



# **The Relevance of Ontologies in Biology and Medicine**



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## **Synergies in Medical Informatics and Bioinformatics**

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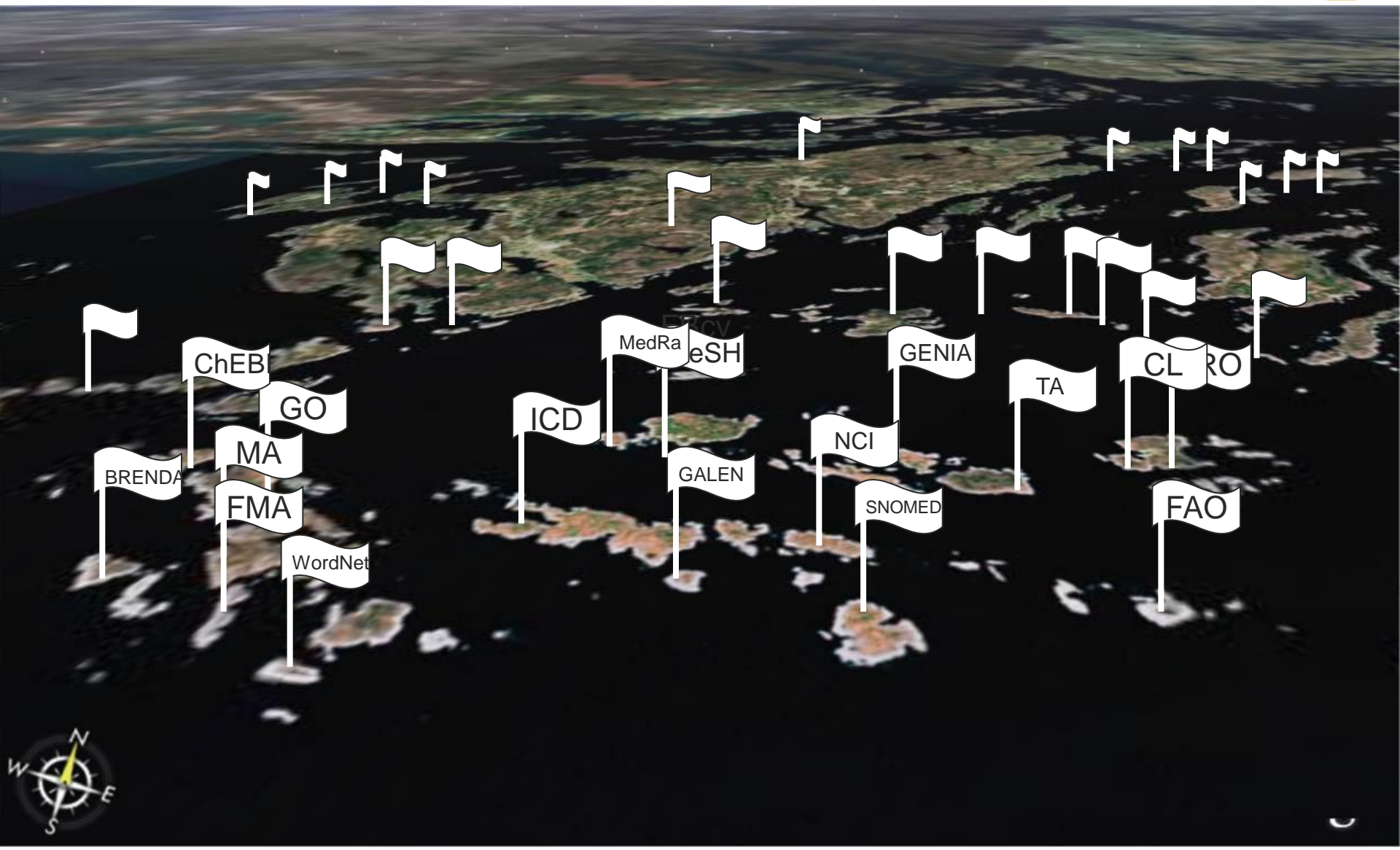
Identification of the “*Thirteen most highly prioritised areas*” :

1. *Medical Genetics Databases and Initiatives*
2. *Gene Expression Information in Medical Diagnostics & Prognostics*
3. *Modelling & Simulation of Biological Structures & Processes/Diseases*
4. *Data Integration from Biosensors & Med. Devices with clinical information systems*
5. *Integration of patient molecular data in Electronic Health Records*
6. *Systems for Clinical Decision Making*
7. ***Semantic Interoperability and Ontologies in Biomedicine***
8. *Technologies for Biomedical Information Integration*
9. *Data Interoperability & Standards*
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11. *Patient Risk Profiling and Lifestyle Management*
12. *Applied Pharmaceutical Research*
13. *Clinical and Ethical Issues related to biomedical data processing*

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- Purposes of Ontologies
- Mapping the O-Space
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  - How is it represented
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# A cruise through the archipelago of ontologies



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# MeSH

Medical Subject Headings

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  - [Fungi \[B05\]](#) [+](#)
  - [Plants \[B06\]](#) [+](#)
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4. [+](#) Chemicals and Drugs [D]
5. [+](#) Analytical, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques and Equipment [E]
6. [+](#) Psychiatry and Psychology [F]
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8. [+](#) Physical Sciences [H]
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10. [+](#) Technology and Food and Beverages [J]
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[Chlorobi \[B03.250\] +](#)

[Chloroflexi \[B03.275\] +](#)

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[Gram-Positive Cocci \[B03.510.400\] +](#)

[Gram-Positive Endospore-Forming Bacteria \[B03.510.415\] +](#)

[Gram-Positive Rods \[B03.510.460\] +](#)

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2006 MeSH

## MeSH Descriptor Data

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MeSH Heading	Staphylococcus aureus
Tree Number	<a href="#">B03.510.400.790.750.100</a>
Annotation	infection = <a href="#">STAPHYLOCOCCAL INFECTIONS</a> & do not bother to coord with S. aureus unless particularly discussed (index IM); DF: STAPH AUREUS
Scope Note	Potentially pathogenic bacteria found in nasal membranes, skin, hair follicles, and perineum of warm-blooded animals. They may cause a wide range of infections and intoxications.
Allowable Qualifiers	<a href="#">CH</a> <a href="#">CL</a> <a href="#">CY</a> <a href="#">DE</a> <a href="#">EN</a> <a href="#">GD</a> <a href="#">GE</a> <a href="#">IM</a> <a href="#">IP</a> <a href="#">ME</a> <a href="#">PH</a> <a href="#">PY</a> <a href="#">RE</a> <a href="#">UL</a> <a href="#">VI</a>
Entry Version	STAPH AUREUS
Previous Indexing	<a href="#">Staphylococcus</a> (1966-1974)
Online Note	use STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS to search MICROCOCCUS PYOGENES 1975-91; use STAPHYLOCOCCUS 1966-74
History Note	76; was MICROCOCCUS PYOGENES see under STAPHYLOCOCCUS 1963-75; MICROCOCCUS PYOGENES was see STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS 1976-91
Unique ID	D013211

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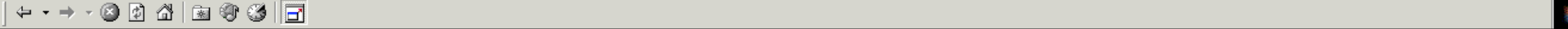
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# GO

Gene Ontology



## Search GO

☐ Exact Match

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## Gene Product Filters

### Species

All  
A. thaliana  
B. anthracis str. Am

### Datasource ?

All  
CGD  
dictyBase

### Evidence Code ?

All Curator Approved  
IGI  
IEP

### Ontology Filter

All  
Biological Process  
Cellular Component  
Molecular Function

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all : all ( 182213 )

- GO:0008150 : biological\_process ( 129820 )
- GO:0005575 : cellular\_component ( 117701 )
- GO:0003674 : molecular\_function ( 123908 )
- obsolete\_biological\_process : obsolete\_biological\_process ( 0 )
- obsolete\_cellular\_component : obsolete\_cellular\_component ( 0 )
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GO:0008150 : biological\_process ( 129820 )

- GO:0000004 : biological process unknown ( 34192 )
- GO:0009987 : cellular process ( 80269 )
- GO:0007275 : development ( 13811 )
- GO:0040007 : growth ( 3307 )
- GO:0051704 : interaction between organisms ( 1454 )
- GO:0007582 : physiological process ( 82723 )
- GO:0043473 : pigmentation ( 98 )
- GO:0050789 : regulation of biological process ( 16097 )
- GO:0000003 : reproduction ( 4342 )
- GO:0050896 : response to stimulus ( 16018 )
- GO:0016032 : viral life cycle ( 308 )

GO:0005575 : cellular\_component ( 117701 )

- GO:0005623 : cell ( 86914 )
- GO:0044464 : cell part ( 86873 )
- GO:0008372 : cellular component unknown ( 26407 )
- GO:0031975 : envelope ( 2624 )
- GO:0031012 : extracellular matrix ( 671 )
- GO:0044420 : extracellular matrix part ( 376 )
- GO:0005576 : extracellular region ( 6190 )
- GO:0044421 : extracellular region part ( 4719 )
- GO:0031974 : membrane-enclosed lumen ( 4138 )
- GO:0043226 : organelle ( 63366 )
- GO:0044422 : organelle part ( 14198 )
- GO:0043234 : protein complex ( 12525 )
- GO:0045202 : synapse ( 235 )
- GO:0044456 : synapse part ( 101 )
- GO:0019012 : virion ( 151 )
- GO:0044423 : virion part ( 121 )

GO:0003674 : molecular\_function ( 123908 )

- GO:0016209 : antioxidant activity ( 504 )
- GO:0005488 : binding ( 35413 )
- GO:0003824 : catalytic activity ( 42468 )
- GO:0030188 : chaperone regulator activity ( 46 )
- GO:0042056 : chemoattractant activity ( 9 )
- GO:0045499 : chemorepellant activity ( 4 )
- GO:0031992 : energy transducer activity ( 0 )
- GO:0030234 : enzyme regulator activity ( 2307 )
- GO:0005554 : molecular function unknown ( 35361 )
- GO:0003774 : motor activity ( 556 )
- GO:0045735 : nutrient reservoir activity ( 49 )
- GO:0031386 : protein tag ( 18 )
- GO:0004871 : signal transducer activity ( 9415 )
- GO:0005198 : structural molecule activity ( 3727 )
- GO:0030528 : transcription regulator activity ( 8713 )
- GO:0045182 : translation regulator activity ( 770 )
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- GO:0030533 : triplet codon-amino acid adaptor activity ( 1269 )

