

Library as Platform: Unlocking the Potential of Our Communities

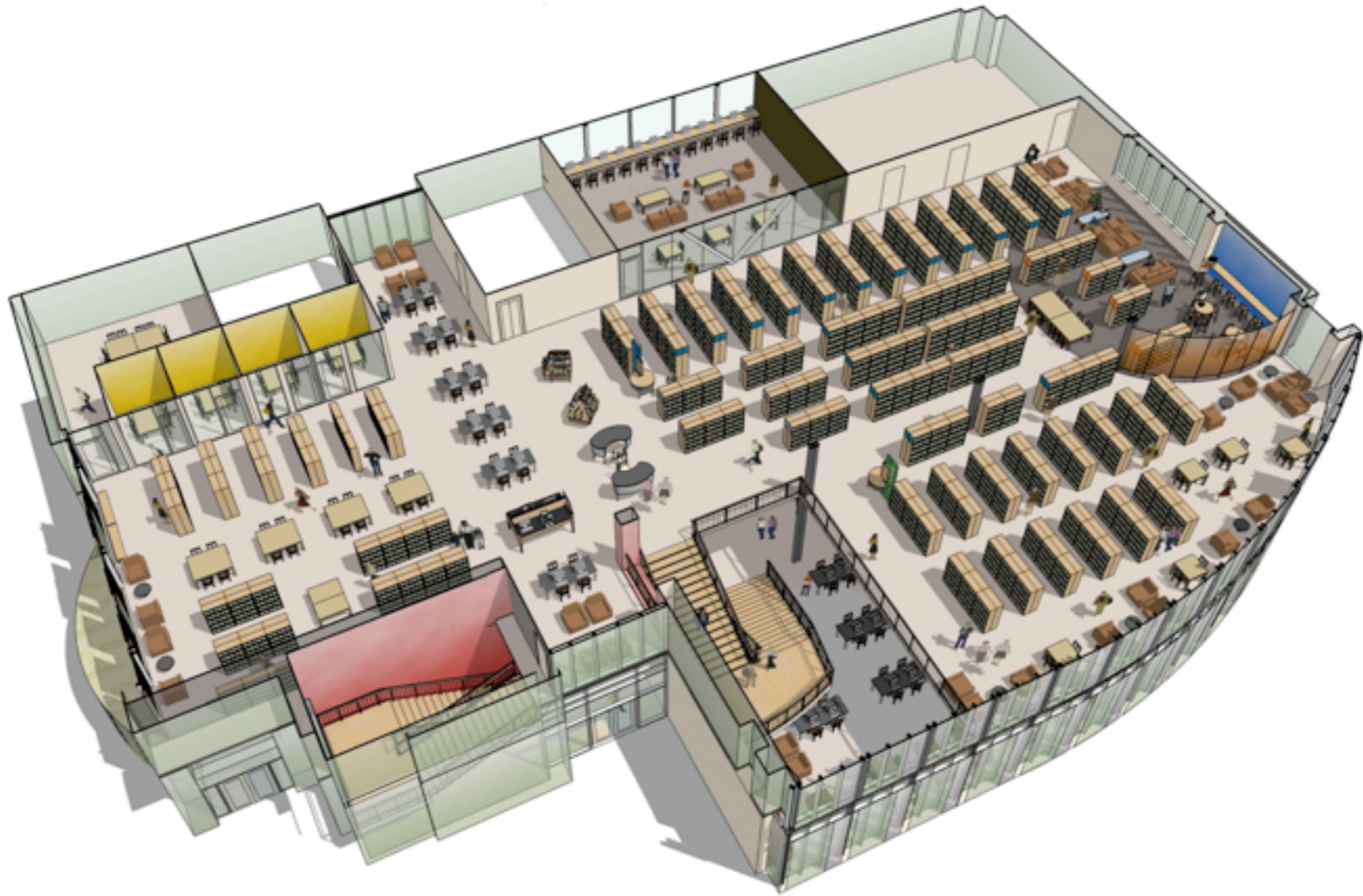
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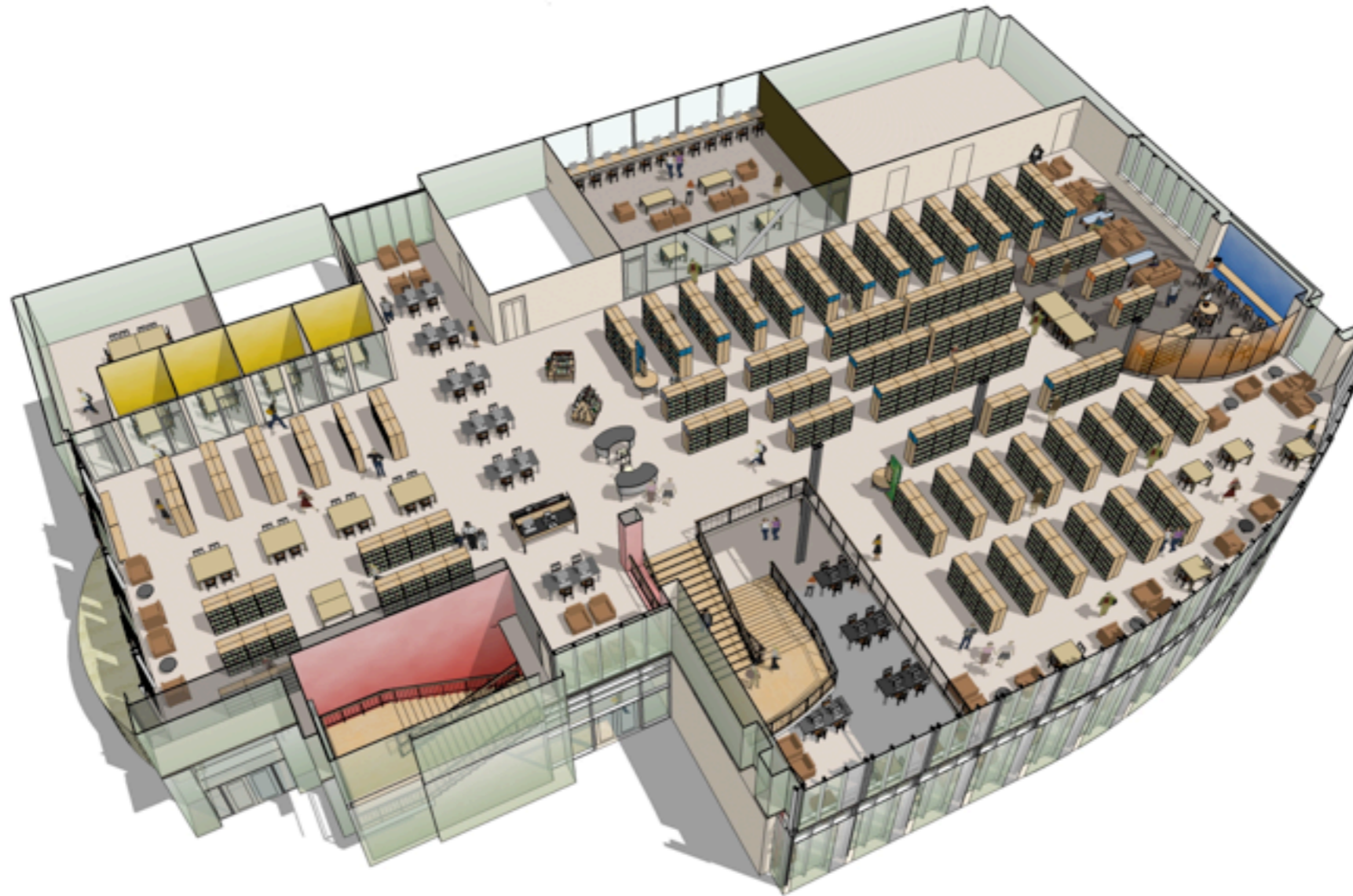
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“I have long contended that a room full of books is simply a closet, but that an empty room with a librarian in it is a library.”





