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Lecture 03

Knowledge Representation, Ontologies & Classifications

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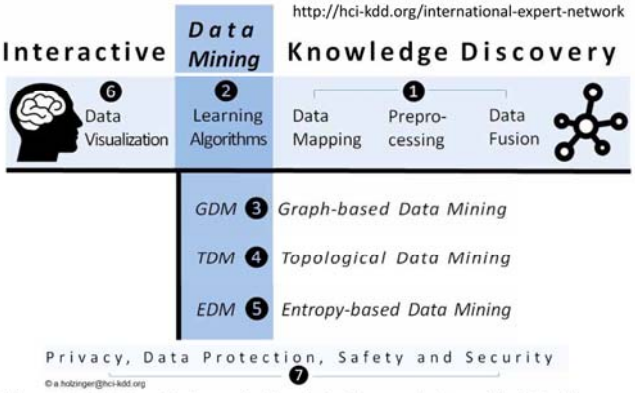

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- Biomedical Ontologies
- Classification of Diseases
- International Classification of Diseases (ICD)
- Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
- Modeling biomedical knowledge
- Ontology Languages (OL)
- Resource Description Framework (RDF)
- Standardized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

- … 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);

- **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

- **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, multitaxial 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/continous; 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;

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

Agenda for today

- 01 Reflection – follow-up from last lecture
- 02 Standards
- 03 Knowledge Representation
- 04 Ontologies
- 05 Medical Classifications
- 06 Conclusions and Future Challenges

Warm-up Quiz


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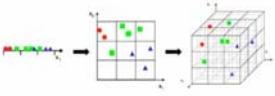
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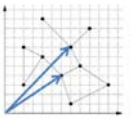
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$$H(X) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i) \log_b P(x_i)$$

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$$D_{\mathrm{KL}}(P\|Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

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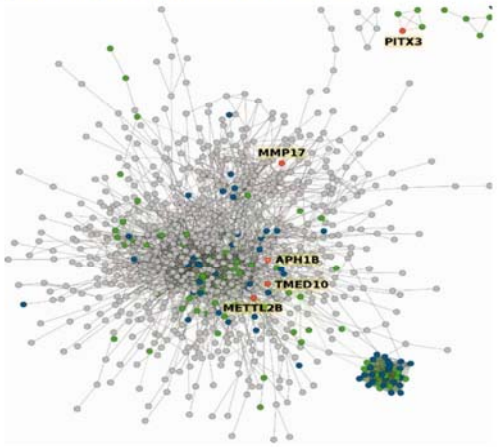
Question: Why is it so important to know such structures?



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Let us start with a look into the Hospital …

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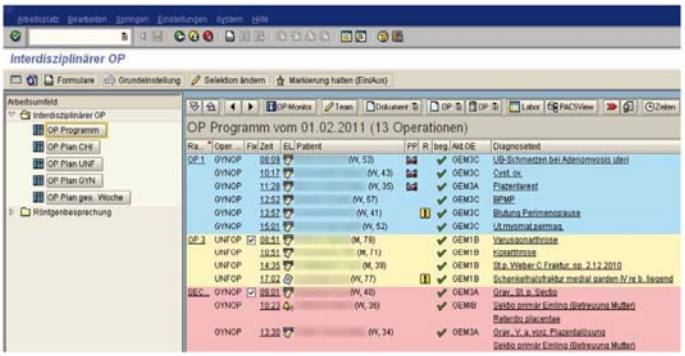

G'sund Net, Ausgabe 70, Juni 2011

- *… and requires a lot of communication and information exchange …*

Holzinger, A., Geierhofer, R., Ackerl, S. & Searle, G. (2005). *CARDIAC@VIEW: The User Centered Development of a new Medical Image Viewer. Central European Multimedia and Virtual Reality Conference, Prague, Czech Technical University (CTU), 63-68.*

Radiologischer Befund

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gedruckt am 17.11.2006/08:24
Amb: NCHIN

Kurzanamnese: St.p. SHT

Fragestellung: -

Untersuchung: **Thorax eine Ebene liegend**

SB

Bewegungsartefakte. Zustand nach Schädelhirntrauma.

Das Cor in der Größennorm, keine akuten Stauungszeichen.
Fragliches Infiltrat parahilär li. im UF, RW-Erguss li.

Zustand nach Anlage eines ET, die Spitze ca. 5cm cranial der Bifurkation, lieg. MS, orthotop positioniert. ZVK über re., die Spitze in Proj. auf die VCS. Kein Hinweis auf Pneumothorax.
Der re. Rezessus frei.

Mit kollegialen Grüßen

*** Elektronische Freigabe durch am 09.05.2006 ***

Special Words
Language Mix
Abbreviations
Errors …

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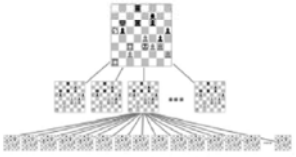
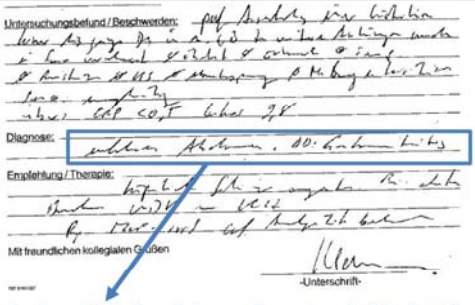


http://stanford.edu/~cpiech/cs221/apps/deepBlue.html

German Example: Synonymity and Ambiguity



„die Antrumschleimhaut ist durch Lymphozyten infiltriert“

„lymphozytäre Infiltration der Antrummukosa“

„Lymphoyteninfiltration der Magenschleimhaut im Antrumbereich“

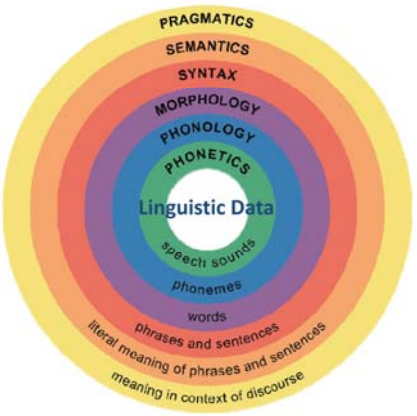
German Local Hospital Abbreviations ... (example)

- HWI =
  - Harnwegsinfekt
  - Hinterwandinfarkt
  - Hinterwandischämie
  - Hakenwurminfektion
  - Halswirbelimmobilisation
  - Hip Waist Index
  - Height-Width Index
  - Heart-Work Index
  - Hemodynamically weighted imaging
  - High Water Intake
  - Hot water irrigation
  - Hepatitic weight index
  - Häufig wechselnder Intimpartner
- Leitung = Nervenleitung, Abteilungsleitung, Stromleitung, Wasserleitung, Harnleitung, Ableitung, Vereinsleitung ☺...

