



Opening Brief at the OOR-initiative meeting on

Meta-Ontology for Ontology Categories

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Outline

- 1. The role of meta-ontology categories in the OOR context**
- 2. The OOR examples (BioPortal, SOCoP, COLORE, Ontohub)**
- 3. Criteria to classify ontologies (OMV, LoLA, etc.)**
- 4. OOR consensus on categories: questions and actions**

Meta-ontology categories in the OOR context

...besides giving a complete specification of an ontology

Meta-ontology categories play several important roles in an OOR

Primary roles

- Organising ontology collection
- Facilitating ontology retrieval

Related roles

- exchange and advancement of knowledge
e.g. smart grouping (task, type, logics etc.) allows
- novel interoperability scenarios
 - ontology reuse across domains



Impacts OOR functionality
e.g. via User Interface (browsing and uploading ontology by accessing meta-data)

Should we foster an agreement on the (meta) categories for classification of ontologies (across OOR)?

Categories	Advantage	Disadvantage
OOR independent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•domain centred application (e.g. biomed, geo, logics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•interoperability issue•closed community
OOR aligned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•interoperable across OOR•comprehensive•enhances reusability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•paternalistic•impact specificity of categories

The OOR examples: COLORE categories



semantic technologies laboratory

COLORE

COLORE| ONTOLOGIES| METADATA| PUBL

Ontologies

The ontologies in the repository are organized into hierarchies:

- [algebra](#)
- [approximate_point](#)
- [between](#)
- [between_quaternary](#)
- [betweenness_bundle](#)
- [bipartite_incidence](#)
- [boxworld](#)
- [cardworld](#)
- [cayley_graph](#)
- [cimos](#)
- [combinatorial_magma](#)
- [combined_time](#)
- [contact_algebras](#)
- [cyclic_arithmetic](#)
- [cyclic_geometry](#)
- [cyclic_ordering](#)
- [date_time_vocabulary](#)
- [dolce](#)
- [dolce_constitution](#)

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Source path: svn/

- ▼ tags
 - ▼ colore_0.9.1
 - ▼ ontologies
 - ▼ domain
 - ▼ computer_vision
 - card_world
 - mapsee
 - ▼ foundational
 - algebra
 - contact_algebras
 - graphs
 - incidence_structures
 - lattices
 - linear_and_partial_orderings
 - ▼ generic
 - duration
 - mereotopologies
 - ▼ process
 - event_calculus
 - onto_stit
 - process_specification_language
 - time



colore

An open repository of first-order ontologies represented in Common Logic.

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Source path: [svn/](#) [trunk/](#) [ontologies/](#) algebra

Directories	Filename	Size	Rev	Date	Author
▼ algebra	module.clif	404 bytes	1085	May 29, 2013	carmens
▶ consistency	module.xml	1.3 KB	642	Feb 7, 2012	allegrista
▶ definitions					
▶ entailment	vectorspace.clif	410 bytes	1085	May 29, 2013	carmens
▶ interprets					
▶ mappings	vectorspace.xml	1.1 KB	642	Feb 7, 2012	allegrista
▶ theorems					

