



Digital Repository of Ireland  
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HEA

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An tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas



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DEVELOPMENT FUND

## Mission

DRI is a trusted digital repository for Humanities and Social Sciences Data

- *linking and preserving the rich data held by Irish institutions, with a central internet access point*
- *Our Cultural & Social Heritage*



App

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***DRI Platform***

Access

Preservation

Discovery

Federated Archives, Storage

## Growing Digital Preservation & Access Policy

Interviews

National Practice Survey

National Steering Committee

National Guidelines

Government adoption

[www.oaireland.ie](http://www.oaireland.ie)



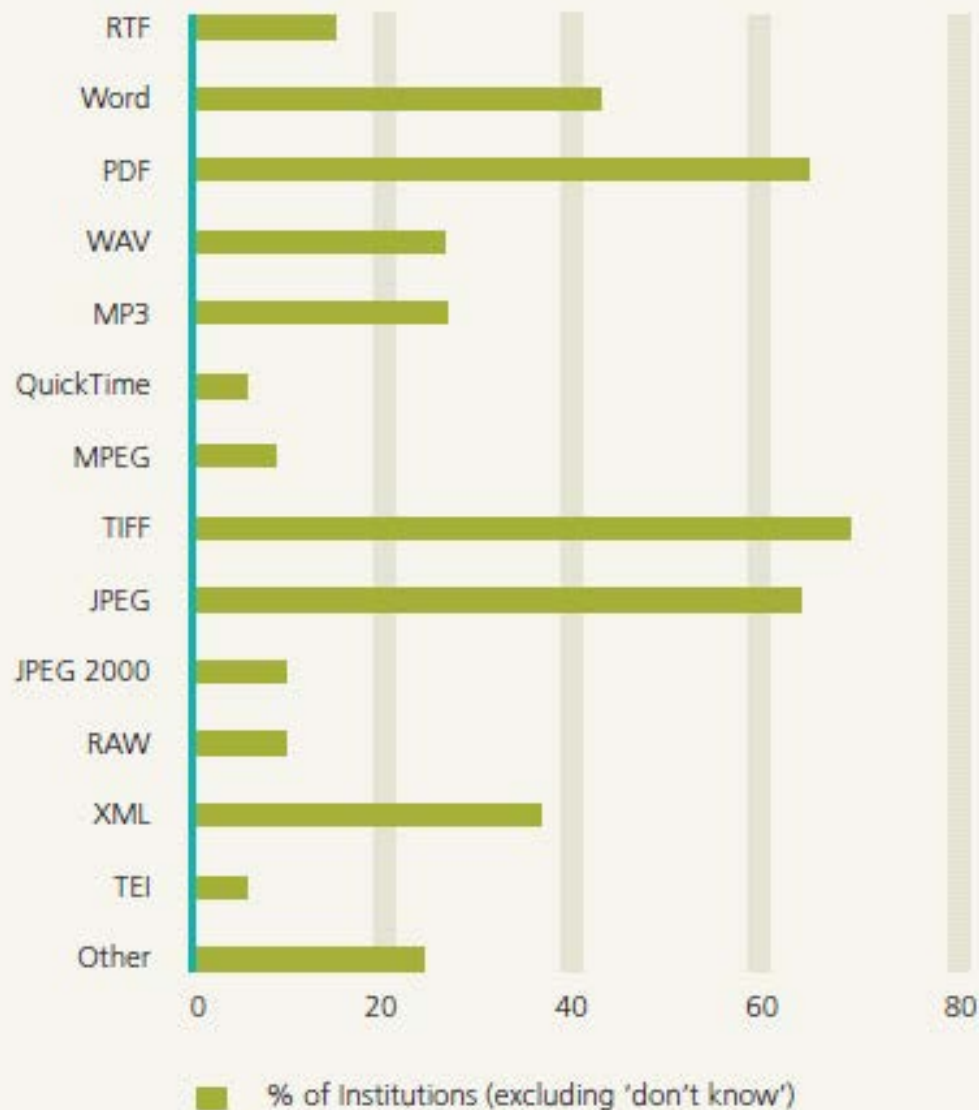
## Metadata

Fig. 5: Metadata standards



## Formats

Fig. 4: Formats used by institutions



## Global Good Data Practice

Digital Preservation

