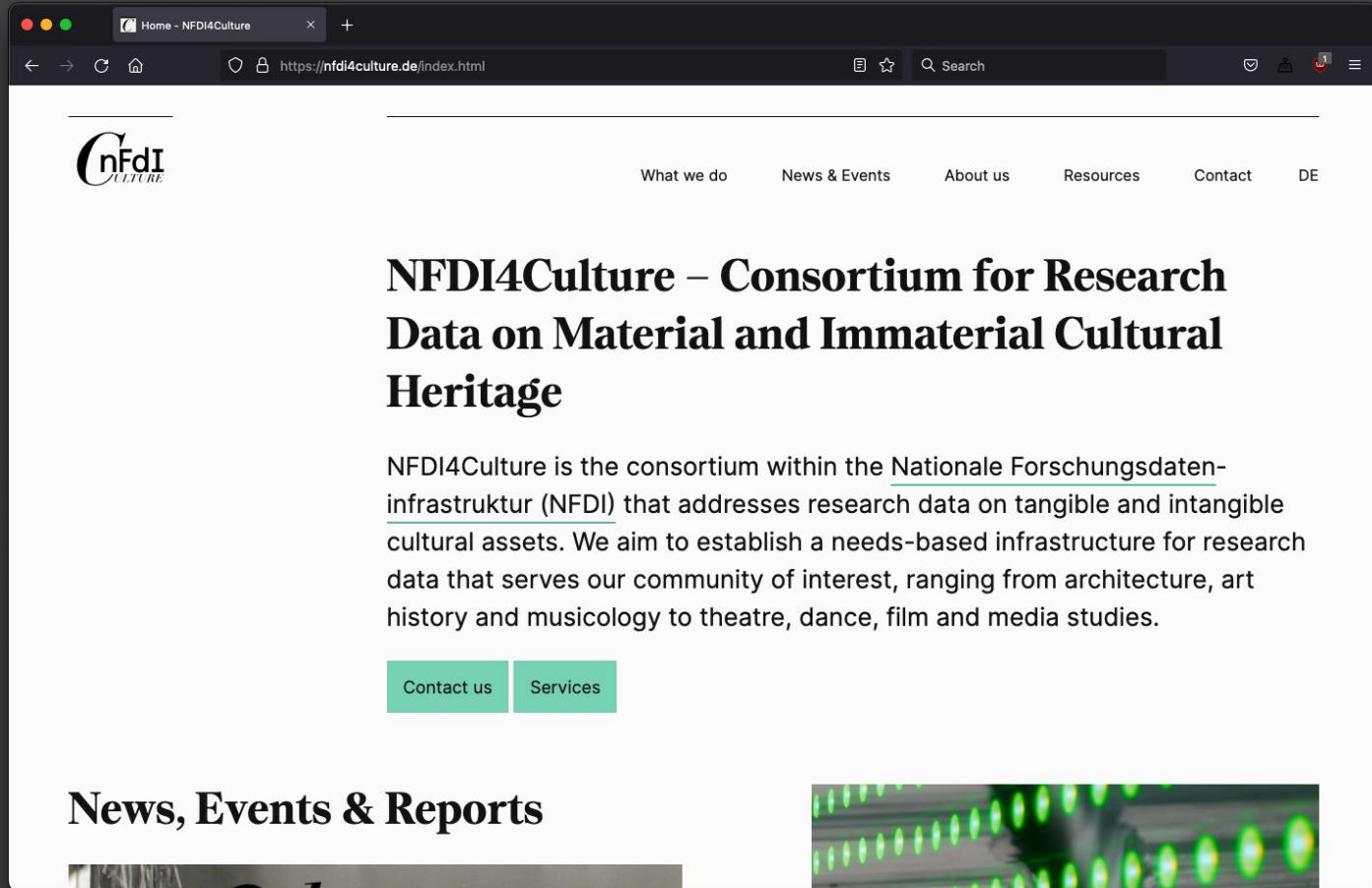


Semantic annotation for 3D cultural artefacts: MVP

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The image shows a browser window displaying the homepage of NFDI4Culture. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://nfdi4culture.de/index.html>. The website features a navigation menu with links for 'What we do', 'News & Events', 'About us', 'Resources', 'Contact', and 'DE'. The main heading is 'NFDI4Culture – Consortium for Research Data on Material and Immaterial Cultural Heritage'. Below this, a paragraph describes the consortium's mission: 'NFDI4Culture is the consortium within the Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur (NFDI) that addresses research data on tangible and intangible cultural assets. We aim to establish a needs-based infrastructure for research data that serves our community of interest, ranging from architecture, art history and musicology to theatre, dance, film and media studies.' At the bottom of the main content area, there are two teal buttons labeled 'Contact us' and 'Services'. A section titled 'News, Events & Reports' is visible at the bottom left, with a corresponding image showing a close-up of green fiber optic lights.

Home - NFDI4Culture

https://nfdi4culture.de/index.html

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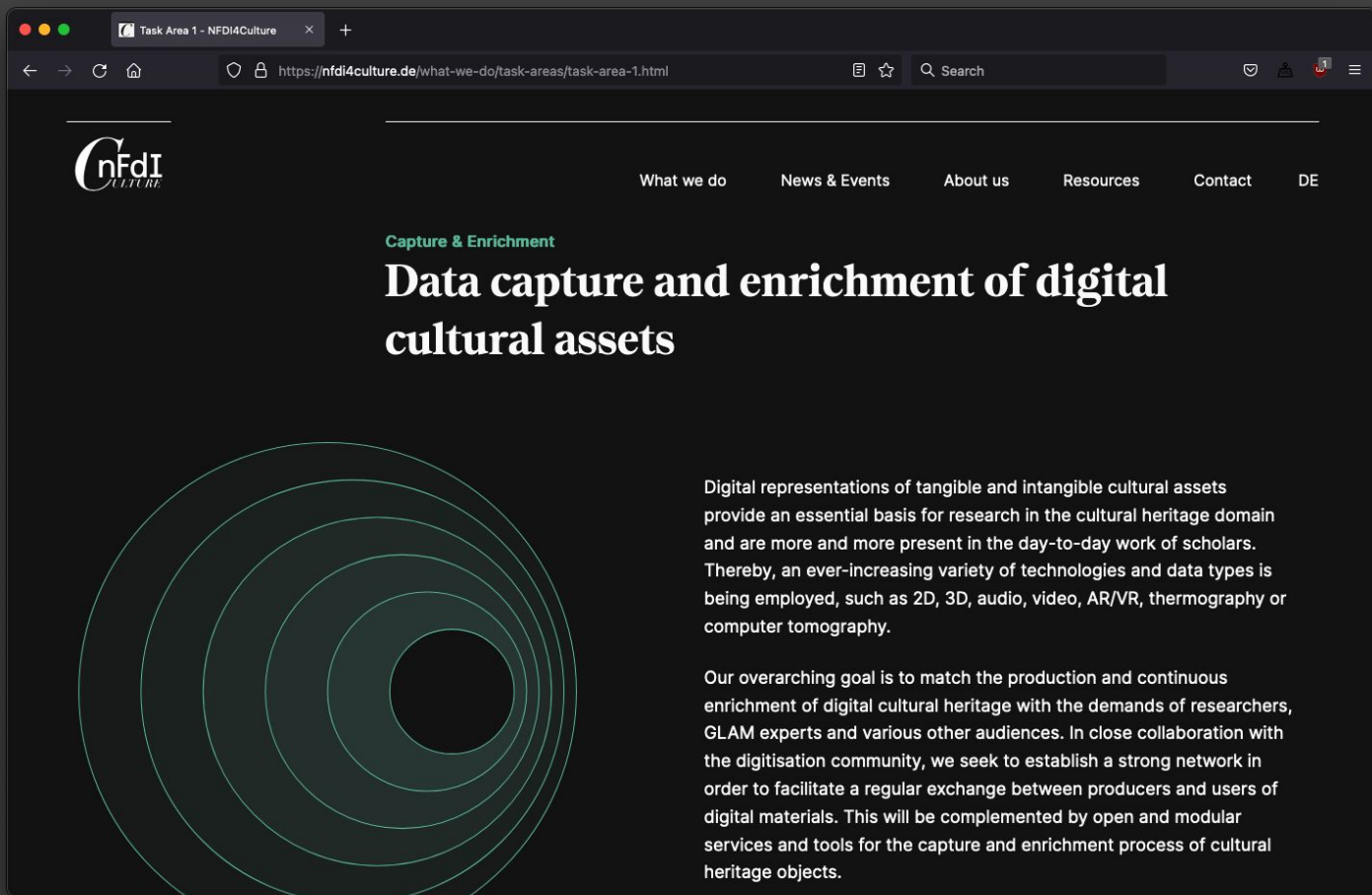
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Contact us Services

