

# Linking to and Citing Data in non-trivial Settings

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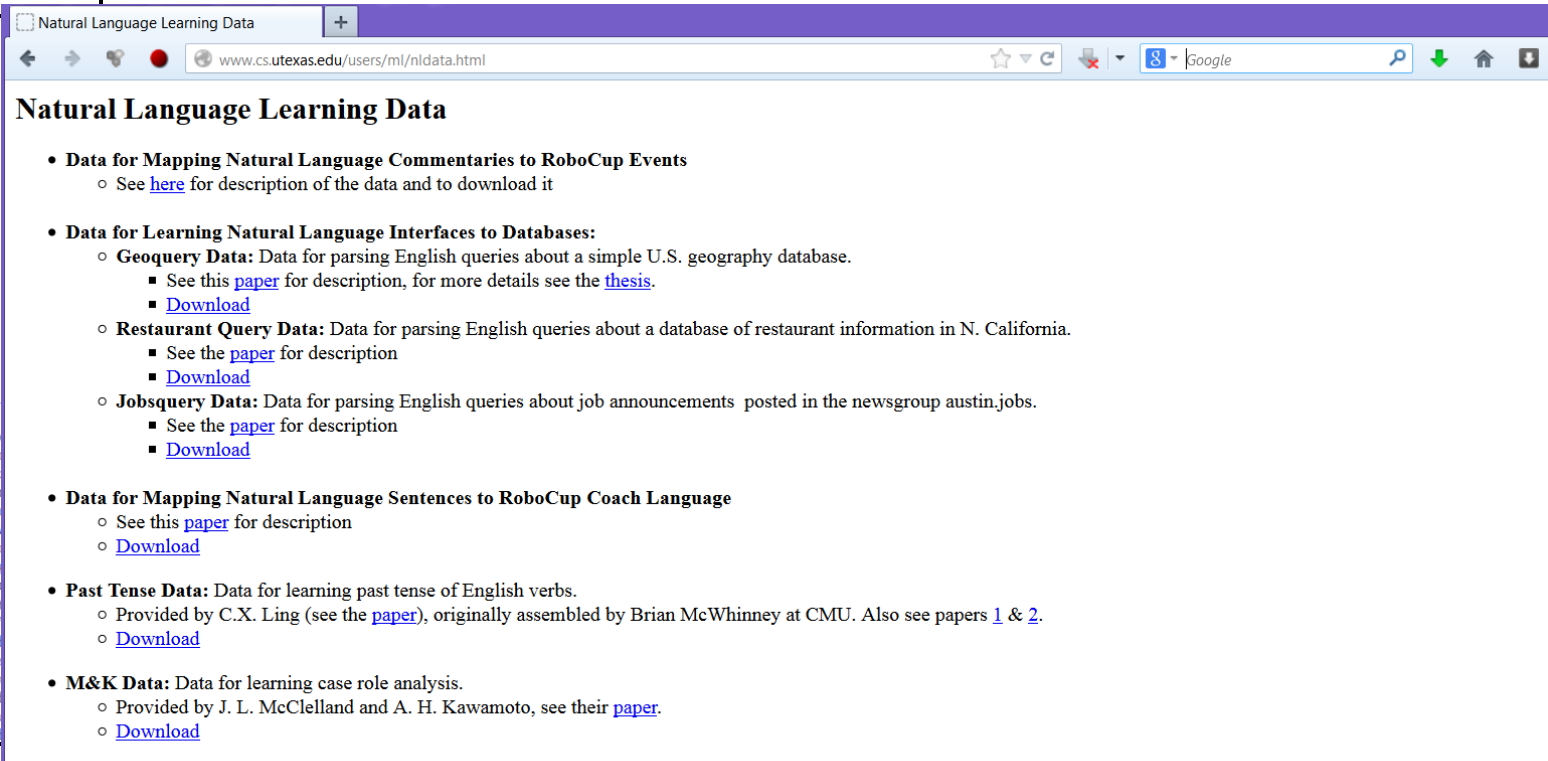
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# Dynamic Data Citation

- So far citable datasets have to be static
  - Fixed set of data, no changes:  
no corrections to errors, no new data being added
  - Sometimes solved by assigning version numbers or releases
- But: research data is dynamic
  - Correcting errors, adding new data, enhancing data quality, ...
  - Changes sometimes highly dynamic, at irregular intervals
- Granularity?
  - Researchers use specific subsets of data
  - Storing a copy of every subset does not scale
  - Assigning PIDs to every record does not scale
  - How to create specific subsets?
  - How to reference subsets in a dynamic environment?

