# BIBFRAME Beginnings at UT Austin

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# Topics

- Linked Data for Libraries Context
- BIBFRAME Overview & Group Learning Strategies
- Experimentation Process, Tools, Outcomes
- Linked Data Beyond the Catalog
- Lessons Learned and Future Work



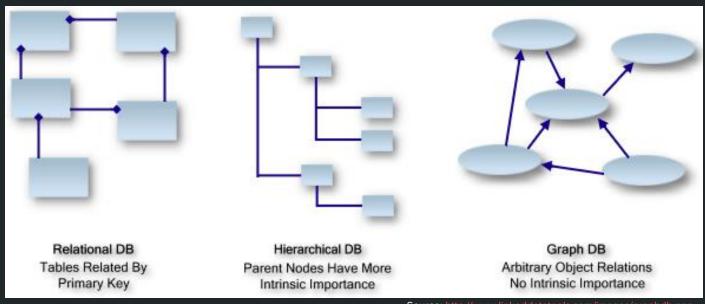


- Aligning with national/international metadata communities
- Collaborative and proactive learning
- Being critical and practical

# Planning

- BIBFRAME Discussion Group
  - Acquisitions, Cataloging & Metadata Services, UT Libraries
  - Book Cataloging, Harry Ransom Center
  - Metadata Services, Tarlton Law Library
- Goals
  - To understand BIBFRAME (and linked data) through group learning
  - To experiment and evaluate BF transformation process and related tools
  - To identify and explore linked data projects
- Progressive and Critical Learning

# **BIBFRAME** Overview



Source: http://www.linkeddatatools.com/images/graphdb.png

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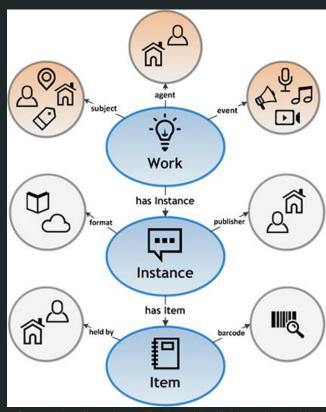
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# **BIBFRAME** Overview

- Library of Congress initiative, launched in 2011
- Model, vocabulary, profiles
- Implementation testbeds & pilots
- Tool development

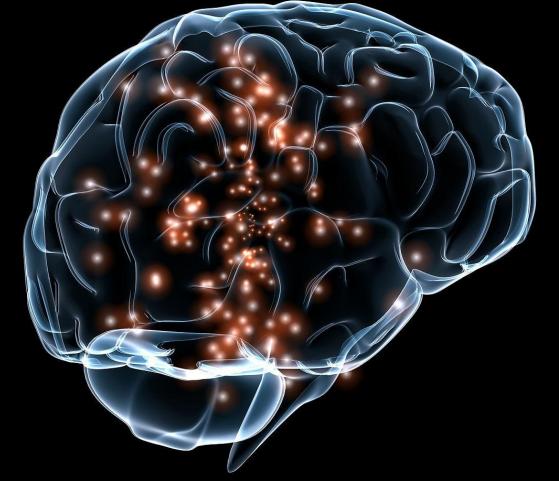
#### BIBFRAME 2.0 Model



Source: https://www.loc.gov/bibframe/docs/bibframe2-model.html

# Group learning strategies

December 2014 through May 2016

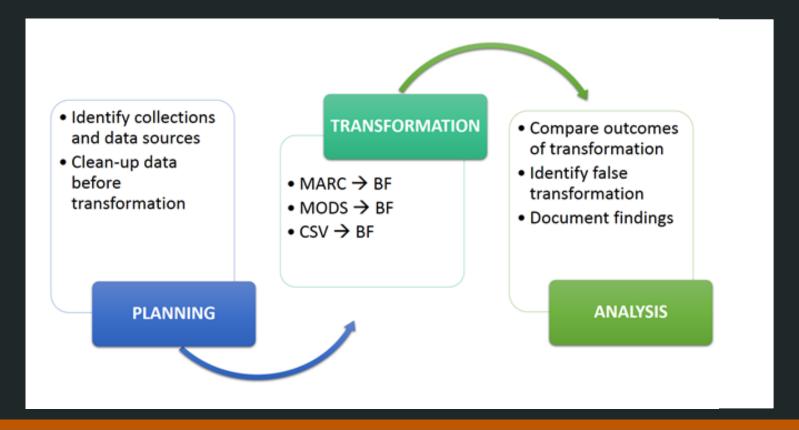


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# Group learning strategies

- 13 members
- Monthly meetings
- Critical discussion
- Centralized resource/documentation portal
- Professional Development
  - Zepheira 2015
  - Library Juice Academy 2016
- Turnaround training
- Experimentation & reporting
- Monitoring developments
- Synthesizing, sharing lessons learned

# Experimentation goals & process



# Transformation tools

- Open Refine data clean up
- MarcEdit

- Zepheira transformation
- Library of Congress transformation tool



# Experimentation outcomes



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- Significant data loss The MARC funnel
- Problematic or indecipherable mappings
- Incomplete user interfaces make assessment difficult
- Collaboration throughout life cycle is essential

# Battle of the BIBFRAME Editors

Zepheira's BIBFRAME Scribe

VS.

