Dunhuang Mural Thesaurus 敦煌壁画主题词表

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Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes Cave

Dunhuang Mogao caves, located south-east of the Dunhuang oasis on the Silk Road, in Gansu province, China. With 492 caves, the total size of the murals reaches more than 45,000 square meters .

The numerous huge number of Dunhuang murals contain very exceedingly rich content, making this site a significant academic treasure with an abundance of vivid materials depicting various aspects of medieval politics, economics, culture, arts, religion, ethnic relations, and daily dress in Western China.



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Purpose

Approach

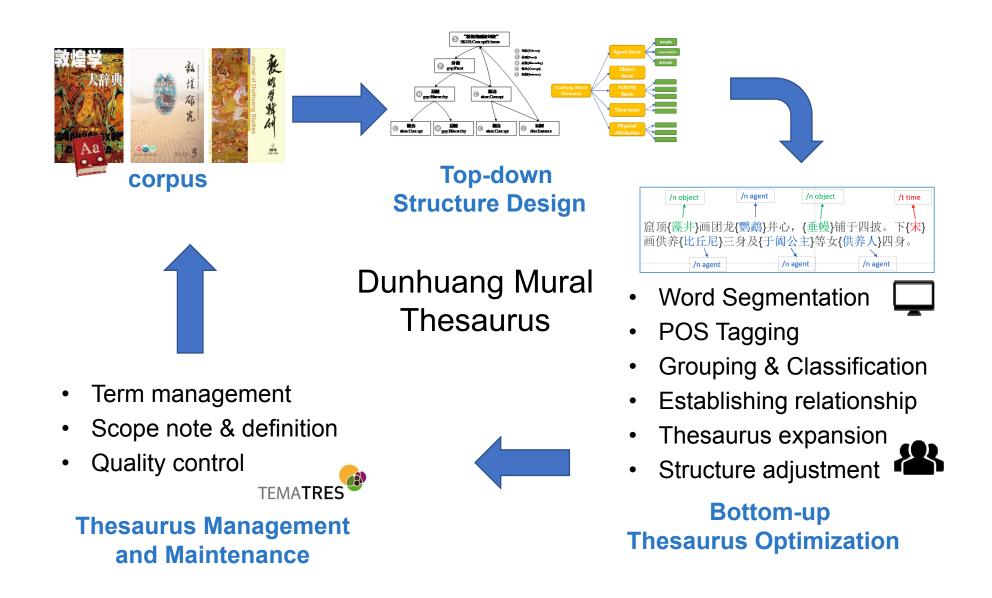
The absence of Dunhuang Mural vocabularies not only hinders the reasonable and efficient organization of relevant Dunhuang mural resource, but also limits the studies and explorations of its values.

A combination of top-down and bottom-up approach is used. The top-down approach starts at the general, conceptual levels, and establishes a general framework for the thesaurus. A bottom-up approach builds up important categories from the concepts that are extracted from the corpus using NLP technology.

Benefits

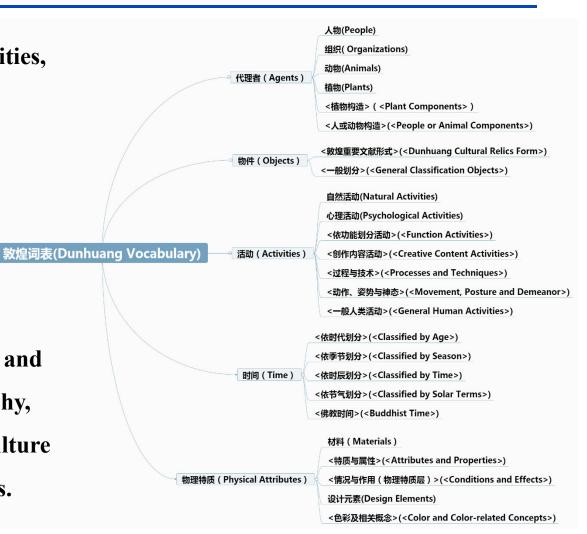
The thesaurus provides a controlled vocabulary for semantic annotation, knowledge organization and information retrieval of digital resources of Dunhuang murals. As a professional and high-quality corpus resource, it can improve the automation and intelligence level of information resource organization.

