

# Sotasampo

## Visio, missio ja toteutus

Talvi- ja jatkosota semantisessa webissä

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# Background



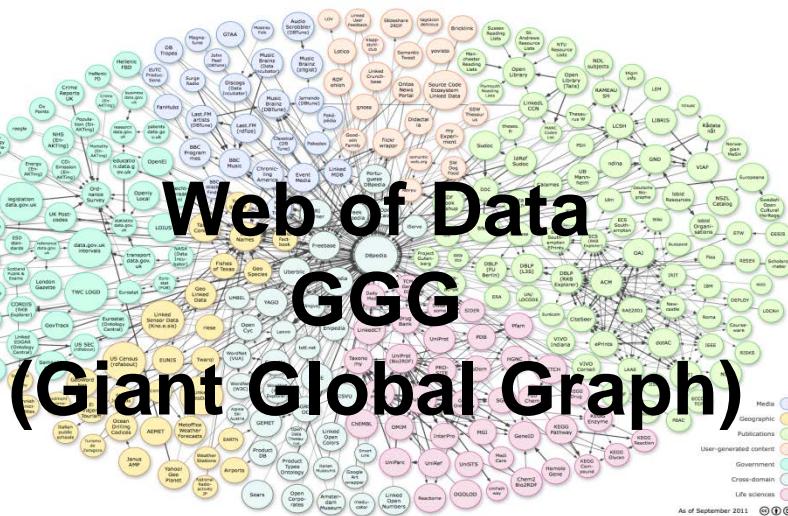
# Digital Humanities Research

- Digital Humanities = Computer Science + Humanities
- Major Goals
  - Computer Science Tools for Humanities Research
    - Modelling
    - Analyzing
    - Discovering
  - Applications for the Public
    - E.g. Cultural Heritage portals

# Semantic Web and Linked Data Reserch

## Web of Pages WWW

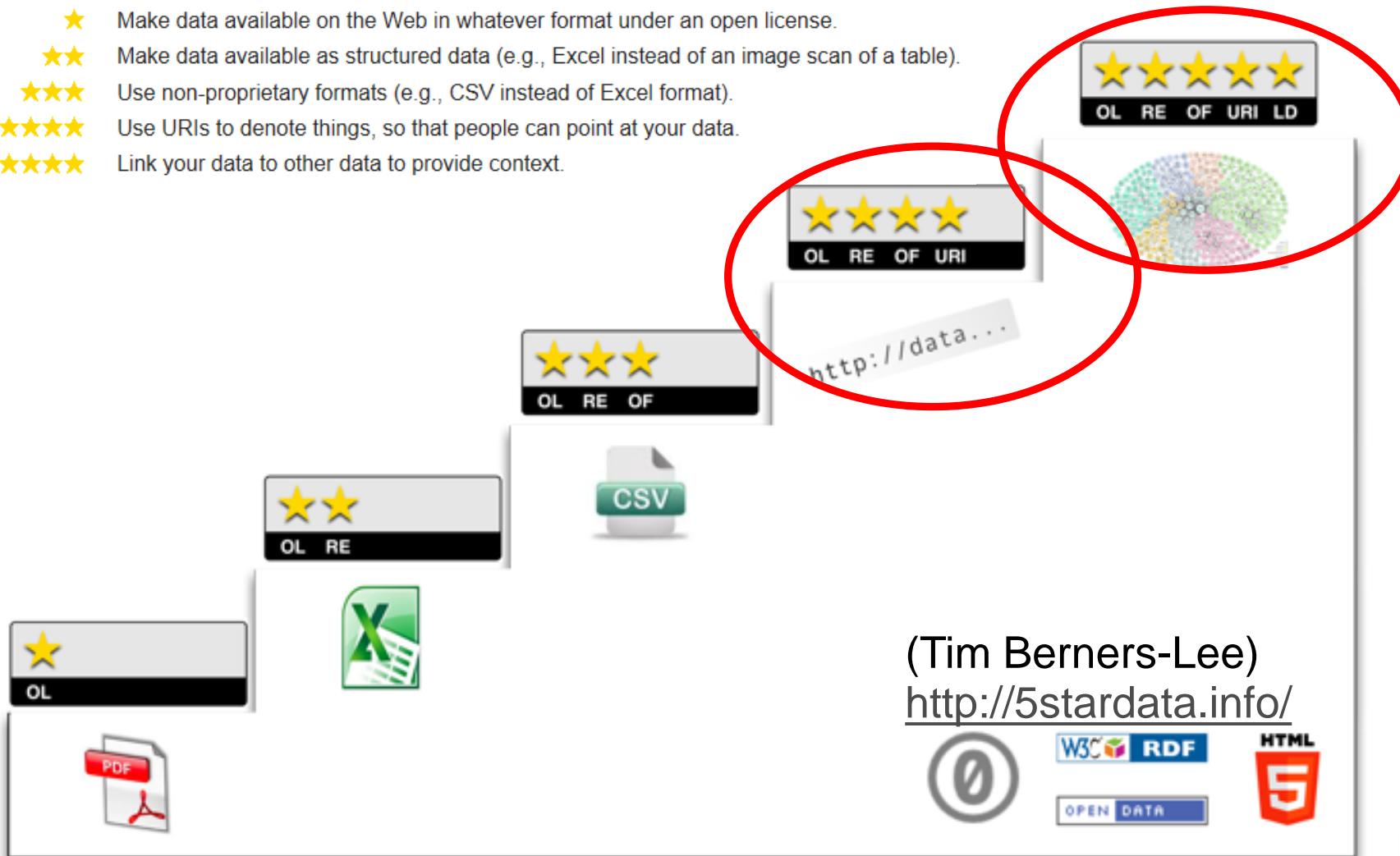
## Web of Data GGG (Giant Global Graph)

