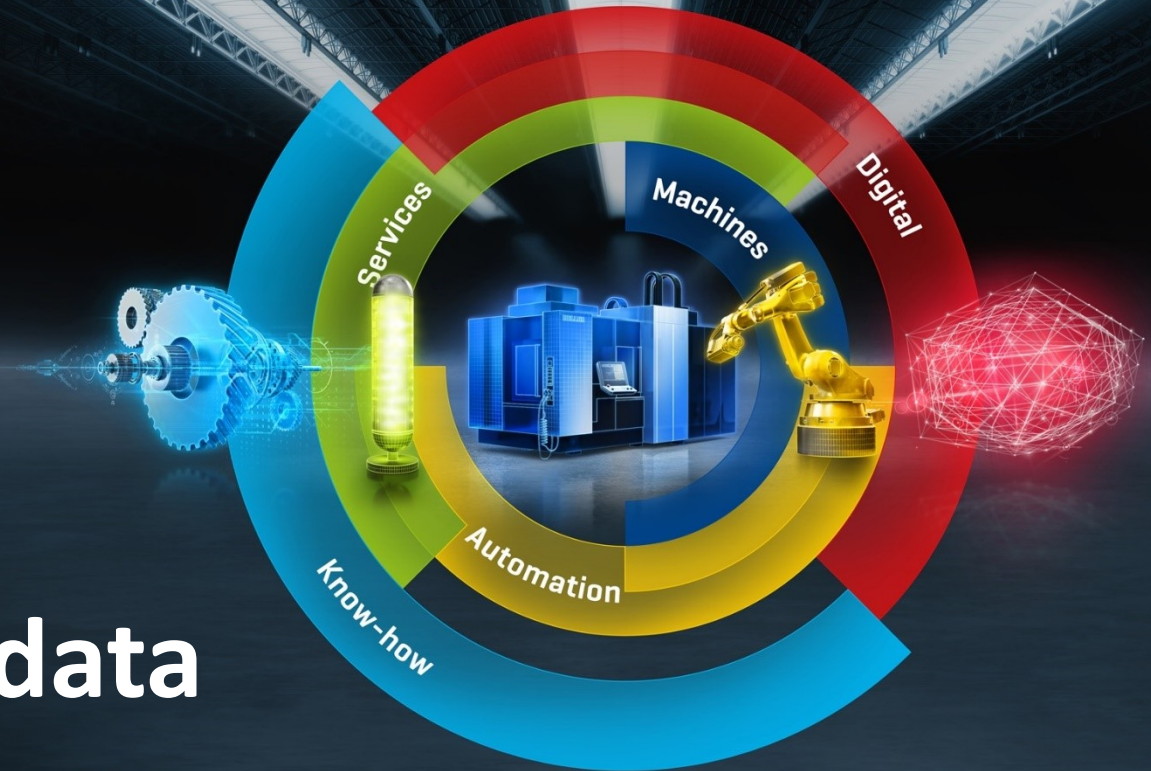


## iiRDS company-wide - Expanding metadata and data sources sensibly



# Who are we?

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*Head of Technical  
Documentation*



**Gebr. HELLER Maschinenfabrik**

- Machine tool manufacturer from Nürtingen
- 2,600 employees worldwide at 5 production sites in Europe, Asia and North and South America
- Sales of individual machines through to fully automated turnkey production systems
- Customers from the automotive industry and its suppliers, general mechanical engineering, energy technology, fluid technology, aerospace and many other sectors



**Fabienne Rothenberg**  
*Team Leader Consulting*

**plusmeta GmbH**

- **Software** company from Karlsruhe, Germany
- Use of AI for **automated metadata allocation and information process automation**
- Creation of **standard exchange formats** (iiRDS, VDI 2770, AASX, etc.)
- **Preparation** of documents for modern applications such as CDP

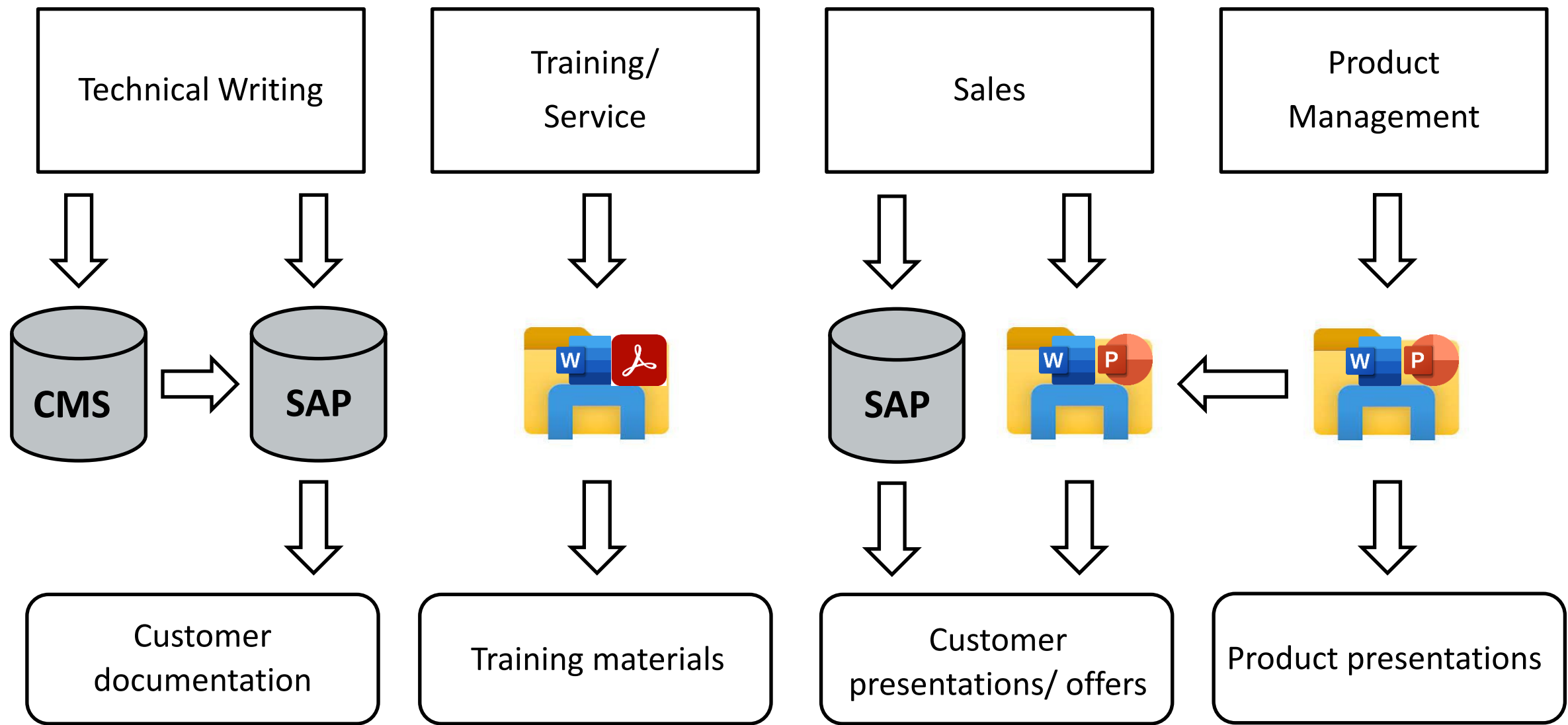
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- \_ Initial Situation and Objectives
- \_ iiRDS basics
- \_ Data Silos & Information Sources
- \_ Mapping of existing metadata concepts to iiRDS
- \_ Extension of the iiRDS standard for internal use
- \_ Presentation of the processing route from the data sources to the information portal
- \_ Conclusion and Outlook

# The Project

Initial Situation and Objectives

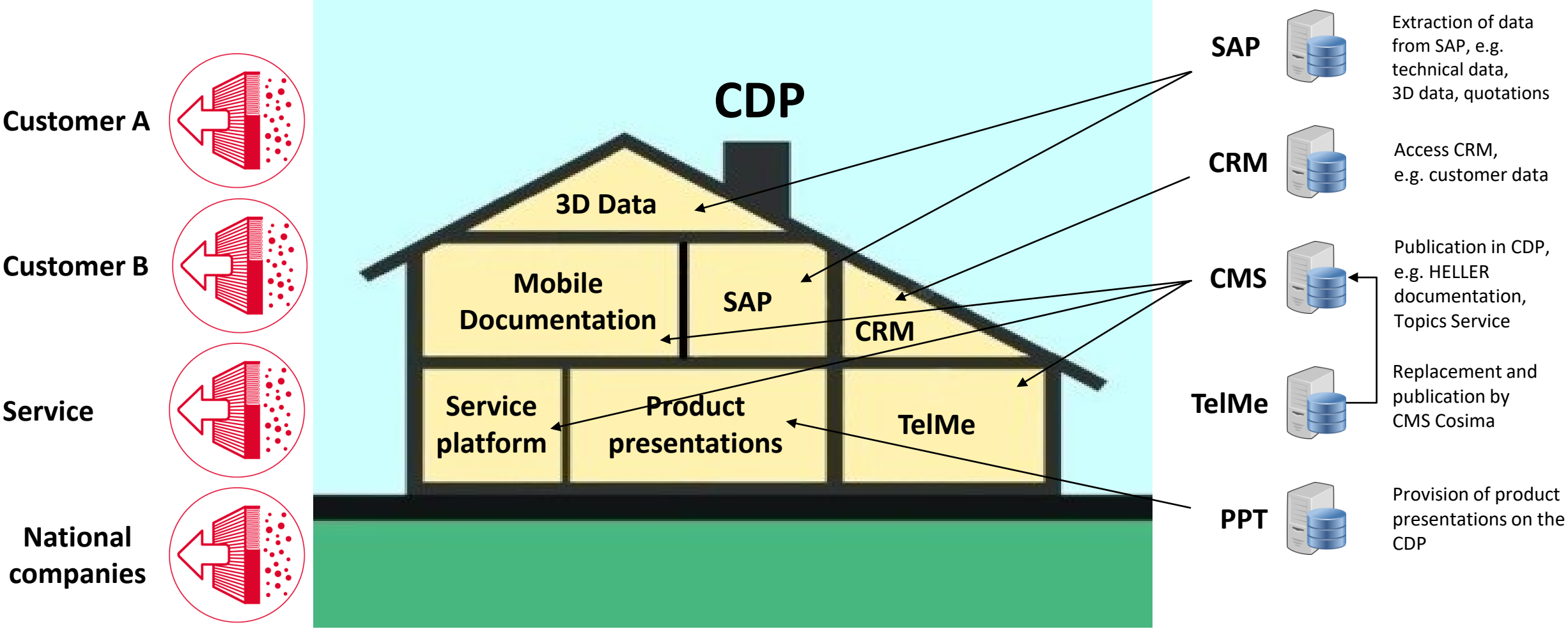
2015 Initial situation at HELLER (simplified excerpt)



