



# Bioschemas

## Enabling a FAIR ecosystem for Life Science websites

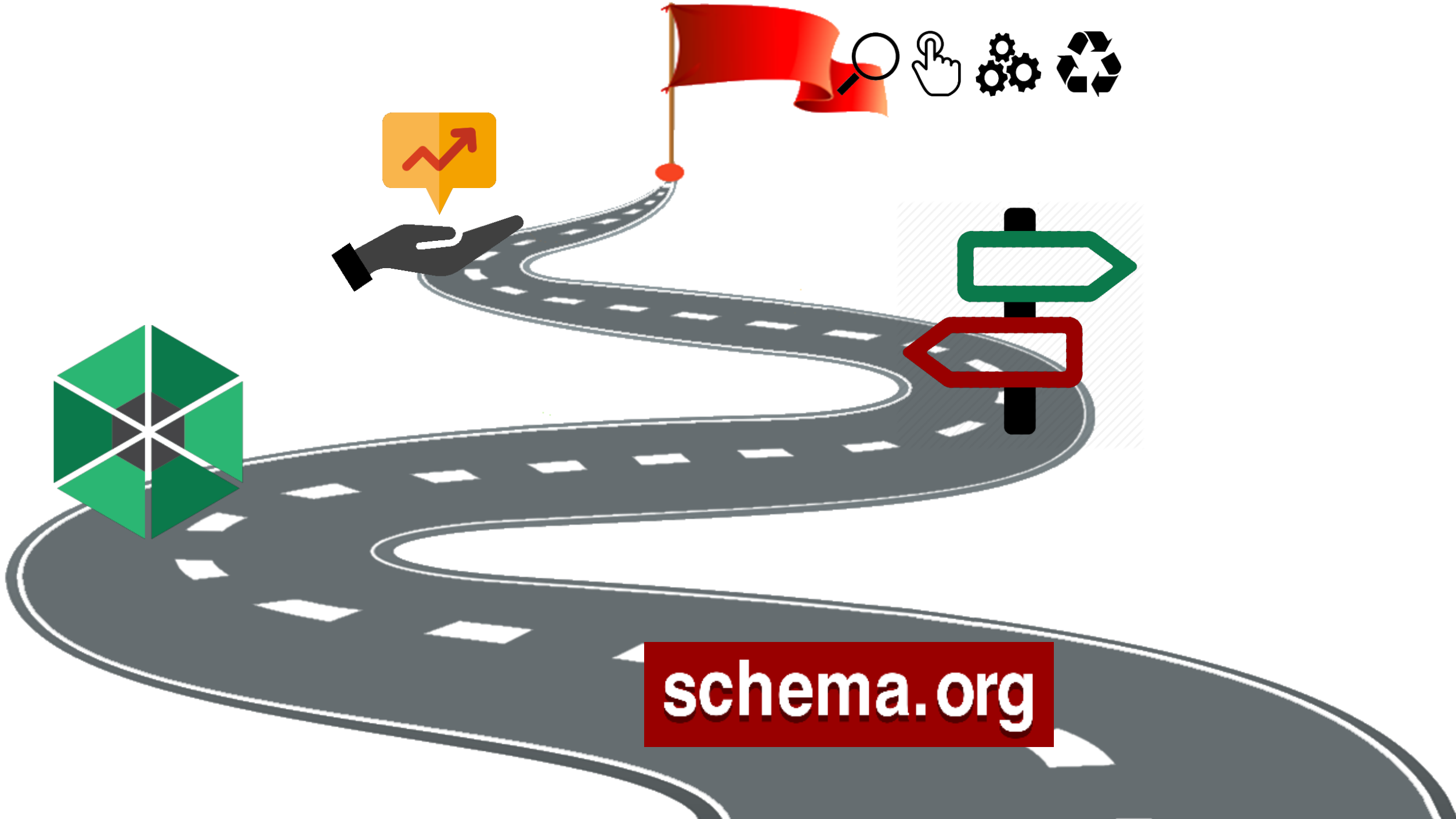


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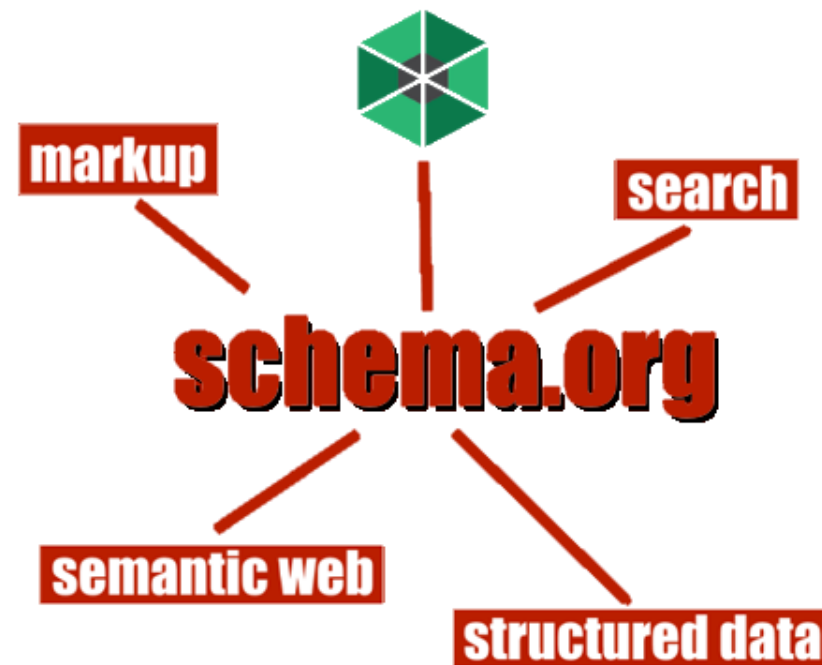
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[schema.org](https://schema.org)

# schema.org

- Collaborative, community activity with a mission to create, maintain, and promote **schemas** for **structured data** on the Internet, on **web pages**, in email messages, and beyond



# Structured data → descriptors

What we are  
talking about

Types

## Core vocabulary

- Thing
  - Action
    - AchieveAction
      - LoseAction
      - TieAction
      - WinAction
    - AssessAction
      - ChooseAction
        - VoteAction
      - IgnoreAction
      - ReactAction
        - AgreeAction
        - DisagreeAction
        - DislikeAction
        - EndorseAction
        - LikeAction
        - WantAction
      - ReviewAction
    - ConsumeAction
      - DrinkAction
      - EatAction
      - InstallAction
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    - ControlAction
      - ActivateAction
      - DeactivateAction
      - ResumeAction