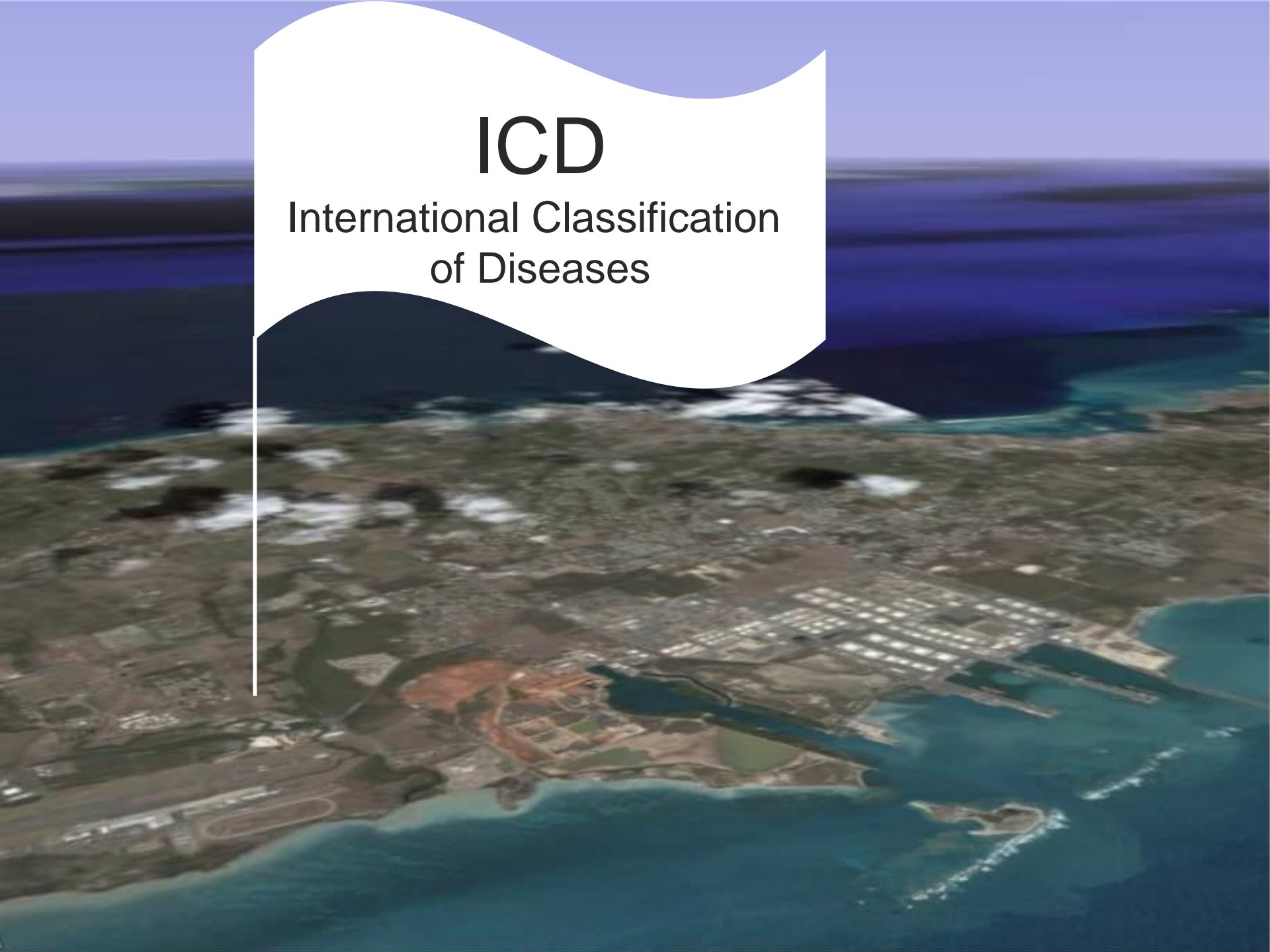
obsolete biological process : obsolete biological process ( 0 )

Graph

- **GO:0043204 : perikaryon ( 1 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0009986 : cell surface ( 688 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0030312 : external encapsulating structure ( 834 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0044462 : external encapsulating structure part ( 380 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0042763 : immature spore ( 23 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0005622 : intracellular ( 70290 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0044424 : intracellular part ( 69594 )**
  - **GO:0031255 : lateral part of motile cell ( 0 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031252 : leading edge ( 208 )**
- ⊖ **GO:0016020 : membrane ( 21224 )**
  - **GO:0030673 : axolemma ( 4 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0009941 : chloroplast envelope ( 90 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0048475 : coated membrane ( 238 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0012505 : endomembrane system ( 1706 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0044425 : membrane part ( 15359 )**
- ⊖ **GO:0031090 : organelle membrane ( 3785 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0005789 : endoplasmic reticulum membrane ( 606 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0010008 : endosome membrane ( 62 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0031312 : extrinsic to organelle membrane ( 19 )**
  - ⊕ **GO:0020017 : flagellar membrane ( 1 )**
    - **GO:0046860 : glycosome membrane ( 4 )**
- ⊖ **GO:0000139 : Golgi membrane ( 310 )**
  - ⊖ **GO:0030660 : Golgi-associated vesicle membrane ( 78 )**
    - ⊕ **GO:0012507 : The lipid bilayer surrounding any of the compartments of the Golgi apparatus. ( 29 )**
    - **GO:0012508 : Golgi to ER transport vesicle membrane ( 0 )**
    - **GO:0012509 : inter-Golgi transport vesicle membrane ( 0 )**
    - ⊕ **GO:0012510 : trans-Golgi network transport vesicle membrane ( 45 )**
  - ⊖ **GO:0031228 : intrinsic to Golgi membrane ( 77 )**
    - **GO:0030173 : integral to Golgi membrane ( 66 )**
    - **GO:0046859 : hydrogenosomal membrane ( 0 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031300 : intrinsic to organelle membrane ( 311 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031903 : microbody membrane ( 102 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031966 : mitochondrial membrane ( 1447 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031965 : nuclear membrane ( 353 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0019866 : organelle inner membrane ( 1296 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0031968 : organelle outer membrane ( 260 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0042170 : plastid membrane ( 63 )**
  - **GO:0031095 : platelet dense tubular network membrane ( 0 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0042651 : thylakoid membrane ( 406 )**
- ⊕ **GO:0005774 : vacuolar membrane ( 294 )**

# ICD

International Classification  
of Diseases





Code-Suche:

Dreisteller-Eingabe:

ICD-10 Homepage

Internationale Statistische Klassifikation der Krankheiten und verwandter  
Gesundheitsprobleme  
10. Revision  
Version 2006

German Modification

Vierstellige Ausführliche Systematik

Kapitelübersicht

Kapitel	Gliederung	Titel
<a href="#">I</a>	<a href="#">A00-B99</a>	Bestimmte infektiöse und parasitäre Krankheiten
<a href="#">II</a>	<a href="#">C00-D48</a>	Neubildungen
<a href="#">III</a>	<a href="#">D50-D90</a>	Krankheiten des Blutes und der blutbildenden Organe sowie bestimmte Störungen mit Beteiligung des Immunsystems
<a href="#">IV</a>	<a href="#">E00-E90</a>	Endokrine, Ernährungs- und Stoffwechselkrankheiten
<a href="#">V</a>	<a href="#">F00-F99</a>	Psychische und Verhaltensstörungen
<a href="#">VI</a>	<a href="#">G00-G99</a>	Krankheiten des Nervensystems
<a href="#">VII</a>	<a href="#">H00-H59</a>	Krankheiten des Auges und der Augenanhangsgebilde
<a href="#">VIII</a>	<a href="#">H60-H95</a>	Krankheiten des Ohres und des Warzenfortsatzes
<a href="#">IX</a>	<a href="#">I00-I99</a>	Krankheiten des Kreislaufsystems
<a href="#">X</a>	<a href="#">J00-J99</a>	Krankheiten des Atmungssystems
<a href="#">XI</a>	<a href="#">K00-K93</a>	Krankheiten des Verdauungssystems
<a href="#">XII</a>	<a href="#">L00-L99</a>	Krankheiten der Haut und der Unterhaut
<a href="#">XIII</a>	<a href="#">M00-M99</a>	Krankheiten des Muskel-Skelett-Systems und des Bindegewebes
<a href="#">XIV</a>	<a href="#">N00-N99</a>	Krankheiten des Urogenitalsystems
<a href="#">XV</a>	<a href="#">O00-O99</a>	Schwangerschaft, Geburt und Wochenbett
<a href="#">XVI</a>	<a href="#">P00-P96</a>	Bestimmte Zustände, die ihren Ursprung in der Perinatalperiode haben
<a href="#">XVII</a>	<a href="#">Q00-Q99</a>	Angeborene Fehlbildungen, Deformitäten und Chromosomenanomalien
<a href="#">XVIII</a>	<a href="#">R00-R99</a>	Symptome und abnorme klinische und Laborbefunde, die anderenorts nicht klassifiziert sind
<a href="#">XIX</a>	<a href="#">S00-T98</a>	Verletzungen, Vergiftungen und bestimmte andere Folgen äußerer Ursachen
<a href="#">XX</a>	<a href="#">Y01-Y98</a>	Äußere Ursachen von Morbidität und Mortalität
<a href="#">XXI</a>	<a href="#">Z00-Z99</a>	Faktoren, die den Gesundheitszustand beeinflussen und zur Inanspruchnahme des Gesundheitswesens führen
<a href="#">XXII</a>	<a href="#">U00-U99</a>	Schlüsselnummern für besondere Zwecke

Kapitel I:

Bestimmte infektiöse und parasitäre Krankheiten  
([A00-B99](#))



Code-Suche:

Dreisteller-Eingabe:

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## Kapitel II:

### Neubildungen

[\(C00-D48\)](#)

[C00-C97](#) Bösartige Neubildungen

[C00-C75](#) Bösartige Neubildungen an genau bezeichneten Lokalisationen, als primär festgestellt oder vermutet, ausgenommen lymphatisches, blutbildendes und verwandtes Gewebe

[C00-C14](#) Lippe, Mundhöhle und Pharynx

[C15-C26](#) Verdauungsorgane

[C30-C39](#) Atmungsorgane und sonstige intrathorakale Organe

[C40-C41](#) Knochen und Gelenknorpel

[C43-C44](#) Haut

[C45-C49](#) Mesotheliales Gewebe und Weichteilgewebe

[C50](#) Brustdrüse [Mamma]

[C51-C58](#) Weibliche Genitalorgane

[C60-C63](#) Männliche Genitalorgane

[C64-C68](#) Harnorgane

[C69-C72](#) Auge, Gehirn und sonstige Teile des Zentralnervensystems

[C73-C75](#) Schilddrüse und sonstige endokrine Drüsen

[C76-C80](#) Bösartige Neubildungen ungenau bezeichneter, sekundärer und nicht näher bezeichneter Lokalisationen

[C81-C96](#) Bösartige Neubildungen des lymphatischen, blutbildenden und verwandten Gewebes, als primär festgestellt oder vermutet

[C97](#) Bösartige Neubildungen als Primärtumoren an mehreren Lokalisationen

[D00-D09](#) In-situ-Neubildungen

[D10-D36](#) Gutartige Neubildungen

[D37-D48](#) Neubildungen unsicheren oder unbekannten Verhaltens [siehe Hinweis am Anfang der Krankheitsgruppe D37 D48]

## Kapitel III:

### Krankheiten des Blutes und der blutbildenden Organe sowie bestimmte Störungen mit Beteiligung des Immunsystems

[\(D50-D90\)](#)

[D50-D53](#) Alimentäre Anämien

[D55-D59](#) Hämolytische Anämien

[D60-D64](#) Aplastische und sonstige Anämien

[D65-D69](#) Koagulopathien, Purpura und sonstige hämorrhagische Diathesen

[D70-D77](#) Sonstige Krankheiten des Blutes und der blutbildenden Organe

[D80-D90](#) Bestimmte Störungen mit Beteiligung des Immunsystems

## Kapitel IV:



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- Übersicht
- Kapitelvorspann
- Kapitelgliederung
- Vorige Gruppe
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**Inkl.:** Mittelohr  
**Exkl.:** Mesotheliom ( [C45.-](#) )

**C30.- Bösartige Neubildung der Nasenhöhle und des Mittelohres**  
**C30.0 Nasenhöhle**  
 Conchae nasales  
 Naseninnenraum  
 Nasenknorpel  
 Nasenseptum  
 Vestibulum nasi  
**Exkl.:** Bulbus olfactorius ( [C72.2](#) )  
 Haut der Nase ( [C43.3](#) , [C44.3](#) )  
 Hinterrand des Nasenseptums und der Choanen ( [C11.3](#) )  
 Nase o.n.A. ( [C76.0](#) )  
 Nasenbein ( [C41.02](#) )

