



Wordnets and Ontologies

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Main Features

- Lexical database
- Not ordered alphabetically
- Basic semantic relations
- Senses and sense discrimination
- Synonymy, antonymy
- Hypero/hyponymy
- Holonymy/meronymy
- Internal vs. external relations
- Four parts of speech – N, A, V, D
- Multilinguality – PWN, EWN, Balkanet



Starting Points I

- G. A. Miller – founder of psycholexicology, 1993
- Model of human lexical memory, associations
- Hierarchical organization of nouns in human memory
- Five Papers on Wordnet, Miller et al, 1993
 - A canary can sing.* \times *A canary can fly.* \times *A canary has skin.*
- Canary – *can sing* – time t_1 (answer: true)
- Bird – *can fly* – time t_2 (answer: true)
- Animal – *has skin* – time t_3 , where $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$
- Generic information is not stored redundantly



Starting Points II

- Humans easily process anaphoric expressions
He has a rifle, but this weapon has never been used.
- Alphabetic vs. hierarchical ordering entries in dictionaries, capturing semantic relations
- Hypero/hyponymy, siblings (*tree* vs. *pine, oak, beech, fir, spruce, lime tree*)
- Machine-readable dictionaries – problems with data organization
alphabetic ordering separates pieces of information belonging naturally together: *dog, coyote, hyena*
- WordNet, thesauri, e.g. Roget vs. standard explanatory dictionaries



Princeton WordNet

- Net of words, English: WN v.1.5, 1.7, 2.0, ..., 3.0, total – 155287 synsets
- Nouns – 117798, verbs – 11529, adjectives – 21479, adverbs – 4481
- Synsets: [(List of synonyms), (POS), (Gloss), (Semantic Relations), ID], driver:1 (n), the operator of a motor vehicle, H/H, ID:ENG20-09277009-n
- Semantic relations: synonymy, hypero/hyponymy, antonymy, holo/meronymy (with inheritance), others
- Top Ontology, introduced in EWN – 63, BCs: 1053
- H/H trees have up to 13 levels with nouns, about 6 for verbs



Princeton WordNet II

- It is free and exists for all platforms, can be downloaded at the address: <http://wordnet.princeton.edu/wordnet/> or <http://nlp.fi.muni.cz/projekty/visdic/> (in XML format)
- Original Princeton browser allowing to export selected data for further processing can be downloaded from the Princeton address
- Standard database format – now XML format is used in VisDic and DEBVisDic (see above)
- PWN as such is not based on any corpus data, built introspectively, problems with sense discrimination, too fine-grained (splitting)



Top Hyperonyms in WordNet 1.5, I

- act, action, activity (činnost, aktivita), natural object (fyzický objekt)
- animal, fauna (zvíře, fauna), natural phenomenon (přírodní jev)
- artifact (výtvar, výrobek), person, human being (osoba, lidská bytost)
- attribute, property (atribut, vlastnost), plant, flora (rostlina, flora)
- body, corpus (tělo, těleso), possession (vlastnictví)
- motive (motiv)



Top Hyperonyms in WordNet 1.5, II

- cognition, knowledge (znalost, poznání), process (proces)
- communication (komunikace, sdělování), quantity, amount (kvantita, množství)
- event, happenning (událost), relation (vztah)
- feeling, emotion (pocit, emoce), shape (podoba, tvar)
- food (potrava, jídlo), state, condition (stav)
- group, collection (skupina, soubor), substance (substance, látka)
- location, place (umístění, místo), time (čas)



Synset Structure

- Synset is a basic unit but not atomic
- One or more synonyms
- Consists of the literals – they are atoms

smrtelník:1, člověk:1, duše:3, osoba:1

POS: n

ID: ENG20-00006026-n

BCS: 1

Domain: biology

SUMO/MILO: = Human

-->> [hypernym] *[n] organismus:1, tvor:2, bytost:1



EuroWordNet 1 and 2

New features in comparison with PWN:

- multilinguality: 8 languages – En, It, Du, Sp, Ge, Fr, Esto, Cz, Interlingual Index (ILI)
- Top ontology (63 beginners), the set of Base Concepts (1053), example, now approx. 8000
- Internal Language Relations (ILR), semantic roles: Ag, Pat, Instr, Loc, Addr, Deriv,...
- browser and editor – Polaris 1.5 (licensed), can be obtained from ELDA/ELRA CD
- example: Top Ontology scheme (DEBVisDic)



