Linked Data:
Avoiding "Breaks of Gauge" in your Web Content

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About Me (In A Nutshell)

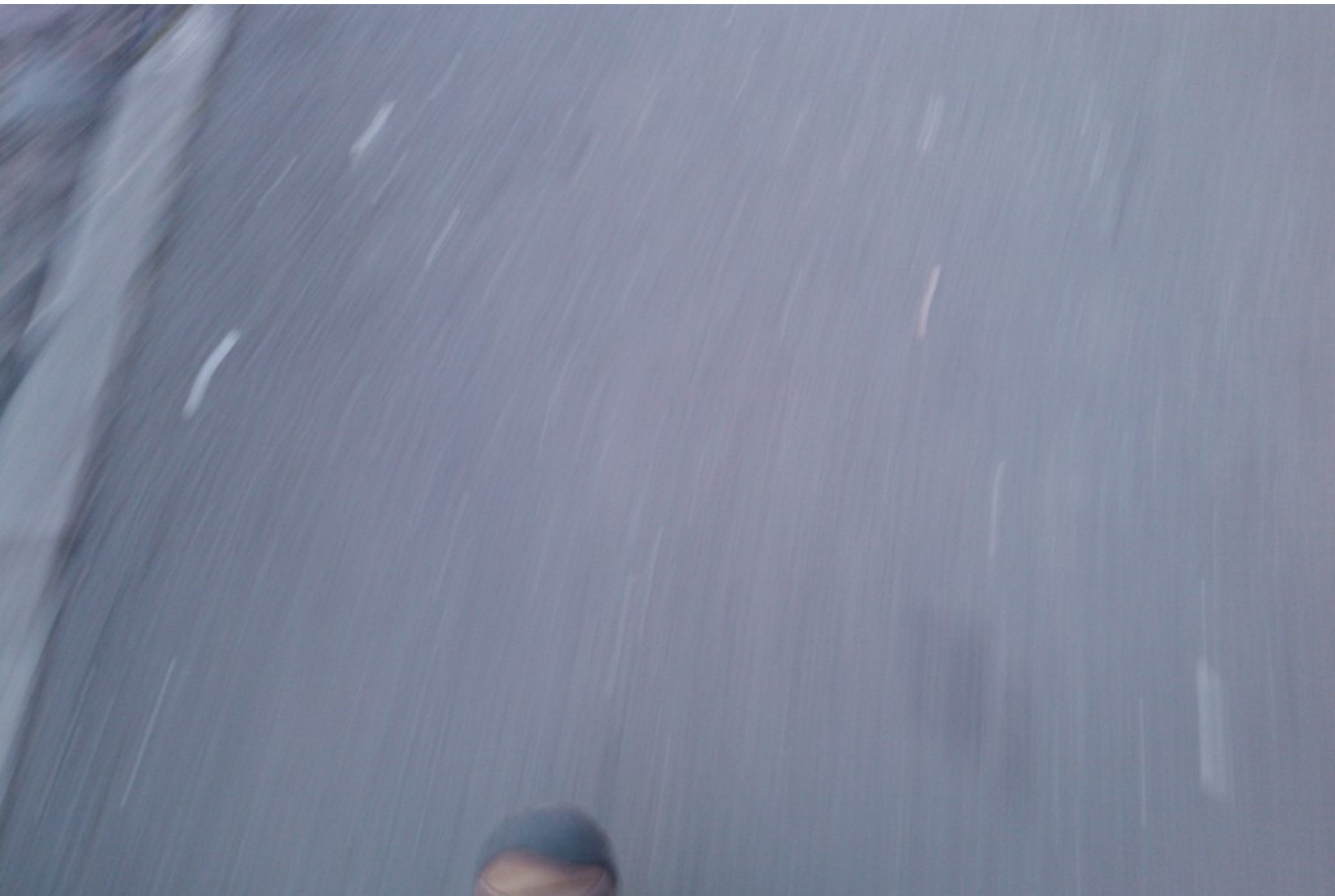# About Me (In A Nutshell)

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Talis is based in Birmingham

Let's go to Work!