**C30.1 Mittelohr**  
 Cellulae mastoideae  
 Innenohr  
 Tuba auditiva [Eustachio]  
**Exkl.:** Gehörgang (äußerer) ( [C43.2](#) , [C44.2](#) )  
 Haut des (äußeren) Ohres ( [C43.2](#) , [C44.2](#) )  
 Knöcherner Gehörgang (Meatus) ( [C41.01](#) )  
 Ohrknorpel ( [C49.0](#) )

**C31.- Bösartige Neubildung der Nasennebenhöhlen**  
**C31.0 Sinus maxillaris [Kieferhöhle]**  
 Antrum maxillare [Highmore-Höhle]  
**C31.1 Sinus ethmoidalis [Siebbeinzellen]**  
**C31.2 Sinus frontalis [Stirnhöhle]**  
**C31.3 Sinus sphenoidalis [Keilbeinhöhle]**  
**C31.8 Nasennebenhöhlen, mehrere Teilbereiche überlappend**  
 [Siehe Hinweis 5 am Anfang dieses Kapitels]  
**C31.9 Nasennebenhöhle, nicht näher bezeichnet**

**C32.- Bösartige Neubildung des Larynx**  
**C32.0 Glottis**  
 Lig. vocale [echtes Stimmband] o.n.A.  
 Ventriculus laryngis  
**C32.1 Supraglottis**  
 Aryepiglottische Falte, laryngeale Seite  
 Epiglottis (suprahyoïdaler Anteil) o.n.A.  
 Hintere (laryngeale) Fläche der Epiglottis  
 Plica vestibularis

# Word NET

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KEY: "S:" = Show Synset (semantic) relations, "W:" = Show Word (lexical) relations

## Noun

- [S:](#) (n) [tongue](#), [lingua](#), [glossa](#), [clapper](#) (a mobile mass of muscular tissue covered with mucous membrane and located in the oral cavity)
- [S:](#) (n) [natural language](#), [tongue](#) (a human written or spoken language used by a community, opposed to e.g. a computer language)
- [S:](#) (n) [tongue](#), [knife](#) (any long thin projection that is transient) "*tongues of flame licked at the walls*"; "*rifles exploded quick knives of fire into the dark*"
- [S:](#) (n) [tongue](#) (a manner of speaking) "*he spoke with a thick tongue*"; "*she has a glib tongue*"
- [S:](#) (n) [spit](#), [tongue](#) (a narrow strip of land that juts out into the sea)
- [S:](#) (n) [tongue](#) (the tongue of certain animals used as meat)
- [S:](#) (n) [tongue](#) (the flap of material under the laces of a shoe or boot)
- [S:](#) (n) [clapper](#), [tongue](#) (metal striker that hangs inside a bell and makes a sound by hitting the side)

## Verb

- [S:](#) (v) [tongue](#) (articulate by tonguing, as when playing wind instruments)
- [S:](#) (v) [tongue](#) (lick or explore with the tongue)

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## Noun

- [S: \(n\) tongue](#), [lingua](#), [glossa](#), [clapper](#) (a mobile mass of muscular tissue covered with mucous membrane and located in the oral cavity)
  - [part meronym](#)
    - [S: \(n\) tastebud](#), [taste bud](#), [gustatory organ](#) (an oval sensory end organ on the surface of the tongue)
  - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
    - [S: \(n\) organ](#) (a fully differentiated structural and functional unit in an animal that is specialized for some particular function)
    - [S: \(n\) articulator](#) (a movable speech organ)
  - [part holonym](#)
    - [S: \(n\) mouth](#), [oral cavity](#), [oral fissure](#), [rima oris](#) (the opening through which food is taken in and vocalizations emerge) "*he stuffed his mouth with candy*"
    - [S: \(n\) throat](#), [pharynx](#) (the passage to the stomach and lungs; in the front part of the neck below the chin and above the collarbone)
  - [derivationally related form](#)
    - 
    - 
    - [W: \(adj\) lingual](#) [Related to: [lingua](#)] (pertaining to or resembling or lying near the tongue) "*lingual inflammation*"; "*the lingual surface of the teeth*"
    - [W: \(adj\) lingual](#) [Related to: [lingua](#)] (consisting of or related to language) "*linguistic behavior*"; "*a linguistic atlas*"; "*lingual diversity*"

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# SNOMED Clinical Terms





ConceptId: 54329005 **acute myocardial infarction of anterior wall**

Description Id: 90302019

clinical finding

Search: infarction Words - any order

Refined search

- adrenal infarction
- thyroid infarction
- cerebral infarction
- cardiac infarction
- myocardial infarction**
- impending infarction

Details of 'acute myocardial infarction of anterior wall' Distributed Relationships

### ConceptStatus Current

#### Descriptions

- acute myocardial infarction of anterior wall (disorder)
- acute myocardial infarction of anterior wall**
- acute anterior myocardial infarction

#### Fully defined by...

- Is a
  - acute myocardial infarction
- Course
  - acute
- Group
  - Associated morphology
    - acute infarct
  - Finding site
    - structure of anterior myocardium

#### Qualifiers

- Onset
  - sudden onset
  - gradual onset
- Severity
  - severities
- Episodicity
  - Episodicities

#### Legacy codes

- SNOMED: D3-15110
- CTV3ID: Xa0YL

Hierarchy for 'myocardial infarction' Subtype hierarchy

- injury of anatomical site
- structural disorder of heart
- myocardial necrosis
- myocardial disease
- myocardial infarction
  - acute myocardial infarction
    - acute anteroapical infarction
    - acute anteroapical myocardial infarction
    - acute anteroapical myocardial infarction
    - acute anteroapical myocardial infarction
    - acute non-Q wave infarction - anteroapical
    - acute Q wave infarction - anteroapical
    - acute infarction of papillary muscle
    - acute myocardial infarction NOS
    - acute myocardial infarction of anterior wall**
    - acute myocardial infarction of anterolateral wall
      - acute non-Q wave infarction - anterolateral
      - acute Q wave infarction - anterolateral
    - acute myocardial infarction of atrium
    - acute myocardial infarction of inferior wall
      - acute myocardial infarction of inferoposterior wall
      - acute non-Q wave infarction - inferior
      - acute Q wave infarction - inferior
    - acute myocardial infarction of inferolateral wall
      - acute non-Q wave infarction - inferolateral
      - acute Q wave infarction - inferolateral
    - acute myocardial infarction of lateral wall
      - acute myocardial infarction of apical-lateral wall
      - acute myocardial infarction of basal-lateral wall
      - acute myocardial infarction of high lateral wall
      - acute non-Q wave infarction - lateral
      - acute Q wave infarction - lateral
    - acute myocardial infarction of posterolateral wall
    - acute myocardial infarction of septum
    - acute myocardial infarction with rupture of ventricle
    - acute non-Q wave infarction
    - acute non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction

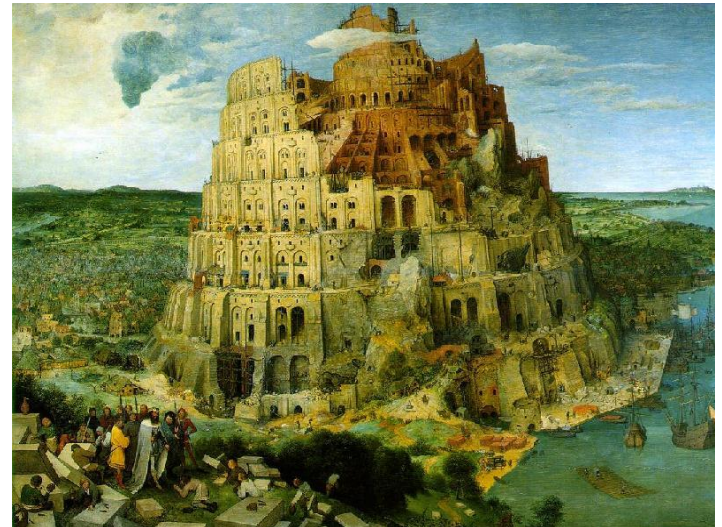
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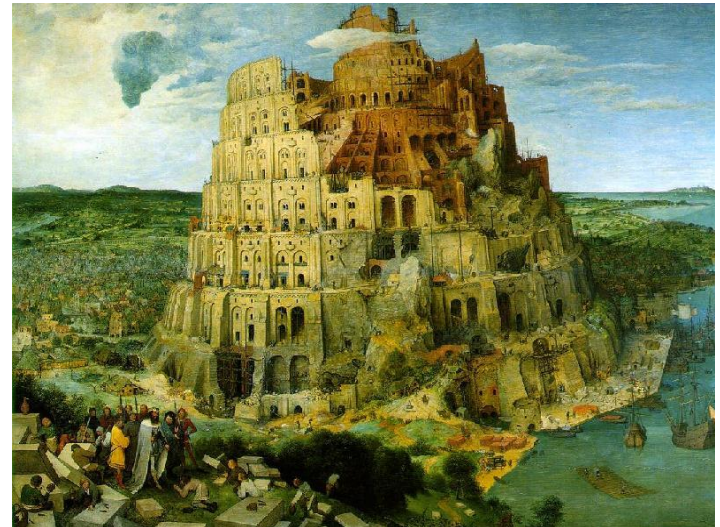
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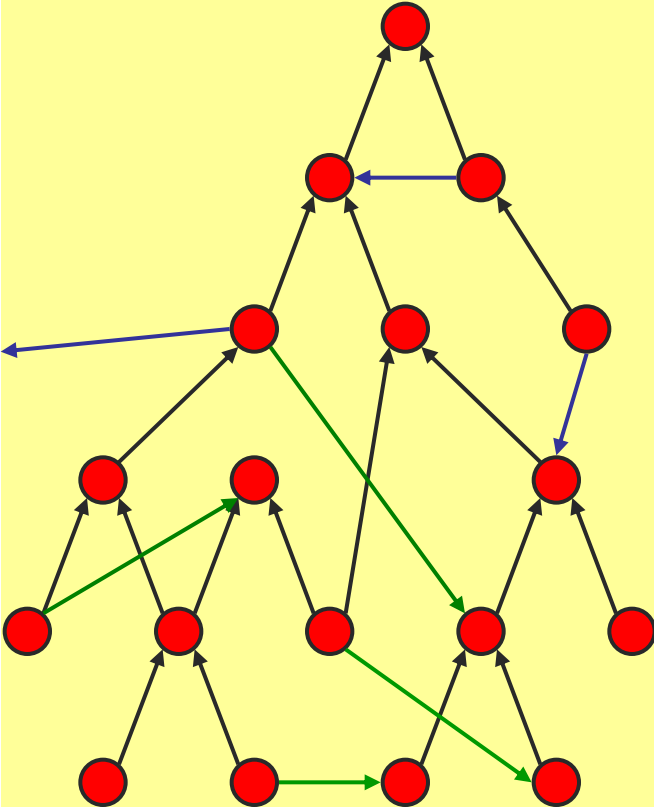
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- Different scientific traditions: Biology, Medicine, Philosophy, Logic, Linguistics, Library and Information Science, Computer Science, Cognitive Science
- Different philosophical schools of thinking: Platonism, Aristotelian Realism, Conceptualism, Relativism, Idealism, Postmodernism, Constructivism, Nominalism, Tropism,...



