

The Challenge of Disseminating Metadata on Library Published Open Access Books

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Open Metadata for OA Publishing

- Smaller, non-profit, and library-based OA publishers often struggle with metadata management and dissemination
- Commercial solutions are expensive/not tailored to OA books > metadata often managed in custom spreadsheets
- Dissemination channels require different output formats according to different specifications > technical knowledge required is often absent, leading to lower discoverability
- OA book metadata from commercial vendors often of low(er) quality
- Metadata often not CC0 licensed



Open Metadata for OA Publishing

- Thoth: Open Metadata Management & Dissemination
 - Open source, open documentation on wiki

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The transfer protocols and file specifications listed in this wiki are those which have current or future support by Thoth. Any updates are welcome at wp5@copim.ac.uk.

The Thoth User Manual, for publishers and other creators of metadata records in Thoth, can be [found here](#).



Data and Metadata

Data Formats

Data formats are the formats in which the textual content of an **object** are commonly digitally encoded. The Thoth project is agnostic as to which data format is used.

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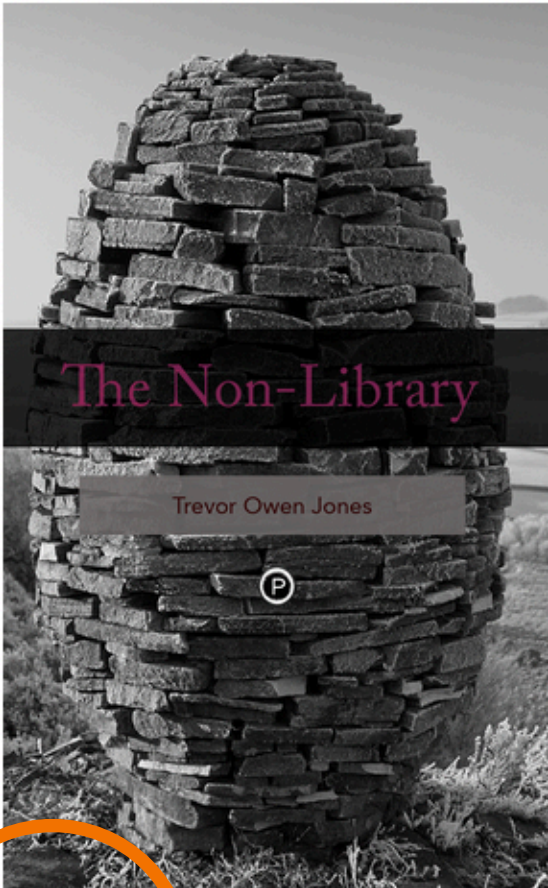
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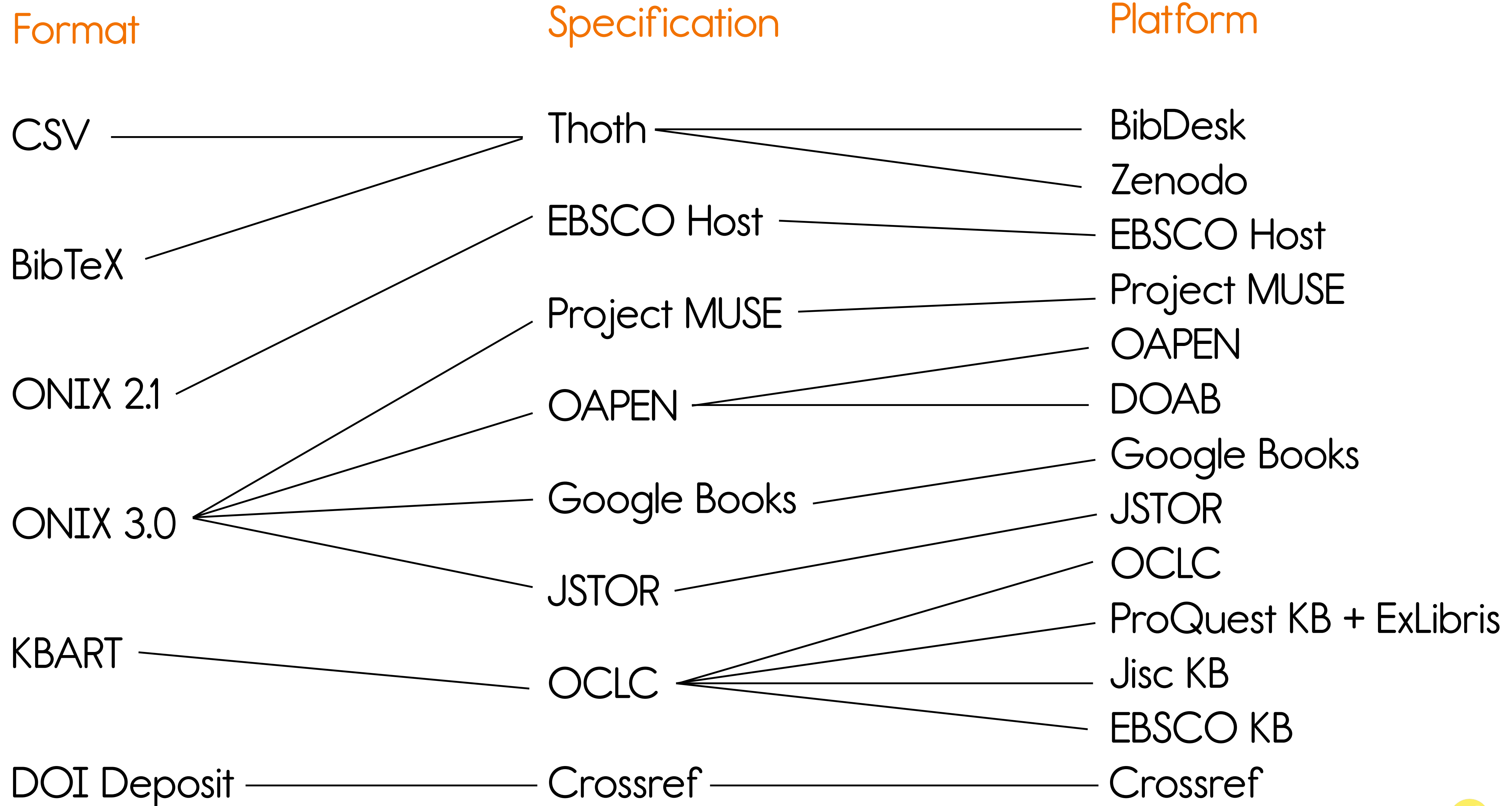
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Open Metadata for OA Publishing

