What Finna Could Offer for Digital Humanities

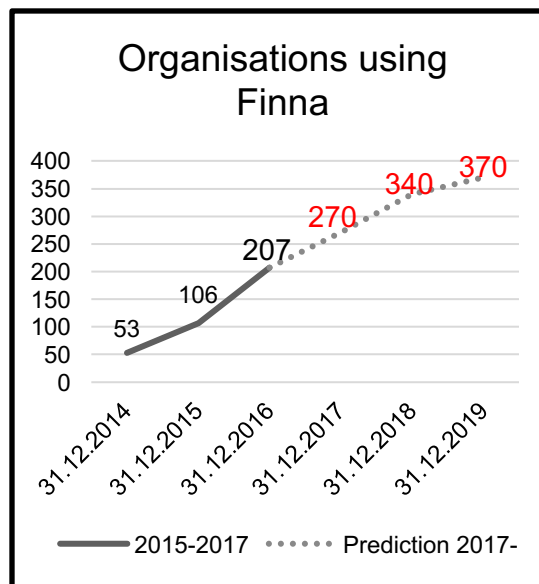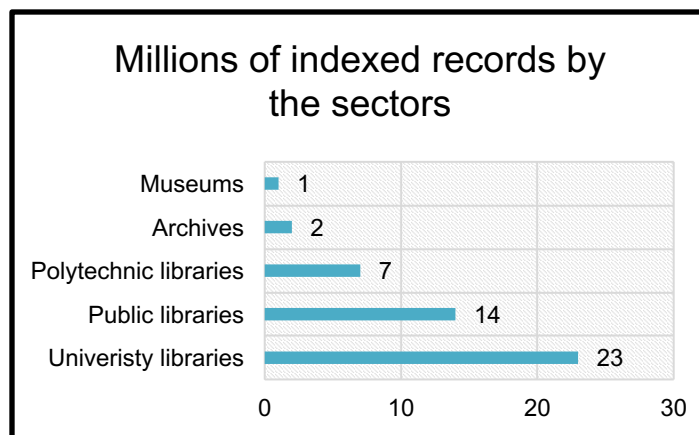**F I N N A**

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Finna.fi

- The **user interface** of **National Digital Library**.
- One of the key infrastructures for culture and research
- A project to ensure that electronic materials of Finnish culture and science are
  - managed with a high standard
  - **easily accessed**
  - securely preserved

- Collaboration with the **Open Science and Research Initiative**

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- **+13 million** unique descriptive metadata records.
  - (≈ 47 million records in whole index without deduplication)
  - License of metadata: **CC0**

- **+1,7 million** records with linked online material.

- Material provided by **+250** libraries, archives and museums.

Growing>>>

Millions of indexed records by the sectors

Sector	Value
Museums	1
Archives	2
Polytechnic libraries	7
Public libraries	14
Univeristy libraries	23

0   10   20   30

Organisations using Finna

400
350
300
250
200
150
100
50
0

53 106 207 270 340 370

31.12.2014 31.12.2015 31.12.2016 31.12.2017 31.12.2018 31.12.2019

—— 2015-2017   ······ Prediction 2017-

Quality of metadata is good

- Marc 21, LIDO, EAD, FORWARD, DublinCore

- Produced by professionals

- Metadata is rich

Eino Heinonen, Helsinki City Museum
https://finna.fi/Record/hkm.HKMS000005:km0000mloe

- Metadata is normalized in indexing process
    - Dating of the objects, Format, Online availability, Permitted uses, Geolocation

    Example:
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   results in time line>
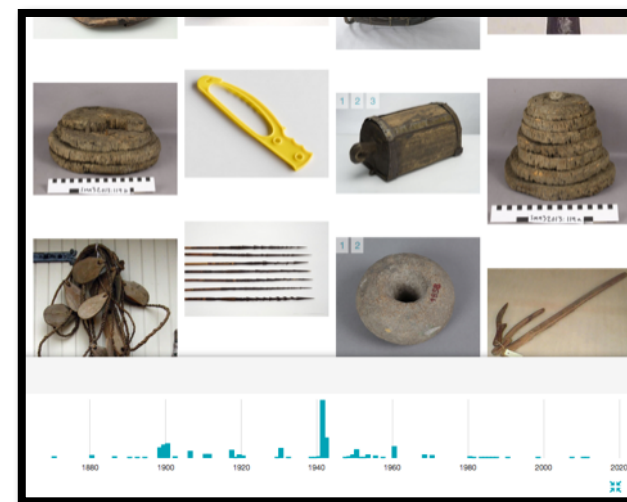
Metadata – Libraries (≈ 10 million)

- Mainly *MARC 21* (+ 8 million) + *DublinCore* records
- Books, Journals/Articles, Musical scores…
- ≈480.000 available online (Thesis, e-books, e-articles, Musical scores and music recordings

