

Collaborative Markup of Library and Research Data

Examples from Ontario Council of
University Libraries (OCUL)

OCUL and Scholars Portal

- Consortium of 21 Universities in Ontario
- Scholars Portal Project
- Shared infrastructure and technical resources
- 9 services and digital collections (journals, books, e-theses, and more)



Data Services and Collections



- Comprehensive metadata and data repository
- Customized user interface, search tool
- Visualize data using Nesstar interface
- Download data for authenticated users

Scholars GeoPortal

- Geospatial data repository
- Customized map view
- Comprehensive search
- Download spatial data

Scholars Portal Dataverse Network

- Research Data Repository Service
- Built on a self-service model
- Assign persistent identifiers and authoritative metadata
- View to long-term preservation (potential to connect to other software)



<http://odesi.ca>



ODESI: Data Service Model


- Developed between 2007-2009
- Jointly funded by OCUL and Ontario Buys
- Provides access to data at OCUL schools (members of the Data Liberation Initiative (DLI))
- Build on collections collaboratively




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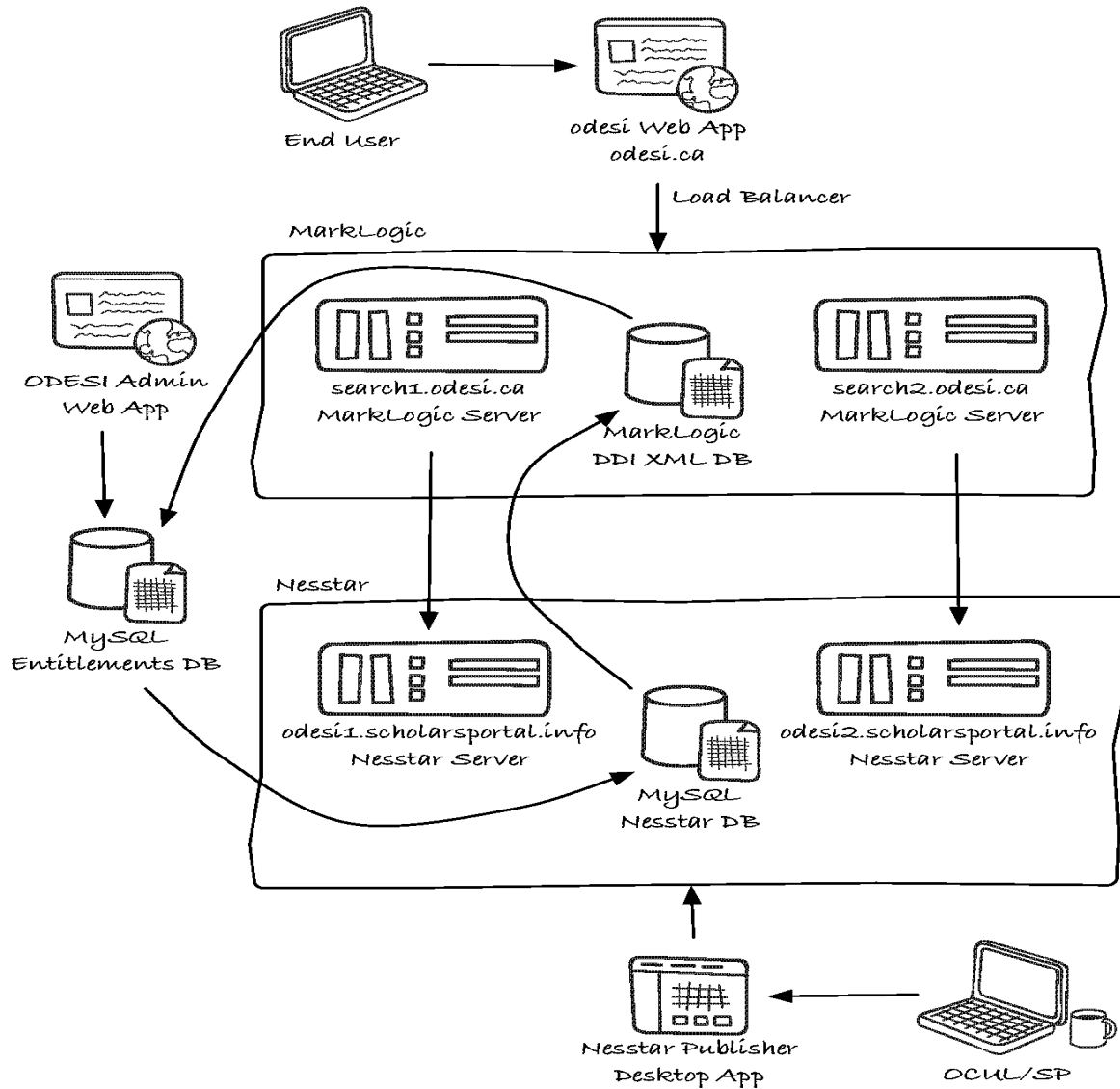
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ODESI System Architecture