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NFDI4Culture: Task Area 1



Task Area 1 - NFDI4Culture

https://nfdi4culture.de/what-we-do/task-areas/task-area-1.html

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Capture & Enrichment

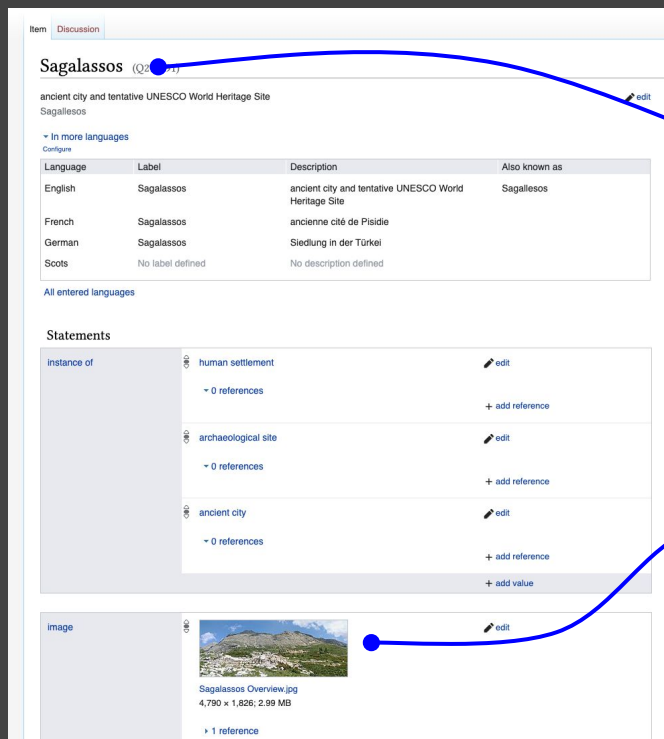
Data capture and enrichment of digital cultural assets

Digital representations of tangible and intangible cultural assets provide an essential basis for research in the cultural heritage domain and are more and more present in the day-to-day work of scholars. Thereby, an ever-increasing variety of technologies and data types is being employed, such as 2D, 3D, audio, video, AR/VR, thermography or computer tomography.

Our overarching goal is to match the production and continuous enrichment of digital cultural heritage with the demands of researchers, GLAM experts and various other audiences. In close collaboration with the digitisation community, we seek to establish a strong network in order to facilitate a regular exchange between producers and users of digital materials. This will be complemented by open and modular services and tools for the capture and enrichment process of cultural heritage objects.

Task area 1: Data Capture and Enrichment

MVP (minimum viable product): Connecting a Wikibase instance for LOD management with the Kompakkt viewer for 3D image preview and annotation; Data upload pipeline via OpenRefine;



Item Discussion

Sagalassos (Q22019)

ancient city and tentative UNESCO World Heritage Site
Sagalassos

In more languages

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Sagalassos	ancient city and tentative UNESCO World Heritage Site	Sagalassos
French	Sagalassos	ancienne cité de Pisidie	
German	Sagalassos	Siedlung in der Türkei	
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All entered languages

Statements

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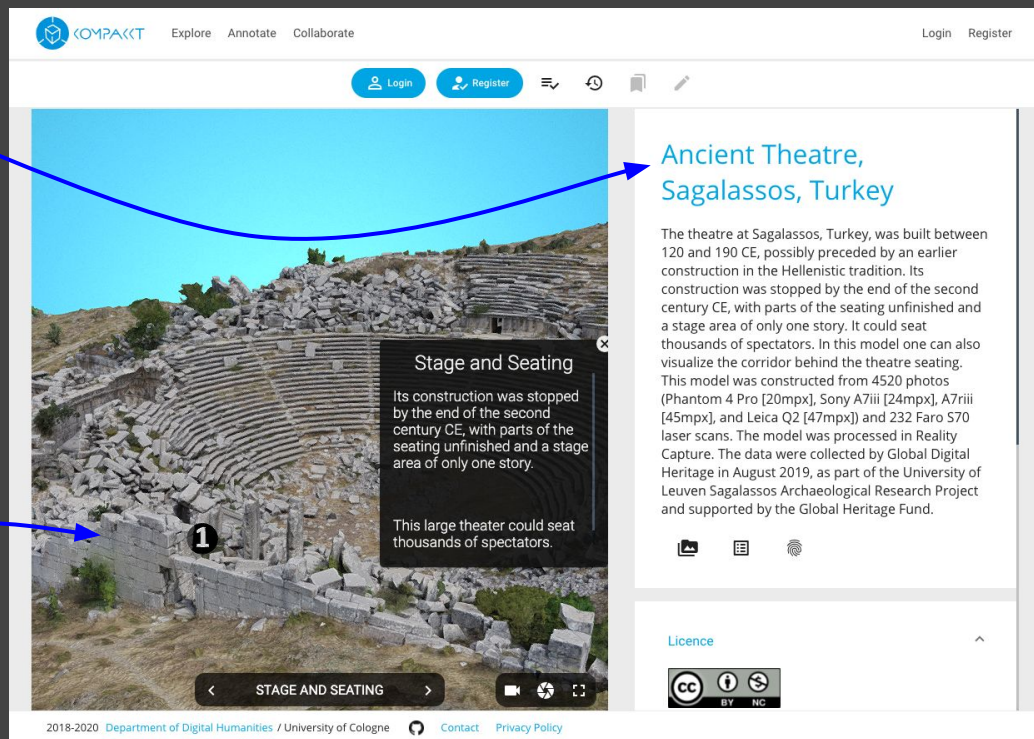
- human settlement
- archaeological site
- ancient city

image



Sagalassos Overview.jpg
4,790 x 1,826; 2,99 MB

1 reference



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Ancient Theatre, Sagalassos, Turkey

The theatre at Sagalassos, Turkey, was built between 120 and 190 CE, possibly preceded by an earlier construction in the Hellenistic tradition. Its construction was stopped by the end of the second century CE, with parts of the seating unfinished and a stage area of only one story. It could seat thousands of spectators. In this model one can also visualize the corridor behind the theatre seating.

This model was constructed from 4520 photos (Phantom 4 Pro [20mpx], Sony A7iii [24mpx], A7riii [45mpx], and Leica Q2 [47mpx]) and 232 Faro S70 laser scans. The data were collected by Global Digital Heritage in August 2019, as part of the University of Leuven Sagalassos Archaeological Research Project and supported by the Global Heritage Fund.