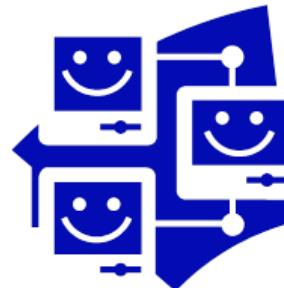


# How to Publish Linked (Open) Data?

## 5-star Linked Data Model

- ★ Make data available on the Web in whatever format under an open license.
- ★★ Make data available as structured data (e.g., Excel instead of an image scan of a table).
- ★★★ Use non-proprietary formats (e.g., CSV instead of Excel format).
- ★★★★ Use URIs to denote things, so that people can point at your data.
- ★★★★★ Link your data to other data to provide context.





# Linked Data Finland

<http://ldf.fi>



# World War I on the Semantic Web

- Aalto/SeCo with University of Colorado Boulder
  - <http://www.seco.tkk.fi/projects/history>

" As the result of this war, what hope have we of reconstruction and an altered policy in Germany ? "

Viscount Bryce answered :—

" It is to be hoped and expected that the Allies will so completely defeat Germany as to discredit the whole military system, and the ideas out of which the horrors of German war practice have developed.

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shooting of Miss Cavell and Captain Fryatt, come  
these abominable deportations of Belgians into a sort  
of slavery."

In all communication with Lord Bryce, one feels the

Charles Algernon Fryatt



Charles Algernon Fryatt (2 December 1872 – 27 July 1916) was a British mariner who was executed by the Germans for attacking a U-boat in 1915. When his ship, the SS Brussels, was off the Netherlands in 1916, he was court-martialed and sentenced to death although he was a civilian non-combatant. International opinion followed his execution near Bruges, Belgium. In 1919, his remains were reburied with full honours in the United Kingdom.



(a)

Timeline of World War I Events

Key Events:

- In Brussels the Germans execute the British nurse, Edith Cavell
- Miss Edith Cavell shot in Brussels by order of a German court
- In Brussels the Germans execute the British nurse, Edith Cavell
- Semendria (Serbia) taken by Austrian forces (see 6th)
- Hostilities commence between Bulgarian and Serbian forces (see 14th)
- Government reject Serbian claim for help under Serbo-Greek Treaty of 1913 by Austrian forces (see December 15th, 1914, and November 1st, 1918)
- Nikola to support Serbia, by threatening the southern flank of Bulgaria

Timeline (Oct 11 - Oct 17, 1915-1916):

- Lusitania (sinking) - October 1915
- Deportations - October 1916

Events Near in Time: Other Events Near Location

**Location**

The map displays several red location markers across the Belgian landscape, indicating the proximity of various events to the country. Key locations marked include Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, and several smaller towns along the coast and inland.