Data citation, Permanent IDs

Metrics, funding, allowable costs, training

Sustained e-infrastructure

Copyright, IPR, licensing, data protection

Open metadata, open access

Research Data Alliance 2014

***Policy, Services, Systems → Practice***

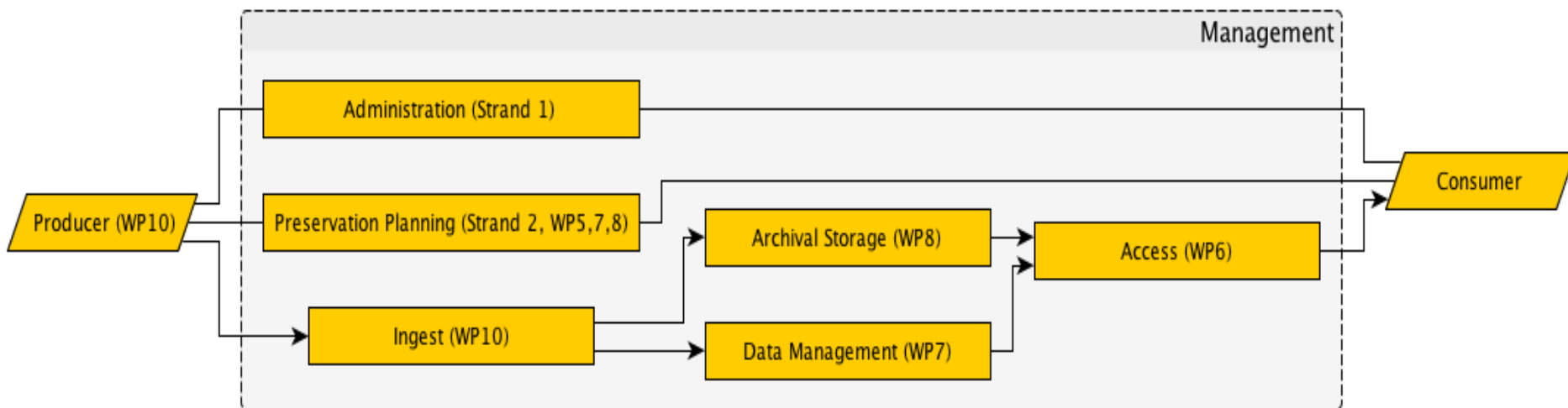
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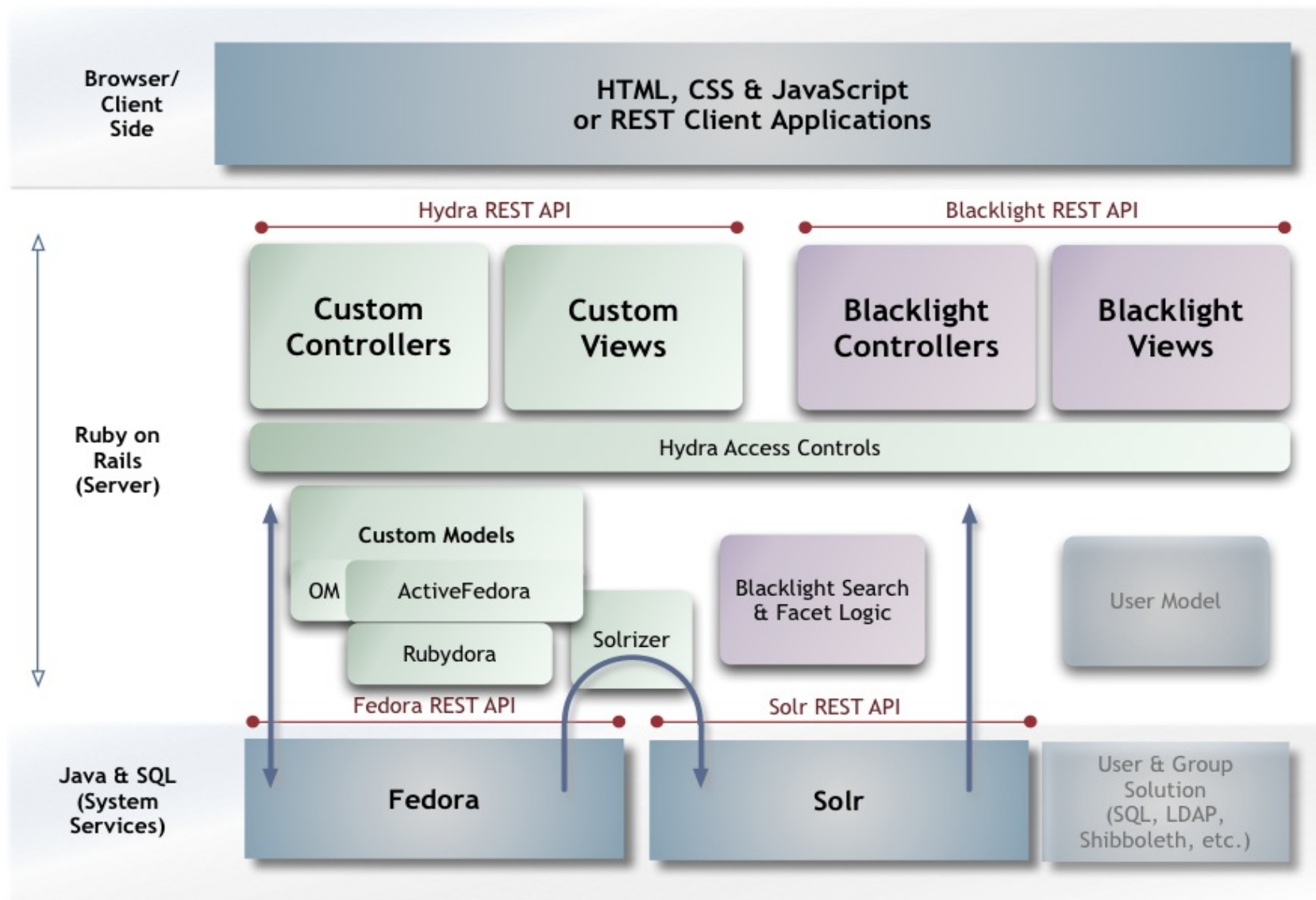
Open source components, custom code engineering





## OAIS Model





## Search setup

Objects injected into Fedora Commons

Use the Solrizer gem to create the Solr index

Object metadata all CC0

Search will return metadata on all records

Authorization system will restrict access to the objects

Multi-lingual data (English and Irish at the moment)

Indices for each language

## User Access

Primarily through the blacklight search interface

Other routes

- Curated collections and virtual galleries
- Georeferenced data – mapping
- Temporal data – timelines
- User defined collections
- DOI references in papers