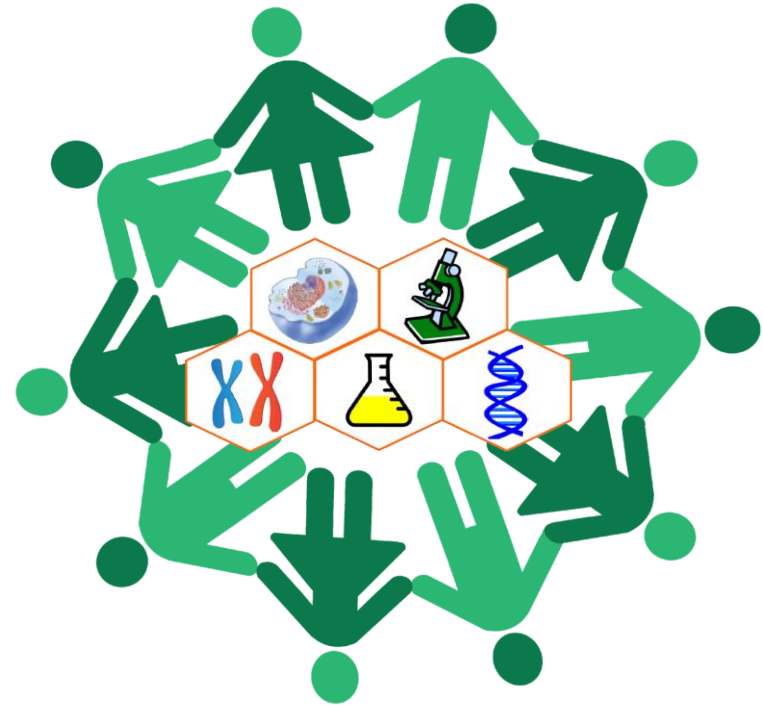
- What we can say about it
- Properties

Property	Expected Type	Description
Properties from <u>Person</u>		
<u>additionalName</u>	<u>Text</u>	An additional name for a Person, can be used for a middle name.
<u>address</u>	<u>PostalAddress</u> or <u>Text</u>	Physical address of the item.
<u>affiliation</u>	<u>Organization</u>	An organization that this person is affiliated with. For example, a school/university, a club, or a team.
<u>alumniOf</u>	<u>EducationalOrganization</u> or <u>Organization</u>	An organization that the person is an alumni of. Inverse property: <u>alumni</u> .
<u>award</u>	<u>Text</u>	An award won by or for this item. Supersedes <u>awards</u> .
<u>birthDate</u>	<u>Date</u>	Date of birth.
<u>birthPlace</u>	<u>Place</u>	The place where the person was born.
<u>brand</u>	<u>Brand</u> or <u>Organization</u>	The brand(s) associated with a product or service, or the brand(s) maintained by an organization or business person.
<u>children</u>	<u>Person</u>	A child of the person.
<u>colleague</u>	<u>Person</u> or <u>URL</u>	A colleague of the person. Supersedes <u>colleagues</u> .
<u>contactPoint</u>	<u>ContactPoint</u>	A contact point for a person or organization. Supersedes <u>contactPoints</u> .
<u>deathDate</u>	<u>Date</u>	Date of death.
<u>deathPlace</u>	<u>Place</u>	The place where the person died.
<u>duns</u>	<u>Text</u>	The Dun & Bradstreet DUNS number for identifying an organization or business person.
<u>email</u>	<u>Text</u>	Email address.
<u>familyName</u>	<u>Text</u>	Family name. In the U.S., the last name of an Person. This can be used along with givenName instead of the name property.
<u>faxNumber</u>	<u>Text</u>	The fax number.
<u>follows</u>	<u>Person</u>	The most generic uni-directional social relation.
	<u>Organization</u> or	A person or organization that supports (sponsors) something

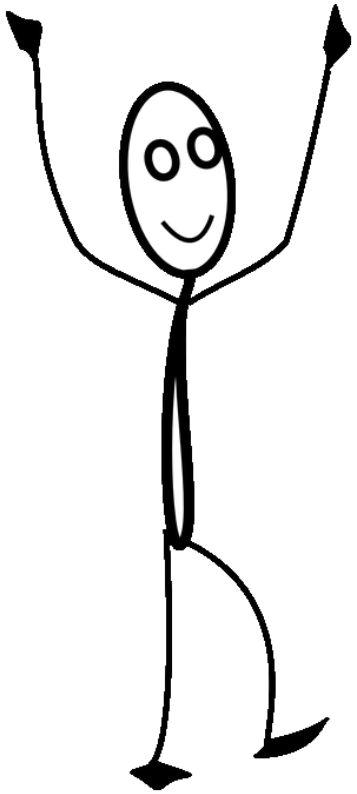


# Bioschemas

- Community initiative built on top of **schema.org**
- Aim
  - Improve data discoverability and interoperability in Life Sciences
- How
  - Adding Life Science types to schema.org
  - Providing usage guidelines, examples and tools

