

Easy Creation of Controlled Vocabularies Using EVOKS

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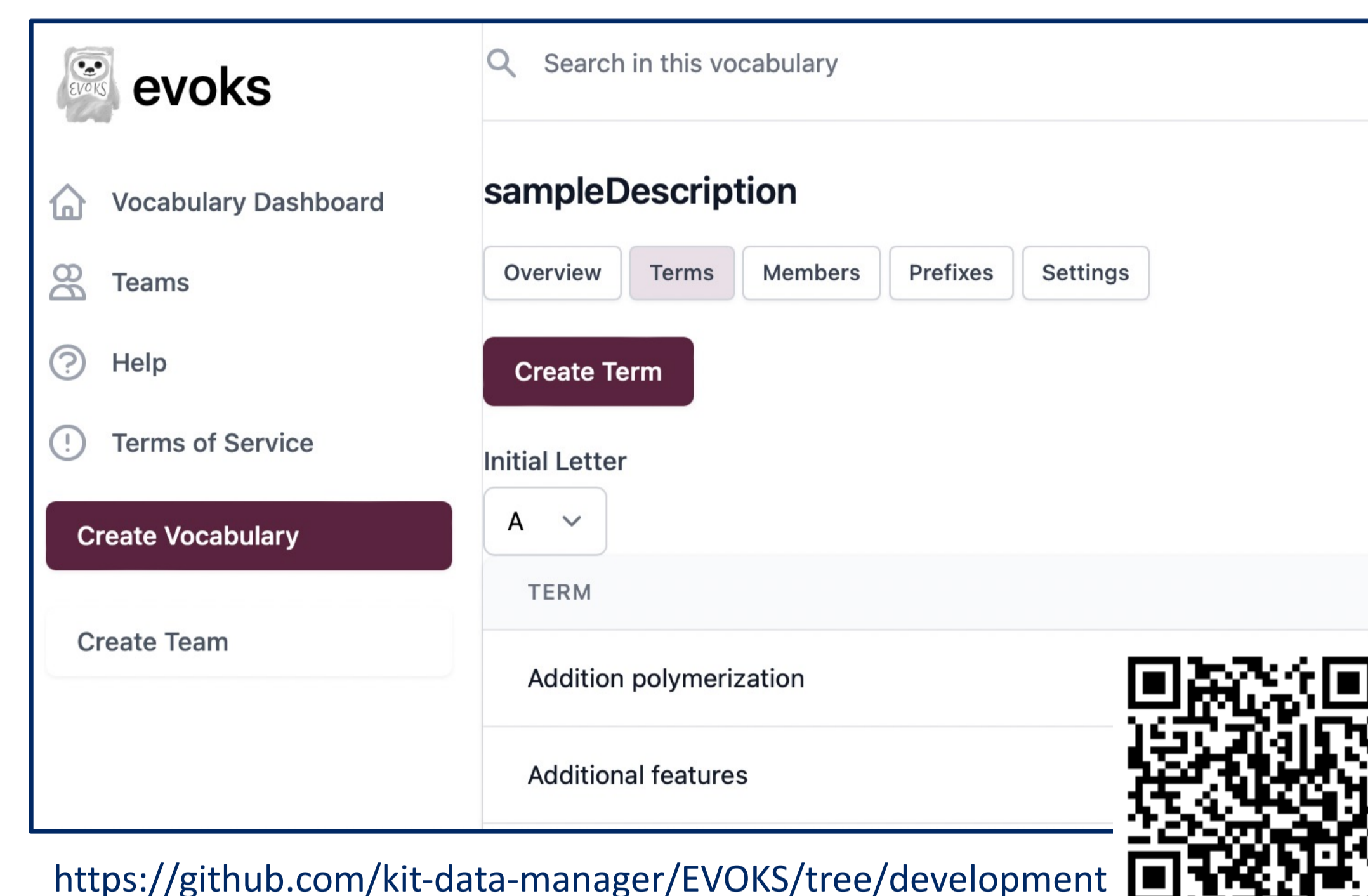
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EVOKS Vocabulary Service

Controlled vocabularies play a vital role in describing knowledge within a specific domain. They not only eliminate data ambiguity, but also serve as a reference for term definitions and foster semantic interoperability.

