

We save everything!



Repository (BAD Word)

- **Ways to collect data or objects**
 - Fedora, DSpace, Wiki's, Blogs (Software)
 - Databases
 - Directory on a disk
 - Cloud
 - Etc....

Silos of information continue to grow



Silo Examples

Oh.... And did I mention

- **Petabytes**
 - or more
- **Compliance issues**
 - we need to keep some data 72 years
- **Hardware & software life cycle issues**
 - life cycling around the data
- **Data migration issues**
 - how do we know it got moved

Data Value Proposition

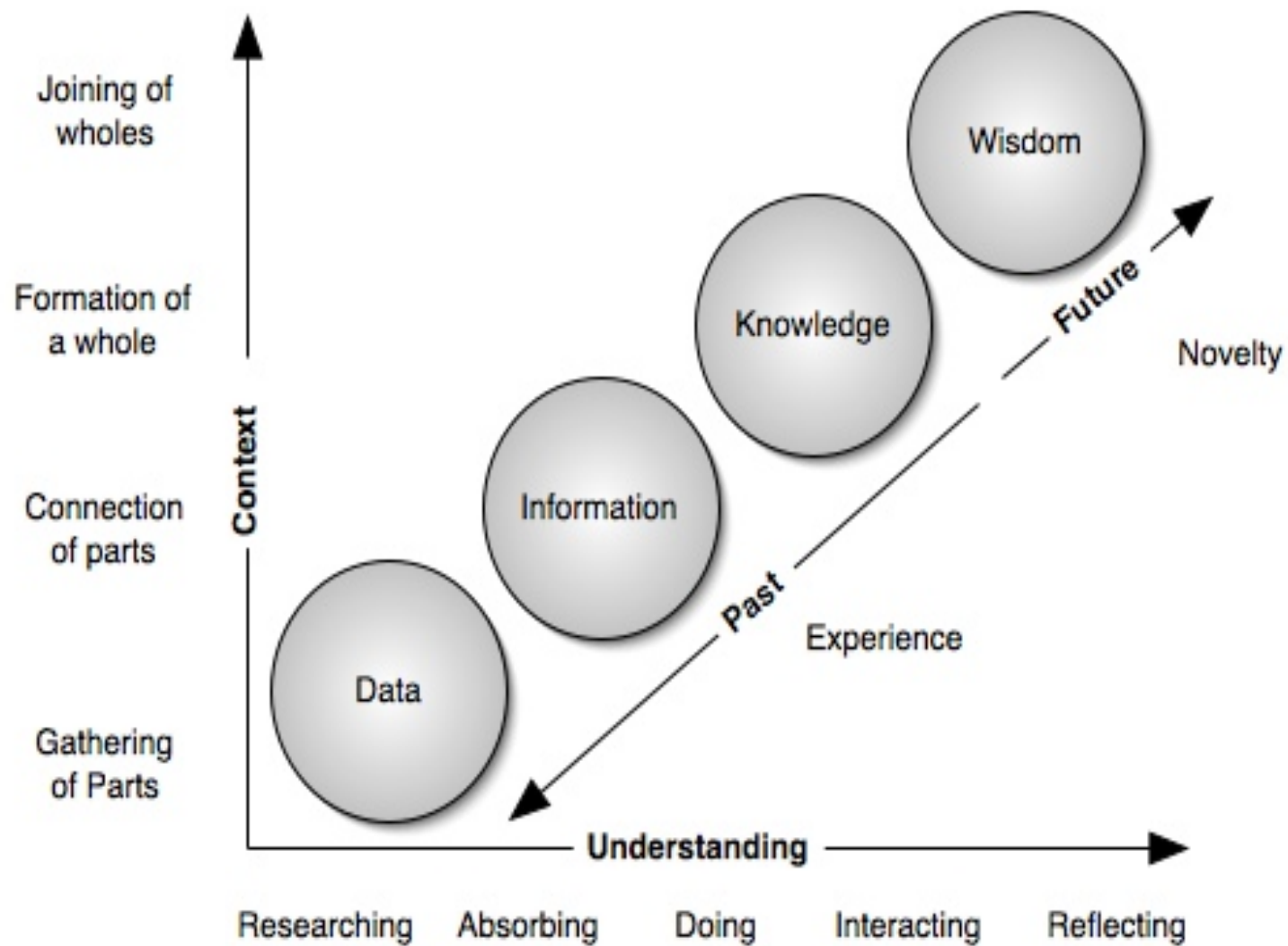
(Can we afford it)

- **Tiered Storage Models**

- Customer chooses value (with realistic expectations)
 - Expensive redundant disks all the way to tape

- **XAM eXtensible Access Method**

- PSU driving industry to adopt
- It's all about the metadata
- e-discovery, provenance, searchability



Some basic cloud storage attributes

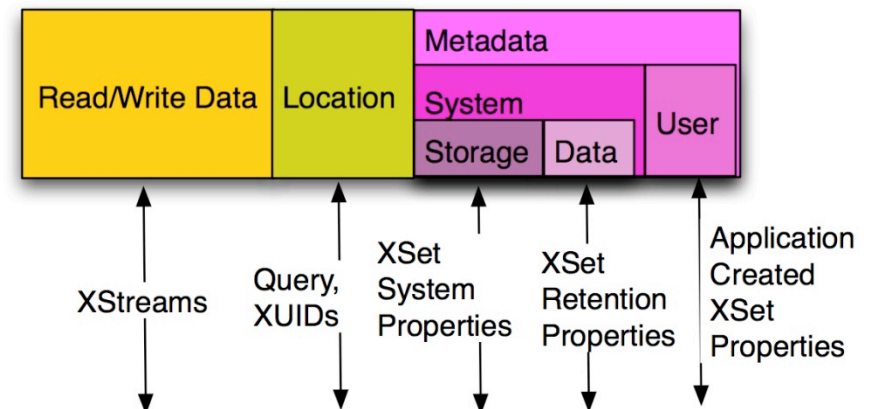
- Pay as you go
- Self service provisioning
- Rich application interfaces
- No need for consumers to manage their own storage

How does an interface like XAM address these needs?

