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Lecture 03

Structured Data: Coding, Classification (ICD, SNOMED, MeSH, UMLS)

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Schedule

- 1. Intro: Computer Science meets Life Sciences, challenges, future directions
- 2. Back to the future: Fundamentals of Data, Information and Knowledge
- 3. Structured Data: Coding, Classification (ICD, SNOMED, MeSH, UMLS)
- 4. Biomedical Databases: Acquisition, Storage, Information Retrieval and Use
- 5. Semi structured and weakly structured data (structural homologies)
- 6. Multimedia Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery
- 7. Knowledge and Decision: Cognitive Science & Human-Computer Interaction
- 8. Biomedical Decision Making: Reasoning and Decision Support
- 9. Intelligent Information Visualization and Visual Analytics
- 10. Biomedical Information Systems and Medical Knowledge Management
- 11. Biomedical Data: Privacy, Safety and Security
- 12. Methodology for Info Systems: System Design, Usability & Evaluation

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Keywords of the 3th Lecture

- Biomedical Ontologies
- Classification of Diseases
- International Classification of Diseases (ICD)
- Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
- Modeling biomedical knowledge
- Ontology Languages (OL)
- Resource Description Framework (RDF)
- Standardized Medical Data
- Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (SNOMED)
- Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)
- Work domain model (WDM)

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Learning Goals: At the end of this 3rd lecture you ...

- ... have acquired background knowledge on some issues in standardization and structurization of data;
- ... have a general understanding of modeling knowledge in medicine and biomedical informatics;
- ... got some basic knowledge on medical Ontologies and are aware of the limits, restrictions and shortcomings of them;
- ... know the basic ideas and the history of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD);
- ... have a view on the Standardized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT);
- ... have some basic knowledge on Medical Subject Headings (MeSH);
- ... understand the fundamentals and principles of the Unified Language System (UMLS);

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Advance Organizer (1/2)

- **Abstraction** = process of mapping (biological) processes onto a series of concepts (expressed in mathematical terms);
- **Biological system** = a collection of objects ranging in size from molecules to populations of organisms, which interact in ways that display a collective function or role (= collective behaviour);
- **Coding** = any process of transforming descriptions of medical diagnoses and procedures into standardized code numbers, i.e. to track health conditions and for reimbursement; e.g. based on Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG)
- **Data model** = definition of entities, attributes and their relationships within complex sets of data;
- **DSM** = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders
- **Extensible Markup Language (XML)** = set of rules for encoding documents in machine-readable form.
- **GALEN** = Generalized Architecture for Languages, Encyclopedias and Nomenclatures in Medicine is a project aiming at the development of a reference model for medical concepts
- **ICD** = International Classification of Diseases, the archetypical coding system for patient record abstraction (est. 1900)
- **Medical Classification** = provides the terminologies of the medical domain (or at least parts of it), there are 100+ various classifications in use;
- **MeSH** = Medical Subject Headings is a classification to index the world medical literature and forms the basis for UMLS

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Advance Organizer (2/2)

- **Metadata** = data that describes the data;
- **Model** = a simplified representation of a process or object, which describes its behaviour under specified conditions (e.g. conceptual model);
- **Nosography** = science of description of diseases;
- **Nosology** = science of classification of diseases;
- **Ontology** = structured description of a domain and formalizes the terminology (concepts-relations, e.g. IS-A relationship provides a taxonomic skeleton), e.g. gene ontology;
- **Ontology engineering** = subfield of knowledge engineering, which studies the methods and methodologies for building ontologies;
- **SNOMED** = Standardized Nomenclature of Medicine, est. 1975, multiaxial system with 11 axes;
- **SNOP** = Systematic Nomenclature of Pathology (on four axes: topography, morphology, etiology, function), basis for SNOMED;
- **System features** = static/dynamic; mechanistic/phenomenological; discrete/continuous; deterministic/stochastic; single-scale/multi-scale
- **Terminology** = includes well-defined terms and usage;
- **UMLS** = Unified Medical Language System is a long-term project to develop resources for the support of intelligent information retrieval;

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Glossary

- ACR = American College of Radiologists
- API = Application Programming Interface
- DAML = DARPA Agent Markup Language
- DICOM = Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
- DL = Description Logic
- ECG = Electrocardiogram
- EHR = Electronic Health Record
- FMA = Foundational Model of Anatomy
- FOL = First-order logic
- GO = Gene Ontology
- ICD = International Classification of Diseases
- IOM = Institute of Medicine
- KIF = Knowledge Interchange Format, a FOL-based language for knowledge interchange.
- LOINC = Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes
- MeSH = Medical Subject Headings
- MRI = Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- NCI = National Cancer Institute (US)
- NEMA = National Electrical Manufacturer Association
- OIL = Ontology Inference Layer (description logic)
- OWL = Ontology Web Language
- RDF = Resource Description Framework
- RDF Schema = A vocabulary of properties and classes added to RDF
- SCP = Standard Communications Protocol
- SNOMED CT = Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms
- SOP = Standard Operating Procedure
- UMLS = Unified Medical Language System

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**Key Problems**

- To find a trade-off between standardization and personalization [1];
- The large amounts of non-standardized data and unstructured information ("free text") [2];
- Low integration of standardized terminologies in the daily clinical practice (Who is using e.g. SNOMED, MeSH, UMLS in daily routine?);
- Low acceptance of classification codes amongst practitioners;

1. Holmes, C., McDonald, F., Jones, M., Ozdemir, V., Graham, J. E. 2010. Standardization and Omics Science: Technical and Social Dimensions Are Inseparable and Demand Symmetrical Study. *Omics-Journal of Integr. Biology*, 14, (3), 327-332.
2. Holzinger, A., Schantl, J., Schroetter, M., Seifert, C. & Verspoor, K. 2014. Biomedical Text Mining: State-of-the-Art, Open Problems and Future Challenges. In: LNCS 8401. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer pp. 271-300.

