



# COHSE

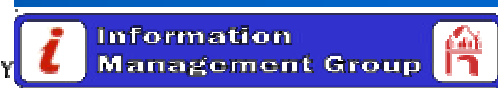
Informed WWW Link Navigation  
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# *Conceptual Open Hypermedia*

- improve the quality of linking of WWW documents
  - as readers browse the documents
  - as authors create the documents
- by integrating
  - an ontological reasoning service to represent a conceptual model of document terms and relationships
  - a Web-based open hypermedia link service
- to form a *conceptual open hypermedia system* to enable documents to be linked via metadata describing their contents

*Link Creation not just Resource Discovery*

# Document View

Southampton: The University, City and Environs - Netscape

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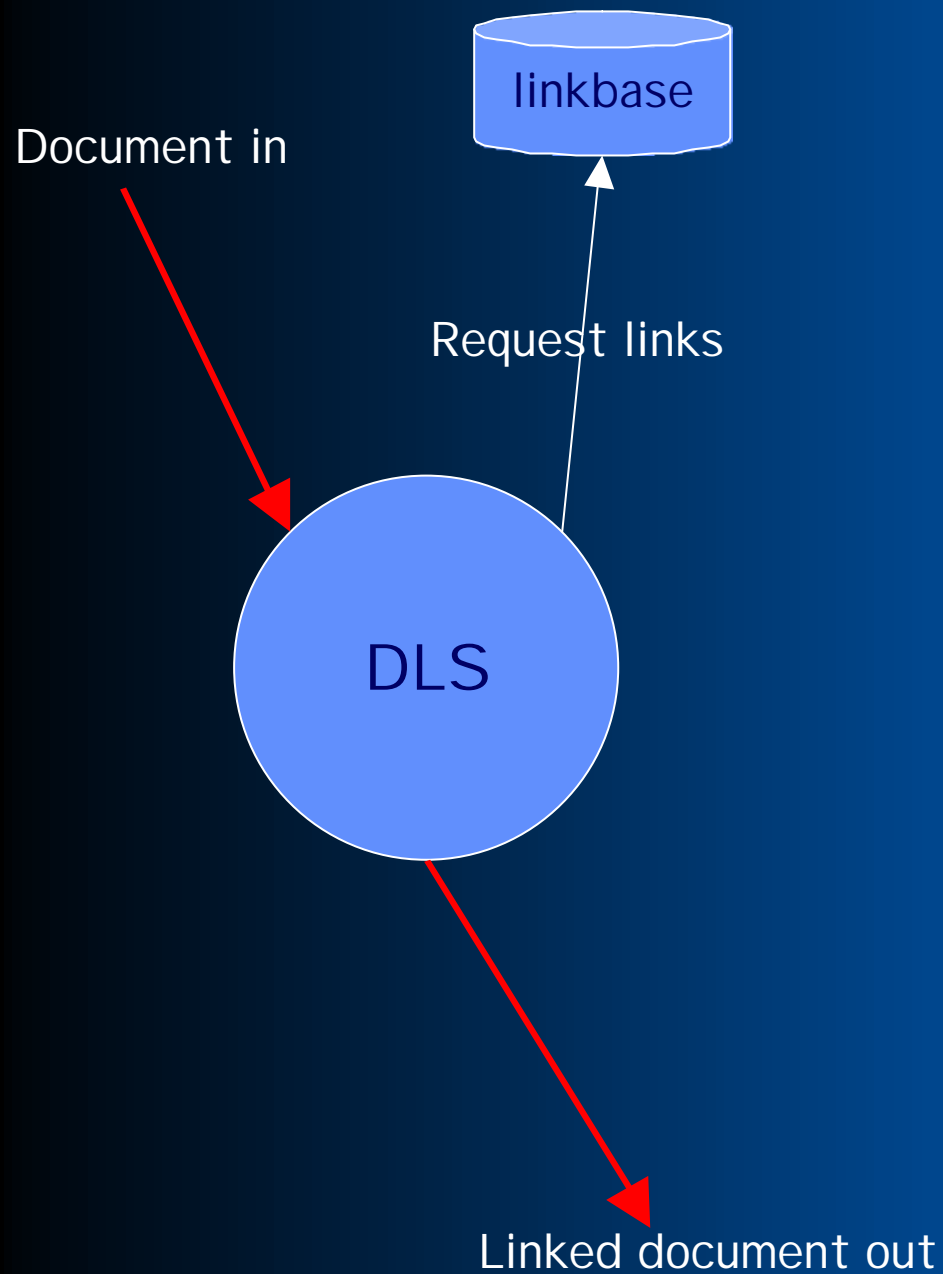
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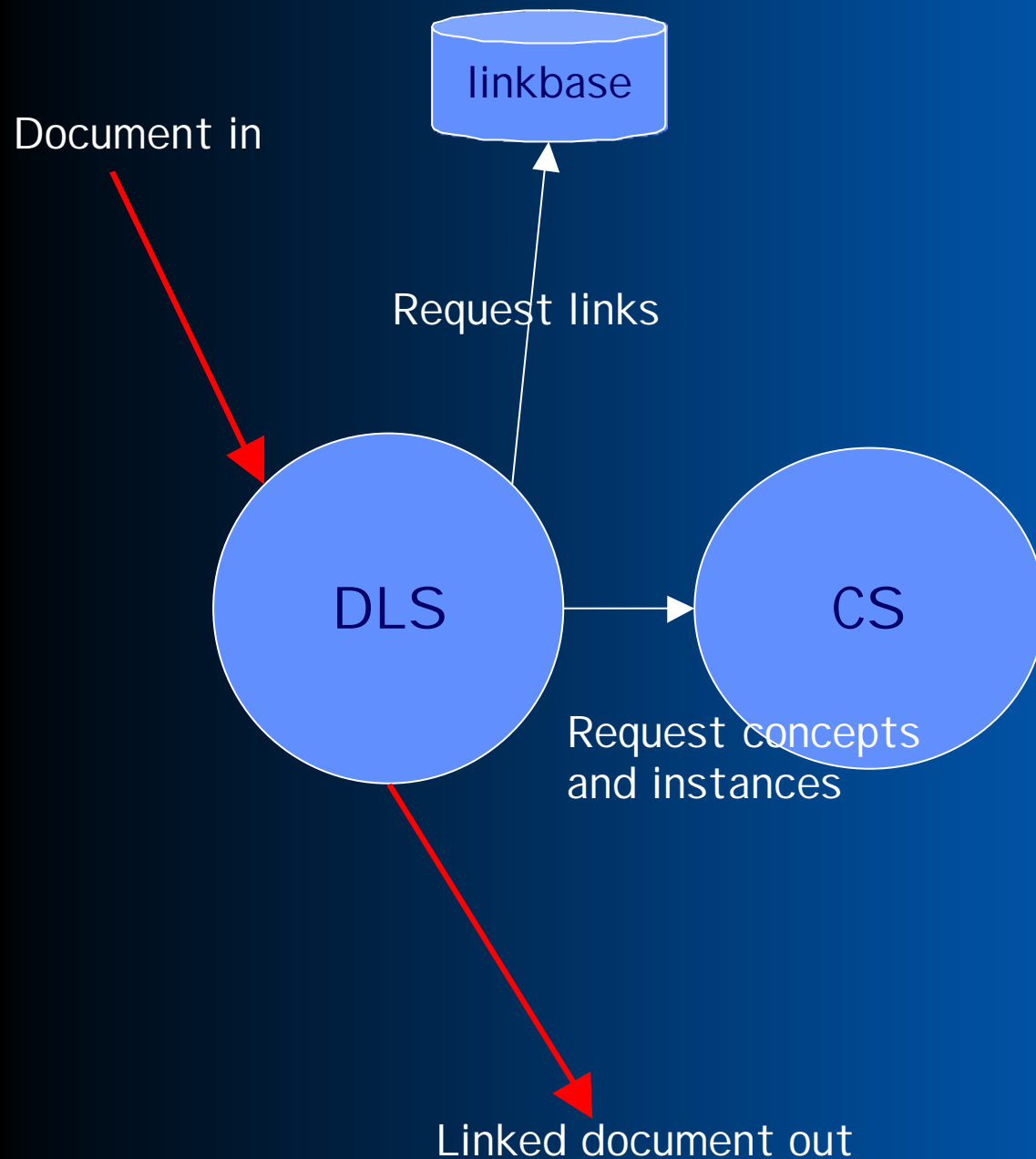