# Ontologies / Terminological Systems come in different flavors

## Nodes and Links



## (In)formal Definitions

***domain or region of DNA [GENIA]***: A substructure of DNA molecule which is supposed to have a particular function, such as a gene, e.g., c-jun gene, promoter region, Sp1 site, CA repeat. This class also includes a base sequence that has a particular function.

***ExtractionOfForeignBodyFromStomachByIncision***  $\equiv$

***RemovalOfForeignBodyFromDigestiveSystem***  $\sqcap$

***RemovalOfForeignBodyFromStomach***  $\sqcap$

***IncisionOfStomach***  $\sqcap$

**$\exists$  has-part.**( $\exists$  ***Method.RemovalAction***  $\sqcap$

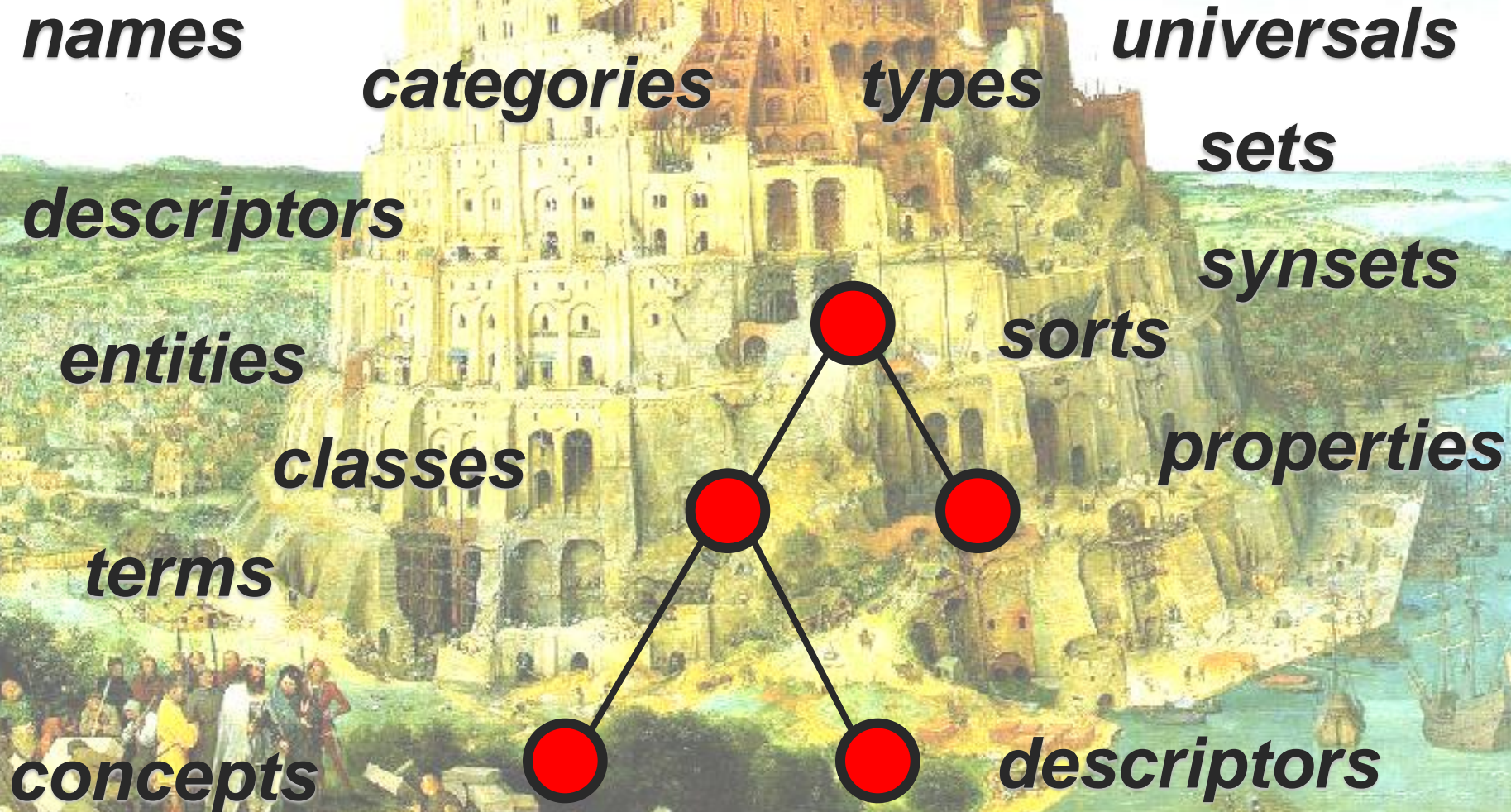
***DirectMorphology.ForeignBody***)  $\sqcap$

**$\exists$  has-part.**( $\exists$  ***Method.IncisionAction***  $\sqcap$

***ProcedureSite.stomachStructure***)



# What do the nodes in Ontologies / Terminological Systems stand for?



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# Purposes of Ontologies: General

- Semantic Interoperability
- Terminology control
- Knowledge extraction
- Knowledge management
- Natural Language Processing
- Document retrieval
- Formal reasoning about knowledge structures



# Purposes of Ontologies: Medicine

- Support of clinical coding (diagnoses, procedures):
  - Accounting
  - Health Statistics
- Support of Biomedical Science:
  - Interoperability between heterogeneous databases
  - Indexing of biomedical literature

# Purposes of Ontologies: Biology

- Data and information retrieval and analysis
- Semantic Annotation of Genes, Proteins in terms of localization, pathways, functions..
- Intelligent text mining of literature abstracts: "Bibliomics"

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# [ Mapping the space of Ontology ]

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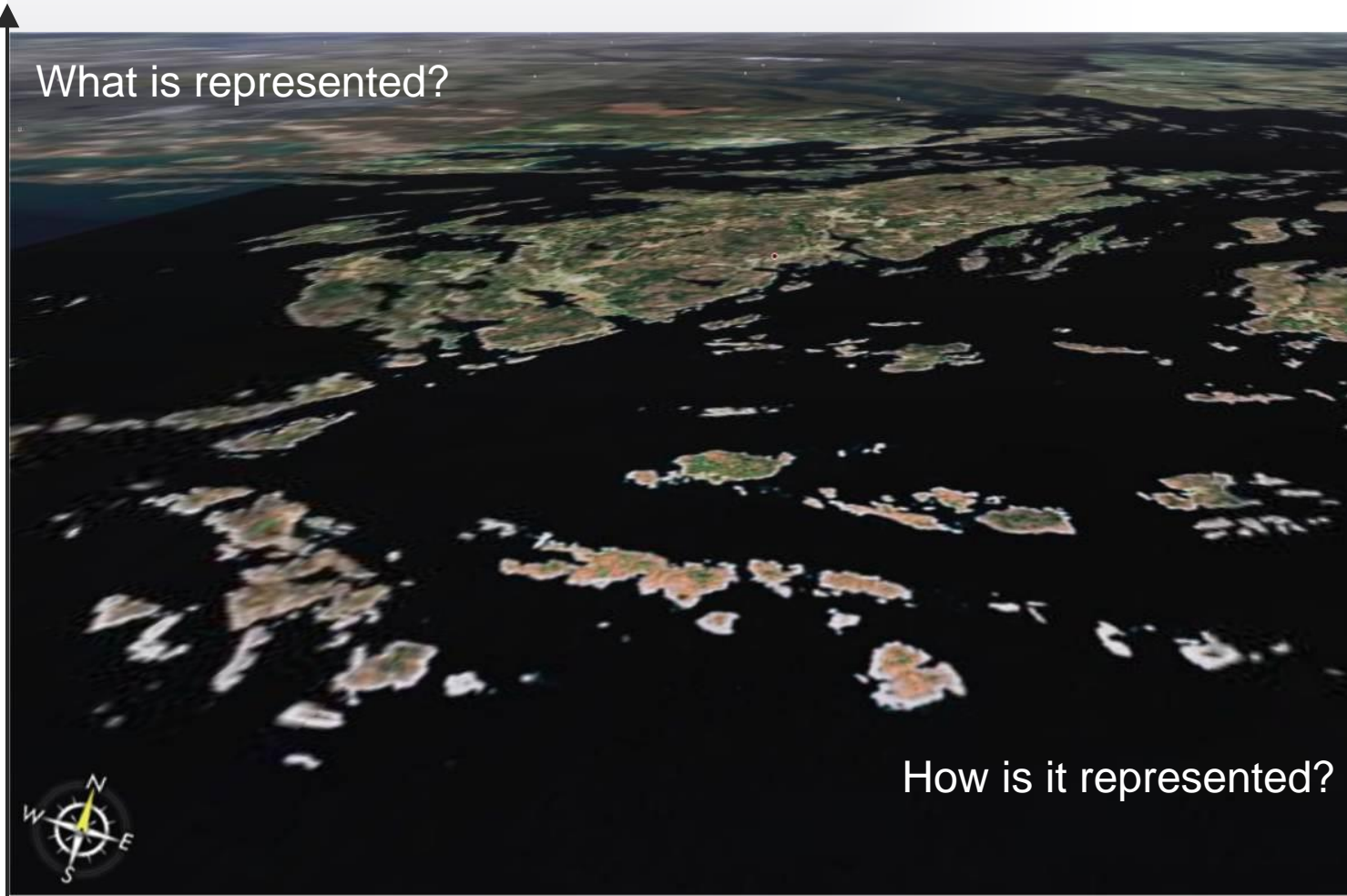
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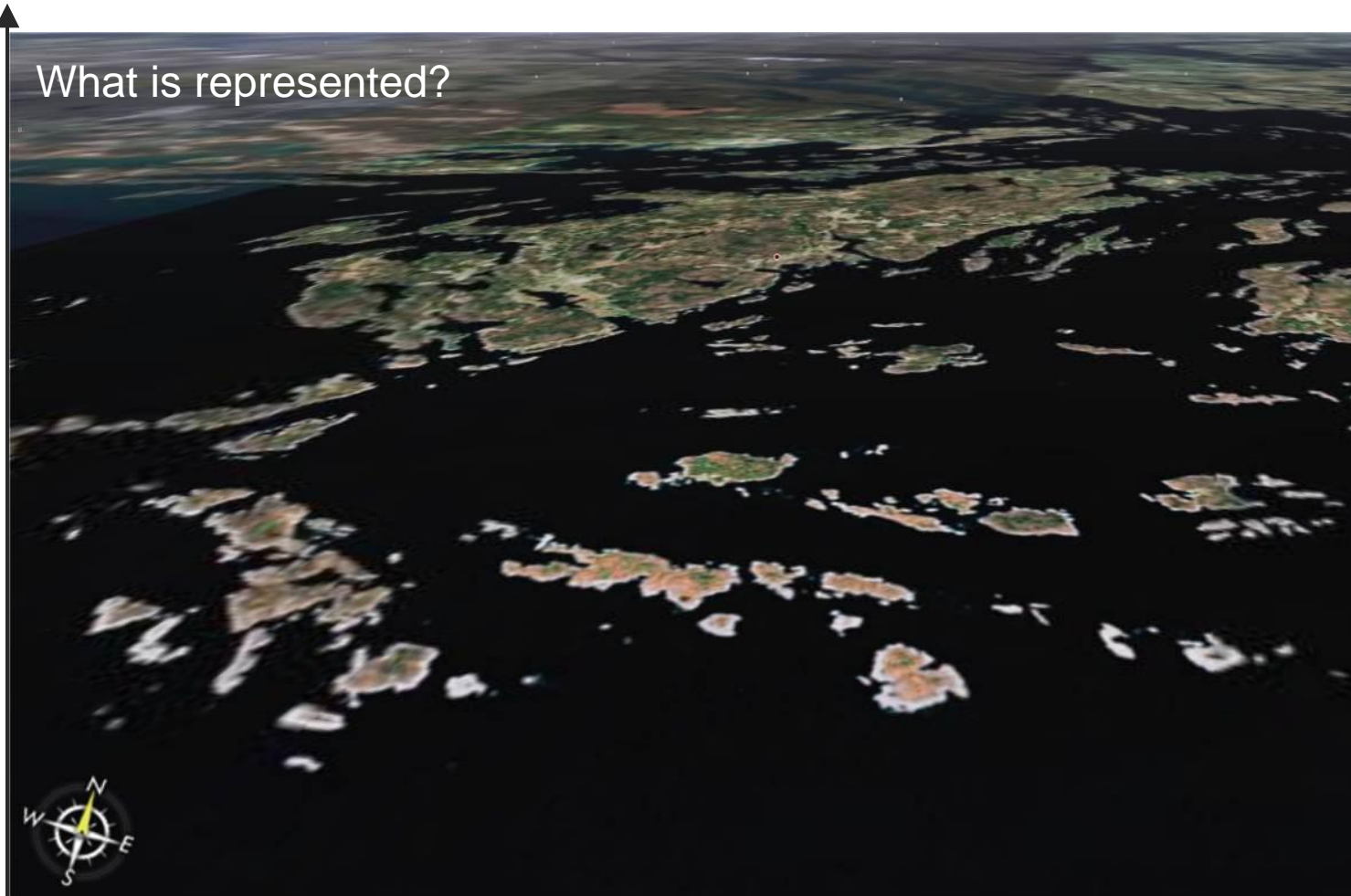
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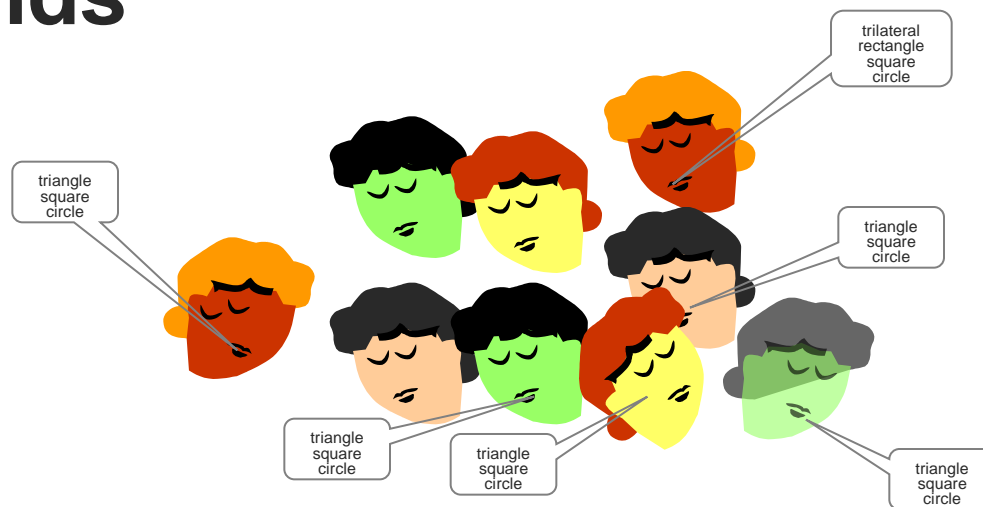
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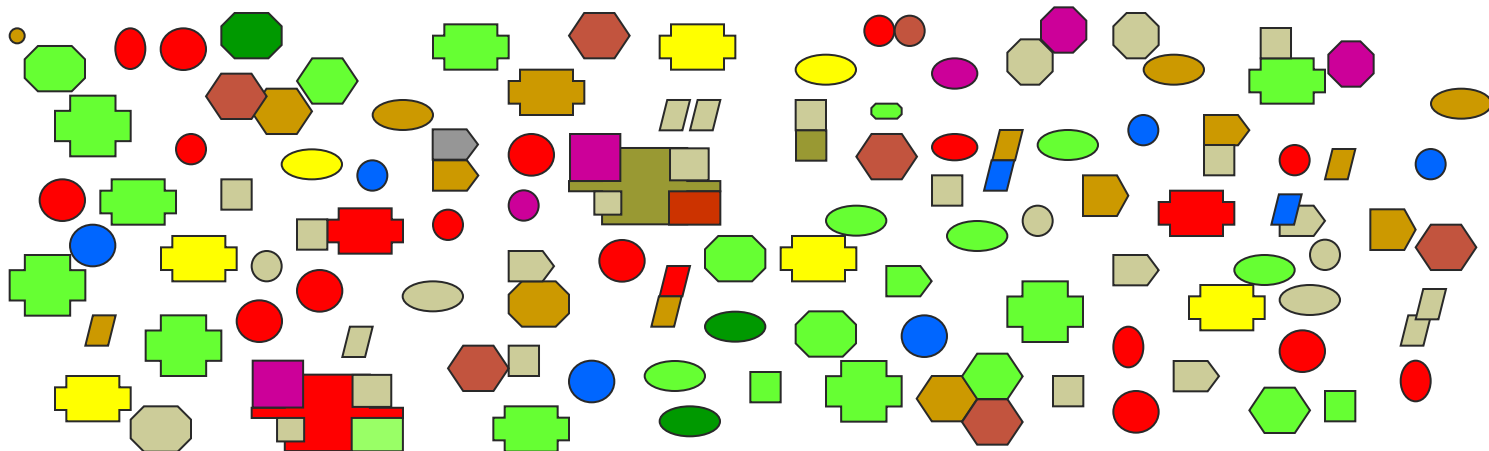


