

A Collections Model in RDA

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Resource Description & Access



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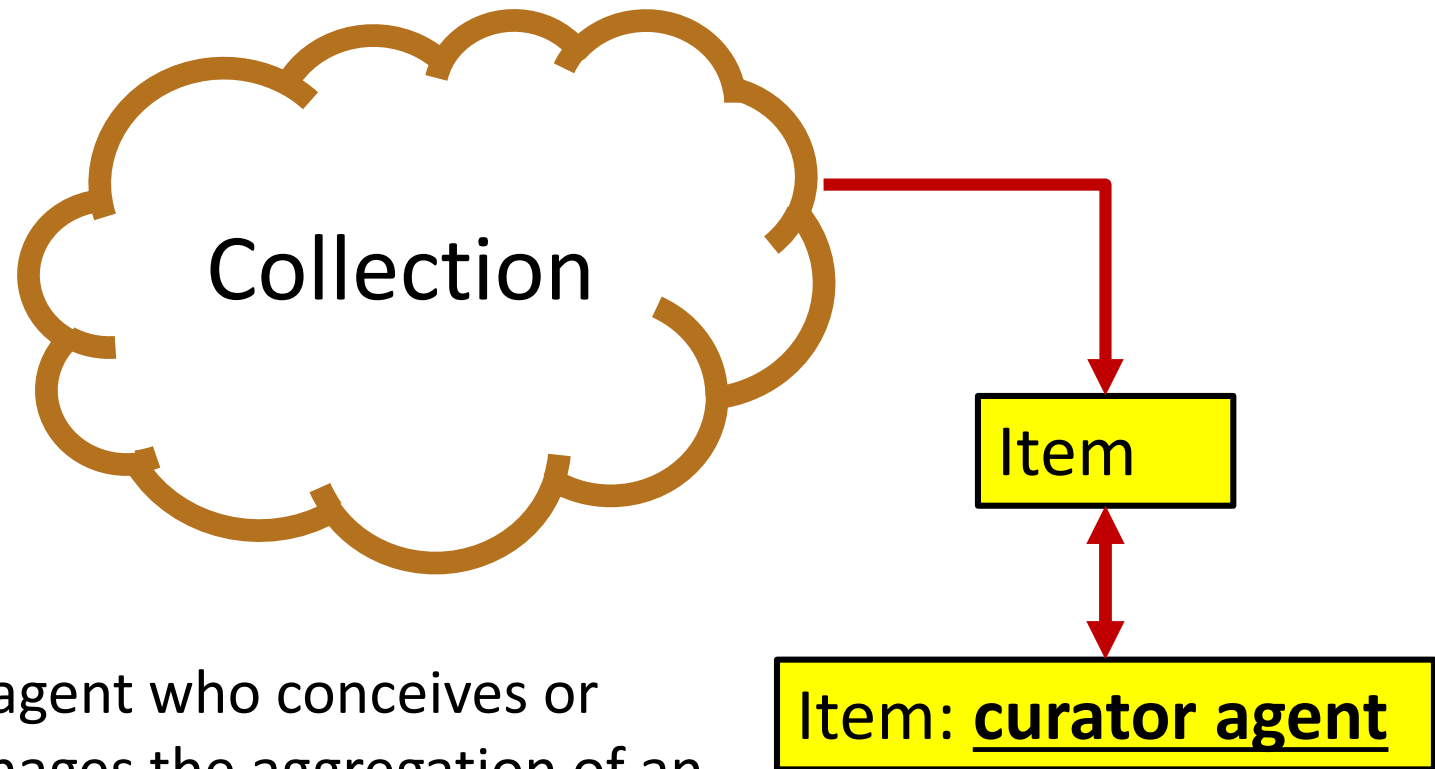
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A fuzzy concept ...



A curator's role ...