Work flow



Features

- **5 facets:** Agents, Objects, Activities, Time, and Physical attributes
- 25 second-level categories
- 4276 terms: 3199 concepts, 989 instances
- Chinese and English authority
 - notes and image notes.
- Covering the Mural protection and restoration, religion, iconography, cave archaeology, humanity, culture and other research perspectives.

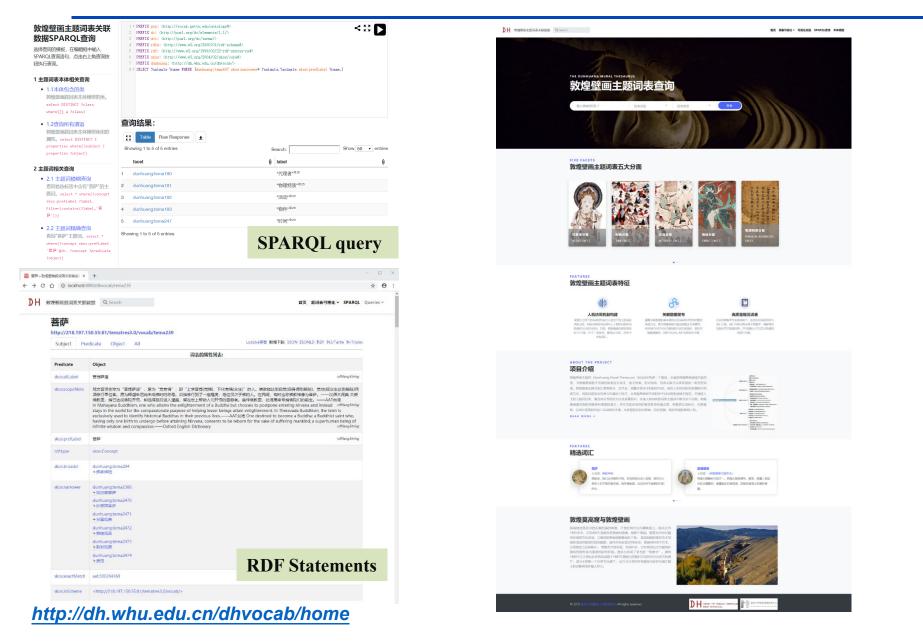


Facets and second-level categories

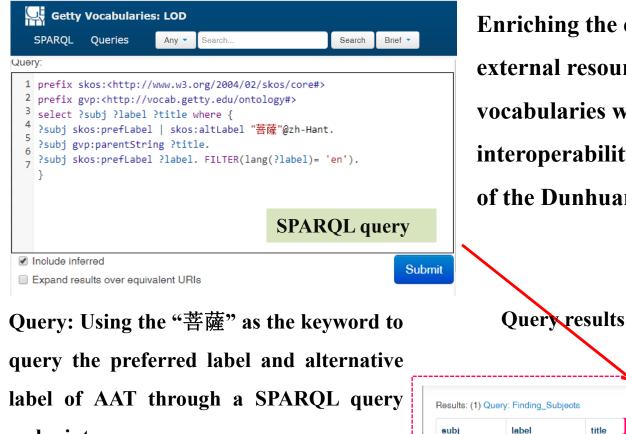
Thesaurus Management and Visualization



Linked Data Publishing



Linked with AAT



Enriching the entities by linking to external resources such as Getty vocabularies which can enhance the interoperability, reusability and findability of the Dunhuang mural thesaurus.