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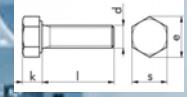
**Standards ?**

FOR A FAIR SELECTION
EVERYBODY HAS TO TAKE
THE SAME EXAM: PLEASE
CLIMB THAT TREE

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Standards !**The Seven Layers of OSI**

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Slide 3-1 Quest for standardization as old as med. informatics

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, VOL. BME-19, NO. 5, SEPTEMBER 1972

Standardization and Health Care

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J. H. U. BROWN, SENIOR MEMBER, IEEE, AND DEWITT JAMES LOWELL

Abstract—In order to deliver reasonable health care to all people, it is essential that there be some standards. Standards may vary with the type of control and with the approach desired in determining the standards of care. This paper discusses various kinds of standards and their application in the health care field. Standards may be determined as a process or as a direct regulation. It is probable that regulation of standards by process is the most satisfactory method.

INTRODUCTION

SOCIETY cannot exist without a yardstick by which its accomplishments in health care are measured. These yardsticks are called standards. They are created by the need for regulation and control as an escape from anarchy or to motivate towards greater achievement. In the ultimate, society dictates these limits by the demands it places upon itself. Standards provide opportunities for security and augmentation of process and output by virtue of the goal and process structure that they provide.

Brown, J. H. U. & Lowell, D. J. (1972) Standardization and Health Care. *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering*, BME-19, 5, 331-334.

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THE OBJECTIVES OF STANDARDIZATION

Standards have value within themselves in that they help establish quality. However, they accomplish more for society than the mere establishment of a level of quality and performance. A standard allows cooperation of efforts between producers so that like products can be produced. It permits the reproduction of similar units in mass quantity and permits the consumer to judge one product or service against another by performance. It establishes freedom of interchange of material and ideas, and permits the activity in one part of society

Slide 3-2 Still a big problem: Inaccuracy of medical data

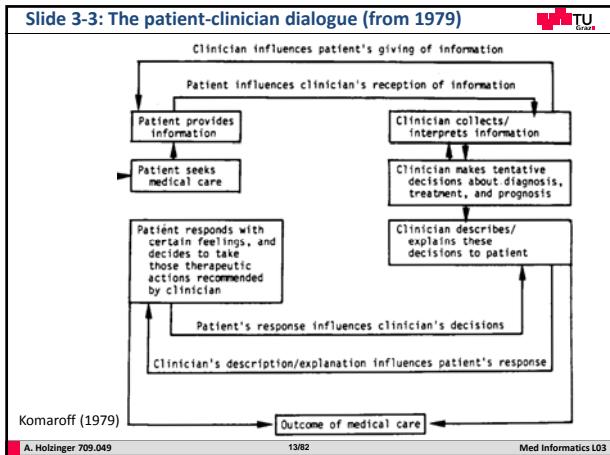
- Medical (clinical) data are defined and detected disturbingly "soft" ...
- ... having an obvious degree of variability and inaccuracy.
- Taking a medical history, the performance of a physical examination, the interpretation of laboratory tests, even the definition of diseases ... are surprisingly inexact.
- Data is defined, collected, and interpreted with a degree of variability and inaccuracy which falls far short of the standards which engineers do expect from most data.
- Moreover, standards might be interpreted variably by different medical doctors, different hospitals, different medical schools, different medical cultures, ...

Komaroff, A. L. (1979) The variability and inaccuracy of medical data. *Proceedings of the IEEE*, 67, 9, 1196-1207.

