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Topic Maps based application for the intellectual labyrinth

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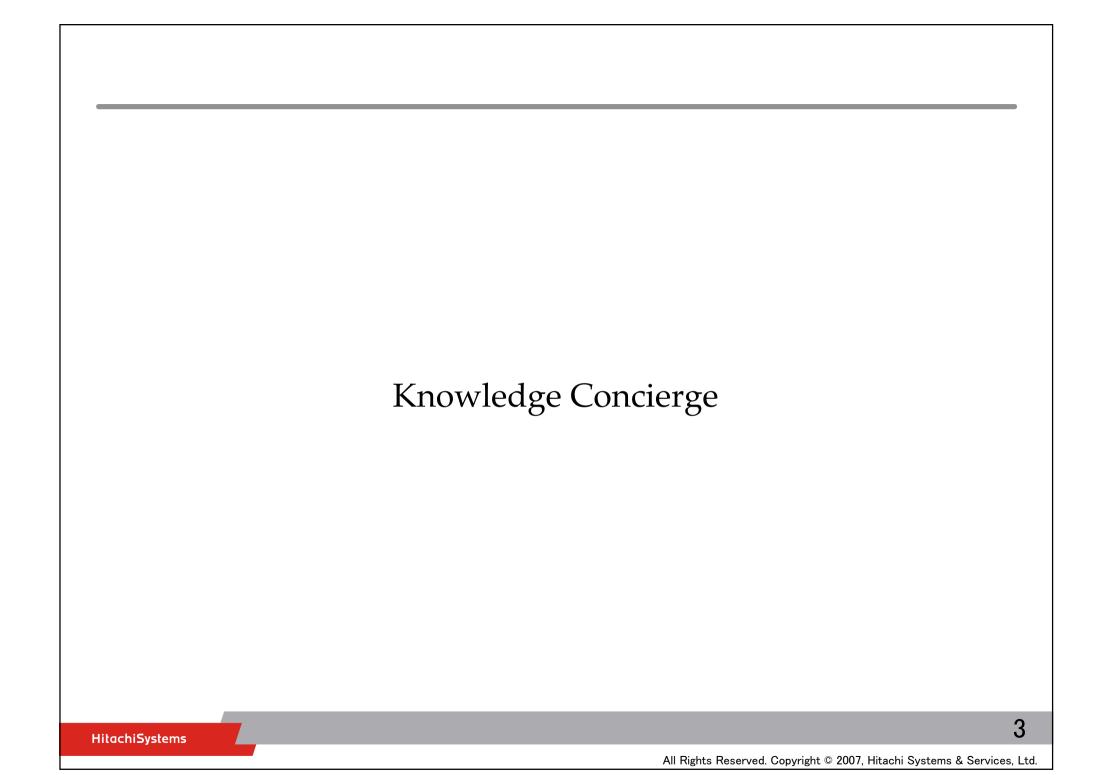
Agenda

- Background
 - intellectual labyrinth
- Knowledge Concierge
 - knowledge from Encyclopedia
 - profiling ... tether knowledge and content
 - apply to various applications
- Conclusion
 - further work

Background

- One of our business is...
 - provide one of the largest Japanese encyclopedia and various contents through the internet
 - provide solution service with customer's content

