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Veltman, K.: **Computers and a new philosophy of knowledge.**  
Int.Classif. 18(1991)No.1, p. 2 - 12, 2 refs.

In the tradition of Marshall McLuhan it is shown how different media, i.e. speech, parchment, manuscript, printed book are determining factors in the limits of knowledge and communication thereof. New possibilities introduced by computers are considered: multilinear access, variants, new distinctions between verbal and visual, scale, integration of geometrical and algebraic methods, emphasis on process, and system. Computers are the first tool with multi-media capabilities, allowing output in the same medium as the input. The philosophical implications of these innovations are explored. (Author)

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Rada, R.: **Focus on links: a holistic view of hypertext.**  
Int.Classif. 18(1991)No.1, p. 13 - 18, 16 refs.

The disciplines of human-computer interaction, computer-supported collaborative work, information storage and retrieval, and artificial intelligence should complement one another in the new discipline of hypertext. This holistic view of hypertext focuses on links: links within a document (microtext), links among documents (macrotext), links among people (group text), and dynamic links (expert text). The principles and systems which are relevant to creating and accessing hypertext can be usefully presented under the headings of text, microtext, macrotext, group text, and expert text. From text to expert text, people consistently use hierarchical structures, particularly hierarchical semantic nets, to organize information. (Author)

Ruge, G., Schwarz, Ch.: **Term associations and computational linguistics.**

Int.Classif.18(1991)No.1, p.19 - 25, 20 refs.

Most systems for term associations are statistically based. In general they exploit term co-occurrences. A critical overview about statistical approaches in this field is given. A new approach on the basis of a linguistic analysis for large amounts of textual data is outlined. (Authors)

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Kollewe, W.: **Data representation by nested line diagrams illustrated by a survey of pensioners.**

Int.Classif.18(1991)No.1, p.26-34, 12 refs.

With Formal Concept Analysis surveys are analyzable in the way that a meaningful picture of the answers of the interviewed persons is available. Line diagrams of large concept lattices might become less readable up to the point that it is impossible to pursue the line segments with the eyes. Nested line diagrams give the opportunity to overcome these difficulties. The main idea of nested line diagrams is to partition the line diagram into boxes so that line segments between two boxes are all parallel and may be replaced by one line segment. The possibility to draw line diagrams with more than two factors does allow it to describe concept lattices with many hundred or thousand concepts in a clear structure. In practice it has often been proven useful to take standardized scales for the single levels. (Author)

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The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance. For many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

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