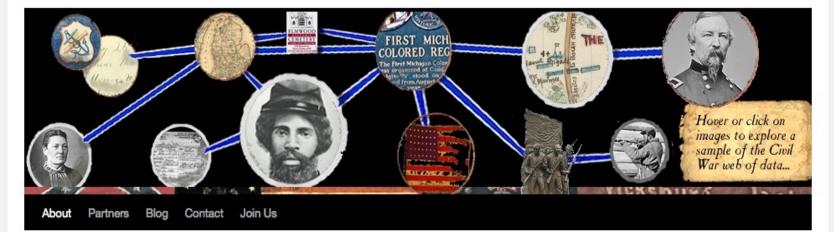


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Civil War Data 150

Linking Civil War Data Across State and Federal Archives and Libraries



About

Civil War Data 150 ("CWD150"), is a collaborative project to share and connect Civil War related data across local, state and federal institutions during the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, beginning in April of 2011. The project will utilize Linked Open Data to find and create connections between archives and help increase the discovery of these resources by researchers and the general public alike.

The term Linked Data refers to a set of best practices for publishing and connecting structured data on the Web.

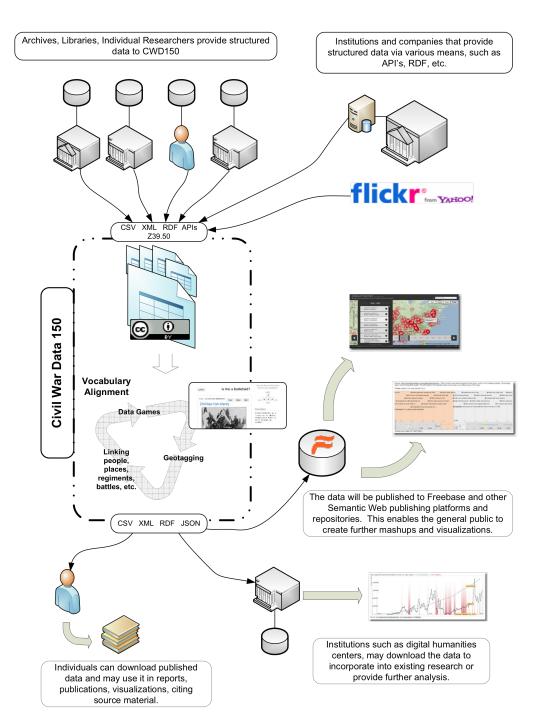
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What Inhibits Adoption/Traction?

- Lack of Awareness
- Organizational Inertia
- Lack of shared ontologies/taxonomies what is the standard? Who is the authority?
- Dirty Data/Diversity of data formats, e.g. disambiguation of place names over time, people, etc.
- Legacy systems and/or endless technology debates
- Lack of Clarity of Rights to Use/Reuse data sets and/or limitations on use that inhibit creative integration & expression
- Concerns about persistence, ongoing support

What can we do about this?

- Get Involved: Expose or Consume a collection or two – even if only under the auspices of an "experiment"
 - Start small
- Embrace Best Efforts/Be Flexible
 - an imperfect approach is better than none at all
- Embrace Shared Services/Ontologies
 - why reinvent the wheel?
- Promote Maximum Reuse
- Partner

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