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 - Open source
 - Tailor-made for Open Access book metadata
 - Multiple output formats and specifications for 10+ platforms






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# Welcome to Thoth's GraphQL API explorer (GraphiQL).
#
# GraphiQL is an in-browser tool for writing, validating, and
# testing GraphQL queries.
#
# Type queries into this side of the screen, and you will see intelligent
# typeaheads aware of the current GraphQL type schema and live syntax and
# validation errors highlighted within the text.
#
# Click on the QueryRoot in the Documentation Explorer ( < Docs ) on the
# right hand side of the screen to navigate the API schema.
#
# GraphQL queries typically start with a "{" character. Lines that starts
# with a # are ignored.
#
# An example Thoth GraphQL query might look like:
#
#   {
#     works(workType: MONOGRAPH, workStatus: ACTIVE) {
#       fullTitle
#       doi
#     }
#   }
#
# Keyboard shortcuts:
#
#   Run Query:  Ctrl-Enter (or press the play button above)
#
#   Auto Complete:  Ctrl-Space (or just start typing)
#
# Run the following query (Ctrl-Enter):
#
{
  works(order: {field: PUBLICATION_DATE, direction: ASC}) {
    fullTitle
    doi
    publications {
      publicationType
      isbn
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    contributions {
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      fullName
    }
  }
}
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  }
}
```


REQUEST

PATH PARAMETERS

<div><div>*specification_id</div><div>string</div></div>	<div>onix_3.0::oapen</div>
<div><div>*publisher_id</div><div>uuid</div></div>	<div>9c41b13c-cecc-4f6a-a151-be4682915ef5</div>

API Server https://export.thoth.pub
Authentication Not Required

FILL EXAMPLE

CLEAR

TRY

Response Status: (CORS or Network Issue)

CLEAR RESPONSE

RESPONSE RESPONSE HEADERS CURL

```
curl -X GET "https://export.thoth.pub/specifications/onix_3.0%3A%3Aoapen/publisher/9c41b13c-cecc-4f6a-a151-be4682915ef5"
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The Non-Library

Trevor Owen Jones

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Open Metadata.

