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Enabling Libraries to Contribute to an Open and Interconnected Citation Graph

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# The origins: What were libraries cataloging?

- Everything you can put in a shelve, i.e. cataloging on the level of physical objects
- Dependent resources, e.g. journal articles, were not cataloged



## Later: Resource Discovery Systems

- Combination of classical library content with large indexes of article data
- Indexes are dominantly run by commercial providers (Breeding, 2015)
- Some indexes are provided by library service centers (e.g., <u>K10plus-Zentral</u>)



## Now: Citations?

- Commercial providers often include citation data in their catalogs (I4OC)
- Fully automated approaches are still erroneous
- .. libraries?



## Linked Open Citation Database

### **Research Question**

How much would it cost, with respect to resources, if libraries catalogued everything and curated the citation graph?

### Method

- Development of processes and tools based on linked data technologies to enable libraries to contribute to an open and interconnected citation graph
- Quantitative and qualitative evaluation, e.g., cost benefit analysis





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## Data

- Social sciences collection of Mannheim University Library
- 522 print books and collections acquired by in 2011:
   ~271,000 references
- Articles published in 2011 in 101 (mostly electronic) journals:
   ~298, 000 references
- New print acquisitions of the social sciences branch library from July 2017 on





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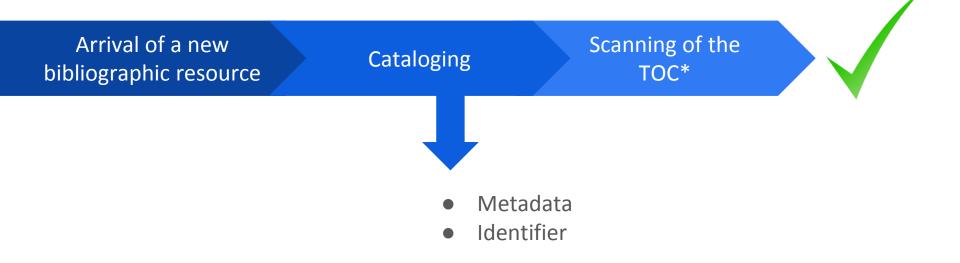
# **Library Workflow**

- Integrated into the standard library workflow
- Reuse of data from existing resources, e.g. from publishers, other projects, and standard library catalogs (high quality metadata)
- Automated as far as possible
  - Automatic reference extraction
  - Easy-to-use editorial system
- Distributed database and collaborative cataloging processes



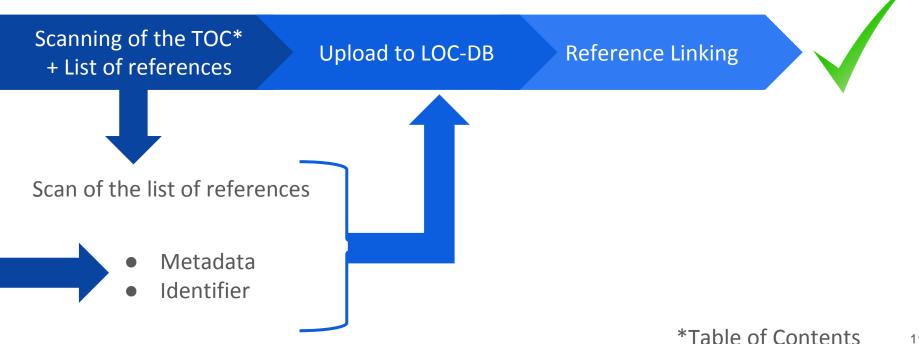
## Standard Library Workflow (UB Mannheim)

For Print Resources



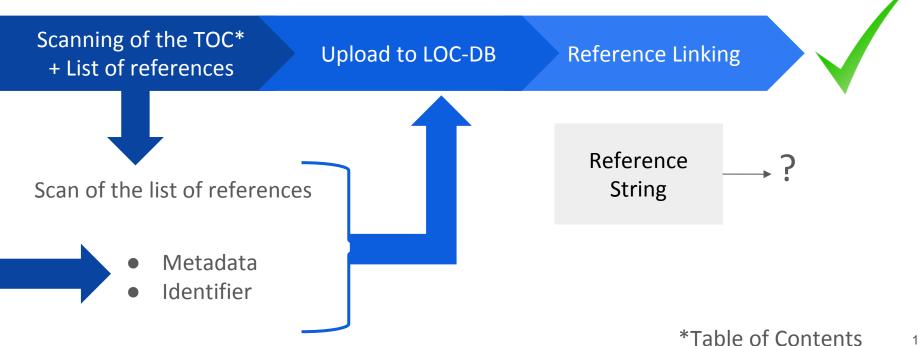
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Extending the Standard Library Workflow



