Why we need **Ontology-specific Data** Portals: A Case Study for CIDOC-CRM

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Context – Motivation



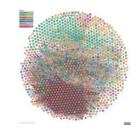
Context - Where to Publish

- There are numerous ways for publishing data on the web
 - Web Pages
 - GitHub
 - Zenodo
 - As Linked Open Data
 - Online dataset catalogs











The Key Notion: Dataset Catalogs can offer more services comparing to the alternative ways

Context - Dataset Catalogs (1/2)

Services offered by Catalogs

S1: Hosting of descriptions of the datasets (metadata, URL, SPARQL Endpoints)

S2: Services based on datasets metadata (browse, search, analytics)

S3: Services based on the actual contents of the datasets
(cross-dataset reasoning services)

Services of Catalogs

- Hosting of datasets descriptions
 - Metadata about these datasets (their URL, SPARQL endpoints and availability)
- Services based on dataset's metadata
 - Browsing, searching and offering analytics
- Services based on the actual contents (triples) of the datasets
 - Cross-dataset reasoning services, e.g., for finding all the datasets of a URI.



Context - Dataset Catalogs (2/2)

Scope of Catalogs

T1: Global Catalogs (general purpose)

T2: Organization-based Catalogs (catalog deployed by one organization)

T3: Ontology-specific Catalogs (catalog hosts datasets represented using one ontology)

Scope of Catalogs

- Global Catalogs
 - general purpose catalogs
- Organization-based Catalogs
 - a CKAN instance deployed by one organization, a Zenodo channel, etc.
- Ontology-specific Catalogs
 - hosted datasets are represented using a single ontology (and its specializations)



Context - Where we focus

- We focus on
 - Ontology-specific Catalogs since we restrict the datasets of the catalog only on them using the ISO 21127 Standard CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model (CIDOC-CRM)
 - Services based on Metadata (mainly)



- Objectives of Ontology-specific Catalogs:
 - It is important for the community of the focused ontology to publish their datasets in that catalog
 - it is more sustainable to achieve completeness for one ontology, than being complete for all the available ones



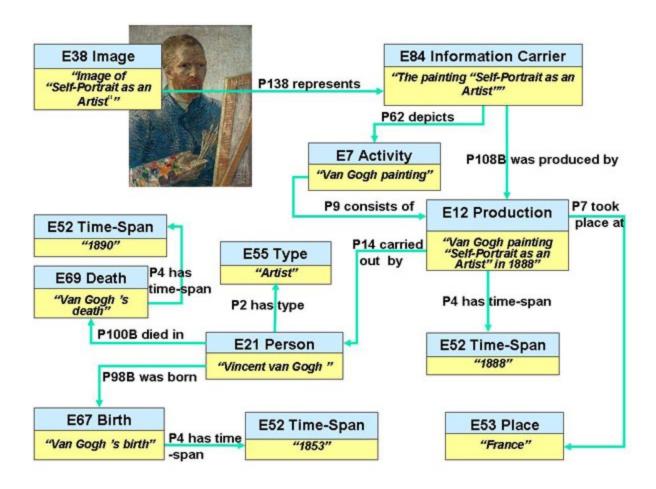
Context - CIDOC-CRM

- CIDOC-CRM is an event-based ontology for the cultural domain (https://cidoc-crm.org/)
 - A theoretical and practical tool for information integration in the field of cultural heritage for enabling semantic interoperability between cultural institutions
 - the outcome of over 25 years of development and maintenance work
 - More than 40 organizations from all over the world participate in the CRM-SIG, the committee that maintains and evolves CIDOC-CRM (Chair: Dr Martin Doerr)
 - It has been used by hundreds of organizations, projects and research infrastructures





Context - CIDOC-CRM (Example)

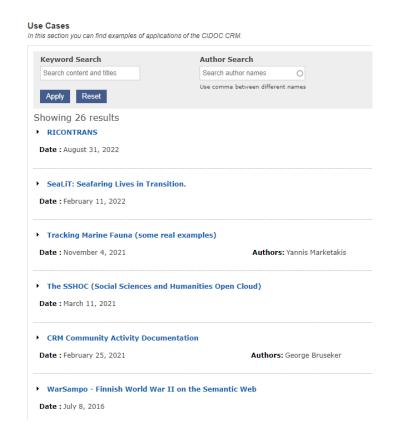




Motivation – CIDOC-CRM Datasets (1/3)

- Problem: It is not trivial to create such a catalog for CIDOC-CRM.
 - Numerous available ways to publish a dataset and in different places
 - Quite challenging even to discover all the datasets using a popular model.