- Fennica, National bibliography (≈ 1 million)
    - books from 1488, newspapers from 1711, …
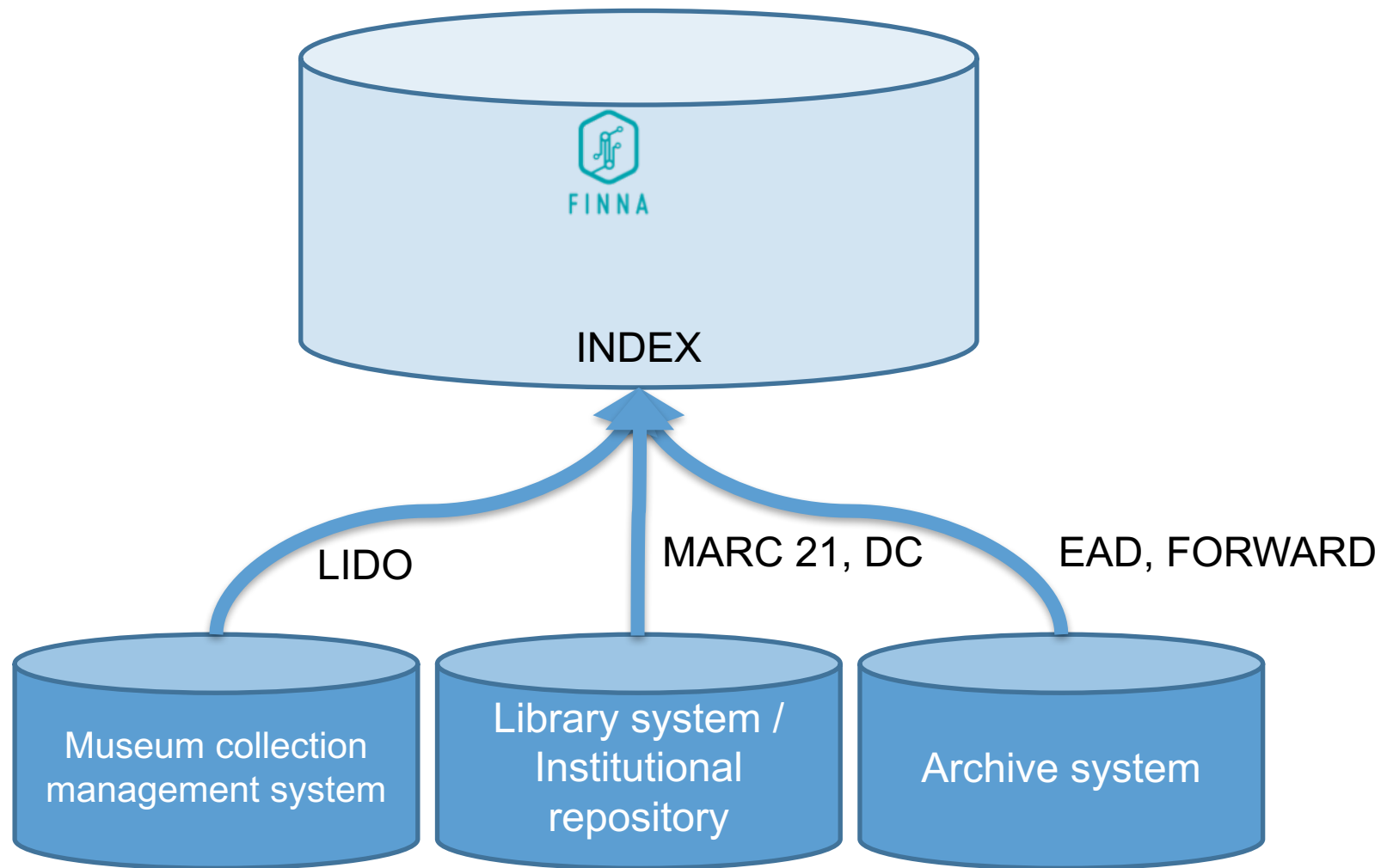- Viola, The National discography of Finland (≈140.000)

Metadata – Museums (+ 1 million)