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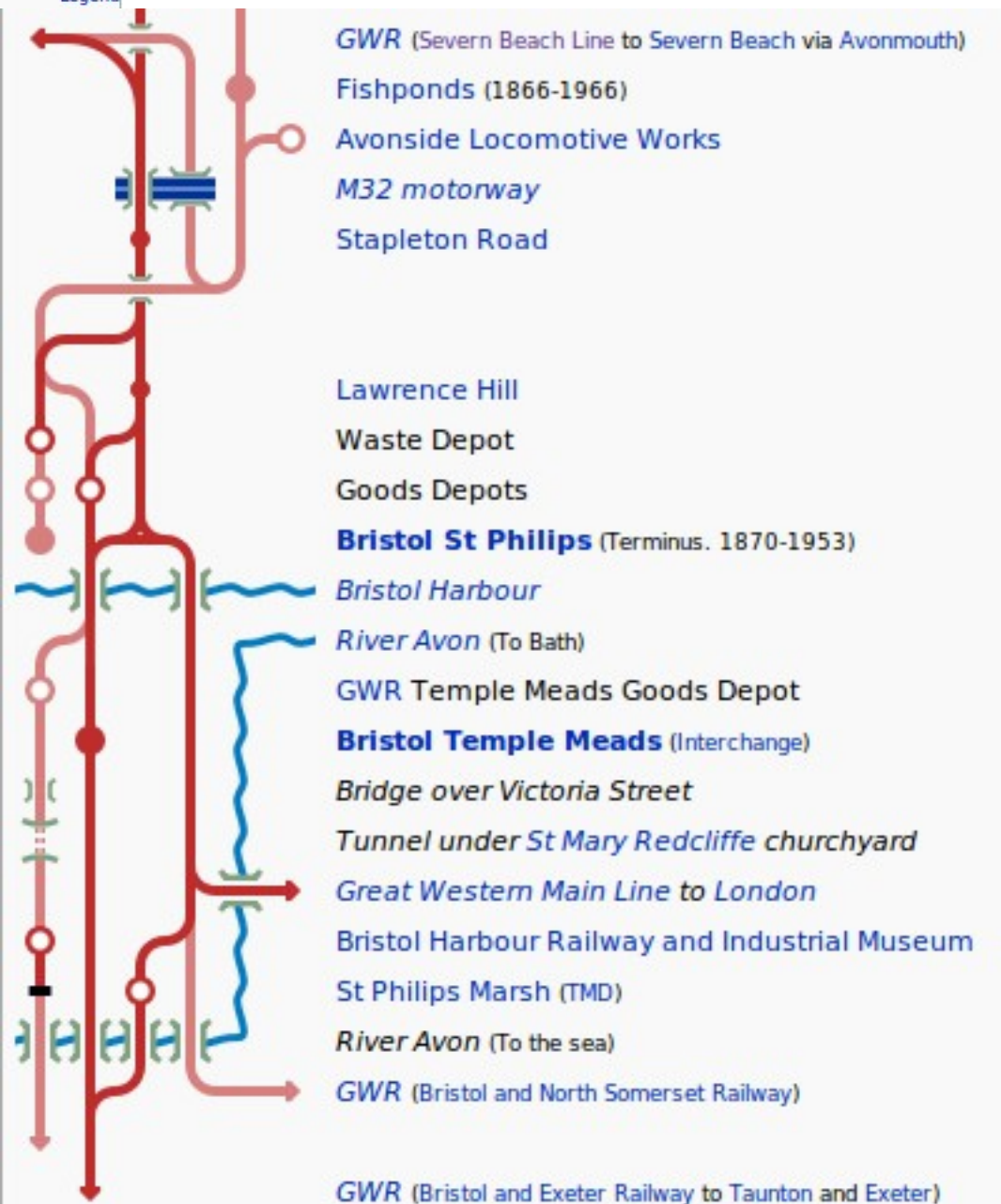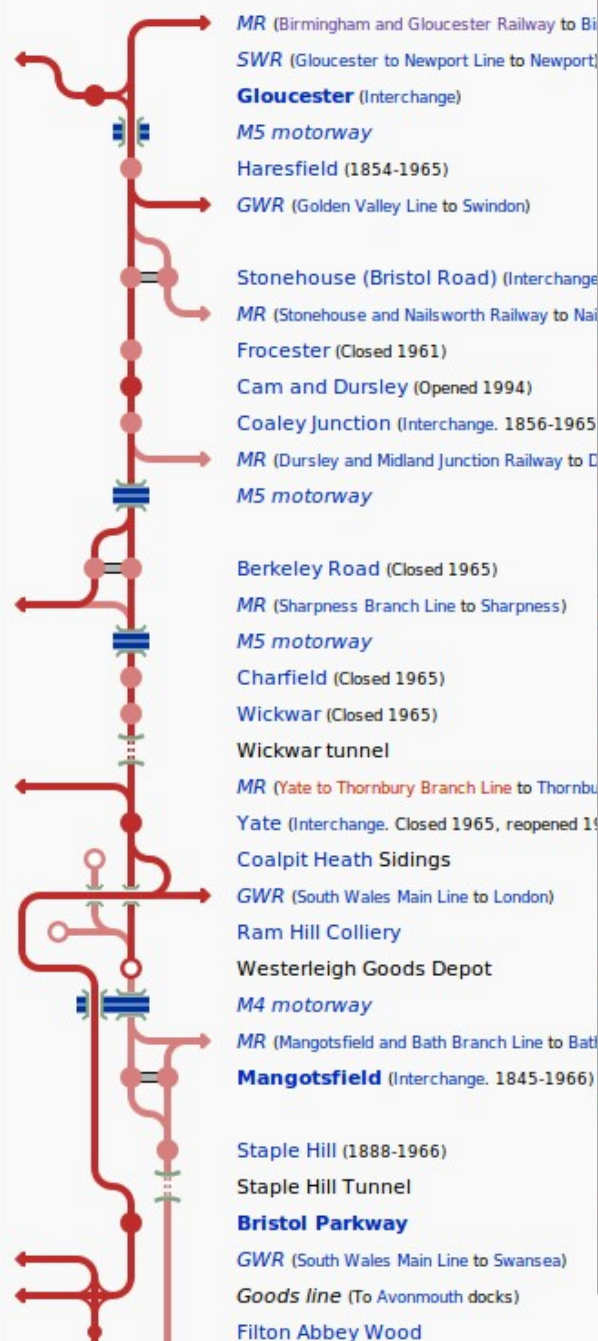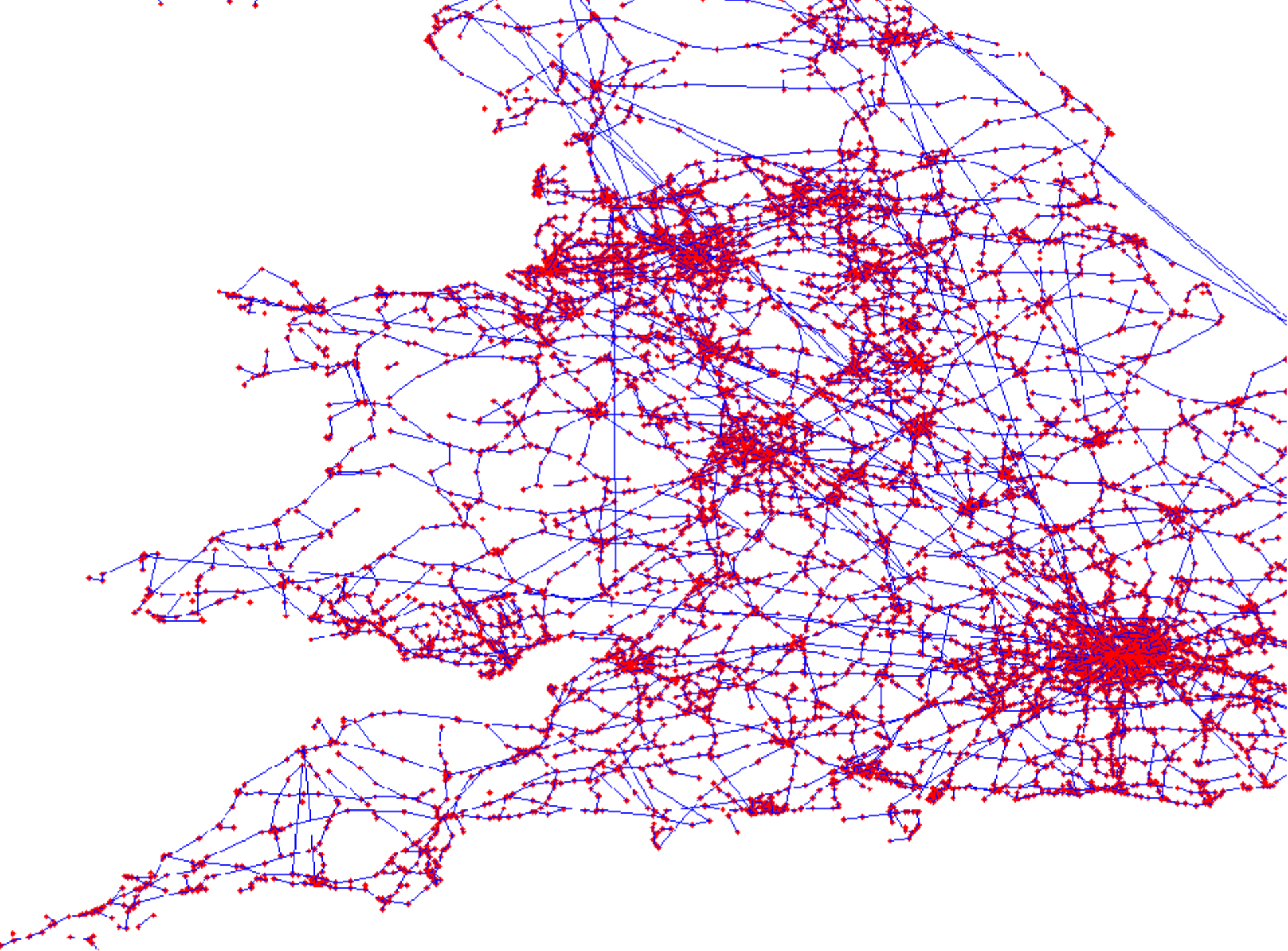

