# Terminology in ontologies and other lexicographic resources

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#### **Outline**

- What is terminology?
- Terminology in scientific domains
- Object of study of terminology
- Concepts and their relations
- Terms and their formation
- Linguistic resources and ontologies
- Reusing non ontological resources
- Final remarks



# What is terminology?

### The term terminology is polysemic:

- As a product: set of terms from a given subject field.
- As a discipline: set of fundamental principles and conceptual bases that govern the study of specialized terms, their description, analysis and relations.
- As a practice: set of principles oriented towards term compilation



# Terminology in technical & scientific domains

- No professional communication can exist without terminology
- No knowledge transfer can exist without terminology
- Without terminology there is not
  - -Intelectual and material development
  - -Professional research and training
- As a consequence,
  - -no further development would take place
  - A country would isolate from the rest of developed countries

(Picht, 1979)



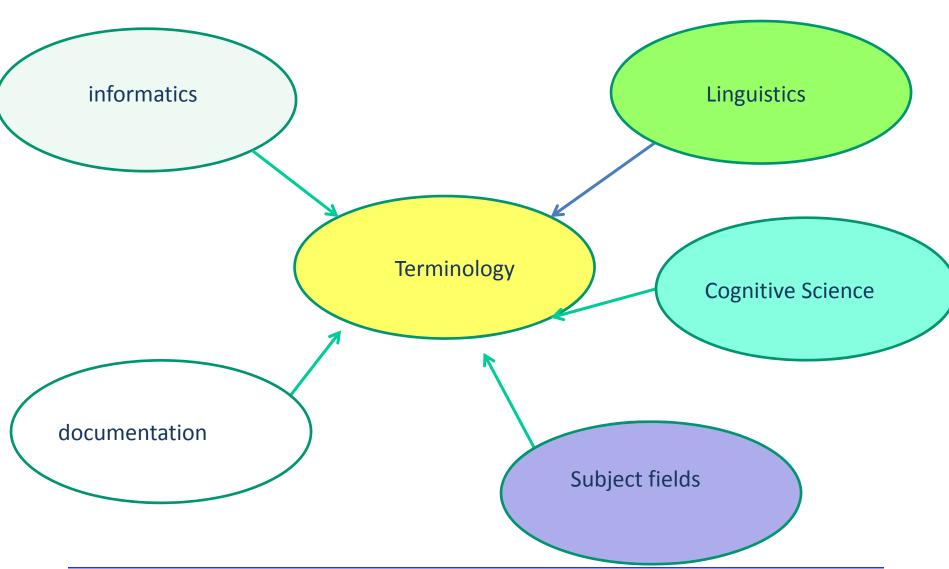
# Terminological data as content carriers

- Record
- Store
- Order
- Manage
- Represent
- Retrieve
- Disseminate
- Communicate
- Transfer

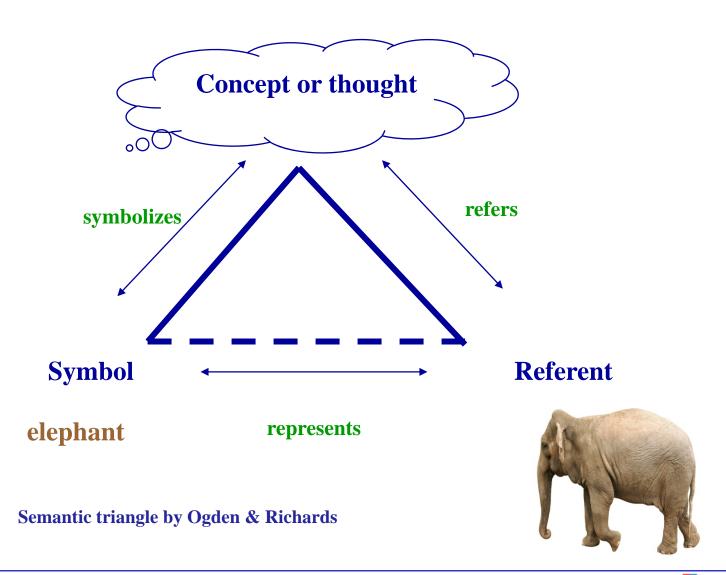
Specialized information and knowledge



# Terminology: interdisciplinary subject field



### How do we relate concepts and terms?





# Object of study in terminology

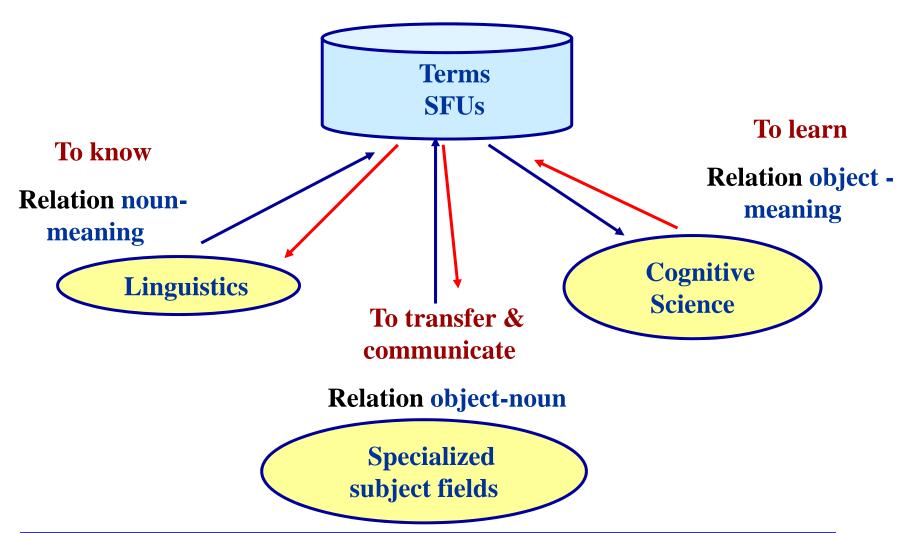
- Concepts
- Terms
- Relation between terms and concepts
- Definitions (not included in this lesson)

