

# BIBFRAME Authorities: A High-level Overview

# BIBFRAME Authorities

## OUTLINE

BIBFRAME Intro

BIBFRAME Authority

- History behind this presentation

- A light-weight abstraction layer

- Linking to “library” authority resources

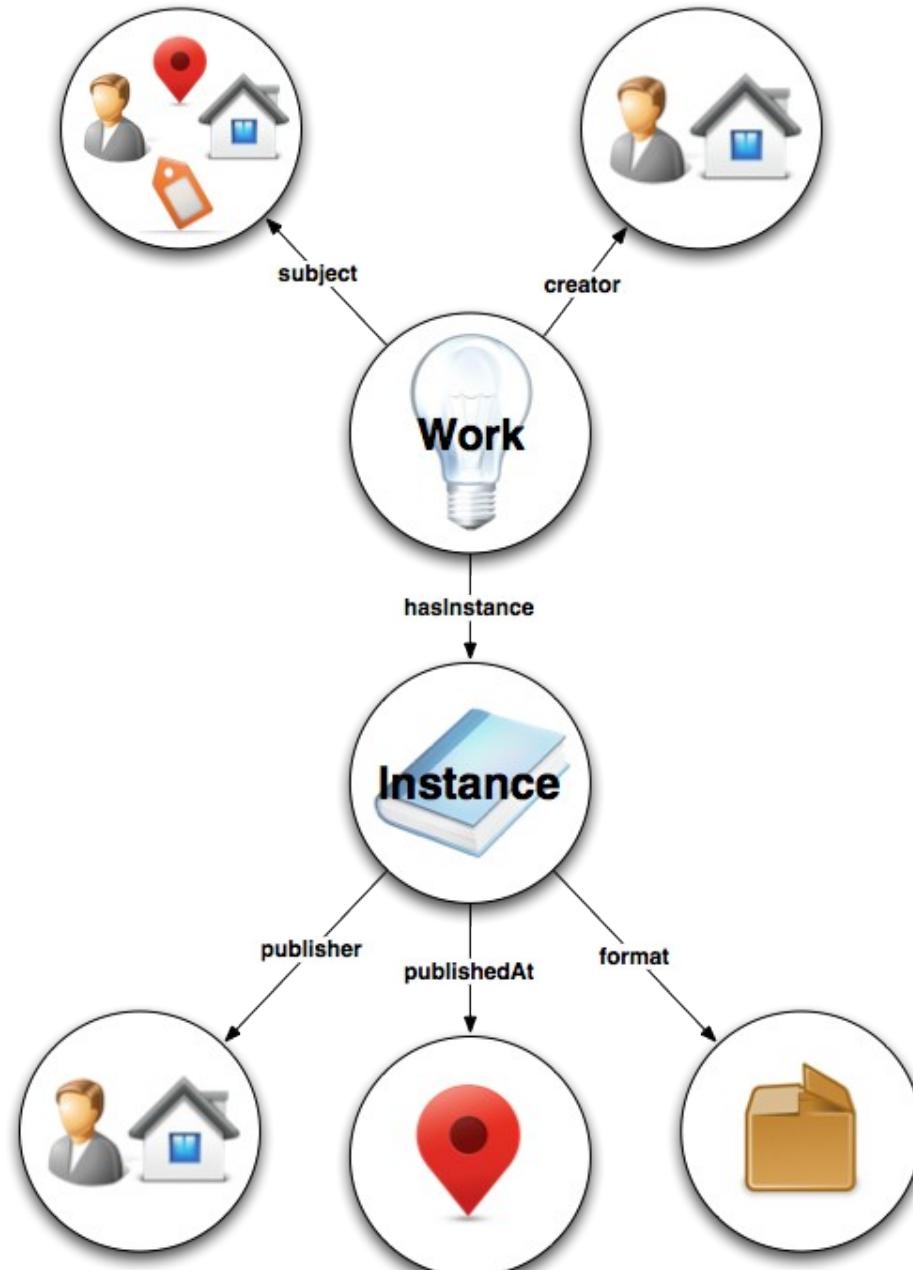
- Extensible

Issues

