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Describing concepts in terminology

Abstract

Never mind the undisputable relevance of terminological standardization as performed in national, regional and international standardization institutions or – in smaller scale – in the course of in-house corporate standardization activities, terminological methods can be employed for strictly descriptive endeavors. This descriptive potential of terminological methodology is repeatedly being pointed out by individual scholars in the field. Terminology in the Wüsterian tradition focuses on the conceptual dimension of a subject field, the concept being the starting point of terminological analyses. With that in mind this paper's aim is to give a critical account of concept description in terminology. The paper addresses the following questions: Which levels of conceptual analysis can be identified? How do these levels interrelate? Of what kind are limitations to the underlying models and how could they be overcome?