

# 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.”***

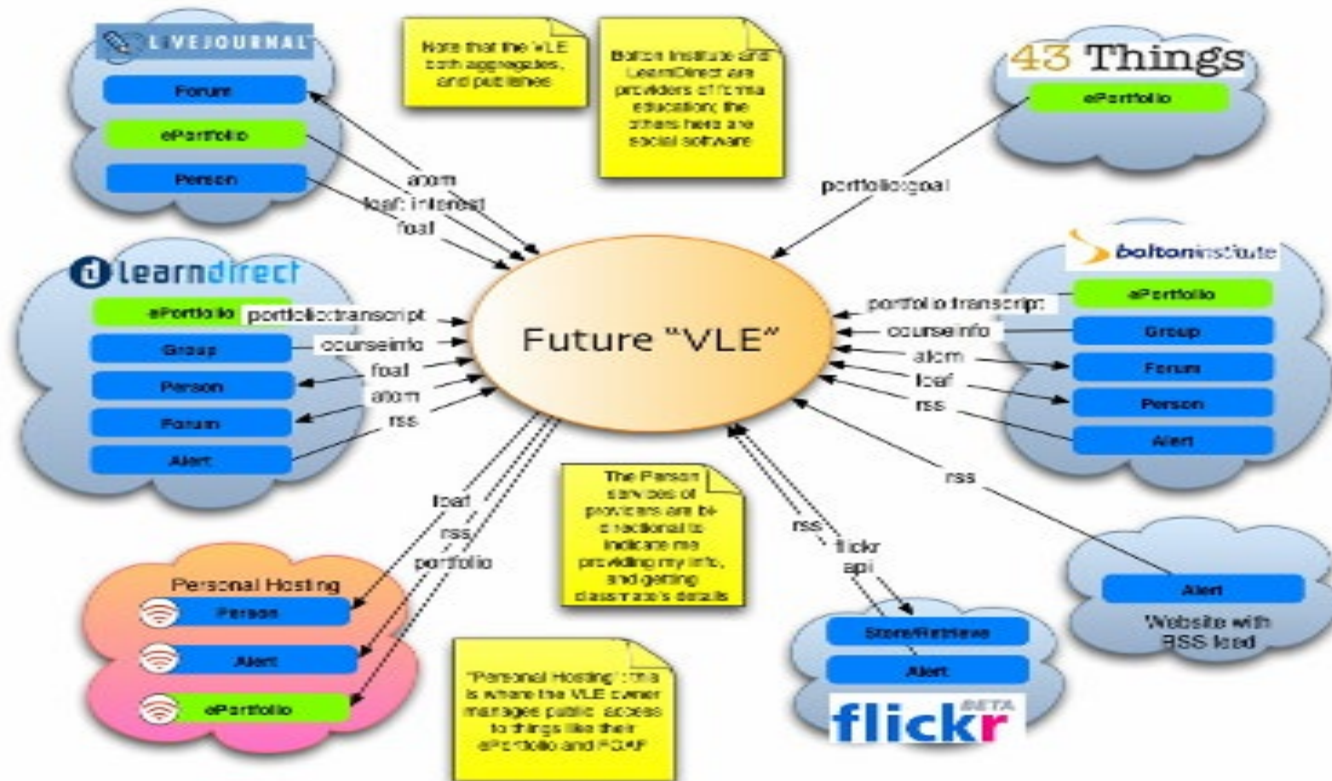
- *Michael Feldstein, August 7, 2005*

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## **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)**

