

# ontologies

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## 1. Ontologies in Biomedical Domain

- [Gene Ontology \(GO\)](#)
  - Controlled vocabulary for gene annotation
  - available in XML
  - contains ontologies for Molecular Function, Biological Process and Cellular Component
- [Interaction Ontology](#)
- [UMLS](#) Unified Medical Language System Metathesaurus
  - a very large metathesaurus built from thesauri, classifications, coding systems, and lists of controlled terms that are developed by different organizations
  - a concept is defined as a cluster of terms representing the same meaning
  - 1.75 million English terms drawn from more than sixty families of medical vocabulary, organized in some 875000 concepts.
  - includes the SPECIALIST lexicon, containing syntactic, morphological, and orthographic information on medical terms, and various software tools
- [MeSH](#)
  - controlled Thesaurus by the National Library of Medicine
  - very broad scope
  - integrated into Pubmed/MedLine search facility
  - not everyone happy with the contents (e.g. see Barry Smith, COLING04)
- [ICD](#) is the International Classification of Diseases
  - outdated, but comprehensive
- [Enzyme Nomenclature](#)
  - a list and classification of enzymes
  - links to other info sources

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