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## Video Game Metadata Schema: Controlled Vocabulary for THEME

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SN: Scope note  
 USE: Preferred term (*See*)  
 USE FOR: Equivalent term, lead-in term  
 BT: Broader term  
 NT: Narrower term  
 RT: Related term (*See also*)

## Concepts

Term	Information
<i>abandonment</i>	USE: alienation
<b>abduction</b>	SN: the state or experience of one's life being threatened after forcefully being taken away against one's will
<b>adult</b>	SN: dealing in or with explicit sexual material <sup>1</sup>
<b>alienation</b>	SN: the state or experience of being isolated from a group or an activity to which one should belong or in which one should be involved Examples: Dead Space, Ecco the Dolphin USE FOR: abandonment, isolation
<b>alter-egos</b>	SN: a second self, which is believed to be distinct from a person's normal or original personality, often used as a disguise. Examples: Muramasa, Prince of Persia: The 2 Thrones RT: identity
<b>anti-war</b>	RT: War SN: the mentality used to describe activists who are opposed to war
<b>apocalypse</b>	SN: the end of a world, in which inhabitants of the world are in total disarray over the destruction of their home USE FOR: post apocalypse
<i>autobiography</i>	USE: biography
<b>betrayal</b>	SN: the breaking or violation of an explicit or presumptive contract, trust, or confidence that produces moral and psychological conflict within a relationship amongst individuals, between organizations or between individuals and organizations. Examples: Asura's Wrath, Fable
<b>biography</b>	SN: the story of one's life, as told through the perspectives of someone else
<i>bisexuality</i>	USE: LGBT
<b>capitalism</b>	SN: an economic and political system in which a country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit, rather than by the state. Examples: Tropico, Capitalism (series), Railroad Tycoon

<sup>1</sup> Adult. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/adult>

	RT: politics, wealth, work
<b>Christianity</b>	SN: the branch of religion that worships Christian methodologies BT: religion
<b>civilization</b>	SN: the process by which a society or place reaches various stages of social development and organization beyond hunter-gatherer society Examples: Farmville, Civilization, Spore USE FOR: creation RT: conquest
<i>Coming-of-age</i>	USE: growth
<b>companionship</b>	SN: a feeling of fellowship or friendship Examples: Nintendogs USE FOR: family, friendship, loyalty RT: love
<b>competition</b>	SN: the act or process of trying to get or win something (such as a prize or a higher level of success) that someone else is also trying to get or win : the act or process of competing Examples: Burnout Paradise, MarioKart
<b>conquest</b>	SN: the act of gaining control of (a problem or difficulty) through great effort Examples: Command & Conquer, Pokemon Conquest RT: civilization
<b>conservation</b>	SN: the act of maintaining and bettering the world by caring for the environment; this includes reducing waste, reusing or recycling materials, and looking out for animal habitats
<b>conspiracy</b>	SN: of or relating to the belief that an event was orchestrated by a powerful group of people in secret
<b>corruption</b>	SN: impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle, especially of those in power Examples: Mafia II USE FOR: greed, innocence
<i>creation</i>	USE: civilization
<b>crime</b>	SN: actions that are deemed injurious to the public welfare or to the interests of the state and that are legally prohibited. Examples: Grand Theft Auto, Sleeping Dogs
<b>death</b>	SN: relating to the loss of a life, and the ability of those around them to cope with never seeing them again
<b>destruction</b>	SN: the widespread damage of a particular place or thing
<b>diplomacy</b>	SN: relating to peaceful negotiations with other parties
<i>duty</i>	USE: honor
<b>dystopia</b>	SN: a society in which social or technological trends have culminated in a greatly diminished quality of life or degradation of values.

	Examples: Bioshock, Crysis 3
<b>economy</b>	SN: the process or system by which goods and services are produced, sold, and bought in a country or region <sup>2</sup>
<b>education</b>	SN: the formal field that dictates how obtaining institutionalized knowledge is passed down from generation to generation
<b>espionage</b>	SN: relating to acts of spying, often between different countries
<b>evolution</b>	SN: the process by which living things have adapted to changes in their surroundings over time, often by altering their genetic makeup
<b>faith</b>	SN: something that is believed with strong conviction Examples: El Shaddai USE FOR: religion
<b>family</b>	SN: a group of individuals (parents, siblings, etc.) who are related to each other, often (but not necessarily) by blood USE FOR: Siblings
<b>fate</b>	SN: the development of events beyond a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power. Examples: Threads of Fate RT: prophecy
<i>financial gain</i>	USE: wealth
<i>forgiveness</i>	USE: redemption
<b>freedom</b>	SN: the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. Examples: Enslaved: Odyssey to the West
<i>friendship</i>	USE: companionship
<i>gay</i>	USE: LGBT
<i>greed</i>	USE: corruption
<b>growth</b>	SN: the attainment of prominence, respectability, recognition, or maturity; usually a young person's transition from childhood to adulthood Examples: Fable, The Last of Us
<b>heist</b>	SN: an organized crime where criminals have a sophisticated plan to steal valuable items e.g., money, jewelry, or famous works of art BT: crime
<b>holiday</b>	SN: the celebration of an event that is common between a large group of people, e.g., Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.
<b>honor</b>	SN: respect that is given to someone who is admired: good reputation : good quality or character as judged by other people: high moral standards of behavior

