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# **Knowledge Organization with Wikipedia – Joining the Free Encyclopaedia and Digital Libraries**

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# [[Outline]]

- \* Wikipedia
- \* Wikipedia's Category system
- \* Mapping
- \* Indexing with Wikipedia articles
- \* Summary
- \* Learn from Wikipedia

# [[What Wikipedia is]]

- \* Collaborative edited
- \* Free Content
- \* Encyclopaedias
- \* ~5 million articles, >50.000 editors
- \* 230 languages (~50 with > 10.000)
- \* Non-commercial, no ads
- \* TOP 16 website by access

# [[How Wikipedia is created]]

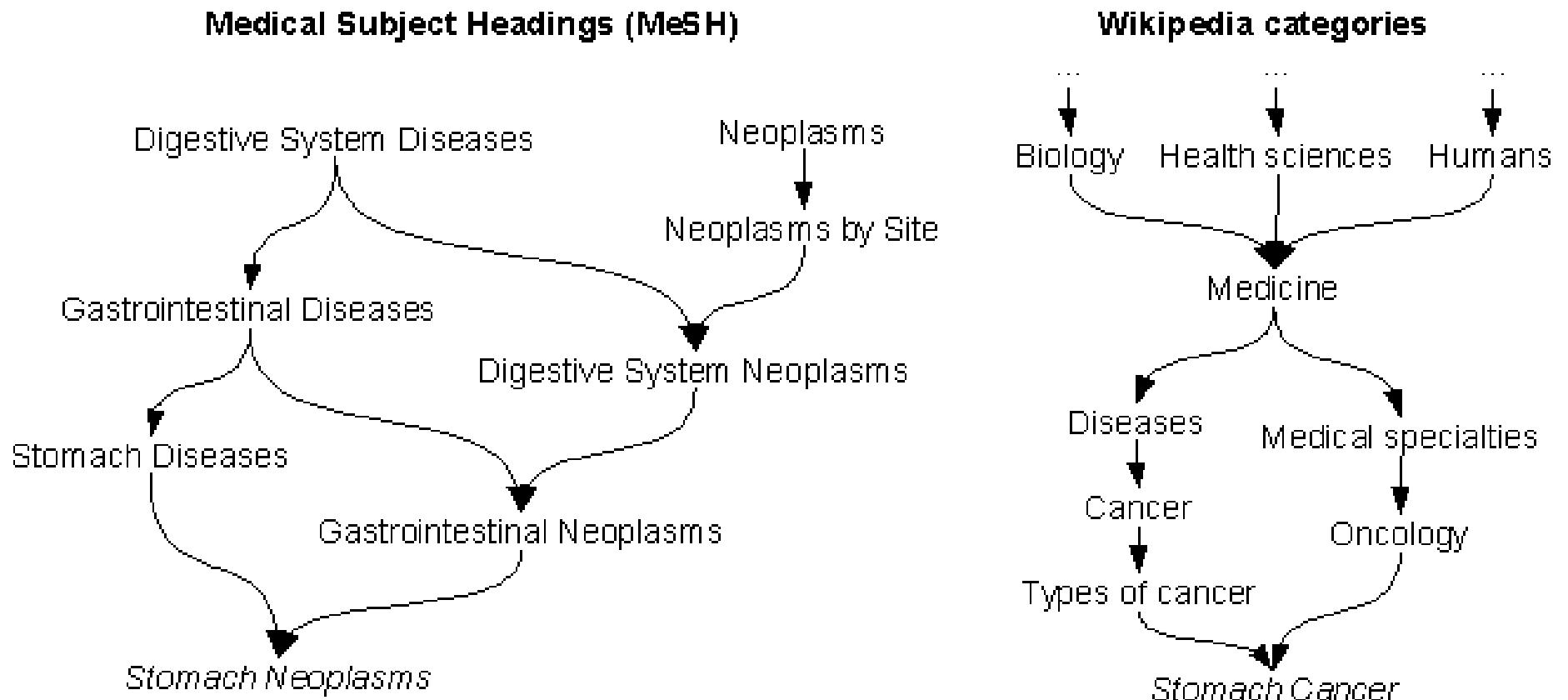
- 1) Find something to improve
- 2) Do it right
- 3) Let other people improve it