#### **NOWADAYS**

- Emphasis on terminology management:
  - products, tools and applications



# The object of study of terminology Linguistic approach (1)



# The object of study of terminology (2)

- identifying concepts and concept relations
- analysing and modelling concept systems on the basis of identified concepts and concept relations
- establishing representations of concept systems through concept diagrams
- defining concepts
- attributing designations (predominantly terms) to each concept in one or more languages
- recording and presenting terminological data, principally in print and electronic media (terminography)

ISO FDIS 704:2009



# **Definition of a concept**

- *In general*: Unit of knowledge created by a unique combination of characteristics. ISO 1087- 1 (2000)
- In terminology: Concepts shall be considered mental representation of objects within a specialized context or field ISO/DIS 704 (2009)
- BUT concepts are influenced by social and cultural circumstances given at a certain moment
  - SO this can lead to different classifications in the conceptual system
- Concepts can be seen as:
  - Units of **thought**: represent and recognize the object mentally
  - Units of **knowledge**: represent knowledge in each subject field
  - Units of communication: transmit knowledge by means of linguistic symbols



# **Description of a concept**

• Concepts are described according to their common features, properties or characteristics, either by **intension** or **extension** 

#### Intension

- Set of characteristics which makes up the concept (ISO 1087-1: 2000)
- The bigger the number of common characteristics, the more restricted is the intension.
- The intension of the concept winter in polar countries includes: low temperatures, ice, wind, snow, etc.

#### Extension

- Totality of objects to which a concept corresponds (ISO 1087-1: 2000)
- A general concept has a wide extension as it includes two or more objects by reason of common properties.
- The extension of the concept planet includes: *Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.*



# Characteristics of a concept

- "Abstraction of a property of an object or of a set of objects" (ISO 1087-1:2000)
- According to the importance in forming a concept
  - essential: indispensable to understand and distinguish a concept
    - The back of a seat distinguishes a stool and a chair.
  - complementary: colour, material, shape, ...



- According to the relation with the object represented
  - intrinsic, which are observable properties:
    - Shape: oval, round, narrow, wide, ...
    - Material: wooden, stone, metalic, ...
    - Colour: red, blue, green, orange...
    - **Position:** vertical, hanging, slanting
  - extrinsic, relation of the object with others
    - Mode of employement or application: analogic, digital, hybrid.
    - **Origin** or how an object comes into existence: producer, inventor, provider, the place of its production, (town, country), ...





# **Concept:** abstraction based on the set of all the characteristics of mechanical mice

# **Term**: mechanical mouse





- a device;
- ivory-coloured;
- hand-manoeuvred along a firm, flat surface;
- has a ball on its underside;
- has three buttons:
- has a wire for connecting to a computer;
- rollers detect the movement of the ball;
- the ball controls the movement of a cursor on a computer display screen.



- a device:
- blue and grey;
- hand-manoeuvred along a firm, flat surface;
- has a ball on its underside;
- has two buttons:
- has a wire for connecting to a computer;
- without rollers;
- the ball controls the movement of a cursor on a computer display screen.



- a device;
- black-grey;
- hand-manoeuvred along a firm, flat surface;
- has a ball on its underside:
- has two buttons:
- has a wire for connecting to a computer;
- rollers detect the movement of the ball;
- the ball controls the movement of a cursor on a computer display screen.

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# Relations between concepts: hierarchical relations

Close relation between a concept and its characteristics

#### A. GENERIC RELATIONS (genus-species relation) IS\_A

- One of the concepts includes another concept
  - **vertical:** hypernym- hyponym; superordinate –subordinate
  - **horizontal:** two specific ideas of the same generic concept with some distinguishing characteristics



- Broader than (BT)
- Narrower than (NT)
- Associated to (AT)

#### B. PARTITIVE RELATIONS (part-whole relation) PART\_OF

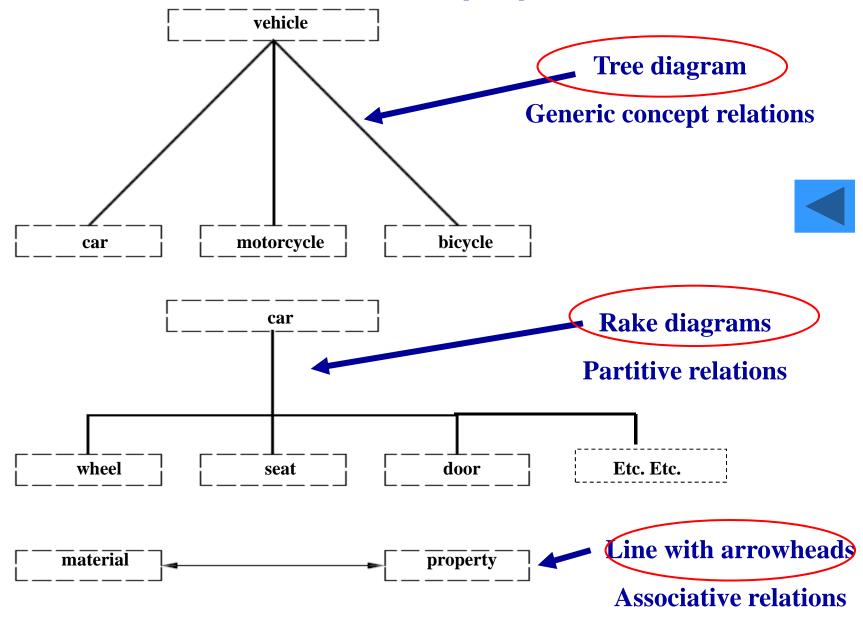
- These relations are also called meronimic (HAS\_PART)
  - Car: wheels, seats, doors, boot, stearing wheel, gearbox...
- Different types of meronimic relations







#### **Graphic representations used in ISO Standards**





### **Other Meronimic Relations**

Relación	Ejemplo
componente - objeto	pedal - bicicleta
miembro - colección	barco - flota
porción - masa	rebanada - pan
material - objeto	acero - coche
fase - actividad	pagar - comprar
lugar - área	oasis - desierto

Tabla II.2: Modelo de Winston et al. (1987)



Climent, S. 1999 Individuación e información parte-todo. Representación para el procesamiento computacional del lenguaje



# Non-hierarchical relations (associative relations)

- Caused by : (acid rain- nuclear explosion)
- **Product of**: (paper- wood pulp)
- Property of (compressibility -gas)
- Quantitative measure (temperature-heat)
- *Instrument for* (computer- data processing)
- Counter-agent for (insecticide- insects)
- Container of (toolbox- tools)
- Method of (diamond drilling- drilling)
- Material for (iron-bridge building)
- Place for (coal mine- coal exploitation)
- -Associated with (production-consumption)

An associative relation exists when a thematic connection can be established between concepts by virtue of experience.