The OOR examples: BioPortal categories

BioPortal

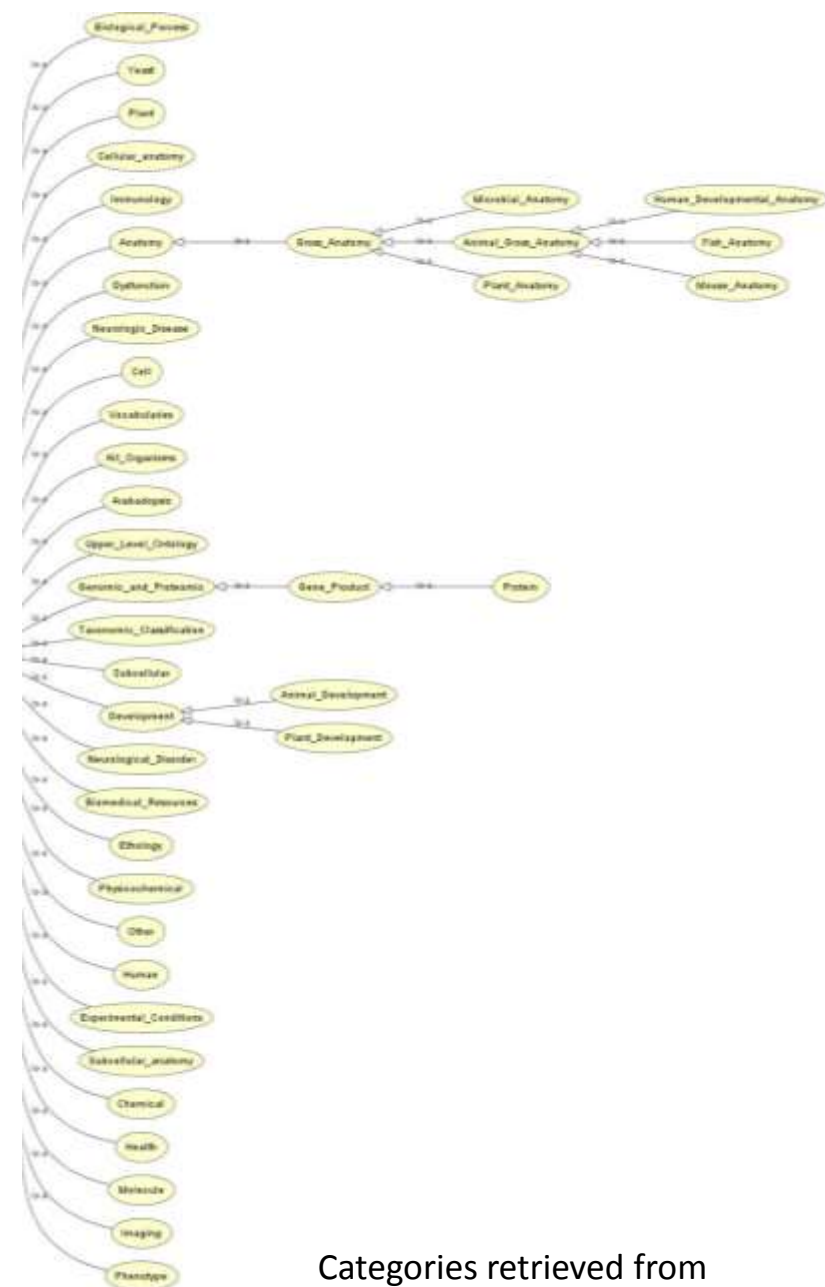
Updating and parsing of ontologies is now fully on-line. Please be patient while the system processes the backlog. [show]

Browse
Browse the library of ontologies

FILTER BY CATEGORY: All Categories
 FILTER BY GROUP: All Organisms
 FILTER BY TEXT: [input]

Submit New Ontology

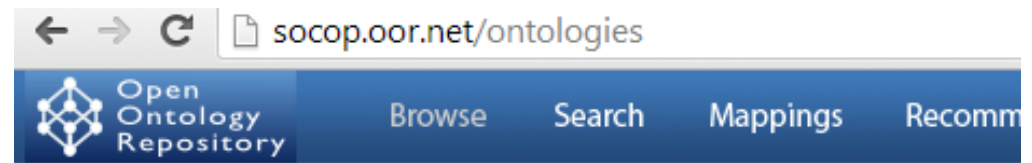
ONTOLOGY NAME	CLASSES	NOTES	REVIEWS	PROJECTS	UP
Adverse Event Reporting Ontology	298	0	0	1	09
African Traditional Medicine	222	2	0	1	06
Allen Brain Atlas (ABA) Adult ABA-AMB	912	0	0	2	08
Alzheimer's disease ontology	1,565	0	0	0	07
Amino Acid Ontology AMBIO	46	0	0	2	07
Amphibian Gross Anatomy Ontology	1,603	0	0	2	07
Amphibian Taxonomy Ontology	6,125	0	0	1	11



http://www.bioontology.org/wiki/index.php/BioPortal_Metadata

Categories retrieved from
XML file via NCBO_REST_service
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The OOR examples: SOCoP categories



