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# The FAO Multilingual Thesaurus (AGROVOC) and the Chinese Agricultural Thesaurus (CAT) Mapping Project

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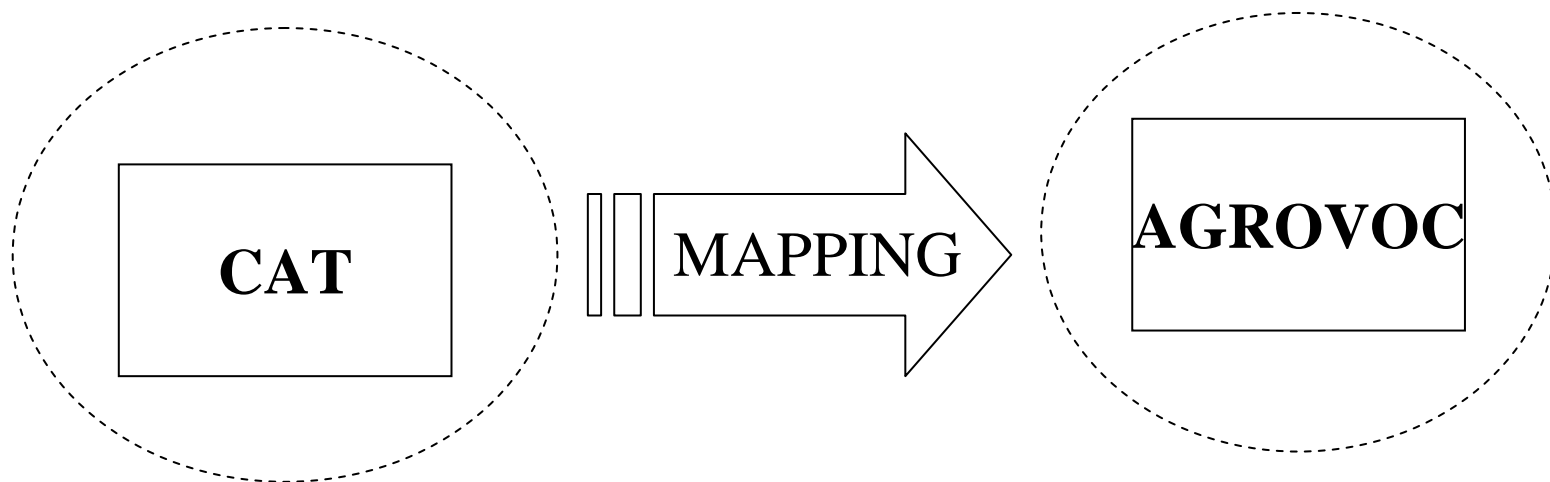


