

# First results from the "Wittgenstein Incubator" project

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Wittgenstein scholars

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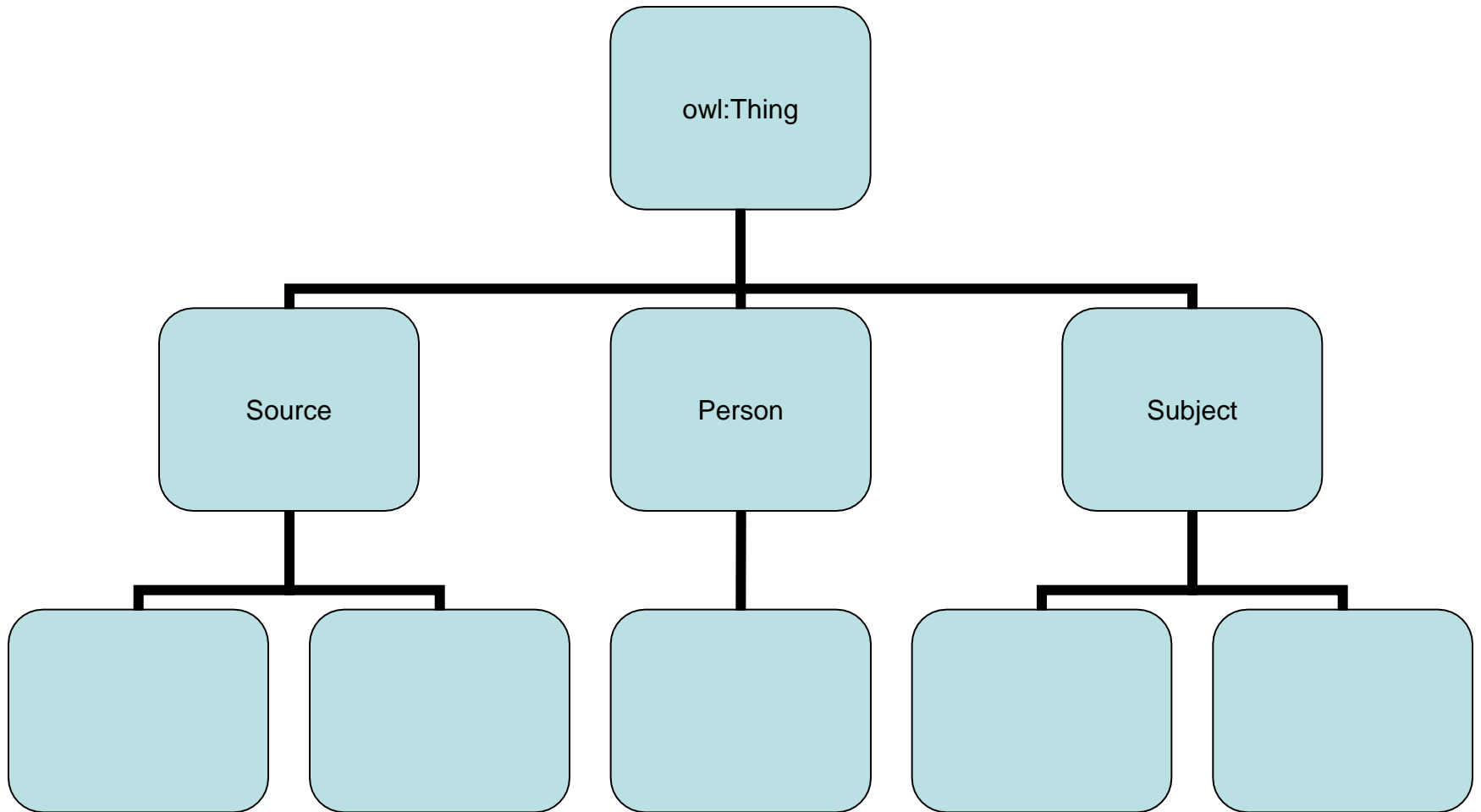
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Pundit (incl. Korbo ...)

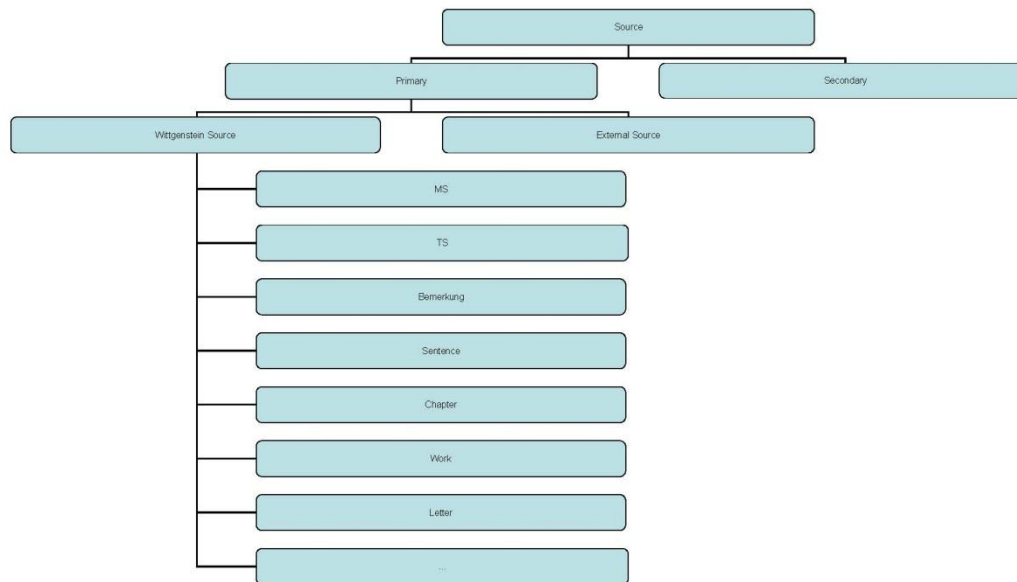
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vocabularies (incl. WAB's wittgenstein.owl with terms for philosophical subjects a.o.)