BalkaNet Project (2001–2004)

For the six languages the following number of synsets has been obtained:

- Bulgarian – 21 444 synsets (S. Koeva, G. Totkov)
- Czech – 30 400 synsets (K. Pala, A. Horák)
- Greek – 18 313 synsets (D. Christodoulakis, S. Stamou)
- Romanian – 19680 synsets (D.Tufis and D. Cristea)
- Serbian – 8000 synsets (C. Krsteva, D. Vitas)
- Turkish – 14 626 synsets (K. Oflazer)

All BN WordNets are linked to PWN 2.0



Valency Frames in CzWn

- Valency frames with syntactic and semantic information (morphological cases and semantic roles)
- Different from ILRs introduced in EuroWordNet, EWN uses binary relations, Role_Agent : Agent_Involved, etc.
- Database VerbaLex – complex verb frames (see next slide for example)
- Translation equivalents (TE): universality of the valency frames (ILI)



Valency Frames II – VerbaLex Example

Princeton WordNet: dress:2, clothe:1, enclothe:1, garb:1, ...

VerbaLex Synset: *oblékat:1_{impf}, obléknout:1_{pf}, ustrojit:1_{pf}, strojit:1_{impf}*

=def: provide with clothes or put clothes on

=canbepassive: yes

=meaning: I

=class: dress-41.1.1

1. *obléci:1, oblékat:1, obléknout:1*

-frame: AG<person:1>_{who1}^{obl} VERB PAT<person:1>_{to_whom3}^{obl} ART<garment:1>_{what4}^{obl}

-synonym: *ustrojit:1, strojit:1*

-example: *maminka oblékla dítěti kabát / the mother put a coat on her child*

-attr: use: prim, reflexivity=obj_dat, mustbeimperative=no

2. *obléci:1, oblékat:1, obléknout:1, ustrojit:1, strojit:1*

-frame: AG<person:1>_{who1}^{obl} VERB PAT<person:1>_{whom4}^{obl} ART<garment:1>_{in+sth2}^{obl}

...



Valency Frames III

- The labels used consist of:
 - the general labels like Ag, Pat, Loc, Adr, etc., taken partly from EWN and partly similar to those from other inventories (VALLEX, Lopatková, Žabokrtský, 2002)
 - subcategorizing features (selected literals taken directly from the PWN 2.0, quite often from BCs)
 - through them we can access the individual lexical units when processing the sentences they occur in,
- The promising result: a multilingual dictionary of the verb frames is feasible, in fact, a small one exists.



Derivational Relations in CzWn

- Morphological module Ajka (Sedláček 2004) yields now automatically the word derivation nests (subnets),
example: **učit** → **učitel** → **-ka** → **-ský** → **-ství** → **-stvo**, **učí** → **-cí/vat** (they are derivations from učit, to teach)
- **uč-e** → **n** → **-í** → **-ý** → **-ec**, **uč-e** → **b** → **n/a** → **ice**, **uč** → **ba**
- Prefixation: **od** – **učit** (finish teaching, cure sb of sth), **vy** – **učit** (train sb in sth), **za** – **učit** (give sb initial training), not implemented yet
- Prefixation causes problems with TE (**povyskočit** – jump up a little, there's no lexicalized TE in English)
- Linking the word forms in a free text with literals in synsets – the tool SAFT



Domains and SUMO/MILO Ontology

- All Balkanet WNs have been enriched with the domain information, originally from PWN 1.6 (by Istituto Trentino di Culture, not free)
- linking to SUMO labels for: 17 453 adjectives, 3 101 adverbs, 65 636 nouns, 11 793 verbs
- Both domain and SUMO/MILO information has been implemented in VisDic and DEBVisDic, demo

POS: n ID: ENG20-02599023- BCS: 2

Synonyms: airplane:1, aeroplane:1, plane:1

Definition: an aircraft that has a fixed wing and is powered by propellers or jets

