



Ontology of plant genealogy

What does this set of words
mean?



OG – ontology for plant genealogy

- It **IS** a description of the breeding history of ‘germplasm’
- It **IS NOT** a description of ‘germplasm’ phenotype
- It **IS NOT** a description of ‘germplasm’ genotype



OG – a definition

- A formalised logical description of chapter 2 “**THE GENEALOGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**” of the ICIS manual in such a way that both biologists (plant breeders, plant geneticists) and database developers (bio-informaticists and programmers) can understand each other.

Annex 2.2.b: Generative, derivative and maintenance methods for GMS.

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Methods for storing historical pedigrees with incomplete information

1	GEN	S	UGM	UNKNOWN GENERATIVE	Unknown generative method for storing historic pedigrees for self	0	0	0	0	1	2		19980610
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Annex 2.2.a: Cultivars, Populations, Breeding strategies, Generative, Derivative and Maintenance Methods for Self-fertilised, Cross-fertilised and Vegetatively Reproduced crop species.

		Breeding System	Cultivars and Populations	Breeding Strategies	Generative Methods	Derivative methods	Maintenance methods
3	GEN	Out Breeding	Cultivars	Half Mass Selection	Single cross cf	Induced mutation pop	Seed increase open pollination
4	GEN	Cross breeding	Open Pollinated Variety	Full Mass Selection	Three-way cross cf	Double haploid pop	Seed increase full diallel bulked
5	GEN	Cross fertilising	Synthetic CV	Recurrent Half-sib Selection	Double cross cf	Rouging cf	Seed increase half diallel bulked
6	GEN		Hybrid CV	Recurrent Full-sib Selection		Single plant selection cf	Seed increase partial diallel bulked
7	GEN		Obsolete CV	Selfed Families	Full diallel cross bulked	Restorer selection	Seed increase sunset cross
8	GEN		Populations	The bases for the classification contained in this model is that the source of the seed, which can be a single set of plants, a set of plants or a set of plants of a random set of plants. The method of reproduction of these crosses or selections depends on the behaviour of the species	Full diallel cross bulked	Restorer selection	Seed increase sunset cross
9	GEN		Landrace population	Reciprocal Recurrent	Inter-specific cross cf	Landrace culture	Landrace culture
31	DER		Landrace cultivar	Population Back Cross	Selected pollen cross cf	Collection population cf	Collection population cf
32	DER		Collection wild spp	Population Back Cross	Random pollen cross cf	Collection wild spp	Collection wild spp
33	DER		Collection weedy spp	Population Back Cross	Narrow based tester, pop cf	Import Seed	Import Seed
40	GEN		Genetic Stock	Same Single Plant	40(G) Selfing	Descent	Descent
60	MAN		Mechanical Mixture	Plus all the methods describe below for selection to fixed lines.	Random pollen cross cf	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
61	MAN				Random pollen cross cf	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
62	MAN				Random pollen cross cf	Polymorphism	Polymorphism

Table 2.2.b: Schematic outline of a general model for crossing practices in plants

Method	Generative Methods	Derivative Methods	Maintenance Methods
101(S) Single Plant	101(S) Single Plant	101(S) Single Plant	101(S) Single Plant
102(S) Modified Bulk Selection	102(S) Modified Bulk Selection	102(S) Modified Bulk Selection	102(S) Modified Bulk Selection
103(O) Bulk Selection	103(O) Bulk Selection	103(O) Bulk Selection	103(O) Bulk Selection
104(O) Single Seed Descent	104(O) Single Seed Descent	104(O) Single Seed Descent	104(O) Single Seed Descent
105(O) Double Haploid	105(O) Double Haploid	105(O) Double Haploid	105(O) Double Haploid
106(O) Back Cross	106(O) Back Cross	106(O) Back Cross	106(O) Back Cross
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Table 2.2.a: Germplasm Information stored in GMS.

Germplasm Identification Code. This is unique for any germplasm recorded. The general rule is: if you wouldn't mix the packets of seed that exist or did exist you give the GEN an entry in GMS.

This is the method of genesis of germplasm and details are stored in the method table (Annex 2.2.b) The method indicates whether the germplasm was produced by a generative, derivative or preservative process, and then how the germplasm was produced.

Details of the method which change with each application are stored as attribute information (Section 2.2.4)

Identification code for last instance of germplasm produced by a generative process from which the current instance was derived

GERMPLASM_ID if the current instance is produced by a generative process. Identification code for the immediate source of a derived or preserved germplasm. (Not valid for generated germplasm.)

