

# Metadata Development and Documentation for a Research Data Repository

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# Outline

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- Why we need metadata?
- Metadata schema and the quality of metadata
- Creating metadata for research datasets
- Documentation for Research Data Repository
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# Research Data Repository (RDR)

- Active management, adding value and maintaining access to research data
- Accurate, complete, retrievable

The screenshot shows the Data.gov website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'DATA.GOV' and a navigation menu with links for DATA, TOPICS, IMPACT, APPLICATIONS, DEVELOPERS, and CONTACT. Below the navigation, there is a 'DATA CATALOG' header with a home icon and links for '/Datasets' and 'Organizations'. A search bar contains the text 'san francisco'. Below the search bar, there are options for 'Datasets order' and 'Relev'. A large red watermark 'Re-use' is overlaid across the center of the page. Below the watermark, there is a section titled '433 datasets found for "san francisco"'. The first result is 'Historical methyl mercury in San Francisco Bay' with a description: 'U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior – San Francisco Bay, California is considered a mercury-impaired watershed. Elevated concentrations of mercury are found in water and sediment as well as fish and...'. The second result is 'Habitat--Offshore of San Francisco, California' with a description: 'U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior – This part of DS 791, presents data for the habitat map of the seafloor of the Offshore of San Francisco map area, California. The vector data file is included'. A map of San Francisco is visible on the left side of the results.

# Why we need metadata?

- Reduce dataset duplication
- Use datasets more effectively
- Make research data searchable

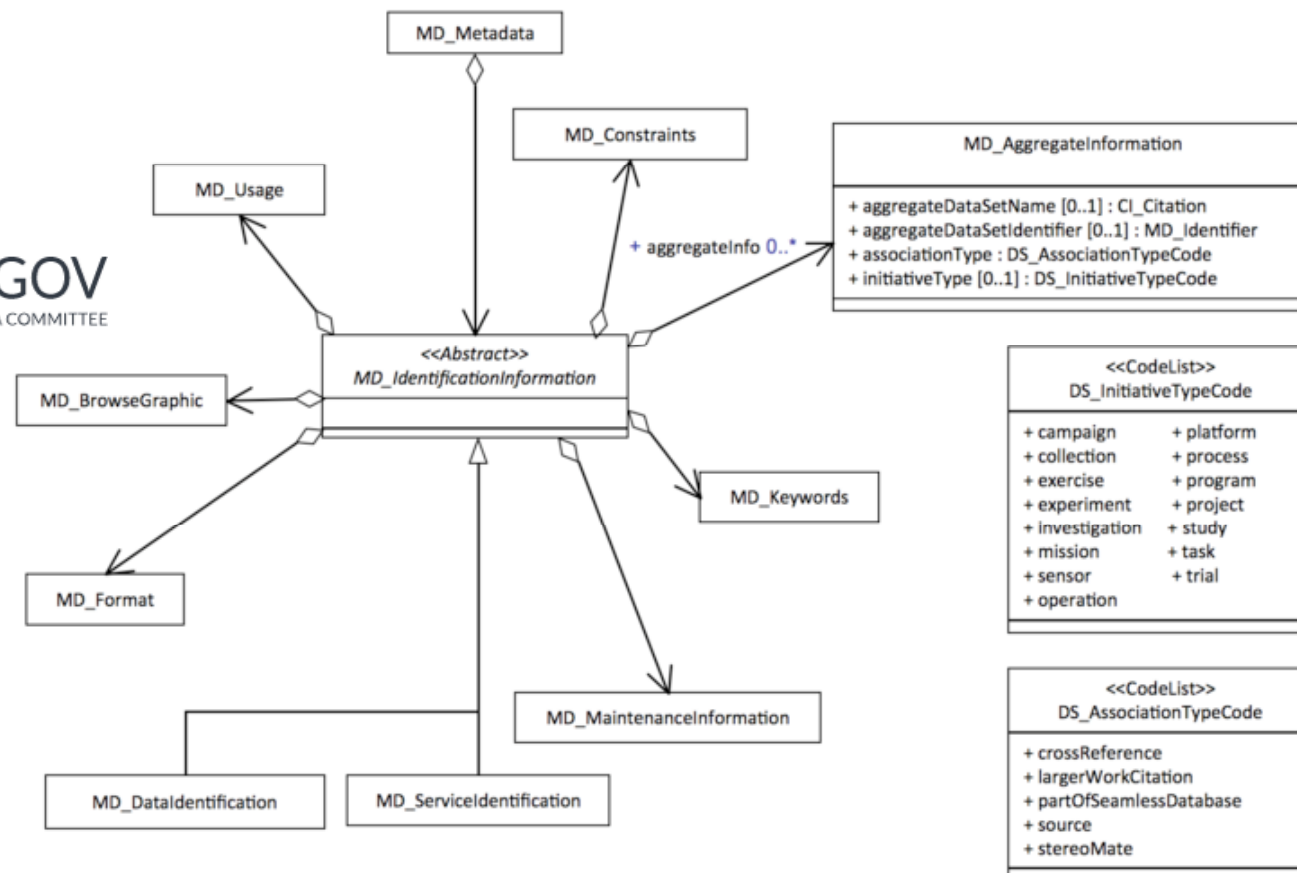
The screenshot shows a search interface for datasets. The search term is "san francisco". The results are ordered by Relevance. The interface includes filters for Topics (Climate) and Topic Categories (Coastal Flooding). A map shows the location of San Francisco. Two datasets are listed:

- Coastal Zone Management Act Boundary for the United States and US Territories as of December 2013**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce – This data represents the extent of the nation's coastal zone, as defined by the individual states and territories under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972...  
Formats: ZIP, Esri REST, HTML, HTML
- Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) Threatened and Endangered Species REST Services**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce – Environmental

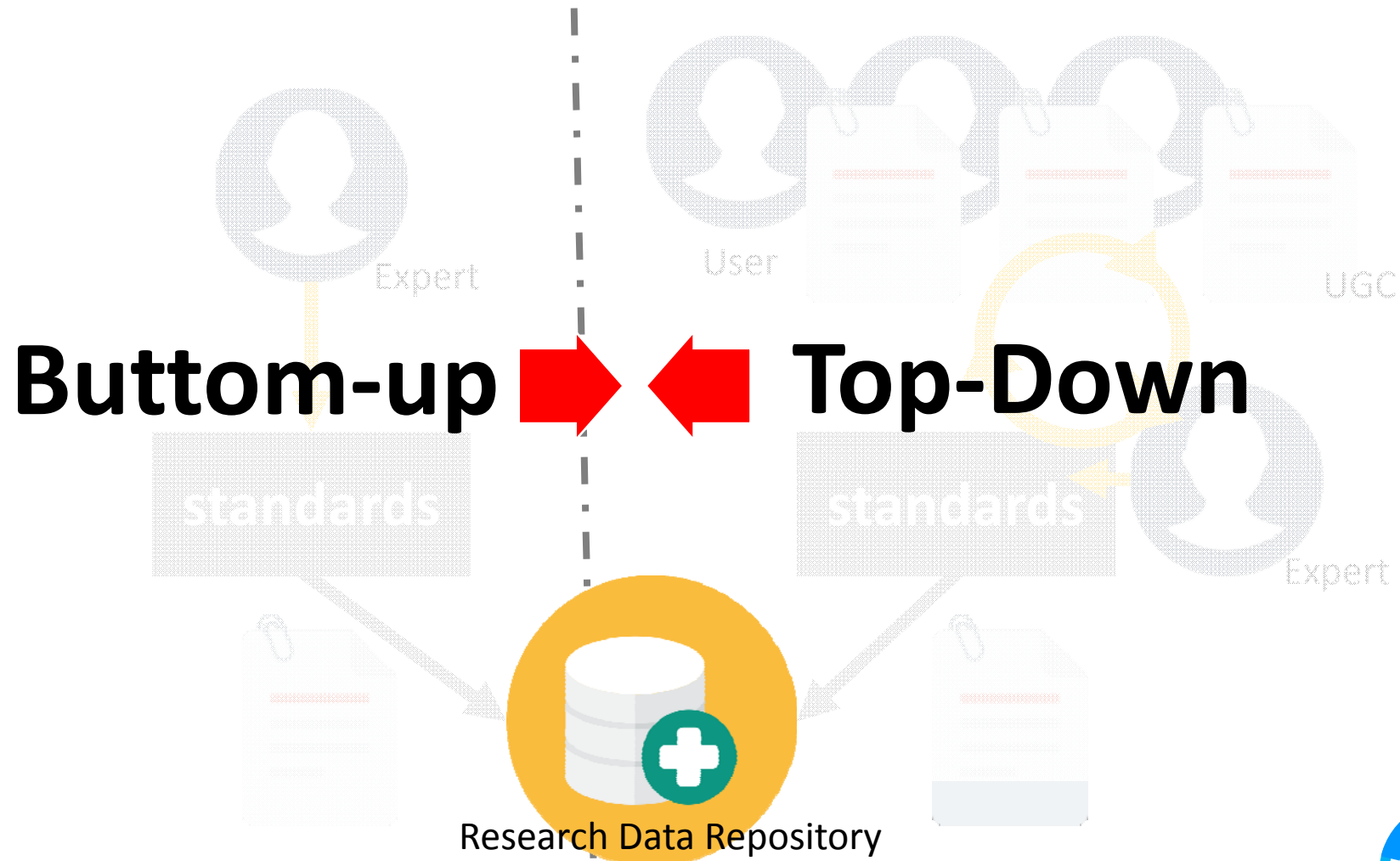
# Metadata schema and the quality of metadata

- General standard
  - Dublin Core Metadata Initiative(DCMI)
- Geospatial
  - ISO 19115:2003 Geographic information metadata

# Metadata schema and the quality of metadata



# Metadata schema and the quality of metadata



# Metadata schema and the quality of metadata

- **Continuous revisions of metadata schema**
- **Customized metadata schema**



# Creating metadata for research datasets

- Use CKAN to build Research Data Repositories
  - Taijiang Project
  - Ka-lam Project
  - More
- Metadata authoring via CKAN webpage
- Dataset/Metadata Bulk Upload (Customized process for Taijiang project)
- Dataset/Metadata Harvest API