(b)

Fig. 2. The contextual reader interface

# Vision



# Goals

- Create a National Open Shared WW2 Data Repository
  - For historians to use the data in research
  - For the public to understand and know Finnish history
  - To promote peace and Finnish identity as a nation
- Demonstrate Applications of the Data
  - To support Digital Humanities research
  - Cultural Heritage publication for citizens
  - To support collaborative Citizen Science
- Develop Semantic Web Technology
  - Data Production and Publication
    - Annotation, enriching, linking, validation, publications
  - Data analysis, visualization, and knowledge discovery

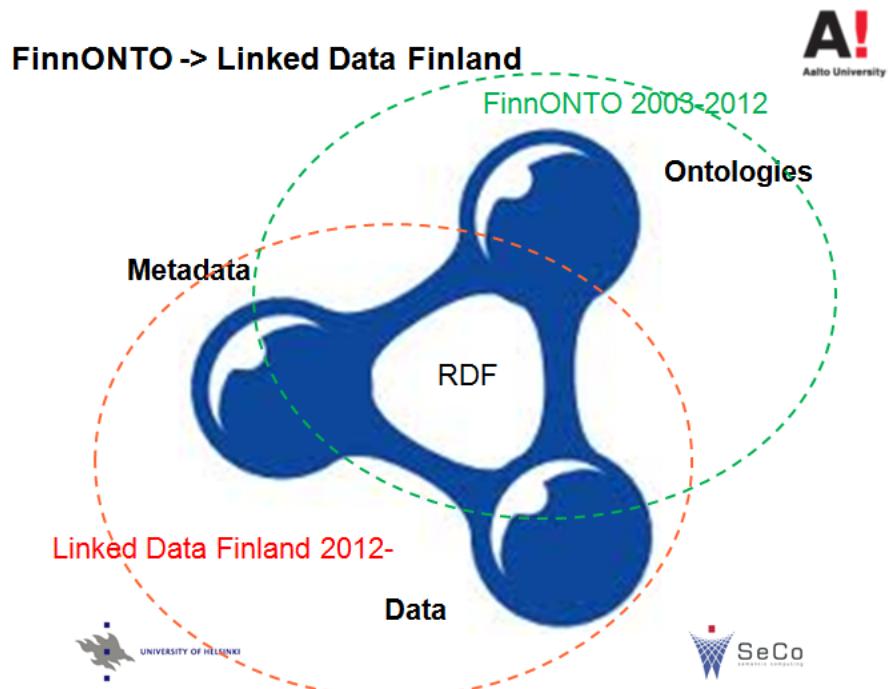
A close-up portrait of the German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. He has a serious expression, with deep-set blue eyes and a prominent forehead. His hair is dark and receding. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his features against a dark background.