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What Makes This Possible?

MR (Birmingham and Gloucester Railway to Bi...

SWR (Gloucester to Newport Line to Newport)

Gloucester (Interchange)

M5 motorway

Haresfield (1854-1965)

GWR (Golden Valley Line to Swindon)

Stonehouse (Bristol Road) (Interchange)

MR (Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway to Nai...

Frocester (Closed 1961)

Cam and Dursley (Opened 1994)

Coaley Junction (Interchange. 1856-1965)

MR (Dursley and Midland Junction Railway to D...

M5 motorway

Berkeley Road (Closed 1965)

MR (Sharpness Branch Line to Sharpness)

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Charfield (Closed 1965)

Wickwar (Closed 1965)

Wickwar tunnel

MR (Yate to Thornbury Branch Line to Thornbu...

Yate (Interchange. Closed 1965, reopened 19...

Coalpit Heath Sidings

GWR (South Wales Main Line to London)

Ram Hill Colliery

Westerleigh Goods Depot

M4 motorway

MR (Mangotsfield and Bath Branch Line to Bath...

Mangotsfield (Interchange. 1845-1966)

Staple Hill (1888-1966)

Staple Hill Tunnel

Bristol Parkway

GWR (South Wales Main Line to Swansea)

Goods line (To Avonmouth docks)

Filton Abbey Wood

GWR (Severn Beach Line to Severn Beach via Avonmouth)

Fishponds (1866-1966)

Avonside Locomotive Works

M32 motorway

Stapleton Road

Lawrence Hill

Waste Depot

Goods Depots

Bristol St Philips (Terminus. 1870-1953)

Bristol Harbour

River Avon (To Bath)

GWR Temple Meads Goods Depot

Bristol Temple Meads (Interchange)

Bridge over Victoria Street

Tunnel under St Mary Redcliffe churchyard

Great Western Main Line to London

Bristol Harbour Railway and Industrial Museum

St Philips Marsh (TMD)

River Avon (To the sea)

GWR (Bristol and North Somerset Railway)

GWR (Bristol and Exeter Railway to Taunton and Exeter)

