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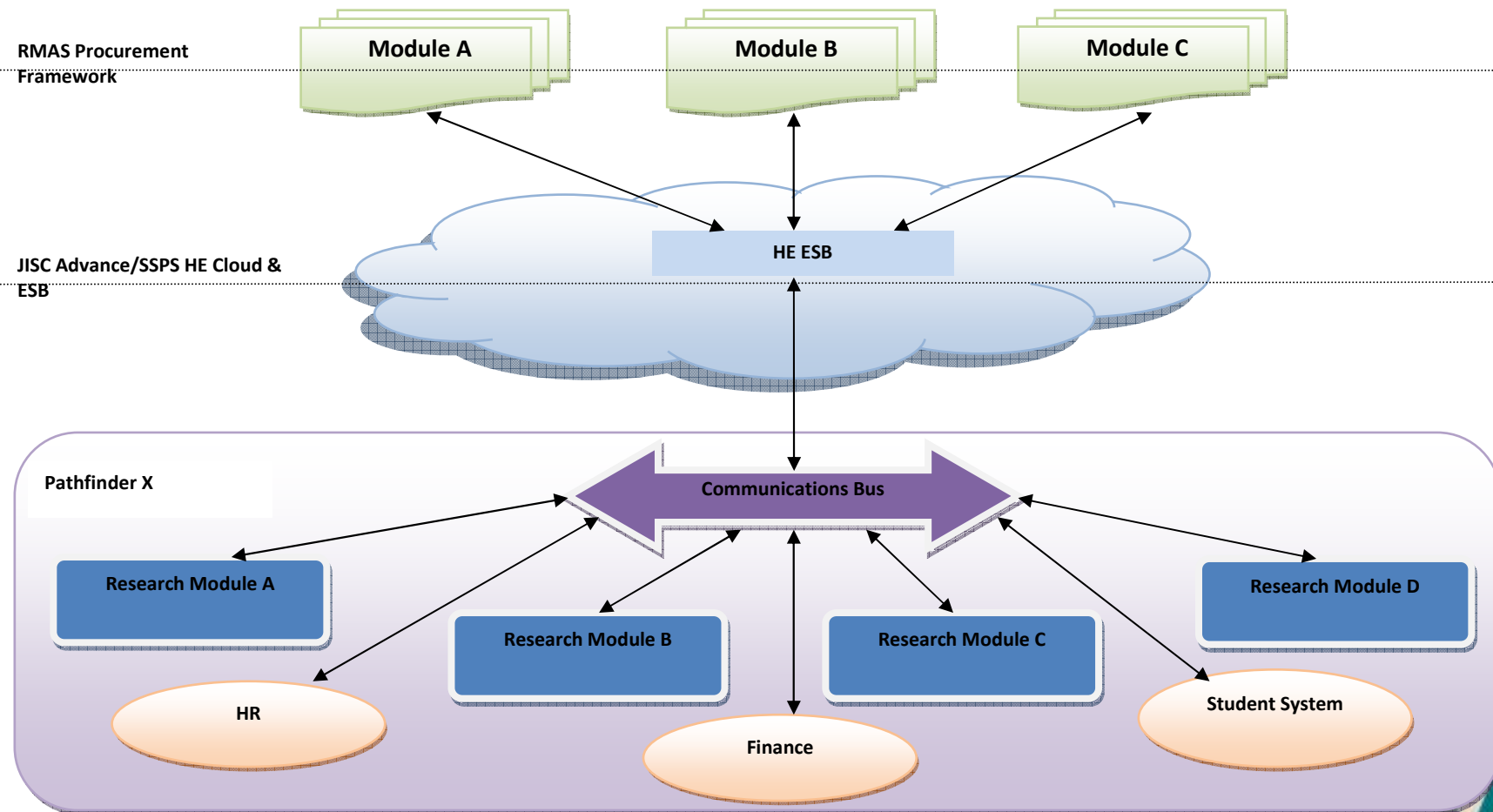
RMAS Update

