# **FEDORA**

# Flexible Extensible Digital Object Repository Architecture

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# **Usage Scenarios**

- Digital Asset Management
- Institutional Repository
- Digital archives and preservation
- Content Management System (CMS)
- Educational Software

# Advantages of FEDORA

- Digital Object Model
  - Abstraction for heterogeneous complex digital resources
  - Container for both content and metadata
  - Aggregates local and remote content
  - Associate different behaviors with different objects

- Repository web service
  - Digital object storage
  - Web service APIs (SOAP\* and REST\*)
     to manage, access, search
  - Define and query object-to-object relationships
    - \* SOAP: Simple Object Access Protocol
    - \* REST: Representational State Transfer

- Archiving and preservation
  - XML object serialization for ingest, storage, and export
  - Content versioning
  - Event history

- Content re-purposing
  - Reuse digital content in different contexts
  - Re-purpose content by dynamically transforming content to suit new contexts

- Web Services
  - SOAP and REST bindings
  - WSDL\* to define interfaces
  - XML transmission
    - WSDL: Web Services Description Language

# FEDORA Digital Object Model

#### Includes

- Persistent ID
- Default view for disseminating the object
- Additional views of dissemination can be added
- Internal metadata to manage the object
- Datastreams

# Data Streams in FEDORA

- Managed Datastream: To store and manage the content byte-stream
- External Datastream: Store content from Reference URL
- Redirect Datastream: Redirect to the URL for content
- XML Datastream: stores a name-spaced block of XML content within the Fedora digital object XML file

## **Features**

- Management module
  - Ingest and Export (METS or FOXML)
  - Validation (XML and Schematron Rules)
  - PID assignment
  - Replication to object cache
  - Incremental indexing of metadata
  - Object create/modify/delete/purge
- XML Translation (XSLT) module
  - METS or FOXML ingest and export
  - Convert between formats

## **Features**

- Storage module:
  - File system for XML object wrappers
  - relational db object registry and object cache
- Content Versioning
  - Automatic version control for datastreams and disseminators
  - Enables date-time stamped API requests

- Security module
  - HTTP Basic Authentication and simple access control
  - LDAP tie-in for user attributes
  - XACML\* policies and policy enforcement
  - Shibboleth in future releases
- OAI-PMH
  - \*XACML: eXtensible Access Control Markup Language

- Resource Index
  - RDF-based index of repository
  - Contains key object attributes, DC, relationships
  - REST-based query interface (using RDQL)

### Web Service APIs

- Management Service (API-M)
  - Ingest Object
  - Export Object
  - Get Object XML
  - Purge Object
  - Modify Object
  - Get Next PID
  - Get Datastream(s)
  - Get DatastreamHistory
  - Get DisseminatorHistory
  - Get Disseminator(s)
  - Add/modify/purge Datastream
  - Add/modify/purge Disseminator
  - Set State

#### Web Service APIs

- Access Service (API-A and API-A-LITE)
  - Describe Repository
  - Get Object Profile
  - Get Object History
  - Get Datastream
  - Get Dissemination
  - Find Objects
  - Resume Find Objects

#### Web Service APIs

- API-A-Lite
  - Repository-level operations:
    - fedora/describe Describe Repository
    - fedora/search methods to locate objects via the default repository index
  - Object-level operations:
    - fedora/get method to get object profile
    - fedora/get/.. method to "disseminate" a view of an object's content
    - Fedora/getMethods methods get information about all disseminations available on object
- OAI-PMH Provider Service
  - All OAI-PMH methods to harvest OAI-DC from each object

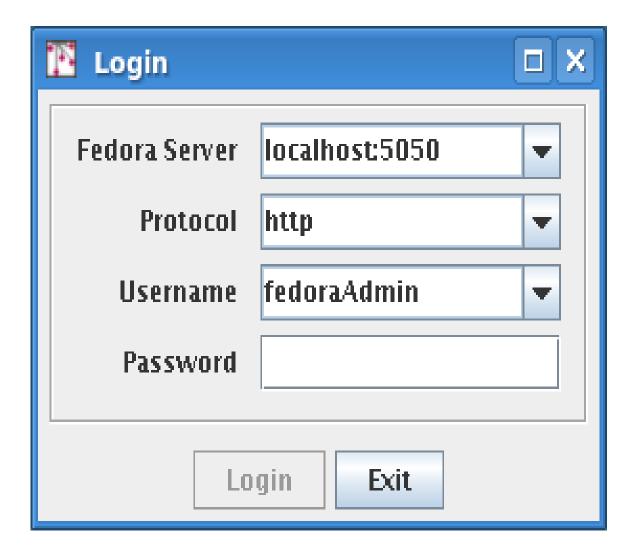
## FEDORA Software

- Latest release available on sourceforge.net site is "fedora-installer-3.1.jar" released on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- Fedora installation requires:
  - Ant
  - Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 5.0
  - Apache Tomcat
  - MySql or Oracle or PostgreSQL or McKoi database