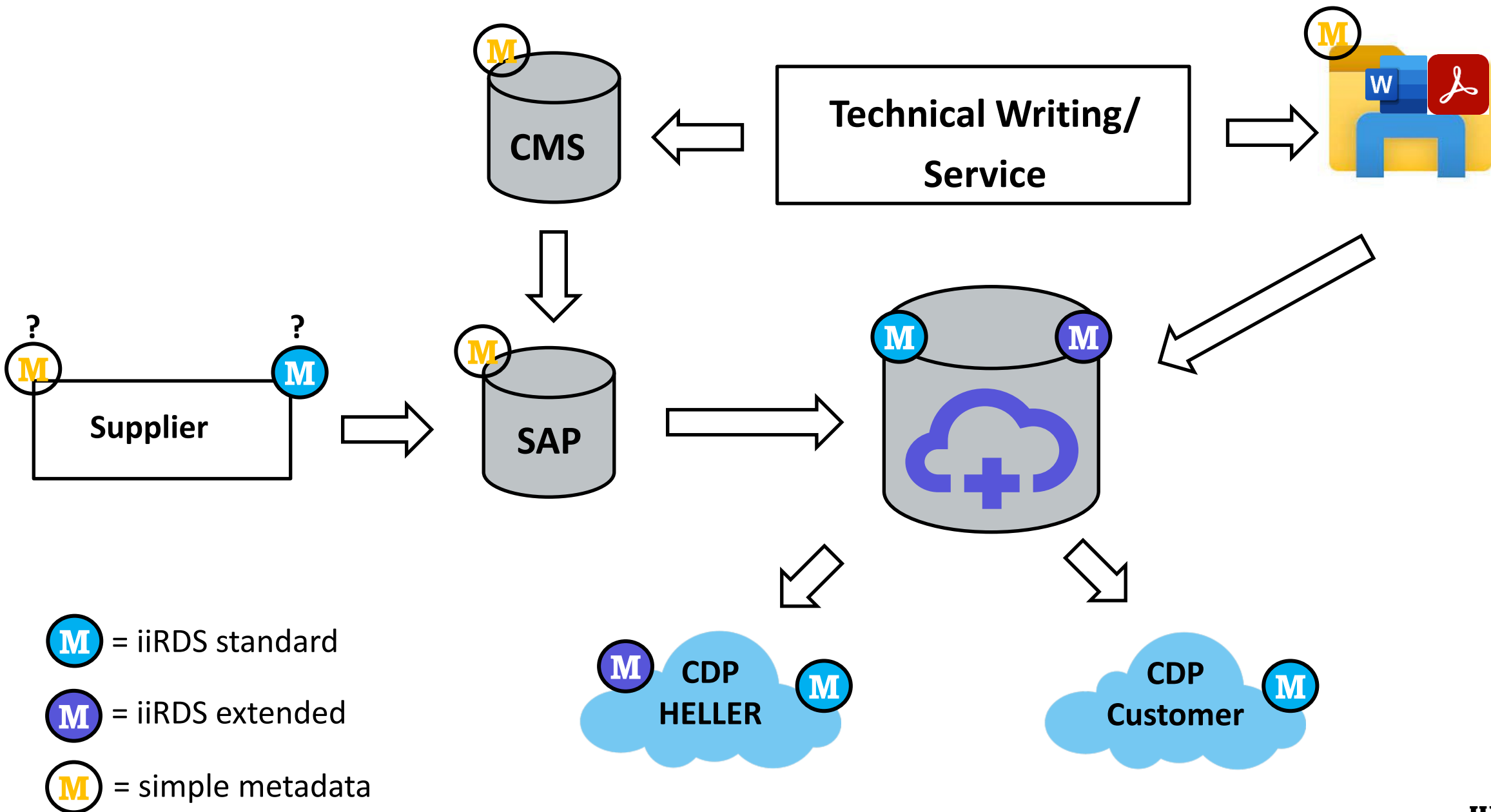
## 2015 Focus & Goals

- \_ Possibility of switching to paperless documentation from 2024
- \_ Customer- and target group-centered provision of (partially granular) content in all required languages for all target markets
- \_ Creation of a standardized format to be able to supply both our own portals and customer portals with content in the future
- \_ Supporting our service technicians, bases and national companies with multimedia content, especially how-tos and step-by-step instructions
- \_ Support for sales through direct access to relevant content from all involved specialist departments in order to be able to provide information without prior queries

# 2015 Idea for the Introduction of a Content Delivery Portal

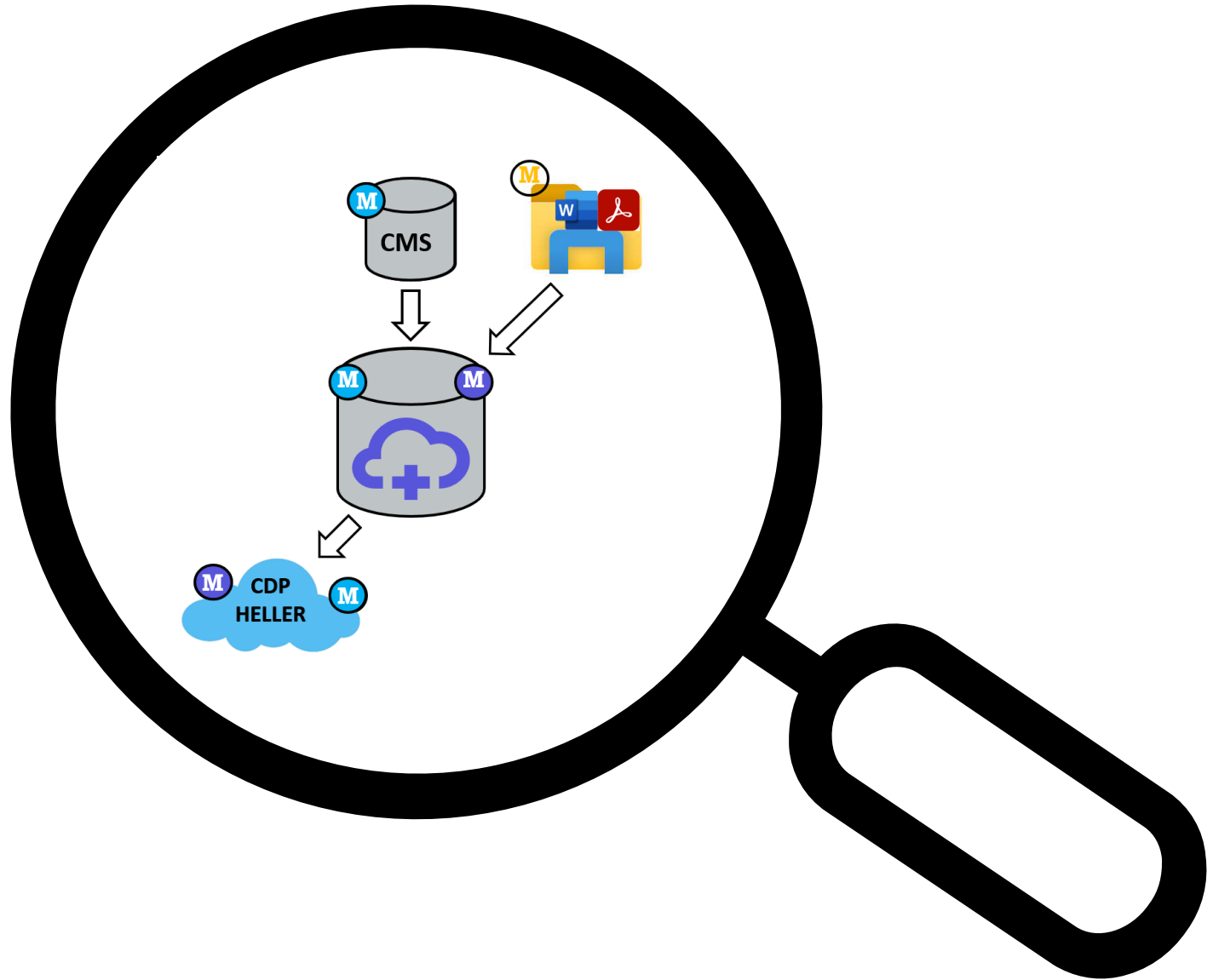
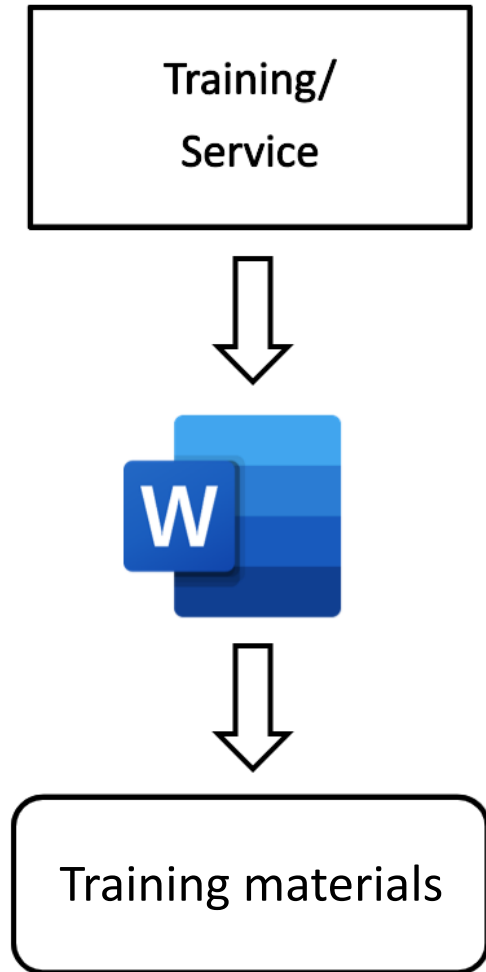