- RMAS Procurement Framework

- Pathfinder system developments

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RMAS architecture framework

RMAS Procurement Framework

Module A

Module B

Module C

JISC Advance/SSPS HE Cloud & ESB

HE ESB

Pathfinder X

Communications Bus

Research Module A

Research Module B

Research Module C

Research Module D

HR

Finance

Student System

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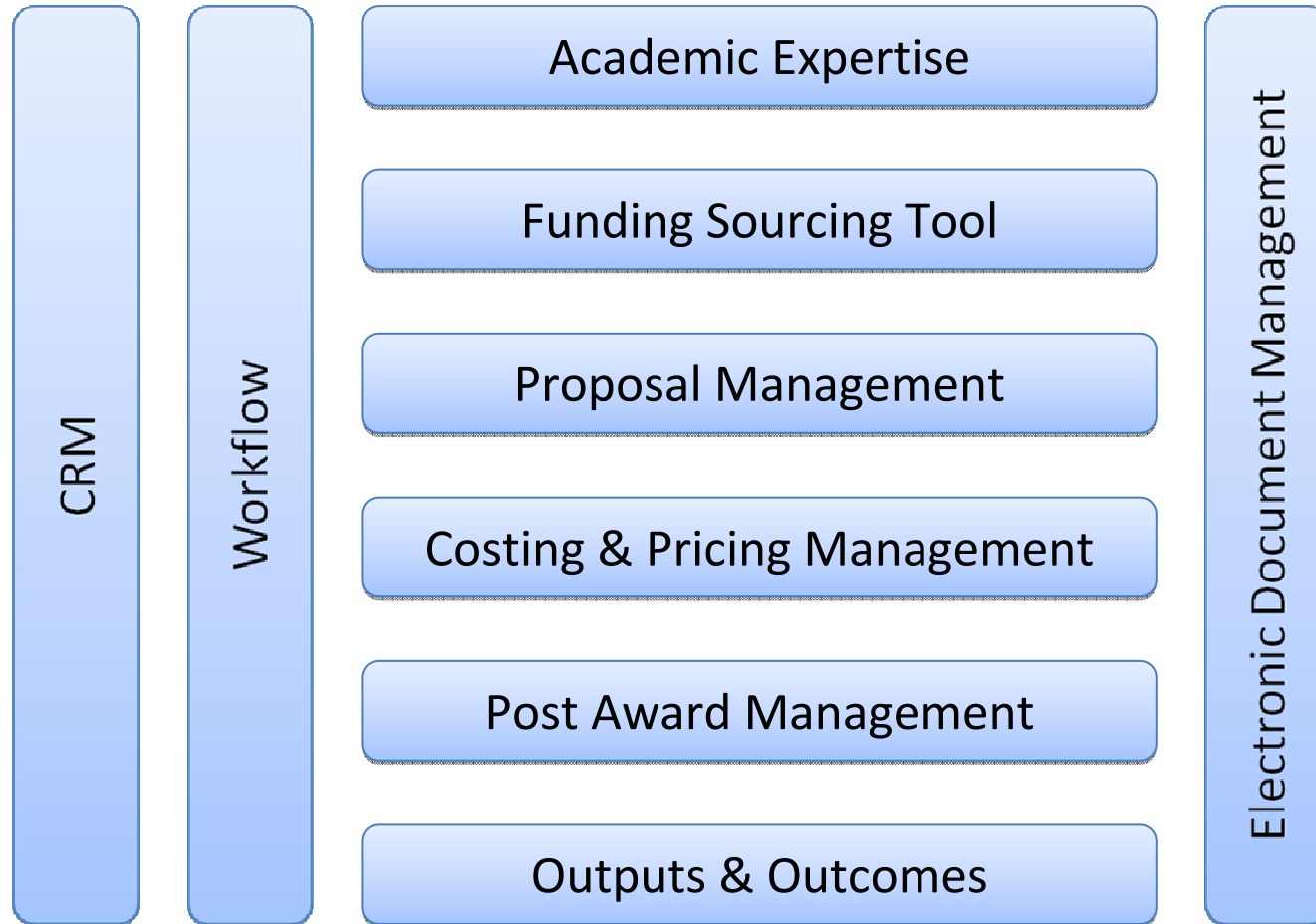research management
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RMAS – Procurement framework

- Easy route to market

- Opportunity to help shape the market
    - CERIF compliance
    - Cloud enabled
    - RMAS schema and vocabulary

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RMAS modules

CRM

Workflow

Academic Expertise

Funding Sourcing Tool

Proposal Management

Costing & Pricing Management

Post Award Management

Outputs & Outcomes

Electronic Document Management

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Pathfinder Development Work

University of Kent

University of Sunderland

University of Exeter

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Pathfinder Development Work

- CERIF alone is unsuitable for RMAS data as we require a concrete data dictionary which is simple for suppliers to incorporate into their tools.

