

Eugen Wüster meets microcontent

-Terminological issues beyond traditional terminology science-

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- Conclusions GA





Eugen Wüster

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- 10 October 1898 29 March 1977
- Engineer, industrialist and terminologist
- Research in the field of Esperanto, Interlingua, terminology, lexicography, German orthography, UDC, bibliography, etc.
- His dissertation initiated the foundation of ISO TC37

- Terminology science and terminology standardization
- Concept-orientation & term autonomy
- Basis for today's terminology management (in industry/organizations)
- Basis for knowledge organization, semantic web and interoperability



Concept vs. Word

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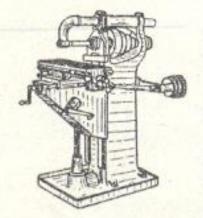
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- Word and meaning vs. term and concept
- Lexicographical vs. terminological view/entries
- Dictionary (Wiktionary) vs. encyclopedia (Wikipedia)



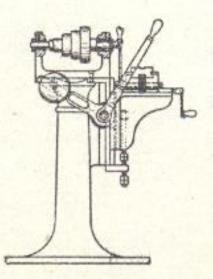


Fräsmaschine (f)
milling machine
machine (f) à fraiser,
fraiseuse (f)



Metallfräsmaschine (f)
metal milling machine
fraiseuse (f) ou machine
(f) a fraiser les métaux

Handfräsmaschine (f),
Fräsmaschine (f) mit
Handvorschub
hand milling machine
fraiseuse (f) ou machine
(f) à fraiser [avec chariots ou avance] à main



фрезерный или шарошечный станокъ (m) fresatrice (f) máquina (f) de fresar, fresadora (f)

фрезерный или шарошечный станокъ (m) для металловъ; станокъ для фрез[ер]ованія металловъ; металлофрезерный станокь fresatrice (f) per metalli fresadora(f) para metales

фрезерный или шарошечный станокъ (m) съ подачей отъ руки fresatrice (f) a mano fresadora (f) á mano, fresadora (f) con los movimientos de la mesa á mano





Schlomann—Oldenbourg

Illustrierte Techn. Wörterbücher

in 6 Sprachen
Deutsch, Englisch, Frankleich, Hentsch, Italienisch, Spanisch
Herausgegeben von Alfred Schlomann, Ingenieur
Alle sechs Sprachen sind in jedem Bande nebeneinander angen
jeder Band entbalt somit alle sechs Sprachen

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Sprache.
Die Elektrotechnik. 2112 Seiten, 3773 Abbildungen, 12934
Worte in jeder Sprache.

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466 Worte in Jeder Sprache.

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434 Worte in jeder Sprache.

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Band II: Eisenhuttenwesen. 797 Seiten, 1683 Abbildungen, Worte in jeder Sprache.

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Baukonstruktionen. 1030 Seiten, rund 2600 Abbildunge und Formein, 6462 Worte in jeder Sprache.

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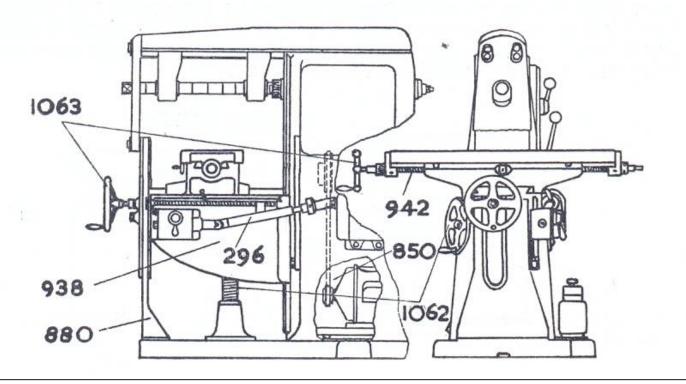
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The Machine Tool

An Interlingual Dictionary of Basic Concepts

comprising

An Alphabetical Dictionary and A Classified Vocabulary with Definitions and Illustrations

English-French Master Volume

Prepared under the auspices of The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and under the direction of

Eugen Wüster



Grundbegriffe bei Werkzeugmaschinen

Deutscher Ergänzungsband zu dem Grundwerk

The Machine Tool: An Interlingual Dictionary of Basic Concepts

Dictionnaire Multilingue de la Machine-Outil: Notions fondamentales

(Mehrsprachiges Wörterbuch in Sach- und Abc-Folge, mit Begriffsbestimmungen und Abbildungen)