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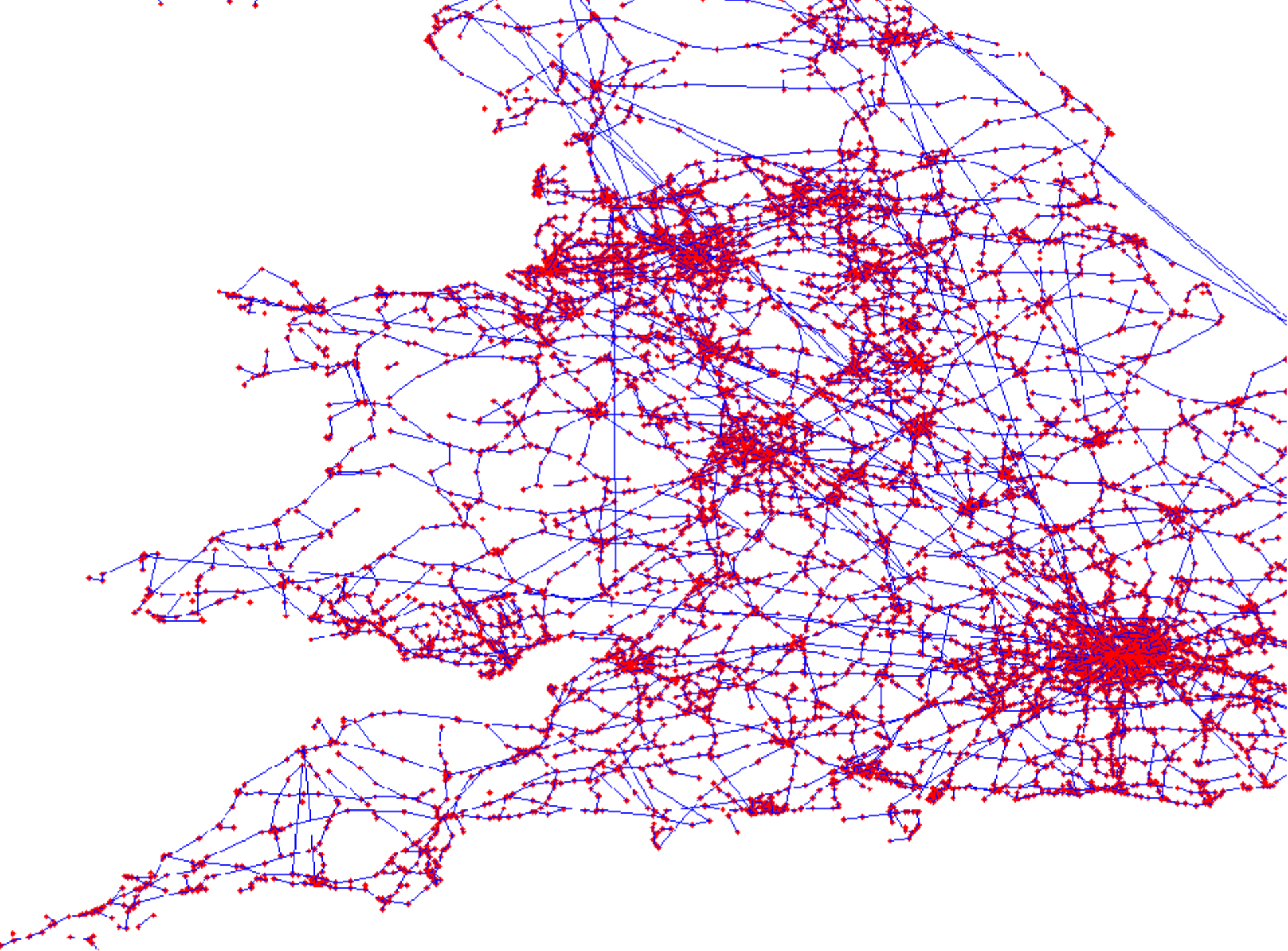
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"The **'break-of-gauge'** at **Gloucester** was a **major problem**. It **caused pandemonium** as **whole trainloads** of passengers, and their luggage, **changed from one to another**, together with the transshipment of goods."