- In 2022, we decided to write a survey about CIDOC-CRM and Machine Learning [1] and we observed that was too difficult to discover the available CIDOC-CRM datasets!
 - In the official website we found a page with 26 use cases, but for many of them the datasets were not reachable!





Motivation - CIDOC-CRM Datasets (2/3)

- Then we further searched for CIDOC-CRM datasets and we found an online excel file in the webpage of CIDOC-CRM containing information for 17 CIDOC-CRM datasets.
 - Again some of them were not reachable!!

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Motivation - CIDOC-CRM Datasets (3/3)

- As a first step we created a GitHub page for the available CIDOC-CRM datasets (At that time we had found 18 datasets) that provide either an online data dump or a running SPARQL Endpoint.
 - However, it was again not enough, since
 - Such a list was not so practical no statistics and visualizations
 - We were sure that more CIDOC-CRM datasets were available.

ID	Dataset	Link	Domain	Triples	SPARQL Endpoint/ API	Data Dump
1	Archaeology Data Service	http://data.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk	Heritage Data of United Kingdom	1,559,912	✓	
2	Auckland Museum	https://api.aucklandmuseum.com/	Auckland Museum, New Zealand	>10,000,000	✓	
3	Beni Culturali	https://dati.cultura.gov.it/linked-open-data/	Cultural Institutions in Italy	755,702,389	✓	✓
4	Corago LOD	https://zenodo.org/record/3377586	Italian Opera,1600 to 1900	22,399,698		√



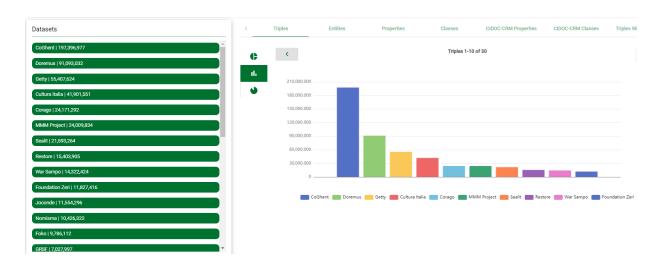
Objective - CIDOC-CRM Portal

- Our target is to create an ontology-specific portal (or catalog), by focusing on CIDOC-CRM that will
 - Enable the discoverability, reusability and preservation of all the CIDOC-CRM datasets
 - Offer an interactive way to browse statistics and visualizations for the CIDOC-CRM datasets, by computing ontology-based descriptions
- The objective is the portal to be important for several use cases including data discovery, data integration, data publishing and ontology evaluation



Contribution - CIDOC-CRM Portal

- We first collect 30 CIDOC-CRM datasets and we compute ontology-based descriptions by using the VoID vocabulary [2]
- We present an online web portal (<u>https://demos.isl.ics.forth.gr/CIDOC-CRM_Portal</u>) that offers
 - Browsing and analytics of all the collected CIDOC-CRM datasets through statistics and visualizations



We offer an analysis for the 30 collected CIDOC-CRM datasets



Related Work and Novelty



Related Work and Novelty

- There exists similar services to the proposed portal
 - Google Dataset Search [3], Datahub [4] and LOD Cloud [5]
 - Where publishers can upload a description of their datasets with some basic or enriched metadata.
 - Aether [6], Loupe [7] and KartoGraphI [8]
 - Where VoID statistics for any RDF dataset are computed and ontology analytics are offered and visualized by using SPARQL queries.
 - LODsyndesis [9] and LODVader [10]
 - They analyze the contents of datasets (all their triples and entities).
- Novelty. Comparing to similar catalogs that compute VolD statistics, this the first work providing such a catalog that focuses on a specific Ontology (i.e., for CIDOC-CRM model)



Collecting CIDOC-CRM Datasets and Computing Statistics

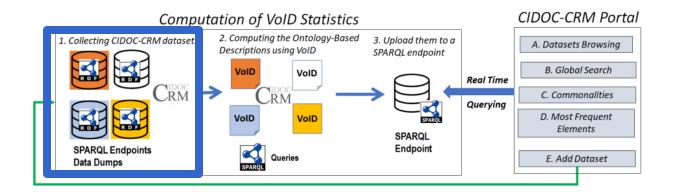


Important Note – CIDOC-CRM Version

- When we refer to CIDOC-CRM properties and classes, we mean
 - all the properties and classes of the RDF file of CIDOC-CRM version 7.1.2 which contains
 - 309 CIDOC-CRM properties (including inverse properties)
 - * 76 CIDOC-CRM classes
 - https://cidoc-crm.org/rdfs/7.1.2/CIDOC_CRM_v7.1.2.rdfs
 - We do not refer in properties and classes that extend the above CIDOC-CRM properties and classes.