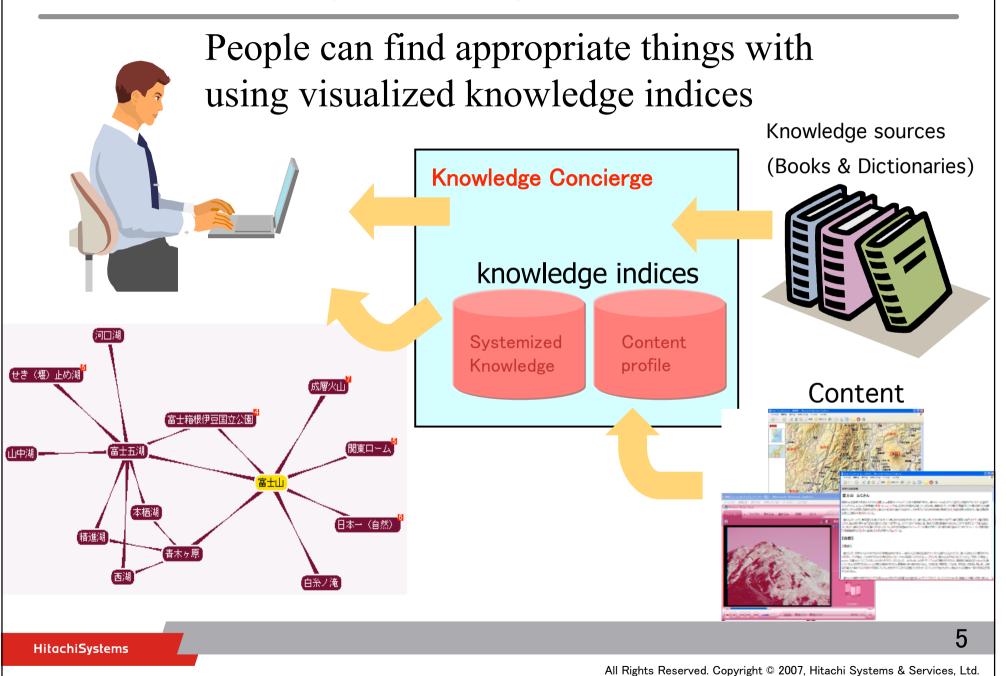
- Nowadays, people are facing difficulties in their intellectual activities...
 - may get too much search results
 - can not find out what keywords have been used
 - can not recognize what they are interested in



Knowledge Concierge

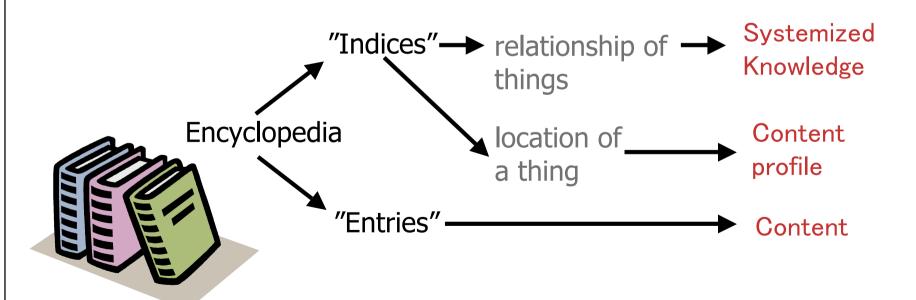
- We developed Topic Maps based application likes a "Concierge" for the intellectual labyrinth
- We would like to do with it
 - help people retrieve information based on knowledge, and learn it
 - provide serendipitous finding while they access information freely
- We named it "知のコンシェルジェ®" means "Knowledge Concierge".
- It is composed of two key technologies
 - "Systemized Knowledge"
 - "Content Profiling"

About Knowledge Concierge



Knowledge from encyclopedia

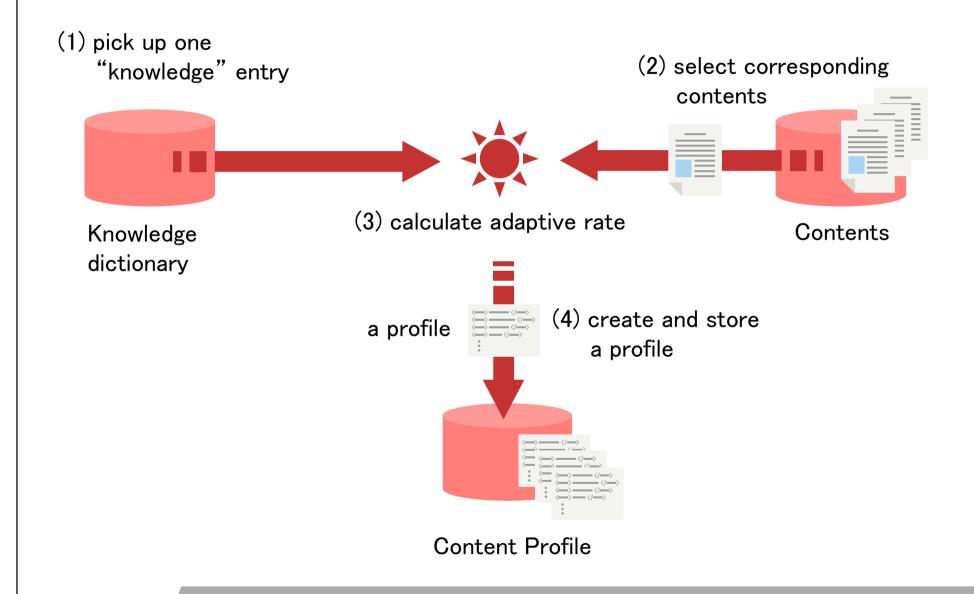
- Encyclopedia contains ...
 - definition of the thing
 - relationship between thing and others
 - location of information about the thing
- People look for the things with an indices and entries