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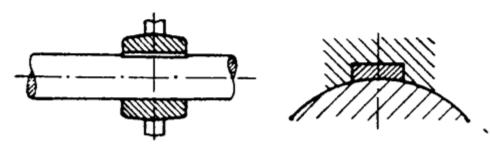
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- =2 hollow saddle key BS: A taper key (775) fitting a keyway (771) in the hub (221), the bottom of the key being formed to fit the cylindrical surface of the shaft (268) BS. (BS 46:Part 1:1929 no.9 / idem)
- creuse à serrage VSM: Clavette inclinée (775)
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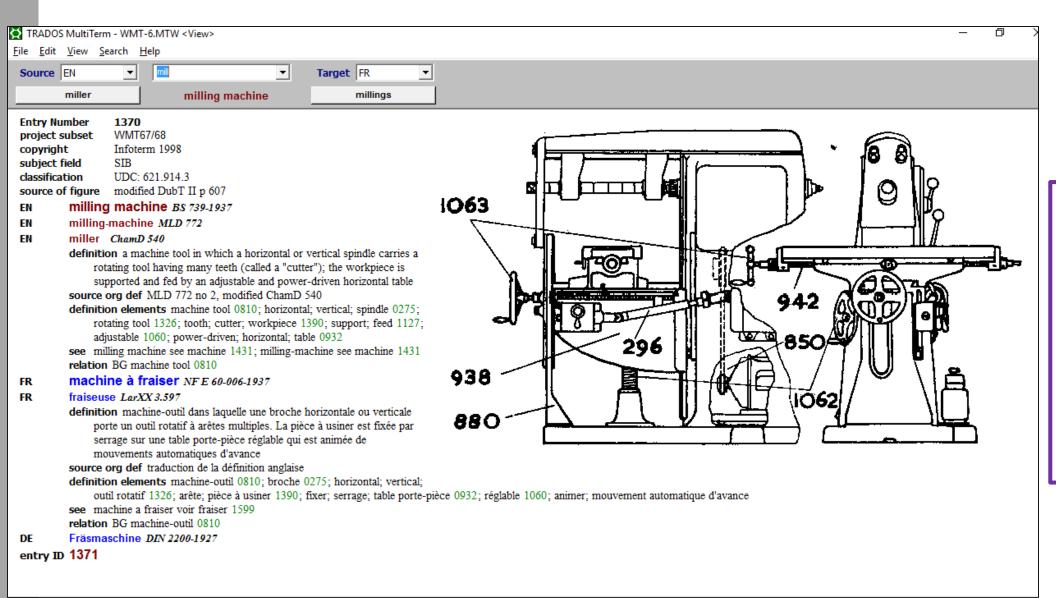
Concept Orientation

Structured Content

Concept Relations (Links)



Wüster's Machine Tool: MultiTerm 5.5





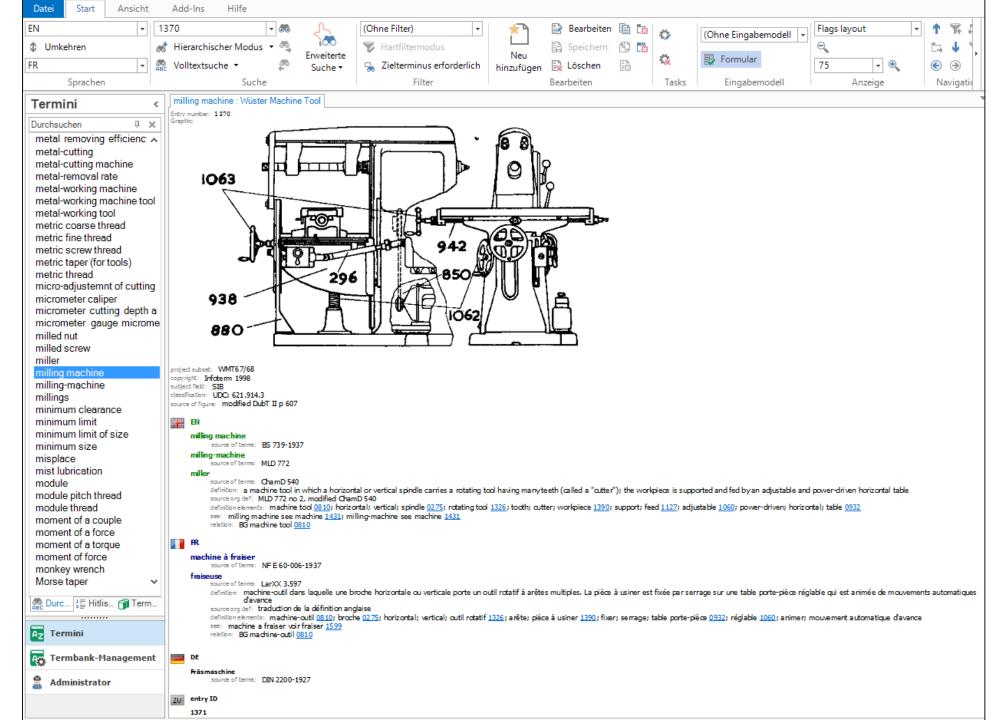
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Data Categories