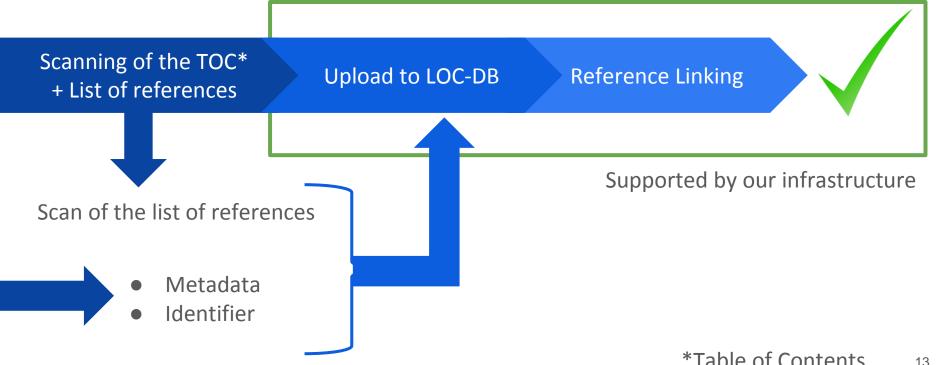
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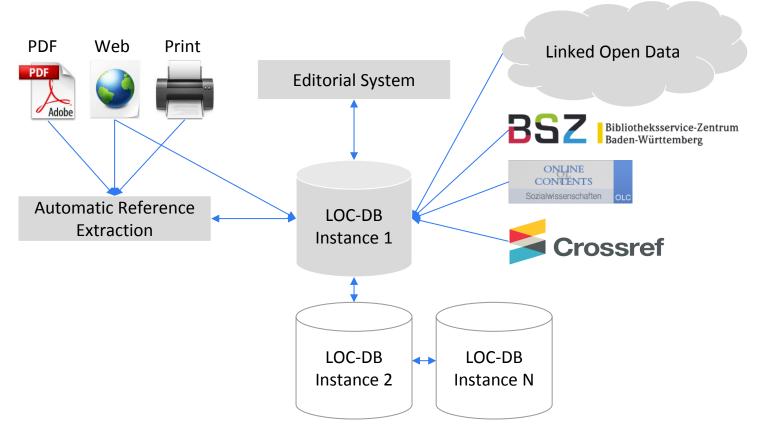
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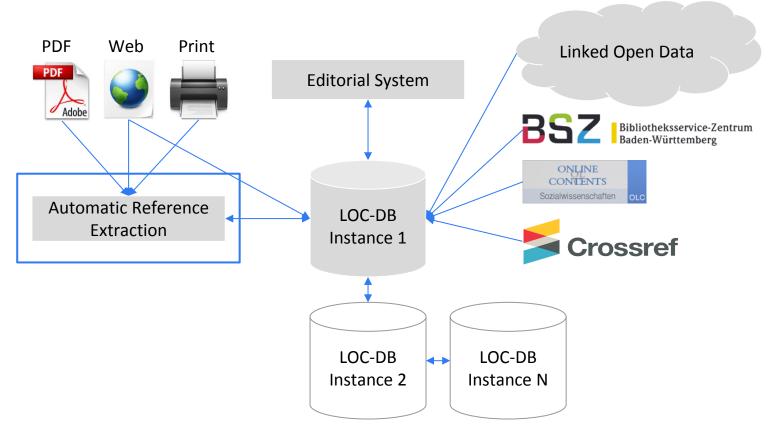
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## LOC-DB Infrastructure



