

Wayne State University's Digital Collections Infrastructure

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**First things first,
the elephant in
the room...**



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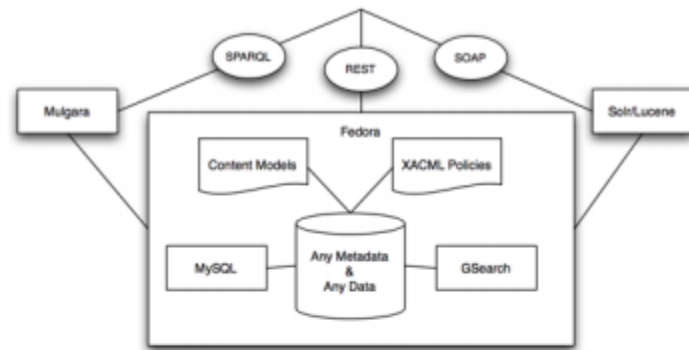
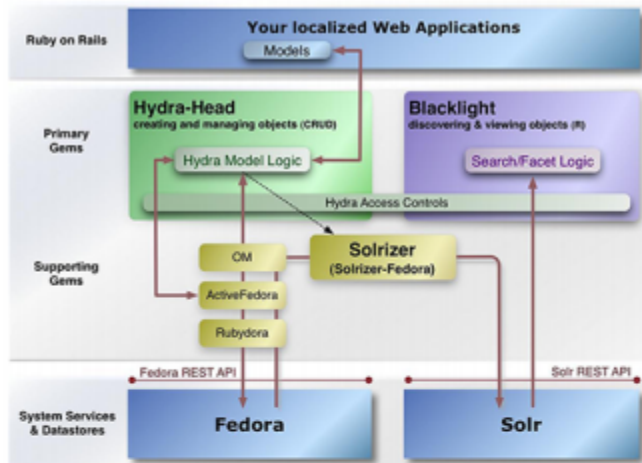