The **Editor for Vocabularies to Know Semantics (EVOKS)** is a general-purpose vocabulary service that allows for easy creation, import, editing, curation, and publishing of vocabularies. Publishing the vocabulary using SKOSMOS requires just a single click.

EVOKS allows users to work collaboratively and to iterate on the vocabulary creation process. This includes editing and publishing of revised versions.

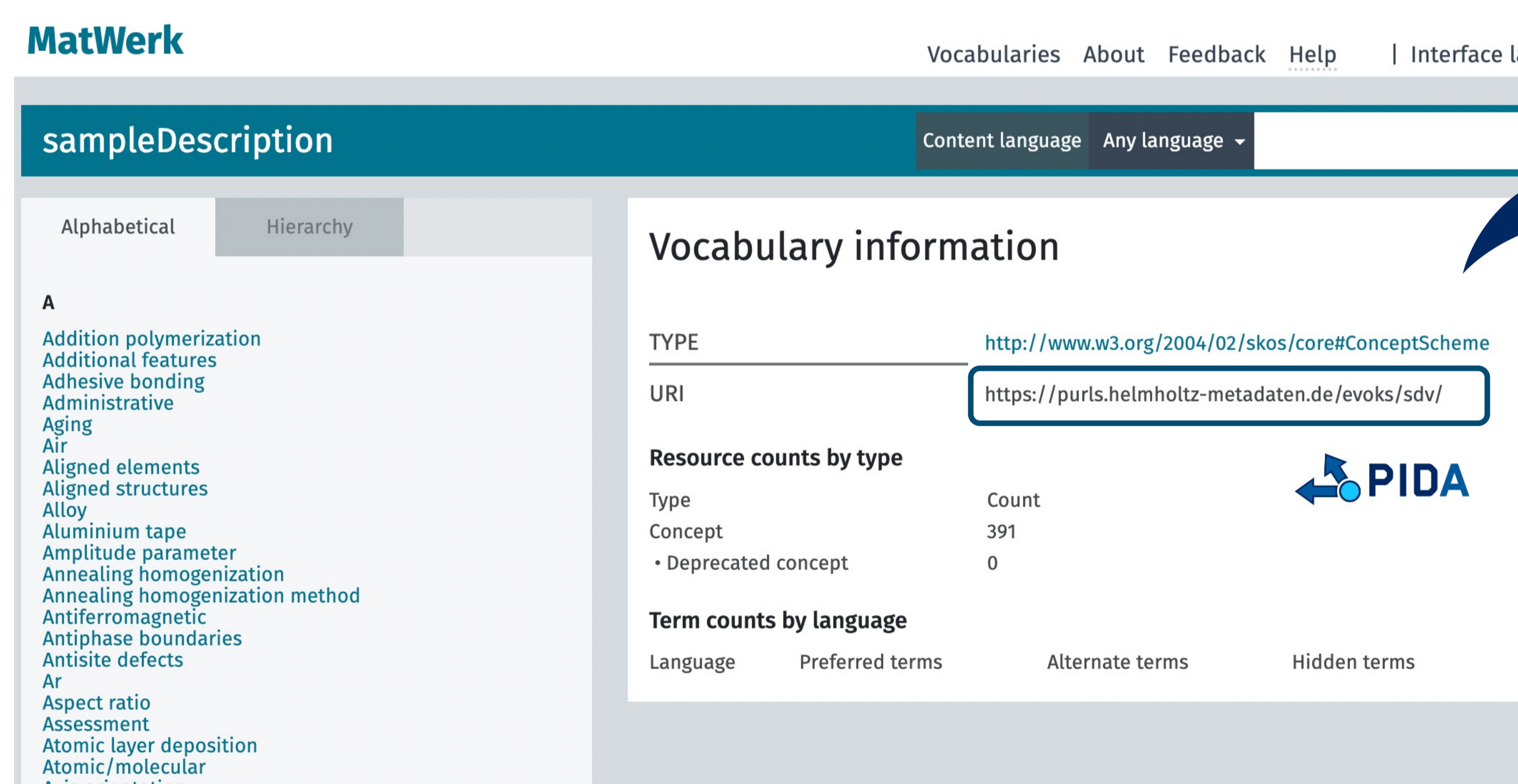


<https://github.com/kit-data-manager/EVOKS/tree/development>

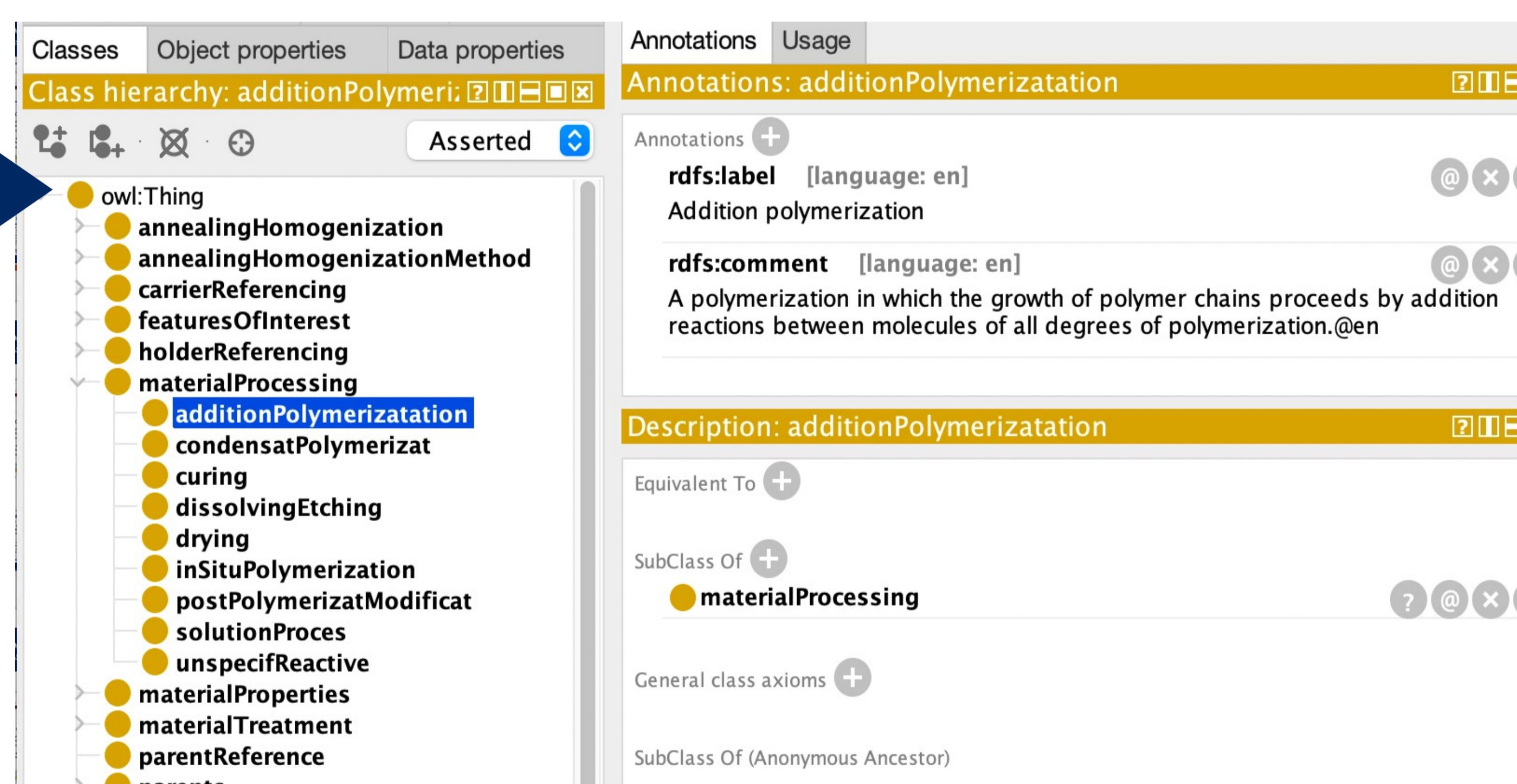
Use Case 1: Creation of the Sample Description Vocabulary and Conversion to OWL