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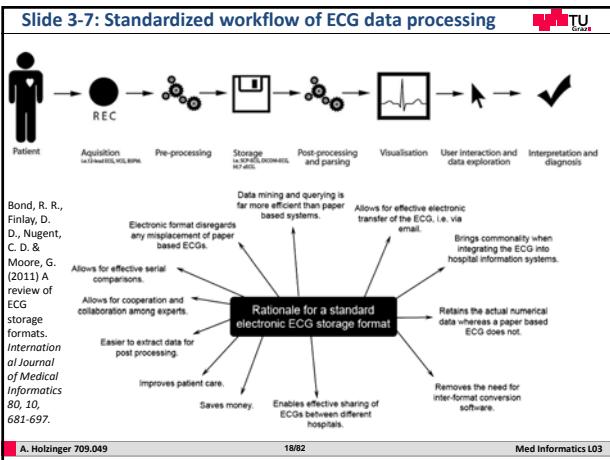
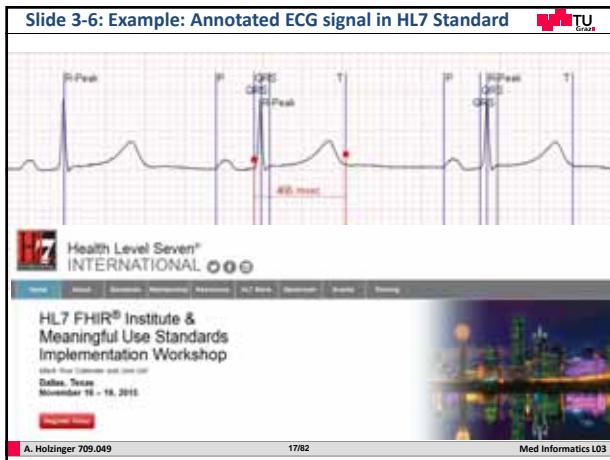
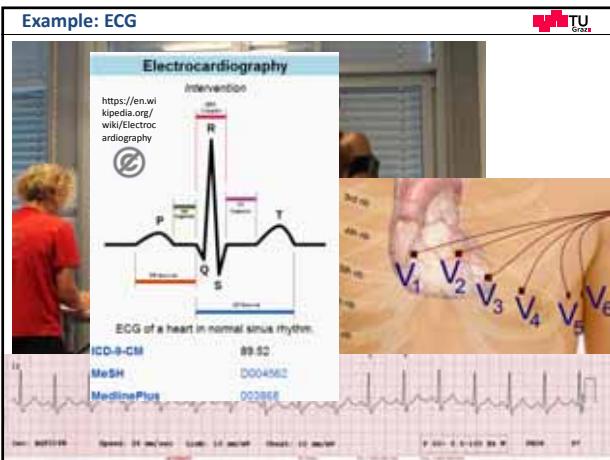
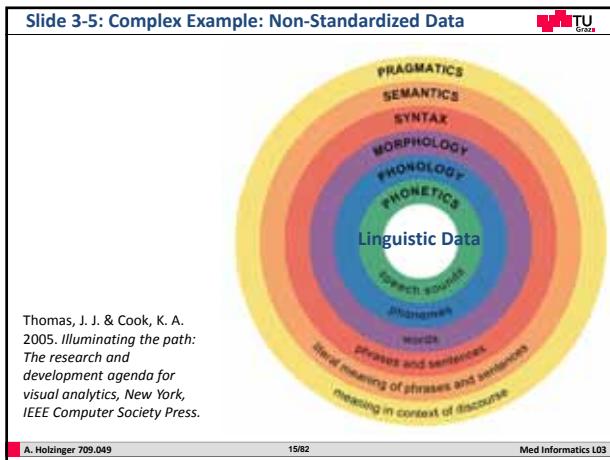
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Slide 3-4 Standardized data ...

- ... ensures that information is interpreted by all users with the same understanding:
 - supports the **reusability** of the data,
 - improves the **efficiency** of healthcare services and
 - avoids errors by reducing duplicated efforts in data entry;
- Data standardization refers to
 - a) the data content;
 - b) the terminologies that are used to represent the data;
 - c) how data is exchanged; and
 - iv) how knowledge, e.g. clinical guidelines, protocols, decision support rules, checklists, standard operating procedures are represented in the health information system (refer to IOM).
- Elements for sharing require standardization of identification, record structure, terminology, messaging, privacy etc.
- The most used standardized data set to date is the **International Classification of Diseases (ICD)**, which was first adopted in 1900 for collecting statistics (Ahmadian et al. 2011)

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Slide 3-8: Standardization of ECG data (1/2)

- There has been a large number of ECG storage formats proclaiming to promote interoperability.
- There are three predominant ECG formats:
 - SCP-ECG (1993, European Standard, Binary data)
 - DICOM-ECG (2000, European Standard, Binary data)
 - HL7 aECG (2001, ANSI Standard, XML data)
- A mass of researchers have been proposing their own ECG storage formats to be considered for implementation (= proprietary formats).
- Binary has been the predominant method for storing ECG data

Bond, R. R., Finlay, D. D., Nugent, C. D. & Moore, G. (2011) A review of ECG storage formats. *International Journal of Medical Informatics*, 80, 10, 681-697.

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Slide 3-9: Standardization of ECG (2/2)

▪ Overview on current ECG storage formats

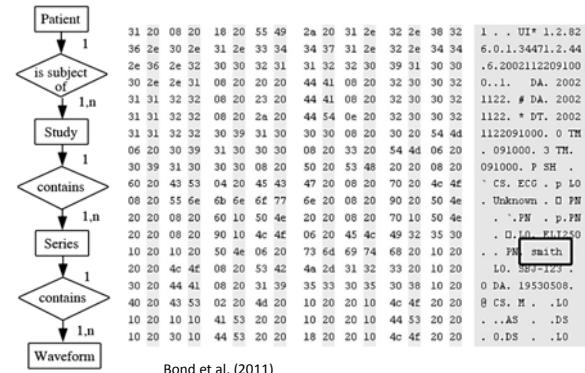
ECG Format	Year	Method of implementation	Specification	Vendors
SCP ECG	1993	SHARP	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [7].	Freely available SCP-ECG viewer made by Sharp [6].
DICOM-ECG	2000	SHARP	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [7].	Freely available DICOM-ECG viewer made by Sharp [6].
HL7 aECG	2001	XML	The XML Schema can be used as the specification or the implementation guide by AMPS [8].	Freely available aECG viewer by AMPS [8].
ergML	2009	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [12].	None currently exist, under development.
MIFER	2009	BIN/TEXT	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [12].	Freely available MIFER viewer [11].
Philips XML	2004	XML	The specification is packaged with the acquisition program.	Philips viewers: Not freely available.
XML-ECG	2007	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [14].	XMI-ECG viewer [14]: Not freely available.
med2000ml	2008	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [15].	med2000 mobile viewer [15]: Not freely available.
ergment	2009	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the internet [16].	TelCardio viewer [16]: Not freely available.

