

Introducing The Homosaurus

A Linked Data Vocabulary for the LGBTQ+ Community

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Basic Assumptions

- Sexuality is a spectrum
- Gender is a spectrum
- The LGBTQ+ community is dynamic and ever changing
- The LGBTQ+ community and its members should have self-determination of their lexicon



The Problem

- Many entity management platforms and name authorities allow to record gender for people
- A person's gender may change over the course of their lifetime and may fall beyond the binary
- Traditional controlled vocabularies lack terminology for to describe the diversity of gender and sexuality for the LGBTQ+ community



The Solution

- Create and maintain an open linked data thesaurus for the worldwide LGBTQ+ community
- Maintained “by us for all”
- Open platform
- Constantly changing and growing to meet the needs of our community



Mission

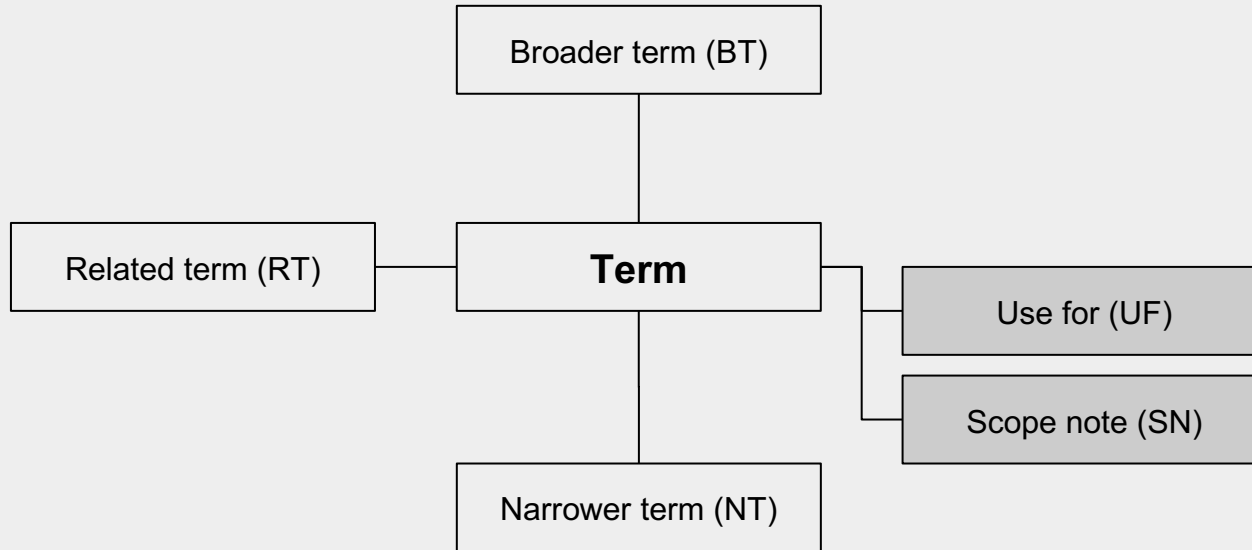
The Homosaurus is an international linked data vocabulary of LGBTQ terms that supports improved access to LGBTQ resources within cultural institutions. Designed to serve as a companion to broad subject term vocabularies, the Homosaurus is a robust and cutting-edge vocabulary of LGBTQ-specific terminology that enhances the discoverability of LGBTQ resources.



History

- Began in the Netherlands in 1982
- Revised a few times in 1990s and early 2000s
- In 2015, became a linked data vocab hosted by the Digital Trans Archive
- In 2016, Editorial Board established
- In 2019, version 2.0 released as exclusively queer vocab
- In 2021, received grant to expand and further develop the vocabulary

Controlled Vocabulary Hierarchies

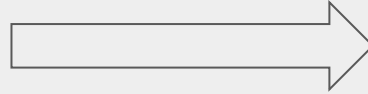


Expanded Possibilities: *Queer Lexicon and Culture*

LCSH

Butch and Femme (Lesbian Culture)
BT Lesbian culture

~~Butch (Dog)~~



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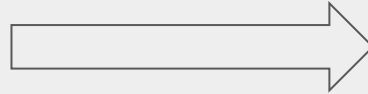
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RT Femmes
RT Stone butches
RT Butches
RT Role behavior
RT Sexual identity
BT Relationships LGBTQ
BT Lesbian culture



Expanded Possibilities: *Intersectional Queer Identity*

LCSH

Gays, [race/ethnicity]
Gay men, [race/ethnicity]
Lesbians, [race/ethnicity]
[race/ethnicity] Gays
[race/ethnicity] Gay men
[race/ethnicity] Lesbians



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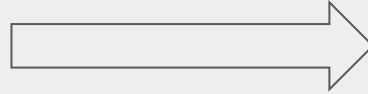
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NT Asians (LGBTQ)
NT Jews (LGBTQ)
NT Latinx (LGBTQ)
NT White people (LGBTQ)
NT LGBTQ Roma
NT LGBTQ biracial people
NT LGBTQ multi-racial people
NT Black people (LGBTQ)