Usage: the flight was delayed due to trouble with the airplane

Domain: transport

SUMO/MILO: = Airplane



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The KYOTO Project

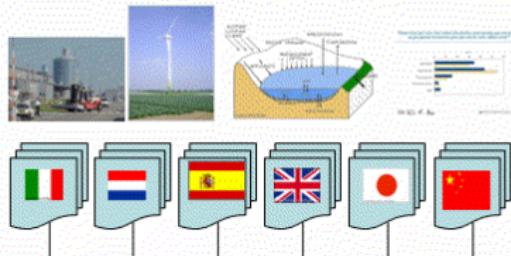
- Project acronym – KYOTO, www.kyoto-project.eu
- Project full title
Knowledge Yielding Ontologies for Transition-based Organization
- EU Programme
FP7 ICT, Digital libraries and Content
March 1 2008 – February 28 2011
- Coordinator – Piek Vossen, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
11 project partners
- Task –
 - to allow people in communities to define the meaning of their words and terms in a shared Wiki platform
 - one shared ontology adapted by concept users
 - the ontology is linked to multiple national language wordnets
 - the ontology is understood by computer



The KYOTO System Cycle

- ① people from a domain specify the locations of **sources of knowledge**
- ② texts are collected from the sources; **linguistic structure** representation is generated
- ③ **term yielding robots** extract **terms** and **semantic relations**
- ④ **wiki-environment** allows the domain people to maintain the terms and concepts in a **domain ontology**
- ⑤ **knowledge yielding robots** use the terms and knowledge to detect facts
- ⑥ the facts are indexed and accessed through **semantic search**

Distributed, diverse & dynamic data



Capture text:

"Sudden increase of CO₂ emissions in 2008 in Europe"

2

Tybot: term yielding robot



3

CO₂ emission

Kybot: knowledge yielding robot

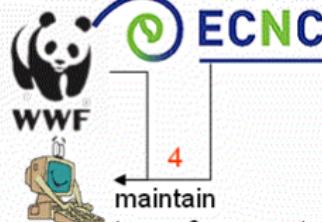


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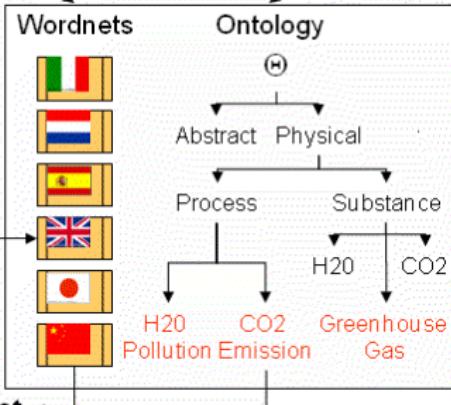
Index facts:

Process:	Increase
Involves:	CO ₂ emission
When:	2008
Where:	Europe

Environmental organizations



Wikyoto



Semantic Search



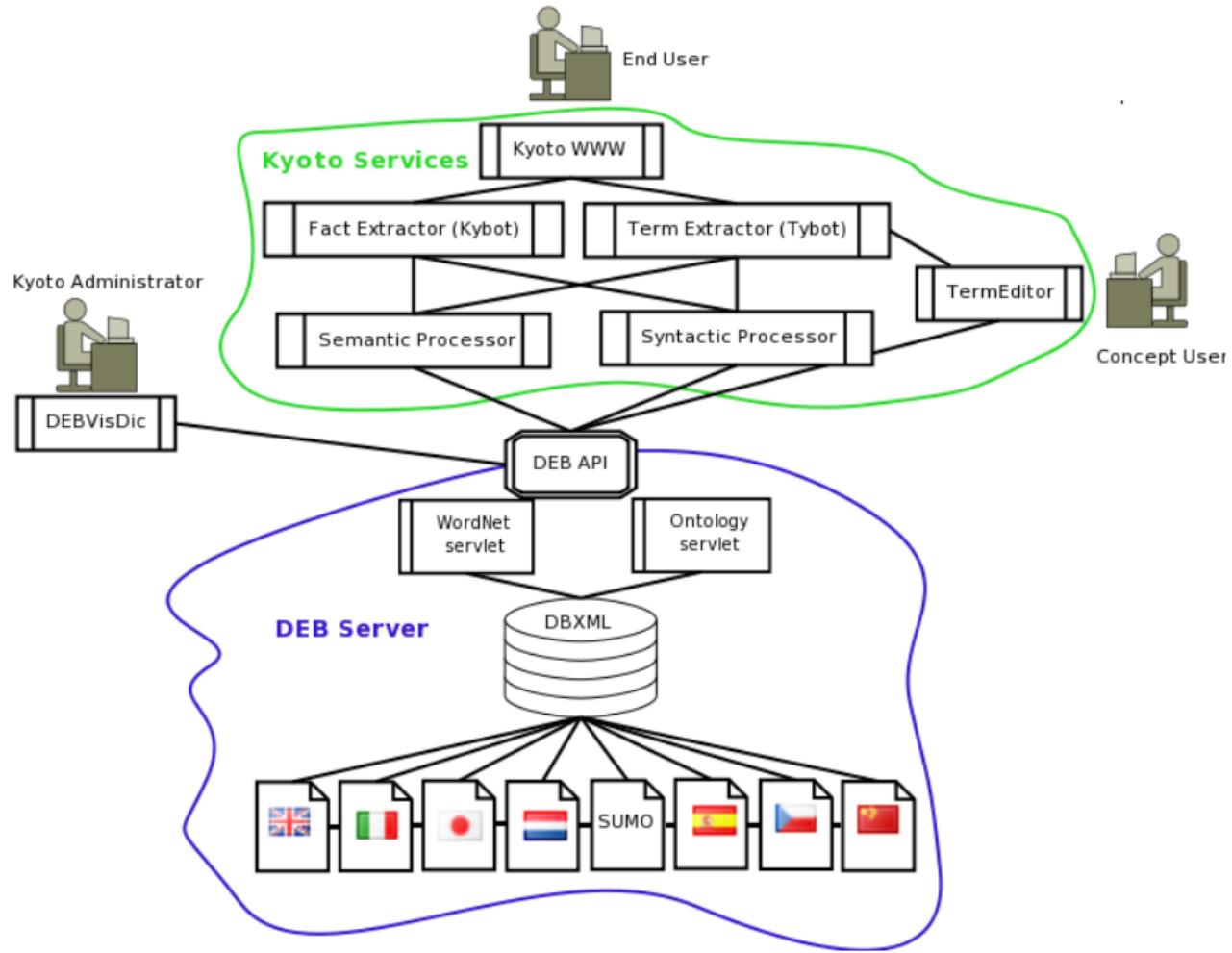
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Text & Fact Index



The KYOTO Database

- built over the **Dictionary Editor and Browser (DEB)** development platform
- stores data in **distributed XML databases**
- accessed from applications through specialized Application Programming Interface (API) calls





Global WordNet Grid

- the idea first introduced at GWC 2006 in Korea by P.Vossen, A.Pease and Ch.Fellbaum (GWA)
- today:
 - more than 50 national wordnets
 - many of them not freely available due to licence restrictions
 - some are linked to the Princeton WordNet
- in the Global WordNet Grid:
 - multilingual database of WordNets linked to a common ontology
 - provides common subset of concepts/synsets in all languages
 - publicly accessible
 - maintained by GWA, software developed by Masaryk University on the DEB Platform



DEB Development Platform

DEB – Dictionary Editor and Browser

- platform for dictionary writing systems development
 - basically any XML data
 - strict client-server architecture
- server part
 - server side modules (servlets in Ruby)
 - database backend (Oracle Berkeley DB XML, Virtuoso, PostgreSQL)
- client part
 - simple functionality
 - graphical interfaces (Mozilla/Firefox extensions)
 - web interfaces
- freely available – <http://deb.fi.muni.cz>
 - 10 servers installed world-wide (Brno, Prague, Amsterdam-UvA, Amsterdam-VU, Poznan, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Budapest, Ljubljana, Bristol)
 - the Brno server – 632 users from 18 domains/countries



DEBVisDic

- its predecessor **VisDic** used in the **EuroWordNet project**
- all the main features for advanced **WordNet browsing and editing**
- Internet **distributed architecture**
- connection to **other resources** (e.g. morphological analyzer, dictionaries, Visual Browser, ...)
- DEBVisDic is used for preparation of new Polish, Hungarian, Slovene, Dutch (Cornetto), Nepalese, Afrikaans, ... WordNets

