## Managing Terms in Terminology Management

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## **Overview**

- Terminology in companies
- Creating / selecting terms
- Enter terms
- Modeling termbases
  - General modeling principles
  - Documenting terms
- Checking terms

### **Motivation**

- Terminology is an important carrier of knowledge for domain-specific information in companies
- Within a company, but also between company and customers as well as between company and suppliers
- Many departments and sectors of a company create, disseminate, retrieve and apply terminology
- **BUT:** Terminology management is discussed controversially:
  - Costs + effort
  - Quality and efficiency
- Therefore: Costs and benefits of terminology management

### tekom survey

 Successful terminology management in companies *Practical tips and guidelines: Basic principles, implementation, cost-benefit analysis, system overview*

published in German 4/2010, about 300 pages, CD with data

will be soon available in English



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## **Online questionnaire**

- Online questionnaire end of 2009
- about 1,000 sent out, mostly to tekom members
- High response rate of 940 questionnaires (77% tekom)
- 34% managerial staff and CEOs
   64% employees
- 67% industrial enterprises
   15% software companies
   13% service providers (TD / translation / localization)
- (And: questionnaire for tools providers, questionnaire for benchmarking companies (25), 2 benchmarking workshops) K.-D. Schmitz, IIM, FH Köln

## Who is creating terminology?

Technical documentation	79.7%
Research / (software) development / engineering	79.7%
Marketing	63.5%
Product management/ Portfolio management	61.3%
Translation / Localization	40.4%
Distribution / Sales	39.3%
Customer service / After sales	30.7%
Training	28.4%
Management board	26.3%
Corporate communications / Public relation	24.4%
Quality assurance / Quality management	16.3%
Purchase / Procurement	12.3%
Montage / Assembly planning / Production	12.3%
Servicing / Maintenance	8.2%
IT service	6.7%

Multiple answers, average 5.04 different departments/sections Schmitz, IIM, FH Köln

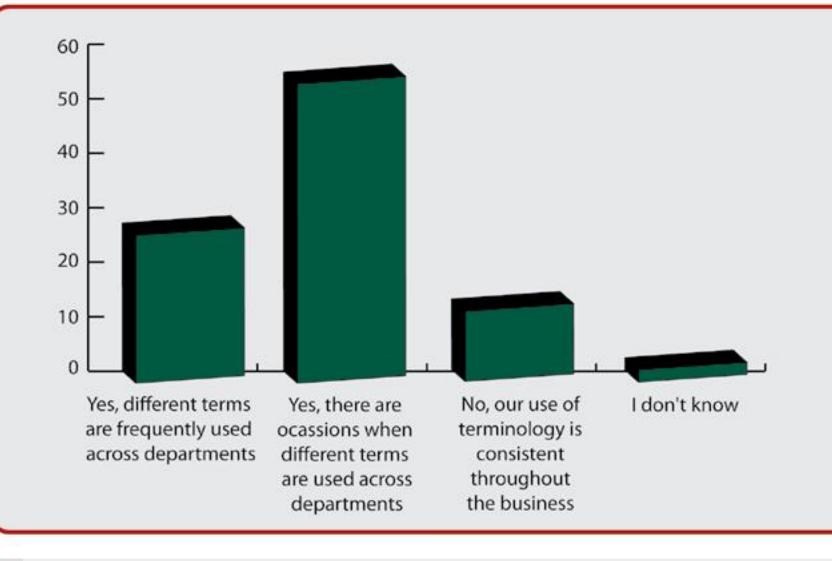
## **Consequences: Terminology problems**

- 84.2 % report, that always or very frequently various departments/sections use different terms for the same concept
- 70.7 % report, that always or very frequently differing terms for the same concept are used in various documents
- 47.1 % of the staff always or very frequently have problems in understanding technical terms on the spot
- 51.1 % of the staff always or very frequently have to ask for or retrieve the correct term for a given concept

#### **Inconsistency of terminology**

SDL Terminology Survey 2009

Have you ever noticed inconsistent uses of terms within different departments in your organization?