Identification code of the user who submitted data on the genesis of the germplasm.

Identifier of breeding or origin location.

Date of generation, derivation or preservation of the germplasm.

GERMPLASM_REFER Identifier of bibliographic reference from where the germplasm data was retrieved

Probably catered for in the ICIS Methods Table. Probably catered for as breeding methods usually follow those for Self P crops.

Probably catered for by methods suitable for Open Pollinated crops.

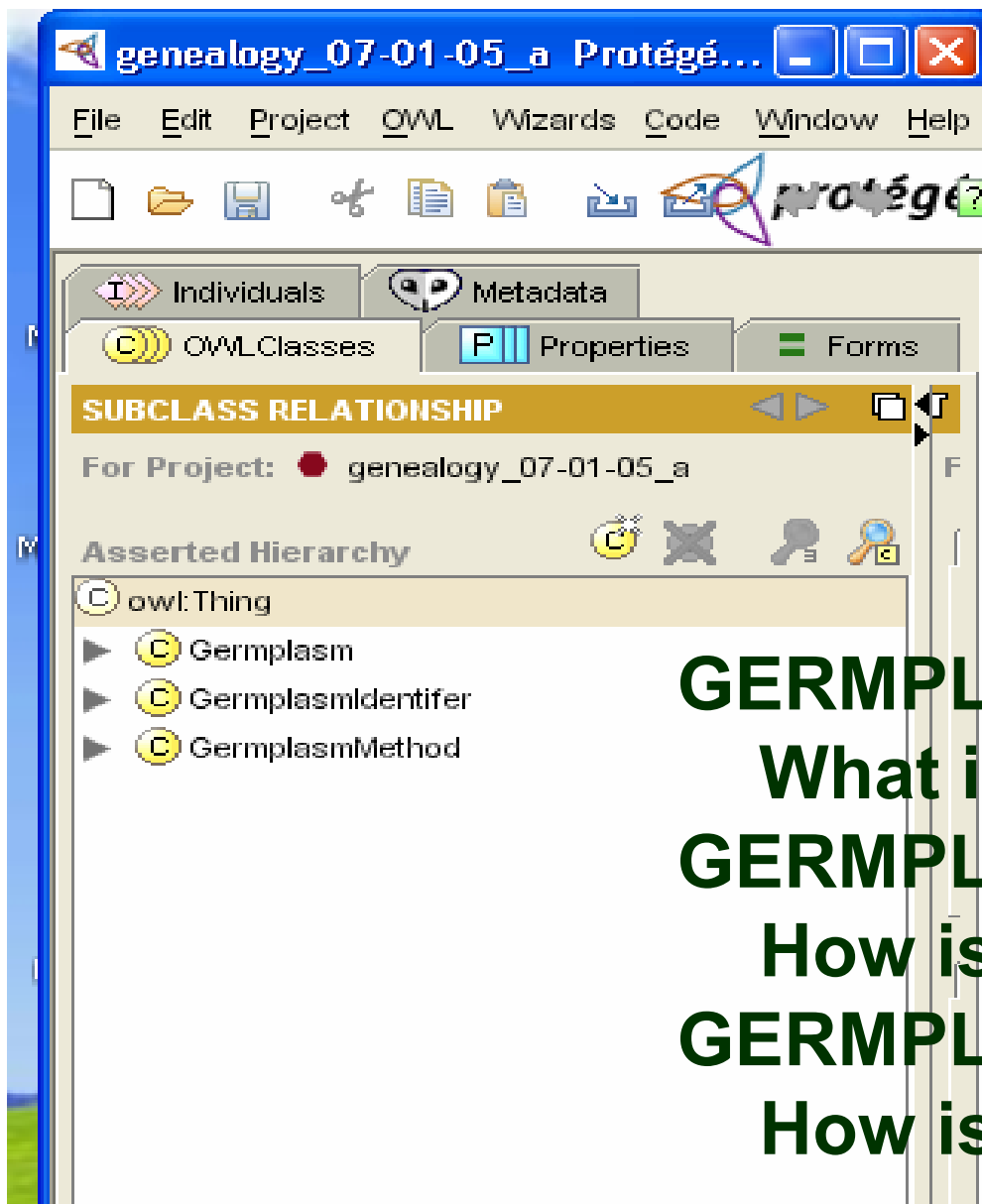
Generative and derivative and most maintenance methods catered for as will be either self or cross fertilised in their mode of sexual reproduction.

