

Achievement Standards Network: Adoption by IMS Standards

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Talk Objectives

- Explain the significance of learning standards and content interoperability
- Introduce the ASN Framework
- Explain how IMS currently uses ASN

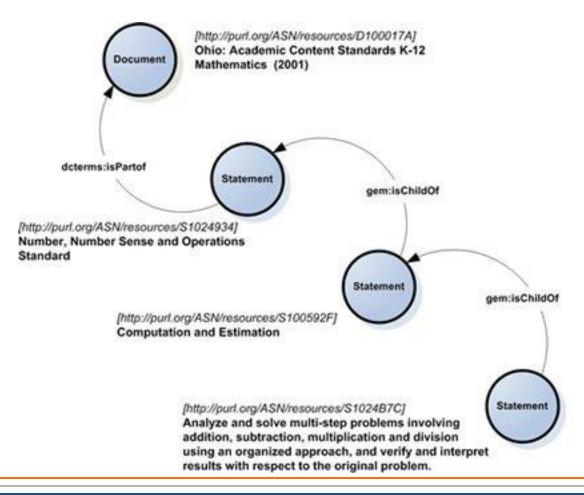


Learning Objectives and Standards

- Annotation of learning content with learning standards identifies competencies being addressed by the content
- Need to be able to describe learning standards, objectives and competencies in machine readable form
- Broad and ease of adoption for linking the content with the corresponding learning standards requires open interoperability standards

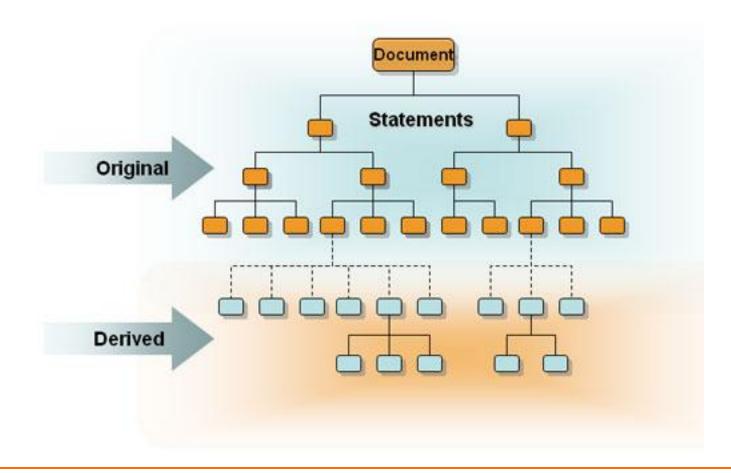


Semantic Linking for Learning Standards



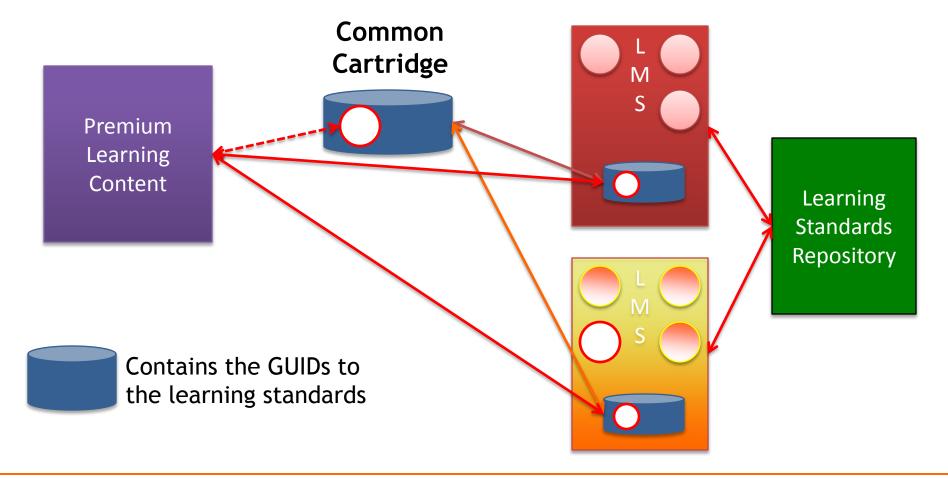


Derived Relationships





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Achievement Standards Network

