An Open Learning Architecture

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What we need…

- *"We need a system that is optimized toward slotting in new pieces as they become available, not as an after-thought or an add-on, but as a fundamental characteristic of the system."*

  - *Michael Feldstein, August 7, 2005*

  http://mfeldstein.com/index.php/the_long_tail_of_learning_applications/

Learning as a network phenomenon…

- **Web of user-generated content (eg. Wikipedia)…**

- **Social networks and communities (entails a genuinely portable (and *owned*) identity**

- **Networks of interactions (aggregate, remix, repurpose, feed forward) – syndication**

- **The *personal* learning centre**

E-Learning 2.0…
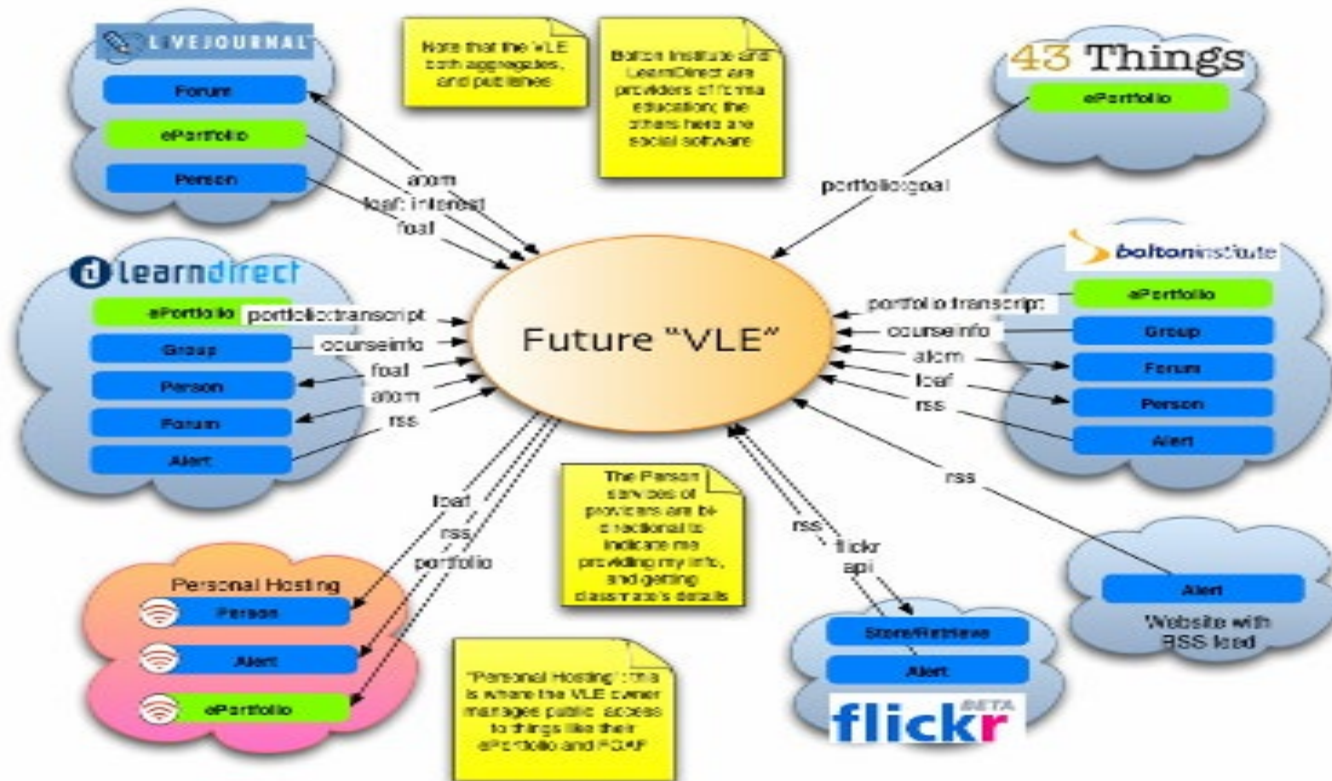
Properties of successful networks…