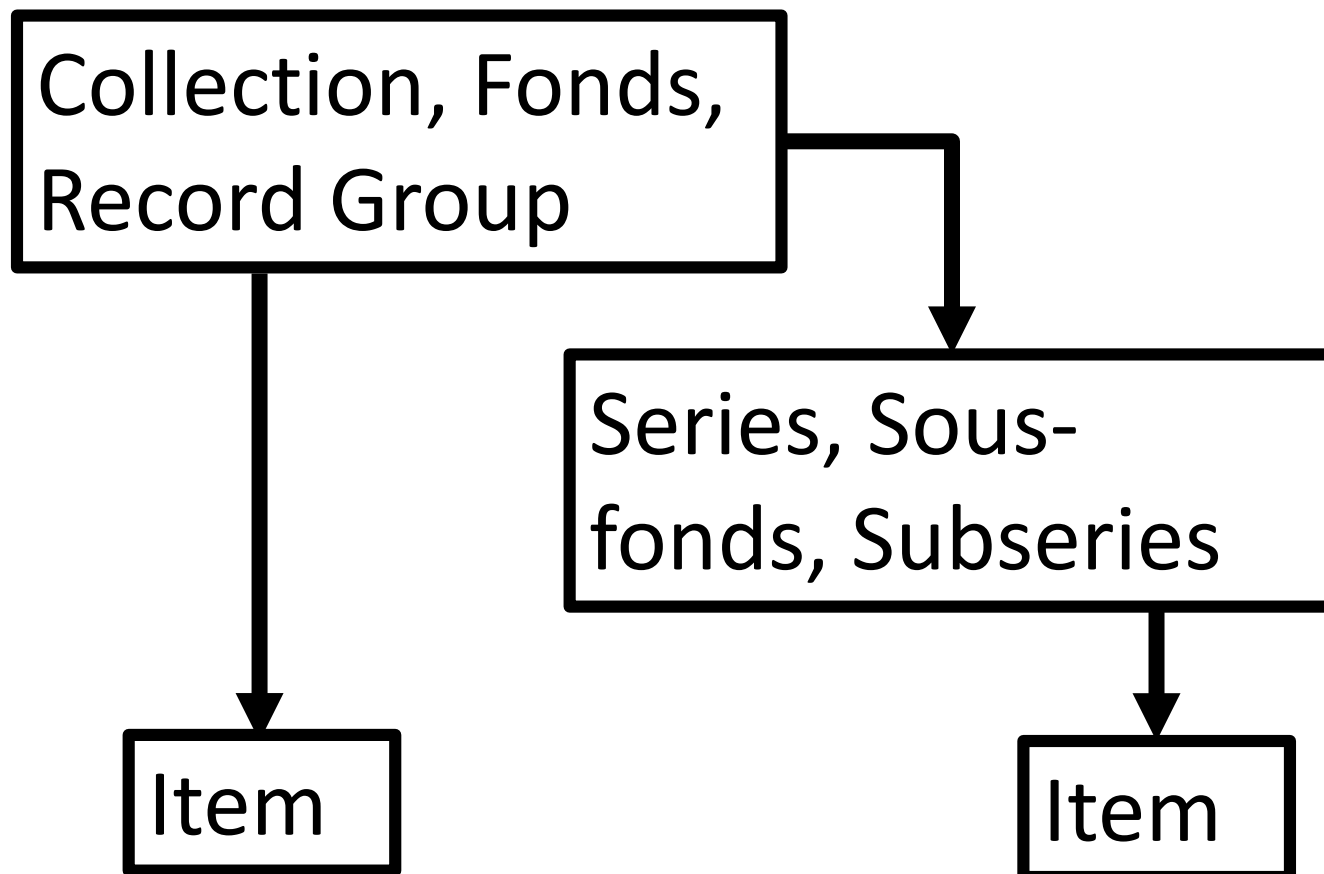
An agent who conceives or manages the aggregation of an item in an exhibition or collection

Describing a collection ...

A catalogue




