BIBFRAME Shapes: Validating our Approach



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Background

What is **BIG**??

The

BIBFRAME

Interoperability

Group

- established by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Committee (PCC PoCo) to address interoperability issues in BF internationally
- full members include:
 - Cornell University
 - IndexData
 - Library of Congress
 - National Library of Sweden
 - National Library of Finland
 - OCLC
 - PCC
 - Share-VDE
 - Linked Data for Production/Sinopia
 - Stanford University
 - University of Alberta
 - University of California, Davis
 - University of Pennsylvania

BIG Terms of Reference--Charge

Work collaboratively on the development and maintenance of interoperable BIBFRAME data guidelines to support production level implementation, to address issues restricting interoperability, and to inform development of associated toolings and infrastructure. It is not responsible for further development of the BIBFRAME ontology itself.

While members may use open and/or proprietary tools to support BIBFRAME data creation and exchange locally, this group is primarily focused on interoperability for unrestricted metadata reuse.

BIG Terms of Reference--Governance

- Chairs:
 - Past Chair: Melanie Wacker (Columbia University)
 - Current Chair: Ian Bigelow (University of Alberta)
 - Incoming Chair: Xiaoli Li (University of California, Davis)
- Terms of reference state:

"Initially the group reports to PCC PoCo on its activities until it is functioning independently. PoCo will provide a mechanism for wider oversight and transparency, to leverage the expertise of other PCC groups as needed, and to coordinate with LC until such time as its functioning as an independent body. After an initial period pending a decision by BIG and PoCo approval, the group will operate as a standalone international group, developing new governance guidelines as needed."

originally, BIG was given 2 years to operate as a standalone group; in April 2024, this deadline was
extended by one year at the request of BIG

BIG Terms of Reference--Possible Work

- Define a standard BIBFRAME "shape" to support data reuse including conversion to and from other formats
- Explore defining core BIBFRAME elements necessary for data exchange
- Surface issues regarding the use of the Official RDA with BIBFRAME and propose strategies for their resolution
- Collaborate and communicate with other groups working in the area of BF interoperability to ensure the ability to reuse BIBFRAME created in one community in other BIBFRAME stores.
- Examine the work accomplished by the Communication Working Group and apply to this charge where appropriate
- Gather use cases as necessary to inform decision making, expanding on the efforts of the Use Case Working Group and others
- Provide an avenue for other interested parties to contact the BIBFRAME Interoperability Group and/or reach out to other stakeholders

Subgroups

- BIBFRAME Interlingua Group
 - developing shape guidelines for validation of a base BF descriptions (aka "BF Interlingua")
 - properties
 - shapes of subgraphs
 - violation levels
- DCTAP/SHACL Group
 - developing the validation structure
 - structure of spreadsheet for DCTap
 - DCTap to SHaCL conversion

DCTAP = Dublin Core Tabular Application Profiles SHACL = Shapes Constraints Language

2024 Work Plan

2024 Work Plan (Partial)

- Iterative refinement of the DCTAP/SHACL validation for BIG based on testing with data from BIG members in collaboration with the BIBFRAME Interlingua Subgroup
 - Develop standardized data flow/handoff between Interlingua Group and DCTap/SHACL Group
 - Continue to develop and standardize DCTap spreadsheet template
 - Identify documentation and training needs (readme documents and related) to support creation/maintenance of spreadsheet template(s).How?Where to keep documentation and other outputs

Tabular application profiles for BIBFRAME Interlingua (BI):

- Add subgraphs to textual monograph and serials profiles
- Expand beyond bf:Work and bf:Instance to higher level aggregation/clustering approaches, e.g. bf:Hub and svde:Opus

2024 Work Plan

- Set up test project for data exchange for textual monographs based on Interlingua Group profile and using data validation tool developed by DCTap/SHACL Group
 - Identify participants
 - Develop project plan
 - Draft testing protocol, including mechanisms/processes for feedback
 - Project documentation
 - Result analysis and iteration
- Documentation of best practices for technical aspects of BIBFRAME Interlingua as identified through the work of the group
 - Where to keep documentation

Validation Workflow

BIG DCTAP-to-SHACL Validation - Step 1

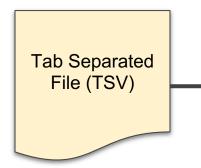
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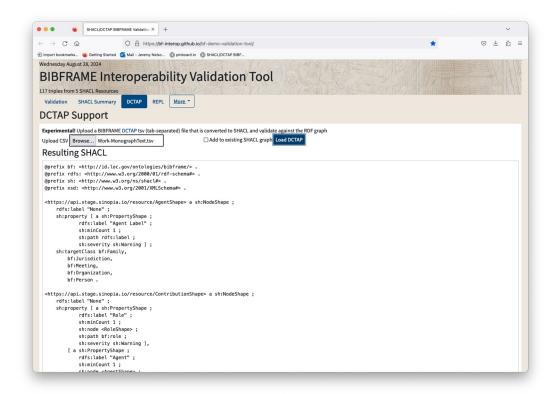
Each sheet is downloaded as TSV

