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Description of the methods and the programming system used for the establishment of a comprehensive subject index to the German version of the International Patent Classification (Int. Cl.). The familiar KWIC or KWOC method could not be applied here since the terms in the text of the class descriptions are of such a general type that they would have referred to fifty and more different units of the Int. Cl. Instead, the index was created by using in addition to a keyword extracting method (Stichwortmethode) the descriptor assignment method (Schlagwortmethode). The assignment was accomplished through the cooperation of the German, Austrian and Swiss Patent Offices with altogether about 800 examiners involved in the work. Approx. 50 000 keywords and additional descriptors were combined and permuted via a programming system resulting in over 113 000 alphabetically sorted entries of two keywords or descriptors each and referring to the notations of the Int. Cl. class descriptions.

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Nakamura, Y.: **Automatic production of indexes from schedules.** The case of Universal Decimal Classification.

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The automatic preparation of indexes from schedules causes a reduction in the total cost of a UDC edition by minimizing the keyboard operation, provided that the printing is made through computer input. The author discusses how the schedule text should be subjected to certain modifications (conforming to the TOCS principle) to facilitate the transformation of schedule into an index entry. In Part A the shortcomings of existing text with a view to computer processing is discussed and measures are proposed. In Part B, taking into consideration such measures, a system of processing is proposed to implement the schedule-index inversion. The Appendix gives a brief description of the concept of TOCS (term-oriented classification system) and of a few cases where it has been implemented.

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Oliveira, E. de Andrade: **An automatic index in natural language for UDC editions.**

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Description of the procedures for and the advantages of the automatic creation of index entries from the class descriptions in the schedules of the UDC. Examples show the additions to or alterations of the class descriptions in order that the index entries may be truly informative about the concept contained in a "classification number" (UDC-notation). In the annex sample pages are given of the computer printouts, listing the cards, the entries in the schedule and the entries in the index, all relating to one sample page of UDC 53, Physics (532.614-533.42). (I.C.)

Hözl, J.: **Probleme der Warenbeschreibung und Klassifikation.** (Problems of commodity description and classification.)

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