Machine Actionable METS Profiles

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Goals

- What we have?
  - Ideas for expressing METS profiles in machine actionable ways
  - Simple prototype tools which are profile aware

- Goal
  - Take profiles to the next step
  - Fuel the discussion. Lots of people thinking about this problem.
  - Standardize expression
  - Share development effort in tool building
Roadmap

- Current Situation
- Making METS Profiles machine readable
- Sample validation tool
- Thoughts & Questions
METS Profiles
Current Situation

- Only in prose form
- Standardized container for documentation
- Requires interpretation by human
- No way to validate
  - Conformance still open to interpretation
METS Profiles

- Profiles are Good
  - Actually getting some guidance on METS usage.
  - Basis for institutional exchange of digital objects
    - Contract

- Fix METS Weaknesses
  - Flexibility double edge sword
  - Can do anything in METS
  - Encode same object many different ways
  - Little guidance and standardized practice
  - Descriptive metadata in structMap
Needs

- Take prose and make the computer understand
  - Do not have natural language processing yet!
- Machine actionable expression of the profile
- Subject matter experts write METS profiles in prose
- Developers/technologists express the prose in a machine actionable way
But why?

- Why create yet another typing language?
  - Specific needs not covered
  - Similar to XSD, RelaxNG, etc.
    - Want to create tools that are aware
  - End result will draw the best features from other data typing systems

- Why not schematron?
  - Flexible assertion based language
  - Only validation
  - Difficult to reinterpret for other uses
Holy grail

- XML Schema based editor
  - XML Schema is tough to implement
- Still does not solve our problems due to flexibility inherent in METS
- METS Editor not efficient for production
- XML Schema does not handle attribute oriented context of structMap
What’s possible?

- Validation
  - Production – Q/A
  - Interoperability
- Creation tools
- Object editors
- Input forms
- Repository data models
- Dissemination tools
Profile Aware

- Applications which support all kinds of objects
  - Validators
  - Digital Object Viewers
  - Repository Ingest
- Generic implementations
  - Added intelligence from use of profiles
  - DIV typing provides structural clues
- Intelligent pageturning
  - Not limited to display all of the images in one object
  - Get all “pages”
  - Grouping by section
- Reuse of type standardized vocabularies within structMap pays off
Profile Specific

- Applications which support specific profiles
  - lc:sheetMusic
  - lc:compactDisc

- Highly customized for particular profile
  - Not going to try to display a website object with a sheet music viewer

- Repository to Repository communication for institutional projects
div TYPE Vocabularies

- Namespaces and Qualified Names
  - xmlns:cd="http://www.loc.gov/mets/profiles/compactDisc"
  - <mets:div TYPE="cd:disc"/>
  - <mets:div TYPE="cd:track"/>

- Mixing different vocabularies in profiles
  - cd:track, loc:image

- Avoid name collisions
  - bk:page vs. sm:page
  - loc:image vs. cdl:image

- Namespaces enable versioning of type vocabularies

- Opportunity for standardization
  - METS Editorial Board endorsed vocabularies

- We don’t have a format for expressing them outside of the profiles yet…
Qualified Names

- Encourage the using the same prefix used in the profile
  - `xmlns:cd="http://www.loc.gov/mets/profiles/compactDisc"
    - `<mets:div type="cd:track">`
  - `xmlns:c123="http://www.loc.gov/mets/profiles/compactDisc"
    - `<mets:div type="c123:track">`

- String compare TYPE attributes easily with XSLT and other tools without resolving namespace prefix

- Schema aware XSLT 2.0 processors may support functions to expand qualified names
  - Change METS schema DIV type to QNAME
What we have

- Straw-man xml scheme for expressing METS profile requirements
  - Structmap/Div typing
- Prototype validation framework
  - Feasibility test for profile work
Current Features

- Expressed in XML
  - Transformable
- div typing
- ID/IDREF linking
- Structmap oriented

Planned features
- Metadata requirements beyond XSD
  - Required elements
  - Controlled vocabularies
ID/IDREF linking

- Confusion where to link from structMap
  - `<mets:div TYPE="cd:compactDiscObject" DMDID="x123"/>
  - Where do you link?
    - mets:dmdSec
    - mets:mdWrap
    - mods:mods
    - mods:relatedItem
Metadata Requirements

- Extending/restricting xml schema is difficult
- Especially per class of objects (per profile)
- Lots of extension schema
- Why not put these requirements in the METS Profile?
- soundRecording profile
  - Restrict value of mods:typeOfResource
    - sound recording-musical
    - sound recording-nonmusical
Mechanics
a step towards making profiles actionable

- XML document with div TYPE’s from METS as elements
  - `<mets:div TYPE=“sp:simplePhotoObject”>`
    - `<mets:div TYPE=“sp:simplePhoto/”>`
  - `/mets:div`
    - becomes
  - `<sp:simplePhotoObject>`
    - `<sp:simplePhoto>`
    - `/sp:simplePhotoObject>`
Simple Structmap Example

- PROFILE
  <sp:simplePhotoObject
   pr:name="lc:simplePhoto"
   pr:minOccurs="1"
   pr:maxOccurs="1">
    <sp:simplePhoto
     pr:minOccurs="1"
     pr:maxOccurs="1">
      <sp:photo
       pr:minOccurs="1">
       <sp:side
        pr:minOccurs="0"
        pr:maxOccurs="2"/>
      </sp:photo>
    </sp:simplePhoto>
  </sp:simplePhotoObject>