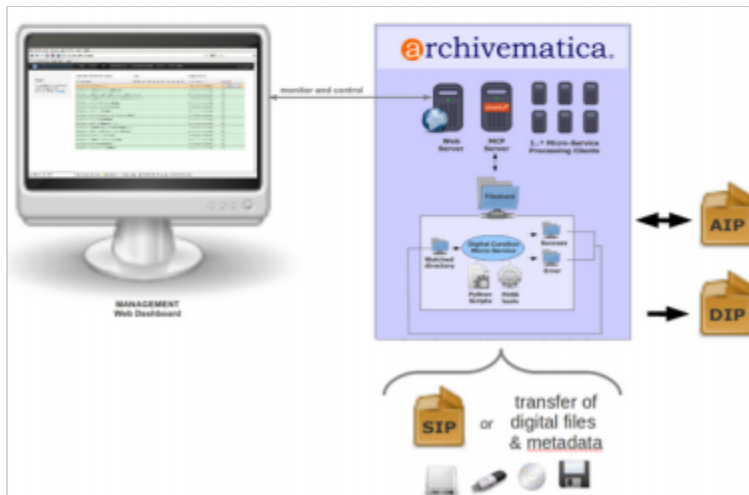
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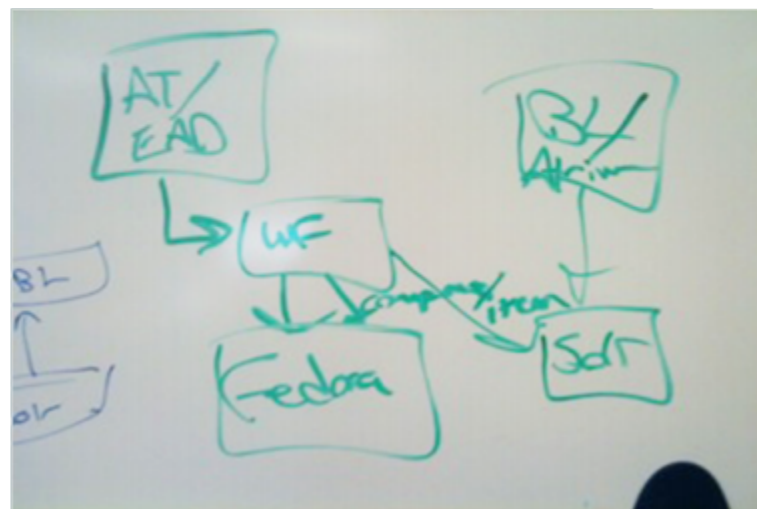
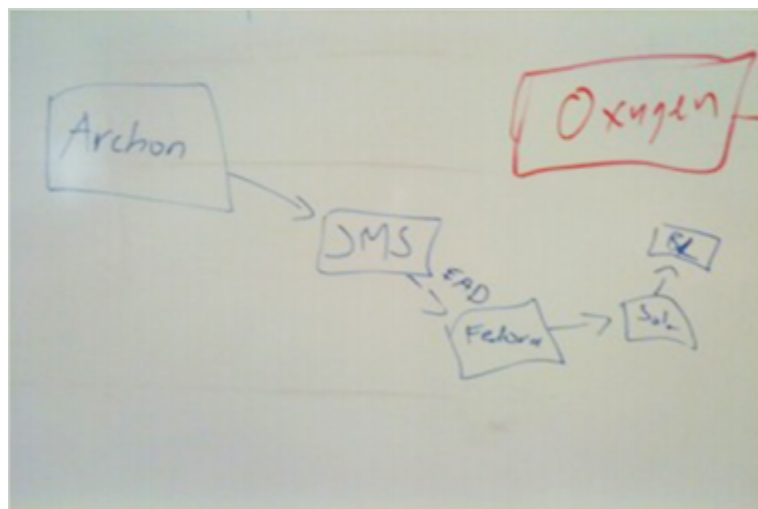
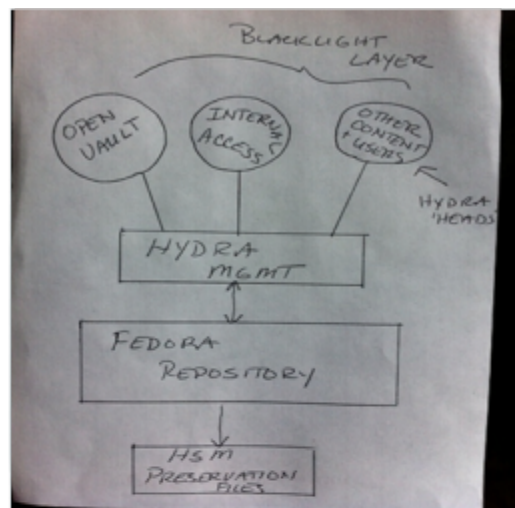
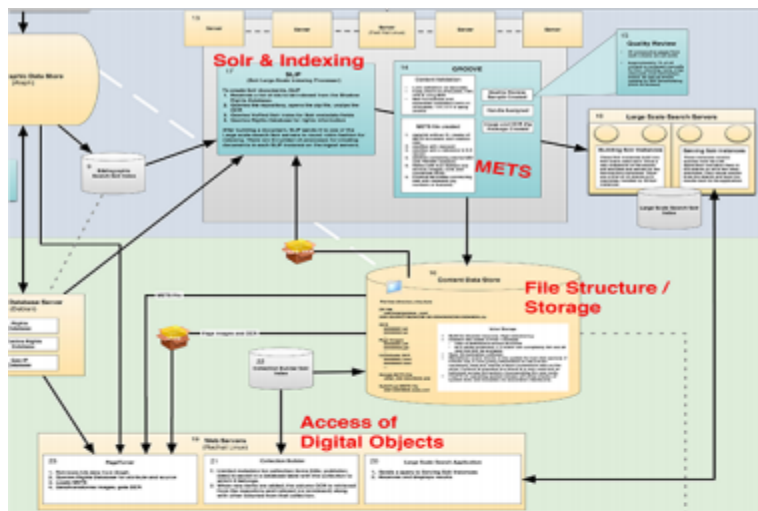