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# Objective

**To map two multilingual agricultural terminologies**

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# Benefits

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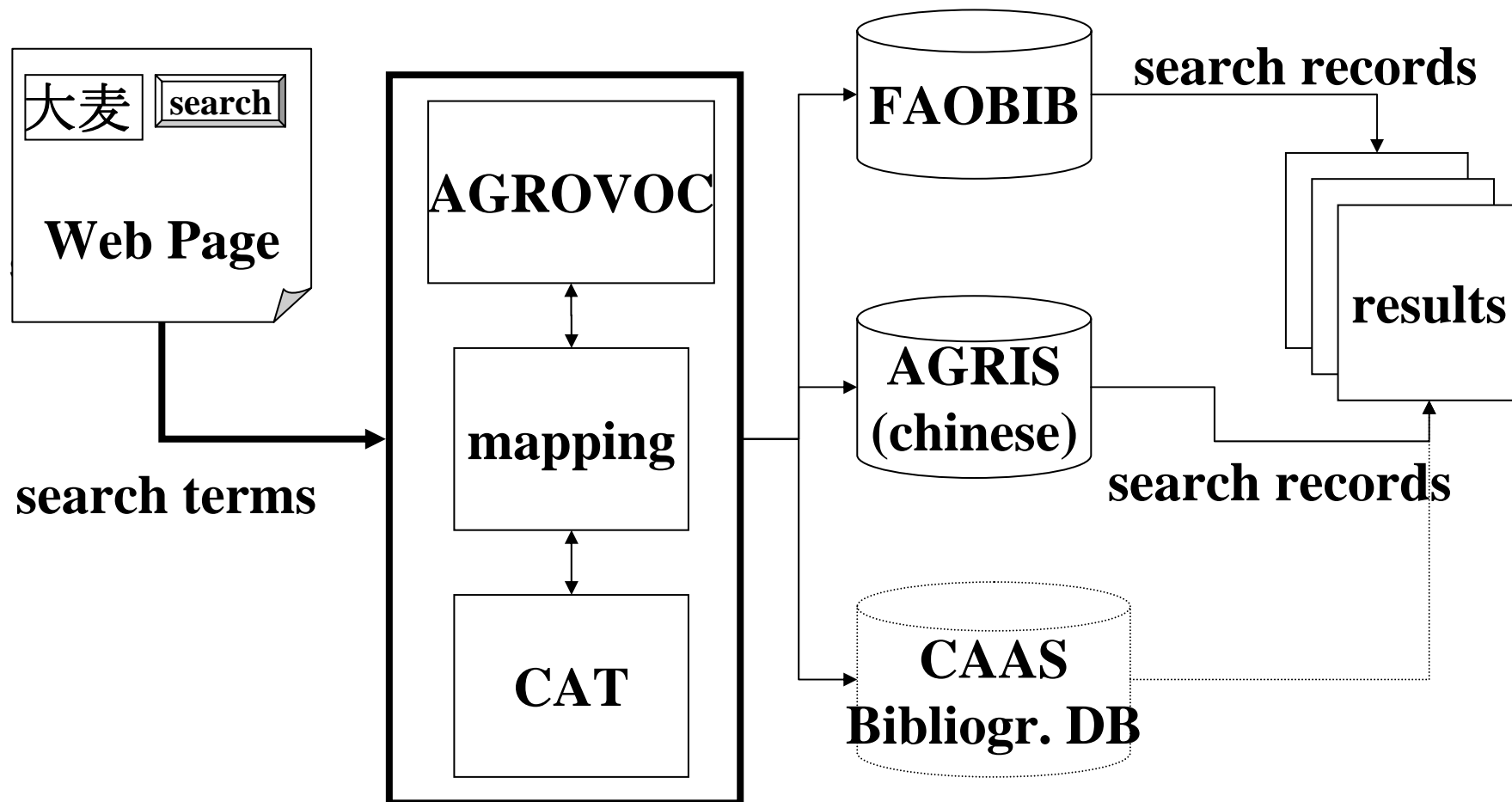
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- **Multilinguality:** Enrich Chinese-English vocabulary in the agricultural domain
- **Domain coverage:** Expand and deepen coverage of the agricultural domain
- **Interoperability:** Extend access to one vocabulary system via another.



# Application: Terminology Brokering

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# AGROVOC and CAT

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## •AGROVOC:

- 27736** English terms: 16769 descriptors, 10967 non descriptors
- 25060** Chinese terms: 16628 descriptors, 8432 non descriptors
- 1240** top terms
- organized in **130** categories (AGRIS/CARIS)
- includes biological taxonomy and geographical names

## •CAT:

- 64638** Chinese terms: 51614 descriptors, 13024 non-descriptors
- 51400** descriptors has at least one translation
- 2332** top terms
- organized in **40** categories (e.g. crops, etc.)
- includes biological taxonomy and geographical names



