



Making Metadata Better with the CMR and MMT

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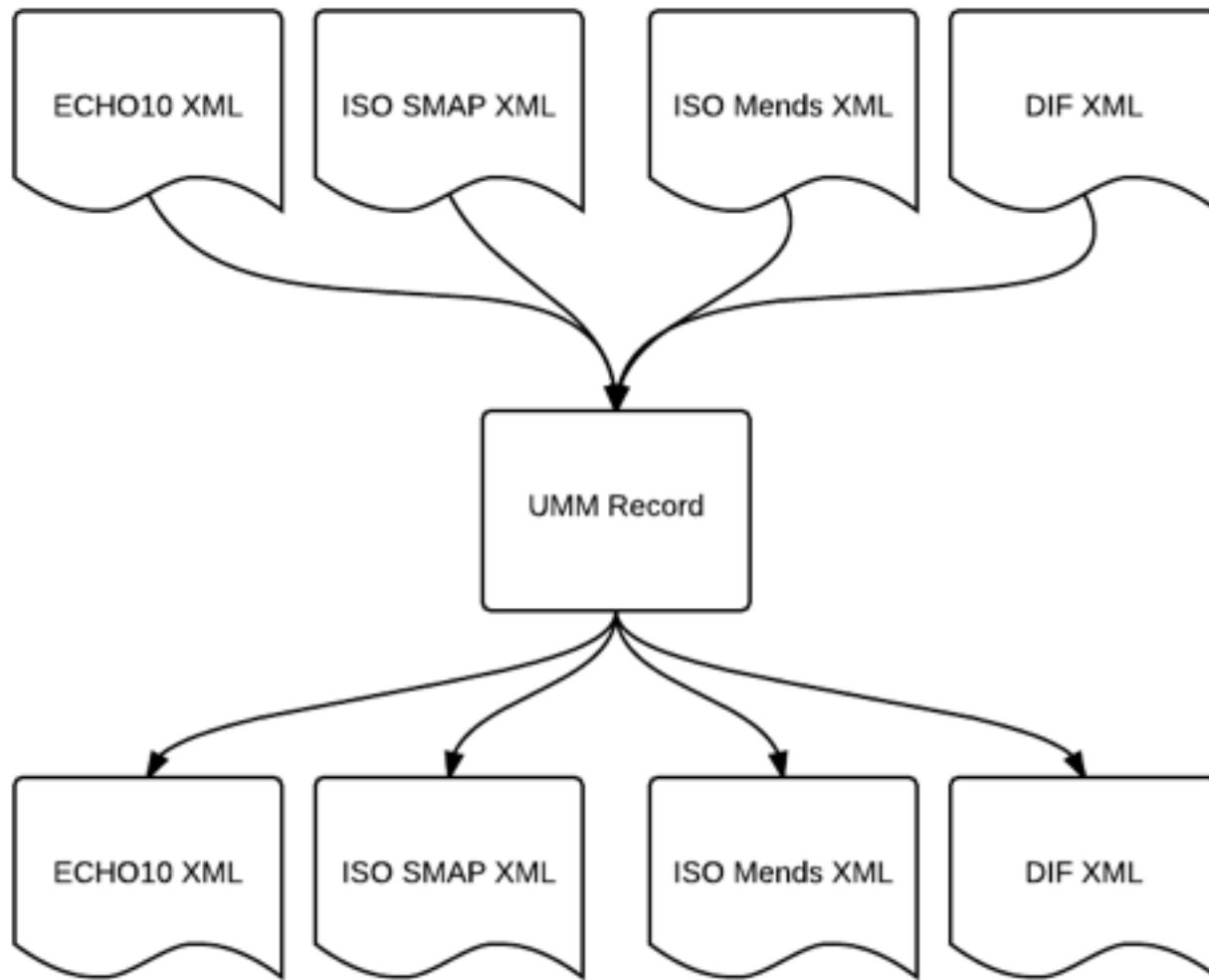
METADATA PROBLEMS

Completeness and Consistency

- Misspellings: “Bioosphere”
- Legacy Terms: “AM-1” instead of Terra
- Inconsistent Names: Processing levels
“Level 1”, “1”
- Whitespace around element values
- Missing elements