Language Understanding requires knowledge

- **Syntax**
- **Semantics**
- **Pragmatics**
- **Context**
- **(Emotion)**

Slide 3-5: Good example for Non-Standardized Data



Thomas, J. J. & Cook, K. A. 2005. *Illuminating the path: The research and development agenda for visual analytics, New York, IEEE Computer Society Press.*

Key Challenges

- Increasingly large data sets due to **data-driven medicine** [1]
- Increasing amounts of **non-standardized** data and **un-structured information** (e.g. “free text”)
- Data **quality,** data **integration**, universal **access**
- **Privacy,** security, safety, data protection, data ownership, fair use of data (see →Lecture 11) [2]
- **Time** aspects in databases [3]

[1] Shah, N. H. & Tenenbaum, J. D. 2012. The coming age of data-driven medicine: translational bioinformatics' next frontier. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association, 19, (E1), E2-E4.
[2] Kieseberg, P., Hobel, H., Schrittwieser, S., Weippl, E. & Holzinger, A. 2014. Protecting Anonymity in Data-Driven Biomedical Science. In: LNCS 8401. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer pp. 301-316..
[3] Gschwandtner, T., Gärtner, J., Aigner, W. & Miksch, S. 2012. A taxonomy of dirty time-oriented data. In: LNCS 7465. Heidelberg, Berlin: Springer, pp. 58-72.

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

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

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Standardization and Health Care

AUG 18 1972

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

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Abstract—In order to deliver reasonable health care to all people, it is essential that standards be established. Standards vary with the type of control and with the approach desired in determining the quality 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 or failures are measured. Such 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.

arbiter may be the market place or agencies that rely on expertise from many sources to set acceptable standards of quality or performance. For these reasons, the final moderator may be found in a governmental authority, and its delegation into a system of regulation, law, and judicial action, so that an established code can become the focal point of resolution.

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 coordination of effort 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

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

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

HCI-KDD

- 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.

Slide 3-3: The patient-clinician dialogue (from 1979)

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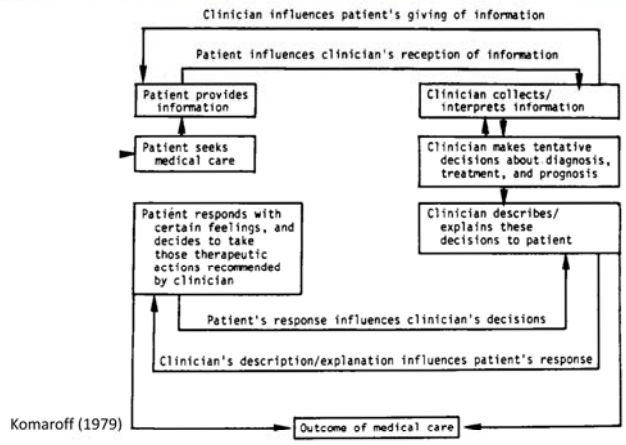

Komaroff (1979)

Slide 3-4 Standardized data …

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- … 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)

Example: ECG

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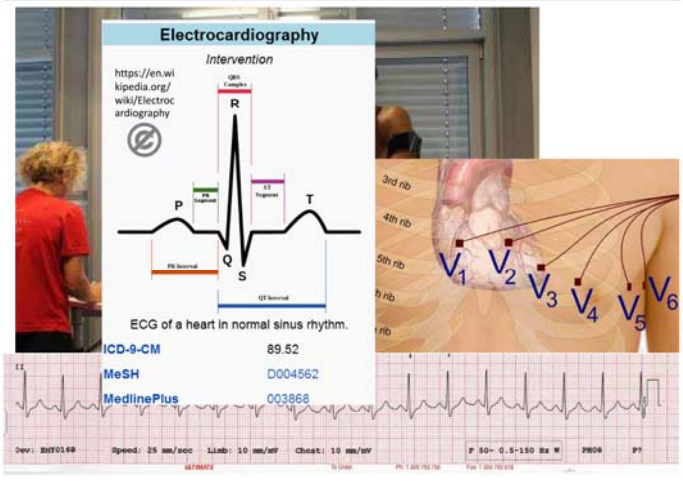

Example of the usefulness of ApEn (1/3)

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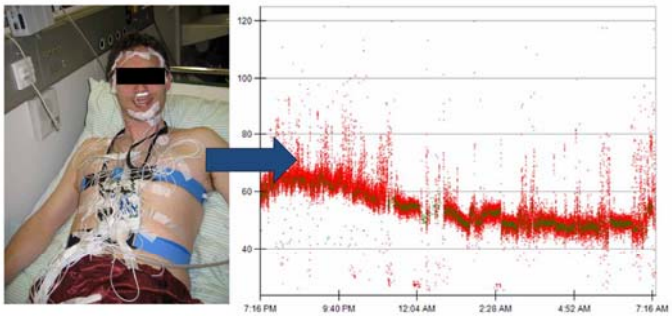
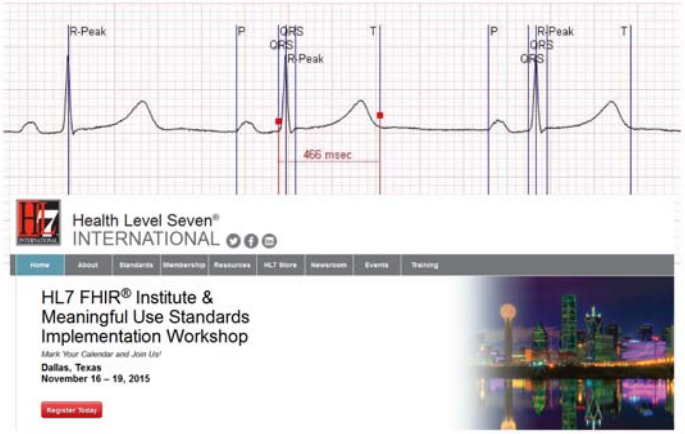


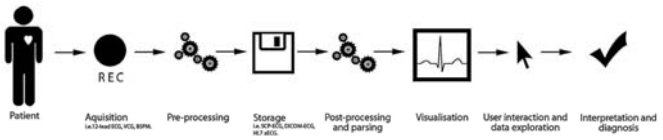
Holzinger, A., Stocker, C., Bruschi, M., Auinger, A., Silva, H., Gamboa, H. & Fred, A. 2012. On Applying Approximate Entropy to ECG Signals for Knowledge Discovery on the Example of Big Sensor Data. *In: Huang, R., Ghorbani, A., Pasi, G., Yamaguchi, T., Yen, N. & Jin, B. (eds.) Active Media Technology, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, LNCS 7669. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer, pp. 646-657.*

EU Project EMERGE (2007-2010)

Slide 3-6: Example: Annotated ECG signal in HL7 Standard



Slide 3-7: Standardized workflow of ECG data processing



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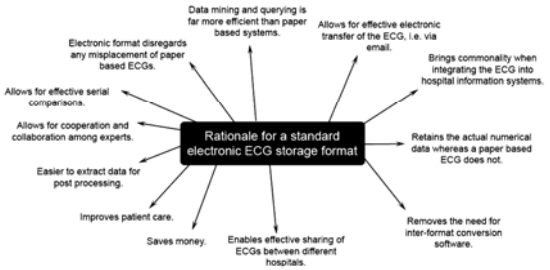

Slide 3-8: Standardization of ECG data (1/2)

- 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

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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	Viewers
SCP-ECG	1993	BINARY	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [7].	Freely available SCP-ECG Viewer made by EcgSoft [8].
DICOM-WS 30	2000	BINARY	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [5].	Freely available DICOM-ECG viewer made by Charruasoft [9].
HL7 aECG	2001	XML	The XML Schema can be used as the specification or the implementation guide by AMPS [6].	Freely available aECG viewer by AMPS [10].
ecgML	2003	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [11].	None currently exist. Under development.
MFER	2003	BINARY	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [12].	Freely available MFER viewer [13].
Philips XML	2004	XML	The specification is packaged with the actual product.	Philips viewer. Not freely available.
XML-ECG	2007	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [14].	XML-ECG viewer [14]. Not freely available.
mECGml	2008	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [15].	mECGml mobile viewer [15]. Not freely available.
ecgAware	2008	XML	Can be freely downloaded from the Internet [16].	TeleCardio viewer [16]. Not freely available.