Open API

Try it with GraphQL




Open Standards

Read the Export API docs



Open Metadata

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Built for OA books



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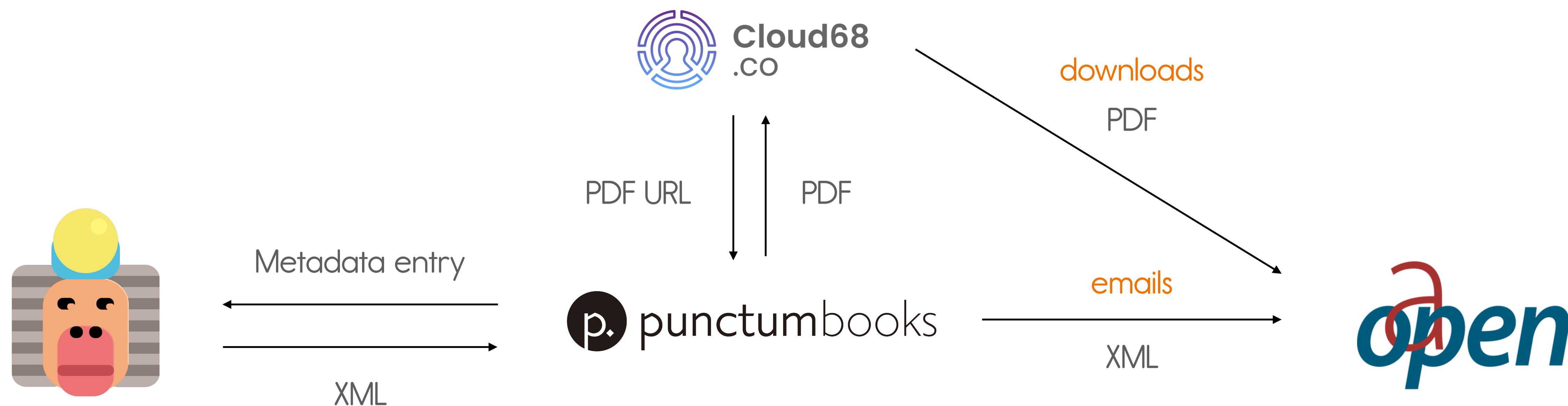
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- Quality control via “traffic light” system