# How do we express concepts?

- In natural language:
  - Terms (one-word or multi-word terms) that denote or refer to a concept in a subject field
  - Definitions
  - Glosses, etc.
- In artificial language
  - Codes
  - Formulas
- In a multimedia resource:
  - Icons
  - Photos
  - Diagrams
  - Graphs
  - Video-clips
  - Audio-clips
  - Other multimedia representations



#### **Term formation I**

- According to its **origin**:
  - Borrowings from other languages: hardware, software, football, cookies, folksonomies
  - Adapted borrowings: formatear, inicializar, fútbol, etc.
  - Loans of structure : inteligencia artificial, lógica difusa, programación orientada a objetos, anotación social, kindergarten= jardín de infancia
  - Semantic loans: aplicación, utilidades, editar, icono, ratón, menú, nube, semantic grid
  - -Transliteration: Pekin- Beijin
- According to its **formation**:
  - One-word terminological units : Programa, aplicación, icono, menú, ratón
  - Multiword terminological units: programming language, computer assisted design/learning, high level language, object-oriented programming

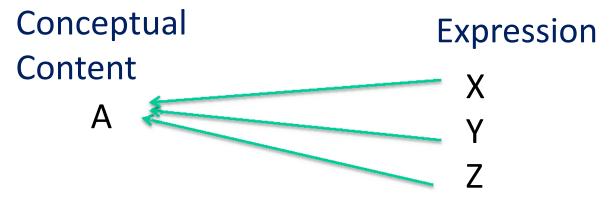


#### **Term formation II**

- According to its components:
  - Suffixation:
    - teca/tica: animática, burótica, indumática, ofimática, robótica, telemática, turismática
    - ware: hard-, soft-, middle-,
    - itis: a) inflamación: bronquitis, faringitis, amigdalitis, otitis
      - b) obsesión: madriditis, mamitis, futbolitis
  - **Prefixation:** ciber: cibercoffee, cibermedicine, cibercrime, etc
  - **Composition**: screensaver = salvapantallas, reposapiés = footrest,
  - Abbreviation (acronyms): PC, PDF, TCP/IP, blog, MP3, wysiwyg, P2P
  - Conversion: download, input, output, fax-to fax
  - Neologization: to twitter, to google, autoedición, "gustomizar",
  - Metaphorization: cloud computing, folksonomies, social tagging, surf the net, tag cloud, paquete de mejoras salariales, autopistas de la información, papelera, escritorio, bajar de la red, machacar un fichero, caerse el sistema, etc



# Relation between denomination and concept: Synonymy in terminology



- 1. an acronym and the complete terminological unit: *UCP: Unidad central de proceso*
- 2. An acronym thar represents the English term and the complete term in Spanish:

CPU: unidad central de proceso

LAN: red de área local

3. An abbreviated form and the complete term:

un mini: un miniordenador

una macro: una macroinstrucción

4. A scientific denomination and the popular one:

chip: circuito integrado

5. A standardised term and the dialectal variant

hormigón in Spain and concreto in South America

*array, matriz* in Spain y *arreglo* in South America

6. Symbols and their terms

Ca = Calcio

7. Variants of a term:

tecla de borrar = tecla de suprimir menú de persiana = menú desplegable Collaborative tagging, social classification, social indexing, social tagging



# Relation between denomination and concept: Polisemy in terminology

Conceptual
Content

Expression

A
B

1. A group of loosely coupled computers that work together closely (HW)

Cluster (Comp.)

Comp.)



# Relation between denomination and concept

¿¿ Homonymy in terminology??

**Conceptual Content** 

**Expression** 

Sp. - Vino (verb: venir)

- vino (drink)
- Concreto (adjective)
- concreto (hormigón)

En: Fluke

A fish, and a flatworm (aleta)

The end parts of an anchor (uña)

The fins on a whale's tail.

A stroke of luck (chiripa)



# Water in different concept systems

### **Chemistry**

#### • molecule-composed compound of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen (H2O), considered the universal solvent

## **Physics**

# • fluid which is colourless, odourless and tasteless used as the standard of specific gravity and of specific heat which freezes at 0 °C and boils at 100 °C

### **Physics**

• chemical compound which is colourless, odourless, and tasteless and whose formula is H2O and which is naturally found in solid state at temperatures at and below 0 °C, in liquid state at temperatures between 0 °C and 100 °C, and as vapour at temperatures above 100 °C

## **Biology**

• chemical substance that is essential to all known forms of life

## **Metrology**

 chemical compound whose freezing and boiling points are the basis for the Celsius temperature scale, where freezing point equals 0 °C and boiling point equals 100 °C at standard atmospheric pressure

### **Astrology**

• one of the four elements of life that is associated with the emotional and intuitive processes



# **Concept systems**

- model *concepts* and relations between them based on specialized knowledge of a *subject field*;
- clarify the relations between *concepts*;
- form the basis for a uniform and standardized *terminology*;
- facilitate the comparative analysis of *concepts* and *designations* across languages and across *subject fields*;
- facilitate the writing of *definitions*;
- facilitate the inclusion of all relevant *concepts* while developing a terminological resource.