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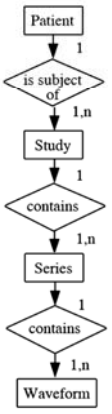
Slide 3-10: Example of a Binary ECG file

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Bond et al. (2011)

Slide 3-11: Example of a XML ECG file

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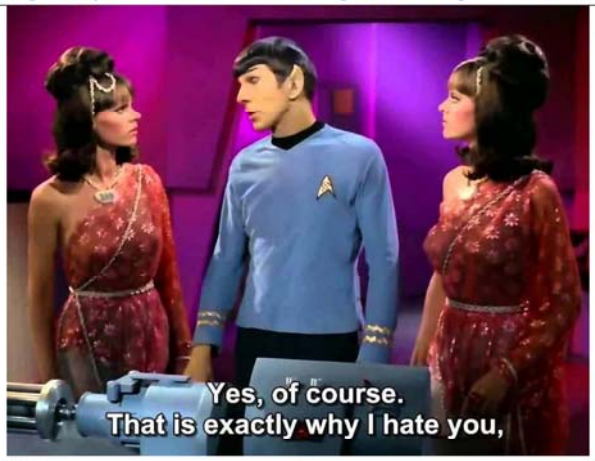
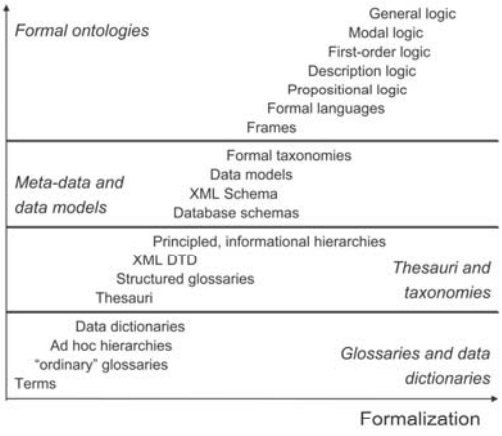
Bond et al. (2011)

03 Knowledge Representation

Mathematical Logic	Psychology	Biology	Statistics	Economics
Aristotle				
Descartes				
Boole	James		Laplace	Bentham Pareto
Frege Peano			Bernoullii	Friedman
	Hebb	Lashley	Bayes	
Goedel	Bruner	Rosenblatt		
Post	Miller	Ashby	Tversky,	Von Neumann
Church	Newell,	Lettvin	Kahneman	Simon
Turing	Simon	McCulloch, Pitts		Raiffa
Davis		Heubel, Weisel		
Putnam				
Robinson				
Logic PROLOG	SOAR **KBS, Frames**	**Connectionism**	**Causal Networks**	**Rational Agents**

Davis, R., Shrobe, H. , Szolovits, P. 1993 What is a knowledge representation? AI Magazine, 14, 1, 17-33.





Blobel, B. (2011) Ontology driven health information systems architectures enable pHealth for empowered patients. *International Journal of Medical Informatics, 80, 2, e17-e25.*

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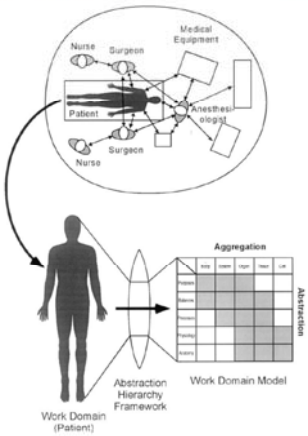

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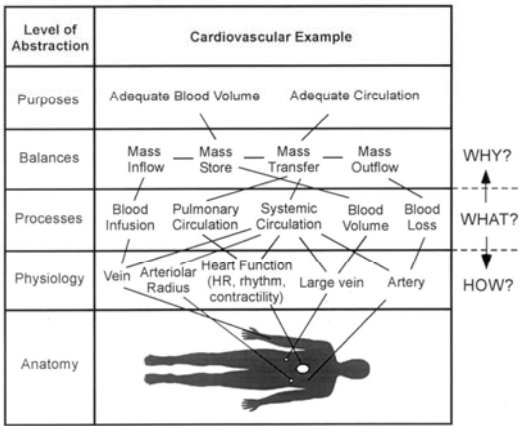
Slide 3-14: Partial abstraction of the cardiovascular system



Hajdukiewicz et al. (2001)

Slide 3-15: WDM of: (a) the human body

a)

Level of Aggregation

Level of Abstraction	Body	System	Organ	Tissue	Cell
Purposes	Homeostasis (Maintenance of Internal Environment)	Adequate Circulation, Blood Volume, Oxygenation, Ventilation	Adequate Organ Perfusion, Blood Flow	Adequate Tissue Oxygenation and Perfusion	Adequate Cellular Oxygenation and Perfusion
Balances	Balances: Mass and Energy Inflow, Storage, and Outflow *	System Balances: Mass and Energy Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer *	Organ Balances: Mass and Energy Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer *	Tissue Balances: Mass and Energy Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer *	Cellular Balances: Mass and Energy Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer *
Processes	Total Volume of Body Fluid, Temperature, Supply: O_2, Fluids, Nutrients, Sink: CO_2, Fluids, Wastes	Circulation, Oxygenation, Ventilation, Circulating Volume	Perfusion Pressure, Organ Blood Flow, Vascular Resistance	Tissue Oxygenation, Respiration, Metabolism	Cell Metabolism, Chemical Reaction, Binding, Inflow, Outflow
Physiology		System Function	Organ Function	Tissue Function	Cellular Function
Anatomy			Organ Anatomy	Tissue Anatomy	Cellular Anatomy

* Balances include: Water, Salt, Electrolytes, pH, O_2, CO_2

Hajdukiewicz et al. (2001)

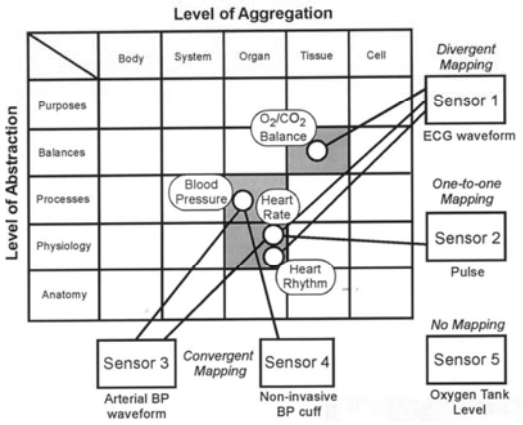
Slide 3-16: WDM of: (b) the cardiovascular system

b)