## **Further results of the survey**

#### Average number of termbase entries:

#### Related to years:

- less than 1 year: 3019 entries
- 1 2.5 years: 8678 entries
- 2.5 5 years: 6269 entries
- 5 10 years: 6843 entries
- Related to company type:
  - Software company: 7807 entries
  - Industrial company: 10186 entries

13933 entries

Service provider:

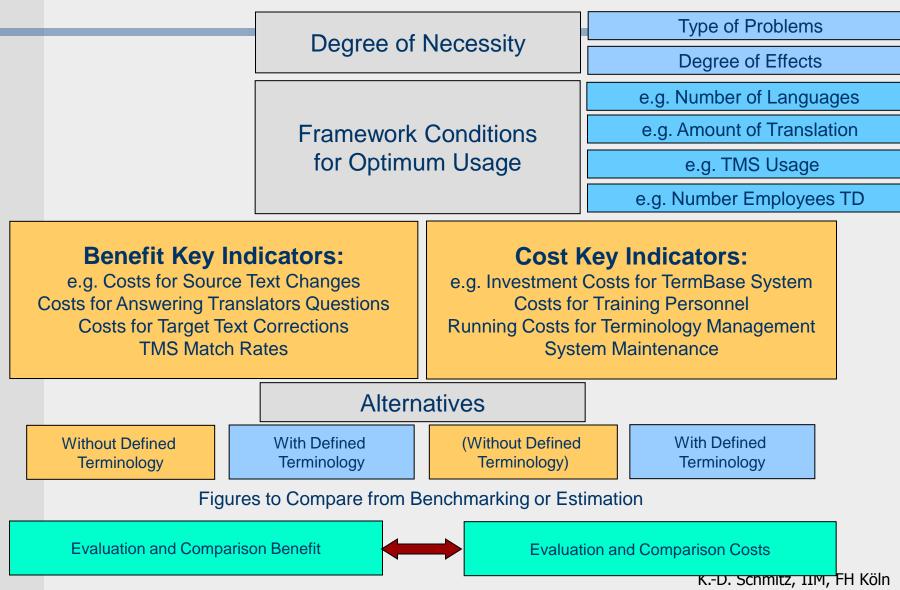
## **Further results of the survey**

Documentation of terminology	
Definitions	84.3%
Subject field information	78.2%
Status (preferred, admitted, deprecated, do not use etc.)	72.3%
Grammatical information (Gender, POS, Number etc.)	51.4%
Project, product, customer, department information	44.9%
Illustrations	34.8%

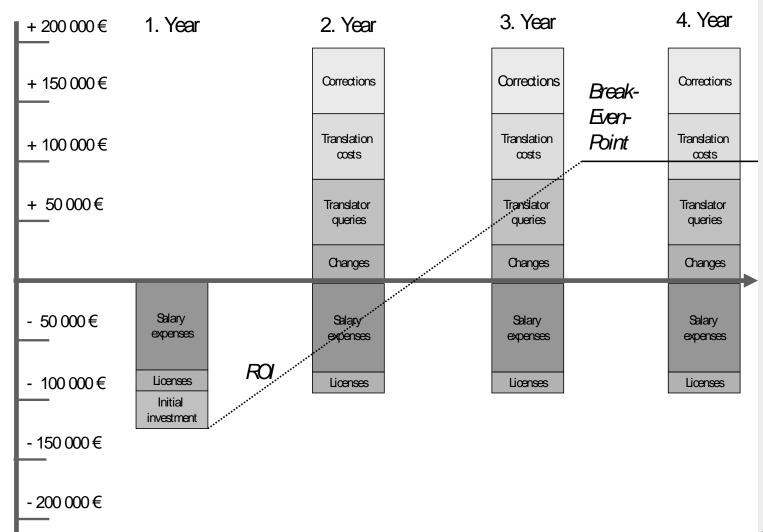
#### And:

Context, Example, Synonym, No-Term, Source, Explanation, References, Position numbers, short forms

