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# Digital Humanities and Archives

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# In brief

- *Already done*
- *In development*



# Already done

- Open data
  - Casualties during the Finnish wars 1939–1945, Prisoner-of-war deaths and people handed over in Finland 1939–1955, Casualties during the Finnish wars 1939–1945
    - In collaboration with Aalto university (SeCo)
    - RDF format
  - Archival metadata
    - Through Finna Api



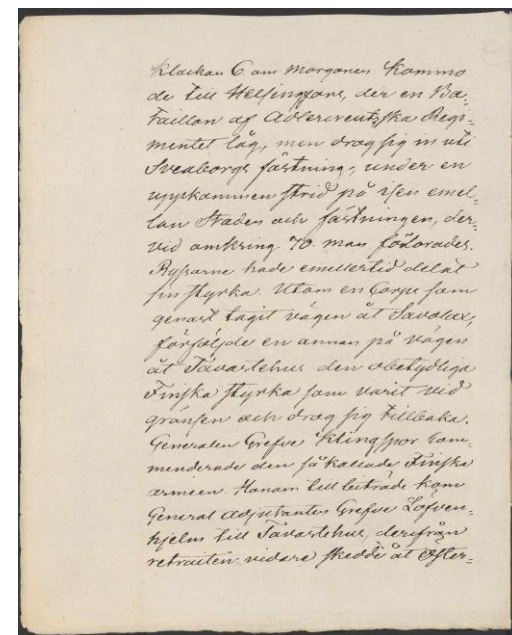
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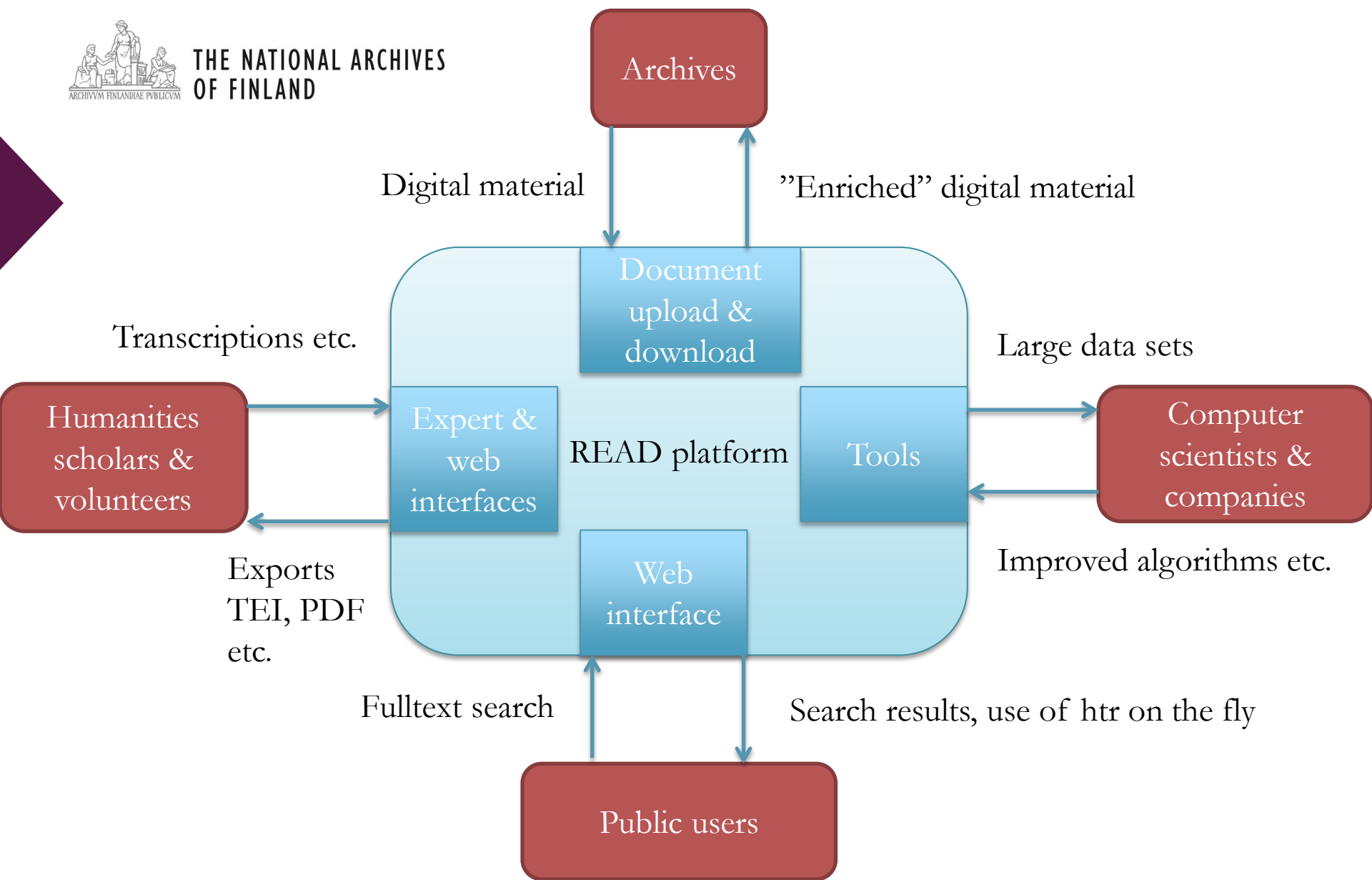
- Sotasampo (War Sampo)
  - Part of it is based on our open data (casualties)
  - Helps us all to understand what could be possible!



# In development

- READ project
  - Aims to revolutionize access to digital handwritten (archival) material
  - In co-operation with computer scientists, humanities scholars, archives and public users





# Read & possibilities?

- Better services - fulltext search, tools
- We will be able to extract text
  - Extract different kind of name entities (place names, actors etc.)
    - And generate links or concepts to existing ontologies
    - Build services, visualizations etc.
- Opens up new possibilities and ideas

# To sum up

- What really matters is the open data
- Neither Sotasampo, Finna, READ etc. would/will be successful if we haven't got (good quality) open data!