Levels of archival description ...



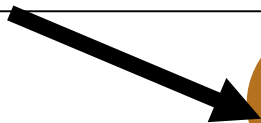


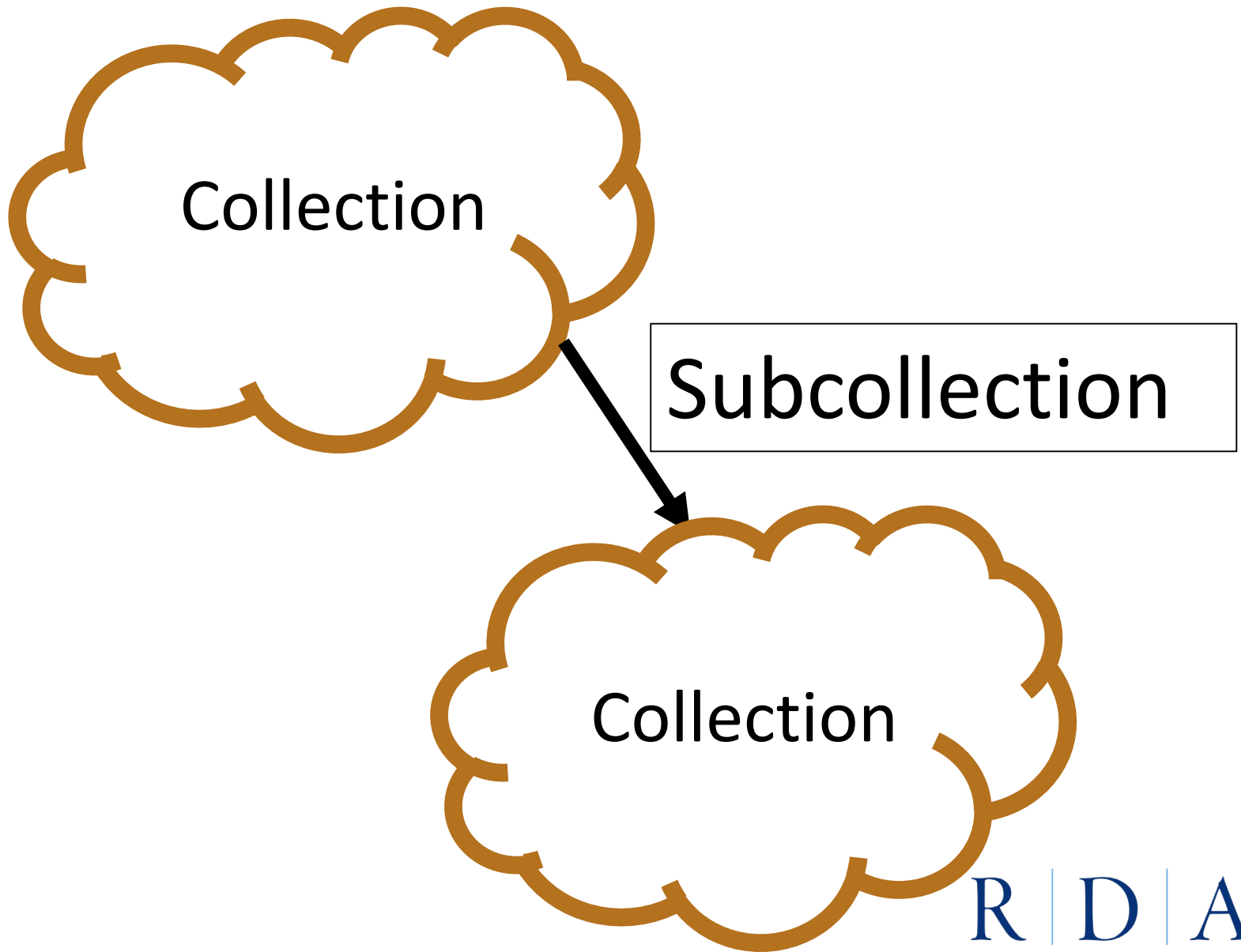
How can descriptions of collections fit into our RDA descriptions?

