

Developing an Ethnographic Lexicon

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Thesaurus

Controlled Vocabulary

Authority Table

Nomenclature

Lexicon



Why I'm doing this



IMLS inventory/digitization

Rediscovery Lexicon

File Edit View Help

Client Lexicon > ethnology > DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION > LAND TRANSPORTATION

Lexicon: Client Lexicon

Term Lookup

Expand Tree Collapse Tree

Term

- Client Lexicon
 - ethnology
 - DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION
 - LAND TRANSPORTATION
 - blanket, saddle
 - Carrier, Child
 - CARRIER, MINGATURE CHILD
 - Ornament, bridle
 - Saddle
 - SADDLE, MINGATURE
 - Saddlebag
 - snowshoe
 - Strap, Harness

Term	Relation...	Lexicon(s)	Scope
blanket, saddle	NT	NOM-CLT	NOM notation: SADDLE BL
Ornament, bridle	NT	NOM-CLT	NOM notation: BRIDLE CF
DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION	BT	CLT	
Saddle	NT	NOM-CLT	

Term: Relationships for Lexicon CLT

Term: LAND TRANSPORTATION

Lexicon(s): NOM-CLT

Classification: NOM

Department:

Approved: No

Scope Note: LAND TRANSPORTATION-...

See Reference:




See Also:

Notes:

Select Previously Viewed Term

Selected Term: LAND TRANSPORTATION

Added by vswalsh on 03/10/2014



?	1 beaded squaw hood	✓	✓	Indian Stock
?	1 1/2" banner	✓	✓	" "
?	1 tanned hide	✓	✓	" "
?	1 turn beaded band	✓	✓	" "
?	9 pr moccasins	✓	✓	" "
?	1 beaded banner		✓	school case
?	1 money belt	✓	✓	Indian Stock
?	1 wear with elk's teeth	✓	✓	"
?	1 stole	✓	✓	"
?	1 pr. arm bands	✓	✓	"

?	1-1026	8	pair Indian moccasins
?	1-1027	8	Indian bag
?	1-1028	8	Indian hood
	1-1029	8	Indian mittens
	1-1030	8	Indian beaded band
	1-1031	8	Indian beaded band
	1-1032	8	Indian beaded piece
	1-1033	8	Oriental hat
	1-1034	8	Beaded piece
	1-1035	8	Small beaded bag

HRAT No. 754

No: 1-1026 : 8

NAME: Baby carrier; beaded

OWNER:

TRIBE: Probably Blackfoot

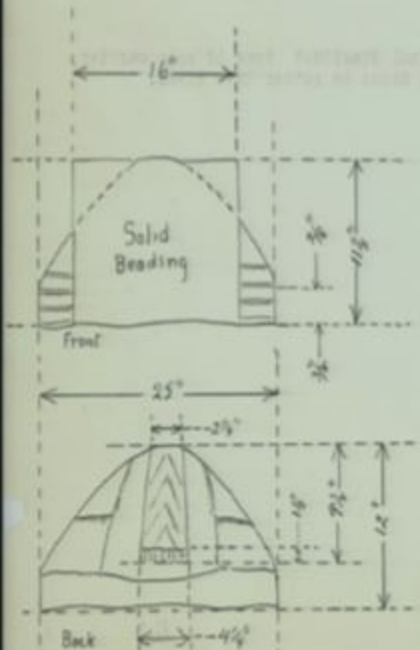
LOCALITY: Montana

AGE: Late 19th century

MATERIAL: Buckskin, cotton cloth, beads, metal tinklers

A buckskin baby carrier made in a U shape with the back of the U closed. The inside of the carrier is lined with cotton cloth. The exterior is elaborately decorated with beadwork with the design floral. A cloth lined buckskin pendant hangs from the lower margin--this has geometric decorations and has metal tinklers at its edge.

