

# **the minnesota digital library**



**Extending Access to Digital  
Resources Through  
Collaboration**

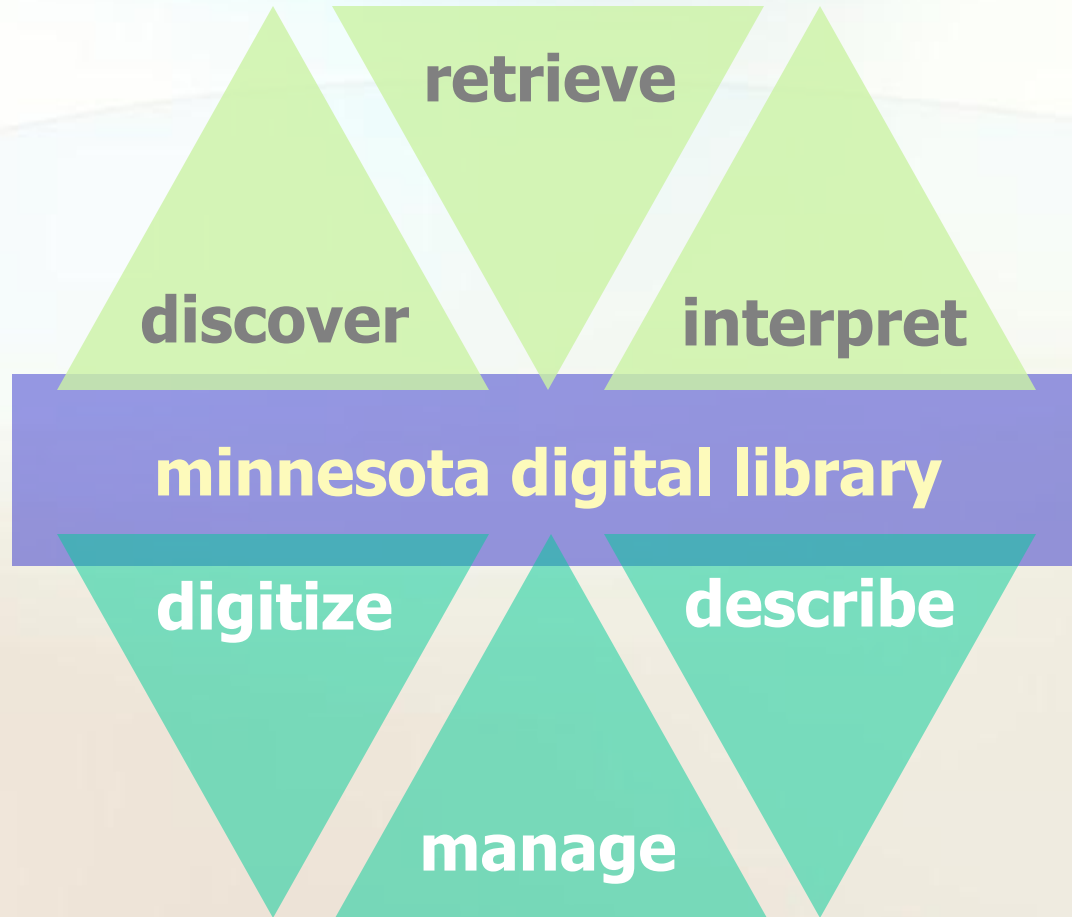
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# why collaborate?

