Multiple Assertions Working Group

Historical Technical Working Group

The Multiple Assertions Working Group reviewed options for managing multiple assertions, and developed recommendations for policies, business rules, and technology.

Read the Working Group's charge.

Working Group Recommendations

The findings and recommendations of the working group can be reviewed at the below link:

1. Background, drivers and goals

The charge of the group is to develop recommendations for policies, business rules, and technology to manage multiple assertions (full charge in Appendix A). Key current drivers are:

- The primary driver for ORCID is participation from both individuals and organizations. Support for multiple assertions should take this into account.
- Currently the registry keeps and displays all information. This process results in information about the same item (worse especially) being imported from several different sources. Users interpret this action as duplicates being added to their record and there is no good mechanism for them to handle it.
- Some organizations (particularly research institutions) are interested in making assertions about the people who have worked or studied at their location. The system currently supports only self-assertions or delegations of that authority, and not assertions by other organizations.

The following key goals for the support of multiple assertions motivate the recommendations of this group:

- Improve the quality of the data in ORCID by providing mechanisms to manage duplicate and conflicting data as the registry grows.

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