

Exploring and Mapping Vocabularies

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Outline

- Vocabulary Exploration
- Vocabulary Mappings
 - Why do we need them?
 - How should we express them?
 - A GUI Editor
- Open Issues

Vocabulary Explorer

- Web application

<http://explicator.dcs.gla.ac.uk/WebVocabularyExplorer>

- Uses official vocabularies
- Allows text search for vocabulary concepts
 - Displays available concept information
 - Exploration of Broader, Narrower and Related links
- Demonstrate why we need
 - Multiple vocabularies ([screenshots](#))
 - Mappings

Exploring a Vocabulary

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At the bottom of the main content area, a dark grey footer contains the text "Developed as part of the [Explicator](#) project".

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" on the left and "Open Notebook" on the right.

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VOCABULARY EXPLORER

lensing search Vocabularies

Results 1 - 1 of 1 for "lensing"

▼ [Gravitational lensing](#)

Vocabulary

- Vocabulary for Astronomy & Astrophysics Journal keywords (Version 1.0)

Broader Terms

- [Physical data and processes](#)

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PHYSICAL DATA AND PROCESSES

Vocabulary

- Vocabulary for Astronomy & Astrophysics Journal keywords (Version 1.0)

Narrower Terms

- [Acceleration of particles](#)
- [Accretion, accretion disks](#)
- [Astrobiology](#)
- [Astrochemistry](#)
- [Atomic data](#)
- [Atomic processes](#)
- [Black hole physics](#)
- [Chaos](#)
- [Conduction](#)
- [Convection](#)
- [Dense matter](#)
- [Diffusion](#)
- [Elementary particles](#)
- [Equation of state](#)
- [Gravitation](#)
- [Gravitational lensing](#)
- [Gravitational waves](#)
- [Hydrodynamics](#)
- [Instabilities](#)
- [Line formation](#)

Done Open Notebook

Exploring a Vocabulary

- Small number of results
 - Could be none
 - Can lead to frustration
- What if we explore all the vocabularies?
([Screenshots](#))

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VOCABULARY EXPLORER

Results 1 - 10 of 16 for "lensing"

▶ gravitational lensing
▶ Cosmology. Phenomenon: Lensing
▶ gravitational lensing shear
▶ gravitationally lensed source
▶ strong gravitational lensing
▶ weak gravitational lensing
▶ Galaxy. Type: Gravitationally Lensed
▶ LENSES
▶ PRIMARY LENSES
▶ GRAVITATIONAL LENSES

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The main content area of the browser displays the "VOCABULARY EXPLORER" application. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "lensing" and a "search" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Vocabularies" button. Below the search bar, the text "Results 1 - 10 of 16 for 'lensing'" is displayed.

The search results are presented in a list of items, each with a right-pointing triangle icon:

- [gravitational lensing](#)
- [Cosmology: Phenomenon: Lensing](#)

The "Cosmology: Phenomenon: Lensing" item is expanded, showing the following sections:

- Alternative Labels**
 - 6.2.1 Lensing
- Vocabulary**
 - The list of AOIM keywords in VOcabulary format (Version 1.0)
- Broader Terms**
 - [Cosmology](#)

Below the expanded item, there are four more items in the search results list, each with a right-pointing triangle icon:

- [gravitational lensing shear](#)
- [gravitationally lensed source](#)
- [strong gravitational lensing](#)
- [weak gravitational lensing](#)

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The main content area of the browser displays the "VOCABULARY EXPLORER" interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "lensing" and a "search" button. Below the search bar, the word "COSMOLOGY" is displayed in a large, bold font. Underneath, there are three sections:

- Alternative Labels**: A section containing the text "6 Cosmology".
- Vocabulary**: A section containing a single bullet point: "• The list of AOIM keywords in VOcabulary format (Version 1.0)".
- Narrower Terms**: A section containing a list of five blue hyperlinks:
 - [Cosmology: Morphology: Cosmic Background](#)
 - [Cosmology: Morphology: Deep Field](#)
 - [Cosmology: Morphology: Large-Scale Structure](#)
 - [Cosmology: Phenomenon: Dark Matter](#)
 - [Cosmology: Phenomenon: Gamma Ray Burst](#)
 - [Cosmology: Phenomenon: Lensing](#)

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VOCABULARY EXPLORER

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Vocabulary

- [Vocabulary for Astronomy & Astrophysics Journal keywords \(Version 1.0\)](#)

Broader Terms

- [Physical data and processes](#)

▶ [CAMERA LENSES](#)

▶ [WIDE ANGLE LENSES](#)

▶ [FIELD CORRECTORS](#)

▶ [luminous arc](#)

▶ [gravitational lens](#)

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Exploring Vocabularies

- Get more search results
 - Results from different vocabularies
- Exploration “locks” you into a vocabulary
 - No additional links to concepts in other vocabularies
- What if we have mappings?
 - What is a mapping?
 - How can they be expressed?

What is a Mapping?

“A relationship from a concept in one vocabulary to a concept in another vocabulary.”

- Types of mapping:
 - The same concept
 - A more general/broader concept
 - A more specific/narrower concept
 - A related concept
 - Others? Similar, synonym, ...