- Explore ways to provide learning, research and cultural opportunities for visitors
- Identify and grow new communities of users
- Develop strategies to manage digital collections
- Develop strategies to develop and preserve digital objects
- Identify common issues and goals that can be resolved together
- Encourage development of online communities

**the idea: build on existing strengths**



# building a community of participation



# sacrifices for a common good

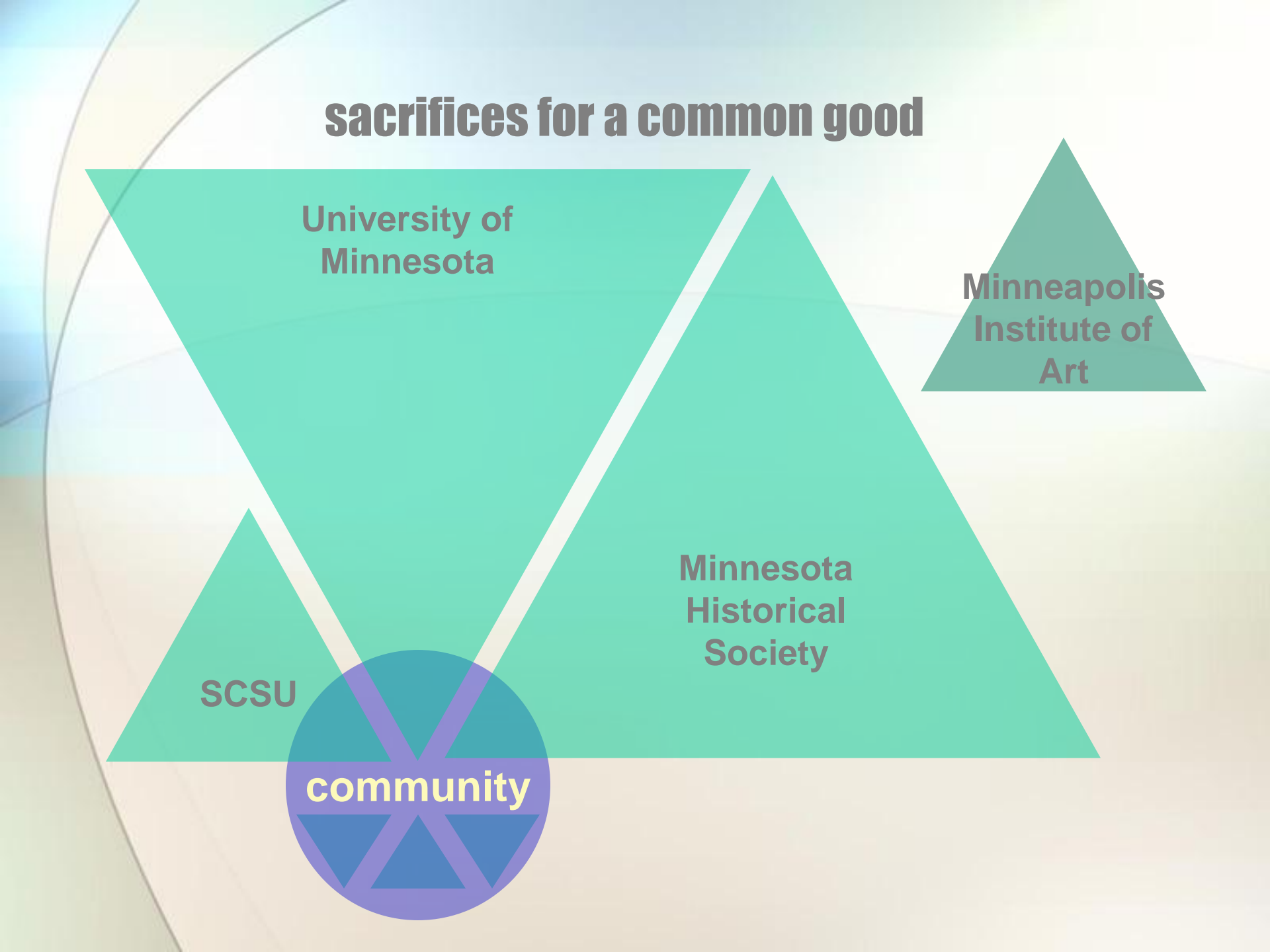