Level of Abstraction	System	Subsystem	Organ	Component
Purposes	Adequate Circulation and Blood Volume			
Balances	Cardiovascular System: Mass Inflow, Storage, and Outflow	Pulmonary and Systemic Systems: Balance Mass Flows; Mass Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer	Organ Vascular Network: Balance Mass Flows; Mass Inflow, Storage, Outflow , and Transfer	Vascular Components: Balance Mass Flows; Mass Inflow, Storage, Outflow, and Transfer
Processes	Circulation, Volume, Fluid Supply and Sink	Pulmonary and Systemic Circulation (Pressure, Flow, Resistance) and Volume, Fluid Supply and Sink	Cardiac Output, Organ Circulation (Pressure, Flow, Resistance), Fluid Supply and Sink from each Vascular Network	Circulation through Vascular Components (Pressure, Flow, Resistance), Vascular Blood Volume, Fluid Supply and Sink
Physiology	Cardiovascular System Function	Pulmonary and Systemic System Function	Cardiac Function (Heart Rate, Rhythm)	Atrial and Ventricular Function; Arterial, Arteriolar, Capillary, Venule, Venous Function
Anatomy			Cardiac Anatomy	Atrial, Ventricular, and Vascular Anatomy

Hajdukiewicz et al. (2001)

Slide 3-17: Example: Mapping OR sensors onto the WDM



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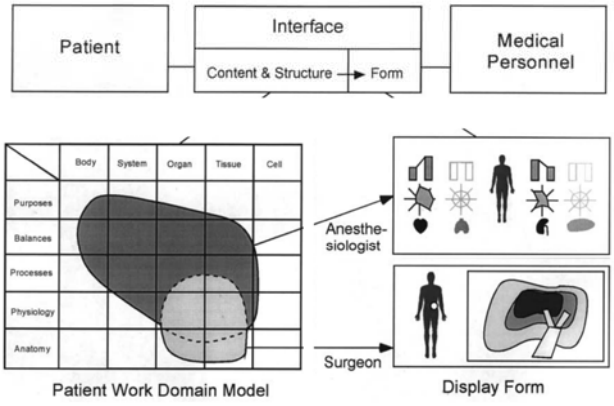
Slide 3-18: Integrated medical informatics design for HCI



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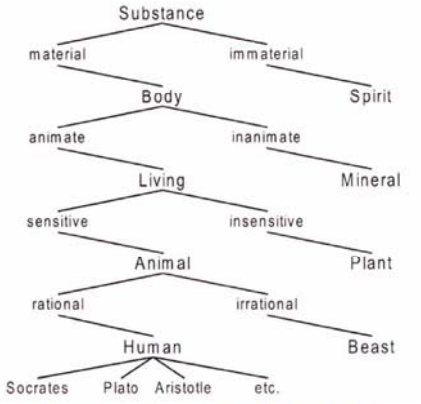
04 Ontologies

Slide 3-19: A simple question: What is a Jaguar?

Slide 3-20 The first "Ontology of what exists"

* 384 BC † 322 BC

Simonet, M., Messai, R., Diallo, G. & Simonet, A. (2009) Ontologies in the Health Field. In: Berka, P., Rauch, J. & Zighed, D. A. (Eds.) *Data Mining and Medical Knowledge Management: Cases and Applications. New York, Medical Information Science Reference, 37-56.*



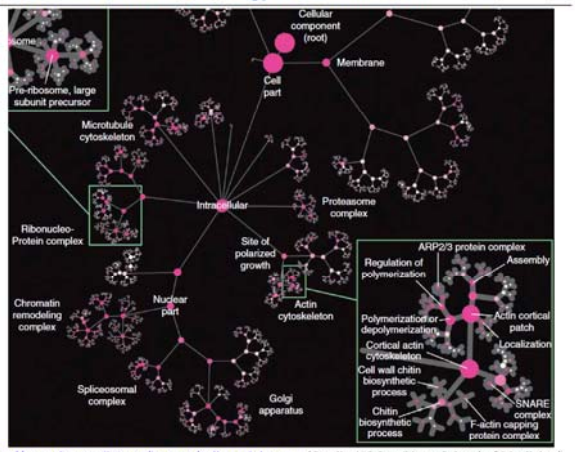
Later: Porphyry (≈ 234-305) ↦ tree

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.*

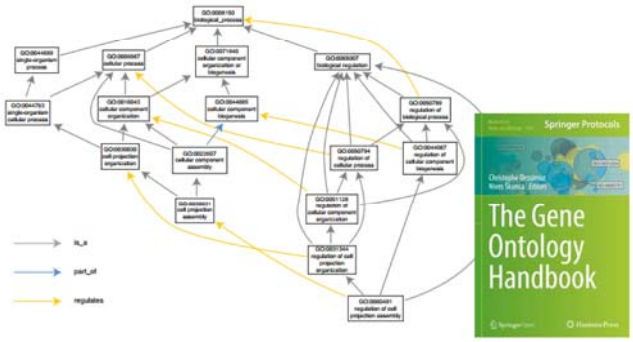
Example: Network-Extracted Ontology of the human cell



http://www.kurzweilai.net/images/cell-model.png (Credit: UC San Diego School of Medicine)

Example: GO

http://geneontology.org/



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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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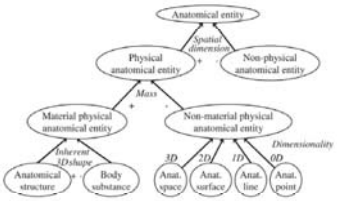
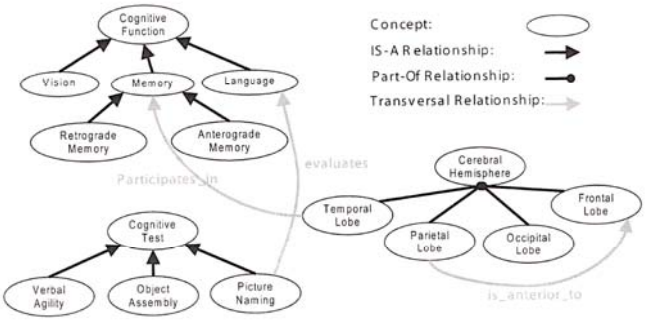
Slide 3-23: Additionally an ontology may satisfy:

(1) In addition to the IS-A relationship, partitive (meronomic) relationships may hold between concepts, denoted by PART-OF. Every PART-OF relationship is irreflexive, asymmetric and transitive. IS-A and PART-OF are also called hierarchical relationships.
(2) In addition to hierarchical relationships, associative relationships may hold between concepts. Some associative relationships are domain-specific (e.g., the branching relationship between arteries in anatomy and rivers in geography).
(3) Relationships r and r' are inverses if, for every pair of concepts x and y, the relations $\langle x, r, y\rangle$ and $\langle y, r', x\rangle$ hold simultaneously. A symmetric relationship is its own inverse. Inverses of hierarchical relationships are called INVERSE-IS-A and HAS-PART, respectively.
(4) Every non-taxonomic relation of x to z, $\langle x, r, z\rangle$, is either inherited ($\langle y, r, z\rangle$) or refined ($\langle y, r, z'\rangle$ where z' is more specific than z) by every child y of x. In other words, every child y of x has the same properties (z) as it parent or more specific properties (z').