Linked Logainm is a collaborative project undertaken by the Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI), the Digital Enterprise Research Institute (DERI), Fiontar at Dublin City University, the National Library of Ireland and the Placenames Branch of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

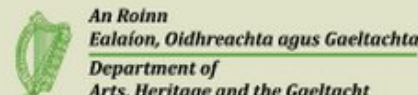
The Linked Logainm project has created a Linked Data version of the authoritative bilingual database of Irish place names logainm.ie, which is being developed by Fiontar in collaboration with the Placenames Branch. The new Linked Logainm dataset provides Irish place name data in a structured, computer-readable format which allows its value to be fully exploited by collaborators, web developers, computer scientists, the heritage community and information professionals. It also encourages the international dissemination of Irish language place names which have been given legal status by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Linked Logainm narrative report gives a detailed overview of the project, including an introduction to the collaborating institutions and the Linked Data concept, and outlines the processes undertaken to create the Linked Logainm dataset.

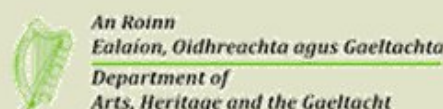


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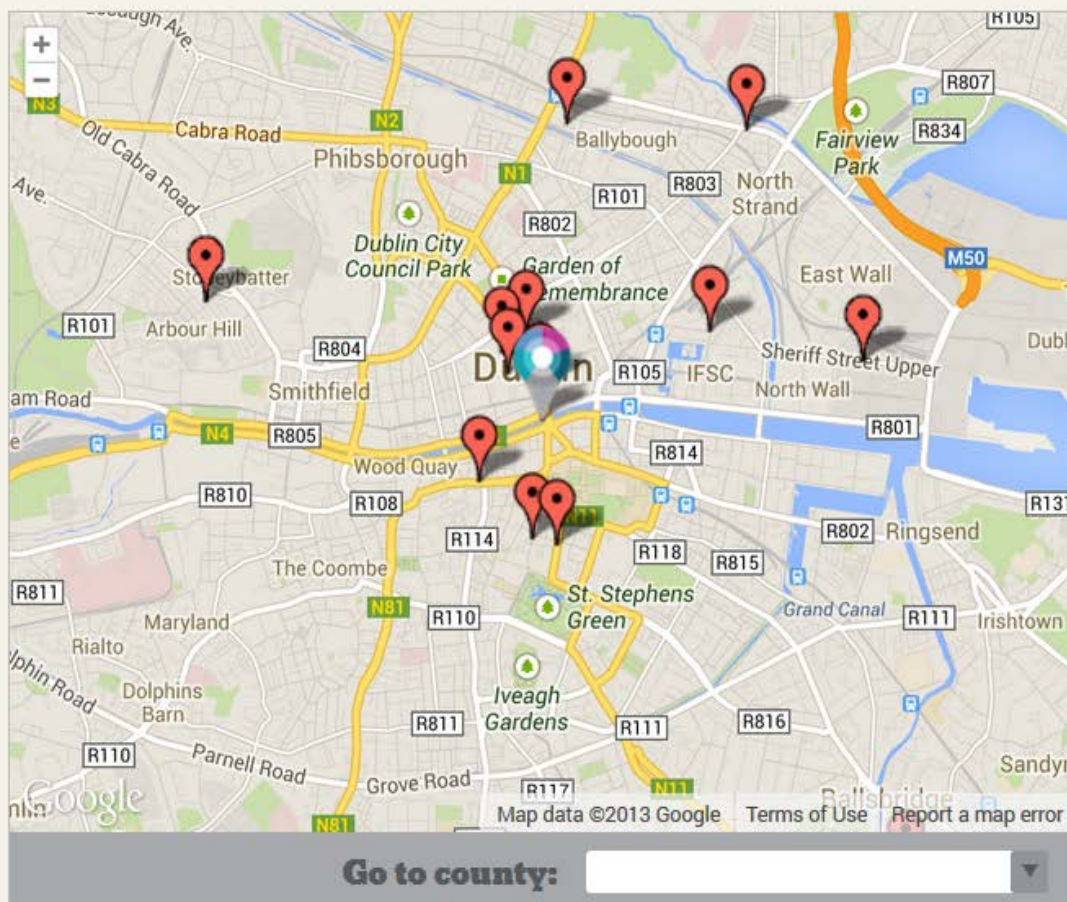
## Partners



## Funders







## logainm.ie

**Ainm:** Baile Átha Cliath **Name:** Dublin

**Type:** city **County:** Dublin

## DBpedia



Dublin is the capital and most populous city of Ireland. The English name for the city is derived from the Irish name Dubhlinn, meaning "black pool". Dublin is situated near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey and the centre of the Dublin Region. Originally founded as a Viking settlement, it evolved into the Kingdom of Dublin and became the island's principal city following the Norman invasion. The city expanded rapidly from the 17th century; it was briefly the second largest city in the British Empire and the fifth largest in Europe. Dublin entered a period of stagnation following the Act of Union of 1800, but it remained the

## logainm.ie



## National Library of Ireland

- 1 A map of a piece of ground on the north side of Parkgate Street in the City of Dublin belonging to Doct. Filton. Surveyed by J. Longfield. April 1824
- 2 A map of that part of the Royal Canal intended to pass through the County of

## Europeana

- 1 A smokey chimney
- 2 Traffic in Dublin
- 3 Blue Tit
- 4 Coal Tit
- 5 Common Frog