# Definitions (1/2)

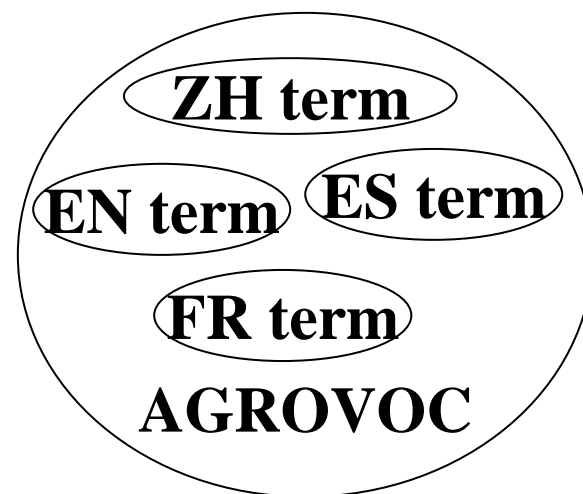
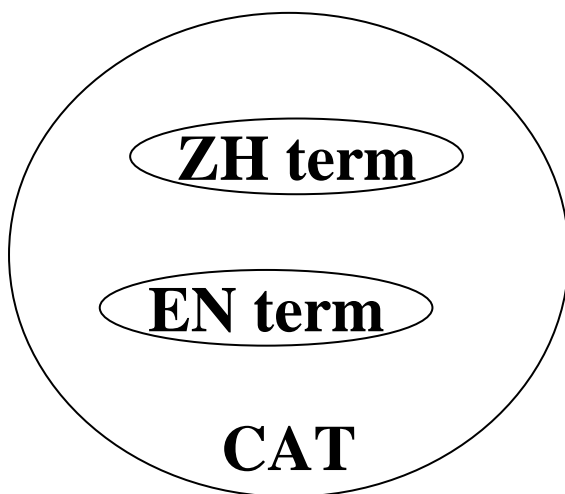
- The **source** vocabulary is CAT.  
The **target** vocabulary is AGROVOC.
- A **term** is a lexical representation of a concept.
- An **entry** in CAT consists of the Chinese term and any English translation(s) along with its relations to other entries.  
An **entry** in AGROVOC consists of at least one English or Chinese term along with their translations as well as its relations to other entries.
- **Mapping** means linking an entry in the source vocabulary to an entry in the target vocabulary.



# Definitions (2/2)

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**CAT\_ID = 123**  
(CAT termcode)



**AGROVOC\_ID = 345**  
(AGROVOC termcode)





# Mapping relationships

- Exact match
  - SKOS: exactMatch
  - OWL: equivalentTo, sameAs
- Broader/Narrower match
  - SKOS: broadMatch, narrowMatch
  - OWL: subClassOf
- OR, AND, NOT operators
  - SKOS: OR, AND, NOT
  - OWL unionOf, intersectionOf, complementOf
- Partial equivalences
  - SKOS: minorMatch, majorMatch



# Pre-processing: Automatic identification of candidate exact matches

## Candidate exact matches

1. **Automatic** processing for matching terms in CAT and AGROVOC for both Chinese and English terms: **exact** match.
2. **Semi-automatic** processing to identify where either only the English or the Chinese terms match: **candidate exact** match + manual review for synonyms in the non-matching language.



# Pre-processing: Automatic identification of candidate exact matches

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	Num.	Taxon.	Geogr.	Total	Action
Match English only (NB: Chinese may or may not match)	4013	2619	192	6826	<b>Min 8000 Exact match</b>
Match Chinese only (NB: English may or may not match)	5767	1952	331	8050	
Match English and Chinese	2470	1547	143	4160	<b>Exact match</b>
Match English but different Chinese	624	546	15	1187	<b>Match not ensured</b>
Match Chinese but different English	3297	405	188	3890	<b>Tentative exact match</b>



# Other preparatory steps

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Convert thesauri to RDF-based format (OWL, SKOS)

– USE/UF relations

- AGROVOC → `rdfs:subClassOf` or `rdfs:synonym`
- CAT → `rdfs:synonym`

– BT/NT

- AGROVOC and CAT → `rdfs:subClassOf`

– RT

- AGROVOC → `owl:RTag`
- CAT → `owl:RTca`

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# Work Procedure (1/3)

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- Split CAT into rough **domains** based on top terms (split in several files) extract corresponding sub-trees
- Start from automatically identified exact and candidate exact matches and proceed to those to be manually processed



# Work Procedure (2/3)

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- For manually processed mappings,
  - these should ideally be between conceptually identical entities, where CAT:ZH ~ AG:ZH are synonymous terms, *and* CAT:EN ~ AG:EN are synonymous terms.
  - otherwise, CAT:ZH and AG:EN are the languages in each of the respective thesauri determine the mappings.