DEBVIDIC

User Settings Tools Windows Help version: 1.1.8

DEBVIDIC Korean WORDNet Top 500

SYNSET.ID=wner Search Search

[n] 추상적 개념:1

Preview Tree Revtree Edit Query Xml

POS: n ID: ENG20-00020486-n

Synonyms: 추상적 개념:1

Definition: a general concept formed by extracting common features from specific examples

<<- [hyponym] 시간:1
 <<- [hyponym] 공간:1
 <<- [hyponym] 속성:1
 <<- [hyponym] 관계:1
 <<- [hyponym] 양:1

...
 ...

Querying a dictionary is complete. Item(s): 6

DEBVIDIC Czech WORDNet

SYNSET.ID=wner:ENG20-00020486

[n] abstrakce:1

Preview Tree Revtree Edit Query Xml

POS: n ID: ENG20-00020486-n

Synonyms: abstrakce:1

Definition: a general concept formed by extracting common features from specific examples

Domain: facts and figures

SUMO/MILO: SUMO:AbstractEntity

>>> [eng_desc] abstractness:1
 <<- [hyponym] abstraktnost:1
 <<- [hyponym] kvantum:2, kvant:
 <<- [hyponym] množství:1
 <<- [hyponym] hodnota:2, ekonomická hodnota:2
 <<- [hyponym] neurčité množství:1
 <<- [hyponym] pravděpodobnost:1, šance:
 <<- [hyponym] lihovitost:1
 <<- [hyponym] časová jednotka:1
 <<- [hyponym] délková míra:1
 <<- [hyponym] oktanové číslo:1
 <<- [hyponym] základní míra:1
 <<- [hyponym] interval:1, časový interval:
 <<- [hyponym] objem:2, obsah:2
 <<- [hyponym] množství:1

...
 ...

Querying a dictionary is complete. Item(s): 6

DEBVIDIC English WORDNet

abstraction Search Search in all

[n] abstractedness:1, abstraction:5
 [n] abstraction:1, abstract:1
 [n] abstraction:2
 [n] abstraction:3, generalization:1, generalisation:2
 [n] abstraction:4
 [n] abstraction:6

Preview Tree Revtree Edit Query Xml

POS: n ID: ENG20-00020486-n

Synonyms: αφηρημένη έννοια:1

Definition: έννοια που δεν φέρει κάτι το πραγματικό ή ρυκεριμένο και δημιουργείται τό την εξαγωγή κοινών

AutoLookUp in
 AutoLookUp by
 AutoLookUp by search
 Copy entry to
 Take ID from
 Import IDs from file
 Delete subtree

Czech WN / 1
 Greek WN / 1
 Korean WordNet Top 500 / 1
 Afrikaans WN / 1
 Russian WN / 1

<<- [hyponym] ιστοτύπα:1, κρατητηριστικό:4
 <- [hyponym] σχέση:1
 <- [hyponym] space:1
 <<- [hyponym] attribute:2
 <<- [hyponym] relation:1
 <<- [hyponym] measure:3, quantity:1, amount:3
 <- [hyponym] abstraction:5

Querying a dictionary is complete. Item(s): 6



DEB WordNet Storage

a WordNet in the DB can be physically stored:

- i) on the [central server](#)
 - traditional DEBVisDic setup
 - offers the best performance
- ii) on a DEB server located at the [WordNet owner's institution](#)
 - the Central DB server has only the knowledge of which server to contact
 - all queries are dynamically resolved over the Internet
 - can be slower
 - the WordNet owner has full control over the displayed data and access permissions
- iii) a [mixed solution](#) – some WordNets are stored on central server and some are stored on their respective owners' servers.