# Creating metadata for research datasets

- Metadata authoring via CKAN webpage

The screenshot displays the CKAN metadata authoring interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "1 建立資料集" (Create Dataset) and "2 新增資料" (Add Data). Below the tabs, a red box contains the message "此表格包含無效條目:" (This table contains invalid items) with two bullet points: "• 名稱: 值(value)遺失" (Name: value missing) and "• Author name: 值(value)遺失" (Author name: value missing). The form is divided into two main sections: "標題:" (Title) and "聯絡資訊:" (Contact Information). The "標題:" section includes a text input field with the placeholder "例如：一個描述性的標題" (e.g., a descriptive title), a "網址:" (URL) field with a dropdown menu showing "/dataset/" and "例如：我的資料集" (e.g., my dataset), and a "摘要:" (Summary) text area with the placeholder "例如: 此資料一些有用的紀錄" (e.g., some useful records of this data) and a note "您可以在此使用 Markdown 格式" (You can use Markdown format here). The "聯絡資訊:" section includes a "作者:" (Author) field with a dropdown menu showing "Joe Bloggs" and "值(value)遺失", a "作者的電子郵件:" (Author's email) field with the value "joe@example.com", a "作者的聯絡電話:" (Author's contact number) field with the value "02-12345678", and a "維護者:" (Maintainer) field with the value "Joe Bloggs". At the bottom of the form, there is a "識別碼:" (Identifier) field and a "資料類型:" (Data type) dropdown menu with the value "統計資料" (Statistical data).

# Creating metadata for research datasets

- Dataset/Metadata Bulk Upload (Customized process for Taijiang project) <https://taijiang.tw/en/help>

## 詮釋檔案說明

資料集之詮釋資料欄位						上傳檔案欄位
標題	類型	...	...	...	處理歷程	
淺藍網底為必填欄位 (標題, 資料類型, 所屬子計畫, 作者, 語言, 編碼, 授權)						

若一筆資料包含多筆檔案, 請新增橫列描述, 前段資料集詮釋資料部分不須重複填寫

- 特定格式欄位 (欄位文字以藍色表示): 參考下頁特定格式欄位說明
- 特定選項欄位 (欄位文字以紅色表示): 選項請參考範例 excel 檔之「清單選項」頁籤
- 接受多重值之欄位 (主題關鍵字、空間範圍關鍵字、使用史料、群組、標籤、參考來源, 後兩者可自由填寫), 請以「;」做區隔

## 上傳檔案欄位說明

欄位名稱	說明	備註
檔案標題	顯示於系統之檔案標題	
檔案摘要	檔案之摘要描述	
檔案名稱	欲上傳檔名 (含副檔名)	各筆檔案此兩欄位請擇一填寫 (不可同時填寫)
檔案網址	檔案於網際網路上之位置	
坐標參考系統	若檔案格式為 shp 請務必填寫, 否則無法正常預覽	填寫格式請參考上頁說明
檔案格式	檔案之副檔名	若為打包為 zip 檔案之 shp 檔案, 請填寫 "shp"



# Creating metadata for research datasets

- Dataset/Metadata Harvest API

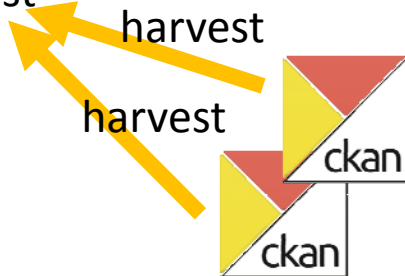
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meta[key] = value
package_dict["title"] = meta[u"計畫名稱"]
package_dict["author"] = meta[u"計畫主持人"]
package_dict["notes"] = meta[u"摘要"]
#package_dict["metadata_modified"] = datetime.today().strftime(
package_dict["extras"][u"資料集網址"] = self.PREFIX_URL + harves
package_dict["extras"][u"登錄號"] = meta[u"登錄號"]
package_dict["extras"][u"學門類型"] = meta[u"學門類型"]
package_dict["extras"][u"叢集名稱"] = meta[u"叢集名稱"]
package_dict["extras"][u"計畫執行單位"] = meta[u"計畫執行單位"]
package_dict["extras"][u"計畫委託單位"] = meta[u"計畫委託單位"]
package_dict["extras"][u"計畫執行期間"] = meta[u"計畫執行期間"]
package_dict["extras"][u"調查執行期間"] = meta[u"調查執行期間"]

if "關鍵字".decode("utf8") in meta.keys():
    package_dict["tags"] = meta[u"關鍵字"].split(u",")
    
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ckanext-harvest



◎ 分類查詢結果 (共 16 筆)

學門類型	藝術學
登錄號	E87001
計畫名稱	生活型態與飲食文化對廚具設計開發影響之研究
計畫主持人	胡祖武
叢集名稱	
計畫執行單位	大葉大學工業設計系
計畫執行期間	1997-08-01 ~ 1998-07-31
調查方式	郵寄問卷
樣本數	154
中英文關鍵字	生活型態、飲食文化、廚具設計 Dietary Culture、Kitchen Unit Design、Life Style