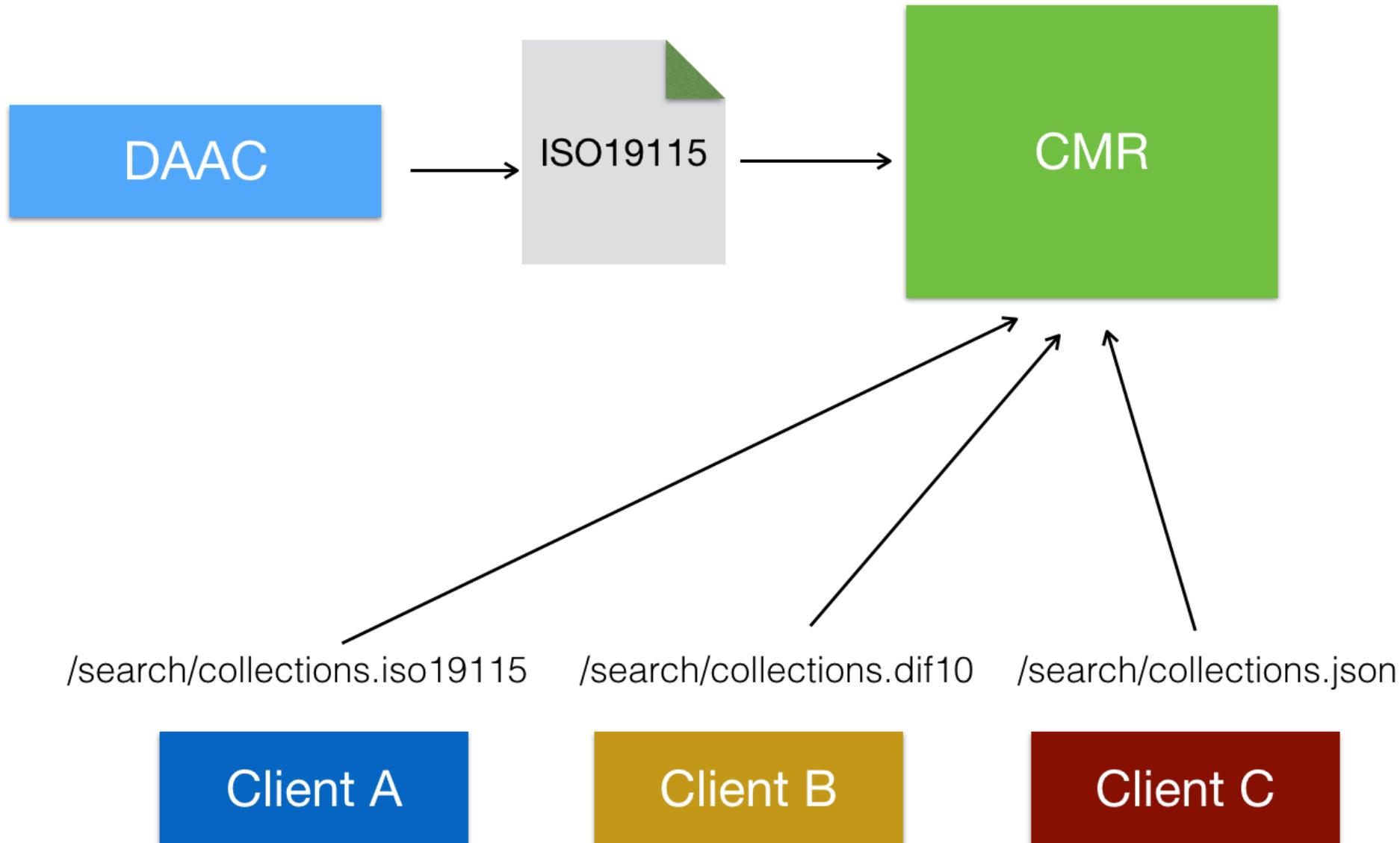
Overview and Benefits

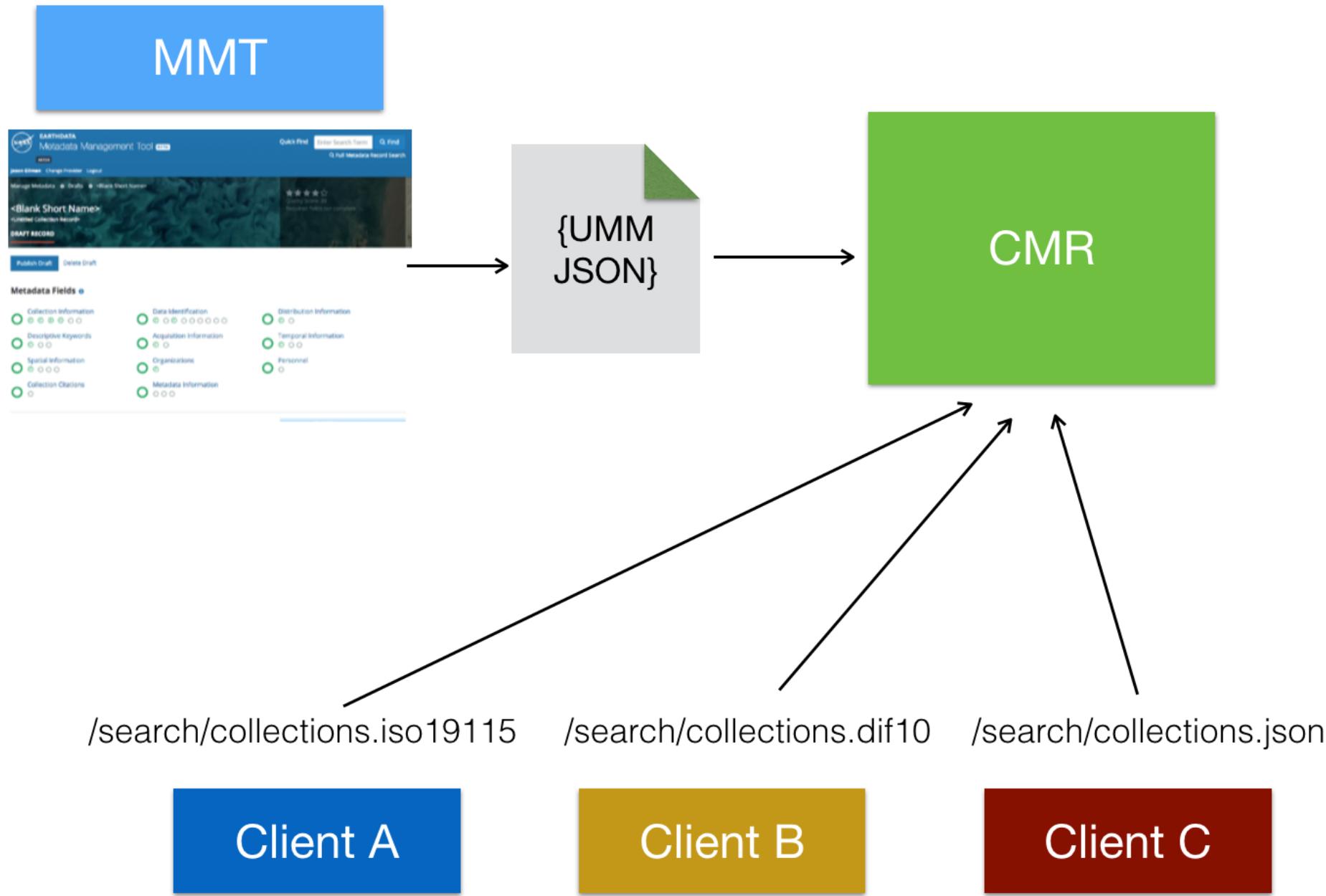
UNIFIED METADATA MODEL



UMM Benefits

- Common validations across all metadata dialects
- Consistent features across all dialects.
- Allows conversion from any dialect to any other dialect.





