CLARIN Metadata Curation: Recent Developments

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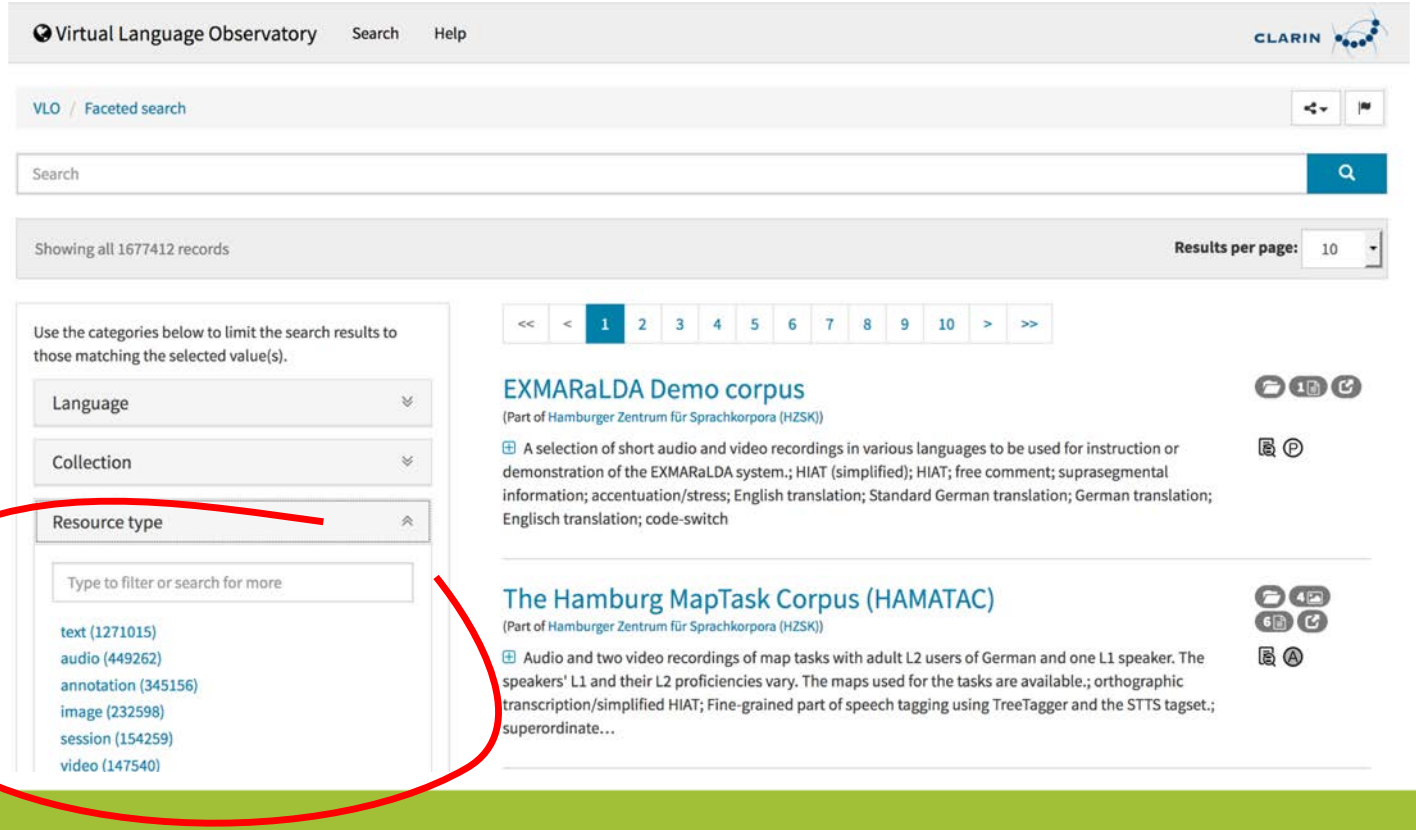
Why metadata curation?



