

# **The Pelagios Initiative**

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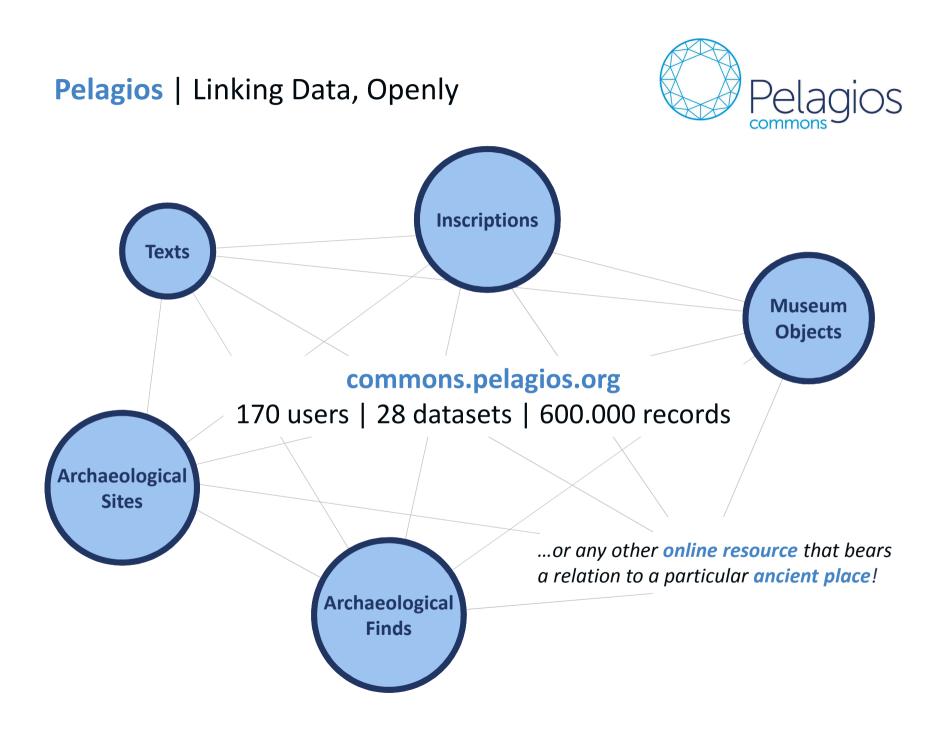
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# What is Pelagios?



- A series of projects
- Creating Linked Open Data annotations of place references in historical sources
- Developing software (Recogito, Peripleo) to assist this process
- Dependent upon a wider community





