

Teamwork in Digital Stewardship: Moving Beyond Paper to Discovery

**Placing Canadian Sessional Papers
(1901-1925)
into the Gov Info Repository**

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- **A collected series of reports, documents and papers tabled in the House or Senate**
 - **Annual Reports**
 - **Estimates and Public Accounts**
 - **Royal Commission and Task Force reports**
 - **Election Results**
 - **Government responses to Committee Reports**
 - **Government Policies**

What are Sessional Papers

**Rich Collection of primary
resources for early
Canadian history,
economic, political
science, etc....**

But are all hidden in the
Sessional Papers Collection

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REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON LIFE INSURANCE

His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, in Council :

The Commissioners appointed under the terms of the Royal Commission, dated the 28th February, 1906, issued under the provisions of chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intituled 'An Act respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters,' and the Order in Council thereunto annexed:

'1. To inquire into,

(a) the general subject of life insurance and life insurance systems in Canada;

(b) the operations of the various companies chartered by the Parliament of Canada, or by any province and licensed under the Insurance Act, transacting life insurance in Canada, including expenses of management, investment of funds and other allied questions.

'2. To make the like inquiry, as far as deemed necessary, into the operations of companies other than those chartered by the Dominion or province, transacting in Canada the business of life insurance.

'3. To inquire into the operation of the laws of the Parliament of Canada relating to and governing the business of life insurance, both as regards Canadian companies and companies other than Canadian, and to consider and report upon any amendments thereto that may be deemed necessary.

'4. That the Commissioners so appointed have the power to employ expert assistance, to summon before them witnesses and require them to give evidence on oath orally or in writing or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents and things as such Commissioners deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters hereinbefore referred to, and generally to exercise all the powers conferred by the said Act.'

have the honour to submit their report embodying the results of their inquiry and their recommendations in connection with the various matters into which they were directed to inquire, as well as the proceedings had and the evidence taken before them.

Simultaneously with the appointment of your Commissioners, Mr. Henry T. Ross, of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, was appointed Secretary of the Commission, and Mr. George F. Shepley, K.C., was appointed counsel for the conduct of the inquiry, with whom was associated Mr. W. N. Tilley, as junior counsel. The government of the province of Ontario appointed Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., and Mr. G. R. Geary, counsel to represent the policy-holders of that province before the Commission, and Mr. Calixte Lebeuf, K.C., was appointed by the government of the province of Quebec, counsel to represent the policy-holders of that province. The Commissioners appointed Mr. Miles M. Dawson, of the city of New York, consulting actuary.

The Commissioners met at the office of the Chairman in the city of Ottawa, on Monday, the 5th March, 1906, for the purpose of organization, and also to consider the best means of satisfactorily discharging the important duties imposed upon them. After due notice had been given, the first public meeting of the Commissioners was held in the city of Ottawa, on the 7th March, 1906, when the text of the Commission was read and announcement was made that the Commissioners would proceed with the public inquiry on the 14th day of March, in the city of Ottawa.

Example: insurance history in Canada

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No. 4—SUMMARY of the Trade of Canada with
N° 4—RÉSUMÉ des échanges commerciaux du

Notes—For Trade with United Kingdom and United States see Statements Nos. 2 and 3.
"Duty Collected" is exclusive of Special Duties and War Tax.

