The OAI Object Reuse & Exchange (OAI-ORE) project defines a new level of web granularity: the Aggregation. An Aggregation contains one or more web resources, but can be used to model things "smaller" than a syndication feed (and thus, smaller than a website as well). Aggregations have always implicitly existed on the web, but there has not been a format for unambiguously expressing their members. For example, a book on the web can consist of many web resources: various chapters and pages, inlined images, appendices, etc. In part because we are familiar with the meme "book", we intuitively know which web resources comprise the book and which web resources are not part of the book (e.g., links to Adobe Acrobat Reader). But even in this scenario, there are conditions that can be difficult to discern: are errata, translations and different file formats "part" of the book, or simply "related" to the book? This talk introduces the OAI-ORE Abstract Data Model and discusses how it can be used to surface implicit Aggregations to the Web.

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