LC's BIBFRAME Editor



# Two important caveats

- Scribe & LC Editor are in active development
- Findings apply to all formats

# Sizing up the BIBFRAME Editors

- Scribe
  - Somewhat functional, not very intuitive
  - Vague element names, circular definitions (BIBFRAME Lite)
  - Appears designed by/for non-catalogers

- LC Editor
  - More functional & intuitive than Scribe
  - Element names, definitions aligned with RDA
  - Design influenced by catalogers

# Resource profiles

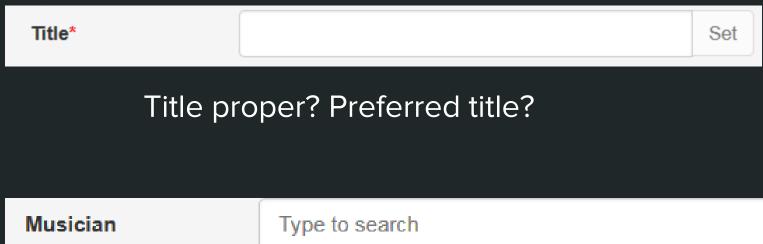
- Scribe
  - 7 primary types
    - Article
    - Audio
    - Bibliography
    - Book
    - Dissertation
    - Map
    - Serial

#### LC Editor

- 6 primary types
  - Monograph
  - Notated music
  - Serial
  - Cartographic
  - BluRay DVD
  - Audio CD

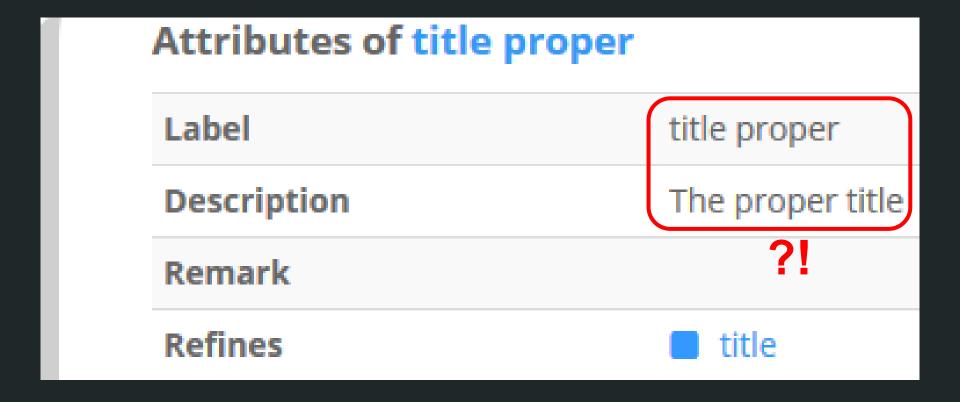
#### Data elements: Scribe

Vague field labels: What to input



Enter group performers here?

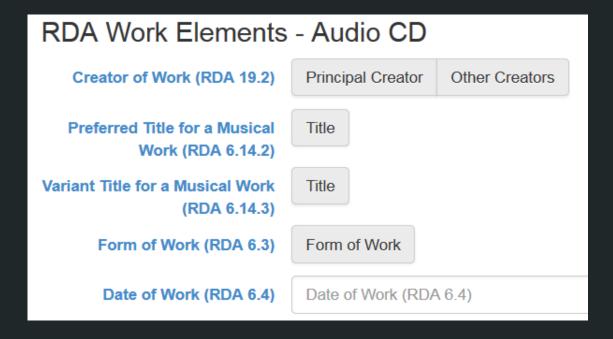
# BIBFRAME Lite: Circular definitions



#### Data elements: LC Editor

Grouped by
Work, Expression,
Manifestation,
or Item

Reference to RDA guidelines



# Other matters: Scribe

- Repeated fields
- Inappropriate fields
- Display issues



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#### Other matters: LC Editor

