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# Japan established a data sharing center for publicly-funded biomedical science

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# BACKGROUND

## Big Invest. in R&D Projects for BioMedicine

- More than three Billion \$/yr (R&D cost) for top-down projects in FY2008.  
<http://www8.cao.go.jp/cstp/siryo/haihu73/siryo2.pdf>
- Four Ministries (Health, Industry, Education and Agriculture) plan projects independently.
- Mostly executed by Univs. and Natl. Labs.

## Privatizing Publicly Funded Science

- Three new laws for privatization of science in Univs.& Natl. Labs. (1988-2004).
- Idea of Good Practice is not shared. “Benefit his own venture company or benefit his own nation”.

## No Public Archives for Project Data

- Government contracts do not refer to data dissemination.
- No guidelines for data sharing.
- Various levels of voluntary data are released from individual project websites.

# Mind the BIG Difference



- **Private property**

- You can read/search if you pay
- Dissemination of copy is prohibited
- Reuse of material needs approval

- **examples**

- ▲ Commercial Journals  
(Nature, Science)

- ▲ Most  
Japanese DBs

- **Public property**

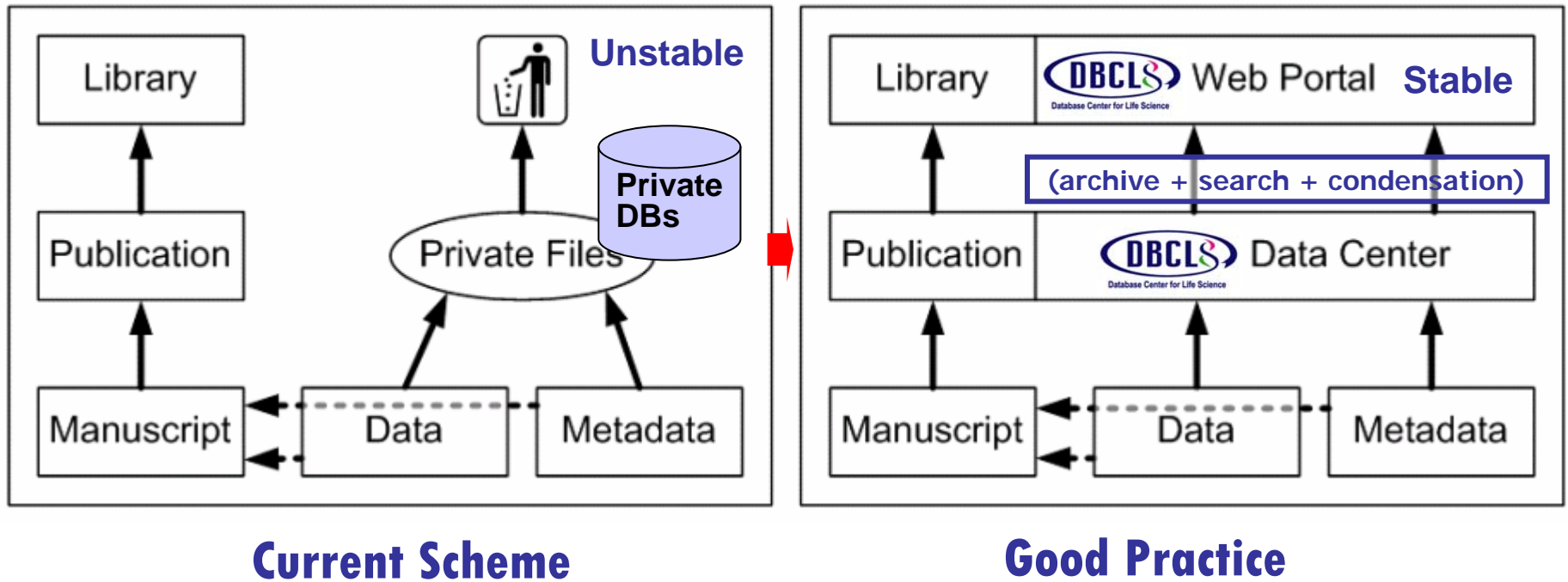
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- You can disseminate copy of original data
- Free reuse of material with attribution

- **examples**

- ▲ Open access journals  
(PLoS, BMC)

- ▲ DBs in NCBI

# Mission



Modification of Fig. 1 in "DATA PUBLICATION IN THE OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVE"  
 (Klump et al., Data Science Journal, Volume 5, 15 June 2006 79-83p)

