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Judge, A.: **Envisaging the art of navigating conceptual complexity. In search of software combining artistic and conceptual insights.**

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.1, p. 2-9, 58 refs.

This paper is concerned with approaches to the design and production of a software package to demonstrate the feasibility of enhancing comprehension, and navigating complexity, using features uniquely dependent upon the The concern here is with the design of a software package to demonstrate how the power of both "scientific" and "artistic" approaches may be integrated to enhance comprehension and navigation of complexity — as well as offering new forms of creativity in response to complex policy conditions. riches and subtleties of artistic insight.

(Author)

Chowdhury, G.G., Neelameghan, A., Chowdhury, S.: **VOCON: Vocabulary Control Online in MicroISIS Databases**

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.1, p. 18-22, 5 refs.

Discusses the need for facilities for online vocabulary control and standardization of terms, codes, etc., so as to secure consistency in naming of subjects, objects, countries, languages, etc., in databases at data entry stage. Most information storage and retrieval packages for microcomputers including MicroIsis provide for online vocabulary control in formulating search expressions for information retrieval, but not at the data entry stage. VOCON.PAS is a Pascal interface program for use with MicroIsis software for (a) online selection of term(s) and/or code(s) from vocabulary control tools, such as a thesaurus, a subject heading list, a classification scheme, and nomenclature lists. (Authors)

Huth, M.: **Symbolic and Sub-symbolic Knowledge Organization in the Computational Theory of Mind.**

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.1, p. 10-17, 14 refs.

We sketch the historic transformation of culturally grown techniques of symbol manipulation, such as basic arithmetic in the decimal number system, to the full-fledged version of the Computational Theory of Mind. Symbol manipulation systems had been considered by Leibniz as a methodology of inferring knowledge in a secure and purely mechanical fashion. Such 'inference calculi' were considered as mere artefacts which could not possibly encompass all human knowledge acquisition. In Alan Turing's work one notices a crucial shift of perspective. The abstract mathematical states of a Turing machine (a kind of „calculus universalis“ that Leibniz was looking for) are claimed to correspond to equivalent psychological states. Artefacts are turned into faithful models of human cognition. A further step toward the Computational Theory of Mind was the physical symbol system hypothesis, contending to have found a necessary and sufficient criterion for the presence of 'intelligence' in operative mediums. This, together with Chomsky's foundational work on linguistics, led naturally to the Computational Theory of Mind as set out by Jerry Fodor and Zenon Pylyshyn. We discuss problematic aspects of this theory. Then we deal with another paradigm of the Computational Theory of Mind based on network automata. This sub-symbolic paradigm seems to avoid problems occurring in symbolic computations, like the *frame problem* and *graceful degradation*.

(Author)

Friman, M., Jansson, P., Suominen, V.: **Chaos or order? Aby Warburg's Library of Cultural History and its classification.**

Knowl. Org. 22(1995)No.1, p. 23-29, 30 refs.

The classification system of the Warburg Institute library, London, UK, is considered. First, a brief review of the scholarly work of Aby Warburg and the history of this library is given to illustrate the background of the classification. The classification is described and its basic features are clarified with examples. Finally, the classification of the Warburg Institute library is contrasted with ordinary classification thinking in library and information science. (Authors)

Hong Yi: **Indexing languages, new progress in China.**

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.1, p. 30-32, 3 refs.

This paper highlights the current situation in the field of indexing language research and practice in China, covering a variety of classifications and thesauri as well as such matters as: standardization and compatibility of indexing languages, natural language processing, Chinese PRECIS, etc. The author points out various problems and future trends in the Chinese indexing languages field. (Author)

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