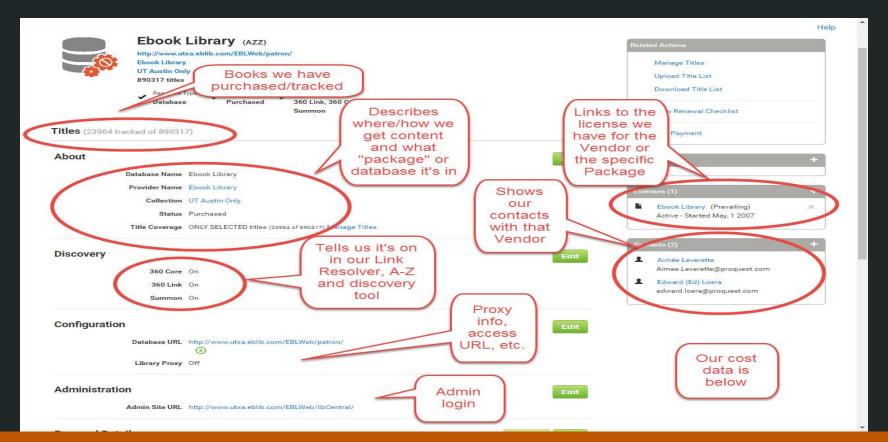
Dropdown menus for certain elements

Content Type (RDA 6.9)

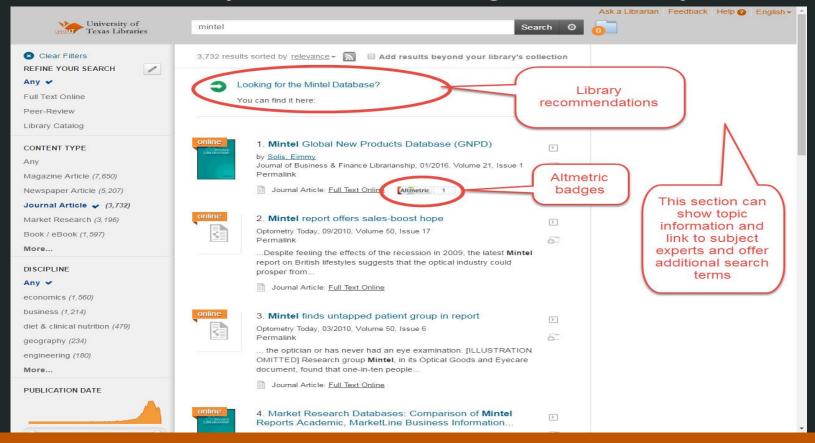
Content Type (RDA 6.9)

- No elements for:
  - Genre
  - Production statement
  - Digital file characteristics

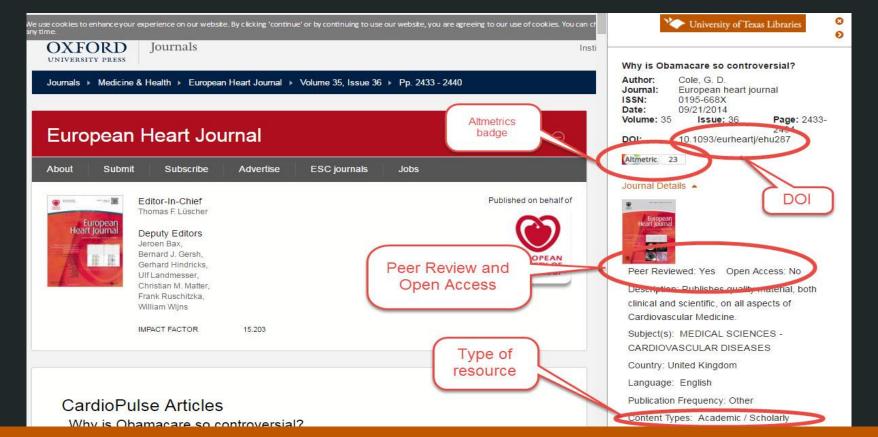
#### Linked Data Beyond the Catalog - Knowledgebase



#### Linked Data Beyond the Catalog - Discovery



#### Linked Data Beyond the Catalog - Link Resolver



# Linked Data Beyond the Catalog – Next Gen LSP



# Lessons Learned - Successes

- Gained knowledge of linked data, BIBFRAME
- Increased confidence with data transformation tools
- Achieved effective learning through group collaboration and experimentation
- Broadened perspectives beyond BIBFRAME
- Fostered/strengthened collaborative relationships

# Lessons Learned - Challenges

- Are we ready for post-MARC?
- How do we keep up with constant changes in development?
- How do we begin conversations with the rest of the library about linked data?
- How do we build our skills around linked data?
- How do we develop metadata services around BIBFRAME/linked data?

### Future Work

- Create workflows for metadata batch processing
- Identify metadata services around linked data
- Help build technical infrastructure
- Engage in metadata outreach