<sup>2</sup> Economy. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/economy>

	<p>Examples: Disgaea, Fallout 3</p> <p>USE FOR: duty, patriotism, reputation, truth</p> <p>RT: redemption</p>
<b>identity</b>	<p>SN: the distinguishing characteristics or personality of an individual</p> <p>Examples: Remember Me</p> <p>USE FOR: individual versus society</p> <p>RT: alter-egos</p>
<b>Illuminati</b>	<p>SN: the secret organization/society dedicated to the opposition of religious influences over the public, as well as the abuse of state power</p>
<i>injustice</i>	USE: justice
<i>innocence</i>	USE: corruption
<i>isolation</i>	USE: alienation
<b>justice</b>	<p>SN: the quality of being just, impartial, or fair; the principle or ideal of just dealing or right action</p> <p>Examples: Phoenix Wright</p> <p>USE FOR: injustice</p>
<b>knowledge</b>	<p>SN: facts information and skills acquired from a person through experience</p> <p>Examples: Brain Age</p>
<i>lesbian</i>	USE: LGBT
<b>LGBT</b>	<p>SN: an initialism that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender</p> <p>Examples: Mass Effect, Dragon Age</p> <p>USE FOR: bisexuality, gay, lesbian</p>
<b>love</b>	<p>SN: a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person</p> <p>Examples: Braid, Year Walk</p> <p>RT: companionship</p>
<i>loyalty</i>	USE: companionship
<i>maturity</i>	USE: growth
<b>murder</b>	SN: the crime in which one individual kills another in a premeditated manner
<b>mystery</b>	<p>SN: something not understood or beyond understanding</p> <p>Examples: Eternal Darkness</p>
<b>occult</b>	<p>SN: relating to the belief in the supernatural</p> <p>USE FOR: witchcraft, curse</p>
<b>pandemic</b>	SN: the occurrence of a disease spreading rapidly between individuals across geographic and national boundaries

<b>paranormal</b>	SN: not understandable in terms of known scientific laws and phenomena <sup>3</sup>
<i>patriotism</i>	USE: honor
<b>politics</b>	SN: activities that relate to influencing the actions and policies of a government or getting and keeping power in a government; a person's political thoughts and opinions Examples: Tropicana RT: capitalism
<b>power</b>	SN: the ability or right to control people or things; political control of a country or area; a person or organization that has a lot of control and influence over other people or organizations Examples: Bioshock: Infinite, Civilization USE FOR: pride
<i>pride</i>	USE: power
<b>prophecy</b>	SN: a supernatural prediction about the future Examples: Odin Sphere, Year Walk RT: fate
<b>redemption</b>	SN: the act of atoning for sin or wrongdoing (especially appeasing a deity) Examples: Dante's Inferno USE FOR: forgiveness RT: honor
<i>religion</i>	USE: faith
<i>reputation</i>	USE: honor
<b>revenge</b>	SN: the action of inflicting hurt or harm on someone for an injury or wrong suffered at their hands. Examples: Grand Theft Auto IV
<b>romance</b>	USE: love
<b>sacrifice</b>	SN: the selfless act in which one person gives up something of value to them for the sake of another
<i>savagery</i>	USE: violence
<i>siblings</i>	USE: family
<b>slavery</b>	SN: the concept in which one person is legally owned by another and forced to do their bidding without any form of reimbursement <sup>4</sup>
<i>supernatural</i>	USE FOR: paranormal, occult

<sup>3</sup> Paranormal. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/paranormal>