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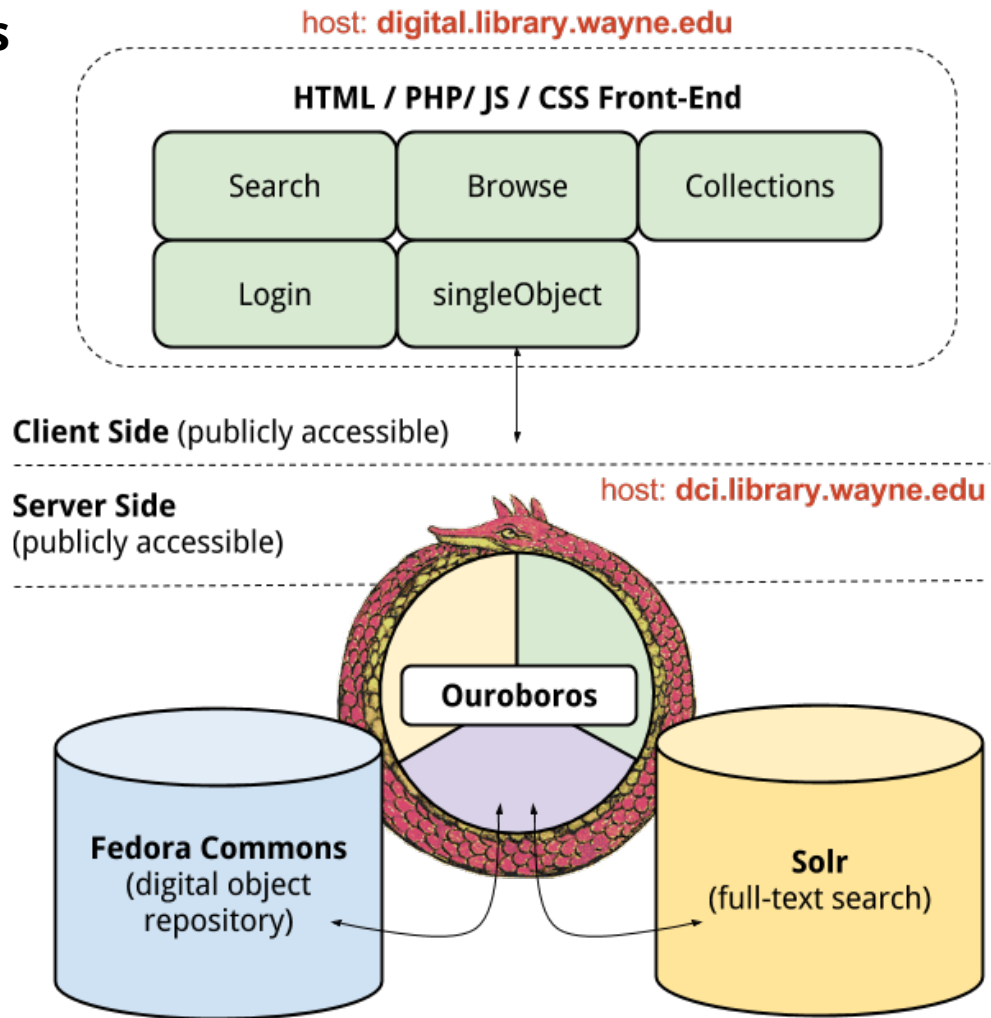
“No one expects the Spanish Inquisition!”