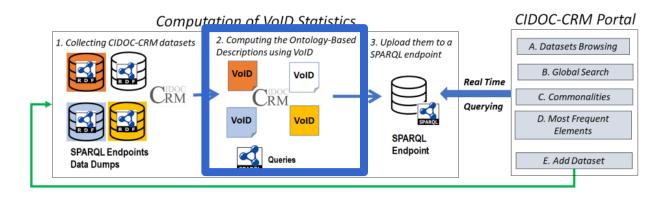
Step A. Collecting CIDOC-CRM datasets.



- We tried to collect all the available CIDOC-CRM datasets by using
 - the list of 18 datasets provided in the GitHub page
 - By further searching in google scholar and catalogs like Zenodo and search engines:
 - with the keywords "CIDOC-CRM dataset/endpoint/data dump"
- We collected 30 real RDF datasets (having in total 560 million RDF triples) that have been modelled by using CIDOC-CRM
 - > 21 of them offer a public SPARQL endpoint
 - 9 of them only an RDF data dump



Step B. Computing the Ontology-Based Descriptions using VolD



- For the computation of the VoID statistics we send SPARQL queries to the SPARQL endpoint of each dataset
- For the datasets that do not offer a SPARQL Endpoint, we downloaded the data dumps and we uploaded them to our SPARQL endpoint for performing the computations.
 - > (-) Time consuming in some cases, due to
 - the large size of some datasets
 - syntax errors in some RDF files
- For each dataset, we produced a single file containing all the statistics by using the VoID vocabulary.

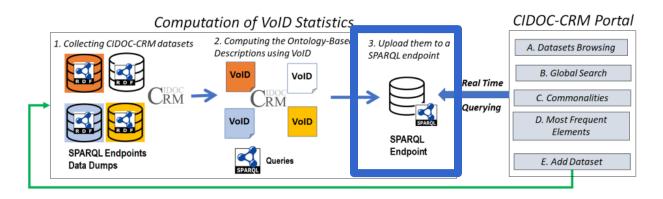


Step B. Computing the Ontology-Based Descriptions using VoID – **An example file for the dataset Open Archaeo**

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Step C. Upload the Ontology-based Descriptions to a SPARQL Endpoint



- The produced files of all the datasets are uploaded in an online SPARQL Endpoint
 - For describing all these (VoID) statistics for these datasets 23,195 triples were created.
- The key notion is the endpoint to be used at real time from the portal for enabling
 - the visualization of the already computed statistics
 - > the computation of even more statistics through more SPARQL queries
 - the easy addition of any CIDOC-CRM dataset



The CIDOC-CRM Web Portal



The Desired Users of the Portal



Simple Users





Users that have published at least one dataset by using the CIDOC-CRM model.



CIDOC-CRM Special Interest Group (SIG): An active community where many organizations and researchers participate



The Corresponding Use Cases



Q1. I want all the **CIDOC-CRM datasets** and **statistics** about them.

Dataset
Discovery
And Selection

Simple Users

Q2. I want all the CIDOC-CRM datasets describing places for training a Machine Learning Model



Q3. Where and how to publish my (CIDOC-CRM) dataset for improving its discoverability?

Data Publishing

CIDOC-CRM Dataset owners Q4. I want to **integrate** my (CIDOC-CRM) **dataset** with a **dataset** sharing the **most common CIDOC-CRM properties**.

Data Integration



Q5. I want to see how the CIDOC-CRM properties and classes are used (e.g., for detecting possible errors).