- METS Document
  <mets:structMap>
   <mets:div
    TYPE="sp:simplePhotoObject"
    DMDID="MODS1">
    <mets:div TYPE="sp:simplePhoto">
     <mets:div TYPE="sp:photo">
      <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10027"/>
      <mets:fptr FILEID="FN1005F"/>
     </mets:div>
    </mets:div>
   </mets:div>
  </mets:structMap>
Linked Descriptive Metadata Example

<sp:simplePhotoObject pr:name="lc:simplePhoto" pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
  <pr:metadata-ref type="descriptive" required="true">
    <pr:metadata name="mods:mods" pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
      <pr:metadata name="mods:titleInfo" pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
        <pr:metadata name="mods:title" pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
          <pr:text required="true"/>
        </pr:metadata>
      </pr:metadata>
    </pr:metadata>
  </pr:metadata-ref>
</sp:simplePhotoObject>
<mets:structMap>
    <mets:div TYPE="sp:simplePhotoObject"
        DMDID="MODS1">
        <mets:div TYPE="sp:simplePhoto">
            <mets:div TYPE="sp:photo">
                <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10027"/>
                <mets:fptr FILEID="FN1005F"/>
            </mets:div>
        </mets:div>
    </mets:div>
    <mods:mods ID="MODS1"
        version="3.0">
        <mods:titleInfo>
            <mods:title>[Gerry Mulligan and Mel Torme - 1978]
            </mods:title>
        </mods:titleInfo>
        ...
    </mods:mods>
</mets:structMap>
<cd:compactDiscObject pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
  <pr:metadata-ref type="descriptive" required="true" direct="false">
    <pr:metadata name="mods:titleInfo" pr:minOccurs="1">
      <pr:metadata name="mods:title" pr:minOccurs="1"/>
    </pr:metadata>
  </pr:metadata-ref>
  <cd:text pr:minOccurs="0"/>
  <cd:images pr:minOccurs="0"/>
  <cd:disc pr:minOccurs="1">
    <cd:text pr:minOccurs="0"/>
    <cd:images pr:minOccurs="0"/>
    <cd:track pr:minOccurs="1">
      <pr:metadata-ref type="descriptive" required="true">
        <pr:metadata name="mods:relatedItem" pr:minOccurs="1" pr:maxOccurs="1">
          <pr:metadata name="mods:titleInfo" pr:minOccurs="1"/>
        </pr:metadata>
      </pr:metadata-ref>
      </cd:track>
    </cd:disc>
  </cd:disc>
</cd:compactDiscObject>
relatedItem Example

<mods:mods ID="MODS" version="3.0">
  ...
</mods:mods>

<mets:div TYPE="cd:disc" DMDID="DMD_disc01_tr001"/>
  ...
</mets:div>

<mods:relatedItem type="constituent" ID="DMD_disc01_tr001">
  <mods:titleInfo>
    <mods:title>Allegro Maestoso</mods:title>
  </mods:titleInfo>
  <mods:physicalDescription>
    <mods:extent>15:51</mods:extent>
  </mods:physicalDescription>
</mods:relatedItem>
</mods:mods>
Profile Aware Validation Tool

- Implemented with pipelined XSLT’s in Apache Cocoon
Sample Validation Report

Schematron Report

Generated Schematron Schema

**StructMap Check**

- Expected a minimum 1 occurrences of linked metadata of type mods:relatedItem at ID.
- Expected a minimum 1 occurrences of linked metadata of type mods:titleInfo at ID.

```xml
<mets:div TYPE="cd:compactDiscObject" DMDID="MODS1">
  <mets:div TYPE="cd:disc">
    <mets:div TYPE="cd:track"/>
  </mets:div>

  <mets:div TYPE="cd:disc">
    <mets:div DMDID="DMD_disc01_tr001" ID="disc01_tr001" TYPE="cd:track">
      <mets:div TYPE="cd:audio">
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10001"/>
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10202"/>
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10002"/>
      </mets:div>
    </mets:div>

    <mets:div DMDID="DMD_disc01_tr002" ID="disc01_tr002" TYPE="cd:track">
      <mets:div TYPE="cd:audio">
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10003"/>
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10304"/>
        <mets:fptr FILEID="FN10305"/>
      </mets:div>
    </mets:div>
  </mets:div>
</mets:div>
```

Profile Aware Display

- Common vocabulary of div TYPE’s
- Reuse UI “components”
  - loc:page
Repository Data Models

- div TYPE’s correlate with classes in an object oriented repository architecture
  - FEDORA

- Ingestion
  - Atomization into AIP’s based off of div TYPE’s from SIP’s
  - `<mets:div TYPE="loc:image"/>` becomes a separate object
National Digital Newspaper Project

- Goal is to have partner institutions submit METS based SIP’s
  - Newspapers
  - Issues
  - Reels
- METS Profiles serve as contracts and enable validation of SIP’s before ingestion
- div TYPE facilitate atomization during the ingestion process to a FEDORA repository
  - Model Objects: Newspapers, Reels, Issues, Pages
  - Content Objects: Image, Text
Future Thoughts

- **Syntax**
  - RelaxNG like syntax for cardinality

- **Documenting type vocabularies which can be used across profiles**

- **METS Specific**
  - Is there a generic way to solve this across a broader set of digital object implementations

- **Best way to get others involved?**
  - Wiki