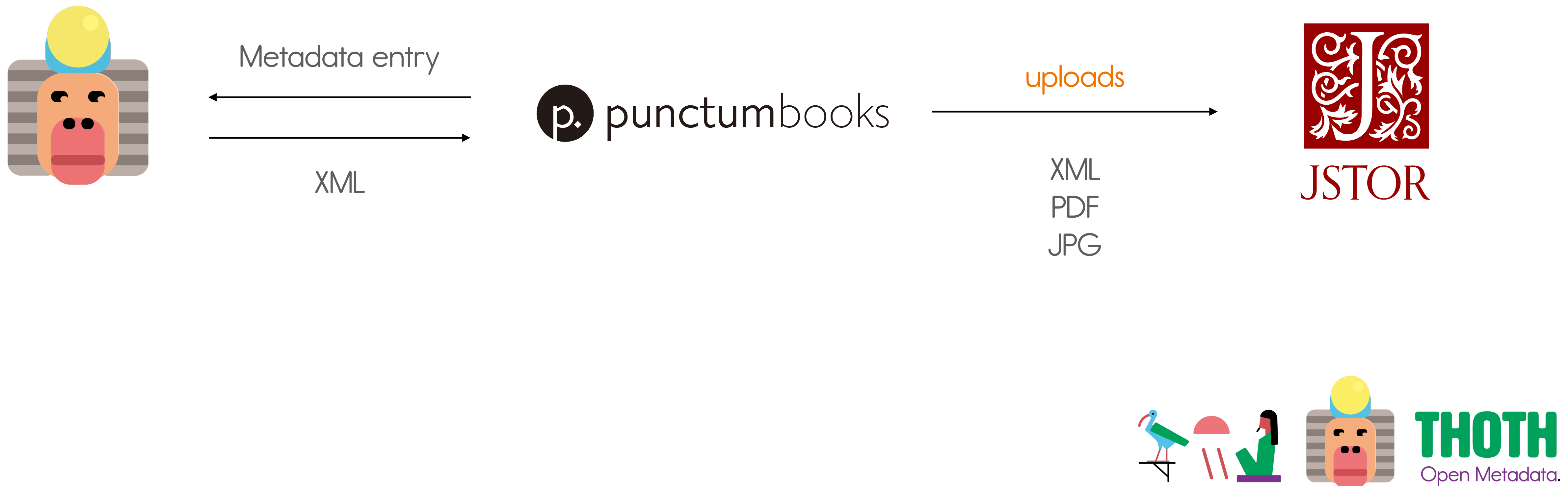
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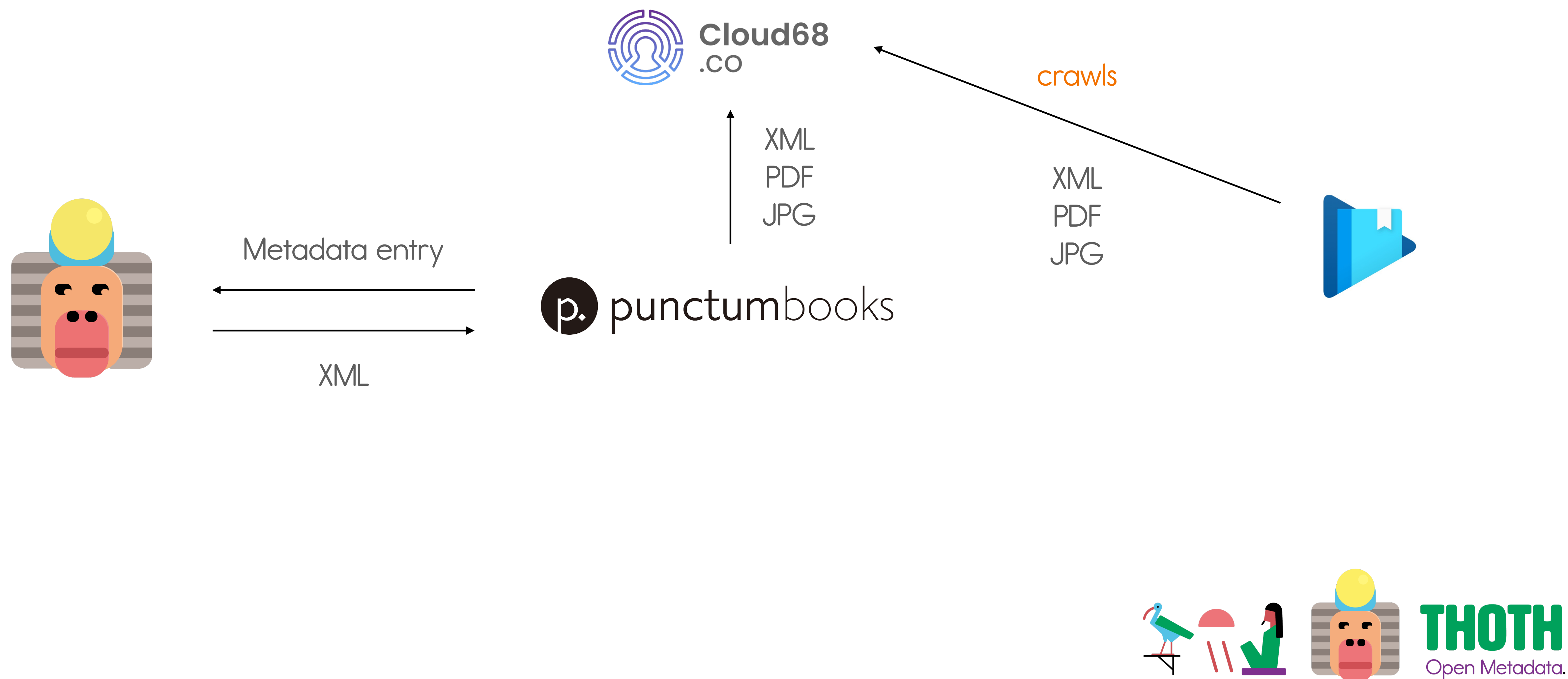
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- Quality control via “traffic light” system
- Automated metadata dissemination to platforms
- Business model launch to assure long-term sustainability

Ingest

Export

Free

- API
- UI
- ONIX

- GraphQL API
- Export API

Plus

- Metadata Services
 - Formatting
 - Backlist ingest
 - Validation/Enhancement

- Distribution Services
 - Curated (meta)data delivery
 - Archiving/Preservation
 - Support/Training

Expanding the Thoth Ecosystem

- Integration with the Open Book Collective
- Harmonization with WikiData & OpenAlex
- White-label website built on top of Thoth
- Potential for collaborative editing of metadata records
- Toward an open, community-managed universal book catalog



Resources

Thoth

<https://thoth.pub/>

WP5 Scoping Report: Building an Open Dissemination System

<https://copim.pubpub.org/pub/wp5-scoping-report-building-open-dissemination-system/>

Open Metadata in Thoth

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