- RMAS requires that each RMAS-compliant tool agrees on an identical taxonomy for research entities

- List of requirements to work with EuroCRIS to deliver

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EuroCRIS/CERIF Development Work

- Develop a CERIF-backed, CASRAI-informed standard for the interchange of research information.

- In consultation with the pathfinders, incorporate RMAS-specific requirements into the above CERIF standard:

- Incorporate a means of attaching a message ID (which is different to the entity ID).

- A web-accessible method to look up classifications and get their associated UUIDs.

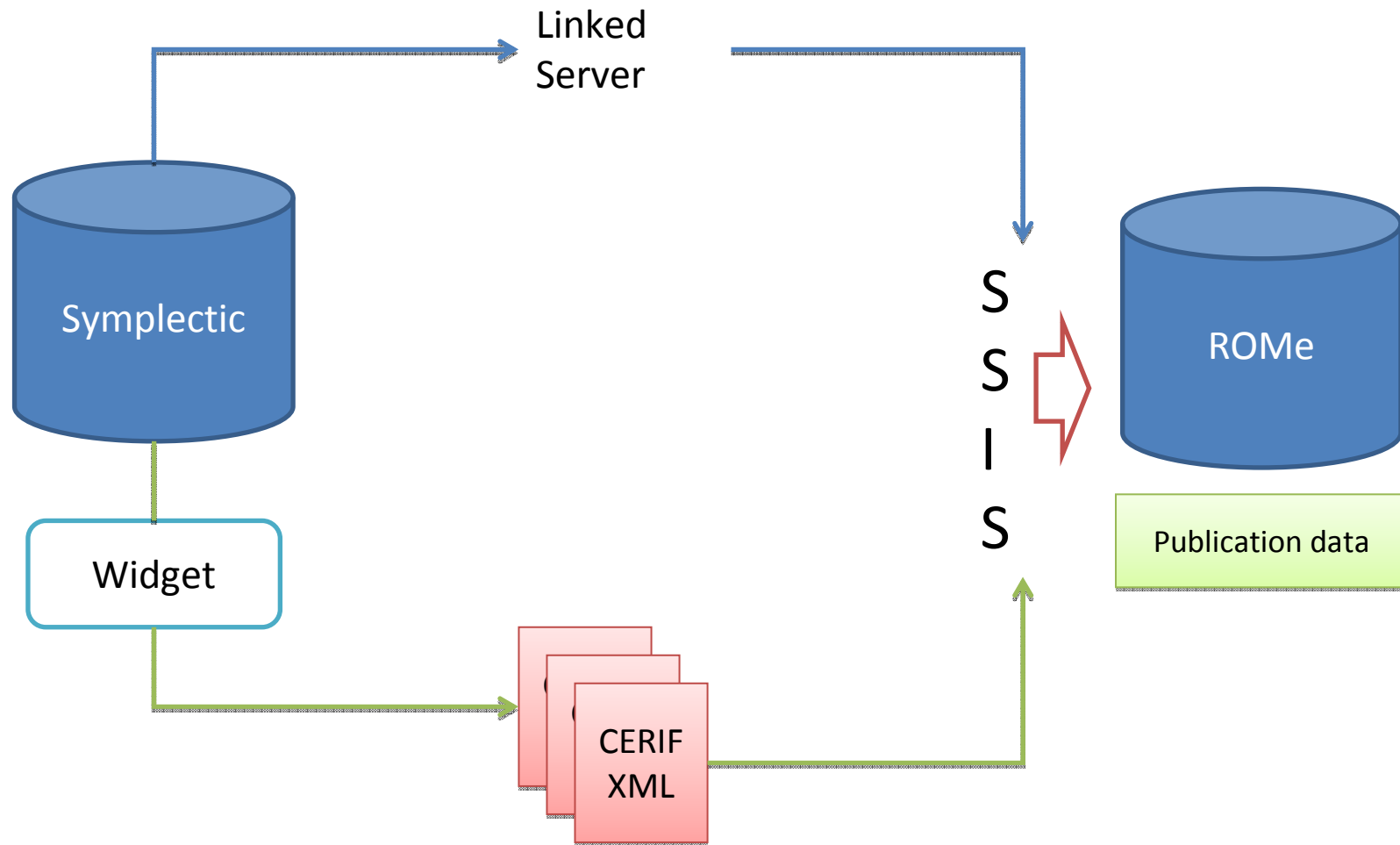- All of the above provided via a web-accessible schema

