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Perspectives of the Project LOC-DB in Germany

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The origins: What were libraries cataloging?



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Things you can put in a shelf.

Later: Resource Discovery Systems



Now: Citations?



Agenda

- 1. Linked Open Citation Database
- 2. Reference Linking Workflow for Libraries
- 3. Infrastructure for Cataloging Citations
- 4. Conclusion

Linked Open Citation Database

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

- 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

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)

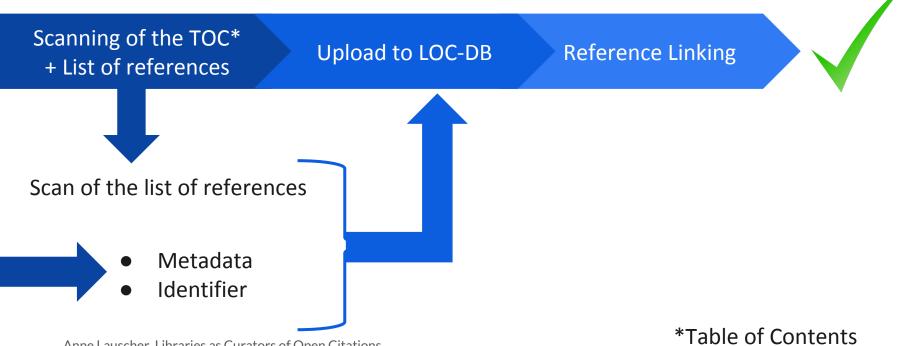
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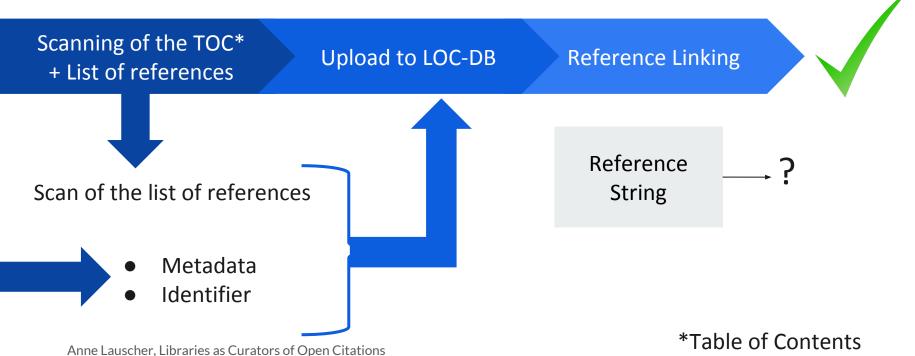
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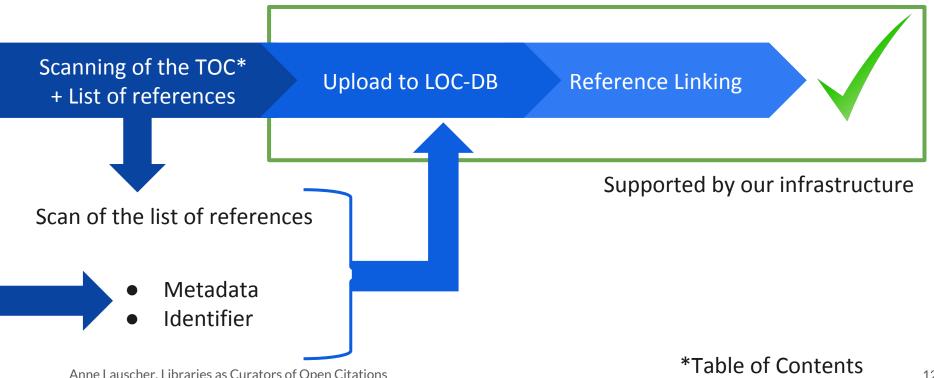
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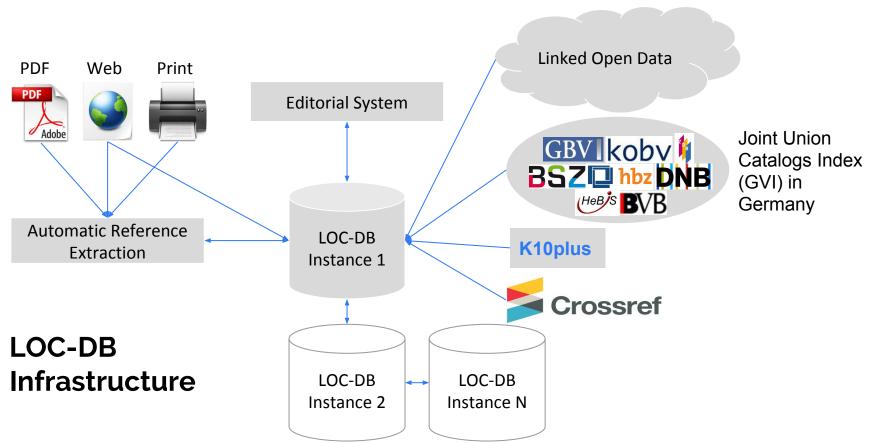
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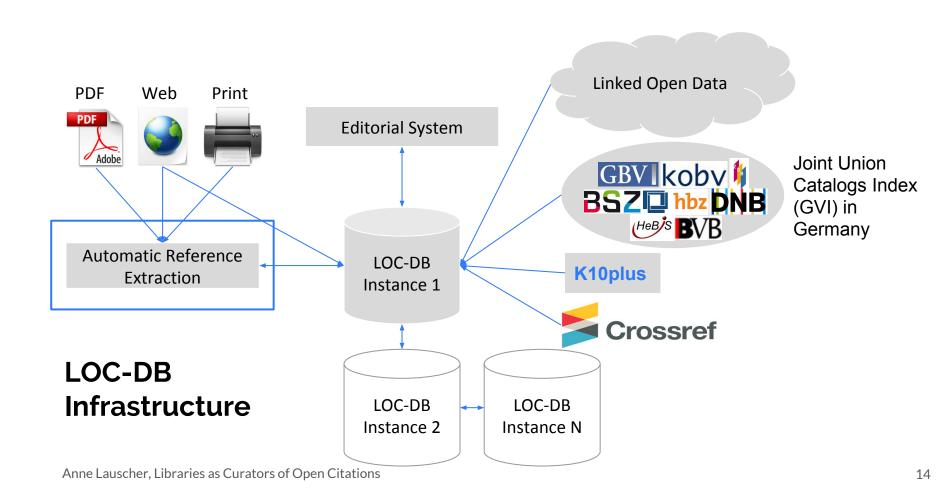