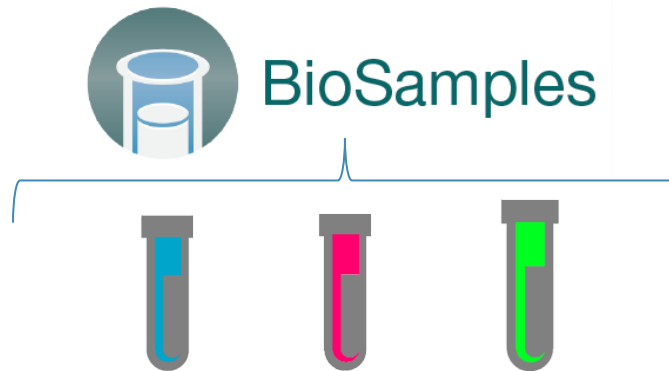


# Motivation



- Researcher looking for help to
  - sequence a cactus → people, expertise
  - find similar sequences → datasets
  - compare and visualize → tools

# Use cases



- Generic
  - Search engines
  - Google dataset specialized search
- Life sciences
  - Data depositions can harvest mark up from small providers → small providers can benefit back from data depositions
  - Tess (training and events registry) → Automatic population → trainers add mark up
  - Common/rare terms → Resource index

# Guess the person

Name: Albert

Last name: Einstein

Birth date: 14  
March 1879

Birth place: Ulm,  
Kingdom of  
Württemberg,  
German Empire

Height: 1.72 cm

Alumni of:  
University of Zurich

Death date: 18  
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Weight: unknown

Know about: Physics,  
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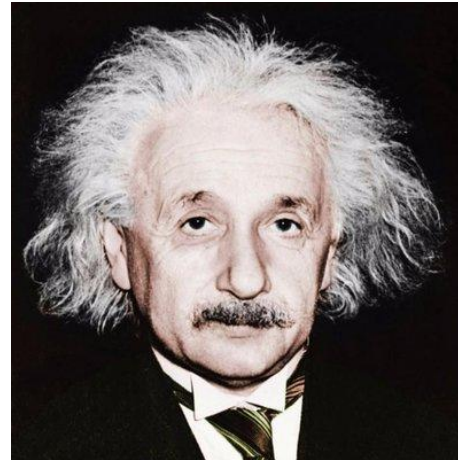
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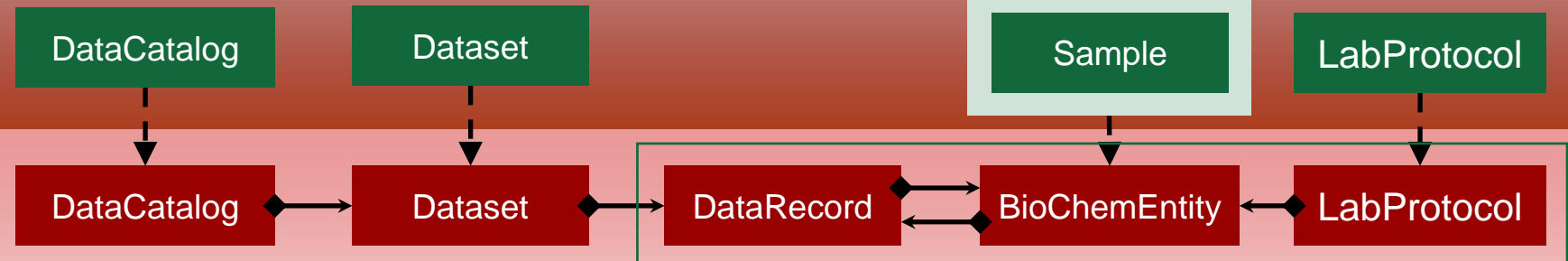
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# Bioschemas vs schema.org