# Example of conceptual hierarchy "entidad de defensa costera" with semantics

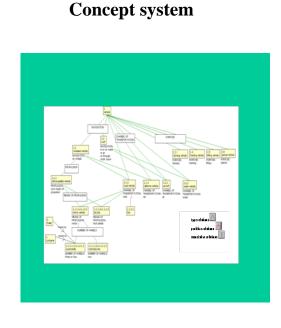
- Obra de defensa costera: construcción de hormigón, madera y acero destinada a reflejar y absorber la energía del oleaje, previniendo así la erosión.
  - -Espigón: obra de defensa, [is-a], perpendicular a la costa, [location-of], construida a base de madera, hormigón o escollera [made-of], que retarda la deriva litoral y el proceso de erosión [has-function]
  - Dique rompeolas: obra de defensa, generalmente paralela a la costa,.
     Construida a base de madera, hormigón o escollera, para la protección del impacto del oleaje y para proporcionar abrigo a una zona marítima.
    - dique exento: dique rompeolas que no está conectado a la costa

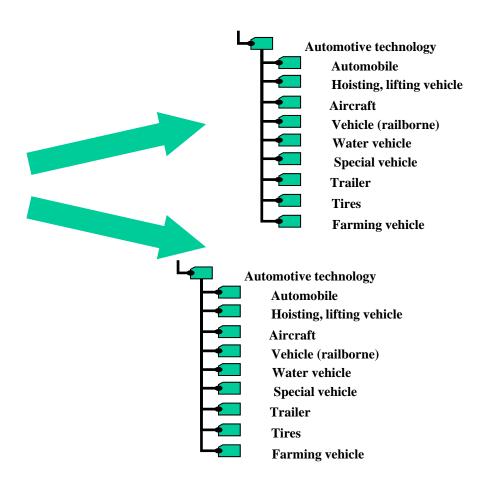
(Faber et al. 2007)



### **Classification & concepts**

#### **Classification system(s)**

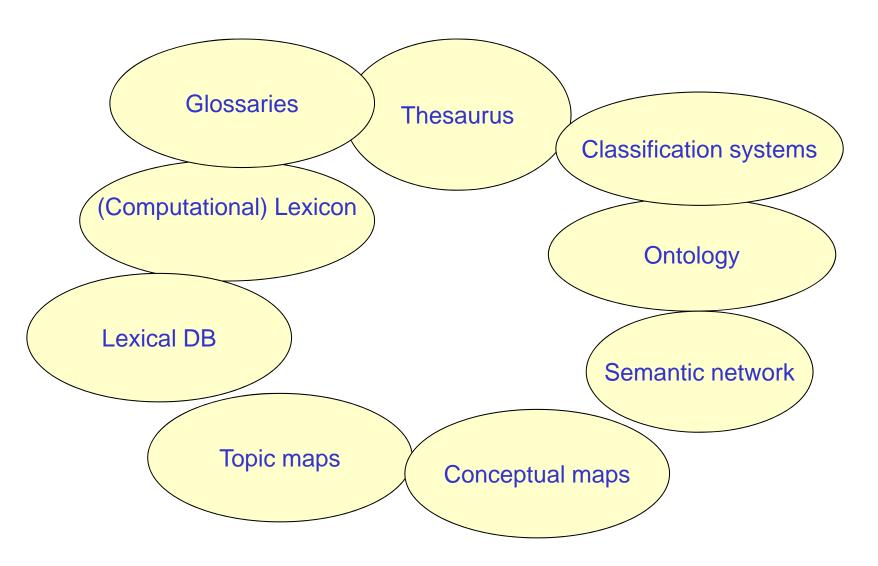




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# Linguistic and conceptual resources: terminological chaos?



#### **Some definitions**

#### word-sense-entry →

- [ ORTHOGRAPHY : string
  - WORD-MEANING : word-meaning-id+
- SYNONYMS : word-meaning-id\*
  - **NEAR-SYNONYMS**: word-meaning-id\*
- **HYPONYMS**: hyponym\*
- **HYPERONYMS**: hyperonym\*
  - **ANTONYMS**: antonym\*
- MERONYMS : meronym\*
- HOLONYMS : holonym\*
  - **QUANTIFICATION**: quantification\*
  - **COLLOCATIONS**: collocation\*
- **SEMANTIC-FRAME**: sem-frame
  - **ACTIONALITY**: actionality
- ENTRY-CREATOR: (HUMAN | MACHINE)
  - **IS\_VALIDATED:** Boolean ]

- of terms and their relations (hierarchical, in a subject domain.
- information developed by several
- a data model that allows the storage,
- s semantic relations between concepts ns and scopes thet may exist in some
- on for an arrangement of objects into

to the semantics of the grammatical units

- Relate specific linguistic information with other kinds of information



(phonologic, morphologic, syntactic, semantic and p matic)



#### **Glossaries**

- List of terms, not always with definitions.
- Terms usually belong to a subject field
- Terms are defined according to the meaning in that field only

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# **CINDOC Glossary**

**Tesauros** 

<u>Inicio</u>

<u>Alfabético</u>

<u>Búsquedas</u>

#### Glosario de Máquinas Herramienta

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNÑOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Listado alfabetido de terminos [#1] (no-descriptores en cursiva)

1 2 3 4 5 6 [Siguiente] [Fin]

a prueba de empleo incorrecto

abrazadera para tubos

accionamiento de la mesa

accionamiento del avance

accionamiento eléctrico

accionamiento forzado

accionamiento hidráulico

accionamiento individual

accionamiento neumático

accionamiento por cuerda

accionamiento por fricción

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accionamiento por trinquete

aceleración

acoplador roscado para tuberías

acoplamiento de desembrague

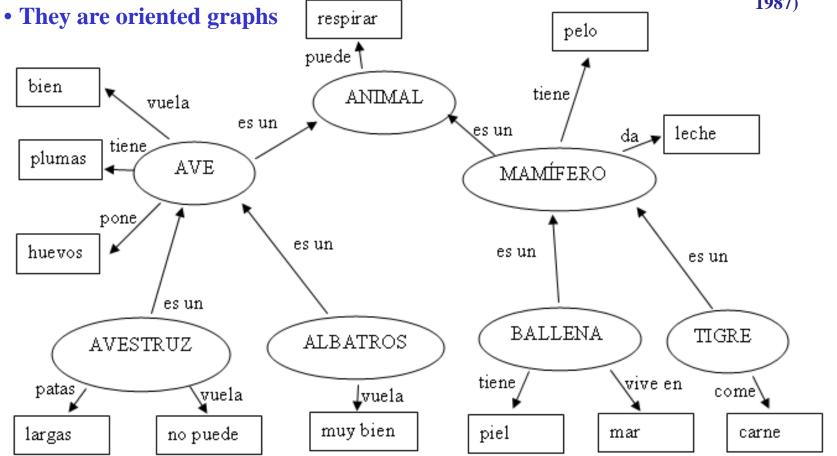
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#### **Semantic network**