# How should we cite data?



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [www.cs.utexas.edu/users/ml/nldata.html](http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/ml/nldata.html). The page title is "Natural Language Learning Data". The content lists several datasets with bullet points and sub-bullets, each providing a description and a "Download" link. The datasets include: "Data for Mapping Natural Language Commentaries to RoboCup Events", "Data for Learning Natural Language Interfaces to Databases" (which includes "Geoquery Data", "Restaurant Query Data", and "Jobsquery Data"), "Data for Mapping Natural Language Sentences to RoboCup Coach Language", "Past Tense Data", and "M&K Data".

- **Data for Mapping Natural Language Commentaries to RoboCup Events**
  - See [here](#) for description of the data and to download it
- **Data for Learning Natural Language Interfaces to Databases:**
  - **Geoquery Data:** Data for parsing English queries about a simple U.S. geography database.
    - See this [paper](#) for description, for more details see the [thesis](#).
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  - **Restaurant Query Data:** Data for parsing English queries about a database of restaurant information in N. California.
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  - **Jobsquery Data:** Data for parsing English queries about job announcements posted in the newsgroup austin.jobs.
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- **Data for Mapping Natural Language Sentences to RoboCup Coach Language**
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- **Past Tense Data:** Data for learning past tense of English verbs.
  - Provided by C.X. Ling (see the [paper](#)), originally assembled by Brian McWhinney at CMU. Also see papers [1](#) & [2](#).
  - [Download](#)
- **M&K Data:** Data for learning case role analysis.
  - Provided by J. L. McClelland and A. H. Kawamoto, see their [paper](#).
  - [Download](#)

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- 1 This dataset is available from: <http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/ml/nldata.html>
- 2 There is also a dataset consisting of 250 questions available from the University of Texas, but this is merely a subset of the larger dataset.
- 3 <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl-features/>

# How should we cite data?

When using this data, please cite the original publication:

Hinchliff CE, Roalson EH (2012) Using supermatrices for phylogenetic inquiry: an example using the sedges. *Systematic Biology* 62(2): 205-219. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/sys088>

Additionally, please cite the Dryad data package:

Hinchliff CE, Roalson EH (2012) Data from: Using supermatrices for phylogenetic inquiry: an example using the sedges. Dryad Digital Repository. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.6p76c3pb>

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Data files and/or other supplementary information related to this paper have been deposited on Dryad at <http://datadryad.org> under doi: 10.5061/dryad.6p76c3pb.

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# Subset Citation in Papers



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To facilitate sharing of results on this dataset between researchers, we provide two distinct datasets for training and test.

From Table 3 it can be seen that the most usual styles are fallen into samples S1, and other varieties are fallen into S2, S3 and S4. So we tried to select most of training samples from S1. To be more accurate we selected from each category a number of samples equal to their proportion in total samples, i.e. 73.47% of training samples were selected from S1, 9.83% from S2 and so on. Then we sat aside training samples and select test samples from the remaining samples, randomly. In this way the training set is a true representation of the whole population, while the test set is selected without any predefined information.

We selected 60,000 samples for training set and 20,000 for test. The remaining samples are also available in another subset (see Appendix A).

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# Data Citation

## Current Approaches

- Persistent Identifier (PID) e.g. DOI, URI, ARK, ... currently provided for
  - entire data sets, copies of subsets
  - static data, sometimes release of versions
  - cited in their entirety with textual description of subsets
- This is insufficient in many settings
  - imprecise
  - not machine-actionable
  - not scalable for large data sets
  - insufficient support for data that changes
  - insufficient support for arbitrary subsets (rows/columns)

# Data Citation – Requirements for Citing

- Arbitrary subsets of data
  - rows/columns, time sequences, ...
  - from single number to virtually the entire set
- Changing data
  - corrections, additions, ...
- Stable across technology changes
  - e.g. migration to new database
- Machine-actionable
  - not just machine-readable,  
definitely not just human-readable and interpretable
- Scalable to very large / highly dynamic datasets