COMPLETENESS AND CONSISTENCY ENABLERS

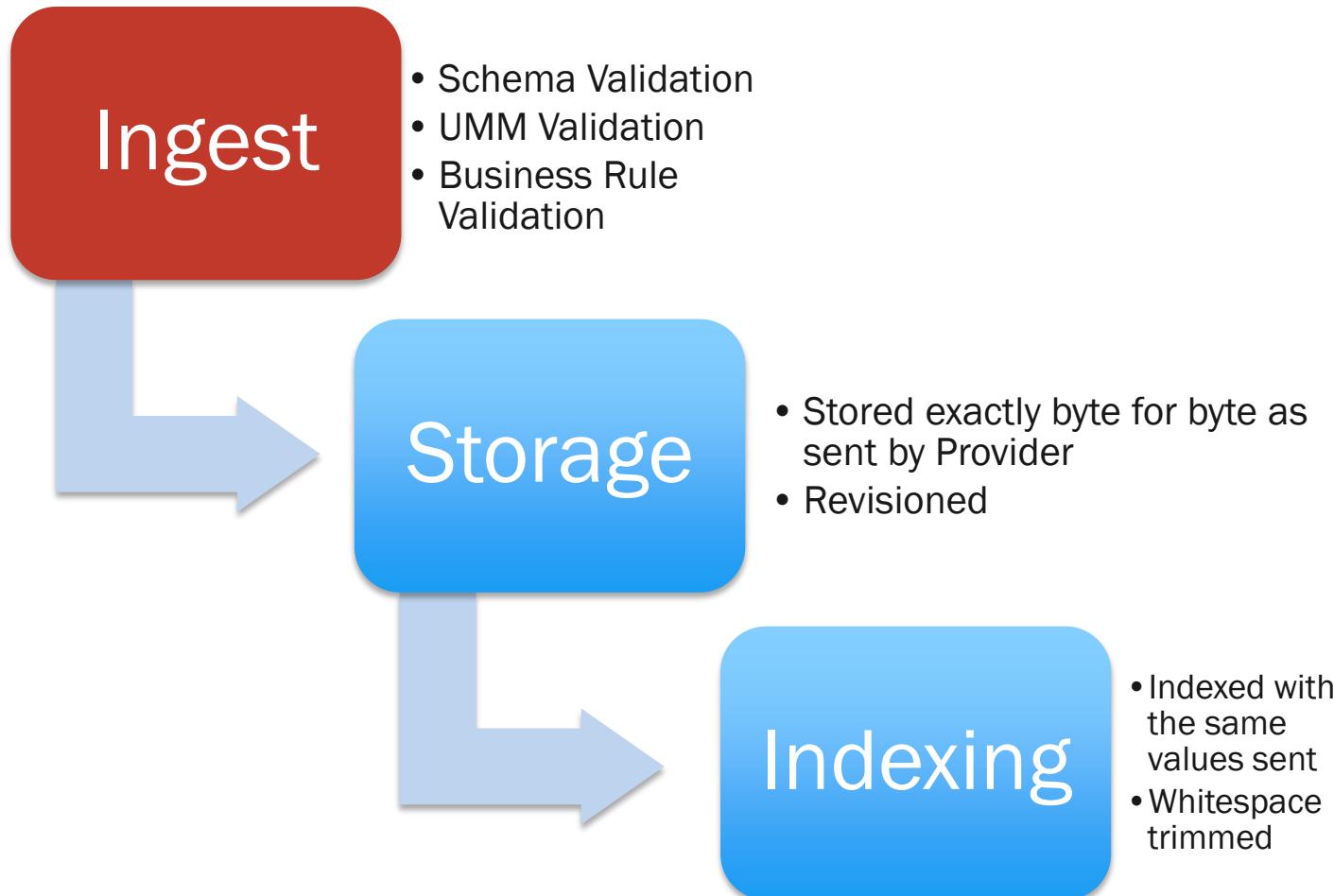
MMT Pre-Ingest Validation

The screenshot shows a user interface for managing metadata drafts. At the top, it says "Manage Metadata > Drafts > testRecord1_001". On the right, there's a purple box labeled "VERSION 001" with a 5-star rating and a "Quality Score: 20" (out of 25), with the note "Required fields not complete". Below this, the record title "testRecord1_001" is displayed, followed by the subtitle "This is test record 1". A "DRAFT RECORD" section contains buttons for "Publish Draft" and "Delete Draft". A modal window is open, explaining icon meanings for form completion status. The modal lists five categories: Collection Information, Descriptive Keywords, Spatial Information, Collection Citations, and a partially visible category starting with "Information". Each category has a green checkmark icon and a series of colored circles (green, red, grey) representing different completion levels. A "Close" button is at the bottom right of the modal.

The icons below each form name indicate progress toward completion. See below for information on what each icon represents.

- ⓘ Required but not complete
- ⓘ Required and complete
- ⓘ Optional and not complete
- ⓘ Optional and complete
- ⓘ Does not pass validation

CMR Ingest Validation



MMT and CMR Keyword Validation

Science Keywords 1

EARTH SCIENCE > OCEANS > OCEAN WAVES > TSUNAMIS ×

EARTH SCIENCE > AGRICULTURE > SOILS > SULFUR ×

Science Keyword
EARTH SCIENCE
ATMOSPHERE
ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY
SULFUR COMPOUNDS

Search for keywords...