- From Quiet Buildings with Loud Rooms to Loud Buildings with Quiet Rooms
- Places of Knowledge Access to Knowledge Creation
- Territory of the Librarian to Territory of the Community

Where To & Why?

- Commons or Community Center?
- Are Digital Services Transforming In the Same Way?
- Is There Some Deeper Reason for the Shift?

A Platform

- Technology And Content Assets Organized In An Architecture To Achieve Some Goal
- Normally Broad
- The Question Is The Goal
- Right Now Mostly It Is Distribution Of Content
- Programming? Who Runs Them?

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- A Platform For Community Learning And Innovation

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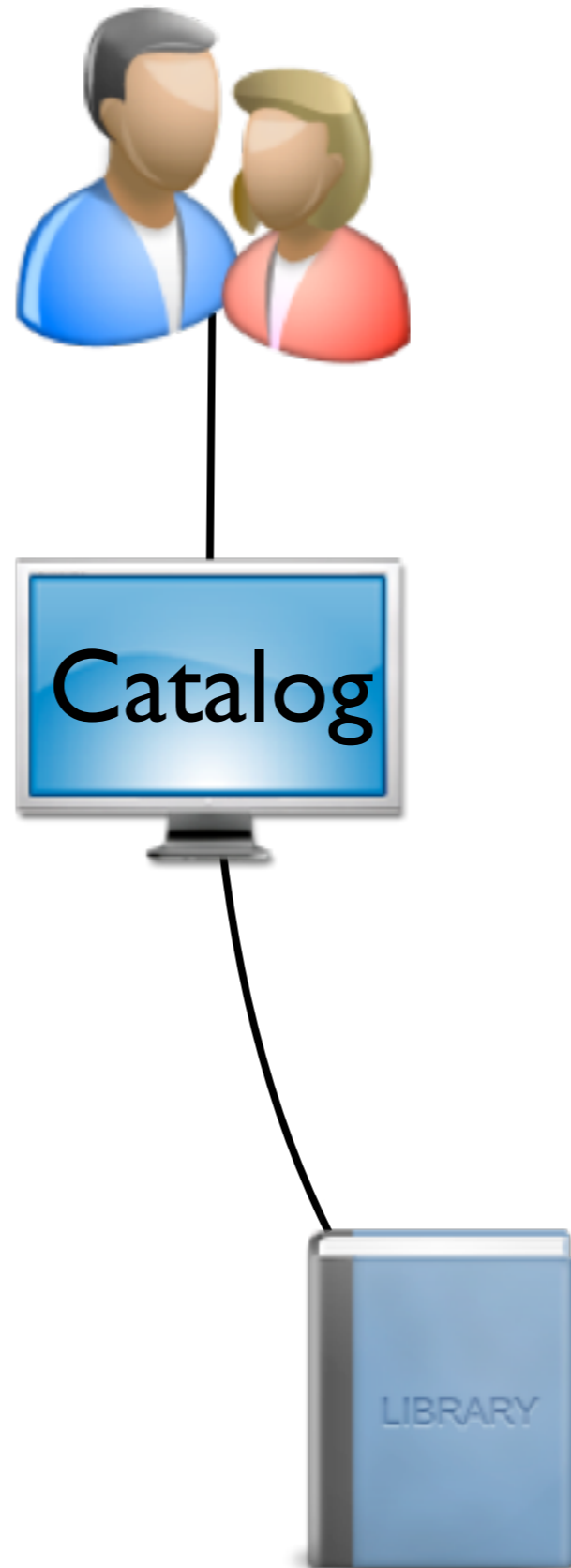
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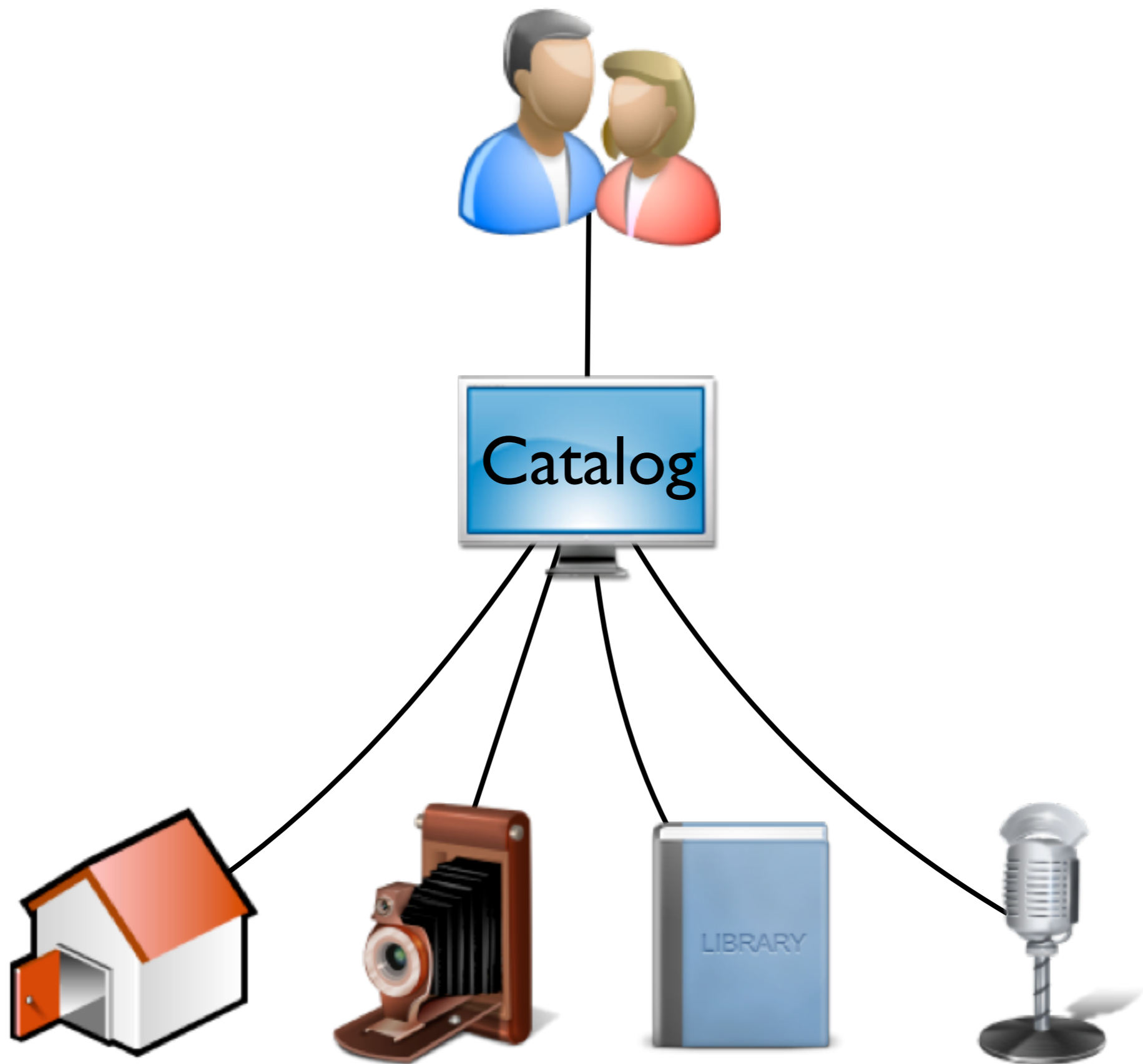
