MuseiD-Italia Digital Library for Museums



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The Digital Library for Museums has been realized thanks to MuseiD-Italia project. The objective is to create an integrated area in Culturaltalia portal where the users can search and compare works from the collections of several museums and find information about permanent and temporary exhibitions.

The project is funded by the Ministry for Public Administration and Innovation within the Strategic Plan e-Government 2012

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It started in December 2009 and will end in December 2012

ICCU coordinates the project









More than 2,5 M of metadata: from museums, photographs, libraries, archives, galleries, exhibits, monuments, videos, etc.

Editorial articles
To discover cultural
activities and partners

Weekly Newsletter Italian - English

Community on FB and LinkedIN

More than 1.6 M data sent to Europeama









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MuseiD-Italia involved:

- the creation of a national register of museums, monuments and archaeological parks interoperable with regional databases
- the creation of a digital library based on Fedora framework for the storage and publication of digital objects describing
 - Museums
 - Museum collections
 - Digitized Museum objects
- a launch of digitization projects of and projects for the recovery of existing digital resources related to Musums objects and collections, addressed to a first populating campaign of the Digital Library



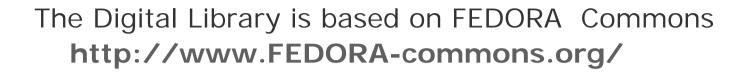


MuseiD-Italia project's numbers

- 30 projects in total (19 are organized on regional basis)
- more than 360 museums participating in the projects
- more than 95,000 digital objects (images and videos) in the digital library
- more than 7,500 descriptions of museums and monuments in the national registry







- it is free, community supported, open source software
- it is an integrated digital repository-centered platform
- it enables storage, access and management of any kind of digital content in a neutral manner using open standards
- it provides a base for software developers to build tools and front ends for sharing, reuse and displaying data online
- digital resources can be described within a Fedora repository using various datastreams in different metadata schemas







Fedora is a modern repository model allows to:

- Create and maintain a persistent, stable, digital archive
 - provides backup, redundancy and disaster recovery for curren system
 - provides full-text search across all metadata
- Store the data in a neutral manner, using open standards
 - store digital objects along with the descriptive XML files on the filesystem
 - manage metadata describing digital objects using standard metadata schemas (METS in the case of MuseiD-Italia)
- Promote content sharing and reuse via open standards
 - repository accessible via the REST protocol
 - data sharing is available via OAI-PMH protocol (Open Archive Initiative) for incremental harvesting (especially to CulturaItalia)







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The Digital Library MuseiD-Italia manages three different types of content:

- descriptions of museums, monuments, archaeological sites, historical gardens, churches and other cultural sites aquired via OAI-PMH by the National Registry
- descriptions of museum collections
- digital objects (images, video) in different formats and resolution scales: high, medium, low and preview

FEDORA assigns to each work or collection a persistent identifier (PID) that is a digital reference for each resource even outside the DL, towards other repository like Culturaltalia







MuseiD-Italia/Digital Library <software>

The DL is based on a METS profile specifically conceived for the domain of Italian Museums

The METS-MDI profile Uses VRA embedded into the descriptive metadata section (dmdSec) for describing Works, Collections and Images

descriptive metadata related to WORKS (dmdSec) are derived from the national cataloguing standards (ICCD) and automatically mapped into VRA Core 4.0

in the section of technical metadata (amdSec), the profile adopts the schemas NISO MIX, VIDEOMD and AUD respectively related to image files, video and audio files

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http://www.loc.gov/standards/mets/met
s-registered-profiles.html



System requirements:

- Linux server operating system
- Database MySQL
- Java (JDK version 1.6)
- Tomcat servlet container
- Fedora Commons (versione 3.4)
- OAI Provider Service 1.2 (Proai)
- Mass storage of adequate capacity in RAID configuration



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ICCU also distributes some software tools for the automatic creation and validation of metadata in the METS-mdi profile adopted by MuseiD-Italia Digital Library

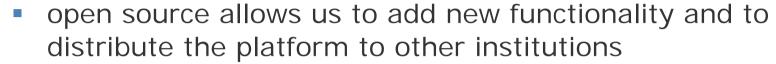
- PACKAGING TOOL: it creates the packages ready for the generation of METS-mdi metadata after the ingestion of native data (ICCD cataloguing fiches) and of related digital objects. It also creates the digital collections and related descriptions, and groupes digital objects within the collections.
- METS GENERATOR: it generates xml METS-mdi records from the packages resulting from the packaging tool.
- METS VALIDATOR it validates METS-mdi records resulting from the METS generator.





