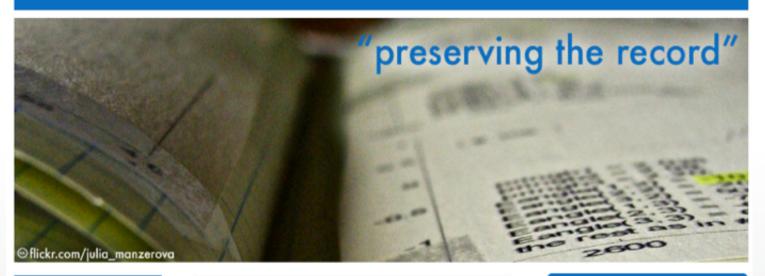
Creating context for the experiment record: user-defined metadata

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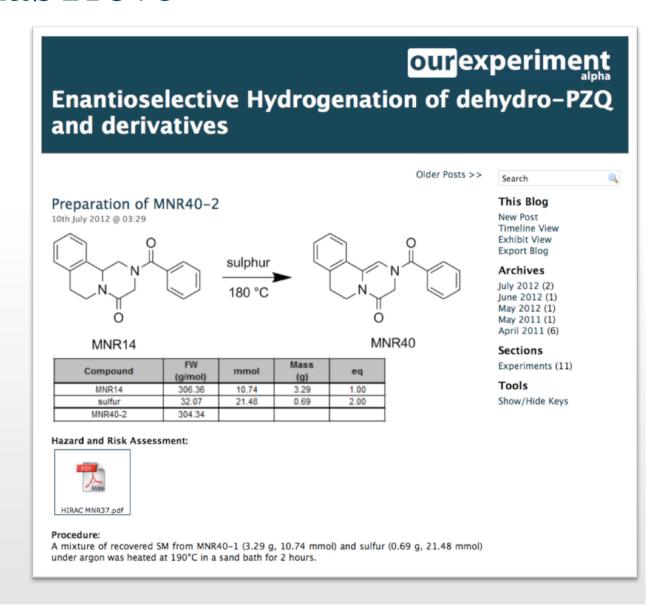
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Metadata in LabTrove

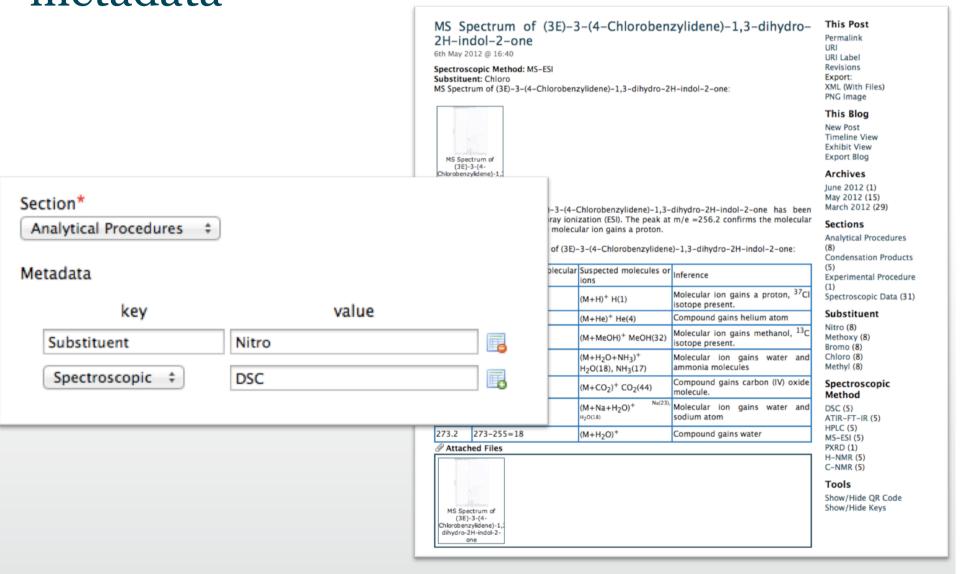
Automatic capture of metadata

Flexibility could mean a lack of context..