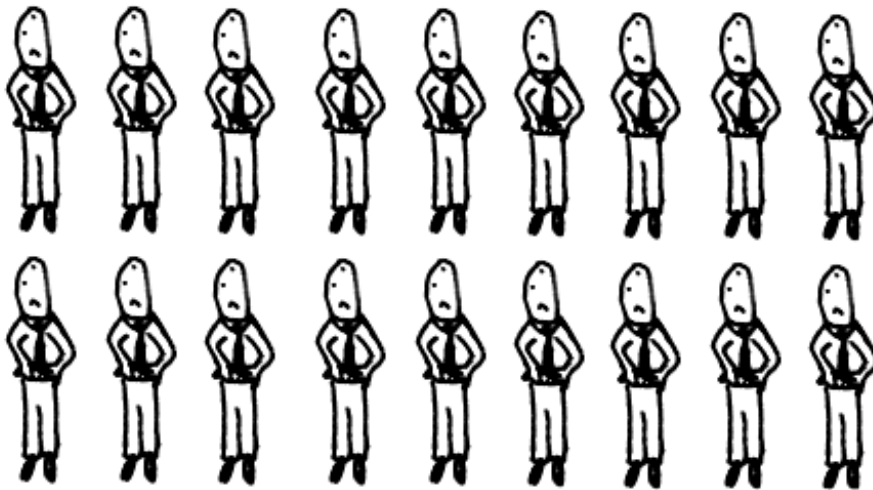- **Charles Vest – three key attributes:**

  – **Diversity (many objectives)**

  – **Interwoven (many activities)**

  – **Open (many minds)**

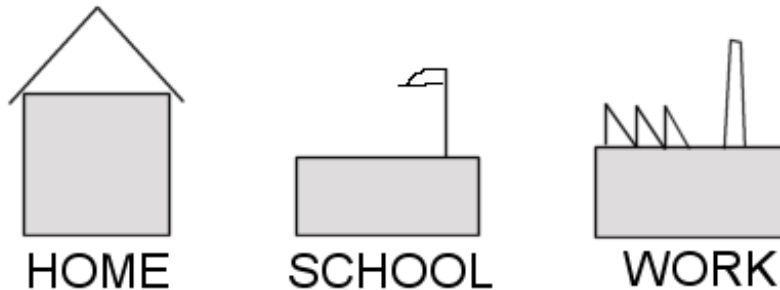   - *Charles M. Vest, SAC, August 8, 2005*

      http://jade.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/cdb/2005/08/08/opencourseware-sac2005

Diversity…

The idea of making everything the same – *anything* **the same – is fundamentally misguided**