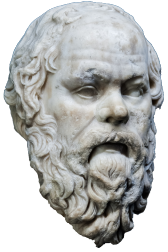




Digital Collections Infrastructure Overview

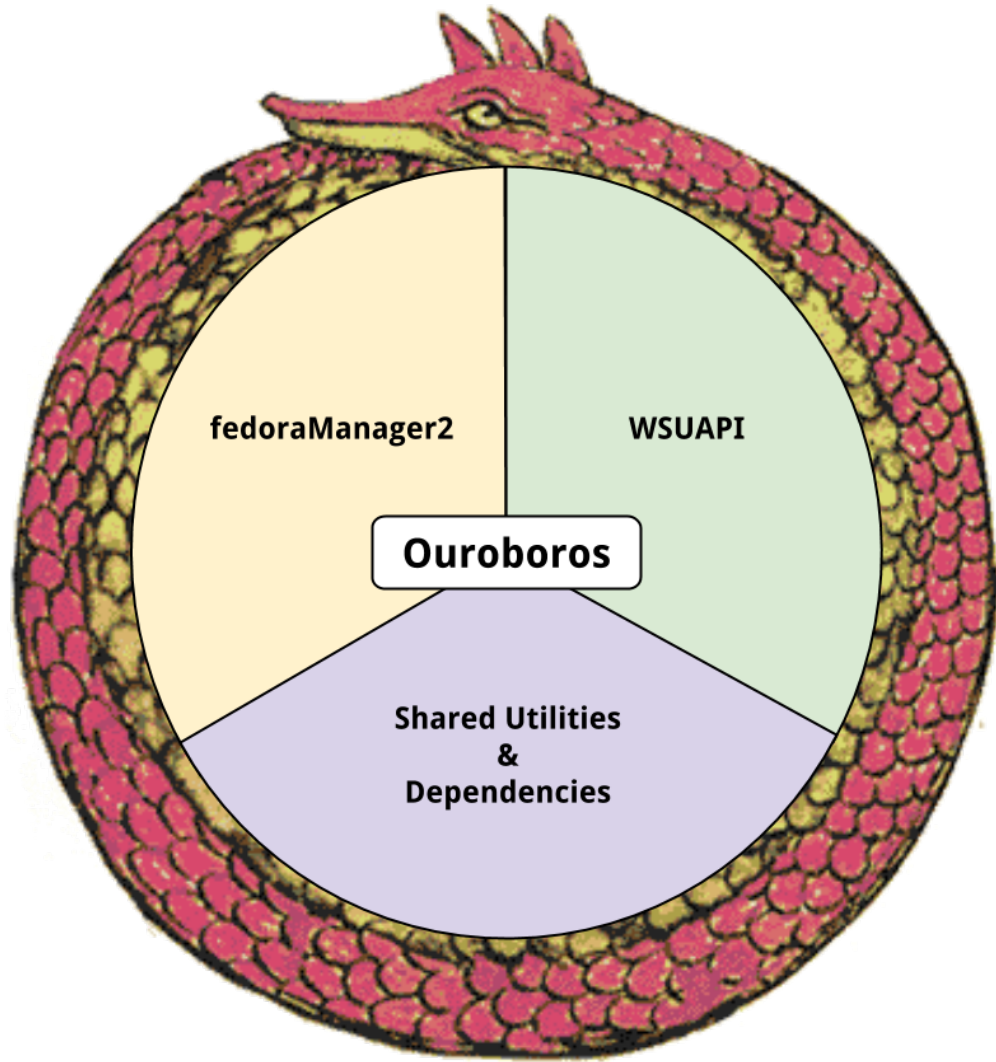


Ouroboros Overview



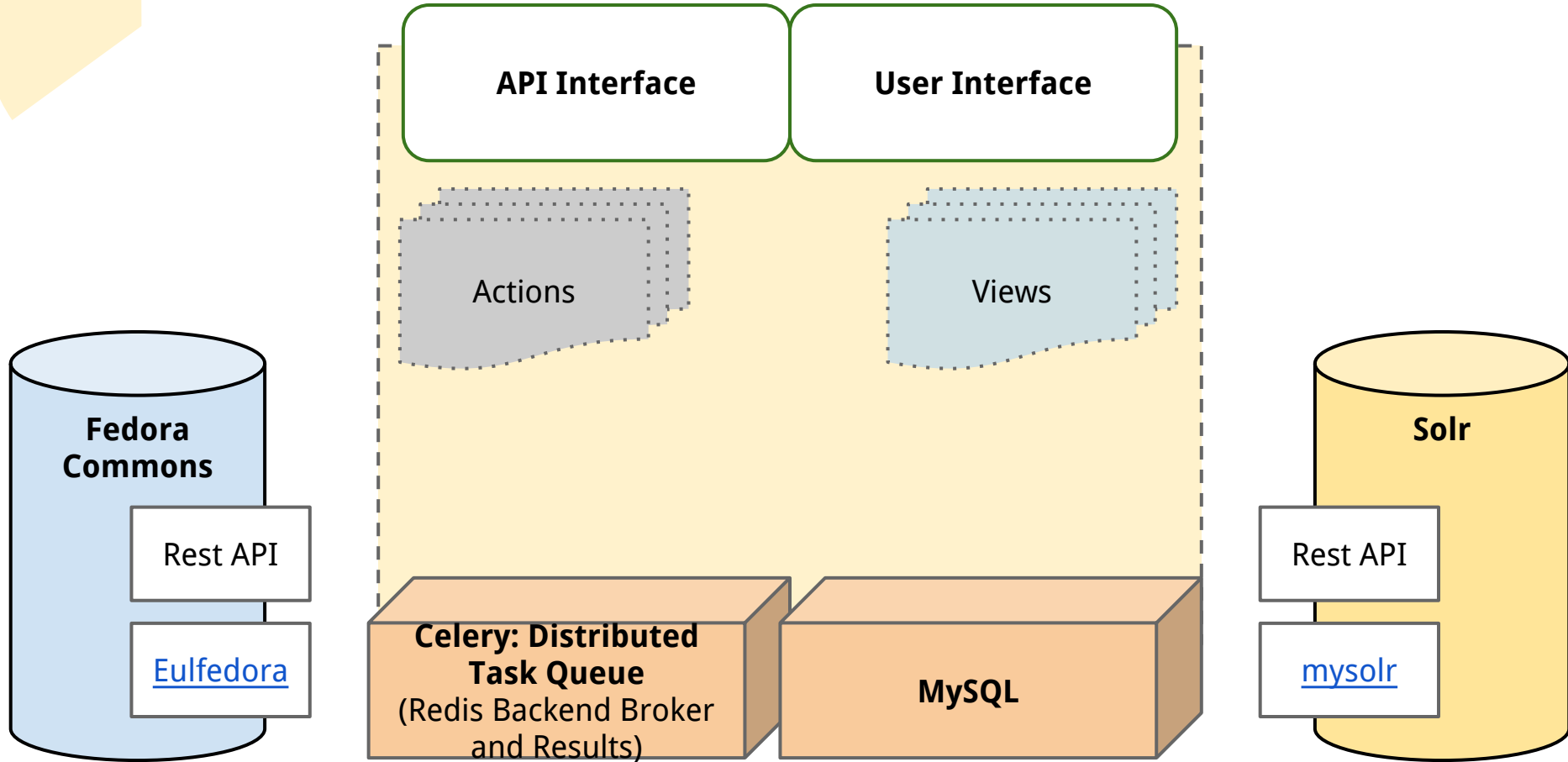
Philosophy:

Given an instance of Fedora Commons and Apache Solr, and a front-end interface capable of communicating with an HTTP / JSON API, the goal of this middleware is to be capable of ingesting objects, managing their preservation, and providing access, with minimal configuration to the applications it glues together. It does this by imposing descriptive and structural conventions for objects, and chaining disparate tasks together in a way that effectively unites these content-agnostic systems.