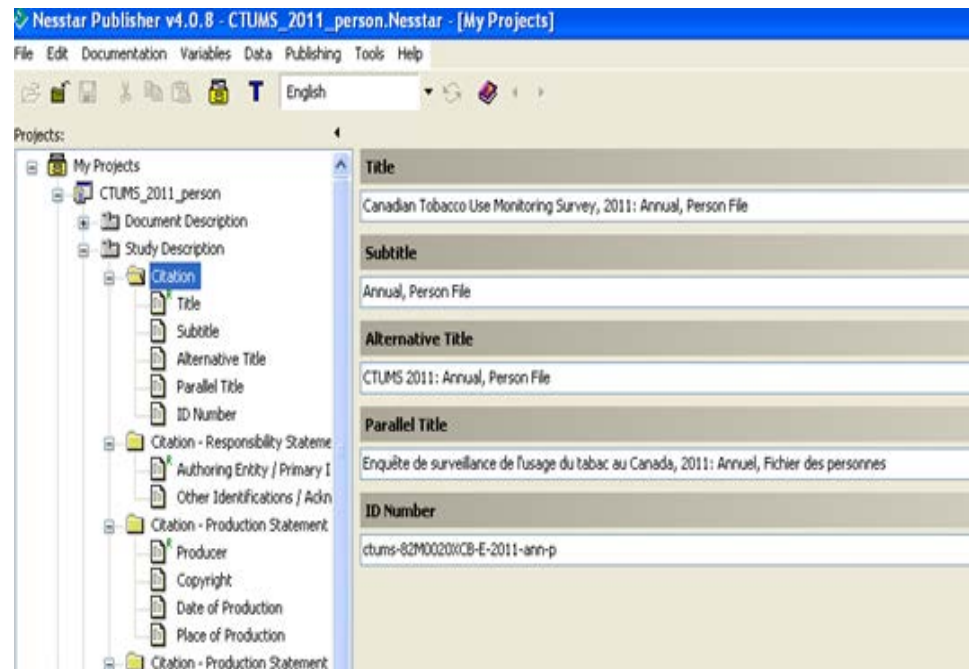
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ODESI Metadata

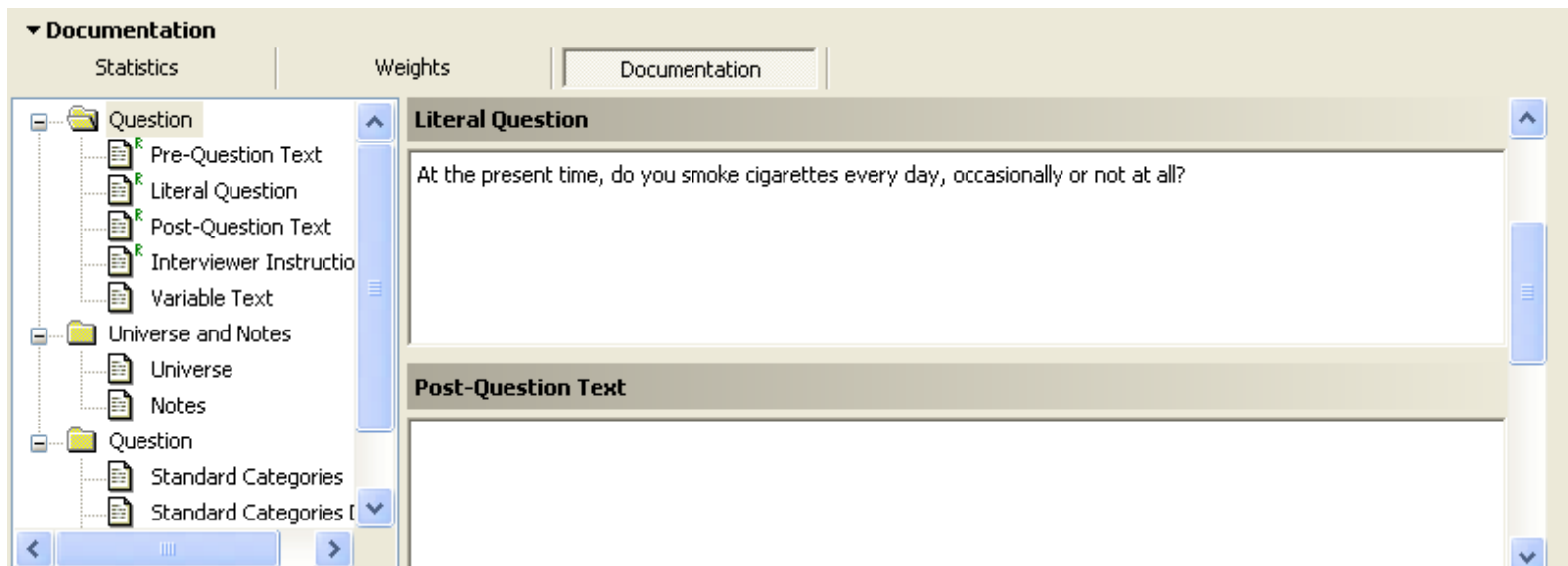
- Nesstar Publisher 4
- Used by many European data archives & UN
- Creates DDI-Codebook metadata
- Allows for distributive access to central server