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# Work Procedure (3/3): Fix inconsistencies

- In agrovoc:
  - Oryza (Chinese translation ‘稻属’)
  - NT Oryza sativa (Chinese translation ‘稻’)
  - RT Rice (Chinese translation ‘稻米’)
- In CAT
  - 稻 (English translation ‘Oryza sativa’)
  - NT 水稻 (English translation ‘Rice’)



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# Tools (1/3)

- **Custom solution (Excel sheet / RDBMS)**
  - 😊 easy to design template;
  - ☹️ needs scripts to redefine the mapping in useable format;
  - ☹️ requires separate access to vocabularies;
  - ☹️ slow process and cumbersome;

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# Custom (manual) solution: Excel

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	B	C	D	E	F	J	K	L	M
1	<b>CAT-ID</b>	<b>CAT-ZH</b>	<b>CAT-EN</b>	<b>Relation</b>	<b>C-preferential</b>	<b>AG-ID</b>	<b>AG-EN</b>	<b>AG-ID</b>	<b>AG-EN</b>
2	17150	禾谷类作物		Exact	Descriptor	25512	Cereal crops		
3	15578	谷类作物	Insect pests of	Exact	Non-Descriptor	25512	Cereal crops		
4	3968	穆子	Eleusine coracana	Exact	Descriptor	2532	Eleusine coracana		
5	28433	龙爪稷	Sophora japonica	Exact	Non-Descriptor	10579	Eleusine abyssinica		
6	28437	龙爪粟	Dactyloctenium	Exact	Non-Descriptor	2532	Eleusine coracana		
7	51516	鸭脚粟	Opisthorchis a	Exact	Non-Descriptor	2532	Eleusine coracana		
8	12199	非洲稷	Genlisea africa	Exact	Non-Descriptor	2532	Eleusine coracana		
9	7537	大麦		Exact-OR	Descriptor	3662	Hordeum vulgare	823	Barley
10	11100	二行大麦	Two-row barley	NT1	Descriptor	3662	Hordeum vulgare		
11	11160	二棱大麦	Two-shear shee	NT1	Non-Descriptor	3662	Hordeum vulgare		



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# Tools (2/3)

- **Protégé / Prompt**

- 😊 creates an owl mapping file;
- 😊 automatic suggestions;
- ☹️ performance;
- ☹️ needs modifications;

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The screenshot shows the Protégé ontology editor interface. At the top, there are tabs for OWLClasses, Properties, Forms, Individuals, Metadata, and Prompt. Below these are tabs for Suggestions, Conflicts, and New operations. The main area is divided into three panes: Source classes, Source slots, and Source instances. The Source classes pane shows a list of classes under the AGROVOC project, including owl:Thing and various instance IDs (e.g., c\_10579, c\_14445, etc.). The Source slots pane shows a list of classes under the CAT project, including rdfs:Literal, rdfs:Container, rdfs:Statement, owl:DataRange, and various instance IDs (e.g., c\_11100, c\_11160, etc.). The Source instances pane shows a list of classes under the current project, including owl:Thing, rdfs:Class, rdfs:Property, rdfs:Datatype, :DIRECTED-BINARY-RELATION, owl:Nothing, rdf:List, owl:AllDifferent, rdfs:Literal, rdfs:Container, rdfs:Statement, owl:DataRange, and various instance IDs (e.g., c\_11100, c\_11160, etc.). At the bottom, there is a 'merge classes' section with dropdown menus for AGROVOC and CAT, and a 'Do It' button.

# Protégé

The screenshot shows the 'MANAGING MULTIPLE ONTOLOGIES' dialog box in Protégé. It contains the following options:

- Compare your current ontology to a different version of the same ontology.
- Move frames between your current including project and one of the included projects
- Merge two ontologies and add the resulting merged ontology to your current project.
- Extract a portion of another ontology and add it to your current project.