# Mission

## Three ways of standardization for integration/interoperability

- **Syntactic:** DB structure and data format
- **Semantic:** ontologies and dictionaries
- **Pragmatic:** standardizing the “Term of Use”,  
establishing “Public Domain” data

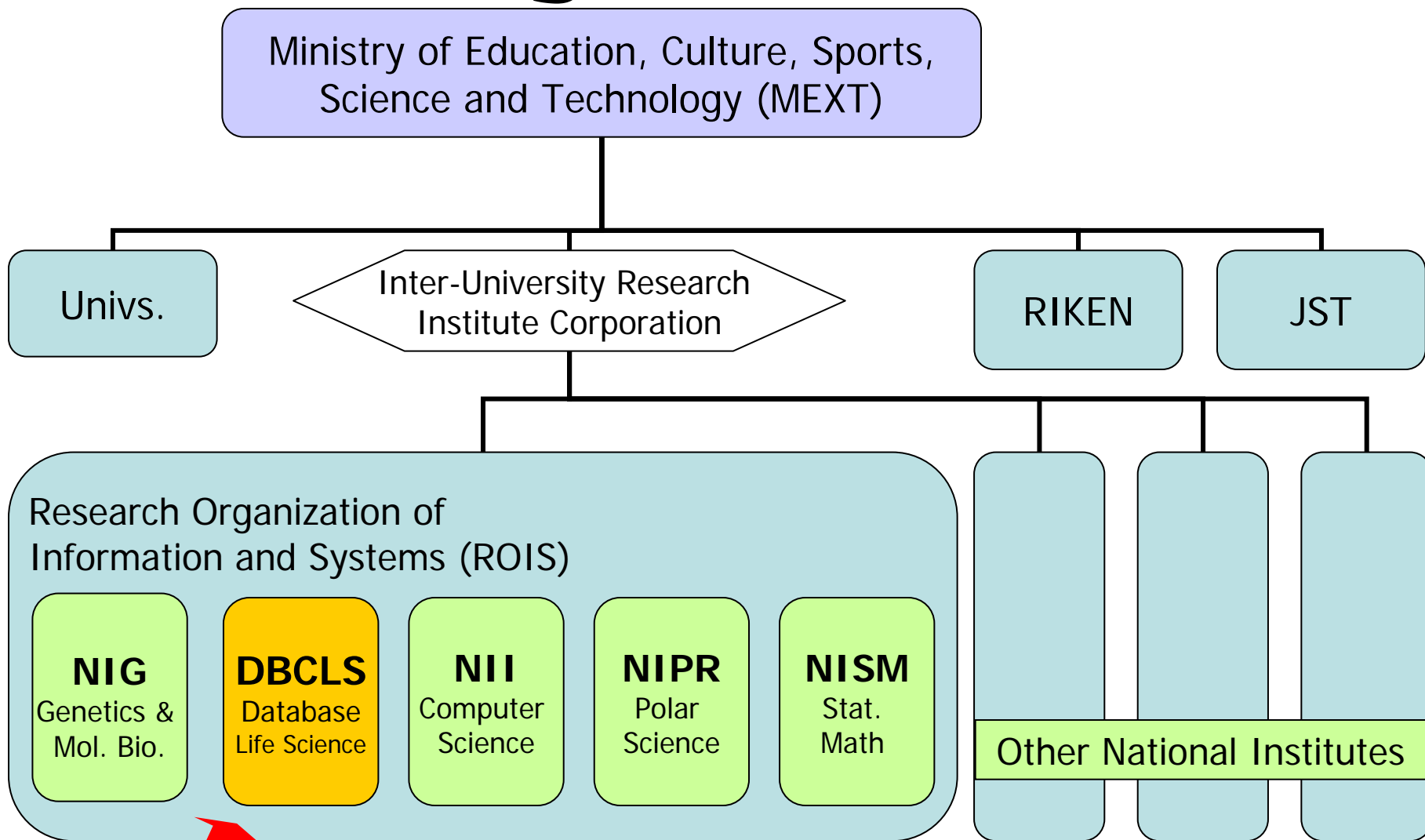
## Archive + search + condensation

- **Inventory** of ongoing/finished national projects
- **Survey & report** on data availability of projects
- **Archiving** data from ongoing/finished projects
- **Authoring Metadata**

## Disseminate “Opens” and “Commons”

- Collaborating with domestic “Open Access” journals, Creative Commons Japan etc.
- Hosting seminars and workshops on “Open Science” movement

# Organization



**We are here** Established in 2007, Responsible for the 5yr national integrated DB project