# Pelagios is not... | One Ring to Rule them All



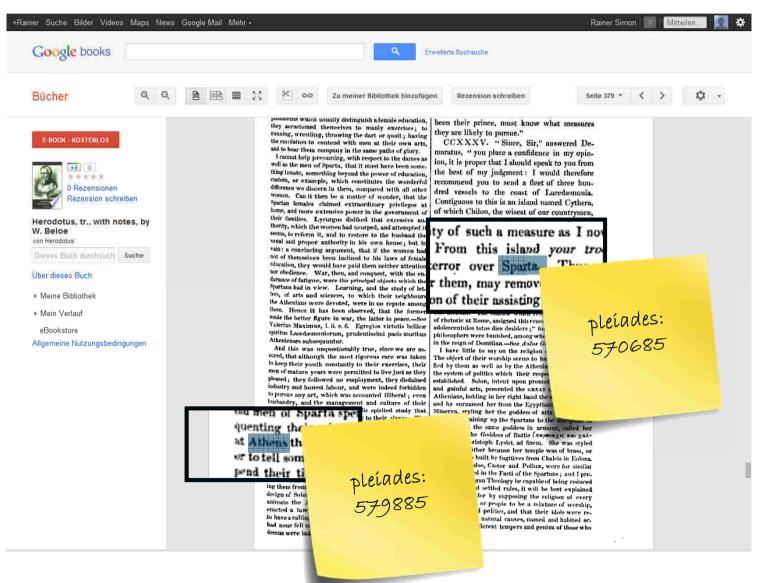


- Not a data aggregator
- Not a repository
- Not a standard data model

Connectivity through *common references* rather than a *common schema* 

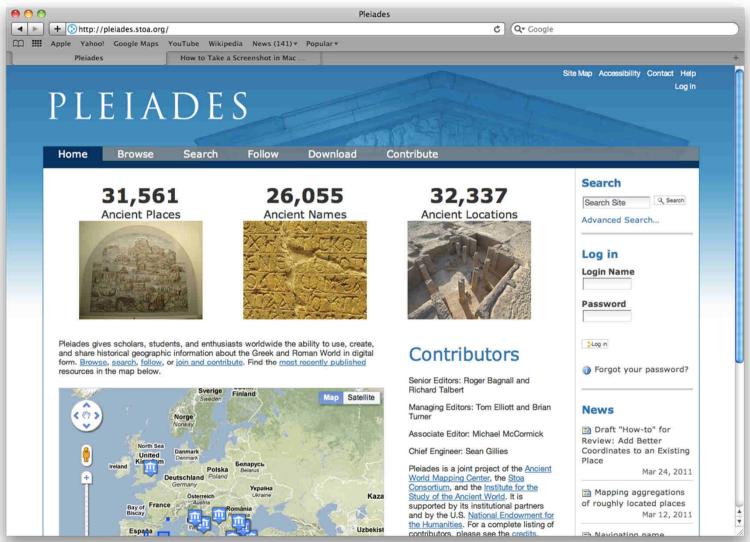
# Growing the Graph | Annotating Documents





# **The Essential Ingredient** | URI Gazetteers











# PLEIADES



Digital Atlas of the Roman Empire







Deutsches Archäologisches Institut iDAI.gazetteer







WIKIPEDIA Die freie Enzyklopädie



# **China Historical GIS**

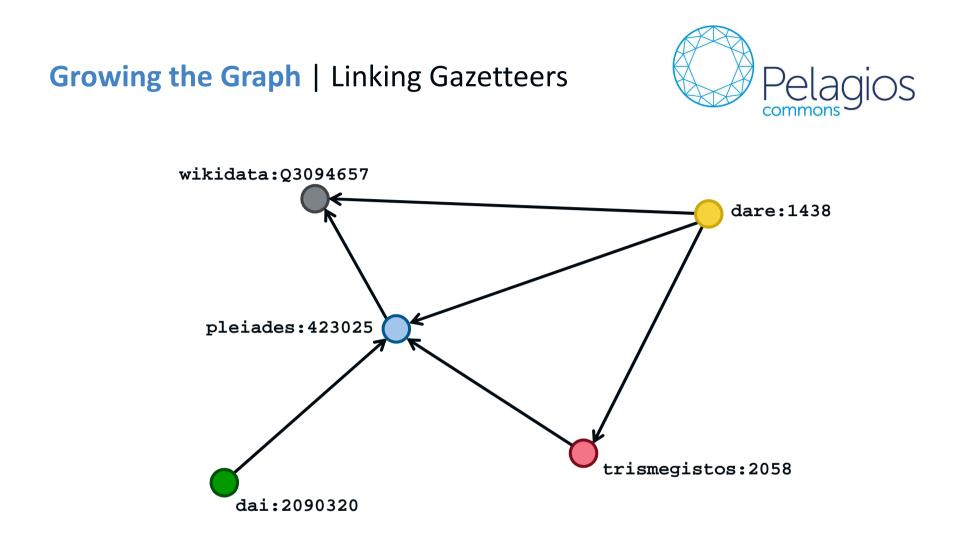






# **Good Reasons for Diversity**

- Coverage (geographic, temporal, cultural)
- Granularity
- Focus (e.g. names vs. coordinates/geometry)
- Scholarly quality
- Editorial process
- Community
- ...



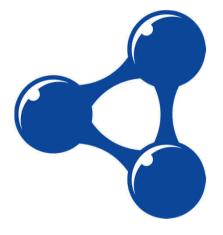
Associating **Places** with **Places** (in different gazetteers).