Fiscal Years — Exercices financiers	Australia				British Africa			
	Imports for Consumption	Exports of Canadian Produce	Total Trade	Duty Collected on Imports	Imports for Consumption	Exports of Canadian Produce	Total Trade	Duty Collected on Imports
	Importations pour consommation	Exportations de produits canadiens	Total des échanges	Droits perçus sur les importations	Importations pour consommation	Exportations de produits canadiens	Total des échanges	Droits perçus sur les importations
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1868		27,694						
1869		41,369						
1870		28,891						
1871		26,448						
1872		20,823						
1873	1,303	31,926	33,229	110				
1874	389,252	40,955	430,207					
1875		58,478						
1876	400	181,673	182,273					
1877	50	79,043	79,093	10				
1878		183,296						
1879		206,248	206,100					
1880	1,831	226,348	228,179					
1881	1,861	133,700	135,561					
1882	1,542	185,963	187,505					
1883	2,137	337,430	339,567	519	135,815			45
1884	1,222	304,317	305,539	350	204,745	57,855	262,600	12,904
1885	3,698	206,227	210,355	92	231,945	45,084	277,029	20,389
1886	2,231	414,717	416,948	188	244,341	34,998	279,339	44,092
1887	12,740	259,692	272,432		320,820	42,318	363,138	29,943
1888	117,541	208,121	325,662	191	404,725	23,590	428,315	90,600
1889	43,444	443,849	487,293		163,443	26,097	190,540	20,117
1890	229,444	657,840	887,284		190,503	27,948	218,451	9,965
1891	303,354	471,028	774,382	220	135,773	27,032	162,805	27,592
1892	169,665	362,377	532,042	28	78,691	11,772	90,463	13,508
1893	364,748	436,133	800,881	39	29,541	21,556	51,097	
1894	317,517	784,026	1,101,543	256	180,923	45,891	226,814	4
1895	143,317	320,932	464,249	15,902	16,819	45,197	62,016	172
1896	113,342	414,024	527,366	7,244	95,942	72,797	168,739	22
1897	212,236	515,697	727,933	5,687	75,021	132,144	207,165	78
1898	146,945	1,409,617	1,556,562	5,011	27,273	127,833	155,106	
1899	149,165	1,426,196	1,575,361	5,366	133,292	134,972	268,264	575
1900	599,884	1,422,301	2,022,185	87,330	98,912	222,236	321,148	64
1901	1,386,467	2,207,521	3,593,988	73,736	87,985	1,294,091	1,382,076	135
1902	1,523,863	2,574,730	4,098,593	87,147	90,687	1,585,051	1,775,738	424
1903	96,909	2,807,528	2,904,437	2,876	49,121	1,931,641	1,980,762	48
1904	80,729	2,889,905	2,970,634	5,496	69,141	2,218,828	2,287,969	917
1905	162,972	2,159,236	2,322,208	7,359	91,232	1,880,038	1,971,270	14
1906	254,179	2,672,792	2,926,971	9,104	173,255	1,756,430	1,929,685	27,383
1907 (9 months)	157,560	1,984,522	2,142,082	52,862	138,620	1,898,476	2,037,096	18,249
1908	489,542	2,838,700	3,328,242	73,614	22,103	2,003,599	2,025,702	42
1909	430,309	2,732,907	3,163,216	69,675	473,217	1,877,779	2,350,996	112,141
1910	423,017	3,261,073	3,684,090	20,451	1,041,263	2,245,159	3,286,422	166,404
1911	511,330	3,008,212	3,519,542	94,007	704,800	2,239,280	3,044,080	86,203
1912	431,701	3,524,023	3,955,724		584,544	2,488,145	3,072,689	62,293
1913	442,331	3,954,481	4,396,812	77,948	272,199	3,465,892	3,738,091	9,295
1914	713,111	4,872,997	5,586,108	130,549	322,916	3,927,384	4,250,300	32,074
1915	412,205	5,522,584	5,934,789	53,879	333,463	4,686,536	5,020,000	2,038
1916	1,092,732	7,748,651	8,841,383	9,309	179,181	5,651,300	5,830,481	1,294
1917	762,113	6,549,546	7,311,659	10,324	221,644	4,742,329	4,963,973	2,181
1918	2,850,603	6,751,677	9,602,280	38,721	568,842	5,186,116	5,754,958	695
1919	4,963,446	14,019,629	18,983,075	29,365	1,368,016	12,242,468	13,610,484	1,603
1920	1,371,775	11,415,623	12,787,398	30,613	919,078	9,825,020	10,744,098	4,087

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 6

Principal Countries, 1868-1922.

Canada avec les principaux pays, de 1868 à 1922.

Notes—Pour le commerce avec le Royaume-Uni et les États-Unis, voir tableaux nos. 2 et 3.
"Les droits perçus" ne comprennent ni la taxe de guerre ni d'autres droits spéciaux.

Fiscal Years — Exercices financiers	British East Indies				British Guiana			
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Example: Summary of the
Trade of Canada with Principal
Countries, 1868 - 1922