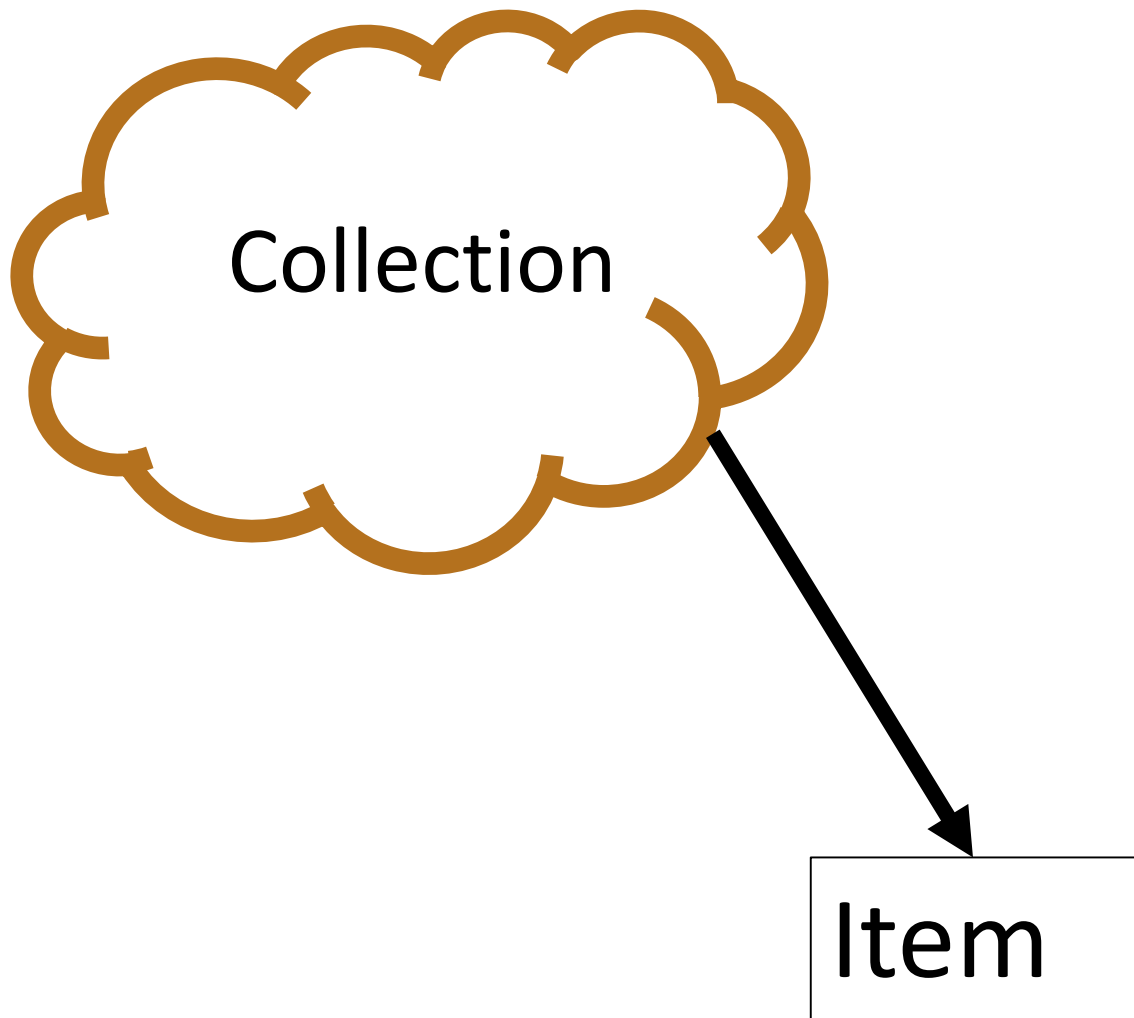


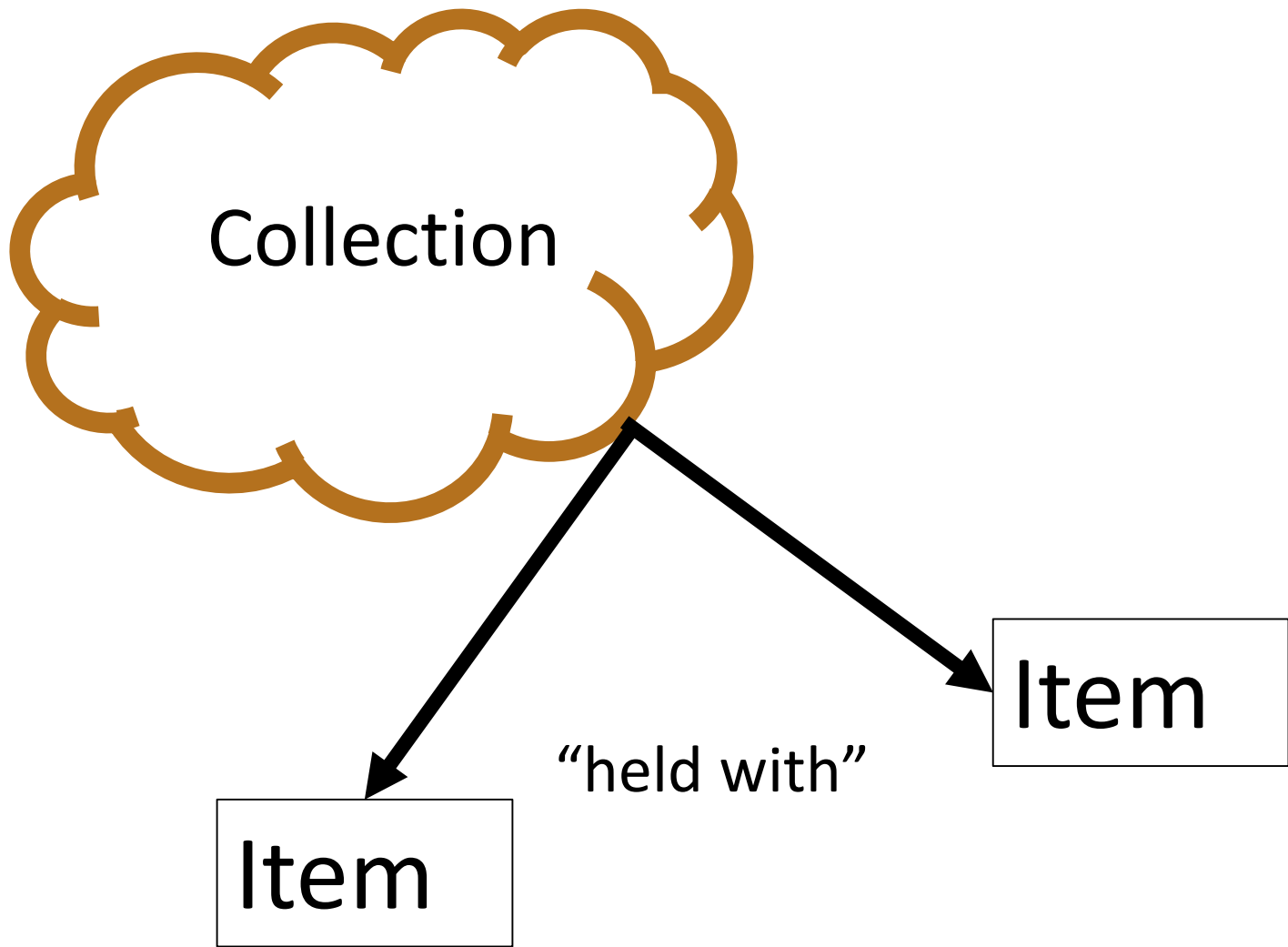


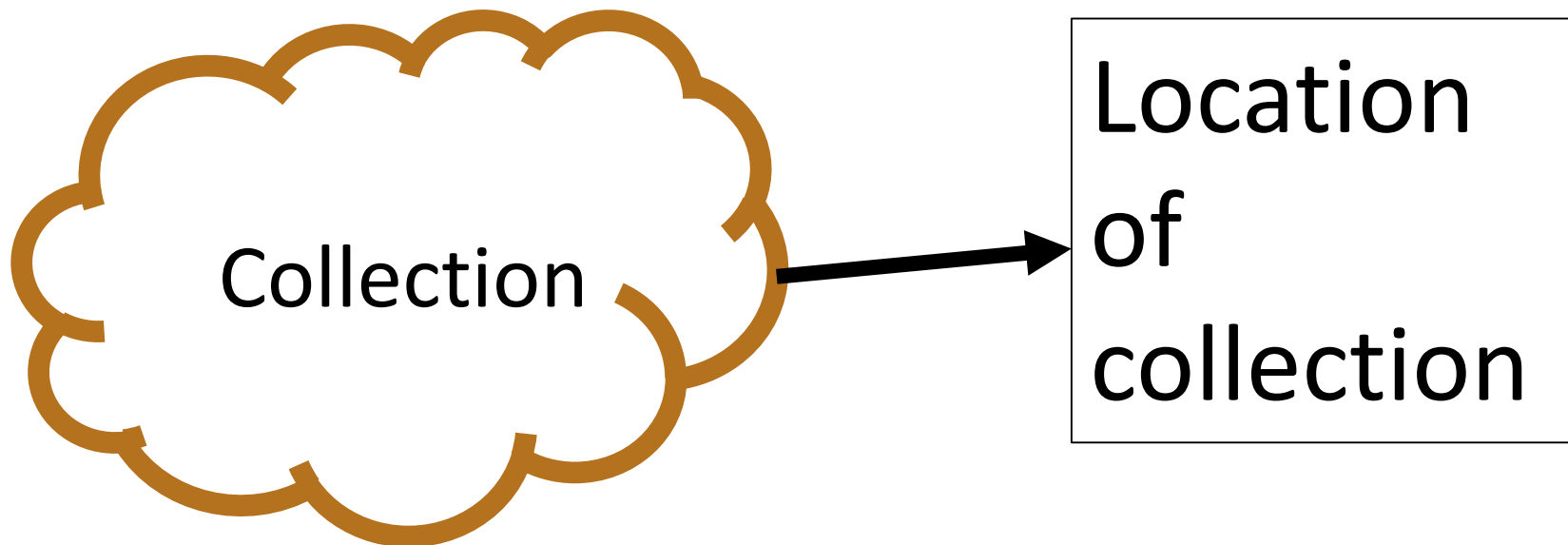
Accrual
methods
and policies







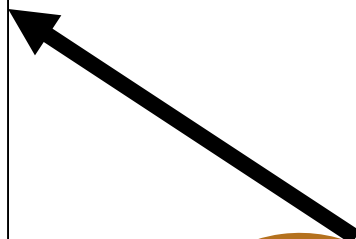






Metadata
describing
a collection

“finding aid”
“catalogue”



Collection

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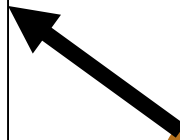


“collector”

[old definition: A curator who brings together items from various sources that are then arranged, described, and cataloged as a collection]

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Metadata
describing
a collection



↑
“collection registrar”
“compiler”
“cataloguer”



A problem unearthed ...

(Work) augmented by work (Work)

- addenda work
- appendix work
- cadenza work
- **catalogue** work
- concordance work
- errata work
- **finding aid** work
- guide work
- illustrations work
- index work
- supplement work

**Wrong
hierarchy**





Utilizing the existing hierarchy ...

- (RDA Entity) is subject RDA entity of (Work)
 - (RDA Entity) is RDA **entity described by** (Work)
 - (RDA Entity) is RDA entity evaluated by (Work)



Expanding the hierarchy under Manifestation described by

Manifestation: [manifestation analysed in](#) →

Manifestation: [manifestation commentary in](#) →

Manifestation: [manifestation described with metadata by](#) →



For narrower elements, see [Manifestation: finding aid](#) →.



For narrower elements, see

Manifestation: [catalogue](#) →




Manifestation: [hierarchic finding aid](#) →



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Aspects of a collection resource



(Collection) **work**
(Collection) expression
(Collection) **manifestation**
(Collection) item

Aspects of a collection resource

The collection work is a plan for selecting items to be gathered together for some purpose