Stage and Seating

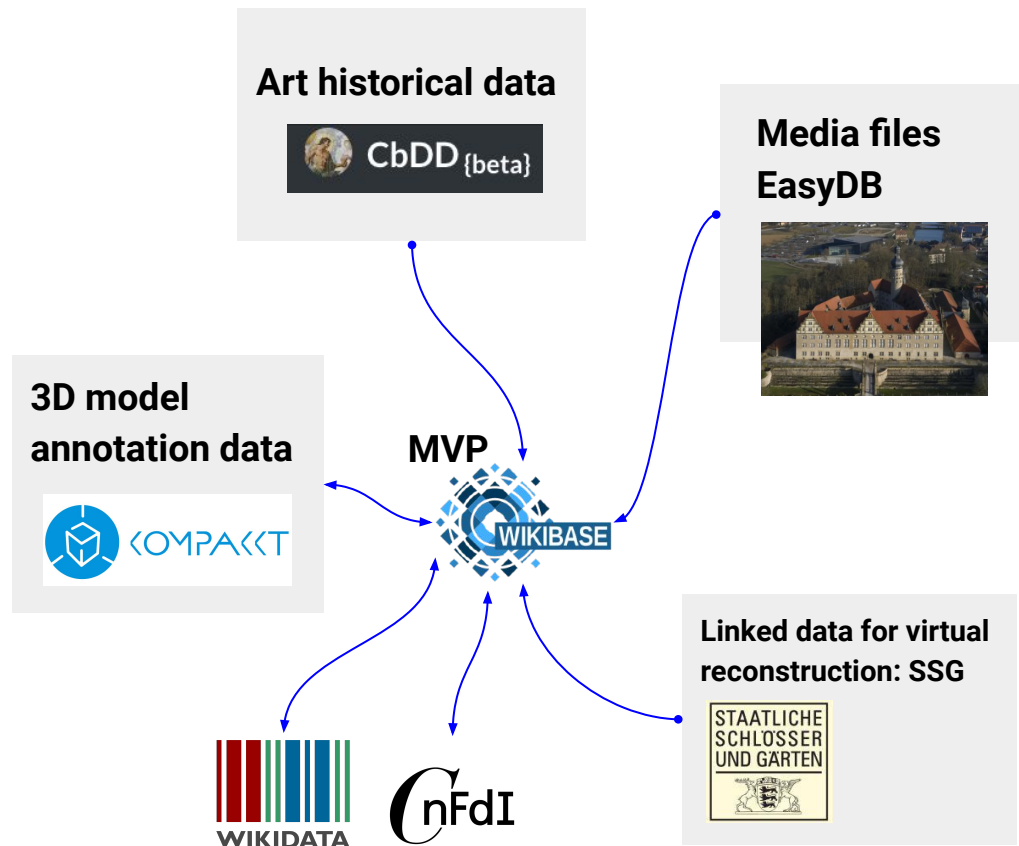
Its construction was stopped by the end of the second century CE, with parts of the seating unfinished and a stage area of only one story.

This large theater could seat thousands of spectators.

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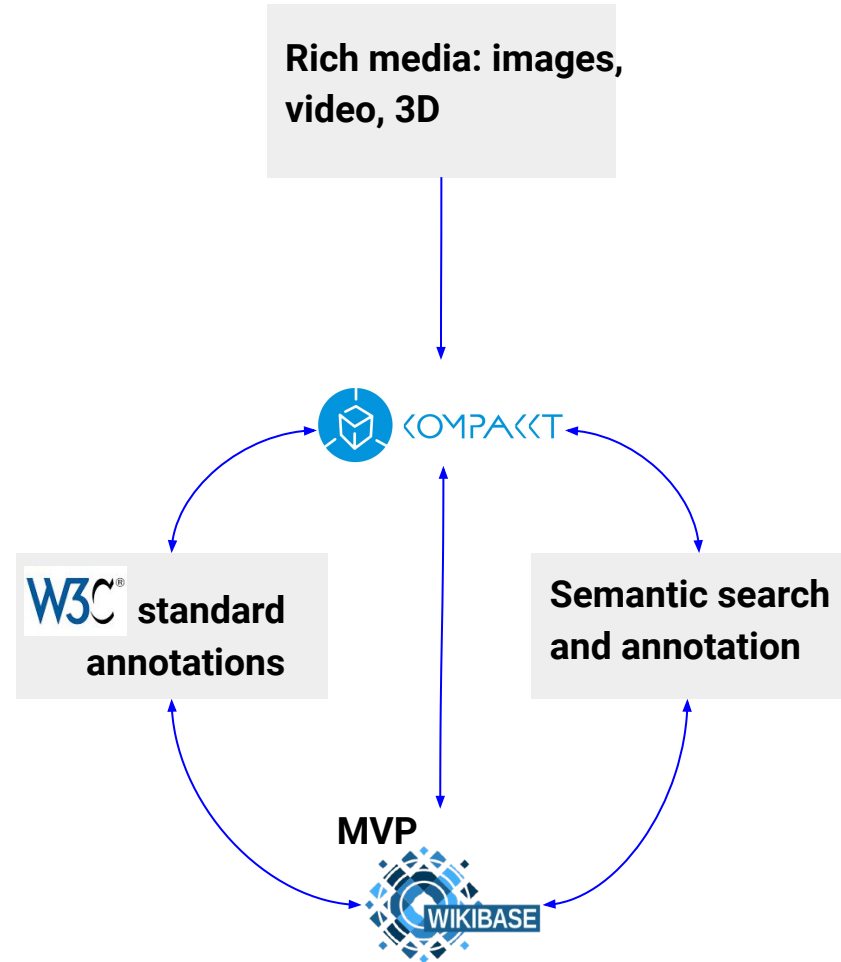
Benefits of Linked Open Data & Wikibase

- Reduces siloing and redundancy of data
- Enables the enrichment of data from external repositories via federation
- Enables sophisticated advanced search for concepts, rather than keywords
- Data can be part of the NFDI4Culture knowledge graph