Term Autonomy

Better Ordering/ Searching

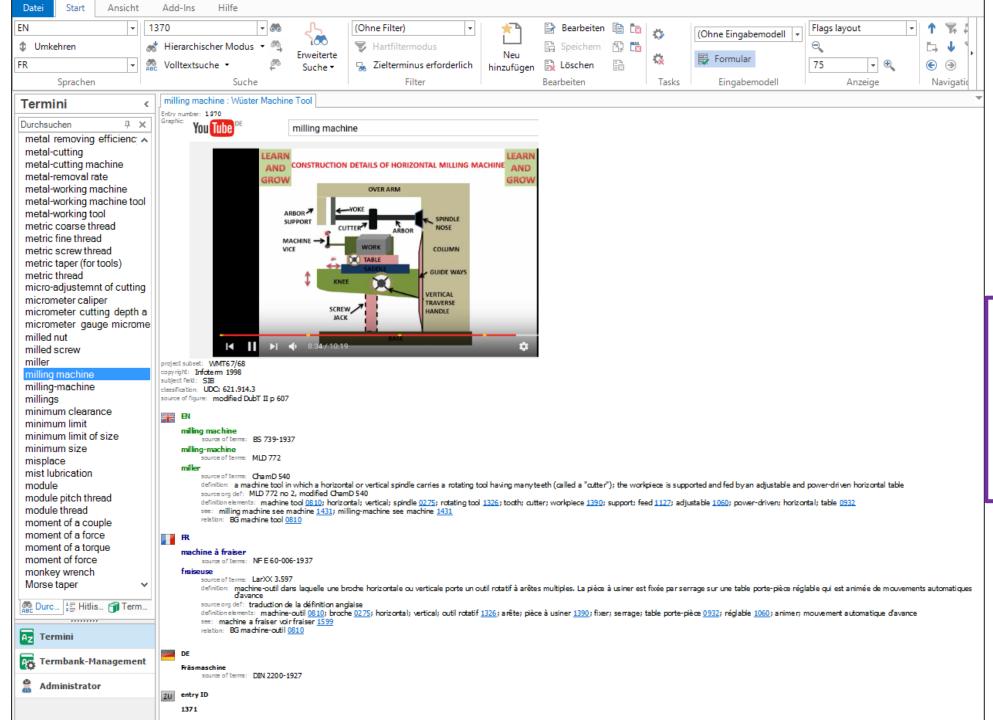






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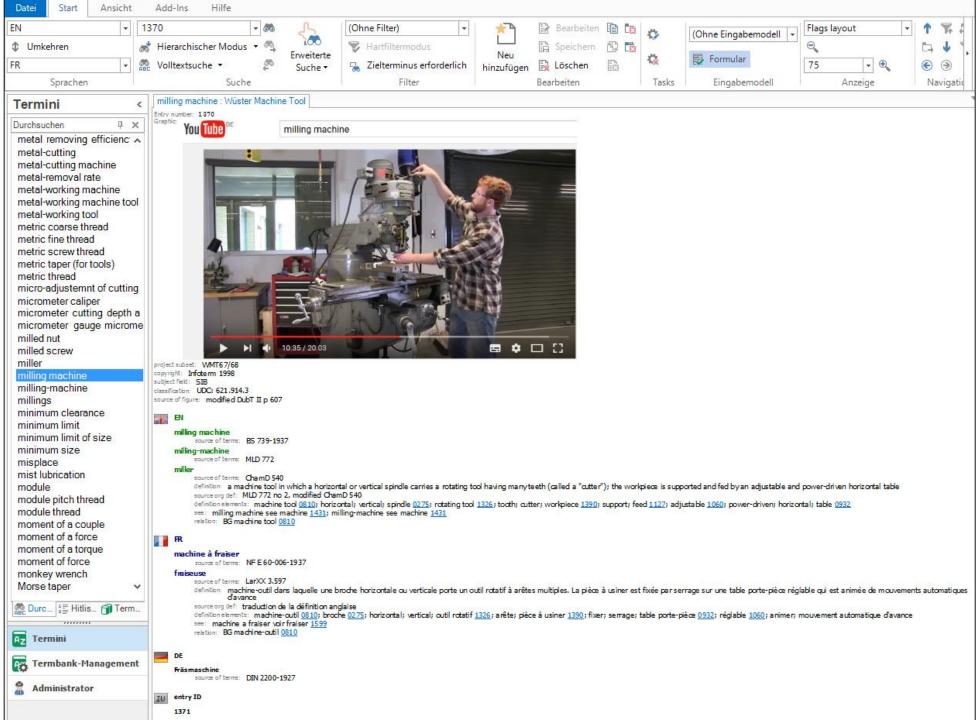


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Multimedia Object

Links to External Resouces







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Post Wüster Era



• Terminological data are better to document → (picklist, multimedia) Arts Sciences TH Köln



- Terminological data are easier to manage → termbases
- Terminological data are easier to find → Google
- Terminological data are easier to retrieve → Search (Fuzzy, Free Text, *)
- Terminological data are easier to use (filter, export, standards)

- Terminological data are more consistent and reliable (single source)
- Terminological data are better structured (meta model, data categories)
- Terminological data are better connected (links, concept relations, taxonomies)



Wüster's Machine Tool: TBX



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Wüster and LOD



- Semantic Web, Linked Open Data (LOD), Industry 4.0, and Internet of Things have to make (better) use of terminological data in order to handle:
 - Ambiguity
 - Synonymy (incl. spelling variants and abbreviated forms)
 - Multilinguality

— ...