# Process simplified for Technical Writing/ Service





# Fokus für diesen Vortrag



# iiRDS

## Basics

# iiRDS – intelligent information Request and Delivery Standard

\_ Standard for the exchange of digital technical documentation

\_ Metadata model (RDF domain ontology)

\_ Container format

\_ Open source

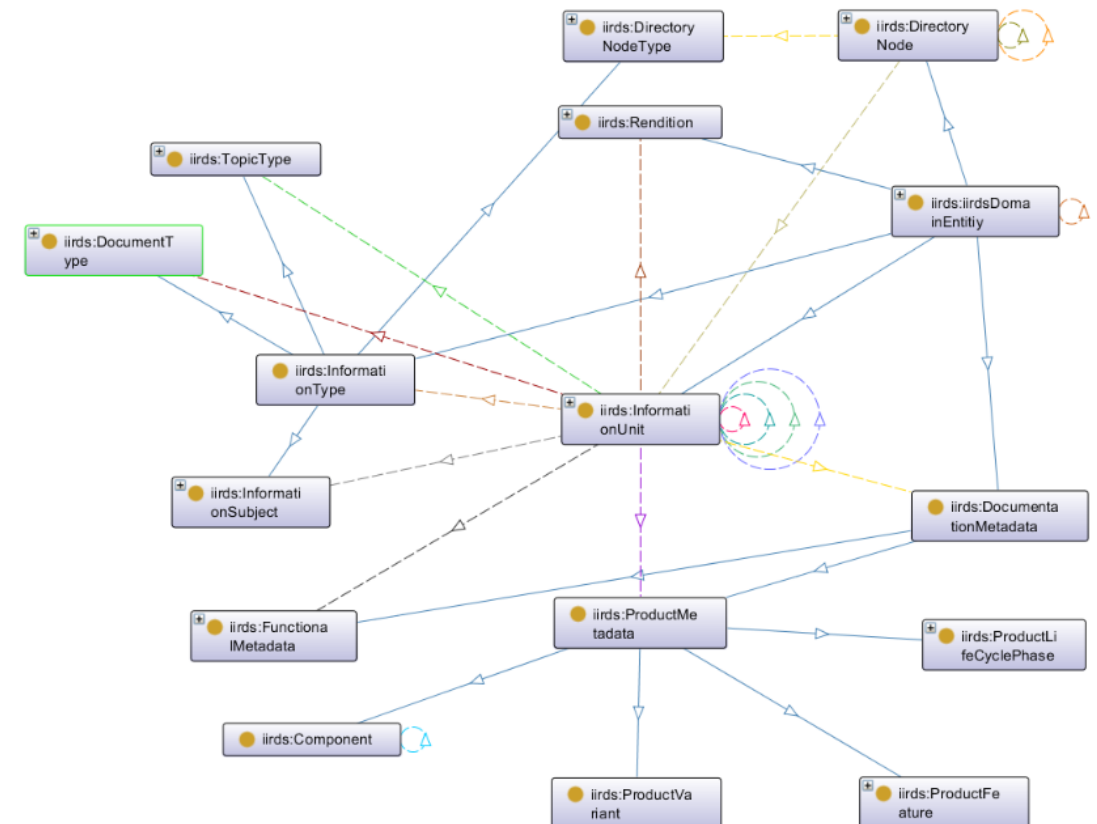
\_ Freely available specification

\_ RDF schema as the basis for metadata

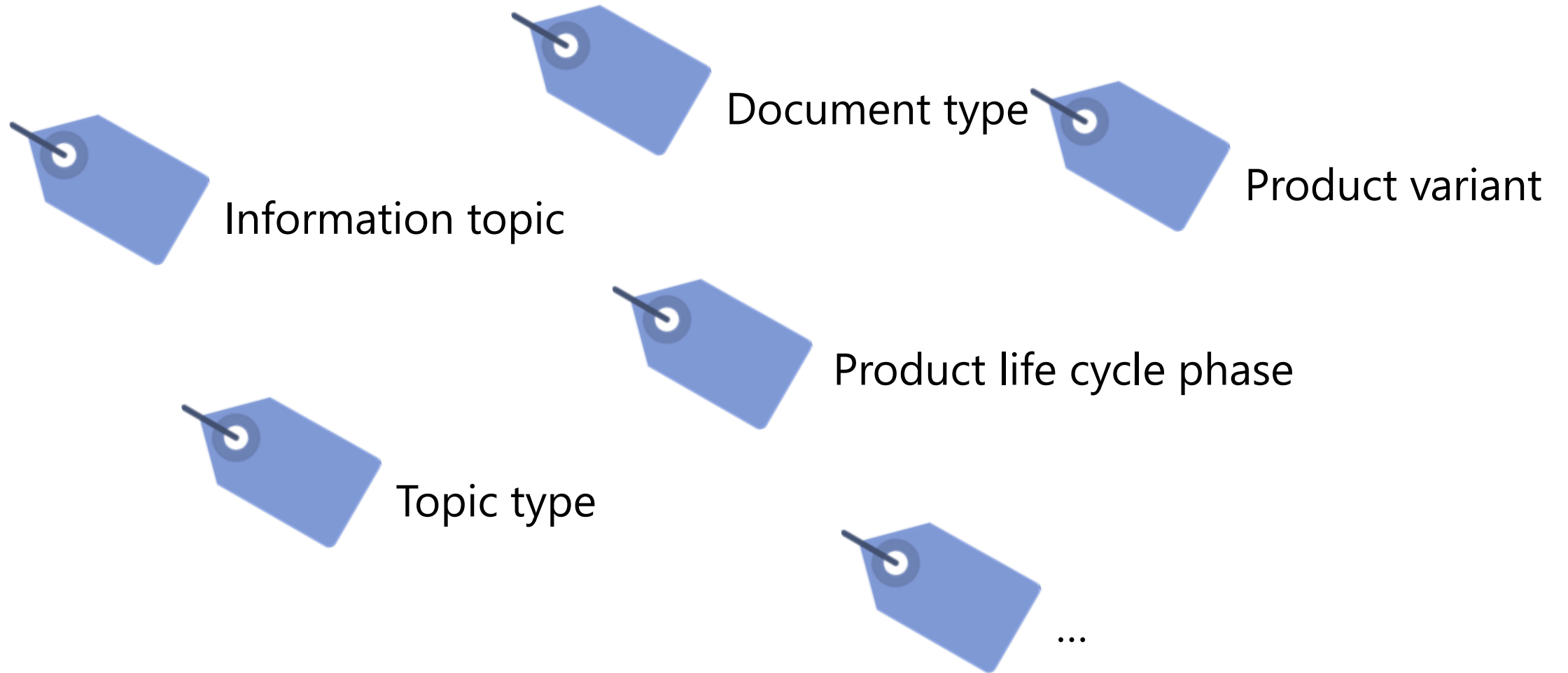
\_ Developed by the iiRDS consortium ([iirds.org](http://iirds.org))