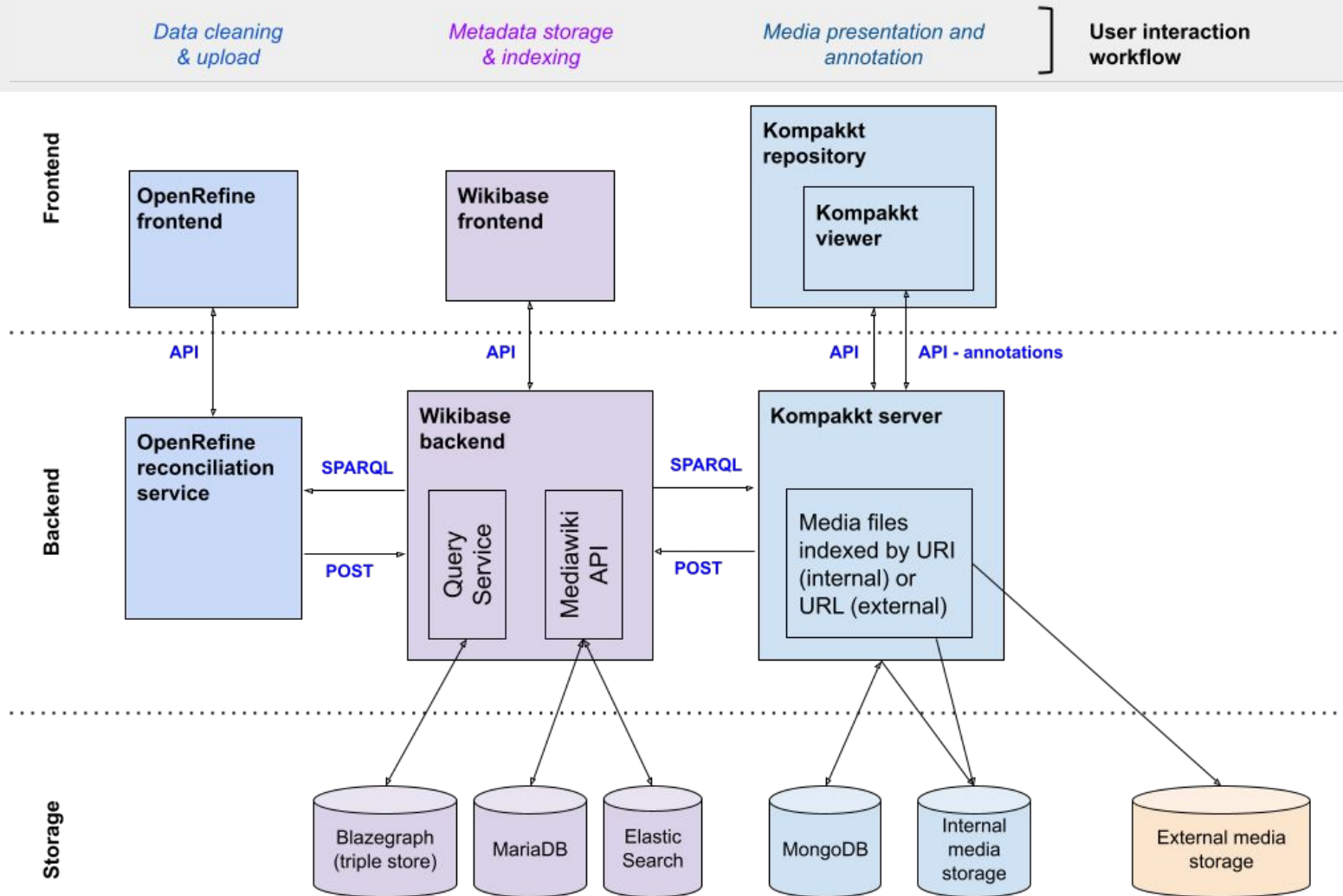


Benefits of annotation via Kompakkt

- Can be used with a variety of rich media, soon also point clouds
- Enables collaborative annotation of media files
- Can also be used for bulk operations, with additional configuration
- Follows annotation standards which can be made interoperable with a linked open data platform like Wikibase



MVP architecture



Data cleaning & upload

Metadata storage & indexing

Media presentation and annotation

User interaction workflow

Frontend

OpenRefine frontend

Wikibase frontend

Kompakkt repository
Kompakkt viewer

API

API

API

API - annotations

Backend

OpenRefine reconciliation service

Wikibase backend
Query Service
Mediawiki API

Kompakkt server
Media files indexed by URI (internal) or URL (external)

SPARQL

SPARQL

POST

POST

Storage

Blazegraph (triple store)
MariaDB
Elastic Search

MongoDB
Internal media storage

External media storage

Wikibase instance

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Wikibase instance page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `https://enrich-nfdi4culture.wiki.opencura.com/wiki/Main_Page`. The page header includes a search bar and navigation links for 'Main page', 'Discussion', 'Read', 'View source', and 'View history'. The main content area features a 'Main Page' section with a 'Contents' table of contents and a main heading 'Semantic annotation for 3D cultural artefacts: About our MVP'. The page also includes a sidebar with navigation links and a footer with language options.

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Main page **Discussion** Read **View source** **View history** Search NFDI4Culture Data Enrichment

Main Page

Contents [hide]

- 1 Semantic annotation for 3D cultural artefacts: About our MVP
- 2 About our case study
- 3 Adding new data in the archive
- 4 Example item pages for different types of data
- 5 Data model reference
- 6 Some example data queries
- 7 Indexes for quick reference

Semantic annotation for 3D cultural artefacts: About our MVP

A suite of tools for semantic annotation of 3D cultural artefacts is being developed as part of the NFDI4Culture project across several partner organisations (led by the [Open Science lab at TIB, Hannover](#)). Operating within Task area 1: Data capture and enrichment, the proposed toolchain focuses on the annotation of 3D data within a knowledge graph environment, so that 3D objects' geometry, attendant metadata, as well as annotations remain searchable, while data interconnections are not lost. The project builds on several existing FOSS tools:

- [OpenRefine](#), a data cleaning, reconciliation and batch upload tool;
- [Wikibase](#) (the tool behind the interface you are viewing now), a suite of services developed by Wikimedia Germany; it combines the ability to handle large volumes of data points with sophisticated data querying and extraction services via a dedicated SPARQL endpoint;
- [Kompakt](#), a browser-based open-source 3D- and multimedia viewer Kompakt with built-in collaborative annotation features.

The integrated suite of tools follows FAIR principles and facilitates linking 3D-objects and annotations, and their cultural context (including historical people and places, geo-location and capture-technology metadata), to the broader semantic web and various national and international authority records (GND, VIAF and more).

By the end of 2021, the toolchain will be developed as an MVP (minimum viable product) to be tested and refined further with more data partnerships. It will allow a wide range of users to interact with 3D- and other types of multimedia objects and annotations, and ultimately open up new digital spaces for research, education and discourse around cultural stewardship and memory preservation without siloing knowledge.

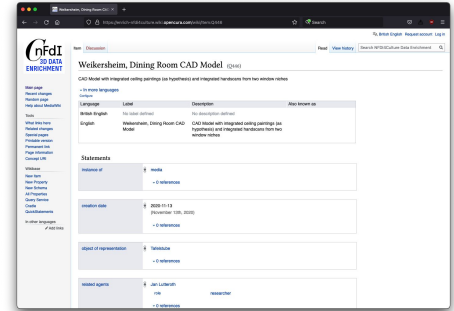
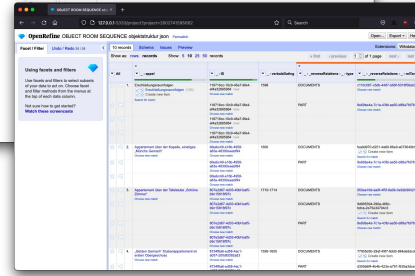
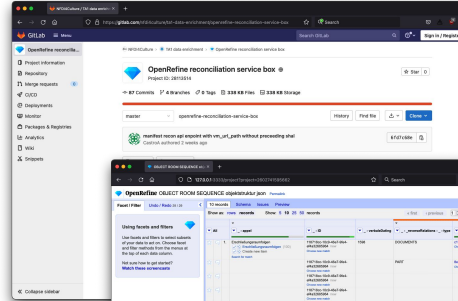
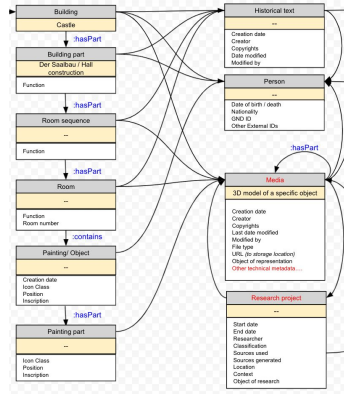
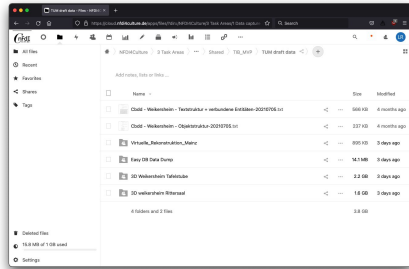
About our case study

This Wikibase instance contains sample data about Weikersheim Castle from the [Corpus der barocken Deckenmalerei in Deutschland](#), provided the MVP data partners at [The Institute of Art History](#) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich.