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Slide 3-10: Example of a Binary ECG file

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Slide 3-11: Example of a XML ECG file

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<sequenceSet>
  <component>
    <sequence>
      <code code="TIME_ABSOLUTE" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.4"
            codeSystemName="ActCode" displayName="Absolute Time"/>
      <value xsi:type="GINT_TS">
        <head value="20021122091000.000"/>
        <increment value="0.002" units="s"/>
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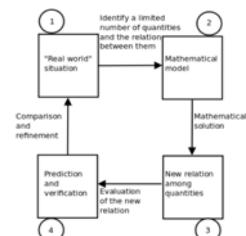
Bond et al. (2011)

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How do we represent biomedical knowledge?



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Examples for famous knowledge representations

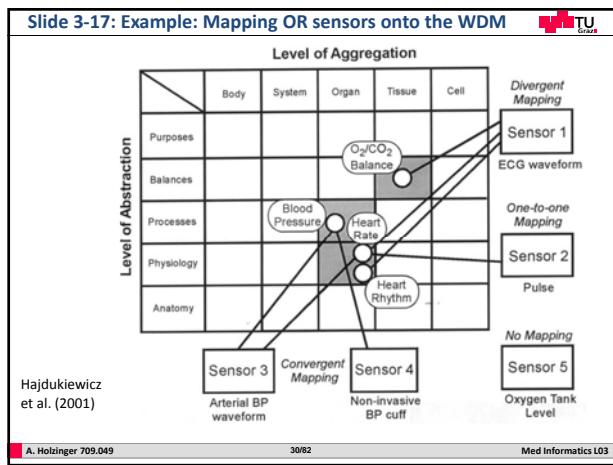
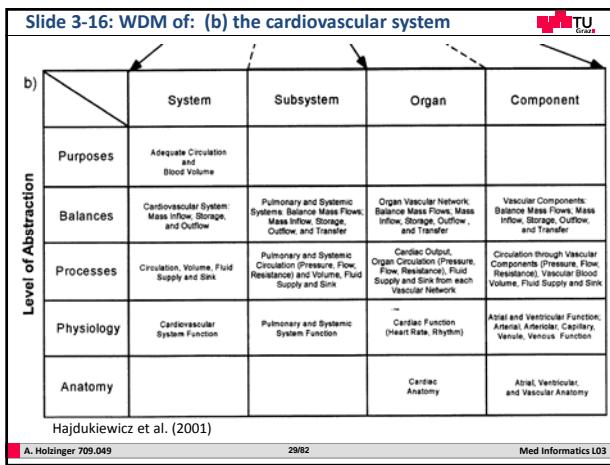
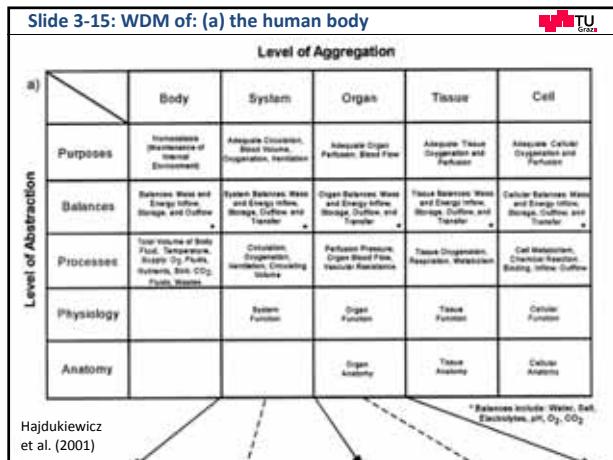
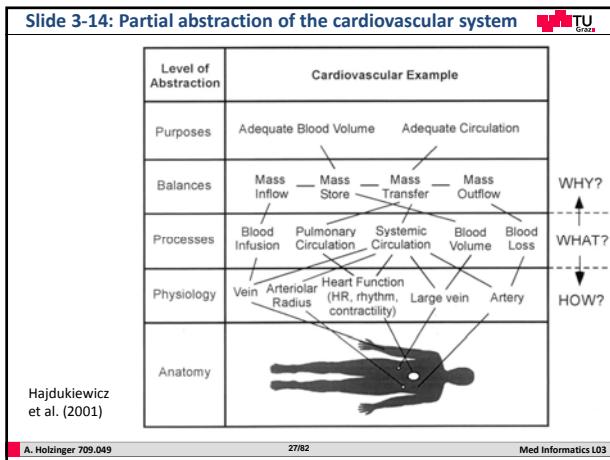
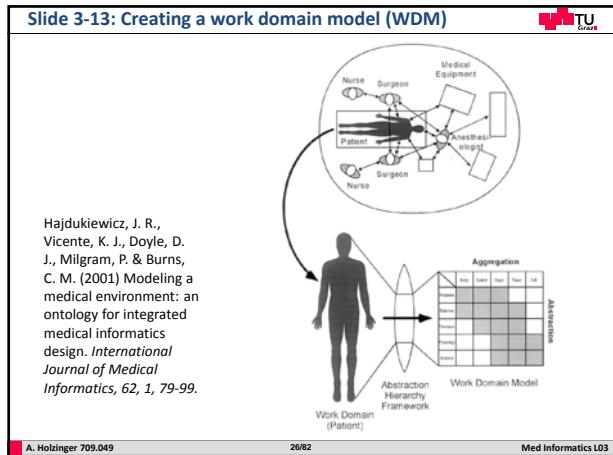
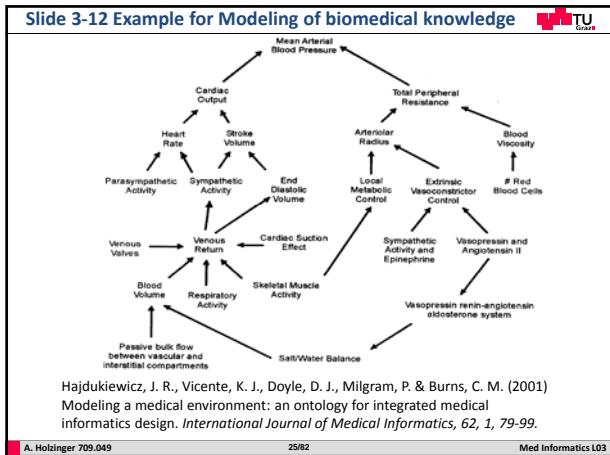
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Aristotle				
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Frege			Bernoulli	Friedman
Peano			Bayes	