## **Cost-benefit analysis**

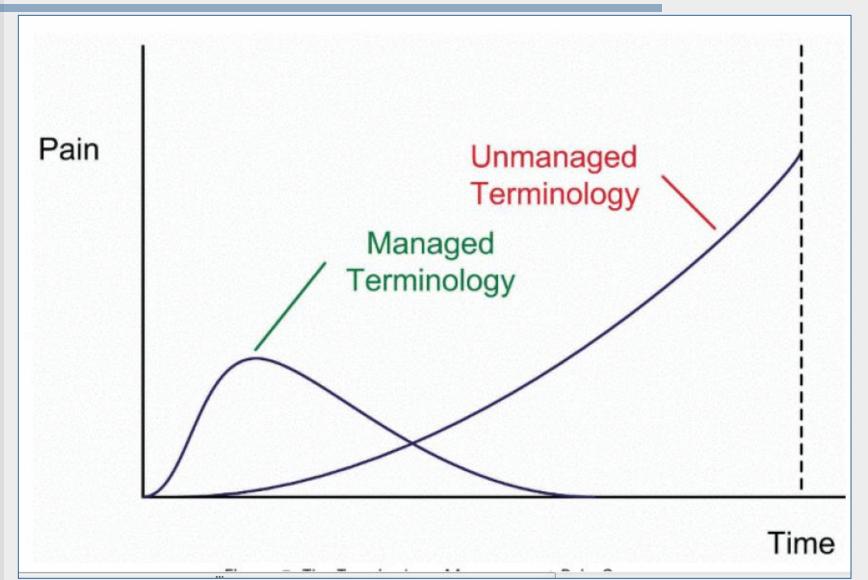


## **Cost-benefit analysis: sample**



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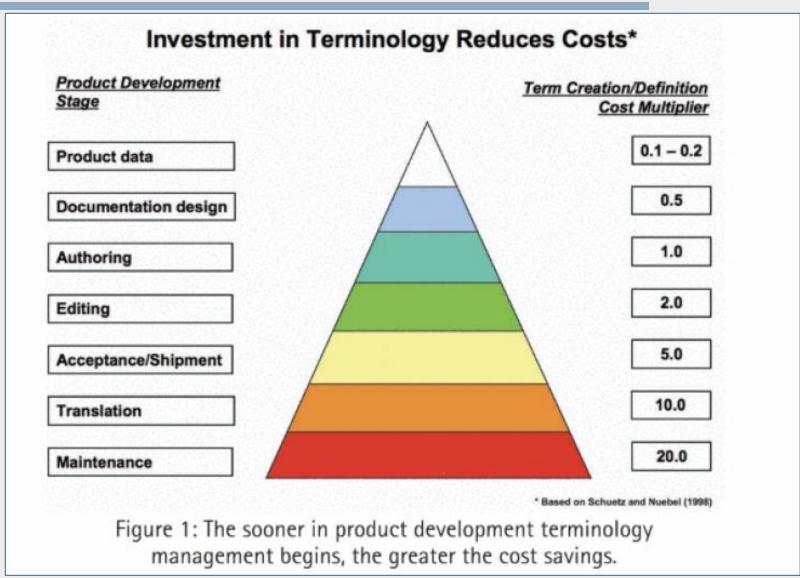
### Pain curve for terminology management



Source: Childress, Mark; Multilingual, April 200

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## **Terminology error propagation**



## **Creating and Selecting Terms**

- Criteria for the selection and creation/coining of terms:
  - transparency/motivation
  - consistency
  - appropriateness
  - linguistic economy
  - derivability
  - linguistic correctness
  - preference for native language



- The concept designated by the term can be inferred without a definition
- The meaning of the term is visible by:
  - morphological motivation

page setup, error message data network identification code\* network printing device setup\*

semantic motivation

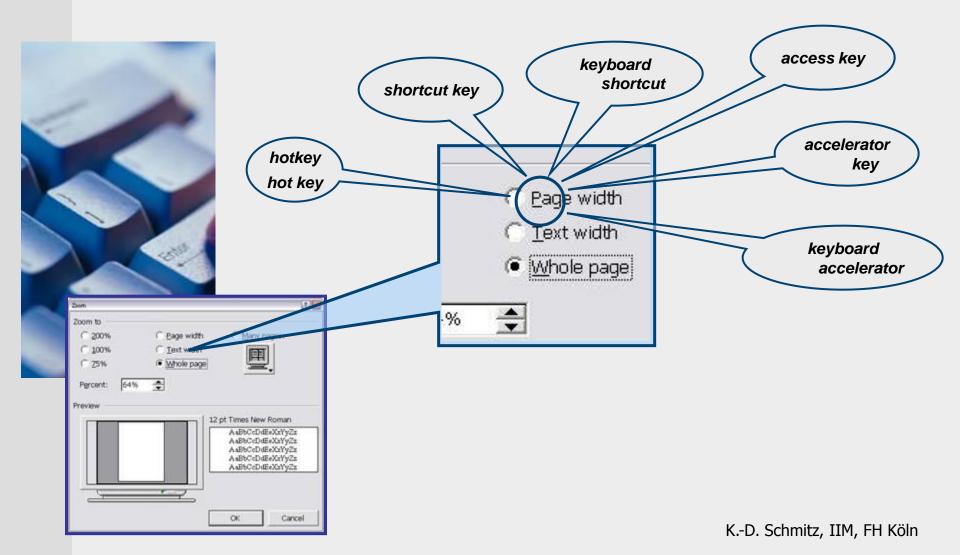
*worm, virus, infected file, vulnerability firewall\** 

### Consistency

Terminology must be defined accurately and used consistently at least within:

- one document
- one product
- one company or organization
- Only one term for each concept (avoid synonyms !)
- Only one concept for each term (avoid homonyms !)