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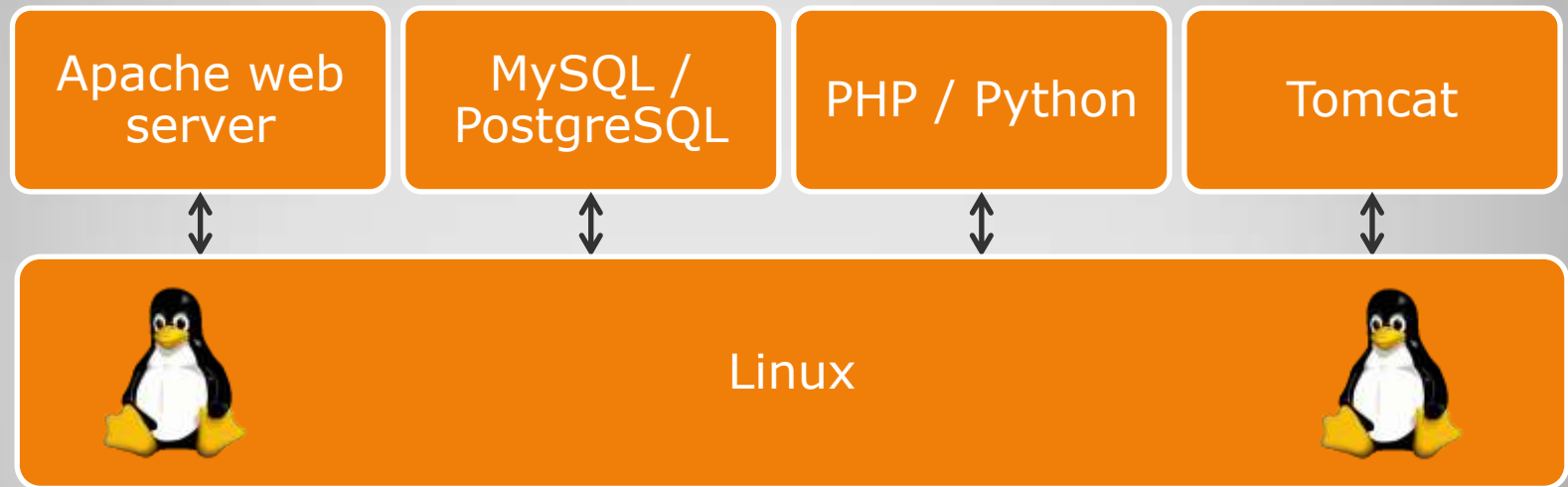
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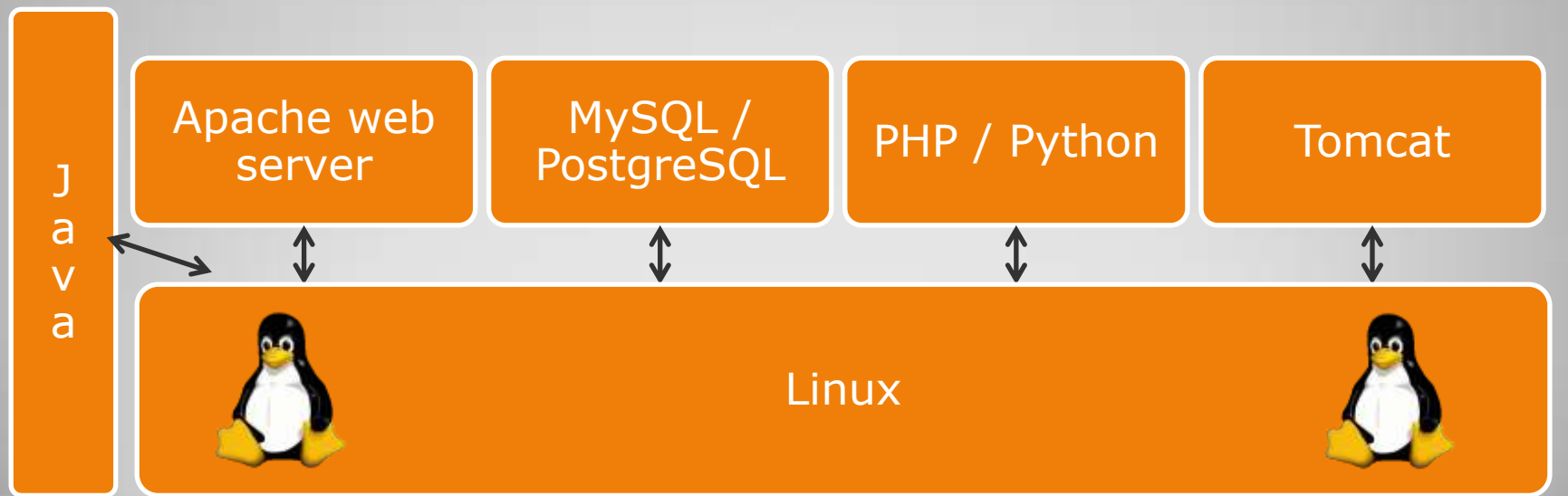