(Collection) **work**

Accrual method and policy

(Collection) **work**

Work: accrual method

loan
deposit
donation
license
purchase

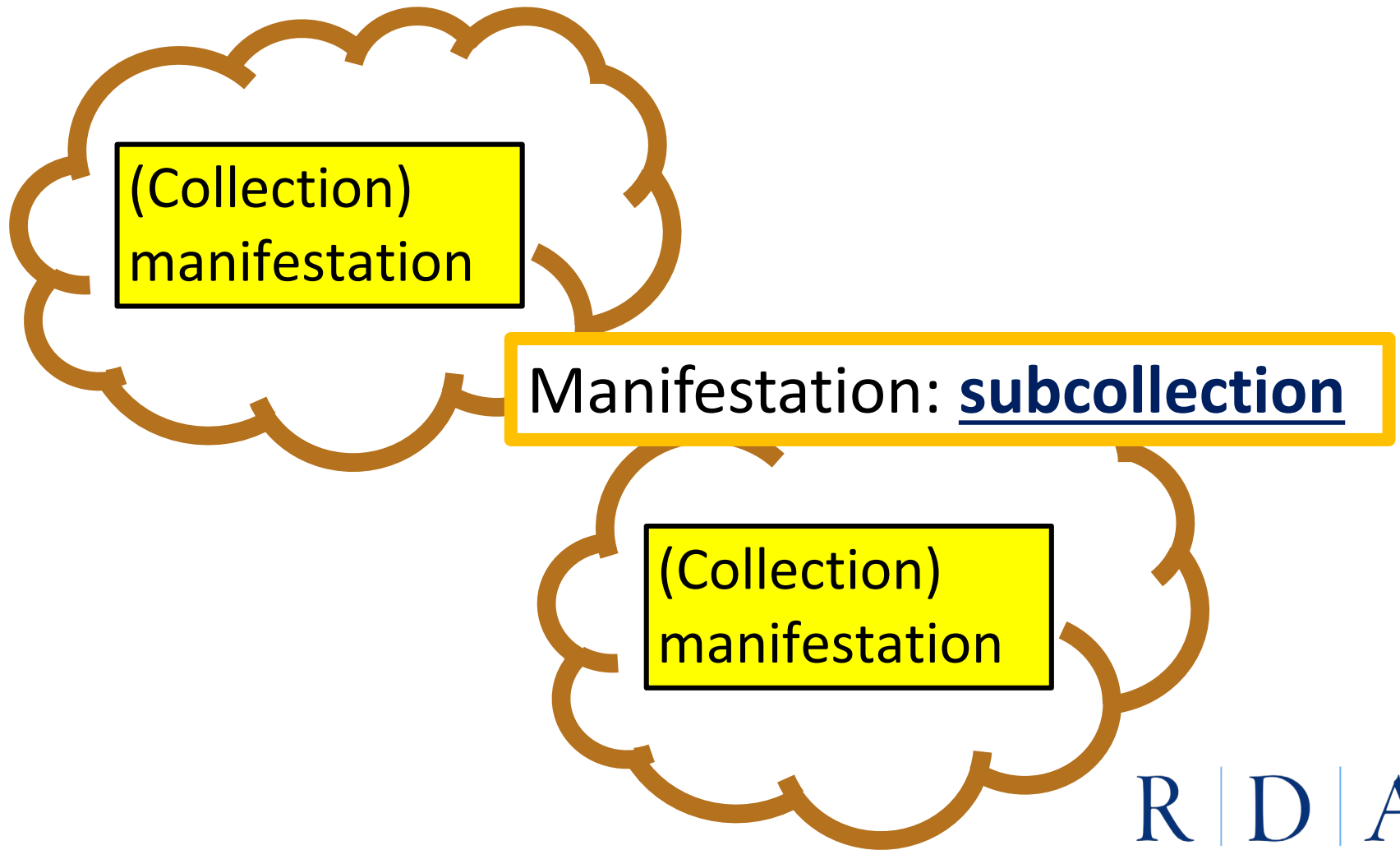