**"We learn from history, that  
we learn nothing from history"**

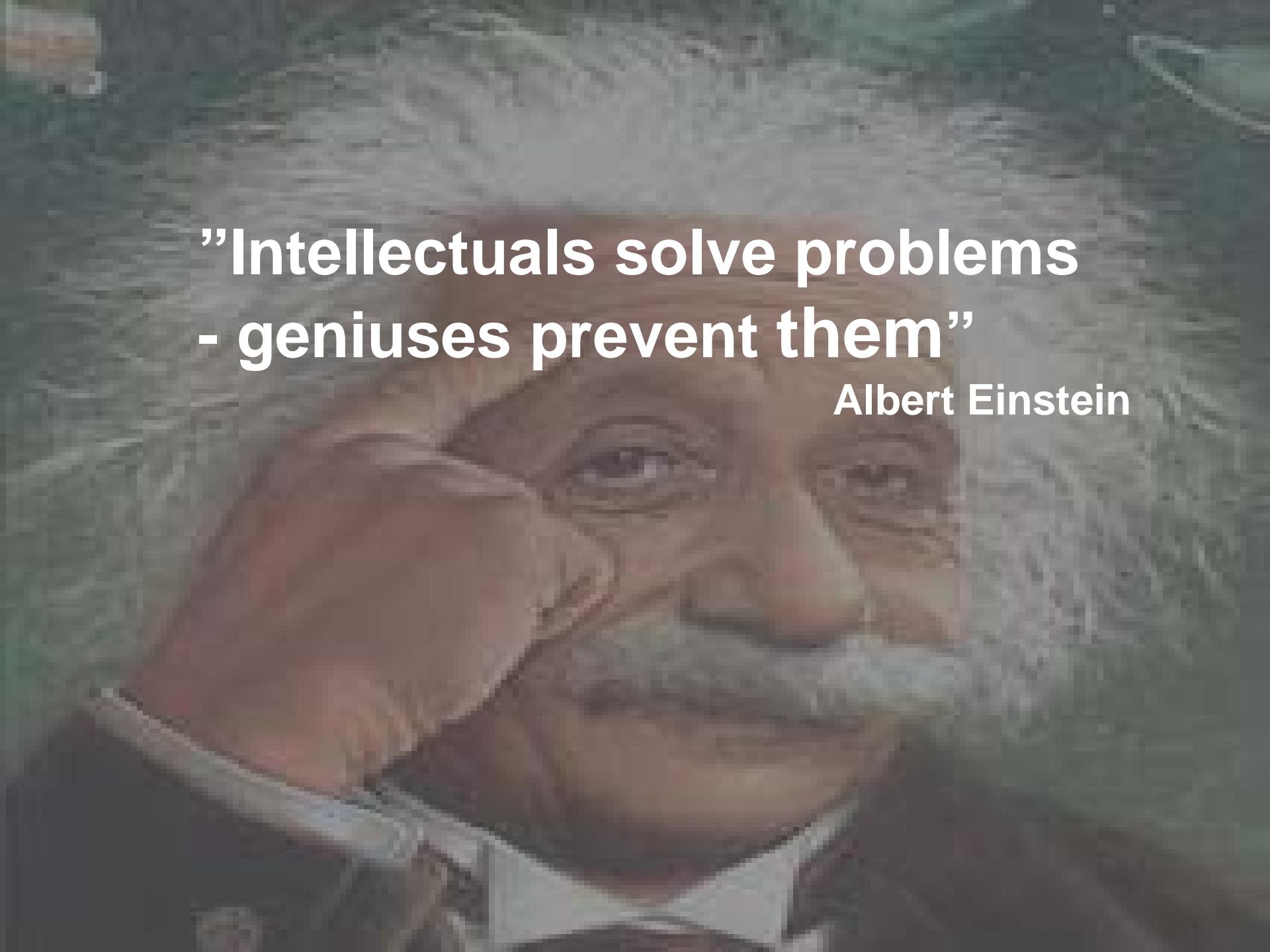
*Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel*

# Preventing Interoperability Problems in Advance by Collaboration

- Sharing **Ontologies**
- Sharing **Metadata Schemas**
- Sharing **Linked Open Data**



[Hyvönen et al., ICSC 2007, ESWC 2009, SW Journal 2010]



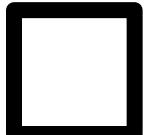
**"Intellectuals solve problems  
- geniuses prevent them"**

Albert Einstein

# Mission



# Strategic Steps

1. **Collaboration network.** Create a consortium of organizations and individuals interested in publishing and using Finnish WW2 data 
2. **Project and Funding.** Get funding for doing the needed research and development 
3. **Prototype.** Test the idea by creating a Living Laboratory prototype for the data publishing system & applications 
4. **Sustainable ecosystem.** Establish a collaborative ecosystem for developing and maintaining the data service and its applications 

# Realization



# 1. Collaboration Network

- Project Coordination Group

| Yritys / organisaatio                | Jäsen              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Kansallisarkisto                     | Tomi Ahoranta      |
| Puolustusvoimien Kuvakeskus          | Pasi Leskinen      |
| Sotamuseo                            | Johanna Palokangas |
| Yleisradio Oy                        | Pia Virtanen       |
| Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura SKS | Lauri Harvilahti   |
| Svenska Litteratursällskapet SLS     | Dennis Stolt       |
| Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö       | Sami Niinimäki     |
| Aalto-yliopisto                      | Eero Hyvönen       |

- Other Collaborators

- Finnish Association of Military History, National Land Survey, National Defense University, Napafilms Oy, Lapin maakuntamuseo, individual persons

- Future plans

- Extending collaborations to citizen scientists?