- CARBONYL SULFIDE
- DIMETHYL SULFIDE ✓
- SULFATE
- SULFUR DIOXIDE
- SULFUR OXIDES

● Add Keyword

```
curl -i -XPOST ... -H "Cmr-Validate-  
Keywords: true" \  
https://cmr.earthdata.nasa.gov/ingest/pro  
viders/LARC_ASDC/validate/collection/some  
NativeId -d \  
  
"<Collection>  
...  
<ScienceKeywords>  
  <ScienceKeyword>  
    <CategoryKeyword>EARTH  
SCIENCE</CategoryKeyword>  
  
<TopicKeyword>BIOOSPHERE</TopicKeyword>  
  <TermKeyword>SOILS</TermKeyword>  
  </ScienceKeyword>  
</ScienceKeywords>  
</Collection>"
```

HTTP/1.1 422 Unprocessable Entity

```
<path>ScienceKeywords/0</path>  
<error> Science keyword Category [EARTH  
SCIENCE], Topic [BIOOSPHERE], and Term
```

Preview Panel / Collection HTML

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://cmr.earthdata.nasa.gov/search/concepts/C197265171-LPDAAC_ECS. The page displays a preview panel for the **ASTGTM_002** dataset, which is the **ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model V002**. The preview image shows a dark, textured surface, likely a DEM. On the right side of the preview, there is a purple box containing the text "VERSION 002", a five-star rating icon, and "Quality Score: 20 Required fields not complete". Below the preview, the page is divided into several sections: **Abstract**, **Spatial Coordinates**, **Bounding Rectangle**, **Location Keywords**, and **Temporal Coverages**. The **Abstract** section contains a detailed description of the ASTER GDEM, mentioning its development by NASA and METI, its stereo capabilities, and its global coverage. The **Spatial Coordinates** section includes a world map and a bounding rectangle defined by N: 82.0, S: -83.0, E: 180.0, and W: -180.0. The **Location Keywords** section states "No Spatial Keywords found". The **Temporal Coverages** section shows a date range from 1999-12-18 to 2011-02-28.

Abstract

The Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM) was developed jointly by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI). ASTER is capable of collecting in-track stereo using nadir- and aft-looking near infrared cameras. Since 2001, these stereo pairs have been used to produce single-scene (60- x 60-kilometer (km)) digital elevation models (DEM) having vertical (root-mean-squared-error) accuracies generally between 10- and 25-meters (m). The methodology used by Japan's Sensor Information Laboratory Corporation (SILC) to produce the ASTER GDEM involves automated processing of the entire ASTER Level-1A archive. Stereo-correlation is used to produce over one million individual scene-based ASTER DEMs, to which cloud masking is applied to remove cloudy pixels. All cloud-screened DEMs are stacked and residual bad values and outliers are removed. Selected data are averaged to create final pixel values, and residual anomalies are corrected before partitioning the data into 1 degree ($^{\circ}$) x 1 $^{\circ}$ tiles. The ASTER GDEM covers land surfaces between 83 $^{\circ}$ N and 83 $^{\circ}$ S and is comprised of 22,702 tiles. Tiles that contain at least 0.01% land area are included. The ASTER GDEM is distributed as Geographic Tagged Image File Format (GeoTIFF) files with geographic coordinates (latitude, longitude). The data are posted on a 1 arc-second (approximately 30-m at the equator) grid and referenced to the 1984 World Geodetic System (WGS84)/ 1996 Earth Gravitational Model (EGM96) geoid. While the ASTER GDEM 2 benefits from substantial improvements over GDEM 1, users are nonetheless advised that the products still may contain anomalies and artifacts that will reduce its usability for certain applications, because they can introduce large elevation errors on local scales. The data are provided "as is" and neither NASA nor METI/ERSDAC will be responsible for any damages resulting from use of the data. V002 data set release date: 2009-06-28 Data Set Characteristics: Geographic Extent: Global between 83 $^{\circ}$ latitude Scene Coverage: 1 $^{\circ}$ x 1 $^{\circ}$ tiles Image Dimensions: 3601 x 3601 Total Number Tiles: V001: 22,604; V002: 22,702 Tile Volume: ~25MB, 6.4 MB compressed Compression Type: zip File Format: GEOTIFF Map Projection: Geographic Lat/Lon Datum: WGS84/EGM96 Resolution: 1 arcsecond (30-m horizontal posting at equator)