Current work

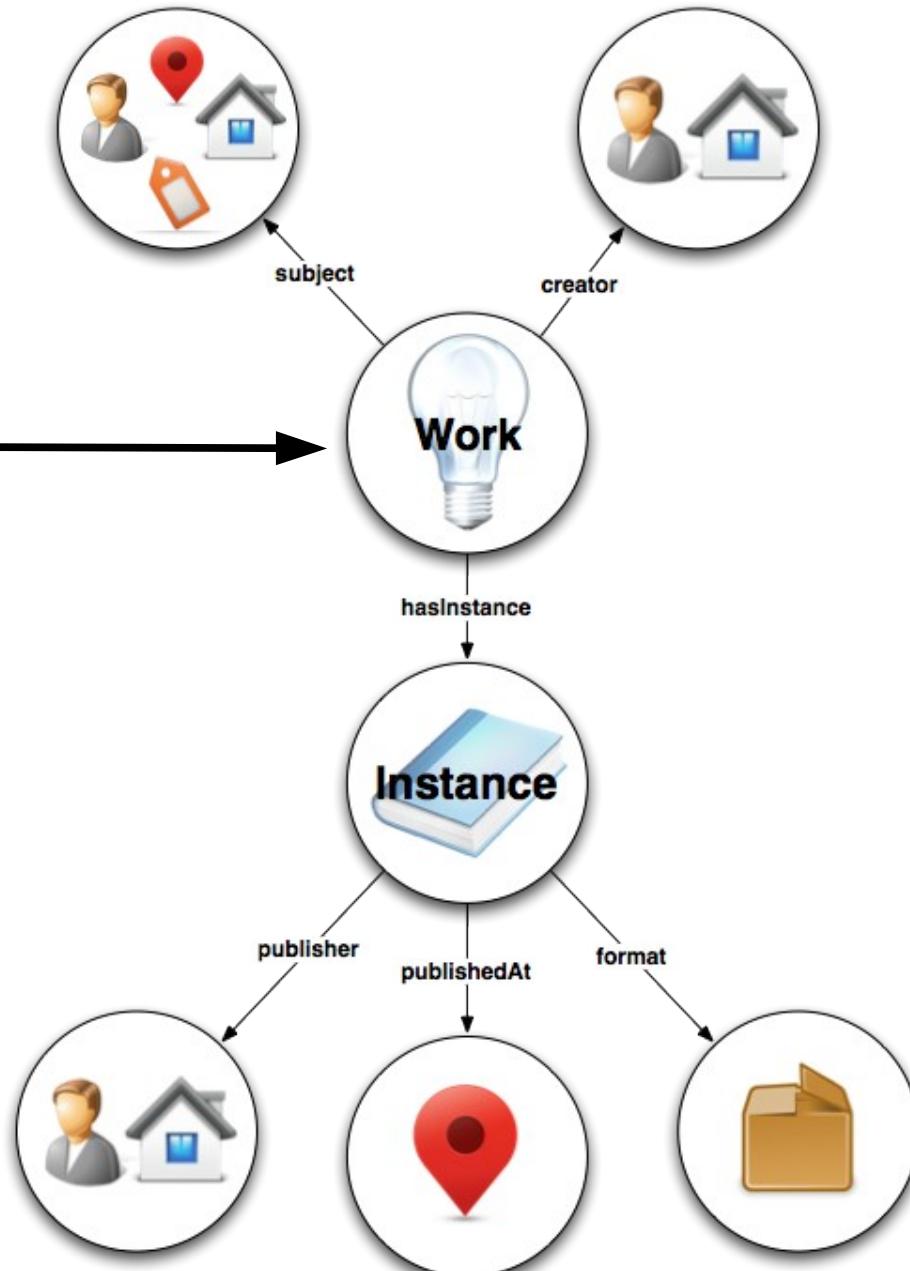
# BIBFRAME

**The Bibliographic Framework Initiative will re-imagine and implement a bibliographic environment for a post-MARC world.**



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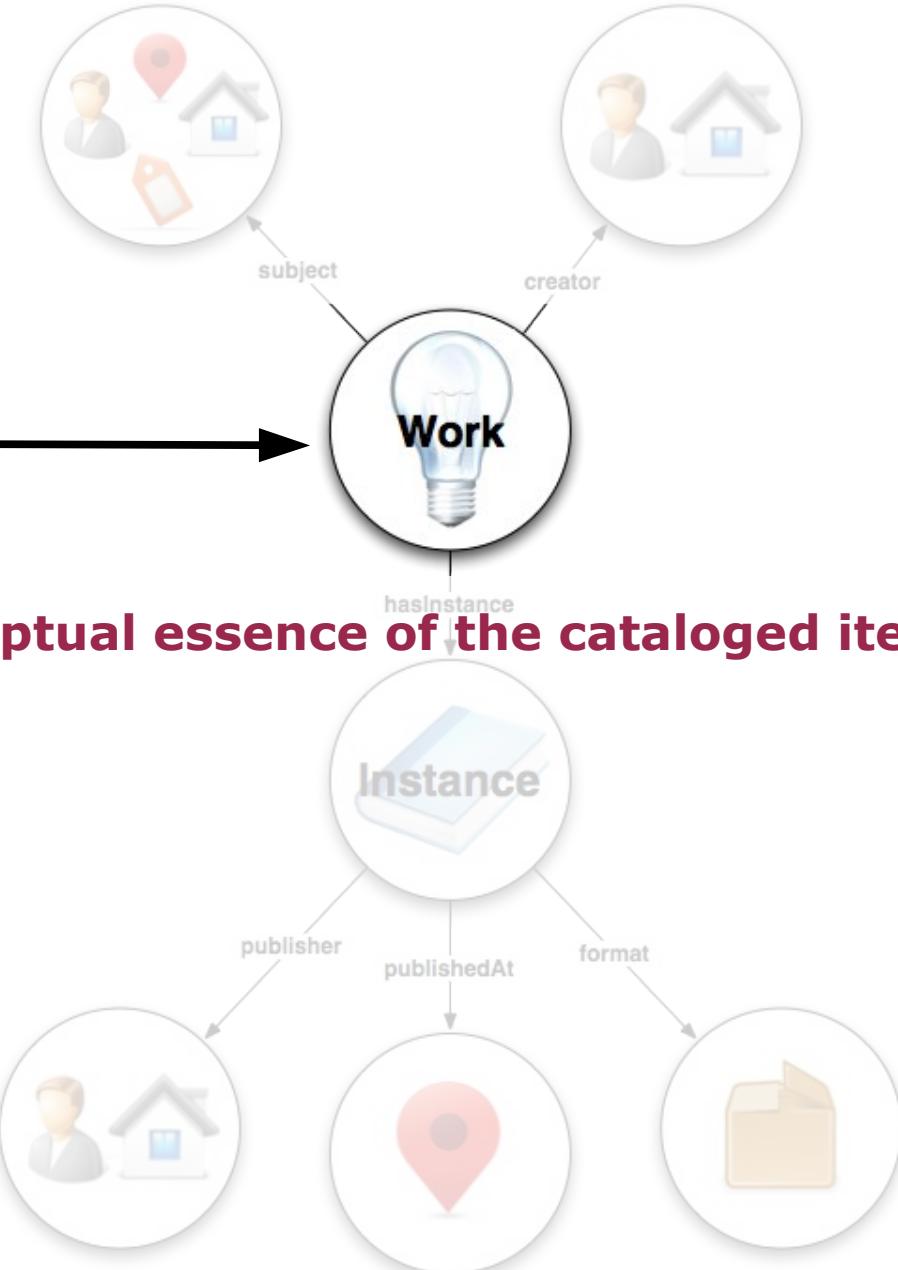
Work