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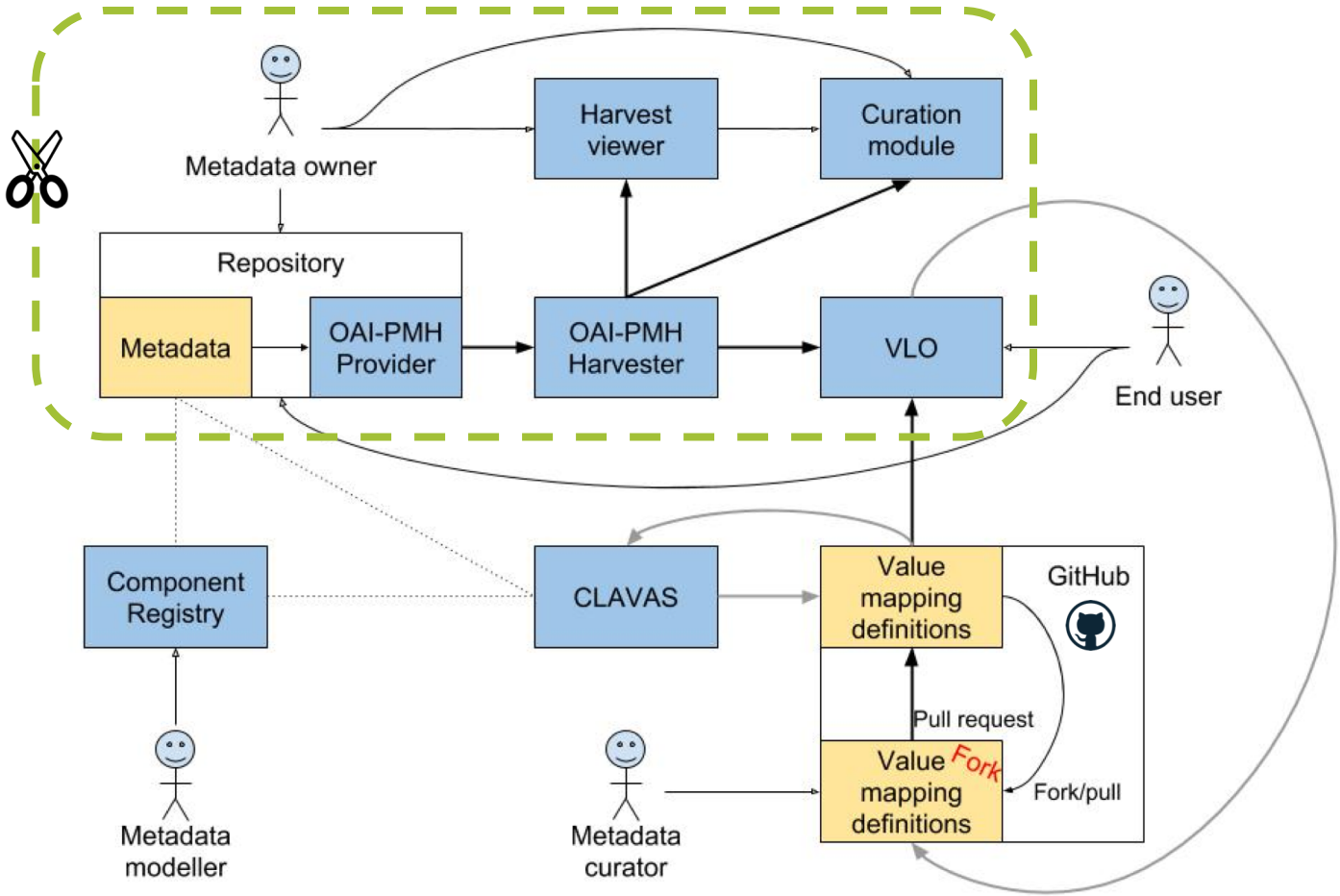
Outline

- Overview of CLARIN's Curation Ecosystem
- Curation Ecosystem for Metadata Owners
- Curation Ecosystem for Metadata Modellers
- Curation Ecosystem for Metadata Curators

Overview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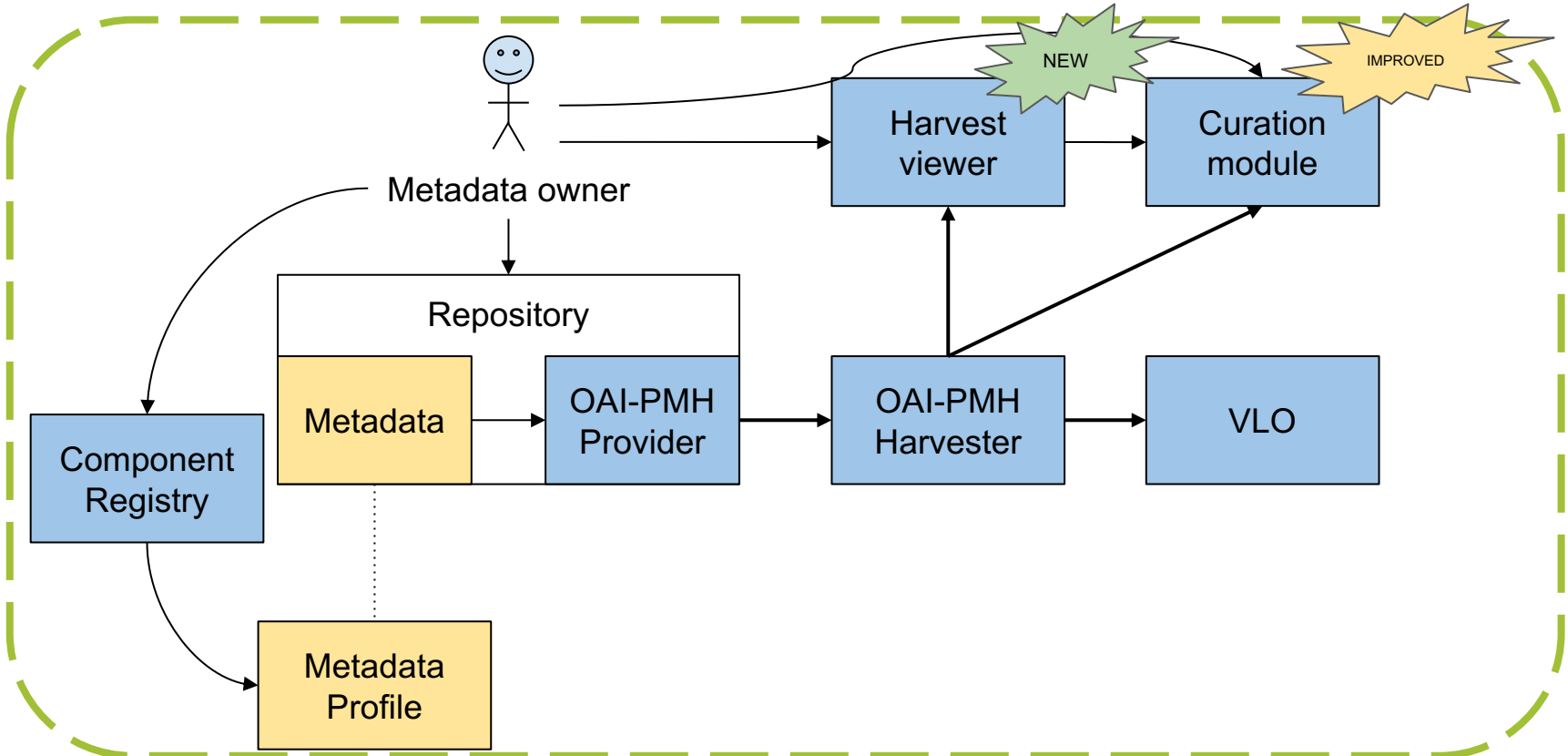