Download SPARQL Results in: JSON XML CSV TSV

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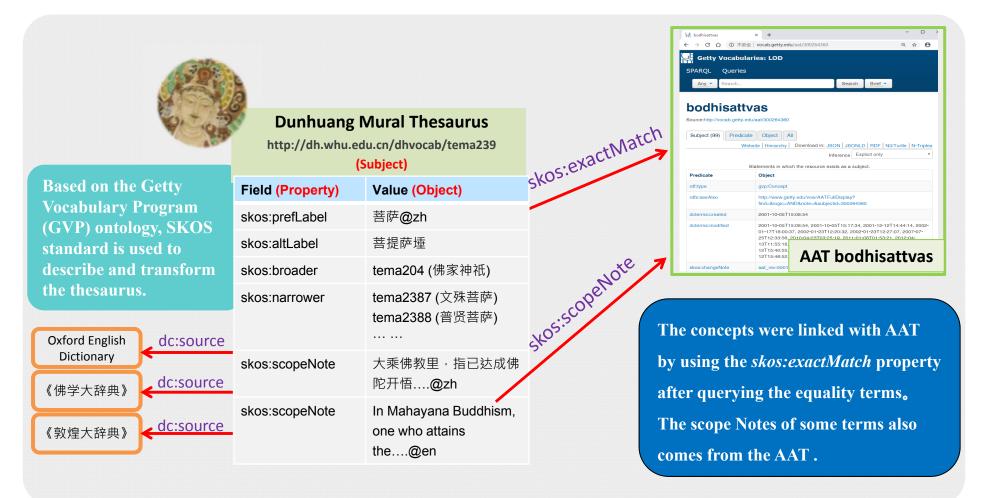
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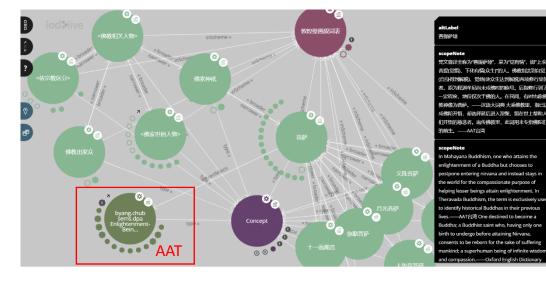
Enriching the Dunhuang mural thesaurus by linking the resources with AAT.



Linked Data Publishing

Facets	Concepts	Linked with AAT	Percentage
Agents	911	115	12.6%
Time	131	36	27.5%
Activities	494	61	12.3%
Objects	2075	167	8.0%
Physical Attributes	242	51	21.1%
Total	3853	430	11.2%

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Facets	5
Hierarchy terms	83
Concepts	3199
Instances	989
Total Terms	4276



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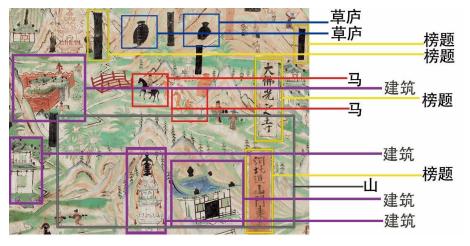
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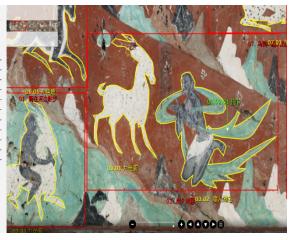
Application programs

Semantic annotation of the mural digital images with the Dunhuang

Mural thesaurus.

