



# **A Research Ontology for Telecommunications**


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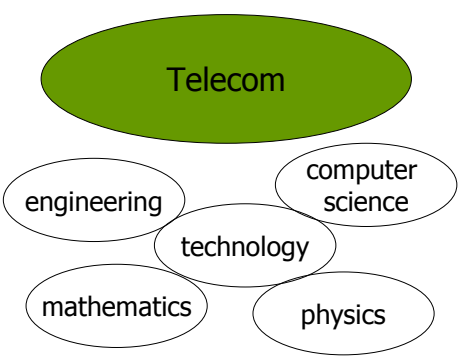
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## Why we need it?

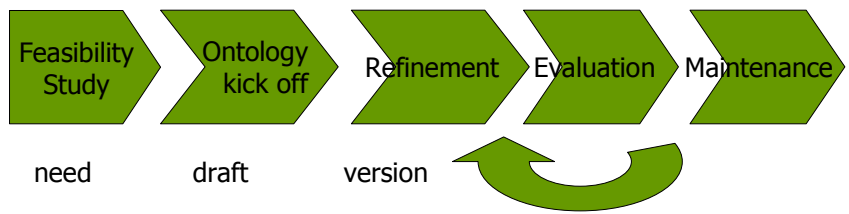
- Interdisciplinary Topic
- Strong Community
- Lack of integrated Scheme




The diagram illustrates the interdisciplinary nature of Telecom. At the top is a large green oval labeled 'Telecom'. Below it, a central white oval labeled 'technology' is connected to five other white ovals: 'engineering' (left), 'computer science' (right), 'mathematics' (bottom-left), and 'physics' (bottom-right). The 'Telecom' oval is also directly connected to the 'technology' oval.




## Creation and Goals



- completeness (as far as possible)
- social aspects




The process flow diagram shows five sequential steps represented by green chevrons pointing right: 'Feasibility Study' (with 'need' below), 'Ontology kick off' (with 'draft' below), 'Refinement' (with 'version' below), 'Evaluation', and 'Maintenance'. A large green curved arrow loops back from the 'Evaluation' step to the 'Refinement' step, indicating an iterative process.




## Coverage

- New topics (up to date)
- Including well-know keywords
- Alphabetic order of terms
- Interdisciplinary context



## Easy to (re)use


- Related areas close to each other
- Flat hierarchy for human browsing
- Wide range of users, different levels (students, experts, technicians, public)
- Same cardinal number
- Documentation like naming and meta information



## Integration of existing


- classification schemes, thesauri
- ontology concepts
- telecommunication models (layer)

No	Description
7	Application
6	Presentation
5	Session
4	Transport
3	Network
2	Data link
1	Physical




## Methodology

1. Identifying the relevant terms of the domain
2. Grouping them according to their fields / meanings
3. Mapping other classes to it

