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# WHERE ARE TOPIC MAPS NOW

### THREADS

- Contradiction:
  - Web sites are increasingly organized around topics
  - Topic maps are hardly ever mentioned?
- What does matter?
  - Independence from sources.
  - Human curation

### TOPIC MAPS ARE GRAPHS

- Topics are units of meaning that occupy a location in an abstract space.
  - Any subject of conversation is a topic.
- Maps are graphs providing the connection between the topics, and from topics to information sources.

### WHERE ARE GRAPHS USED?

- Facebook / LinkedIn / Instagram / etc.
- Google Knowledge Graph
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- Where databases are currently used.
- Graphs offer more flexibility than databases, and are more maintainable. You can add or delete anything you want.

It's happening right now...

### TOPIC MAPS ARE NOT NEW

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### DO INDEXES HAVE A FUTURÉ?

- Is any algorithm able to create the equivalent of an index?
  - Not something that looks like an index.
  - Something that has the intellectual value and the usefulness of an index.
- Same question about topic maps...
- Wrong question. (Is there a publisher in the room?)

### FAREWELL to:

WELCOME to:

- Information silos
- Well-defined schemas
- Taxonomies and Hierarchical Classification Systems
- Ontologies with rigid rules.
- Relational Databases

- Complexity
- Multilingual
- Evolving information
- Concurrent Perspectives
- Multidimensional

### WHAT HAPPENED TO ISO 13250?

- External Factors:
  - Google takes over the world knowledge.
  - Do we need standards for knowledge?
- Internal Factors:
  - Limitations of the Data Model
  - Topic Maps Community focused on interchange, but that's a non-requirement.

### THE WILD WILD WEST

- US: Technology has taken over the world assets: information, knowledge, which are now privatized. You need to pay to access the law. During that time, Google takes over libraries. Standards and regulations are not welcome.
- Europe: Tries to regulate more, a lot of red tape.
   Obstacles to growth?

# INFORMATION OUT OF CONTROL

- How to distinguish fake news from real news?
- Advertisement-based business models used for political propaganda.
- Algorithms and robots get out of control.
- Are there still humans on board?

# WHO NEEDS INTERCHANGE?

- People build their own graphs.
- They are not ready to interchange them with others.
- The main goal of the Topic Maps standard came too early. The world is still not ready for it.

### A HALF-COOKED SOLUTION

- ISO 13250 leaves open the way topics are organized.
- DITA (Darwin Information Typing Architecture) has taken over the industry by providing ready-made solutions for mapping topics.
- RDF/Linked Data provides a graph with a guide to describe semantics and a set of commonly agreed topics.

# LIMITATIONS OF THE TOPIC MAPS DATA MODEL

- Distinction between names, occurrences, types and associations is fuzzy.
  - Types should be related topics.
- What's a topic name? For a person, should it be the first name, last name, a combination of both?
- What is the difference between an occurrence and a topic? For example,
   Form 1040 is considered both in Taxmap.
- What is the difference between an occurrence and a related topic? Suppose the occurrence goes to a web page which is a "topic" page.
- Can a nickname be a topic related to the formal name considered a topic?
   If yes, then a name is a topic, not a property of a topic.

# STILL, TOPIC MAPS HAVE A BIG ADVANTAGE

- It is the independence of the
  - Semantic assignment of topics from the
  - Sources to which they refer
- When sources are updated, topics retain most of their characteristics.

### CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

- OpenCypher as a graph query language
  - used by SAP Hana Graph, Redis, AgensGraph and Neo4J (<a href="http://www.opencypher.org/">http://www.opencypher.org/</a>)
- Apache Spark, Open Source cluster-computing framework.

### CLEANING

- Analogy with a new house.
  - When entering a new house, we organize our stuff into drawers, shelves, armoires, closets. Everything fits.
  - As time goes by, mess starts to accumulate. Things are not put where they should be, there is a little bit of everything everywhere.
  - A certain amount of mess is useful to feel at home. We kind of know where things are, even if this is not where they are supposed to go.

### MAINTENANCE

- Schema-driven information architectures impose every piece of information to fit somewhere.
- New data doesn't necessarily fit the existing locations. It is likely that some would need new fields, but creating them may be impossible, too costly, or too resource intensive.
- When data doesn't fit the existing silos, the whole silo is discarded and a new one is designed.
- The same story starts again....

### WHERE THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD

- Two topic map stories:
  - Surviving obsolescence. IRS is celebrating 15 years of Topic Maps.
  - Deep into the weeds: Merging indexes of books at NYU.