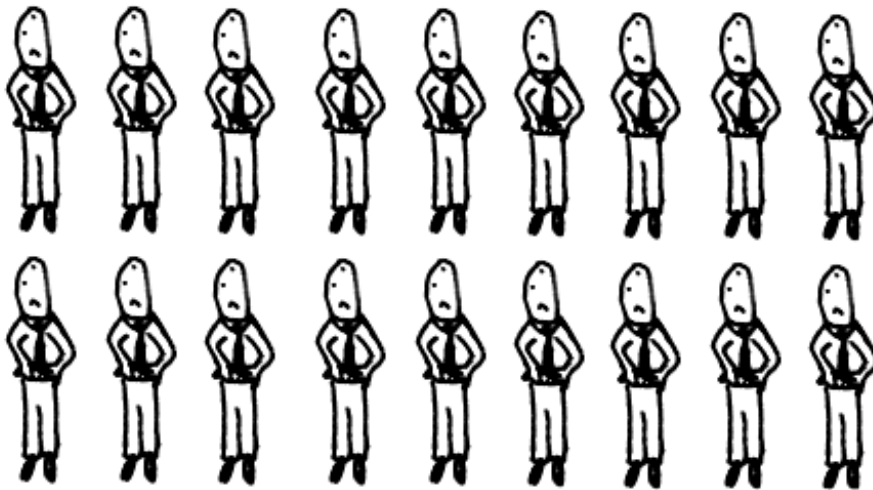
- **Interwoven (many activities)**

- **Open (many minds)**

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

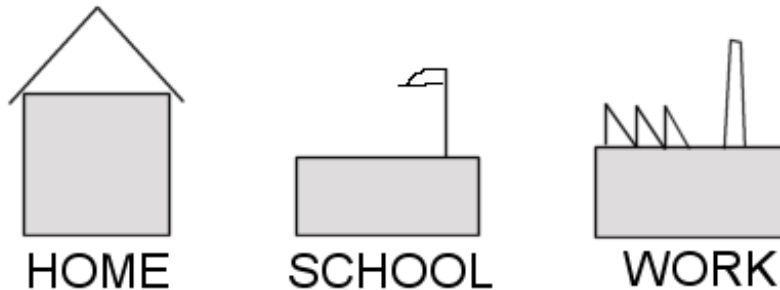
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## Diversity...



