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Foreword

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Introduction

Several families of International Standards codify various aspects of the representation of language data. These standards describe general corpus-oriented data models in the linguistic annotation framework (LAF) (see ISO 24612), various aspects of the semantic representation in the semantic annotation framework (SemAF) (see ISO 24617-1 and others), the representation of lexical data in the lexical markup framework (LMF) (see ISO 24613-1 and others), as well as the representation of metadata in the component metadata infrastructure (CMDI) (see ISO 24622-1 and others). Complementary to the standards concerning the representation of language data, the ISO 24623 series focuses on the exploitation of language data and on ways to satisfy various kinds of information needs targeting these data.

The corpus query lingua franca (CQLF) metamodel, described in ISO 24623-1, is a maximally permissive construct that establishes means of describing the scope of corpus query languages (CQLs) at a general level and with a focus on various kinds of data models assumed by query systems, with conformance conditions meant to be satisfied by a wide range of CQLs. The metamodel provides a “skeleton” for a CQL taxonomy by setting up basic categories of corpus queries (encoded as levels and modules) as well as the dependencies among them.

Consequently, the task of a more concrete characterization of CQLs is meant to be covered in other parts of the ISO 24623 series. This document establishes a framework for an ontology which focuses on the generalized information needs satisfied by corpus queries, and which is structured as a multi-layer taxonomy against which individual CQLs can make positive and negative conformance statements.

Such an ontology allows, on the one hand, a fine-grained comparison of the expressive power of CQLs, and, on the other hand, it serves a practical purpose, i.e. as a foundation for platforms where developers can enter conformance statements, and where end users can see which CQL to turn to in order to ensure that their search needs get satisfied. An example of such a platform is given by Reference [13].

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1 Scope

This document specifies the structure of an ontology for a fine-grained description of the expressive power of corpus query languages (CQLs) in terms of search needs. The ontology consists of three interrelated taxonomies of concepts: the CQLF metamodel (a formalization of ISO 24623-1); the expressive power taxonomy, which describes different facets of the expressive power of CQLs; and a taxonomy of CQLs.

This document specifies:

- a) the taxonomy of the CQLF metamodel;
- b) the topmost layer of the expressive power taxonomy (whose concepts are called “functionalities”);
- c) the structure of the layers of the expressive power taxonomy and the relationships between them, in the form of subsumption assertions;
- d) the formalization of the linkage between the CQL taxonomy and the expressive power taxonomy, in the form of positive and negative conformance statements.

This document does not define the entire contents of the ontology (see [Clause 4](#)).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 24612, *Language resource management — Linguistic annotation framework (LAF)*

ISO 24623-1, *Language resource management — Corpus query lingua franca (CQLF) — Part 1: Metamodel*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology — Universal coded character set (UCS)*

W3C-OWL 2-SPEC. *OWL 2 Web Ontology Language: Structural Specification and Functional-Style Syntax* (Second Edition). MOTIK B., PATEL-SCHNEIDER, P.F., and PARSIA, B. eds. W3C Recommendation, 11 December 2012. Available from: <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-syntax/>

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 24612, ISO 24623-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>