Linked document out

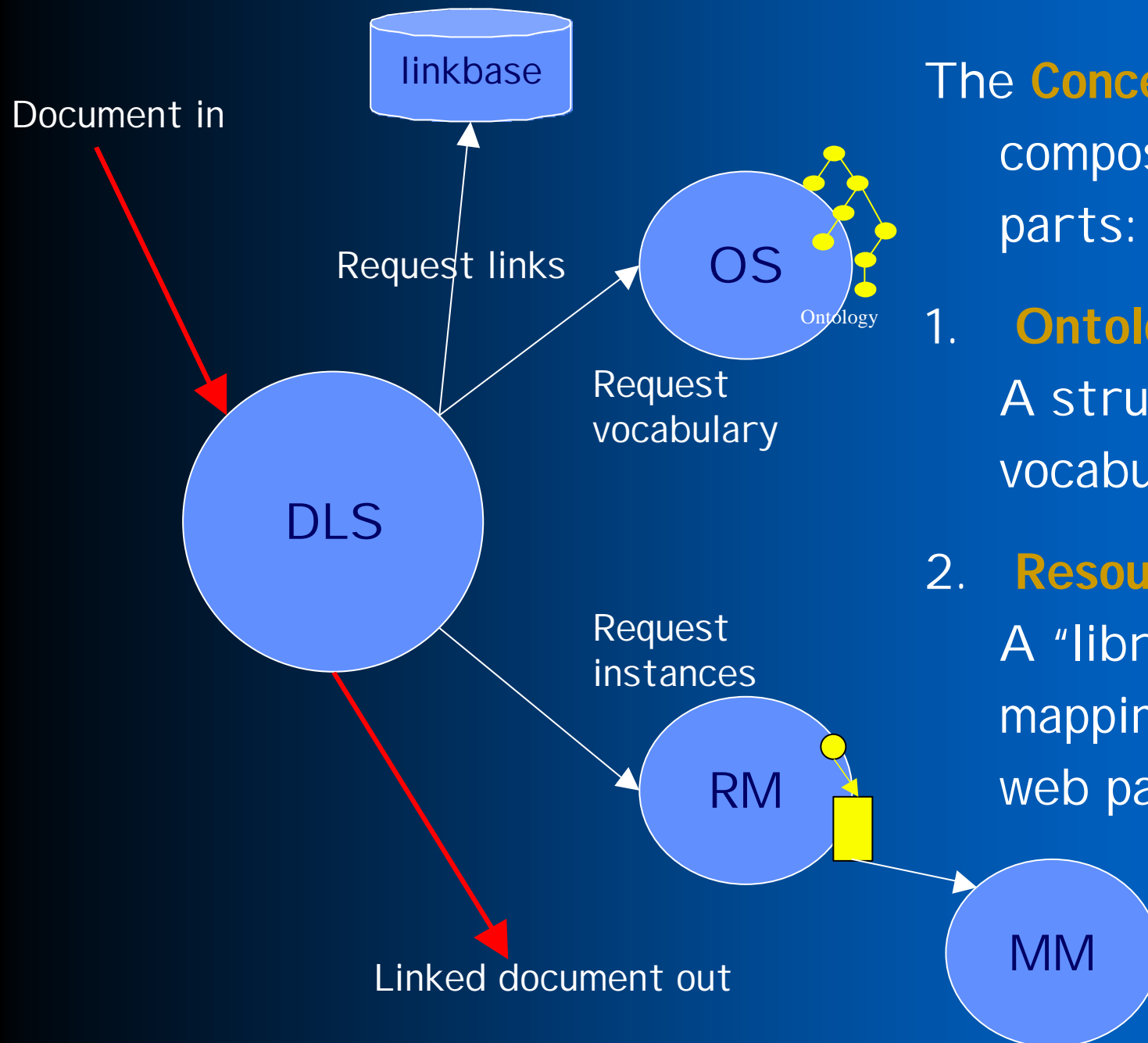
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uses a *link service*  
as the basic  
mechanism for  
controlling  
navigation around a  
set of Web  
resources.