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# Making Dynamic Data Citeable

## Data Citation: Data + Means-of-access

- Data → time-stamped & versioned

Researcher creates working-set via some interface:

- Access → **assign PID to QUERY**, enhanced with
  - **Time-stamping** for re-execution against versioned DB
  - **Re-writing** for normalization, unique-sort, timestamping
  - **Hashing** result-set: verifying identity/correctness

leading to landing page

S. Pröll, A. Rauber. **Scalable Data Citation in Dynamic Large Databases: Model and Reference Implementation.** In IEEE Intl. Conf. on Big Data 2013 (IEEE BigData2013), 2013

[http://www.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/~andi/publications/pdf/pro\\_ieeebigdata13.pdf](http://www.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/~andi/publications/pdf/pro_ieeebigdata13.pdf)

# PID Assignment

- PID assigned to a query identifying a new dataset
- When to assign an existing/new PID to a query?
  - **Existing PID:** Identical query (semantics) with identical result set, i.e. no change to any element touched upon by query since first processing of the query
  - **New PID:** whenever query semantics is not absolutely identical (irrespective of result set being potentially identical!)
- Note:
  - Identical result set alone does not mean that the query semantics is identical
  - Will assign different PIDs to capture query semantics
  - Need to normalize query to allow comparison
    - > query re-writing

# Query Re-Writing

- Query re-writing needed to
  - **Standardization/Normalization** of query to help with identifying semantically identical queries
  - Re-write to **adapt to versioning approach** chosen (versioning in operational tables, separate history table, ...)
  - **Add timestamp** to any select statement in query
  - Potentially re-write to **identify last change to result set touched** upon (i.e. select including elements marked deleted, check most recent timestamp, to determine correct PID assignment)
  - **Apply unique sort** to any table touched upon in query prior to query to ensure unique sort

# Query Re-Writing

- **Normalization of query string**
  - Upper / lower case spelling
  - Sorting of filtering criteria  
(order does not influence result semantics)
  - Compute hash-key over query string to identify whether identical query has been issued already
  - If identical query found, re-run and check for changes in result set based on time-stamps of data records added/deleted
  - If different, assign new PID, otherwise existing PID

# Query Re-Writing

- Unique sort of result list
  - Most databases are set-based
  - Most subsequent processing is sequence-based
  - Need to re-write query to apply unique sort on any table prior to applying any user-defined sort for repeatability
  
- Hashing of result set to verify identity of result
  - Compute over entire result set: comprehensive, potentially slow
  - Computer over column headers and row IDs:
    - verifies correctness of attributes and data items selected
    - does not safeguard against unmonitored changes to attribute values

# Timestamping

- Which timestamp to assign to new query?
    - Timestamp of **query processing**
    - Timestamp of **last change** to DB (global)
    - Timestamp of **last change to result set** touched upon by query (including deletes)
- most complex approach in terms of query re-writing required to select with deletes, extract latest TS, then filter

# Making Dynamic Data Citeable

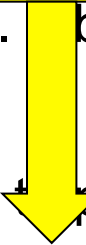
- Building blocks of supporting dynamic data citation:
  - Uniquely identifiable data records
  - Versioned data, marking changes as insertion/deletion
  - Time stamps of data insertion / deletions
  - “Query language” for constructing subsets
- Add modules:
  - Persistent query store: queries and the timestamp (either: <when issued> or <of last change to data>)
  - Query rewriting module
  - PID assignment for queries that enables access
- Stable across data source migrations (e.g. diff. DBMS), scalable, machine-actionable



# Data Citation – Deployment

- Researcher uses workbench to identify subset of data
- Upon executing selection („download“) user gets
  - Data (package)
  - PID (e.g. DOI)
  - Hash value
  - Recommended citation text (e.g. LaTeX)
- PID resolves to landing page
  - Provides detailed metadata, link to parent data set, subset,...
  - Option to retrieve **original data** OR **current version** OR **changes**
- Upon activating PID associated with a data citation
  - Query is re-executed against time-stamped and versioned DB
  - Results as above are returned

This is an important advantage over traditional approaches relying on, e.g. storing a list of identifiers!!!