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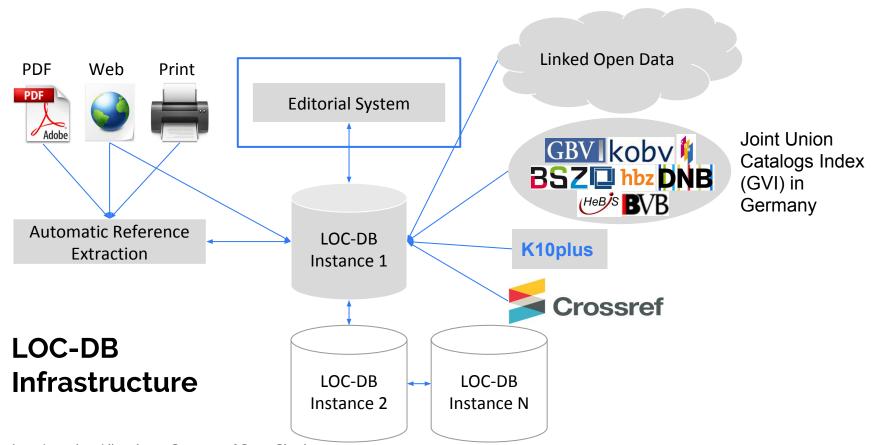
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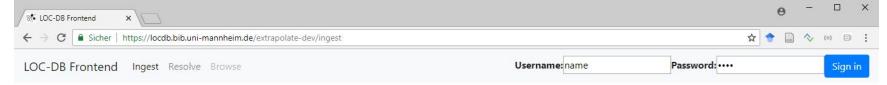
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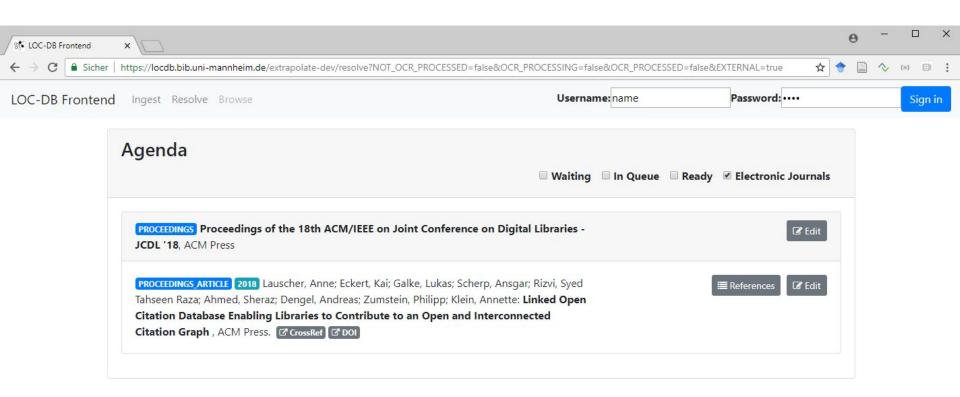
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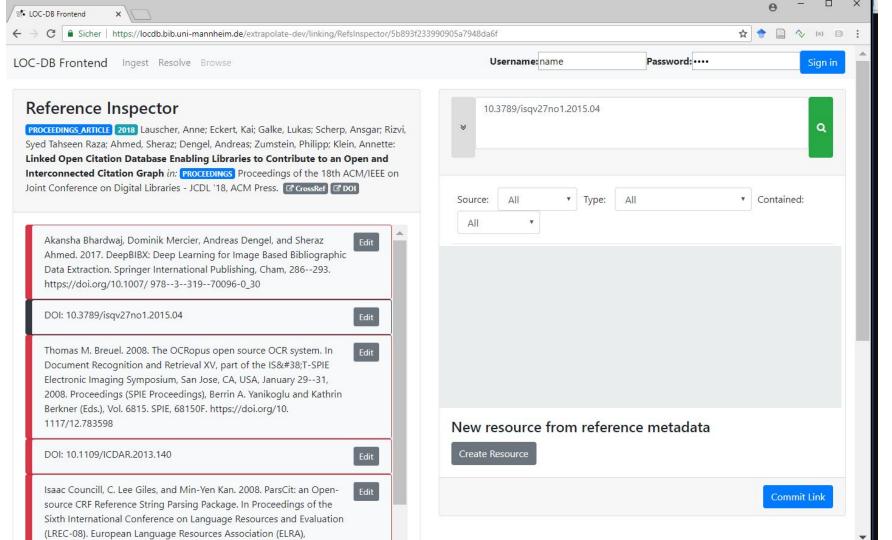
Combination of text-driven and layout-driven extraction using deep learning techniques (Bhardwaj et al., 2017)