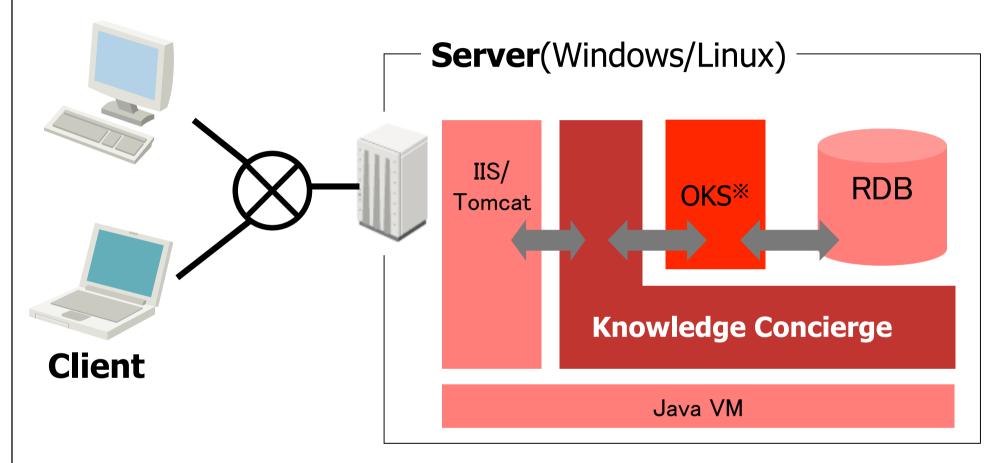
Creating Systemized Knowledge

- analysis encyclopedia's content
 - collect the "words" which define the thing
 - categorize the words: editorial work
 - its based on content's structure which come from author's seditor's point of view
- analysis encyclopedia's indices
 - generate the relationship between thing and others
 - it reflects author's/editor's knowledge
- generate the Topic Maps as "Systemized Knowledge"
 - "words" to the "Topic"
 - "relationship" to the "Association"
 - "content profile" to the "Occurrence" ... later description