Work: accrual policy

closed
passive
active
selective

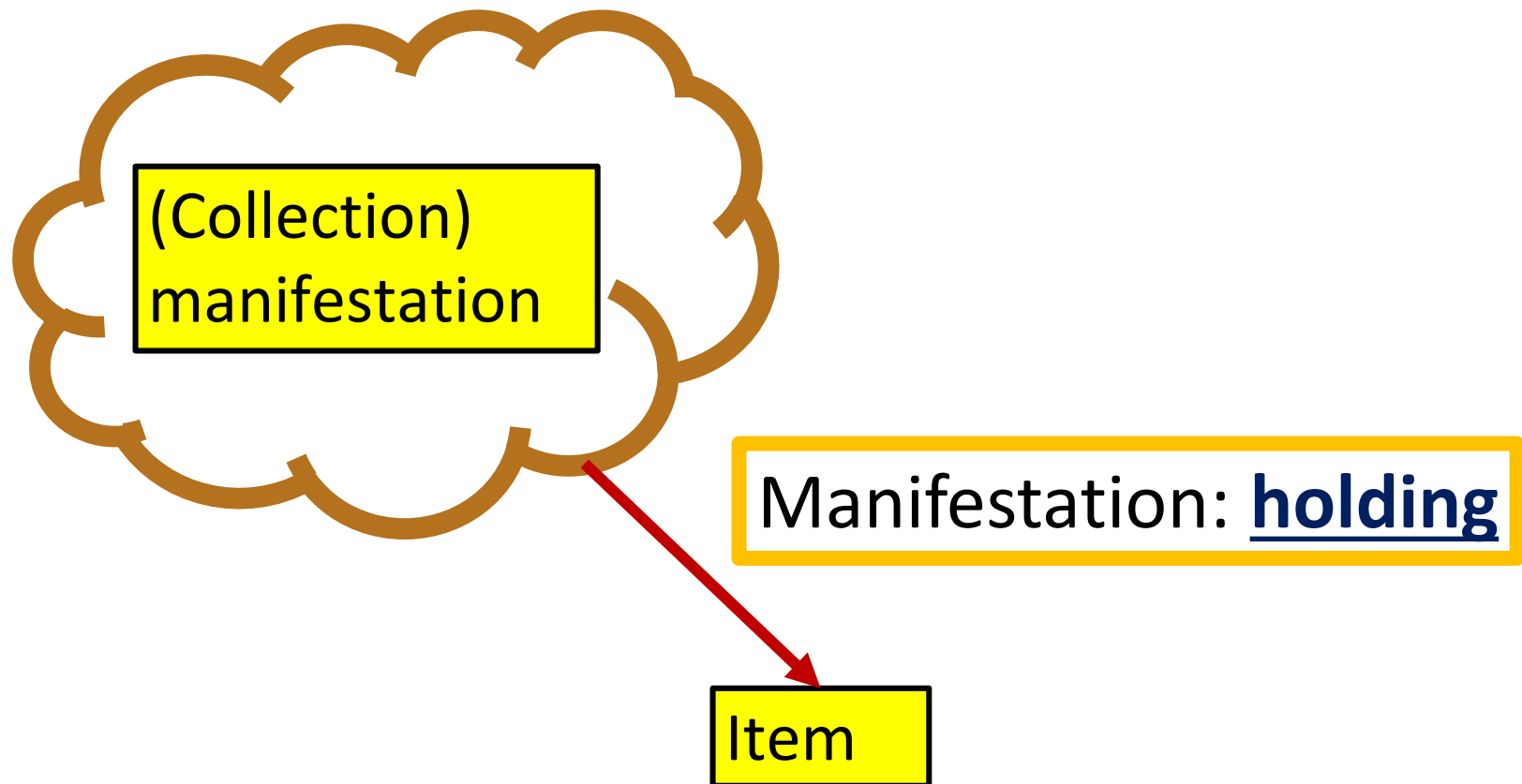
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Subcollections