Version

VERSION 002

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Quality Score: 20
Required fields not complete

Spatial Coordinates

Bounding Rectangle

N: 82.0 S: -83.0 E: 180.0 W: -180.0

Location Keywords

No Spatial Keywords found

Temporal Coverages

Date/Time Ranges

1999-12-18 to 2011-02-28

Help Text

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the NASA Metadata Management Tool at the URL https://mmt.uat.earthdata.nasa.gov/drafts/147/edit/acquisition_information. The main page displays a form for 'Platform 1' under the 'Platforms' section. A modal window is open, titled 'Characteristics', providing information about platform-specific characteristics like Equator Crossing Time, Inclination Angle, and Orbital Period. The modal also specifies that characteristic names must be unique on the platform but not necessarily unique across platforms. It includes sections for 'Validation' (Minimum Items: 0) and a 'Close' button.

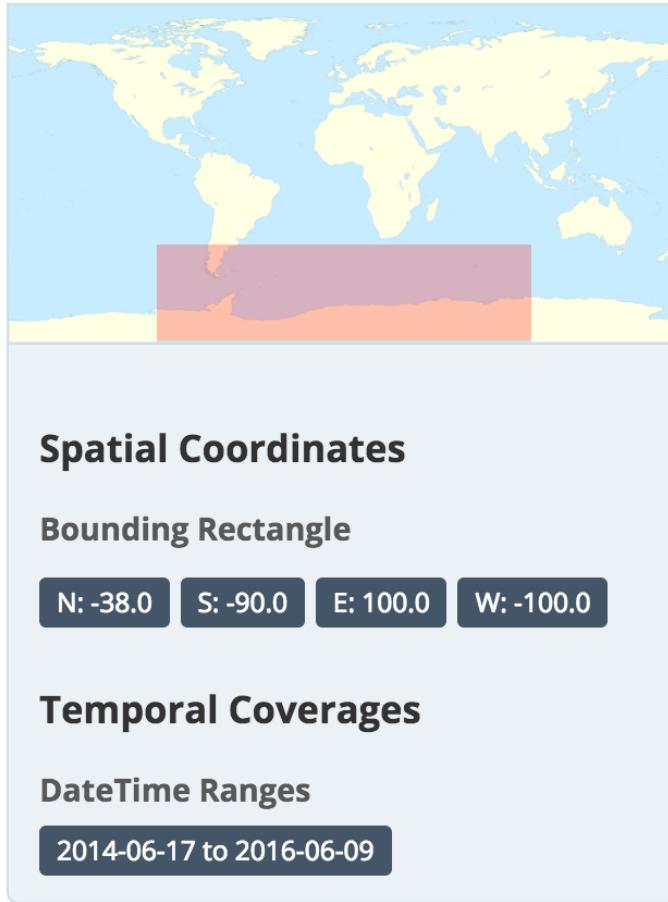
Characteristics

Platform-specific characteristics, e.g., Equator Crossing Time, Inclination Angle, Orbital Period. The characteristic names must be unique on this platform; however the names do not have to be unique across platforms.

Validation

- Minimum Items: 0

Close



METADATA QUALITY RUBRICS

Metadata Quality Rubrics

- Provide indication of completeness of Metadata based on different recommendations (UMM-C, CSW, DataCite...)
- Automatically evaluated and tagged in CMR
- Badges and guidance displayed in MMT.
 - Encourages better quality metadata
- Future
 - Reports, aggregations, search relevancy.

Metadata Management Tool BETA

Quick Find Enter Search Term Find

Full Metadata Record Search

Mark

EARTHDATA

MMT_1

Mark Reese Change Provider Logout

Manage Metadata Drafts Test-Record_001

Test-Record_001
Kathy's 101 test record - Cloned

DRAFT RECORD

Publish Draft Delete Draft

VERSION 001

★★★★★ Quality Score: 20 Required fields not complete

Red arrow pointing to the right side of the page, highlighting the metadata fields section.

Metadata Fields ?

Collection Information	Data Identification	Distribution Information
<input type="radio"/> r <input type="radio"/> r <input type="radio"/> r <input checked="" type="radio"/> r <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o
Descriptive Keywords	Acquisition Information	Temporal Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o
Spatial Information	Organizations	Personnel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> r <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o	<input type="radio"/> o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> o
Collection Citations	Metadata Information	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> o	<input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o <input type="radio"/> o	

HUMANIZERS

Humanizers Prototype

- Give clients clean, consistent facet data without having to change the underlying metadata.
- Temporary solution to help users while metadata is cleaned up.
- Humanizers can inform changes that are needed to metadata.