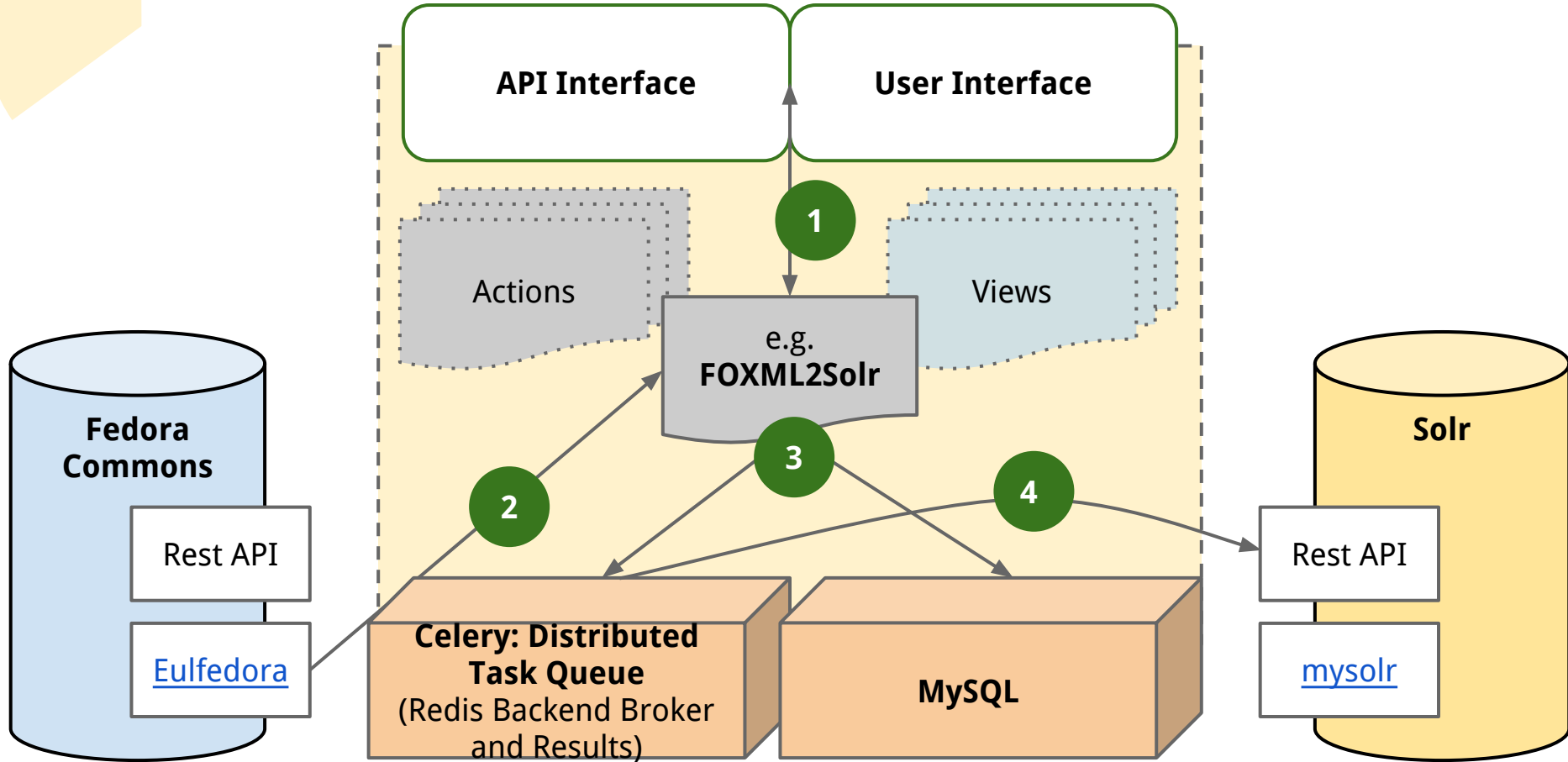
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