- First approach: Quillian 1968 in AI.
- Concept structure with nodes and relations, not hierarchically organized
- Can include BT, NT, RT relations or other associative relations

Used in MT:
Fujitsu's ATLAS
En-Jp
Translation
System (Uchida
1987)



#### Lexicons

# Generally, of two types

- general
  - -contain language used in all/general contexts
- specific
  - -contain the language used in a specific domain of knowledge

# Implications of both types of lexicons

- –Quantity and quality of information (granularity)
- -Complexity of the design
- -Complexity in the development process



# **Types of lexicons**

### • Various types:

– Morphosyntactic Information :



http://www.mat.upm.es/~aries/description.html

http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/projekte/CorpusWorkbench/CQP-HTMLDemo/PennTreebankTS.html

- Semantic Information:
  - Semantic features: human being, animate, human, physical object, mental object
  - Different entries for different senses
  - Semantic relations: synonyms, quasi-synonyms, antonyms, etc.
  - Hierarchical relations: part\_of, kind\_of, etc...
- Syntactic-semantic Information : colocations
- Information about a domain
- Definitions



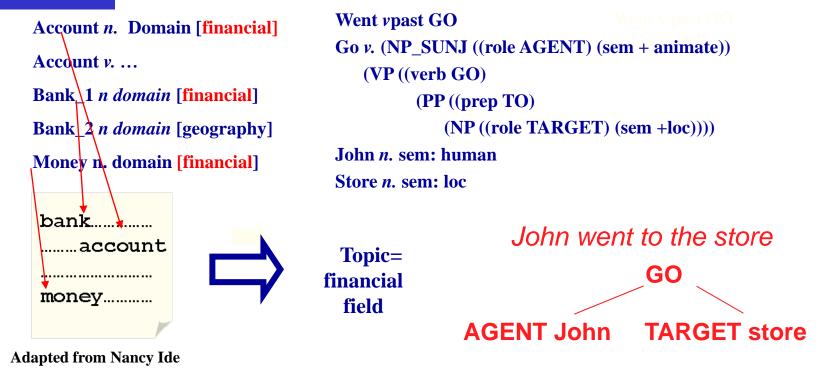


#### How are lexicons used in NLP?

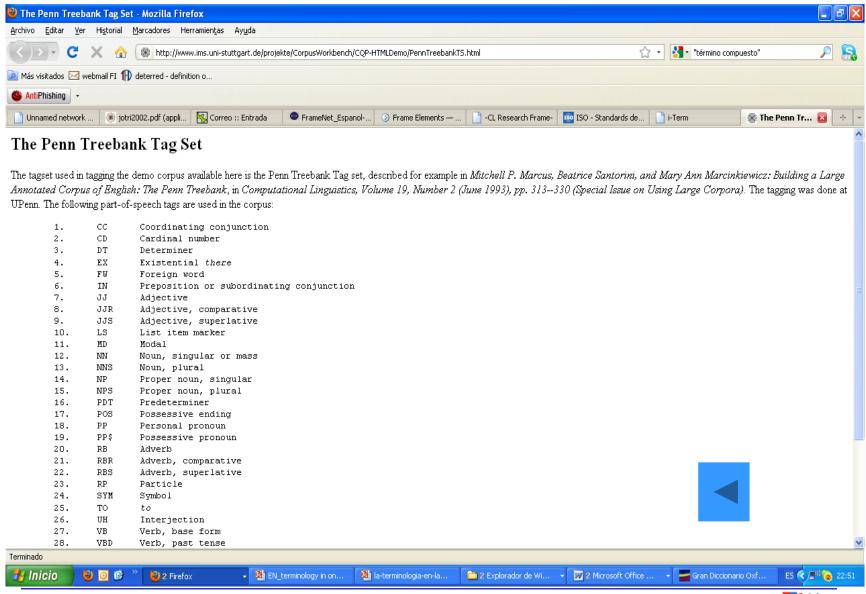
• They contain the necessary linguistic information to construct meaning representations

#### Lexicon

Lexicon



#### **PennTreeBank**



## Lexicon about "Existence" (Faber and Mairal, 1999)

1.1	General: 7	To exist / to continue to exist.			
1.2	To begin t	To begin to exist [be, live]			
	1.2.1	To cause something to exist [create, make]			
1.3	To exist in the perception of others [appear]				
	1.3.1	To cause something to exist in the perception of others [show]			
1.4	To exist in time (becoming real) [happen]				
	1.4.1	To cause something to exist in time [induce, provoke]			
		1.4.1.1. To cause something to exist in time in a particular way [precipitate, hasten]			
		1.4.1.2 . To cause something to happen, making it possible [allow, permit]			
		1.4.1.3. To cause something not to happen [prevent, avoid, stifle, smother]			
1.5	To exist a	s something			
	1.5.1 To e	xist as the representation of something else [represent, express]			
		1.5.1.1 To cause something to exist as a representation of something [copy, reproduce			
	1.5.2 To e	xist as a part of something [comprise, constitute]			
1.6	To begin to exist [start, commence, be Born]				
	1.6.1 To c	ause to begin to exist [start, commence]			
		1.6.1.1 To cause to be born [abort]			
	1.6.2 To b	egin to exist in the perception of others [arise, form]			
	1.6.3	To begin to exist in time (becoming real) [start, originate]			
		1.6.3.1 To cause something to begin to exist in time [start, initiate]			
1.7	To continue to exist [last, endure]				
	1.7.1	To stop something from continuing [interrupt]			
1.8	To stop existing [die]				
	1.8.1	To cause somebody/something to stop existing [kill, murder]			
	1.8.2	To stop existing in the perception of others [disappear, vanish]			
		1.8.2.1 To cause something to stop existing in the perception of others [erase, delete]			
		1.8.2.2 To stop existing in time [end, finish, cease]			
		1.8.2.3 To cause something to stop existing in time [end, finish, cease]			