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

## Interwoven...



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

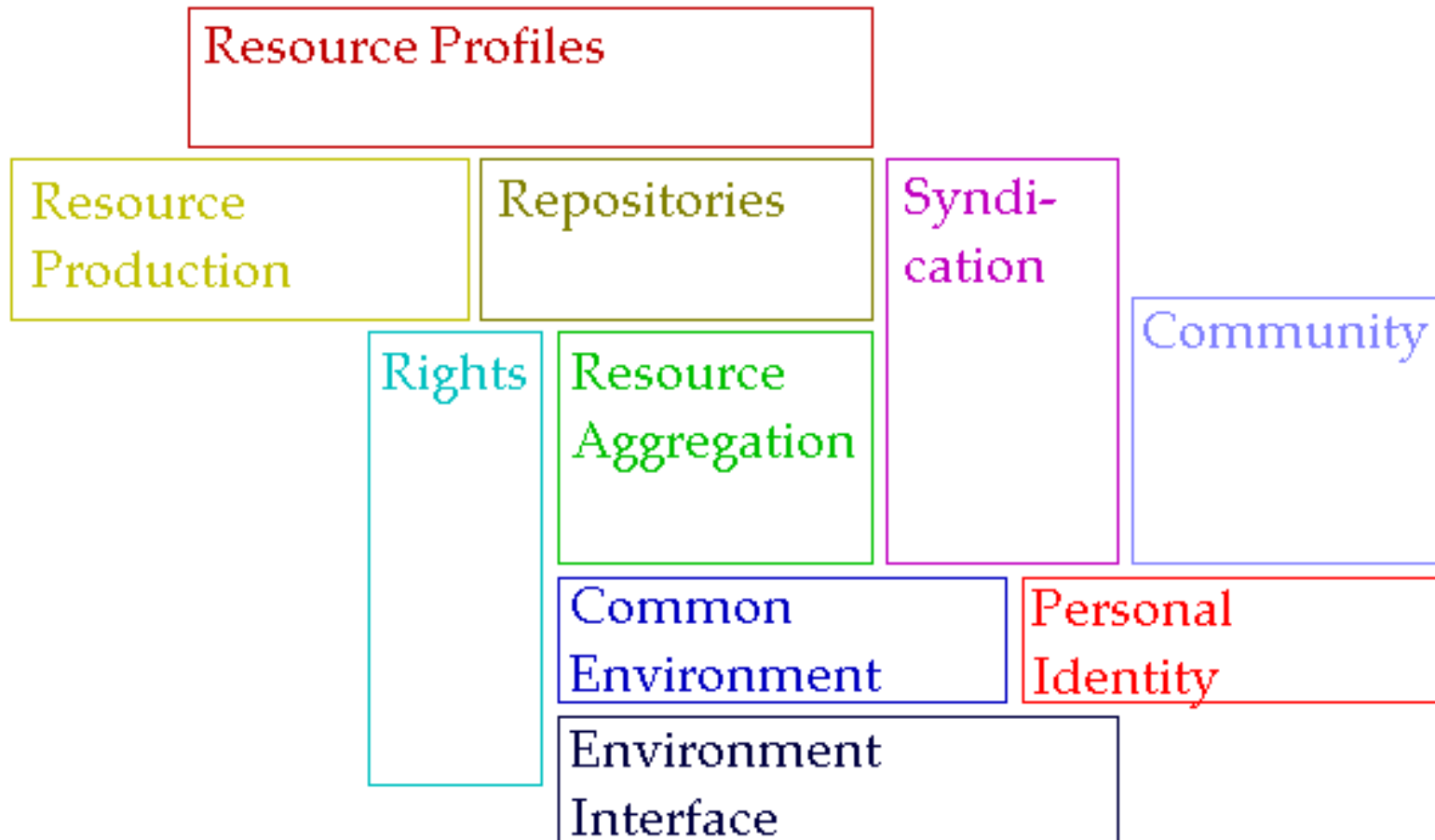
**Open...**



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