- The Achievement Standards Network is an open access service to competency framework data
- Developed by Professor Stuart Sutton at the University of Washington, in collaboration with JES & Co.
- Funded through NSF awards DUE-0121717 and DUE-0840740 plus support from the Gates Foundation, and licensed to JES & Co. under agreement with University of Washington.
- As of February 2014, the ASN is owned and operated by Desire2learn (D2L)



ASN Framework

- Hosts learning standard definitions
- Supports the encoding of new learning standards
- Provides ASN Toolkit

– Searching, Cross-walks, URI Resolver

- Provides user documentation and community support
- Hosted by D2L



Curriculum Standards Metadata (CSM)

- IMS metadata to enable learning content to be annotated by links to the associated learning standards (not limited to ASN)
- Can be used in any XML-based/savvy instance e.g. IEEE LOM
- IMS use CSM in the context of a Content Package (CP) or and Common Cartridge (CC)



CSM/ASN Example

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<curriculumStandardsMetadataSet resourceLabel="QTI-Item" resourcePartId="ITEM-001">
<curriculumStandardsMetadata providerId="ASN">
<setOfGUIDs region="Texas" version="1.0">
<labelledGUID>
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<label>ASN PURL for Texas on subject "..." and level "..".</label>
<GUID>http://purl_org/ims/cck12ls/usa_texas_LA_4_2_1_6</GUID>
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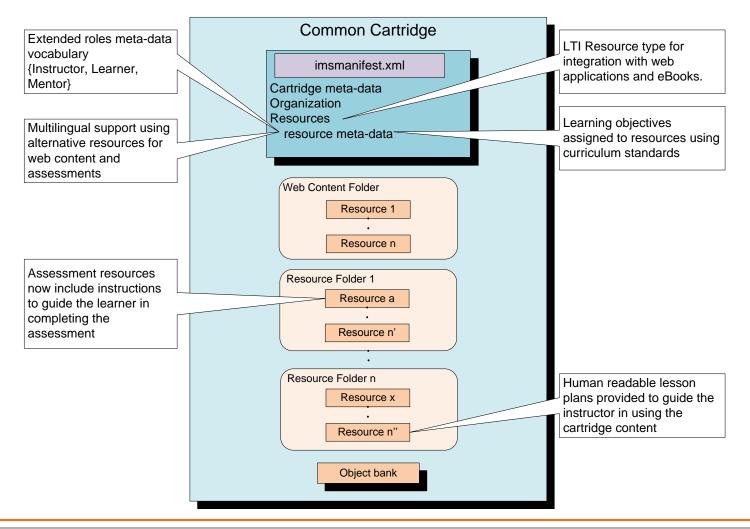


What is Common Cartridge?

- Common Cartridge (CC) is a specification for packaging and exchanging learning and assessment content
- The CC package distills the latest and best community practices for sharing digital content among authoring tools and learning platforms
- Supports both the containment of content in the package external references using URLS or LTI
- CCv1.3 and Thin CC are the latest versions



A Common Cartridge





Metadata Everywhere

- Within the manifest:
 - Manifest-level
 - Organization-level
 - Item-level
 - Resource-level
 - File-level

- Binding forms:
 - IEEE 1484.12.1-2002: LOM
 - IMS Metadata v1.3.2 (Binding)
 - IMS Curriculum Standards
 Metadata v1.0
 - Manifest-level
 - Resource-level



CC/CSM/ASN Example

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<manifest>
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<metadata>

<csm:curriculumStandardsMetadataSet>

</csm:curriculumStandardsMetadataSet>

</metadata>



Summary

- ASN is a well established learning standards repository
- IMS supports the use of ASN via the IMS Curriculum Standards Metadata (CSM) interoperability standard
- CSM is currently used in the IMS Common Cartridge and APIP standards