# TAXMAP TOPIC PAGE



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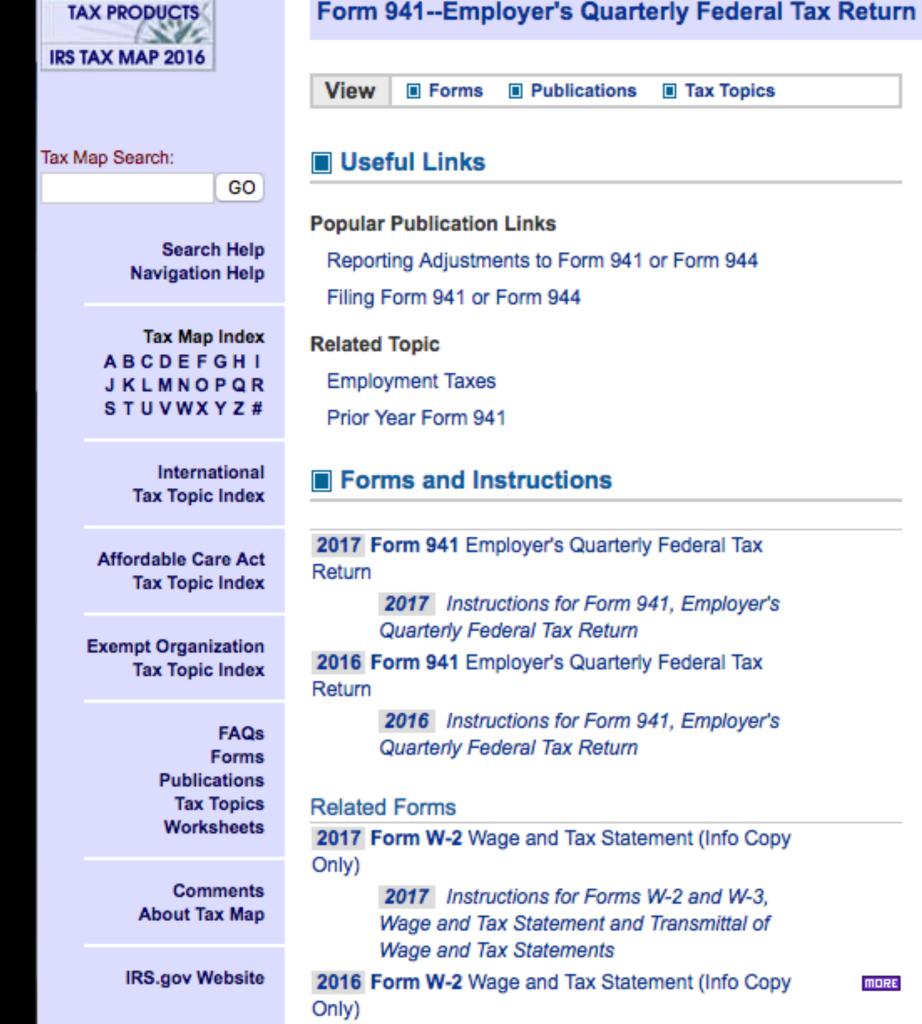
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Cousin. Your cousin meets this test only if he or she lives with you all year as a member of your household....

#### Related Topic Links

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- ➤ Exemption
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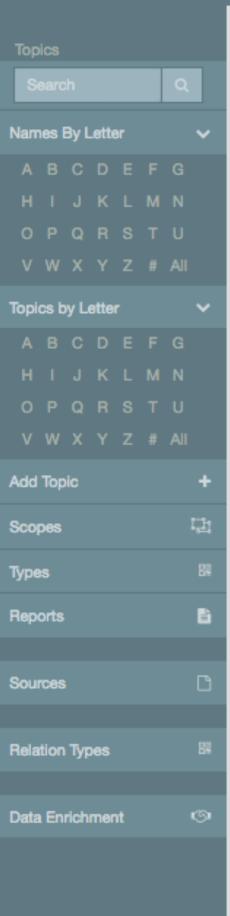


#### **Related Topic Links**

- ➤ Employer
- > Employment Tax
- Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA)
- ➤ Federal Tax Deposit (FTD)
- ➤ Filing Form 941 or Form 944
- > Medicare
- > Prior Year Form 941
- ➤ Quarterly Tax Payments
- Reporting Adjustments to Form 941 or Form 944
- Social Security and Medicare Taxes
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### NYU / ENM

- Merging the indexes of ~100 ebooks. Provide an enhanced navigation system for scholars.
- Make entries topics
- Got: 45,000+ topics.
- Reviewed: ~15,000 using the Topic Curation Toolkit