### Consistency

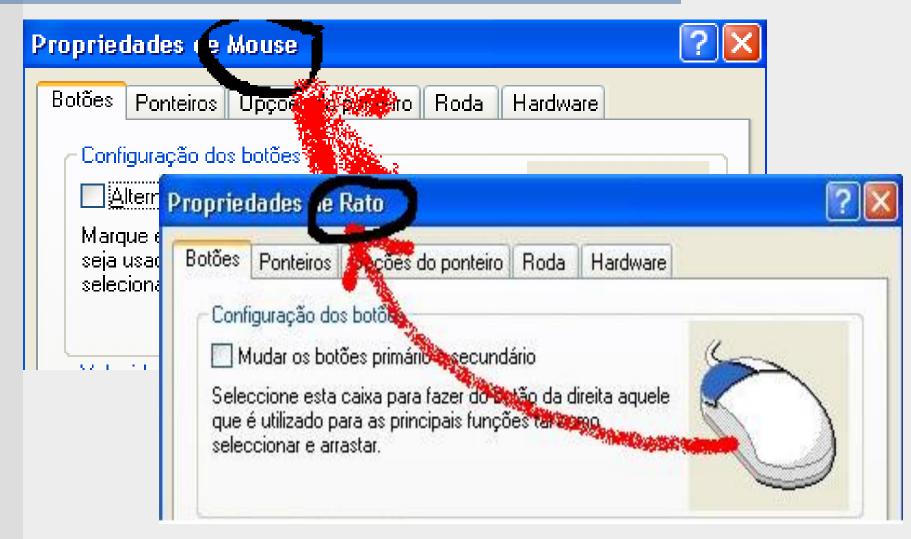


### **Appropriateness**

Appropriateness means that terms:

- have to be familiar to the user (localization!)
- don't cause confusion or insecurity
- have no negative connotations (neutral, politically correct)
- express installation (only components needed) network installation (all components)
- system error, severe error, fatal error, user error etc.
- master/slave, web designers' bible, knowledge nugget etc.

## **Appropriateness**



### **Other features**

### Linguistic economy

Ultrakurzwellenüberreichweitenfernsehrichtfunkverbindung

### Derivability

- medicinal plant vs. herb → herbal, herbalist, ...
- Bedeutungslehre → Semantik
- Linguistic correctness
  - aktualisieren vs. updaten, geupdated, upgedatet, ...
  - OpenSource, Cafe ToGo, fünfköpfiger Familienvater, ...

### Preference for native language

• Startseite vs. Homepage, Multifunktionsleiste vs. Ribbon K.-D. Schmitz, IIM, FH Köln

### **Enter terms in termbanks**

### Enter terms:

### in canonical form

Verbs in infinitive, nouns in nominative singular

### • in natural word order

e.g. "parallel interface" not "interface, parallel"

### in normal spelling

e.g. English nouns starting with lower case letter

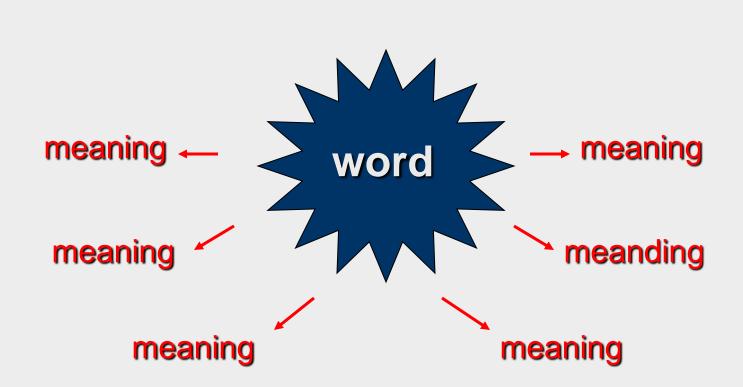
### only the term

e.g. "save" not "to save", "printer" not "printer, n"