學門類型	藝術學
登錄號	E87006
計畫名稱	台灣地區藝術科系與非藝術科系學生對「錯視圖形」的

<https://srda.sinica.edu.tw/search/field/2>

# Documentation for RDR

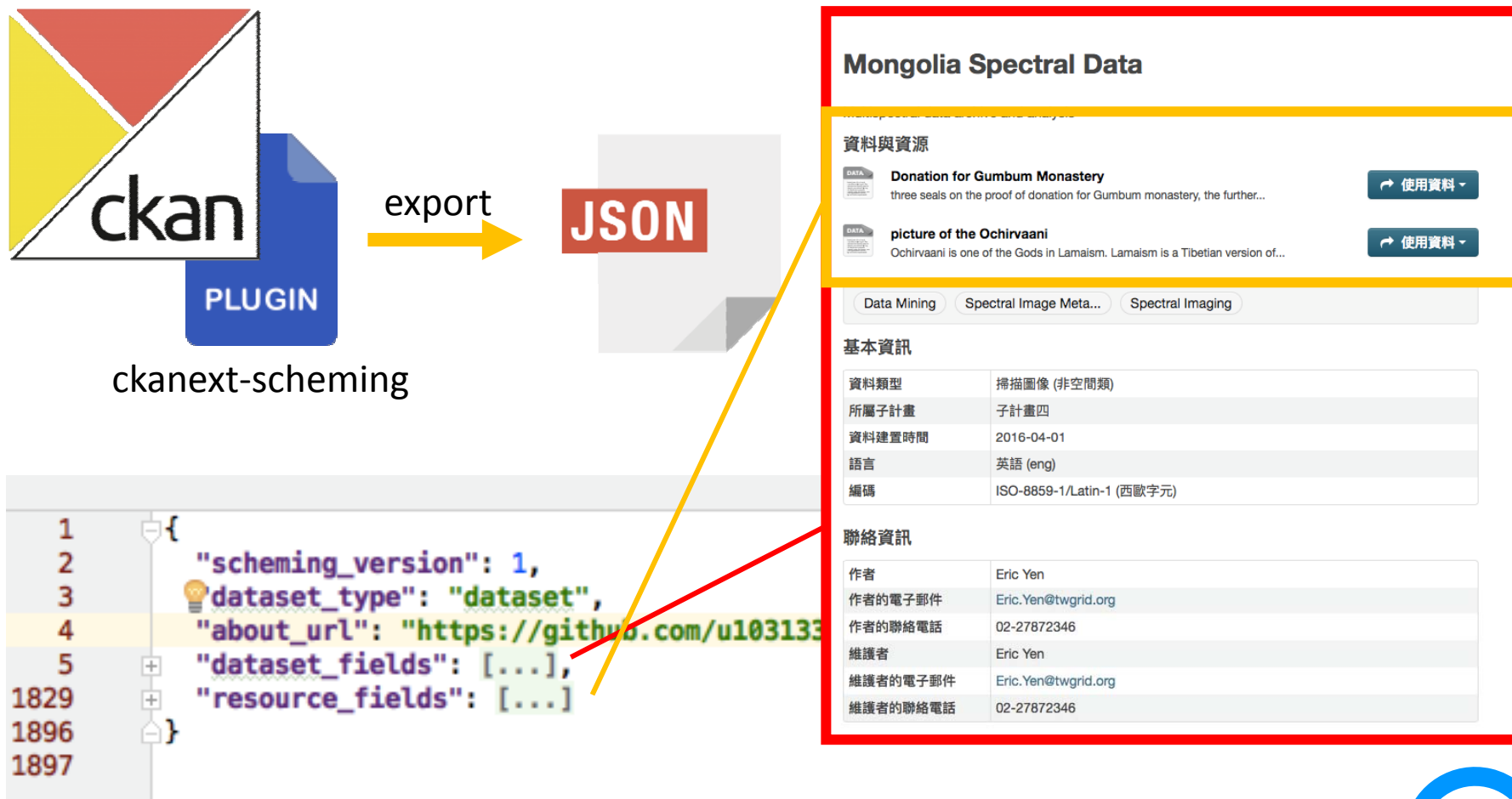
- Explain metadata schema
- Aid to interpretation
  