\_ Founding members include HELLER, Empolis & plusmeta

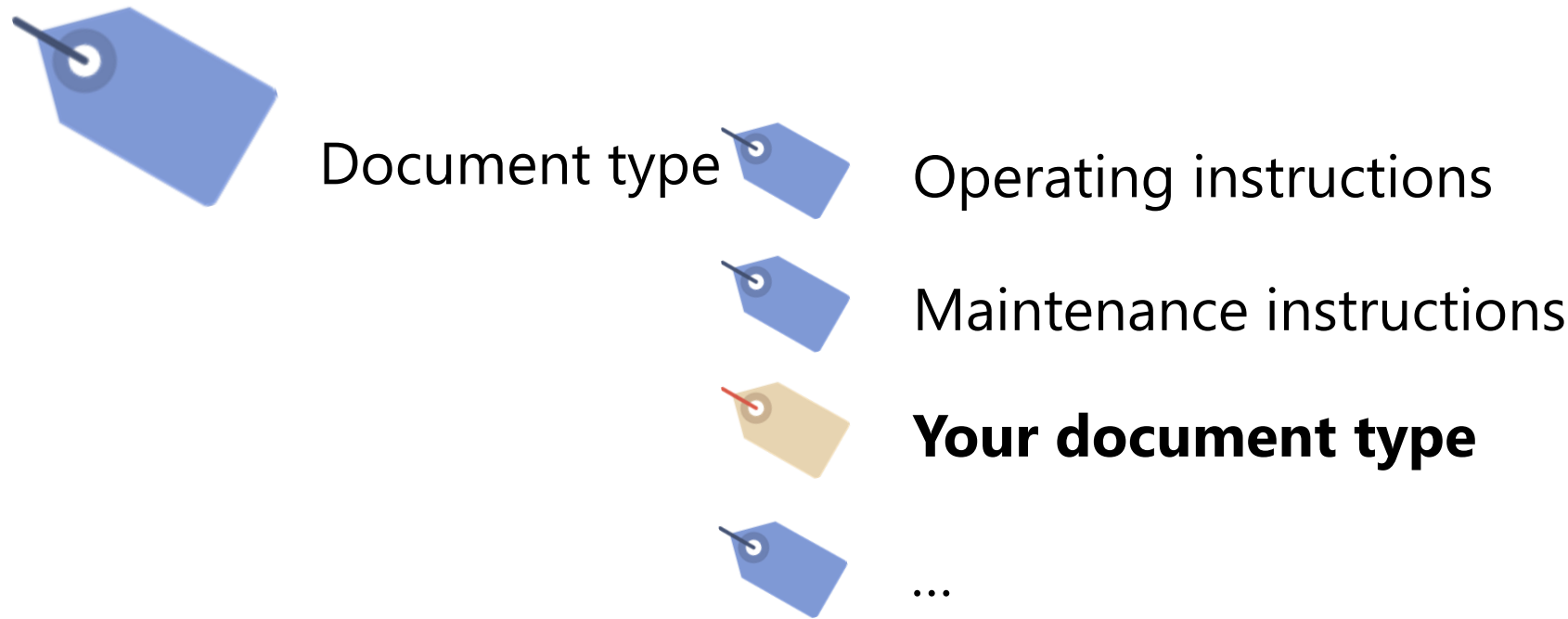
\_ tekomp e.V. as organizer and "Leading Member"



## iiRDS Metadata



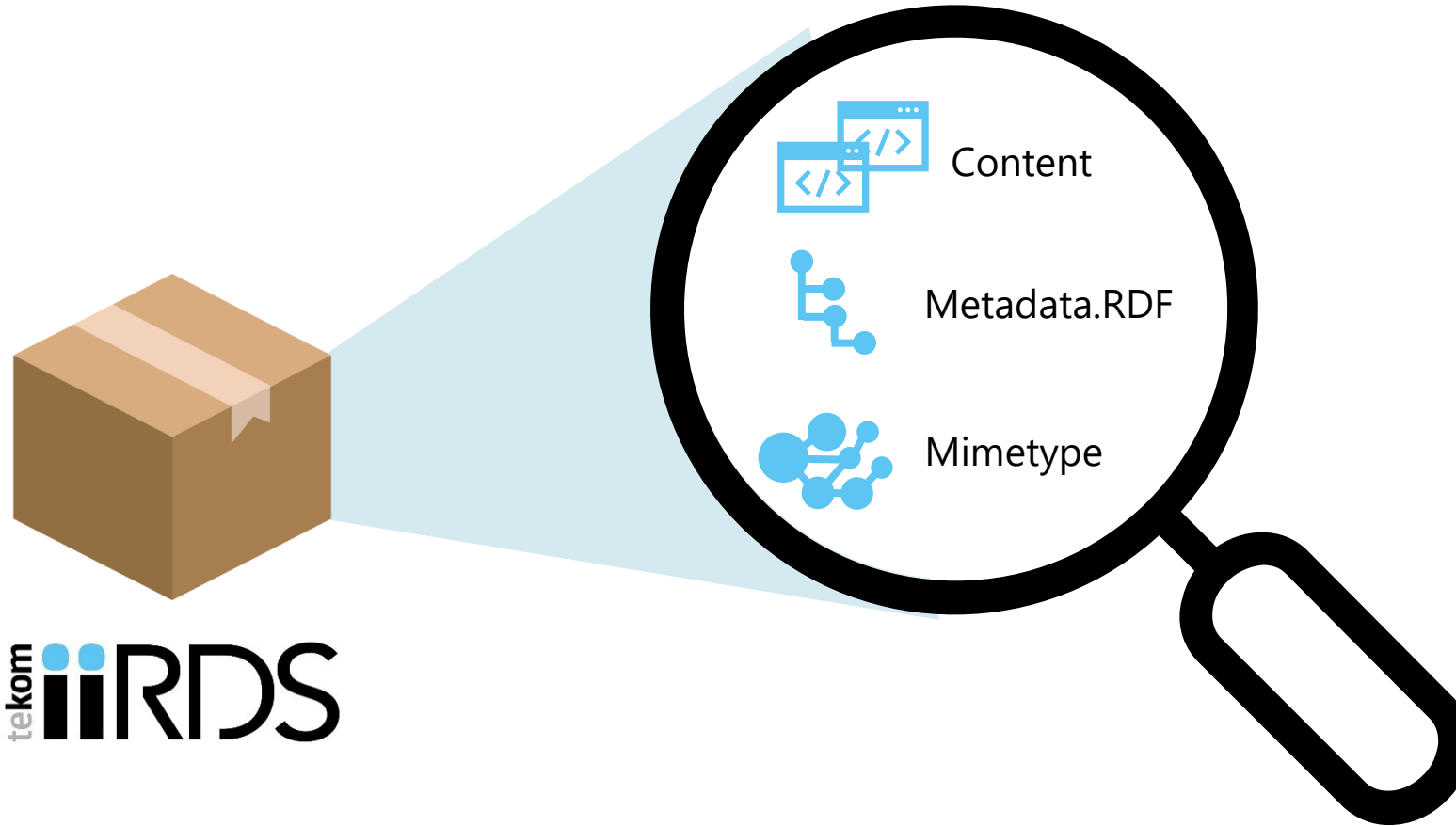
# Own metadata values



Own metadata values



# What is in the iiRDS package?



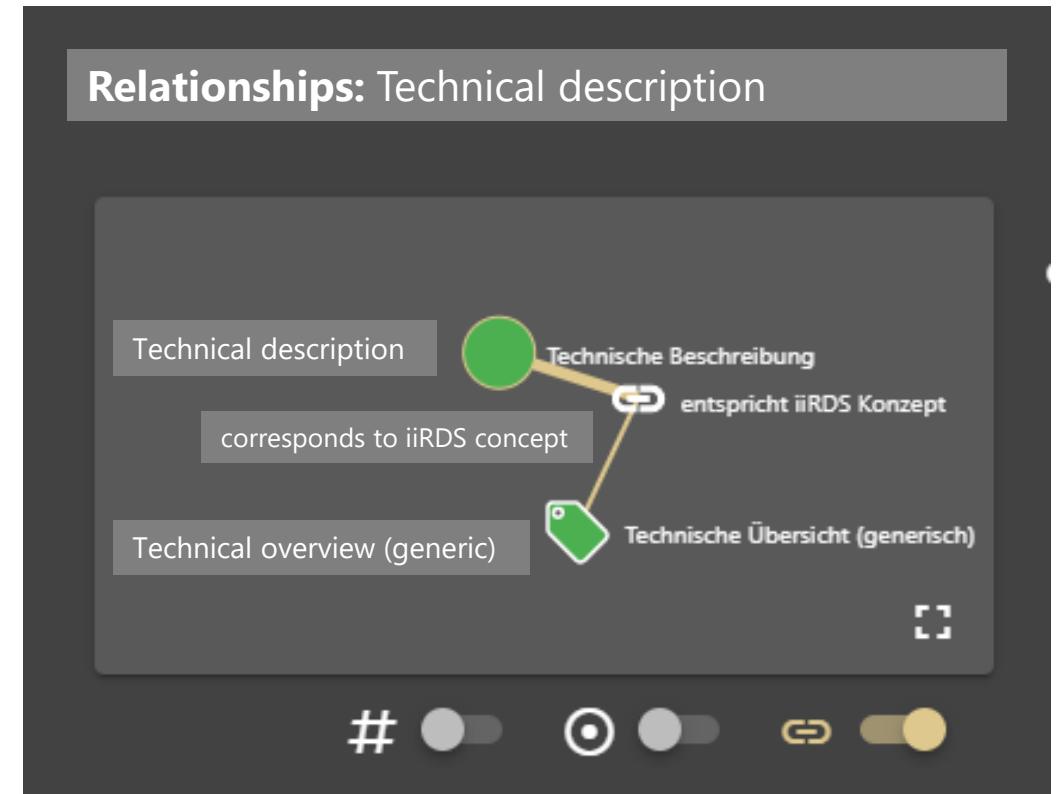
# Standardized Metadata

## \_Reasons for standardized metadata

- \_Avoid vendor lock-in, ensure interchangeability
- \_Use best practices, apply industry standards
- \_Use standard APIs, e.g. for content delivery
- \_Harmonize data sources across the board