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EuroCRIS/CERIF Development Example
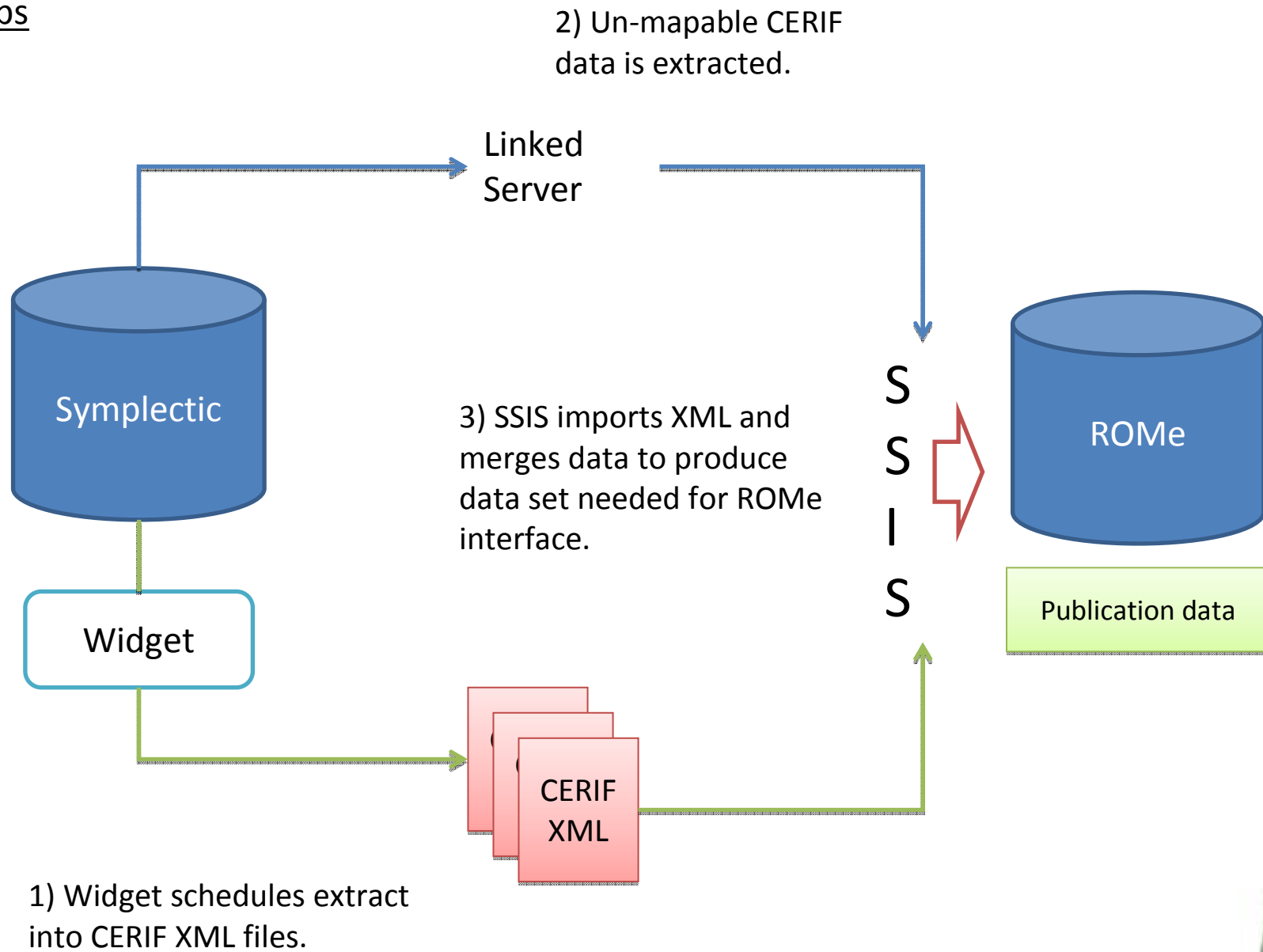
Use case

Supplier tool creates a new proposal (research activity)

- New CERIF message is created with a unique message ID

- The message type is declared as 'proposal created'

- *Research Activity entity is declared inside this message*

- Based on the message type ('proposal created'), all mandatory *Research Activity* fields must be declared in the message, and their contents must conform to the CASRAI definitions (this must be syntactically verifiable via schema).

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Research Output Monitoring tool (ROMe) Overview

Linked Server

Symplectic

Widget

CERIF XML

S S I S

ROMe

Publication data

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Steps

2) Un-mapable CERIF
data is extracted.