MEASUREMENTS:

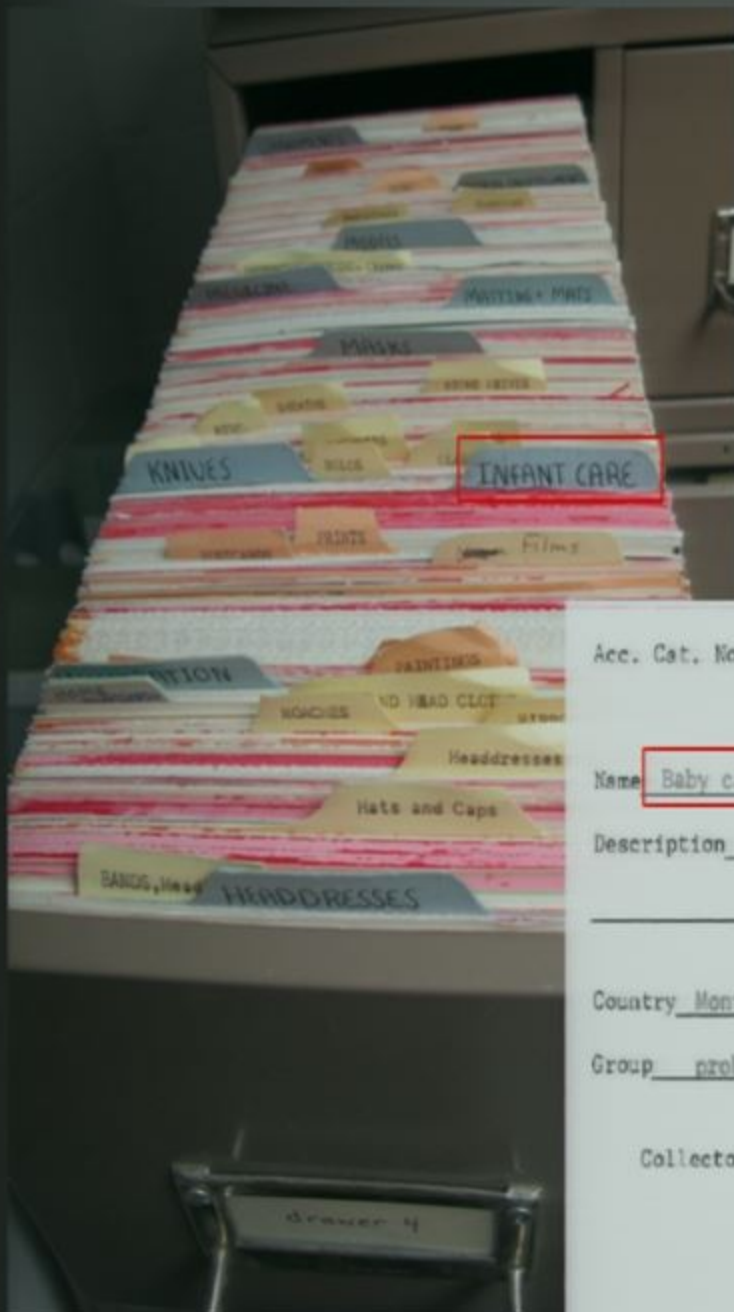


A. H. Allen



S. H. Allen





Acc. Cat. No. A 1-1028 : _____ Acc. # _____
 Yr. Acc. Cat. _____ LOCATION
 Coll. _____
 Name Baby carrier Exh. _____
 Loan _____
 Description beaded, late 19th century

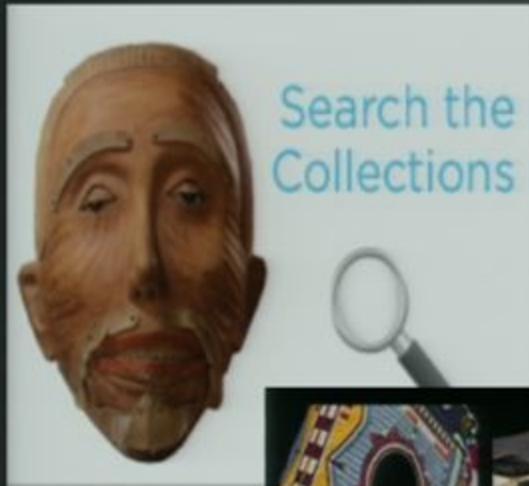
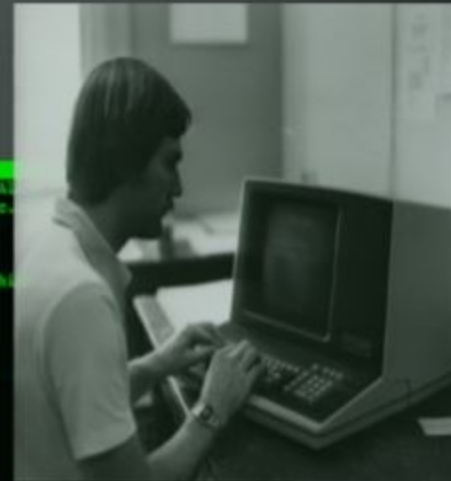
 Country Montana
 Group probably Blackfoot
 Collector _____ Remarks Ident. by Elden Johnson