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Work

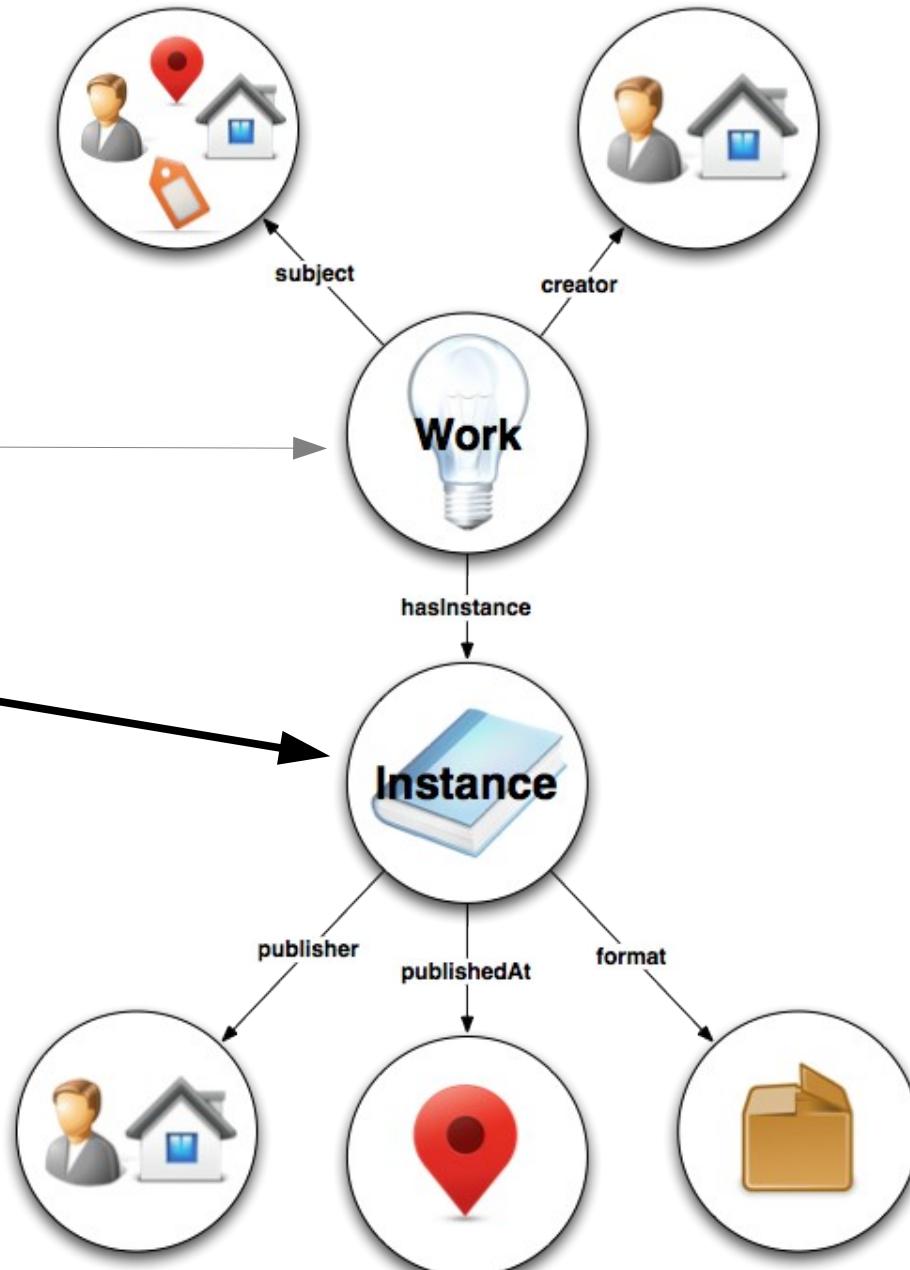
**Resource reflecting the conceptual essence of the cataloged item**