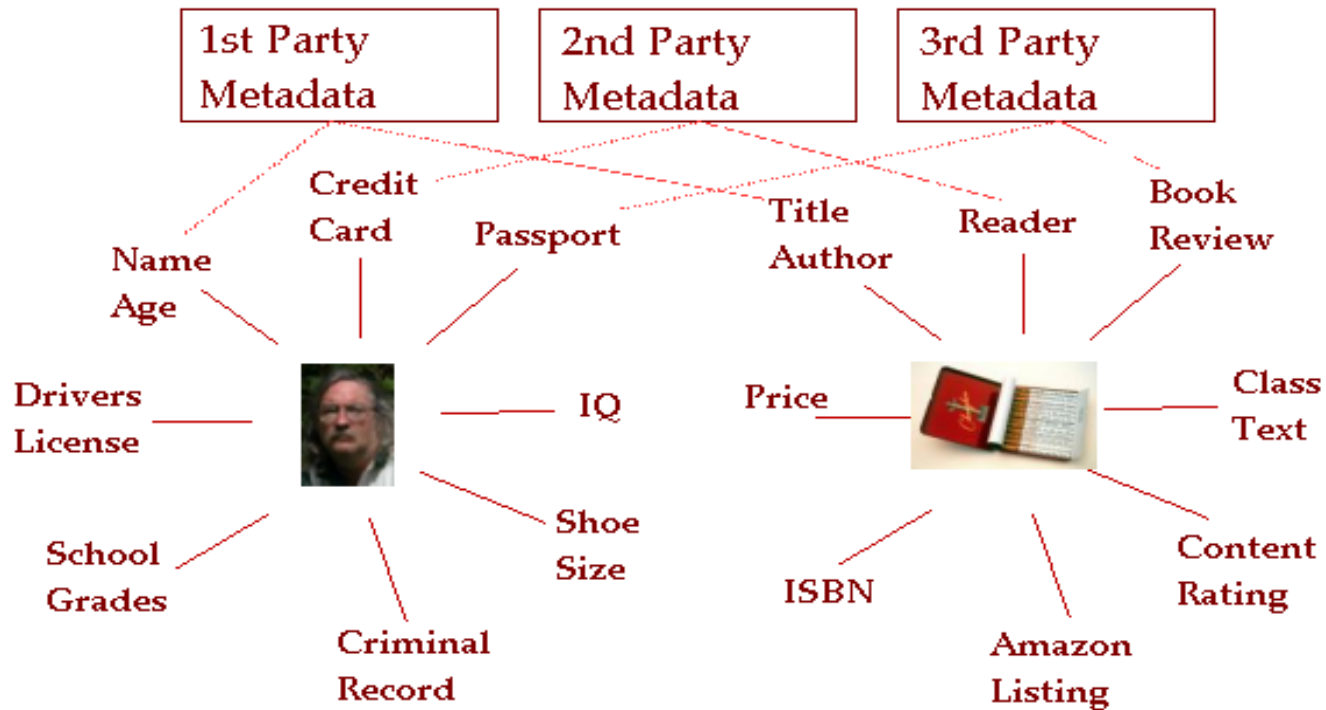


# The Metaversity



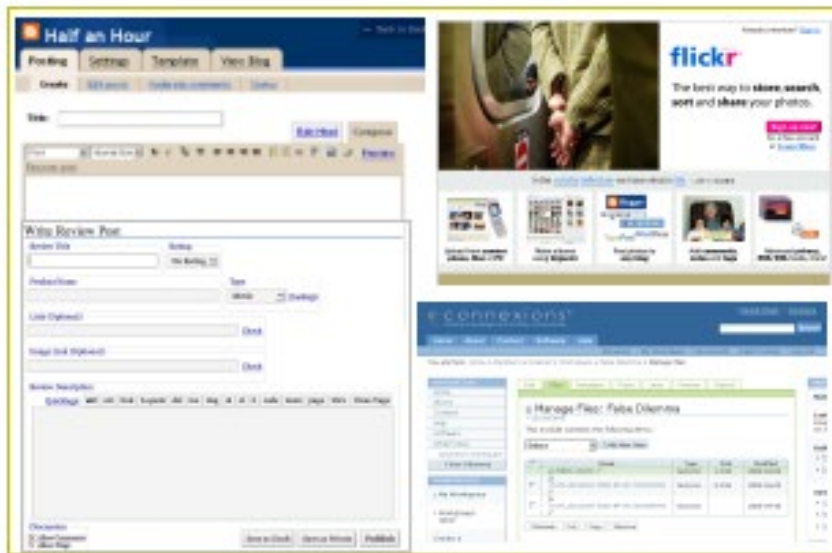
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# Resource Production