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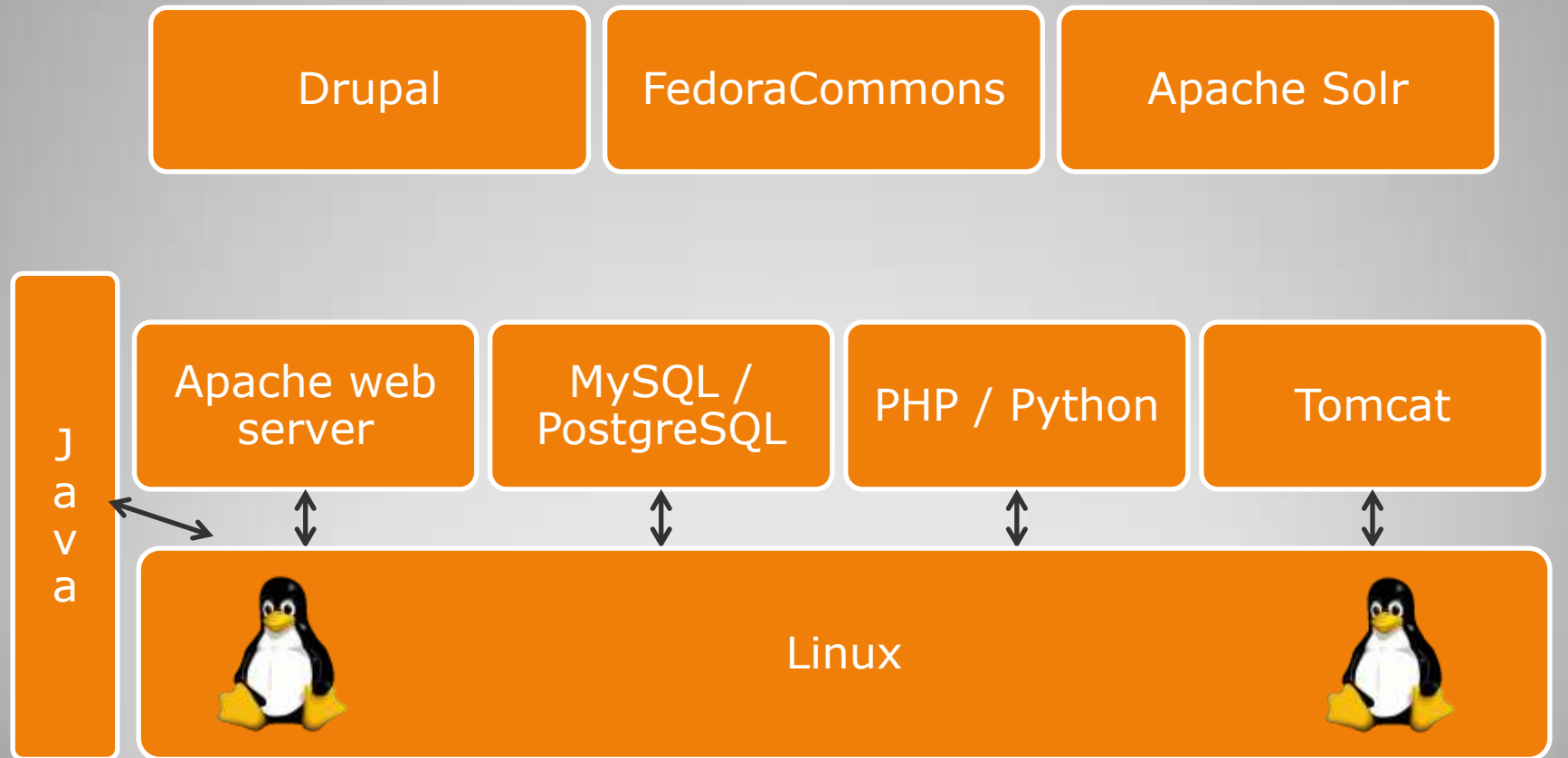
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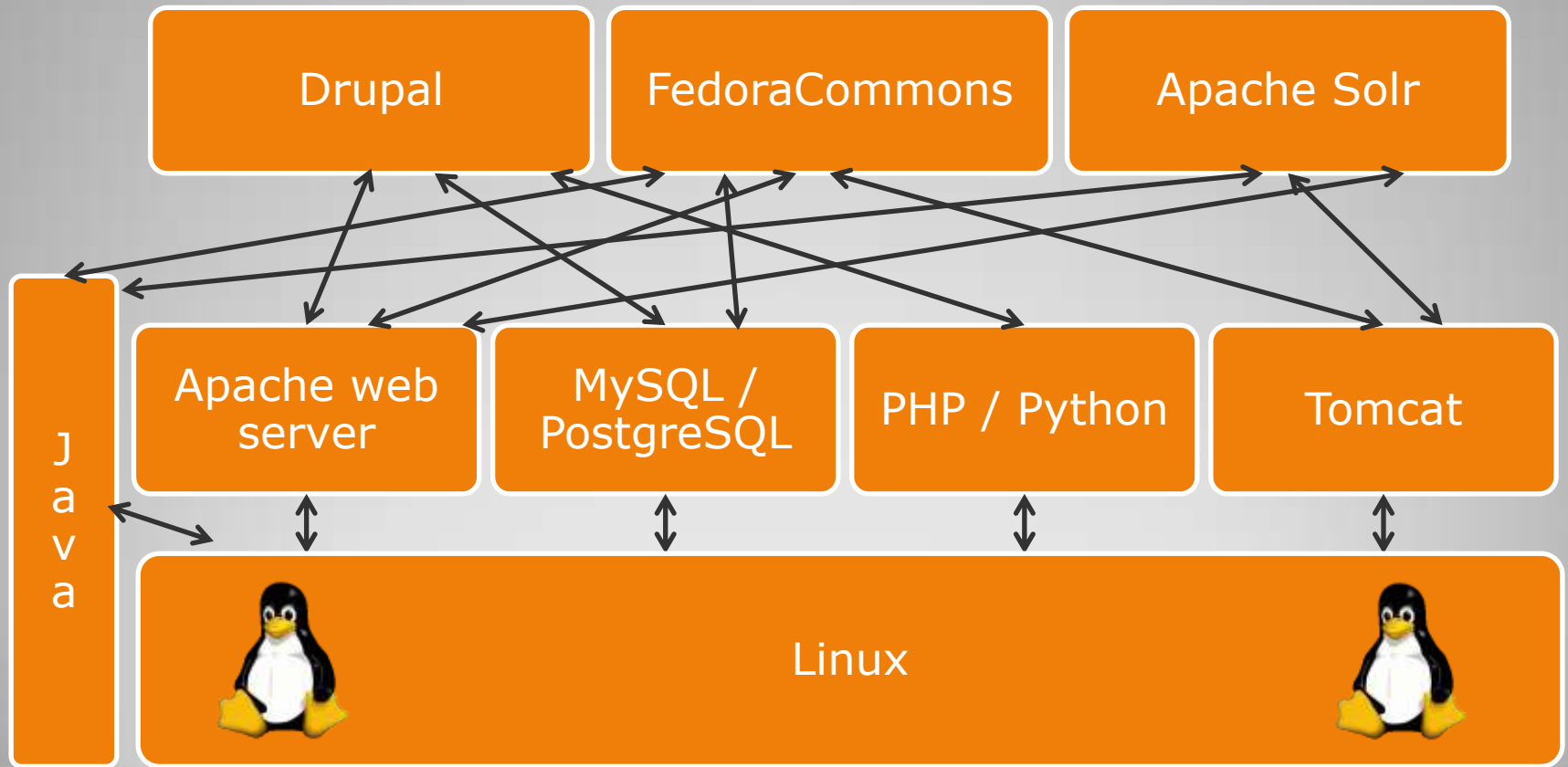