XAM API: an example Data Storage Interface

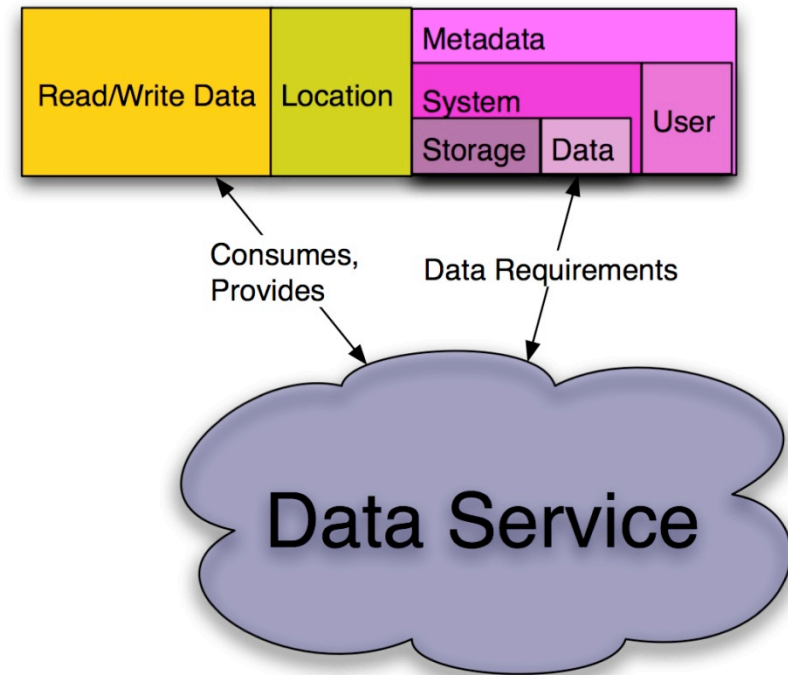
- XAM is the first interface to standardize system metadata for retention of data
- XAM implements the basic capability to Read and Write Data (through Xstreams)
- XAM has the ability to locate any XSet with a query or by supplying the XUID
- XAM allows Metadata to be added to the data and keeps both in an XSet object
- XAM uses and produces system metadata for each XSet
- For example Access and Commit times (Storage System Metadata)
- But it also uniquely specifies Data System Metadata for Retention Data Services
- XAM User metadata is uninterpretable by the system, but stored with the other data and is available for use in queries
- Given this we can see that XAM is a data storage interface that is used by both Storage and Data Services (functions)

XSet Interface for XAM



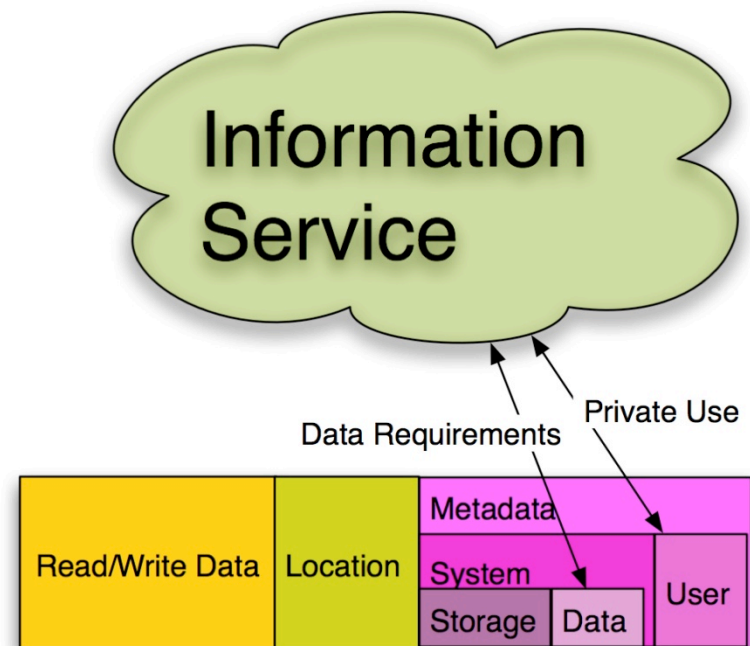
Metadata for Data Services

- Metadata available through the data storage interface may also be managed by data services
- This data service metadata can be used by data services to provide differentiated value to individual data elements
- The model or schema for data service metadata may be defined by each data service and may be standardized



Metadata and Information Services

- The role of metadata in information services is as a communication mechanism with the underlying storage services and data services.
- Information services are primarily concerned with the data service system metadata as a means to convey the data's requirements to the underlying data services.
- An information service may also interpret user metadata for purposes of data classification.
- An information service can create its own user metadata that is un-interpreted by the underlying services for its own use.



Lining it up

- Pay as you go
 - Billing would be orthogonal to XAM API, but as XSets are created and destroyed, you would be billed accordingly
- Self service provisioning
 - Just create and destroy XSets
- Rich application interfaces
 - Metadata, query, import/export, etc.
- No need for consumers to manage their own storage
 - Focus instead on managing the data (setting its requirements)



Cloud API to the Resource Domain Model

Nothing further is needed to be standardized in order to use XAM for a Cloud Storage API today.

Applications are written to a local (Java, C, etc.) API and the Cloud vendor's VIM handles the rest.