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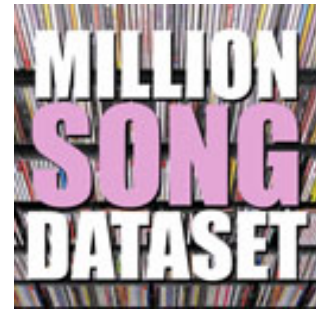
# Prototype Implementation

- LNEC Laboratory of Civil Engineering, Portugal
- Monitoring dams and bridges
- 31 manual sensor instruments
- 25 automatic sensor instruments
- Web portal
  - Select sensor data
  - Define timespans
- Report generation
  - Analysis processes, produces
  - Latex, produces
  - PDF report



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# Prototye Implementation



- Million Song Dataset  
<http://labrosa.ee.columbia.edu/millionsong/>
- Largest benchmark collection in Music Retrieval
- Original set provided by Echonest
- No audio, only set of features
- Harvested, additional features and metadata extracted and offered by several groups  
e.g. <http://www.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/mir/msd/download.html>
- Dynamics because of metadata errors, extraction errors
- Research groups select subsets by genre, audio length, audio quality,...

# Prototype Implementation



## Million Song Dataset

The Million Song Dataset is also a cluster of complementary datasets contributed by the community:

- [SecondHandSongs dataset](#) -> cover songs
- [musiXmatch dataset](#) -> lyrics
- [Last.fm dataset](#) -> song-level data
- [Taste Profile subset](#) -> user data

### How to cite the dataset

Please cite us using the following publication [\[pdf\]](#) [\[bib\]](#):

Thierry Bertin-Mahieux, Daniel P.W. Ellis, Brian Whitman, and Paul Lamere.  
The Million Song Dataset. In Proceedings of the 12th International Society  
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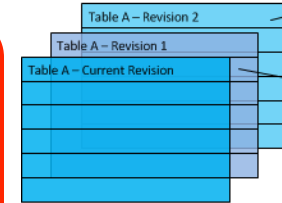
Use it to refer to the data, the code, and all information from this website or the github repository that is not specifically part of another publication

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# Time-Stamping and Versioning

## ■ Integrated

- Extend original tables by temporal metadata
- Expand primary key by version column



History - Table A

## ■ Hybrid

- Utilize history table for deleted record versions with metadata
- Original table reflects latest version only

## ■ Separated

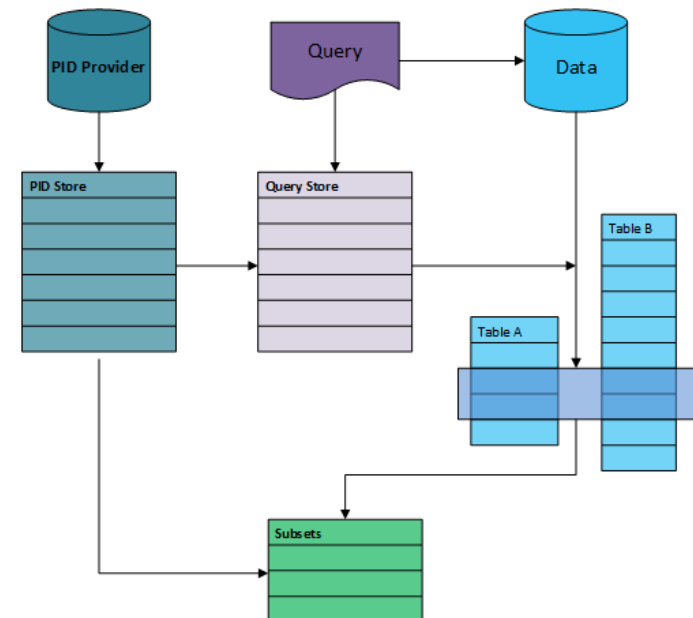
- Utilizes full history table
- Also inserts reflected in history table