## 2. Project and Funding

- 2013-2014 Concept Development in Aalto
  - Discussions with Collaborating Organizations
- 2014 Work Started with National Archive
  - Published War Casualty Databases as Linked Open Data
- 2015 Part of Linked Open Data Science –project
  - Funded by Ministry of Education and Culture
  - Part of Open Science and Research 2014-2017 Programme
  - A case study in Linked Open Data Science –project of Aalto
- 2015 Part of Centenary of Finland's Independence 2017



# WarSampo Research Team at Aalto University, Semantic Computing Research Group (SeCo)



- Eero Hyvönen (leader)
- Jouni Tuominen
- Eetu Mäkelä
- Erkki Heino
- Esko Ikkala
- Mikko Koho
- Petri Leskinen
- Minna Tamper

# 3. Prototype: two components

## Data service for Linked Open Data <http://ldf.fi>

 **Linked Data Finland**  
Living Laboratory Data Service for the Semantic Web

This site is the Living Laboratory of the [Linked Data Finland](#) research initiative, conducted by the [Semantic Computing Research Group at Aalto University](#) in collaboration with University of Helsinki and a large consortium of Finnish public organizations and companies.

Our goal is to make life easier for both publishers as well as consumers of structured data on the Web. We base our work on the [Linked Data](#) paradigm and stack of standards, which combines an expressive, semantic data model ([RDF](#)) with standardized access mechanisms ([SPARQL](#) and [live HTTP URIs](#)).

**5-star Linked Data**

The baseline of our work is the [5-star Linked Data model](#), proposed originally by Tim Berners-Lee.

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**7-star Linked Data Service**

However, in our opinion, providing 5-star Linked Data is just the beginning. To actually make use of the datasets, consumers need more support in getting to know and access them, as well as a better grasp of their quality and provenance. To this end, we extend the model with two additional stars:



## Applications based on the service <http://sotasampo.fi>

 **Sotasampo**  
tali- ja jalkosota semanttisessa webissä

Valitse hakunäkymä sotasammon aineistoihin:

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| <b>Tapantumat</b><br>Talvi- ja jalkosotien tapantumiset korostaa ja aksepteeraa muun muassa ammattilaisia kenttätyöntekijöitä. | <b>Hankilöt</b><br>Aineistoissa esittelytävät hankilöt ja heidet on tavoitettava tietoisesti.      | <b>Joukkosoistot</b><br>Joukkosoistot ovat tärkeä osa sotasammon aineistoa. | <b>Palkit</b><br>Sisältää ja huollee sotien veteraanien palkkoja, karttaa sen palkkoihin liittyviä muita aineistoja. |
| <b>Kansas tiedot</b><br>Kansas tiedot ovat tärkeä osa sotasammon aineistoa.  | <b>Menehtyneet</b><br>Olosuhteiden mukaan sotien menehtyneet ovat tavaroiden toisenmaan aineistoa. |   |  |

# Data Service

<http://www.ldf.fi/dataset/warsa>



## WarSampo

Linked Data Finland



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This dataset includes harmonized data of different kinds concerning the Second World War in Finland, separated in different graphs representing events, actors, places, photographs, and other aspects and documentation of the war. To test and demonstrate its usefulness, this data service is in use in the semantic portal [WarSampo](#) explained in more detail in this [project page](#).

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See possible graph-specific licenses below.

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### Detailed Dataset Contents

**Wartime Events (URI: <http://ldf.fi/warsa/events>)**

( [Browse data](#) / [View in Sotasampo.fi](#) / [Download](#) )



Information on the events of the Winter War and Continuation War were derived from the books Talvisodan pikkujätiläinen, Jatkosodan pikkujätiläinen, and the organization records of the Finnish Defence Force.