## Bioschemas Profiles

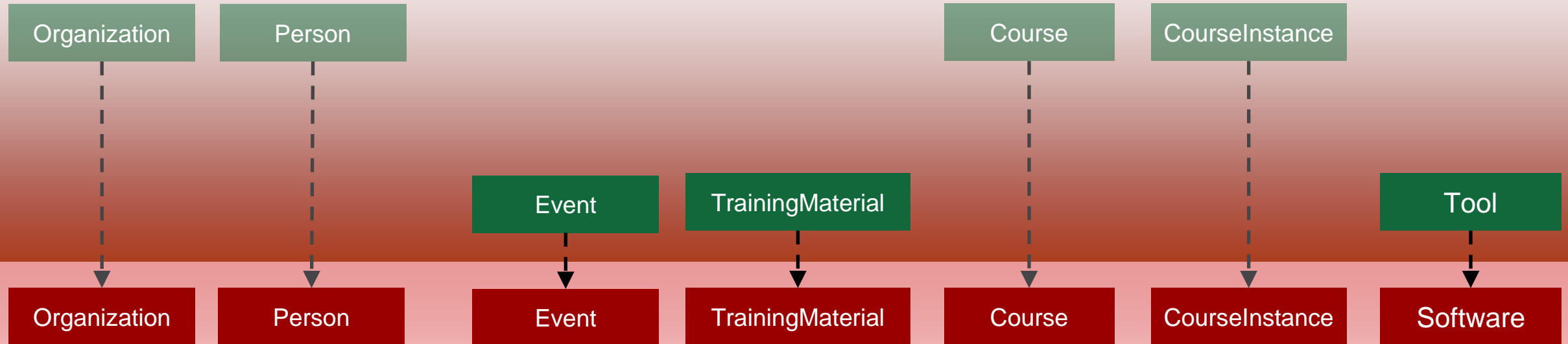
- Specific for Life Sciences
- Apply constraints to existing Schema.org types
- Minimum properties for finding and accessing data
- Best practices for selected properties
- Managed by Bioschemas



## Schema.org Types

- Generic data model
- Generous list of properties to describe data types
- Managed by Schema.org

# Beyond databases → digital resources



# Why Bioschemas?



- Focus on key properties prioritized as Minimum, Recommended and Optional based on community agreements and common practices

- Additional recommendations regarding properties cardinality



- Customization on schema.org types to better supports needs on the life sciences community

- Terms reused from well-known ontologies thus avoiding reinventing the wheel



# Why structured data with Bioschemas?



**Genoa cake**

Genoa cake is a fruit cake consisting of sultanas, currants or raisins, glacé cherries, almonds, and candied orange peel or essence, cooked in a batter of flour, eggs, butter and sugar. [Wikipedia](#)

**Place of origin:** Italy  
**Main ingredients:** Raisin, Zante currant, Cherry, Flour, Eggs, Butter, Sugar

**People also search for** [View 10+ more](#)

Flour Butter Eggs Raisin Panforte



**Insulin**  
Hormone

Insulin is a peptide hormone produced by beta cells of the pancreatic islets; it is considered to be the main anabolic hormone of the body. [Wikipedia](#)

**People also search for** [View 1+](#)

Glucagon Leptin Thyroxine Pancreatic polypeptide Gastrin

# How structured data contributes to FAIRability



## Findability

Finding proteins, samples, phenotypes and so exposed via web pages



## Interoperability

Gathering data from different life sciences resources following a common format, linking to each other