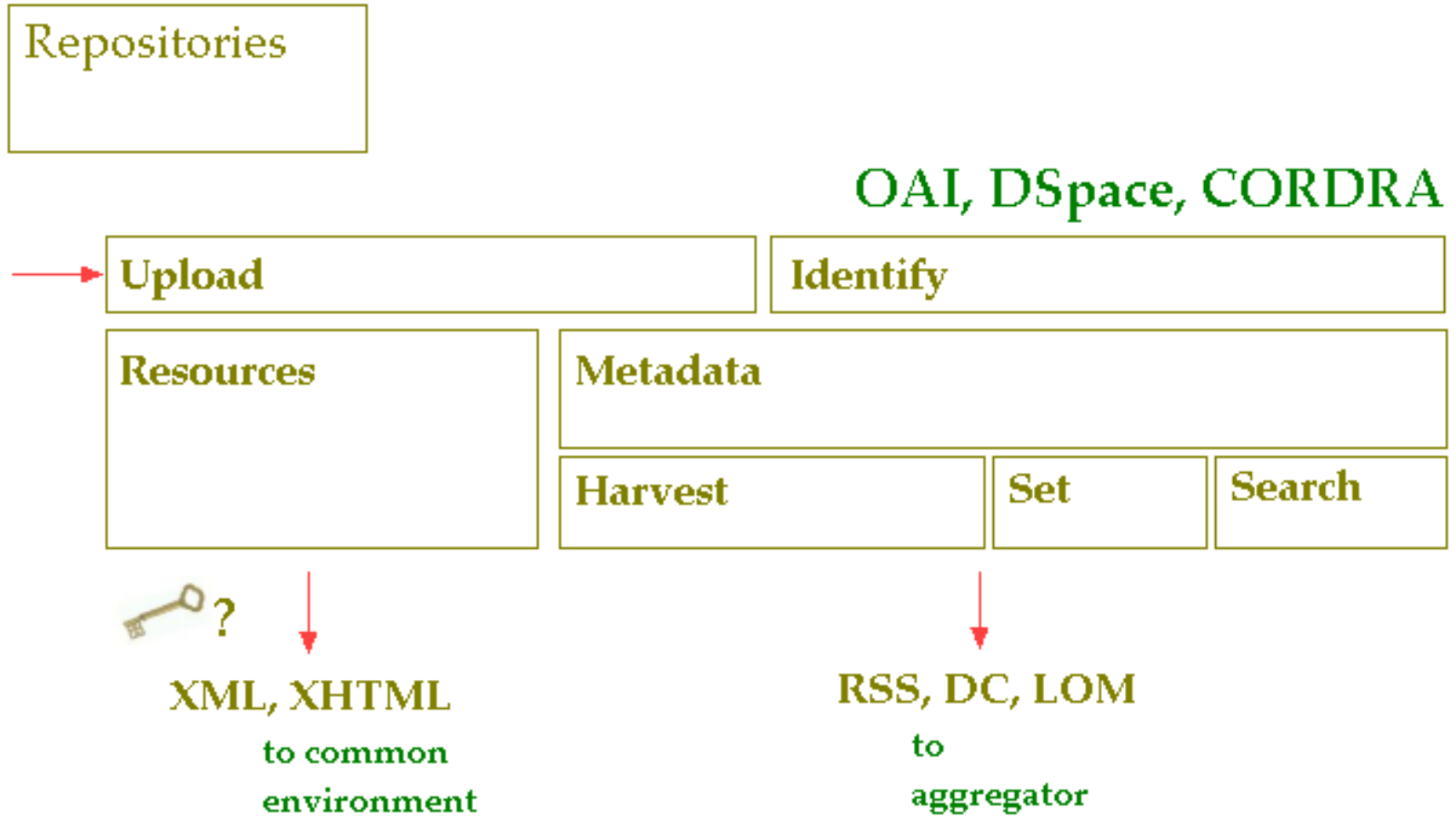
Resource  
Production



