

Press Release

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Casalini Libri and @Cult announce the release of the [Share-VDE 2.0](#) linked data management system and entity discovery platform, a pioneering and effective environment that uses linked data to connect and present authoritative data from a growing network of libraries. Share-VDE 2.0 aims to facilitate the exchange and reuse of bibliographic data, at the same time increasing the visibility of and enabling wider access to knowledge.

A collaborative effort, initially undertaken as a research & development project, in 2016 Share-VDE has evolved to become both a real and effective pilot environment influenced by the vision of the LD4P initiatives for the practical application of Linked Open Data for the LAM domain, and progressively an authoritative linked data node. By implementing the BIBFRAME data model and incorporating Share-VDE adaptations, Share-VDE enriches, reconciles, clusterizes and converts the authority and bibliographic MARC data of participant libraries in a dynamic, discoverable format, providing a reliable and up-to-date source of data complete with a set of advanced tools and services that also facilitate interoperability with IFLA LRM. The explanation of position of Share-VDE is outlined in the [ShareVDE Statement](#).

The new entity discovery platform is the result of ongoing co-operation and valuable contributions of colleagues from founding and member institutions across the international library community, guided by the [Share-VDE Advisory Council](#), with the involvement of the Samhaeng team. Each Share-VDE working group, made up of library and information professionals, has defined and furthered the development of specific aspects of the environment, from Authority/Identifier Management Services and the Cluster Knowledge Base Editor to Sapientia Entity Identification and User Experience.

Software house @Cult is the innovator behind the concept and founding structure of the Share-VDE linked data management system and the technological motor responsible for the evolution of Share-VDE. The architecture and components of Share-VDE are based on the LOD Platform, a framework developed specifically by @Cult for facilitating the re-use and enabling new forms of cooperation.

Share-VDE demonstrates the power of collaboration among libraries, opening the door to a flexible, sustainable and co-operative approach to library data in an emerging bibliographic ecosystem and acting as an authoritative, interoperable BIBFRAME node for the exchange of data and discovery of knowledge. Additional information on the Share-VDE global family of libraries and how to get involved can be found at <https://www.casalini.it/linked-data-for-libraries/>.

Casalini Libri in its role of international bibliographic agency and @Cult, together with the Share-VDE community and in conjunction with other parties of the library world, will continue in the key roles of supporting and promoting the practical adoption of Linked Open Data, facilitating the transition also through hybrid environments.