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**FROM GENERAL THESAURUS TO GENERAL ONTOLOGY -
Experiences from the National Library of Finland**

The National Library of Finland is responsible for the development and updating of four Finnish thesauri. They are used not only by libraries but widely also by other organizations. NLF has been a partner in the National Semantic Web Ontology Project in Finland (FinnONTO) since 2004. There is a need for a general upper ontology to serve as "semantic glue" for special ontologies, and the general thesaurus provided the basic terms for building one.