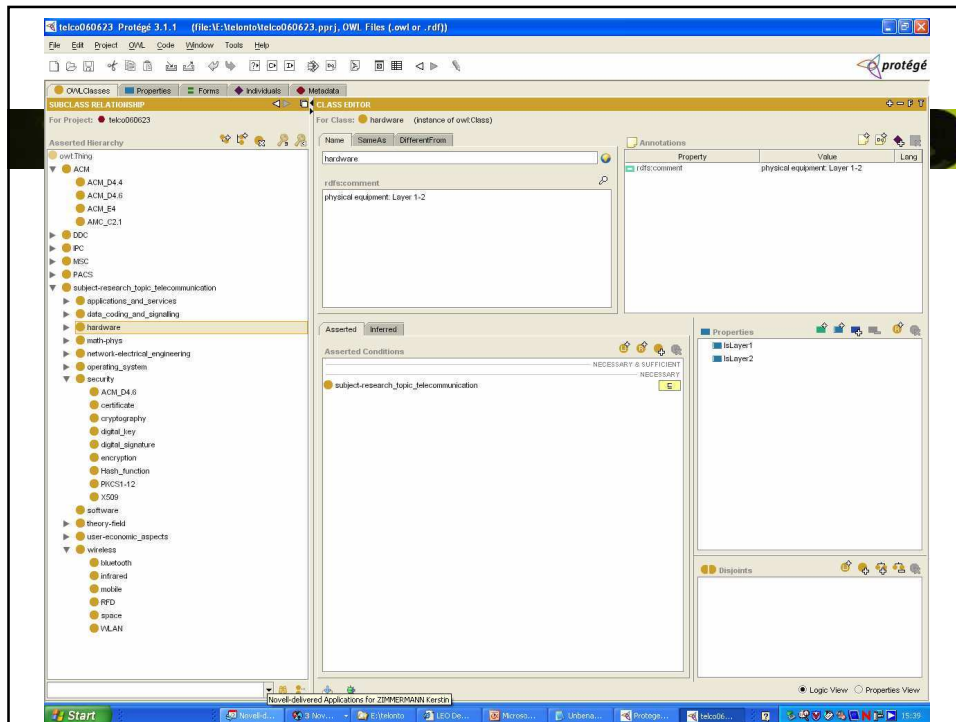


## Sources

- websites / homepages
- keywords in their publications
- Scirus (for scientific information only),
- visual thesaurus, UNESCO General Thesauri, RosettaNet, dandelion
- classifications schemes
  - ACM
  - DDC (technology)
  - IPC
  - MSC (methods and algorithm)
  - PACS (Electronics, radiowave and microwave)



10 Main Classes	Description	Layer
▪ applications_and_services	techniques and protocols	4-6
▪ data_coding_and_signalling	special point of interest	2
▪ hardware	physical equipment	1-2
▪ math-phys	physical effects and their mathematical description	1
▪ network-electrical_engineering	technical infrastructure	3
▪ operating_system	special point of interest	
▪ security	special point of interest	
▪ theory-field	theoretical description	
▪ user_and_economic_aspects	special point of interest	
▪ wireless	special point of interest	



## Naming conventions

- All classes names are written with a small initial letter e.g. *hardware*
- abbreviations are written all in capital letter e.g. *UMTS*
- In order to void blanks in the terms (not computer readable) underlines are used e.g. *operating\_system*
- Special characters like / have also to be left out.
- Double class names are codes with a hyphen – e.g. *math-phys*.



## applications\_services: 26 subclasses

- ADSL
- ATM
- broadcasting
  - IPC\_H04H
- distance\_learning
- email
- fax
- FTP
- G7X
- GPS
- graphical\_user\_interface
- GUI
- HTTP
- ICQ
- internet
- IP
- ISDN
- MMS
- mobil\_box
- PPP
- radar
- radio
- AM
- FM
- SMS
- SS7
- TCP
- teleconferencing
- telephone
- television
- UMTS
- videotext
- Voice\_over\_IP
- VoIP
- WAP
- WWW
- X25



## data\_coding\_and\_signalling: 25

- coding
  - ACM\_E4
  - MSC\_92Bxx
- data\_communication
- data\_compression
- data\_flow
- data\_model
- data\_transmission
- DDC\_004
- distributed\_computing
- encoding
- error
- MSC\_92Bxx
- format
- grid\_computing
- linguistics
- messenger
- meta\_data
- natural\_language\_processing
- ontologies
- parallel\_computing
- signal\_processing
- PACS\_84.40Ua
- signalling
- speech
- speech\_recognition
- stemming



## hardware: 34

- access\_point
- antenna
  - PACS\_84.40Ba
- back\_bone
- cable (2 instances)
- computer
- desknote
- desktop
- display
- HID
- Human\_Interface\_Device
- junction\_box
- keyboard
- keypad
- line
- mobile\_devices
- mobile\_phones
- modem
- network\_terminator
- note\_book
- optical\_fibre
- oscillator
- PAD
- palmtop
- Personal\_Device\_Assistant
- receiver
- resonator
- router
- satellite
- screen
- server
- street\_cabinet
- switch
- terminal
- touchpad



## math-phys: 23

- algorithm (1 instance)
- amplifier
  - IPC\_H03F
- DDC\_510
- DDC\_530
- frequency
- band
- range
- function
- impedance
- modulation
  - ICP\_H03C
- noise
- oscilation
- pule\_technique
  - IPC\_H03K
- resonance
- sampling
- spectrum
- stabilisation
- synchronisation
- transformation (1 instance)
- transmission
  - IPC\_H04B
- trigger
- wave
- mirco






## network-electrical\_engineering: 27

- architecture
  - AMC\_C2.1
- carrier
- cellular
- circuit
  - MSC\_94Cxx
- client
- collisions
- design
  - AMC\_C2.1
- destination
- electro\_acustics
- hub
- IP\_number
- LAN
- link
- load
  - MSC\_94Cxx
- p2p
- paket
- payload
- performance
- platform (6 instances)
- producer-distributor (5 instances)
- remote\_control
- routing
- session
- subscriber
- switching
- technology
- traffic