The *link service* retrieves predefined links from a database.

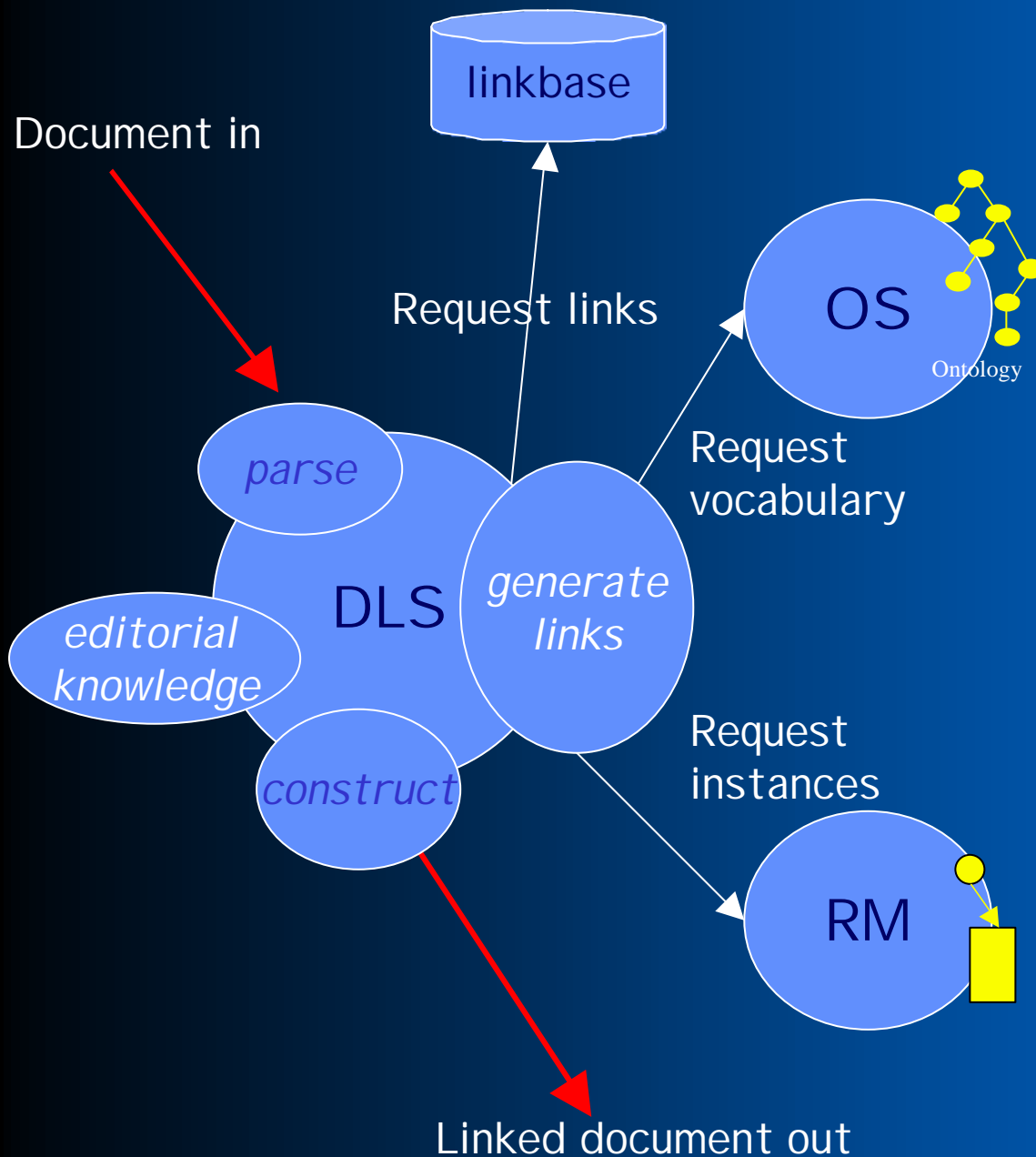


In a **Conceptual Open Hypermedia Service** the link service uses a *concept service* to recognise concepts referred to in the documents and to link them together.



The **Concept Service** is composed of two parts:

1. **Ontology Service**  
A structured vocabulary
2. **Resource Manager**  
A "librarian" mapping concepts to web pages