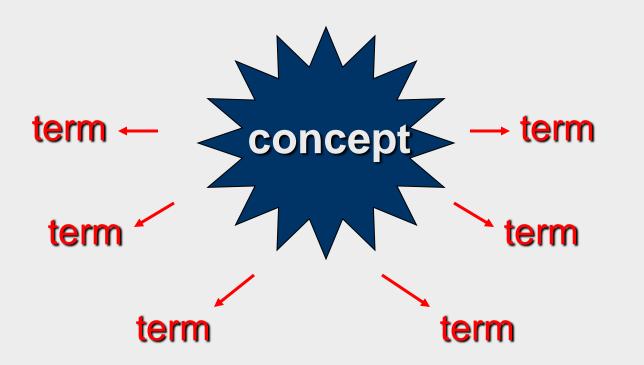
#### only one term

e.g. not "computer aided design (CAD)"

## Lexicographical view / model / entry

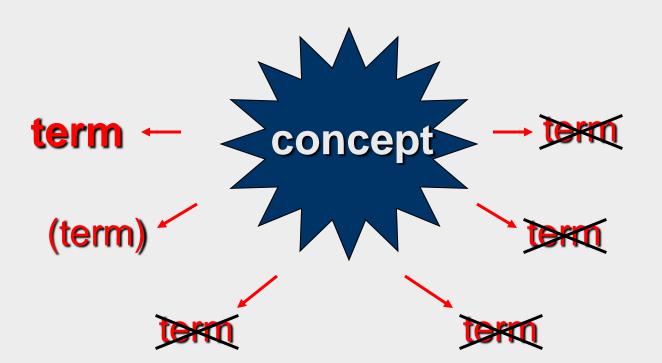


## **Terminological view / model / entry**



#### descriptive terminology management

## **Terminological view / model / entry**



#### prescriptive terminology management

## Lexicographical entry

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Community portal	Etymology	
<ul> <li>Wiktionary preferences</li> </ul>	From Old French riban (French: ruban)	
<ul> <li>Requested entries</li> <li>Recent changes</li> </ul>	Noun	
Random entry	ribbon (plural ribbons)	
<ul> <li>Random entry by language</li> </ul>	1. A long, narrow strip of material used for decoration of clothing or the hair or gift wrapping.	
<ul> <li>Discussion rooms</li> </ul>	2. An inked ribbon against which type is pressed to print letters in a typewriter or printer.	
= Help	<ol><li>(computing, graphical user interface) A toolbar that incorporates tabs and menus.</li></ol>	
<ul> <li>Donations</li> <li>Contact us</li> </ul>	Translations	
toolbox	long, narrow strip of material	
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in other projects	to ribbon (third-person singular simple present ribbons, present participle ribboning, simple past and past participle ribboned)	
<ul> <li>Wikipedia</li> </ul>	1. to decorate with ribbon	
in other languages	Synonyms	Köln
= Eesti	= beribbon	

## **Terminological entry**



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#### Ribbon (disambiguation)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

#### Ribbon may refer to;

- Ribbon (award), a term for an award.
- Ribbon (computing), user interface concept.
- Ribbon (group), a Japanese J-pop group which consist of Hiromi Nagasaku, Arimi Matsuno and Aiko Satoh.
- Ribbon bar, small devices worn by military, police, fire Service personnel or by civilians.
- Ribbon cable, a cable with many conducting wires running parallel to each other on the same flat plane.
- Ribon, a monthly Japanese shōjo manga magazine.
- Ribbon, typewriter an inked band of fabric used for typewriters, receipt printers and dot-matrix printers
- Awareness ribbon a ribbon worn to signify sympathy for, and raise awareness of, a cause espoused by the wearer



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#### Ribbon (computing)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In GUI-based application software, a ribbon is a interface where a set of toolbars are placed on tabs in a tab bar. Recent releases of some Microsoft applications have embraced this form with an intricate modular ribbon as their main interface. The Free Encyclopedia