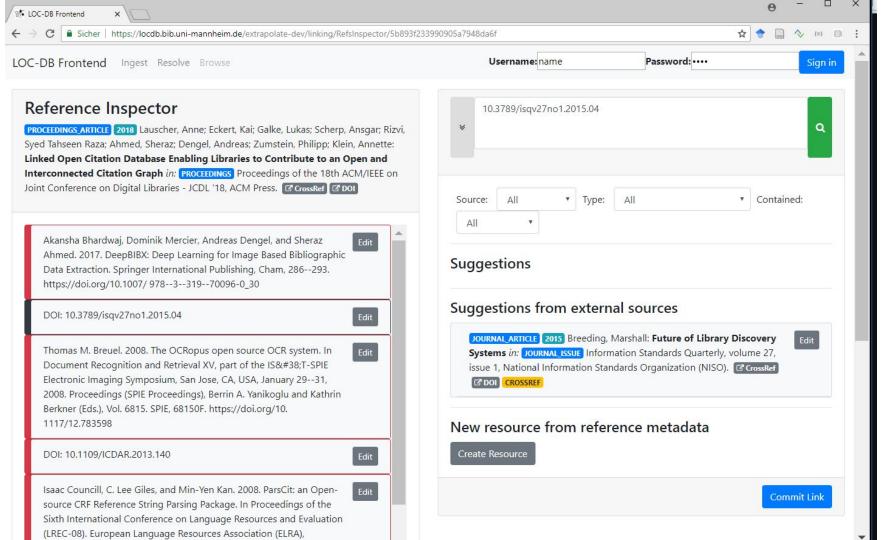


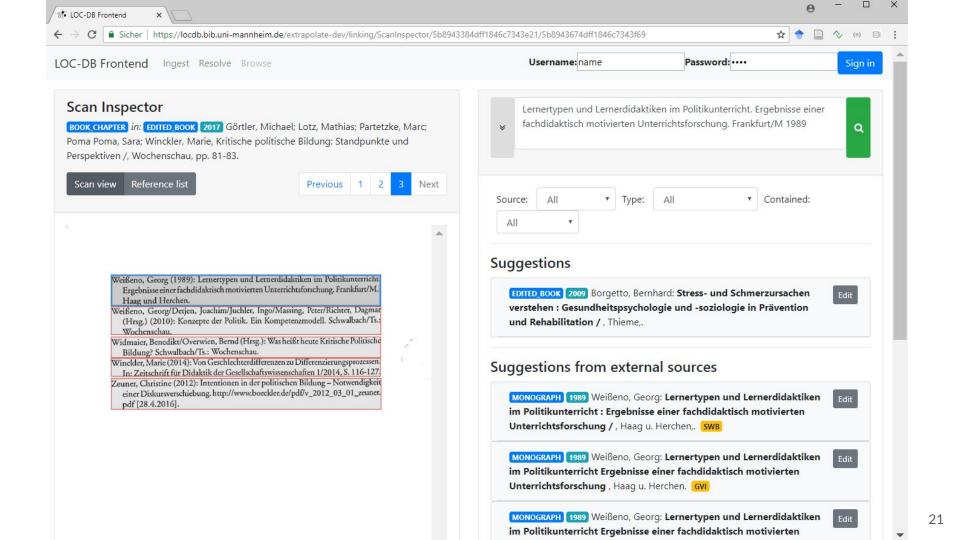


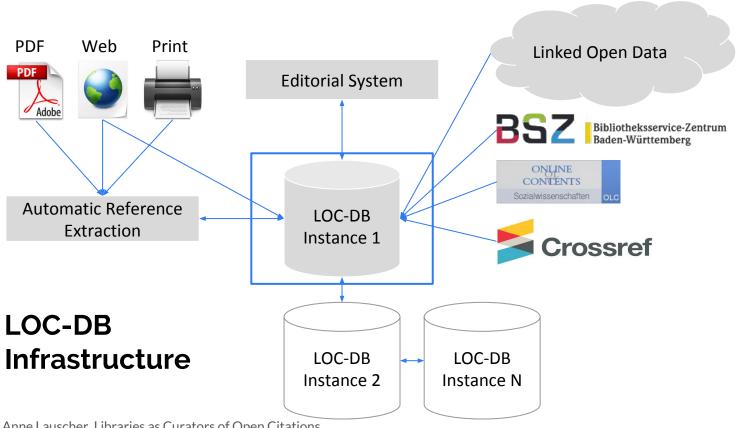












Data Model and Publishing

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



Citations are ahead!













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For more information please visit

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



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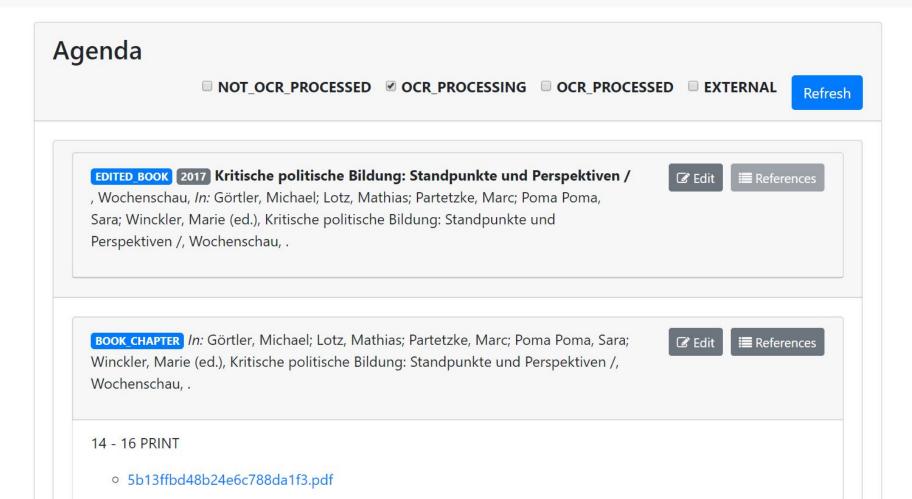
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Appendix