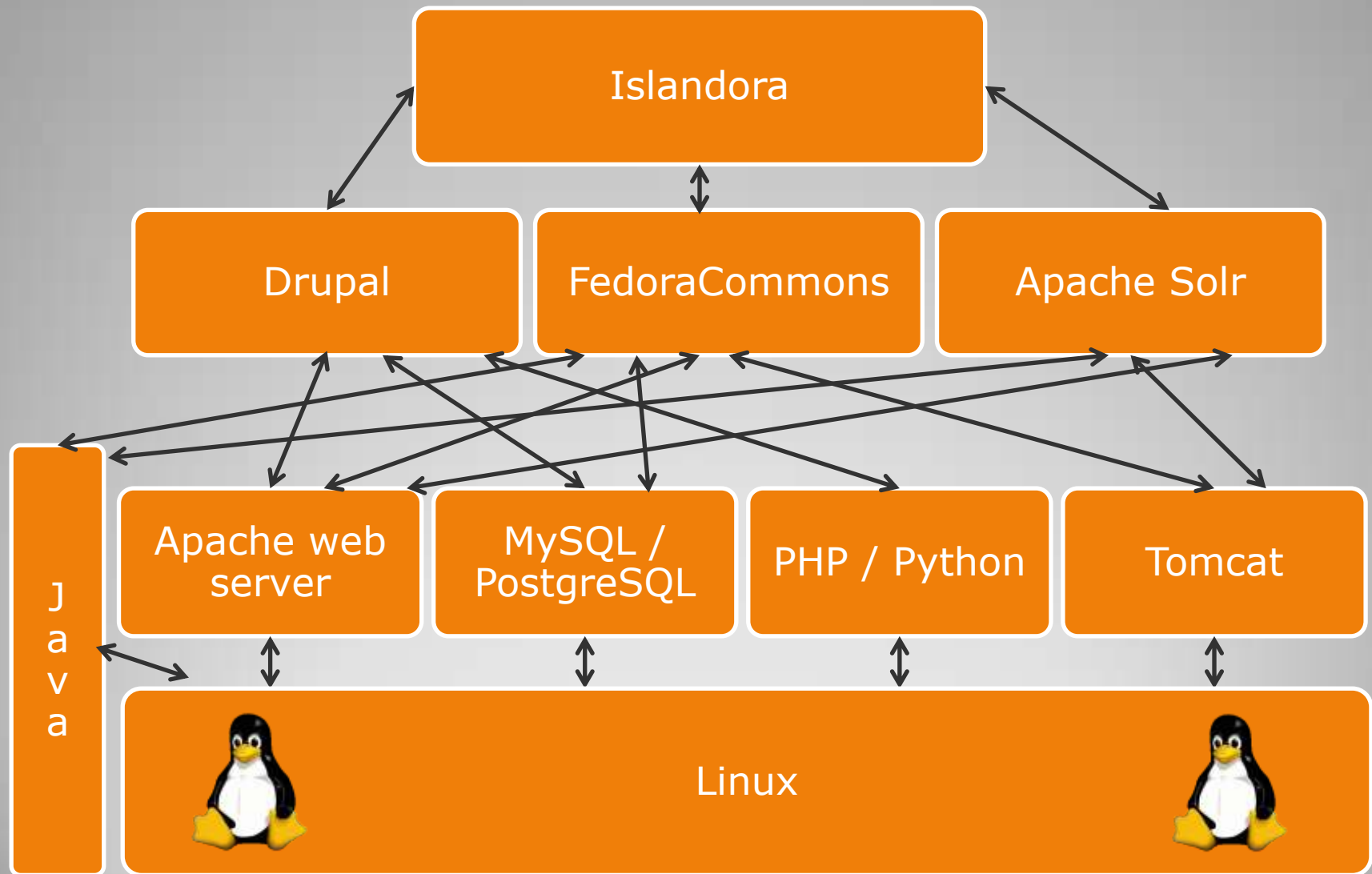
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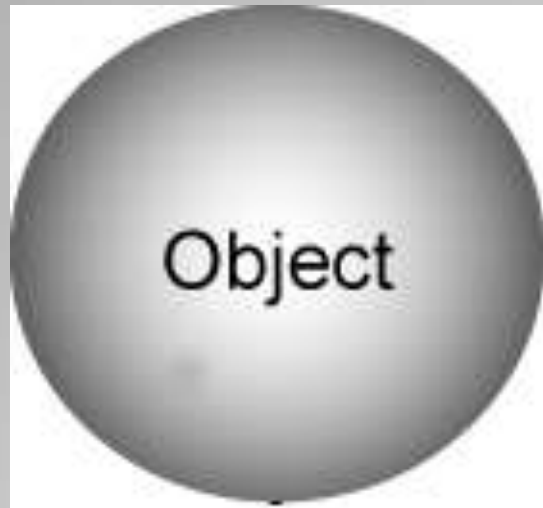
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