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Microsoft originally implemented ribbons as part of its "Fluent User Interface" in Office 2007. <sup>[1]</sup> The ribbon is formed as a panel that houses the command buttons and icons, organizes commands as a set of <i>tabs</i> , each grouping relevant commands. Each application has a different set of tabs which expose the functionality that application offers. For example, while Excel has a tab for the graphing capabilities, Powerpoint does not, instead	8
providing tabs for controlling animation and configuring slide shows. Within each tab, various related options may be grouped together. The <i>Ribbon</i> is designed to make the features of the application more discoverable and accessible with fewer mouse clicks <sup>[2][dead link]</sup> as compared to the menu-based UI used prior to Office 2007. Moving the mouse scroll wheel while on any of the tabs on the ribbon cycles through the tabs. The Ribbon can be minimized by double clicking the active section's title, such as the Home text in the picture below. (notice the lack of File/Edit menu.) <sup>[3]</sup> The	Past
ribbon consolidates the functionality previously found in menus, toolbars and many task panes into one area to increase speed, if you know where commands are. <sup>[4]</sup> .	< .



The ribbon UI has also begun to be implemented in other Microsoft software, some applications in Windows 7 such as Paint and WordPad now utilize a ribbon-based UI.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### Design guidelines

According to Microsoft their Office 2007 ribbon design guidelines are confidential and an evaluation copy is available when a non-disclosure agreement has been signed.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

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## **Basic modeling principles**

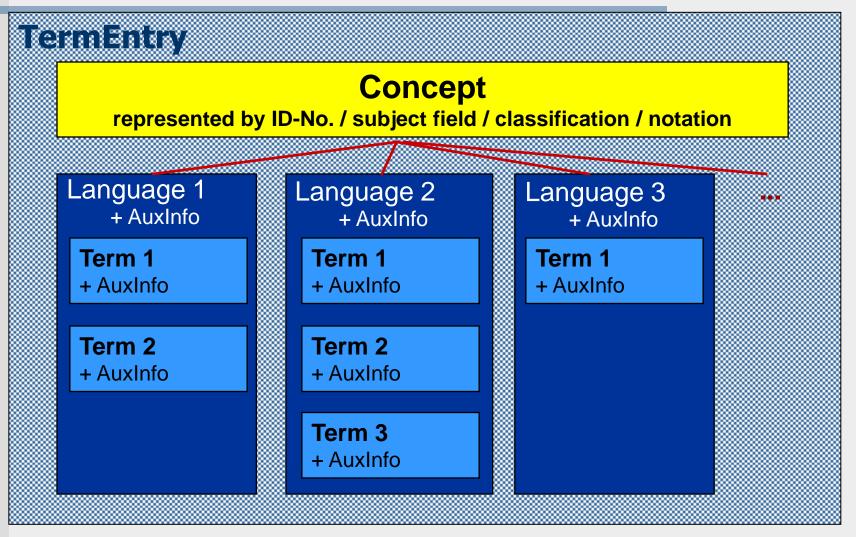
#### Concept Orientation

All terminological information belonging to oncept including all terms in all languages and all term-related and administrative data must be stored in one terminological entry

#### Term Autonomy

All terms belonging to one concept should be managed (in one terminological entry) as autonomous (repeatable) blocks of data categories without any preference for a specific term Also deprecated terms (no-terms) should follow term autonomy (marked with <do not use>)