Ontology Evaluation

CIDOC-CRM experts

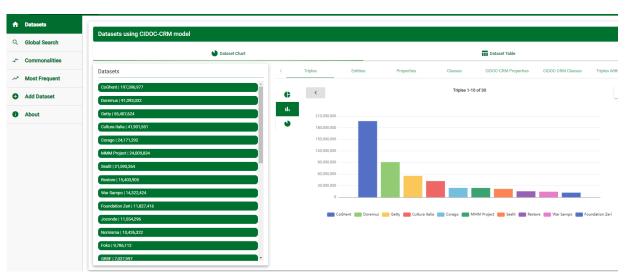
Q6. I want the most frequently used CIDOC-CRM properties and classes. Is there a power-law distribution?



The Modes of the CIDOC-CRM Portal

The portal offers five interactive modes:

- A. Datasets Browsing
 - For Dataset Discovery and Selection, Ontology Evaluation
- B. Global Search
 - For Dataset Discovery and Selection
- □ C. Commonalities
 - For Data Integration
- D. Most Frequent Elements
 - For Ontology Evaluation
- □ E. Add Dataset
 - > For Data Publishing





Mode A. Datasets Browsing (1/3)

- The user can browse statistics and visualizations for all the datasets.
 - Ranking lists (using HTML tables) and visualizations through charts.



Q1. I want all the CIDOC-CRM datasets and statistics about them.

Simple Users



Datasets

CoGhent | 197,396,977

Doremus | 91,093,032

Getty | 55,407,624

Cultura Italia | 41,901,551

Corago | 24,171,292

MMM Project | 24,009,834

Sealit | 21,593,264

All the Datasets

Title	Triples	Entities	Properties	Classes	CIDOC- CRM Properties	CIDOC- CRM Classes	Triples With CIDOC- CRM Property	Triples With CIDOC-CRM Property Percentage	Triples With CIDOC- CRM Instance	Triples With CIDOC-CRM Instance Percentage
CoGhent	197,396,977	61,437,653	412	96	32	11	43,082,959	21.83%	94,036,071	47.64%
Doremus	91,093,032	18,531,445	507	151	44	15	12,721,751	13.97%	18,789,384	20.63%
Getty	55,407,624	9,773,325	58	25	42	24	35,174,151	63.48%	54,855,980	99.00%
Cultura It	41,901,551	9,951,056	181	177	33	29	21,927,494	52.33%	41,896,526	99.99%
Corago	24,171,292	5,102,527	115	58	26	21	7,655,451	31.67%	16,147,649	66.81%



Mode A. Datasets Browsing (2/3)

- □ The user can browse statistics and visualizations for each single dataset.
 - Ranking lists (using HTML tables) and visualizations through charts.





Browse a Single Dataset

Seafaring Lives in Trans

Dataset Title: Sealit | URL: https://zenodo.org/record/6460841

Basic Statistics

Title: Sealit

Triples: 21,593,264

Properties: 140

Triples With CIDOC-CRM property: 10,662,888 (49.38%)

CIDOC-CRM Properties: 71

Description: SeaLiT Knowledge Graphs - Maritime History Data in RDF

Entities: 4,466,105

Classes: 81

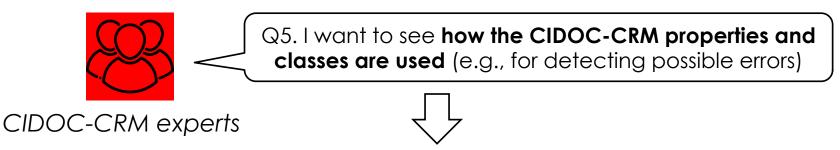
Triples With CIDOC-CRM Instance: 18,220,946 (84.38%)

CIDOC-CRM Classes: 38

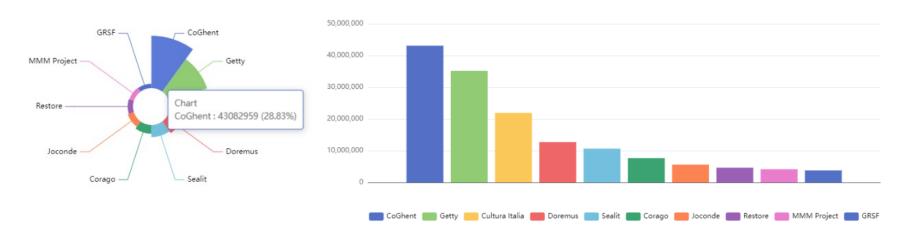


Mode A. Datasets Browsing (3/3)

- □ The user can browse specialized statistics for CIDOC-CRM.
 - Ranking lists (using HTML tables) and visualizations through charts.