Probably catered for by methods suitable for Vegetatively Propagated cr



Ontology

- First bit
 - A taxonomy of concepts
 - hierarchical classification of definitions
- Second bit?
 - Defining relationships
 - Exclusive
 - Is a parent of
 - Is an off-spring of
 - ?
- A program that converts a human version (english?) to a logical framework



GERMPLASM

What is it?

GERMPLASMIDENTIFIER

How is it named?

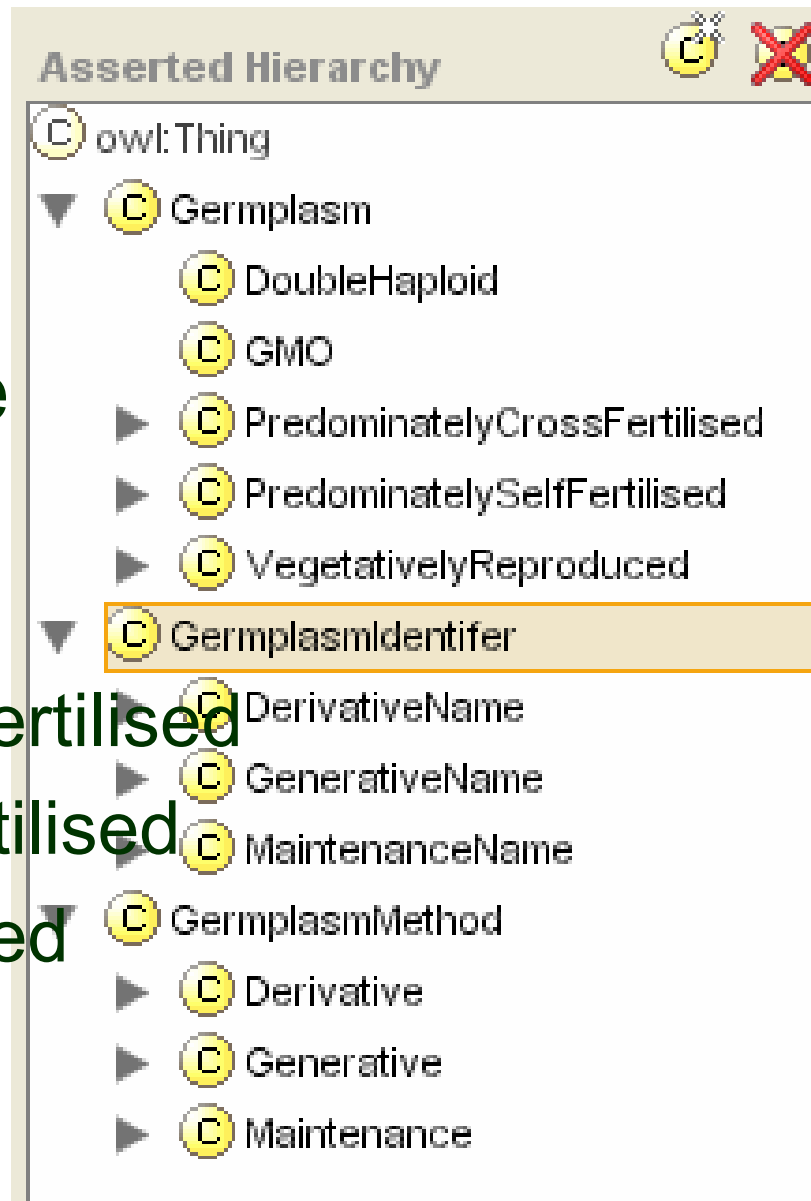
GERMPLASMMETHOD

How is it created?