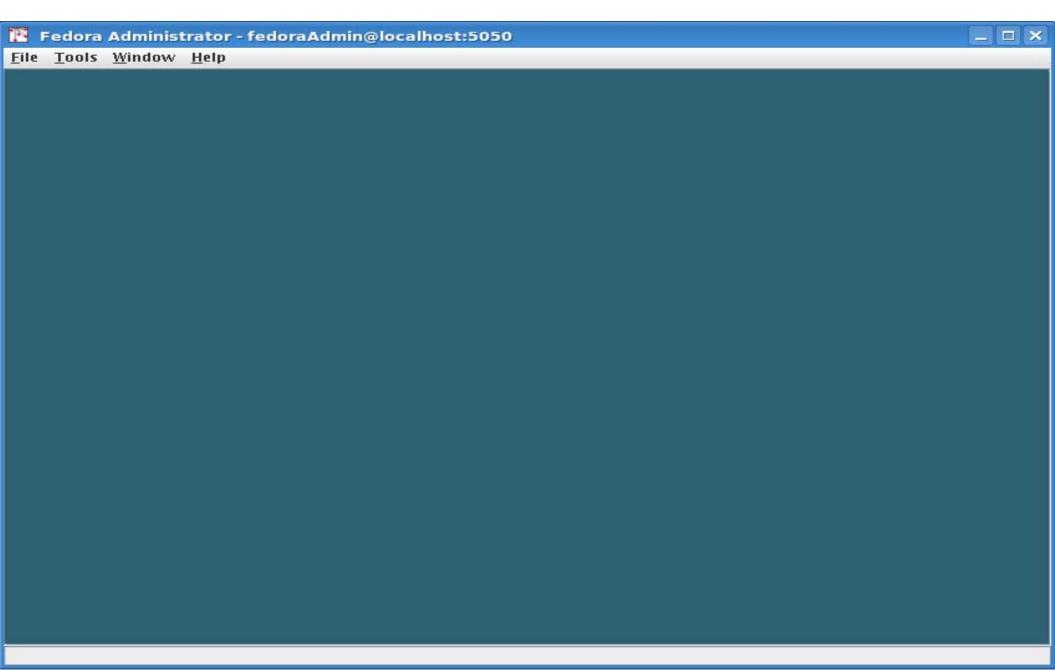
## FEDORA Admin Tool

- The Fedora Repository is able to store any sort of digital content item such as documents, videos, data sets, computer files, images plus it can store information (often called metadata) about the content items in any format. In addition, the relationships between content items can also be stored in Fedora repository.
- FEDORA has client and server model.
- From client tool i.e. /home/fedora/client/bin one can run ./fedora-admin.sh file to start fedora-admin tool for building collections in FEDORA.