Interwoven…

HOME   SCHOOL   WORK

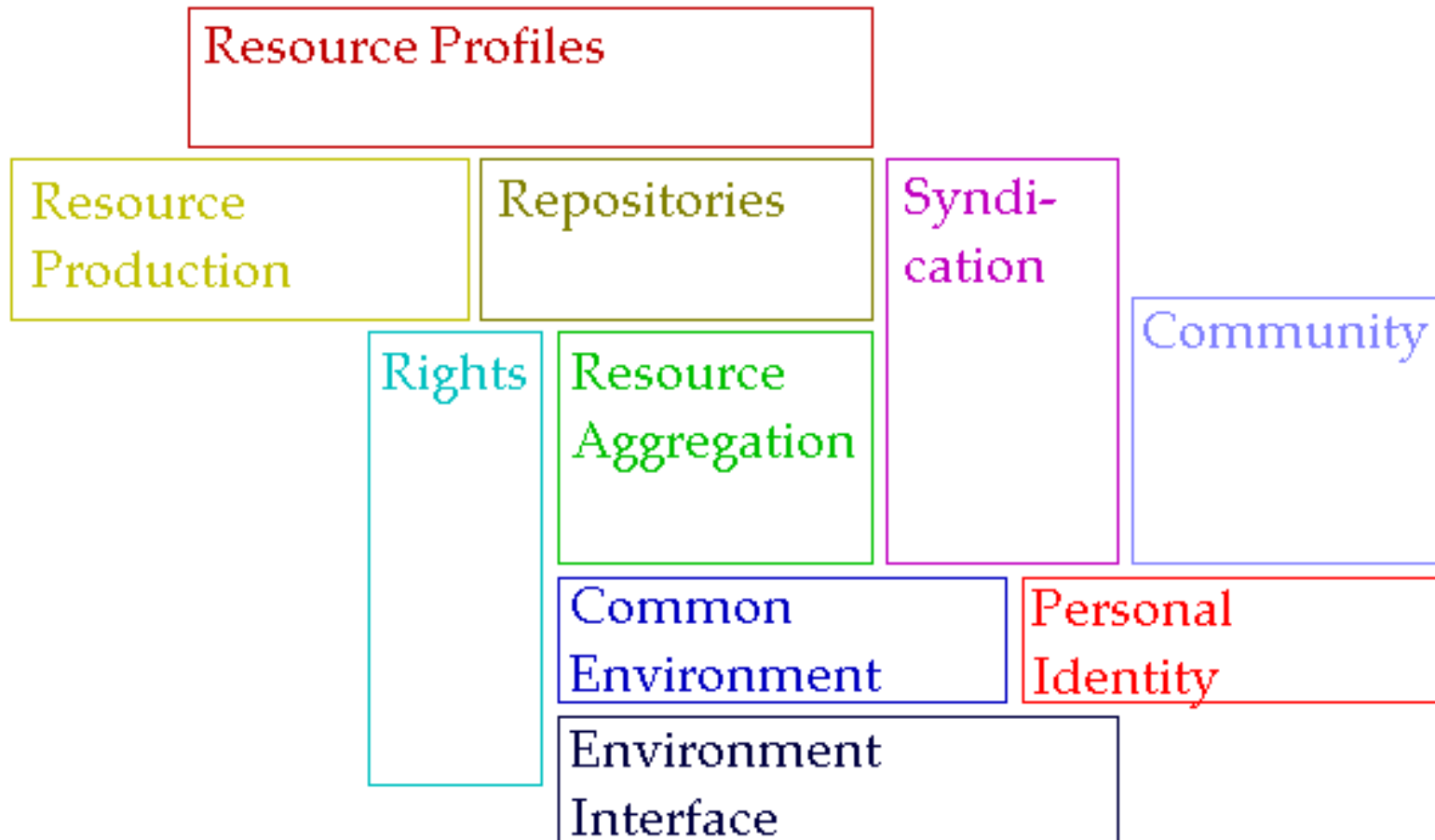**The idea that our different activities are distinct is fundamentally misguided**