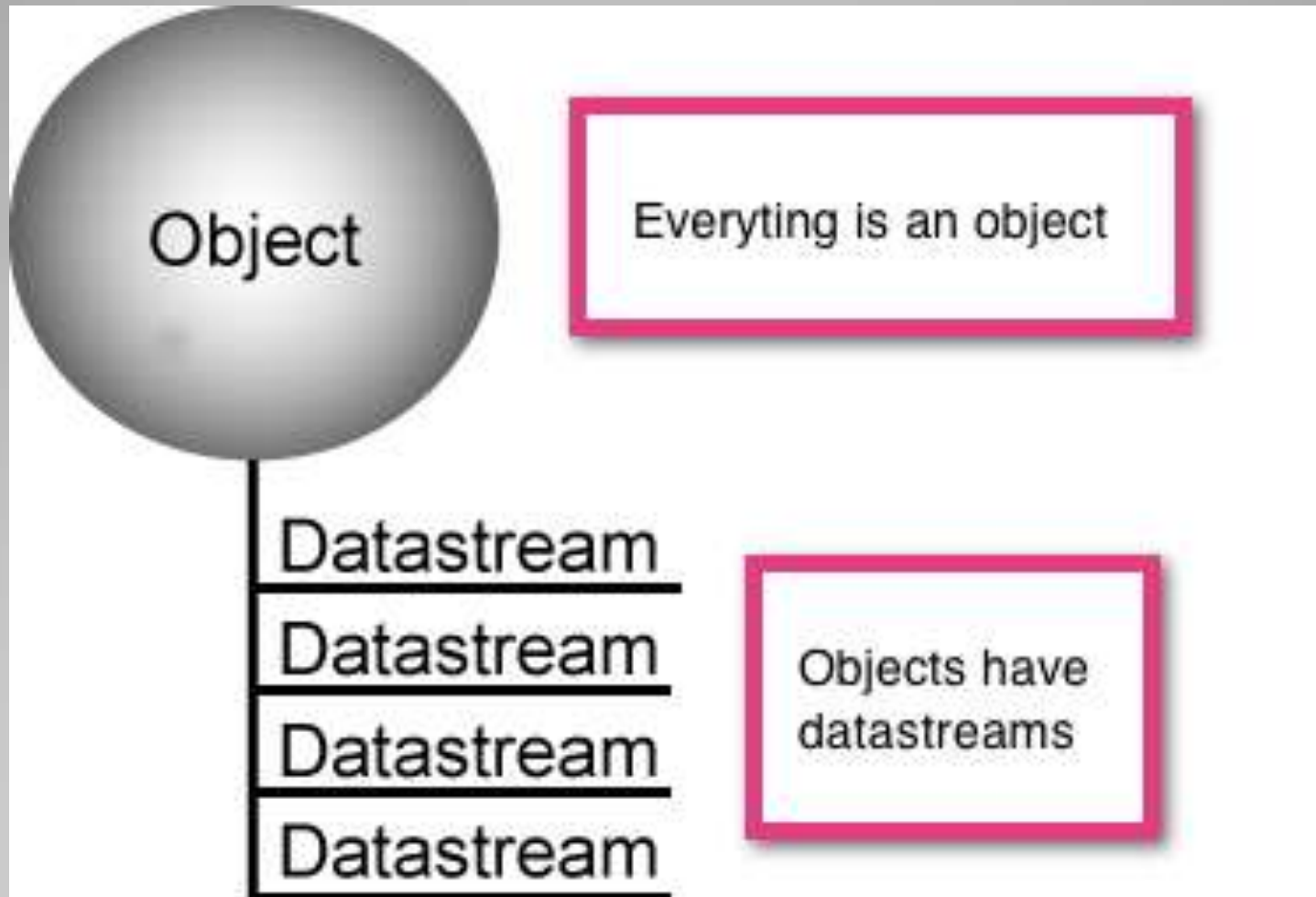
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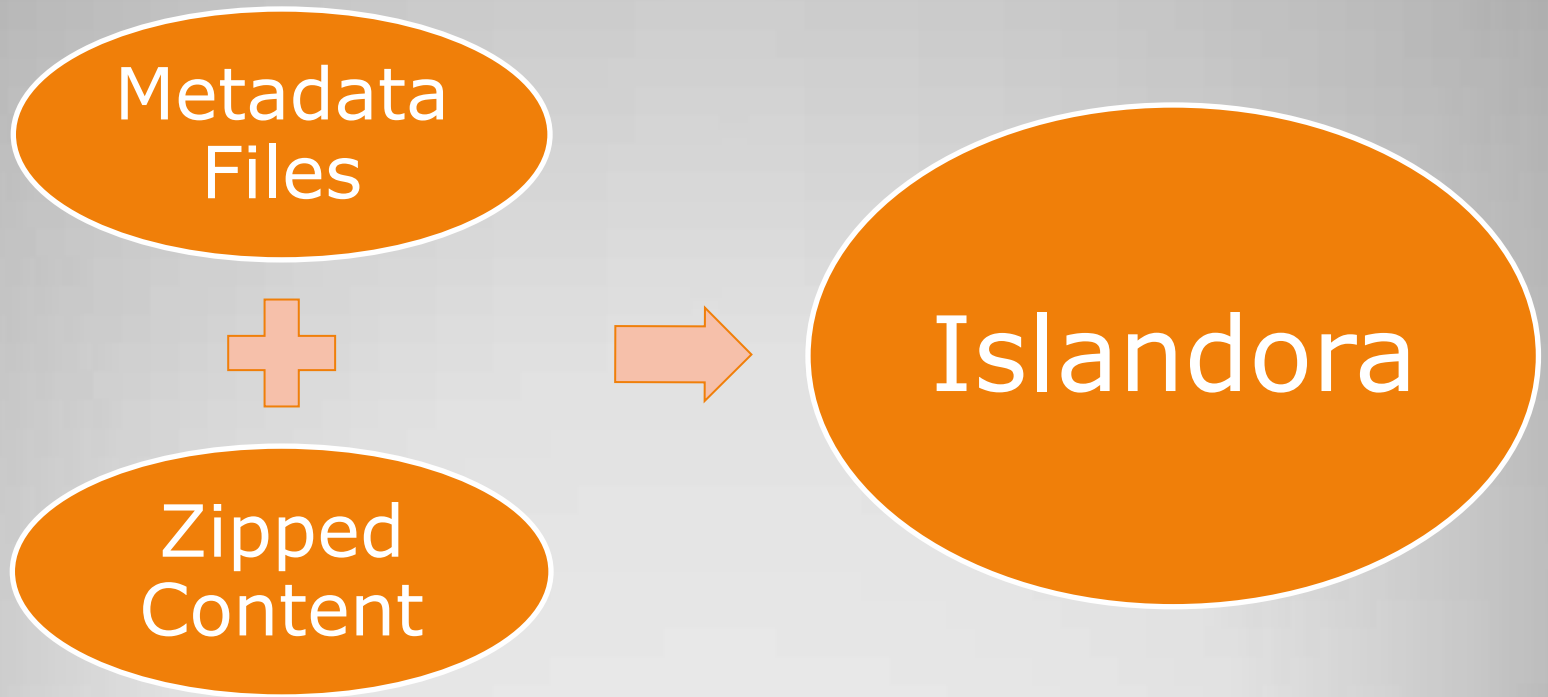
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