### WordNet 3.0 Vocabulary Helper

pollution	Search
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Help for Eva Word Lookup Interfaces

#### Synonyms/Hypernyms (Ordered by Estimated Frequency) of noun pollution

3 senses of pollution

#### Sense 1

pollution -- (undesirable state of the natural environment being contaminated with harmful substances as a consequence of human activities)

- environmental condition -- (the state of the environment)
- impurity, impureness -- (the condition of being impure)

#### Sense 2

befoulment, defilement, pollution -- (the state of being polluted)

• dirtiness, uncleanness -- (the state of being unsanitary)

#### Sense 3

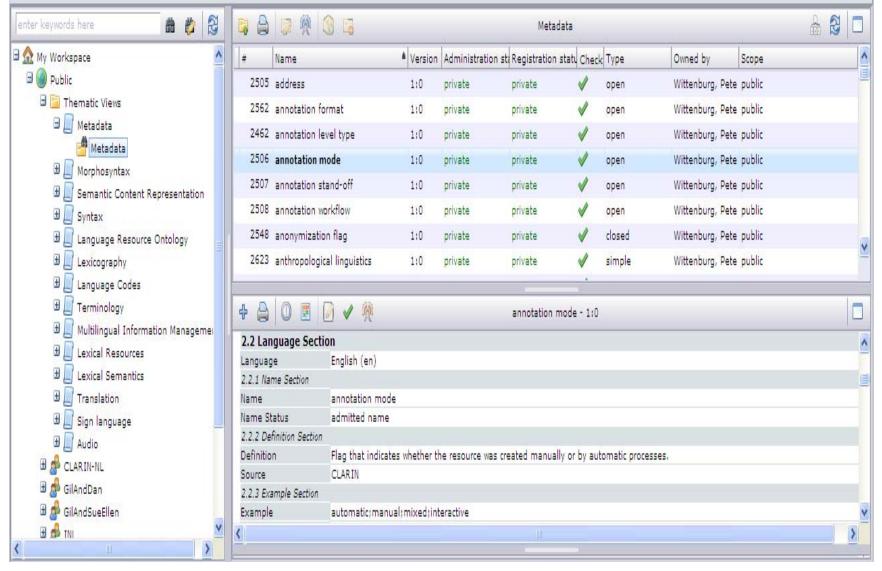
contamination, pollution -- (the act of contaminating or polluting, including (either intentionally or accidentally) unwanted substances or factors)

- soiling, soilure, dirtying -- (the act of soiling something)
- 1. (1) pollution -- (undesirable state of the natural environment being contaminated with harmful substances as a consequence of human activities)
- 2. befoulment, defilement, pollution -- (the state of being polluted)
- 3. contamination, pollution -- (the act of contaminating or polluting; including (either intentionally or accidentally) unwanted substances or factors)











#### **INSPEC Thesaurus**

Type of data included **Equivalence THESAURUS** search words: natural languages relation UF natural language processing (UF=used formatural language processing) languages (BT=broader term is languages) Generic relation TT languages (TT=top term in a hierarchy of terms) **Hierarchical relation** RT artificial intelligence (RT=related term/s) **Specific relation** computational linguistic **Associative** formal languages relation programming languages query languages specification languages speech recognition user interfaces CC ¢4210L; C6140D; C6180N; C7820(CC=classification code) Other data Danuary 1985(DI=date [1985]) high level languages (PT=prior term) to natural languages)



## An excerpt from INSPEC Thesaurus

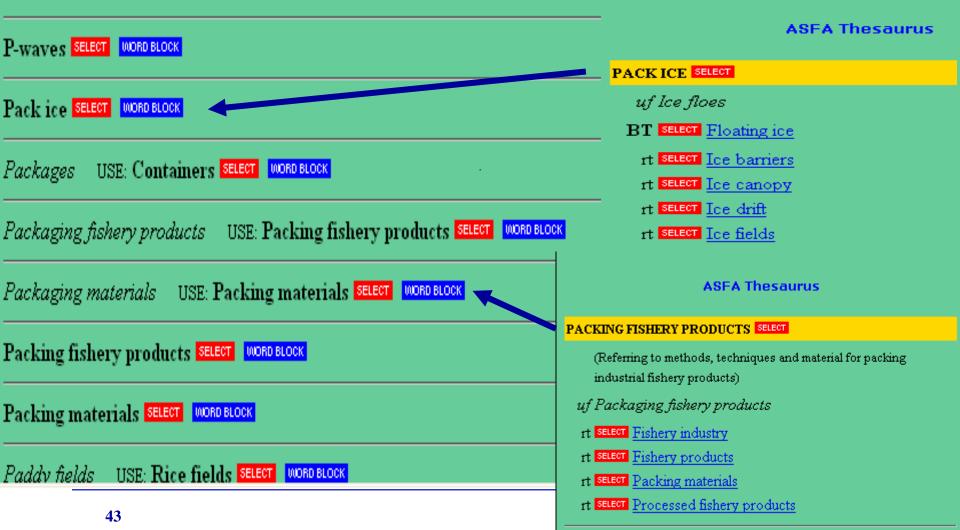
Cellular radio	used for (UF): cellular communication cellular telephones Groupe Speciale Mobile (GSM) microcellular radio pan-european radio vodafone					
Land mobile radio Radiotelephony	These twp terms are broader terms (BT) to "cellular radio". If you searched under these terms, you will retrieve a larger set of documents ${f BT}$					
Radio applications Telecommunication	These terms are top terms (TT) in the hierarchy					
Channel allocation Land mobile radio Personal communication networks Radio access networking Space division multiple access	All these terms are related terms (RT) to "cellular radio"					
DI January 1985	Date when "cellular radio" was added					
mobile radio systems	previous term (PT) used before 1985 PT					
B6250F; D4045	class codes					
Table 1: Inspec Thesaurus (1999) an excerpt on cellular phones						



#### ASFA Thesaurus

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#### ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



#### Components

nouns round object that is hit or thrown or kicked in games; "the ball travelled 90 mph on his serve"; "the mayor threw out the first ball"; "the ball rolled into the corner pocket\* Hypernyms (... is kind af) Hyponyms (kinds of ...) Antonyms (opposites of ...) Meronyms (parts of ...) Holonyms (... is part of) Related Verbs Related Adjectives a solid ball shot by a musket; "they had to carry a ramrod as well as powder and ball\* an object with a spherical shape; "a ball of fire" verbs adjectives

supported by the lexical reference system: nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

Thus, three different tabs are presented to you. A simple click opens a certain tab, and, offers its content: a list of meaning, each representing a certain synset of the search term. In order to find out which element of the web reto which meaning or synset, please click on it. Two thing happen:

The meaning gets marked (with red color) and so do the corresponding elements of the web. A certain circle or sphere, representing a specific synset, becomes marked red, and also all of the edges that point to the set of synonyms (representing the synset). In addition, the 'meaning' opens its content and presents a list of lexical pointers associated with the selected part of speech. A click on one of these pointers, e.g. hypernym, lets you explore the broader terms associated with the selected synset.