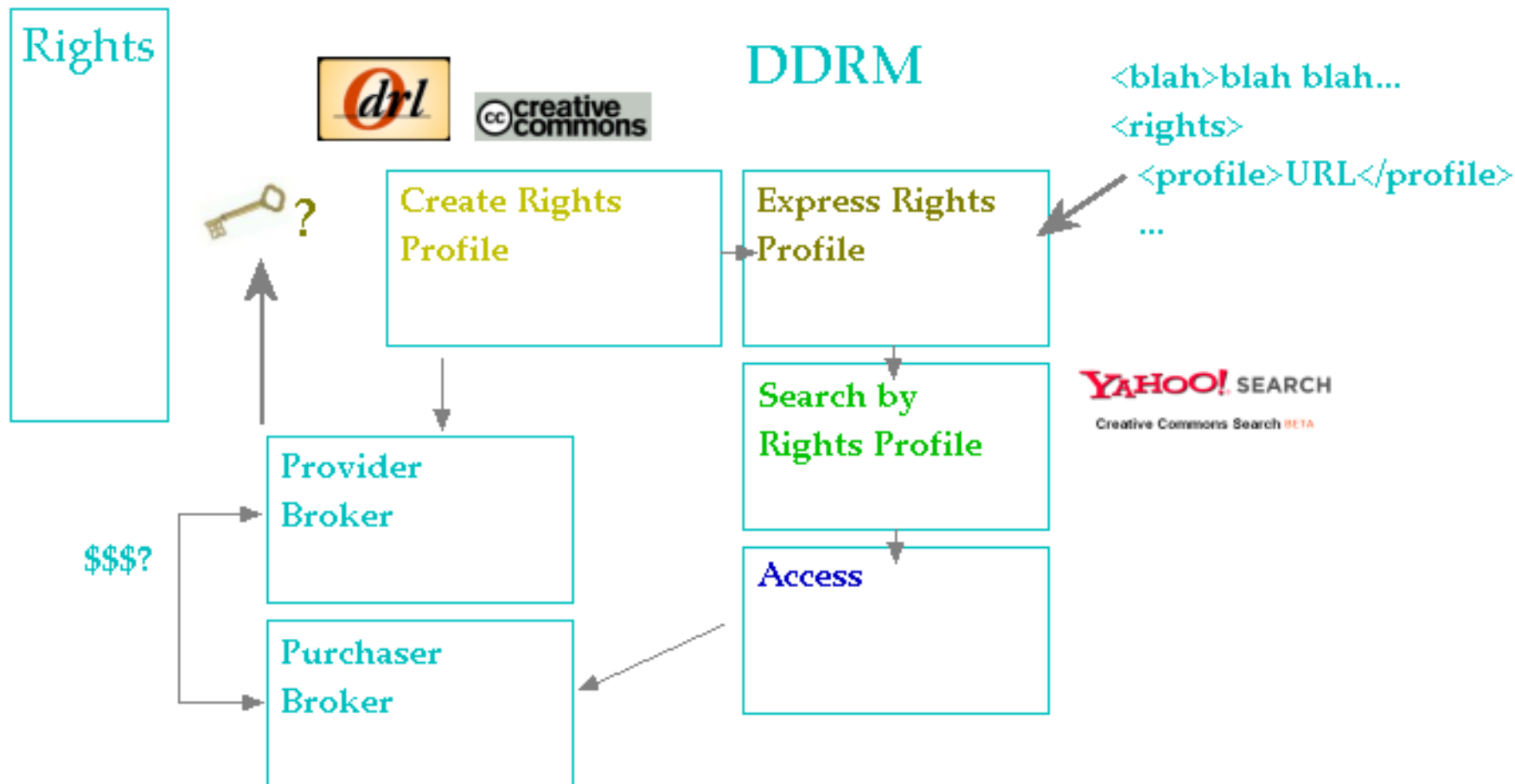
1st Party Metadata  
(RSS, DC, LOM)

Resource  
(XML, XHTML)

