

# Use a semantic registry for data-types?

<http://registry.it.csiro.au/data-type>

- REST API (Linked Data)
- RDF storage layer, content negotiation for output (JSON, XML, CSV, RDF)
- Fine-grained versioning
- Explicit status flag



# Some datatyping initiatives

- schemas for (mostly) tabular data

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# Older

Earth Science Markup Language - [ESML](#) (2004)



XML, [SourceForge](#), no longer active

Ecological Metadata Language - EML (2003)



XML, used in [DataONE](#) - generated by [Morpho](#), stored in [Metacat](#)

# W3C - CSV on the Web



[https://www.w3.org/2013/csvw/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.w3.org/2013/csvw/wiki/Main_Page)

Metadata about CSV files

- includes data typing for values in columns
- datatypes based on XML Schema
  - can have (URL) identifiers
  - additional JSON & XML datatypes
  - include support for international formats for dates & numbers

To support transformation of CSV to JSON, RDF

<http://ruby-rdf.github.io/presentations/Tabular-Data-on-the-Web/assets/player/KeynoteDHTMLPlayer.html#10>

# Open Knowledge - data packages

<http://data.okfn.org/doc/data-package>

To create a Data Package, place a file named `datapackage.json` in the top-level directory of your set of data files.

Leverages **JSON Table Schema**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ojy57pQPAdZKjuyQlhHyYMLF-grEYdUDwquDDNW458>



**What is the distinction between 'datatype' and 'dataset metadata'?**