## operating\_system = software = platform

- (6 instances)
- ACM\_D4.4
  - producer-distributor (5 instances)



## Security: 9

- ACM\_D4.6
- certificate
- cryptography
- digital\_key
- digital\_signature
- encryption
- Hash\_function
- PKCS1-12
- X509



## theory-field: 8

- communication\_theory
  - DDC\_003.5
- information\_science
  - PACS\_89.70c
- information\_theory (1 instance)
  - ACM\_E4
  - DDC\_003.54
  - entropy
  - error\_probability
- logics
- telegraphy
- telematics
- telemetry
  - PACS\_84.40Xb
- telephony
  - IPC\_H04M



## user-economic\_aspects: 24

- billing
- business
- community
- costs
- data\_protection
- de-regulation
- digital\_devide
- download
- eCommere
- framework
- handling
- human\_rights\_act
- industry
- interface
- legal
- manual
- pricing
- privacy
- provider
- rate
  - flat\_rate
  - transfervolume
- society
- standardisation\_bodies
- tariff
- upload

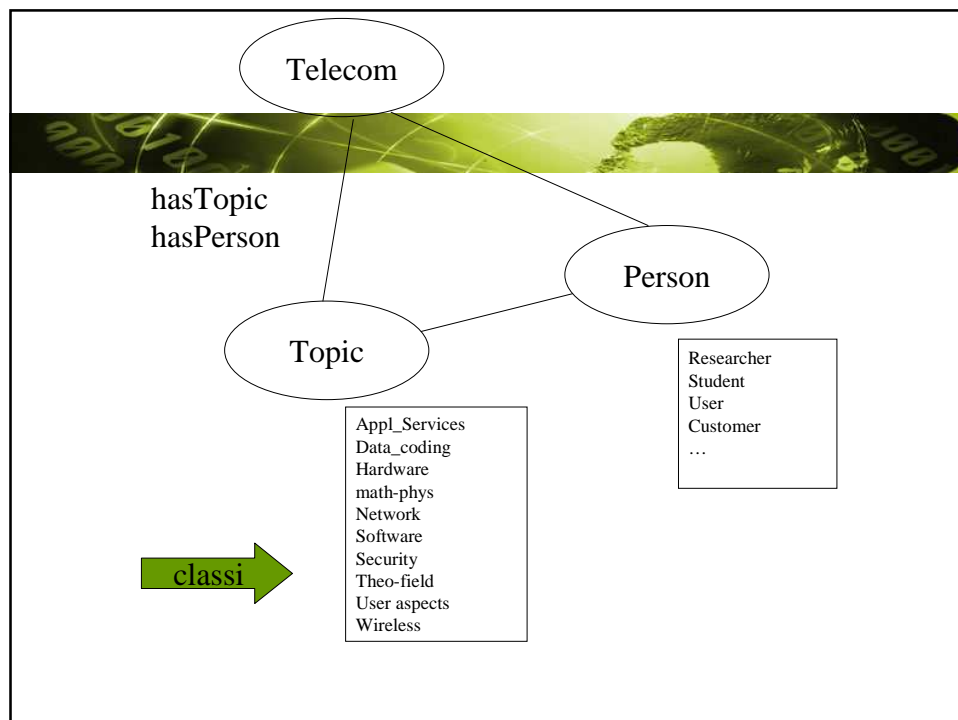



## Wireless: 6

- bluetooth
- infrared
- mobile
- RFD
- space
- WLAN

## First Version, work in progress


- 1 concept
- 10 main fields / classes
- 200 subclasses
- 5 classification schemes
- 1 layer mode






## Outline of further Ontologies (concepts)

- Organisation
- Event
- Location / Address
- Publication
- e-Learning
- Product
- Service



## Ontologies

- **FOAF** (Friend Of A Friend) for communities  
Describing homepages of people, the links between them and the things they create and do  
Coverage: Person as 1 concept with 10 properties
- **SWP** (Semantic Web Portal) Ontology for Scientific Portals  
Coverage: Person (Agent and Organisation), Publication, Conference as the 3 main concepts  
68 classes, 21 data properties, 57 object properties
- **MarcOnt** for Digital libraries  
Ongoing and still under construction, do mapping of the three formats  
Marc21, DC, BibTeX



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