A Few Examples of Next-Generation Thinking on Subject Access and Terminologies Services
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Readings

RLG Programs/OCLC Terminologies Strawman document <http://www.oclc.org/programs/events/2007-09-12a.pdf>. Outlines potential use cases for terminology services at the “network level.”

UK High-Level Thesaurus (HILT) project, <http://hilt.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/hilt4/documents.html>. Project to develop technical infrastructure for sharing and remote searching of controlled vocabularies, upon which advanced systems could be built.


*Spero, Simon (1/20/2008).* LCSH is to Thesaurus as Doorbell is to Mammal. *Fred 2.0* blog post. <http://www.ibiblio.org/fred2.0/wordpress/?p=20>. Demonstrates weaknesses in the syndetic structure of LCSH by applying formal logic modeling to BT and NT references.

Implementations

Charles W. Cushman Photograph Collection, Indiana University Digital Library Program, <http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/collections/cushman/>. Searches and Browsers on subject terms from the Library of Congress Thesaurus for Graphical Materials I: Subject Terms are automatically expanded to include narrower terms in the results set. Search and browse suggestions from Broader Terms and Narrower terms are provided to users as well.

North Carolina State University library catalog, <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/>. Endeca-based system that offers narrowing of search results by various facets, some of which are generated from LCSH headings in bibliographic records.

University of Chicago library catalog, <http://uchicago.medialab.nl/>. Aquabrowser-based system that offers refining of search results by various facets, some of which are generated from LCSH headings in bibliographic records.