## \_Typical activities

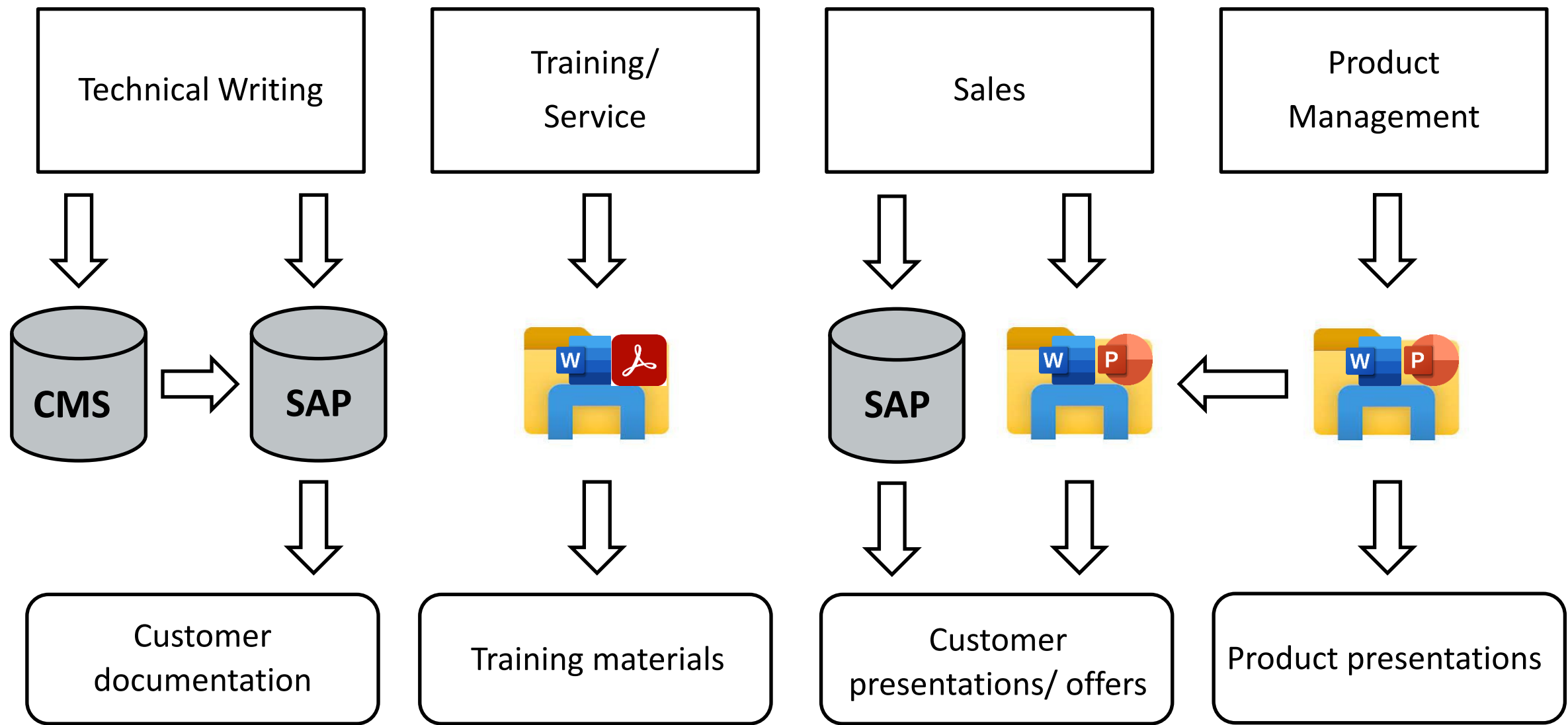
- \_Map your own metadata model (mapping)
- \_Define extensions (modeling)



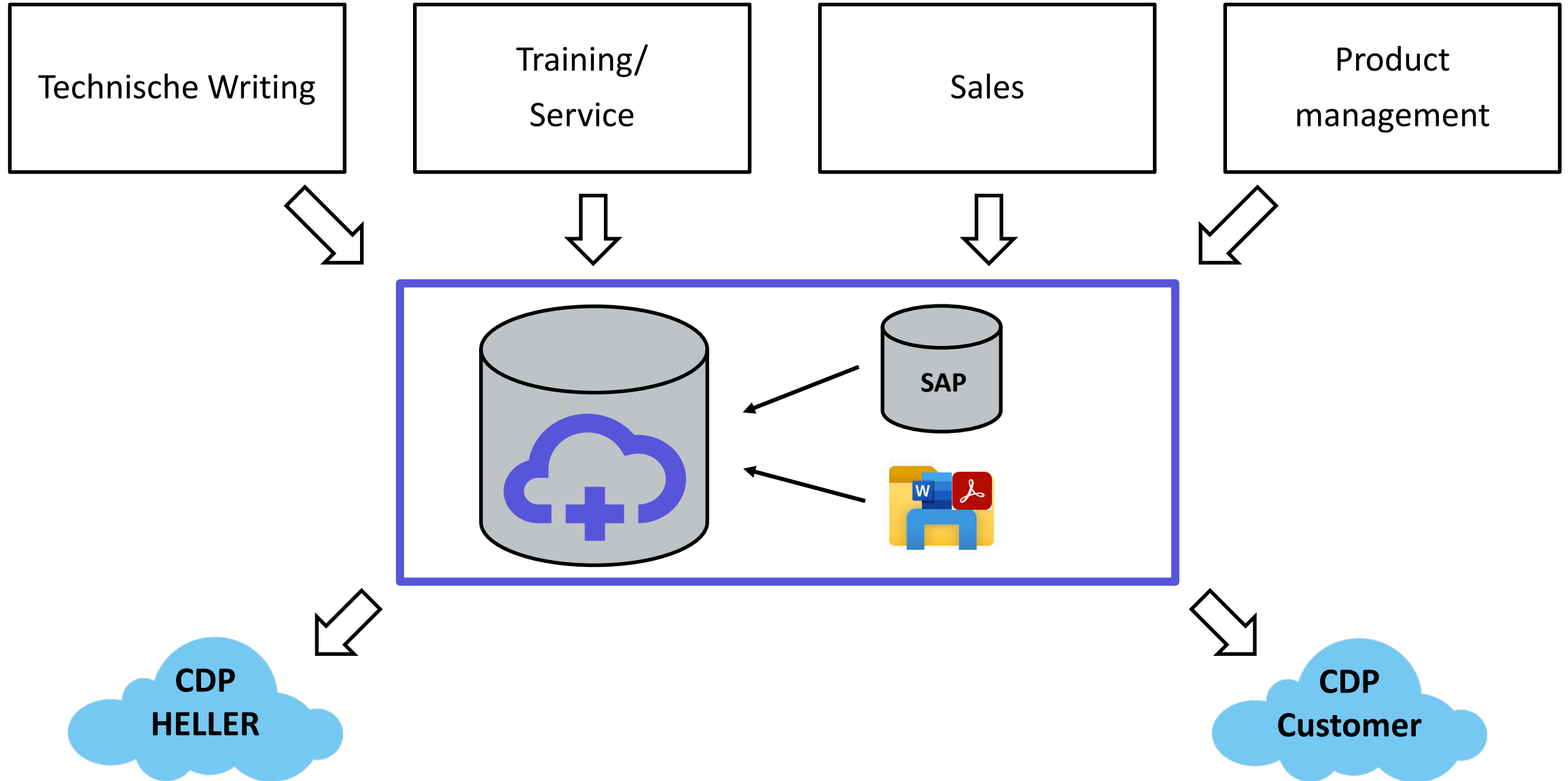


# Data Silos & Information Sources

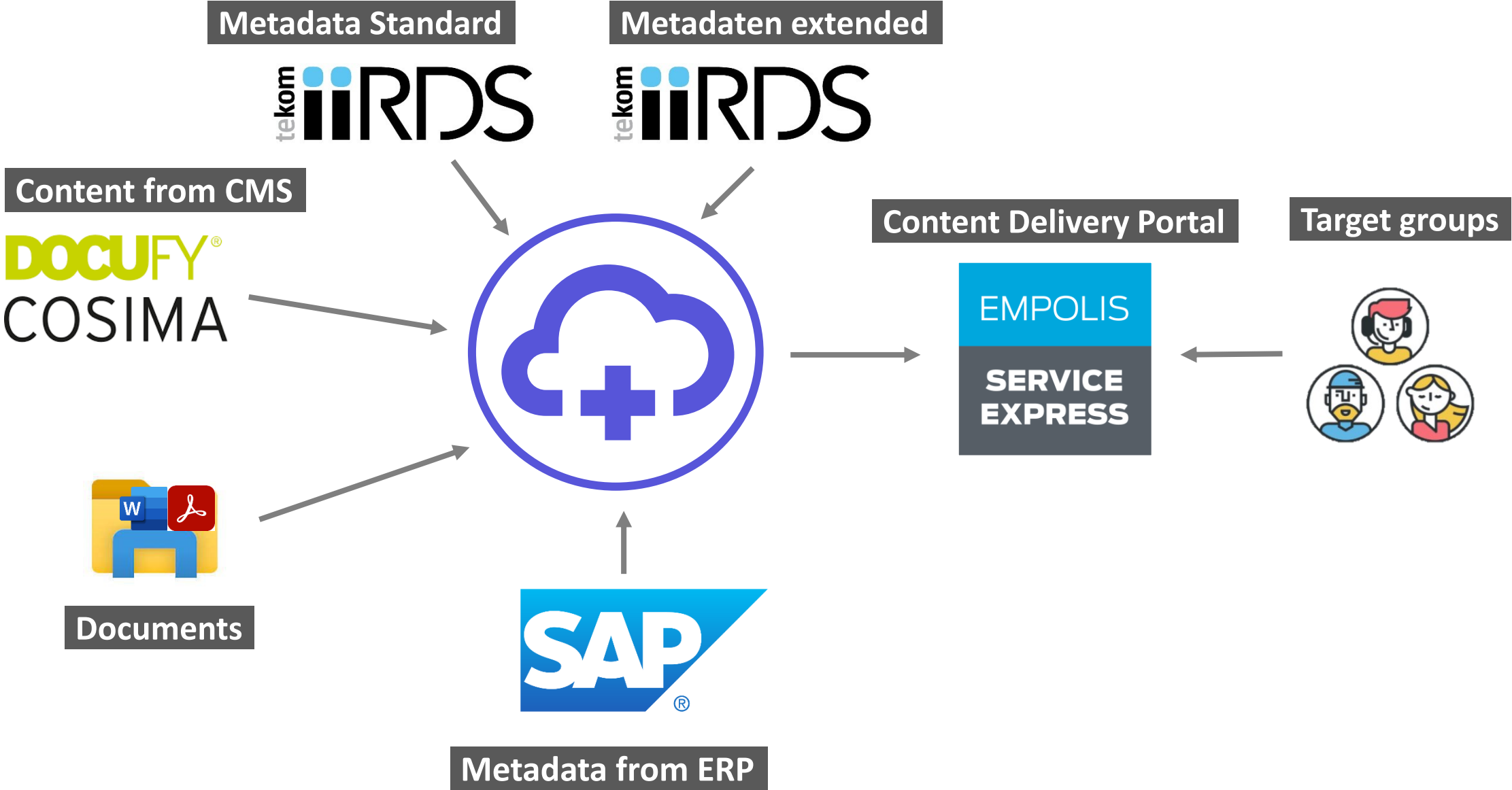
# Breaking up data silos is necessary



## Breaking up data silos & connecting data



# Metadata platform plusmeta



# Information sources at HELLER

## \_INTERN: Structured CMS content

### \_Current situation

- \_XML-based content management system (Docufy COSIMA)
- \_Inventory documents mainly as PDF documents (also scanned)
- \_Own inventory metadata

