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Our role

- Make published vocabularies available to museums and maintain them in their cataloguing system
- Help museums put vocabularies into practical use as part of their cataloguing and workflow
- Facilitate contributions to vocabularies by museums
- Provide technical feedback and quality assurance testing to Getty
Additional support

• Provide means for museums to create local vocabularies and “mash up” with standard vocabularies

• Provide collaboration platform for indexing and sharing objects

• Provide unique object identifiers for linking purposes
Use cases

• Indexing data during cataloguing process
• Enriching or enhancing data for search purposes
• Using hierarchical and multi-lingual aspect of vocabularies as part of search engine
• Navigating through linked data
The argument for a single AAT with all languages

- One of the drivers for using the AAT is searching
- Multi-lingual searching is increasingly important
- To do this effectively, the thesaurus database must include all language equivalencies
- Maintaining Getty vocabularies locally is problematic if there are multiple versions of the vocabularies
A look at Thesaurus Explorer
How We Can Contribute

- Batches of candidate concepts/terms from individual museums
  - AAT
- Batches of concepts/subjects from many museums participating in eMuseum Network
  - ULAN
  - CONA – reciprocal link?
    - Need to see CONA APIs and samples

- Contribute back to museums indexing for objects (AAT and CONA) and artists (ULAN)
A look at using Linked Data
Linked Data Plans

- Object reference from Thesaurus concept to eMuseum Network object and image
- Link to Getty vocabulary sites
- Need Getty URI to concepts and terms (AAT, TGN and ULAN)
- How does Getty see relationship from vocabularies to external vocabularies - e.g. TGN to GeoNames
- ULAN to other name authorities and Freebase
- Exhibition, loans, venues in eMuseum Network to collaborating museums exhibition records
Thank you

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