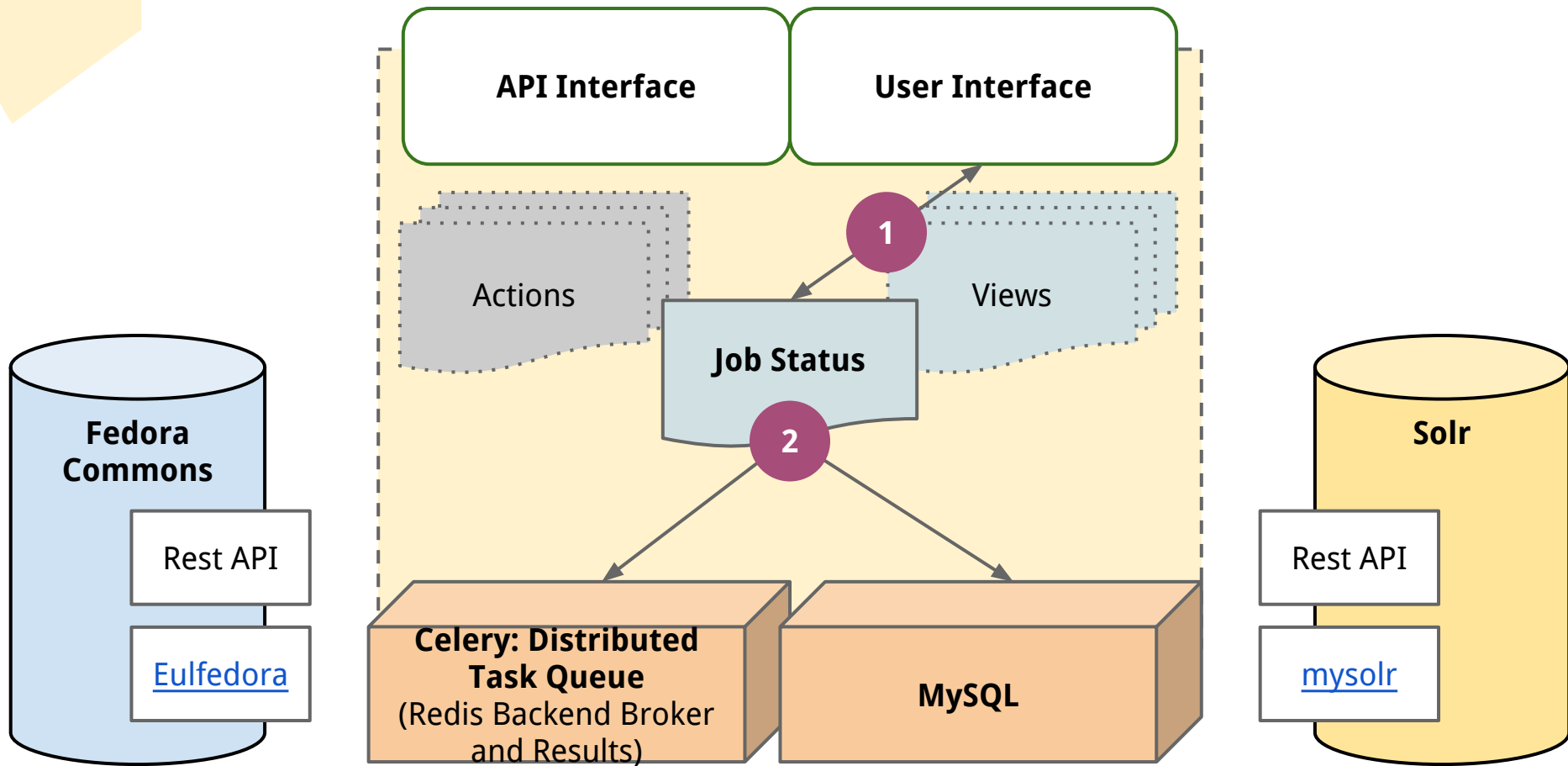
Indexing Fedora Objects in Solr

