

Minimalist Pattern to Lifespan Knowledge Organization

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„We are drowning in information but starved for knowledge“ John Naisbitt

You deal with an abundance of data that is flooding your daily life. So, you developed your system to organize data handling: how and where to store data, how and when to access, and how and why to retrieve it. Since the beginning of the computer history, a bunch of sophisticated software tools provide support in this regard.

But although advanced tools are at hand, you face one challenge again and again: Tools become outdated and data formats extinct, new media formats arise and technology breaks apart, different data usage pattern emerge and communication pattern change.

You must answer a question no generation had to resolve before: How can you run a personal knowledge management over the course of a lifetime (and even elongating it to your offspring)?

Christopher Mayo has addressed this problem. He argues that a “minimalist approach” could resolve some challenges ahead [[Mayo 2013](#)].

In this focus group, we will run a data mining for pattern candidates that might form a “minimalist organization pattern language.”

You are invited to join this group if you bring in your ideas on questions like

- How can we guarantee an individual lifespan data organization, if products, tools, and services run out of service or shut down within in ever shorter cycles?
- How can we embrace personal experiences of life and aging aspects (e.g. [fluid vs. crystallized intelligence](#))?
- How can we address changing [values and belief systems](#)?

We will mine for patterns that help to remedy some obstacles and maximize the outcome for individual lifespan data organization. For that purpose, we will collect, organize, and share pattern candidates from personal experiences and available sources.

Your unique benefit will be a roller coaster ride to link two unfamiliar topics: a viable data organization from the perspective of your individual lifespan.