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Work

Instance

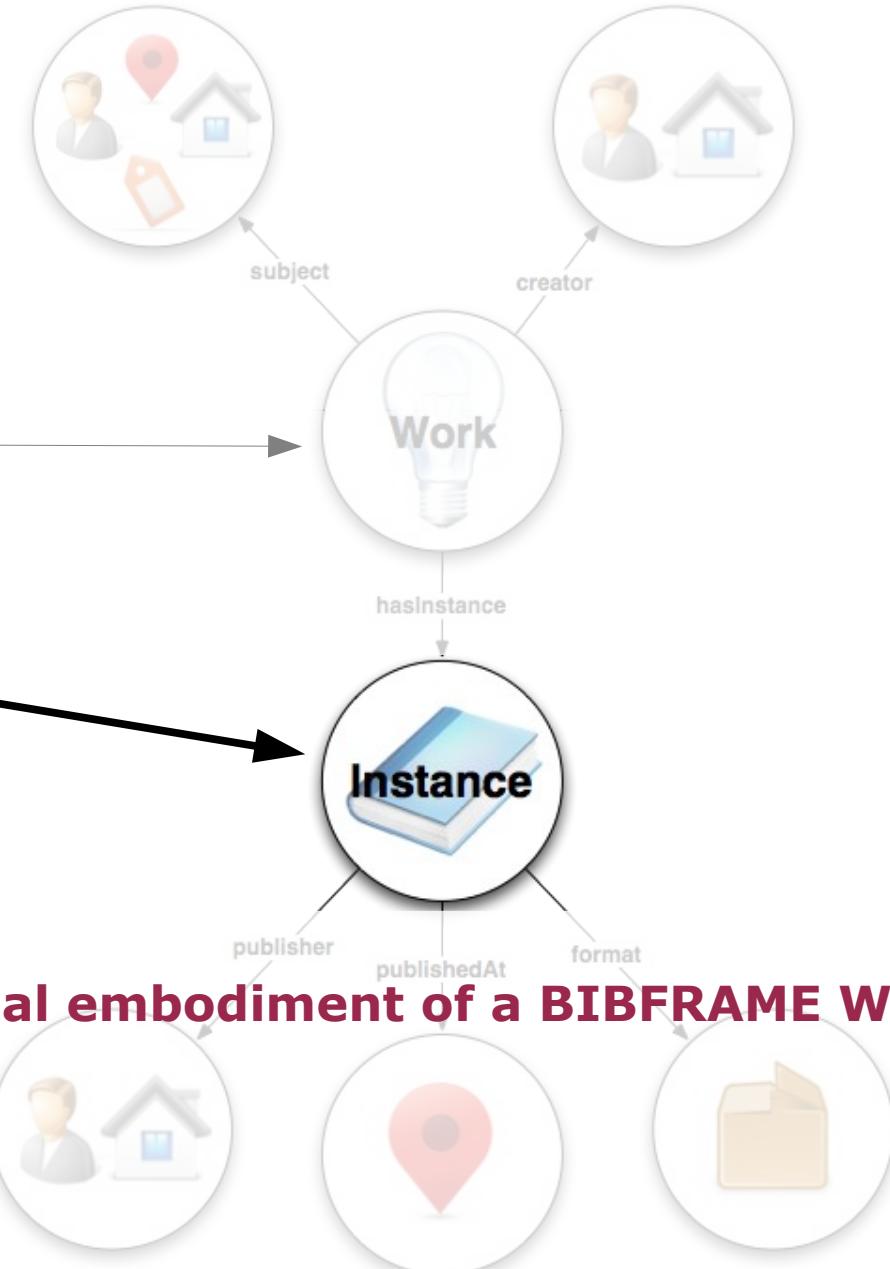


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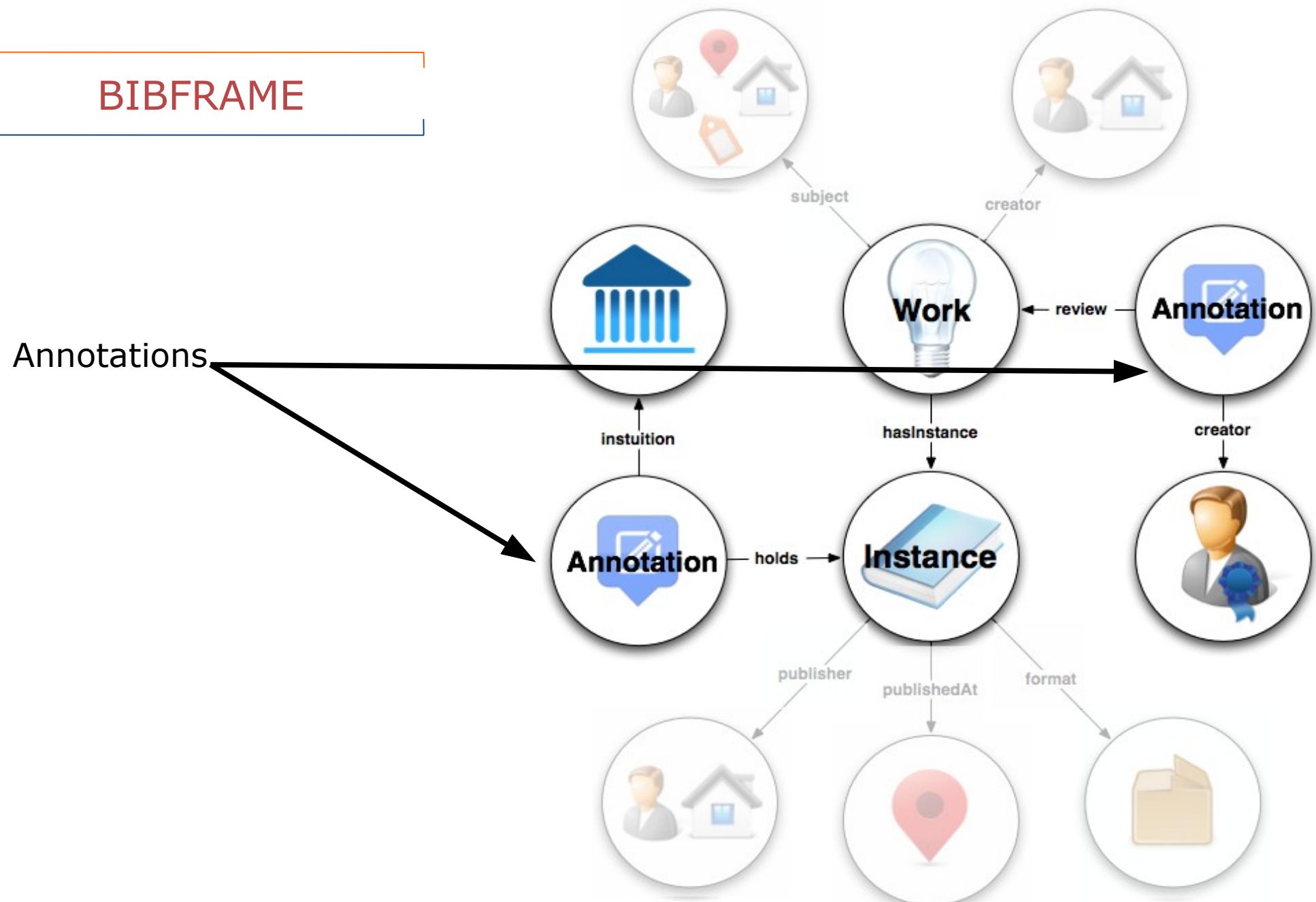
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Instance