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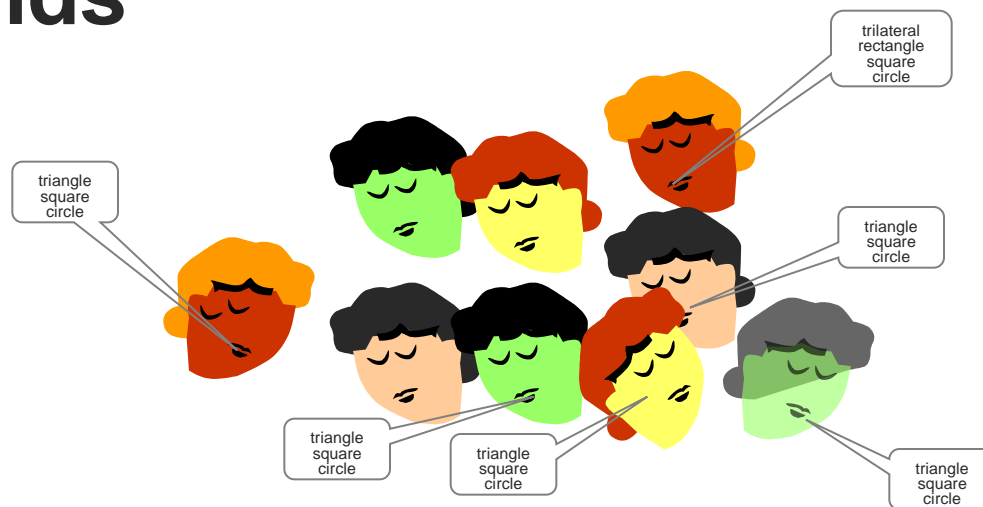


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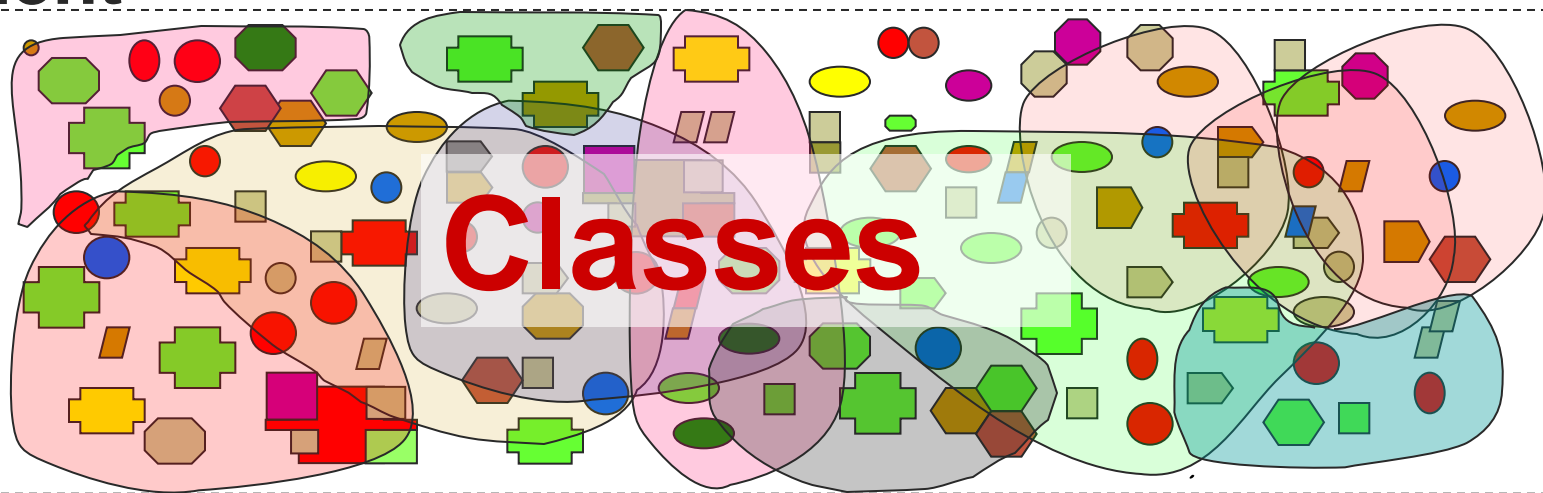


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# Mapping the space of Ontology: Realist perspective

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What is represented?

- Universals (types, kinds) are invariants in reality, e.g. *cell*, *molecule*, *eye*, *inflammation*, ...
- All universals refer to non-empty (at some moment) classes of (individual) entities in the world

How is it represented?