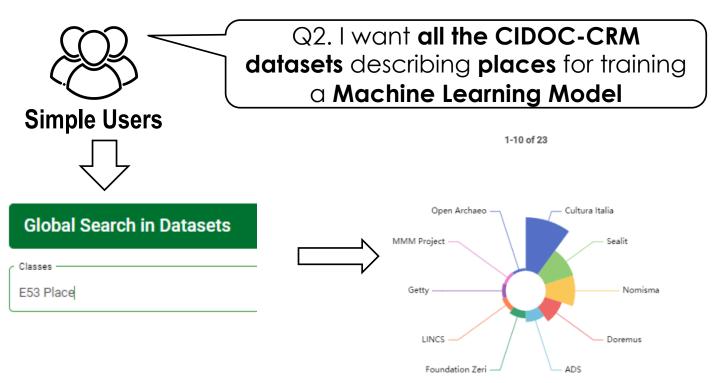
Number of Triples including CIDOC-CRM properties per Dataset





Mode B. Global Search

- The user can search for any property/class:
 - The portal returns all the datasets containing the desired property/class and the number of triples.
 - We provide autocomplete services and a drop-down list including all the CIDOC-CRM properties and classes







23 datasets contains Places

Mode C. Commonalities

The user can discover all the common properties and classes between any pair of datasets!



Q4. I want to integrate my (CIDOC-CRM) dataset (SeaLiT) with a dataset sharing the most common CIDOC-CRM properties.



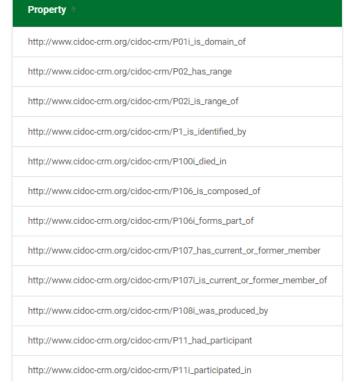


Seafaring Lives in Transition





SeaLiT has **44 common CIDOC-CRM properties**with the **LINCS Dataset**





Mode C. Commonalities - Queries

■ Example SPARQL Query for finding the common CIDOC-CRM properties



Mode D. Most Frequent Elements

- The user can find the most frequent properties and classes according to
 - the number of datasets
 - the number of triples



Q6. I want the most frequently used CIDOC-CRM properties and classes. Is there a power-law distribution?

CIDOC-CRM experts



Class ↑	Datasets
http://www.cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/E53_Place	23
http://www.cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/E52_Time-Span	20
http://www.cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/E21_Person	19
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http://www.cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/E42_Identifier	17

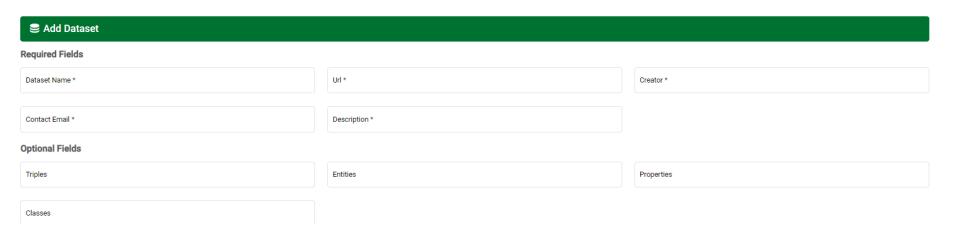
Most Frequent CIDOC-CRM Classes



Mode E. Add Dataset

The user can fill and submit a form including some very basic details of the dataset, for requesting to be published in the portal

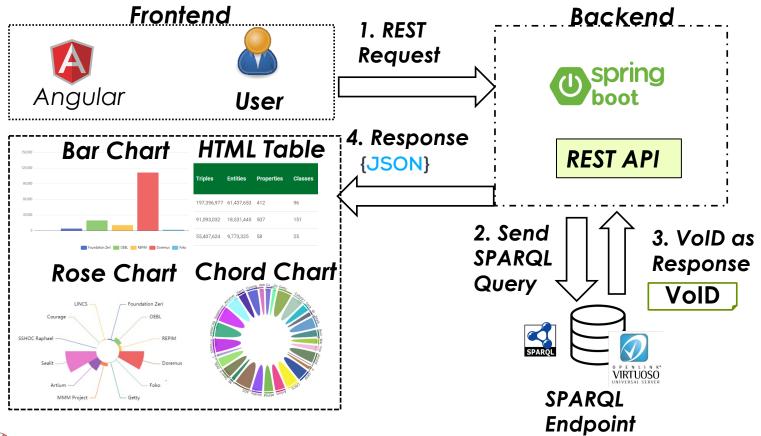






Portal Architecture

It includes several technologies for frontend and backend for enabling the real time browsing.