- *LIDO*
- Images, physical objects, Books, works of art, documents, places, …
- Online accessible image files (+1 million)
- + 500 000 images under CC-licenses
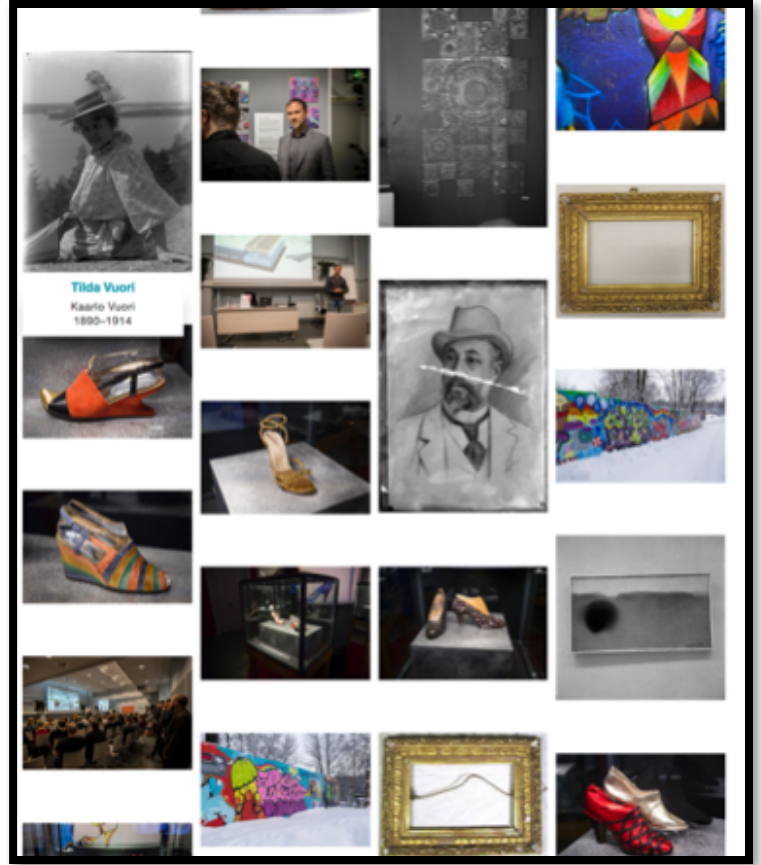
Metadata – Archives (+2 million)

- Mostly from the National Archives
- +220.000 records with linked digital objects
- Archive documents, Images, Videos, Sound recordings, …

- Metadata will be better in near future: AHAA-project has created common descriptive services for the Finnish archival sector.

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LIDO

MARC 21, DC

EAD, FORWARD

Museum collection management system

Library system / Institutional repository

Archive system

GOAL: Enabling re-use and new ways to use Finna data

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF FINLAND

Enriching images with geo- coordinates

1. The place name is found in descriptive metadata while indexing

2. Finna queries from OpenStreetMap: Is there entry for this place?

LIDO-metadata "Helsinki, Kruunuhaka, Senaatintori" → OpenStreetMap

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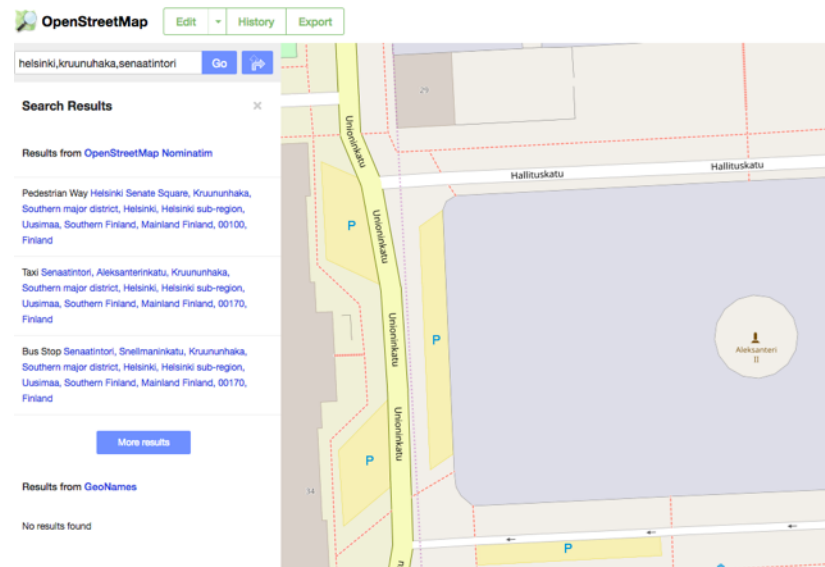
Enriching images with geo- coordinates

3. If there is geodata, Finna will index it
with the original metadata

OpenStreetMap Nominatim   ━━━━━━▶   **Finna index:**

location_geo

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>> Finna Street

Openness enables re-use and the innovative development of services

- Open source
- **Open interface (API)**
- **Open metadata**
- **Open content**

- **Api.finna.fi: D**escriptive metadata of over 13 Million entries from **Finna.fi**

API.FINNA.FI

- Easy to use.
  - Search query parameters can be seen in use wwith the normal web interface: finna.fi
  - Swagger documentation: api.finna.fi
  - REST/JSON

- No need for API-key

Digital humanities?

- The metadata
  - Rich
  - Normalized
  - Open + a wealth of open content
  - It covers most Finnish archives, museums and libraries
- There is API

… but

- there is no way to access the index as a whole and download it for further processing
  - Development task for 2018
    - OAI-PMH?