Linked
Server

Symplectic

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ROMe

3) SSIS imports XML and
merges data to produce
data set needed for ROMe
interface.

Widget

Publication data

CERIF
XML

1) Widget schedules extract
into CERIF XML files.

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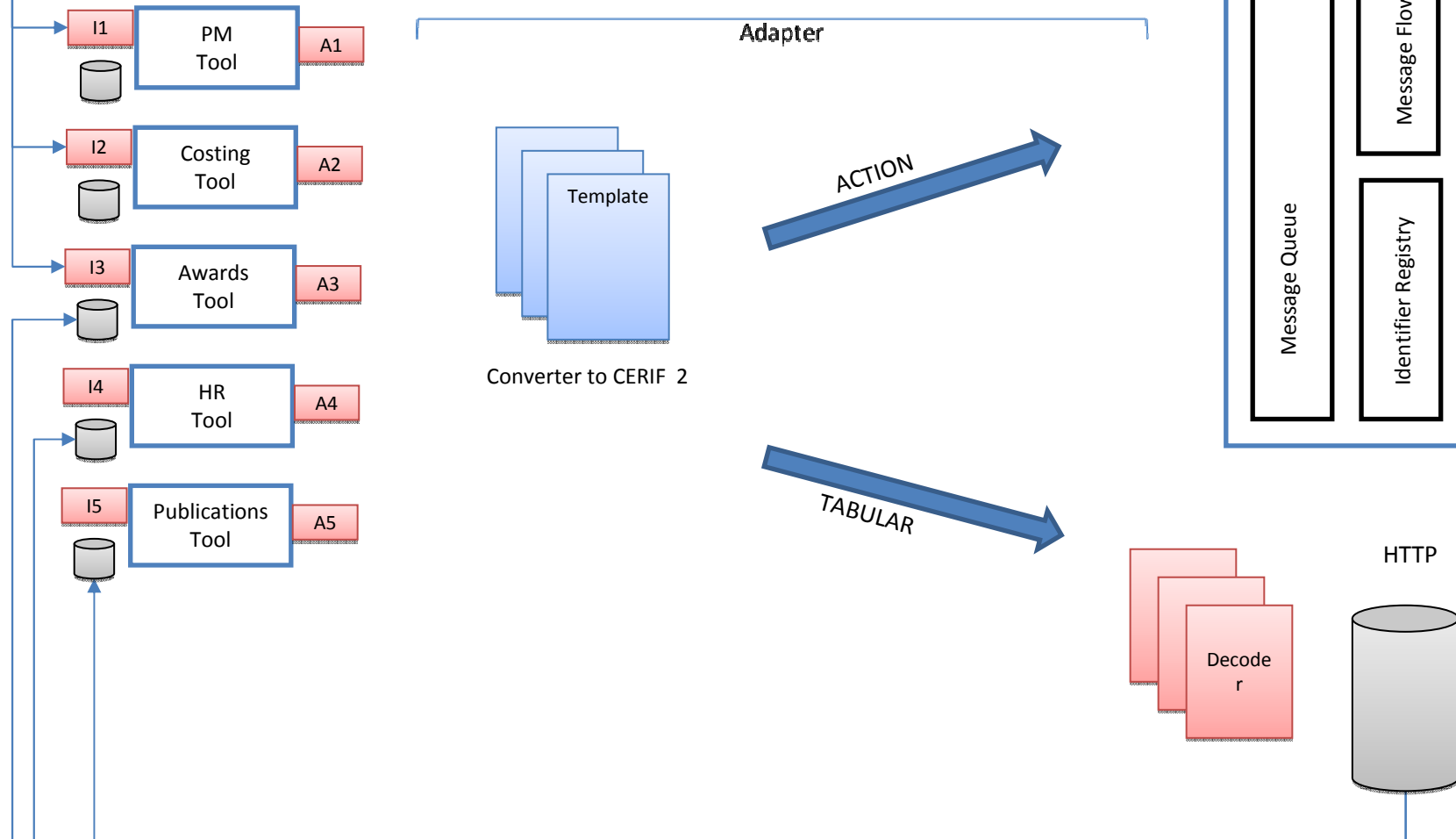2012

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Action

ESB Message forwarding invokes action in subscribed tools.
HTTP interface to present user with the ability to invokes action in subscribed tools.