Administration Login Screen



# Fedora-Admin Main Screen

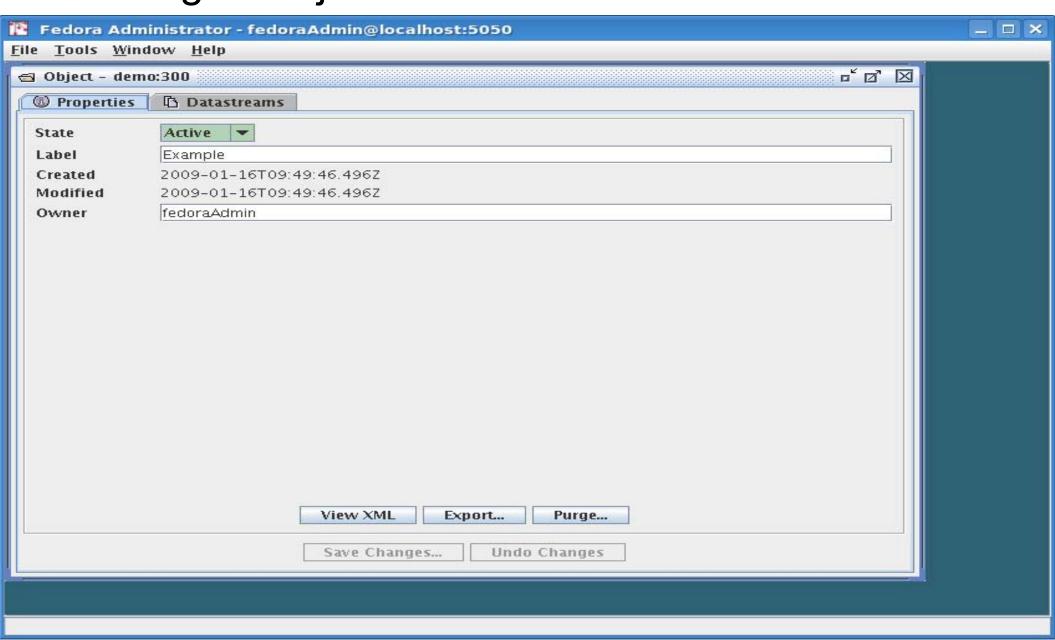


## Add PID number

 After clicking on "File-New-Data Object", user can enter unique identifier to each digital document that is to be added into the repository. Here check the box for custompid and enter "Example" and "demo:300" and press enter. Label and PID can be anything which is unique in the repository.

New Object		
Label  Use Custom PID	Example demo:300	
	Create Cancel	

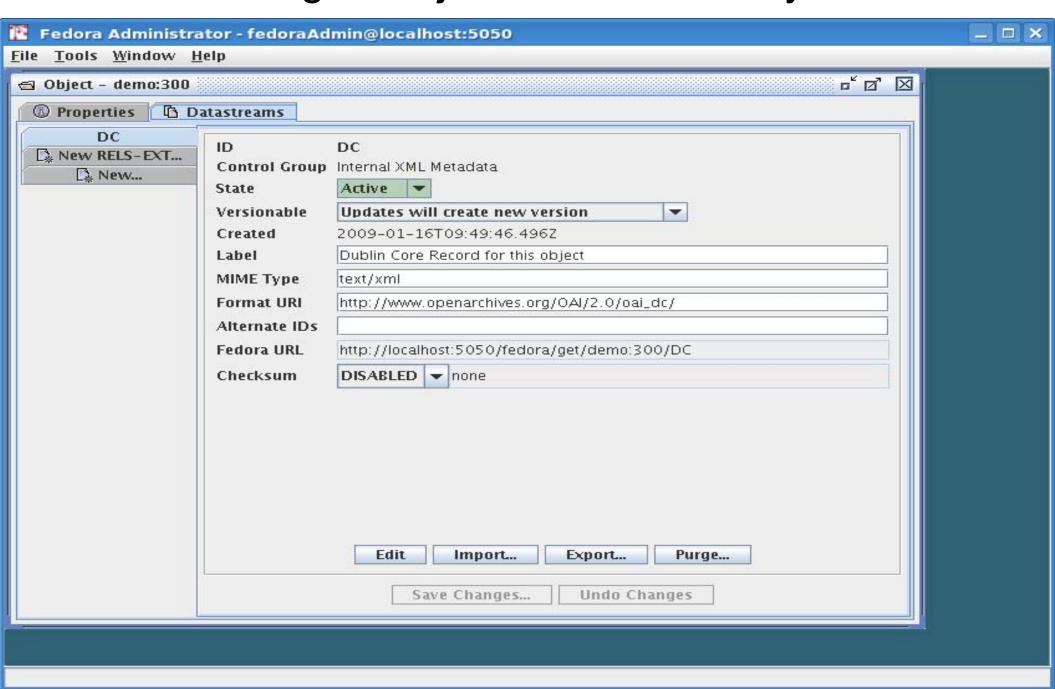
To define **Datastreams**, use datastreams tab.
 Fedora automatically creates basic DC metadata for each digital object.



## Datastream

- In Fedora datastream can either be managed content (which means user uploads contents from his/her local disk into the fedora repository) OR
- Externally referenced (E) which means datastream is external content and is added in the fedora repository by just adding URL of the content. OR
- Redirected Content(R) which means datastream content is delivered to the end user without any fedora mediation i.e. via http.