Nesstar Publisher 4

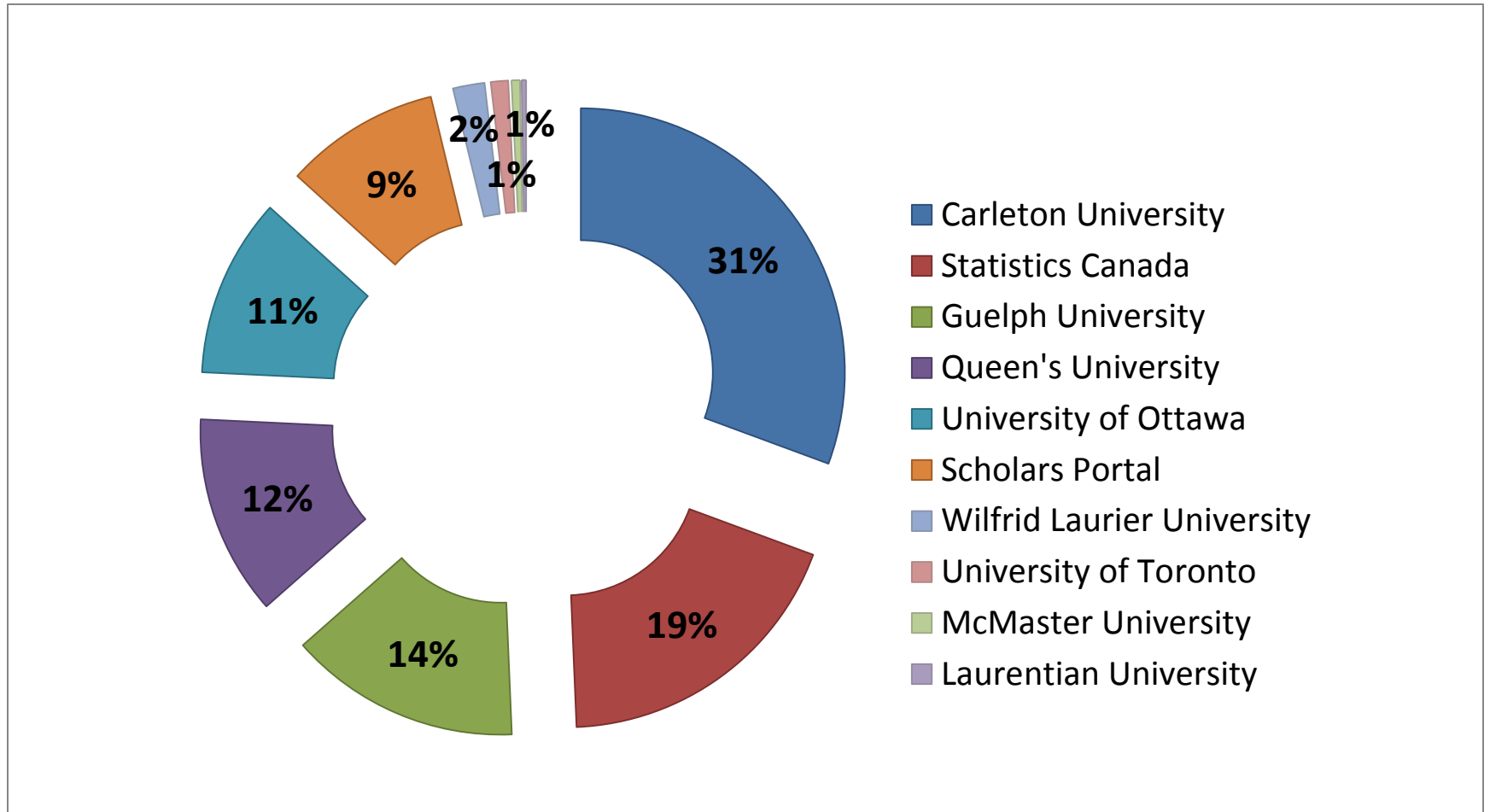


Distributive Markup Model

- Mark-It! Program and funding
- Nesstar Publisher (at each school)
 - schools ingest and markup data files

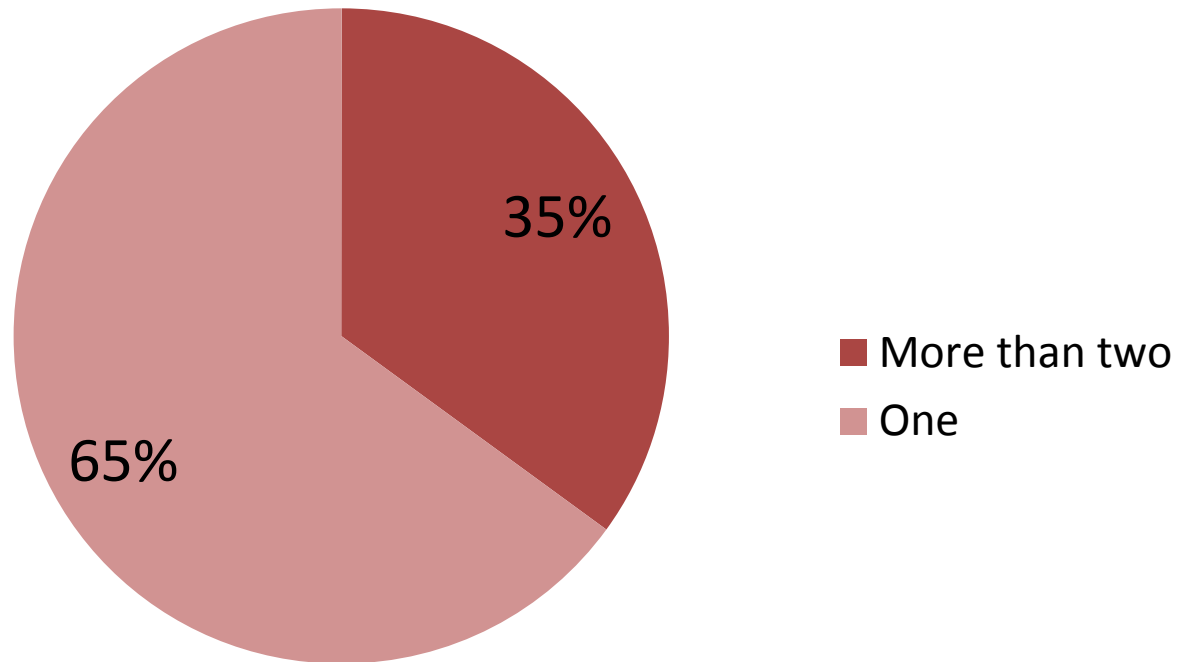


Markup Contribution (%), by school



*contributing schools makeup 38% of all OCUL schools

Collaborative Markup Breakdown



*Collaborative in the sense, 35% of all datasets in ODESI were marked up by 2 or more schools (not necessarily at the exact same time)



Collaborative Markup Strategies 101

- Adhere to established best practises wherever possible; consistency is important!
- ~~Share the workload, mindful of expertise~~
Dissemination 82 M0020 XCB 2011-11-11
- Collaborate to improve records; including marking up files that already exist on ODESI (QC Project)
- Be flexible; high priority datasets take precedence
 - New Public Use Microdata Files (PUMFs)

Dataverse @ Scholars Portal

Dataverse Model

- Self-service model; open to researchers
- Ingest data & metadata
 - Create authoritative metadata (DDI Codebook)
 - Assign persistent identifiers;
 - Cite and share their data
 - Data is stored and repurposed
- Users can search and browse for data
- Data become linkable; there is a home for it



Collaborative Research Support

- Cases are beginning to arrive;
 - one-time deposits; finished studies
 - ongoing file management; projects / studies
 - collaborative research coordination; early stages
- Researchers utilize the ‘drop-box’ like self-service model to cite and share their data
- Steady growth; capacity to grow beyond the library as a central coordination site

