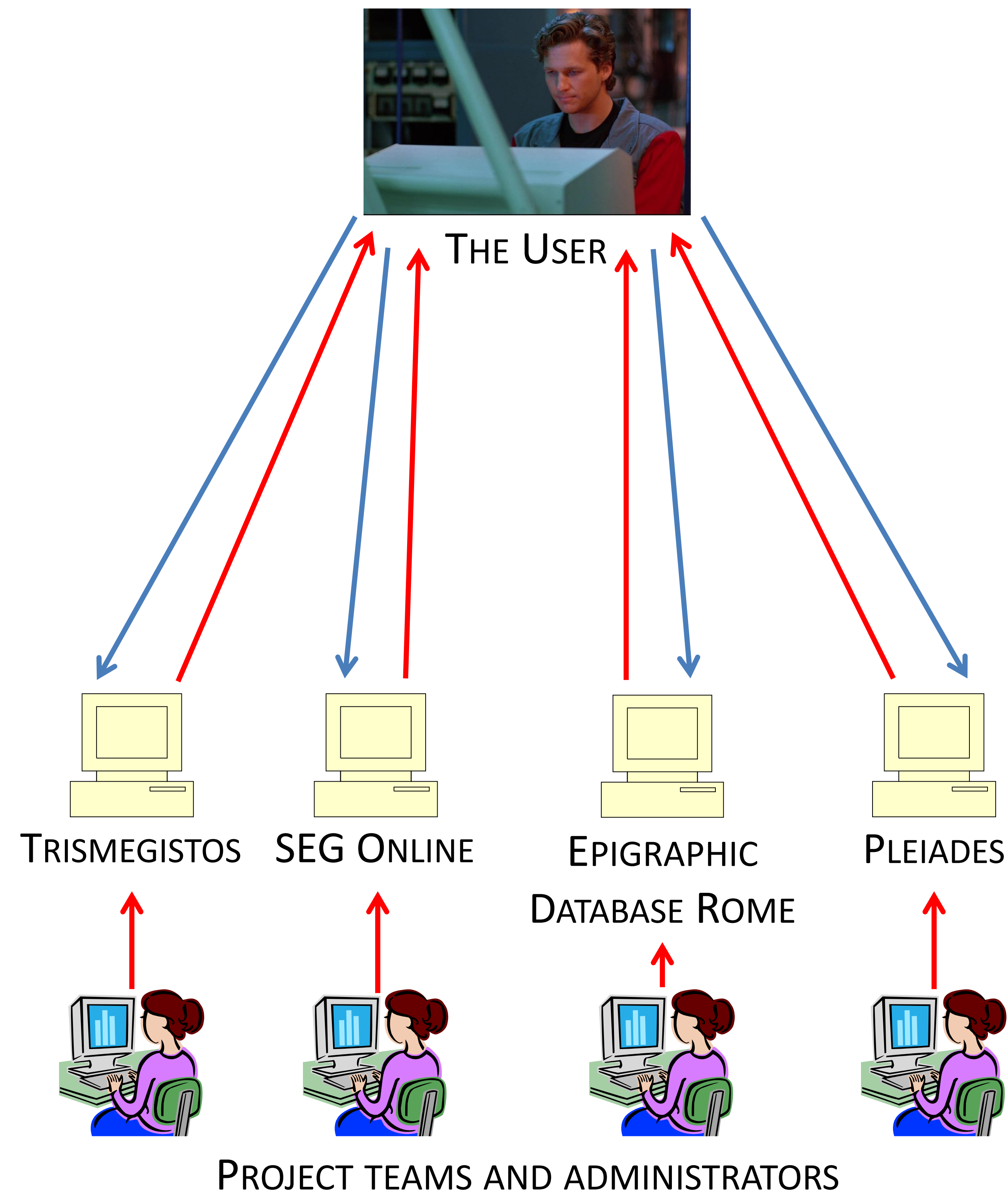


# EPIGRAPHY.INFO: Connecting Data for People



## THE CURRENT ARCHITECTURE OF EPIGRAPHIC CONTENT ONLINE



## WHAT IS EPIGRAPHY.INFO?

Epigraphy.info is an international open community that works to gather and enhance the many existing epigraphic efforts, and serves as a landing point for digital tools, practices, and methodologies for managing collections of inscriptions. In practice, the Epigraphy.info community is working to construct a single web portal that can serve as a hub for a fruitful exchange of epigraphic data and digital solutions via Linked Open Data.

## WHO ARE EPIGRAPHY.INFO?

Anyone interested in advancing the goals of Epigraphy.info! Our preliminary partner institutions include:

- Epigraphic Database Bari
- Epigraphic Database Heidelberg
- Epigraphic Database Rome
- Hispania Epigraphica Online
- PETRAE
- Last Statues of Antiquity
- Roman Inscriptions of Britain
- Ubi Erat Lupa
- Epigraphic Database Clauss Slaby
- Europeana EAGLE
- IDEA
- Trismegistos
- Epigraphische Datenbank zum antiken Kleinasien
- Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum
- U.S. Epigraphy Project
- Inscriptions of Greek Cyrenaica
- The Ancient Graffiti Project
- Attic Inscriptions Online
- Greek Inscriptions Online
- Patrimonium
- Epigraphica Romana
- Inscriptions of Israel/Palestine
- Krateros
- Epigraphica 3.0
- LLDB
- Romans1by1
- Epigraphic Database Vernacular
- Inscriptiones Graecae

## WHAT IS THIS POSTER ILLUSTRATING?

Today there exists a rich ecosystem of online epigraphic content, ranging from images to texts to complete publications of inscriptions. But there is no single mechanism whereby a scholar can search for a particular inscription or fragment and receive a comprehensive accounting of all relevant information that exists online. Even the most recent major aggregative effort -- the Europeana EAGLE Project -- was constrained to focus on Latin inscriptions, to design for general users rather than scholars, and to limit the types of information brought together from its many partners. Consequently, scholars are left to query each site with which they are familiar individually, or, in the best case, follow hyperlinks from one site to another. Among its several initiatives, Epigraphy.info envisions creating an "epigraphic discovery" Application Programming Interface (API): a way in which the various sites and databases in the digital epigraphic community can easily and automatically share information with each other. In addition to strengthening links between existing online projects, this API would allow for a public, synoptic search-engine-type website which could (at the least) respond to a user's query with an up-to-date list of all relevant materials in the newly linked epigraphic web, and could potentially even present the information held on those sites, decreasing the discovery and display burden on individual projects. Such an arrangement would be complementary to the varied range of digital publishing, editing, and reuse software and services being imagined and prototyped by other participants in the epigraphy.info community.

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

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