Zhang, S. & Bodenreider, O. 2006. Law and order: Assessing and enforcing compliance with ontological modeling principles in the Foundational Model of Anatomy. *Computers in Biology and Medicine, 36, (7-8), 674-693.*



Slide 3-25 Example of a conceptual structure from CogSci



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Slide 3-26: Examples of Biomedical Ontologies

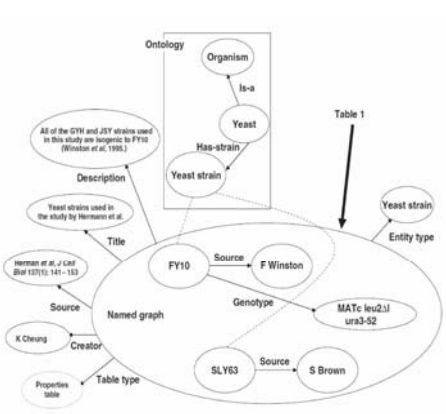
Name	Ref.	Scope	# concepts	# concept names				Subs. Hier.	Version / Notes
				Min	Max	Med	Avg		
SNOMED CT	[21]	Clinical medicine (patient records)	310,314	1	37	2	2.57	yes	July 31, 2007
LOINC	[24]	Clinical observations and laboratory tests	46,406	1	3	3	2.85	no	Version 2.21 (no "natural language" names)
FMA	[25]	Human anatomical structures	~72,000	1	?	?	~1.50	yes	(not yet in the UMLS)
Gene Ontology	[28]	Functional annotation of gene products	22,546	1	24	1	2.15	yes	Jan. 2, 2007
RxNorm	[31]	Standard names for prescription drugs	93,426	1	2	1	1.10	no	Aug. 31, 2007
NCI Thesaurus	[34]	Cancer research, clinical care, public information	58,868	1	100	2	2.68	yes	2007_05E
ICD-10	[36]	Diseases and conditions (health statistics)	12,318	1	1	1	1.00	no	1998 (tabular)
MeSH	[38]	Biomedicine (descriptors for indexing the literature)	24,767	1	208	5	7.47	no	Aug. 27, 2007
UMLS Meta.	[41]	Terminology integration in the life sciences	1,4 M	1	339	2	3.77	n/a	2007AC (English only)

Bodenreider, O. (2008) Biomedical ontologies in action: role in knowledge management, data integration and decision support. *Methods of Information In Medicine, 47, Supplement 1, 67-79.*

Slide 3-27: Taxonomy of Ontology Languages

- **1) Graph notations**
  - Semantic networks
  - Topic Maps (ISO/IEC 13250)
  - Unified Modeling Language (UML)
  - Resource Description Framework (RDF)
- **2) Logic based**
  - Description Logics (e.g., OIL, DAML+OIL, OWL)
  - Rules (e.g. RuleML, LP/Prolog)
  - First Order Logic (KIF – Knowledge Interchange Format)
  - Conceptual graphs
  - (Syntactically) higher order logics (e.g. LBase)
  - Non-classical logics (e.g. Flogic, Non-Mon, modalities)
- **3) Probabilistic/fuzzy**

Slide 3-28 Example for (1) Graphical Notation: RDF



Cheung, K.-H., Samwald, M., Auerbach, R. K. & Gerstein, M. B. 2010. Structured digital tables on the Semantic Web: toward a structured digital literature. *Molecular Systems Biology, 6, 403.*

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

DL = Description Logic

Concept inclusion, Speak: All C1 are C2

Concept equivalence Speak: C1 is equivalent to C2

Axiom	DL syntax	Example
Sub class	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$	Alga ⊑ Plant ⊑ Organism
Equivalent class	$C_1 \equiv C_2$	Cancer ≡ Neoplastic Process
Disjoint with	$C_1 \sqsubseteq \neg C_2$	Vertebrate ⊑ ¬Invertebrate
Same individual	$x_1 \equiv x_2$	Blue_Shark ≡ Prionace_Glauca
Different from	$x_1 \sqsubseteq \neg x_2$	Sea Horse ⊑ ¬Horse
Sub property	$P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$	has_mother ⊑ has_parent
Equivalent property	$P_1 \equiv P_2$	treated_by ≡ cured_by
Inverse	$P_1 \equiv P_2^-$	location_of ≡ has_location$^-$
Transitive property	$P^+ \sqsubseteq P$	part_of$^+$ ⊑ part_of
Functional property	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1P$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1$has_tributary
Inverse functional property	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1P^-$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1$has_scientific_name$^-$

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.*

Helpful: Handbook for Spoken Mathematics

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

MathML3 is an ISO/IEC International Standard

Slide 3-30: OWL class constructors

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

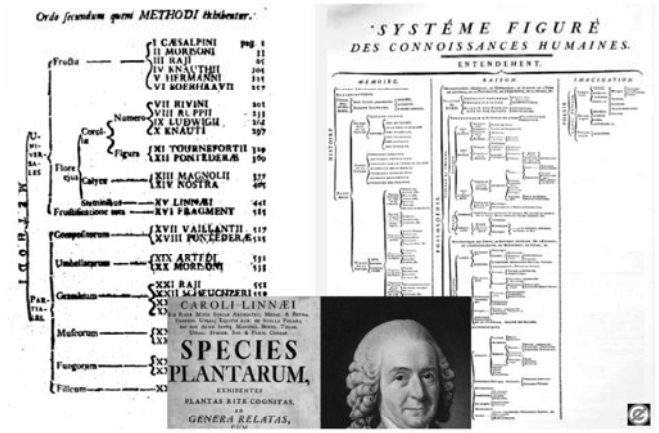
Constructor	DL syntax	Example
Intersection	$C_1 \sqcap \ldots \sqcap C_n$	Anatomical_Abnormality ⊓ Pathological_Function
Union	$C_1 \sqcup \ldots \sqcup C_n$	Body_Substance ⊔ Organic_Chemical
Complement	$\neg C$	¬Invertebrate
One of	$x_1 \sqcup \ldots \sqcup x_n$	Oestrogen ⊔ Progesterone
All values from	$\forall P.C$	∀co_occurs_with.Plant
Some values	$\exists P.C$	∃co_occurs_with.Animal
Max cardinality	$\leq nP$	≤1has_ingredient
Min cardinality	$\geq nP$	≥2has_ingredient

Universal Restriction Speak: All P-successors are in C

Existential Restriction Speak: An P-successor exists in C

Bhatt et al. (2009)

05 Medical Classifications



Slide 3-31: Medical Classifications – rough overview

- Since the classification by Carl von Linne (1735) approx. 100+ various classifications in use:
  - **I**nternational **C**lassification of **D**iseases (ICD)
  - **S**ystematized **No**menclature of **Med**icine (SNOMED)
  - **Me**dical **S**ubject **H**eadings (MeSH)
  - **F**oundational **M**odel of **A**natomy (FMA)
  - **G**ene **O**ntology (GO)
  - **U**nified **M**edical **L**anguage **S**ystem (UMLS)
  - **L**ogical **O**bservation **I**dentifiers **N**ames & **C**odes (LOINC)
  - **N**ational **C**ancer **I**nstitute Thesaurus (NCI Thesaurus)

