

# The FAO Metadata and Ontology Tools

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# Introduction

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## Metadata/Cataloguing Tools

This page brings together a summary of known metadata tools used for creating metadata for various types of resources. It includes tools for entering and editing metadata, and utilities for processing, extracting, validating, and viewing metadata. Some of these tools allow for metadata to be served up in different formats, such as XML, RDF, XHTML, ISO2709 etc. Some tools are based on established metadata standards while others produce metadata based specifically on local application profiles.

Available tools are:

## WebAGRIS

**Owner/  
Creator:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

**Description:** WebAGRIS is a complete, multilingual Web-based system for distributed data input, processing and dissemination (through the Internet or on CD-Rom), of agricultural bibliographic information. WebAGRIS also allows to link to documents that are available in electronic format. It is based on common standards of data input (meta-data standard, data structure), and dissemination formats (export formats, such as XML, HTML, ISO2709, etc.), as well as subject categorization schema and thesauri, i.e. AGROVOC.

**URL:** <http://www.fao.org/a...>



# Metadata / Cataloguing Tools

- WebAGRIS , FAO
- AgMES Metadata Tool , FAO
- DC.DOT , UK Office for Library and Information Networking (UKOLN)

# AGROVOC Metadata tool v.1

## Creating metadata in AgMES and DC compliant format for websites

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The metadata creator provides you with a template to create simple AgMES/DC metadata for encoding in your Web Pages.

Once you are satisfied with the content of each element, cut and paste the given metadata in the <head> section of your HTM(L) file.

**Type the URL of the website to harvest.**

Go directly to the input sheet to **manually** create AgMES tags in HTML, XHTML, XML and RDF formats.

Browse the AgMES elements and their definitions.

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<b>Title</b>	<input type="text" value="AIMS Website"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> HTML <input type="radio"/> XHTML	<input type="button" value="Submit"/>
<b>Creator</b>	<input type="text" value="AGRIS/CARIS Documentation Unit"/>		<input type="button" value="Reset"/>
<b>Subject</b>	<input type="text" value="AIMS; Access to information; Diffusion of information; Indexing of information; Information classification; Information dissemination;"/>	<input type="text" value="AGROVOC"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear all"/>
<b>Description</b>	<input type="text" value="The objectives of the AgStandards Project include development and proposal of agricultural information standards and ontologies for the"/>		<input type="button" value="Help"/>
<b>Publisher</b>	<input type="text" value="AGRIS/CARIS Documentation Unit"/>		
<b>Date</b>	<input type="text" value="2006-08-24"/>		
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="Text.Homepage"/>	<input type="text" value="Text.Homepage"/>	
<b>Format</b>	<input type="text" value="text/html"/>	<input type="text" value="text/html"/>	
<b>Identifier</b>	<input type="text" value="http://www.fao.org/aims"/>	<input type="text" value="URI"/>	



<b>Format</b>	<input type="text" value="text/html"/>	<input type="text" value="text/html"/>
<b>Identifier</b>	<input type="text" value="http://www.fao.org/aims"/>	<input type="text" value="URI"/>
<b>Language</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>	
<b>Relation</b>	<input type="text" value="http://www.fao.org/aims/"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Coverage</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Rights</b>	<input type="text" value="http://www.fao.org/copyright_en.htm"/>	

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### HTML AgMES Metadata

```
<!-- ===== Start metadata ===== -->

<link rel="schema.DC" href="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" >
<link rel="schema.AGS" href="http://purl.org/agmes/1.1/" >
<link rel="schema.DCTERMS" href="http://purl.org/dc/terms/" >
<link rel="schema.DCMITYPE" href="http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/" >
<meta name="Keywords" content="AIMS; Access to information; Diffusion of information; Indexing of information;
Information classification; Information dissemination; Standards; semantic web; semantic standard; glossary;
thesaurus; thesaurus building; Data bases; Data collecting; Data collection; Data compilation; Data processing;
Data retrieval; Data storage; Databanks; Databases; metadata; metadata standard; ontology; ontology
engineering; ontology learning; Information retrieval; Information science; Information storage; Information
systems; Information technology" >
<meta name="Description" content="The objectives of the AgStandards Project include development and
proposal of agricultural information standards and ontologies for the combined purpose of resource discovery,
interoperability and effective data exchange between and among uniquely and richly described agricultural
resources. AgMES Project looks into the first objective of this initiative, preparing and promoting good practice
guidelines for using metadata in description of agricultural resources." >
<meta name="DC.title" lang="eng" content="AIMS Website" >
<meta name="DC.creator" content="AGRIS/CARIS Documentation Unit" >
<meta name="DC.publisher" content="AGRIS/CARIS Documentation Unit" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content="AIMS" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" Access to information" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" Diffusion of information" >
```

```
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" metadata" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" metadata standard" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" ontology" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" ontology engineering" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" ontology learning" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" Information retrieval" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" Information science" >
<meta name="DC.subject" lang="eng" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content=" Information storage" >
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development and proposal of agricultural information standards and ontologies for the combined purpose of
resource discovery, interoperability and effective data exchange between and among uniquely and richly
described agricultural resources. AgMES Project looks into the first objective of this initiative, preparing and
promoting good practice guidelines for using metadata in description of agricultural resources." >
<meta name="DC.date" scheme="DCTERMS:W3CDTF" content="2006-08-24" >
<meta name="DC.type" scheme="DCTERMS:DCMIType" content="Text.Homepage" >
<meta name="DC.format" scheme="DCTERMS:IMT" content="text/html" >
<meta name="DC.identifier" scheme="URL" content="http://www.fao.org/aims" >
<meta name="DC.language" scheme="DCTERMS:ISO639-2" content="eng" >
<meta name="DC.relation" scheme="URL" content="http://www.fao.org/aims/" >
<meta name="DC.rights" content="http://www.fao.org/copyright_en.htm" >

<!-- ===== End metadata ===== -->
```