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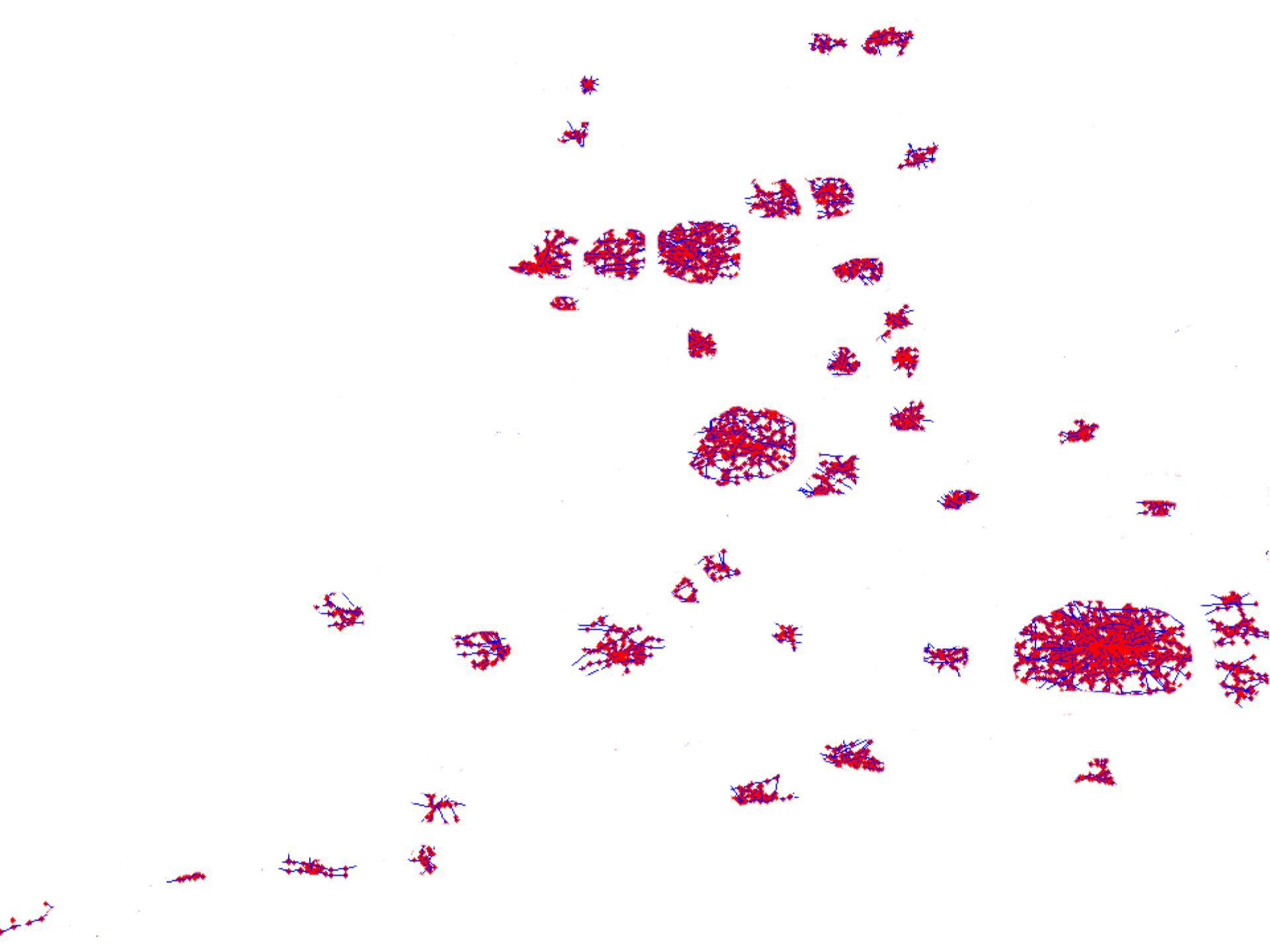
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