The Sample Description Vocabulary (SDV, <https://purls.helmholtz-metadaten.de/evoks/sdv/>) was created in collaboration by the NFFA-Europe Pilot (NEP) and the Helmholtz Joint Lab MDMC. An ontology is currently being developed from the SDV in NFDI-MatWerk. Starting the ontology creation process from EVOKS gives the following advantages:

- **Efficient Ontology Creation:** The most time-consuming process during ontology creation is defining terms, including their descriptions, properties and relations. You can easily create a vocabulary using the user-friendly and intuitive EVOKS interface and convert it to the W3C Web Ontology Language (OWL).
 - **Collaborative Approach:** EVOKS allows users to collaborate easily, making it possible to define, edit, and comment terms collaboratively.
 - **Seamless Conversion:** The created vocabulary in SKOS can be converted to an ontology in the OWL format using our SKOS to OWL Converter.
- A persistent URI was assigned to the SDV using the PIDA-Service (<https://purls.helmholtz-metadaten.de/>) and published in SKOSMOS.



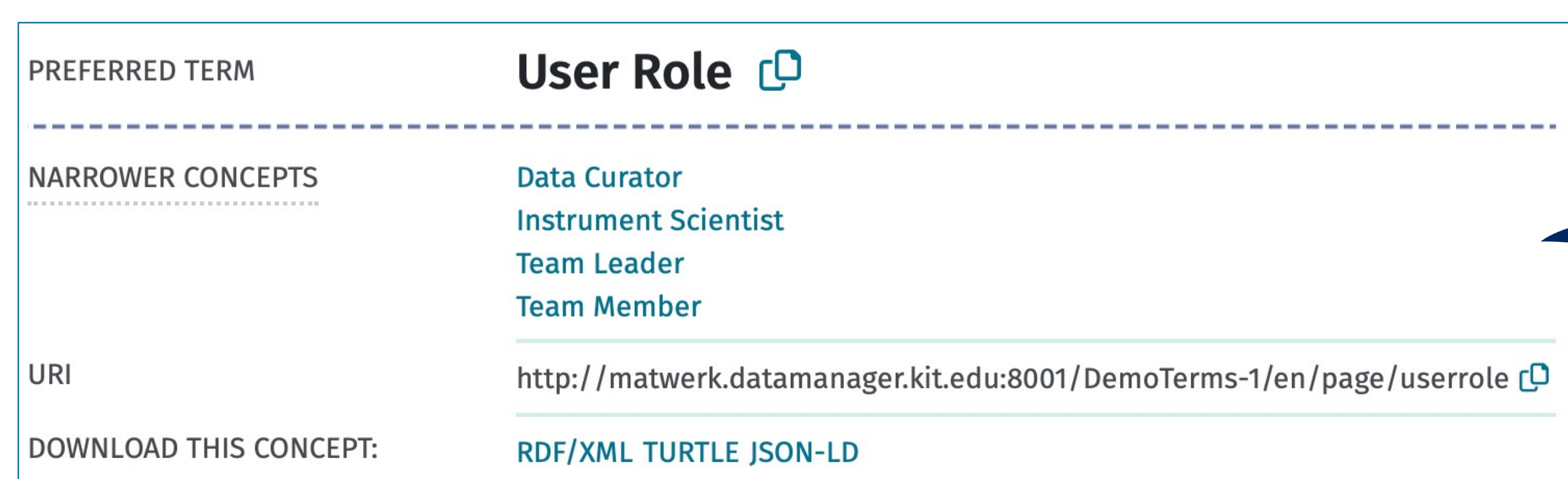
Sample Description Vocabulary published in SKOSMOS



