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Abstract:

Title: A distributed network of heritage information

The Dutch Digital Heritage Network ('NDE') is a partnership that focuses on developing a sector wide digital infrastructure of national facilities and services for improving the visibility, usability and sustainability of digital heritage. The Network was established in 2015 on the initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Key partners within NDE are national heritage institutions, the National Library, the National Archives, The Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision, the Netherlands Cultural Heritage Agency and the Humanities Cluster of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a growing number of partners both within and outside the heritage sector.

NDE is responsible for realizing a joint strategy program for the Dutch cultural heritage network. The goal is a distributed network build by the institutes and their stakeholders, each contributing from their own perspective and in their own capacity. The program consists of a three layered approach focussed on the management of data collections ('sustainability'), the infrastructure for connecting the data ('usability') and applications for presenting and using the data ('visibility').

This talk will focus on the high level design of the cross-domain infrastructure which is based on the implementation of Linked Data principles and pictures the road map to a distributed network of digital heritage information.

Bio:

Enno Meijers works an information manager at the National Library of the Netherlands. His main focus area is optimizing metadata and discovery infrastructures in order to improve the end-user and machine to machine services. Implementation of linked data and semantic web technologies is a core part of his work. Within the Dutch Digital Heritage Network Enno is involved in the development of a new cross domain discovery infrastructure for the Dutch heritage collections. Linked Data and distributed web technologies are at the main building blocks for this infrastructure. Earlier Enno has been leading the development of the National Library Catalogue platform build as one of the services for the national digital infrastructure for the Public Libraries. He is one of the founders of the Dutch DBpedia chapter and currently a member of the DBpedia Association Board. He studied Electrical Engineering and Business Informatics and has been working in the library domain for nearly twenty years