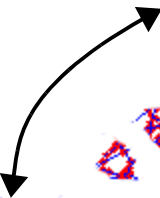
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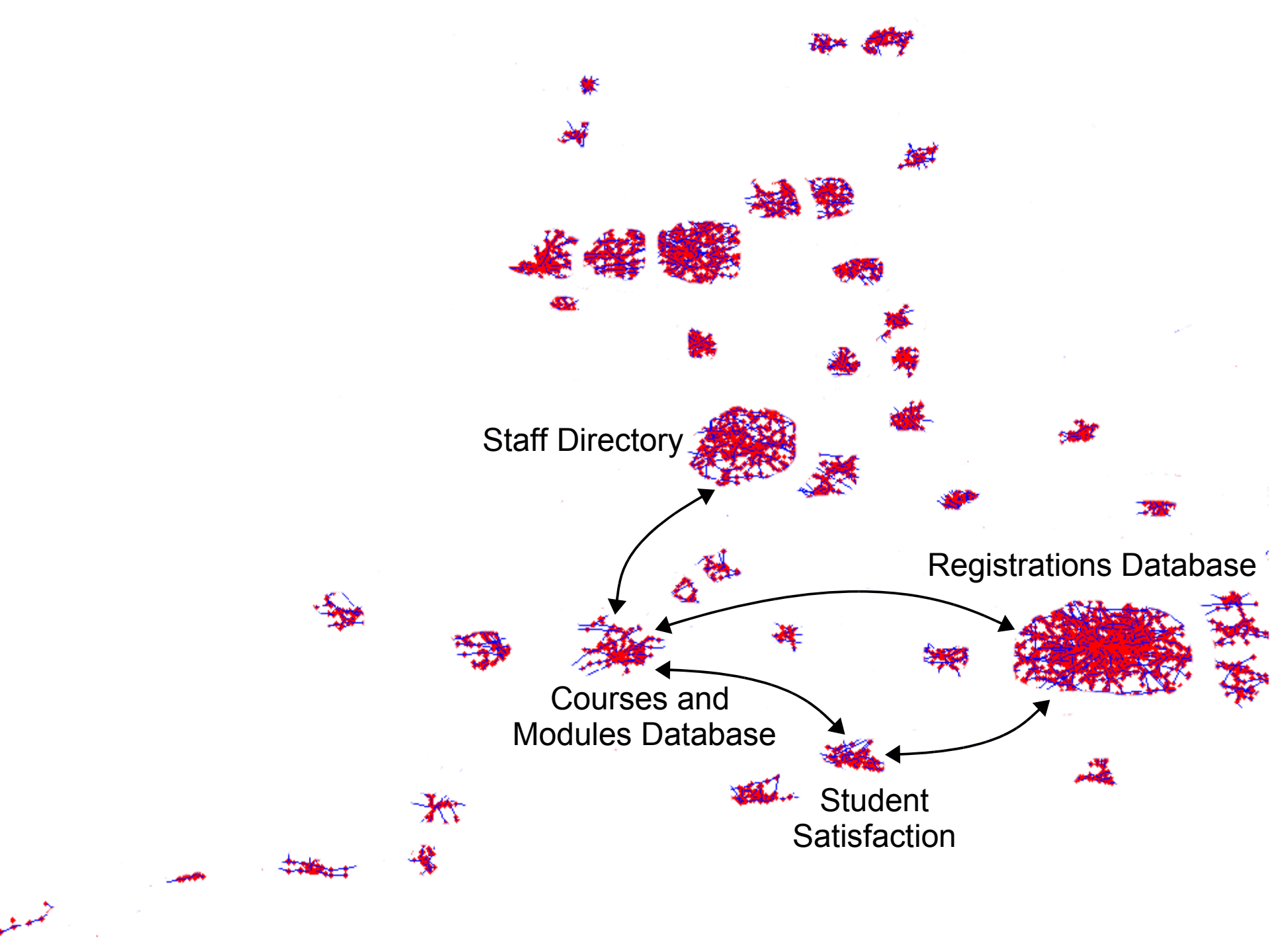