Gödel	Hebb Bruner Miller	Lashley Rosenblatt	Tversky, Kahneman	Von Neumann Simon Raiffa
Post	Newell, Simon	Adshy Letvin McCulloch, Pitts		
Church		Heubel, Weisel		
Turing				
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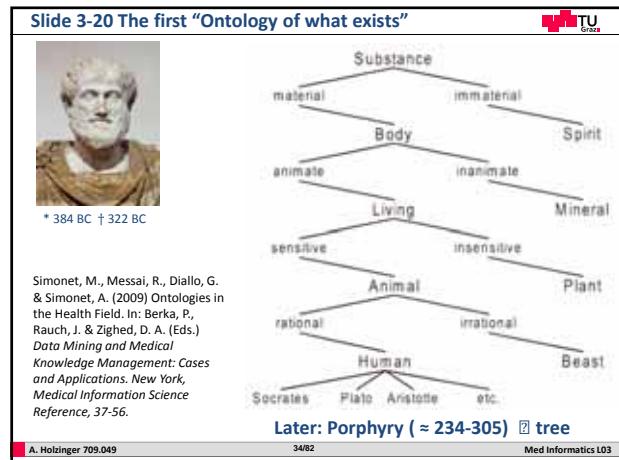
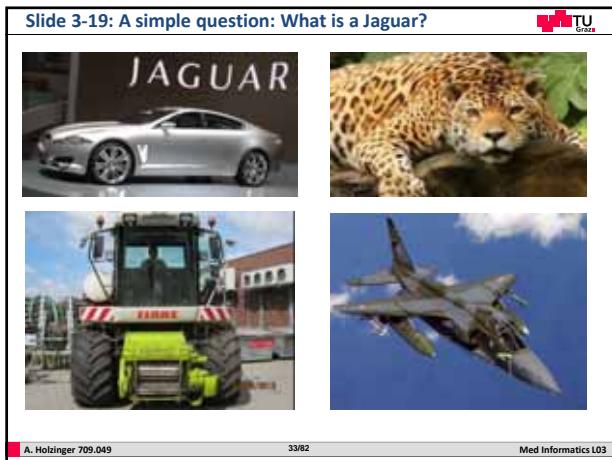
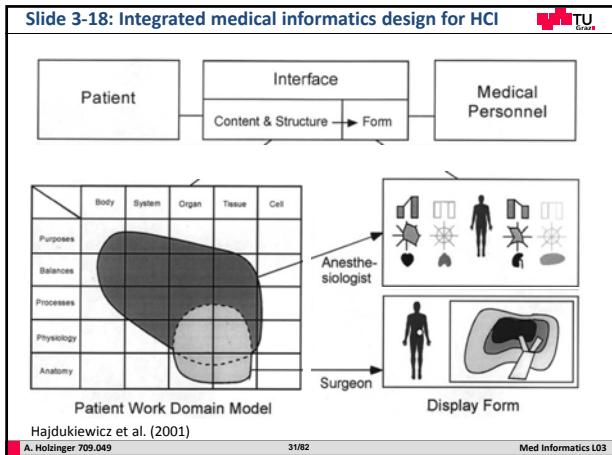
Davis, R., Shrobe, H., Szolovits, P. 1993 What is a knowledge representation? *AI Magazine*, 14, 1, 17-33.

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Slide 3-21: Ontology: Classic definition

- Aristotle attempted to **classify the things in the world** - where it is employed to describe the existence of beings in the world;
- Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Engineering deals also with **reasoning about models of the world**.
- Therefore, AI researchers adopted the term 'ontology' to describe **what can be computationally represented** of the world within a program.
- **“An ontology is a formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization”.**
 - A 'conceptualization' refers to an **abstract model** of some phenomenon in the world by having identified the relevant concepts of that phenomenon.
 - 'Explicit' means that the type of concepts used, and the constraints on their use are **explicitly defined**.