DEB WordNet Presentation

each WordNet in the DB can be presented to the DB users as:

a) simple **HTML interface** working in any web browser

- using XSLT templates, several different views – from a terse view up to a detailed view
- best for public anonymous access to the DB

b) using the **full DEBVisDic application**

- needs to be installed
- offers much more complex functionality than the web access
- the possibility to edit the data (with the access rights)
- the most advanced environment for working with WordNets

c) by means of the **DEB API**

- any external application may query the server and receive WordNet entries (in XML or other form) for subsequent processing



New DEB Features within the KYOTO Project

The **DEBVisDic server API** is documented on
<http://deb.fi.muni.cz/doc.php>

Latest additions to the DEBVisDic API:

- i) Synset API Calls Granularity
- ii) Synset Translation
- iii) Links between Wordnets and Ontologies
- iv) Importing Full Subtree
- v) JSONP Support
- vi) External WordNet Relations

global.wordnetgrid - SeaMonkey

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

http://deb.fi.muni.cz:9000/?action=frame&dict=gwgspa%3Agwgaze:gwgeng&query=ENG20-05903

Search

query: ENG20-05903215-n search

GWG Spanish

New search:
[search](#) [Grid main page](#)

POS: n ID:
ENG20-05903215-n
Synonyms: **palabra:1**

Definition: Unidad de la lengua que los hablantes nativos pueden identificar: "las palabras son las unidades con las que se construyen las frases"; "apenas dijo diez palabras en toda la mañana"
<<< [derived] **léxico:1**
<<< [hyponym] **forma:3**
<<< [hyponym] **préstamo:3**
<<< [hyponym] **derivado:1**
<<< [hyponym] **término:2**
<<< [hyponym] **nomenclatura:1**,
terminología:1

GWG Czech

New search:
[search](#) [Grid main page](#)

jazyková jednotka:1
POS: n ID:
ENG20-05903215-n BCS: 1
Synonyms: **slovo:1**

-->> [hypernym] **jazyková jednotka:1**
<<< [hyponym] **slovní tvar:1**
<<< [mero_part] **slabika:1**

STAMP: pala 2002/01/05 /

GWG English

New search:
[search](#) [Grid main page](#)

language unit:1, linguistic unit:1
POS: n ID: ENG20-05903215-n BCS: 1
Synonyms: **word:1**

Definition: a unit of language that native speakers can identify
Usage: words are the blocks from which sentences are made
Usage: he hardly said ten words all morning
Domain: linguistics
SUMO/MILO: **Word**
-->> [hypernym] **language unit:1, linguistic unit:1**
<<< [hyponym] **form:1, word form:1, signifier:1, descriptor:1**
<<< [mero_part] **syllable:1**

global-wordnet-grid - SeaMonkey

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query: ENG20-03676067-n search

GWG English

New search: [search](#) [Grid main page](#)

entity:1>object:1, physical
object:1>whole:2, whole
thing:1, unit:6>artifact:1,
artifact:1>fabric:1, cloth:1,
material:4, textile:1
POS: n ID: ENG20-03676067-n BCS:
1
Synonyms: net:6, network:3,
mesh:4, meshing:2, meshwork:1

Definition: an open fabric of string or
rope or wire woven together at regular
intervals

Domain: industry
SUMO/MILO: [Fabric](#)
-->> [hypernym] [fabric:1](#), [cloth:1](#),
[material:4](#), [textile:1](#)

GWG Catalan

New search: [search](#) [Grid main page](#)

drap:1, roba:2, teixit:1,
telar:1
POS: n ID: ENG20-03676067-n
Synonyms: [xarxa:5](#)

Definition:
-->> [hypernym] [drap:1](#), [roba:2](#),
[teixit:1](#), [tela:1](#)

Knowledge base Browser - Fabric - SeaMonkey

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

http://deb.fi.muni.cz:9000/ [Search](#)

Sigma knowledge engineering environment

Browsing Interface

KB: SUMO Language: EnglishLanguage

KB Term: [Fabric](#) Show
English Word: Noun Show

Acrilan, Astex, Bedford cord, Brussels carpet, Brussels lace, Caman crepe, Canton flannel, Courdale, Dacron, Golden Fleece, Harris Tweed, Levant mohair, Mackinaw blanket, Orlon, Persian lamb, Russia leather, Terrylene, Turkish wool, Ultrasuede, Valenciennes, Valenciennes lace, Yekko Viyella, plus velveteen, acetate, cotton, acrylic, adhesive bandage, afgan, alligare, alpaca, armlesscassar, arishamore, arishkhan, barging, bazar, balticgreen, band, bandage, banding, banner, basket, weave, bath, lines, bath mat, bath towel, bark, batiste, beach towel, bearskin --