**Resource reflecting a material embodiment of a BIBFRAME Work**



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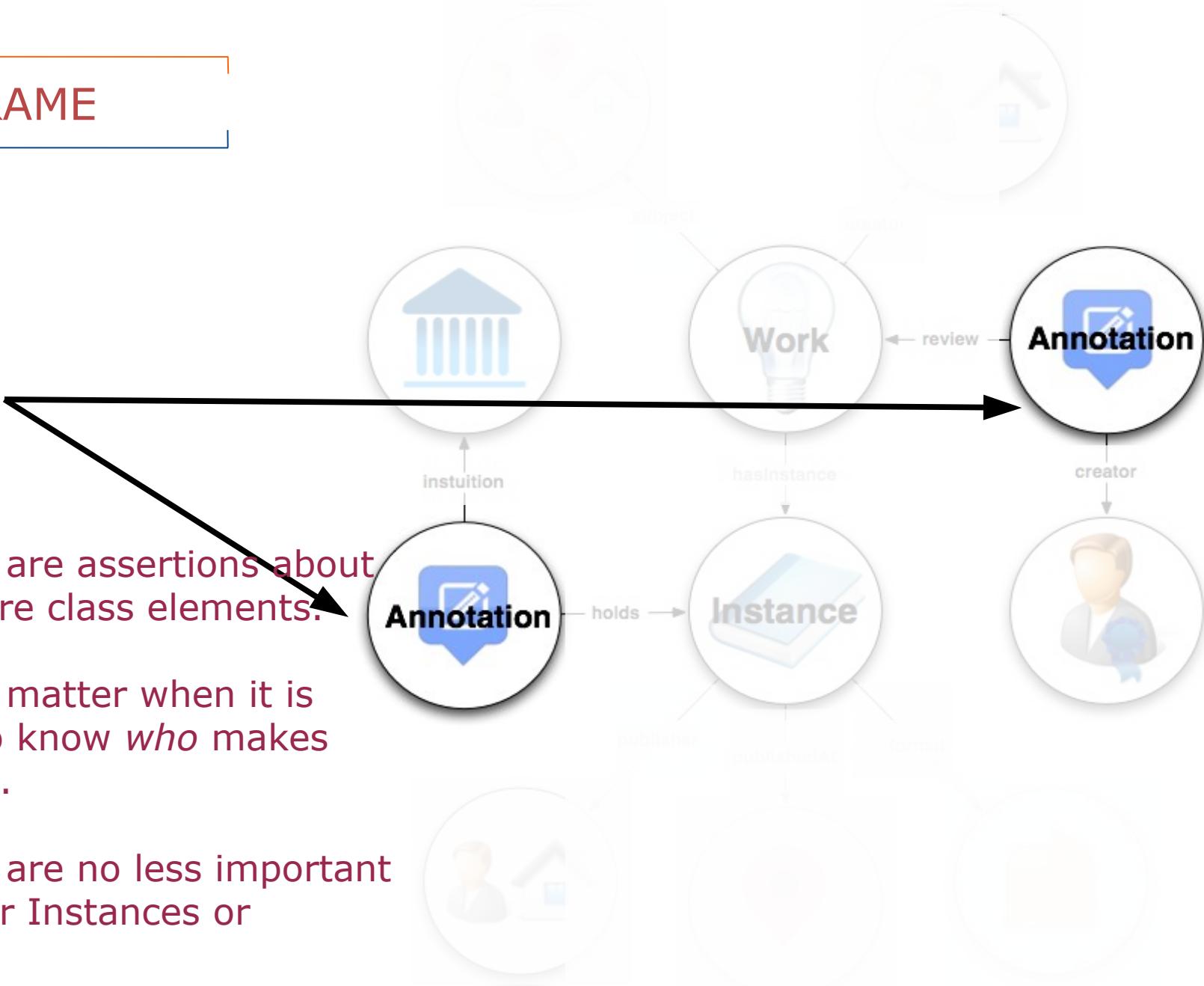
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Annotations

Annotations are assertions about the other core class elements.

Annotations matter when it is important to know *who* makes an assertion.

Annotations are no less important than Work or Instances or Authorities.