# Mapping the space of Ontology

## Conceptualist perspective

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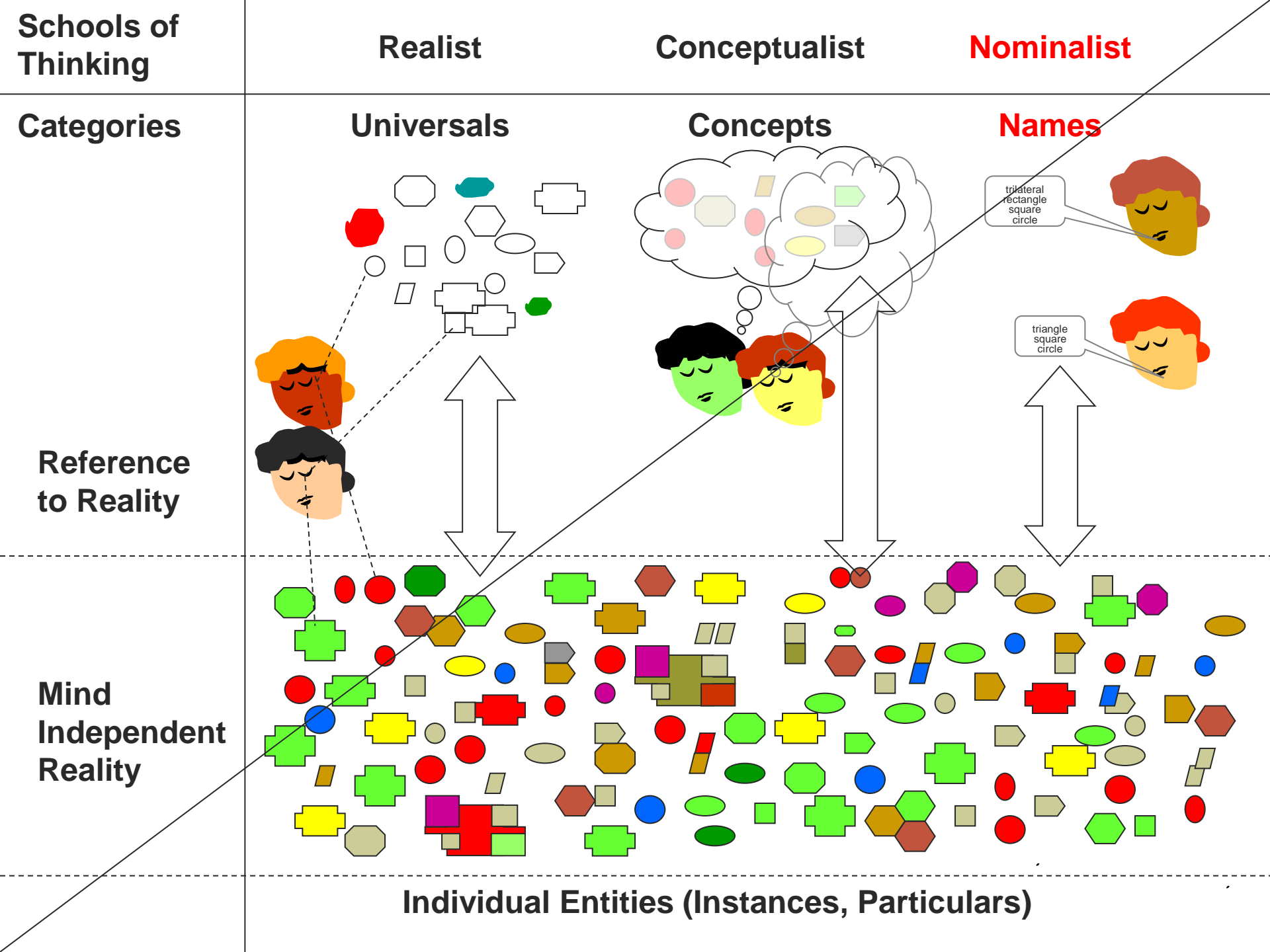
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What is represented?

- Concepts do not necessarily imply the extension to classes in reality
- (*“retinal transplant”, “yin deficiency”, “missing digit”, “prevented pregnancy”*)
- Concepts as mind constructs may be oriented to prototypes, their extension exhibits large inter-individual variation
- Concepts can be related by imprecise conceptual relations such as “is broader as”



represented?



# Mapping the space of Ontology

## Nominalist perspective

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What

- Names are created in an ad hoc fashion from linguistic predicates.

- Examples:

- *“People in SR 1048 at 7pm today”*
- *“Nontraffic accident involving other off-road motor vehicle ” (ICD9-CM: E821 )*
- *Tuberculosis of lung, bacteriological and histological examination not done (ICD-10: A16.1)*
- *“Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient which requires at least two of these three key components: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of high complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the patient is unstable or has developed a significant complication or a significant new problem. Physicians typically spend 30 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.”*

*(Current Procedural Terminology Code: HCPT06 )*

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How is it represented?

Gunnar Klein & Barry Smith:  
[ontology.buffalo.edu/concepts/ConceptsandOntologies](http://ontology.buffalo.edu/concepts/ConceptsandOntologies)

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from Borgo et al. <http://www.loa-cnr.it/Tutorials/ESSLLI1.pdf>



# Mapping the space of Ontology Catalogs

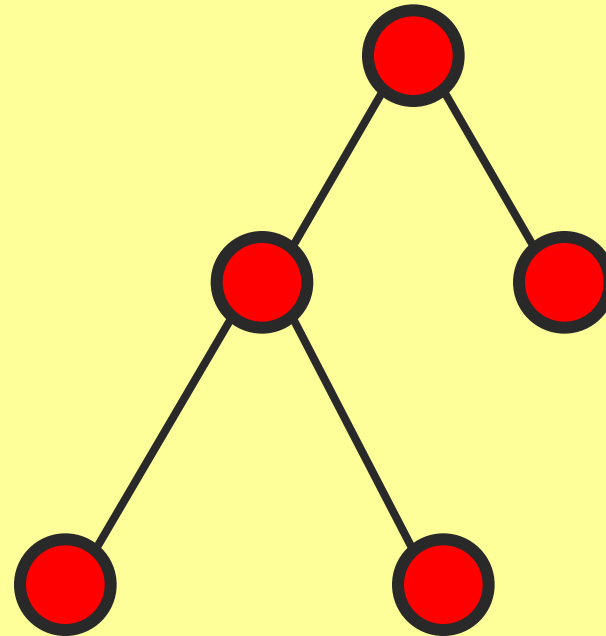
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Why?

Hierarchical Ordering of Semantic Nodes



# Mapping the space of Ontology Catalogs

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What is represented?



■ **Catalog:**  
a set of terms  
without constraints  
(formal or informal)  
to characterize their meaning.

# Mapping the space of Ontology

## Glossary

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What is represented?



■ **Glossary:**  
catalogue with  
glosses in natural  
language.

What is represented?

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# Mapping the space of Ontology Taxonomy

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What is represented?



■ **Taxonomy:**  
terms (and glosses) are  
organized into a  
subsumption (subclass)  
hierarchy with Property  
inheritance

What is represented?



# Mapping the space of Ontology Thesaurus

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What is represented?



■ **Thesaurus:**  
taxonomy coupled with  
additional semantic  
relations (part-of,  
similar to, etc.).

What is it represented?

# Mapping the space of Ontology Conceptual Schemas

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What is represented?

■ **Conceptual Schema:**  
Set of terms, attributes and  
relations (or frames and  
slots) with explicit  
descriptions (definitions)

How is it represented?

# Mapping the space of Ontology Axiomatic Theories

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What is represented?

■ **Axiomatic Theory:**  
Formal system with a clear  
semantics that captures  
the meaning of the  
adopted vocabulary via  
logical formulas.

How is it represented?

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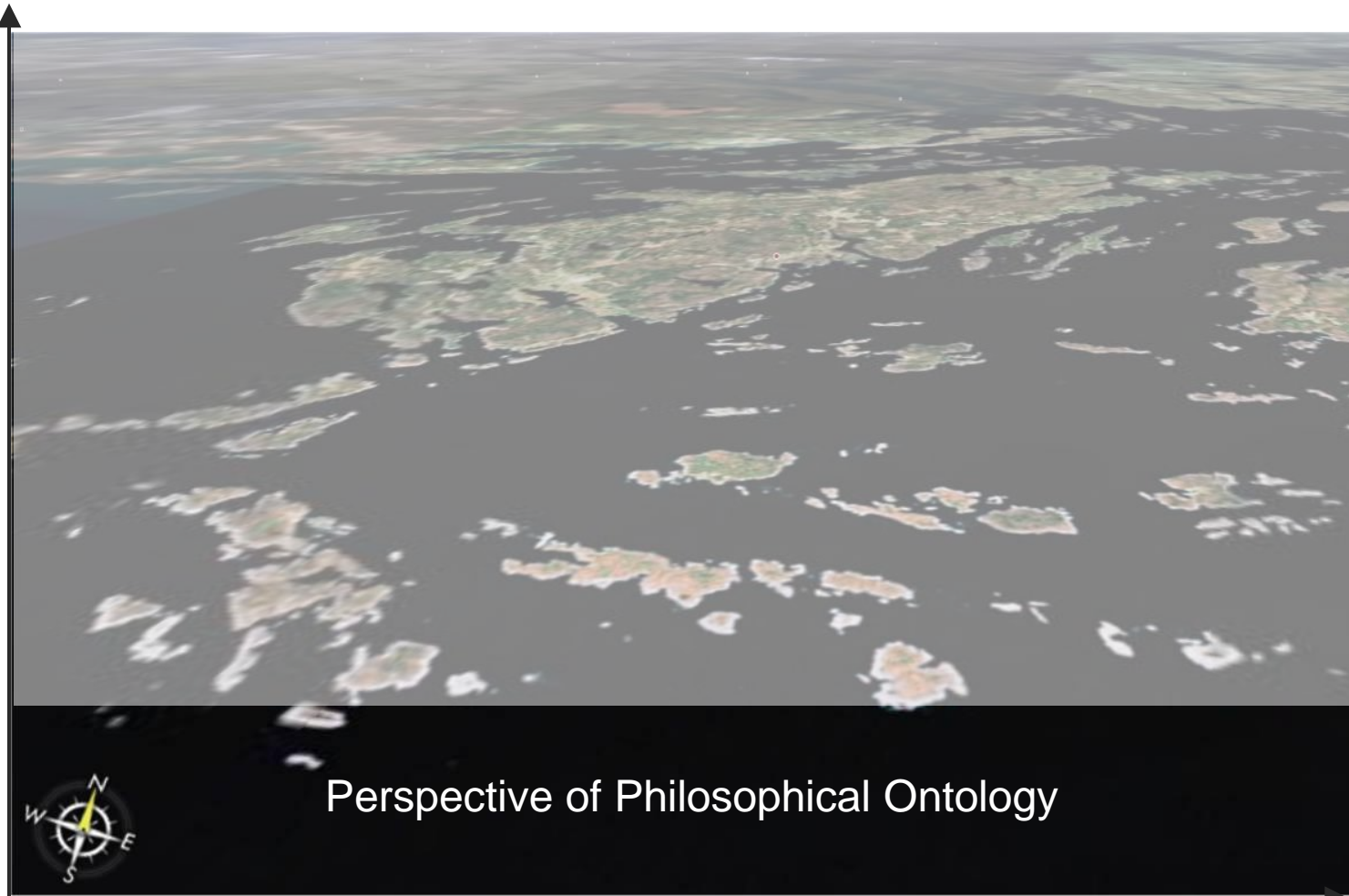