Experimental Evaluation



General Statistics

- We provide statistics and measurements for the 30 collected
 CIDOC-CRM datasets
 - > 30% of triples contain a CIDOC-CRM property
 - > 53.5% of triples contain a CIDOC-CRM instance
 - Each dataset contains on average ~37 CIDOC-CRM properties and ~19 CIDOC-CRM classes

Total Number of	Value
Collected (CIDOC-CRM) Datasets	30
Triples	560,452,817
Entities	129,931,741
Triples with a CIDOC-CRM property	168,158,485
Triples with a CIDOC-CRM instance	300,016,015

Statistics about the CIDOC-CRM Datasets

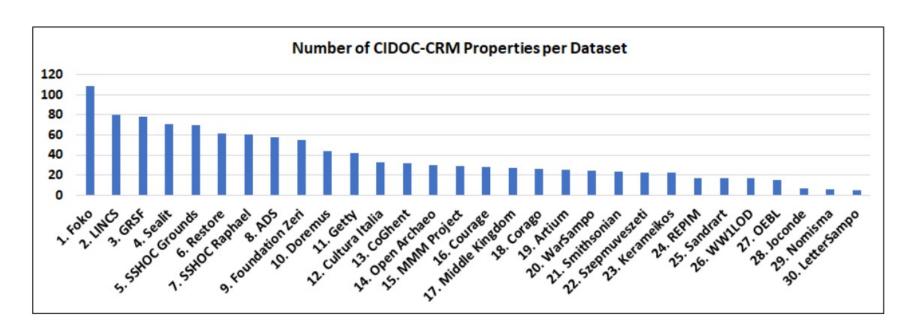
Average Number of	Value
Properties per dataset	141.4
CIDOC-CRM properties per	37.7
dataset	
Classes per dataset	61.7
CIDOC-CRM classes per dataset	19.3

Average Values for the CIDOC-CRM Datasets



Number of CIDOC-CRM Properties per Dataset

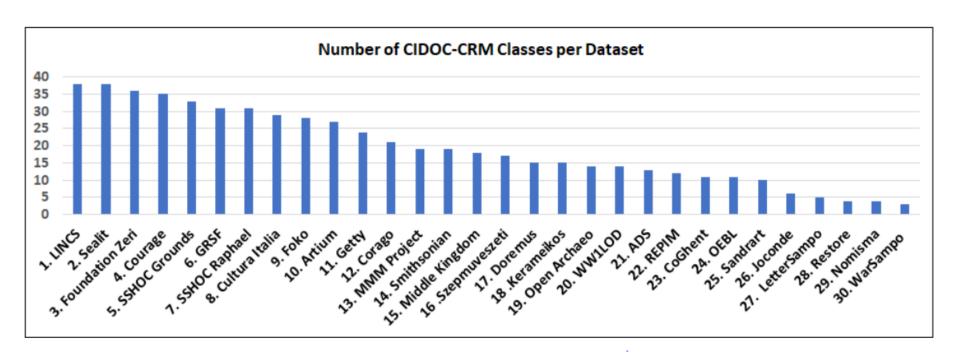
- □ From the 30 datasets
 - > The Top-one uses over 100 CIDOC-CRM properties
 - > 7 datasets use ≥ 60 CIDOC-CRM properties
 - > Only 3 datasets use ≤ 10 CIDOC-CRM properties.