Content Profiling process



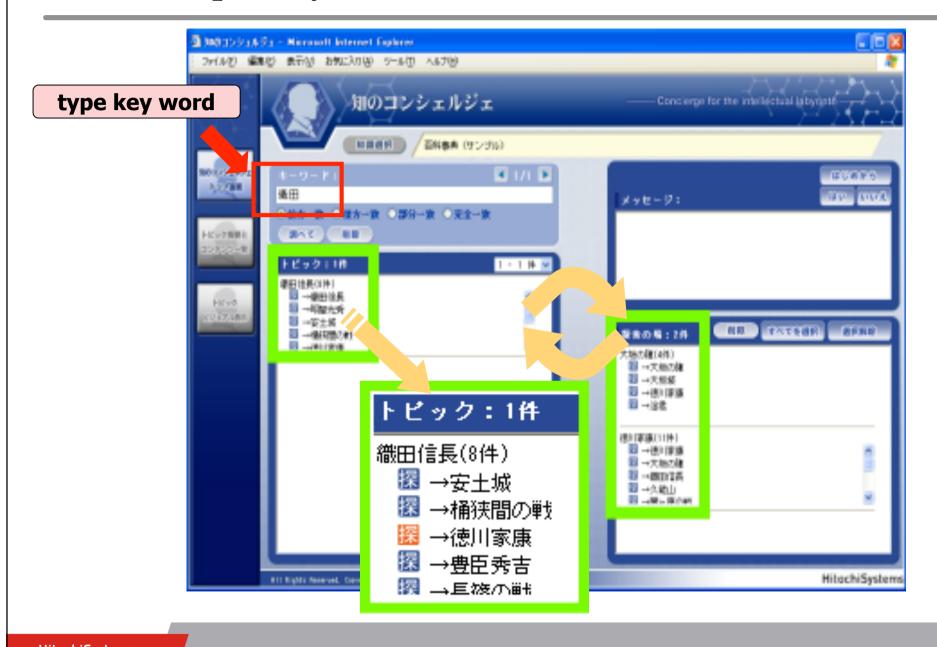
System Architecture



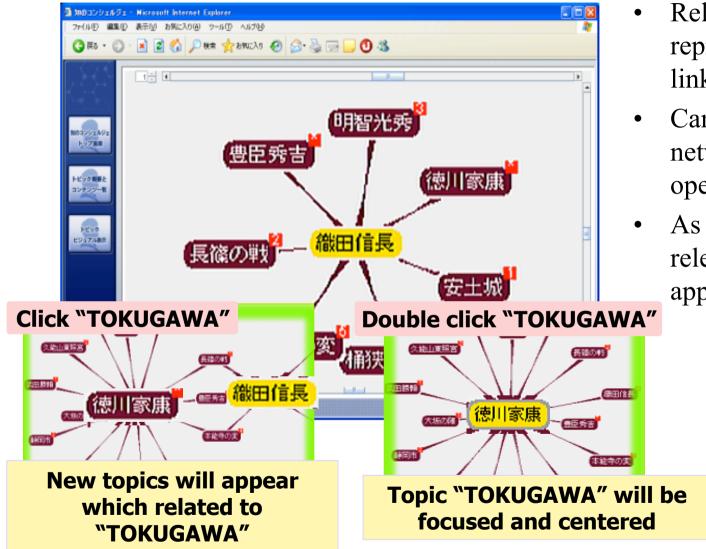
Java technology based generic intellectual content management platform

※OKS : Ontopia Knowledge Suite

Search topics by word

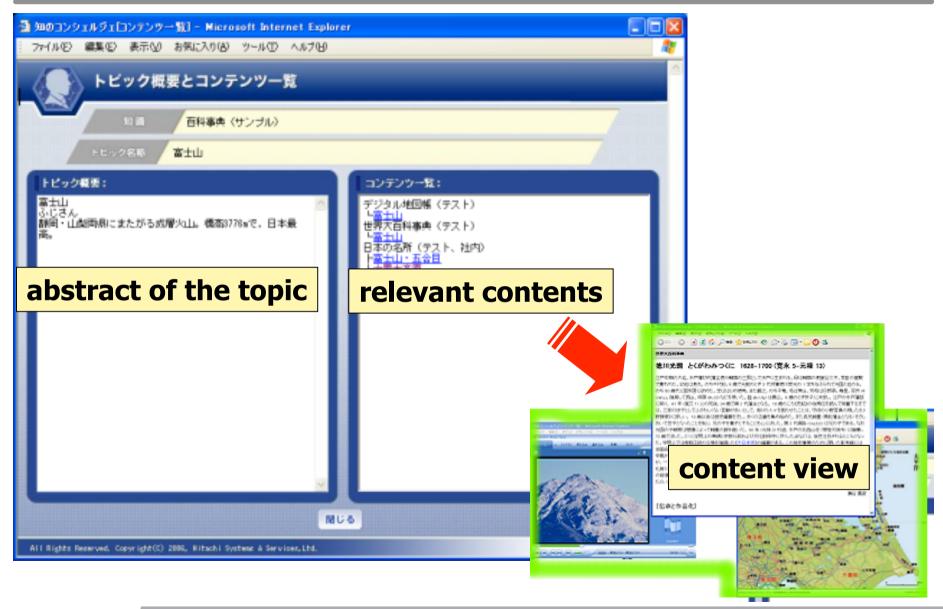


Visualize relationship between topic and others



- Relevant topics are represented as linkage
- Can traverse topic network with mouse operation
- As follow links, new relevant topics appear in it