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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Confidence threshold for internal ... and for external Suggestions

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Ask Others

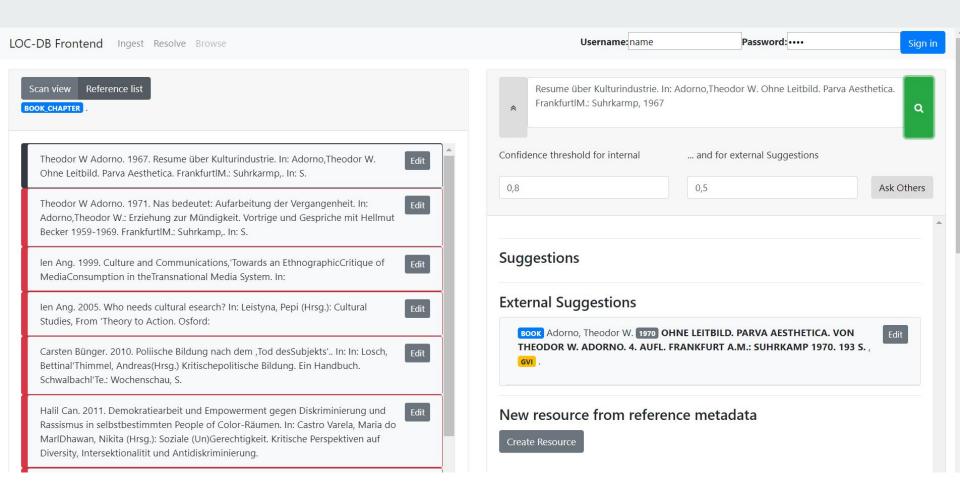
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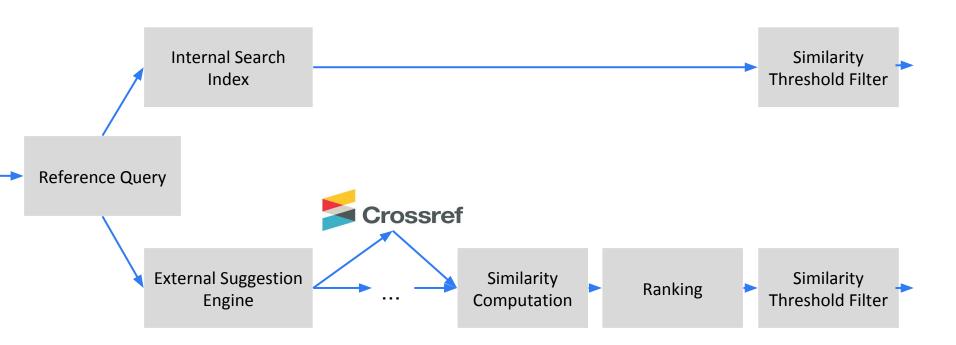
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New resource from reference metadata

Bundesrepublik Europa? Die demokratische Herausforderung und Europas Krisc; Vorwiärts Buch, Local



Reference Target Suggestions Speeding up the linking process



Upload to LOC-DB

- > 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

Upload to LOC-DB

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

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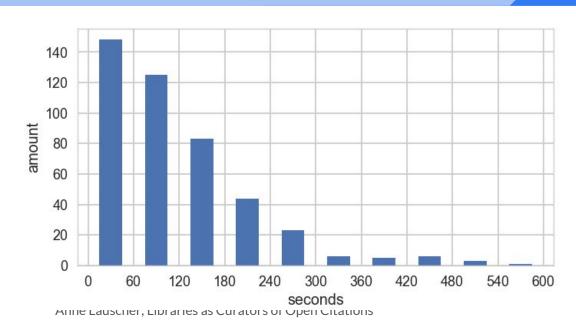
Reference Linking

Criterion	Minimum	Maximum	Median
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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Reference Linking



Histogram of reference linking times

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