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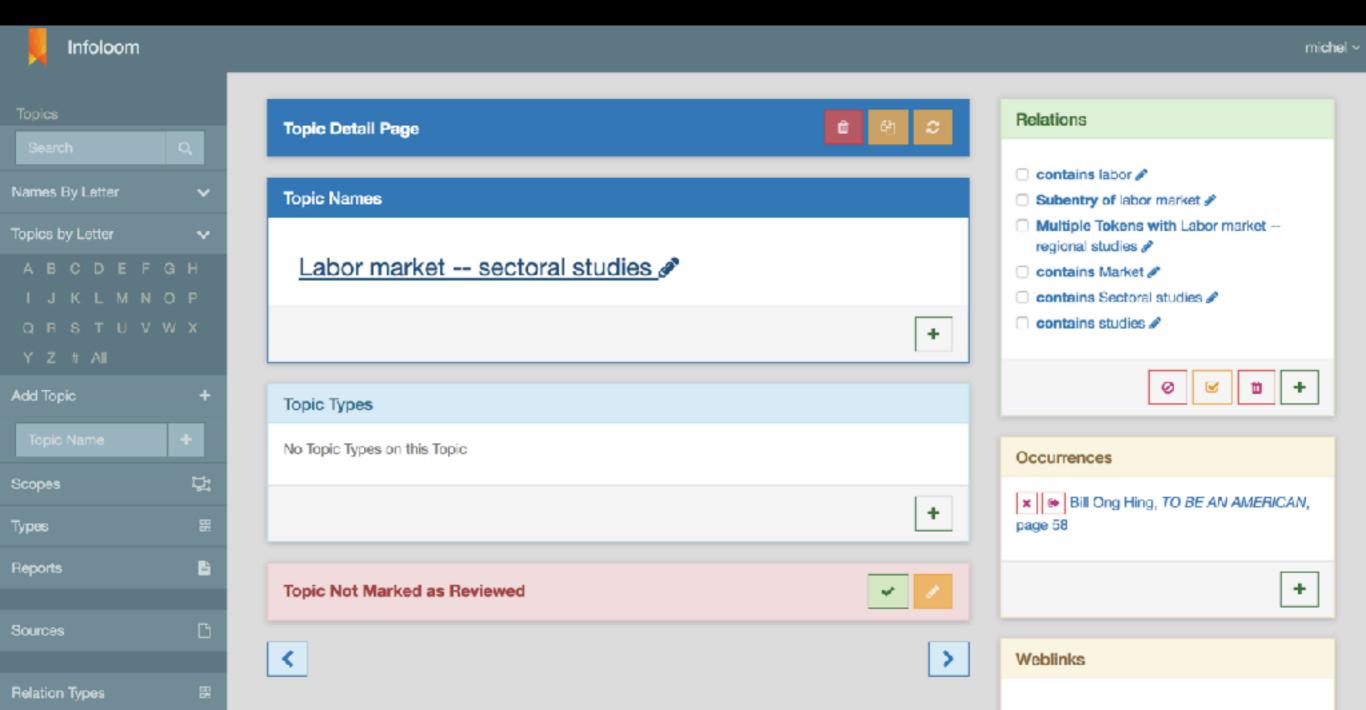
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#### Content

that they are in some sense "employees." And if administrators and faculty at Yale or elsewhere want to claim that their graduate students' wages are not "wages" because their teaching (which is not strictly "teaching") is merely part of their professional training as apprentice professors, then it makes sense to call the bluff: take graduate students out of the classrooms in which they work as graders, assistants, and instructors; maintain their stipend support at its current levels; and give them professional development and training that does not involve the direct supervision of undergraduates. Then we'll see how long Yale University can survive without the labor (which is not strictly "labor") of its graduate student teaching assistants. At the time, I thought my support for graduate student unions—in a speech delivered to, among other people, unionized graduate students—amounted to endorsing candidates after they'd won their elections. To my surprise, however, I learned later that the graduate students were very pleased with my speech, and that some even considered it "courageous." It seems that I had denounced as ridiculous Yale administrators' claims that graduate students were not employees in front of a number of Kansas administrators who had claimed that graduate students were not employees. (I told the students I had had no idea that my audience included actual had faith negotiators, and that my "courage" in

#### Topics at This Location

- Faculty -- and graduate student unionization >
- Unionization of graduate students -opposition to >
- University of Kansas >
- Yale University anti-union stance of -faculty response to graduate student unionization at >

#### Indexes

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# WHAT DOES "CLEANING" MEAN?

- Topics are grouped into semantic clusters sharing the same meaning.
- However, since their number has no limit, there is no constraint on how many topics there should be.
- Several strategies are possible:
  - Use automated processes to coalesce them: slugification, lemmatization, use of a specialized dictionary
  - Use manual curation for fine-tuning.
- In any case, a topic map is usable, even without cleaning.



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synonyms: sense of right and wrong, moral sense, inner voice; More

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#### A Man Without Grace Meets a Party Without Conscience

https://www.thedailybeast.com/a-man-without-grace-meets-a-party-without-conscience \* Jan 28, 2017 - A Man Without Grace Meets a Party Without Conscience. Just one week into the Trump presidency, Republicans have already shown they are ...

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### NEXT STEPS

- Provide easy-to-use tools with a comfortable user interface to create and manage a topic network.
- Can pick up updated sources on the fly.
- These tools are aimed at organizations or companies that are making public some of their information assets in a way which is both easy to create and easy to navigate.

### DIRECTION

 Leverage the experience gained from Topic Mapping to take full advantage of the graph database technologies, existing and future.