Studer, R., Benjamins, V. R. & Fensel, D. (1998) Knowledge Engineering: Principles and methods. *Data & Knowledge Engineering*, 25, 1-2, 161-197.

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Slide 3-22: Ontology: Terminology

- **Ontology** = a structured description of a domain in form of **concepts ↔ relations**;
- The **IS-A relation** provides a taxonomic skeleton;
- Other relations reflect the **domain semantics**;
- Formalizes the **terminology** in the domain;
- **Terminology** = terms definition and usage in the specific **context**;
- Knowledge base = **instance classification** and **concept classification**;
- Classification provides the **domain terminology**
- ...

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Slide 3-29: Example for (2) Web Ontology Language OWL

Axiom	DL syntax	Example
Sub class	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$	Alga \sqsubseteq Plant \sqsubseteq Organism
Equivalent class	$C_1 \equiv C_2$	Cancer = Neoplastic Process
Disjoint with	$C_1 \sqsubseteq \neg C_2$	Vertebrate \sqsubseteq ~Invertebrate
Same individual	$x_1 \equiv x_2$	Blue.Shark = Prionace.Glaucor
Different from	$x_1 \sqsubseteq \neg x_2$	Sea Horse \sqsubseteq ~Horse
Sub property	$P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$	has.mother \sqsubseteq has.parent
Equivalent property	$P_1 \equiv P_2$	treated.by = cured.by
Inverse	$P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$	location.of = has.location ⁻¹
Transitive property	$P^+ \sqsubseteq P$	part.of ⁺ \sqsubseteq part.of
Functional property	$T \sqsubseteq IP$	T \sqsubseteq I has.tributary
Inverse functional property	$T \sqsubseteq IP^-$	T \sqsubseteq I has.scientific.name ⁻¹

Bhatt, M., Rahayu, W., Soni, S. P. & Wouters, C. (2009) Ontology driven semantic profiling and retrieval in medical information systems. *Web Semantics: Science, Services and Agents on the World Wide Web*, 7, 4, 317-331.

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Helpful: Handbook for Spoken Mathematics

Handbook for Spoken Mathematics (Larry's Speakeasy)

web.efzg.hr/dok/MAT/vkojic/Larrys_speakeasy.pdf

HELPFUL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_mathematical_symbols

LaTeX Symbols : <http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/wiki/index.php/LaTeX:Symbols>

Math ML: <http://www.robinlionheart.com/stds/html4/entities-mathml>

The MathML Association promotes & funds MathML implementations

MathML is an ISO/IEC International Standard

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Slide 3-30: OWL class constructors

Constructor	DL syntax	Example
Intersection	$C_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap C_n$	Anatomical.Anomaly \sqcap Pathological.Function
Union	$C_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup C_n$	Body_Substance \sqcup Organic_Chemical
Complement	$\neg C$	~Invertebrate
One of	$X_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup X_n$	Oestrogen \sqcup Progesterone
All values from	$\forall P.C$	\forall co_occurs.with.Plant
Some values	$\exists P.C$	\exists co_occurs.with.Animal
Max cardinality	$\leq nP$	1 has.ingredient
Min cardinality	$\geq nP$	≥ 2 has.ingredient

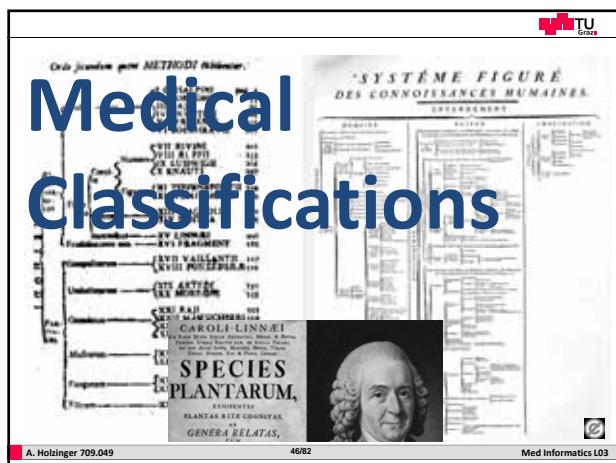
Bhatt et al. (2009)

Intersection/conjunction of concepts,
Speak: C1 and ... Cn

Universal Restriction
Speak: All P-successors are in C

Existential Restriction
Speak: An P-successor exists in C

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Slide 3-31: Medical Classifications – rough overview

- Since the classification by Carl von Linne (1735) approx. 100+ various classifications in use:
 - International Classification of Diseases (ICD)
 - Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (SNOMED)
 - Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
 - Foundational Model of Anatomy (FMA)
 - Gene Ontology (GO)
 - Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)
 - Logical Observation Identifiers Names & Codes (LOINC)
 - National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCI Thesaurus)

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Slide 3-32: International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

World Health Organization

Health topics Data and statistics Media centre Publications Countries Programmes and projects