# [[Wikipedia categories]]

- \* Tagging by linking
  - [ [Categorie:Information Science] ]
  - [ [Category:Belgian Inventor] ]
  - ...
- \* Open for all
- \* Blind tagging
- \* No aggregation (set-model)
- \* Multi-hierarchical relations
- \* High connectivity

Example: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Otlet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Otlet)

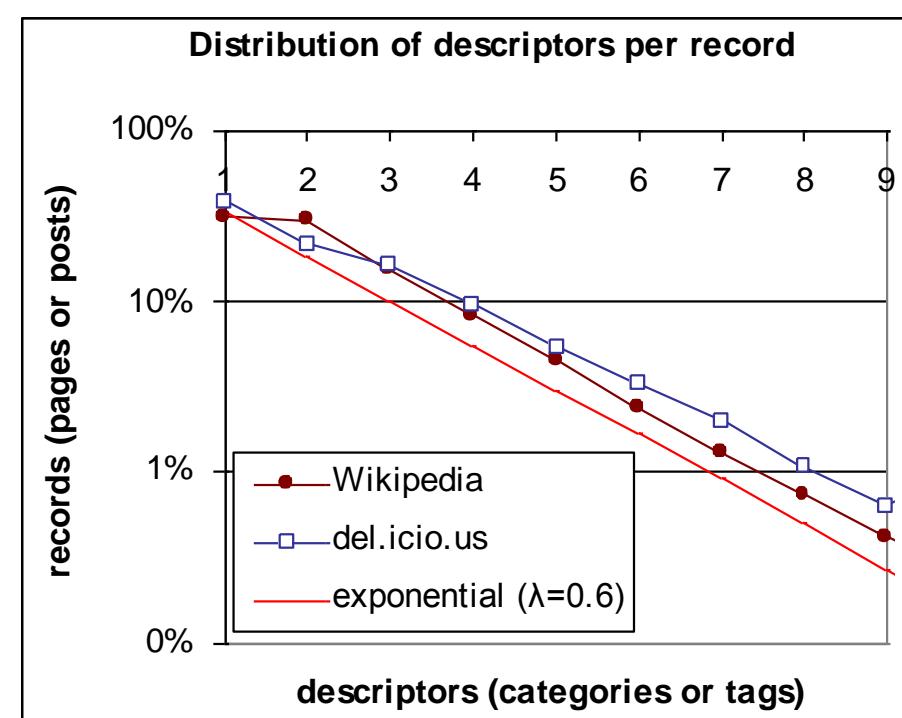
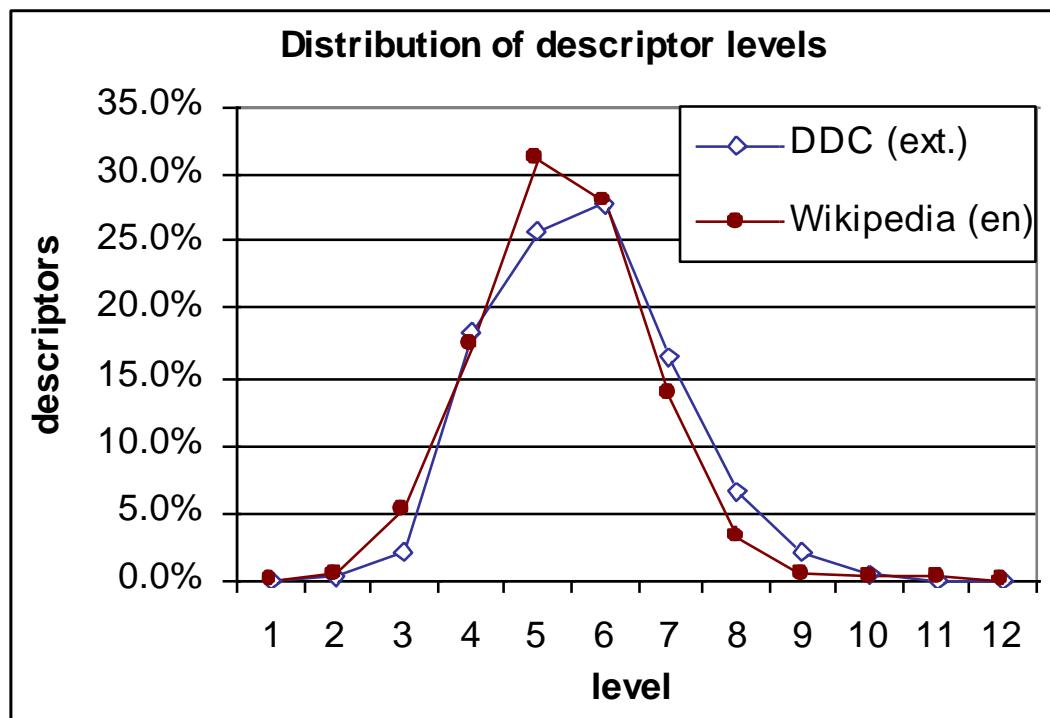
# [[Wikipedia categories]]



