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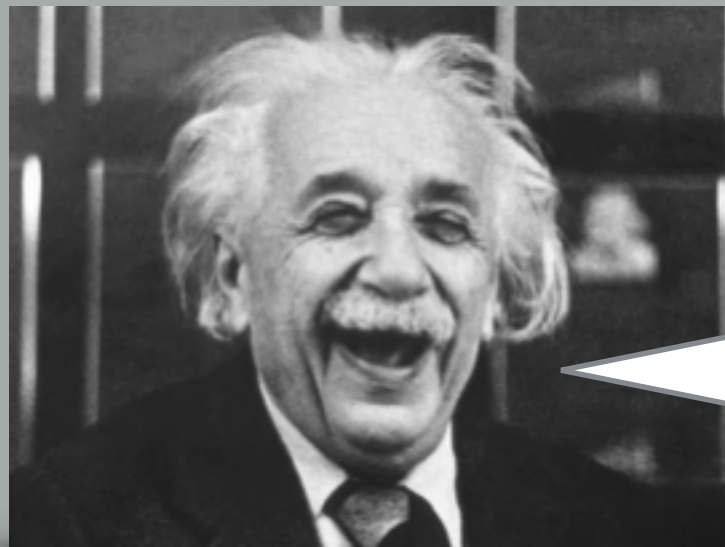
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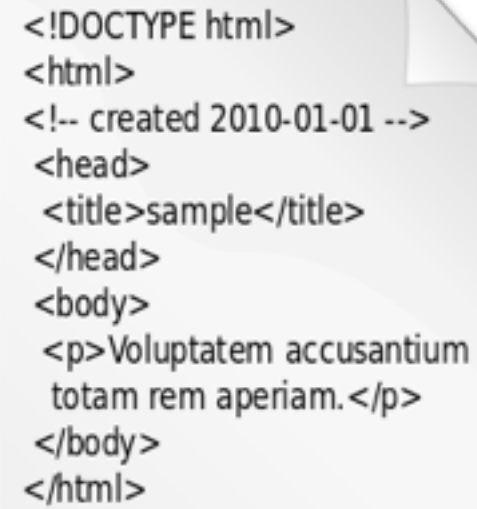
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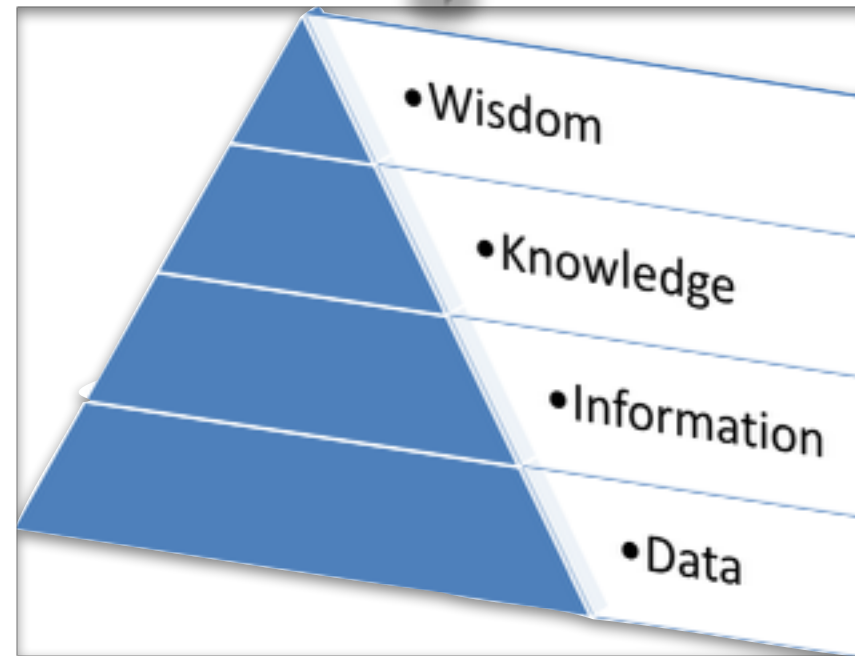
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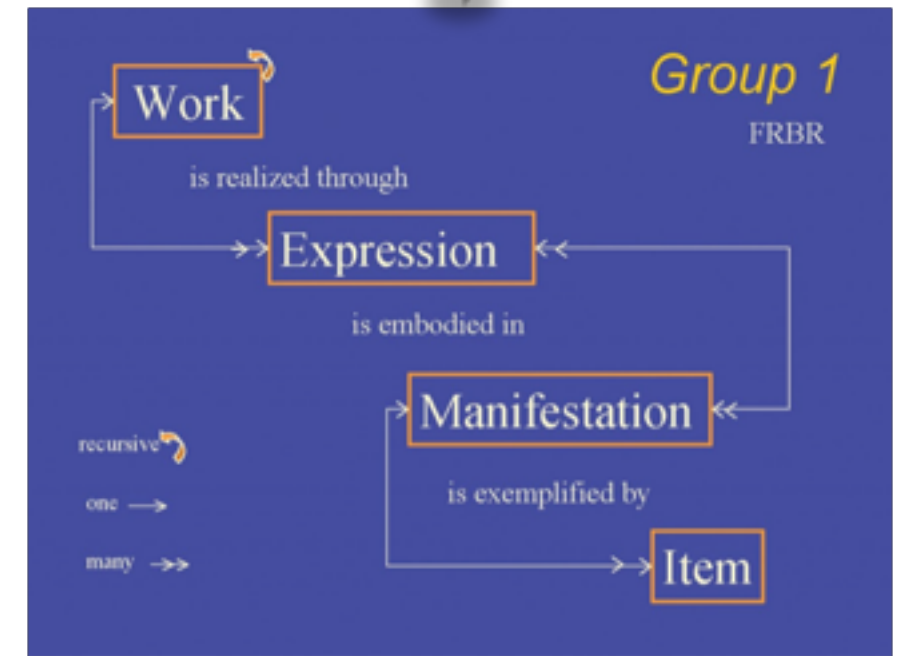
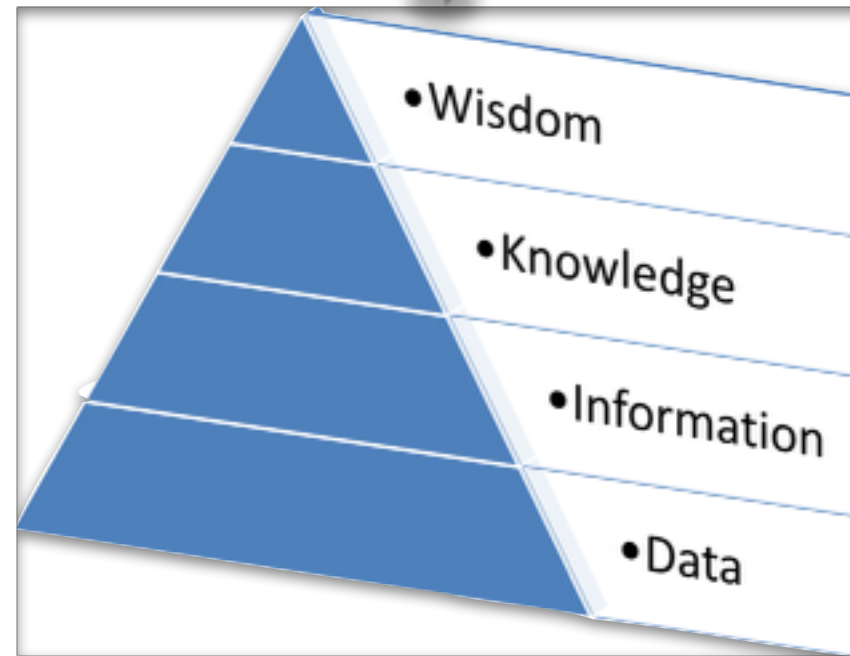
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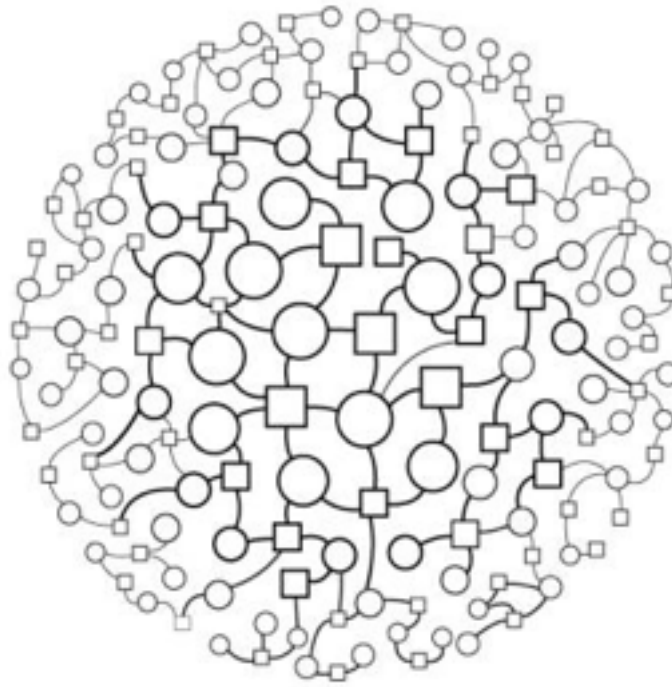
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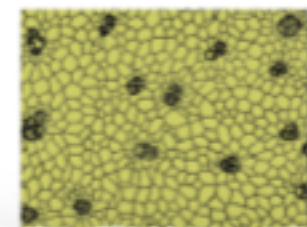
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Example 1: The Mortal behind the Portal

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"The National Science Digital Library (NSDL) as an Example of Information Science Research", OCLC distinguished lecturer series, October 25, 2002.

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Training/Knowledge
Environment
Motivation

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Radical Positive Change Agents

- Value is in Improved Community Not Collection
- Improve the World, Don't Document It



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