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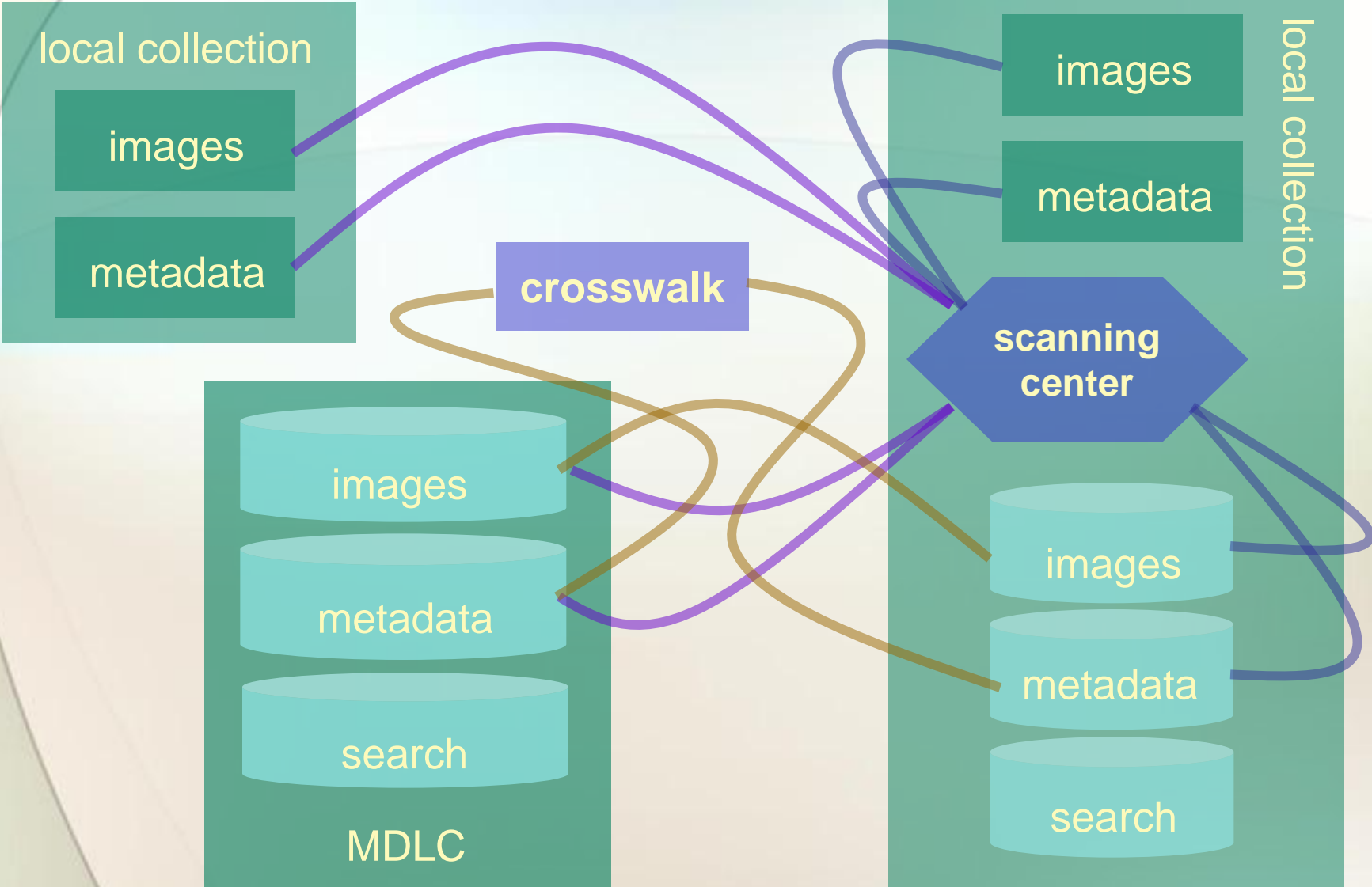
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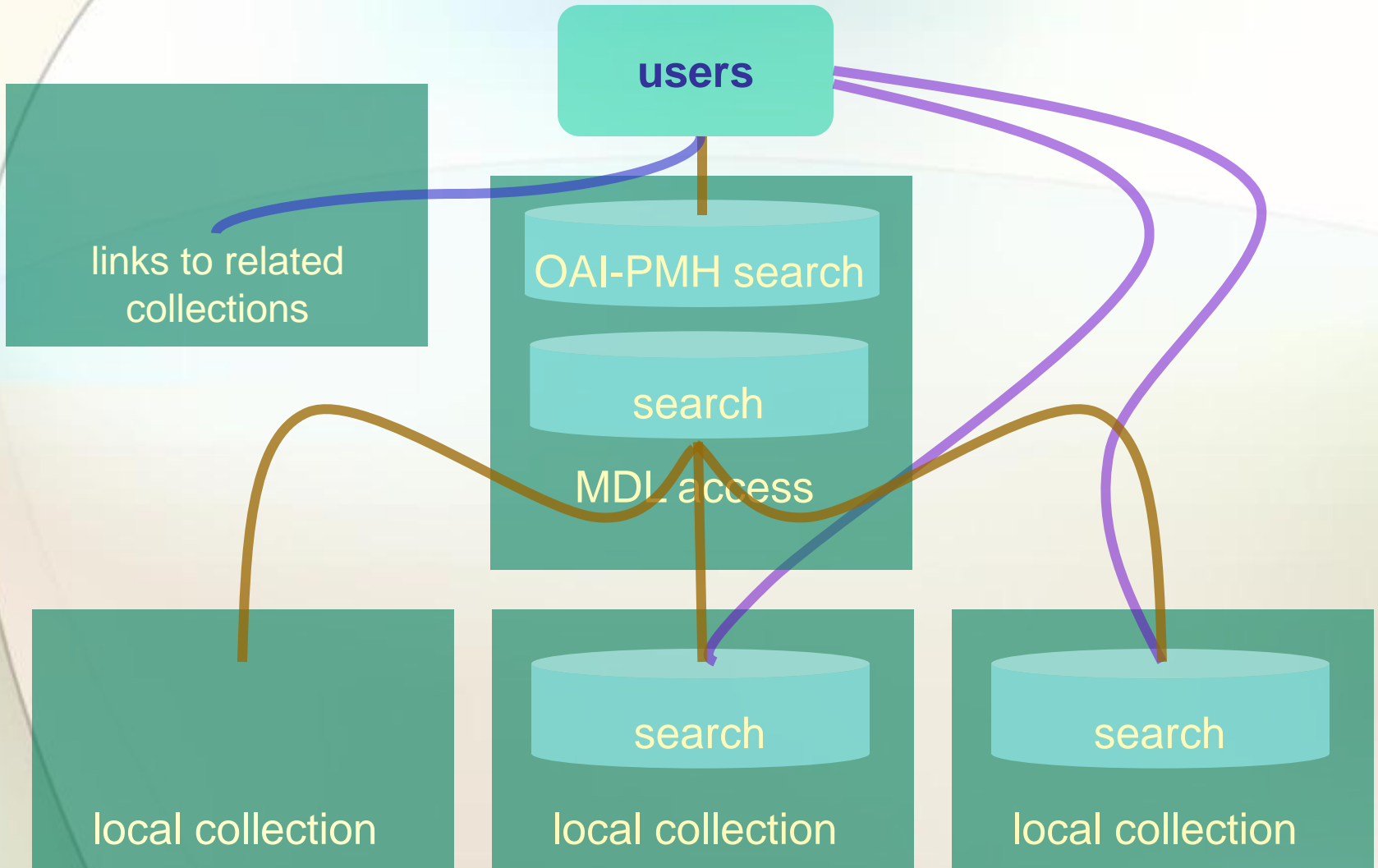
**greater than the sum of its parts**