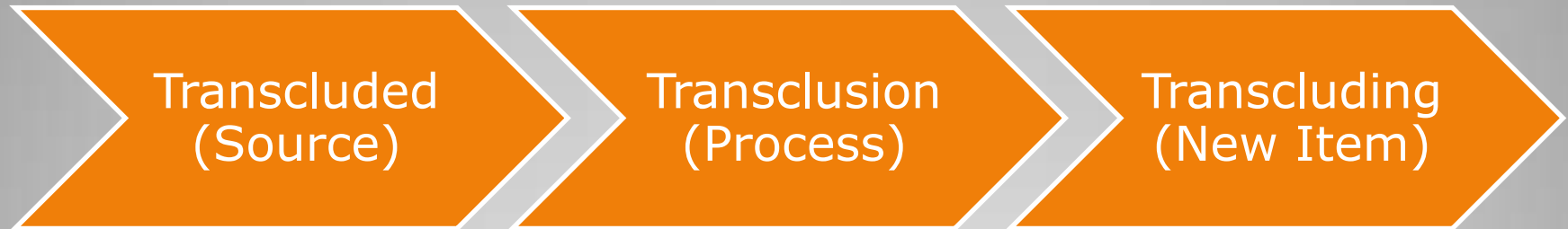
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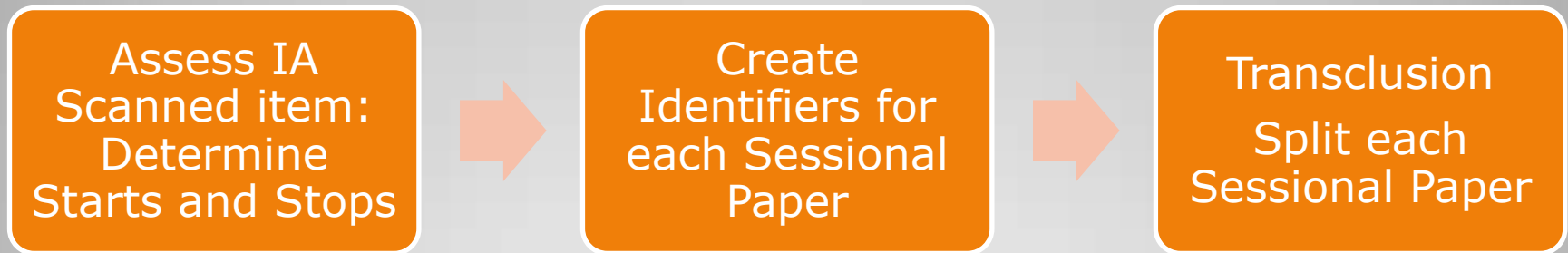
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