ESB

Message Flow Control

Message Queue

Identifier Registry

I1 PM Tool A1

Adapter

I2 Costing Tool A2

Template

ACTION

I3 Awards Tool A3

Converter to CERIF 2

I4 HR Tool A4

TABULAR

I5 Publications Tool A5

Decoder

HTTP

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Action

Core Non-RMAS Modules (Source)

HR System Bulk Transfer

ID	First Name	Last Name	Title	DoB	Department	UoA	Job Title	Start Date	End Date	Edit?	Delete?
1	Darth	Vadar	Mr	1998-01-01	Science	Area Stud	Galaxy Kir	2007-01-01	2011-08-01		
2	Fred	Yoda	Mr	1995-12-06	Business	The Forc	Jedi Train	2001-05-12	2014-06-09		
3	Wedge	Antilles	Mr	2020-10-23	Fighting	The Forc	X-Wing Pil	2035-01-20	2050-04-23		
4	Jar Jar	Binks	Mr	2015-05-12	HR	Physics	Head of H	2012-01-01	2018-09-23		
5	Jango	Fett	Mr	2010-10-10	Lecturing	Biology	Senior Le	2010-01-01	2310-03-23		

PGR System

ID	Name	Status	Supervisor 1 ID	Supervisor 1 Name	Supervisor 2 ID	Supervisor 2 Name	Year	Start Date	End Date	Edit?	Delete?

Load Source Data

Supplier Agnostic Connector

From Source Modules

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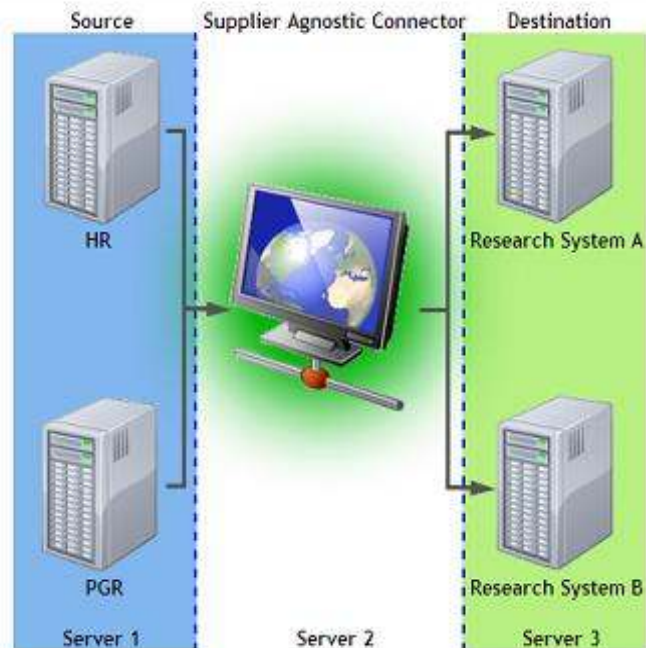   </HR>
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        <uoa>Biology</uoa>
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    </HR>
</RMAS>

To Destination Modules

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            <cfHR_surname>Bi
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            <cfHR_uoa>Physic
            <cfHR_jobTitle>B
        </cfHR>
        <cfHR>

            <cfHR_ID>5</cfHR
            <cfHR_first>Jang
            <cfHR_surname>Fe
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            <cfHR_jobTitle>S
        </cfHR>
    </CERIF>
</RMAS>

Source — Supplier Agnostic Connector — Destination

HR

PGR

Research System A

Research System B

Server 1 — Server 2 — Server 3

RMAS Modules (Destination)

Research System A

ID	First Name	Last Name	Title	UoA	Job Title
1	Darth	Vadar	Mr	Area Studies	Galaxy King
2	Fred	Yoda	Mr	The Force	Jedi Trainer
3	Wedge	Antilles	Mr	The Force	X-Wing Pilot
4	Jar Jar	Binks	Mr	Physics	Head of HR
5	Jango	Fett	Mr	Biology	Senior Lecturer

Research System B

ID	Name	Status	Supervisor 1 ID	Supervisor 1 Name	Supervisor 2 ID	Supervisor 2 Name
			No Data Loaded			

RMAS Connector Demo. Developed By University of Exeter & Switch Systems Ltd

Connector Definition

'Each module/system that needs to share RMAS data will need a connector. A connector enables data transfer between separate systems. The term adapter can be used interchangeably with connector. An adapter converts native data from source systems into XML messaging formats, and vice versa. A connector may constitute simply this adapter function, or may also include transport functionality to deliver the data via a communications bus to a specified destination or destinations'.

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