Open…

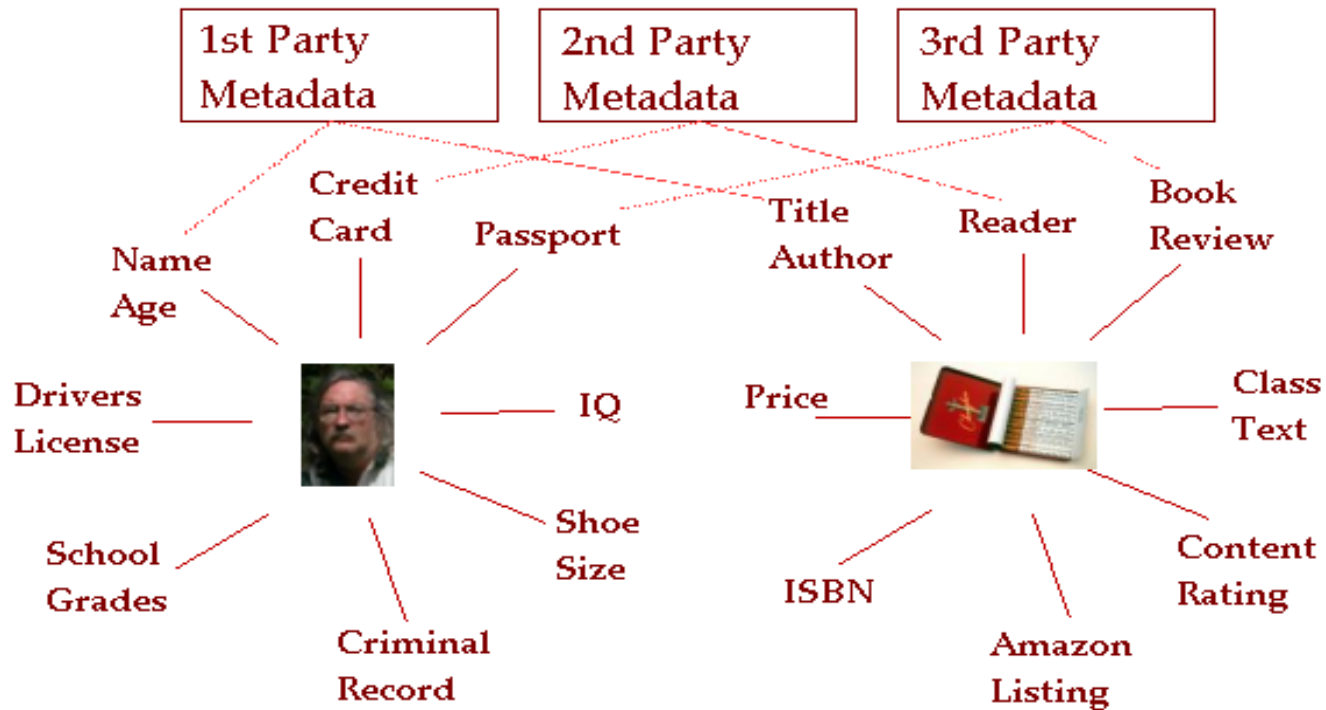**The idea that we can store knowledge in *closed repositories* is fundamentally misguided**
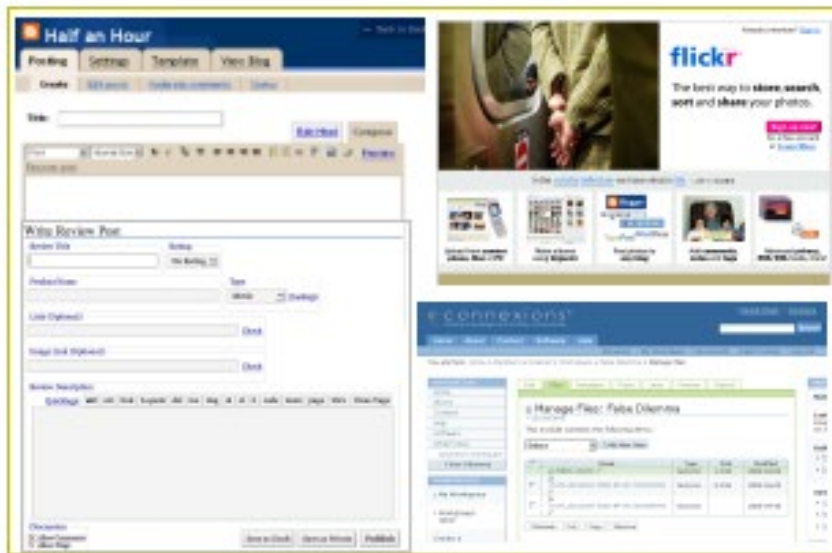
The Metaversity

