Linked Data techniques were applied to data about the UK's Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) projects, in order to retrieve information about the production and use of digital data by projects relating to the Ancient World.

**EXTRACTION**
Data relating to 5,349 research projects funded by the AHRC since 2006 was exported from the Research Councils UK’s (RCUK) Gateway to Research (gtr.rcuk.ac.uk) and the field names were extracted.

**CONVERSION**
Using a Python script, these descriptions were converted to Resource Description Framework (RDF) triples, where a subject field and an object field are linked by a predicate, which describes the relationship between them.

**RETRIEVAL**
Once the data had been converted to RDF, it could then be queried using SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language (SPARQL) to retrieve information about the projects. As an example, an initial query resulted in a chronological list of Classics projects that had produced some form of digital output. Other queries that could add to the list of digital projects relating to the Ancient World include searching for subject keywords such as ‘Tools, technologies & methods’, ‘New Media/Web-Based Studies’, ‘History’, or ‘Archaeology’, or specifying projects that developed software or another type of technical output.

**NEXT STEPS**
Further queries will be undertaken to fully establish the extent of projects relating to the Ancient World that have produced digital data. This information will be used to assess the effectiveness of different methods and techniques, including Linked Data itself.