Germplasm is

■ Propagules which are

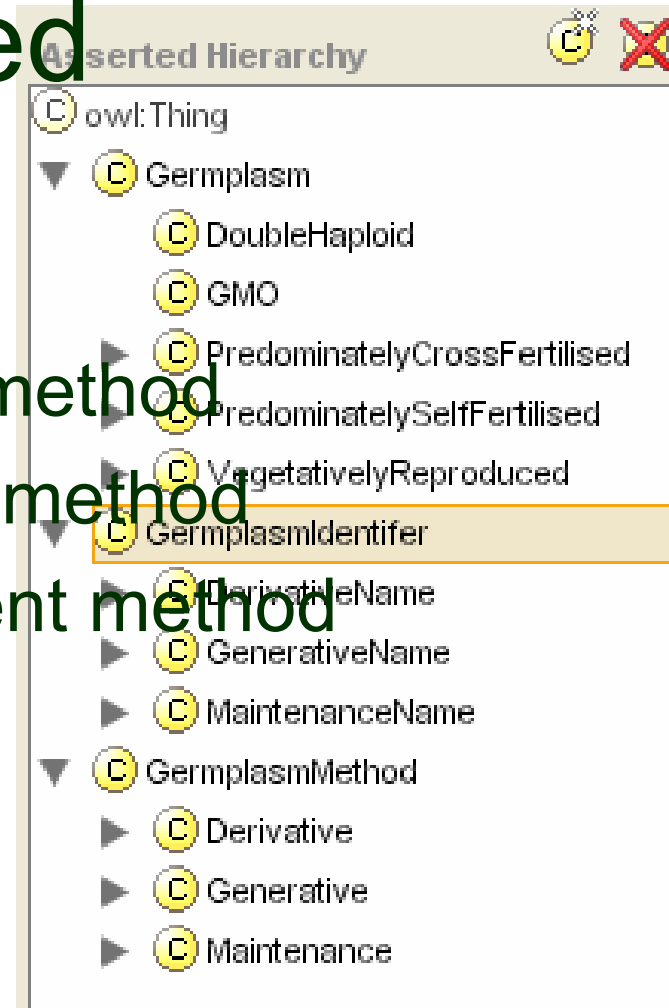
- ☐ double haploid
- ☐ genetically modified
- ☐ predominately cross fertilised
- ☐ predominately self fertilised
- ☐ vegetatively reproduced



Germplasm is named

■ Name of propagules

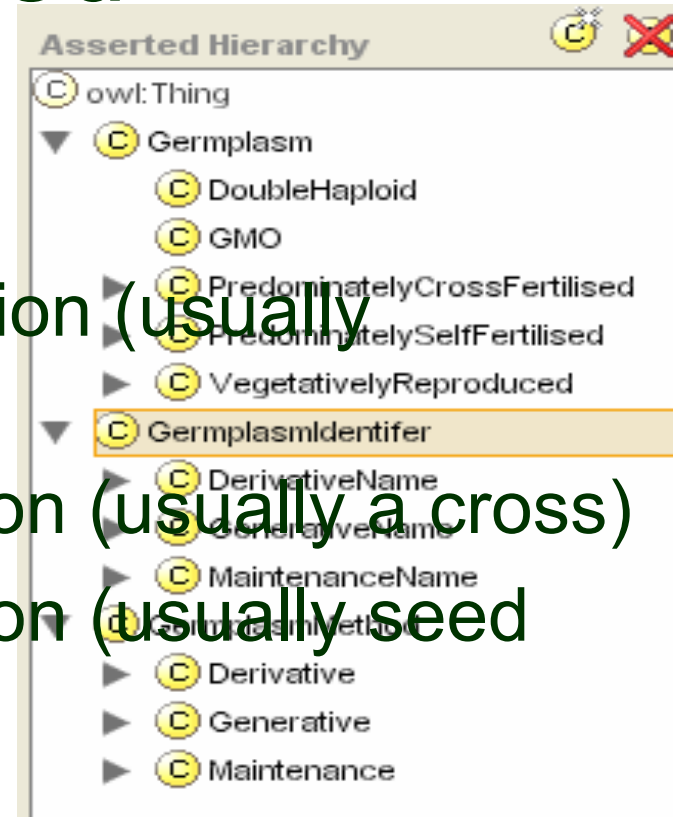
- ☐ derived from a derivative method
- ☐ derived from a generative method
- ☐ derived from a management method