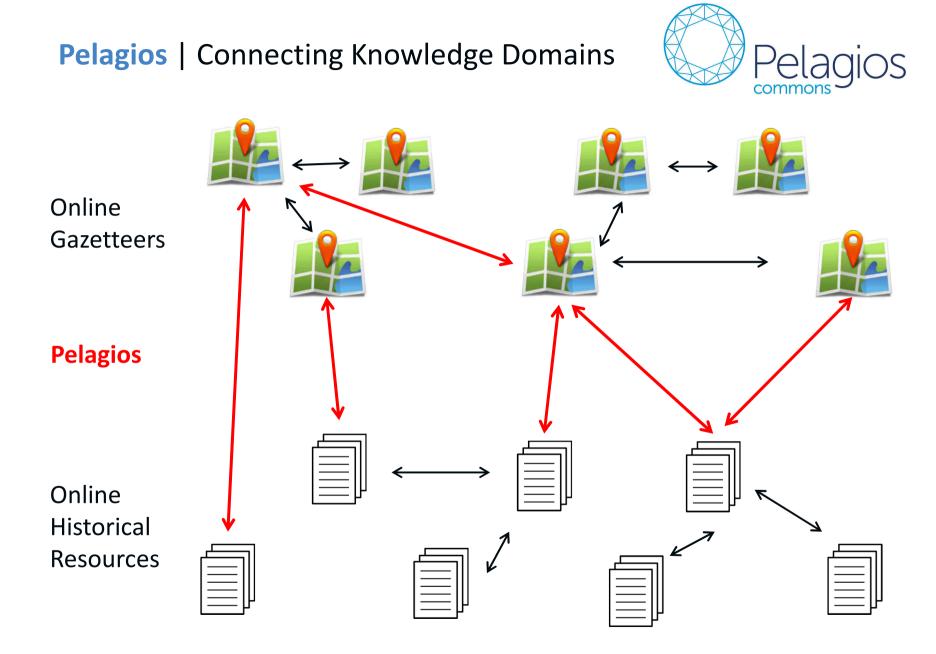
# Pelagios Interconnection Format



- A uniform way to create links
- with just enough metadata to allow...
  - search across different gazetteers
  - identification and disambiguation of places
  - annotating data with stable URI references
- NOT a universal data model to represent gazetteers!
- **RDF** the lingua franca of the *Web of Data*
- In <u>DRAFT</u> & evolving as we speak LOD Gazetteer Consortium <u>https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/lod-gc</u>







### **Connecting Gazetteers** | Example



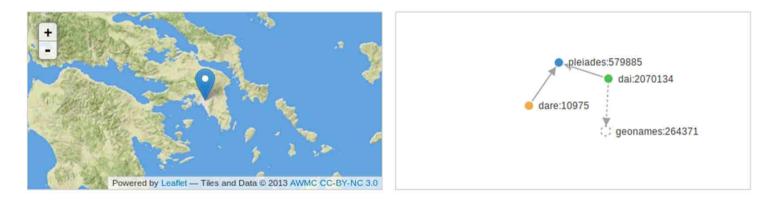
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@prefix geo: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84 pos#> .
 1
      @prefix geovocab: <http://geovocab.org/spatial#> .
 2
      @prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
 3
      @prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .
 4
      @prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
 5
      @prefix pleiades: <http://pleiades.stoa.org/places/vocab#> .
 6
      @prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2002/01/rdf-schema#> .
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 8
      <http://www.mygazetteer.org/pla
                                           nens> a geovocab:Feature ;
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10
        dcterms:title "Athens"@en :
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        dcterms:description "A major Greek city-state"@en ;
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13
        dcterms:temporal "start=-750; end=640" ;
14
15
        skos:closeMatch <http://sws.geonames.org/264371/> ;
        skos:exactMatch <http://pleiades.stoa.org/places/579885> ;
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17
        pleiades:hasName [ rdfs:label "Αθήνα"@el ],
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          [ rdfs:label "Athens"@en ],
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          [ rdfs:label "Athenae" ] ;
        pleiades:hasLocation [ geo:lat 3.715000e+1 ; geo:long 3.880000e+1 ] ;
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24
        foaf:primaryTopicOf <http://www.mygazetteer.org/place/Athens.html> ;
25
        dcterms:isPartOf <http://www.mygazetteer.org/place/Greece> ;
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#### PELAGIOS API Home Datasets Places

pleiades:579885

### Athenae

Athens, Athenae, Athina/Athens A major Greek city-state Q LAT 37.9708 LON 23.7195 http://pleiades.stoa.org/places/579885