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

World Health Organization

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

Search

Classifications

- Family of International Classifications
- Family of International Classifications network
- Classification of Diseases (ICD)
- Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)
- Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI)
- Frequently asked questions

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

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 Bertillot: List of causes of death
- 1900 International Statistical Institute (ISI) accepts Bertillot's list
- 1938 5th Edition
- 1948 WHO
- 1965 ICD-8
- 1989 ICD-10
- 2015 ICD-11 due
- 2018 ICD-11 adopt

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

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TERMINOLOGY STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

239 pages

SNOMED CT® Technical Reference Guide

January 2011 International Release

(US English)

http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-0034/amd-26-2006/techrefguid.pdf

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.*

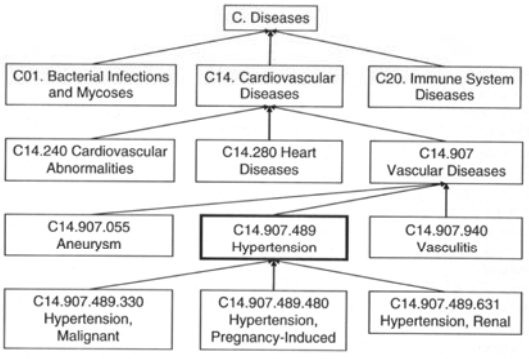
Slide 3-36: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

- 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.

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]

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



Hersh, W. (2010) *Information Retrieval: A Health and Biomedical Perspective. New York, Springer.*

Slide 3-39: MeSH Example Hypertension 2/2

National Library of Medicine - Medical Subject Headings

2011 MeSH

MeSH Descriptor Data

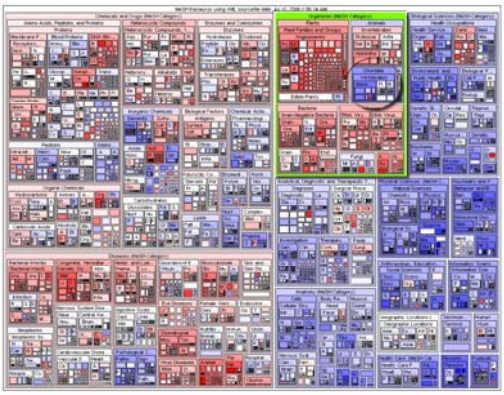
Return to Entry Page

Standard View. Go to Concept View; Go to Expanded Concept View

MeSH Heading	Hypertension
Tree Number	C14.907.489
Annotation	not for intracranial or intraocular pressure; relation to BLOOD PRESSURE: Manual 23.27; Goldblatt kidney is HYPERTENSION, GOLDBLATT see HYPERTENSION, RENOVASCULAR; hypertension with kidney disease is probably HYPERTENSION, RENAL, not HYPERTENSION; venous hypertension: index under VENOUS PRESSURE (IM) & do not coordinate with HYPERTENSION; PREHYPERTENSION is also available
Scope Note	Persistently high systemic arterial BLOOD PRESSURE. Based on multiple readings (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 CF CI CL CN CO DH DI DT EC EH EM EN EP ET GE HI IM ME MI MO NU PA PC PP PS PX RA RH RI RT SU TH UR US VE VI
Date of Entry	19990101
Unique ID	D006973

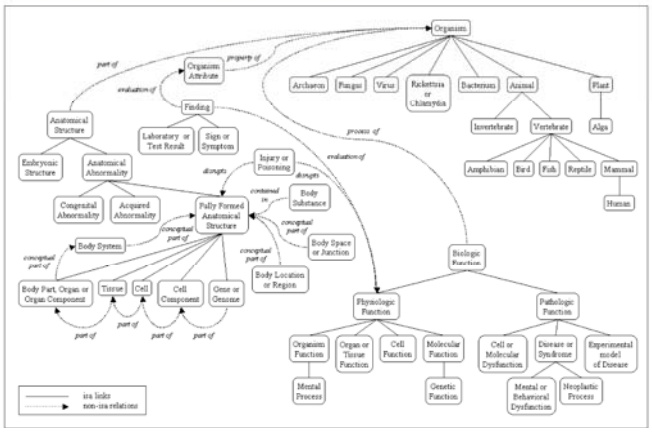
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/

Slide 3-40: MeSH Interactive Tree-Map Visualization (see L 9)



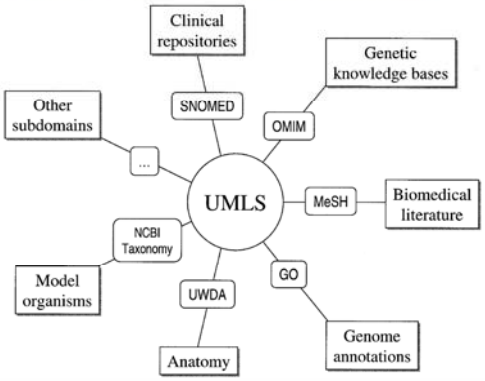
Eckert, K. (2008) A methodology for supervised automatic document annotation. *Bulletin of IEEE Technical Committee on Digital Libraries TCDL, 4, 2.*

Slide 3-41: UMLS – Unified Medical Language System



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

Slide 3-43: UMLS Metathesaurus integrates sub-domains



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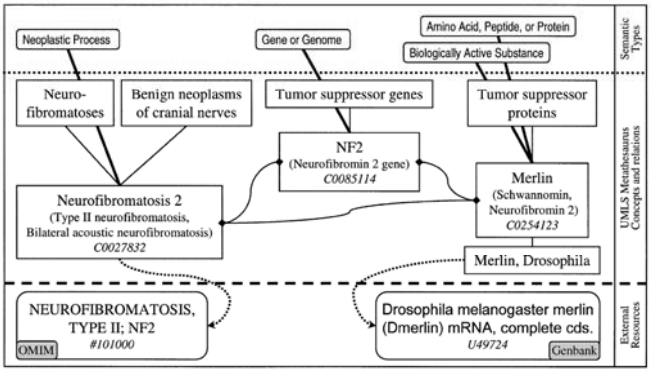
Slide 3-44: Example of proteins and diseases in the UMLS



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06 Conclusion and Future Challenges

- 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;

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2. Holzinger, A., Schantl, J., Schroettner, 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.

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

[1] Ongenae, F., Claeys, M., Dupont, T., Kerckhove, W., Verhoeve, P., Dhaene, T. & De Turck, F. 2013. A probabilistic ontology-based platform for self-learning context-aware healthcare applications. Expert Systems with Applications, 40, (18), 7629-7646.
[2] Carlson, A., Betteridge, J., Kisiel, B., Settles, B., Hruschka Jr, E. R. & Mitchell, T. M. 2010. Toward an Architecture for Never-Ending Language Learning. Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-10). Atlanta: AAAI. 1306-1313.

Thank you!

Questions

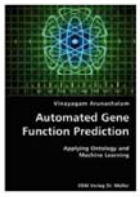
- What is the proportion of structured/standardized versus weakly structured/non-standardized data?
- What are the benefits of standardized data?
- Which problems are involved in dealing with medical data?
- What is still a remaining big problem in the health domain … even with standardized data?
- What 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?

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 a 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?