Terminology can provide information about concepts, terms and concept relations



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Recommendations:

- Terminological resources must be accessible via the web
- Terminological resources must be identifiable via URI
- Terminological entries (concepts) should be accessible via
 URI (for the resource) + language + term or URI for the concept (!)
- Terminological data (microcontent of concept entries) should be accessible (URI) and interpretable (datCat meaning via URI), particularly the concept links and concept maps
- Terminological data should be more presented in RDF!



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- What has became obsolete?
- What needs revision?



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Info term

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Organization for

- Through ISO TC37 big impact on terminology standardization
- Concept-orientation & term autonomy
 - →big impacts E. Wüster had never imagined (largely due to the development of ICTs)
 - →basis for today's terminology management (in industry/organizations)
- E. Wüster has more to offer → still undiscovered e.g. wrt
 Knowledge organization, content management, semantics and
 interoperability

Digital or electronic content?



Digital content refers to information available for download or distribution on electronic media such as an ebook or iTunes song, but many in the content industry argue that digital content is anything that can be published. (*Mullan,2011*)

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• Digital media – digital content – electronic content – eContent

From the user's perspective, information is all content, while from the computer programmer's perspective, it is all data. (Boiko)



What is content?



Content: logical unit to represent usable (and reusable) information contained in or related to learning, education, and training (LET) data in a formalized manner suitable for interpretation by human means cf. logical package ISO/IEC 12785-1:2009, 3.7



- Content: a representation of the information contained in or related to multimedia data in a formalized manner suitable for interpretation by human means.
 - Content refers to the data and the metadata ISO/IEC 15938-5:2003, 3.3.2.9
- Content: data and the associated metadata
- Content: <XML> all data between the start tag and end tag of an element 150 24531:2013, 4.11



What is data?



- Data: recorded information iso 22005:2007, 3.1
- Data: information before it is interpreted ISO 15784-3:2008, 3.7
- Data: information represented in a manner suitable for automatic processing

IEC 60050-701/-721:1992, ISO 16091:2002, 3.1.4



What is information?



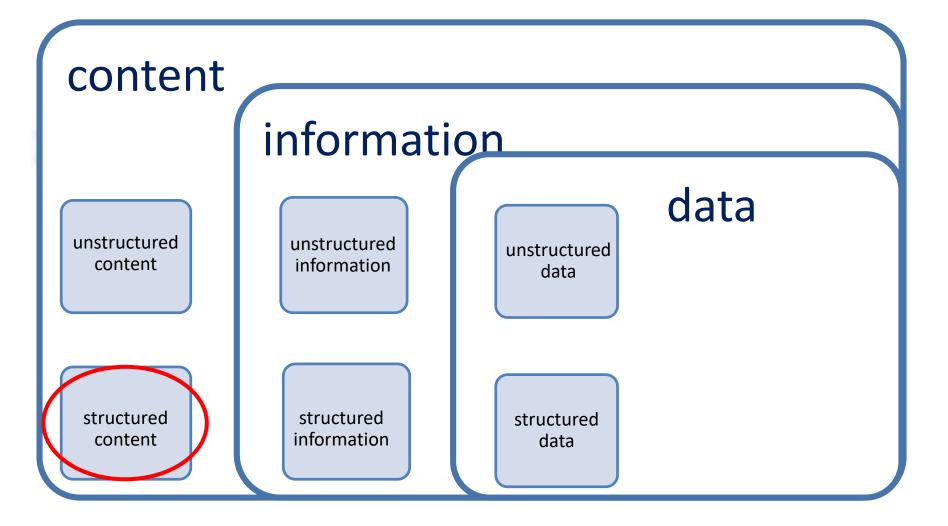
- Information: data set within a context of meaning ISO/TS 25237:2008, 3.27
- Information: facts, concepts, or instructions
 ISO 15531-43:2006, 3.1.15
- Information: data that are processed, organized and correlated to produce meaning iso 22320:2011, 3.9



Structured content – What is it?