Reach relevant information



Various applications

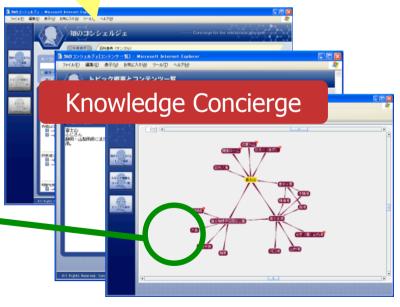
- Knowledge Concierge is not only service for the providing encyclopedia content
- but also can be applied to various applications
 - Education & Research
 - based on good books and teachers lecture notes
 - really start the use in April at a Japanese University
 - Knowledge and human capital management in the company
 - developing for ourselves
 - Publisher and Library
 - as an editing tool of constitution of a book for an editor
 - as a support tool for a librarian

Case 1 Encyclopedia search service

People can find appropriate subject with traversing relationship between subjects









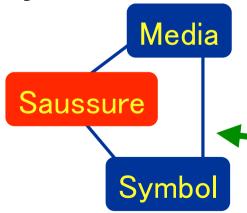
- Encyclopedia
- Digital map
- Scenery movie

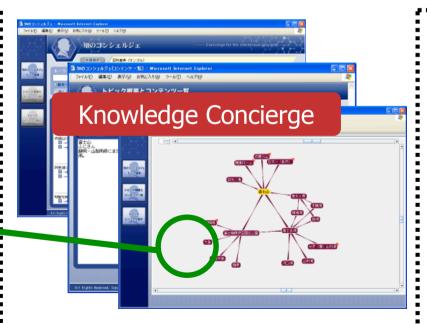


Case 2 Educational use in the university



example of relationship between academic subjects





Content

- Dictionaries
- Thesis
- Lecture note
- Books
- •etc.