#### Athenae in Other Gazetteers



#### Athen

Athenae, Athenai, Athen http://gazetteer.dainst.org/place/2070134

#### dare:10975

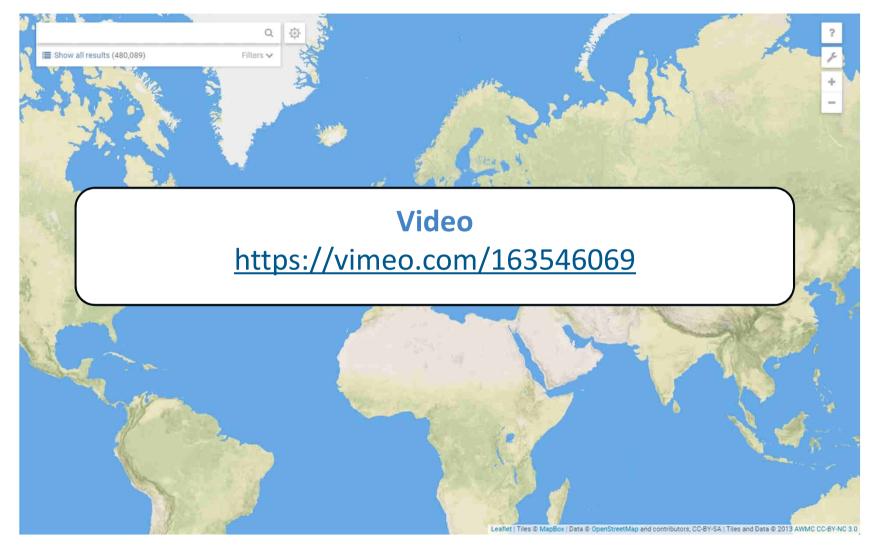
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# **Benefits** | Navigating Heterogeneous Data





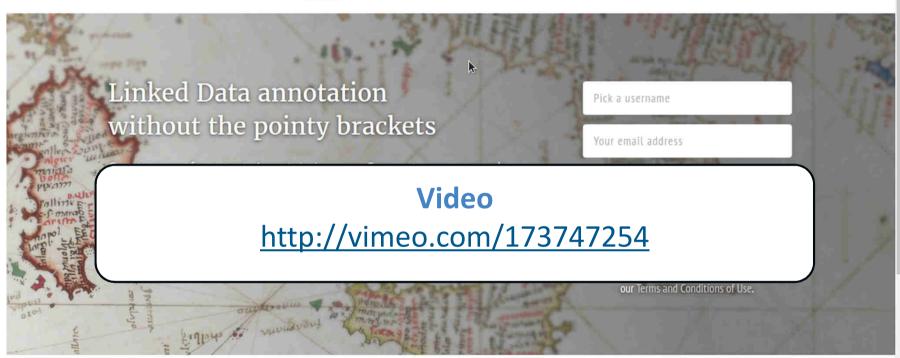
# **Recogito** | Annotation Tool for Maps & Text





# **Upcoming** | Recogito Version 2

# Recogito | Pelagios



Recogito Now Open for Alpha Testing! Our offical opening is scheduled for December 2016. But feel free to explore Recogito already now, while it's under development. We appreciate your feedback, bug reports, feature ideas, etc. Please get in touch via the <u>Recogito Users</u> <u>Group</u> or <u>GitHub</u>.

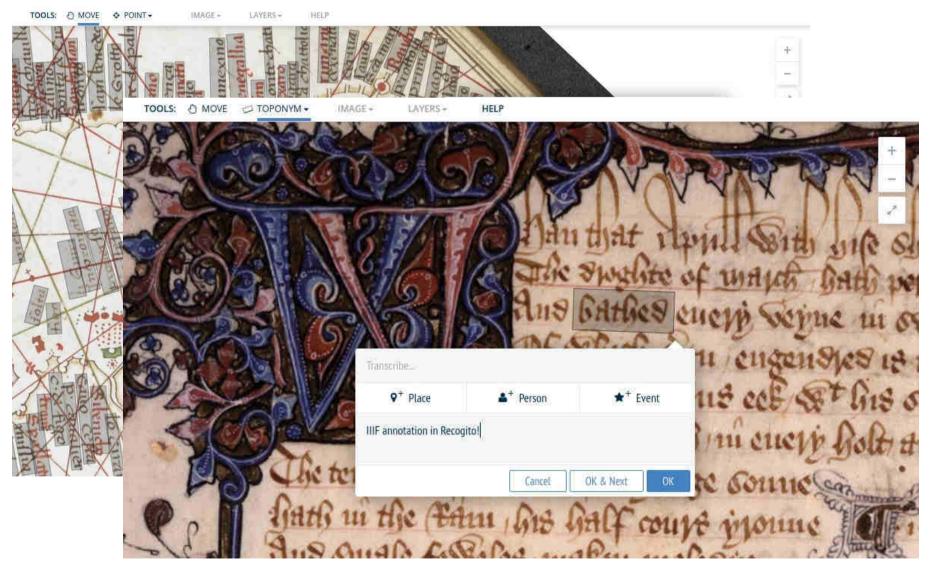
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Warning: please note that until the official opening, data may be lost without advance notice.

# http://recogito.pelagios.org

# Upcoming | Recogito Images & IIIF





Join Us!



# http://commons.pelagios.org

A community space for discussing ideas and best practices around creating, curating and working with (geo) data in the Humanities

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