### \_Vision

- \_Standardized metadata for data exchange with customers
- \_Automatic mapping of HELLER/iiRDS metadata
- \_User-oriented metadata for content delivery (use of own terminology where possible)

## \_EXTERN: Digital supplier documentation

### \_Current situation

- \_Diverse data on purchasing and file storage (mainly PDF documents + other file formats)
- \_Manual assignment to product documentation (per machine number)
- \_No standardized metadata

### \_Vision

- \_Supply of documentation with already standardized metadata
- \_Supplier portal with metadata functionality incl. quality control (traffic light system)
- \_Standardized documentation deliveries from suppliers according to iiRDS/(VDI 2770?)

# Mapping

from existing metadata concepts in iiRDS

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from existing metadata concepts in iiRDS

- Machine type
- Function group
- Document type
- Control

Cosima

- Manufacturer
- M-Number

SAP

- Assembly group
- Machine type
- Service categories
- Service activities

Service Platform

- Control

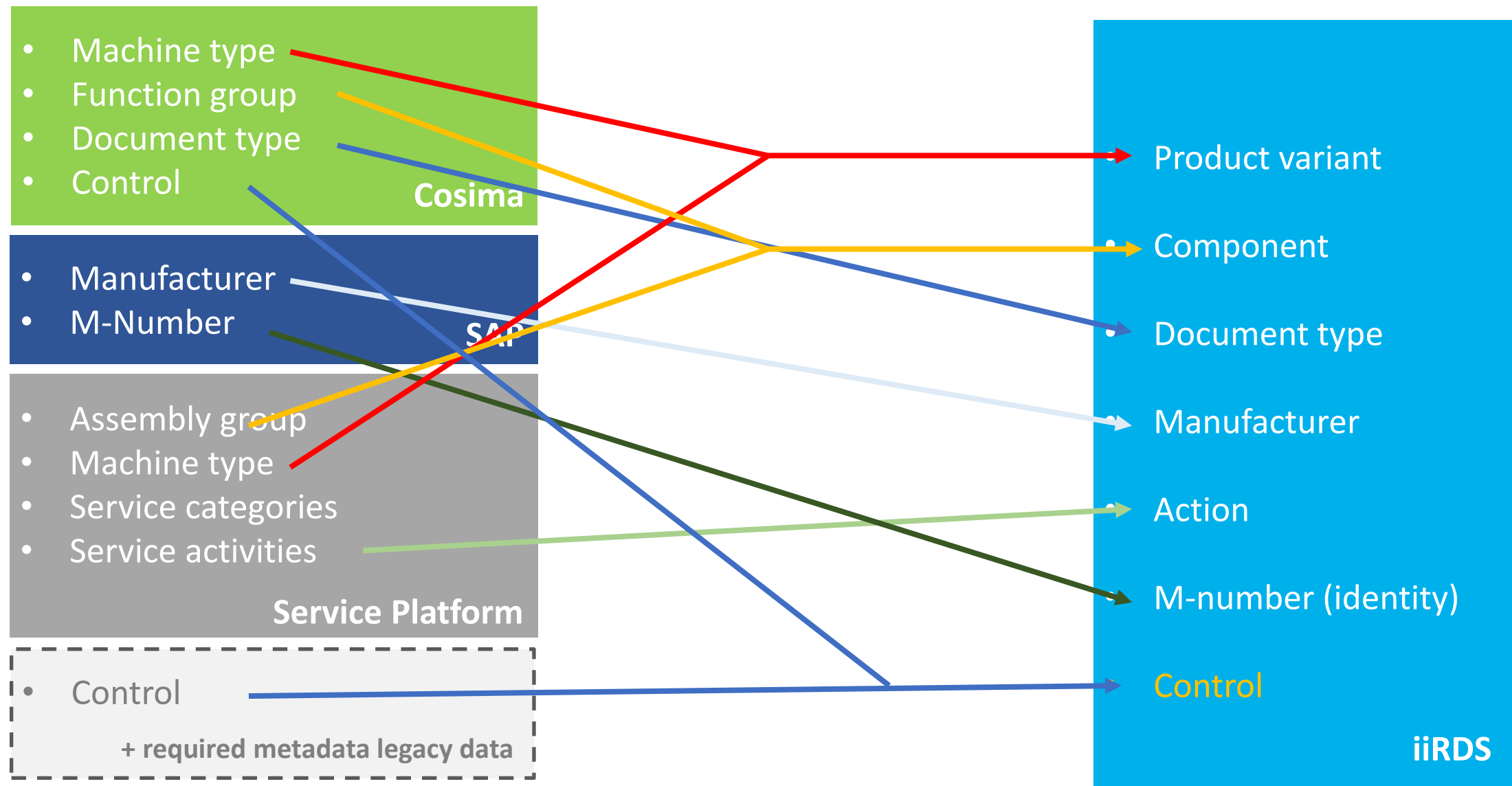
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- Product variant
- Component
- Document type
- Manufacturer
- Action
- M-number (identity)
- Control

iiRDS

# Mapping

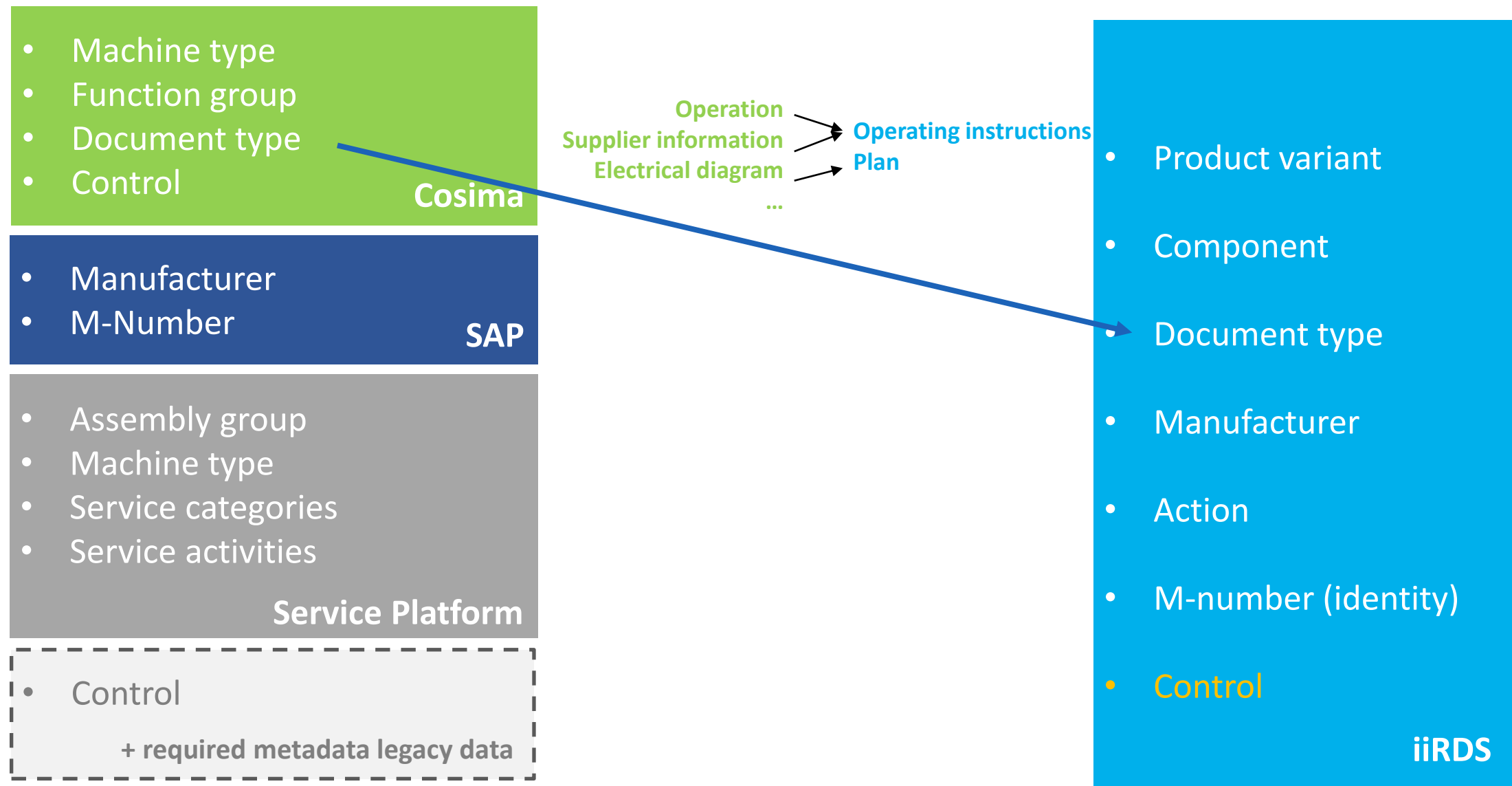
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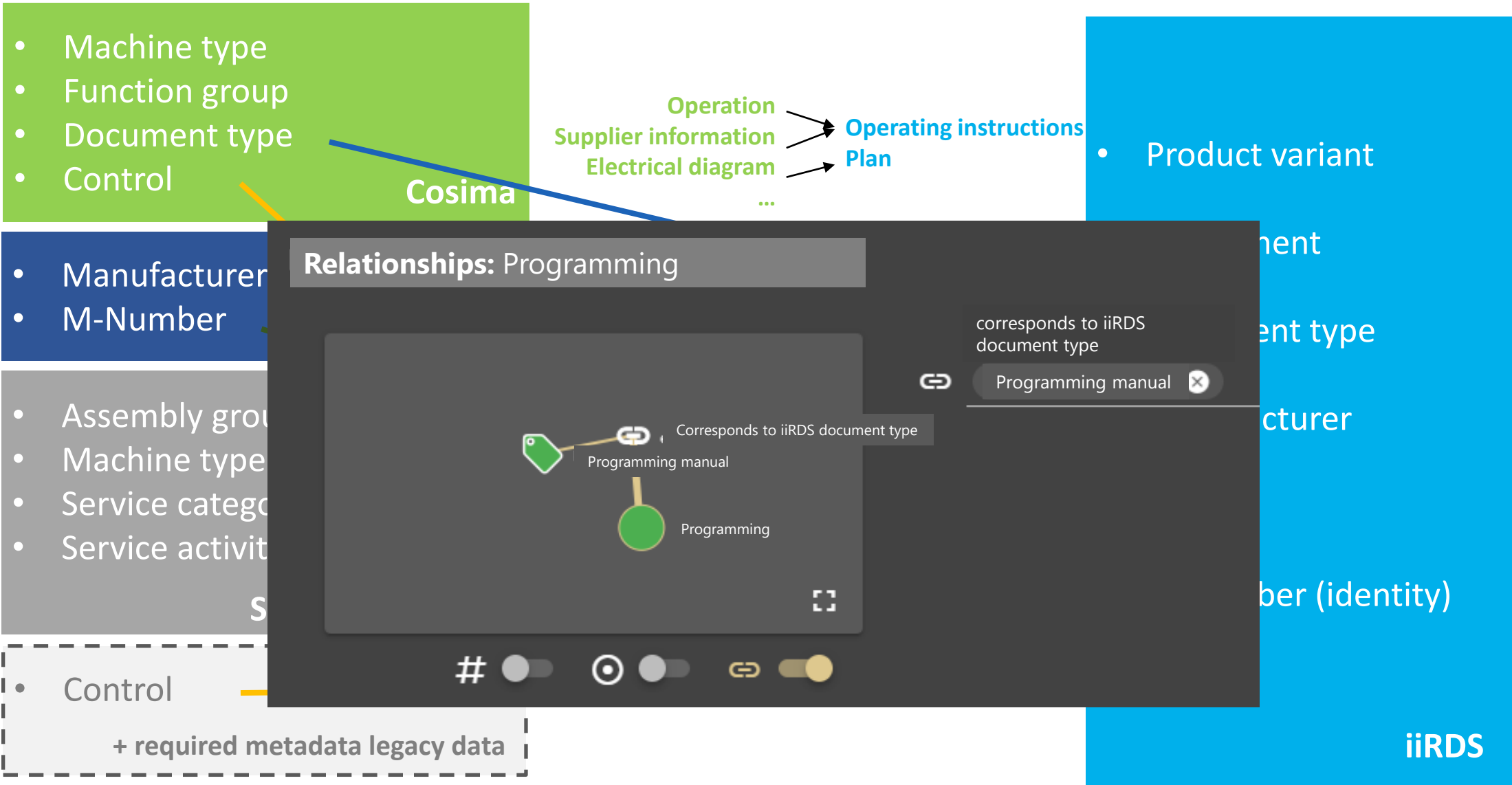
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- Machine type