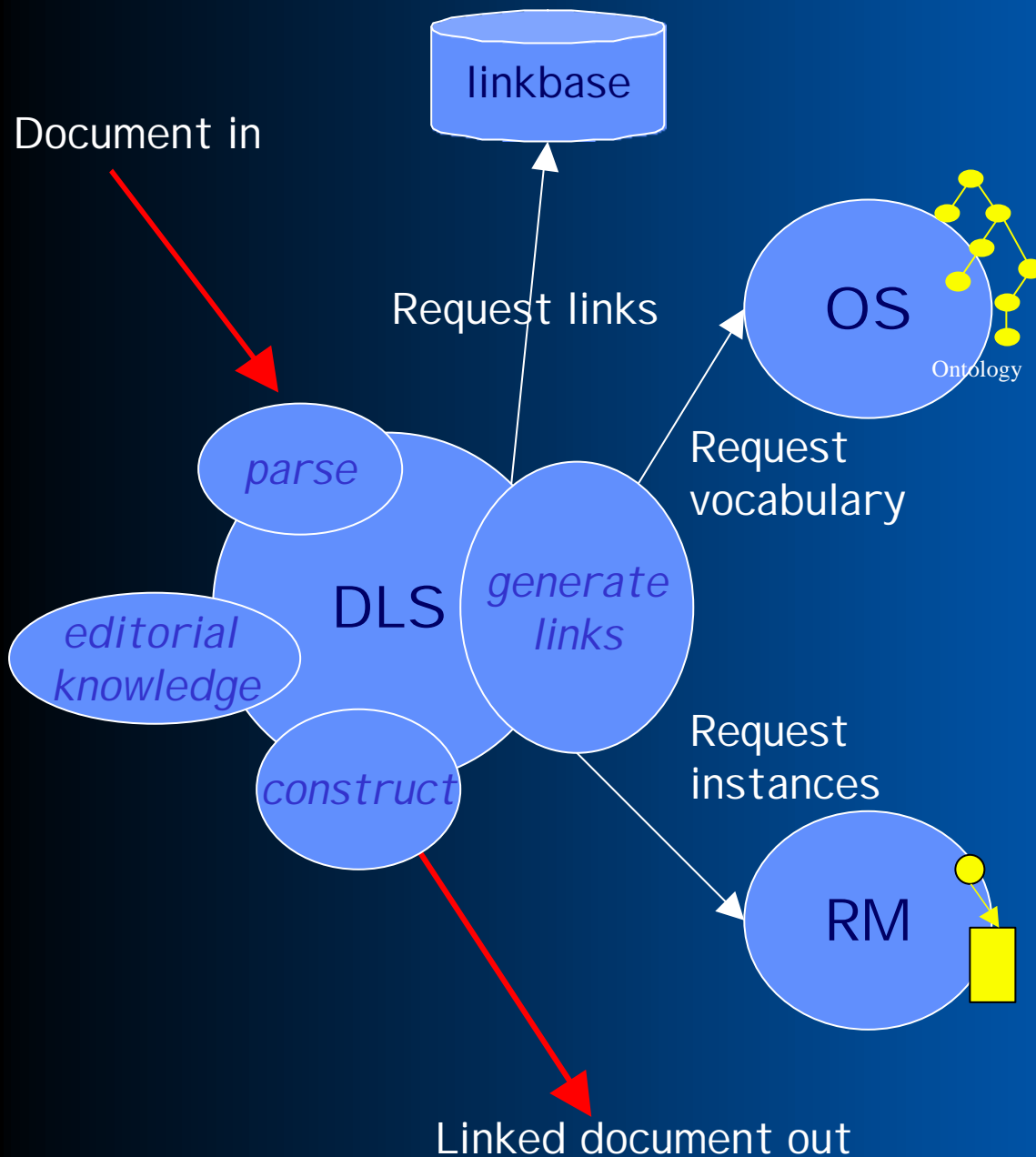


The link service is decomposed into

- a **parser** that decomposes the page into a DOM
- a **constructor** that reforms the DOM into a Web page