 The Science Museum
 ANTHROPOLOGICAL COLLECTION

Collections database (1970s -1990s)

- Internal users

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West of House  
You are standing in an open field west of a white door.  
There is a small mailbox here.  
  
Open mailbox  
Opening the small mailbox reveals a leaflet.  
  
Take the leaflet  
Taken.  
  
Read leaflet  
"WELCOME TO ZORK!  
  
ZORK is a game of adventure, danger, and low cunning. In it you will explore  
some of the most amazing territory ever seen by mortals. No computer should be  
without one!"  
  
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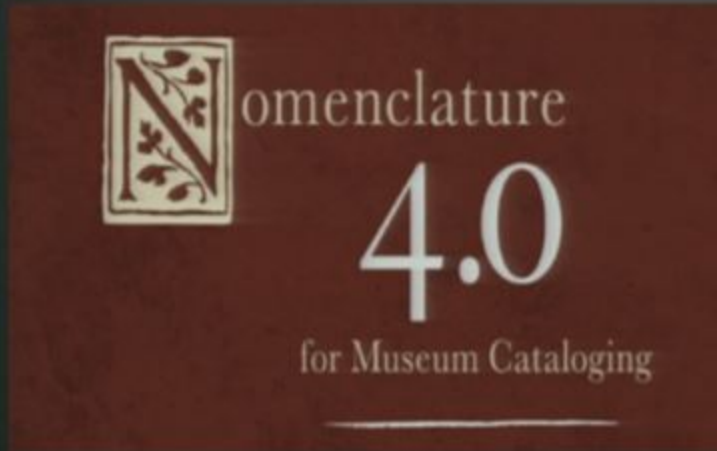


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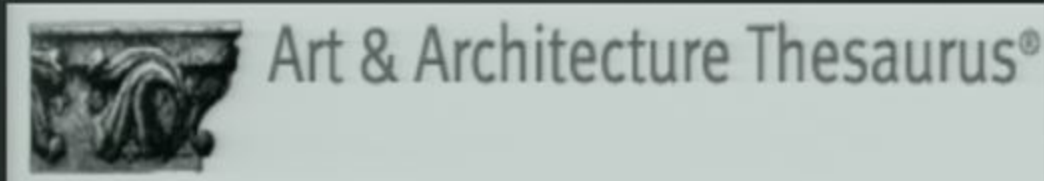
- Internal users
- Researchers
- Students
- Browsers
- Others

Existing published lexicons



History museums
Based on function
Printed book or spreadsheet

Art journal indexing
Many bases for categories
Online





MUSEUM
HANDBOOK

Other
lexicons



Human Relations Area Files



LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS

Library of Congress Subject Headings



AMERICAN MUSEUM
OF NATURAL HISTORY

Anthropology Thesaurus

Institution-specific for
anthropology collections









National Museum of the American Indian
COLLECTIONS SEARCH

Object Specifics: Object Types Reference List

Nomenclature 4.0

426 Class: Land Transportation T&E		Sub-Class: Human-Powered Vehicles	
<i>Sub-Class:</i> HUMAN-POWERED VEHICLES		<i>Definition:</i> Objects, powered by human energy alone, originally created to transport people or goods on land without restriction to a fixed route determined by a track or guidance device.	
Primary Object Term	Secondary Term	Tertiary Term	Notes
Carrier, Child	Cradle, Basket		
	Cradle, Slat		
	Cradleboard		
	Sling, Infant		
Chair, Sedan			
Chair, Touring			
Cycle			
	Bicycle		

Art & Architecture Thesaurus

-  Top of the AAT hierarchies
-  Objects Facet
-  Furnishings and Equipment (hierarchy name)
-  Tools and Equipment (hierarchy name)
-  equipment
-  <equipment by context>
-  <equipment for personal use>
-  child care equipment
- baby slings
- cradleboards
- teething rings

CARRIER, CHILD

1-1028

Object Information Supplemental Information Images Multimedia Associations

Main Information Physical Desc History / Use Extended Information

Catalog # 1-1028 Component Parts Accession# 8

Class 1 ETHNOLOGY Class 2 DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION
Class 3 LAND TRANSPORTATION Object Name CARRIER, CHILD
Alt Name COVER, CRADLEBOARD Indigenous Name

Artist/Maker Artist Dates

Cultural Assoc.