- Workshop
- User guide
- Documentation for different usage scenarios

# Documentation for RDR

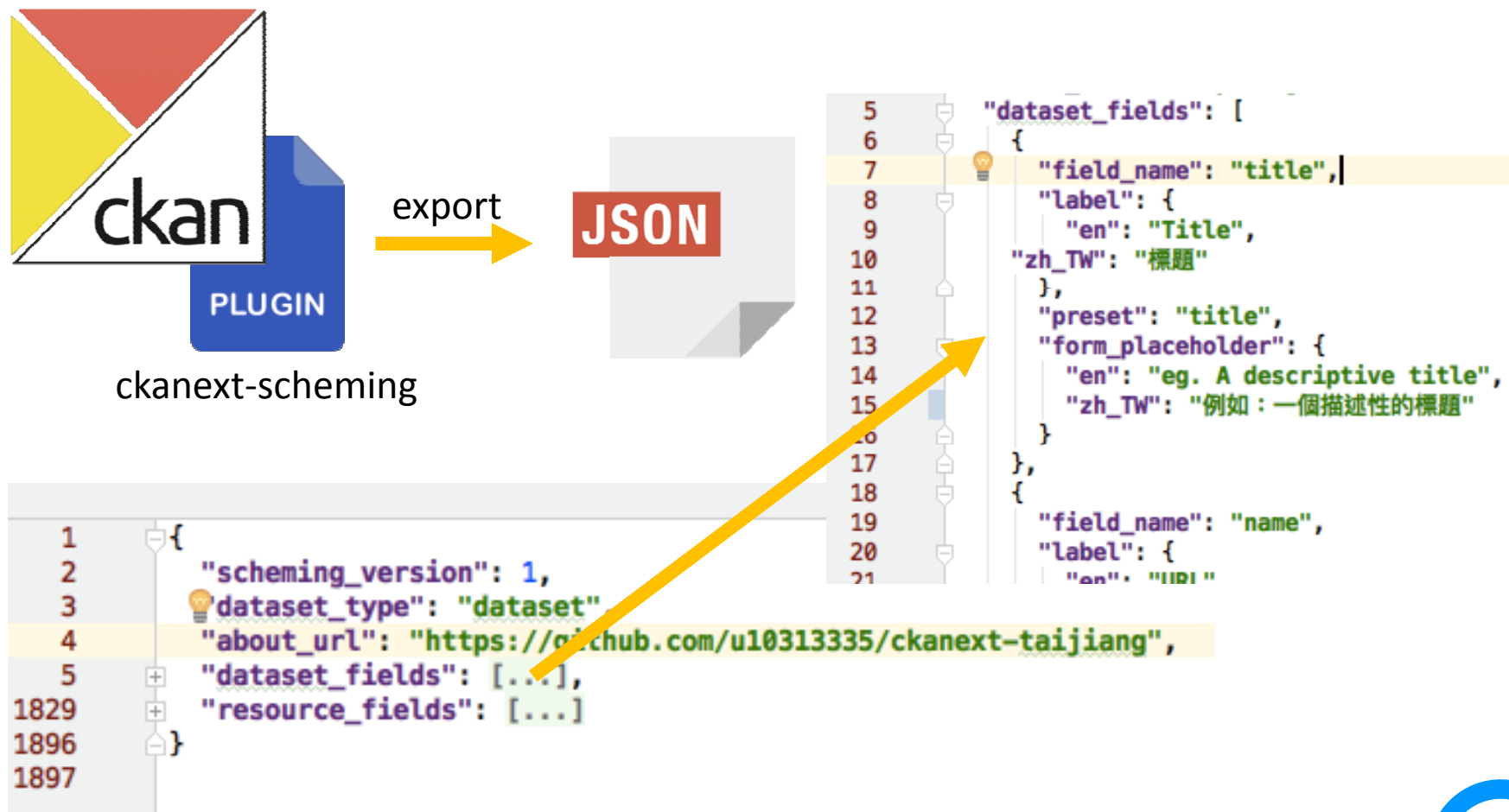
- **One source document for all metadata schema**
- **Rapid revision to metadata schema**