**Information included:** description, time span, place, participants, type.

The primary schema used to model the data is the [CIDOC-CRM](#).

# Semantic Portal

## <http://sotasampo.fi>

- Six perspectives to the same data
- Only SPARQL API is used to access data

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sotasampo semantic web portal. The header features the Aalto University logo and the text "Sotasampo Nämäät". The main title "Sotasampo" is displayed prominently over a background image of a World War I era aircraft cockpit. Below the title, the subtitle "talvi- ja jatkosota semantisessa webissä" is visible. The page includes a search bar and navigation links for "Palauta", "Tilaa", and "Ota". The main content area is titled "Valitse hakunäkymä sotasammon aineistoihin:" and lists six categories: "Tapahtumat", "Henkilöt", "Joukko-osastot", "Paikat", "Kansa taisteli", and "Menehtyneet". Each category has a brief description and a link to the corresponding semantic dataset.

Valitse hakunäkymä sotasammon aineistoihin:

- Tapahtumat
- Henkilöt
- Joukko-osastot
- Paikat
- Kansa taisteli
- Menehtyneet

# Linked Open Datasets in Sotasampo

(Nov 22, 2015)

| Aineisto (25.11.2015)                        | Määrä            | Datan lähteet ja tekijänoikeus   | Lisenssi linkitettyyn dataan  |
|--|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| TK-kuvat ja videot                           | 160 000          | Puolustusvoimat & Aalto/SeCo   | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Menehtyneet 39-45                            | 95 000           | Kansallisarkisto & Aalto/SeCo  | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Organisaatiokortisto                         | 500              | Kansallisarkisto & Aalto/SeCo  | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Sotapäiväkirjat                              | 26 500           | Kansallisarkisto & Aalto/SeCo  | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Senaatin kartat                              | 430              | Kansallisarkisto & Aalto/SeCo  | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Kansa taisteli -lehtien artikkelit 1957-1986 | 3 360            | Metadata: Timo Hakala & Aalto/SeCo. Artikkelit © Suomen Sotahistoriallinen Seura ja Bonnier, <a href="http://sshs.fi">http://sshs.fi</a> .                             | CC BY 4.0 (metadata)          |
| Paikannimirekisteri                          | 800 000          | Maanmittauslaitos (MML) & Aalto/SeCo   | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Karjalan topograf. kartat                    | 46               | MML & Aalto/SeCo   | Ei-kaupallisiin tarkoituksiin |
| Karjalan paikat geokood.                     | 35 000           | Jyrki Tiittanen & Aalto/SeCo   | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Sotien tapahtumat                            | 11 275           | Aalto/SeCo. Lähteet: Talvi- ja jatkosodan pikkujätiläiset, organisaatiokortisto ym.  | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Henkilöt (Menehtyneet 39-45 datan lisäksi)   | 1 050            | Aalto/SeCo. Lähteet: Talvisodan historia, sotapäiväkirjat, organisaatiokortisto, Suomen Rintamamiehet 1939-1945, Maanpuolustuskorkeakoulu/Osto Manninen, Wikipedia ym. | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Biografiat                                   | 6 300            | Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura / Kansallisbiografia & Aalto/Seco   | CC BY 4.0                     |
| Joukko-osastot                               | 3 180            | Aalto/SeCo. Talvisodan historia, Talvisodan sotapäiväkirjat, organisaatiokortisto  | CC BY 4.0                     |
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# Technological Basis

- Key goals/ideas of the design
  - **Enriching** each others' data by data linking
  - **Reusing** the shared data in applications
  - **Intelligent applications** based on semantic computing
- Data Service
  - Linked Data publishing principles
    - **Ontologies** as "semantic glue" (actors, places, events, times,...)
    - Event-based **metadata** harmonization (CIDOC CRM)
    - **Linked Open Data** (RDF, OWL)
- Sotasampo.fi applications
  - Rich Internet Application (RIA) principles (HTML5, Javascript, ...)
  - Only dataservice on the server side

# Summary



# Open your data so that it links with the others' data!

- 1. Everybody's **data is enriched** for "free"
- 2. Redundant **work is minimized** by collaboration
- 3. **Work can be shared** in better ways
- 4. **Data can be reused** in different applications

# Use Shared Infrastructure to Prevent Data Linking Problems!

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# Thanks!

