Norwegian Marine Data Centre



Seamless access to marine data

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Project overview



- Main objective:
 - Serve the marine science community with seamless access to marine datasets covering waters of Norwegian interests.
- Website: http://nmdc.no/
- Coordinator:
 - Institute of Marine Research
- Partners:
 - 16 national partners







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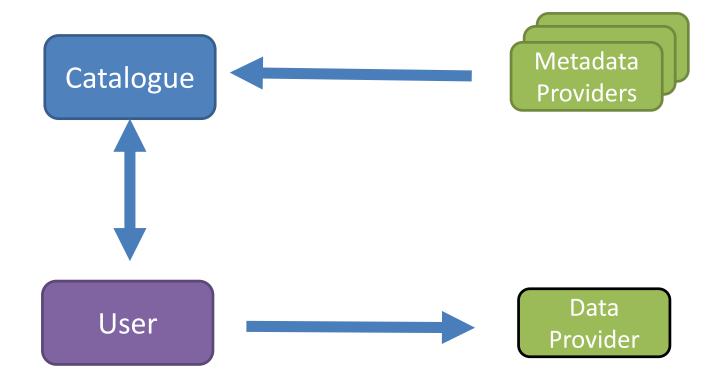






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Components



- Centralized metadata catalogue
 - All metadata are searchable from the same place
- Distributed metadata providers
 - Each partner provides metadata through their own infrastructure or via another partners infrastructure
- Distributed data providers
 - Each partner can use its own infrastructure















Components



- Public REST api for 3rd party users
 - Accessible on the central node
- Data catalogue web application
 - Shows all the metadata in the centralized catalogue
 - Possible to search and download data







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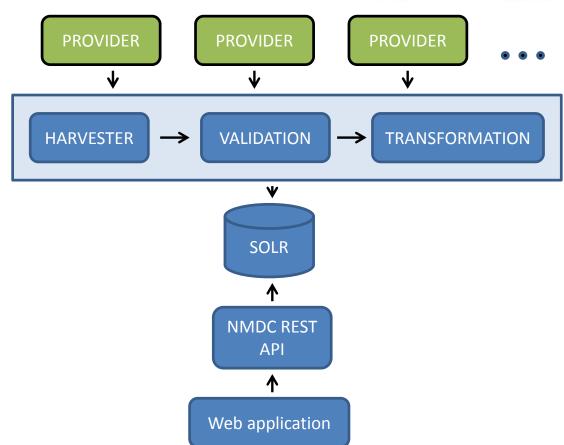
Data flow



Metadata provider

Central node

Application

























Metadata harvester



- Periodic retrieval via OAI-PMH protocol
- MetaData retrieved and verified using either ISO 19139 or GCMD DIF
- Harvested metadata are transformed to internal NMDC format













Harvester implementation





- Apache Camel and ActiveMQ
- Processing performed using Enterprise integration patterns
 Separate processes for each operation







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Metadata search engine



Apache Solr

- Open source search platform
- Indexes metadata for efficient search
- Free text indexing
- Facet indexing
 - Science keywords
 - Institution
 - Geospatial (Simple)/Temporal

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Public NMDC API



- **REST API**
- JSON response
- getFacets, search, getMetadataDetails
- Used by Data catalogue application

URL: http://prod1.nmdc.no/UserInterface/metadata_api











Data download



- Each metadata record contains one or more URLs to data
- Links can be to provider landing page or direct data download
- Links can be access via data catalogue GUI or public api













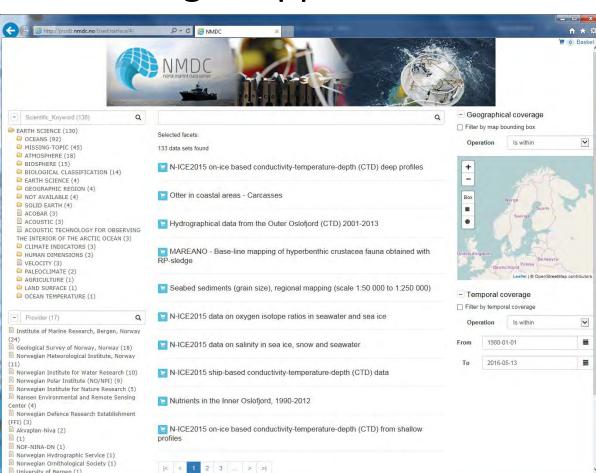








Data catalogue application







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Challenges



- Encouraging metadata provider to supply meaningful metadata attributes
- Diverse institutions with varying expectations to agree on common approach.
- Ensuring each data provider has a data policy for sharing data
 - NLOD (Norwegian)
 - CC BY 4.0
- Changing existing mindset to encourage data sharing



















Future direction



- Verification of dataset links
- Collect selected datasets into single download file.
- Support subsetting of datasets for download for large datasets
- Provide permalinks for search results







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