Fabric (fabric)

appearance as argument number 1

(disjoint Fabric StationaryArtifact)

(documentation Fabric English language "Artifacts that are created by weaving together natural or synthetic fibers or by treating the skins of certain sorts of Animals. Note that this Class includes

Merge.kif 12150-12150 fabric is disjoint from stationary artifact

Merge.kif 12151-12156 %3

English Wordnet 3

entity:1>physical entity:1>object:1, physical
object:1>location:1>region:3>area:1,
country:5>section:3>vicinity:1, locality:1, neighborhood:1,
neighbourhood:1, neck of the woods:1>scenery:2
POS: n ID: eng-30-08646902-n
Synonyms: **landscape:1**

Definition: an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view

>>> [hypernym] **scenery:2**
>>> [eng_derivative] **landscape architect:1, landscape gardener:1, landscaper:1, landscapist:2**
>>> [eng_derivative] **landscapist:1**
<<- [eng_derivative] **landscape architect:1, landscape gardener:1, landscaper:1, landscapist:2**
<<- [eng_derivative] **landscapist:1**

support:1, back up:1>help:1, assist:1, aid:1>care:2, give care:1>attend:2, take care:3, look:6, see:14>tend:2>garden:1
POS: v ID: eng-30-01741221-v
Synonyms: **landscape:2**

Definition: do landscape gardening

Usage: My sons landscapes for corporations and earns a good living

>>> [hypernym] **garden:1**
>>> [verb_group] **landscape:1**
>>> [eng_derivative] **landscaping:1, landscape gardening:1**
>>> [eng_derivative] **landscape architect:1, landscape gardener:1, landscaper:1, landscapist:2**
>>> [category_domain] **gardening:1, horticulture:1**
<<- [eng_derivative] **landscaping:1, landscape gardening:1**
<<- [verb_group] **landscape:1**

GEMET Thesaurus

```
SELECT ?x ?conceptLabel
WHERE {
?x skos:prefLabel ?conceptLabel .
FILTER regex(?conceptLabel, "landscape", "i")
}
```

http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/204	agricultural landscape
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4455	intervention in nature and landscape
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4648	landscape
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4649	landscape after mining
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4650	landscape alteration
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4651	landscape architecture
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4652	landscape component
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4653	landscape conservation
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4654	landscape conservation policy
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4662	landscape consumption
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4657	landscape ecology
http://www.eionet.eu.int/gemet/concept/4659	landscape management

Ontology OWN

New search: **landscape**

search

SubClassOf:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#LANDSCAPE_1
http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#PAINTING_PICTURE

EntityAnnotation:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#LANDSCAPE_1
a painting depicting an expanse of natural scenery

SubClassOf:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#LANDSCAPE_2
<http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#SCENERY>

EntityAnnotation:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#LANDSCAPE_2
an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view

SubClassOf:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#LANDSCAPE_ARCHITECTURE
http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#ARCHITECTURE_3

EntityAnnotation:

http://www.loa-cnr.it/ontologies/OWN/OWN.owl#ARCHITECTURE_3



Conclusions

- extending CzWn is going on (slowly)
- CzWn can be presently accessed via DEBDict or DEBVisDic by everyone (<http://nlp.fi.muni.cz/declaration/>)
- The **KYOTO database** currently contains:
 - **wordnets**: Basque, English, Italian, Japanese, Dutch, Spanish, Chinese
 - **ontologies**: OWL KYOTO Central Ontology, SUMO and OWL-WN
 - **thesauri**: GEMET, SPECIES 2000, WWF Ecoregions, EUNIS
- **DEB platform** offers high modularity and configurability
- further functionality development within the KYOTO project



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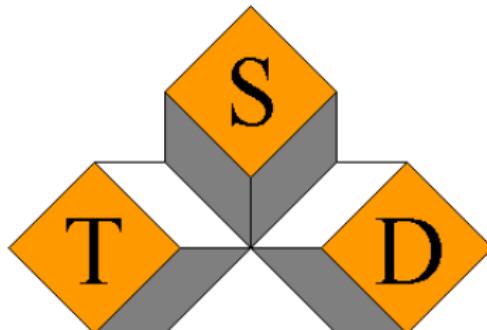
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