## ■ Solution to be adopted depends on trade-off

- Storage Demand
- Query Complexity
- Software adaption

# Storing Queries

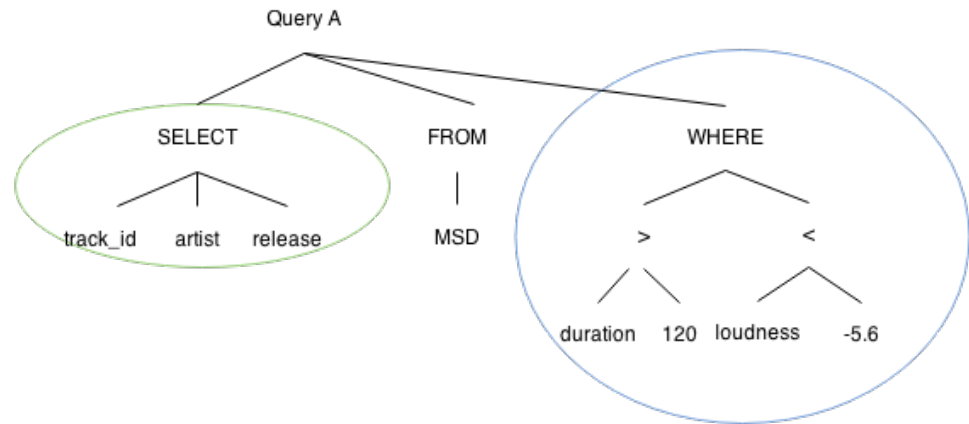
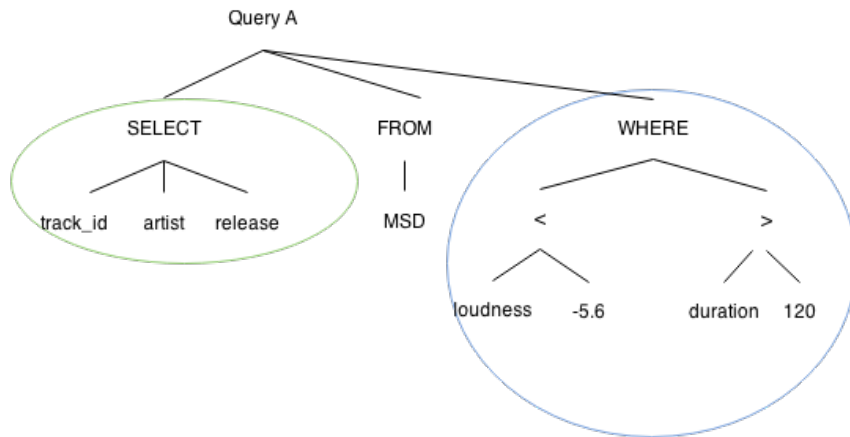
- Add query store containing
  - PID of the query
  - Original query
  - Re-written query + query string hash
  - Timestamp (as included in re-written query)
  - Hash-key of query result
  - Metadata useful for citation / landing page (creator, institution, rights, ...)
  - PID of parent dataset (or using fragment identifiers for query)





# Query Re-Writing

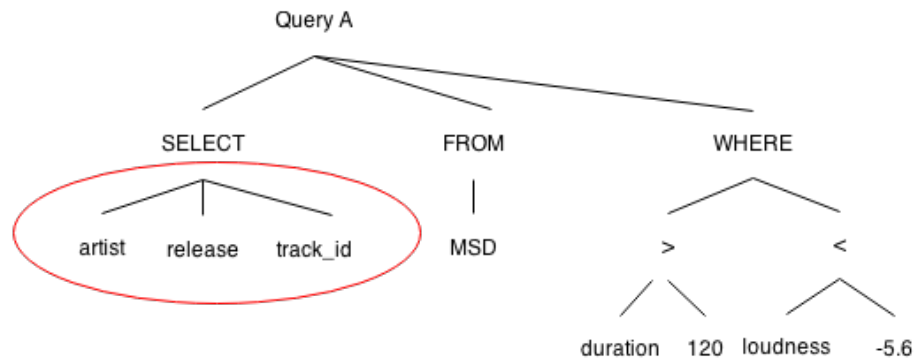
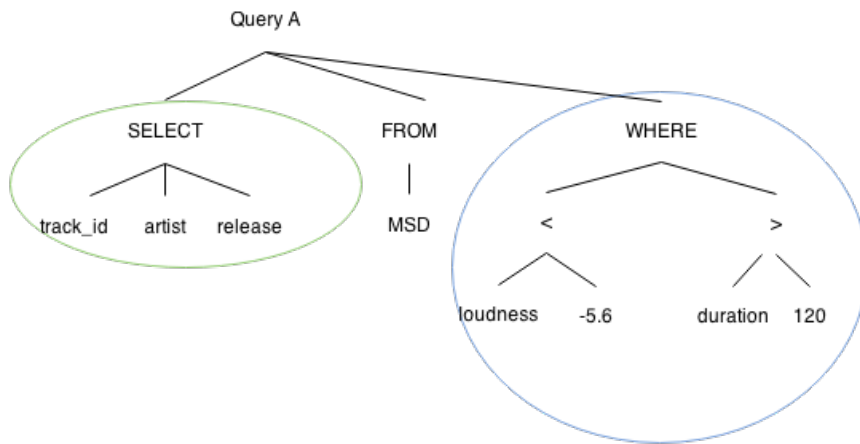
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  - WHERE clause sorted
  - Calculate query string hash
  - Identify semantically identical queries