SMART THESAURUS MUSIC supports the following lexical relationships:

#### Noun

- [1] Hypernym or broader term (...is a kind of)
- [2] Hyponym or narrower term (kinds of ...)
- [3] Antonym (opposites of ...)
- [4] Meronym (parts of ...)
- [5] Holonym (... is a part of)
- [6] Related verbs
- [7] Related Adjectives

Types of relations

#### Verb

- [1] Hypernym or broader term (...is a kind of)
- [2] Hyponym or narrower term (kinds of ...)
- [3] Related verbs
- [4] Related nouns



### **Classification systems (CS)**

#### Used as taxonomies:

- Systema Naturae by Linné used in biology
- International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems by the WHO
- World Dewey Decimal Classification used for library classification
- International Classification for Standards by ISO

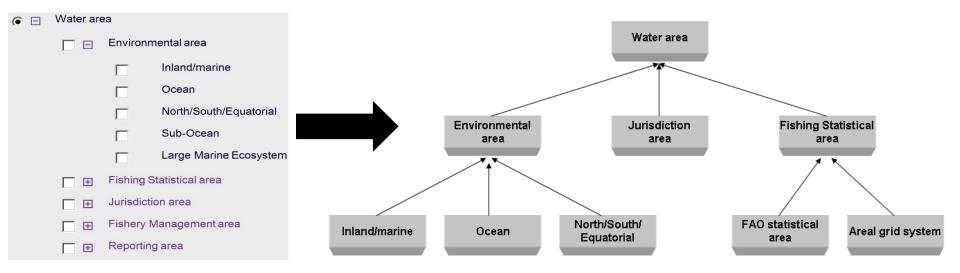
#### Purpose

- e-business and e-procurement
- Semantic Web (also WWW)
- Construction, maintenance and use of CS influenced by:
  - the classes and their properties
  - the class names and identifiers
  - the structure of the classification system.
  - BUT this knowledge should be made accessible to computers



#### **Classification Scheme**

• A classification scheme<sup>1</sup> is the descriptive information for an arrangement or division of objects into groups based on characteristics, which the objects have in common. E.g. water area classification scheme<sup>2</sup>.

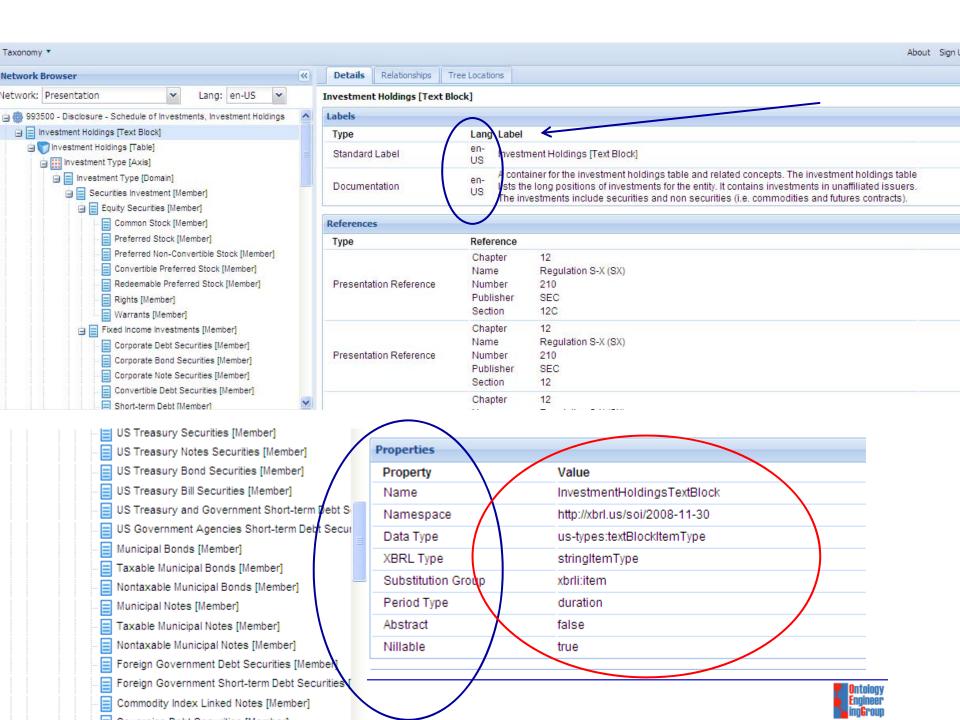




<sup>1.</sup> International Standard Organization (ISO). Information technology - Metadata registries - Part 1: Framework, 2004. Report ISO/IEC FDIS 11179-1.



<sup>2.</sup> http://www.fao.org/figis/servlet/RefServlet



## Reusing and sharing KOS in the Semantic Web: SKOS

- Simple Knowledge Organization System
  - Simple, flexible, extensible, machine-understandable representation for sharing KOS
  - Goal: to enable easy publication of controlled structured vocabularies for the semantic web
    - Thesauri
    - Classification schemes
    - Subject heading systems
    - Taxonomies
    - Other 'controlled language'
  - How: by using a common data model for sharing and linking knowledge organization systems
  - BUT SKOS is **not** a formal knowledge representation language.

Many exist and are in use in cultural heritage, medicine, libraries, ...