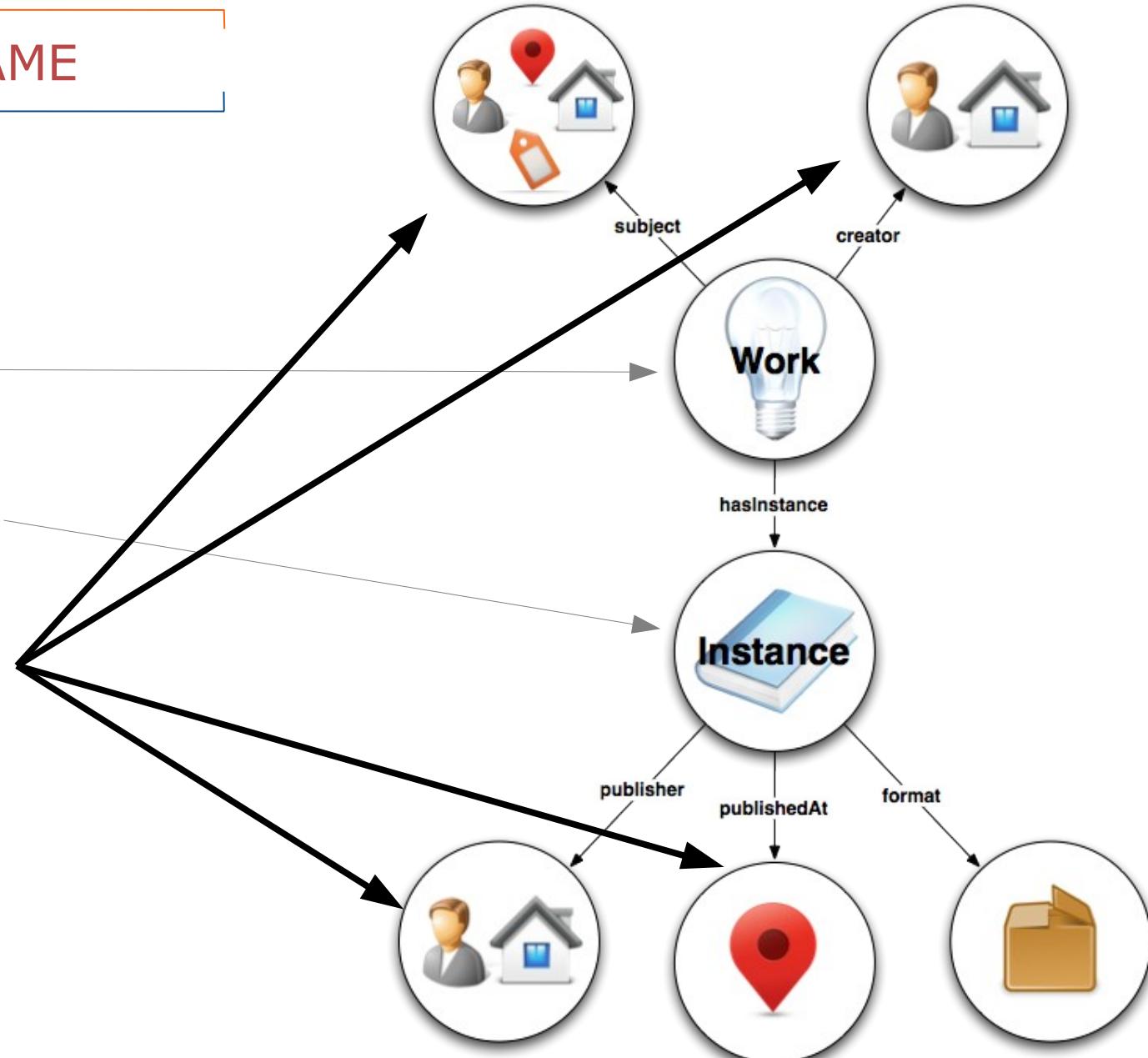


# BIBFRAME

Work

Instance

Authority



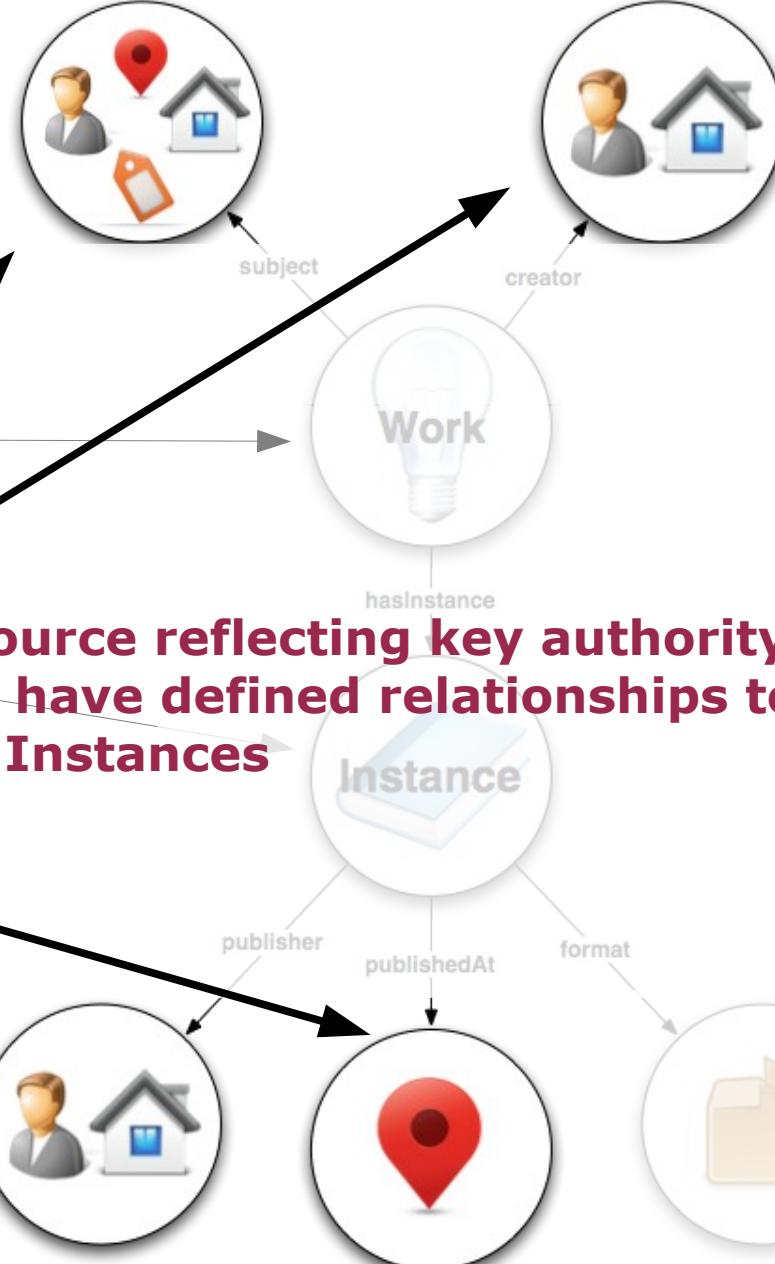
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Work