## More info and publications on the web:

<http://www.seco.tkk.fi/projects/sotasampo>

www.seco.tkk.fi/projects/sotasampo/ Search

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**Sotasampo:**  
**Itsenäisen Suomen sotahistoria linkitetynä datana**

**Tavoitteena historian ymmärtäminen**

G. W. F. Hegelin mukaan historia opettaa meille, että emme opи historiasta mitää. Toivottavasti näin ei tapahdu Suomessa toisen maailmansodan osalta, johon liittyvät asiat ovat taas olleet esillä mm. Ukrainan kriisin yhteydessä. Itsenäisyystemme ajan sotahistoria, erityisesti talvi- ja jatkosota, ovat 100-vuotisjuhliinsa valmistautuvan Suomen kansallisen identiteetin ja maanpuolustustahdon keskeinen tukipilaria ja laajaa kiinnostusta herättävä historian tutkimuskohde. Sotasampo-hankkeen tavoitteena on rakentaa suomalaisista identiteettiä lisäämällä ymmäristämme viime sodistamme ja edistää näin rauhaa. Työ on jatko SeCo-ryhmän aiemmalle tutkimukselle [historiallisen tiedon julkaisemiseksi semantisessa webissä](#).



Kuva: Mäkiluodon tykeillä ammutaan Hangon taisteluissa 1942, Puolustusvoimien SA-kuva-arkisto

**Latest News**

[Linked Open Data Science project starts](#)  
A new project starts at SeCo, where a data service for publishing...  
4.5.2015 10:11 by eahyfone

[Linked Data Finland Double Winner in Apps4Finland Competition](#)  
Apps4Finland – Doing Good with Open Data is a major Finnish...  
4.12.2014 13:57 by eahyfone

[State Award for Public Information](#)  
Professor Eero Hyvönen receives State Award for Public Information...  
25.9.2014 15:40 by eahyfone

**Latest Publications**

Eetu Mäkelä, Juha Törnroos, Thea Lindquist and Eero Hyvönen: [World War 1 as Linked Open Data](#)

Eero Hyvönen, Jouni Tuominen, Eetu Mäkelä, Jérémie Dutruit, Kasper Apajalahti, Erkki Heino, Petri Leskinen and Esko Ikkala: [Second World War on the Semantic Web: The WarSampo Project and Semantic Portal](#)

Eero Hyvönen, Jouni Tuominen, Esko Ikkala and

**Applications:** <http://sotasampo.fi/>  
**Data service:** <http://ldf.fi/>

# Ohjelma

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| 09:00-09:10 | <b>Tervetuloa Kansallisarkistoon</b>                            | <b>Jaana Kilkki</b><br>Kansallisarkisto               |
| 09:10-09:30 | <b>Sotasampo: visio, missio ja toteutus</b>                     | <b>Eero Hyvönen</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto                |
| 09:30-09:50 | <b>Sotasammon datopalvelu ja sen käyttö</b>                     | <b>Jouni Tuominen</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto              |
| 09:50-10:10 | <b>Sovellus 1: Talvi- ja jatkosodan tapahtumat</b>              | <b>Erkki Heino</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto                 |
| 10:10-10:30 | <b>Sovellus 2 ja 3: Henkilöt ja joukko-osastot</b>              | <b>Petri Leskinen</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto              |
| 10:30-11:00 | <b>Tauko</b>  |   |
| 11:00-11:20 | <b>Sovellus 4: Historialliset paikat ja kartat</b>              | <b>Esko Ikkala</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto                 |
| 11:20-11:40 | <b>Sovellus 5: Sotasurmat</b>                                   | <b>Mikko Koho</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto                  |
| 11:40-12:00 | <b>Sovellus 6: Kansa taisteli -lehdet ja Semanttinen selain</b> | <b>Minna Tamper ja Eetu Mäkelä</b><br>Aalto-yliopisto |
| 12:00       | <b>Tilaisuuden päätös</b>                                       |   |