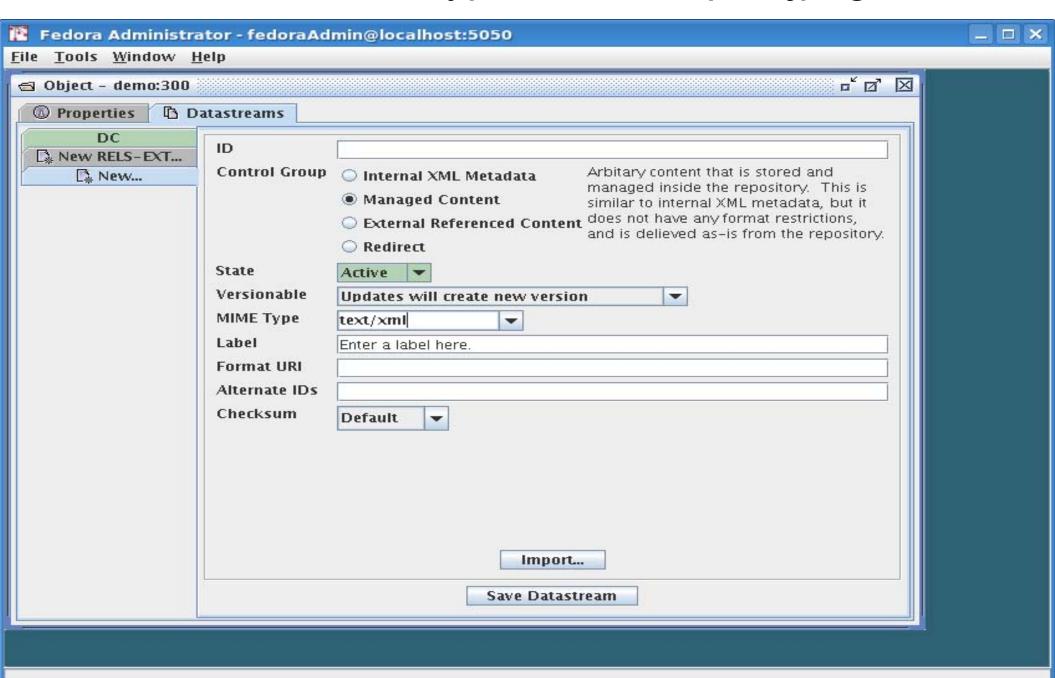
 Datastream stores metadata and actual digital contents. A digital object can have many datastreams