Instance

Authority

**Resource reflecting key authority concepts  
that have defined relationships to Works  
and Instances**

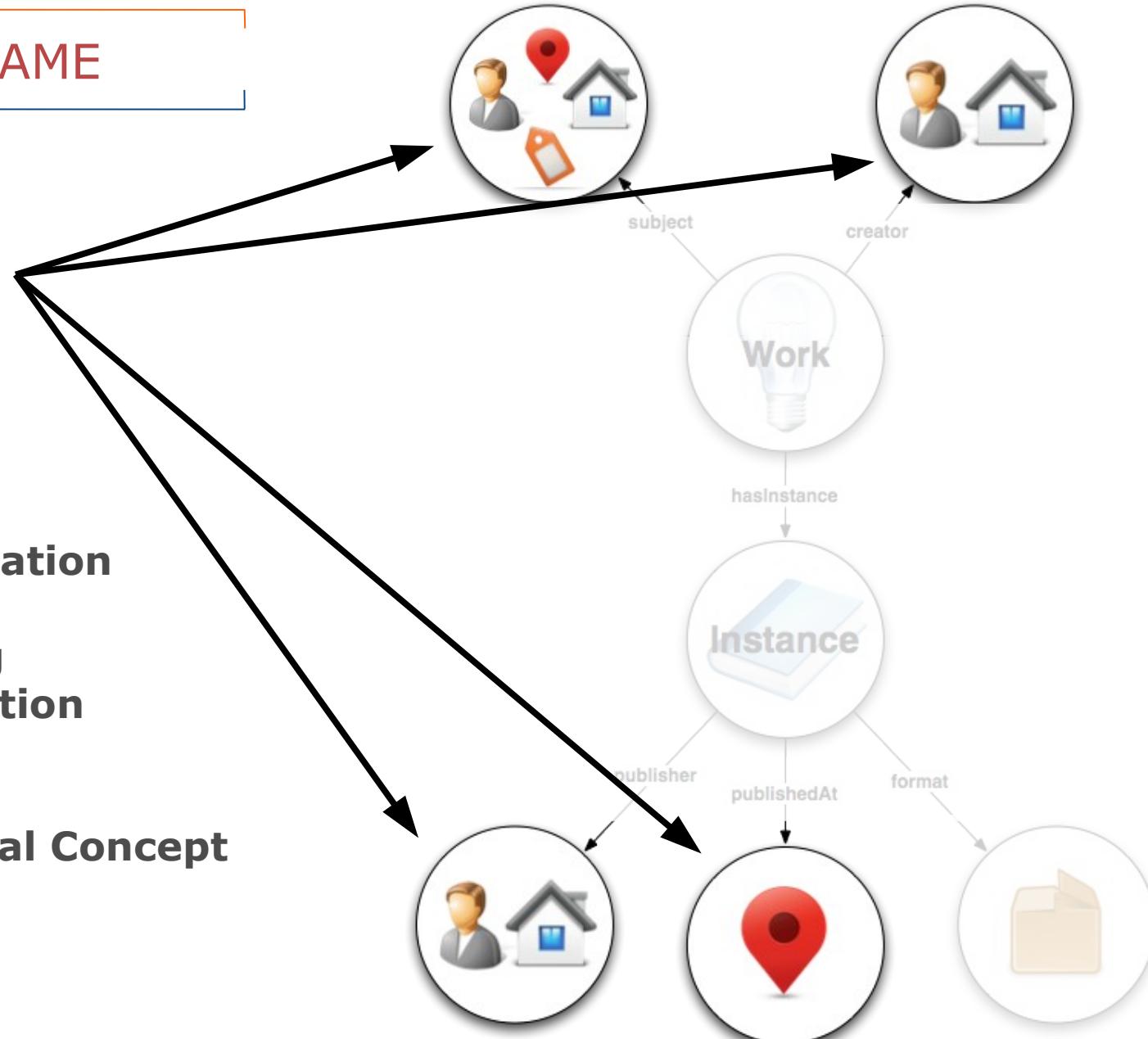


## BIBFRAME

**Authority**

For a

**Person**  
**Organization**  
**Family**  
**Meeting**  
**Jurisdiction**  
**Place**  
**Topic**  
**Temporal Concept**



## BIBFRAME Authority

From “Bibliographic Framework as a Web of Data: Linked Data Model and Supporting Services”  
Pg 11.

**[BIBFRAME] Authorities are not designed to compete or replace existing authority efforts but rather provide a common, light-weight abstraction layer over various different Web based authority efforts to make them even more effective.**

## BIBFRAME Authority

<<http://example.org/works/1>> a bf:Work;  
bf:authorizedAccessPoint "Schulz, Charles M. (Charles Monroe), 1922-2000. Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel";  
bf:classificationLcc <<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/classification/NC1429>>;  
bf:creator <<http://example.org/authorities/1>>;  
bf:intendedAudience <<http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/test/targetAudiences/juv>>;  
bf:language <<http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/languages/eng>>;  
bf:title "Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel".

<<http://example.org/authorities/1>> a bf:Person;  
bf:authorizedAccessPoint "Schulz, Charles M. (Charles Monroe), 1922-2000.";  
bf:hasAuthority <<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n79021850>>.