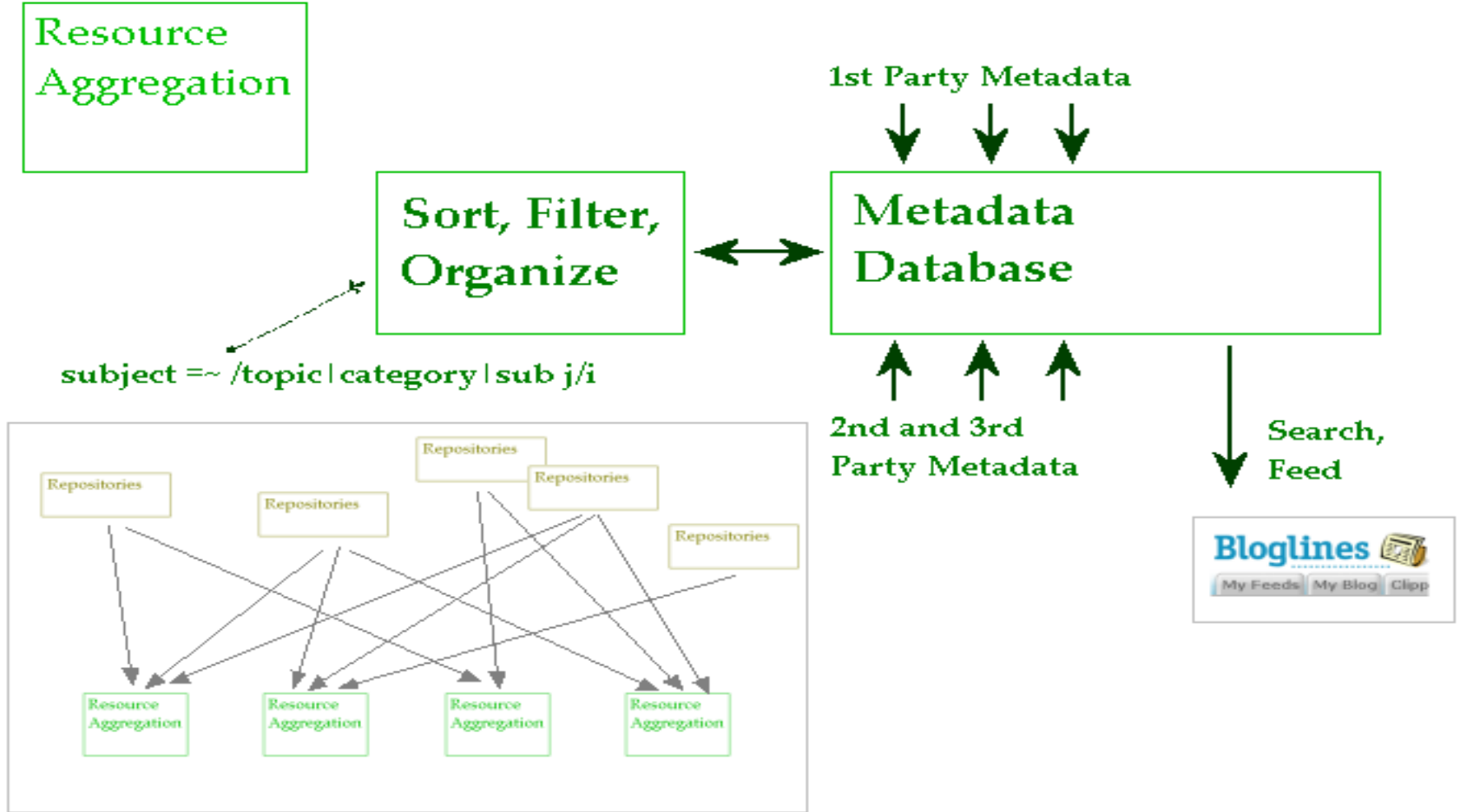
# Repositories



# Rights



# Resource Aggregation



# Common Environment

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Resource Aggregation

### Results



Search results interface with a 'Find:' input field and a 'Start Search' button.

**Drag and Drop**



View

### Ideas and thoughts from an EdTech

Monday, November 15, 2011

#### Meet my Friends in my aggregator

I'll be doing 3 sessions in the next week or so. These are introductory sessions to 3 different audiences. It is the typical Digits of Tech, the...  
beginners, search results, etc. but someone is asking the question about...  
and doesn't get to the informational aspect and conversation that...  
return bloggers expect.