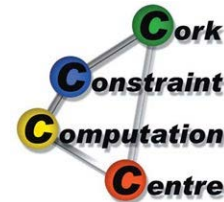


200 RESEARCHERS

74M EURO 30 PARTNERS

40 INVESTIGATORS 8 INSTITUTIONS

1 CENTRE! Insight 



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh



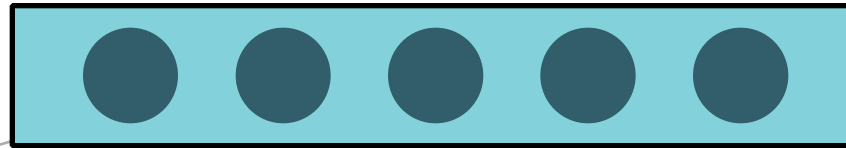
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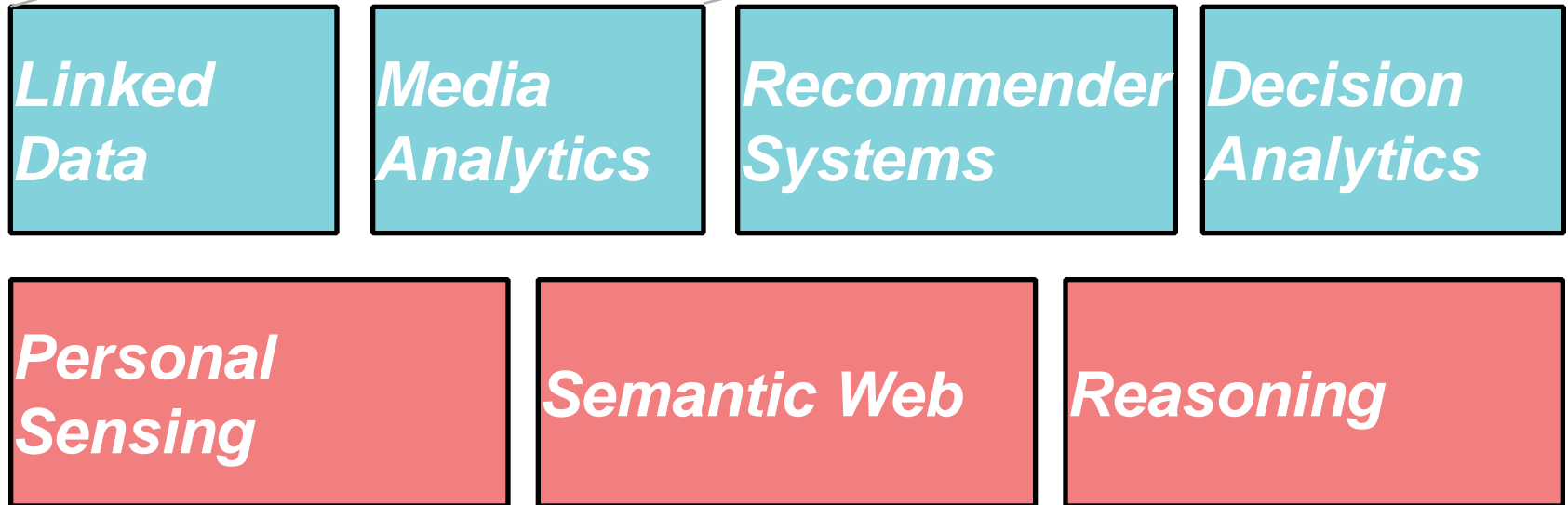
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# 7X RESEARCH STRANDS