Agri-environmental research data repository

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[Ecological interactions in agroforest ecosystems 1988-2008 \[Canada\]: Agroforest research](#)

by Gordon, Andrew; Thevathasan, Naresh

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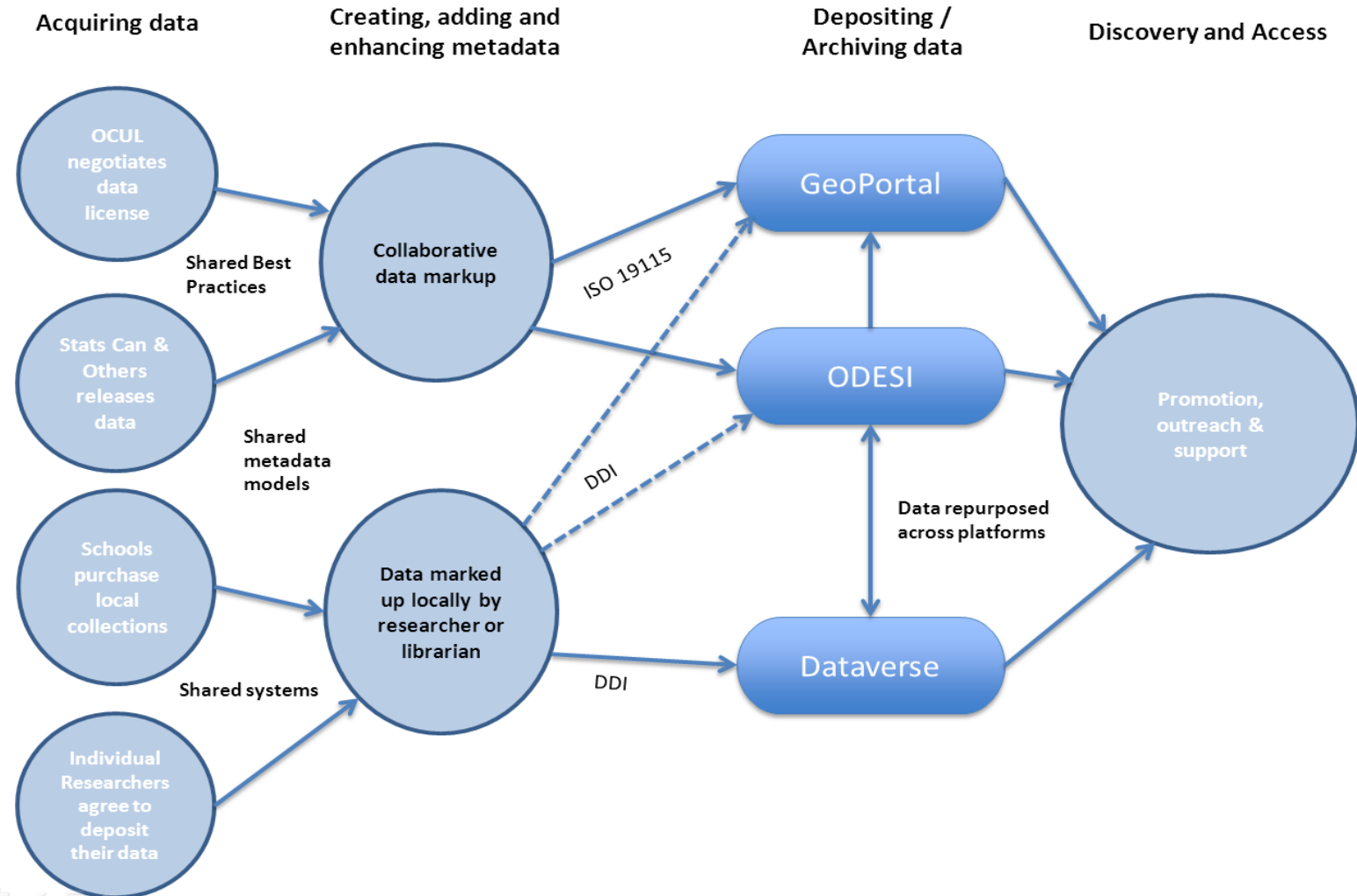
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OCUL Data Management



Next Steps

- Establish a more robust preservation system for all of our data services
- Utilize / Use our DDI metadata to develop our preservation metadata
- Integrate our data services across domains
- Look to others for expertise and development
 - Other software platforms, tools etc.

The End!

- Thank you and Questions?