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- the DL is aimed to allow the institutions to publish their collections online
- understand how data can be shared in an effective method
- study a distributed architecture: look at options for storing huge amounts of data, and how Fedora Commons can manage this type of distribution
- deploy the digital platform on cloud computing technology





Culturaltalia/MuseiD-Italia

<Data Exchange Agreement>

MuseiD-Italia provides metadata to CulturaItalia via OAI-PMH

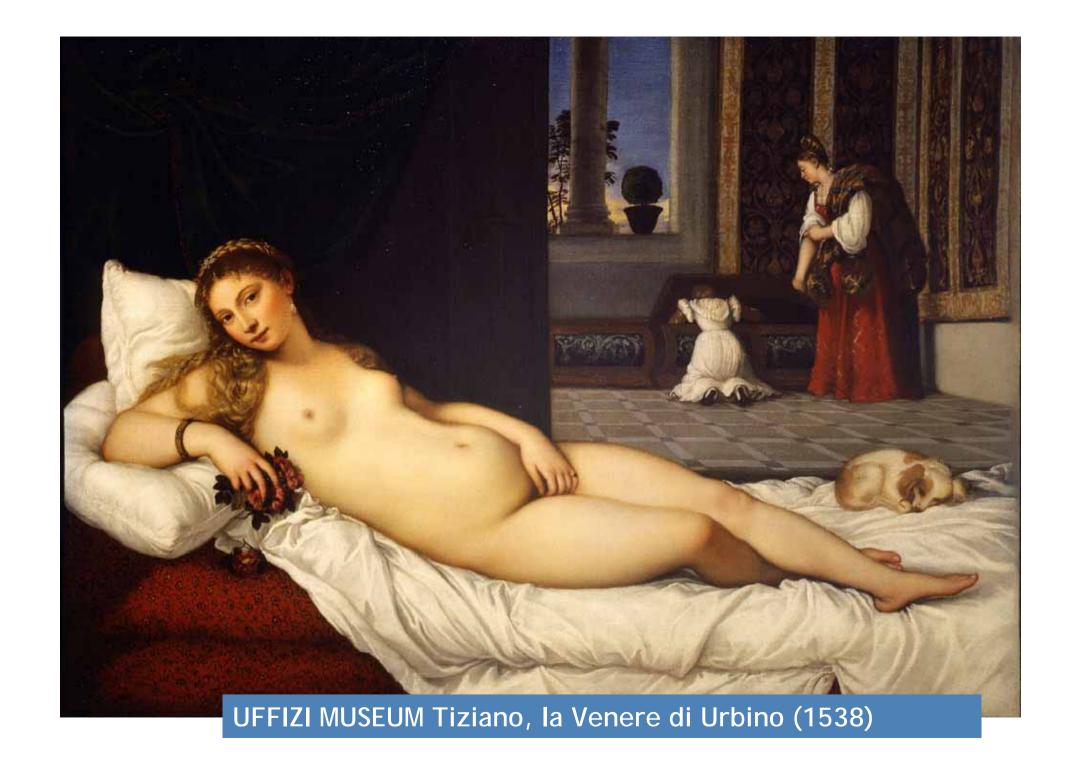
- The new agreement with the content providers includes the opportunity to submit data to Europeana under the terms of the Data Exchange Agreement (DEA) based on the Creative Commons open license 0 (licensed under the Public Domain) to allow the reuse of data as Linked Open Data.
- We need to re-negotiate all the existing agreements between Culturaltalia and his content providers