Appendix

Some Book recommendations



Some useful links

- http://wiki.hl7.org
- http://snomed.dataline.co.uk/
- https://github.com/drh-uth/MEDRank
- http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/
- http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/
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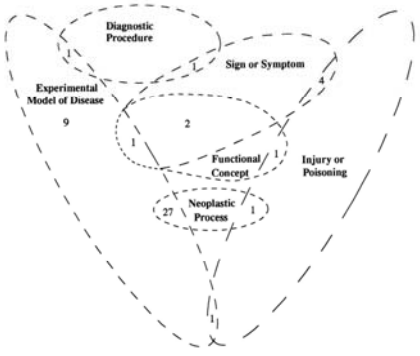

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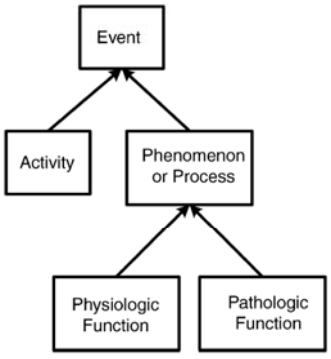

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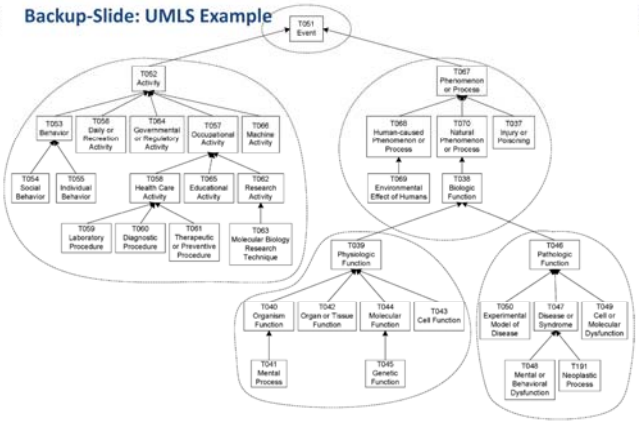

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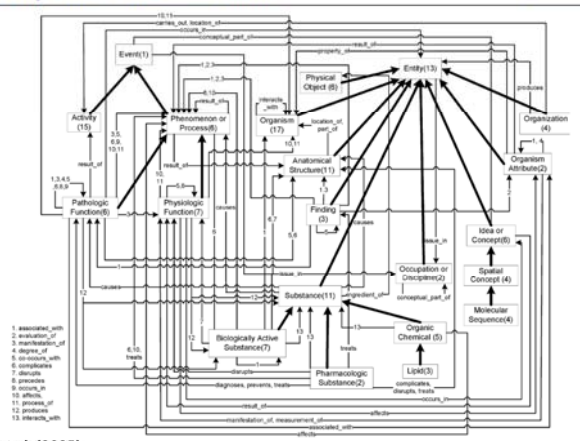

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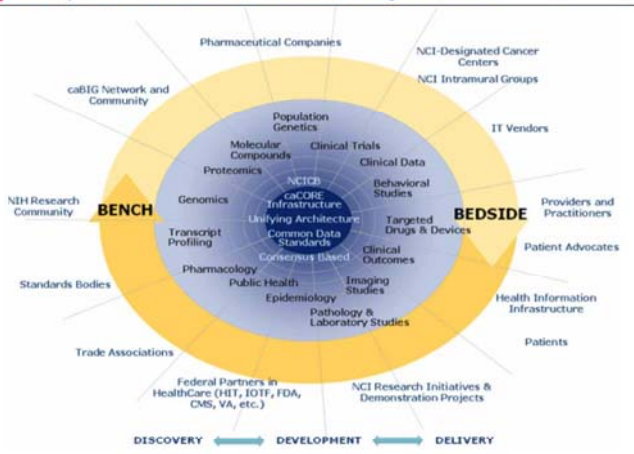

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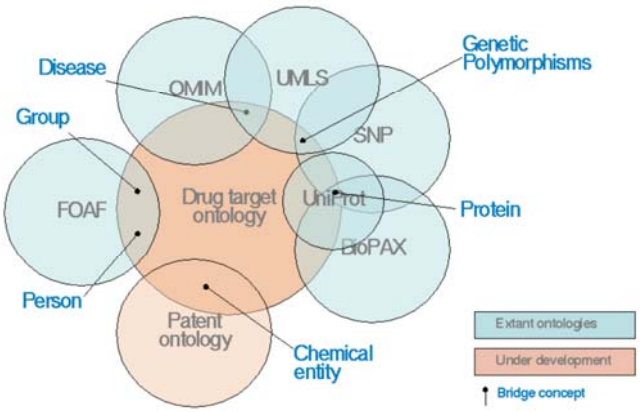

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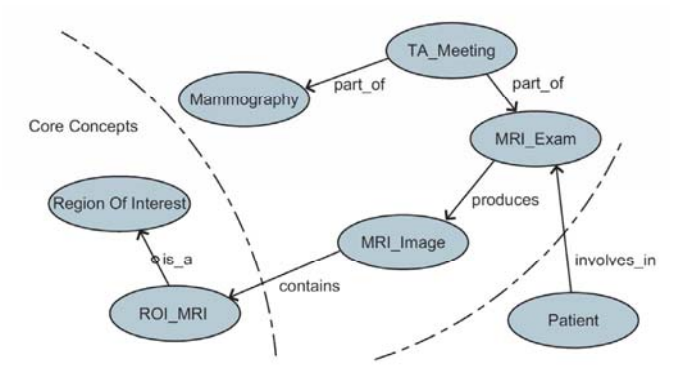

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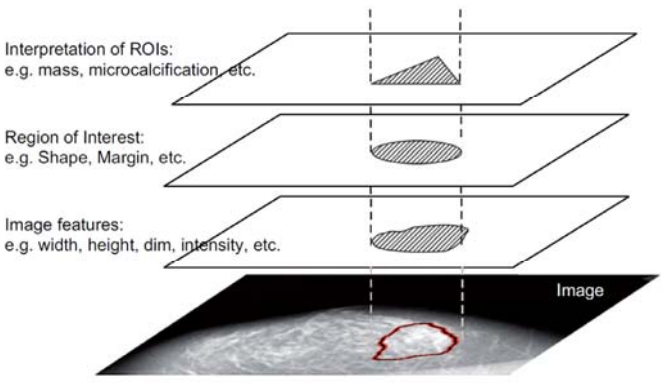
Example: Layer of abstraction



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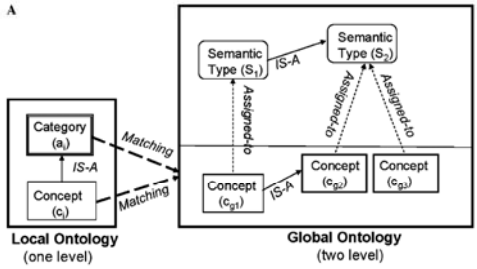

