



Metadata Templates

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Metadata templates enable users and curators to:

- View and interact with AVUs in a *user-friendly* interface
- *Require* metadata attributes on iRODS objects
- *Validate* metadata elements
- *Standardize* metadata associated with iRODS objects
- *Uniformly apply* metadata to many objects simultaneously
- Provide *rendering guidance* to GUIs



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A Metadata Template contains the following properties:

- name
- type
- source
- destination
- description
- author
- version
- required
- elements

An enum indicating what type of Metadata Template this is

Currently, only FORM_BASED Metadata Templates are supported

We have discussed adding, for example, support for Templates derived from schema.org schema (SCHEMA_REF)



An enum indicating where the data to populate the Metadata Template will come from

Currently, the only supported source is USER

We have discussed adding, for example, the ability to populate a Metadata Template with output from an iRODS rule (RULE) or a combination of rule output and user input (MIXED)



An enum indicating how the metadata will actually be stored on disk

Currently, the only supported destination is IRODS, indicating that the metadata will be stored as AVU triples in the iRODS catalog

We have discussed adding, for example, the ability to store metadata in an external Postgres database (POSTGRES), as is done in CyVerse

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A Metadata Template contains the following properties:

- name
- i18nName
- description
- i18nDescription
- type
- source
- defaultValue
- validationStyle
- validationOptions
- required



An enum indicating how/if a metadata element will be validated

Supported validation styles are the following:

- DEFAULT
- IS
- IN_LIST
- IN_RANGE
- IN_RANGE_EXCLUSIVE
- REGEX
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Supported Metadata Element types



- RAW_STRING
- RAW_TEXT
- RAW_URL
- RAW_INT
- RAW_FLOAT
- RAW_BOOLEAN
- RAW_DATE
- RAW_TIME
- RAW_DATETIME
- REFIRODSQUERY
- REFIRODSCATALOG
- REFURL
- LISTSTRING
- LISTINT
- LISTFLOAT



Parser

- Generates MetadataTemplate POJOs from JSON and vice versa

Validator

- Validates Metadata Templates and Elements

Resolver

- Handles find/list/CRUD operations on template files

Exporter

- Saves populated Metadata Templates to permanent metadata store

Metadata Templates + FormBot in use

