

THE BACKBONE THESAURUS USER STORIES

Benefits from joining the Thesaurus Federation

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The Backbone Thesaurus (BBT) is the research outcome of work undertaken by the Thesaurus Maintenance WG in an effort to design and establish a coherent overarching meta-thesaurus for the Humanities [1]. It is a faceted classification scheme that favors a loose integration of multiple thesauri, by offering a small set of top-level concepts (facets and hierarchies) for specialist thesauri terms to map to.

Curation

The BBT [2] is systematically curated by a cross disciplinary team of editors coming from organisations participating in the TMWG (AA, FORTH, DAI, FRANTIQ/CNRS), through BBTalk, an online editing and communication tool designed to support collaborative, interdisciplinary development and extension of thesauri.

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Partner vocabularies and thesauri

The controlled vocabularies/thesauri that have been mapped to the BBT to this day are: the iDAI.welt Thesaurus [3], the DYAS Humanities Thesaurus [4], the Parthenos Vocabularies [5] and the Language of Binding Thesaurus [6]. Members of the working group are working towards integrating the PACTOLS [7], the Taxonomy of Digital Research Activities in the Humanities (TADiRAH) [8] and the Arts and Architecture Thesaurus [9] with the BBT.

Links

- [1] <https://www.backbonethesaurus.eu/>
- [2] https://vocabs.dariah.eu/backbone_thesaurus/en/
- [3] http://thesauri.dainst.org/_fe65f286
- [4] <https://humanitiesthesaurus.academyofathens.gr>
- [5] https://isi.ics.forth.gr/parthenos_vocabularies/
- [6] <https://www.ligatus.org.uk/lob/>
- [7] <https://pactols.frantiq.fr/opentheso/>
- [8] <http://tadira.dariah.eu/vocab/>
- [9] <https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/>

Why adopt the BBT

- BBT has a logical and easily accessible structure
- It makes use of a small number of top-level concepts
- It allows the subsumption of any local thesaurus: scholars are not required to quit using their terms of preference.
- It promotes objectivity and interdisciplinarity. It allows integration of terms from different scientific fields and enables cross-disciplinary resource discovery
- It is a community driven initiative that offers peer scientific support
- It can also serve as a basis for thesaurus building (and restructuring)

Scan or go to <https://youtu.be/liOGgXpNymg> to watch BBT User stories



"We had an old fashioned thesaurus, we realised we have to change its structure and make a step toward a conceptual framework"

"The BBT improved the quality of our work"

Evelyne Sinigaglia (FRANTIQ-CNRS)

"We flagged up a number of redundancies in our thesaurus which could not be resolved before adopting BBT"

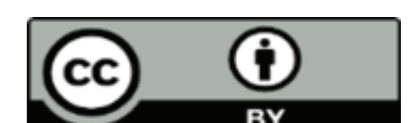
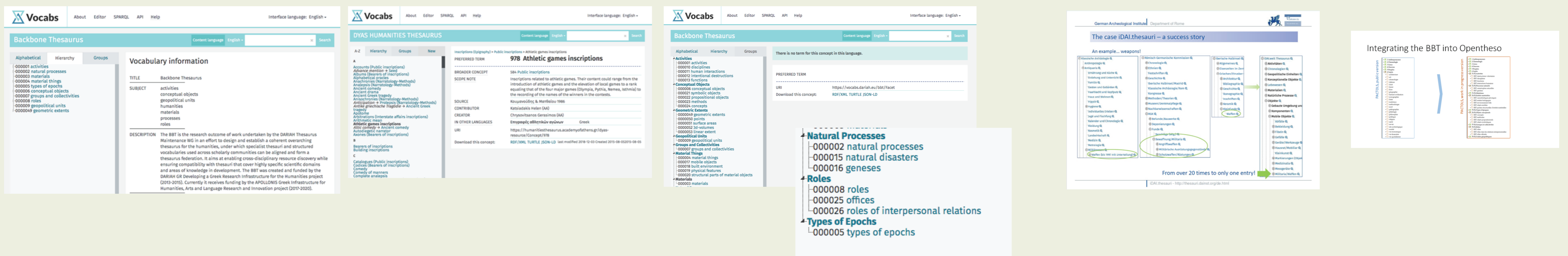
Blandine Nouvel (FRANTIQ-CNRS)

"When the DAI is doing world archaeology nowadays we try to become interoperable. With the BBT we had a target. And that was the great thing. The greatest learning curve for people entering the digital world is that you need clean schemes".

"In the future the BBT will have a very central role in the way DAI presents its data on the web with the FAIR implementation. BBT is one of the hallmarks of this kind of thinking".

"In the reality of the data BBT is one of our major goals and will bring together 190 years of cataloguing and tagging of knowledge and creating knowledge systems".

Reinhard Försch (DAI)



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