Adding new data in the archive

- [Create new item](#)
- [Create new property](#)

Data upload pipeline



1. data collection



2. data modeling

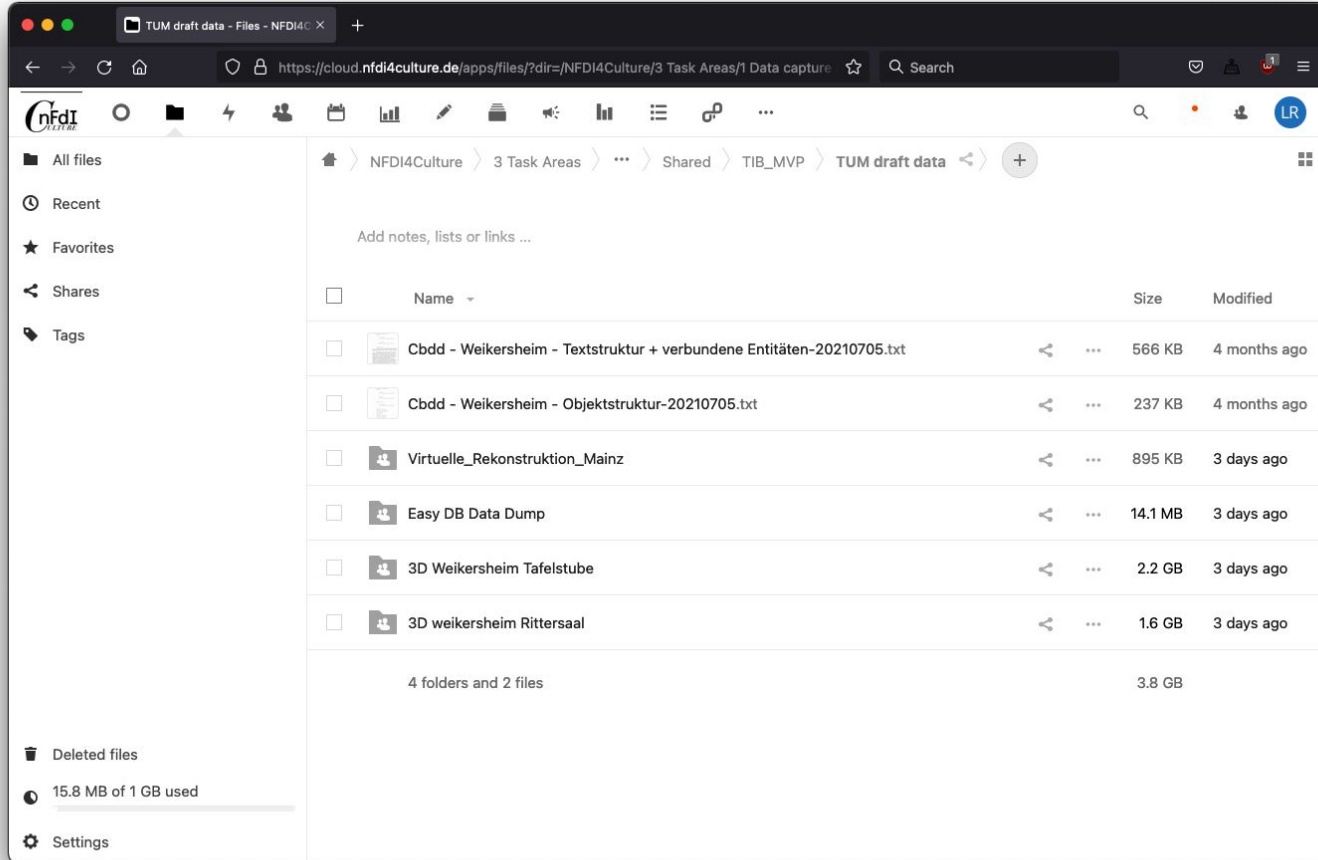


3. data transformation + reconciliation









4. data upload

1. Collecting a wide range of data from our data partners



The screenshot shows a web-based file manager interface for 'nfdi4culture'. The browser address bar displays the URL: `https://cloud.nfdi4culture.de/apps/files/?dir=/NFDI4Culture/3 Task Areas/1 Data capture`. The left sidebar contains navigation options: All files, Recent, Favorites, Shares, Tags, Deleted files, and Settings. The main content area shows a breadcrumb path: `NFDI4Culture > 3 Task Areas > ... > Shared > TIB_MVP > TUM draft data`. Below the path, there is a table of files and folders:

Name	Size	Modified
<input type="checkbox"/>  Cbdd - Weikersheim - Textstruktur + verbundene Entitäten-20210705.txt	566 KB	4 months ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  Cbdd - Weikersheim - Objektstruktur-20210705.txt	237 KB	4 months ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  Virtuelle_Rekonstruktion_Mainz	895 KB	3 days ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  Easy DB Data Dump	14.1 MB	3 days ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  3D Weikersheim Tafelstube	2.2 GB	3 days ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  3D weikersheim Rittersaal	1.6 GB	3 days ago
4 folders and 2 files		3.8 GB

At the bottom left, a storage usage indicator shows '15.8 MB of 1 GB used' with a progress bar. The interface includes various utility icons at the top and a search bar.

2. Developing a data model based on established vocabularies

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Data Model' page on the OpenCura platform. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://enrich-nfdi4culture.wiki.opencura.com/wiki/Data_Model. The page features a logo for 'CnFdI 3D DATA ENRICHMENT' on the left. The main content area is titled 'Data Model' and contains a paragraph explaining the data model's basis on existing data and vocabularies. Below this is a 'Contents' table of contents and a section titled 'Building item properties' which includes a table of Wikidata equivalent properties.

Contents [hide]

- 1 Building item properties
- 2 Object item properties
- 3 Agent item properties
- 4 Descriptive text item properties
- 5 Media item properties
- 6 Annotation item properties

Building item properties

These items should be instances of [Building \(Q6\)](#) or one of its related items: [Building ensemble \(Q5\)](#), [Building part \(Q7\)](#), [Room sequence \(Q8\)](#), [Room \(Q9\)](#)

Title	ID	Wikidata equivalent property	Data type	Description	Examples	Inverse
instance of	P1	P31	item	this item is a specific example and a member of that class	Weikersheim castle complex <instance of> building ensemble	
coordinate location	P12	P625	geographic coordinates	location of an item, expressed in geographic coordinates	Weikersheim castle complex <coordinate location> 9°53′45.02″N, 49°28′49.98″E	
administrative location	P17	P131	item	the administrative entity this item is located in	Weikersheim castle complex <administrative location> Weikersheim	

3. Creating a reconciliation service for an OpenRefine instance to connect to Wikibase & transforming the data into the correct schema needed for upload

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The background window is a GitLab repository page for 'OpenRefine reconciliation service box'. The foreground window is the OpenRefine interface displaying a table of records with columns for ID, type, and other identifiers.

GitLab Repository Information:

- Project: OpenRefine reconciliation service box
- Project ID: 28113514
- Commits: 87
- Branches: 4
- Tags: 0
- Files: 338 KB
- Storage: 338 KB
- Current branch: master
- Repository: openrefine-reconciliation-service-box
- License: GNU GPLv3