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Metadata Survey

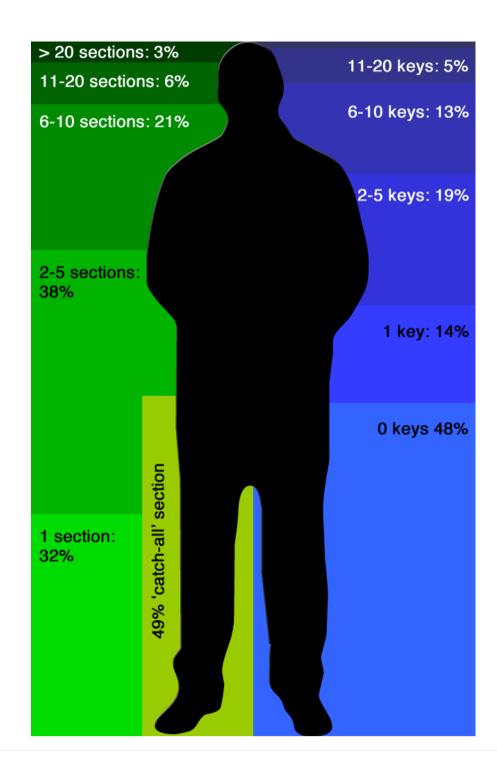






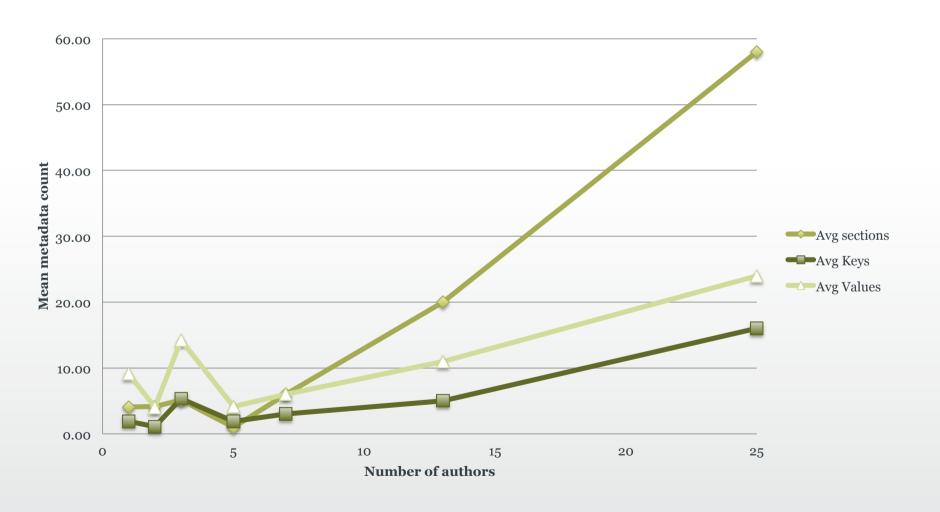
104 blogs

A big proportion of our users are not really adding metadata!





Number of authors





Most metadata is high-level not specific

Specific

Malaria

SHG

30:5017

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High-level

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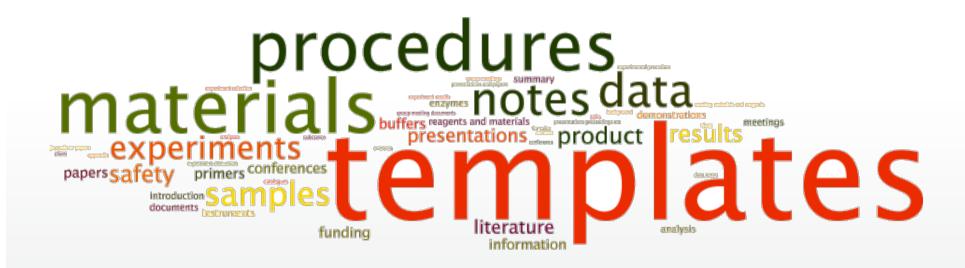
Meetings Planning