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- **Harvest viewer** (just around the corner)
  - provides paged access to a harvest
  - provides access to endpoint specific harvest logs
  - provides a jump off point to the curation module
- **Curation Module** (clarin.oeaw.ac.at/curate/)
  - XML validation
  - URL checking

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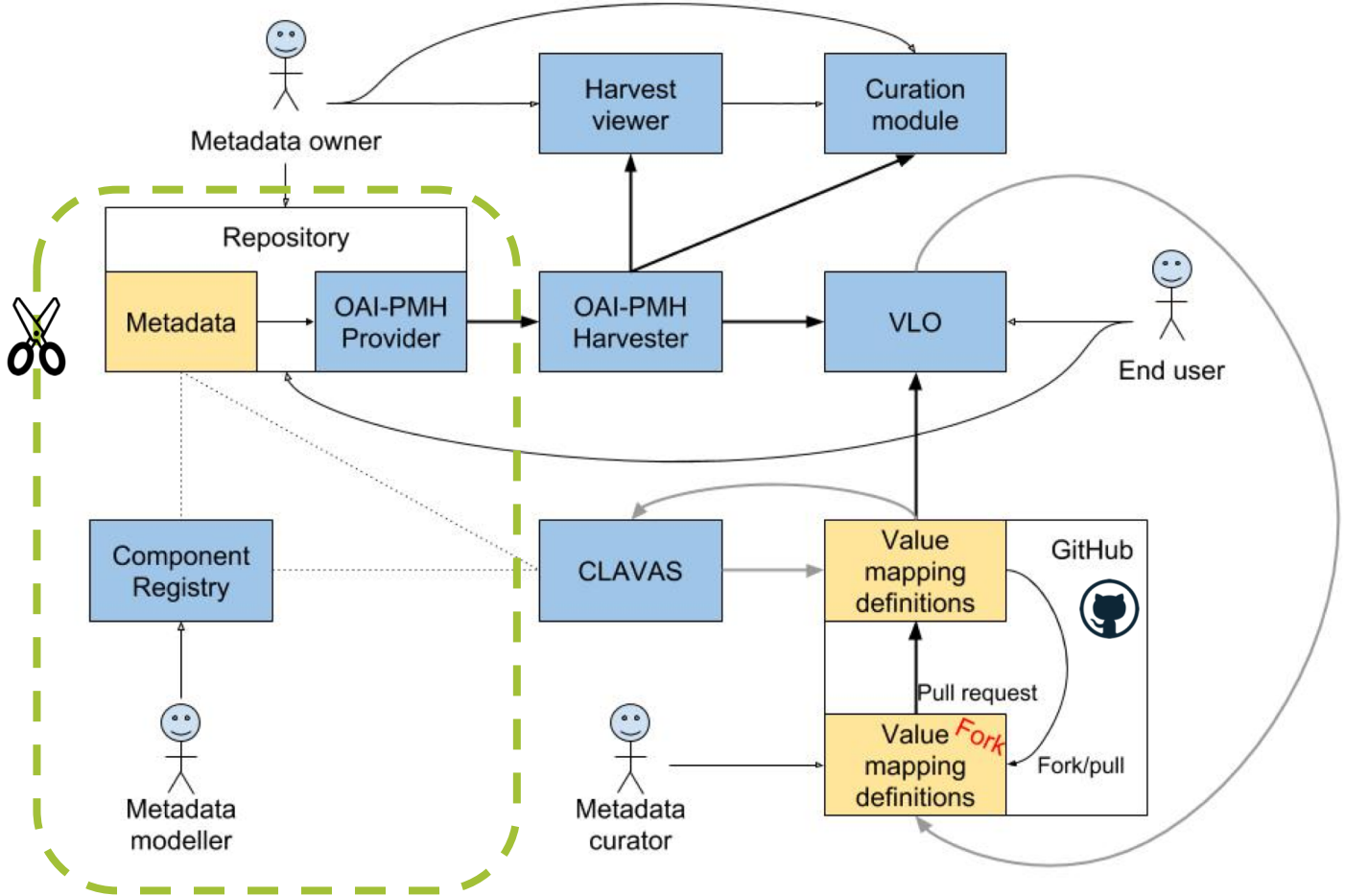
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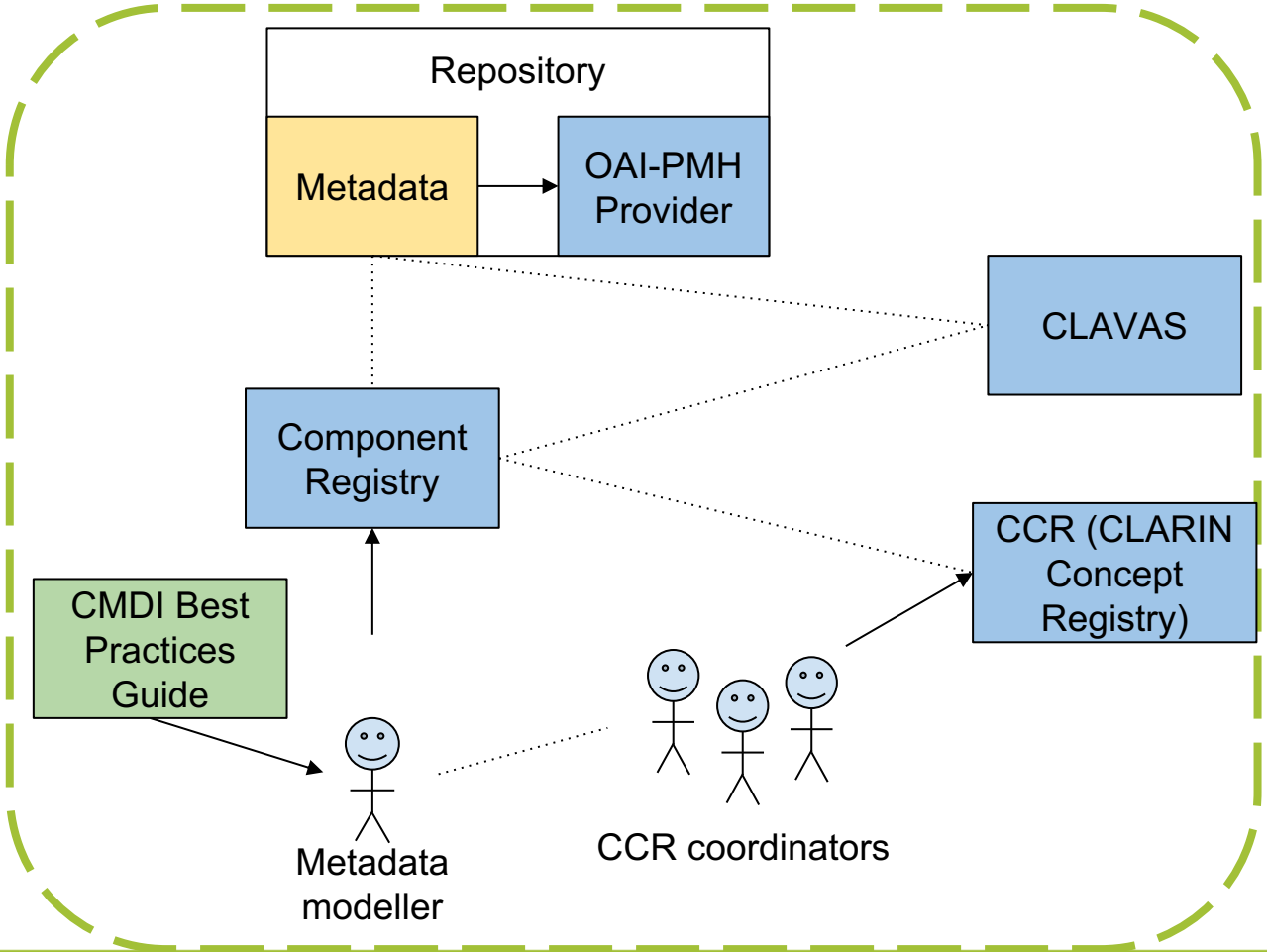

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CMDI Best Practices Guide

- Guide for modelling and creating (automatically or by hand) metadata
- Joint effort of Metadata Curation Taskforce and CMDI Taskforce
- Presented at CAC 2017
- Ongoing work on completing the guide, feedback is much appreciated!
- Recent version published here: clarin.eu/cmdi-best-practice-guide
- Where possible the usage of best practices can be checked by various validators
- Follow-up project evolved: Recommended Concepts & Components