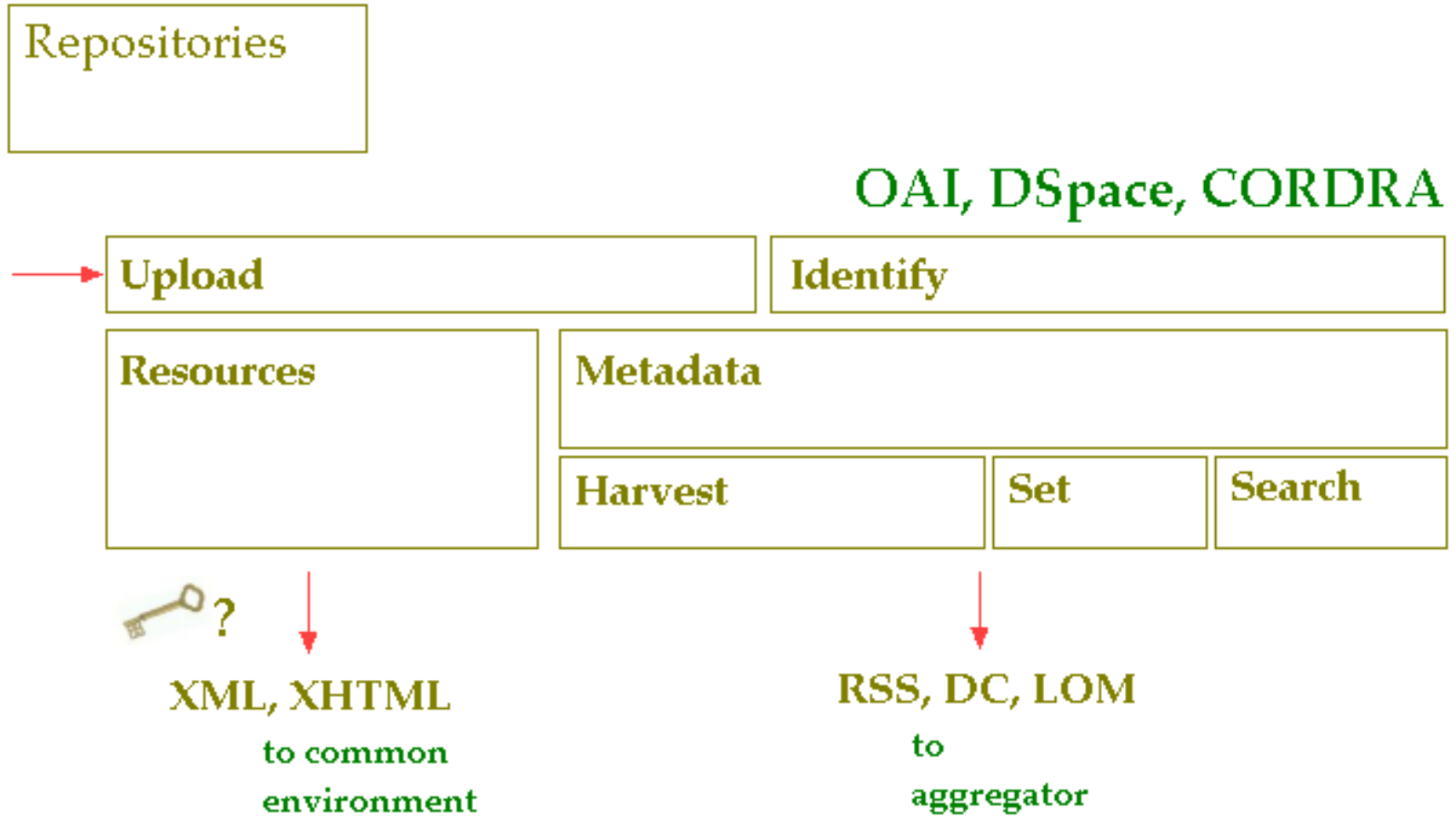# Resource Profiles

Resource Production

Resource
Production

1st Party Metadata
(RSS, DC, LOM)

Resource
(XML, XHTML)

