

# NGDA

what we're doing & why you're here

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# Goal

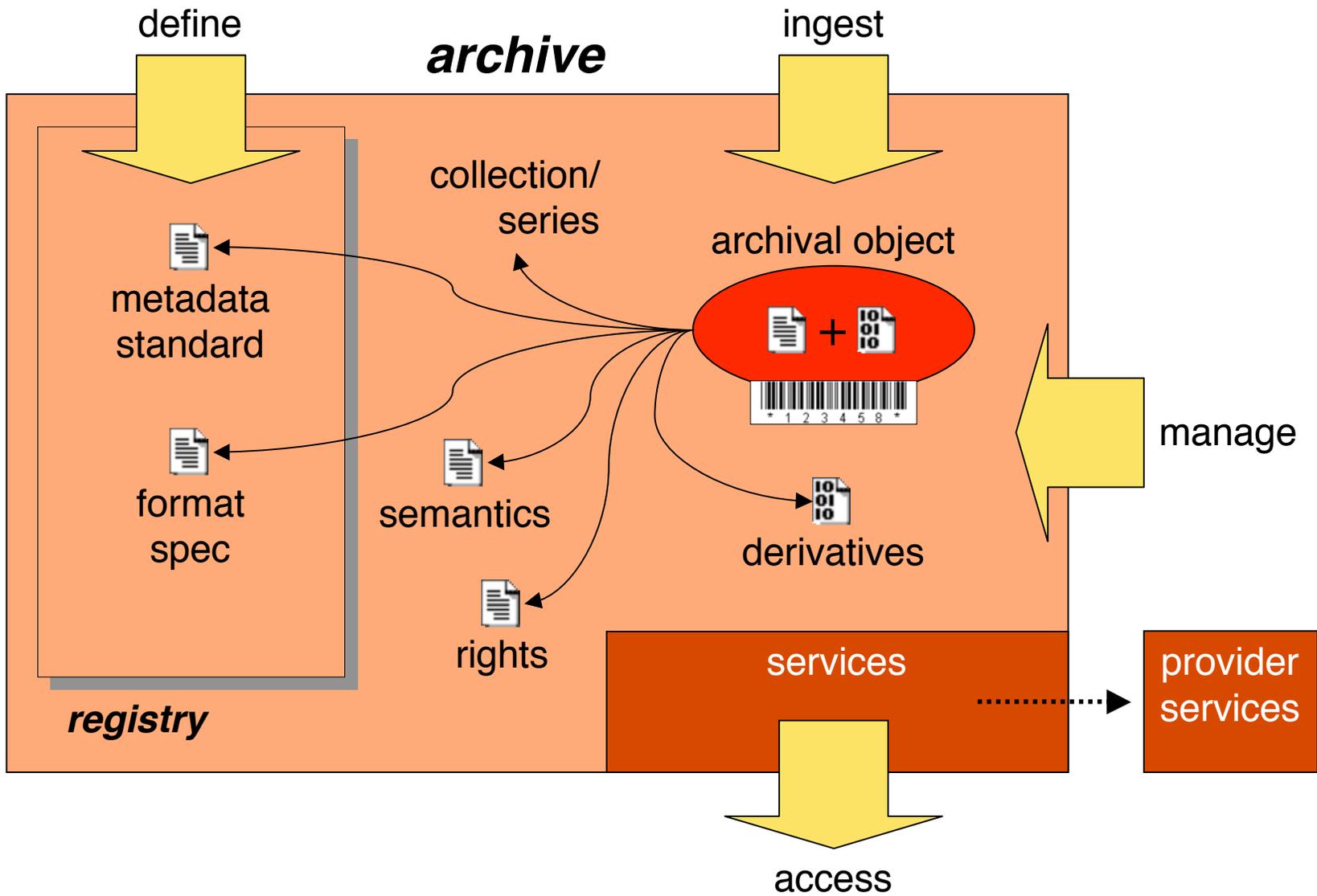
- Long-term preservation of geospatial data on a national scale

# Design Principles

- Litmus test: If what we propose to build today had been built 50 years ago, would it still be useful today?
- Separate policy from mechanism
- Low cost

# Initial Approach

- Curatorial, not archeological
- Assumption: content comes in discrete, self-contained chunks
- Persistent storage: solved problem
- Preservation by format definition, archival & association
- Online content
- Derivative forms; services
- Active management by providers



# Questions!

- Background
  - organization
  - content
  - amounts, production rates
- Content
  - data, formats
  - metadata, standards
  - identification, organization
  - versions, revisions

# Questions!

- Semantics
  - necessary knowledge
  - implicit context supplied by organization, collection
- Services
- Integration
  - workflow
  - archival, internal or external or both

# Questions!

- Rights
  - restricted
  - transition to public domain
- Resources
  - what you have, would need
  - what happens when you go away

## Parting wisdom

- “When what’s left of you gets around to what’s left to be gotten, what’s left to be gotten won’t be worth getting, whatever it is you’ve got left.”  
—Danny Kaye, *White Christmas*
- “Plagiarists, at least, have the merit of preservation.”  
—Benjamin Disraeli