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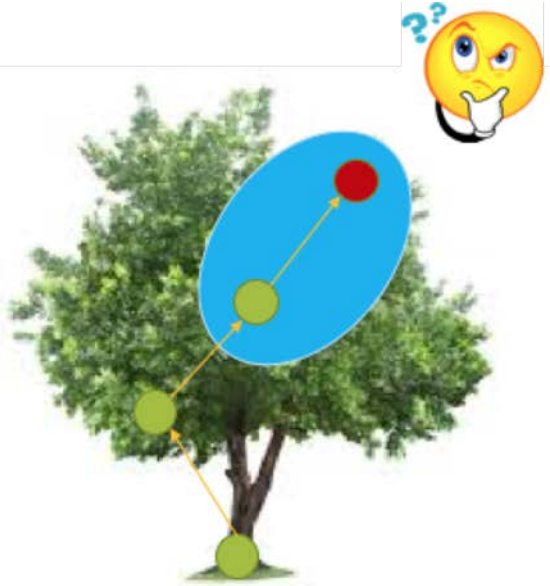

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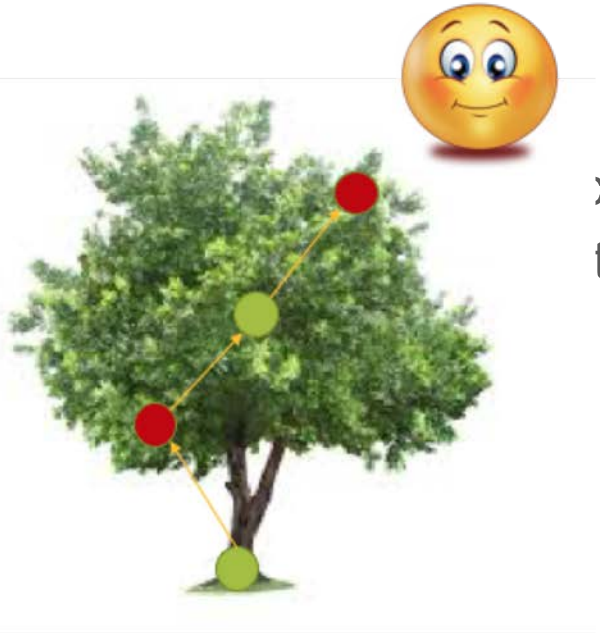

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- Experiments around the use of generic or more specific concepts
- ConceptLinks help the VLO to find the paths to relevant facet values
- However, the semantics of the concept might be too local!
- Create a set of generic concepts that can allow or disallow a path for the VLO to the target values, and can be used for many profiles.
- TODO
  - CCR: identify and specify the set of generic concepts
  - VLO: take more of the semantic context into account

Developments

CLAVAS

- To become the home of the vocabularies created and owned by the MD Curation Taskforce
  - The CLAVAS vocabulary can contain alternative and hidden labels, which are used in the generated mapping definitions
- In the ecosystem for metadata curators new vocabulary items, incl. labels of various kinds, can appear and mappings for them can be prototyped
  - On a regular basis the CLAVAS vocabulary can be updated to include them

- CLAVAS can also contain other vocabularies, i.e., not related to curation, but only if ownership and maintenance is clear!