# AGROVOC Metadata tool v.2



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Once you are satisfied with the content of each element, copy and paste the given metadata in the <head> section of your HTML file.

### Type the URL of the website to harvest.

(Users of older versions of Netscape like 4.x can't use this feature!)

[Go directly to the input sheet](#) to **manually** create AgMES tags in HTML, XHTML, XML and RDF formats.

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Subject 1  AIMS

Scheme

Language

Subject 2  AGS.AGROVOC at

AGS.CABT

AGS.ASFAT

AGS.NAL

AGS.CABC

Scheme

Language

AGS.ASC

Language English

Subject 32

Scheme

Language

dc:subject	
Definition:	A topic of the content of the resource.
Comment:	Typically, Subject will be expressed as keywords, key phrases or classification codes that describe a topic of the resource. Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary or formal classification scheme.
Examples	
HTML:	<code>&lt;meta name="DC.subject" lang="en" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content="Food security" &gt;</code>
XHTML:	<code>&lt;meta name="DC.subject" xml:lang="en" scheme="AGS.AGROVOC" content="Food security" /&gt;</code>
XML:	<code>&lt;dc:subject xml:lang="en" scheme="ags:AGROVOC"&gt;Food security&lt;/dc:subject&gt;</code>
RDF:	<code>&lt;dc:subject xml:lang="en"&gt;Food security&lt;/dc:subject&gt;</code>
AGRIS AP XML:	<code>&lt;dc:subject&gt; &lt;ags:subjectThesaurus xml:lang="en" scheme="ags:AGROVOC"&gt;Food security&lt;/ags:subjectThesaurus&gt; &lt;/dc:subject&gt;</code> <b>Note:</b> To meet the requirements of the AGRIS AP XML standard, the element is further refined as <code>&lt;ags:subjectThesaurus /&gt;</code> .
<a href="#">Close</a>	



Search  Scheme  Language

exact match  contains  starts with

maximum number of terms to display (limit is 300)

Use the search box above to look for any keyword in AGROVOC or the Agris/Caris Categorization Scheme (ACS). Check the select boxes in the result list below to choose your keywords. They will appear in the text area below. Redo your search until you have selected all keywords in the text area. Click 'Copy to form' to transfer the chosen keywords into the Metadata subject fields. Press 'ClearAll' any time to restart.

```
169@African inland waters@en@AGS.AGROVOC;
232@Air water interface@en@AGS.AGROVOC;
```



10 terms displayed, out of a total of 218.

AGS.AGROVOC			
Count	Termcode	Terms	Select
1	31911	Abnormal water loss	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	169	African inland waters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	25310	Agricultural wastewater	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	232	Air water interface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	667	Asian inland waters	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Ontology Tools (1/2)

- Mapping / Merging:
  - [Vocabulary Integration Environment \(VINE\)](#) , Marine Metadata Interoperability Project (MMI)
  - [Chimaera](#) , Knowledge Systems, AI Laboratory, Stanford University
- OWL Validators:
  - [WonderWeb OWL Validator](#), University of Manchester / University of Karlsruhe
  - [OWL Validator](#) , BBN Technologies

# Ontology Tools (2/2)

- Ontology Browsers / Editors
  - [Swoop](#) , University of Maryland
  - [Protégé](#) , Stanford University
  - [KAON Suite](#) , AIFB
- AOS-CS Workbench



# AOS/CS Workbench

- Support and manage the multi-language terminology work of information management specialists in the development, maintenance, and quality assurance of the AOS/CS
- Features
  - Text processing
  - Corpus Creation
  - Corpus Analysis
  - Term/Relationship Management
  - Quality Assurance
  - Versioning and Deployment

