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Lessons Learned ... about data

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Data issues



- When interconnecting two databases
 - Interoperability
 - Standards
 - Metadata
 - Cooperation
 - The databases were, after all, constructed by people
 - Common goal, common vision helps
 - Data generators and data users usually the same group

Data network interoperability



- Technological
 - Standards
 - Metadata
- Sociological
 - Common vision broadens
 - Must encompass many different goals
 - Data generator group and data user group less and less coincident



Data issues



- Users need to find data that suits their needs
 - "Fitness for use" as opposed to "quality"
- Technological solutions must address sociological issues
 - Interoperability standards / web services /etc.

- **METADATA**