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Microcontent



"Microcontent (in the sense of structured content

at the level of lexical semantics) indicates

content that conveys one primary idea or

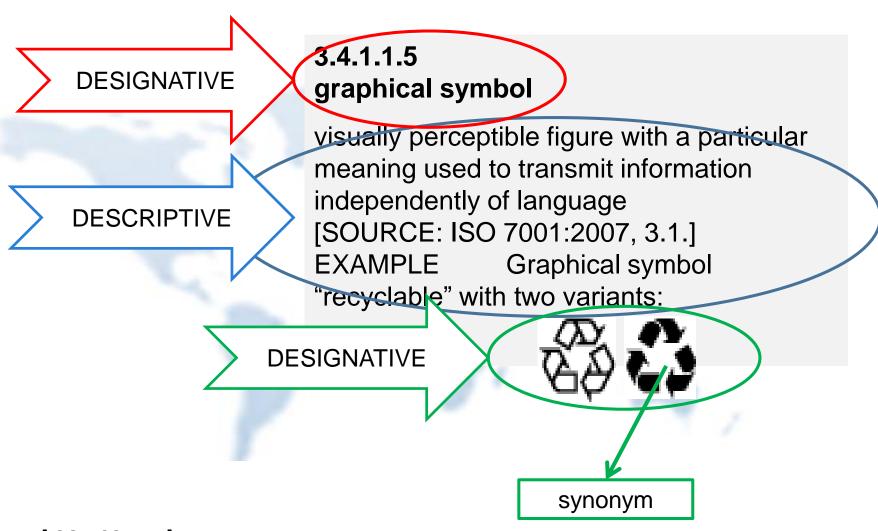
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concept"



Terminological data and similar





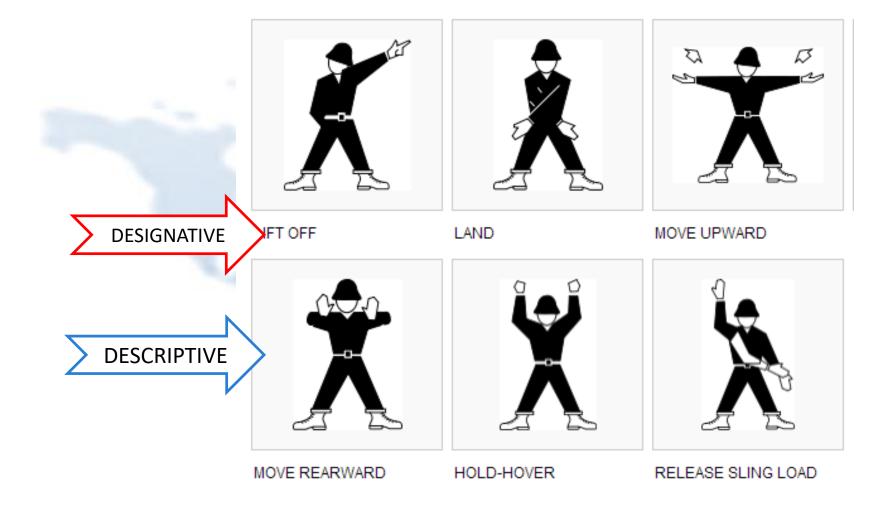
[ISO 10241-1]



Helicopter marshalling signals









What is "structured"?

Info term

Structured content refers to information or **content** that has been broken down and classified using **metadata**. Structured content often refers to information that has been classified using **XML**, but can also relate to information classified using other standard or proprietary forms of **metadata**.

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Example: Traffic informatics





Way to the airport – turn right in 5 km



Way to the train station – down to the right



ZONE = verbal
red ring = (morphology) prohibition sign
30 = micro-proposition: max speed 30km/h

→ variable message sign boards communicating with car-driver system



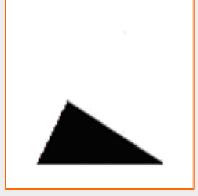
"Morphology" of pictogrammes

Representation elements



- automatic segmentation?
- "fuzzy search"?







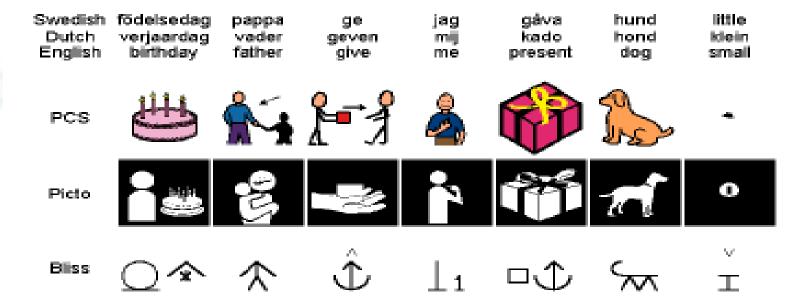




AAC for cognitively disabled



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This image shows six different ways to express the same sentence: "For my birthday, father gives me a small dog". Vertically, each single concept is represented in different languages (keywords) and in different symbol systems (PCS, Picto, Bliss).



Example: Mobile phone user interface



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(incl. icons) in how many languages?

→ 16,000 in more than 100 Languages (maybe today already more than 1000 languages)



Structured content



It's all

catalogues?