Welcome to AOS/CS

Login:

Password:

Language:

Ontology:

Remember Me

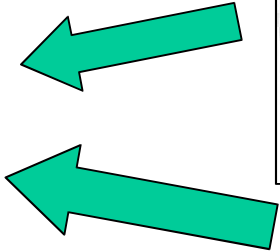
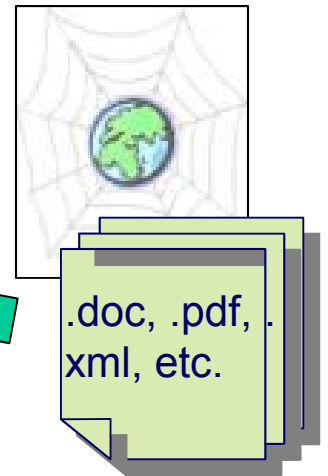
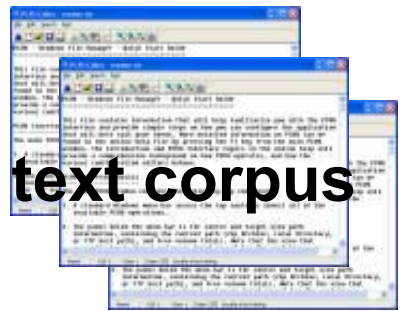
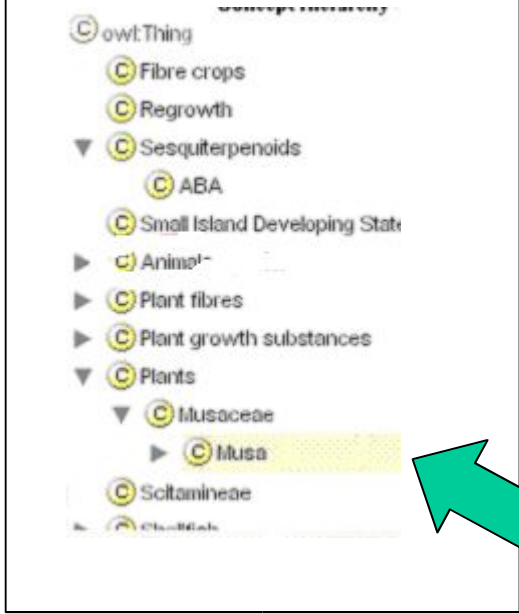
Sign in as Anonymous

**Sign In**

[Register](#)

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# Concept Hierarchy



input

**AOS/CS Workbench**  
 concordance  
 pattern-matching  
 multilingual

Count	Pct	Word
77	4.5214%	the
53	3.1122%	and
46	2.7011%	to
41	2.4075%	of
39	2.2901%	nbsp
32	1.8790%	for
26	1.5267%	a
22	1.2918%	in
20	1.1744%	on
18	1.0570%	information
18	1.0570%	you
16	0.9395%	

input




# AOS/CS Workbench

- Users
  - Term editor
  - Ontology editor
  - Validator
  - Publisher
  - Administrator
- Functionalities
  - Terms management
  - Concepts management
  - Classification schemes
  - Validations
  - Help



- Search
- Import / Export
- Corpus
- Administration

# RSS



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**:: NEWS ::**

- IMARK: Digitization and Digital Libraries now in French

The IMARK Steering Group is pleased to announce the release of the second module in French entitled "Numérisation et création de bibliothèques numériques". This module offers 31 lessons concerning the digitization of materials in digital formats for teaching. A comprehensive overview of the module was designed for teachers to understand the required skills for developing an information system management and the creation and dissemination of digital content. Cirad, FAO, UNESCO and the development of the IMARK project. You can either through the [IMARK](#) website to register and select a course. The IMARK partnership-based e-learning network consists of a suite of digital resources world-wide in French. The IMARK network management. With over 1000 members, the IMARK network is the largest of its kind in the world.

```

- <rss version="2.0">
- <channel>
  <description>FAO: News and Events Management system</description>
  <title>FAO News and Events RSS Feed</title>
  <link>http://www.fao.org/nems</link>
- <image>
  <url>http://www.fao.org/img2/Faologo.gif</url>
  <title>Fao.org</title>
  <link>http://www.fao.org/nems</link>
  <width>134</width>
  <height>19</height>
</image>
  <language>en</language>
- <copyright>
  Food and Agriculture organization (FAO), 2005. All rights reserved. <h
  the information in this RSS in terms of its correctness, accuracy, reliability
  
```

# What's next

## Metadata Tool

- Extend to more schemes, connecting preferably via web services.

## AOS/CS Workbench

- Integration possibilities with other Meta-models for Ontologies

## Others

- Tools to create and manage RSS combined with DC, FOAF elements (especially 1.0) for other types of resources (organizations, experts etc.)

Volunteers?

**Thank you.**