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Sections as labels

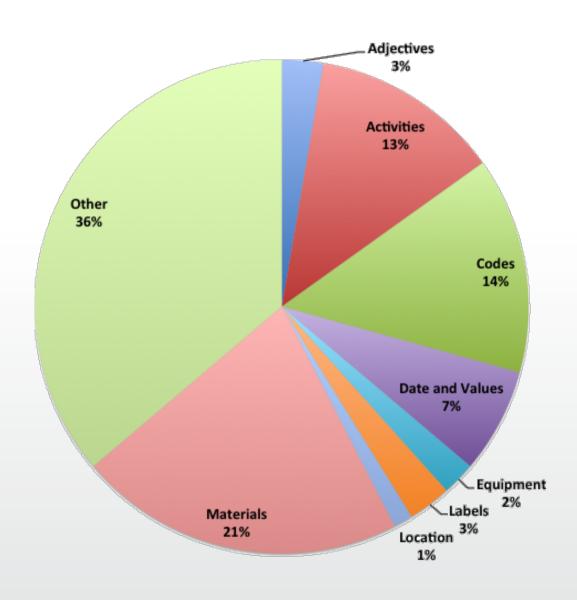


Keys as labels



Values





Metadata anxiety and other problems



- 'Blank canvas' effect
- Consistency
- Duplication
- Mistakes
- Inappropriate metadata

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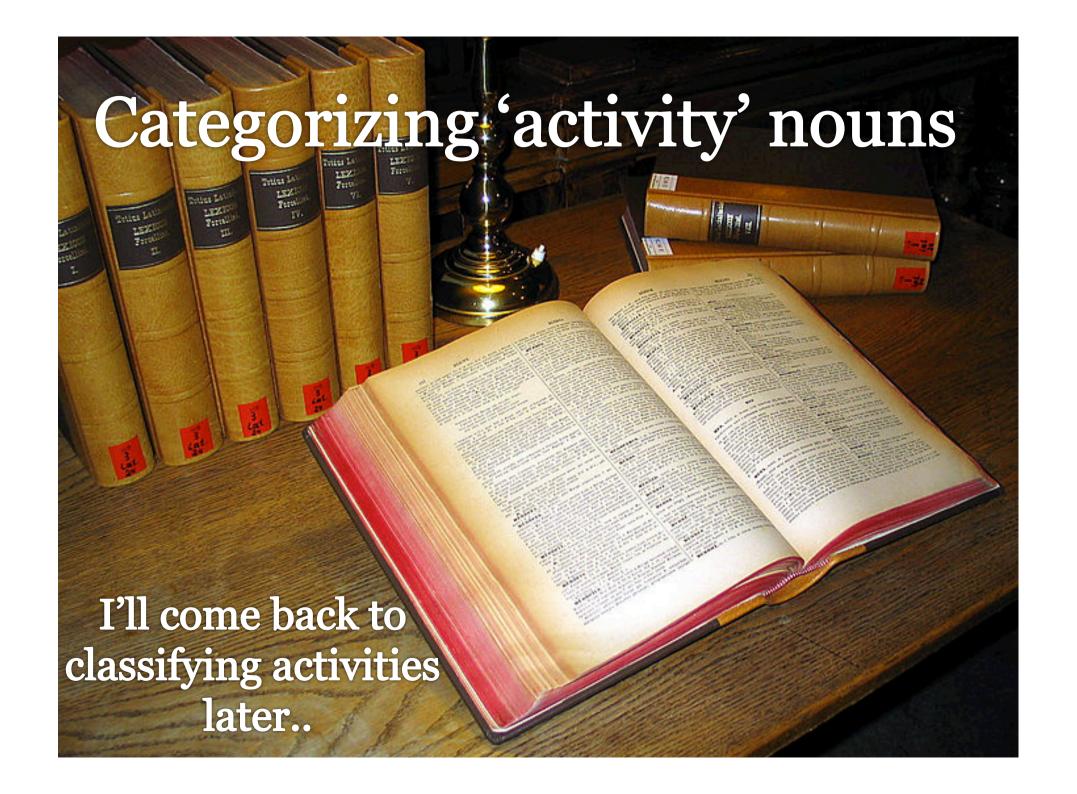
A preference for 'things' over 'activities'?

	Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives
Sections	513	15	3
Keys	263	4	1
Values	893	40	26

Nominalization:

making a noun from a verb or adjective

"zombie nouns"



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Is LabTrove metadata different?