→ repositories of structured content at the level of lexical semantics = microcontent



Example: product catalogue

e.g. complex entry in a product catalogue

- Name of company (® enterprise)
- Name of product (model) (™ enterprise)
- Generic name of product (e.g. © HS)
- Class (name under which the product falls) (e.g. © eCl@ss)
- Verbal/textual description (© enterprise)
- Picture (© enterprise)
- Technical data
 - (unified) branch properties (e.g. © OAGi)
 - Standardized characteristics (e.g. © DIN)
 - Enterprise product specific data (e.g. for collaborative business)
 - Enterprise internal data (maybe confidential/secret)









Microcontent



 Not only terminology and other semantic elements in specialized communication, but also



- Lexicographical data
- Proper names of all sorts
- Product properties
- Product classification
- Metadata
- 0 ...
- → needs standards
- → Different kinds of standards!



Findings and questions 1

Info term

 <LSP p-o-v:> no clear-cut borderline between specilized texts and general language texts

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- <question:> does this also apply to the relation between terminology and lexicography? — Why not?
 - terminologisation (e.g. of phraseological entities)
 - determinologisation (e.g. general computer terms)
 - popularization / vulgarization / simplification
- Several roles of terminology:
 - concepts: condensing and structuring knowledge (to reduce complexity)
 - representation of specialized knowledge at the level of lexical semantics
 - indispensable elements in specialized communication
 - micro-level access to knowledge contained in texts or in database



TSR 14 (2003) articles

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by: B.E. Antia, S.E. Wright, G. Budin, H. Picht, etc.

The Semiotic Triangle – Triangle of Reference: true or false Köln

thought / reference / concept / sense / meaning / ...

words / terms / symbols / definiens / definiendum

referent / object / real "thing" /

. .

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Findings and questions 2



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 <science theory p-o-v:> human brain is condensing and structuring information, thus reducing data volumes in order to cope with information affluence

 Q: are terminological data, lexicographical data, controlled vocabularies, classification etc. complementary and necessary for the highly self-referential system of knowledge? – ???

→ differences/commonalities? → all are mental constructs!



Findings and questions 3



<terminology theory p-o-v:> "term autonomy"



- Q1: <from a knowledge change p-o-v:> "autonomy" also applies to "objects" and "concepts"? ???
 - → knowledge change aspect 1: level of lexical semantics
- Q2: <from a microcontent p-o-v:> "autonomy" also applies to thesaurus terms, classification classes, etc.? ???
- Concepts <terminology science p-o-v:> units of thinking/thought, knowledge and communication
 - → <from a pragmatics p-o-v:> all three are correct

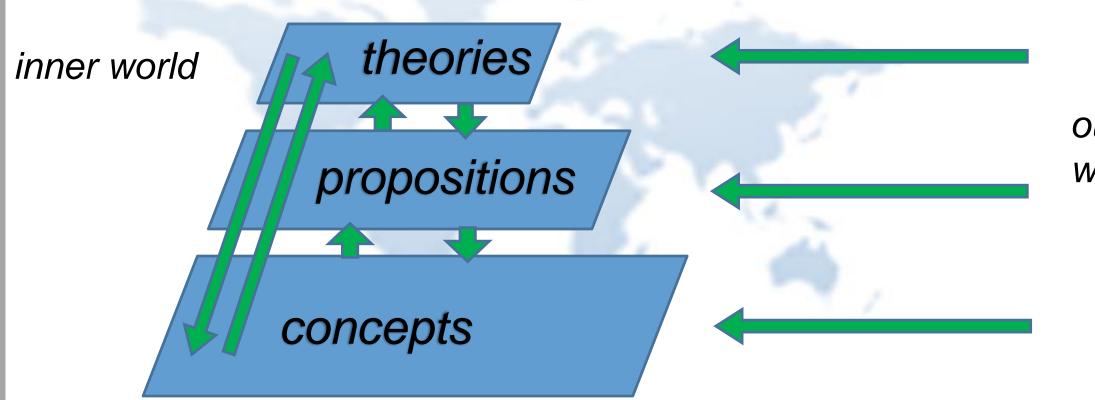


TSR 1 (1990) containing articles

by: H. Picht, G. Budin, C. Galinski, etc.



Knowledge change aspect 3: p-o-v "levels of knowledge"



outer world



Findings and questions 4



 From the knowledge change p-o-v: change can be triggered



- in the 'inner world' of the human brain (at different knowledge levels)
- in relation with the 'outer world' (communication, society, environment etc.)
- Conceptual thinking: a brain mechanism common to humans
- Knowledge is not only "scientific-technical knowledge"!
- From a structured content (=micocontent) p-o-v, terminology is a specific kind of microcontent having specific roles



Terminology management: good practice Info

The field of terminology is a 'good practice' in

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- multilinguality of interhuman communication
- domain/subject specific communication
- CAT computer-assisted translation
- Application of machine translation on specialized texts
- Success of major nomenclatures
- Widely used scientific classification schemes or thesauri
- Standardization: hardly any standard without standardized terminology
- Many uncovered treasures
 Terminological methods are applicable beyond terminology

