

# Converting BIBFRAME to Schema.org

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# Why?

1. Schema.org has become the *lingua franca* of the Web
2. Big picture view of our data: entities and their relationships
3. KISS principle

It is useful to go via BIBFRAME, but for our current use cases and experiments,  
Schema.org seems like a better fit

**MARC**  
1M records

**BIBFRAME**

**marc2bibframe2  
converter**

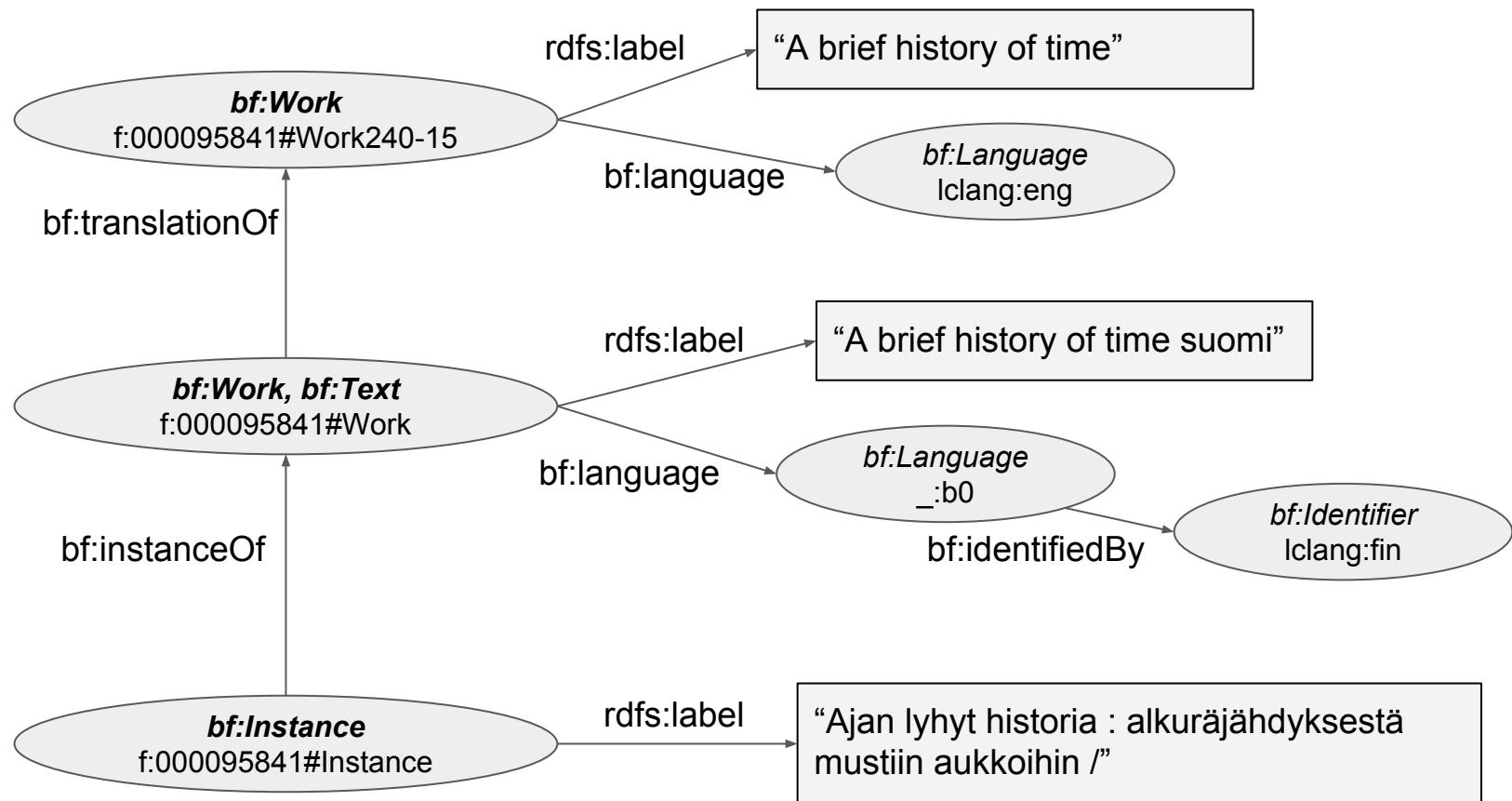
**Raw  
Schema.org**