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- Service activities

Service Platform

- Control

+ required metadata legacy data

M-number (identity)

- Control

iiRDS

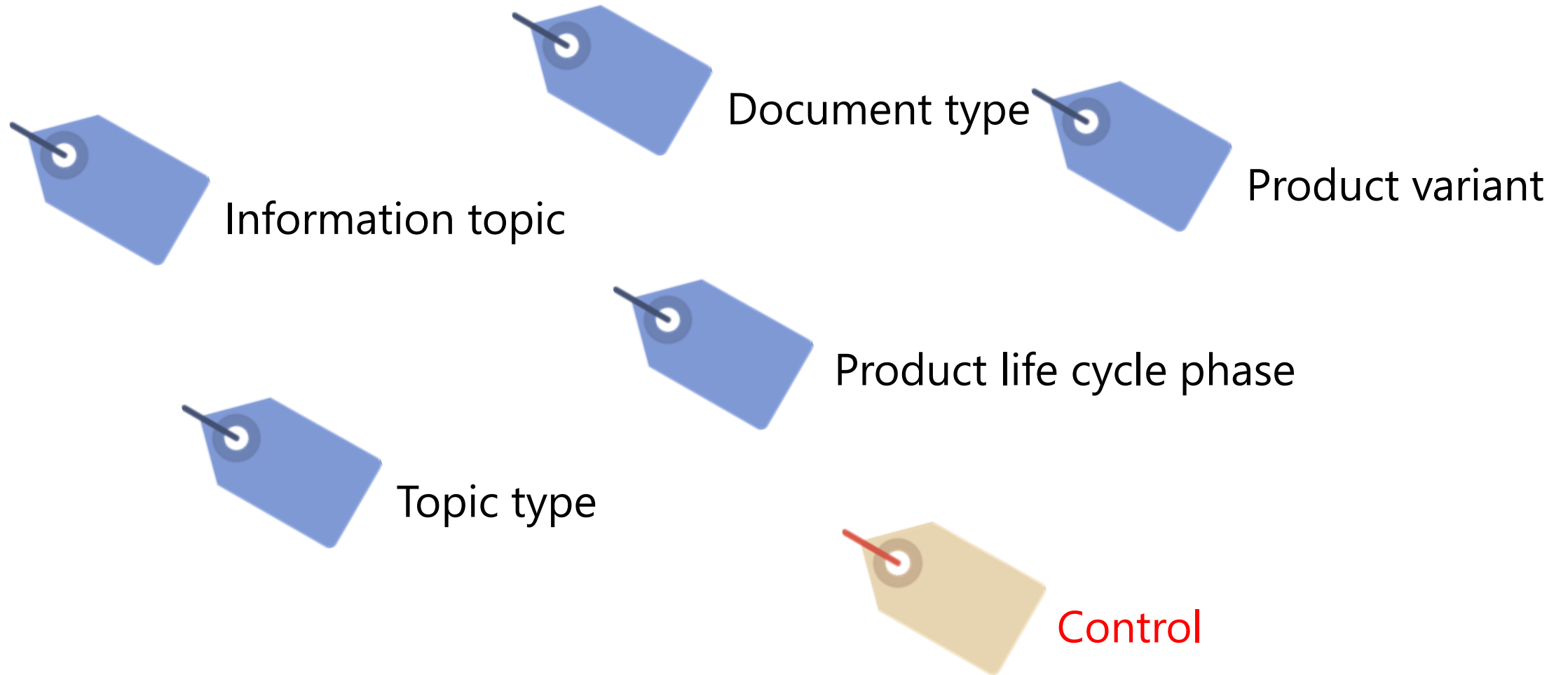
# Extension

of the iiRDS standard for internal use

## Questions we asked ourselves when mapping to iiRDS

1. What metadata do we already have? --> Collection of all existing metadata
2. Is there duplicate metadata and can it be standardized?
3. Which metadata do we need for use in portals?
4. Which metadata can be mapped with the iiRDS standard?
5. Which additional metadata do we absolutely need for internal use/acceptance?

## Example for the extension of metadata



## Example for the extension of metadata



Document type



Operating instructions



Maintenance instructions



Service platform



Service legacy data

# Example for the extension of metadata values including their hierarchies



Dokument type 

Operating instructions



Maintenance instructions



Service notification  
official



Mechanics



Electrics



Fluidics



Service notification  
unofficial



Mechanics



Electrics



Fluidics



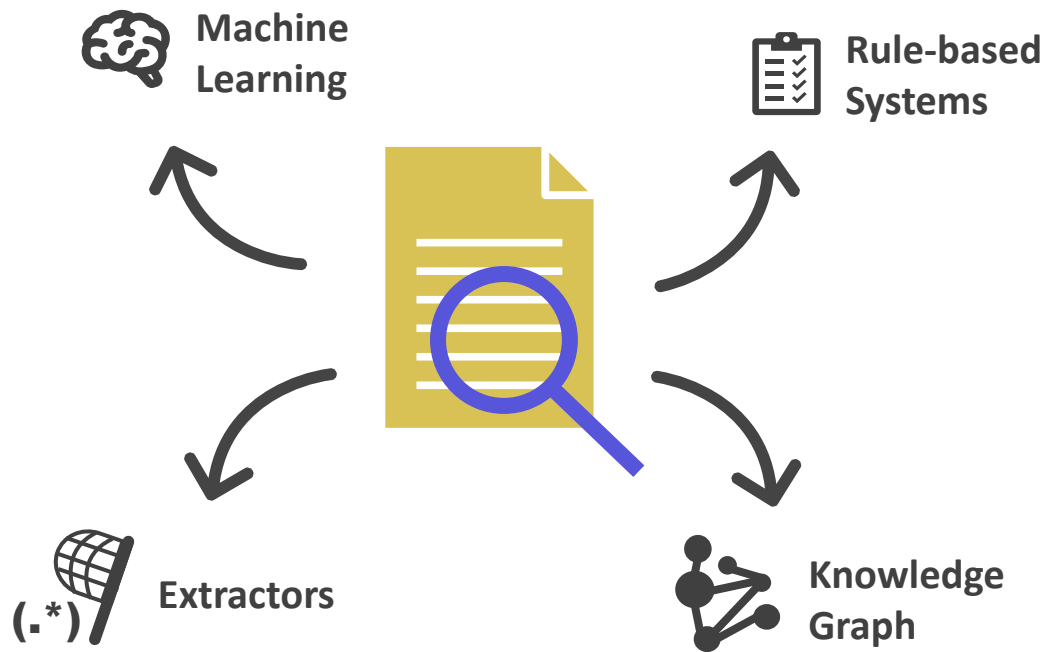
# Excerpt from the mapping list using the example of the document type