Using broader/narrower/related

- Conceptual mismatch
 - Leads to inconsistencies
- No “*these things are the same*” relationship

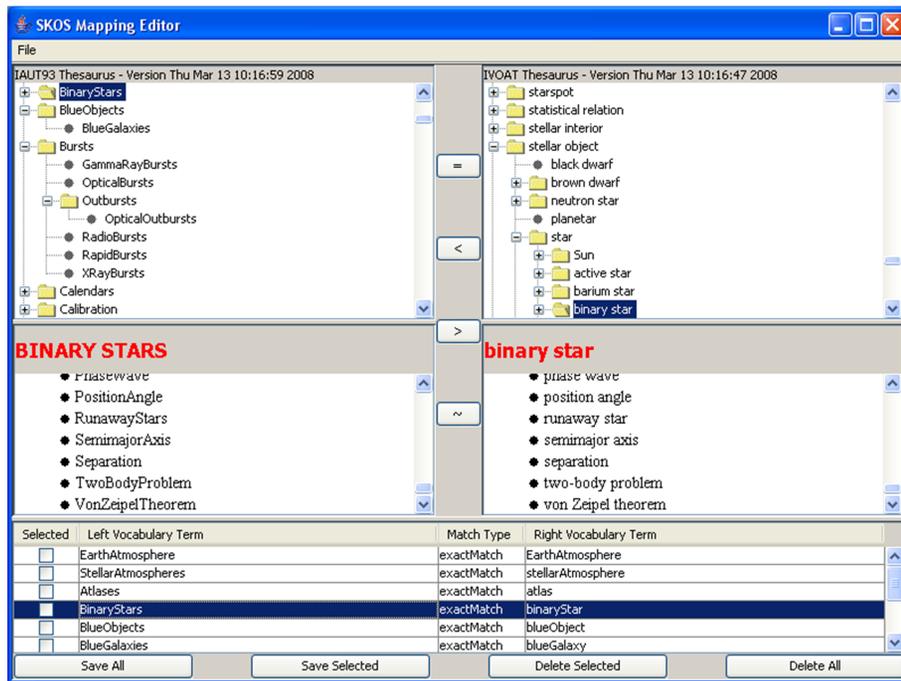
```
aaKeys:sunspot
  a skos:concept ;
...
skos:narrower aaKeys:sun ;
skos:narrower aoim:starspot ;
...
```

```
aoim:starspot
  a skos:concept ;
...
skos:narrower aoim:star ;
ex:sameAs aaKeys:sunspot ;
...
```

Separate Mapping Terms

- Currently four mapping relationships:
 - `skos:exactMatch`
 - `skos:broader`
 - `skos:narrower`
 - `skos:related`
- Inverse mappings
- Declared in separate file
 - Good practice
 - Use vocabulary independently of mappings
 - Declare in one direction

Generating Mappings



- Choose 2 vocabularies
- Choose concepts
- Click type of mapping
- Save mappings to file

Mapping File

[Appropriate prefix declarations]

<>

```
dc:creator "Alasdair J G Gray"@en;  
dc:created "2008-02-07";  
dc:title "Mappings from Astronomy &  
Astrophysics Journal keywords to the AOIM  
taxonomy"@en .
```

```
aaKeys:AccretionAccretionDisks skos:exactMatch  
  aaim:StarCircumstellarMaterialDiskAccretion .
```

```
aaKeys:BlackHolePhysics skos:relatedMatch  
  aaim:StarEvolutionaryStageBlackHole ,  
  aaim:GalaxyComponentCentralBlackHole .
```

```
aaKeys:GravitationalLensing skos:exactMatch  
  aaim:GalaxyTypeGravitationallyLensed ;  
skos:relatedMatch  
  aaim:CosmologyPhenomenonLensing .
```

- Require metadata
 - dc terms
 - Our own
- What do we require?
 - Creator
 - Vocabularies
 - Versions
 - Date
 - ?

Exploring Using Mappings

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Alternative Labels

6.2.1 Lensing

Vocabulary

- The list of AOIM keywords in VOcabulary format (Version 1.0)

Broader Terms

- [Cosmology](#)

Related Terms

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Underneath the term, the interface is organized into several sections:

- Vocabulary**
 - Vocabulary for Astronomy & Astrophysics Journal keywords (Version 1.0)
- Equivalent Concepts**
 - [Galaxy Type: Gravitationally Lensed](#)
- Broader Terms**
 - [Physical data and processes](#)
- Related Terms**
 - [Cosmology Phenomenon: Lensing](#)

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Exploring Using Mappings

([Screenshots](#))

- Many search results
 - Require better ranking (try star)
- Discover inter vocabulary relationships
 - Jump to concepts in other vocabularies
- Require more mapping files
 - Need to be generated using domain knowledge
 - Laborious process
 - Done once used often

Conclusions

- Mappings are useful
- Mappings are different from relationships
 - Are current mappings sufficient for our needs?
 - What metadata do we require?
- Need tools to help us
 - [Basic mapping editor](#)
 - [Vocabulary Explorer](#)
- Need improved search ranking