# Documentation workflow for metadata schema

<https://taijiang.tw/dataset/mongolia-spectral-data>

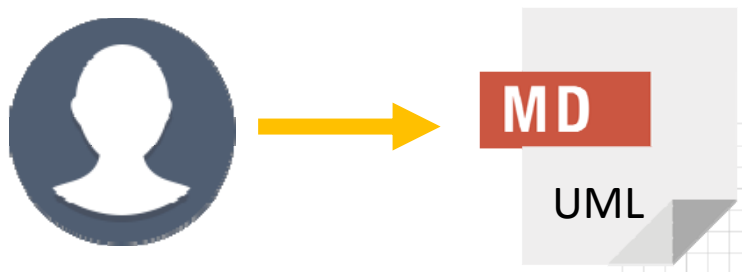


# Documentation workflow for metadata schema





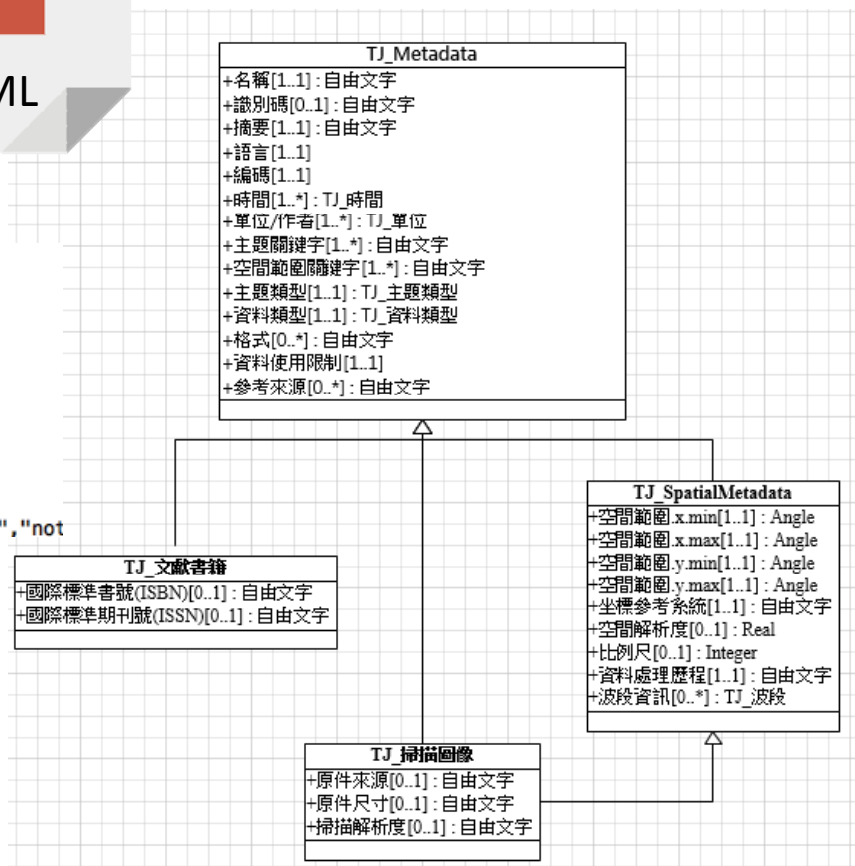
# Documentation workflow for metadata schema



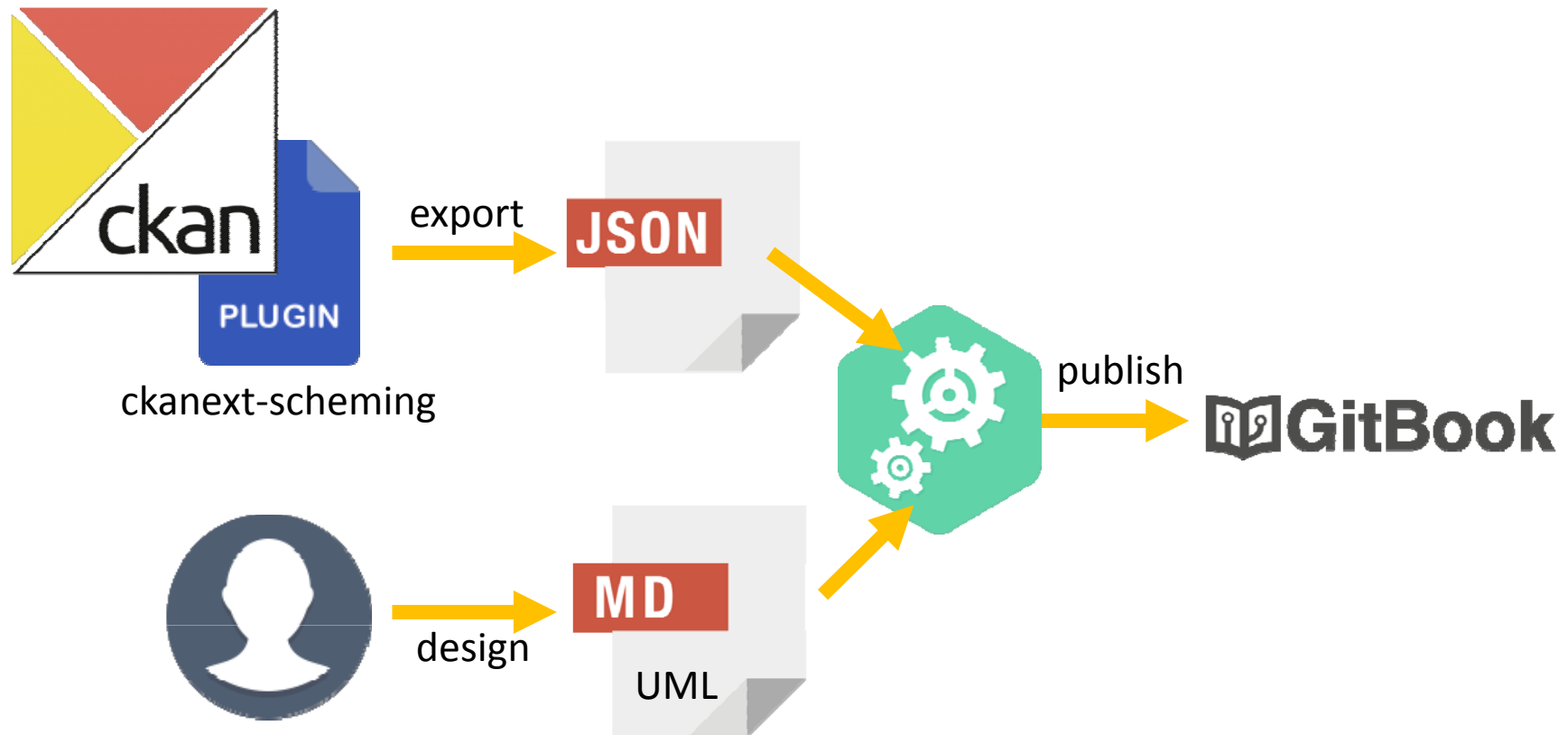
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1 # UML diagram
2
3 UML diagram
4
5 ``uml
6 @startuml
7
8 Class Metadata {
9   +title[1..1]:CharacterString
10  /'{"def":"資料集名稱","zhTW":"標題","值域":"自由文字"}/
11  +name[1..1]:CharacterString
12  /'{"def":"資料集詮釋資料網址 ","zhTW":"網址","值域":"unicode","not
119 Metadata <|-- Ref_book
120 Metadata <|-- SpatialMetadata
121 Metadata <|-- Scan_pics
122 SpatialMetadata <|-- Scan_pics
123
124 @enduml
125
126 add some text here
127
128 ``uml
129 @startuml
130
131 Class Resource_Metadata {