<sup>4</sup> Slave. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/slave>

<b>survival</b>	<p>SN: the state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Examples: Canabalt, The Last of Us</p>
<b>technological determinism</b>	<p>SN: a theory that technology determines the movement of society and its relevant social structures</p>
<b>time travel</b>	<p>SN: the concept in which one may move through different points in time—past or future—and experience what life is like at that moment</p>
<i>truth</i>	<p>USE: honor</p>
<b>violence</b>	<p>SN: behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something.</p> <p>Examples: God of War</p> <p>USE FOR: savagery, combat</p> <p>RT: war</p>
<b>war</b>	<p>SN: a state of armed conflict between different nations or states or different groups within a nation or state.</p> <p>Examples: Call of Duty IV</p> <p>RT: violence</p>
<b>wealth</b>	<p>SN: an abundance of valuable possessions or money.</p> <p>USE FOR: financial gain</p> <p>Examples: The Patrician, Port Royale (series)</p> <p>RT: capitalism, work</p>
<b>work</b>	<p>SN: activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose, result, or most often monetary gain</p> <p>Examples: The Office, Office Riot</p> <p>RT: capitalism, wealth</p>



## Types of Entities: Agent/Object

Term	Information
<i>airforce</i>	USE: military
<b>airplane</b>	SN: a fixed winged-vehicle that is used to travel the skies USE FOR: aircraft
<b>alien</b>	SN: extraterrestrial beings that live on other planets throughout the solar system
<b>angel</b>	SN: a spiritual, celestial being that does good in the name of God; they are often benevolent in nature
<b>animal</b>	SN: different species of living organisms on earth that humans coexist with, excluding plants NT: pets, farm animals
<b>aquatic life</b>	SN: relating to any beings that predominantly live and operate underwater USE FOR: fish, whale
<b>assassin</b>	SN: individuals who are skilled in the elimination of other people BT: warriors RT: mercenary
<b>baby</b>	SN: the smallest, youngest form of human beings possible; they require the utmost care and supervision
<b>bicycle</b>	SN: a two-wheeled vehicle that operates solely on manpower, in which its riders must pedal their way to their destination
<b>bird</b>	SN: a flying animal that often chirps, building nests in trees as their homes
<b>boat/ship</b>	SN: a vehicle that is used to travel on water
<b>bug</b>	SN: small insects that creep or crawl, and are often found residing in or around plants
<b>car/truck</b>	SN: a (usually) four-wheeled vehicle that operates on gasoline
<b>cat</b>	SN: A (typically) four-legged animal that meows and purrs; they are usually small in size, low maintenance, and of the same family as lions, tigers, etc. BT: pets
<b>children</b>	SN: young human beings that are older than babies, and have an abundance of energy to run and play all day
<b>cowboy and cowgirl</b>	SN: individuals who care for cows or horses, often appearing in Western settings
<b>demon</b>	SN: an evil spirit that often seeks to cause harm, distress, or ruin <sup>5</sup>
<b>detective</b>	SN: an individual who solves crimes

<sup>5</sup> Demon. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/demon>

<b>dinosaurs</b>	SN: the large variety of reptiles that lived upon this earth millions of years ago e.g., triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex
<b>dogs</b>	SN: A (typically) four-legged animal that barks, and has the title of “man’s best friend” BT: pets
<b>dragons</b>	SN: the mythical winged beast, often reptilian in appearance, that can fly and breathe fire
<b>drug</b>	SN: an illegal and often harmful substance that people take for pleasure <sup>6</sup>
<b>fairies</b>	SN: a mythological being, often small in stature, with magical powers
<b>farm animals</b>	SN: animals that have been domesticated for the use of farming; humans may also seek companionship from these animals, but they often do not live in the same shelter a humans BT: animals
<i>fish</i>	USE: Aquatic life
<b>gangs</b>	SN: A group of individuals that band together under leadership and/or similar ideals, often for the purpose of crime RT: warriors NT: mafia, yakuza
<b>ghosts</b>	SN: the supernatural form of one’s spirit after their passing from the mortal world
<b>gladiators</b>	SN: warriors from Roman times that fought in the Coliseum for sport BT: warriors
<b>gods</b>	SN: the supreme beings, whether religious or mythical, that are worshipped by other creatures
<b>horses</b>	SN: A large, four-legged animal that neighs and whinnies; before cars, humans often rode atop this animal with a saddle or hitched them up to a wagon BT: farm animals
<b>knights</b>	SN: individuals who swear their allegiance to and protect royalty
<b>mafia</b>	SN: Gangs characterized by Italian individuals and underground crime rings BT: gangs
<b>magic</b>	SN: relating to mystical practices, involving things like spells and potions
<b>magicians</b>	SN: individuals who practice magic or illusions
<i>mechs</i>	USE: robots
<b>mercenary</b>	SN: an individual hired to fight; their only allegiance is to those who pay them the most money RT: assassins
<b>military</b>	SN: a nation’s army and chief defense against other nations RT: warriors USE FOR: soldiers