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## The “Direct” Approach:

```
<http://example.org/works/1> a bf:Work;
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  bf:creator <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n79021850>;
  bf:intendedAudience <http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/test/targetAudiences/juv>;
  bf:language <http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/languages/eng>;
  bf:title "Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel".
```

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## BIBFRAME Authority

**363 days ago...**

ALA MW Seattle, WA – ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee

**9 months ago**

*On BIBFRAME Authority* paper published

**6 months ago**

Revision of *On BIBFRAME Authority* issued.

## BIBFRAME Authority

### Evolution of thinking:

- 1) Don't like Abstraction Layer (basically the BIBFRAME Authority).  
But, we can capture publisher, e.g., info with BF Authorities.  
LCSH?**
- 2) Abstraction Layer probably not a bad idea,  
too many exceptions otherwise.  
Is capturing publisher information with BF Authorities a good idea?  
LCSH?**
- 3)\* OK, Abstraction Layer should be mandatory.  
Also, publisher info out of scope for BIBFRAME Authorities.  
LCSH? OK, we'll try this....**

\* Thoughts subject to change at a later date.

## BIBFRAME Authority

### Benefits of the BIBFRAME Authority (aka Abstraction Layer):

- 1) Local access point, especially via HTTP URI.
- 2) Although each BIBFRAME installation might have one BIBFRAME Authority for each entity, still significantly reduces maintenance.
- 3) BIBFRAME Authorities locally extensible.

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dbpedia-owl:abstract “Charles Schulz was .... Peanuts.”@en;  
foaf:depiction <[http://upload.wikimedia.org/.../b/ba/Charles\\_Schulz\\_NYWTS.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/.../b/ba/Charles_Schulz_NYWTS.jpg)>;  
foaf:isPrimaryTopicOf <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_M.\\_Schulz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_M._Schulz)>;

bf:variantLabel “Schulz, Sparky, 1922-2000”.

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<<http://example.org/authorities/2>> a bf:Person ;

bf:authorizedAccessPoint "Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882" ;  
bf:hasAuthority <<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n78095637>> ;

## BIBFRAME Authority

<<http://example.org/authorities/2>> a bf:Person ;

bf:authorizedAccessPoint "Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882" ;  
bf:hasAuthority <<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n78095637>> ;

bf:variantLabel "Darwin, Charles Robert, 1809-1882" ;  
bf:variantLabel "達爾文, 1809-1882" ;  
bf:variantLabel "شارلز داروین, 1809-1882" ;

bf:bioSource <[http://dbpedia.org/resource/Charles\\_Darwin](http://dbpedia.org/resource/Charles_Darwin)> ;  
dbpprop:fields <[http://dbpedia.org/resource/Natural\\_history](http://dbpedia.org/resource/Natural_history)> ;  
foaf:depiction <[http://upload.wikimedia.org/Charles\\_Darwin\\_seated\\_crop.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/Charles_Darwin_seated_crop.jpg)>

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### LCSH

Pre-coordination poses challenge.

Risk weighing down, or replicating, entire constructs in BIBFRAME.

Decision: link to, or generate, a MADS/RDF resource for concept.

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## LCSH

```
<bf:Topic rdf:about= "http://example.org/authority/www--social-aspects">
  <bf:authorizedAccessPoint>World Wide Web--Social Aspects</bf:authorizedAccessPoint>

  <bf:hasAuthority>

    <madsrdf:ComplexSubject>
      <madsrdf:authoritativeLabel>World Wide Web--Social aspects</madsrdf:authoritativeLabel>
      <madsrdf:componentList rdf:parseType="Collection">
        <madsrdf:Topic>
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        </madsrdf:Topic>
      </madsrdf:componentList>
    </madsrdf:ComplexSubject>

  </bf:hasAuthority>

</bf:Topic>
```

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## Issues/Ideas

The “Direct” Approach

Introduces variability. What if a name or concept does not have a defined URI?

Anomalous Data

\$e is “supposed composer.” for example

Possible to use BF Authority model.

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## Issues/Ideas (cont'd)

### RoleResource

Class that abstracts Role information.

Accommodated, but clunky and ideally avoided.

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```
<http://bibframe/work/eloise-in-paris> a <bf:Book>;  
  <bf:agentRole> <http://bibframe/role/abcdef>;  
  <bf:title> "Eloise in Paris".
```

```
<http://bibframe/role/abcdef> a <bf:Role>;  
  <bf:relatedPerson> <http://bibframe/auth/person/kay-thompson>;  
  <bf:relationToResource> "author of".
```

```
<http://bibframe/auth/person/kay-thompson> a bf:Person;  
  <bf:authorizedAccessPoint> "Thompson, Kay, 1909-1998";  
  <bf:hasAuthority> <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n94099449>.
```

# BIBFRAME Authority

The screenshot shows the BIBFRAME Editor interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with various navigation links such as 'bf : BIBFRAME Editor', 'Eric', 'Activity (3)', 'Settings', 'Help', 'About', and categories like 'Audio', 'Bibliography', 'Book', 'Dissertation', 'Painting', and 'Subject'. A search bar at the bottom of the sidebar says 'Type to search' with a '+' button. The main area is titled 'New Person' and contains fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Birth Date', 'Date of Death', 'ISNI', 'VIAF', and 'ORCID', each with a 'Set' button. At the bottom right of the modal are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

bf : BIBFRAME Editor

Eric Activity (3) Settings Help About

External Ser

AgroVoc

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Local

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First Name

Last Name

Birth Date

Date of Death

ISNI

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New Person

# BIBFRAME Authority

## BIBFRAME Authority Editor

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### Create BIBFRAME Authority

Source of primary  
component

LCSH

Components

Person

Grimm, Jacob, 1785-1863

Action ▾

GenreForm

Adaptations

Action ▾

Submit

Cancel

## Questions

**Thank you.**

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