New requirements

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System integration → content integration

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Content interoperability

["Recommendation on software and content development principles 2010"] basic requirements for comprehensive semantic interoperability: fitness for

- Multilinguality (covering also cultural diversity)
- Multimodality and multimedia
- eAccessibility and eInclusion
- Multi-channel presentations

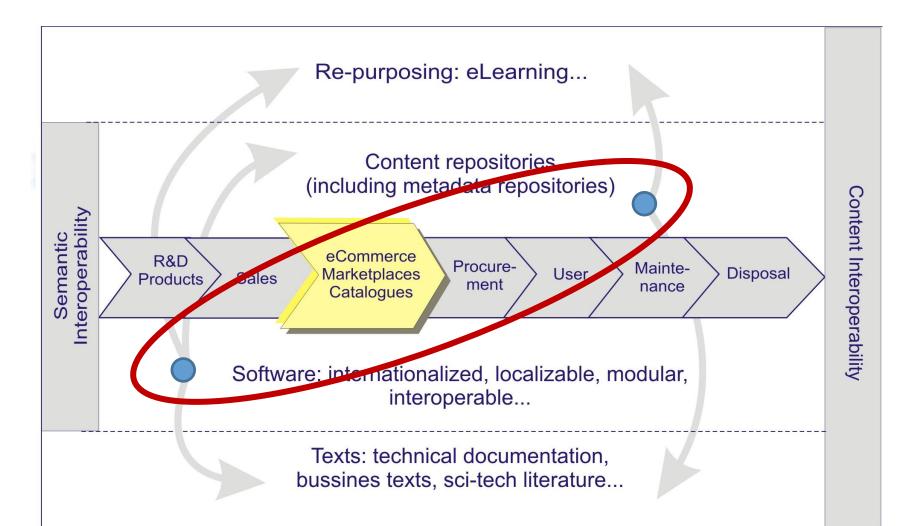
as well as a high degree of

- content integratability
- content reusability,
- content re-purposability
 (e.g. for eLearning purposes)



Product data – Software – Content





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→ Modularity everywhere



The theoretically "creative" 1980/90s



First TKE 1987 organised in Trier (GTW founded 1986)

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- Joint theory workshops in Vienna: science theory, theory of terminology, LSP theory and applications, language mediation (translation and interpretation), computer science, information science, documentation studies, classification research, conceptology, etc. →UNESCO support
- Cooperation with I&D, classification and LSP communities
- Data categories discussion development towards DCR
- From mainframe computers via minicomputers & PCs to today's tablets and smart phones
- TermNet (1988) and IITF (1989) founded

The above development triggered a substantial body of publications



Relations to other domains/subjects



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- Science theory: from positivism & constructivism to societal TH Köln aspects and applications concerning specialised knowledge
- LSP becoming a strong aspect, tying up with translation studies, specialised lexicography, specialised communication
- I&D (incl. thesaurus development and indexing, as well as classification studies)
- Computer science and computational linguistics (in particular machine translation)
- +eApplications (eBusiness&eCommerce, eHealth, eGovernment, eProcurement, etc.)
- +AI (artificial intelligence)



Conclusion I



 Microcontent = structured content at the level of lexical semantics



- Terminology = semantically structured content developed in/for specialized communication and specialized knowledge representation
- Different depths of semantics within microcontent
- Metadata

 structuring of microcontent (based on standards)
- Content in/for the ICTs is first of all microcontent
- Microcontent can be turned into (light-weight) ontologies
- H2H and H2M communication is heavily based on content
- M2M communication also cannot do without content
- Old issues remain: reliable & interoperable content
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Conclusion II



Microcontent



- Comprises all kinds of linguistic and non-linguistic representations of information/knowledge
- Low-complexity entities of structured content can be called "primitives"
- High-complexity entities of structured content can be called "composites"
- For reuse and re-purposing, it is necessary to add further data/information
- Complexity of microcontent = low complexity for ICT developers → because it's all based on rules



Conclusion III



 Our life is deeply governed by standards – including our language and communication



- On the one hand the ICTs try to avoid "language" and semantics by coding "things"
- On the other hand more and more kinds of content in particular microcontent – has to be standardized
- Standardization results in standards (and standards-like documents) whose normative authority is second only to law
- A minimum knowledge about standardization is an asset for every enterprise; engagement in standardization may result in advantages – especially in educational institutions



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- **♦ What is still valid?** → the fundamentals
 - → should be further "systematized"
- ❖ What has became obsolete? → terminology work with hardcopy publication in mind but also hardcopies and other products are based on structured data
- ❖ What needs revision? → the exclusive focus on terminology
 - → comprehensive theory of microcontent







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Structured vs. unstructured content Info



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Structured data – structured information – structured content are commonly used interchangeably

