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The Finnish Terminology Centre – enhancing information management with high-quality content

The Finnish Terminology Centre (Sanastokeskus TSK ry) offers information and expert services related to terminology work and usage of special language terms. Its' activities are grounded in thorough mastery and development of terminology theory and the practical methods derived from it. The main goals of the Terminology Centre are to produce high-quality digital content, especially vocabularies and ontologies, as well as to develop methods for terminology work and maintain the know-how required for terminology work. Most recently the methods have been adapted for use in development of classifications. The results of the Terminology Centre's work enhance communication and information management.

Today the clientele of the Finnish Terminology Centre consists primarily of the various actors in the public sector. The Terminology Centre has produced vocabularies for e.g. the National Institute for Health and Welfare and Kela (the Social Insurance Institution of Finland) and ontologies for e.g. the National Board of Antiquities and Ministry of Justice. To be able to produce content in special subject fields the terminologists work closely with subject specialists on each project. By combining terminologists' knowledge of terminology theory with specialists' knowledge of their own subject field the Terminology Centre is able to ensure that the content produced is accurate and of high quality.

In this presentation we will review some projects the Terminology Centre does with its' customers and give examples of how the content produced in these projects is used in digital applications.