Below the options, there are three sections for selecting sources and mapping projects:

- Choose the first source: file:/C:/\_sini/gilwa/222P7/CAAS/methodOWL/AGROVOC.pprj. Alias: AGROVOC.  preferred
- Choose the second source: file:/C:/\_sini/gilwa/222P7/CAAS/methodOWL/CAT.pprj. Alias: CAT.  preferred
- Choose the mapping project (optional, must have been gen...): Alias:  preferred

At the bottom, there are checkboxes for  Compare sources and  Case-sensitive comparison.



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# Tools (3/3)

- **VINE** (Vocabulary Integration Environment)
  - 😊 creates an owl mapping file;
  - 😊 seems easy to make mapping (based on initial tests with small files);
  - 😞 user-defined relationships have to be re-keyed;
  - 😞 performance for large files reported to be poor;
  - 😞 problems reported in Windows environment, okay with Apple;
  - 😞 needs modifications;

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# VINE

VINE - Vocabulary Integration Environment

File Help

^vinemapping\_output.owl x

Vocabularies selection

all none AGROVOCv.owl CATv.owl

Search

10579

Searched results / mappings / properties

[http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c\\_10579](http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c_10579) (2)

- [http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c\\_10579](http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c_10579)
  - sameAs:owl
    - http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c\_10579
    - http://www.fao.org/aos/CATv.owl#c\_28433
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    - http://www.fao.org/aos/CATv.owl#c\_28433
- [http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c\\_10579](http://www.fao.org/aos/AGROVOCv.owl#c_10579)
  - label:rdfs
    - Eleusine abyssinica
    - 龙爪稷
  - label:rdfs
    - Eleusine abyssinica
    - 龙爪稷
  - type:rdf
    - Class:owl

Total checked resources:0

Vocabularies selection

all none AGROVOCv.owl CATv.owl

Search

28433

Searched results / mappings / properties

[http://www.fao.org/aos/CATv.owl#c\\_28433](http://www.fao.org/aos/CATv.owl#c_28433) (2)

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  - comment:rdfs
    - ag: 10579
  - label:rdfs
    - Sophora japonica var. pendula
    - 龙爪稷
  - label:rdfs
    - Sophora japonica var. pendula
    - 龙爪稷
  - type:rdf
    - Class:owl

Total checked resources:0

Map Mapping Results



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# Using Protégé (1/2)

- Set up Protégé with Prompt plug-in. Set journaling ON.
- Load headers file.
- Load CAT.pprj and AGROVOC.pprj. Set X as the preferred ontology.
- Don't do multiple copy/merge operations at once.



# Using Protégé (2/2)

- Mappings will occur as follows in the resulting mapping ontology:
  - Mapping to single concepts in the target vocabulary
    - narrow match: `subClassOf`
    - broad match: `super class`
  - Mapping to multiple concepts requires the formulation of restrictions (anonymous classes)
    - $CAT:A \rightarrow AG:B \text{ AND } AG:C: A \text{ subClassOf } (B \cap C)$
    - $CAT:A \rightarrow AG:B \text{ OR } AG:C: A \text{ subClassOf } (B \cup C)$
    - $CAT:A \rightarrow AG:B \text{ AND NOT } AG:C: A \text{ subClassOf } (B \cap \sim C)$



# Example Mapping

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CAT-ID	CAT-ZH	CAT-EN	Map	AG-ID	AG-EN	AG-ID	AG-EN
30854	糜子	Senta flammea	Exact	9748	Cheena		
21596	稷	Cneoranidea signatipes	Exact	9453	Broom corn (millet)		
50008	小麦× 黑麦	Mayetiola destructor	Exact -OR	24260	Triticale (gramineae)	7949	Triticales (product)
49901	小麦		Exact -OR	7950	Triticum	8373	Wheats





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# Implications

- Training needed  
(Infrastructure set-up, methodology, etc.)
- Sources affected
- Quality can be monitored via queries
- Versioning:
  - Work should be done using the latest version of AGROVOC.
  - The mapping will be assigned a version.



# Conclusion

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- Valid idea and lots of benefits
- Finalization of the procedures
- Identify best tool to use

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