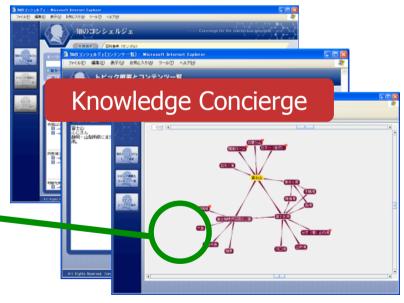


Case 3 Knowledge and human capital management



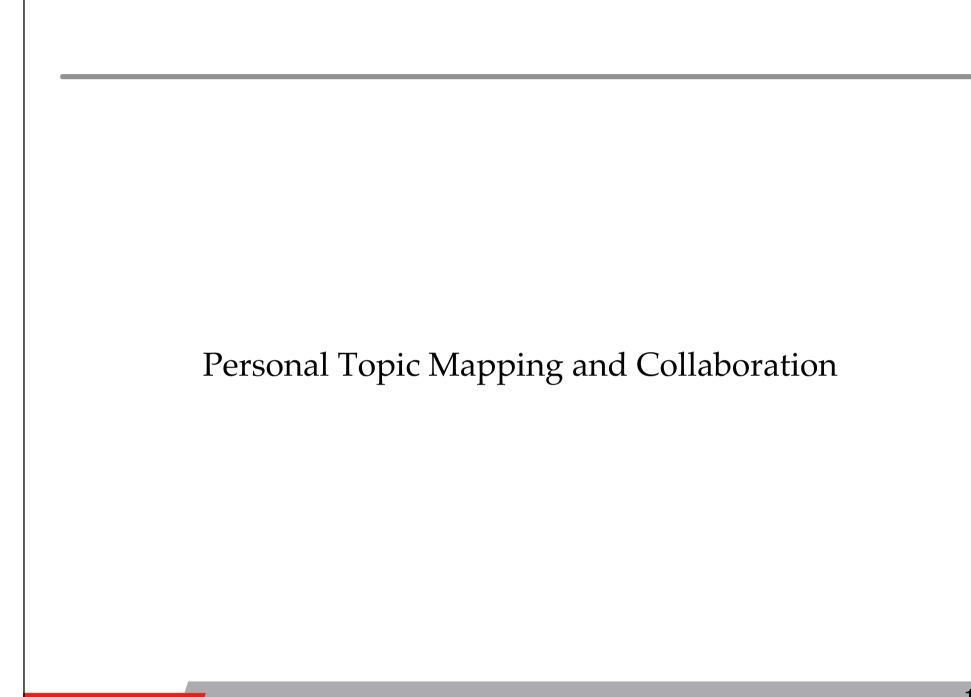
example of relationship between things





Content

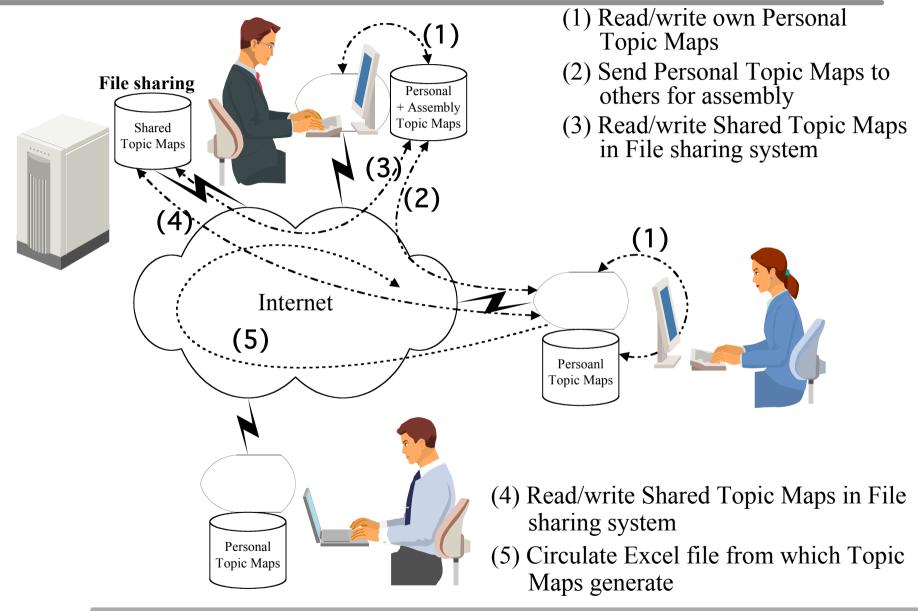
- Personal information
- Customer relationship
- Project experience
- •Skill
- •etc.



Personal Topic Mapping

- The people who watched the demonstration of Knowledge Concierge strongly wanted to create one's Systemized Knowledge by oneself
- And some people also wanted to exchange their own Systemized Knowledge with other people
 - from teacher to pupil
 - for the collaborate work in the team
 - import and extend other one's knowledge
- Create personal Systemized Knowledge with a tool
 - A MS Excel based standalone tool as a topic map editor
 - generate Topic Maps automatically from the Excel file
 - do not need knowledge of Topic Maps and IT skill
 - easy to circulate knowledge with Excel file
 - Import the one's knowledge into the other's easily

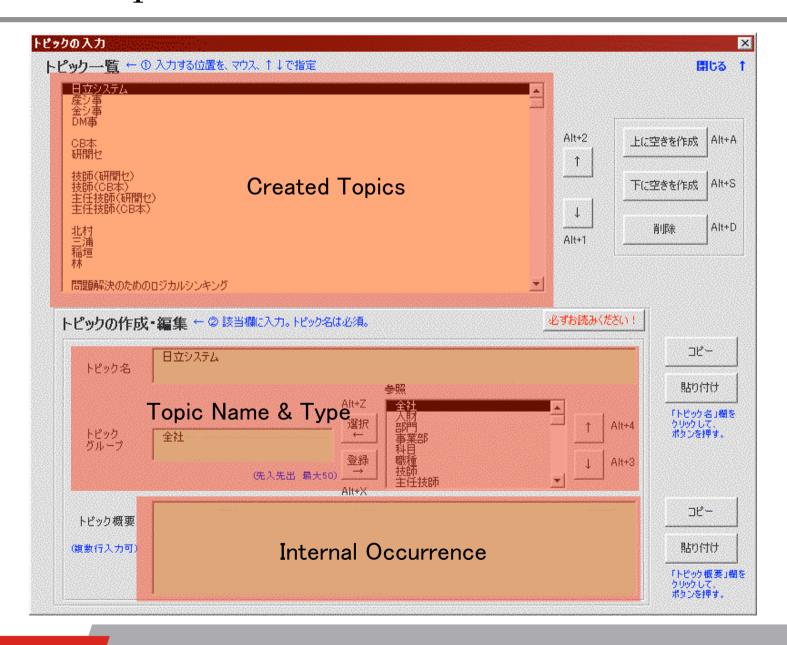
Personal Topic Mapping and Collaboration