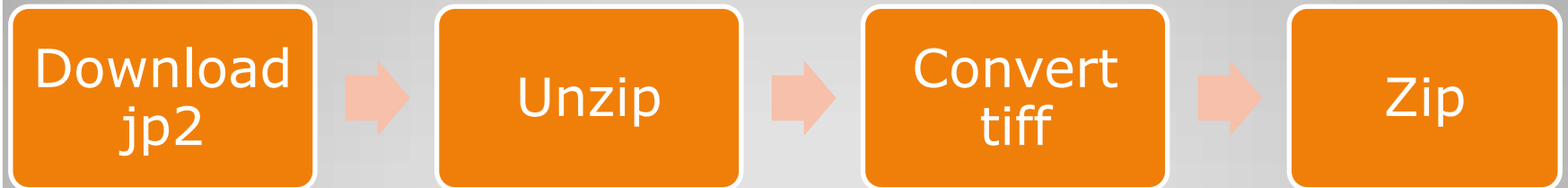
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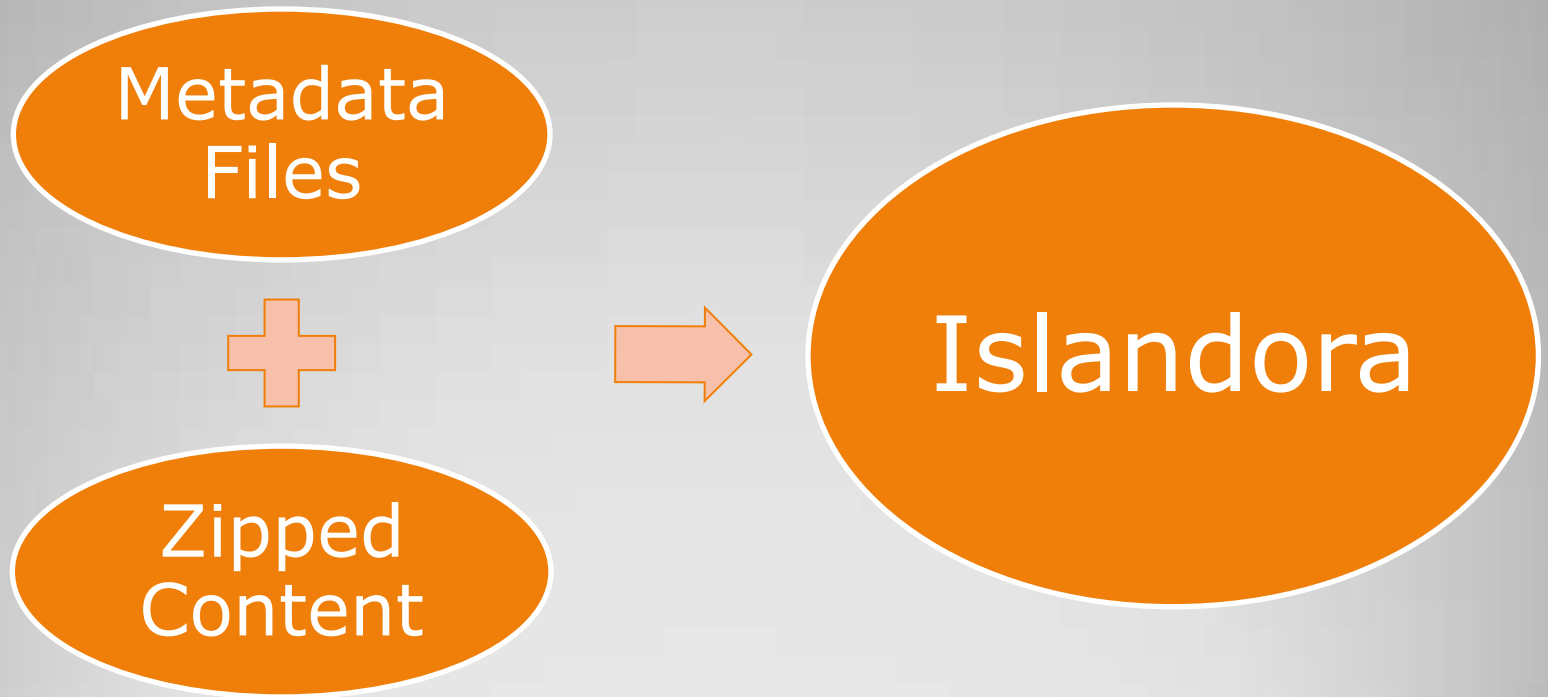
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