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Checking Job Status

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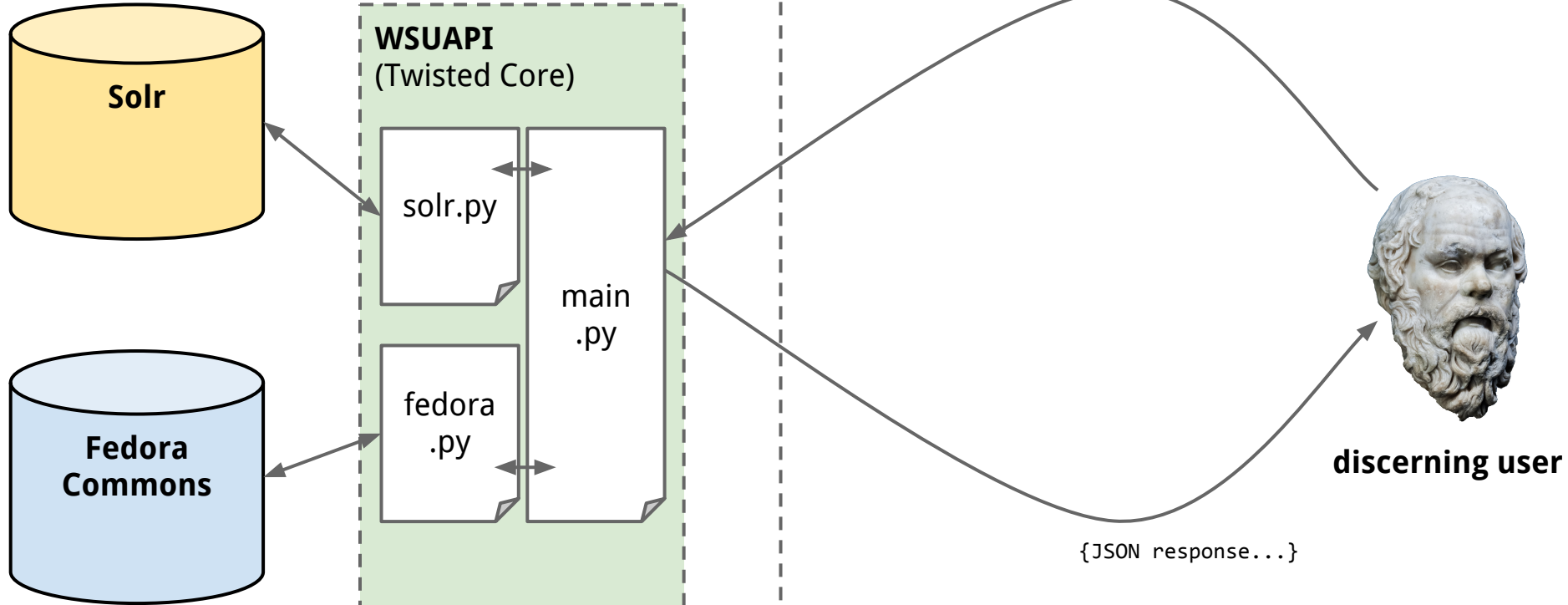
fedoraManager2

current tasks

| Task / Action | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| FOXML2Solr (bulk) | Indexes metadata, and full-text, from objects in Fedora into Solr |
| DCfromMODS | Derive Dublin Core (DC) from MODS datastream (MODS is authoritative for us) |
| addDS (bulk) | Add Datastream - Upload or paste content, choose mimetype, etc. |
| batchIngest | Upload MODS, choose / edit XSL transformation, save uploads to redo |
| editDSXML | UNC jquery.xmleditor - edit MODS in XML intelligent, javascript browser editor (saved changes derive Dublin Core datastream, then fire FOXML2Solr) |
| editRELS | View RDF relationships, add relationships, edit RELS-EXT datastream XML string |
| objectState | Batch edit object states |
| purgeObject | Purge objects if 1) objects have “Deleted” status, 2) two admins enter unique keys |

WSUAPI Overview

Ourobros Server



WSUAPI Example

```
http://digital.library.wayne.  
edu/WSUAPI  
?functions[]=getObjectXML  
&functions[]=hasMemberOf  
&functions[]=isMemberOfCollection  
&functions[]=solrGetFedDoc  
&PID=wayne:CFAIEB01e710
```

Let's see it in action...

Documentation...

Small feats...

- Experience with, and knowledge of, Fedora Commons and Solr
- Involvement with Fedora / Solr community
- Object metadata normalized, structure represented in RDF relationships
- Complex objects available for first time
- Stable, secure, snappy [knock on wood]
- Highly extensible
- Front-end soft launch in May!

Next Steps...

- Wrap Ouroboros in a Python virtual environment
- Create and Enforce machine-readable content models
- Work with IT for increased system stability / performance
- Additional layer between front-end and Fedora content
- Explore adhering closer to OAIS model
- And of course...

DOCUMENTATION





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- The greater Fedora community for answering questions
- Emory University's Python Fedora connector, [Eulfedora](#)
- University of North Carolina's XML editor, [jquery.xmleditor](#)

Images

- Elephant in Room (slide #2): <https://www.flickr.com/photos/statelibraryofnsw/8739115901/>
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