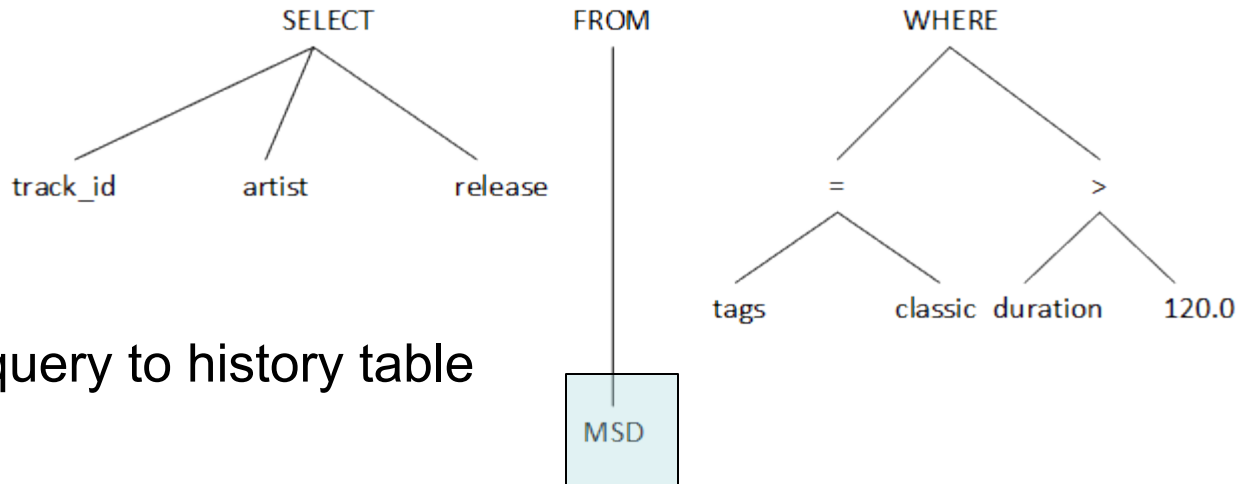


# Query Re-Writing

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  - → non-identical queries: columns in different order



# Query Re-Writing



- Adapt query to history table

**SELECT** results.track id, results.artist, results.release

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FROM MSD AS results JOIN (
  SELECT track_id, max(timestamp) AS latestTimestamp
  FROM MSD
  WHERE timestamp <= (SELECT @queryExecutionTimestamp)
  AND (track_id NOT IN
    (SELECT track_id FROM MSD AS deletedRecords
     WHERE deletedRecords.status_mark = 'deleted'
     AND (deletedRecords.timestamp < @queryExecutionTimestamp))
  )
  GROUP BY track_id
) AS version ON results.track_id = version.track_id AND results.timestamp = version.latestTimestamp
  
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**WHERE**

results.tags = 'classic' AND results.duration > 120

**ORDER BY** results.track\_id;

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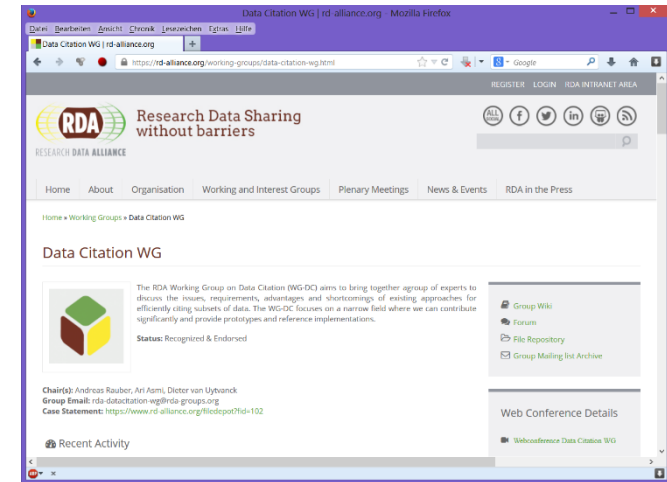
# Data Citation: Next steps