Classifications

International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

ICD-10 was endorsed by the Forty-third World Health Assembly in May 1990 and came into use in WHO Member States as from 1994. The classification is the latest in a series which has its origins in the 1850s. The first edition, known as the International List of Causes of Death, was adopted by the International Statistical Institute in 1893. WHO took over the responsibility for the ICD at its creation in 1948 when the Sixth Revision, which included causes of morbidity for the first time, was published. The World Health Assembly adopted in 1967 the WHO Nomenclature Regulations that stipulate use of ICD in its most current revision for mortality and morbidity statistics by all Member States

<http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en>

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Slide 3-33: International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

- 1629 London Bills of Mortality
- 1855 **William Farr** (London, one founder of medical statistics): List of causes of death, list of diseases
- 1893 von Jacques Bertillon: List of causes of death
- 1900 International Statistical Institute (ISI) accepts Bertillon's list
- 1938 5th Edition
- 1948 WHO
- 1965 ICD-8
- 1989 ICD-10
- 2015 ICD-11 due
- 2018 ICD-11 adopt

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Slide 3-34: Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine SNOMED

- 1965 SNOP, 1974 SNOMED, 1979 SNOMED II
- 1997 (Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) integrated into SNOMED
- 2000 SNOMED RT, 2002 SNOMED CT

IHTSDO
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TERMINOLOGY STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

239 pages
SNOMED CT® Technical Reference Guide
January 2011 International Release (US English)

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Slide 3-35: SNOMED Example Hypertension

A
24184005|Finding of increased blood pressure (finding) →
38936003|Abnormal blood pressure (finding) AND
roleGroup SOME
(363714003||Interprets (attribute) SOME
75367002|Blood pressure (observable entity))

B
12763006|Finding of decreased blood pressure (finding) →
392570002|Blood pressure finding (finding) AND
roleGroup SOME
(363714003||Interprets (attribute) SOME
75367002|Blood pressure (observable entity))

Rector, A. L. & Brandt, S. (2008) Why Do It the Hard Way? The Case for an Expressive Description Logic for SNOMED. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, 15, 6, 744-751.

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Slide 3-36: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

- MeSH thesaurus is produced by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) since 1960.
- Used for cataloging documents and related media and as an index to search these documents in a database and is part of the metathesaurus of the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS).
- This thesaurus originates from keyword lists of the Index Medicus (today Medline);
- MeSH thesaurus is polyhierarchic, i.e. every concept can occur multiple times. It consists of the three parts:
 - 1. MeSH Tree Structures,
 - 2. MeSH Annotated Alphabetic List and
 - 3. Permuted MeSH.

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Slide 3-37: The 16 trees in MeSH

1. Anatomy [A]
2. Organisms [B]
3. Diseases [C]
4. Chemicals and Drugs [D]
5. Analytical, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques and Equipment [E]
6. Psychiatry and Psychology [F]
7. Biological Sciences [G]
8. Natural Sciences [H]
9. Anthropology, Education, Sociology, Social Phenomena [I]
10. Technology, Industry, Agriculture [J]
11. Humanities [K]
12. Information Science [L]
13. Named Groups [M]
14. Health Care [N]
15. Publication Characteristics [V]
16. Geographicals [Z]

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Slide 3-38: MeSH Hierarchy: e.g. heading Hypertension 1/2

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    C14[C14. Cardiovascular Diseases]
    C20[C20. Immune System Diseases]
    C14_240[C14.240 Cardiovascular Abnormalities]
    C14_260[C14.260 Heart Diseases]
    C14_807[C14.807 Vascular Diseases]
    C14_007_055[C14.007.055 Aneurysm]
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    C14_907_940[C14.907.940 Vasculitis]
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    C14_907_489_480[C14.907.489.480 Hypertension, Pregnancy-induced]
    C14_907_489_631[C14.907.489.631 Hypertension, Renal]

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Slide 3-39: MeSH Example Hypertension 2/2

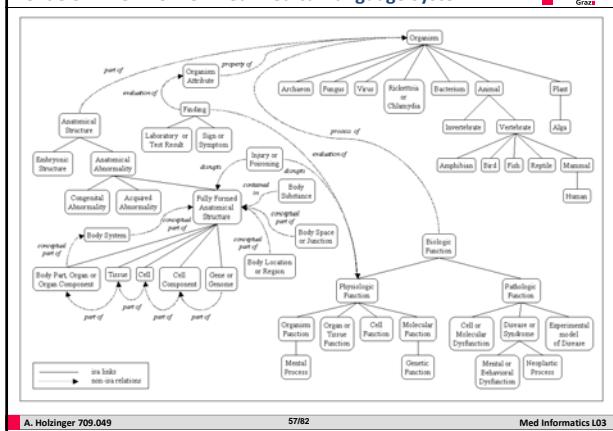
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	2015 MeSH
	MeSH Descriptor Data
	Search in Entry Term
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MeSH Heading	Hypertension
Tree Number	C14.04.400
Annotation	part of or associated with intravascular pressure; relation to BLOOD PRESSURE: Human ELLAC Goldblatt kidney in HYPERTENSION, GOLDBLATT; see HYPERTENSION, RENOVASCULAR. Hypertension with kidney disease is probably HYPERTENSION, RENAL, not HYPERTENSION, renous hypertension - include under VENOUS PRESSURE (TP) & do not coordinate with HYPERTENSION, RENOVASCULAR; in-situ available.
Scope Note	Hypertension high systemic arterial BLOOD PRESSURE, based on multiple readings (C BLOOD PRESSURE DETERMINATION). Hypertension is currently defined as when SYSTOLIC PRESSURE is consistently greater than 140 mm Hg or when DIASTOLIC PRESSURE is consistently 90 mm Hg or more.
Entry Term	Blood Pressure, High
See Also	Antihypertensive Agents
See Also	Vascular Resistance
Allowable Qualifiers	BL CP CT COUN COUN DEU IC ENHM IN EP ET SE HE ME MEMO NLP PC PF PLA RE BT III THE US VI
Date of Entry	19990331
Entered By	3000073
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Slide 3-40: MeSH Interactive Tree-Map Visualization (see L 9) |