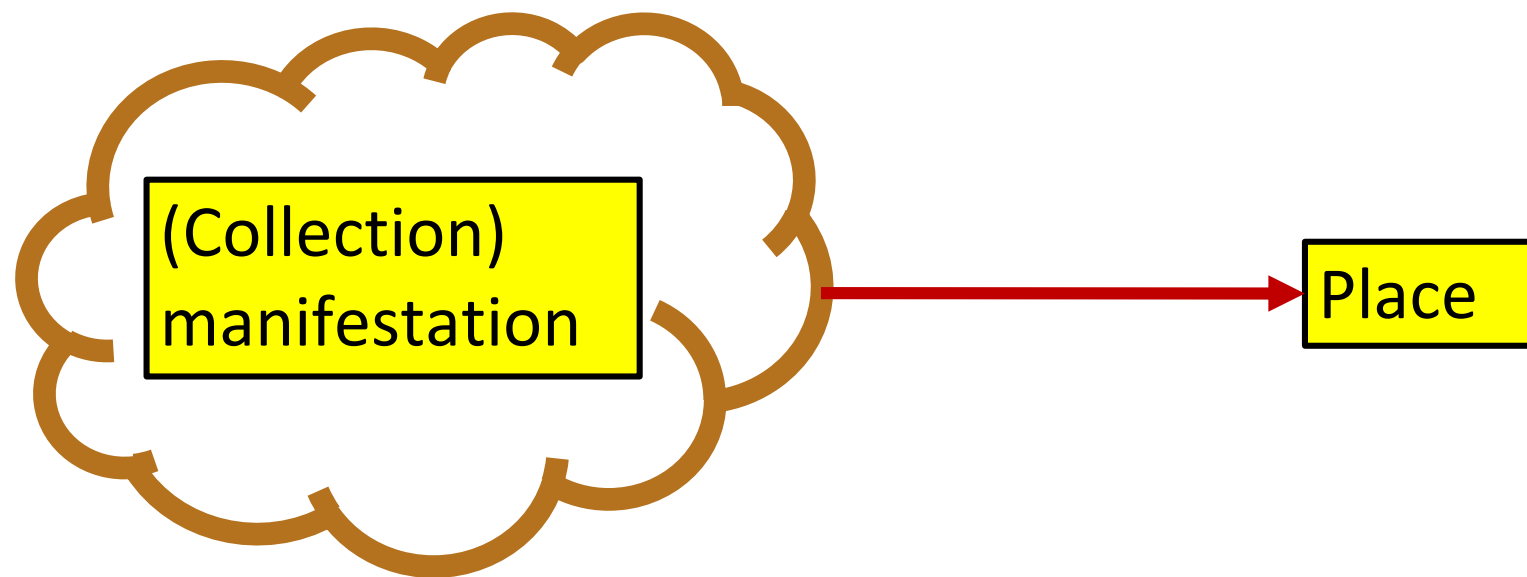


Individual items in a collection



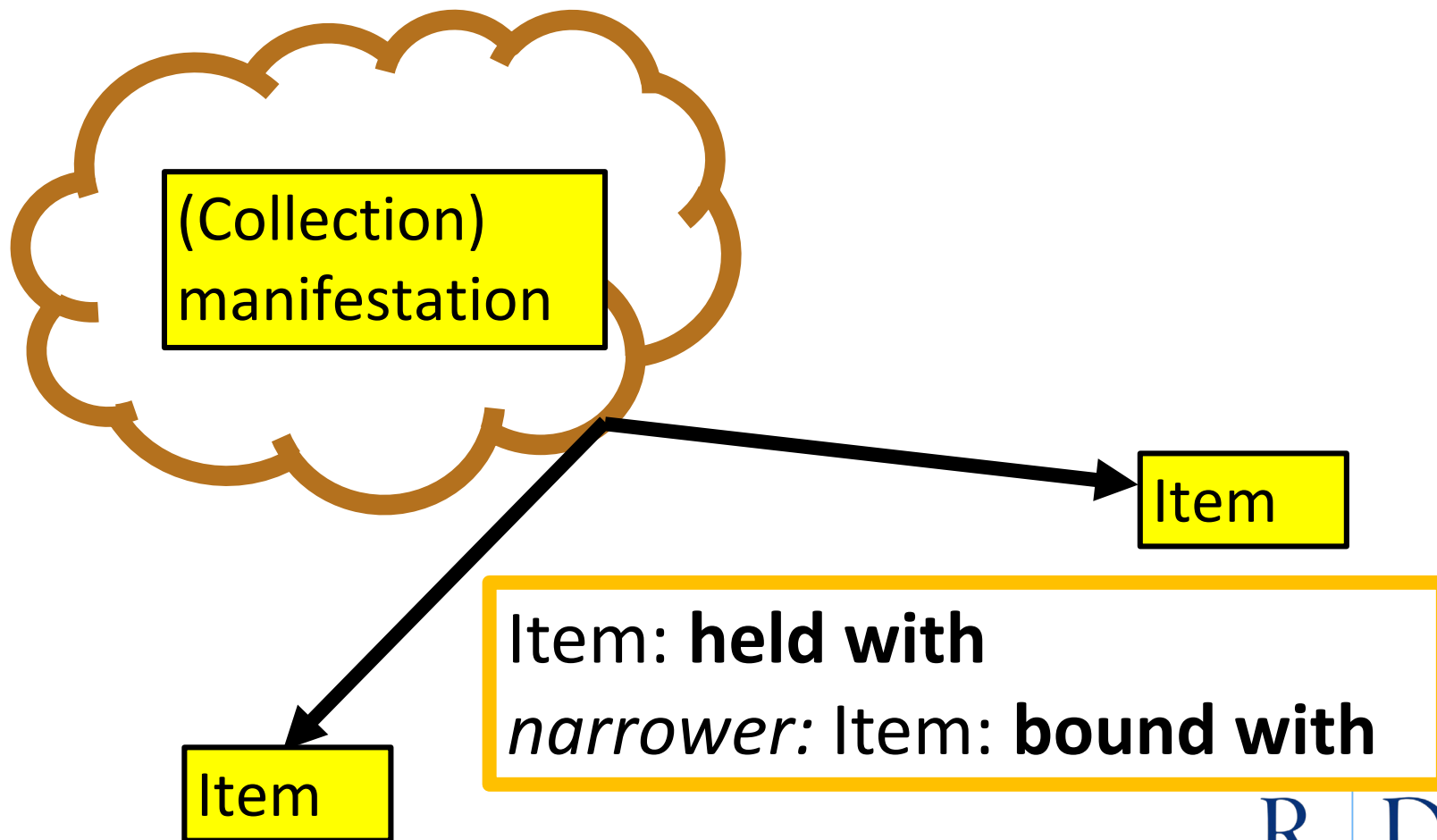


Location of a collection



Manifestation: location of collection

“Held with” and “Bound with”



Describing collection manifestations



(Collection) manifestation

Manifestation: **manifestation described by metadata by** [(metadata) Work]

- Manifestation: **finding aid** [(metadata) Work]
- Manifestation: **catalogue** [(metadata) Work]
- Manifestation: **hierarchic finding aid** [(metadata) Work]

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(Collection) work

Work: **collector agent**

“An agent who is responsible for creating a collection work by selecting and arranging items that exemplify the embodiment of other works.”

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Metadata
description
set

The broader element

Work: **compiler agent**

“An agent who is responsible for creating a metadata description set.

A metadata description set includes a bibliography of works, expressions, or manifestations, a directory of agents and places, and an analytic finding aid.”

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Metadata
description set:
**analytic finding
aid (i.e., a
catalogue)**

Work: **collection registrar
agent**

“An agent who is responsible for creating an analytic finding aid.”
Alternate label: **cataloguer agent**

Thank you!

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