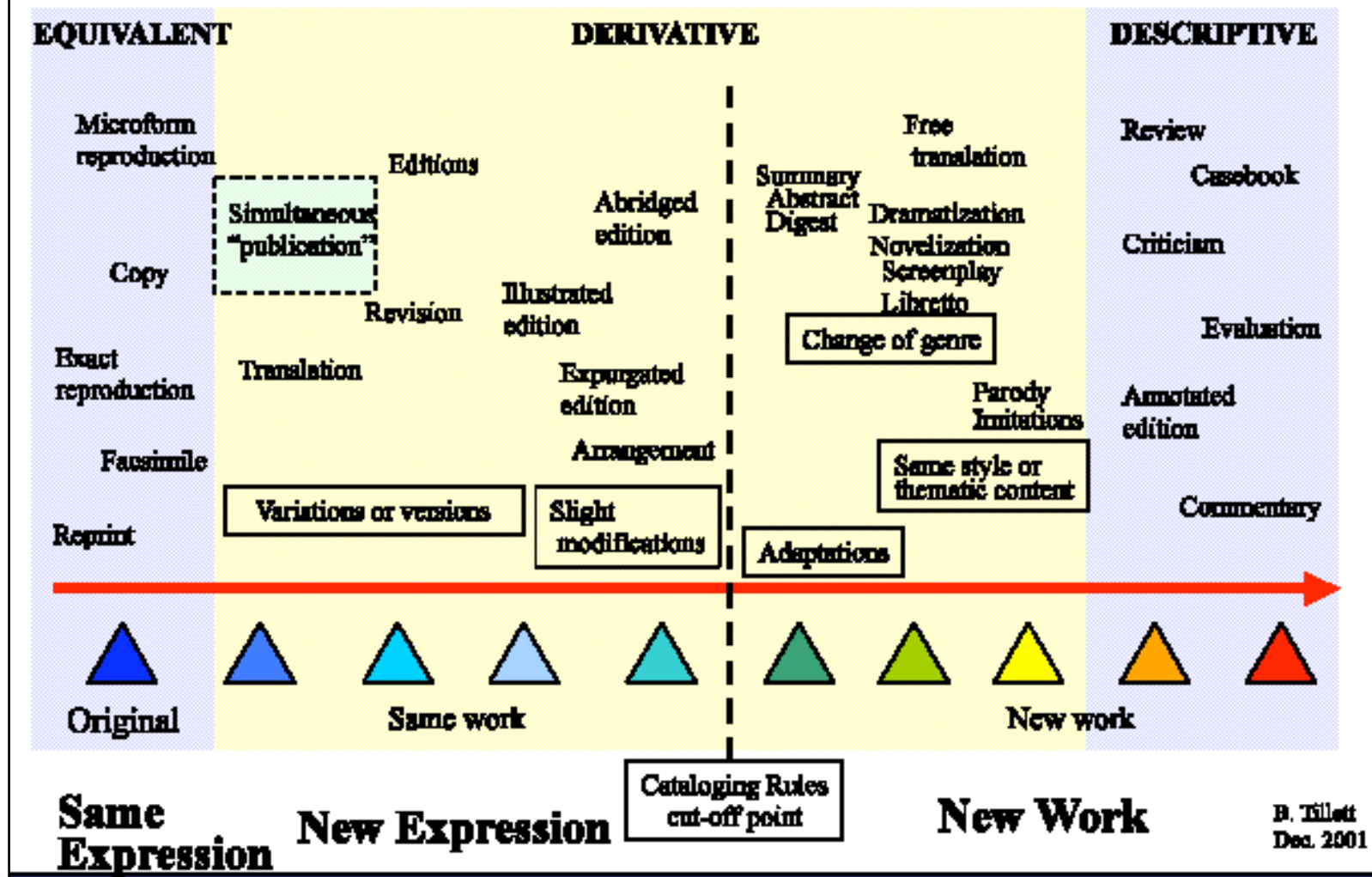
- **Manifestation**

- 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