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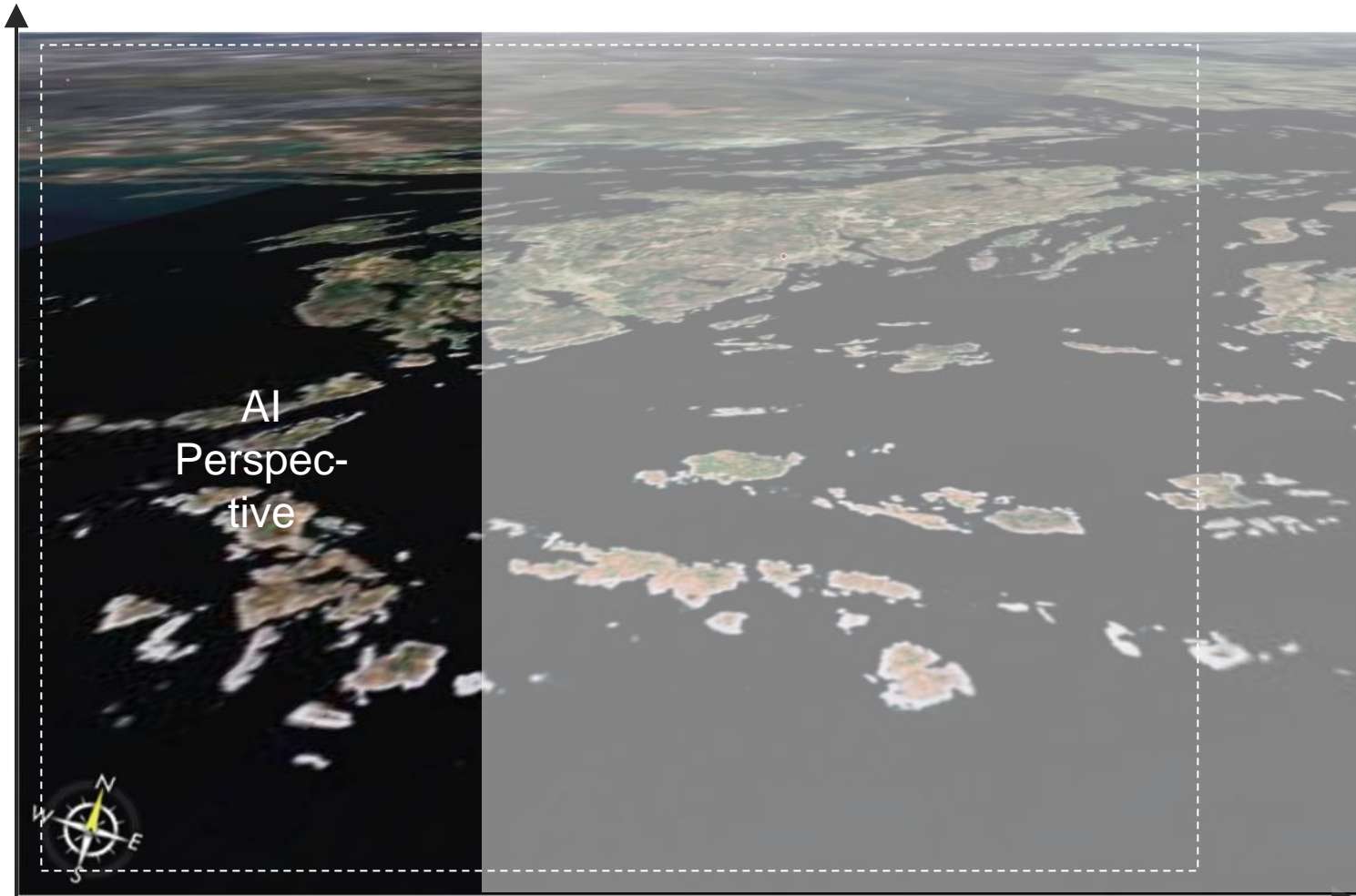
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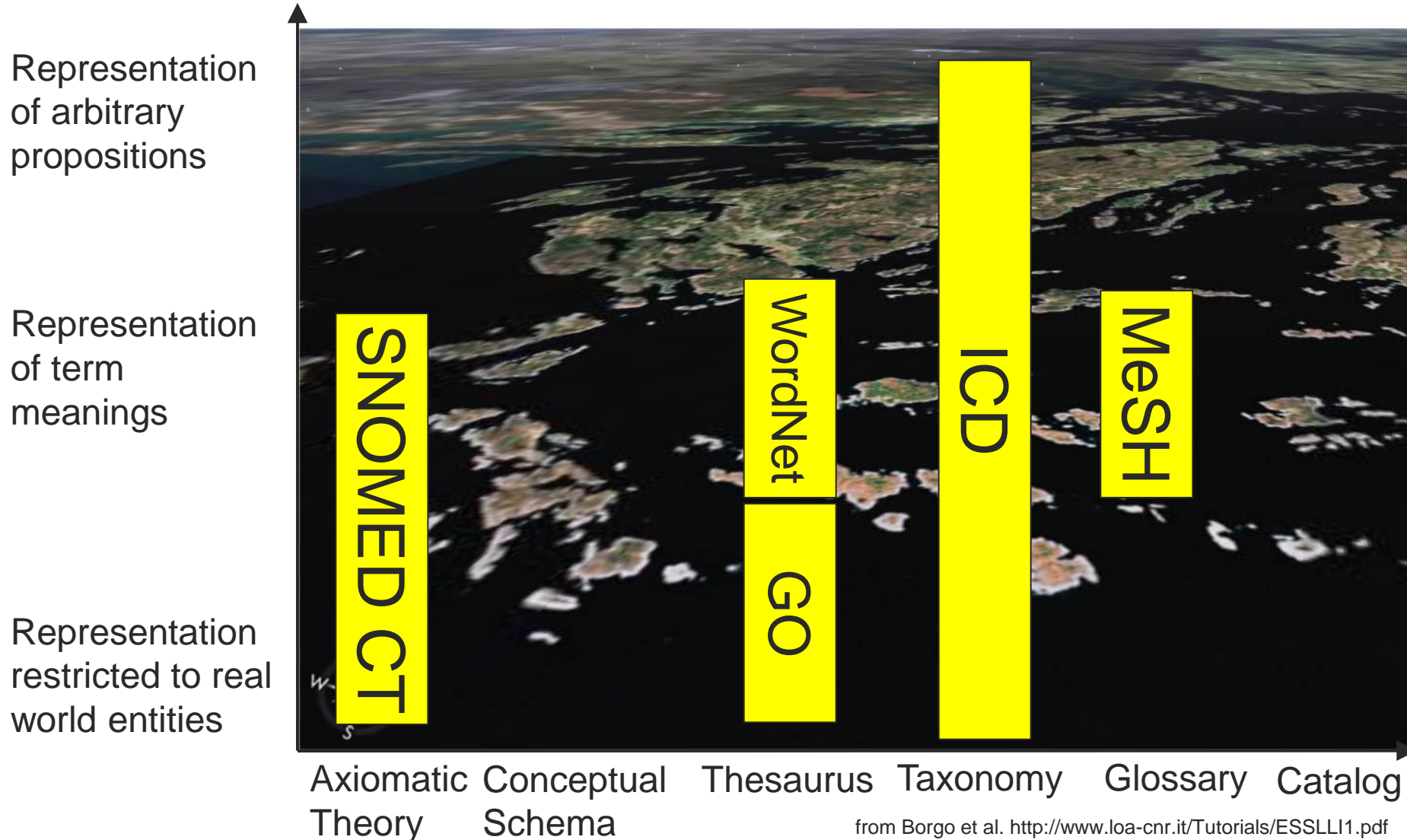
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**Linguistic /  
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# Mapping the space of Ontology: Biomedical Vocabularies



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# Don't mix up **universals** (Concepts, Classes) with **individuals** (Instances)



- *subclass-of* (Motor Neuron, Neuron) (FMA, OpenGALEN)
- *is-a* (Motor Neuron, Neuron)
- *instance-of* (Motor Neuron, Neuron) (FlyBase)

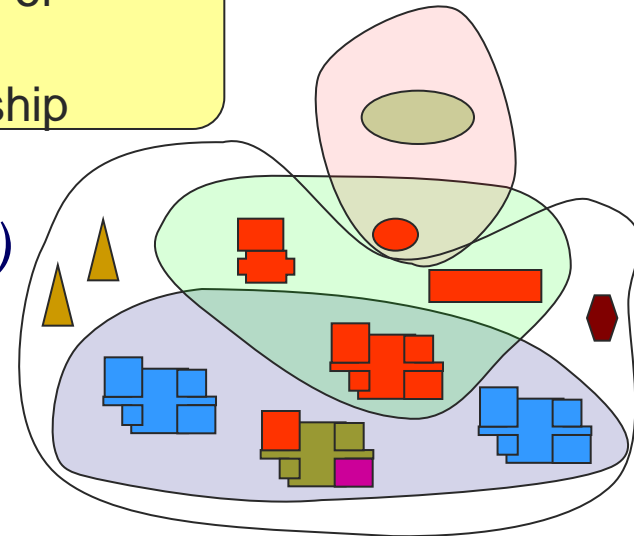
is-a = subclass-of:

Taxonomic  
Subsumption

But:

- *instance-of* (*my Hand*, Hand)
- *instance-of* (*this amount of insulin*, Insulin)
- *instance-of* (*Germany*, Country)
- *not: instance of* (Heart, Organ)
- *not: instance of* (Insulin, Protein)

instance-of  
Class  
Membership



# Don't use superclasses to express roles

- *is-a (Fish, Animal)*
- *is-a (Fish, Food) ??*
- *is-a (Acetylsalicylic Acid, Salicylate)*
- *is-a (Acetylsalicylic Acid, Analgetic Drug) ??*

*Be aware of the “rigidity” of classes*



# Partition the ontology by principled upper level categories

## Example: DOLCE's Upper Ontology

### Endurant (Continuant)

#### *Physical*

Amount of matter  
Physical object  
Feature

#### *Non-Physical*

Mental object  
Social object

...

### Perdurant (Occurrent)

#### *Static*

State  
Process

#### *Dynamic*

Achievement  
Accomplishment

### Quality

#### *Physical Qualities*

Spatial location

...

#### *Temporal Qualities*

Temporal location

...

#### *Abstract Qualities*

...

### Abstract

#### *Quality region*

Time region

Space region

Color region

# Be aware of ambiguities

- “Institution” (NCIT)  
may refer to
  1. (abstract) institutional rules
  2. (concrete) things instituted
  3. act of instituting sth.
- “Tumor”
  1. evolution of a tumor as a disease process
  2. having a tumor as a pathological state
  3. tumor as a physical object
- “Gene”
  1. a (physical) sequence of nucleotides on a DNA chain
  2. a collection of (1)
  3. A piece of information conveyed by (1)

# Use semantically precise Basic Relations

## First version of the OBO Relation Ontology

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### Foundational relations

*is\_a*

*part\_of*

### Spatial relations (connecting one entity to another in terms of relations between the spatial regions they occupy)

*located\_in*

*contained\_in*

*adjacent\_to*

### Temporal relations (connecting entities existing at different times)

*transformation\_of*

*derives\_from*

*preceded\_by*

### Participation relations (connecting processes to their bearers)

*has\_participant*

*has\_agent*

Barry Smith, Werner Ceusters, Bert Klagges, Jacob Köhler, Anand Kumar, Jane Lomax, Chris Mungall, Fabian Neuhaus, Alan L Rector and Cornelius Rosse. Relations in biomedical ontologies. *Genome Biology*, 6(5), 2005.

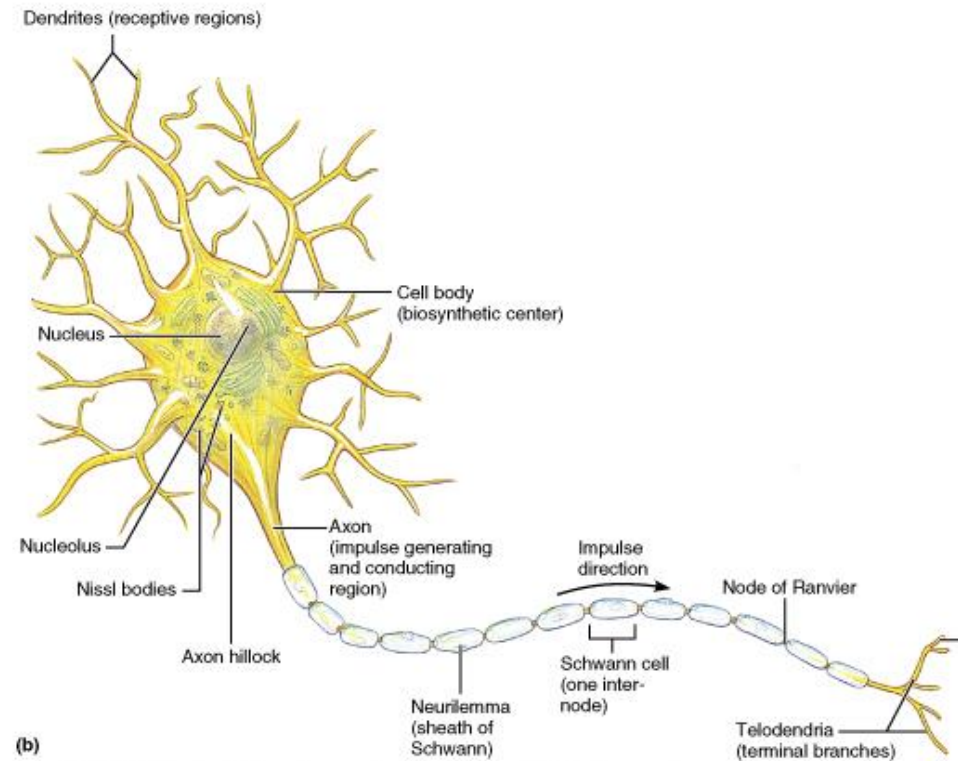
# Nontaxonomic Relations between Classes are ambiguous !