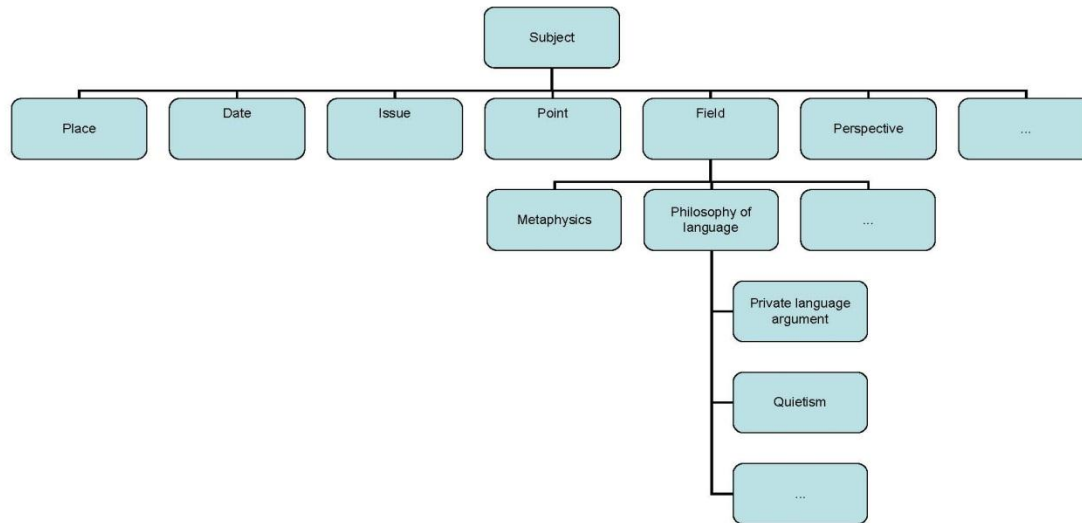
# wittgenstein.owl



# Source



# Subject



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“The first steps in the Wittgenstein pilot have been made. 5000 pages of [Wittgenstein’s Nachlass](#) have been made available in [Pundit](#), the semantic annotation tool that is being developed in the project, and a group of scholars is now doing humanities research with this tool.

This pilot will be a great way to collect feedback from a scholarly community and further develop Pundit to the needs of humanities researchers. **The scholars will use Pundit to collect and annotate the texts of particular relevance. Equally through software, they will be able to interact and comment each other’s views and questions.”**

# The experiment

- Engage in free text **comments**
- Engage in **controlled vocabulary** driven annotation (labeling with tags selected from a pre-given lists)
- Engage in **linking** of documents
- Engage in creating **triples** using WAB's Wittgenstein ontology
  - Engage in argumentative annotation using WAB's Wittgenstein ontology
- Engage in **annotating annotations**, esp. annotations created by *others*
  
- Text focus: Wittgenstein's "Brown Book" corpus (around 500 pages)
  
- Scholars: around 10 Wittgenstein experts with various interests in Wittgenstein and the "Brown Book"

# Documentation

- Participants record positive and negative responses as well as needs in a shared Google doc Excel file
- Alois extracts from this document recommendations for further development of Pundit



# First experiences

- The beginning was characterised by optimism and curiosity. After first Pundit-engagement some got sceptical and never got properly engaged; others lost some momentum.
- For the time being, most simply wait for desired implementations in Pundit before continuing.
  - Pundit (Feed.ThePund.it ) + Ask.ThePund.it
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  - ...

# First recommendations: Where and Who?

- Scholars want to engage with each other; in order to do so they need to know
  - where has specific scholar NN left an annotation
  - to which documents (document parts) are there annotations
- It should be easy to find out
  - *which* documents have been annotated
    - in *whatever* version: diplomatic, normalized, facsimile ...,
    - on *whatever* platform (outside of Wittgenstein Source)?
  - and by *whom*

# First recommendations: WAB's ontology as "master notebook"

- We should spare the user having to create triples which are already provided by WAB
- We should encourage the user to give feedback (incl. corrections, alternative triples ...) on the triples created by WAB
- WAB's Wittgenstein ontology should be accessible to the user as ("master"-)notebook rather than as ontology scaffolding only; i.e. the user should be able to see and utilize all the RDF triples (= annotations!) already created by WAB rather than the classes, relations and instances of the Wittgenstein ontology only.

# First recommendations: Annotate annotations

- Currently, it is not possible to annotate annotations; this is not OK: if I want to respond to an annotation X, my annotation should be recorded as an annotation to X rather than as an annotation to the document part to which X refers. The latter, current solution, leads to "overcrowding" the document with annotation buttons.
- There must be a way directly to annotate annotations made by others (or oneself) rather than having to create a new annotation on the document.

# First recommendations: Proposing new instances and relation types

- There should be an easy and smooth way for users to propose new instances and relations.
  - Sending an e-mail to the site administrator is easy but not smooth.

# First recommendations: Legal issues

- In the management of the Pundit "notebooks", the user should be made aware that sharing the notebook comes with a specific license.
  - Which one?

# First recommendations: Other

- Pundit should be able to take on any ontology / vocabulary (there may, for example, be competing Wittgenstein ontologies)