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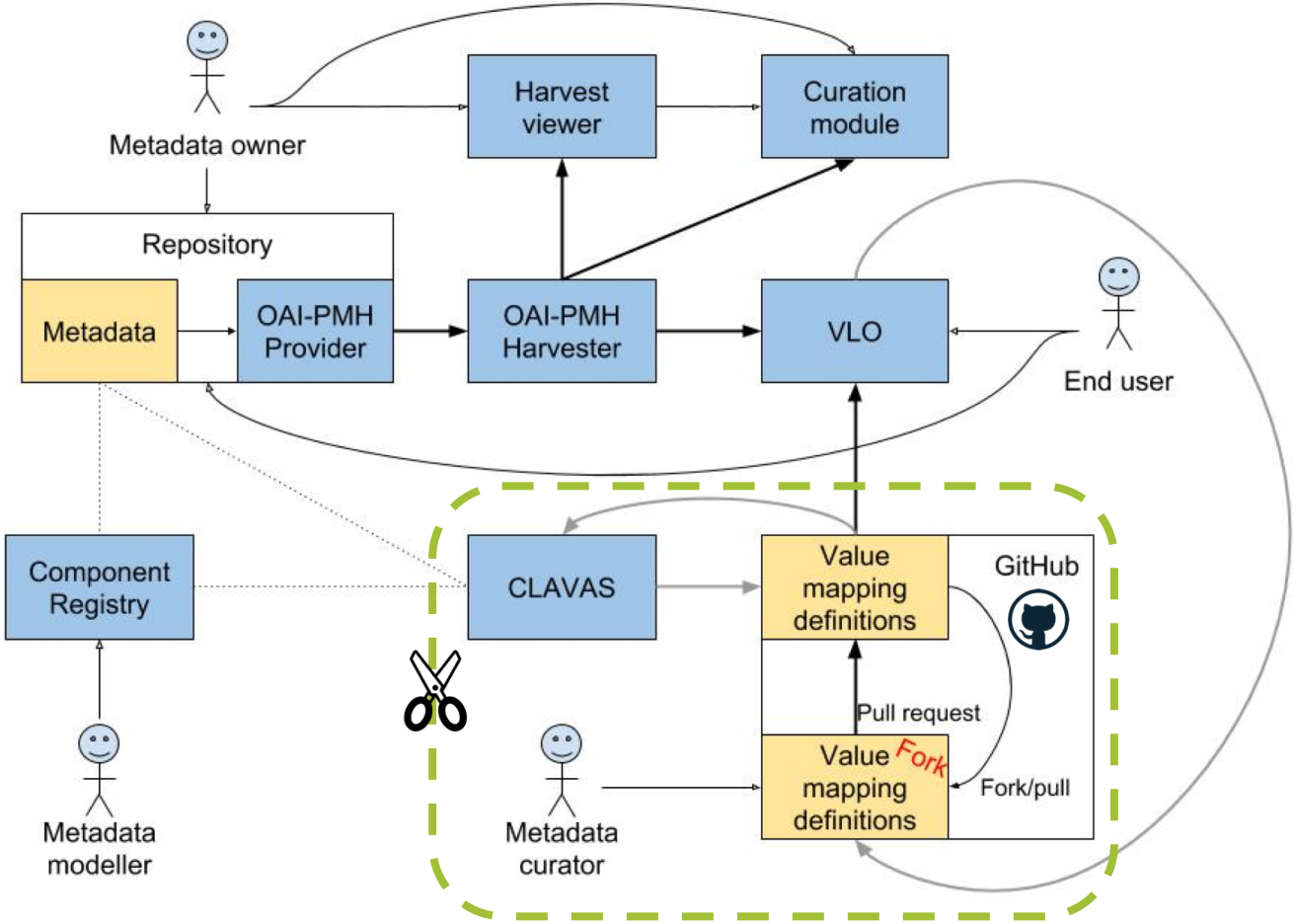
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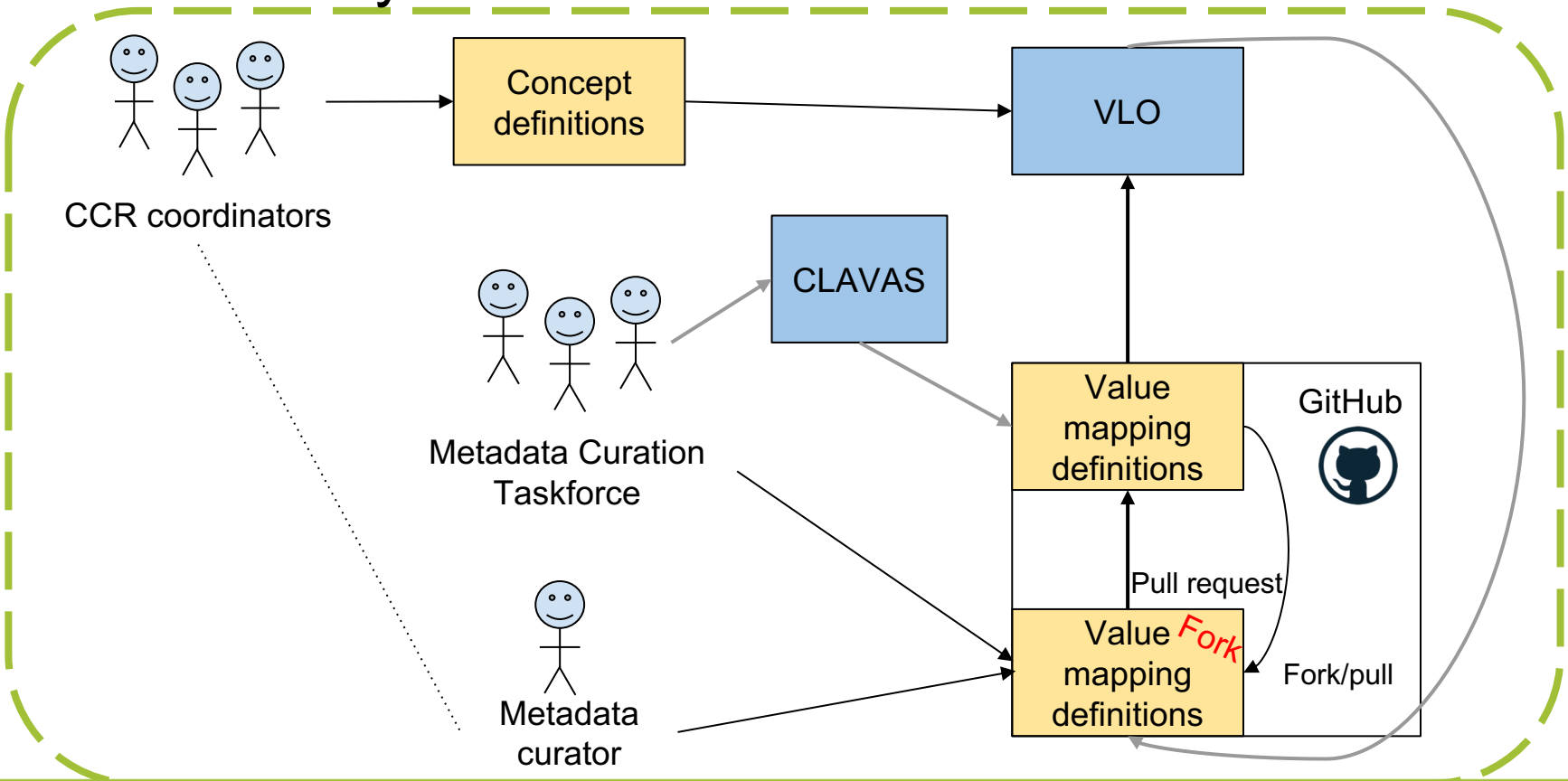

