



# The structure of UKAT and the UKAT website

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# Structure

UKAT is based on the structure of the UNESCO thesaurus

- Conforms to ISO and BSI standards for thesaurus construction
- Provides a framework on which to build
- Already in use by some archives and archive projects such as AIM25

# Fields of knowledge

Like UNESCO, UKAT is divided into seven fields of knowledge:

- Education
- Science
- Culture
- Social and human sciences
- Information and communication
- Politics, law and economics
- Events

# UNESCO v UKAT

## UNESCO has some disadvantages

- Monohierarchical
  - although Countries and country groupings allowed polyhierarchies there was inconsistent assignment of Microthesauri
  - Need to have knowledge of the structure
- Considered to be too high level
  - Archives and projects using UNESCO needed to add their own more specific terminology

# UNESCO v UKAT

## UKAT has some advantages

- Polyhierarchical
  - all terms may be polyhierarchical
  - easier to find terms as multiple entry points
- More specific
  - Expansion allows archives to add their own terminologies
- Ownership
  - UKAT developed specifically for and by the community and its users ie. not UNESCO 2

# [www.ukat.org.uk](http://www.ukat.org.uk)

- Live since January
- Online searchable thesaurus
  - Hierarchical browsing
  - Alphabetical browsing
  - Quick and Advanced Searches
- Downloads
  - Electronic (XML, Adlib, CAL)
- Guidelines for contributors
- User-friendly and *user-centred* interface

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- [Http://www.ukat.org.uk](http://www.ukat.org.uk)
- Test site