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- **Role:** National agency tasked with the maintenance and publication of several key registers.
- Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) developments in the Netherlands are strongly related to the key registers using in e-government policy
- Organisation is based on the an interrelated (although not automatically connected) system.





Data per Key Register



From Data Siloes to Linked Data

- Data siloes are a consequence of needing to organize information.
- A need for more certainty and more reuse of data calls for integration and ease of use.
- An integration of data needs to be explicitly modelled (with semantics), include provenance, published (using open standards) and easy to use (provide metadata).
- Our data should, therefore, be:
 - Findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR)
 - 5-star data







Linked Data?

- A way of publishing data (reusable, web standards, semantics, related to open and big data) on the web which is stored as triples (RDF standard) and can be (in a federated manner) queried with SPARQL.
 - Semantics = shared understanding
 - Open standards = increase reuse
 - Web standards = increase findability
 - Interoperability = increased connectivity between distributed data sources





Building the Kadaster Knowledge Graph (KKG)

- The KKG contains several key registers, each first made available as a siloed linked data source through an ETL process.
- Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) process:
 - GML indexing step
 - GraphQL endpoint
 - Enhancer microservice to return JSON-LD format
 - SHACL validation step
 - Publication in TriplyDB
 - SPARQL service



Building the Kadaster Knowledge Graph (KKG)

- Combine key registers with a central data model:
 - Samenhangende Object Registratie (SOR)
- Siloes to Knowledge Graph is achieved by implementing SPARQL Construct queries
- Layered approach:
 - Preservation of provenance
 - Traceability
- KKG contains contains approximately 680 million triples
- Updated on a quarterly basis





Proposed Architectural Approach

- Data remains 'at the source'
- Application-independent data management
- **Open standards-based** interfacing between applications and data sources





The Augmented Reality Application

- **Goal:** Support the interoperability between distributed data sources and end-user applications, allowing users to interact (in a low-threshold manner) with authoritative data published by the organization.
- Architectural approach: Separation of application and data source
- **Techniques:** Linked Data, Standardized Interfaces, Augmented Reality (AR)
- **Spatial coverage:** The Netherlands
- Initial prototype: Built in 2021/2022 and updated in the summer of 2022
- **Main functionality:** Allow the user to 'scan' a building and see information about that building on their phone screen.



Standardised Interfaces SPARQL APIs

- SPARQL queries used as interfaces between the KKG and the AR application
- 3 SPARQL queries
- The results of each query are made available through a standardized API which can be used directly in the application.
- Available serialisations:
 - JSON-LD
 - Turtle
 - N-Quads

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Feature 1: Geolocation

- Application returns latitude and longitude of GPS location and transforms to a point.
- Point is used as a parameter for the query
- The query returns all building identifiers and polygons of buildings within a 100m radius.
- UI allows user to select which object based on a house icon.



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Feature 2: House Number Selection

- Key registers have a distinction between a whole building and parts of the building (e.g. apartments)
- Some attributes are associated with the building object, some with the building part.
- UI displays all building parts based on identifier and allows user to select building part of interest based on a number icon.





Feature 3: Building Information

- Selected building identifier and building part identifier is used as input, all attribute information for both objects are returned in the UI
- Includes:
 - Building year
 - Floorsize
 - Parcel size
 - Municipality name
 - Neighbourhood name
 - Number of schools within a 3km radius
 - Distance to the nearest trainstation



Added Value of Architectural Approach

• Open standards-based approach:

- ✓ SPARQL relatively easy to understand
- ✓ Open standards-based API is recognisable for all developers
- ✓ Only requirement is results visualisation, no integration or transformation
- ✓ Updates are immediately reflected in the application
- ✓ Copying and self-storage of data is no longer required
- Small learning curve involved in learning to write performant queries
- Underlying schema changes require maintenance to the query.

Geoinformation for everyone?

- Application-Independent Data Publication:
 - \checkmark Data source is easily updated and expanded
 - ✓ Data is immediately digestible by the application
 - Organization dependent: only a single KG is required, and various applications can consume the data
 - ✓ Supports cross-organization interoperability, federated SPARQL queries.
 - Only appropriate where data (content and structure) is not context-specific



Thank you!