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- Problem:
  - Resource Type values with similar semantics may be represented by different names
  - This led to a significant “expansion” of resource types

- Solution (by MD Curation Taskforce)
  - Define a limited vocabulary of resource types (not too specific, not too generic)
  - Map resource type names to terms in the vocabulary

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A few **metadata profile names**:

- TextCorpusProfile
- LexicalResourceProfile
- TreebankProfile
- WebLichtWebService
- Dictionary
- SongAudio

Developments: **resource type mapping**

- Problem:
  - Profiles designed to describe a resource of a specific type do not explicitly encode this information

- Solution (by MD Curation Taskforce)
  - Map CMDI profiles without explicit resource type information to terms in the vocabulary

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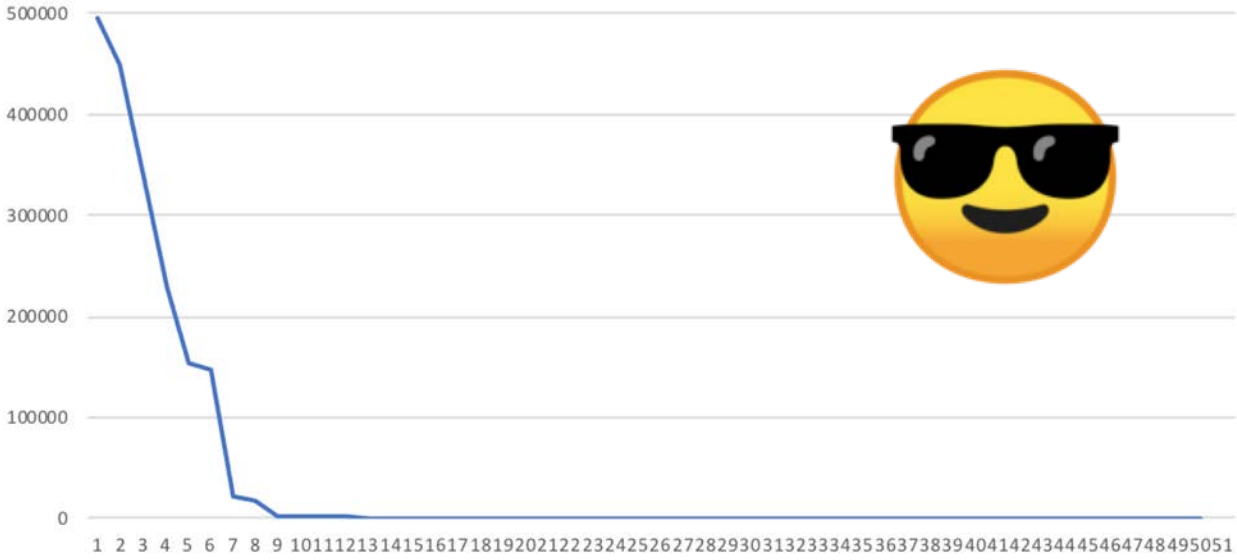
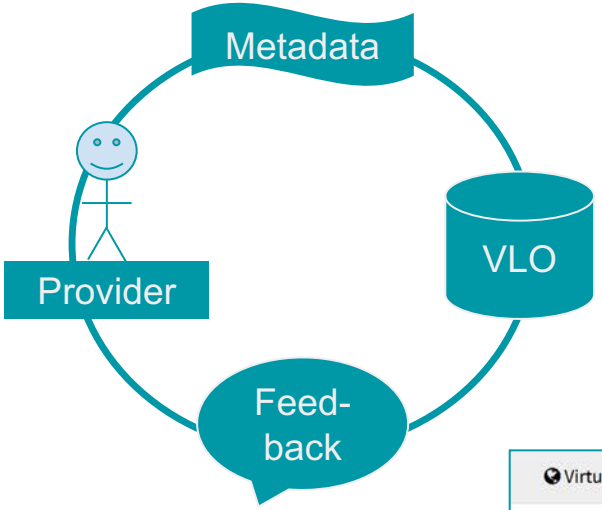
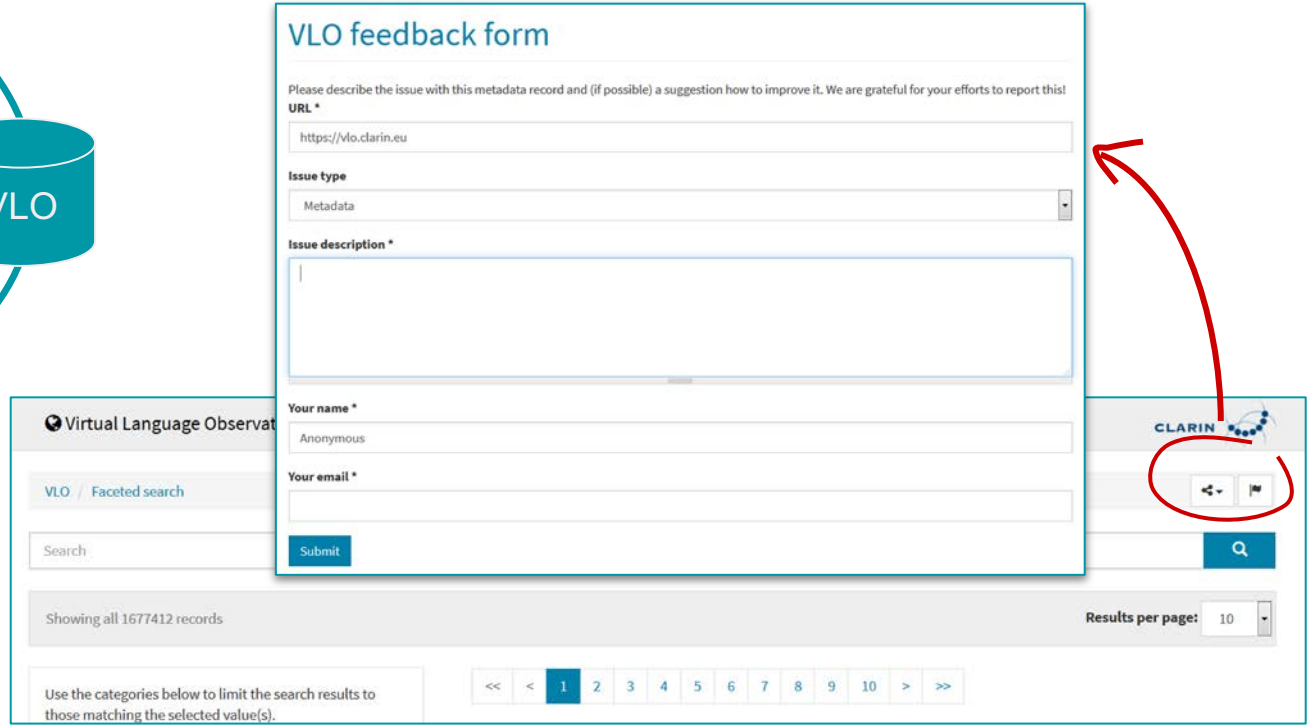