...more ->






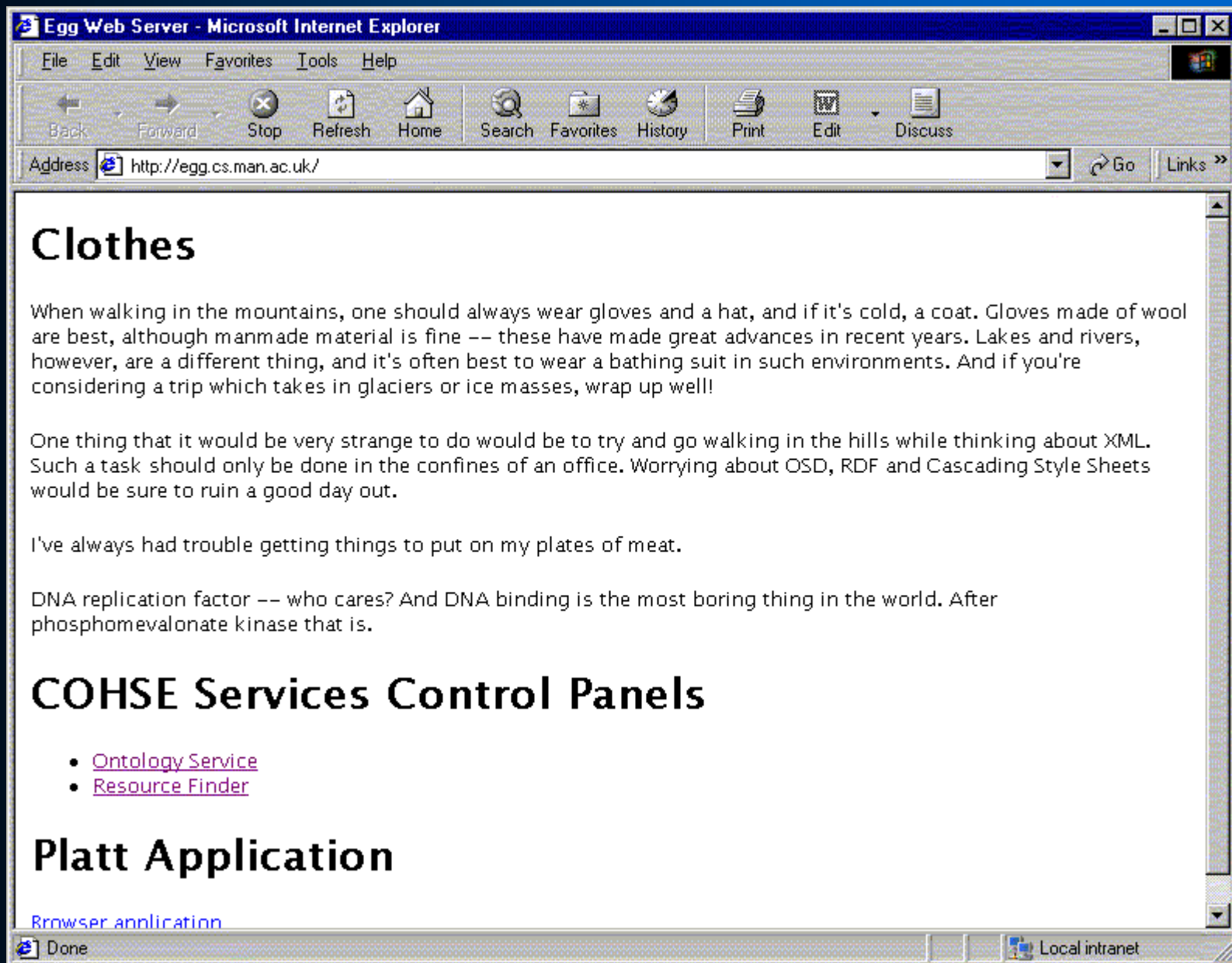
The link service is decomposed into

- a **link generator** that promiscuously proposes linking opportunities
- an **editorial component** that controls the linking opportunities

## *Current Status*

- A survey of metadata based solutions for web resource description (e.g. SHOE, Ontobroker...)
- A set of scenarios articulating the interaction between the conceptual service and the hypermedia service
- Architecture of COHSE
- Two prototypes 
- Re-engineered Distributed Link Service
- Demonstrators
- Ontology Inference Layer

progression through prototypes












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## Clothes

When walking  in the mountains, one should always wear gloves and a hat , and if it's cold , a coat . Gloves made of wool  are best, although manmade material   is fine -- these have made great advances in recent years. Lakes and rivers, however, are a different thing, and it's often best to wear a bathing  suit  in such environments. And if you're ~~considering a trip~~ [click for more info on 'wool'...](#) which takes in glaciers or ice masses, wrap up well!

One thing that it would be very strange to do would be to try and go walking  in the hills while thinking about XML. Such a task should only be done in the confines of an office. Worrying about OSD, RDF and Cascading Style Sheets would be sure to ruin a good day out.

I've always had trouble getting things to put on my plates of meat.

DNA replication factor -- who cares? And DNA binding  is the most boring thing in the world. After phosphomevalonate kinase that is.

## COHSE Services Control Panels

- [Ontology Service](#)
- [Resource Finder](#)

## Platt Application

[Browser application](#)

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*wool: Usually associated with fiber or fabric made from the fleece of sheep or lamb. However, the term "wool" can also apply to all animal hair fibers, including the hair of the Cashmere or Angora goat or the specialty hair fibers of the camel, alpaca, llama, or vicuna.*

Links for *wool* :

- [Suit](#)
- [FASHION FOR ALL : READY-MADE CLOTHES AND HOME DRESSMAKING](#)
- [Suit](#)
- [Frockcoat, Waistcoat and Trousers](#)
- [Bathing Costume and Beach Robe](#)
- [WE WANT TO BE WARM: WE WANT TO BE DRY](#)
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### Bathing Costume and Beach Robe