**bf-to-sparql.rq  
SPARQL  
CONSTRUCT  
query**

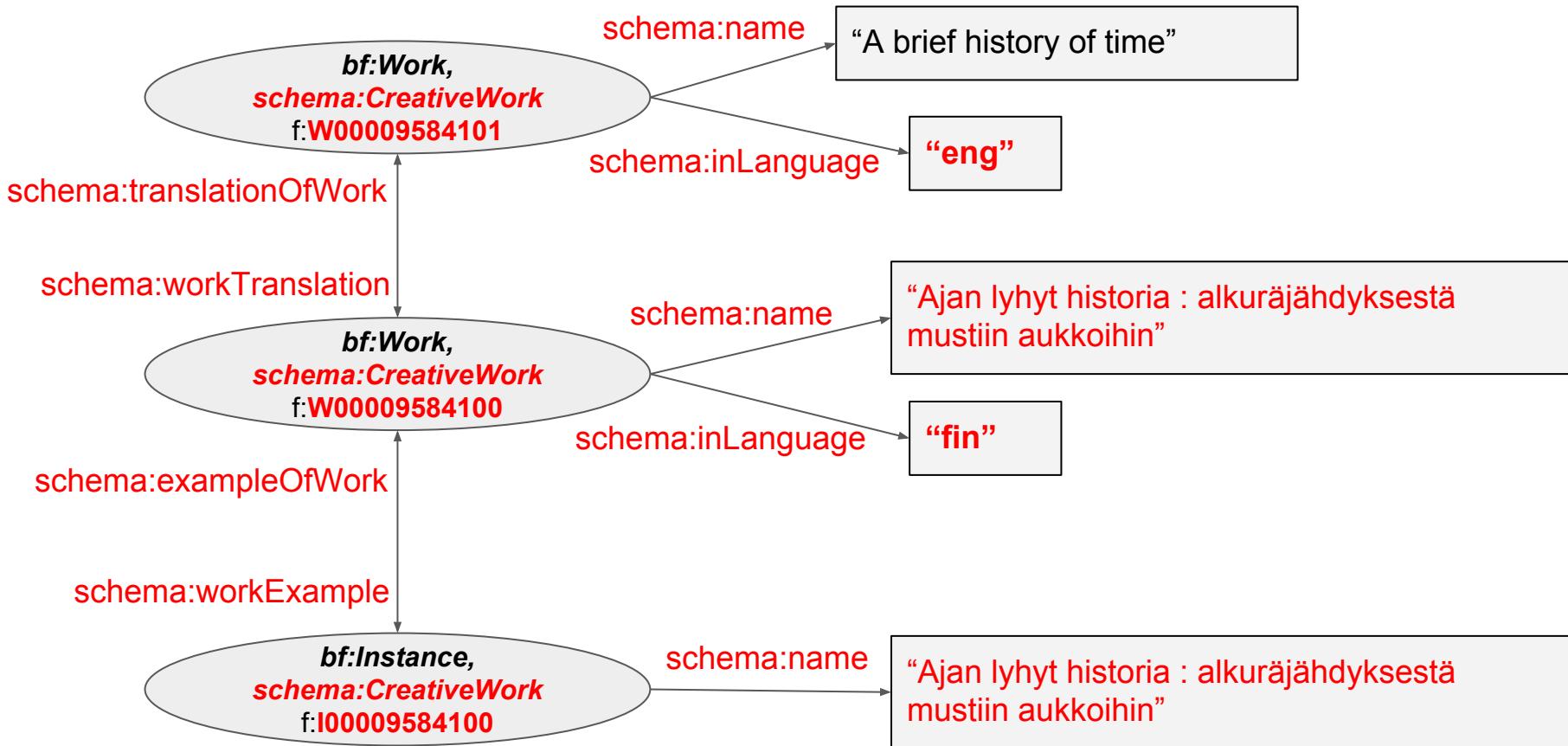
**Linked  
Schema.org  
40M triples**

**reconcile.rq  
SPARQL  
CONSTRUCT  
query**

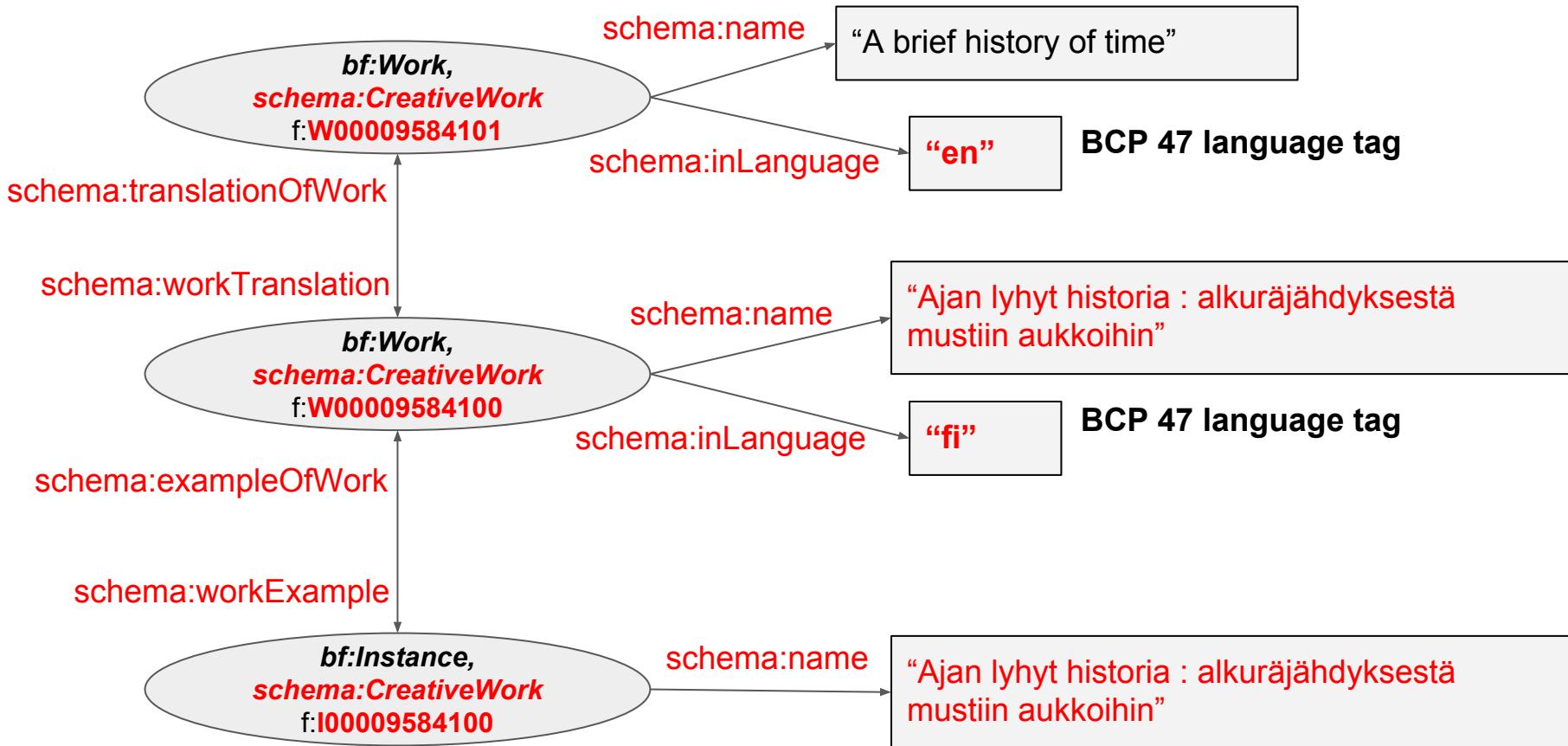
# BIBFRAME 2.0



# Raw Schema.org



# Reconciled Schema.org



## [bf-to-sparql.rq](#) query (328 lines)

# Observations and lessons learned

1. The conversion is relatively simple on a logical level, but **the devil is in the details**
  
2. The LOC marc2bibframe2 converter makes a good job of extracting information from a MARC record, but:
  - a. many aspects are still just strings after conversion
  - b. “one record at a time” conversion requires separate merging of works
  - c. identity management is a real challenge, as the underlying MARC records may change at any time

# Thank you! Questions?

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Code:

<https://github.com/NatLibFi/bib-rdf-pipeline>

<https://github.com/NatLibFi/bib-lod-ui>

These slides: <http://tinyurl.com/bf-to-schema>