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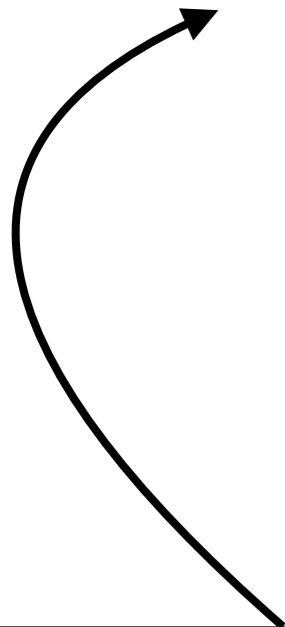
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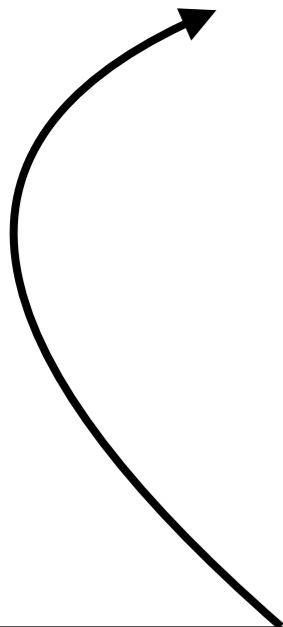
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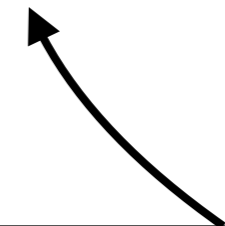
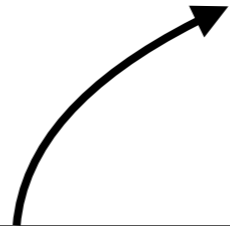
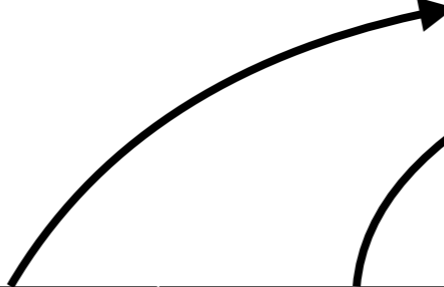
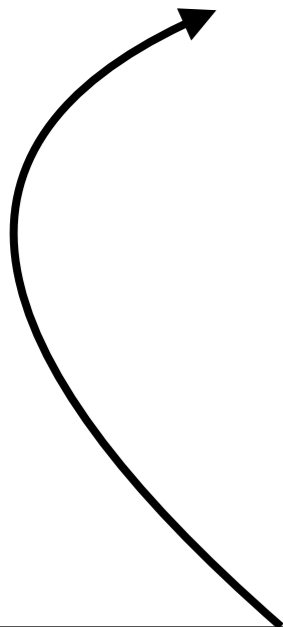