- Flickr
- NASA blogs
- Chemistry-related blogs
- myExperiment



Editing 1 photo:

On the bike

Add a description

Add tags

Separate tags with a space

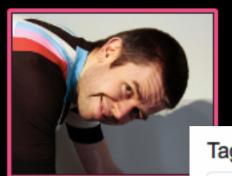
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On the bike

Add a description

Tags

landscape x doodle × sunset x art × acrylics × totoro ×

click a tag: 2012 animals archaeology autumn berlin bw cats cleveland dig dinnington doodle eb eb2008 eclipse england expo extremeblue f1 florida flower flowers g7 gardens green hampshire hilliers history honeymoon hursley hursley50 iphone japan july keukenhof kimahri landscape lego legoland macro marwell may me moscow nature niigata ohio orlando panto paris phil picnic pink portrait red roman sc7 silverstone spring sunset sydney team tree ut utpicnic villa water wedding winchester windsor xmas yellow

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Separate each tag with a space: cameraphone urban moblog. Or to join 2 words together in one tag, use double quotes: "daily commute".

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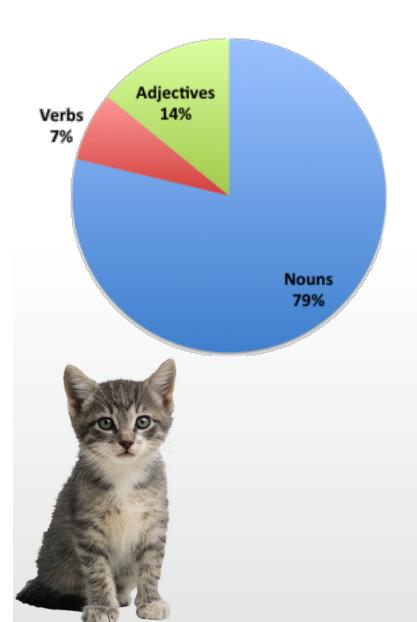
Flickr results

1381 tags

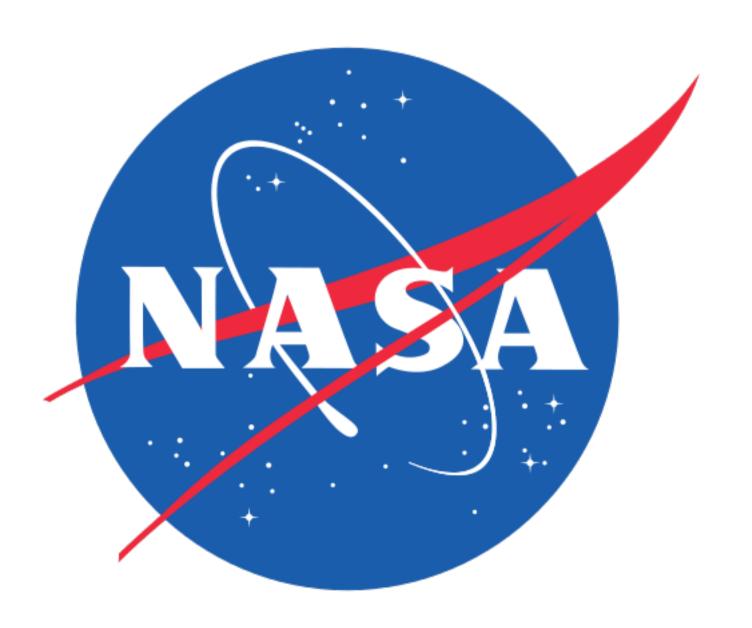
Top 500 most interesting photos tagged with 'chemistry' and 'experiment'

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when were on the plane and were doing the set-up and startup, I was really "uber-focussed" on the payload and not on myself for the first few cycles. When things started to get into a rhythm around Parabola #5 I had no idea we were 1/5th of the way done. Wow.



"That was short. That was very short." My comments after the very first parabola, which was a Martian (0.33 G) scenario. This image shows our team's positions in between parabola 1 & 2. We did not have space enough to fully lay down so we reclined against the side of the aircraft. Left to right is Con Tsang, myself (monitoring a payload via a table), Cathy Olkin, and Alan Stern (face not visible). The photo is taken via Go-Pro camera on the head of Dan Durda who was across the way. Eric Schindhelm, who rounded out our team, was next to Dan and not in this view.