*Work Packages*



## Goal of Archive Discovery Project

Linked data based discovery platform

Across multiple RTE Archives, media formats

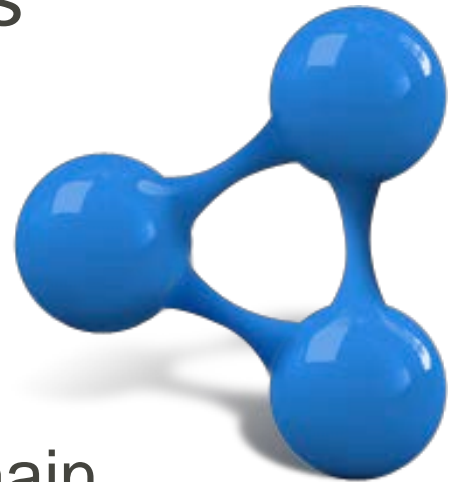
Enhanced data discovery and delivery

Enhanced workflows, digital practices, tools

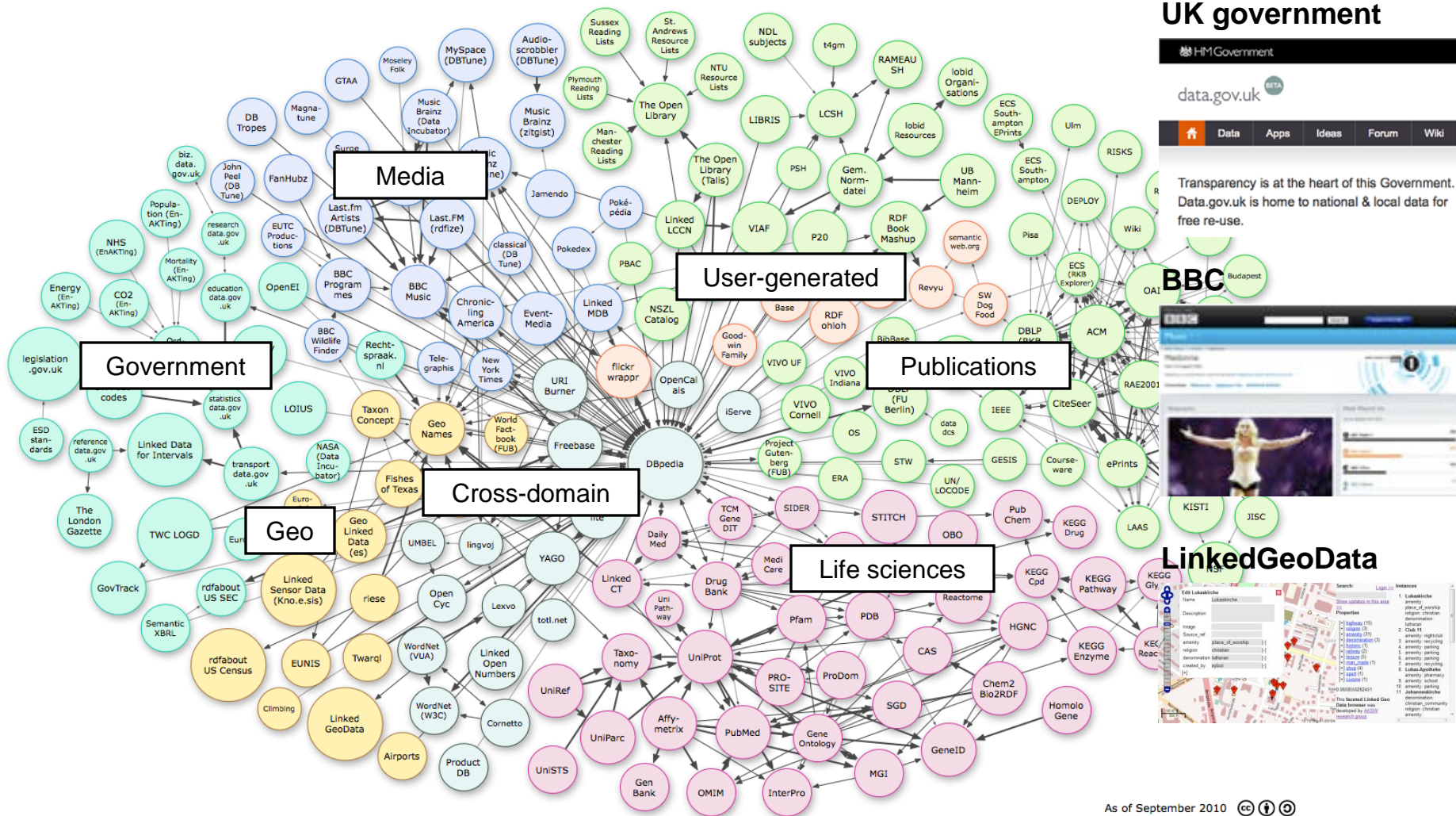
Digital Preservation, discovery and access

# Two Key Ingredients

1. RDF – Resource Description Framework  
Graph based Data – nodes and arcs
  - Identifies objects (URIs)
  - Interlink information (Relationships)
2. Vocabularies (Ontologies)
  - provide shared understanding of a domain
  - organise knowledge in a machine-comprehensible way
  - give an exploitable meaning to the data