# [[Category system as KOS]]

Collaboratively edited, general thesaurus

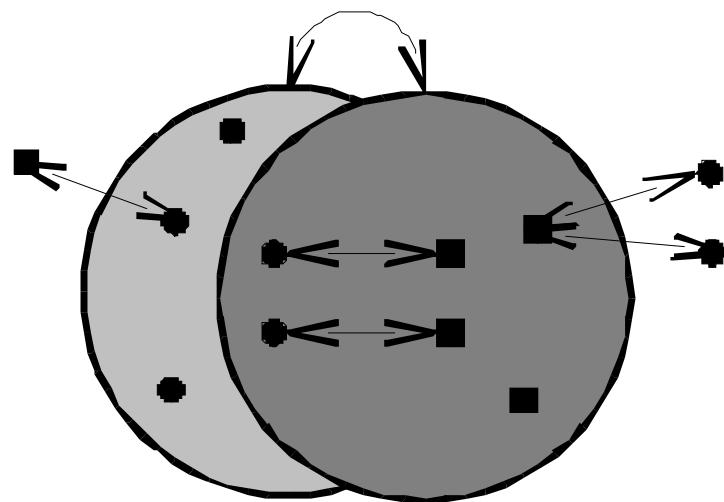
(en, Jan 2006: 91,502 categories, 923,196 articles)



Voss (2006): Collaborative thesaurus tagging the Wikipedia way  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/cs.IR/0604036>

# [[Mapping categories]]

- \* Articles linked via interlanguage links  
[ [en:Paul\_Otlet] ], [ [en:Paul\_Otlet] ]...
- \* Categories linked via interlanguage links



- \* Inter-Wiki mapping with cooccurrences

[http://tools.wikimedia.de/~voj/cgi-bin/cocat?wikilang=en&wikifam=.wikipedia.org&cat=Information\\_science](http://tools.wikimedia.de/~voj/cgi-bin/cocat?wikilang=en&wikifam=.wikipedia.org&cat=Information_science)

# [[Mapping categories and KOS]]

- \* Manually add links to other KOS
- \* [[Kategorie:Informetrie]] <->  
JITA class **BB** *bibliometric methods*  
<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kategorie:Informetrie>
- \* Not very visible
- \* Difficult to judge

# [[Mapping articles and KOS]]

- \* Links to authority file PND  
(German National Library)