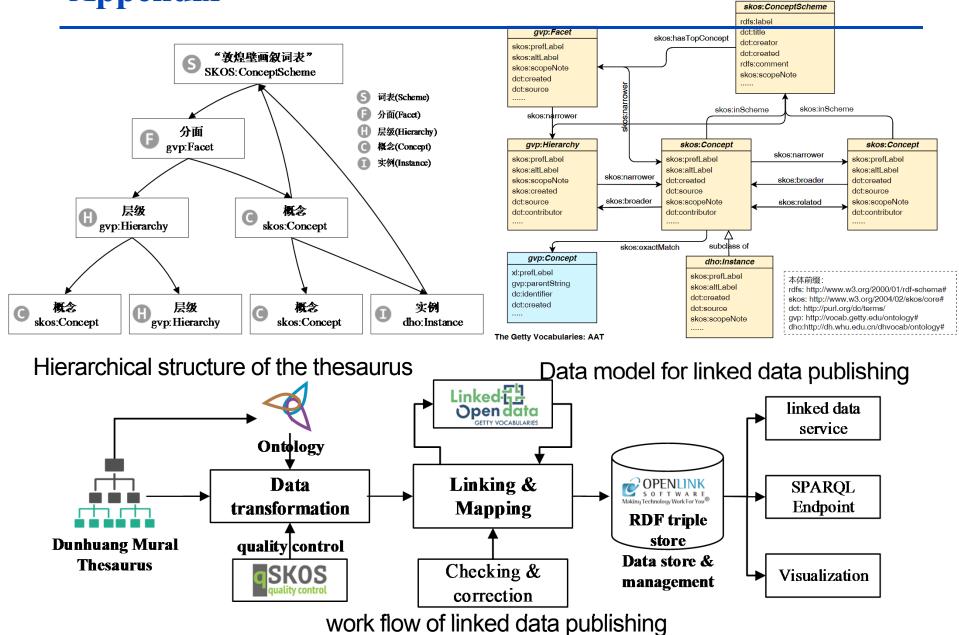




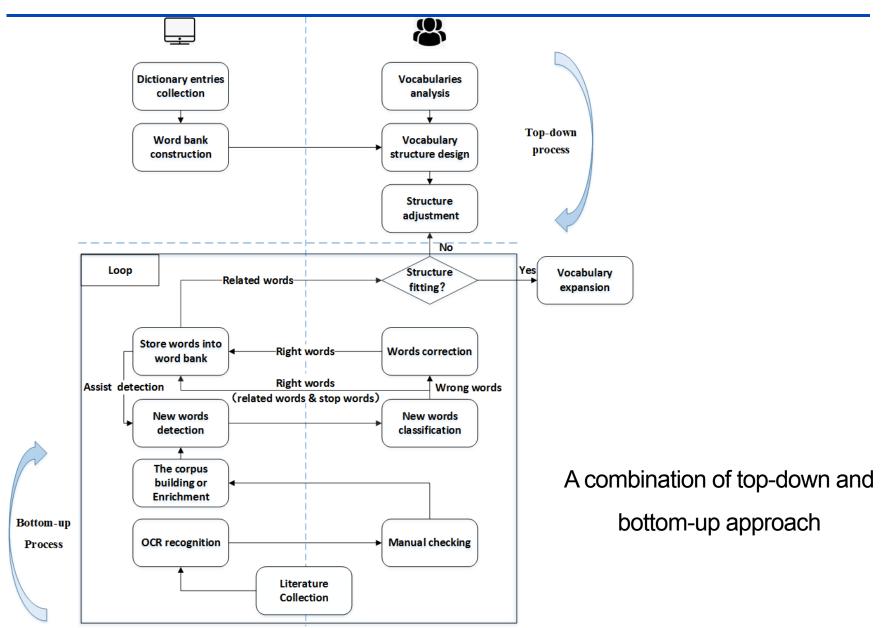




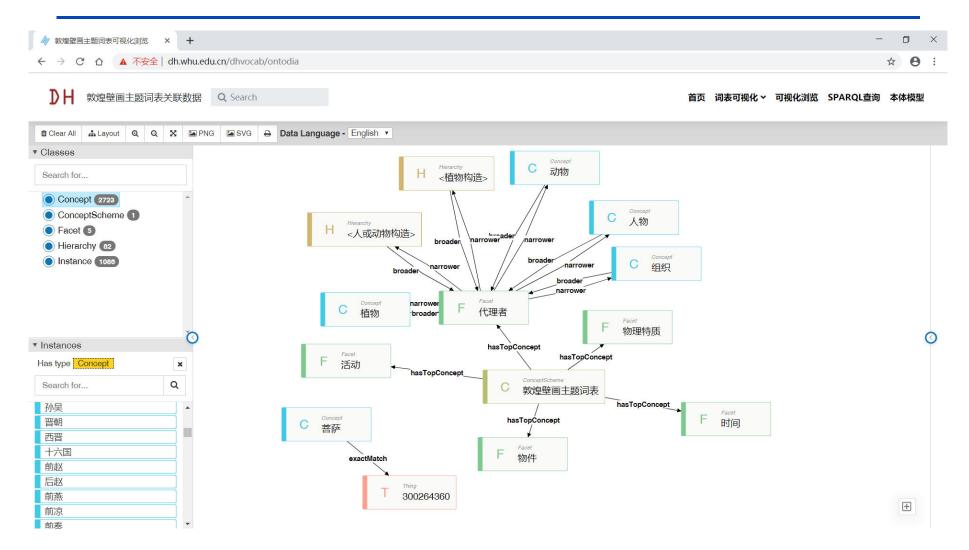
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Visual browsing of the thesaurus based on Ontodia