## **Concept orientation & term autonomy**

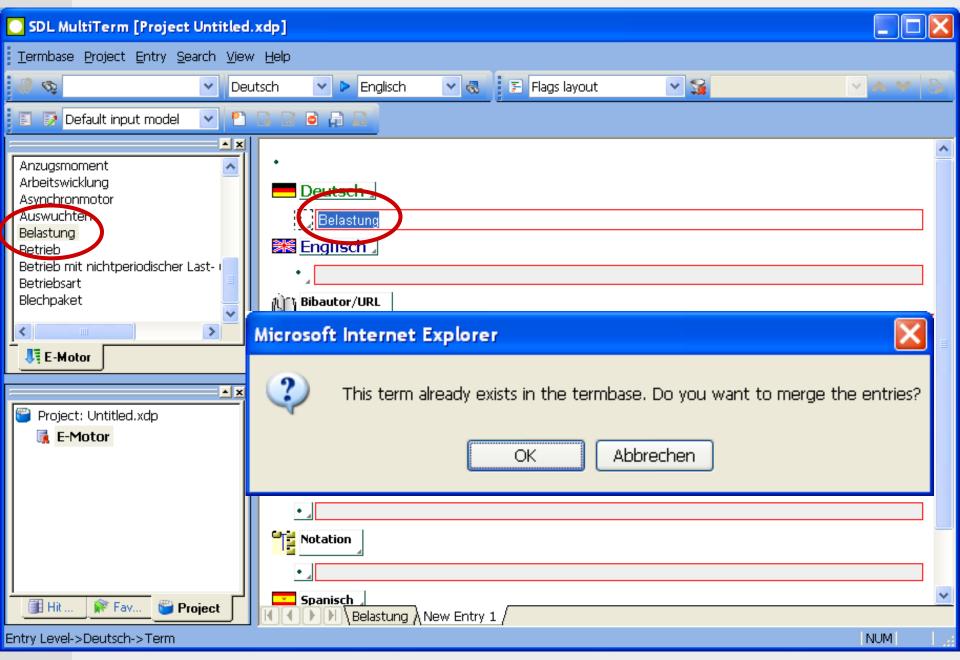


LREC 2002, May 2002

## **Concept orientation & term autonomy**

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## **Term autonomy with documentation**

Entry number: 41 Subject: Protocols

#### English

Definition: particular software implementation of a computer networking protocol suite D-Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protocol\_stack

#### protocol stack

Part of Speech: noun

Grammatical Number: singular

Status: preferred

Usage Register: technical

Context: Another standard architectural model that is often used to describe a network protocol stack is the OSI reference model. This model consists of a seven layer protocol stack.

C-Source: http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/iaabu/centri4/user/scf4ap1.htm

#### stack

Part of Speech: noun Status: admitted Usage Register: colloquial

#### stack of interconnected protocols

Part of Speech: noun Status: admitted

#### German

Definition: konzeptionelle Architektur von mehreren Protokollschichten, die direkt aufeinander aufbauen D-Source: http://www.esk.fraunhofer.de/projekte/automotive/TIP.jsp

#### Protokollstapel

Part of Speech: noun Grammatical Gender: masculine

Context: TCP/IP ist der Protokolstapel, der für die Datenübertragung im Internet hauptsächlich verantworlich ist und allgemeine Tätigkeiten im Bereich Routing übernimmt (Routing = Vermittlung anhand von IP-Addressen.

C-Source: http://www.winfuture-forum.de/lofiversion/index.php?t8155.html

## **Checking Terms in Texts**

<ul> <li>2 rack-mount brackets and mounting screws</li> <li>1 power-supply blanking panel</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>1 expansion card blanking panel</li> </ul>	Term: 'user documentation'	
<ul> <li>1 console-cable kit, which includes a DB-9 M/F serial cable</li> </ul>	Status: deprecated	
<ul> <li>1 or 2 6-foot (1.8-meter) AC power cables</li> </ul>	Term Set: Switches	
<ul> <li>1 CD-ROM containing software (recently ported to Windows) and user docum</li> </ul>	Domains: Switches	
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<ol> <li>Check that the rack environment provides sufficient ventilation. The opera</li> </ol>		
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#### Source: Acrolinx IQ Suite

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- Dazu das Vierwegeventil schließen, ...
- Dazu den 4-Wege-Hahn schließen, ...
- Dazu das 4-Wege-Ventil schließen, ...
- Dazu das 4-Wegeventil schließen, ...

#### Example: acrolinx

- Das Heizungselement muss vor dem Einbau gereinigt werden.
- Das Heizungelement muss vor dem Einbau gereinigt werden.
- Das Heizungs-Element muss vor dem Einbau gereinigt werden.
- Das Heizelement muss vor dem Einbau gereinigt werden.
- Das Heiz-Element muss vor dem Einbau gereinigt werden.
- Der Top-Hifi Verstärker ist ein Verstärker mit Frequenzweichen.
- Der Hifi-Verstärker ist ein Verstärker mit Frequenzweichen.
- Der Top-Hifi-Verstärker ist ein Verstärker mit Frequenzweichen.
- Der Hifi/Top-Hifi Verstärker ist ein Verstärker mit Frequenzweichen.
- Der Top-Hifiverstärker ist ein Verstärke mit Frequenzweiche Rlaus-Dirk Schmitz

### **Summary**

- Only excellent managed terminology can guarantee a high quality information and communication:
  - ⇒ follow guidelines for term creation and term selection
    - ⇒ enter and document terms in an appropriate way
    - ⇒ model your termbank with concept orientation and term autonomy, and include appropriate data categories for documenting terms



# Thank you for your attention

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