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# Documentation workflow for metadata schema

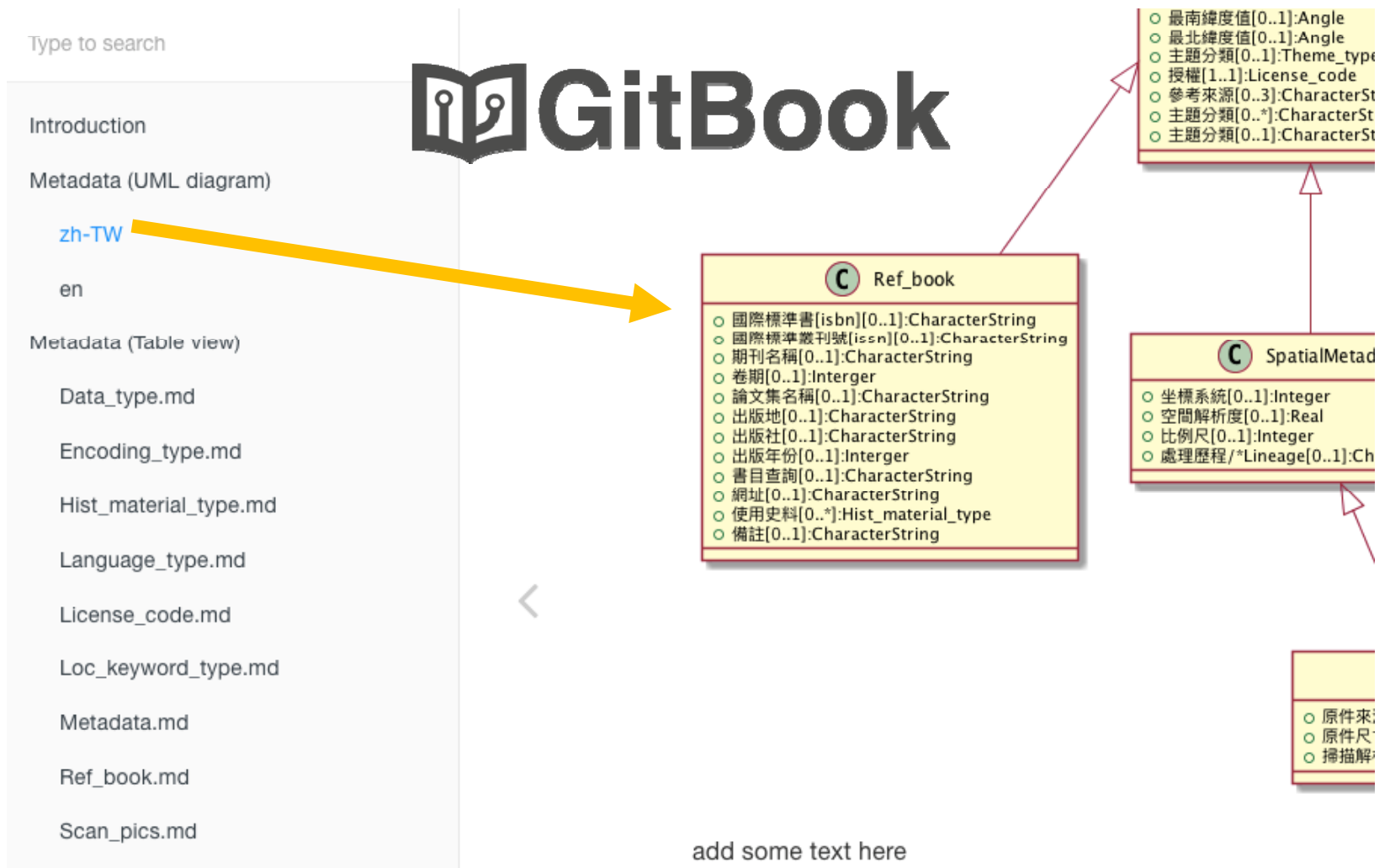


# Documentation workflow for metadata schema

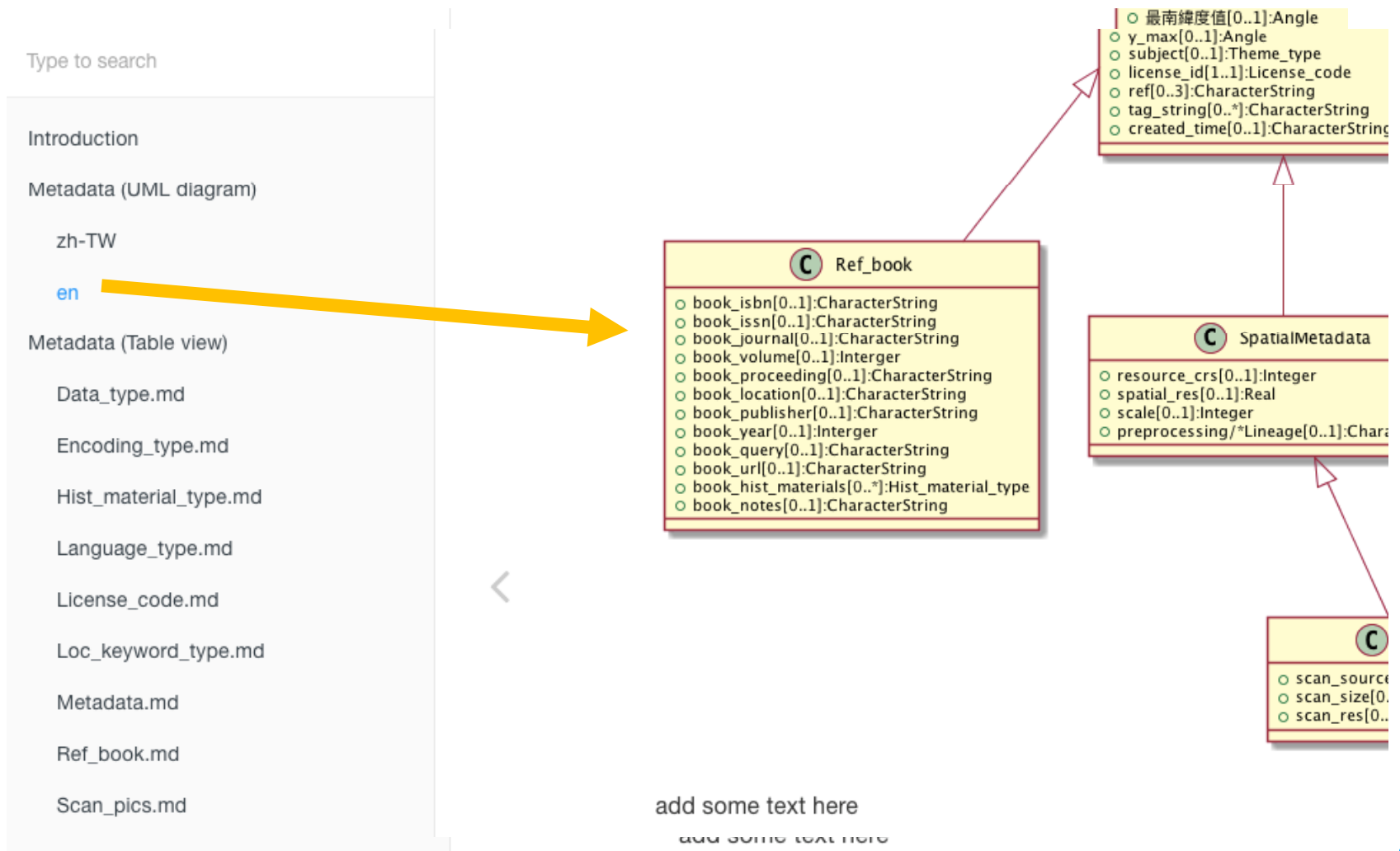
Schema + Description

屬性名稱	定義	選填條件	最多發生次數	資料型別	值域	備註
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# Documentation workflow for metadata schema



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# Documentation workflow for metadata schema

Introduction

Metadata (UML diagram)

zh-TW

en

Metadata (Table view)

Data\_type.md

Encoding\_type.md

Hist\_material\_type.md

Language\_type.md

License\_code.md

Loc\_keyword\_type.md

Metadata.md

Ref\_book.md

Scan\_pics.md

SpatialMetadata.md

Subproject\_code.md

Temp\_res\_type.md

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屬性名稱	定義	必填條件	多發生次數	資料型別	值域
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名稱 Name	資料檔案之名稱	M	1	CharacterString	
識別碼 Identifier	資料集檔案原始具有之唯一識別碼	O	1	CharacterString	
資料類型 Data Type	資料集所屬之類型	O	1	Data_type	
所屬子計畫 Sub Project	資料集所屬之子計畫	O	1	Subproject_code	

# Current results and future works

- **Rapid documentation for** CKAN-based repository and publish to GitBook.
- Metadata schema designers **only need to maintain UML files.**
- Publishing to GitBook **makes schema and documents searchable.**

# Current results and future works

## Metadata as Linked Data for Research Data Repositories (Mr. Cheng-Jen LEE)