World Region North America

People/Culture Blackfoot

Cultural Assoc.

Narrative

Description Hide with doth interior lining and multicolor beadwork. Open edges decorated with pink, blue, and yellow beadwork. Adc metal cones. Some fringe wrapped in white or red quills. Fl

Material HIDE -CLOTH -GLASS -METAL -QUILL

Place Made Blackfoot _Montana _North America

Place Notes

Location SMM _Storage _AC.81 _D1108 _

Object Status STORAGE Record Status

Added by [Unknown] on [Unknown] Updated by ALB on 7/15/2014 1



Sample keyword search

	NMAI	Penn	NMNH	Peabody Harvard	Hearst	AMNH
Carrier, child	0	0	0	5	567 <i>(many not relevant)</i>	1167 <i>(most not relevant)</i>
Child carrier	0	1	0	5	567 <i>(many not relevant)</i>	11
Baby carrier	10	120	21	210	246 <i>(many not relevant)</i>	118
Baby carriers	82	120	1	5	219 <i>(many not relevant)</i>	118
Cradle	24	76	463	457	304	310

Lexicon Survey

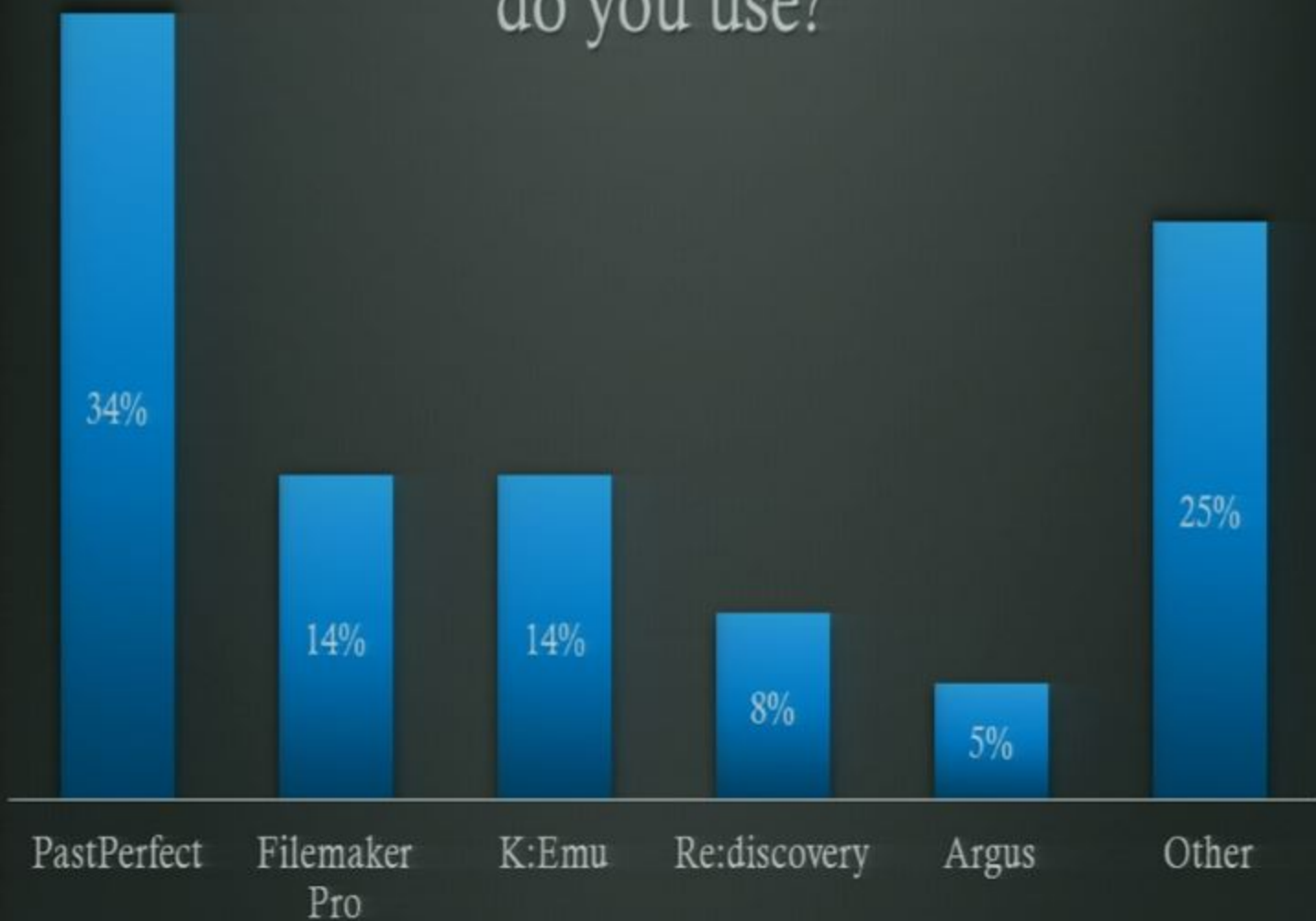
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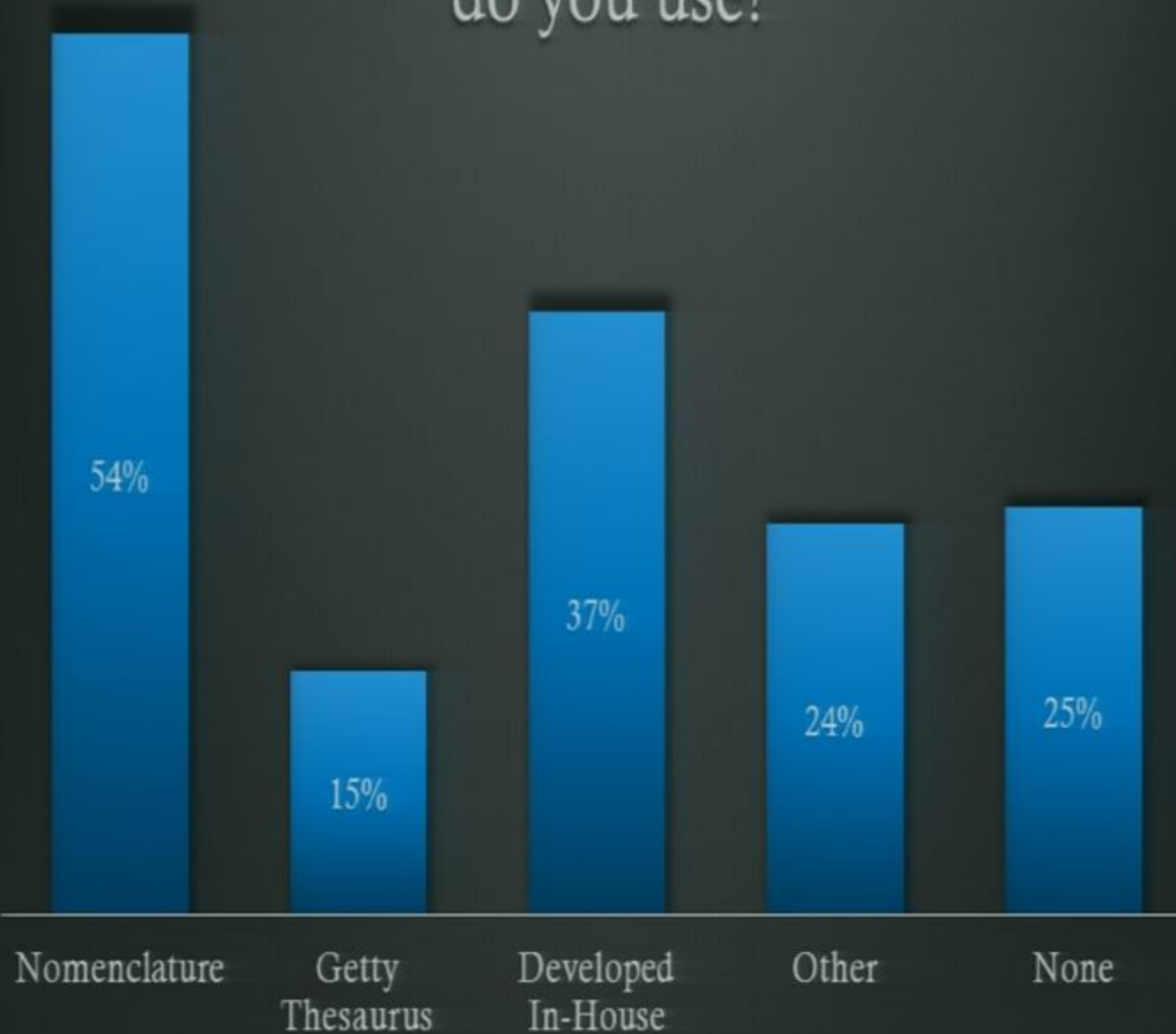