#### **Elements in SKOS**

• Semantic Relationships **Broader/Narrower Terms Related Terms**  Lexical Labels Preferred, alternative and concepts hidden labels **URIs**  Additional documentation Notes, comments, descriptions Has-a Related-to labelled concept Lexical strings notes documented assigned notation **SKOS** concept schemes are not formal ontologies !!!!



## Lexical Markup Framework LMF (1)

- •ISO TC 37 standard for natural language processing (NLP) and machine-readable dictionary (MRD) lexicons
- AIM: standardization of principles and methods relating to language resources in the contexts of multilingual communication and cultural diversity



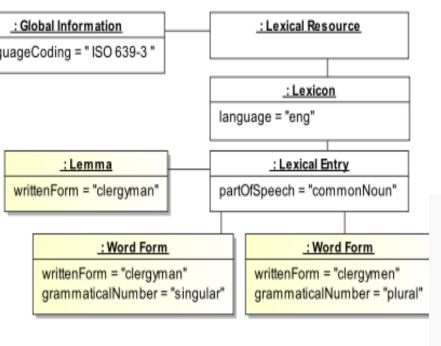
## Lexical Markup Framework LMF (2)

#### •HOW:

- •providing a common model for the creation and use of lexical resources
- •managing the exchange of data between and among these resources
- •enabling the merging of large number of individual electronic resources to form extensive global electronic resources.



## Lexical Markup Framework LMF (3)



```
<LexicalResource dtdVersion="15">
    <GlobalInformation>
        <feat att="languageCoding" val="ISO 639-3"/>
    </GlobalInformation>
    <Lexicon>
        <feat att="language" val="eng"/>
        <LexicalEntry>
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            <Lemma>
                <feat att="writtenForm" val="clergyman"/>
            </Lemma>
            <WordForm>
                 <feat att="writtenForm" val="clergyman"/>
                 <feat att="grammaticalNumber" val="singular"/>
            </WordForm>
            <WordForm>
                <feat att="writtenForm" val="clergymen"/>
                <feat att="grammaticalNumber" val="plural"/>
            </WordForm>
        </LexicalEntry>
    </Lexicon>
</LexicalResource>
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## What is an ontology?

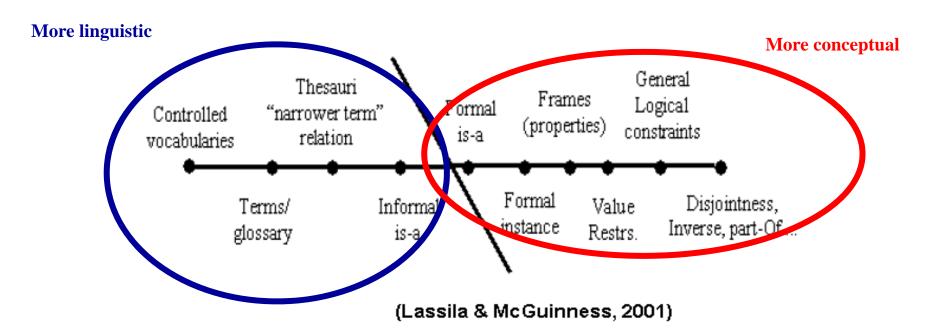
- "An ontology is similar to a dictionary or glossary, but with greater detail and structure that enables computers to process its content. (IEEE Standard Upper Ontology Working Group)
- "An ontology consists of a set of concepts, axioms, and relationships that describe a domain of interest." SUMO ontology http://ontology.teknowledge.com/



## Classification from an ontological perspective (Lassila & McGuinness)

**Lightweight Ontologies** 

**Heavyweight Ontologies** 





• Gómez-Pérez, A., Fernandez-Lopez, M., Corcho, O. (2003) Ontological engineering: with examples from the areas of knowledge management, e-commerce and the Semantic Web. Londres: Springer Verlag London Ltd.



## Terminology and ontologies

- Terminology helps in the knowledge organization by establishing relations between terms and concepts
- An ontology is a conceptualization or representation of a domain, agreed by experts and readable by a machine
- Approach oriented to the communication among users of an organization
- Terminological change: from terminological data bases to terminological and knowledge/ontological data bases: terms in context and with relations among them
- Terms retrieved form texts can be the starting point in the development of ontologies



## **Comparison factors**

	Terminology	Ontologies
Level of formality in the definition	Text in NL	Formal language without ambiguities
Computer support	Terminological bases with few relations among concepts	Sound knowledge representation languages with relations among concepts
Users	Translators Domain experts Linguistic mediators Text editors	Information interchange between people and machines
Language	NL for expressing knowledge with precision	Labels for naming concepts have less importance



### **Automatization in building taxonomies**

http://www.multites.com/onlinethesauri/

http://www.termtree.com.au/

http://www.autonomy.com/content/Products/products-idolserver/index.en.html



## Recommended papers Terminology and ontologies, October 2010

- Read three papers from the six proposed in the wiki. Comment on the ideas proposed and give your opinion in your own words.
- Vallez, Mari; Rovira, Cristòfol, Codina, Lluís; Pedraza, Rafael (2010). "Procedimientos para la extracción de palabras clave de páginas web basados en criterios de posicionamiento en buscadores". *Hipertext.net*, 8, <a href="http://www.upf.edu/hipertextnet/numero-8/extraccion\_keywords.html">http://www.upf.edu/hipertextnet/numero-8/extraccion\_keywords.html</a>
- Van Assem, Malaisé, Miles & Schreiber: "A method to convert a thesaurus to SKOS". <a href="http://www.cs.vu.nl/~guus/papers/Assem06b.pdf">http://www.cs.vu.nl/~guus/papers/Assem06b.pdf</a>
- Van Assem, Menken, Schreiber, Wielemaker & Wielinga: "A method for converting thesauri to RDF/OWL
- <a href="http://www.cs.vu.nl/~guus/papers/Assem04a.pdf">http://www.cs.vu.nl/~guus/papers/Assem04a.pdf</a>
- Lauser, Sini, Lian, Keizer and Katz
- ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/009/ah801e/ah801e00.pdf
- Campbell, Oliver, Packman & Shortliffe "Representing thoughts, words and things in UMLS.
- <a href="http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=61323">http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=61323</a>



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