

Resource Summary Report

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FMA

RRID:SCR_003379

Type: Tool

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Resource Information

URL: <http://sig.biostr.washington.edu/projects/fm/>

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Description: A domain ontology that represents a coherent body of explicit declarative knowledge about human anatomy. It is concerned with the representation of classes or types and relationships necessary for the symbolic representation of the phenotypic structure of the human body in a form that is understandable to humans and is also navigable, parseable and interpretable by machine-based systems. Its ontological framework can be applied and extended to all other species. The description of how the OWL version was generated is in Pushing the Envelope: Challenges in a Frame-Based Representation of Human Anatomy by N. F. Noy, J. L. Mejino, C. Rosse, M. A. Musen: http://bmir.stanford.edu/publications/view.php/pushing_the_envelope_challenges_in_a_frame_based. The Foundational Model of Anatomy ontology has four interrelated components: # Anatomy taxonomy (At), # Anatomical Structural Abstraction (ASA), # Anatomical Transformation Abstraction (ATA), # Metaknowledge (Mk). The ontology contains approximately 75,000 classes and over 120,000 terms; over 2.1 million relationship instances from over 168 relationship types link the FMA's classes into a coherent symbolic model.

Abbreviations: FMA

Synonyms: Foundational Model of Anatomy Ontology, Foundational Model of Anatomy

Resource Type: controlled vocabulary, data analysis software, data or information resource, data processing software, database, ontology, software application, software resource

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Availability: Free, Freely available

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Alternate IDs: nif-0000-00066

Alternate URLs: <http://bioportal.bioontology.org/ontologies/FMA>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for FMA.

No alerts have been found for FMA.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 8 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

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