Expanded Possibilities: *Spiritual Queer Identity*

LCSH

Buddhist Gays
BT
Gays



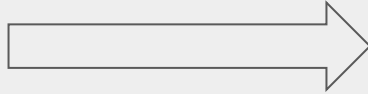
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Buddhists (LGBTQ)
NT Queer Buddhists
NT Bisexual Buddhists
NT Gay Buddhists
NT Transgender Buddhists
NT Lesbian Buddhists
BT LGBTQ Religions



Expanded Possibilities: *Specificity*

LCDGT
Gender minorities
Intersex people
Transgender
people
Transsexuals
Transvestites



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LGBTQ people

Transgender people

FTXs

Third gender people

Older transgender people

Transfeminine people

Transgender children

Transgender daughters

Transgender youth

Transmasculine people

Transsexual people

Agender people

Non-binary people

Transgender fathers

Transgender mothers

Transgender parents

Transgender sons

Trans women

Trans men

Bigender people

Androgynous people

Demigender people

Pangender people

Trigender people

Genderfluid people

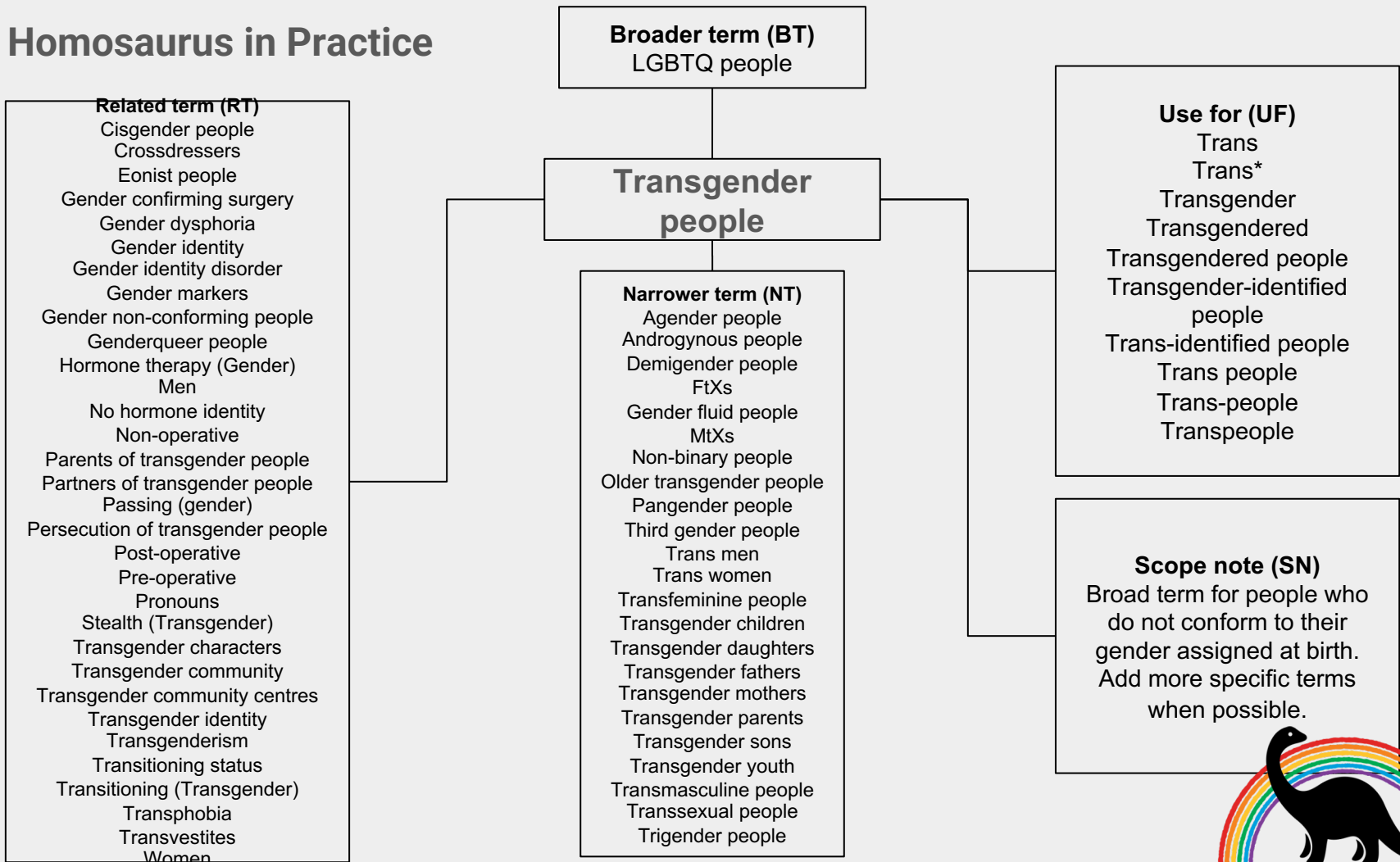
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MtXs

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Homosaurus in Practice



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Trans men (<https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001643>)

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Preferred Label

Trans men

Alternative Label (Use For)

Transgender men
Transmen
Trans-men

Identifier

homoit0001643

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Broader Terms

Males
Transgender people
Men

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Best Practices

- Generally, **don't record gender** unless the person explicitly and publicly states their gender identity
- If you record gender, use the words the person uses to describe themselves
- Select a term from a controlled vocabulary such as the Homosaurus
- When in doubt, leave it out!

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