- Solution devised for SQL -> expand to other data types
  - SQL: LNEC, MSD
  - Pilot for CSV: MSD
  - Analyze how to make XML and RDF time-stamped, versioned
- Verify pilots conceptually
  - Does it work?
  - Impact on data center (size, operations, APIs, ...) specifically: how to realize versioning
  - How to integrate in workbenches?
- Implement several pilots and verify
- Test stability under migrations of data management systems

# RDA WG Data Citation



- Research Data Alliance
- WG on **Data Citation: Making Dynamic Data Citeable**
- WG officially endorsed in March 2014
  - Concentrating on the problems of **dynamic (changing) datasets**
  - Focus!
  - Liaise with other WGs on attribution, metadata, ...
  - Liaise with other initiatives on data citation (CODATA, DataCite, Force11, ...)



# Join RDA and Working Group

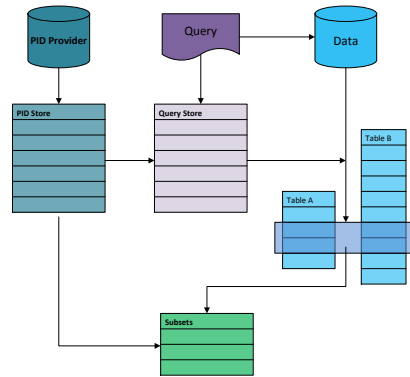
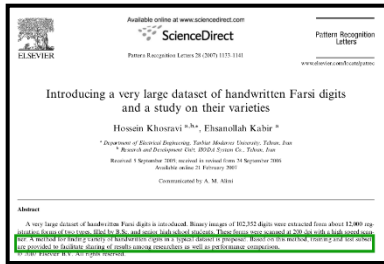


If you are interested in joining the discussion,  
wish to establish a data citation solution, ...

## ■ Register for the RDA WG on Data Citation:

- Website:  
<https://rd-alliance.org/working-groups/data-citation-wg.html>
- Mailinglist:  
<https://rd-alliance.org/node/141/archive-post-mailinglist>
- Web Conferences:  
<https://rd-alliance.org/webconference-data-citation-wg.html>
- List of pilots:  
<https://rd-alliance.org/groups/data-citation-wg/wiki/collaboration-environments.html>

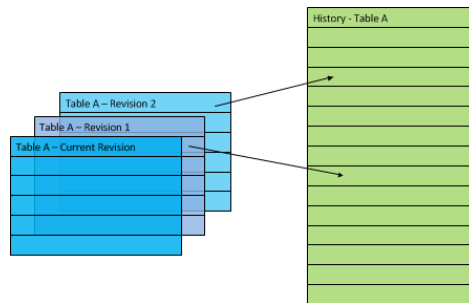
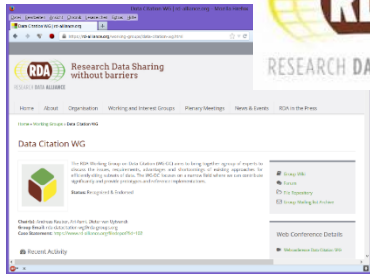




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Thank you for your attention.



# Literature and Links

- <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/march07/altman/03altman.html>
- <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/cite-datasets>
- <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/january11/starr/01starr.html>
- <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109%2F2.901164>
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- <http://www.doi.org/factsheets/DOIHandle.html>
- <http://n2t.net/ezid/home/understanding>
- <http://sagecite.knowledgeblog.org/2011/07/28/why-do-we-need-datacitation>



# Further Pointers

- <http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue56/tonkin>
- <http://ands.org.au/guides/persistent-identifiers-working.html>
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