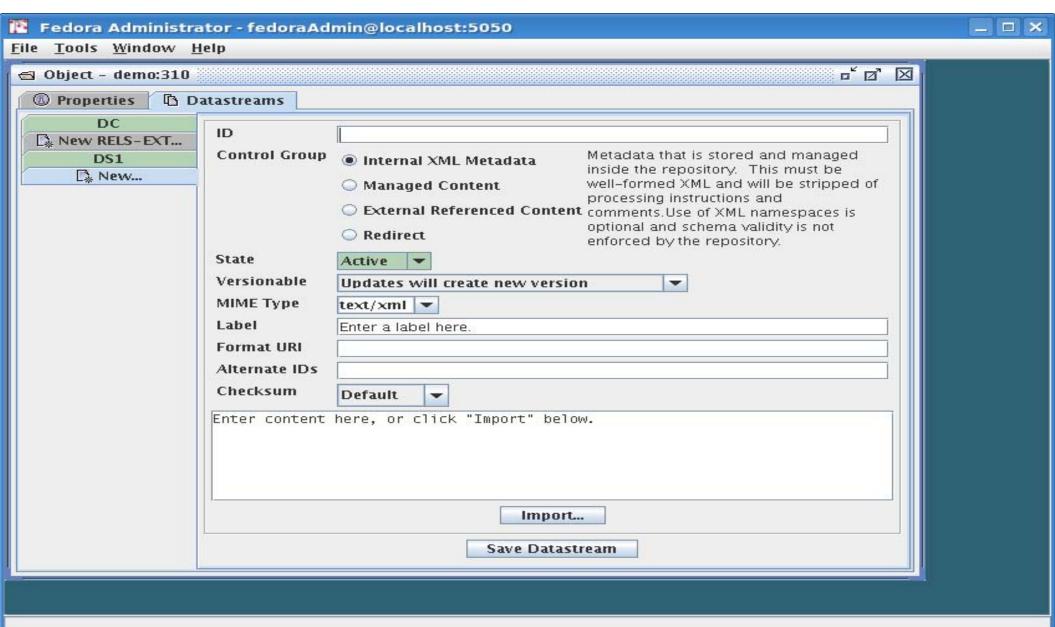
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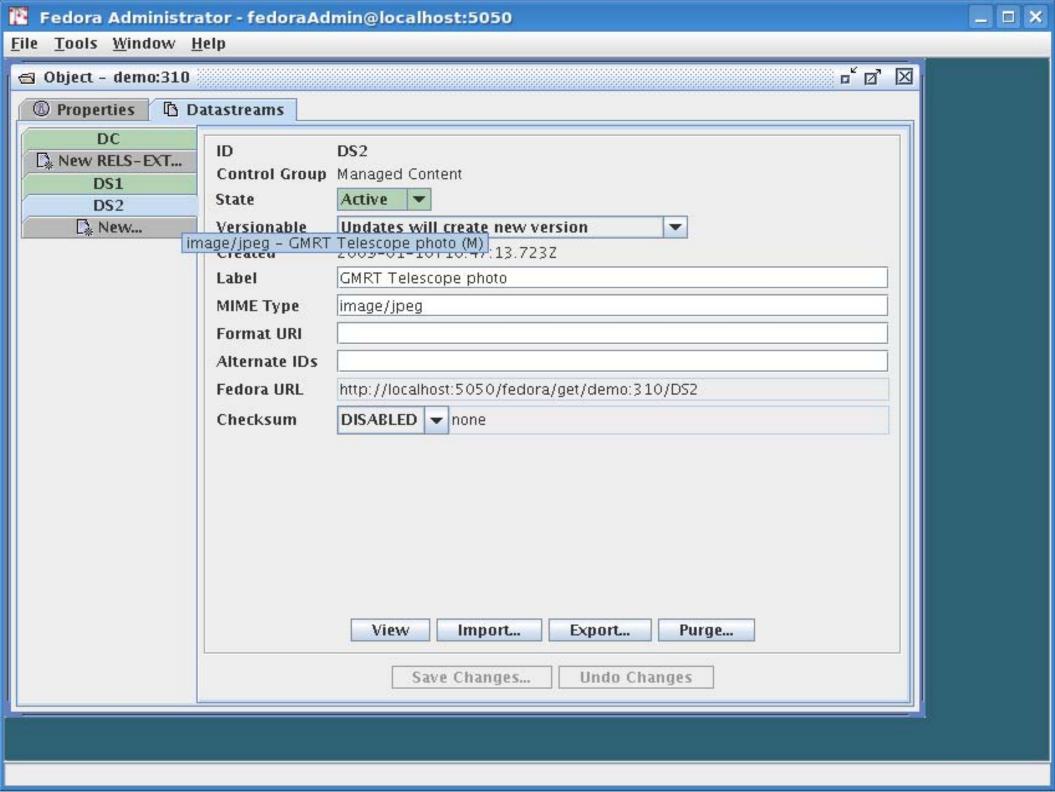
- Fedora can add multiple metadata for each datastream such as MARC, LOM, DC etc.
- Automatically created DC metadata can be edited in Fedora easily.
- It is also possible to create DC metadata in external editor and import in Fedora.

One select "MIME Type" to add a pdf, jpeg etc.

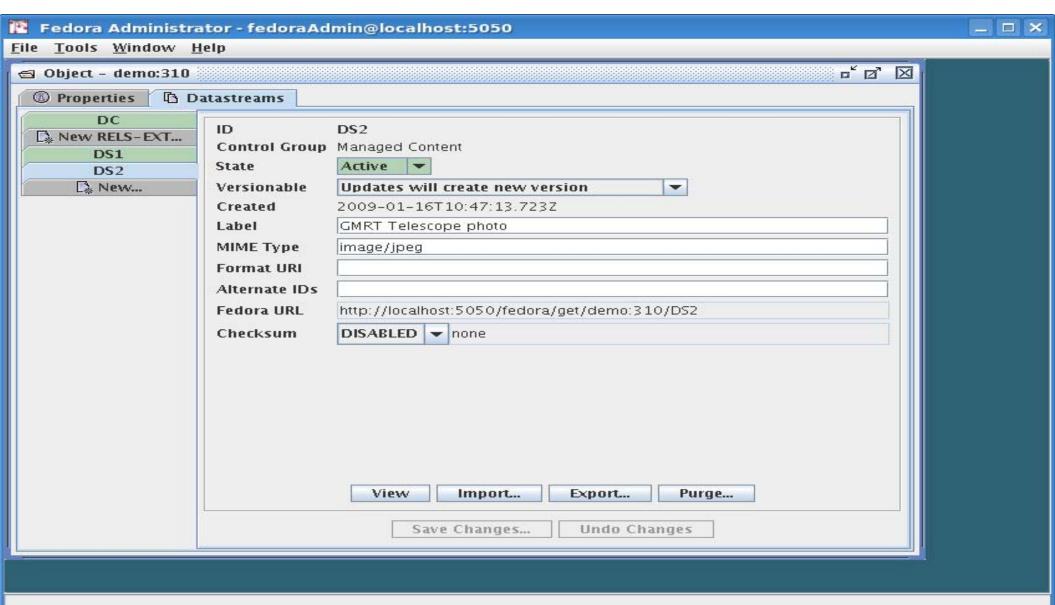


 One can "Format URI" OR "Alternate ID" to enter any other existing identifiers available