BioPortal platform

List of (Mike Dean) categories

- general; not (so much) domain-specific
- more systematic than BioPortal
- arbitrary in limiting choices
- uncertainty in categorising subjects e.g. architecture, agriculture etc.
- 'enriched' with (uploaded) meta-data

FILTER BY CATEGORY	All Categories
FILTER BY GROUP ?	All Categories
FILTER BY TEXT	Commercial
	Cultural
	Defense
	Financial
	Geospatial
	Government
	Literature
	Metadata
	Other
	Process
	Provenance
	Science
	Social Networking
	Standards
	Technology
	Upper Ontologies
	Public

ONTOLOGY NAME
Abstract Geometry (AG)
Basic Formal Ontology (BFO)
DOLCE+DnS Ultralite (DUL)
Friend of a Friend (FOAF)
Geoconcepts ontology Lite (GeOC)
GeoFeatures (GeoF)
Geography (Geog)

The OOR examples: Ontohub categories

Ontohub metadata ontology (work in progress) [Download](#)

Imports :

Domain-fields ontology ([Core](#) and [Extension](#))

Bioportal meta data ontology (N. Noy)

including OMV, Chao, Mappings Ontology



Task:

integration of [LoLa](#)

LoLa - the ontology of logics and languages

Domain-Fields can be aligned with BioPortal and SOCoP categories

LoLa integration should provide interoperability with COLORE categories

Alignment of LoLa and OMV categories:

OntologyLanguage, OntologySyntax, FormalityLevel, KnowledgeRepresentationParadigm

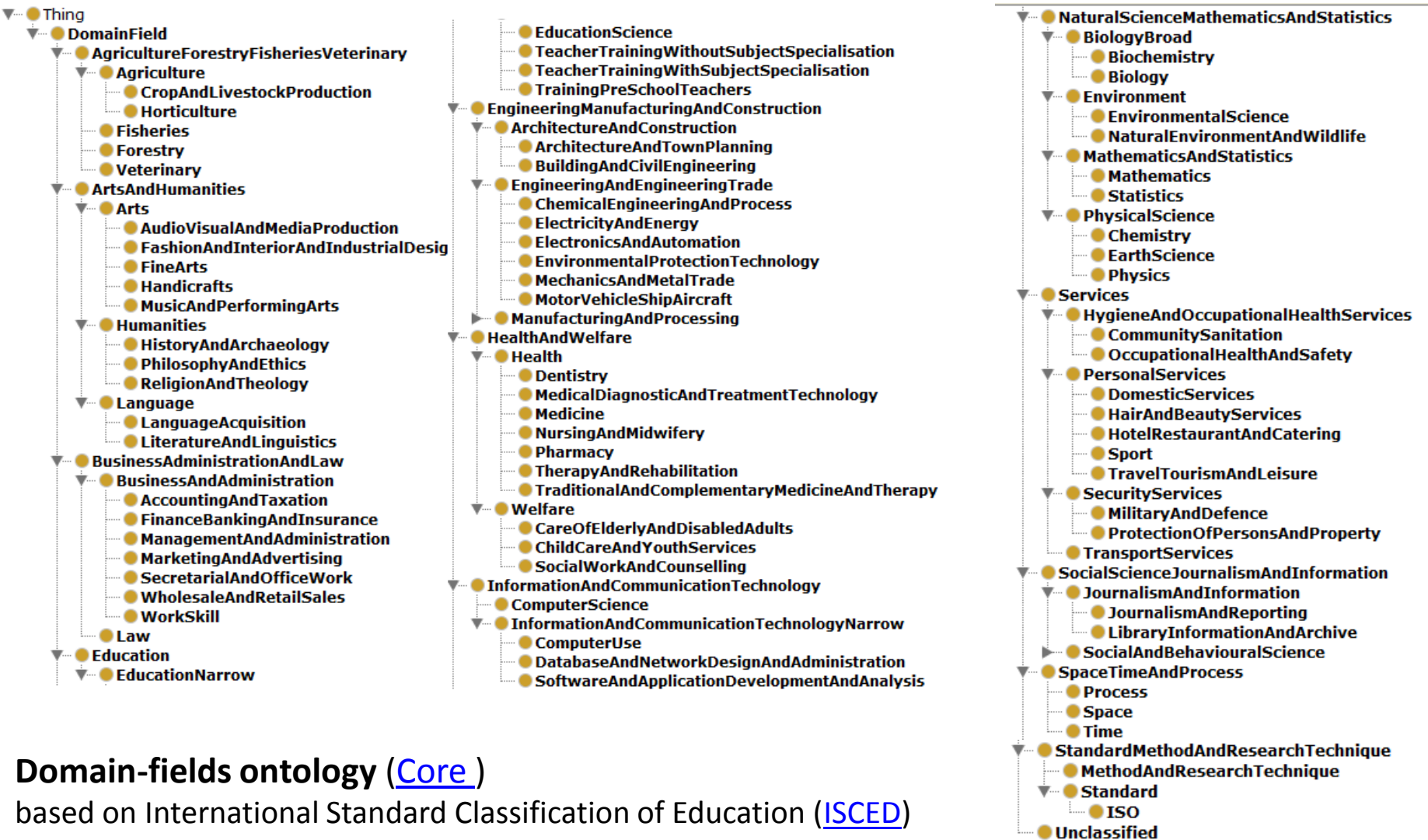
Open questions:

OMV – LoLa alignment (ref. Christoph Lange)

Classification of Domain-Fields (Core and Extension); platform choice

Interoperability across OOR, e.g. BioPortal, COLORE, SOCoP etc.

The OOR examples: Ontohub (domain) categories



Domain-fields ontology ([Core](#))
 based on International Standard Classification of Education ([ISCED](#))
 a member of the UNESCO family of classificatory systems

Criteria to classify ontologies

Questions to ask while classifying an ontology: **What?** **Why?** **How?**



OMV - Ontology Metadata Vocabulary

Scope: metadata
Includes properties of ontologies e.g.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| OntologyType | FormalityLevel | KR Paradigm |
| ◆ 'Application Ontology' | ◆ Schema | ◆ 'Description Logics' |
| ◆ 'Core Ontology' | ◆ Taxonomy | ◆ DAG |
| ◆ 'Domain Ontology' | ◆ Terminology | ◆ Frames |
| ◆ 'Task Ontology' | ◆ Thesaurus | |
| ◆ 'Upper Level Ontology' | ◆ Vocabulary | |
| OntologyLanguage | OntologyTask | |
| ◆ 'RDF(S)' | ◆ AnnotationTask | |
| ◆ CASL | ◆ ConfigurationTask | |
| ◆ CASL_DL | ◆ FilteringTask | |
| ◆ CoCASL | ◆ IndexingTask | |
| ◆ CommonLogic | ◆ IntegrationTask | |
| ◆ ConstraintCASL | ◆ MatchingTask | |
| ◆ GenCASL | ◆ MediationTask | |
| OntologySyntax | ◆ PersonalizationTask | |
| ◆ OWL/XML | ◆ QueryFormulationTask | |
| ◆ RDF/XML | ◆ QueryRewritingTask | |
| | ◆ SearchTask | |

LoLA – an ontology of ontologies
Scope: logics and languages

Ontology of Ontology Domains
Should we have one, more or none?
Can the Domain-Fields Ontology (Core) support interoperability across OOR (domain) categories?
The extension – left to the domain experts

OOR consensus on categories: questions and actions

1. Should we foster a consensus on the (meta) categories for classification of ontologies (across OOR)?
2. Should a standardisation of ontology meta-data also include categories of ontology domains?
3. Action: Proposing a minimum of requirements for a meta-ontology that
 - provides interoperability across OOR categories
 - and the OOR community wants to endorse them

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