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Slide 3-41: UMLS – Unified Medical Language System



Slide 3-42: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/>

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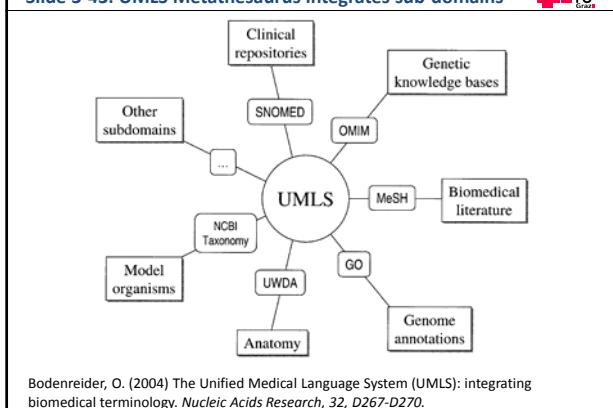
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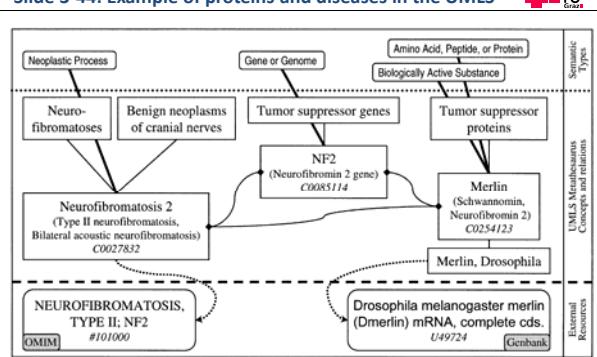
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Slide 3-43: UMLS Metathesaurus integrates sub-domains



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Slide 3-44: Example of proteins and diseases in the UMLS



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Slide 3-45: Future Challenges

- Data fusion – Data integration in the life sciences
- Self learning stochastic ontologies [1]
- Interactive, integrative machine learning and ontologies
- Never ending learning machines [2] for building knowledge spaces
- Integrating ontologies in daily work
- Knowledge and **context awareness**

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Sample Questions (1)

- What is the proportion of structured/standardized versus weakly structured/non-standardized data?
- What are the benefits of standardized data?
- Which problems are involved in dealing with medical data?
- What is still a remaining big problem in the health domain ... even with standardized data?
- What constitutes data standardization?
- What is the most used standardized data set in medical informatics today?
- Which are the three predominant ECG data formats?
- What is the advantage/disadvantage between binary data and XML data?
- What is the purpose of modeling biomedical knowledge?
- Provide examples for various abstraction levels of a Work Domain Model!
- What can be done with a Work Domain Model?
- What is the origin of ontologies?
- Please provide the classic definition of an ontology!
- What does domain semantics mean?
- What constitutes the classification of an ontology?

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Sample Questions (2)

- Provide an overview about the most important biomedical ontologies!
- What are typical ontology languages?
- Please provide some examples of typical OWL axioms!
- What is an OWL class constructor?
- How do you start the development of an ontology?
- What are typical layers of abstraction – on the example of a Breast Cancer Imaging Ontology?
- What does “semantic enrichment” of a medical ontology mean?
- Within an ontology based architecture: what does the so called Knowledge Layer include?
- What are the roots of the ICD?
- What is the advantage of SNOMED-CT?
- What does polyhierachic thesaurus mean? Please provide an example for such a thesaurus!
- How can I expand queries with the MeSH Ontology?
- What is the major component of the UMLS?
- What is the main purpose of the Gene Ontology?

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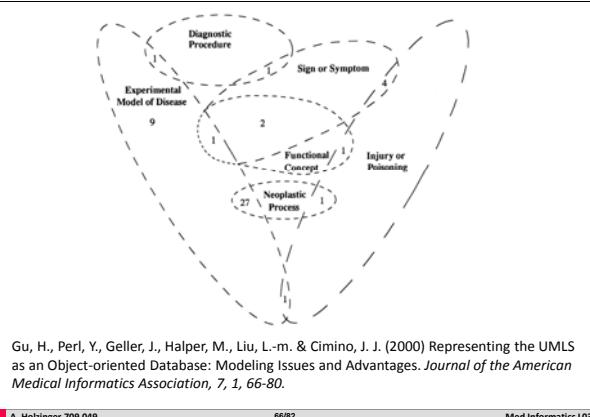
Some useful links

- <http://wiki.hl7.org>
- <http://snomed.dateline.co.uk/>
- <https://github.com/drh-uth/MEDRank>
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/>
- <http://www.geneontology.org/>
- <http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/>

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Backup-Slide: UMLS: Six semantic types and intersections

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