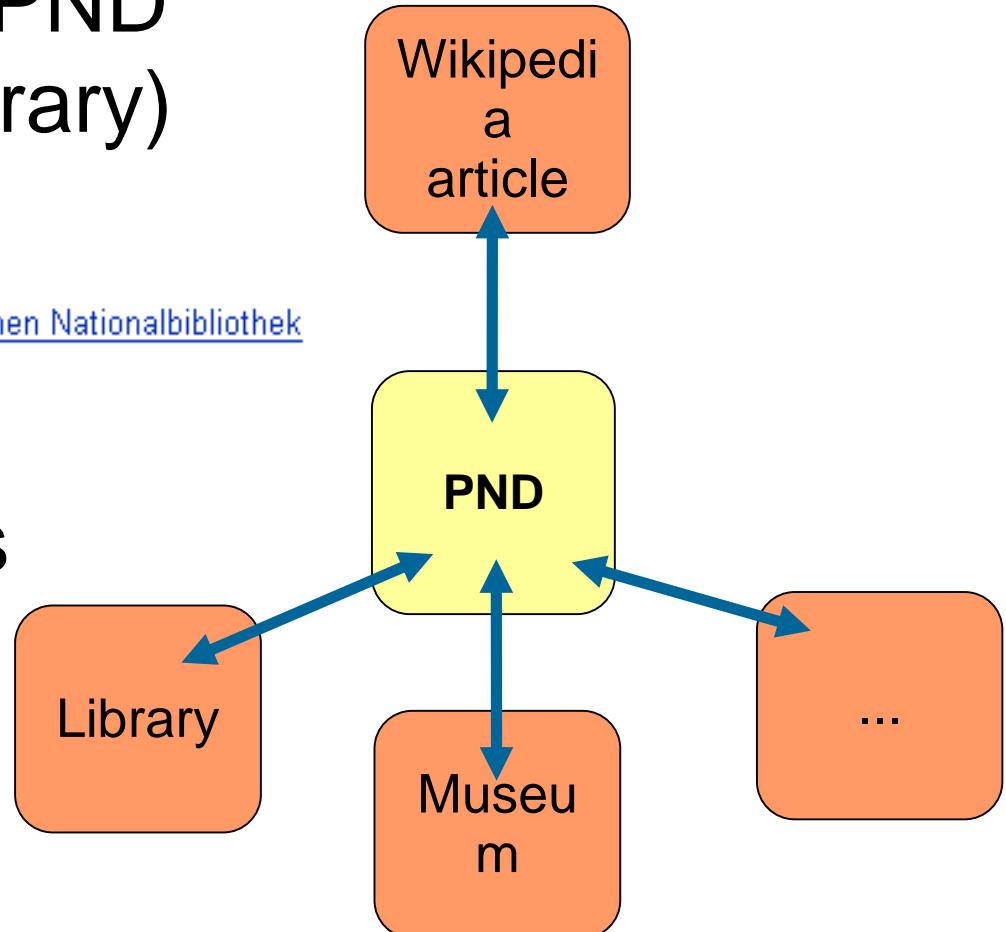
{ { PND | 119510928 } }

■ [Literatur von und über Paul Otlet](#) im Katalog der [Deutschen Nationalbibliothek](#)

- \* De, Aug 2006:  
>100.000 biographies  
~ 20% with PND

- \* Plans with GKD  
(corporate bodies)