Google Sheets used to construct DCTAP

BIG DCTAP-to-SHACL Validation - Step 2

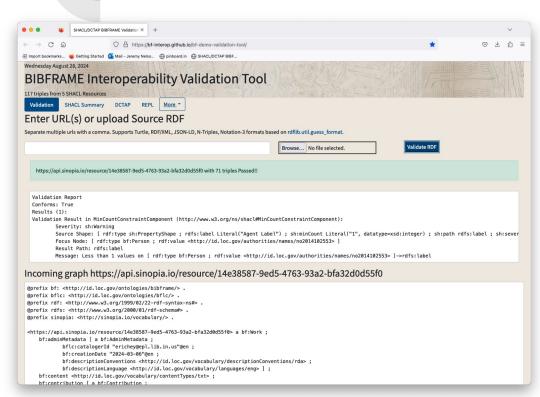


TSV is uploaded to the validation tool and then converted to a SHACL graph



Available at https://bf-interop.github.io/bf-demo-validation-tool/

BIG DCTAP-to-SHACL Validation - Step 3



Clicking on the Validation tab, a user can validate BIBFRAME RDF based on the SHACL graph by:

- Entering a URL
- Uploading a RDF file

Violations and Warnings based on the DCTAP rules will be displayed to the user

Test Preparation

- reformat the spreadsheets to accommodate requirements for DCTAP
 - initial tests showed that original spreadsheets were intended for humans, not machines
- expand the spreadsheet to include subgraphs
 - initially only top-level work/instance properties
- edit the SHACL to accommodate changes & subgraph information
- collect sample data
- provision of "how to" instructions & other documentation

Documentation/Sharing

BIG Wiki on PCC Wiki Site

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Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

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PCC Identity Management

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BIBFRAME Interoperability Group (BIG)

Created by Melanie Wacker, last modified on May 10, 2024

"In the interest of working collaboratively on Linked Data, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) is initiating formation of this group per the interests and concerns expressed at the BIBFRAME Data Exchange Meeting organized by the PCC in September 2021. During this meeting different implementation decisions of the BIBFRAME ontology were identified as major obstacles to successful BIBFRAME data exchange. This group is the outgrowth of that meeting and is not intended to supersede any existing groups working on BIBFRAME or linked data in general. It will focus on supporting efficient and interoperable use of the BIBFRAME standard through establishing and sharing best practices between participants. While this group will be formed under the auspices of the PCC, it is intended that the leadership will rotate among the members of this group. " (Terms of Reference)

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- Membership
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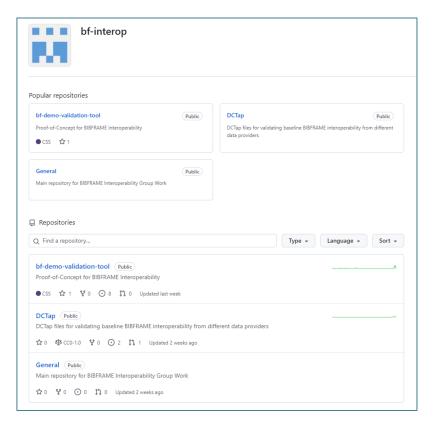
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Github Repository

github.com/bf-interop



URIs

- SHACL graph uses Sinopia URIs
 - result of its initial development in the tool
- Looking for a more general URI subdomain/subdirectory
 - would prefer something more neutral or more connected specifically with BF itself

Next Steps

Next Steps for Testing

- complete test preparation
 - complete and test edited SHACL
 - o collect sample data
 - Library of Congress, National Library of Finland, National Library of Sweden, OCLC, Share-VDE, Stanford, UCDavis
 - Native BIBFRAME descriptions vs BIBFRAME converted from MARC
 - document metadata origins tested (e.g., BF created with an LC MARC2BF converter; BF from Sinopia; BF with SVDE extension; BF created from MARC by OCLC)
- complete initial documentation for tool use
- carry out testing & tweak as necessary
- share work with consultants for testing and validation of assumptions

Testing--The Big Questions

- Will the shapes and validation tools work across varied flavors of BIBFRAME we are testing with?
- Are the shapes specified by BF Interlingua sufficient for interchange? Or do they need to be enhanced further?
- How much do local extensions & flavors affect the efficacy of the validation tools?

Issues for the Future

- codify & expand interoperability scope
 - expand to other formats
 - provide general guidelines for use of extensions
 - o document origin of metadata
- Set up consultant group and coordinate with them to receive feedback and input on testing
- Subdomains/Subdirectory for SHACL
- Deeper dive into BIBFRAME extensions
- Official RDA & BIBFRAME
- Coordinate with external groups (committees, working groups, etc.) working in related areas

Questions?

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