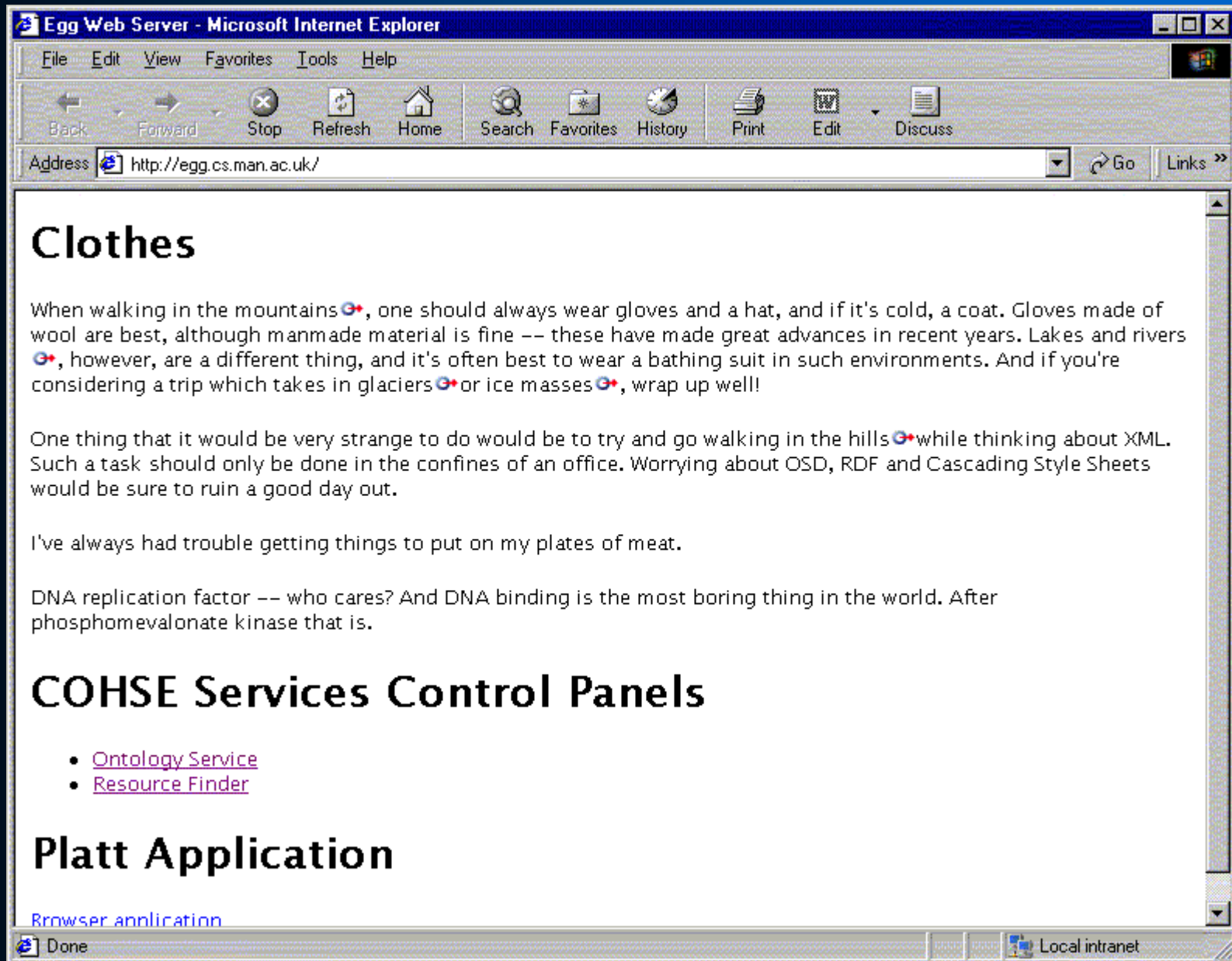
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The Male Order

This blue all-in-one swimsuit is made of machine knitted wool or jersey, with short leg sections and a label for 'Ellis and Son, Burton on Trent'. Over is worn a cotton towelling beach robe, woven with a geometric black and white pattern. (See suggested items (below) to look at the other outfit in this photo)



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## *Concept Service*

*Powered by OIL*

- Ontology service: moving from a thesaurus to one employing reasoning capabilities
- Harvesting ontologies from user interactions with web resources
- Ontology Inference Layer
- The FaCT reasoning engine





# *Open Hypermedia*      *Open Questions*

- The Web is not just a knowledge base but a hypertext
  - Support both Navigation and Searching
  - What are the differences between navigation and searching?
- Query vs. Link Following
  - What impact does navigation have on the use of an ontology?
  - Whither the back button?
- Presentation of links
  - User interface to links & Rendering concept-based links
- Authoring opportunities vs reading opportunities
- Serendipitous link discovery without exposing the ontology to the reader in order to capture their information need –
  - Uniformity of the appearance of the hypertext
  - Maintaining the context of the document
- Context & Rhetoric -- Are they still important?
  - History: how did I get here?
  - Confusion if a search pitches you into the middle of a site.



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