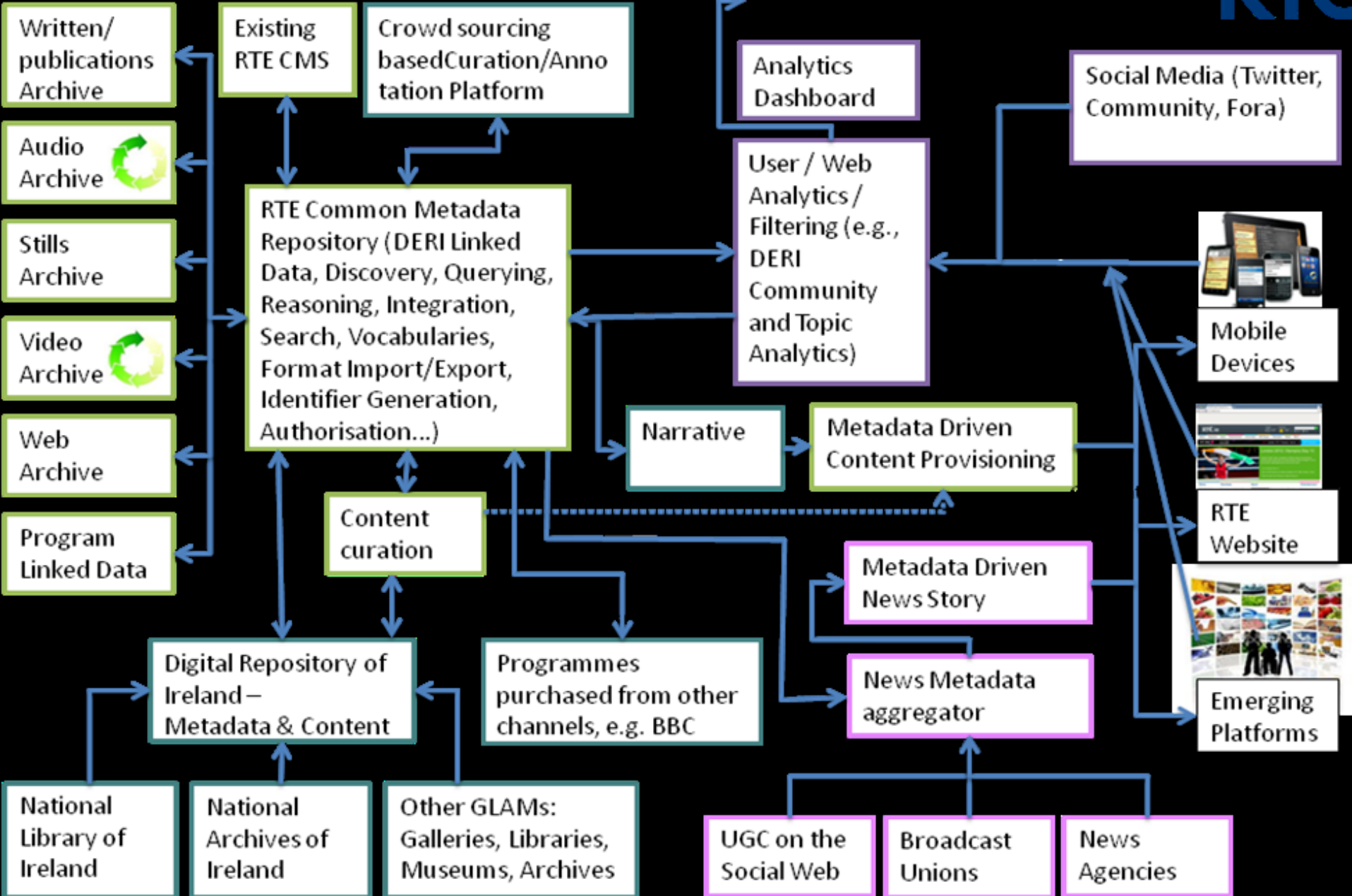


# Linked Open Data cloud



Over **200** open data sets with more than **26 billion facts**,  
interlinked by **400 million** typed links, doubling every 10 month!

1. *Data & System survey*
2. *Architecture Specification*
3. *Selection of Pilot Data*
4. *Retrieval and transformation of data*
5. *Setup & integration of the metadata repository*
6. *Metadata enhancement*
7. *Implementation of content discovery*
8. *Classification & evaluation of discovery content*
9. *Demonstrator*
10. *Performance KPIs*
11. *Enhanced workflows for content processing*



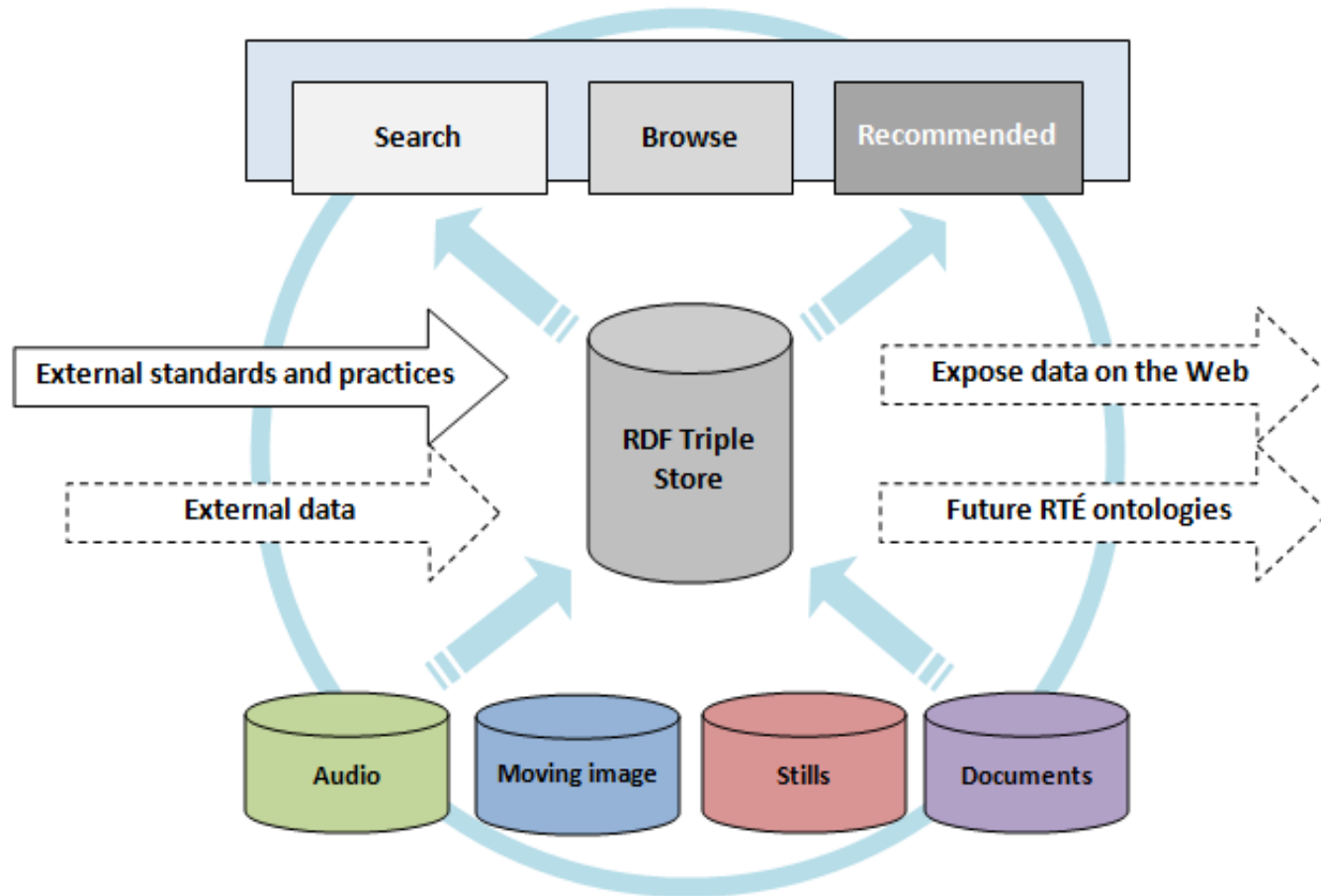
*Complex systems, customised software, grown and adapted over time and use*