Germplasm is created

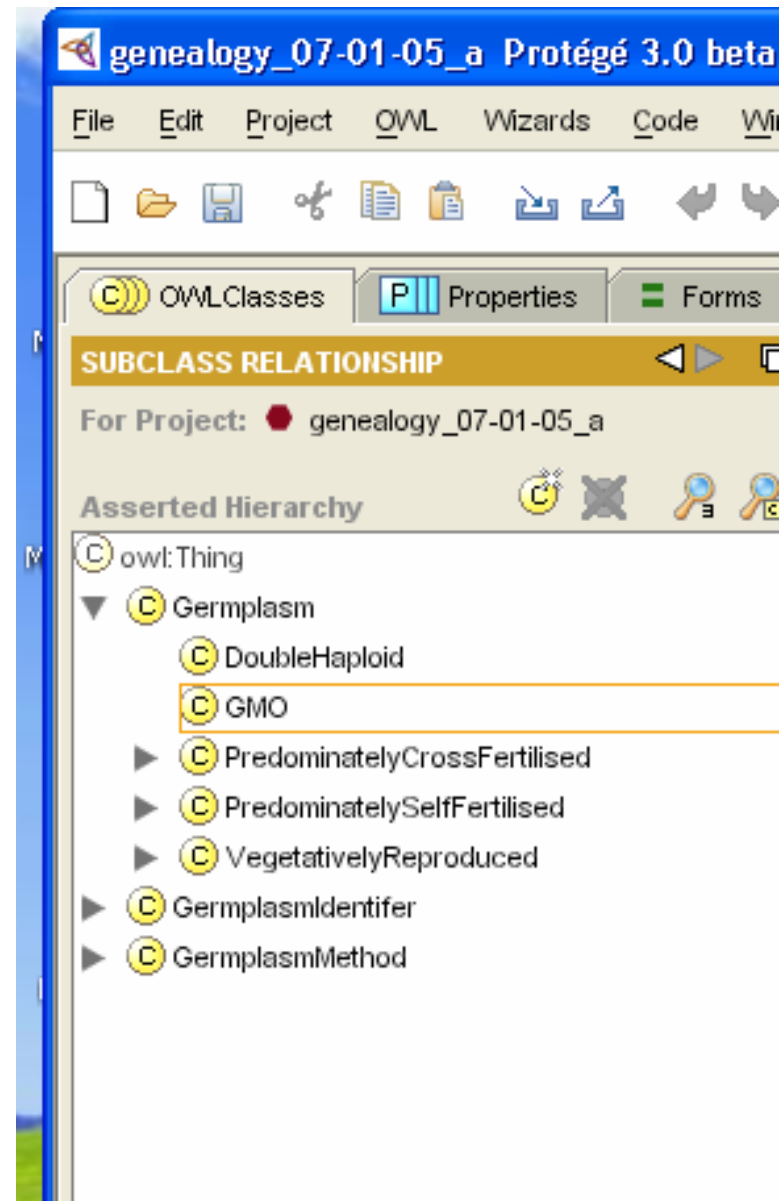
■ Propagules produced

- ☐ to decrease genetic variation (usually selection)
- ☐ to increase genetic variation (usually a cross)
- ☐ to maintain genetic variation (usually seed increase)