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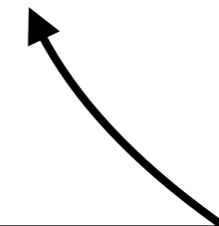
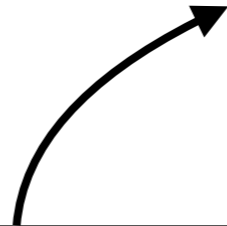
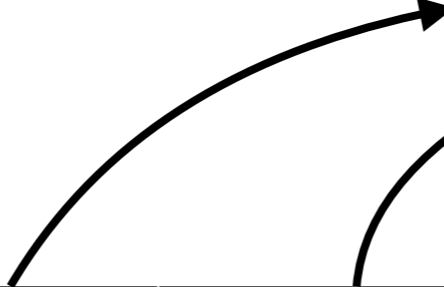
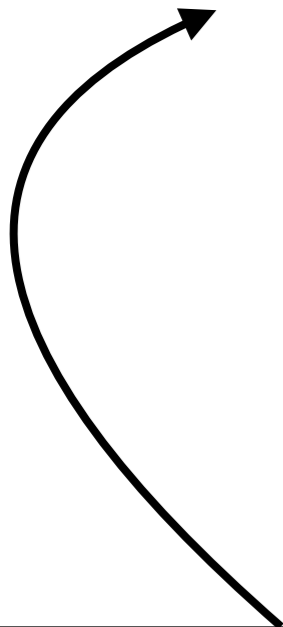
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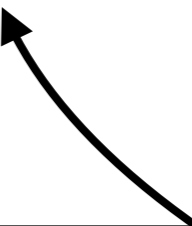
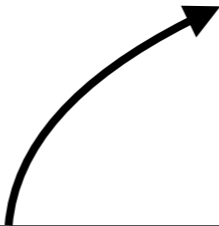
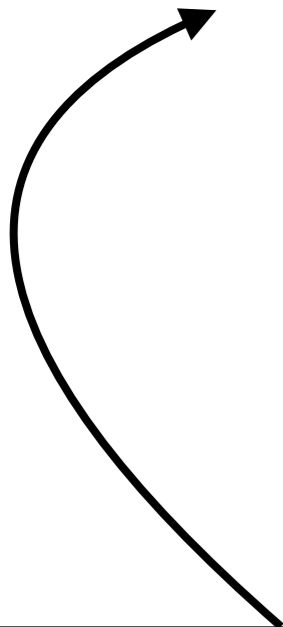
