

Harvard Cartographic Materials

About the Cartographic Materials project

Harvard will create native Linked Data descriptions for a selection of library cartographic resources including printed maps, atlases, digital geospatial datasets, and other cartographic information resources.

Together with LD4L-Labs partners, Harvard will convert a set of Harvard Geospatial Library metadata records into linked data descriptions.

Note: Documentation, ontology files, and data being created to support the Cartographic Materials extension project are available at the [LD4P Cartographic Materials GitHub repository](#)

[Harvard Project Proposal](#)

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Deliverables

- Set of natively cataloged BIBFRAME descriptions for a variety of cartographic resource types using the cartographic materials extension ontology.
- Develop a set of mapping rules for Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) geospatial metadata standards to linked data.
- A set of Harvard Geospatial Library metadata records converted to linked open data using the cartographic materials extension.

Current Activities

Last updated: 7/17/2018

Analysis/Modeling

- Finalize supporting documentation for the Geospatial and Cartographic Resource Ontology (GCRO), including recommendation papers and graphic models (July 2018)
- ~~Create a Geospatial and Cartographic Resources Ontology (GCRO) SHACL application profile (deferred to future date)~~

Production Cataloging

- ~~Test cataloging of a selection of geospatial and cartographic resources using the GCRO application profile in the Harvard geospatial data instance of VitroLib (deferred to future date)~~

Visualization work

- Completing [demo visualization tool](#) for converted geospatial metadata collections (January-June 2018)

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Completed Work

Last updated: 4/27/2018

Analysis/Modeling

- Completed field mappings for geospatial metadata conversion: FGDC to bibliotek-o + Geospatial and Cartographic Resources Ontology (GCRO) extensions (3 /2017)

Data conversion

- Converted a set of 8,800 [Harvard Geospatial Library](#) and 5,100 [Stanford Earthworks](#) geospatial metadata records to the target geospatial LOD ontology
- Reconciled agent names, topic keywords, places of publication, and place keywords to linked data entities in the converted data sets
- Data loaded into Harvard geospatial data instance of VitroLib

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