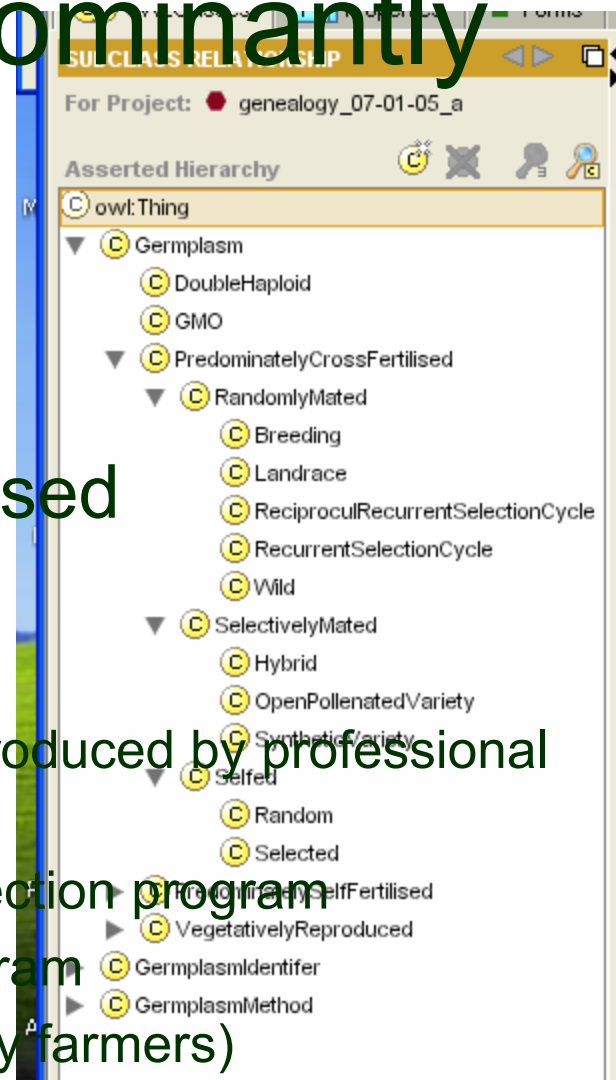
Germplasm is

- Propagules which are
 - Double haploid
 - Genetically modified



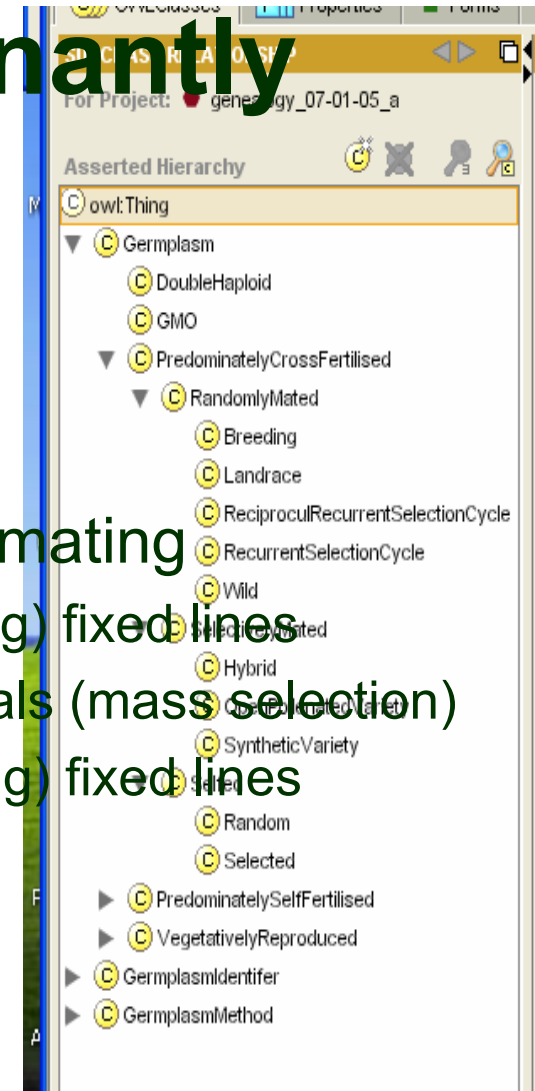
Germplasm is predominantly cross fertilised

- Propagules which are
 - predominately cross fertilised
 - and are randomly mated
 - in professional breeding
 - as a traditional variety not produced by professional breeding
 - in a reciprocal recurrent selection program
 - in a recurrent selection program
 - in the wild (not maintained by farmers)



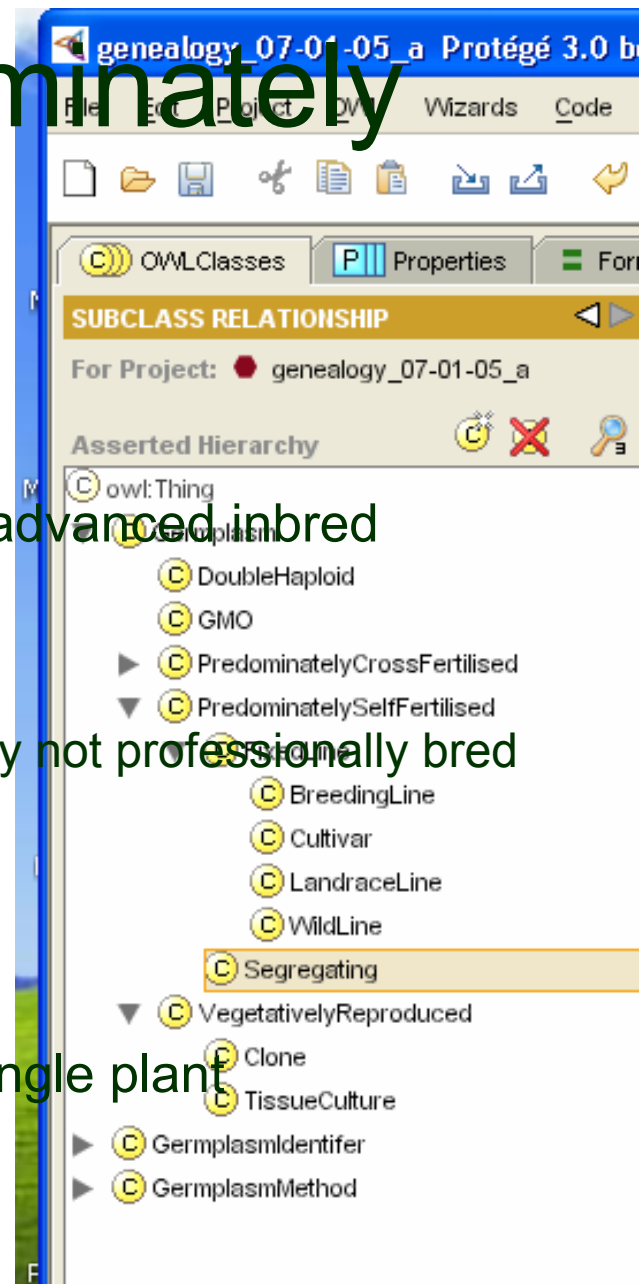
Germplasm is predominantly cross fertilised

