

Methods

Historical Thesaurus

Categories, third level. * total is 235,000 entry categories * The Thesaurus was compiled over a period of 44 years * While the OED is a hugely rich resource for studying the histories of individual words, there was no parallel resource for studying the history of concepts as they are expressed in word * classificatory principle on which the Thesaurus is based: a progression from the most general terms to the most specific. * from editor notes: "A scroll through a section such as Food or Inhabiting/dwelling illustrates how far people's lives have changed over time."

Tagging Topics

Typical usage online allows you to explore words inside a category, we'll flip that so we can explore categories of text.

* taking the category by the word appears * by taking all the categories along with a count, we can get a list of potential category tags

Application to Wikipedia

We use this idea not only to tag categories to obtain a view of the areas of knowledge through article titles, but we also obtain a historical perspective of wikipedia.