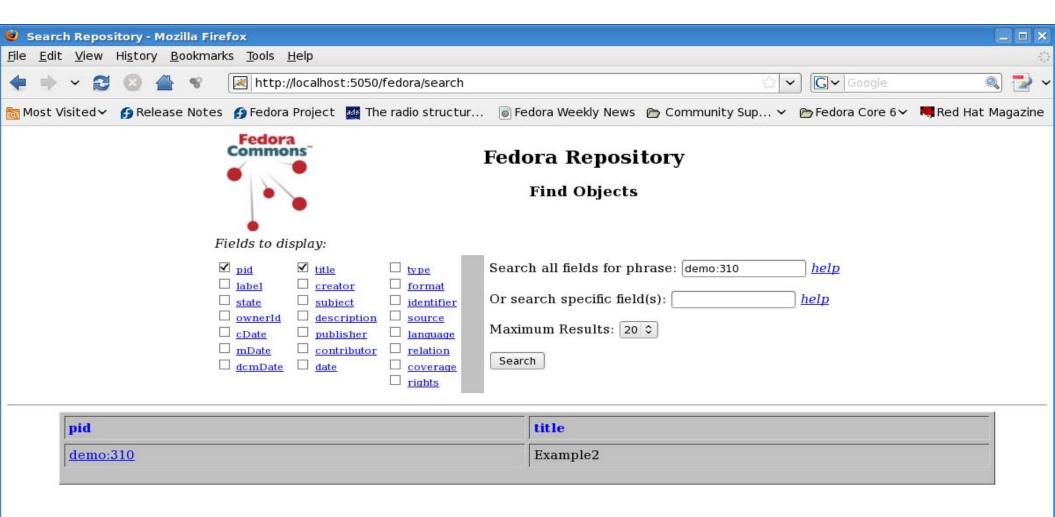




 Fedora URL for each digital document is added into the repository.



# Fedora Search



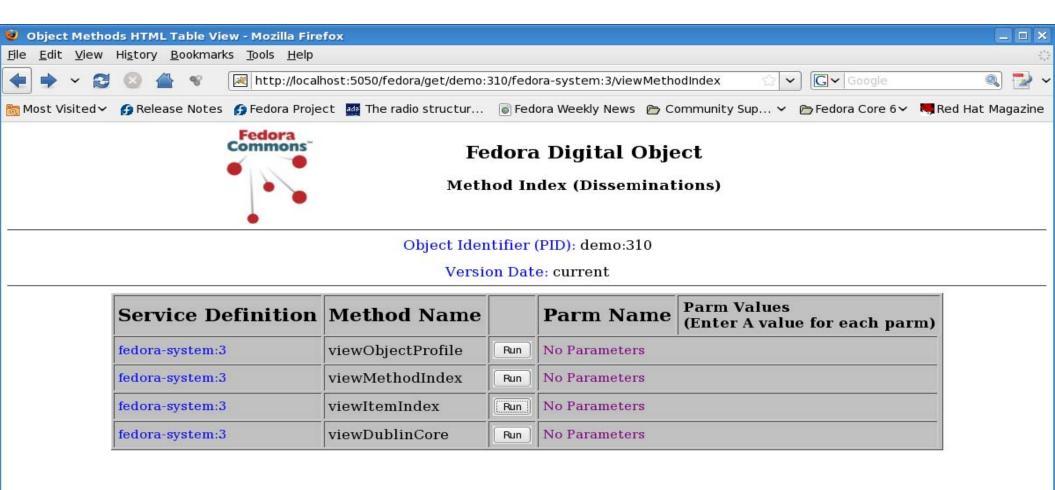


View the Dissemination Index for this Object

View the Item Index for this Object



# View Disseminated Index



# View Item Index



Item ID	Item Description	MIME Type
DC	Dublin Core Record for this object	text/xml
DS1	Marathi song	audio/mpeg
DS2	GMRT Telescope photo	image/jpeg

# Thank You

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