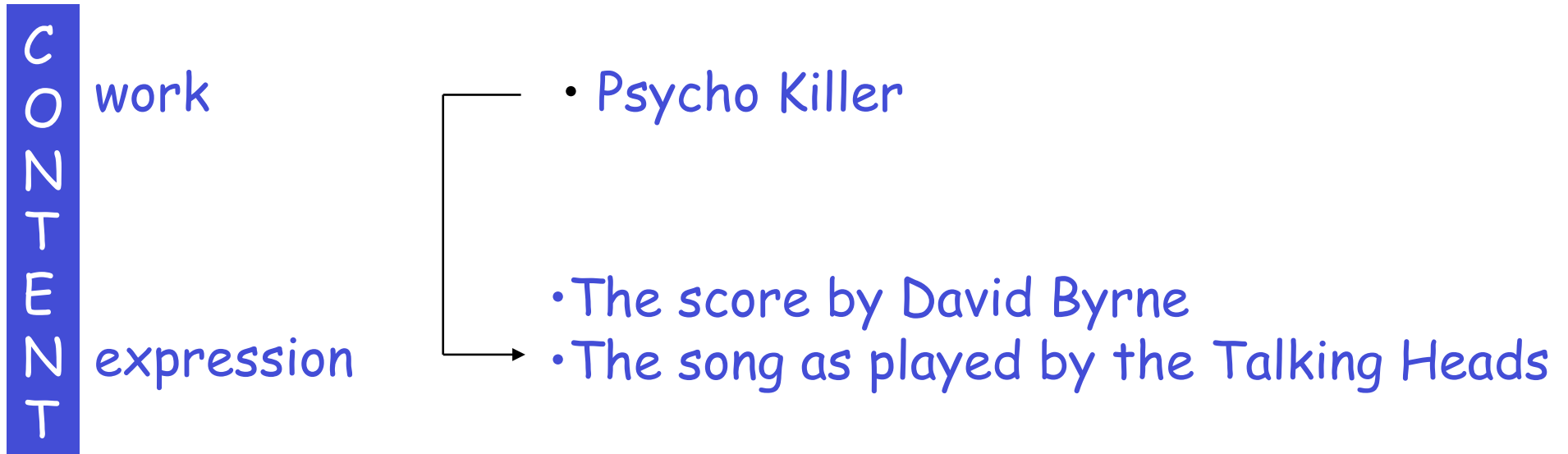
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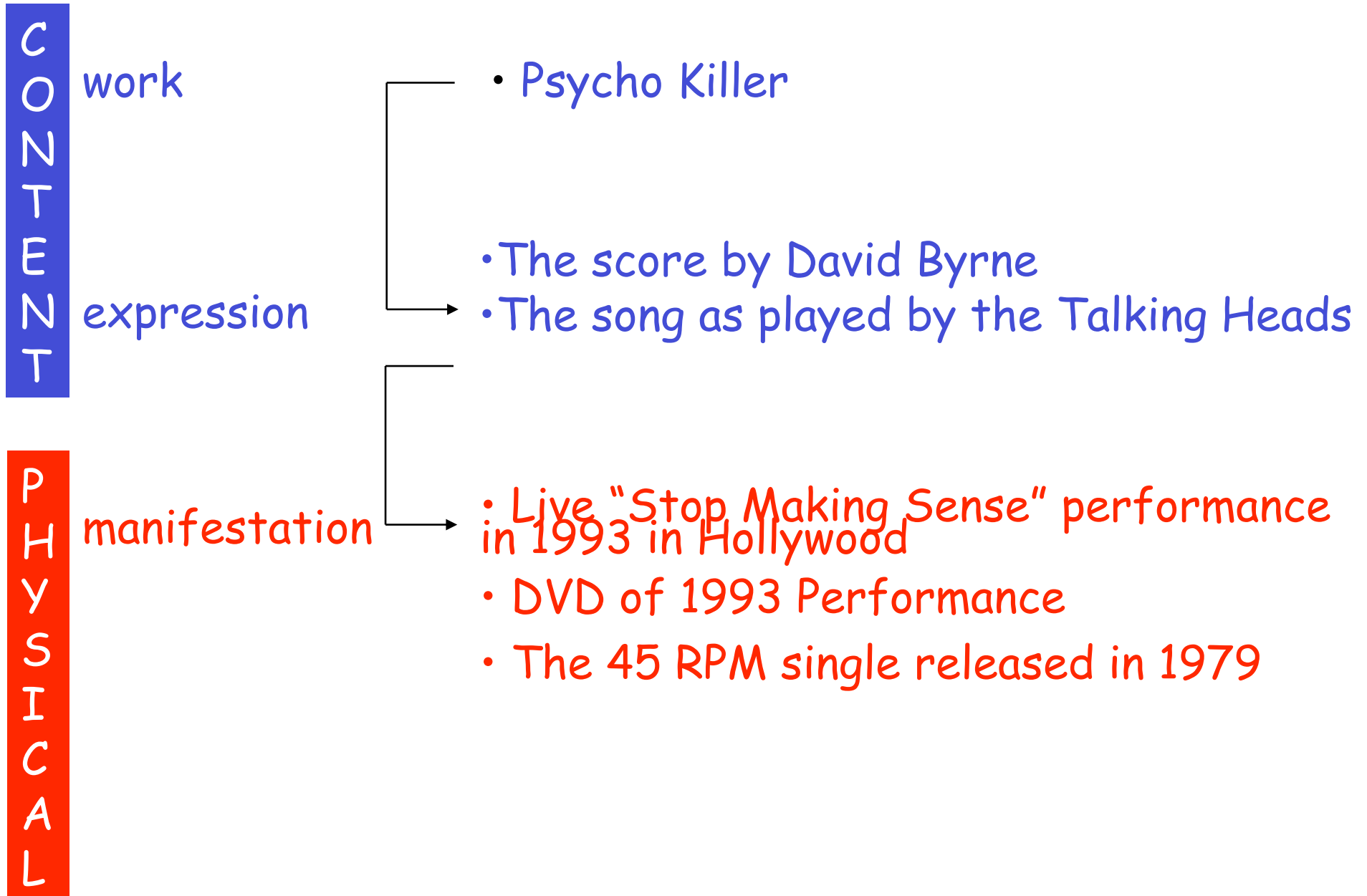
work