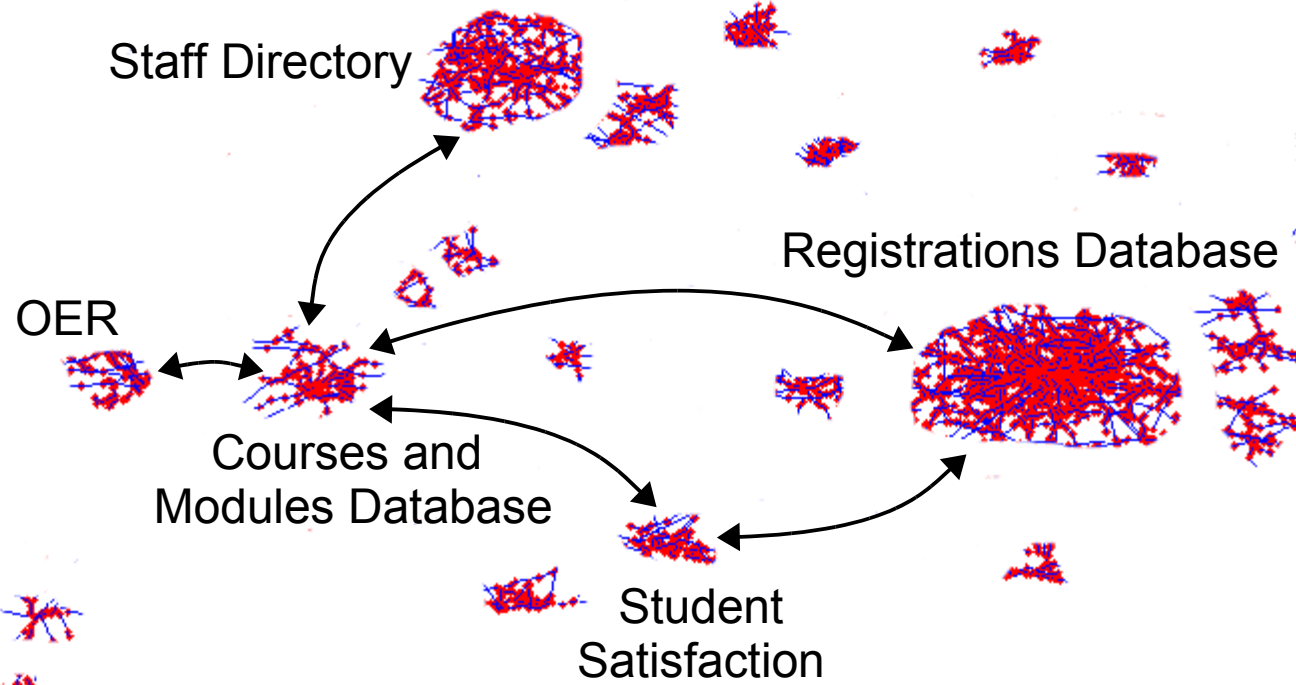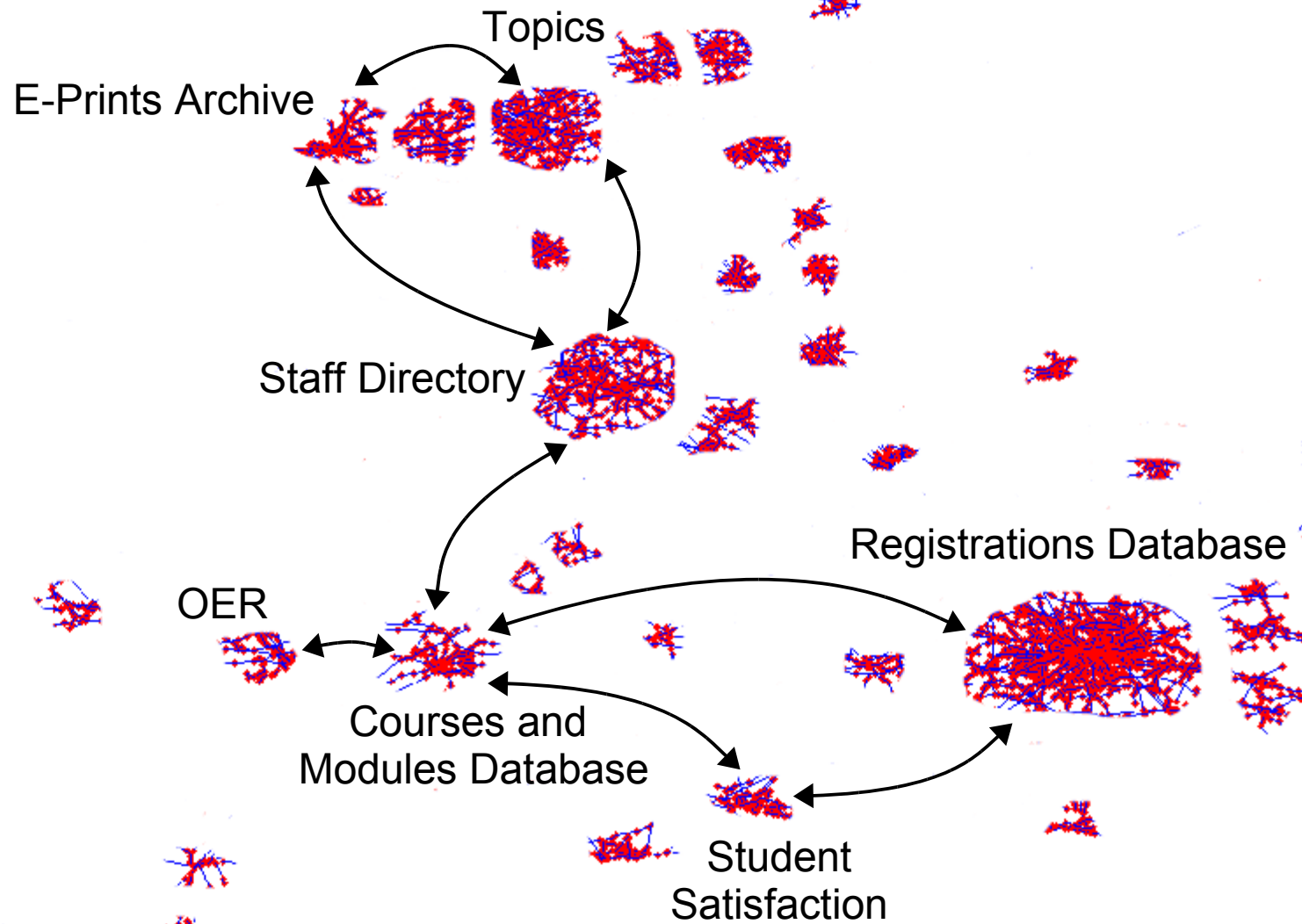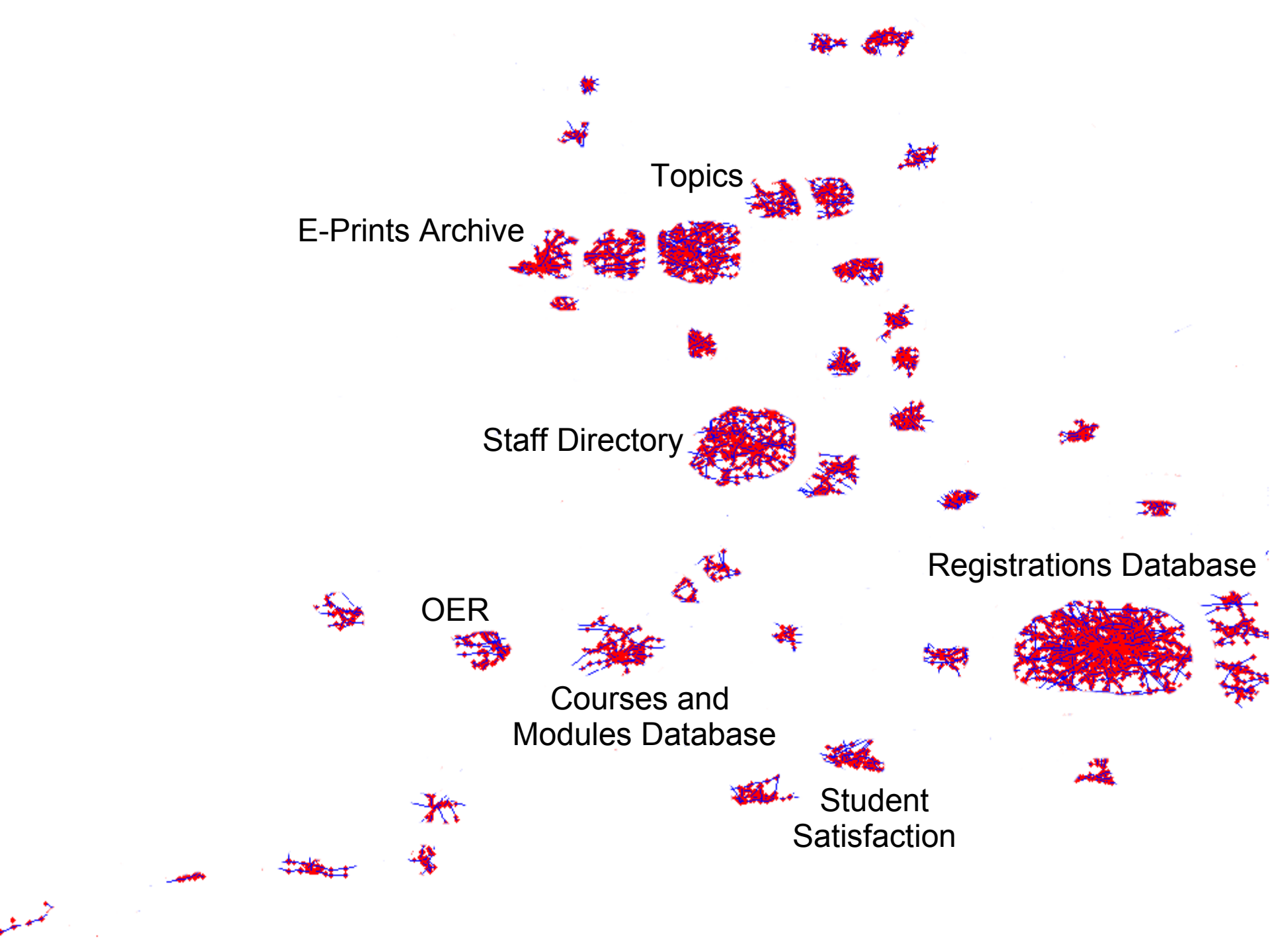
Gloucester is a Mashup

