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Mdlwaine, I.C.: UDC Centenary: The present state and future prospects.

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Survey on the activities going on to develop the UDC into a fully faceted classification system according to the Recommendations of the UDC Management Board. A Master Reference File (MRF) has been created from which any publisher or institution may develop its own versions according to the requests of its clientele. The UDC Technical Director at the FID Headquarters in The Hague maintains this File. An Editorial Board and an Editor in Chief was appointed. Extensions and Corrections are being published. Examples are given on ongoing revision work in the classes for Astronomy, Linguistics and Philology as well as in Medicine. Cooperation with the Editors of the Bliss Classification and the Dewey Decimal Classification exists.

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Vogt, Frank; Wille, Rudolf: TOSCANA – A Graphical Tool for Analyzing and Exploring Data

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.2, p.78-81, 11 refs.

TOSCANA is a computer program which allows an online interaction with larger data bases to analyse and explore data conceptually. It uses labelled line diagrams of concept lattices to communicate knowledge coded in given data. The basic problem to create online presentations of concept lattices is solved by composing prepared diagrams to nested line diagrams. A larger number of applications in different areas have already shown that TOSCANA is a useful tool for many purposes.

(Authors)

Grivel, L., Mutsdike, P., Polanco, X.: Thematic mapping on bibliographic databases by cluster analysis: A description of the SDOC Environment with SOLIS.

Knowl.Org. 22(1995)No.2, p. 70-77, 13 refs.

The paper presents a cword-analysis-based system called SDOC which is able to support the intellectual work of an end-user who is searching for information in a bibliographic database. This is done by presenting its thematical structure as a map of keyword clusters (themes) on a graphical user interface. These mapping facilities are demonstrated on the basis of the research field Social History given by a set of documents from the social science literature database SOLIS. Besides the traditional way of analysing a cword map as a strategic diagram, the notion of cluster relationships analysis is introduced which provides an adequate interpretation of links between themes.

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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.

Until recently, the special literature relevant to classification was published in piecemeal fashion, scattered over the numerous technical journals serving the experts of the various fields, such as

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science policy and science organization
mathematics, statistics, and computer science
library and information science
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- (1) clarifying the theoretical foundations (general ordering theory, science theoretical bases of classification, data analysis and reduction)
- (2) describing practical operations connected with numerical taxonomy/classification, as well as applications of classification systems and thesauri, manual and machine indexing
- (3) tracing the history of classification knowledge and methodology
- (4) discussing questions of education and training in classification
- (5) concerning themselves with the problems of terminology in general and with respect to special fields.

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