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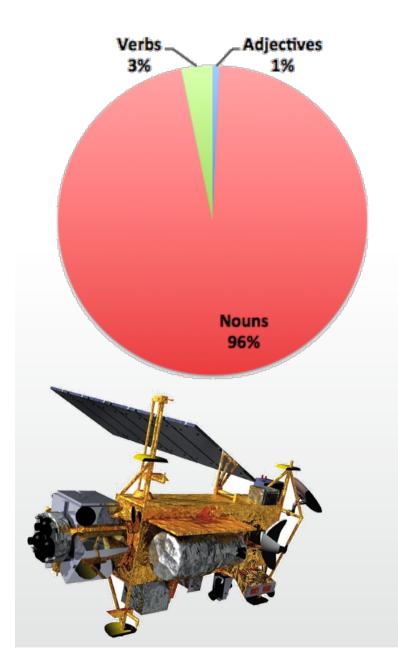
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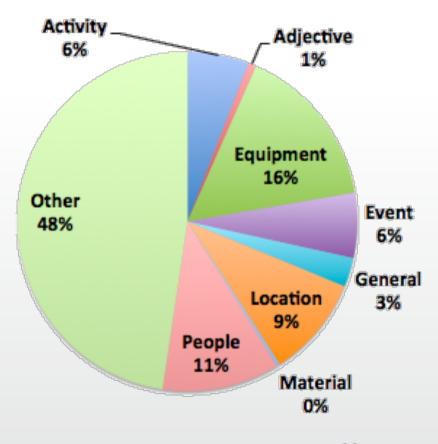
NASA results



Nasa results

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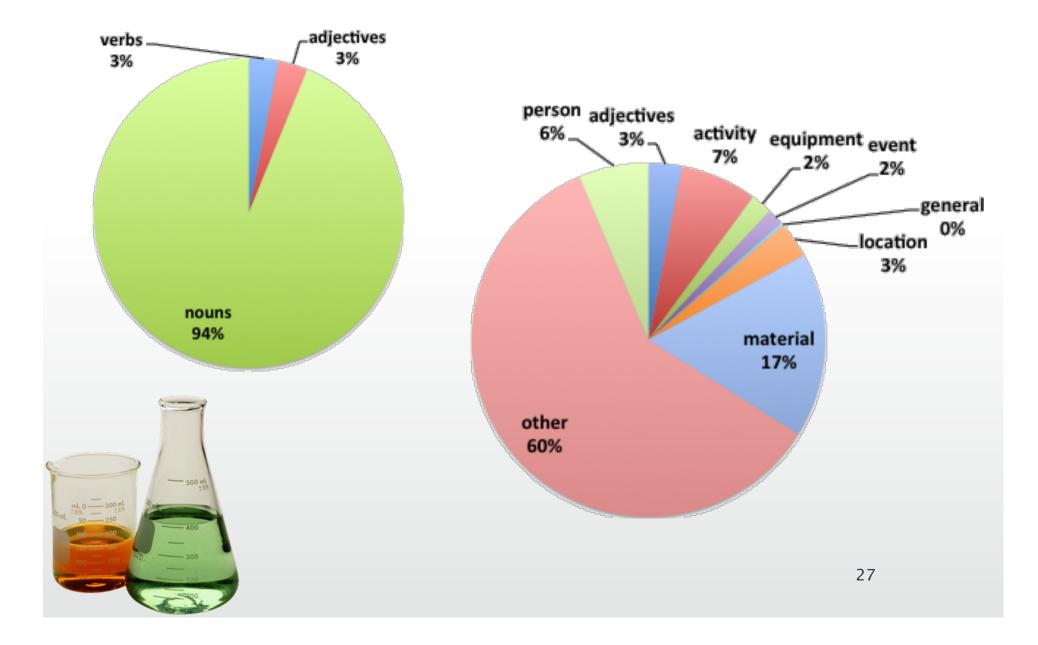
Chemistry blogs results



