Assessing Wikibase as the core for the French National Entities File (FNE)

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"Fichier national d'entités" : context & objectives

Context

- Technological environment (with LOD, …)

- A fundamental change in envisioning bibliographic data – from records to interconnected entities

Objectives

- A joint initiative from Abes and BnF to build a new service to libraries and beyond (GLAMs)

- A shared platform for collaboratively creating and maintaining reference data about entities (persons, corporate bodies, places, concepts, creative works, …)

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A proof of concept using Wikibase

2017-2018

- Exploring the ground for the scope of the "Fichier national d'Entités"

- Benchmark of other similar initiatives

- Strong interest in Wikibase as the FNE's technical backbone

2019

- Building a proof of concept with real data from BnF and Abes

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First findings

- No major obstacle to ingest library data according to a specific ontology

- Conformation that Wikibase offers built-in features that could be used as the bases for the technical infrastructure of FNE

- Gap between the specific needs of our institutions and the solutions offered by Wikibase
(e.g.: search, roles, constraints, data publication in relation to data provac policies…)

- Necessity to be part of a community sharing the same concerns

Questions ?

Thank you for your attention