- Psycho Killer

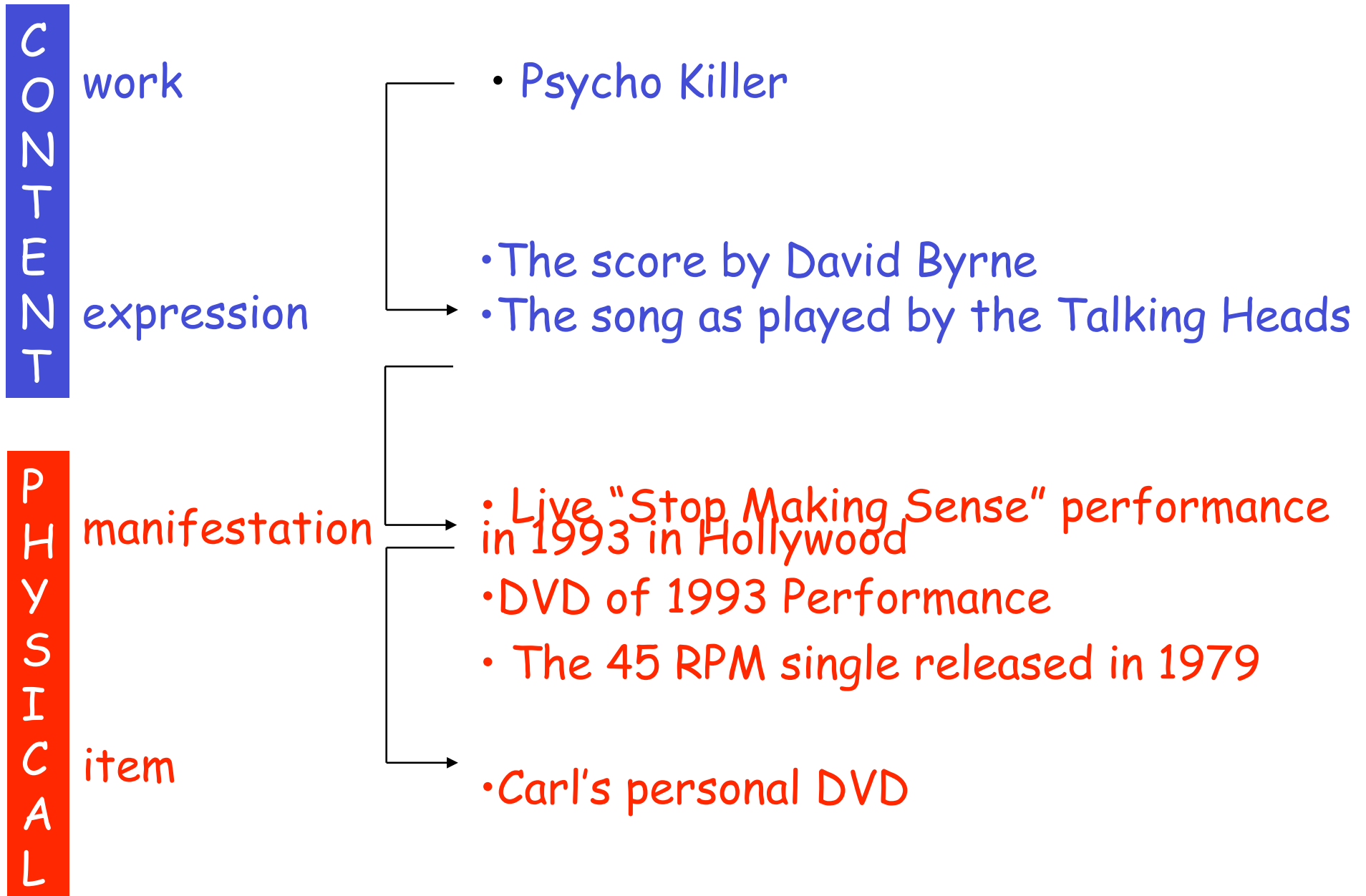
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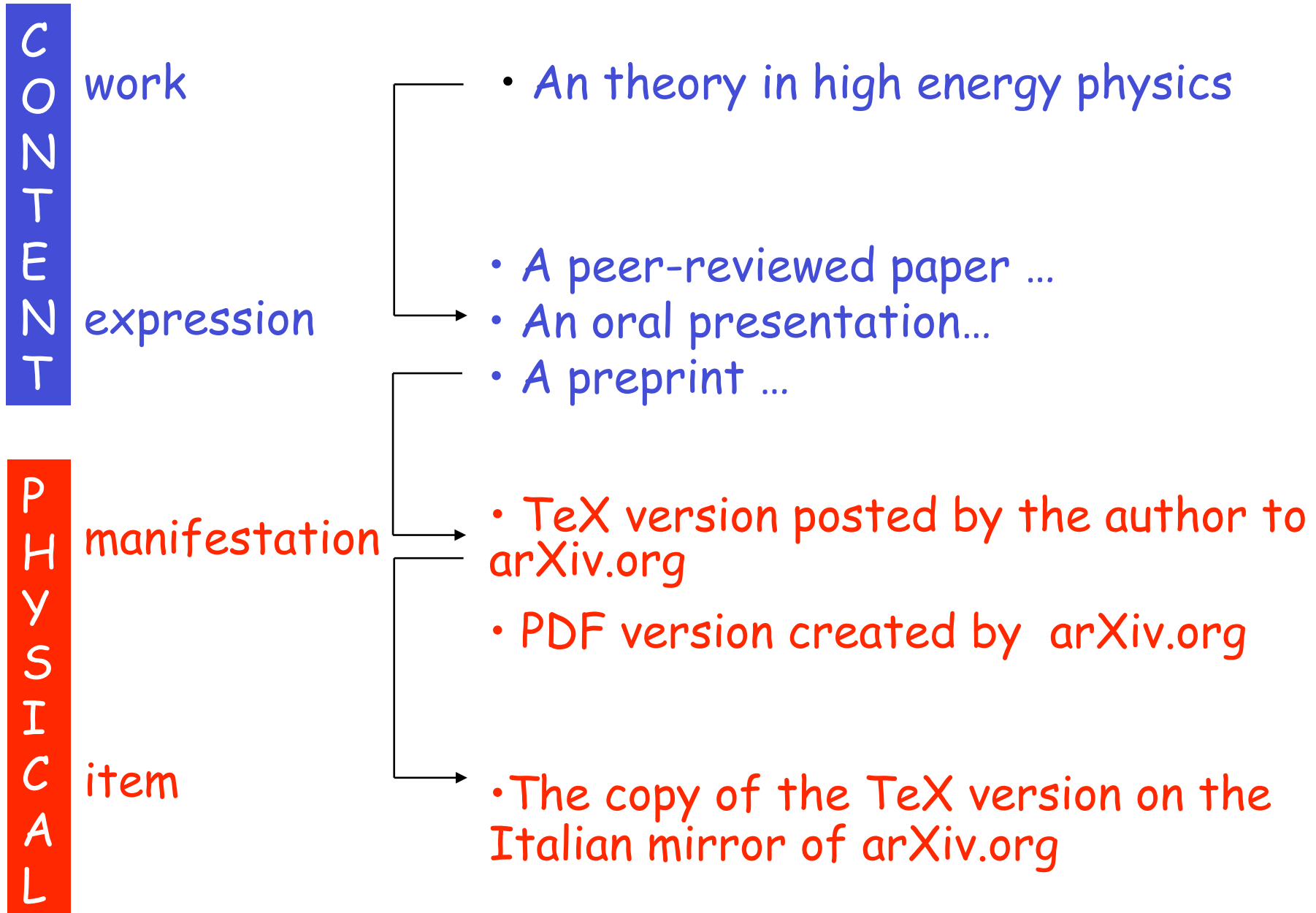
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Thinking about other relationships

Whole-Part Relationships

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

Part-to-Part Relationships

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

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

Some real applications of FRBR



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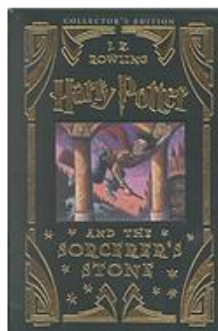
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Rowling, J. K.

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