## Authorisation

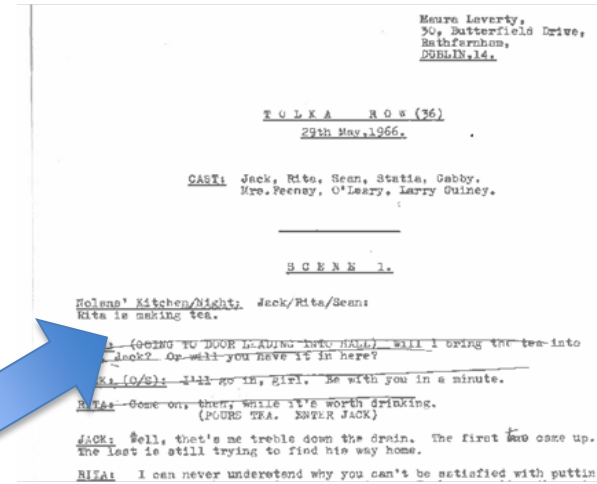
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Search	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
View	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amend			✓	✓	✓	✓
Create					✓	✓
Delete						✓
User mgmt.						✓

# OUTCOMES FOR RTÉ





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Pilot  
discovery  
platform  
for all  
media  
formats

Enabling cross-Institutional, cross-collection curation

# Opening up the RTÉ Archives



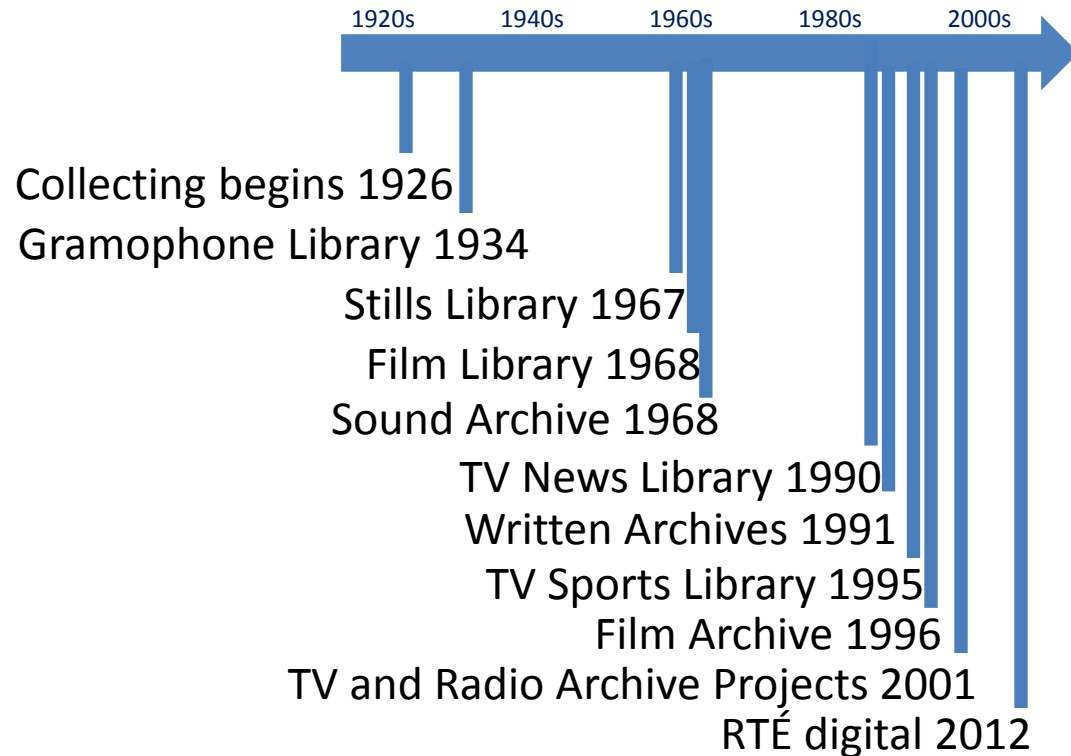
Through Industry  
and Research led  
collaboration

Insight &  
Background to  
Project

Bríd Dooley  
Head of Archives

# RTÉ ARCHIVES

- RTÉ Archives is Ireland's oldest and largest audiovisual archive
- Expanded and changed as the national broadcaster has grown.
- Employs circa 40 staff supporting over 50,000 research queries p.a
- Supplies up to 10% of original Radio & TV airtime
- Now a major part of RTÉ digital output across all platforms – and growing



RTÉ digital

# Our Holdings today – 4 Archival Pillars



1. **MOVING IMAGE** 210,000 hours
2. **AUDIO** 150,000 hours
3. **PHOTOGRAPHIC** 500,000 + selected images
4. **DOCUMENTS** – 10.000 + new accession -still counting!