## ■ *has-part(Cell, Axon)* (Gene Ontology)

- Do cells without axons exist ?
- Do axons without cells exist ?

## ■ *has-part(Neuron, Axon)* (FMA)

- Does every neuron have an axon?



(b)

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$A, B$  are classes,  $inst-of$  = class membership  
 $rel$ : relation between instances     $Rel$ : relation between classes

$Rel(A, B) =_{def}$

$\exists x: inst-of(x, A) \wedge inst-of(y, B) \wedge rel(x, y)$     **OR**

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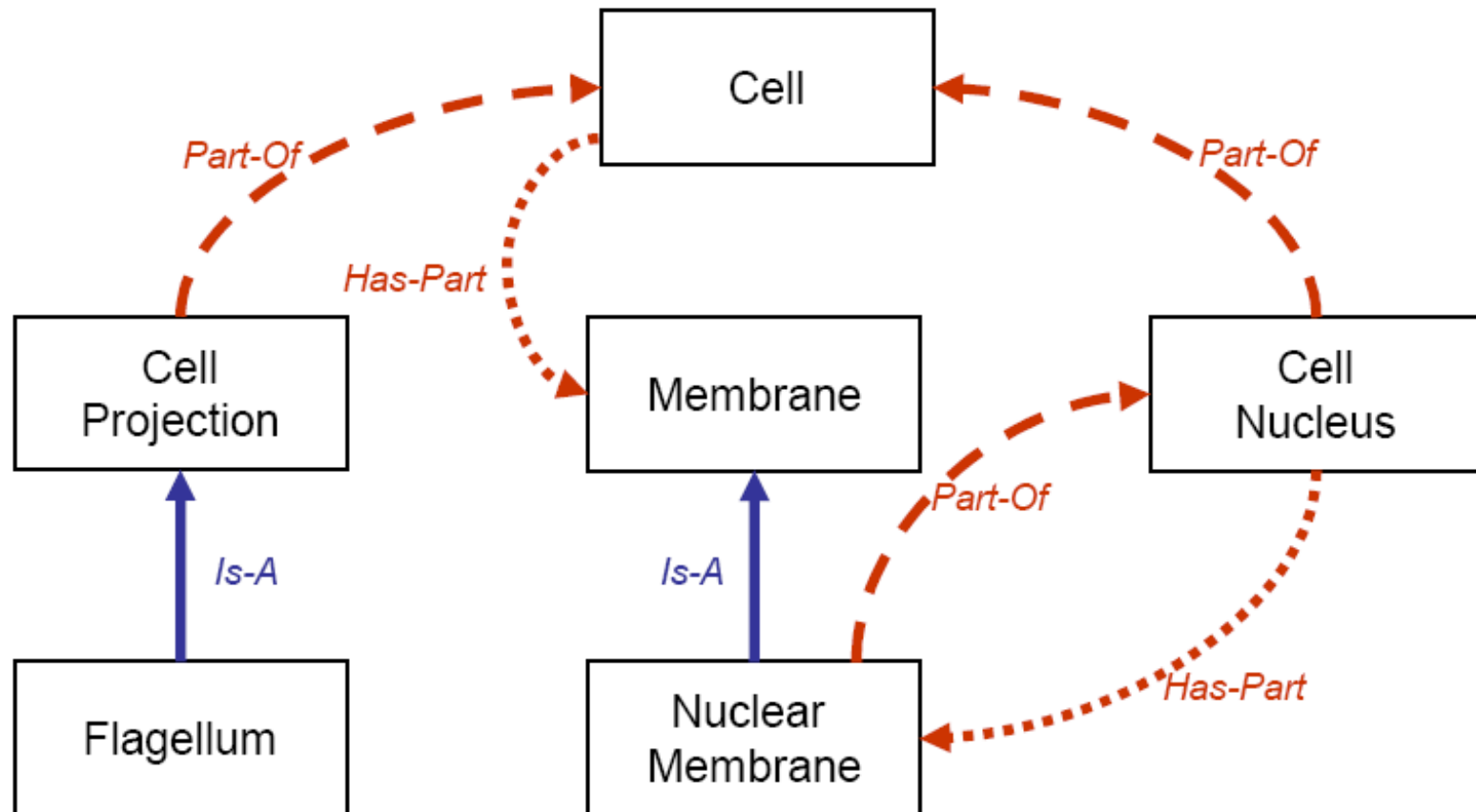
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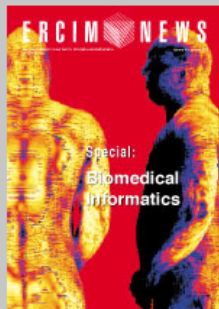
# Example: Part-of and Has-Part between Classes





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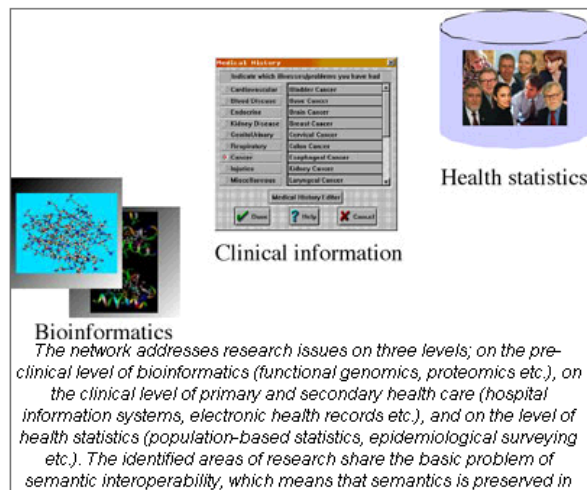
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**The objective of the Network of Excellence entitled Semantic Interoperability and Data Mining in Biomedicine [SemanticMning] funded by the European Sixth Framework Programme, is to establish Europe as the international scientific leader in medical and biomedical informatics.**

The long-term goal of the network will be the development of generic methods and tools supporting the critical tasks of the field; data mining, knowledge discovery, knowledge representation, abstraction and indexing of information, semantic-based information retrieval in a complex and high-dimensional information space, and knowledge-based adaptive systems for provision of decision support for dissemination of evidence based medicine.

The general objective of a Network of Excellence (NoE) is to bridge gaps in the European research infrastructure and to facilitate cross-fertilisation between scientific disciplines. Traditionally academic departments in the domain have their roots either in computer science, system engineering (including a variety of engineering disciplines) or in a medical or clinical context. The proposed network is composed of partners from these scientific areas, all bringing their experience and in-depths knowledge together into a common framework. An important aspect of this is the merging of medical or clinical informatics and bioinformatics including the new fields of genomics and proteomics.

Another bridging activity addressed by this NoE is knowledge transfer and co-operation between academia and organisations and SMEs in the health and welfare sector, including standardisation bodies and the different public and private institutions involved in health care delivery and management. The national institutes and organisations responsible for policy making and quality management with a regulatory and normative function will have an important role to play in the network. We believe that co-operation between these organisations and those involved in research departments needs to be strengthened, both in the early phase of research programme identification and in the later phases of implementation and large-scale evaluation of results and impact. The bridging activities between different levels of the health care system are exemplified in the figure.



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Integrated biomedical informatics for the management of cerebral aneurysms

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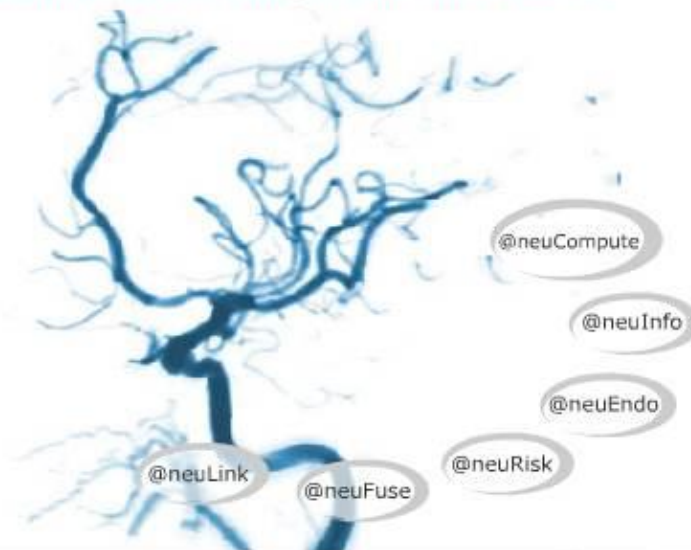
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BOOTStrep (Bootstrapping Of Ontologies and Terminologies STRategic REsearch Project) is funded in the EC's 6th Framework Programme. The project will pull together already existing biological fact databases as well as various terminological repositories and implement a text analysis system which continuously increases their coverage by analysing biological documents.

## Impact

Biological knowledge, up until now, is scattered in heterogeneous database formats and locked in unstructured natural language documents. The intended integration of biological knowledge in a homogeneous conceptual framework will ease access to this fragmented knowledge and substantially increase its usability for R & D purposes, e.g., in the European bio-tech and pharmaceutical industry.

## BOOTStrep's main innovations

Knowledge integration and reuse in the biology domain are the main goals of the BOOTStrep project. The resources and text mining tools developed within the project are expected to boost the performance in various bio application tasks. In particular, BOOTStrep aims at:

- exploiting already existing terminological resources (thesauri, classification systems, etc.) and combining them within a common, standardized conceptual representation framework,. Based on this domain-specific background knowledge advanced natural language technologies are employed for the analysis of biological documents in order to fill conceptual gaps in these resources by automatically acquiring new terms, concepts and relations,
- creating, incrementally maintaining and continuously updating a repository of biological facts based on employing a comprehensive bio-lexicon and a standards-based formal bio-ontology for text analysis. Facts are extracted from biological documents in a fully automatic way, they are subsequently filtered and validated for novelty, redundancy, contradiction, etc.,
- developing resources and resource-building NLP tools for text-based knowledge harvesting in order to support information extraction and text mining in the biology domain,
- allowing multilingual public access to continuously updated and validated biological fact repositories.

## Administrative details

BOOTStrep (FP6 - 028099) is a Specific Targeted Research Project (STREP) of the European Union's 6th Framework Programme, Thematic Priority 2 (Information Society Technologies) within the fourth call of the programme. It addresses the strategic objective "Semantic-based Knowledge and Content Systems". The project started on April 1, 2006 and will end on March 31, 2009. The overall budget is 3.6 million euro. Six partners from four European countries (Germany, U.K., Italy, France) and one Asian partner from Singapore are involved in the project.



Thank you for your attention