- Propagules which are
 - predominantly cross fertilised
 - and are reproduced by selective mating
 - of a few selected (by progeny testing) fixed lines
 - of selected (by phenotype) individuals (mass selection)
 - of many selected (by progeny testing) fixed lines
 - and are reproduced by selfing
 - of randomly chosen individuals
 - of selected individuals



Germplasm is predominately self fertilised

- Propagules which are
 - predominately self fertilised
 - derived from a single plant from an advanced inbred population
 - and used for breeding
 - and released as a cultivar
 - and derived from a traditional variety not professionally bred
 - and collected off farm
 - are from an early inbred generation
 - vegetatively reproduced
 - from a single plant
 - from tissue culture derived from a single plant



Germplasm is created (derivative)

■ Propagules produced

- to decrease genetic variation (usually selection)

- by collection (a landrace or wild population which may be an individual or a population)

- by selection of

- and bulking

- selected plants

- unselected plants

- single plants

- mutants

- by doubling haploids

Germplasm is created (generative)

■ Propagules produced

- to increase genetic variation (usually a cross)
 - by producing haploids from heterozygotes
 - by mutation
 - caused by a mutagenic agent
 - recognized as a natural variant
 - by tissue culture methods
 - by crossing
 - individual plants
 - populations
 - individuals to populations
 - by genetically transforming a plant (the result of a conversion event)

Germplasm is created (management)

■ Propagules produced

- to maintain genetic variation (usually seed increase)
 - By forming a cultivar for release
 - for exporting to another organisation or project
 - by importation from elsewhere (the process of recording the accession)
 - by extraction of a fixed line from an advanced inbred population
 - by creating a population (usually by random mating)
 - by maintaining an existing population (usually by random mating)
 - by seed increase
 - by seed storage



Germplasm is named (derivative)

- Name of propagules
 - from a derivative method
 - is a breeder (or breeding program) name
 - is a selection history
 - of a (modified) pedigree program
 - of a recurrent selection program

Germplasm is named (generative)

■ Name of propagules

□ from a generative method

- due to genetic engineering event
- due to a cross
 - is a sequential name (usually numeric) in order of crossing (overall, in a year or a cycle)
 - is a name
 - is a string representing parentage
 - by a non Purdy string
 - by a Purdy string
- due to haploid doubling
- due to mutation

Germplasm is named (management)

■ Name of propagules

- is an accession number

- externally given
- locally given

- is a name for a commercial variety

- Which is heterozygous

- propagated asexually

- is a homogenous collection of a single heterozygous genotype
 - is a traditional clonal variety

- propagated by crossing

- of a small number of inbred lines
 - by farmer selection
 - by mass selection
 - Many inbred lines

- Which is homozygous

- derived from an a single plant of a highly inbred population

- is a traditional variety

- is a deliberate mixture of fixed lines

- is the name of a (collection of) homozygous individual(s)
 - from a breeding population
 - collected
 - from a bulk of many plants
 - is a weed
 - not a weed
 - from a single plant
 - is a weed
 - not a weed
- is the name of a population (collection of heterogenous/heterozygous individuals)
 - used for breeding
 - is a recurrent selection cycle name
 - is a recognised genetic stock
 - is a deliberate mixture of populations
 - named after place of collection
 - collected off farm