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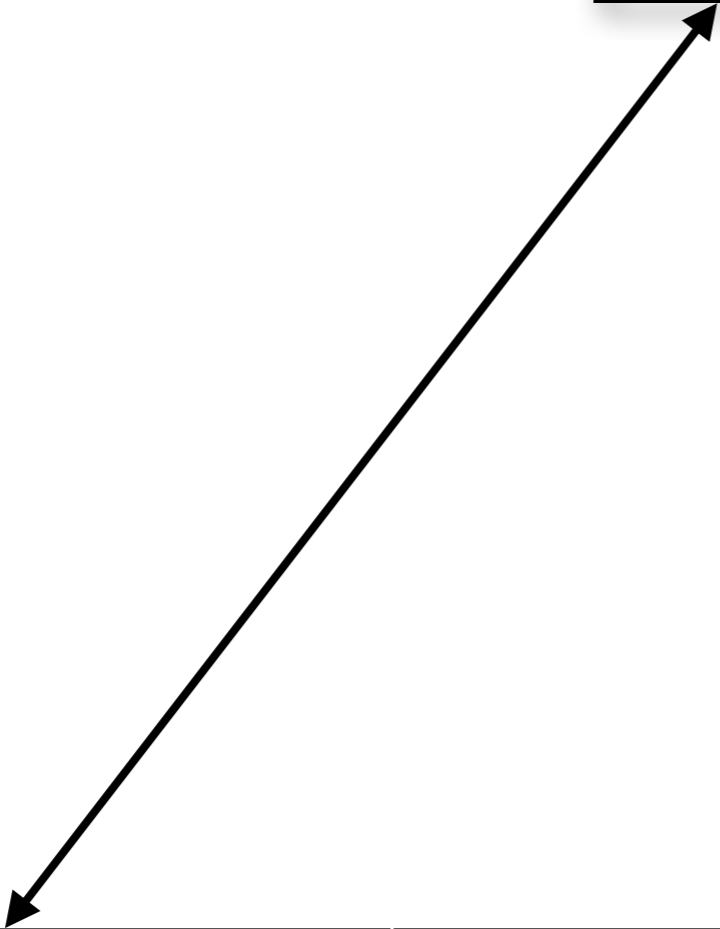
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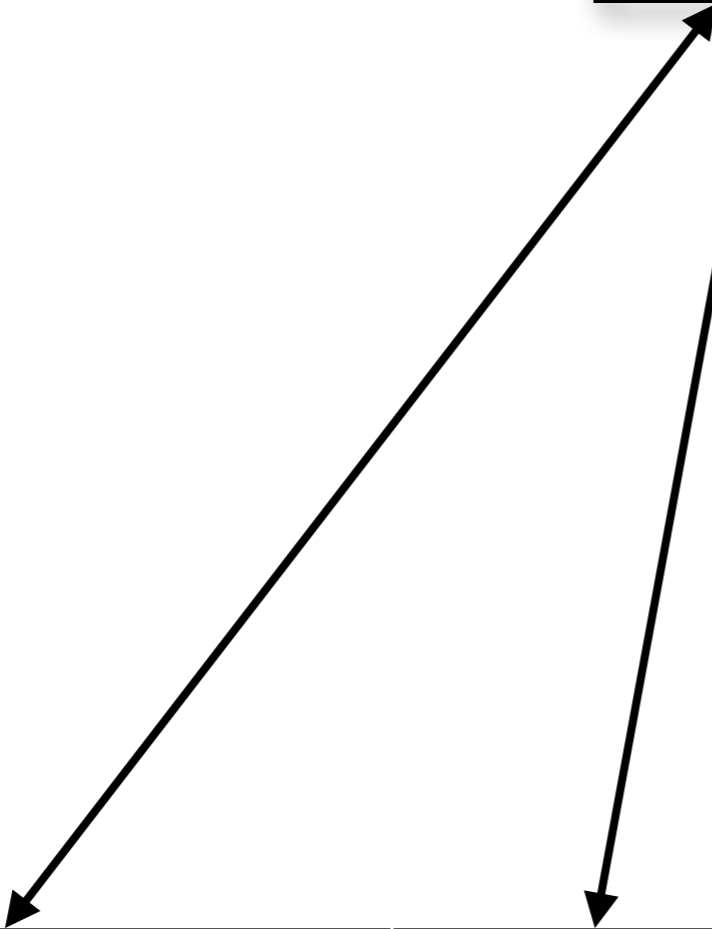
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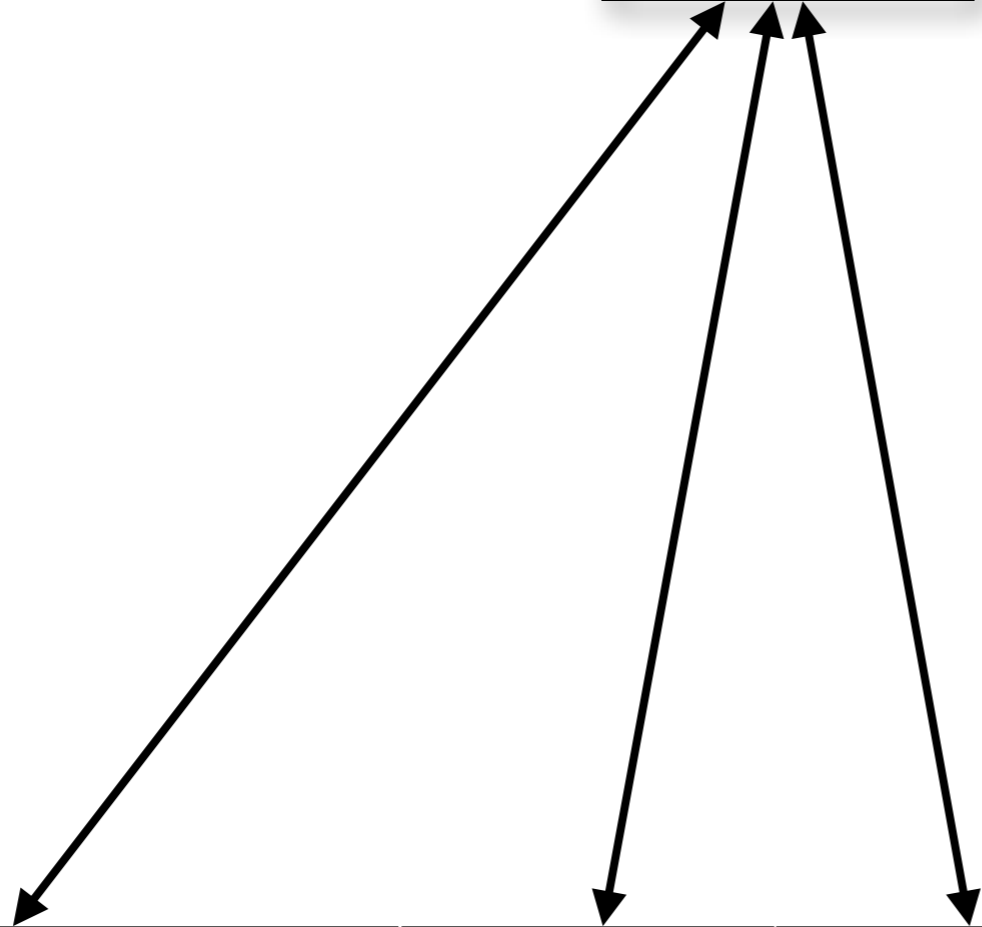
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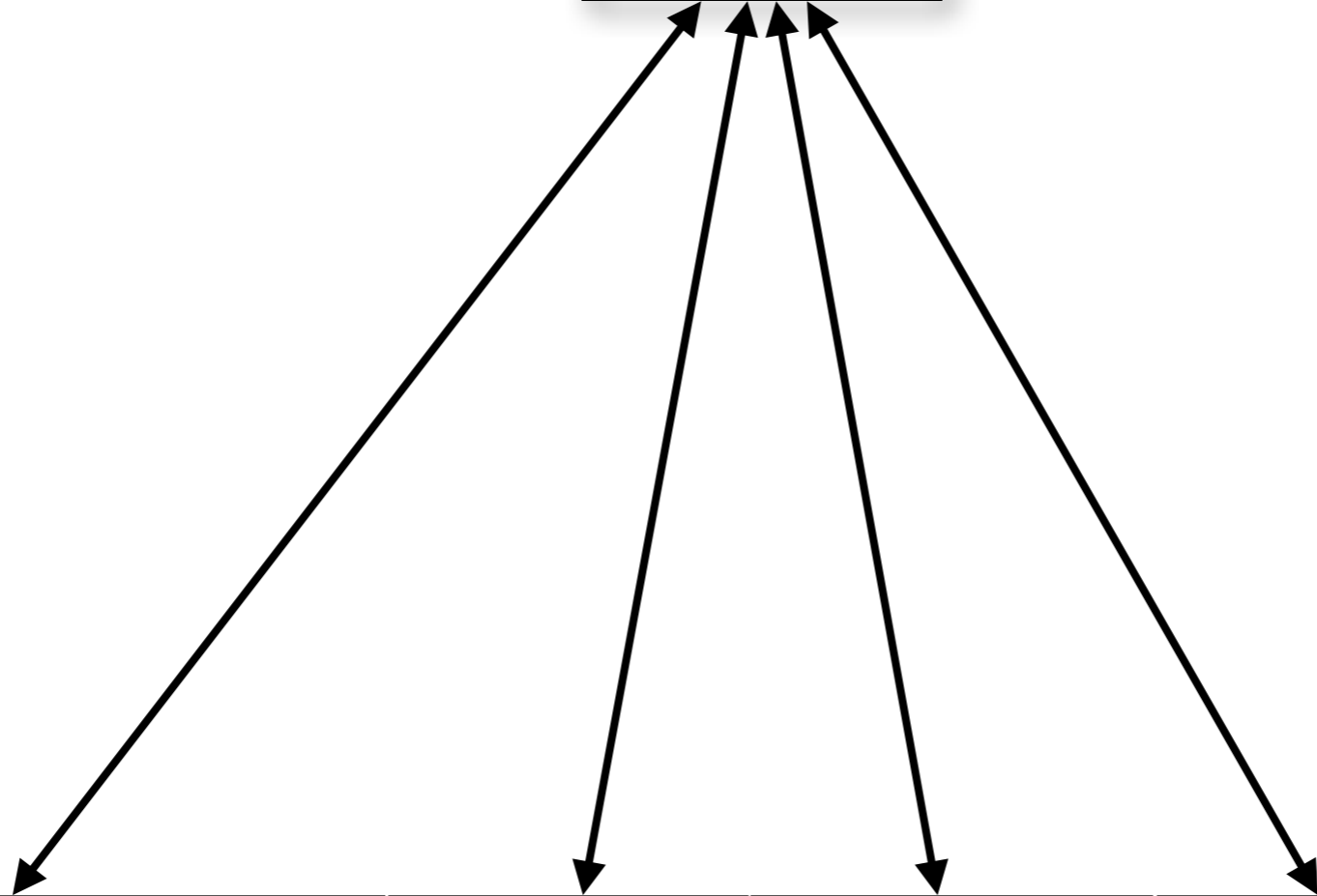