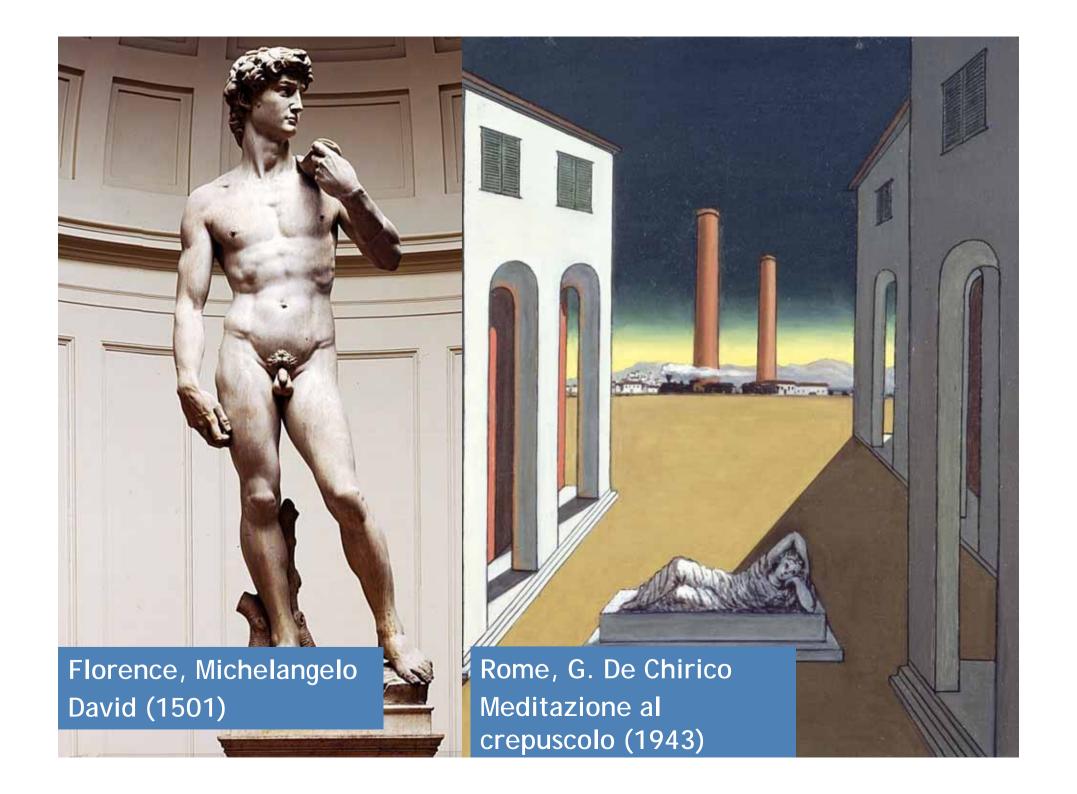


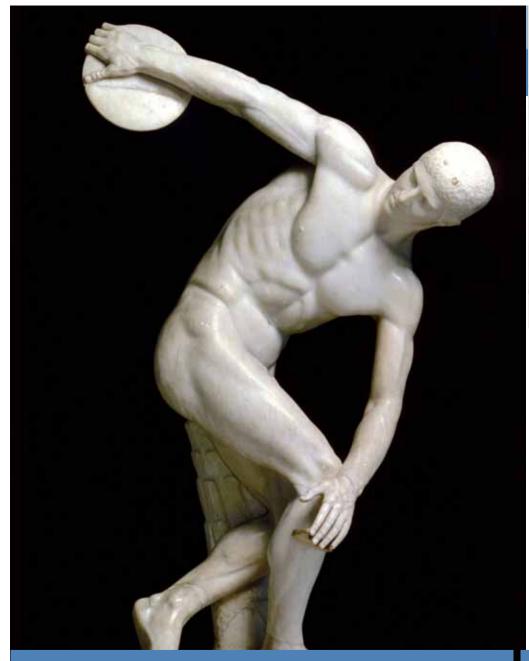
UFFIZI MUSEUM Sandro Botticelli, la Primavera (1482)





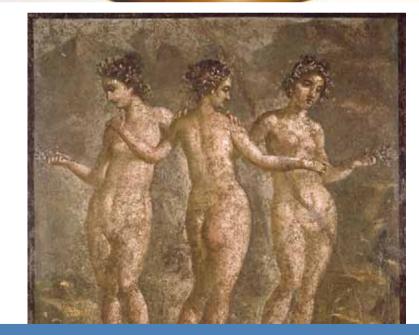






ROMAN NATIONAL MUSEUM, Discobolo, (ca. II sec.BC)





Naples, NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICA MUSEUM (79 AC)



Thanks!

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