Repositories

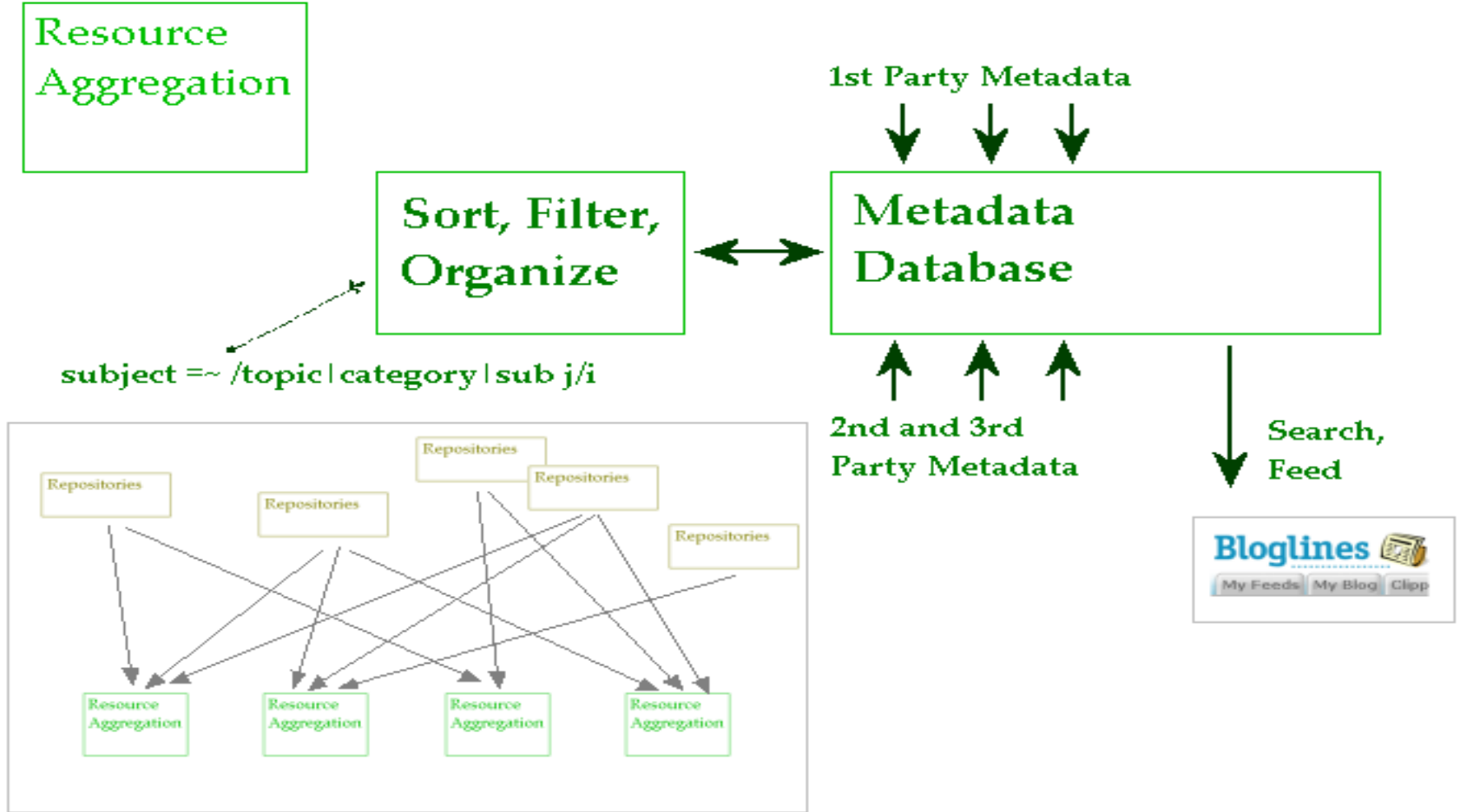Repositories

OAI, DSpace, CORDRA

| Upload | Identify |

| Resources | Metadata |
| | Harvest | Set | Search |

? XML, XHTML
to common
environment

RSS, DC, LOM
to
aggregator

Rights

Rights

DDRM

ODRL · creative commons

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<blah>blah blah...
<rights>
  <profile>URL</profile>
...
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🔑 ?

Create Rights Profile → **Express Rights Profile**

YAHOO! SEARCH
Creative Commons Search BETA

Search by Rights Profile

Provider Broker

$$$?