iiRDS Document type standard	Mapping HELLER	Customer relevance	iiRDS extension (no assignment possible/useful)
Operating instructions	Operation	x	
Safety instructions			
Repair instructions	Repair	x	
Programming manual	Programming	x	
Sales catalog			
Identification object			
Specification	Technology cycles	x	
Installation instructions			
CE Declaration of Conformity	Certificates/protocols	x	
Quick guide			
Certificate	Certificates/protocols	x	
List of materials	Spare parts/wear parts list/parts list	x	
Technical drawing	Machine layout Foundation layout Service drawing	x	
Assembly instructions			
			Service platform
			Service legacy data
			Service notification/official/mechanics/electrics/fluidics
			Service notification/official/mechanics/electrics/fluidics
			Internal product presentation

# Processing Line in Practice

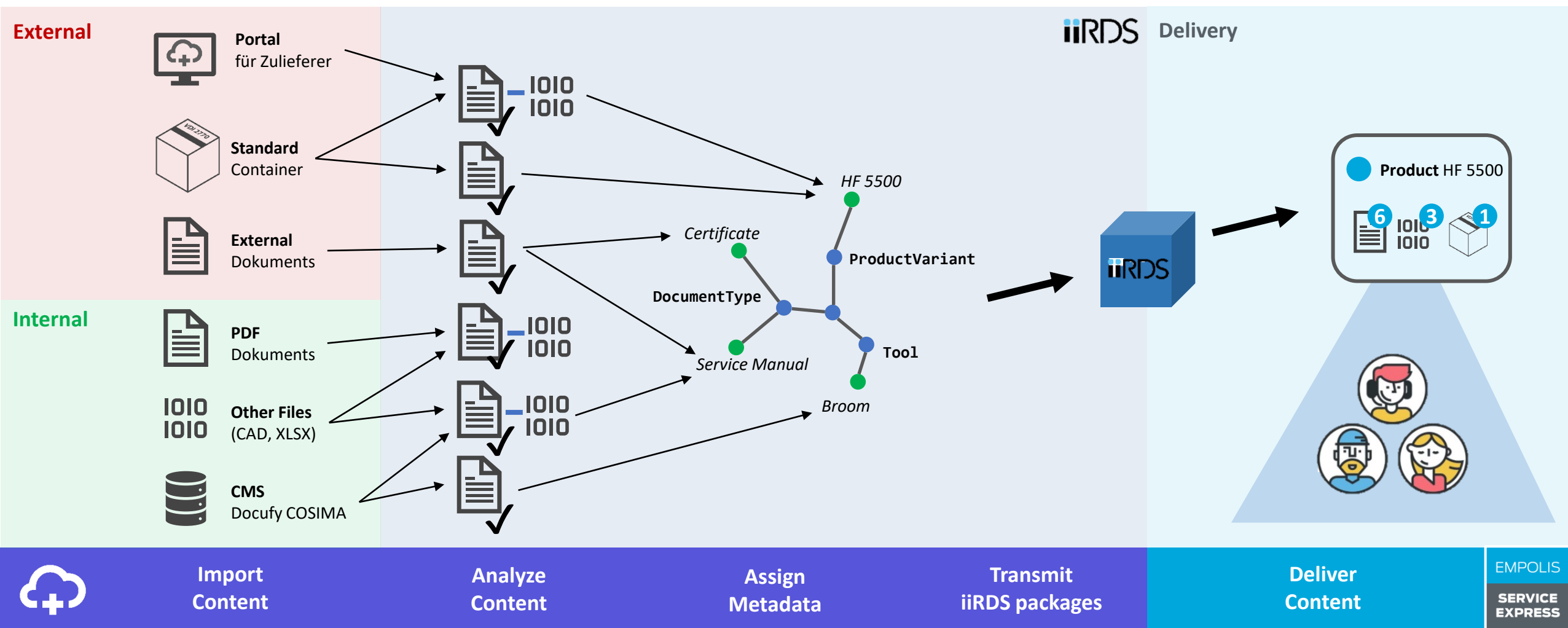
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# AI-based metadata with plusmeta

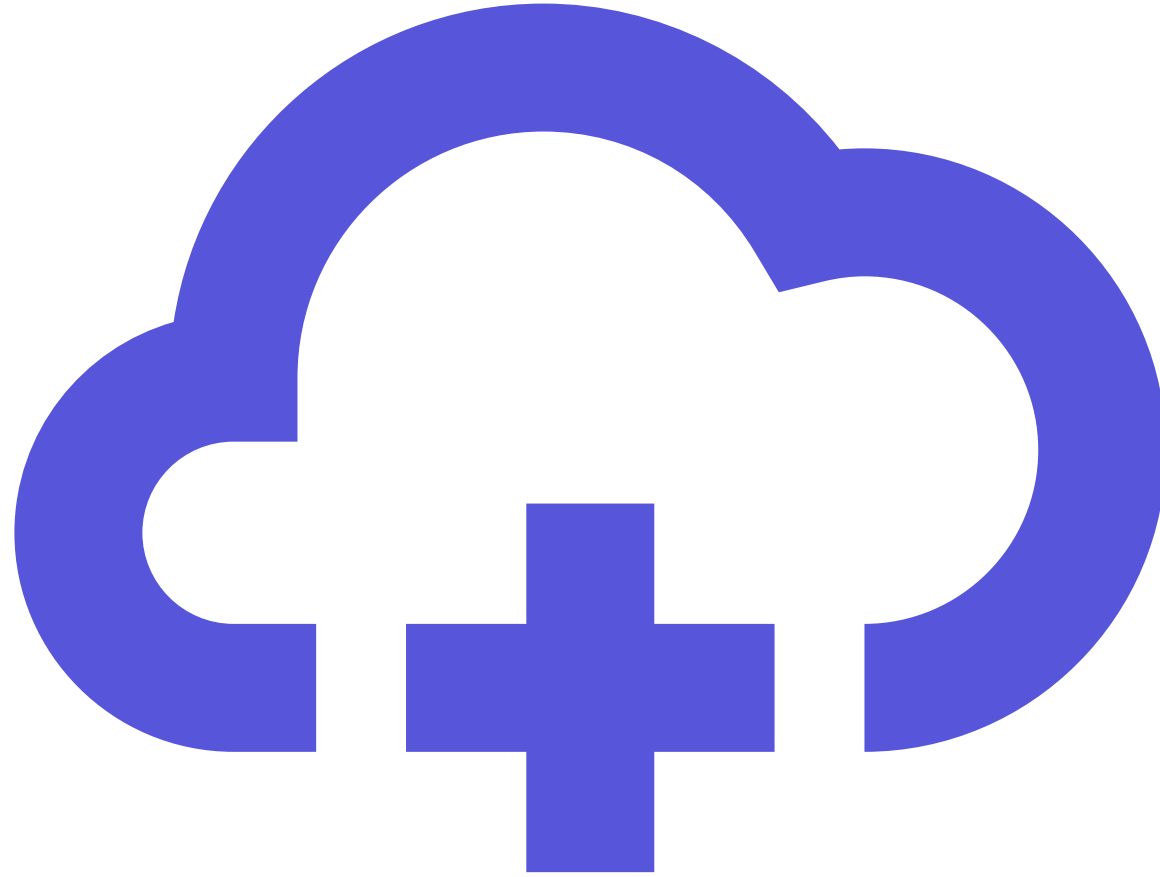


- \_ Enrichment with content delivery metadata
  - \_ Recognition of tools and consumables
  - \_ Additional product life cycle phases
- \_ Processing of supplier documentation
  - \_ Assignment to component and product
  - \_ Recognition of type, language, manufacturer and much more
  - \_ Perspective: completeness check and QA
- \_ Mapping to iiRDS via knowledge graph
  - \_ Modeling of a mapping of the internal HELLER metadata model to public iiRDS metadata

# Information flow



Look into plusmeta



plusmeta

ALT+0

Workflows

ALT+1

Arbeitsansicht

ALT+2

Projekte

ALT+3

Eigenschaften

ALT+4

Objekte

ALT+5

Verwaltung

ALT+6

Anwenderportal

Hilfeseite

Objekte hinzufügen

F1

Fehler melden

F2

Vortrag > Inhalte automatisch aufbereiten

1 Inhalte hinzufügen

2 Metadaten erkennen

3 Metadaten prüfen und vergeben

4 iiRDS-Paket generieren

Vorgaben ⓘ

DOKUMENTART

Serviceplattform

SPRACHE

Deutsch

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# Conclusion

## and Outlook

## Conclusion

- \_ iiRDS extensions were an important basis for the acceptance of the faceted search in the HELLER CDP
- \_ For purely internally used data, the expansion of iiRDS was unproblematic from today's perspective
- \_ In retrospect, the use of a service provider saved us from one or two strategic dead ends
- \_ Nothing stands in the way of connecting additional data sources via a now standardized metadata model
- \_ In our view, selected content with already validated metadata is also an excellent basis for connecting further AI technologies



**Thank you for your attention!**

**\_Questions? Discussion!**

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