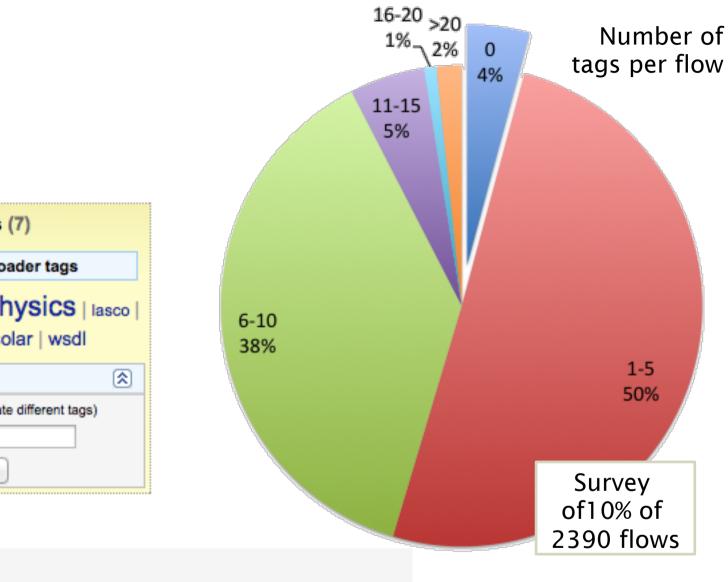
50 chemistry-related blogs – 10,436 'tags'

Chemistry Blog results

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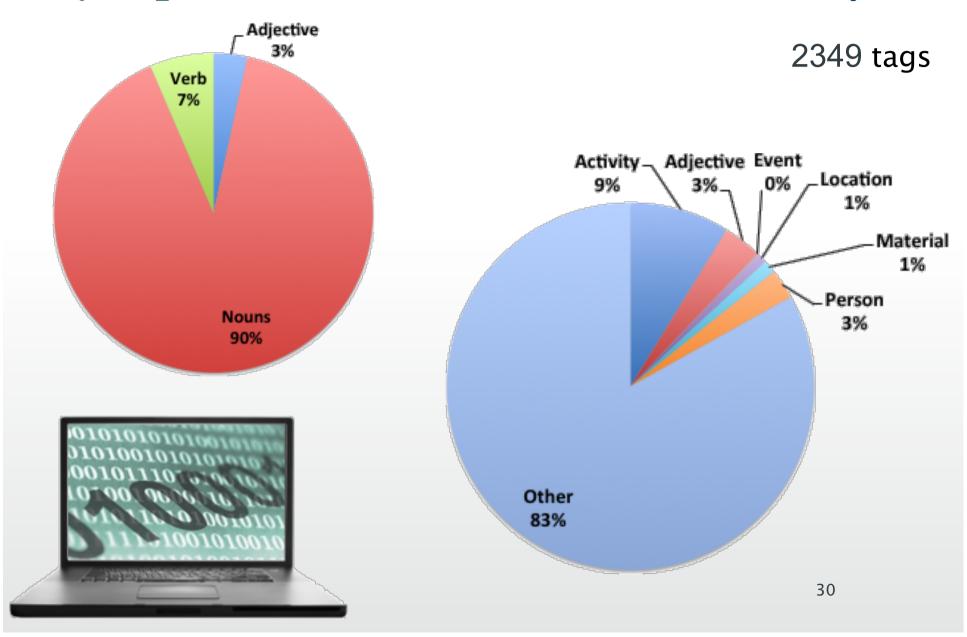
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This Workflow has no tags!

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Classifying activities

- Potential to differentiate between action, activity, process, and technique
- But need to understand who is doing the activity or to what the activity is being done: person, material, or data?
- Intent is difficult to determine from 'activity-related' metadata

Summary

- Metadata has to be present to be useful!
- Common mistakes and "sense-making"
- Tells us about the interests and needs of the communities
- Users will use predefined values if they are available
- A number of possible strategies to encourage better use (and user experience) of metadata in ELNs

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- Our findings have already had an influence on our ELN developments
- Considerations for our ELN interface designs in the future
- Links to our current research on how we can use cues to influence what students and researchers record..



