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Johansen, Th.: **Methods of subject-structure display.**
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The aim of this paper is to investigate various methods of displaying the organization of a collection of interrelated subjects with an indication of the types of relationships between the subjects involved. As an introduction, hierarchical and associative subject-arrangements are demonstrated. Then follows an exposition of the general basis of subject-relationships which leads to a demonstration, by examples, of various forms of display.

(Author)

Iyer, H.: **Natural language representation: Transformational rules.**
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This paper presents a comparison of facet structure and linguistic structure of subject prepositions, resulting in standardisation of prepositions connecting facets/facet specifier. The facet structure is derived using the general theory of classification developed in India, and for the linguistic analysis Halliday's system is used. A set of transformational rules for switching from facet structure to the natural language representation is also presented. (Author)

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Liu, Songqiao: **Online classification notation: Proposal for a Flexible Faceted Notation System (FFNS)**

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After a review of the development of notation for manual library classification systems and a discussion of qualities deemed necessary for such a notation, this paper suggests qualities appropriate to a notation for online classifications. Then a notation system called the Flexible Faceted Notation System (FFNS) is proposed, and the means by which it achieves those suggested qualities for an online notation are described. It is argued that the FFNS can be used to facilitate both the creation and the use of an online classification.

(Author)

Beghtol, C.: **Access to fiction: a problem in classification theory and practice, Part 2**

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(Continued from Int. Classif. 16(1989)No.3, p. 134-140)

Bibliographic classification theory and practice have not been as fully developed for the humanities as for the sciences. In particular, classification systems have not been generally adopted for content elements of primary works of fiction. Analysis of the kinds of exceptions that have been made for these works shows that they are often grouped by a principle that may be called "classification-by-creator" instead of by the more usual principle of "classification-by-subject". This paper explores some implications of the "classification-by-creator" principle and the potential usefulness of more detailed content access to fictional works. Some previous classification systems for fiction are described and a list of fiction analysis systems is included. It is concluded that further investigation of methods of providing users with access to fiction is warranted.

(Author)

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Scope

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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