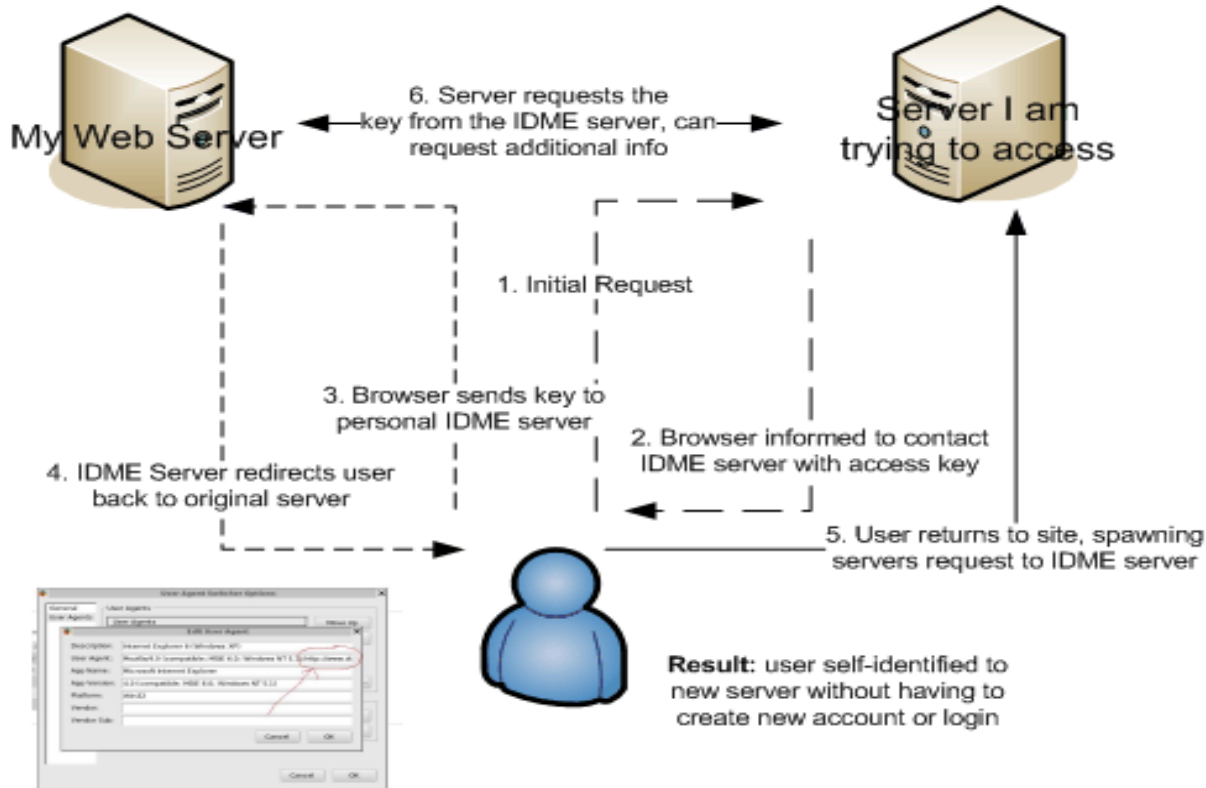
So this going to be the analogy of a party to introduce folks to these...  
people I've met and read over the past week. It's group people in the...  
title they include in [the location above](#), let's see how it works.



Syndication

# Personal Identity

Personal Identity



mIDm

OpenID

sxip  
IDENTITY



# Environment Interface

Environment  
Interface

Common  
Environment

XSLT +



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

# Syndication

Syndi-  
cation

evaluation, usage, comment, tagging

Resource  
Aggregation



RSS, Atom, CNXML, XML...

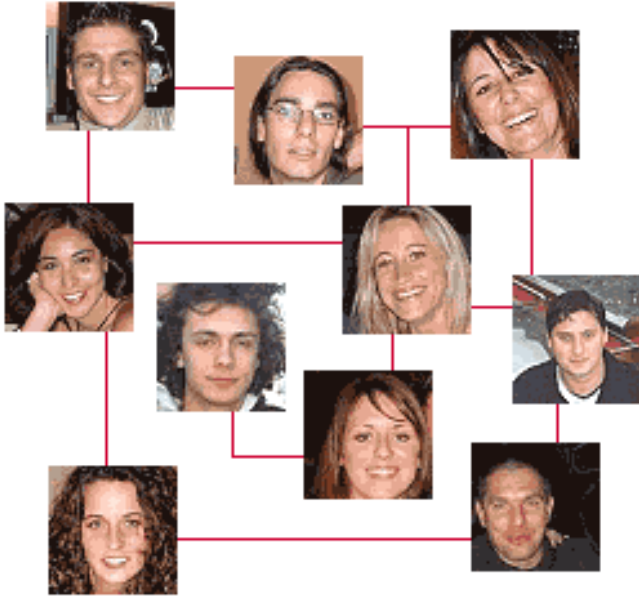
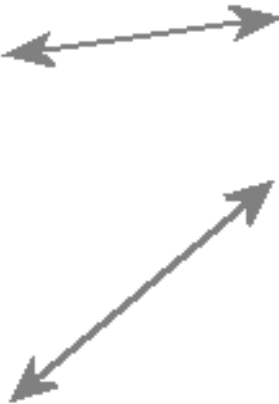
Repositories

# Community

Community

Syndi-  
cation

Personal  
Identity



## 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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