Fixing Problems in Facets

- Misspellings: “Bioosphere”
- Legacy Terms: “AM-1” instead of Terra
- Inconsistent Names: Processing levels
“Level 1”, “1”
- Whitespace around element values
- Use normal case when appropriate

Before Humanizers

The screenshot shows the EARTHDATA Search interface with two separate search results.

Top Result: A search for "Terra". The results page displays "630 Matching Collections". A pink arrow points to the "TERRA" entry in the "Browse Collections" sidebar, which has a count of 630. The main result card for "ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model V002" is shown, featuring a thumbnail image, the title, provider information (ASTGTM v002 - LPDAAC), and a timestamp (1999-12-18 to 2011-02-28 | 22702 Granules).

Bottom Result: A search for "AM-1". The results page displays "48 Matching Collections". A pink arrow points to the "AM-1" entry in the "Browse Collections" sidebar, which has a count of 48. The main result card for "ASTER L1A Reconstructed Unprocessed Instrument Data V003" is shown, featuring a thumbnail image, the title, provider information (AST_L1A v003 - LPDAAC), and a timestamp (1999-12-18 ongoing | 2823846 Granules).

After Humanizers

The screenshot shows the EARTHDATA Search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Data Discovery, DAACs, Community, and Science Disciplines. Below the navigation bar is a search bar containing the text "Terra". To the right of the search bar are three buttons: a magnifying glass icon, a refresh icon, and a gear icon.

On the left side, there is a "Browse Collections" sidebar with a dropdown menu set to "Instrument". The sidebar lists several instruments: SPOT-4 (17), SPOT-5 (15), TERRA, THEOS (12), and UK-DMC (12). A green highlight box surrounds the "TERRA" entry. Below the sidebar, there is a "Recent and Featured" section with a green highlight box around the count "x678".

The main search results area displays "630 Matching Collections". It includes a callout box with the text "Add collections to your project to compare and retrieve their data." and a "Learn More" button. Below this, there is a "Search Time: 1.1s" message and a "Report a metadata problem" button.

In the "Recent and Featured" section, there is a detailed view of the ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model V002 collection. It shows a thumbnail with the text "No image available", the title "ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model V002", the identifier "ASTGTM v002 - LPDAAC", the time range "1999-12-18 to 2011-02-28 | 22702", and the word "Granules". There are also download and add-to-project buttons at the bottom of this card.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer bar with the text "v 1.19.3 · NASA Official: Andrew Mitchell · FOIA · NASA Privacy Policy · USA.gov".