Purchaser Broker

Access
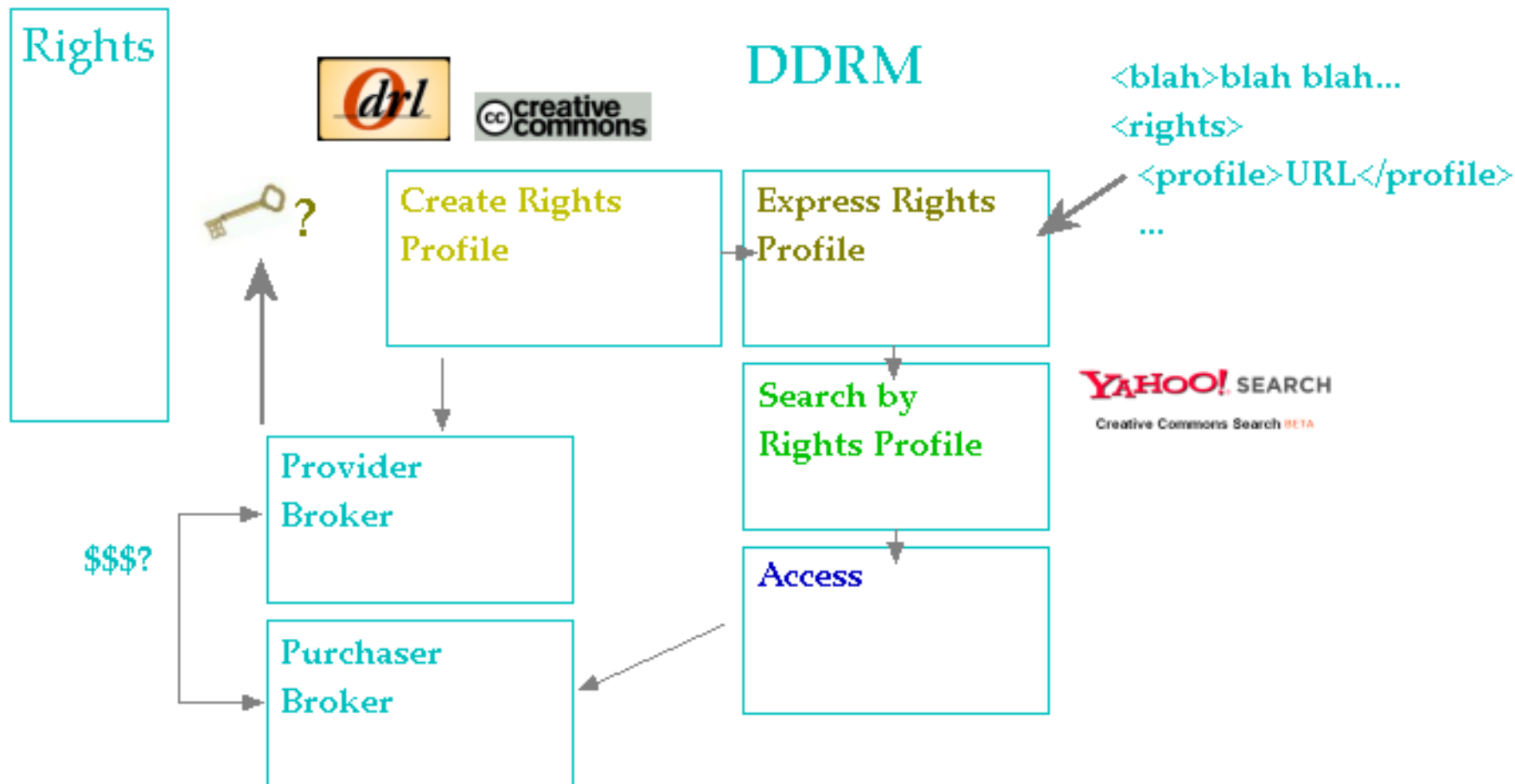
Resource Aggregation

Common Environment

Personal Identity

Environment Interface

Environment
Interface

Common
Environment

XSLT +

Workflow... games... simulations...
appliances... courses...

Syndication

Community
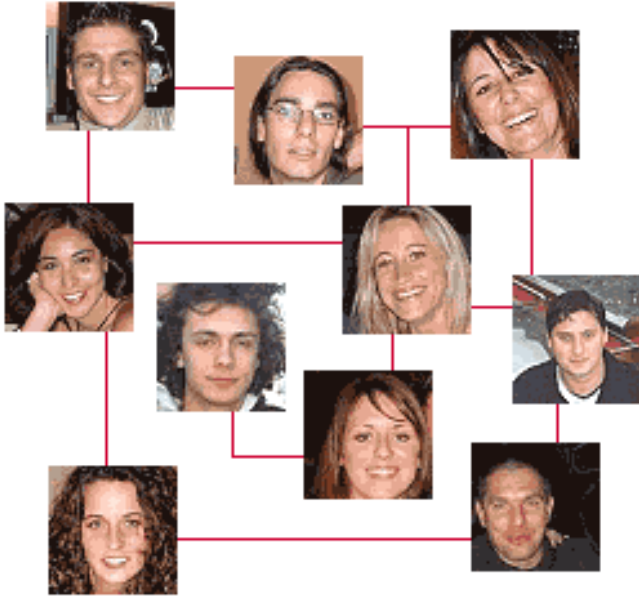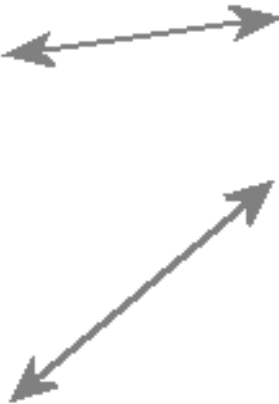
Takeaway…

- **Charles Vest talked about a 'meta-university'**

- ***This* (if I may be so audacious) is the information architecture of the meta-university**

- **The key is not large, integrated systems, but rather, small, flexible bits that can be connected**

- **This applies to metadata too**

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