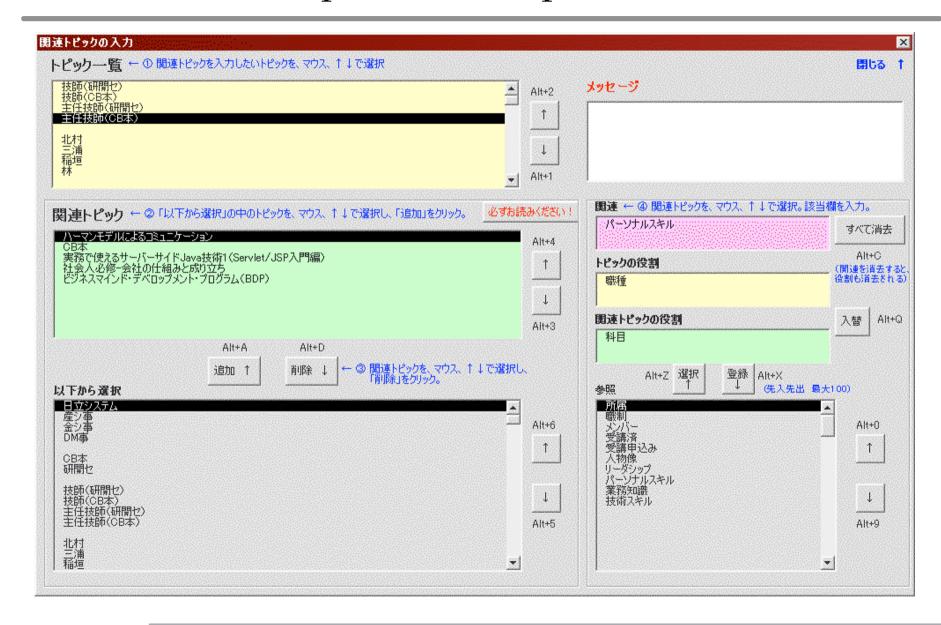
Define topics



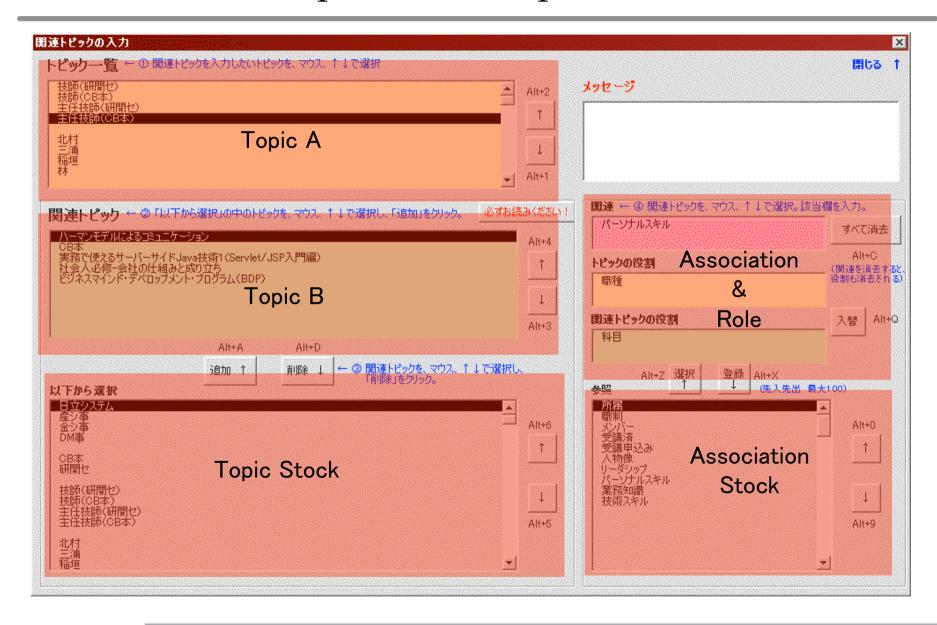
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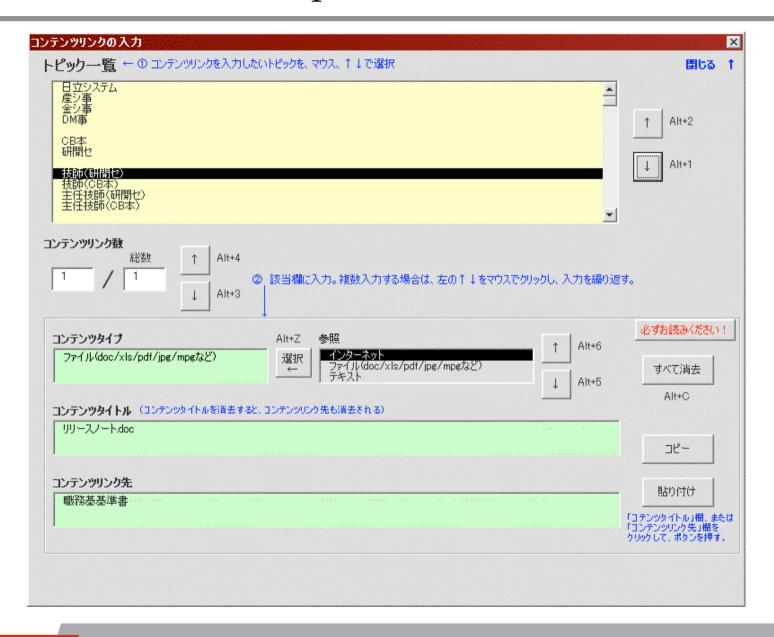
Make relationship between topics



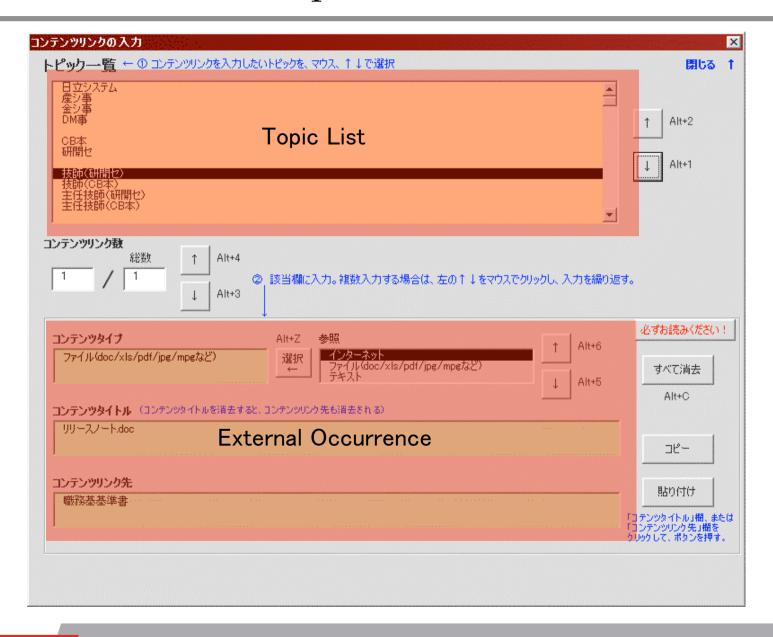
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Link content to the topic ... Occurrence



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Conclusion

- Organize information of encyclopaedia into a Topic Maps
- Link to relevant information through content profiling
- Conceptual navigation by Topic Maps
- Apply to various applications

Further work

- Methodology need to be developed
 - for creating "Systemized Knowledge" from various "Books"
 - process of "Content Profiling"
- Improve visualization & navigation features
 - grouping or clustering reflects subjects semantics
 - context & focus for filtering too much information

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