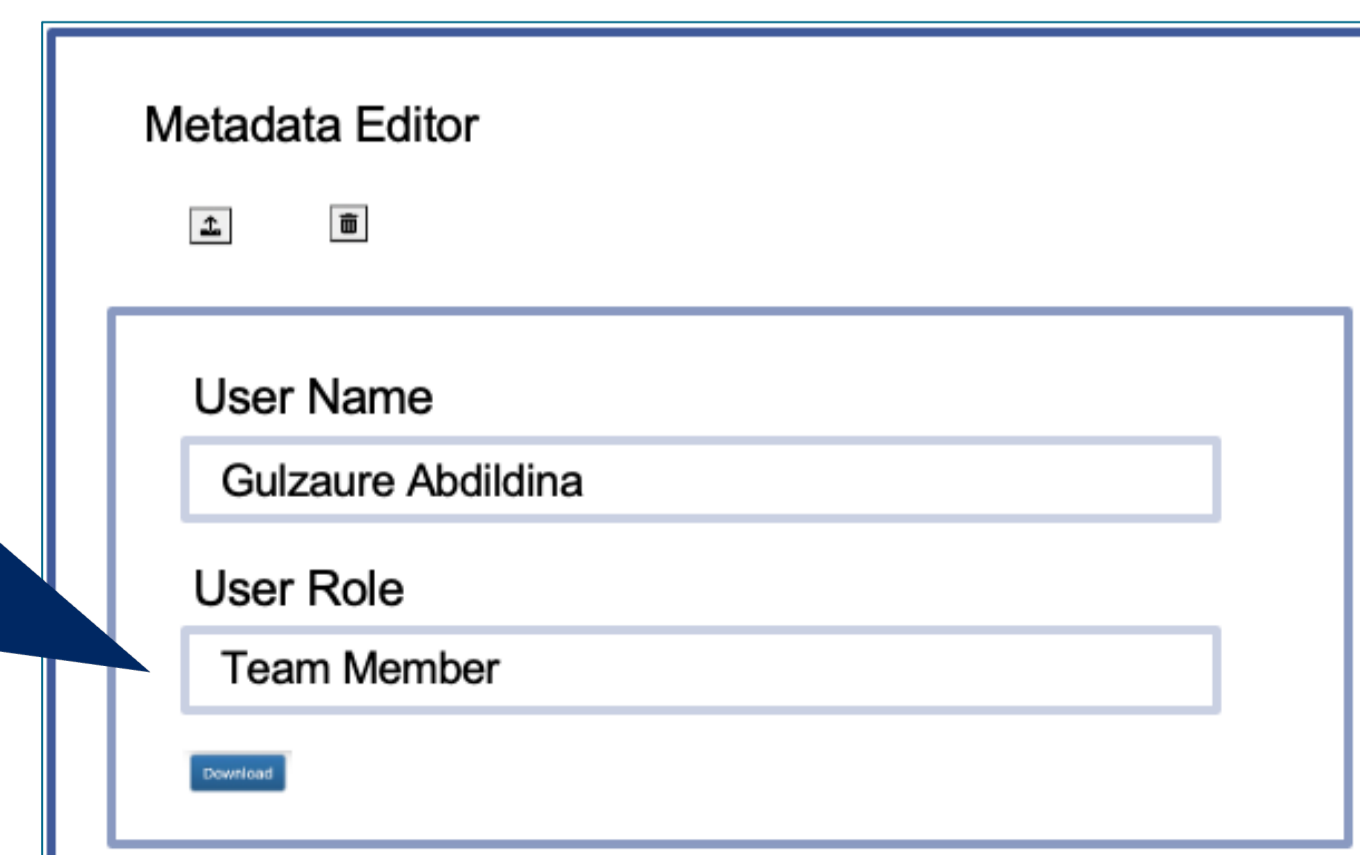
Sample Description Ontology in OWL in Protégé

Use Case 2: Terms in a Metadata Schema using Metadata Editor

Controlled vocabularies that adhere to the FAIR principles can be adopted in metadata schemas, by referring terms through their URIs. This promotes interoperability and eases maintenance by enabling the automatic propagation of any changes made within the vocabulary.



Controlled vocabulary where 'User Role' and its narrower terms are defined



Metadata Editor with integrated controlled vocabulary