How it works

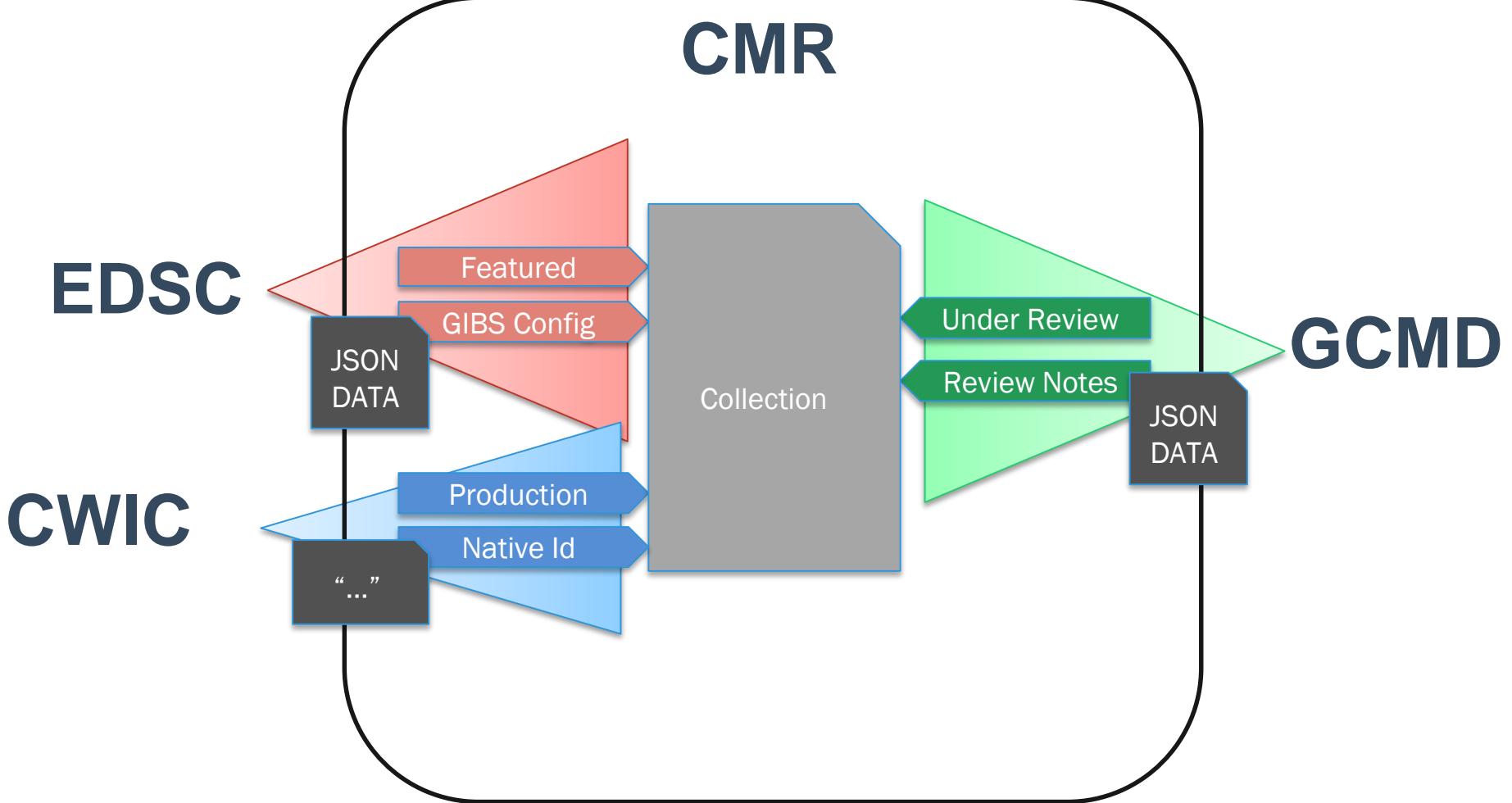
1. Admin creates humanizer instructions in CMR
2. CMR indexes impacted collections with additional humanized fields
3. Clients optionally request facets with humanized values.

Underlying metadata and existing fields are **not modified**.

TAGS

Tags
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Enhanced Metadata



What is a Tag?

- Key
 - “edsc.extra.gibs”
- Description
 - “Used to associate GIBS configuration for a collection”
- Category (optional)
 - “EDSC_display”

What is a Tag Association?

- Connects a Tag with a Collection
- Tag Key
 - “edsc.extra.gibs”
- Collection Id
 - “C1000000560-NSIDC_ECS”
- Data
 - Any arbitrary JSON up to 32K. Single strings will be made searchable.

Tag Data can be Retrieved

```
curl "https://cmr..../search/collections.json?\n      tag_key=edsc.extra.gibs\\\n      &include_tags=edsc.extra.gibs"\n...\n"tags" : {\n    "edsc.extra.gibs" : {\n        "data" : [ {\n            "maxNativeZoom" : 5,\n            "antarctic" : false,\n            "product" : "GHRSST_L4_G1SST_Sea_Surface_Temperature",\n            "geo" : true,\n            "arctic" : false,\n            "title" : "Sea Surface Temperature (L4, G1SST)",\n            "source" : "Multi-mission / GHRSST",\n            "match" : {\n                "time_start" : ">=2010-06-21"\n            },\n            "format" : "png",\n            "resolution" : "1km"\n        } ]\n    }\n}
```

Tag Data can be Searched

Find all collections:

- tagged with “org.ceos.wgiss.cwic.granules.native_id”
- with data “JPL-L2P-MODIS_A”

```
curl "https://cmr.../search/collections.json?\n      tag_data[org.ceos.wgiss.cwic.granules.native_id]=JPL-L2P-MODIS_A"
```

Tags Enable Many Use Cases

- Allows layering on additional information to each collection.
- Examples
 - Mark “featured” collections.
 - Categorize collections (Reviewed, approved, needs work, etc).
 - Store visualization information
 - Add a client specific id to collections.

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