

From a thesaurus standard to a general knowledge organization standard?!

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My background

- Content & Knowledge Engineering
- Master thesis at Airbus
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- DIN member

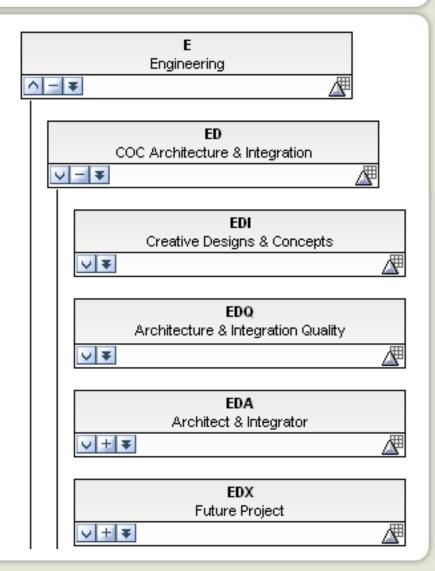


- Skill catalogs
- Competence management



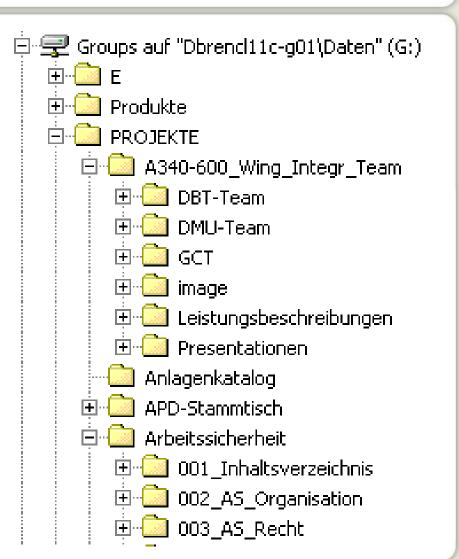


Organizational structure





- File directories
- Shared folders



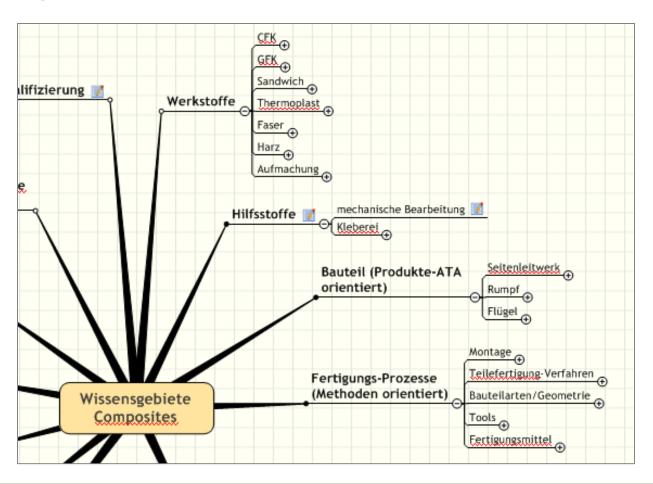


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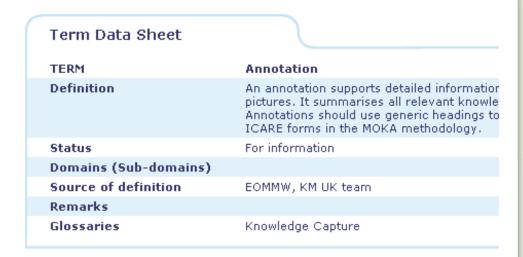


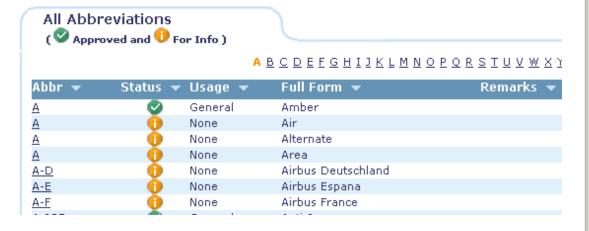
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- Corporate Encyclopedia
- Acronym tables







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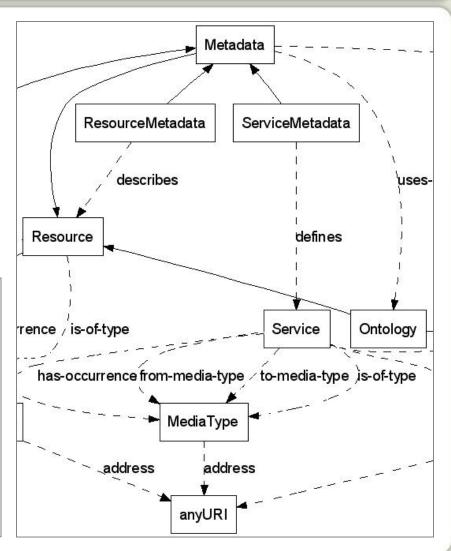
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Public/academic knowledge organization cases

