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Big Data Structuring: The Role of Visual Models and Ontologies

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Why ontologies?

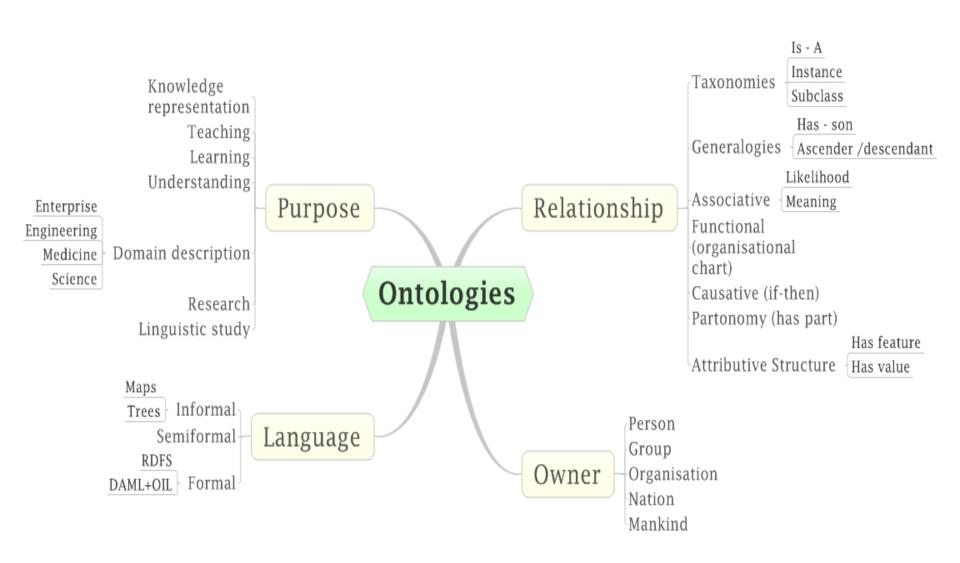
Visual structuring of information

- Deeper comprehension
- Better information sharing

What is ontology?

- Ontology is a set of distinctions we make in understanding and viewing the world.
- Knowledge structuring while giving enough freedom to open-ended, creative thinking.
- Ontologies one of the most universal and sharable forms of conceptual modeling

Ontology classification



How to build ontologies?

- Goals, strategy, and boundary identification Glossary development or meta-concept identification
- Laddering, including categorization and specification
- Orchestration

Rules of orchestration

Law of Pragnanz (the law of good shape)

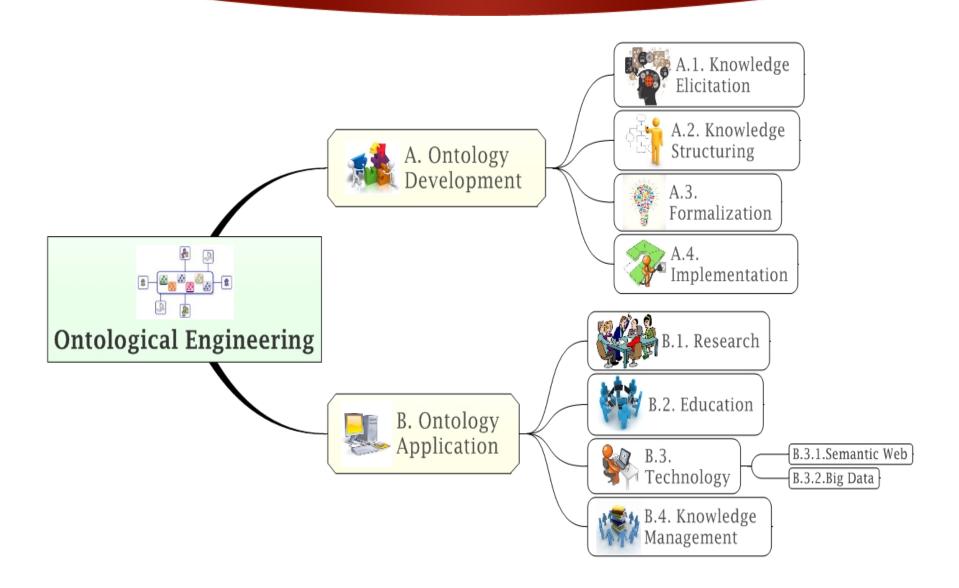
Law of Parsimony (the Ockham's razor principle)

Simple rules to remember

The idea of "harmony" in ontologies:

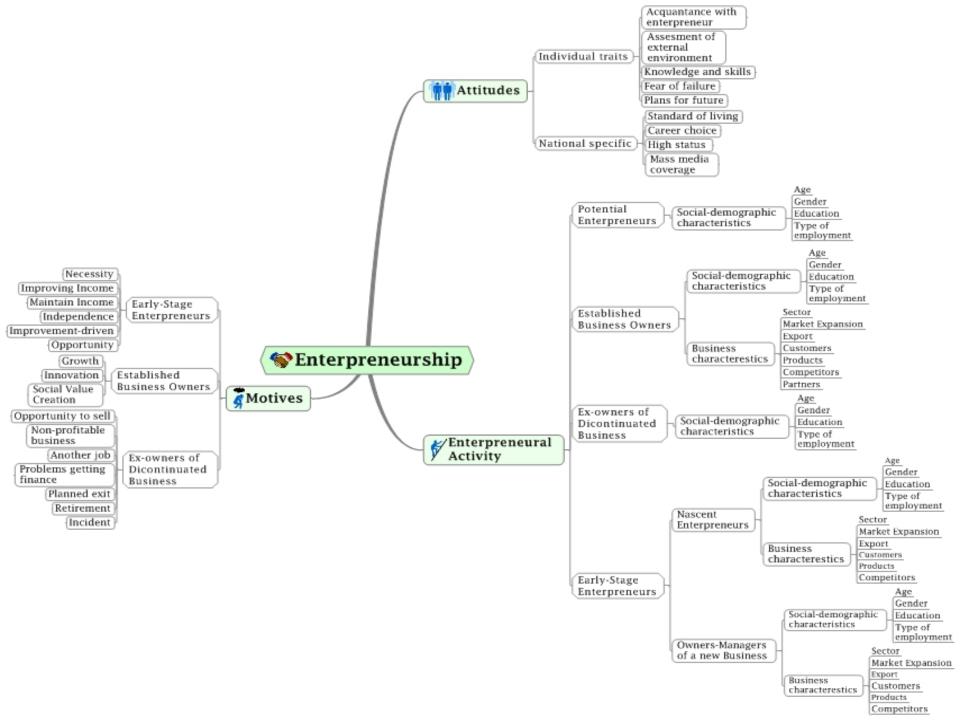
- Concepts of one level should be linked to their parent concept by one type of relationships
- The ontology tree should be balanced
- Cross-links should be avoided as much as possible.

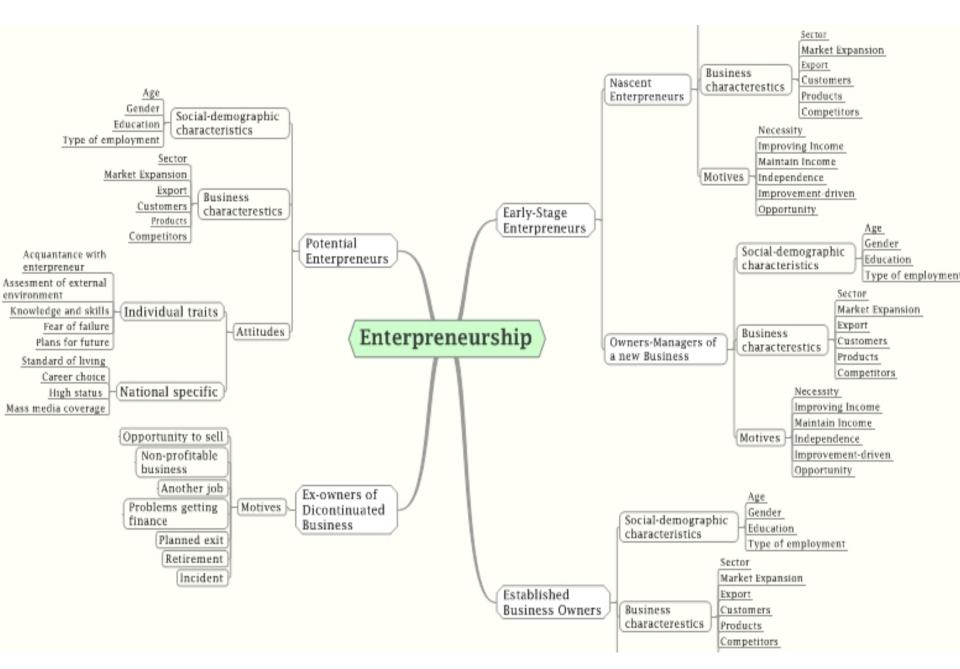
Ontological engineering



How to process Big Data?

- Global Entrepreneurship Monitor cross-national research of entrepreneurial development and entrepreneurial activity in different countries
- Special questionnaire
- Multistage, stratified, probabilistic sample of 7500 respondents
- Ages 18 and 64 year
- 67 countries





Conclusions

- 1. David Johnassen: "using maps as a mind tool"
- 2. Visual ontology orchestrating for developing big data storages
 - quickly,
 - efficiently
 - and effectively

Thank you!

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