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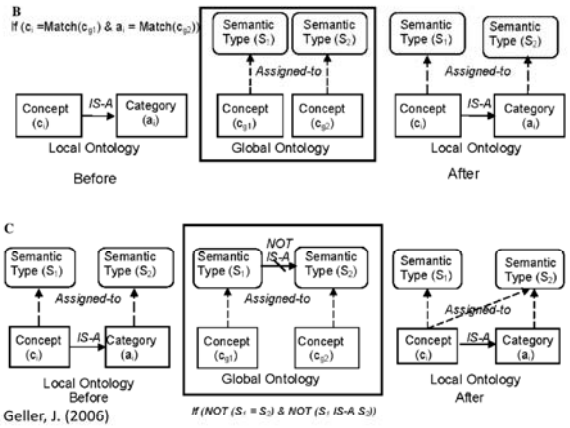

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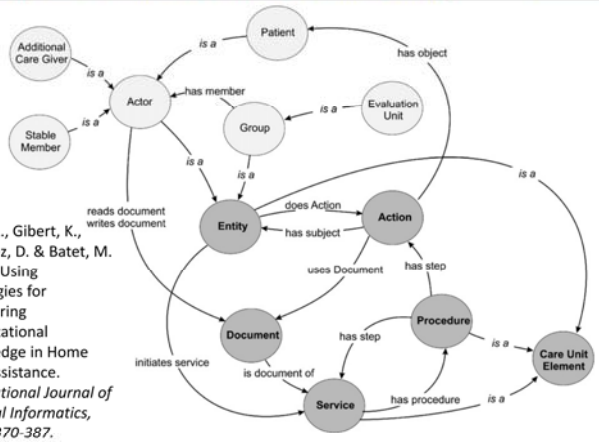

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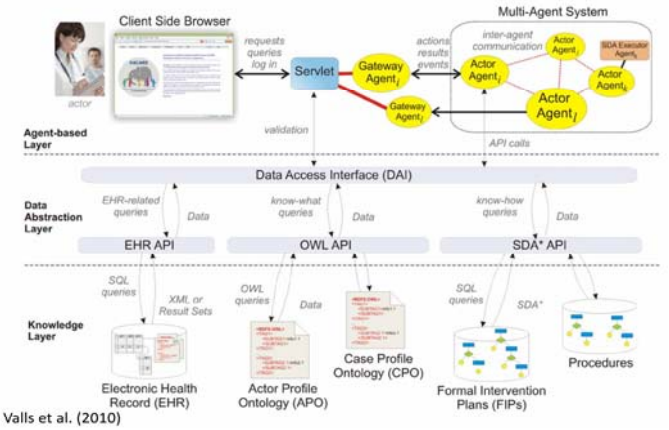

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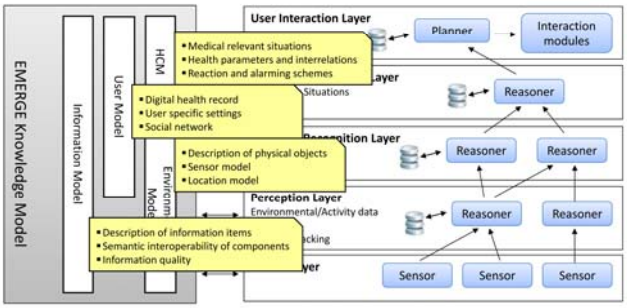

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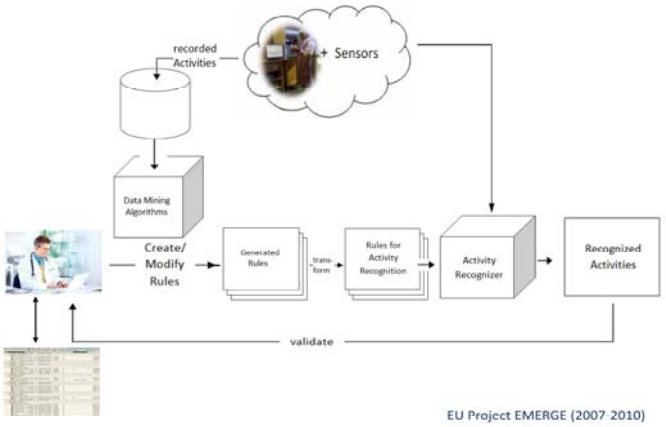

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Backup-Slide: Expanding Queries with the MeSH Ontology

MeSH contains two organization files:
1) an alphabetic list with bags of synonymous and related terms, called records, and
2) a hierarchical organization of descriptors associated to the terms.

We consider that a term is a set of words (no word sequence order), that is:

$$t = \{w_1, \cdots, w_{|t|}\} \text{ where } w \text{ is a word}$$

A bag of terms is defined as:

$$b = \{t_1, \cdots, t_{|b|}\}$$

$$\text{a term } t \text{ exists in the query } q \ (t \in q) \text{ if:}$$

$$\forall w_i \in t, \exists w_j \in q / w_i = w_j$$

Therefore, if all the words of a term are in the query, we generate a new expanded query by adding all its bag of terms:

$$q \text{ is expanded with } b \text{ if } \exists t \in b / t \in q$$

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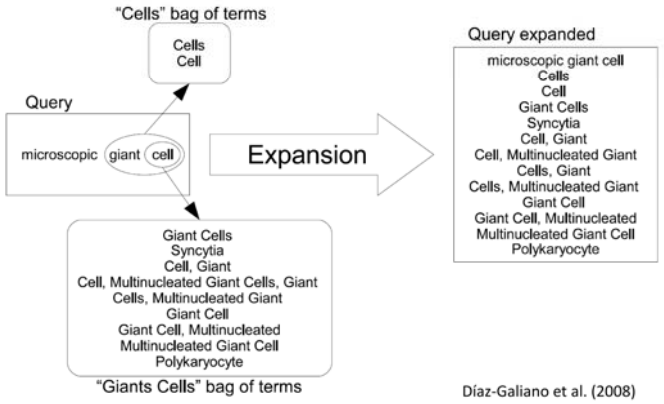

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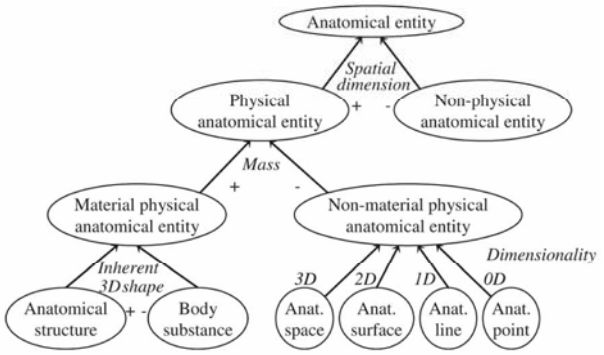

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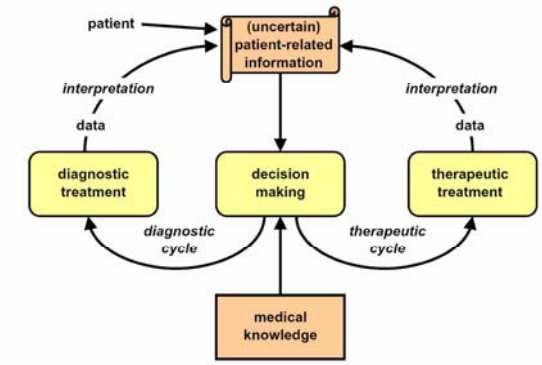
Remember the diagnostic-therapeutic cycle



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