# Ambition – to open and develop RTÉ Archives as major online digital resource for multiple audiences and user communities



To date we have produced over 29 curated exhibitions comprising hundreds of moving image & audio segments, documents & images - fully searchable online



# We are already big users of online digital media

Through our website [www.rte.ie/archives](http://www.rte.ie/archives)

Across daily RTÉ output

On Home page [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie) - On this Day



Using Social Media

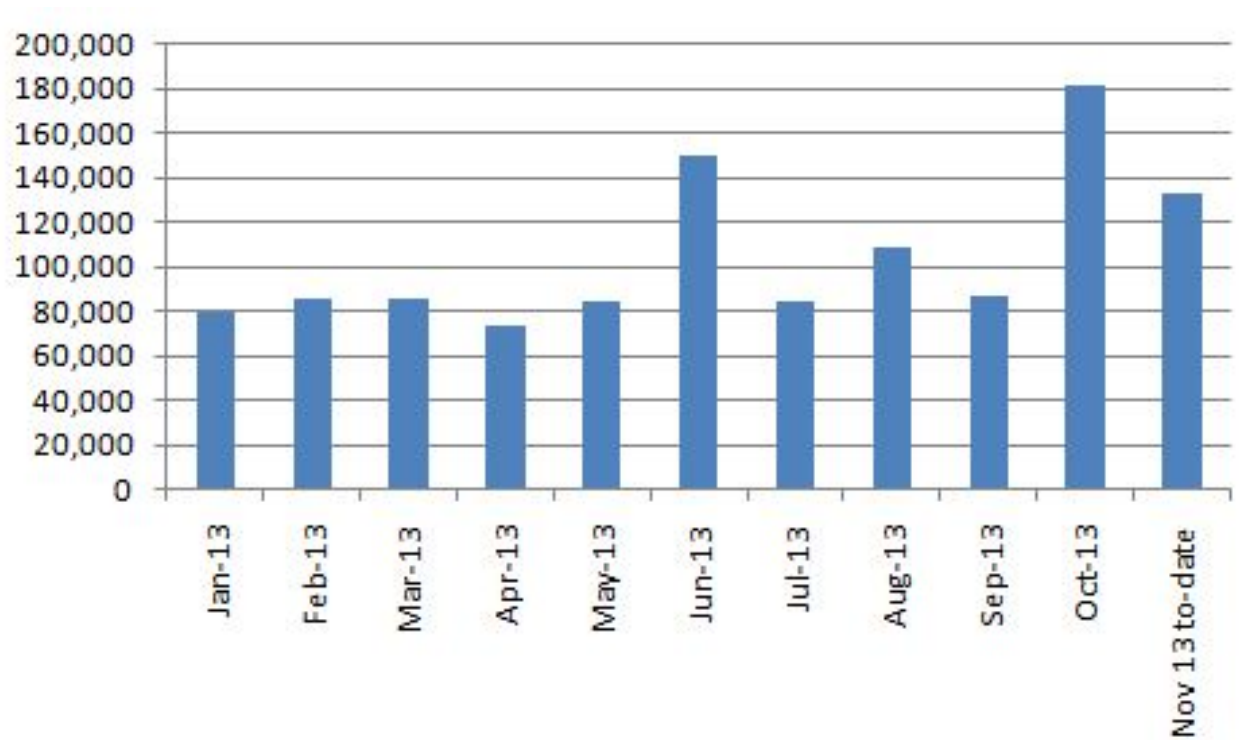
In special projects ..

twitter



As well as a range of partnerships with national cultural heritage institutions and media organisations.

And we know that demand grows as the archive is opened up



Traffic to [rte.ie/archives](http://rte.ie/archives) full year

# Common challenges to opening up Archives

Large legacy collections on dozens of different playback formats – much of it on discreet carriers.

Four separate library databases /collections with business specific metadata standards for search and query

Broadcast Standard files and formats mixed with Archival requirements in constant state of change

Digital production –archive workflows not yet end –to end

Interrupted workflows as new systems introduced

Finding those gems! Demands for quick access, search discovery and re-use of our content greater than ever.

Economic constraints of budget & personnel





New tools are needed to semi-automate discovery and Curation across our internal databases for better access



Liberties Teens Identified



A. P. McCoy Wins 4,000th Race



Meeting the Beatles 1963



Toy Testers in 1980



20 Years of Boyzone



National Day of Mourning



JFK 50th Anniversary Concert at the National Concert Hall



Kidnapped Dutchman Herrema Freed



Beatlemania Comes To Dublin 1963



Rose Kennedy - Portrait of a Mother



The Changing Face of Clerys Department Store



Mother of the Kennedys 1973



1st Dublin Marathon in 1980



Queues in Rain for Cork Jazz Festival 1996



UNESCO World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2013



Vibraphone Player is Milt Jackson



Munster 12 All Blacks 0



3 IRA Prisoners Escape from Mountjoy 1973



Unidentified Opera Singer 1988



Thunderstorms in Dublin 2003



Senior Citizens Protest 2008



End of the Supersonic Dream



Angela O'Connor Stars in First Wexford Festival Opera 1951



Radharc Visits Ballyunion in 1963

To achieve this we want to work directly with the research community to realise opportunities in linked-data and semantic web technologies inside the broadcast archive specific to our needs

# In Summary – we need to move from Access to Discovery - why?

Because audience & user demands are changing as rapidly as consumer technologies - and we must keep pace

Budgets and staffing shrinking while contend demand and new platforms grow

New tools are needed to aid more automated search and discovery of content both to meet and anticipate expectations & promote the value and use of archives

The search experience we want must not just return accurate results but suggest new pathways of investigation & help to track and document data use through content lifecycle.

RTÉ Archives is now collaborating with two leading research partners in Ireland to investigate how these tools can be developed within RTÉ

Thank you .

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