

# SKOS

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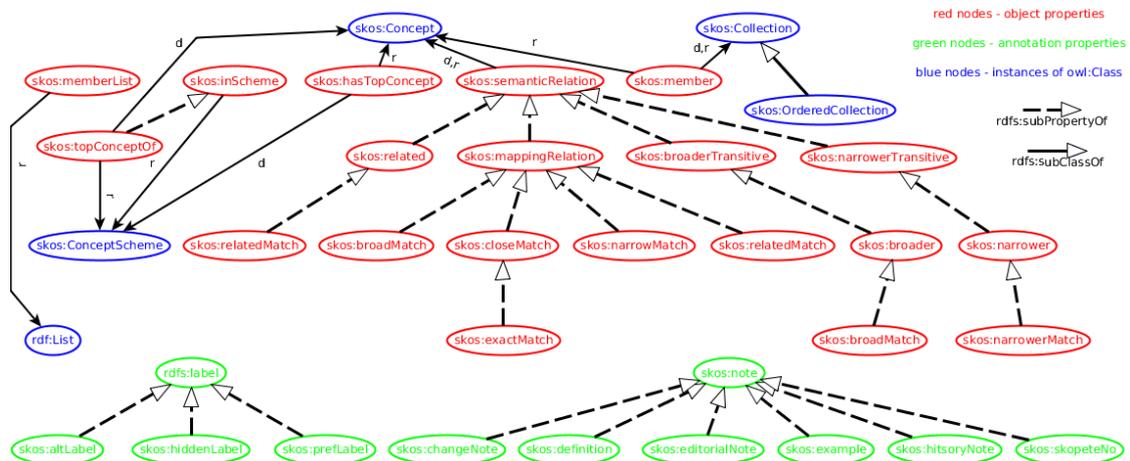
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## 1 Goal

The goal of this seminar is to become familiar with SKOS – to explore an existing SKOS thesaurus, and to create and manage a simple SKOS thesaurus for the rulers in Czech dominion.

## 2 SKOS

SKOS is an RDF vocabulary for creating simple controlled multi-lingual vocabularies and organize them. An overview of SKOS structure is depicted here:



## 3 VocBench

VocBench is an open-source web application for collaborative SKOS authoring.

1. Register within *VocBench 3* at <https://onto.fel.cvut.cz/vocbench-students>.
2. Ask teacher of the seminar to:

- a) activate your account
  - b) assign you to a group<sup>1</sup> SKOS project or new individual SKOS project
3. Log in to the VocBench web-interface
  4. Instead, we will set up web-based collaborative SKOS editor *VocBench 3*<sup>2</sup> to create data within our *GraphDB repositories*.

To access the *Vocbench 3* web application see instructions in Sec. ??, for additional online resources for exercises see Sec. ??, a partial SKOS model is described in Sec. ??.

## 4 Exploration of EuroVoc

**Ex. 1** — Browse the content of the EuroVoc thesaurus at <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/th-dataset/-/resource/dataset/eurovoc> and find at least 2-3 concepts that are relevant to the topic of your semestral work (search field in the top-right corner).

**Ex. 2** — Open the EuroVoc Thesaurus in VocBench. To set the language(s) in which the vocabulary is rendered click on the avatar in the top-right corner and select Preferences. Then you have to refresh each view using the Refresh button in each view.

**Ex. 3** — Explore the basic views on a VocBench vocabulary – the tabs Class, Concept, Scheme, Collection, Property.

**Ex. 4** — Select one or more concept schemes in the Scheme tab and take a look at its detail. Can one concept belong to more concept schemes ?

**Answer (Ex. 4)** — Yes, all concepts in EuroVoc belong to the “EuroVoc” scheme plus at least one more.

**Ex. 5** — Select the concept `aglomerace` and explore its properties. What is the difference between `skos:inScheme` and `skos:topConceptOf`?

**Answer (Ex. 5)** — `skos:inScheme` lists concept schemes which the concept belongs to, while `skos:topConceptOf` list concept schemes which the concept belongs to and has no broader concepts in them.

**Ex. 6** — Find (bottom left text field) the concept “strom” (tree) and see what is its `skos:broader` relationship. Is this relationship expressing similar type of meaning as the `skos:broader` relationship of “horský les” (mountain forest) ?

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<sup>1</sup>It is advised to cooperate with multiple people on the same project to explore issues with collaborative specification of terminologies.

<sup>2</sup><http://vocbench.uniroma2.it/>

**Answer (Ex. 6)** — No, the former expresses more a part-of relationship (a tree is a part of a forest), while the latter expresses more a specialization relationship (a mountain forest is a forest).

**Ex. 7** — Using SPARQL, find out the number of all concepts (both top-concepts and lower-level concepts) for each concept scheme. What are the top 3 concept schemes according to the number of concepts ?

**Answer (Ex. 7)** — EuroVoc, Regions of EU Member States, Economic geography

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PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
SELECT ?cs ?csLabel (COUNT(DISTINCT ?c) AS ?cCount) WHERE {
  ?c skos:topConceptOf|skos:inScheme ?cs .
  OPTIONAL {
    ?cs skos:prefLabel ?csLabel
    FILTER(lang(?csLabel)="en")
  }
}
GROUP BY ?cs ?csLabel
ORDER BY DESC(?cCount)
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## 5 Creation of a Thesaurus

**Ex. 8** — Create a simple thesaurus based on the SKOS vocabulary consisting of at least 5 SKOS concepts that would be useful to run a web site about Czech rulers (e.g. are showing information about rulers as in [http://daniel.dinter.cz/panovnici\\_ceskych\\_zemi/](http://daniel.dinter.cz/panovnici_ceskych_zemi/) or in [https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seznam\\_pedstavitel\\_eskho\\_sttu](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seznam_pedstavitel_eskho_sttu)) and events in their epochs. Create concepts describing rulership types, royal families, state systems, events (e.g. battles, wars, conciles, historical epochs etc.), countries and particular individuals for each concept (rulers, countries, events). The thesaurus does not need to cover the whole domain. Use SKOS to properly describe your concepts (e.g. `skos:broader/skos:narrower`, `skos:related`, `skos:prefLabel`, `skos:altLabel`, `skos:definition`, `skos:example`, `skos:inScheme`).

**Ex. 9** — Link the concepts in your thesaurus to the appropriate EuroVoc (and/or other external) concepts (e.g. using `skos:exactMatch`, `skos:closeMatch`, `skos:broadMatch`, `skos:relatedMatch` properties)

## 6 Some SKOS Vocabularies (Lists)

- EuroVoc <https://publications.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/home>
- czech vocabularies for open data descriptions <https://slovník.gov.cz/prohlížeč>

- Schools Online Thesaurus (ScOT) – <http://scot.curriculum.edu.au/>
- Cultura Italia Thesaurus – [http://www.culturaitalia.it/pico/thesaurus/4.3/thesaurus\\_4.3.0.skos.xml](http://www.culturaitalia.it/pico/thesaurus/4.3/thesaurus_4.3.0.skos.xml)