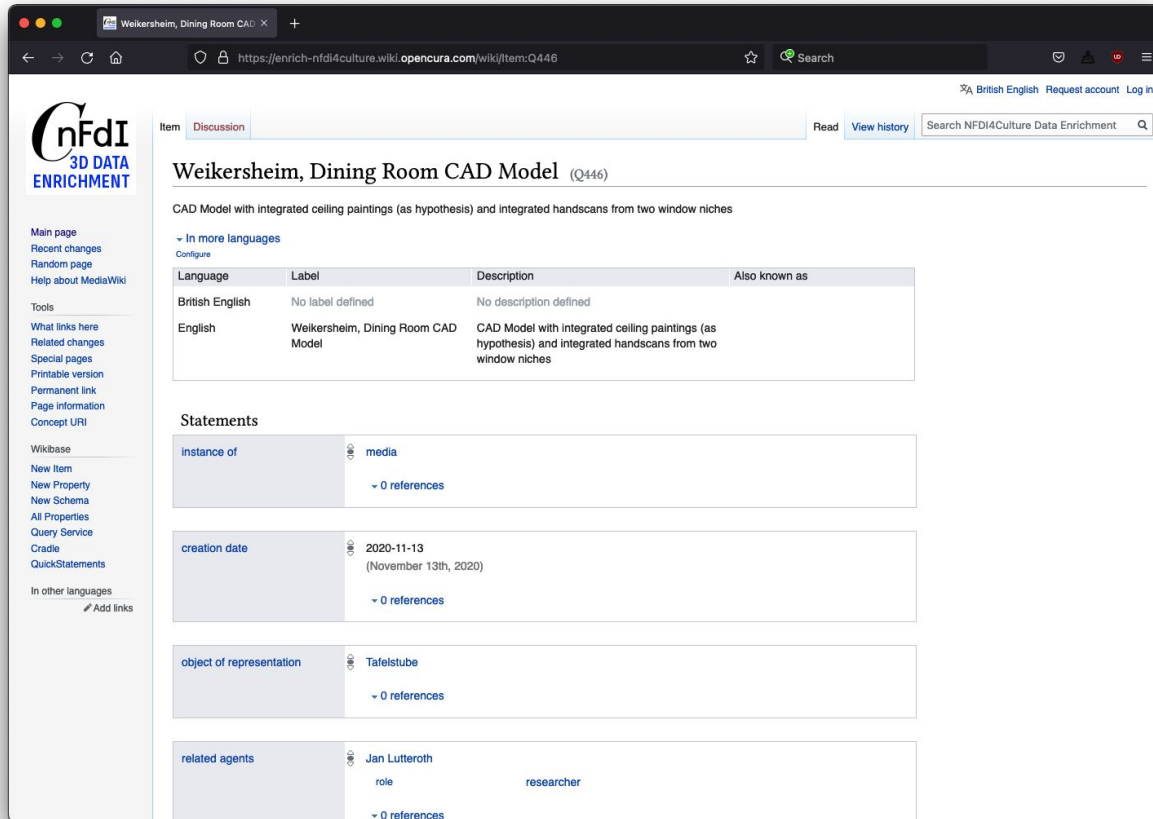
OpenRefine Interface:

OBJECT ROOM SEQUENCE objektstruktur.json

Using facets and filters

Facet / Filter	Undo / Redo 29 / 29	10 records	Schema	Issues	Preview	Extensions: Wikidata
All						
1. Erschließungsraumfolgen		118718cc-10c9-46e7-9f64-e4a326895954	1598	DOCUMENTS	c110c087-a5db-4487-b68f-5018f58a0293	
2. Appartement über der Kapelle, einatiges „Münchs Gemach“		118718cc-10c9-46e7-9f64-e4a326895954	1600	DOCUMENTS	fe9d970-4251-4a80-86e9-a073640b188	
3. Appartement über der Tafelstube „Schöne Zimmer“		807c2687-4c33-40bf-baf5-b0c1581697fc	1710-1714	DOCUMENTS	950ae16d-aa9f-491f-8af2-0e92b98421a1	
4. „Güden Gemach“ Stubenappartement im ersten Obergeschoss		8734f5a6-e058-4ac1-a057-20080329a5d3	1595-1605	DOCUMENTS	7795d33b-29af-49f7-8dd3-984e6ddcc627	

4. Uploading data through a mix of OpenRefine actions and bot scripts. Sample Wikibase item – [CAD model item link](https://enrich-nfdi4culture.wiki.opencura.com/wiki/Item:Q446)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Wikibase item page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://enrich-nfdi4culture.wiki.opencura.com/wiki/Item:Q446>. The page title is "Weikersheim, Dining Room CAD Model (Q446)".

The page content includes:

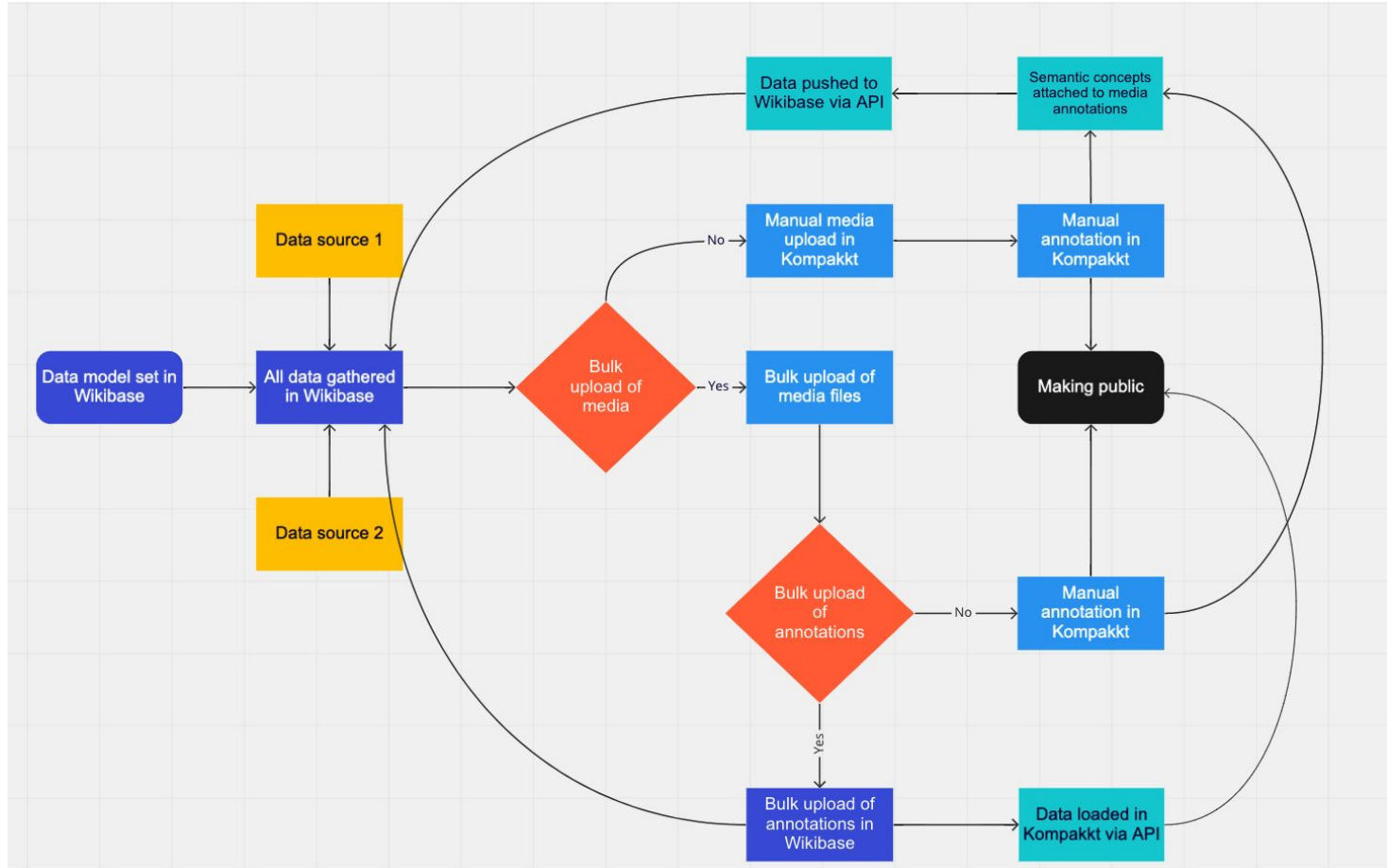
- Item:** Weikersheim, Dining Room CAD Model (Q446)
- Description:** CAD Model with integrated ceiling paintings (as hypothesis) and integrated handscans from two window niches
- In more languages:** A table with columns for Language, Label, Description, and Also known as.
- Statements:** A list of statements including instance of, creation date, object of representation, and related agents.