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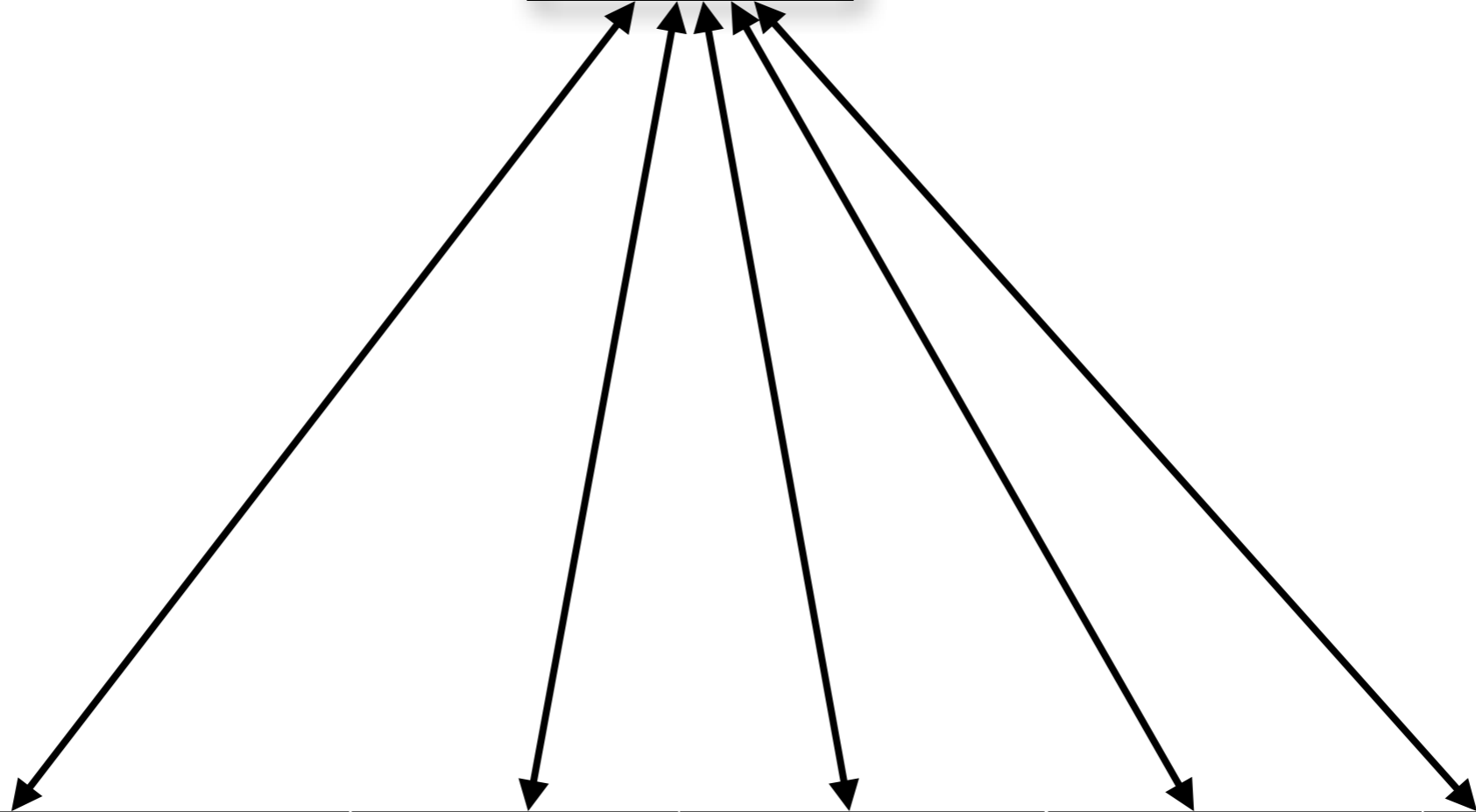
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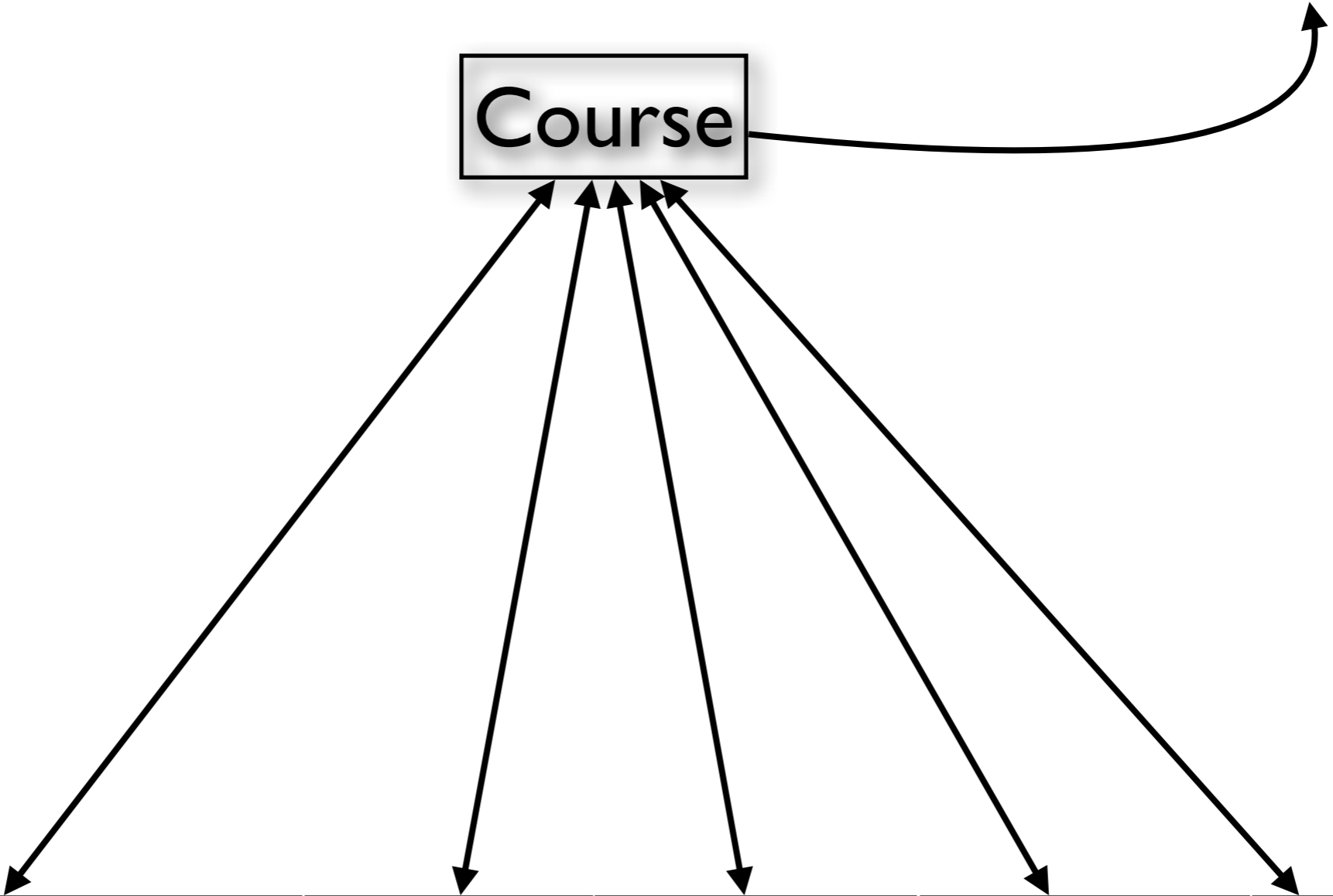
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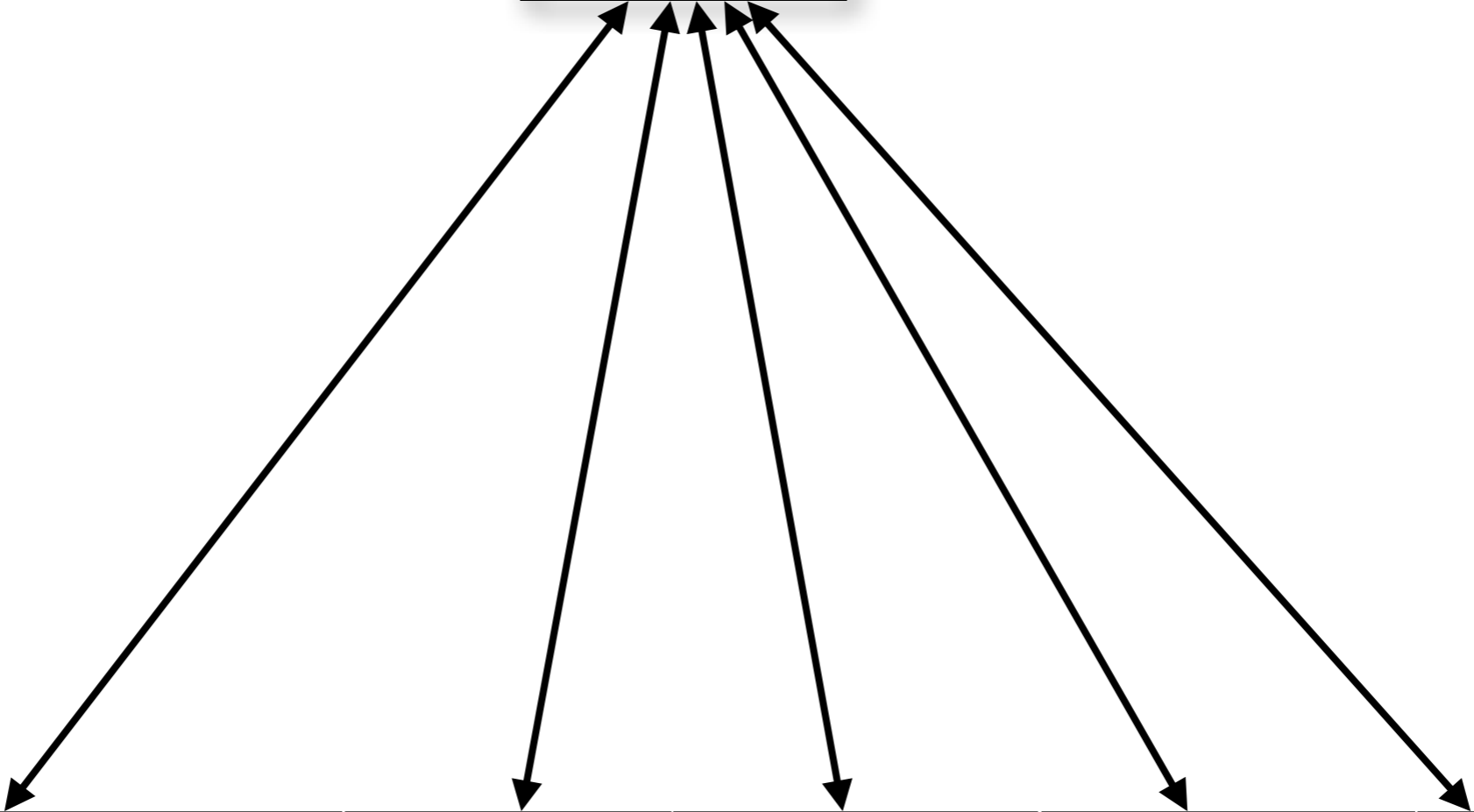
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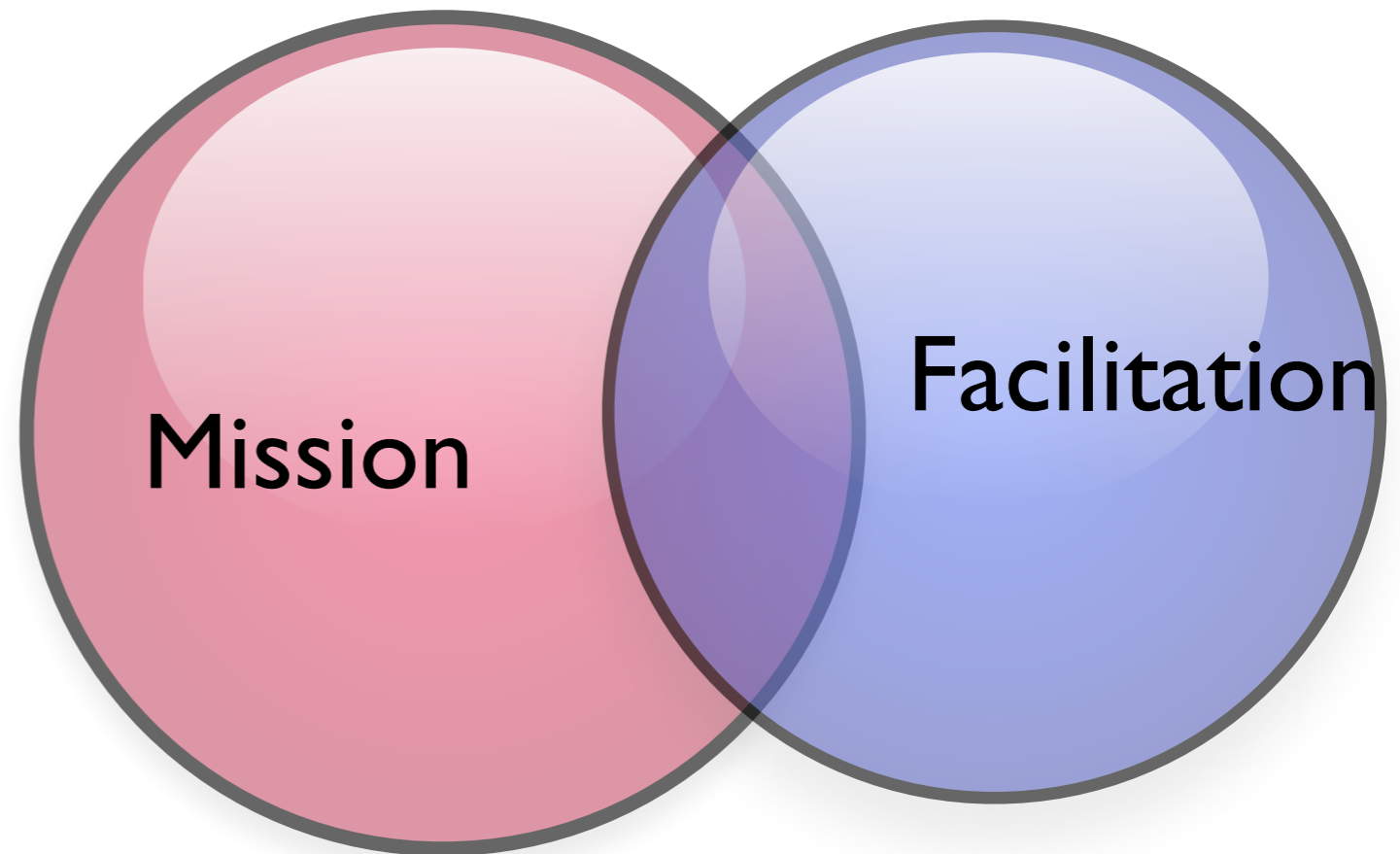
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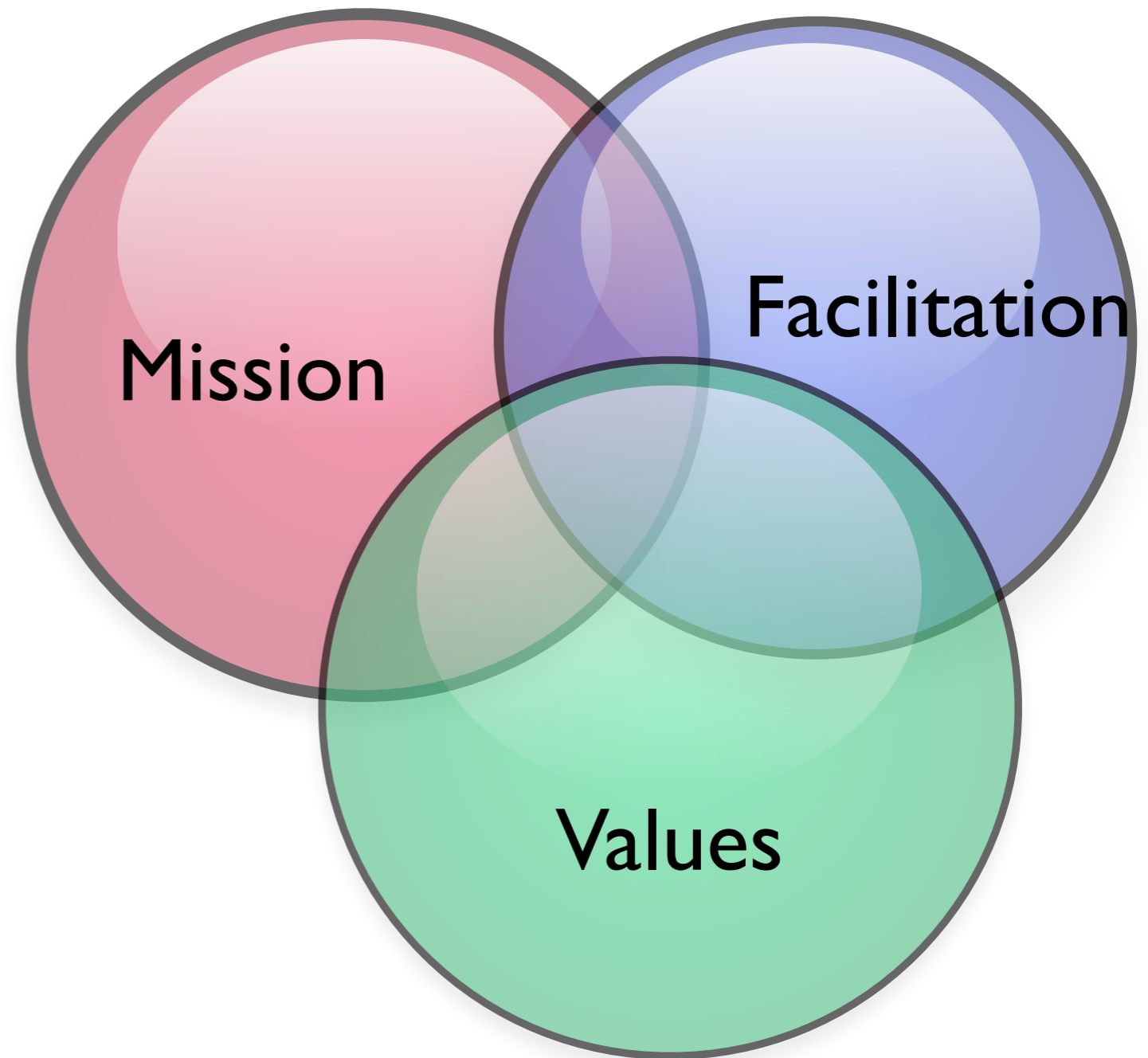
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Implications

- Scholarly Publishing
 - Not Institutional Repositories, Networked Repositories
- Role of Librarian: Acquisition to Curation
- Collection Development Becomes Connection Development
- Size Doesn't Matter
 - Rural Libraries Well Positioned



Build a Platform for Innovation

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