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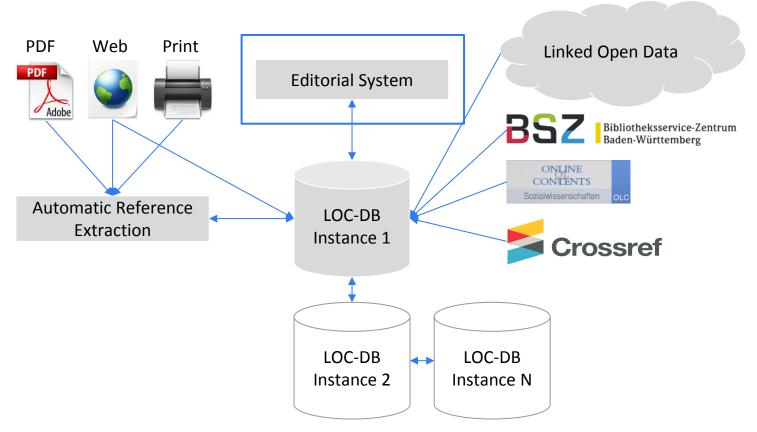
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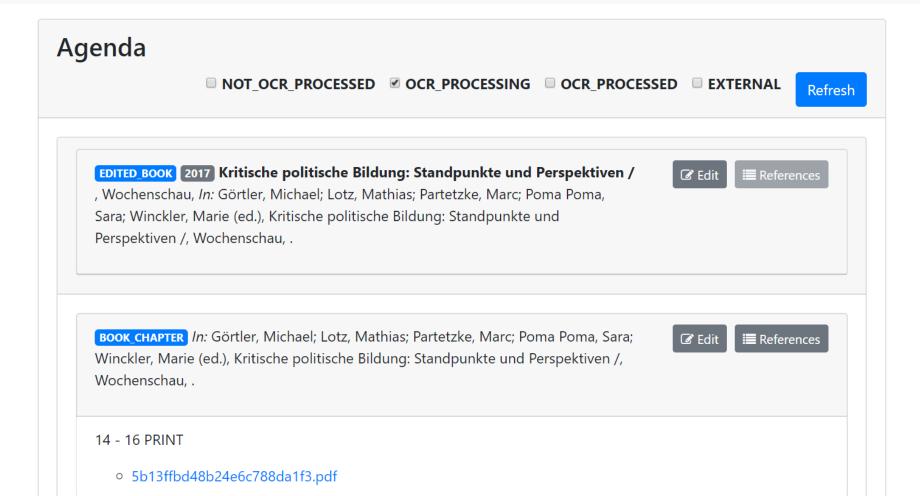
## **Automatic Reference Extraction**

Combination of text-driven and layout-driven extraction using deep learning techniques ("DeepBIBX"; Bhardwaj et al., 2017)

## LOC-DB Infrastructure



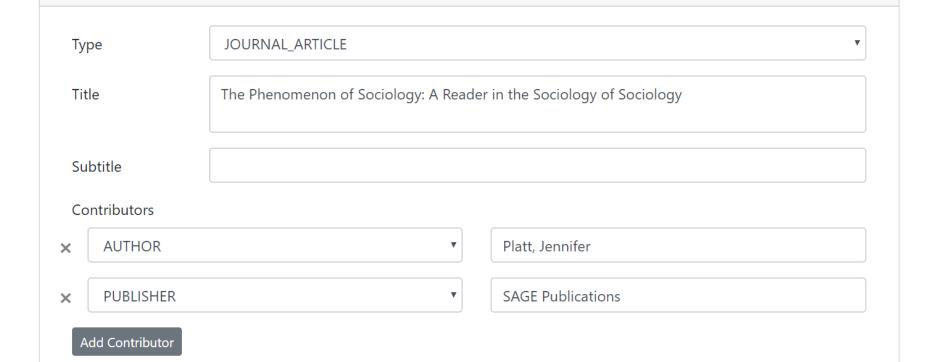
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Confidence threshold for internal ... and for external Suggestions

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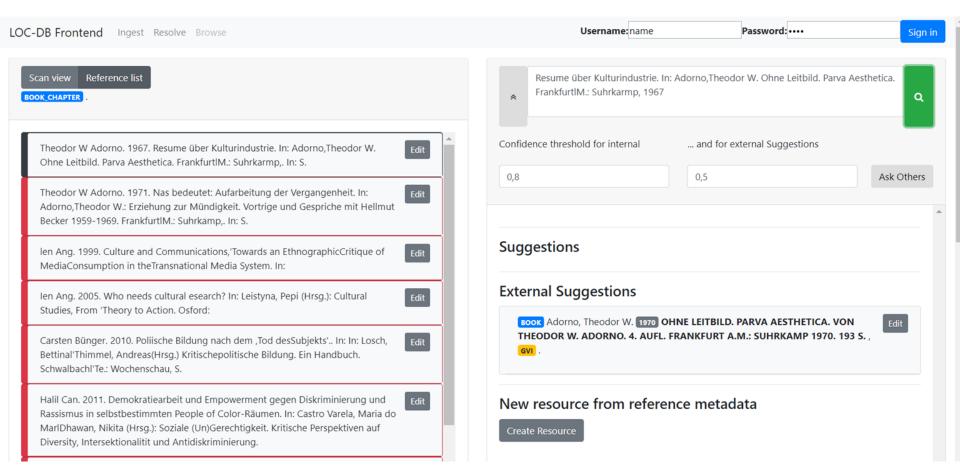
#### Suggestions