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
British English	No label defined	No description defined	
English	Weikersheim, Dining Room CAD Model	CAD Model with integrated ceiling paintings (as hypothesis) and integrated handscans from two window niches	

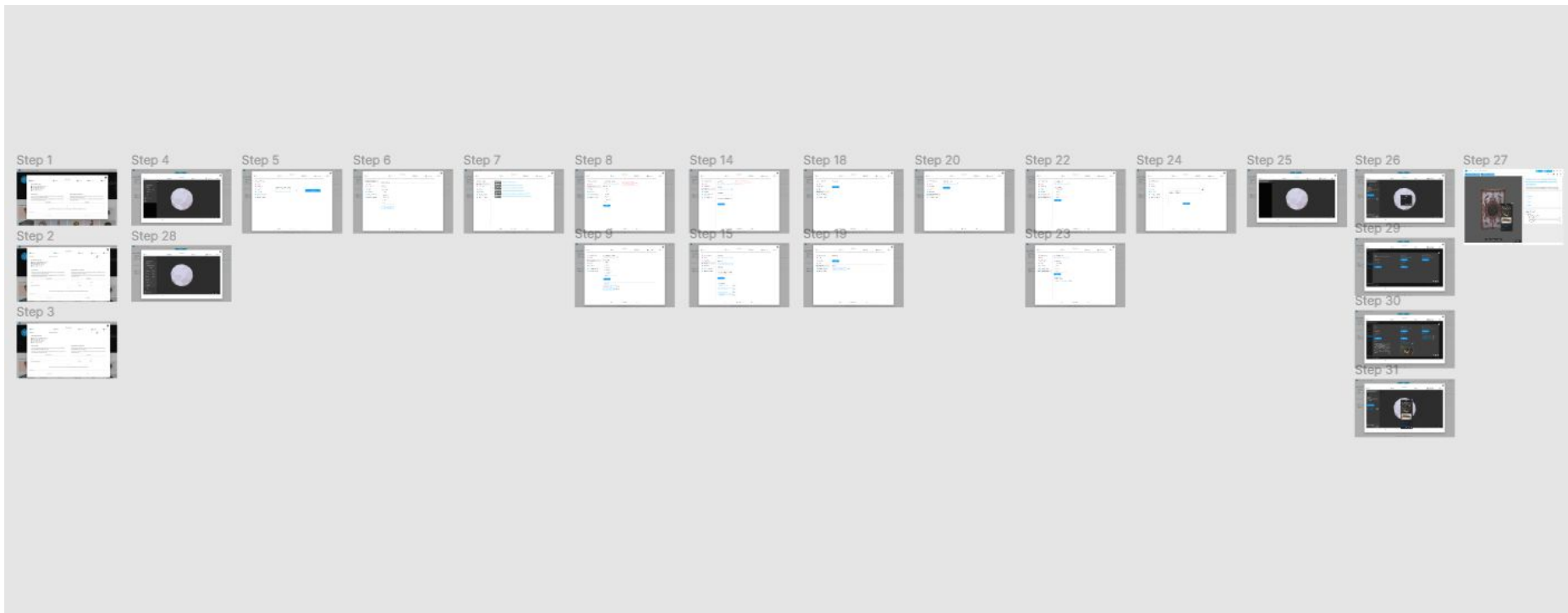
Statements

- instance of:** media (0 references)
- creation date:** 2020-11-13 (November 13th, 2020) (0 references)
- object of representation:** Tafelstube (0 references)
- related agents:** Jan Lutteroth (role: researcher) (0 references)

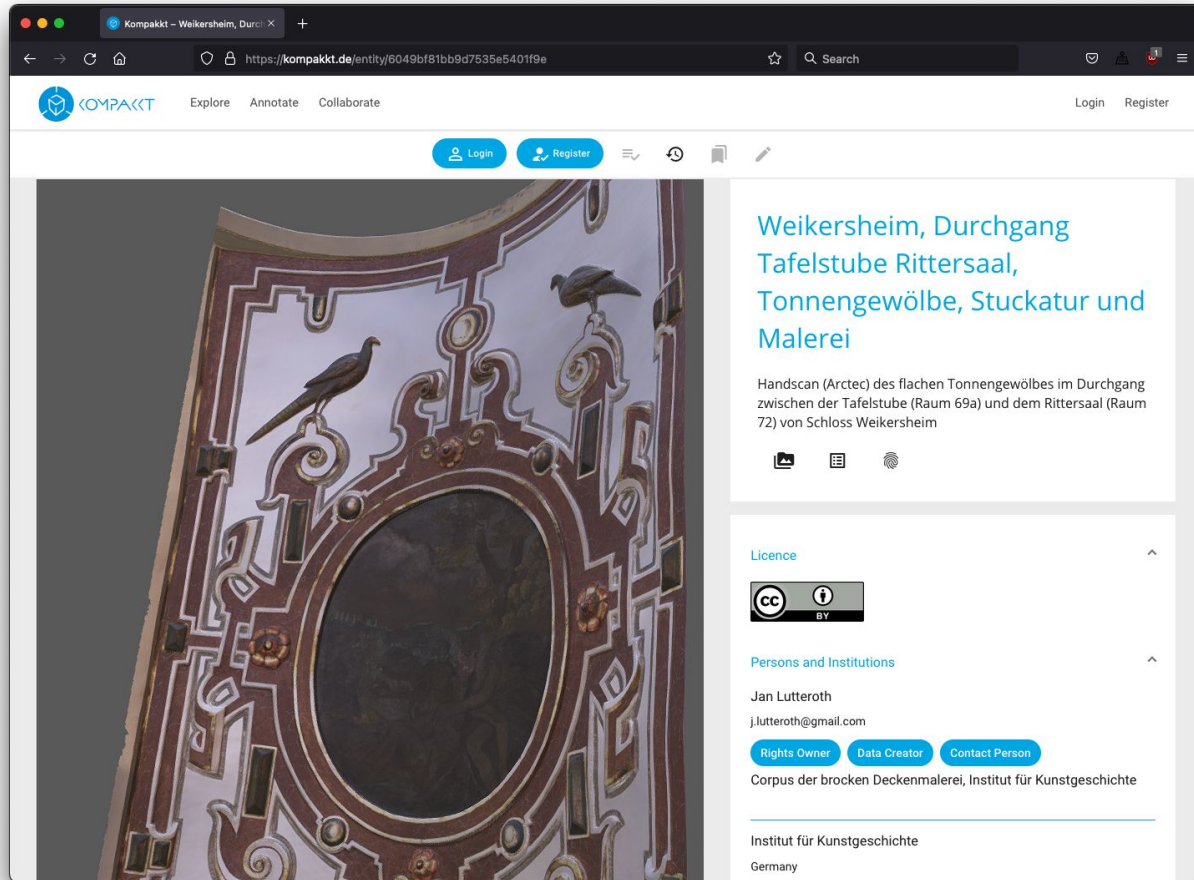
Data entry workflow: high level diagramme



Data entry workflow: Phase 1, focus on manual annotation



Sample Kompakkt item – Dining room passage handscan



Kompakkt – Weikersheim, Durc... X +

https://kompakkt.de/entity/6049bf81bb9d7535e5401f9e

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Weikersheim, Durchgang Tafelstube Rittersaal, Tonnengewölbe, Stuckatur und Malerei

Handscan (Arctec) des flachen Tonnengewölbes im Durchgang zwischen der Tafelstube (Raum 69a) und dem Rittersaal (Raum 72) von Schloss Weikersheim

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Corpus der brocken Deckenmalerei, Institut für Kunstgeschichte

Institut für Kunstgeschichte
Germany

Semantic annotation in our custom Kompakt instance:

The screenshot displays the Kompakt web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Kompakt logo and links for 'Explore', 'Annotate', and 'Collaborate'. On the right side of the top bar, there are buttons for 'New Object', 'New Collection', 'Profile', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation bar, there are two blue buttons: 'Explore collections with this object' and 'Use this object in a collection'. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column features a large 3D model of a highly decorative door with intricate carvings and two birds perched on top. A small number '1' is visible on the door. An annotation overlay is positioned over the door, containing the following text: 'Venus und Amor beweinen den Tod Adonis', 'Zwischen Saal und Tafelstube vermittelte ein niedriger tonnengewölbter Durchgang, von dem an der Gartenseite eines der beiden Servicekabinette abging.' Below the text is a small thumbnail image of the interior space and two buttons labeled 'Tafelstube' and 'Rittersaal'. At the bottom of the main area, there is a button labeled 'ANNOTATION WALKTHROUGH'. The right column contains a title 'Weikersheim, Durchgang Tafelstube Rittersaal, Tonnengewölbe, Stuckatur und Malerei' and a description: 'Handscan (Arctec) des flachen Tonnengewölbes im Durchgang zwischen der Tafelstube (Raum 69a) und dem Rittersaal (Raum 72) von Schloss Weikersheim'. Below the description are several expandable sections: 'Licence', 'Related agents', 'Creation', 'External links', and 'Bibliography'. The 'Related object structure' section is expanded, showing a tree view: 'Weikersheim Schloss' -> 'Saalbau' -> 'Erschließungsraumfolgen' -> 'Tafelstube' -> 'Durchgang' -> 'Rittersaal'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text '© 2018-2021 Kompakt' and links for 'Contact' and 'Privacy Policy'.

Kompakt Explore Annotate Collaborate

New Object New Collection Profile Logout

Explore collections with this object Use this object in a collection

Weikersheim, Durchgang Tafelstube Rittersaal, Tonnengewölbe, Stuckatur und Malerei

Handscan (Arctec) des flachen Tonnengewölbes im Durchgang zwischen der Tafelstube (Raum 69a) und dem Rittersaal (Raum 72) von Schloss Weikersheim

Licence

Related agents

Creation

External links

Bibliography

Related object structure

Weikersheim Schloss

- Saalbau
 - Erschließungsraumfolgen
 - Tafelstube
 - Durchgang
 - Rittersaal

Venus und Amor beweinen den Tod Adonis

Zwischen Saal und Tafelstube vermittelte ein niedriger tonnengewölbter Durchgang, von dem an der Gartenseite eines der beiden Servicekabinette abging.

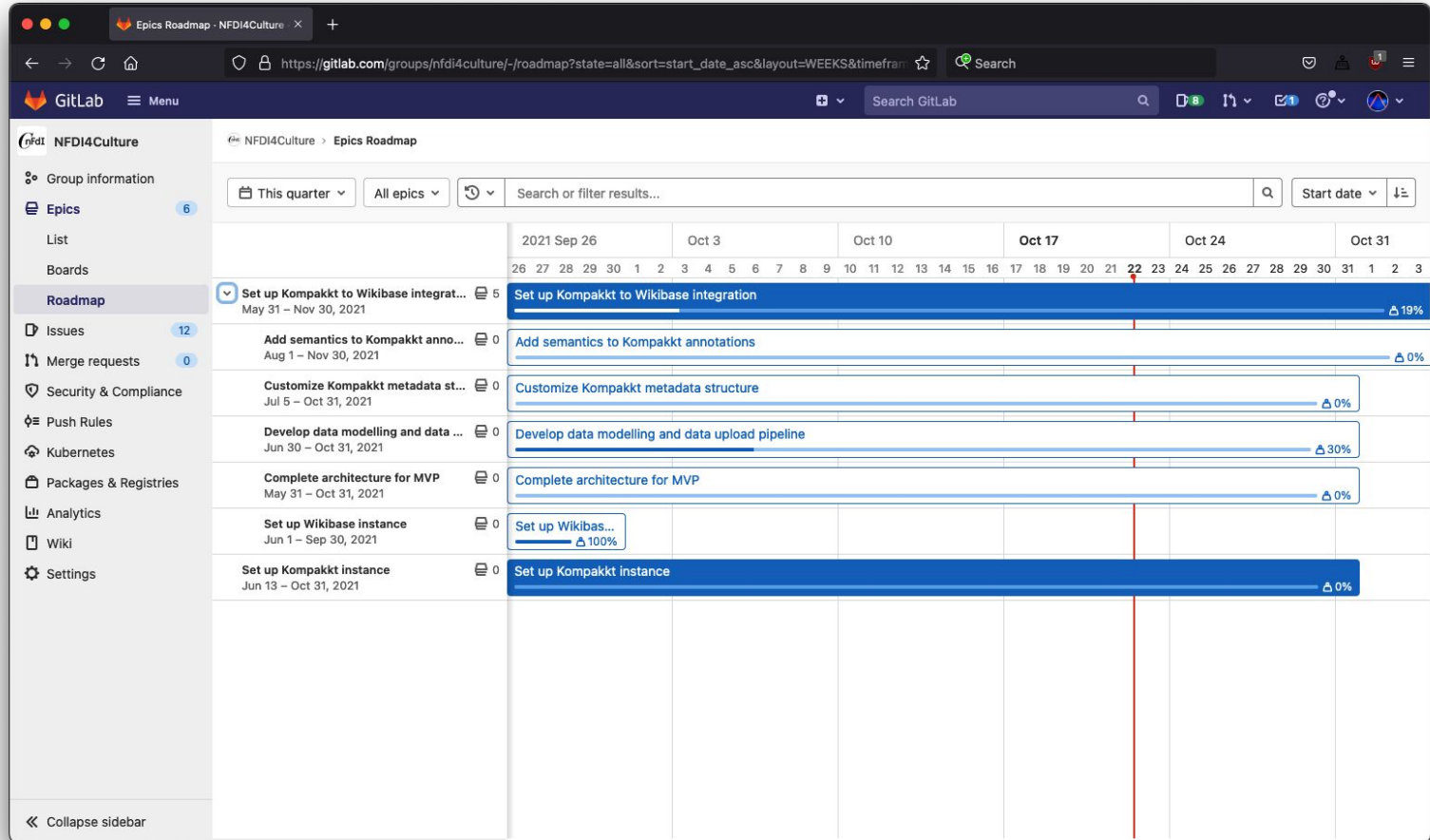
Tafelstube

Rittersaal

ANNOTATION WALKTHROUGH

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Open development – GitLab



Open requirements gathering – contribute

The screenshot displays the GitLab interface for the 'Kompakt-Wikibase integration' project. The left sidebar contains navigation options like 'Project information', 'Repository', 'Issues', and 'Requirements'. The main content area shows the 'Requirements' section with a breadcrumb trail: 'NFDI4Culture > TA1 data enrichment > Kompakt-Wikibase integration > Requirements'. Below the breadcrumb, there are filters for 'Open 4', 'Archived 1', and 'All 5'. A search bar and a 'New requirement' button are present. The list of requirements includes:

- REQ-5 **Viewing images inside annotations**
created 3 months ago by Lozana Rossenova · updated 3 months ago
- REQ-4 **Automate annotation creation**
created 3 months ago by Lozana Rossenova · updated 3 months ago
- REQ-3 **Exporting annotations**
created 3 months ago by Lozana Rossenova · updated 3 months ago
- REQ-2 **Allow linking between derivatives of the same 3D model**
created 3 months ago by Lozana Rossenova · updated 3 months ago

Thank you!

Useful links:

<https://nfdi4culture.de/>

<https://enrich-nfdi4culture.wiki.opencura.com/>

<https://openrefine.org/>

<https://kompakt.de>

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