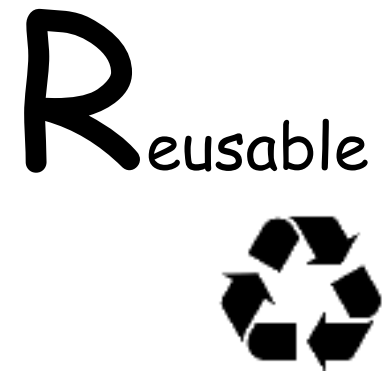
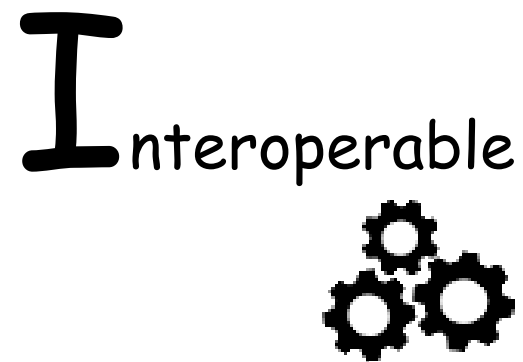
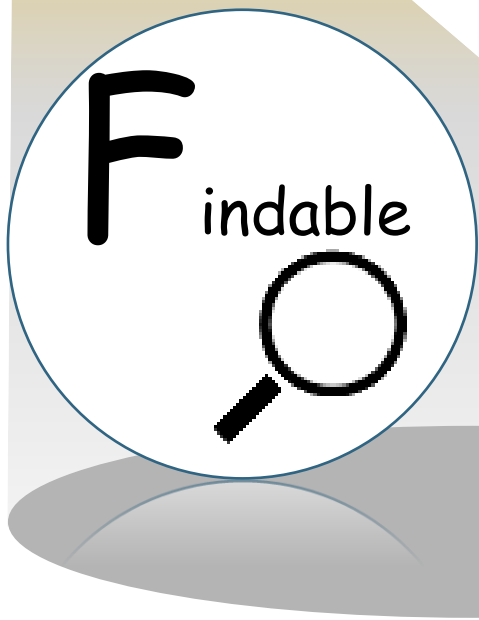
## Accessibility

Enabling data extraction over web pages



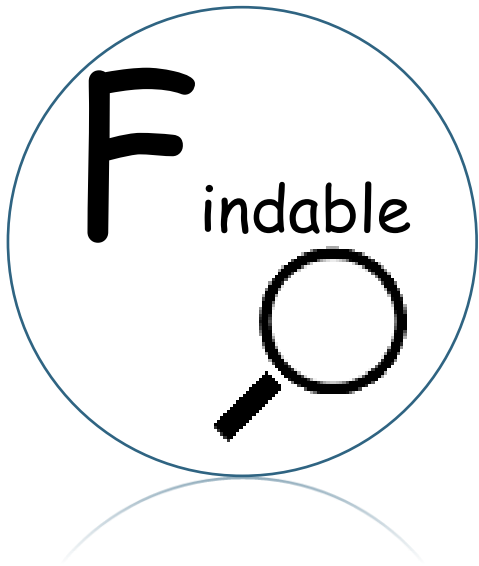
## Reusability

Making reuse rules explicit and providing provenance information

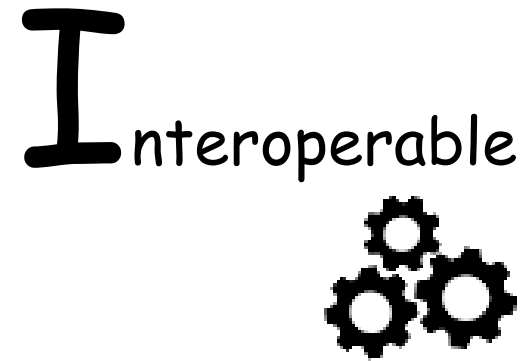


- Unique identifiers
- Descriptive metadata
- Indexed and available

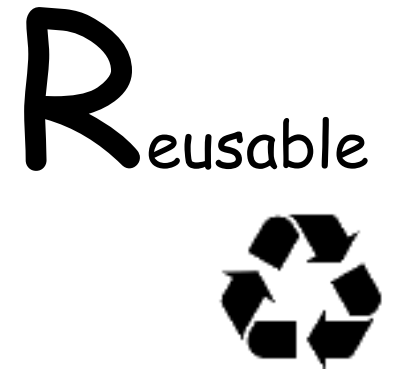




- HTTP
- Authorization  
via login or IP



- Schema.org  
→ JSON-LD
- Links to other  
resources



- License
- Provenance



# Be part of the game!



# Beyond Life Sciences



Bioschemas is for Life Sciences

BUT

The same idea can be applied to  
other sciences

Research schema



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