Number of CIDOC-CRM Classes per Dataset

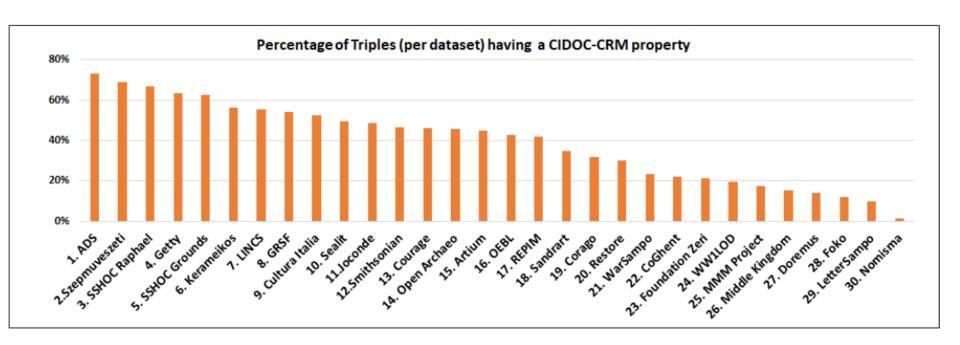
- From the 30 datasets
 - > The Top-one uses 38 CIDOC-CRM Classes
 - > 12 datasets Use ≥ 20 CIDOC-CRM classes
 - > 25 datasets use ≥ 10 CIDOC-CRM classes





Percentage of triples having a CIDOC-CRM property

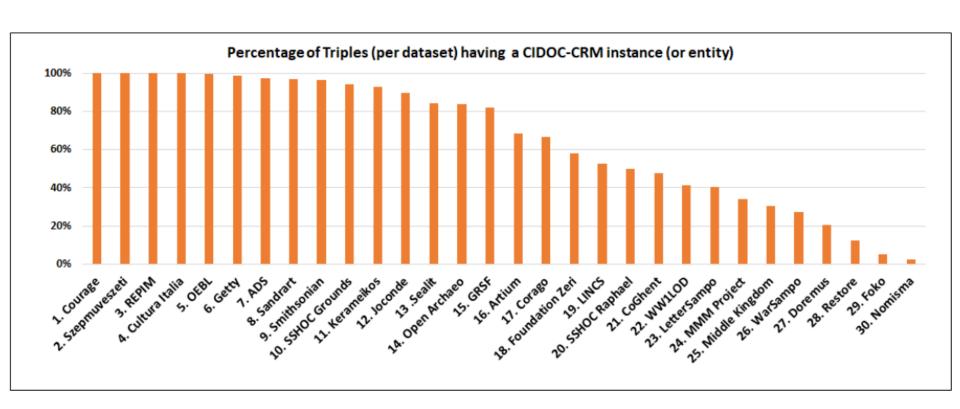
- □ From the 30 datasets
 - 5 datasets use CIDOC-CRM properties in at least 60% of their triples.
 - > 20 datasets in at least 30% of their triples.





Percentage of triples having a CIDOC-CRM instance

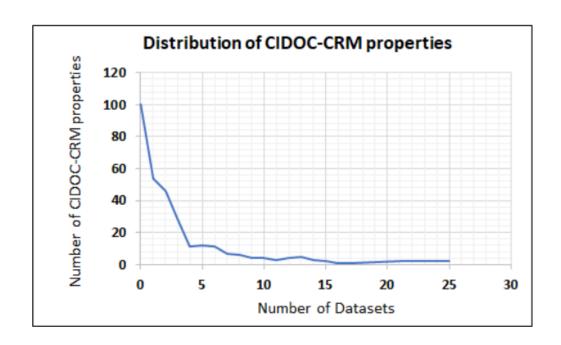
- From the 30 datasets
 - Half of them include a CIDOC-CRM instance in at least 80% of their triples.





CIDOC-CRM Properties - Distribution measurements

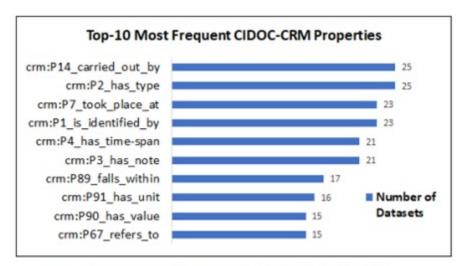
- We can see a power-law distribution for the 309 available CIDOC-CRM properties (of CIDOC-CRM version 7.1.2)
 - 100 properties are used only by a single or two datasets.
 - There are also 100 properties (out of 309) that are not used by the collected datasets
 - > Only 6 CIDOC-CRM properties are used from ≥ 20 datasets



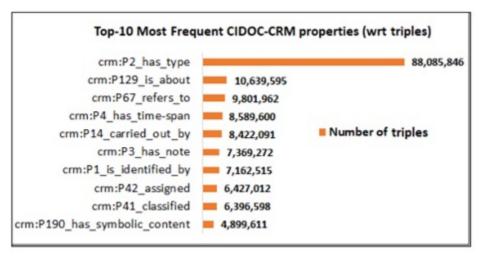


CIDOC-CRM Properties - Frequency

- We show the most popular CIDOC-CRM properties according to the number of a) datasets and b) triples
 - The most popular properties are "crm:P14_carried_out_by" and "crm:P2_has_type" that appear in 25 datasets
 - The property "crm:P2_has_type" is the top concerning the number of triples, appearing in 88M triples.