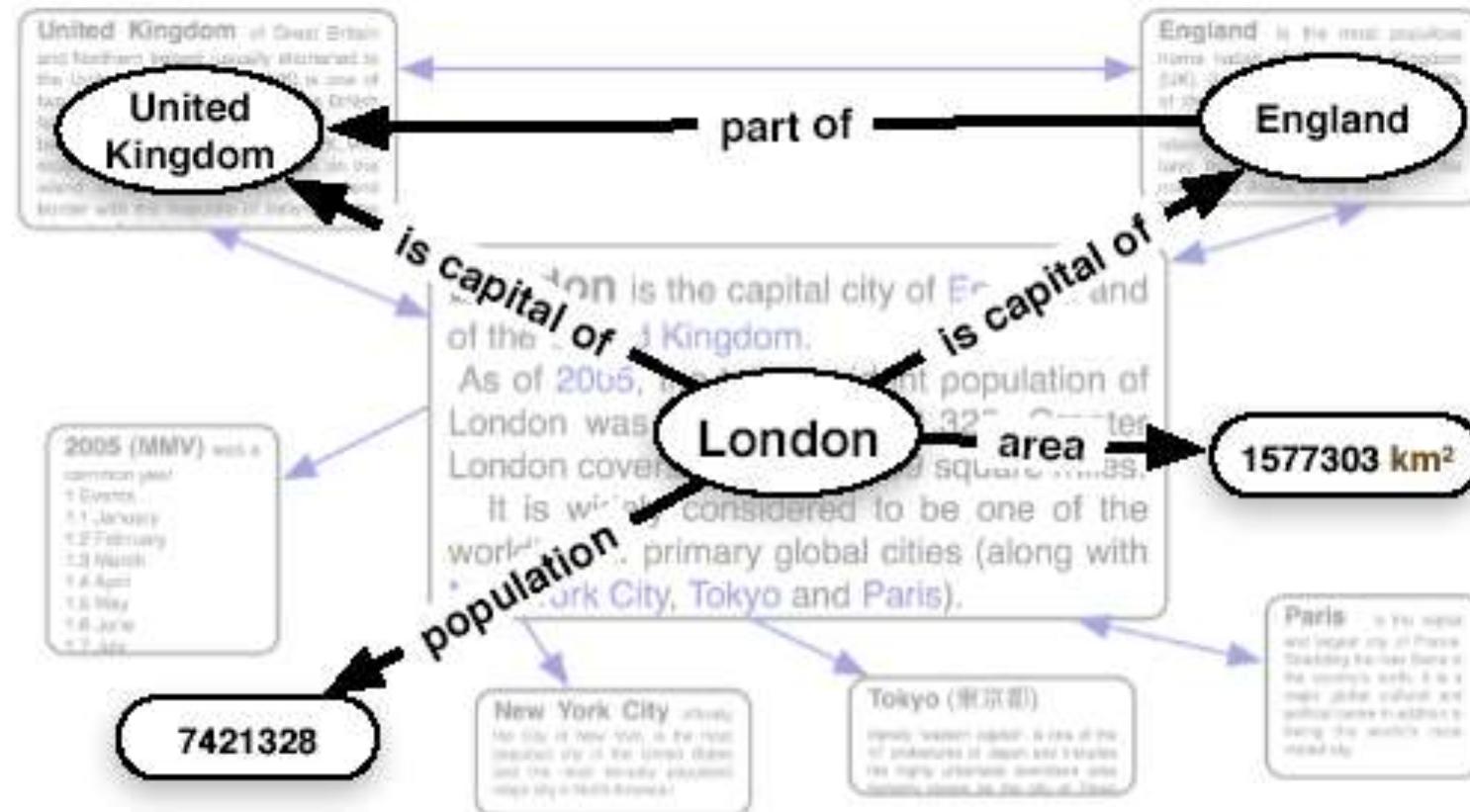
- \* 1:1, 1:n, n:m



# [[Indexing and the Semantic Web]]

- \* Redirects & Disambiguation  
=> **Controlled vocabulary**
- \* **Stable referable concepts for indexing (identity and reference in SW)**
- \* Proposed by *Bunescu & Pasça (2006), Fernández-García et al (2005), Hepp et al (2006), Krizhanovsky (2006),: Synonym search in Wikipedia: Synarcher, Lüer (2006), Voss (2006)...*
- \* Solution: Published Subject Identifiers  
Pepper (2006)
- \* Changes and stable version URI/URL

# [[Semantic Wikipedia]]



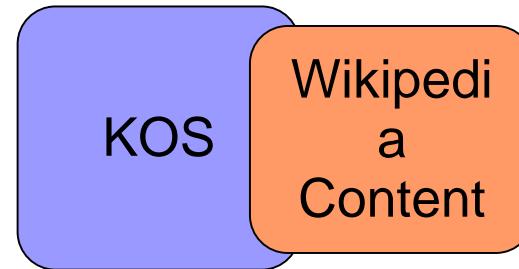
Völkel et al (2006): Semantic Wikipedia. *WWW2006 conference*

Typed links: [[is capital of::England]]  
=> RDF triples

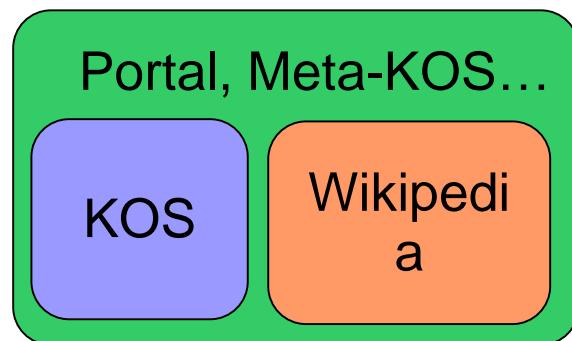
# [[Join Wikipedia and KOS]]



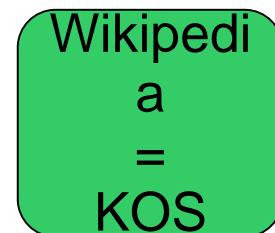
Linking and  
Mapping



Enrichment



Integration



Combination

# [[Learn from Wikipedia]]

- \* Free your research (open access)
- \* Free your data (verifyability)
- \* Free your code (open source)
- \* Free your KOS (interoperability)

Full references are listed at <http://bibliography.wikimedia.de>