- Ontologies / Al
 - Semantic web
 - Software agents
 - Expert systems





Public/academic knowledge organization cases

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museum

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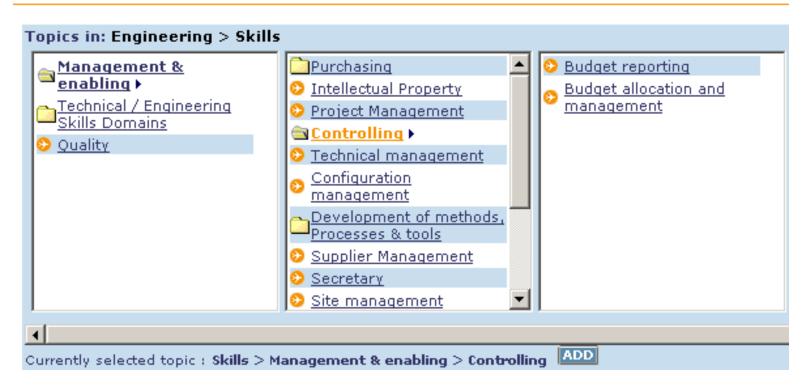
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- Knowledge management tools
 - Choose a topic



→ Thesaurus often not appropriate or a discussable choice



To be shown ...

1. There are knowledge gaps:

- Orientation for choosing the "right" vocabulary type and the "right" knowledge organization approach
- Guidelines for constructing and maintaining content of vocabularies other than thesauri

2. It is worth filling these knowledge gaps:

- Part 3 of BS 8723 made first steps
- Internationalization (ISO 25964) is a chance
- Beneficial for new + traditional audiences



Vocabulary types & construction techniques

- Vocabulary types:
 - Lists
 - Synonym rings
 - Classification schemes
 - Business classification schemes
 - Taxonomies
 - Ontologies
 - Topic Maps
 - Thesauri
- Alternatives:
 - Folksonomies
 - Free-Text

- Construction techniques:
 - Reuse & Merging
 - "Manual" structuring
 - Collaborative structuring
 - Automatic structuring (scanning, clustering, etc.)

Need for guidance



Coverage of existing thesaurus standard

Vocabulary control	BS 8723-2
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Term form	BS 8723-2
Structural relationships	BS 8723-2
Multi-word terms	BS 8723-2
Classification of terms	BS 8723-2
Multilingualism	BS 8723-4
Presentation and layout	BS 8723-2
Management aspects	BS 8723-2
Updating issues	BS 8723-2
Requirement of management software	BS 8723-2
Interoperability between vocabularies	BS 8723-4
Interoperability with applications	BS 8723-5
Methods for construction	BS 8723-2
Formal language for description	SKOS

Std. avail.

Other Std. avail.



Comparison with other standards

	Thesaurus	Ontologies
Vocabulary control	BS 8723	Paper/Books
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Methods for construction	BS 8723	Methontology
Formal language for description	SKOS	RDF, OWL, DAML+OIL

Std. avail. Other Std. avail.

Literature, paper avail.

Nothing avail.



Transferability

- "Roughly" transferable, but not directly
 - Interpretation of hierarchy
 - Semantic concepts
 - Purposes / application areas



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Content of Part 3 in BS 8723

Part 3 ... "Vocabularies other than thesauri"

- Differences thesauri vs. other vocabularies
 - Vocabulary control / semantic concepts
 - Treatment of hierarchy
 - . . .
- → BS 8723 remained thesaurus-focused
- → Part 3 = "detour" from thesauri



Options for encountering the knowledge gap

- 1. Separated standards with a comparison to other vocabularies ("Part 3") each
- 2. Separated standards and a general vocabulary guide ("Part 3")
- 3. One universal standard



Benefits

- Valuing up current standard
- Enrichment for original audience: Alternatives
- Attracting new target groups
- Bridging communities
- Keeping (and amending) today's content
- Strengthening "knowledge organization" as professional discipline
- More precise differentiation of vocabularies



Challenges

- Different communities
- Few people with deep knowledge and experience
- Considerable effort
- Often treated as "secondary topic" at industry
- Different real usage of existing vocabularies today



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