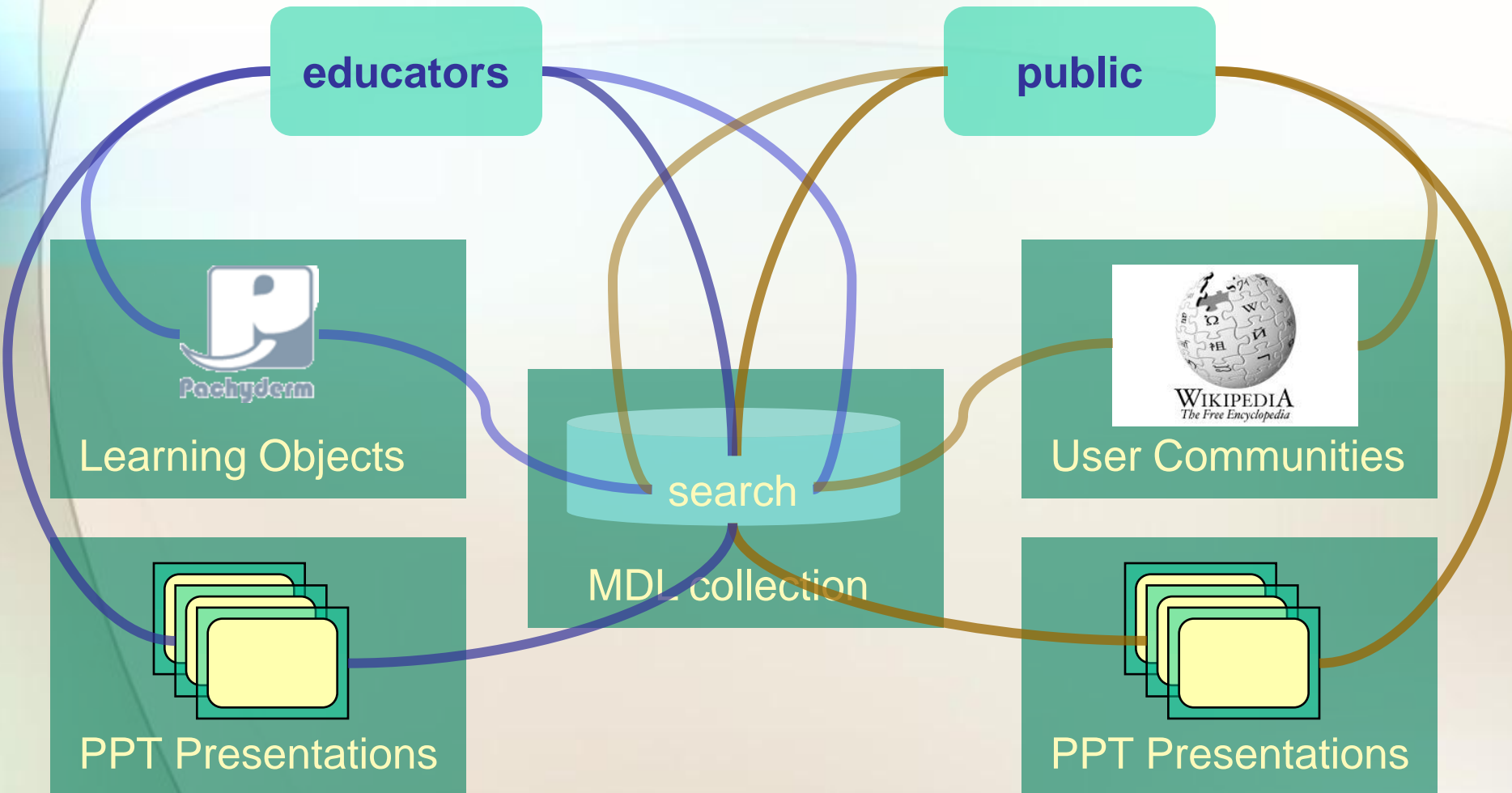
# collaborate to benefit each other: sharing resources



# collaborate to benefit users: sharing access



# collaborate to benefit users: adding user benefits



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