Linked Data is the Web

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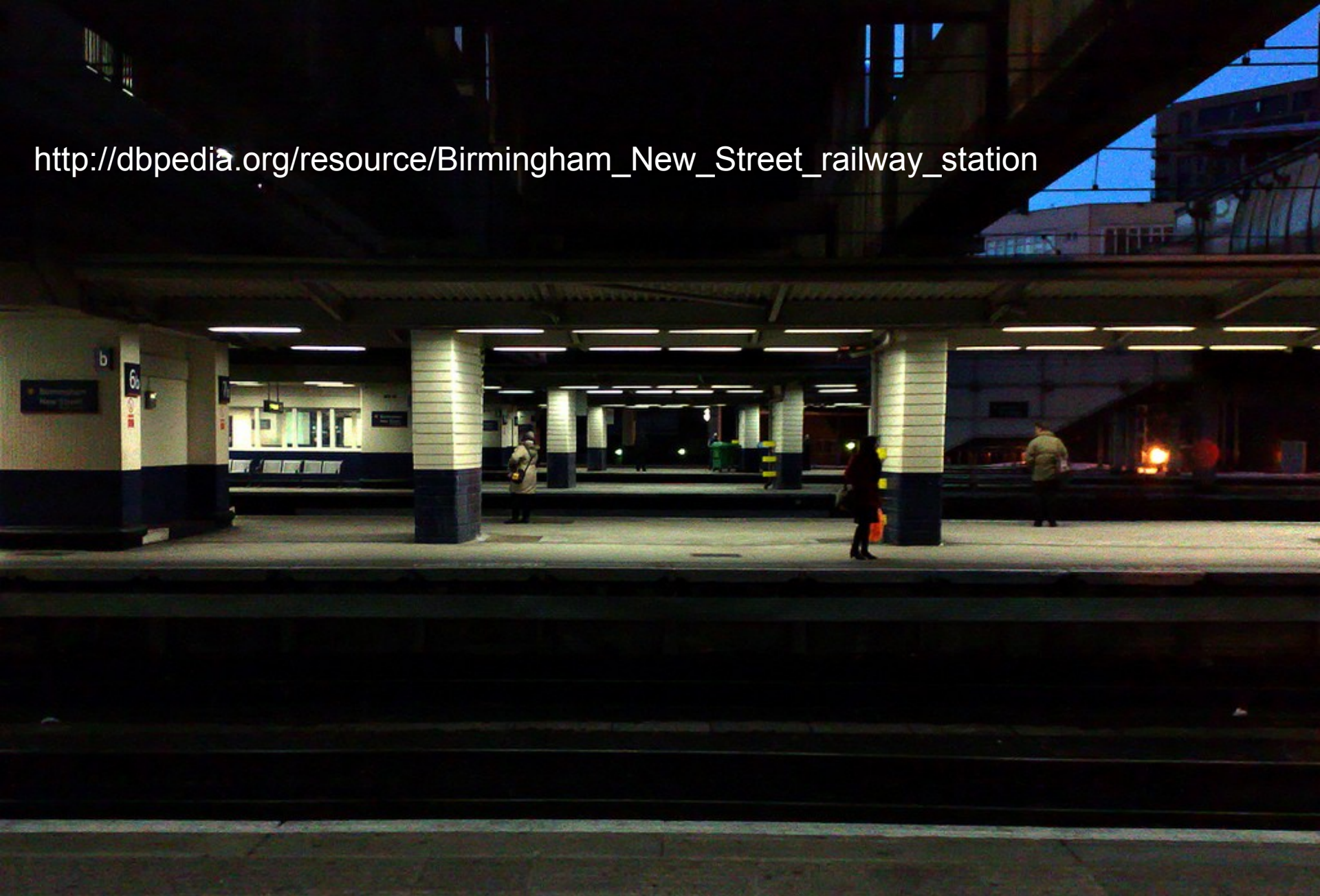
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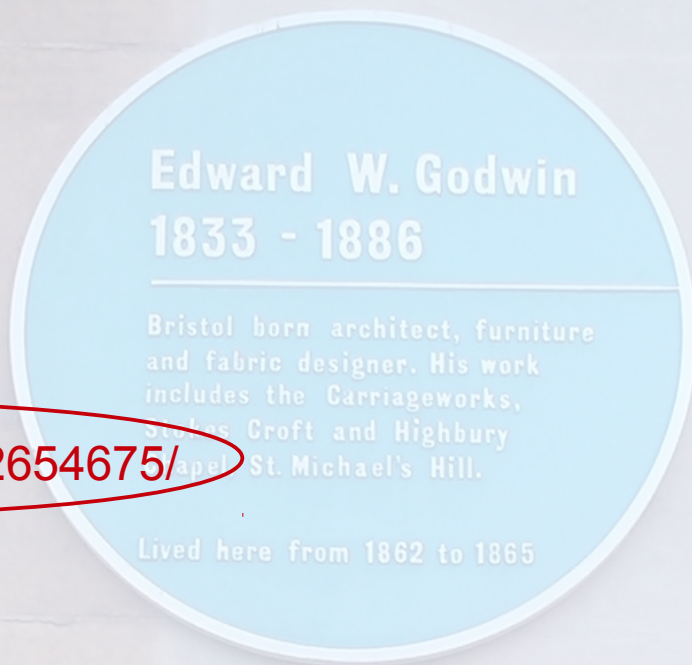# Edward W. Godwin
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- Using the Web infrastructure means no 'break of gauge' at Gloucester
    - Cheaper, faster journeys between data sets

Take Home Messages (2)

- ## How?
  - No need for a Big Bang
    - Exploit existing infrastructure
    - Build a backbone

- ## Costs?
  - As for any infrastructure investment
    - Bootstrapping cost vs cost savings and value of things that wouldn't otherwise get done

Questions?

- Slides
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