<sup>6</sup> Drug. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/drug>

<b>monsters</b>	SN: an imaginary creature often depicted as scary and fiercely abnormal
<b>motorcycles</b>	SN: a (usually) two-wheeled vehicle that operates on gasoline
<i>navy</i>	USE: military
<b>ninja</b>	SN: skilled individuals, often Japanese, that fight and operate on the basis of silence and efficiency BT: warriors
<b>pets</b>	SN: animals that have been domesticated and can be kept in one's home, often for companionship BT: animals
<b>pirates</b>	SN: sailors who seek treasure or capture other ships BT: warriors
<b>plants</b>	SN: something that grows out from soil, often starting as a seed and maturing into a different living thing like a flower
<b>prince</b>	
<b>princesses</b>	
<b>puppets</b>	SN: a doll that is moved by putting your hand inside it or by pulling strings or wires that are attached to it <sup>7</sup>
<b>robots</b>	SN: mechanized beings that were artificially created
<b>rollercoaster</b>	SN: an amusement park ride characterized by quick speeds, abnormal heights, and the adrenaline/thrill it offers to its passengers
<b>royalty</b>	SN: those who belong or marry into a royal bloodline, such as kings, queens, princes, princesses, etc. USE FOR: princess, prince
<b>samurai</b>	SN: noble Japanese warriors that fight in the name of honor and duty BT: warriors
<b>soldiers</b>	SN: those who enlisted to join the military and/or its various branches USE: military
<b>space</b>	SN: relating to the solar system, and the infinite universes beyond/within it
<i>spy</i>	USE: espionage
submarines	SN: a vehicle that is used to travel underwater
superheroes	SN: extraordinary individuals with special power who dedicate their powers to fighting evil and doing good in the world; they often have powers or abilities that normal people do not (e.g., super strength, speed, flight, etc.)

<sup>7</sup> Puppets. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/puppets>

tanks	SN: a weaponized vehicle with a thick shell of armor, often used in wars RT: Weapons
trains	SN: a mode of transportation that involves the use of railroads and railcars
vampires	SN: an inhuman, supernatural being that often resembles humans; the chief difference is that their chief source of sustenance is blood
warriors	SN: individuals who fight or engage in combat RT: Military
<i>watercraft</i>	USE: boats/ships
weapons	SN: items whose chief purpose is to inflict harm on others
wild animals	SN: animals that have not been domesticated
yakuza	SN: the Japanese form of the mafia/gangs BT: Gangs
zombies	SN: the reanimated corpse of a dead person, often depicted as rotting and wanting nothing more than to eat those that are alive

## Types of Entities: Activity

Term	Information
Baking	SN: the act of creating baked goods like bread for consumption, primarily using an oven
Baseball	SN: a game played on a large field between two teams, involving the use of bats, mitts, and a baseball BT: Sports
Basketball	SN: a game played on a court with two hoops; the main objective of the game is to score the most points by shooting a basketball through the proper hoop BT: Sports
Bicycling	SN: riding one's bike through a set course BT: Sports
Billiards	SN: a game that involves the use of a pool table, pool cues, a cue ball, and billiard balls; the object of the game is to sink the billiard balls into the pool table pockets in a predefined manner BT: Sports
Bowling	SN: a game that relies on the use of bowling balls and bowling pins; the object of the game is to gain the highest score possible by knocking down the most pins in the least amount of tries possible BT: Sports
Boxing	SN: the sport centered on fighting others in a regulated, organized manner; it is often in a boxing ring, using boxing gloves and appropriate safety gear

	BT: Sports
City-building	SN: a game focusing on the construction of a city
Combat	SN: fighting physically or otherwise with one another NT: Swordplay
Construction	SN: the act or process of assembling items into a coherent structure (e.g., house) USE FOR: building
Cooking	SN: the act of preparing foods for consumption
Crafting	SN: the process of creating useful items
Cricket	SN: a game played with a ball and bat by two sides of usually 11 players each on a large field centering upon two wickets each defended by a batsman <sup>8</sup> BT: Sports
Curling	SN: a game in which two teams of four players slide special stones over ice toward a circle <sup>9</sup> BT: Sports
Dance	SN: a sport or activity that involves the graceful movement on one's body often in time BT: Sports
Dating	SN: the process of getting to know and assessing one's romantic interest
Demolition	SN: the deliberate destruction of a building or other structure <sup>10</sup>
Design	SN: creation of a plan for an artifact
Exploration	SN: relating to the discovery of new places
Farming	SN: the act of raising animals or preparing/harvesting crops RT: farm animals
Fencing	SN: a sport centered on the use of swords and graceful swordplay BT: Sports
<i>Fighting</i>	USE: combat
Fishing	SN: the sport or activity centered on being able to catch fish using a net or fishing pole BT: Sports
<i>Flight</i>	USE: Flying
Flying	SN: the act of being able to soar throughout the skies, getting from one destination to another USE FOR: flight