Top-10 most frequent CIDOC-CRM properties wrt the number of datasets

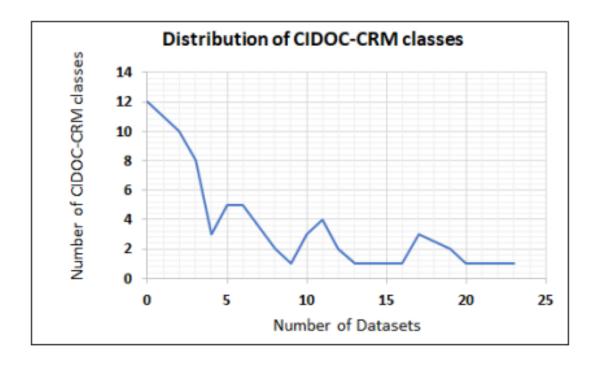


Top-10 most frequent CIDOC-CRM properties wrt the number of triples



CIDOC-CRM Classes - Distribution measurements

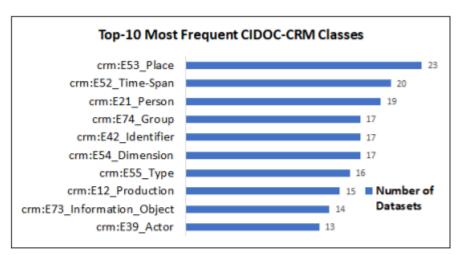
- Most of classes are also used by a low number of datasets. Indeed, from the 76 CIDOC-CRM classes of CIDOC-CRM version 7.1.2
 - 21 classes are used only by a single or two datasets.
 - There are 12 classes (out of 76) that are not used.
 - Only 19 CIDOC-CRM classes are used from ≥ 10 datasets
 - > Only 2 CIDOC-CRM classes are used from ≥ 20 datasets



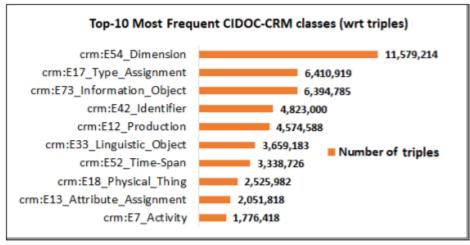


CIDOC-CRM Classes - Frequency

- We show the most popular CIDOC- CRM classes according to the number of datasets and triples:
 - The most popular classes are "crm:E53_Place" and "crm:E52_Time_Span" that appear in >20 datasets
 - The class "crm:E54_Dimension" is the top concerning the number of triples, appearing in 11M triples.



Top-10 most frequent CIDOC-CRM classes wrt the number of datasets



Top-10 most frequent CIDOC-CRM classes wrt the number of triples



Webpage and More Details

Much more statistics, experiments and visualizations can be found in the online page of the web portal:

- Webpage of the CIDOC-CRM Portal
 - https://demos.isl.ics.forth.gr/CIDOC-CRM_Portal/
 - There is no need to download any software



- Github page with the code and SPARQL Queries
 - https://github.com/mountanton/CIDOC-CRM_Portal
- Tutorial Video in YouTube
 - https://youtu.be/ar8JEty94_w



Conclusion and Future Work



Concluding Remarks

- We presented a portal that focuses on the ISO Standard CIDOC-CRM, for enabling the browsing and visualization of ontologybased descriptions of any CIDOC-CRM dataset.
- We described use cases, details about how the statistics are computed, and the modes of the portal.
- We offered measurements about 30 real CIDOC-CRM datasets that revealed a power-law distribution
 - some few CIDOC-CRM properties and classes are widely used, whereas most of them are used by a few datasets.



Future Work

- We plan to
 - compute/visualize more complex statistics
 - triple/path patterns since they can be exploited for Question Answering tasks
 - provide a more detailed analysis for the collected datasets through more measurements
 - offer mechanisms for monitoring the changes in datasets and recomputing the statistics.



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