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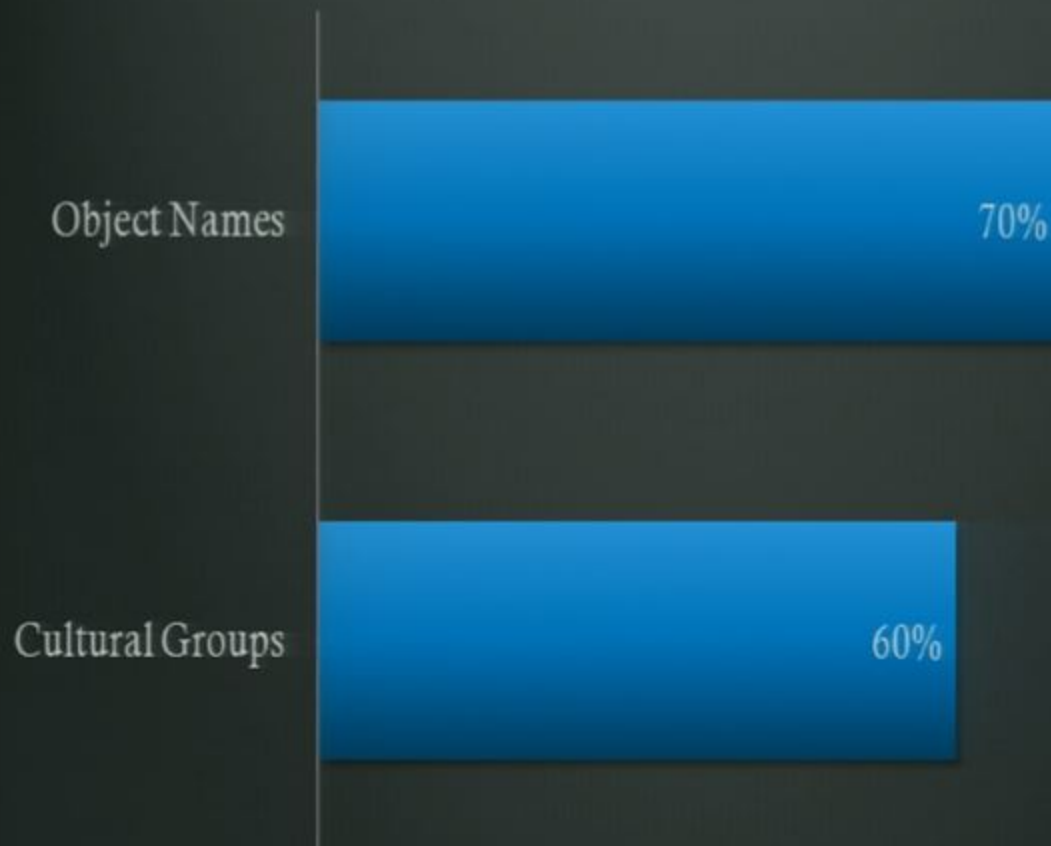


Other: Access, CollectiveAccess, CollectionSpace, EmbARK, iO, Mimsy, Minisis/Mint, Murkutu, MuseumPlus, TMS, and Developed In-house

Which standardized terminology system do you use?



Have you developed your own set of standardized terms for any of the following:



Do you share your set of standardized terms with other museums?

87% said NO

Why the lack of sharing?