<sup>8</sup> Cricket. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cricket>

<sup>9</sup> Curling. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/curling>

<sup>10</sup> Demolition. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/demolition>

American Football	SN: an organized sport played between two teams on a large field, involving the use of a football BT: Sports
Golf	SN: a game in which individuals hit golf balls towards golf holes; the goal of the game is to do so in as few hits as possible BT: Sports
Hacking	SN: relating to the act of circumventing security measures in computerized systems for personal gain or social activism
Hockey	SN: a game that takes place in an ice rink where players must skate on ice and score as many goals as possible with a hockey puck using a hockey stick BT: Sports
Hunting	SN: the activity of killing animals for sport, often in a regulated manner BT: Sports
Management	SN: the delegation of work among people, or the ability to prioritize tasks and carry them out to completion
Martial arts	SN: a type of combative art form with traditional roots BT: Sports
Mining	SN: the process or business of digging in mines to obtain minerals, metals, jewels, etc. <sup>11</sup>
Pool	USE: Billiards
Racing	SN: a competition centered on who can travel through a set course the quickest BT: Sports
Rugby	SN: a game played by two teams in which each team tries to carry or kick a ball over the other team's goal line <sup>12</sup> BT: Sports
Sailing	SN: the sport or activity of traveling on water in a sailboat <sup>13</sup> BT: Sports
Simulation	SN: a computerized imitation of real-world practices or occurrences
Skateboarding	SN: a sport or activity centered on the use of skateboards and doing tricks BT: Sports
Skiing	SN: a sport that involves the use of ski poles and ski boards to race down a snowy mountainside BT: Sports

<sup>11</sup> Mining. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mining>

<sup>12</sup> Rugby. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rugby>

<sup>13</sup> Sailing. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sailing>

Snowboarding	SN: a sport that involves the use of snowboards to race down a snowy mountainside BT: Sports
<i>Soccer</i>	USE: Football
Football	SN: a game played on a large field involving the use of a soccer ball and trying to score as many goals as possible BT: Sports
Sports	SN: an organized activity that involves multiple teams or individuals competing against each other to see who's the best NT: Racing, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Billiards, Boxing, Bowling, American Football, Football, Volleyball, Swimming, Skiing, Snowboarding, Curling, Golf, Hockey, Martial Arts, Tennis, Wrestling, Fighting, Fencing, Skateboarding, Surfing, Dance, Hunting, Fishing, Table tennis, Cricket, Pool, Rugby, Sailing
Surfing	SN: a sport or activity centered on the use of a surfboard, in which individuals ride atop waves BT: Sports
Swimming	SN: the competitive sport that involves racing against others in a swimming pool to see who can swim the fastest BT: Sports
Swordplay	SN: the skilled form of combat centered on the use of swords
Table tennis	SN: also known as ping pong, table tennis is a game played using a table divided with a low net, paddles, and a ping pong ball BT: Sports
Tennis	SN: a game that takes place on a court separated by a low net, involving the use of tennis balls and tennis rackets BT: Sports
Trading	SN: the act of swapping items with others in exchange for different items
Travel	SN: the act of going on a trip or journey away from one's home
Volleyball	SN: a game played with a volleyball on a large court, separated by a high net BT: Sports
Wrestling	SN: a type of combative sport in which players must pin down others for a set period of time BT: Sports

## Types of Entities: Domain

Term	Information
<b>[Preferred term in bold]</b>	SN: [Insert definition & explanation here.] USE FOR: [lead-in term, if applicable] BT: [broader terms, if applicable] NT: [narrower terms, if applicable] RT: [related terms, if applicable]
<i>[lead-in term]</i>	USE: [preferred term]
<b>agriculture</b>	SN: relating to, caring for, or harvesting animals and crops RT: farming, farm animals
<b>architecture</b>	SN: relating to the design and construction of buildings
<b>art</b>	SN: relating to creative works RT: music
<i>astronomy</i>	USE: space
<b>business</b>	SN: relating to buying and selling of goods
<b>fashion and beauty</b>	SN: relating to the industry centered on clothing and outward appearances
<b>health</b>	SN: relating to the maintaining the physical condition of one's body USE FOR: exercise, fitness
<b>music</b>	SN: relating to the creative aural works RT: art
<b>mythology</b>	SN: relating to the study of myths and mythical beings like gods and goddesses
<b>science</b>	SN: relating to the study of the natural world