(~ data – information – content)

Entities of structured content:

high degree of semantic structuring based on metadata covering also the semantic context;

typically processed and managed in databases

(capable of handling more than contained. one language?) (unstructure

→ Need for more semantically structured content

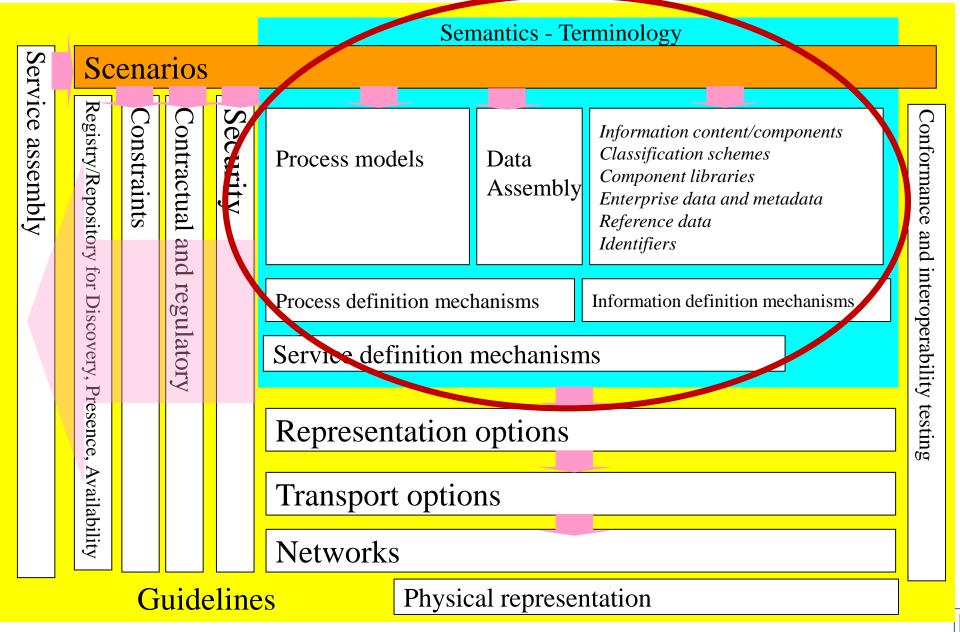
Unstructured/semi-structured content:

contains several/many entities of structured content in *co-text*; even if semantically tagged, unstructured content does/can/should **not** reveal full *semantic context* of each *entity of structured content* contained.

(unstructured content usually is monolingual – although it may contain elements in other languages or modalities)



MoU/MG Roadmap for the harmonization of eCommerce standards





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eProcurement - Standardization



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Process standards ECR, ebXML, SCOR, RosettaNet, ...

Transaction standards
UBL, RosettaNet, EANCOM®, GS1-XML, OAGIS, ...

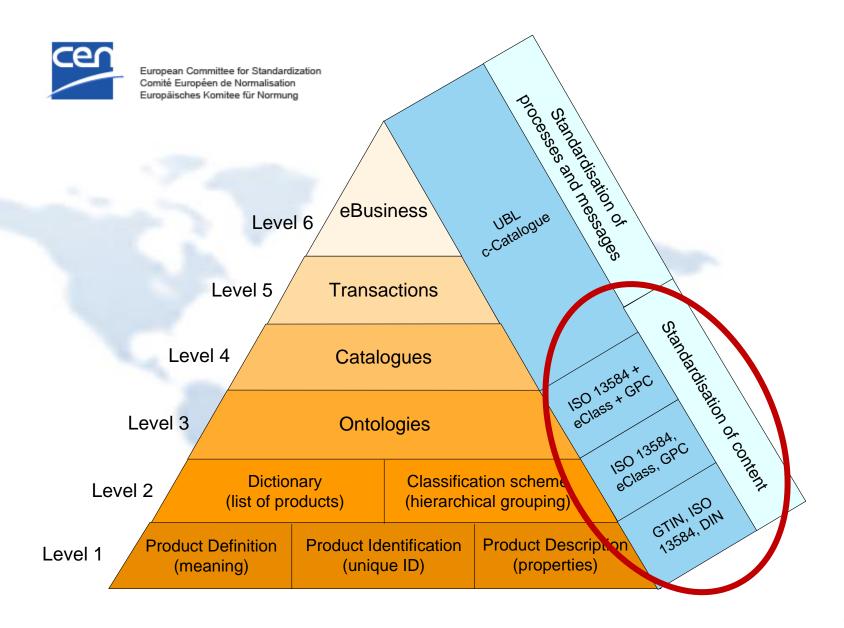
Product catalogue standards
BMEcat, cXML, xCBL, ebXML, RosettaNet, ...

Product classification standards CPV, eCl@ss, GPC, UNSPSC, ...

Identification standards DUNS®, EAN/GTIN, EPC, ILN/GLN, ...



Complexity







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