#### **External suggestions**

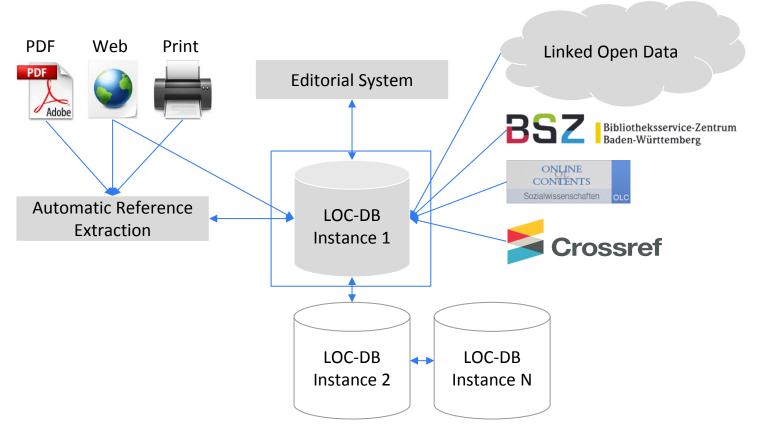
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#### New resource from reference metadata

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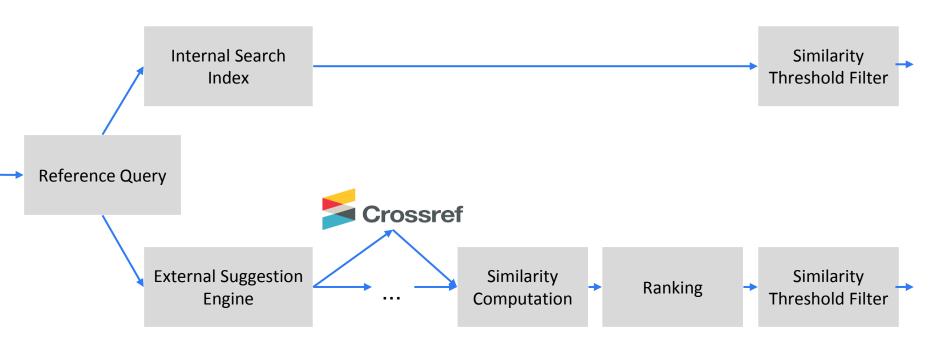


## LOC-DB Infrastructure



## Reference Target Suggestions

Speeding up the linking process



# Data Model and Publishing

Ensuring optimal reusability and interoperability of the produced data

- Adaption of the OpenCitations metadata model (Peroni and Shotton, 2016)
- Publishing of the Data in RDF format
   by using the Semantic Publishing
   and Referencing (SPAR) Ontologies (Peroni, 2014)



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# Results of our <a href="Public Workshop">Public Workshop</a> (Wilke and Retter, 2017)

- Cataloging citation data is an important task for libraries
- Data from union catalogs should be used
- Suggestions help to minimize the time required to resolve a link
- Acquired citation data should be integrated in existing systems



Save the date: The LOC-DB

Workshop 2018 will take place on the 6th November, 2018 in Mannheim!



Scanning of the list of references (only print)

Upload to LOC-DB

Reference Linking

- > 100 pages per person per hour
- Upper bound ~ 15 minutes for scanning for an average book
   (26 pages of references)
- Additional scanning time does not significantly affect other processes in the library
- Prolongs the processing of a book on average by only 3 minutes

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Reference Linking

- Batch upload
- Background processing for meta data retrieval and reference extraction
  - → Does not affect the process in the library

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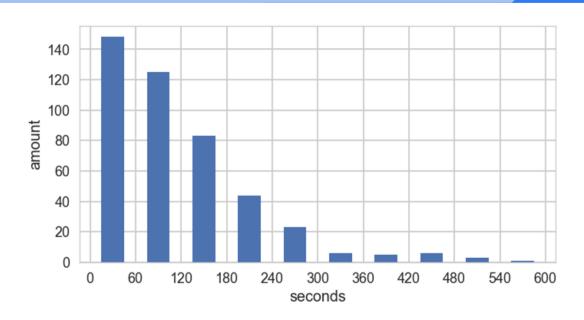
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Citation Linking (s)	9.93	557.20	89.45
Internal Suggestion Retrieval (s)	0.02	0.5	0.06
External Suggestion Retrieval (s)	0.50	95.65	0.89
# Searches per Reference	1	36	2

Minimum, maximum, and median time in seconds for the reference linking step

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Histogram of reference linking times

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# How much would it cost if libraries catalogued everything and curated the citation graph?

Estimation about the number of full-time employees needed to process all literature of social sciences bought in 2011 by Mannheim University Library, depending on the time t in seconds to resolve a reference.

t	1	5	10	20	30	60	120
# employees	0.1	0.5	1	2	3	5.9	11.9

# How much would it cost if libraries catalogued everything and curated the citation graph?

Preliminary results suggest general feasibility of the approach Continuous improvement on the infrastructure and processes ongoing

Semi-automated approach ensures human-level quality of the generated data











## Thank you for your interest

For more information please visit

https://locdb.bib.uni-mannheim.de

https://github.com/locdb/

http://wisslab.org



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