Collaborative Workflow

- **MD curation** in CLARIN is a collaborative task
- Involves various groups of specialists
- Has to be attended to at different points in the workflow
- There are several aspects to it, e.g.
  - VLO: Fixing the concept→facet mapping
  - Component Registry: Fixing semantic mappings in metadata components (concept links)
  - VLO/Helpdesk: Reporting quality issues in metadata records and working with metadata owners to resolve these
  - CLAVAS: Defining and refining vocabularies
  - VLO: Defining post-hoc value mapping rules
- Can be done actively (by actually fixing problems) or as a reporter

Collaborative Workflow: VLO Feedback loop





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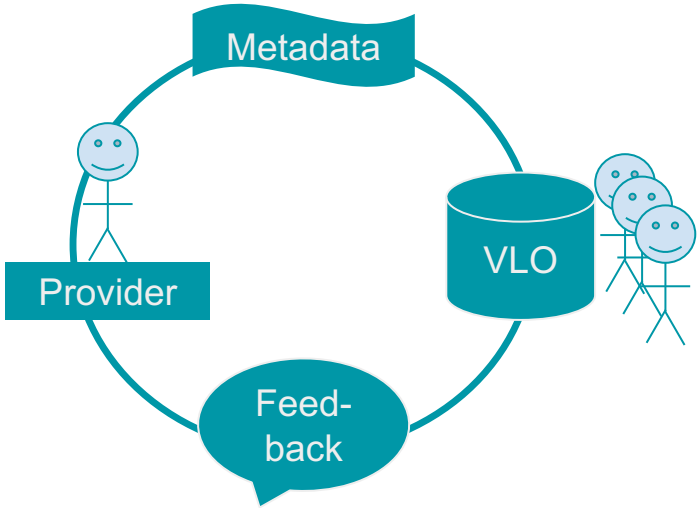

Reminder:

Tomorrow 9:00
Hands-on curation session for metadata providers

Afternoon 15:30
Taskforce meeting for (aspiring) curators

Thank you!