



# UW/SIMM Video Game Metadata Schema: Controlled Vocabulary for THEME

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SN: Scope note

USE: Preferred term (*See*)

USE FOR: Equivalent term, lead-in term

BT: Broader term

NT: Narrower term

RT: Related term (*See also*)

Term	Information
<b>[Preferred term in bold]</b>	SN: [Insert definition & explanation here.] USE FOR: [lead-in term, if applicable] BT: [broader terms, if applicable] NT: [narrower terms, if applicable] RT: [related terms, if applicable]
<i>[lead-in term]</i>	USE: [preferred term]
<i>abandonment</i>	USE: alienation
<i>abduction</i>	SN: the state or experience of one's life being threatened after forcefully being taken away against one's will
<b>adult</b>	SN: dealing in or with explicitly sexual material <sup>1</sup>
<b>alienation</b>	SN: the state or experience of being isolated from a group or an activity to which one should belong or in which one should be involved Examples: Dead Space, Ecco the Dolphin USE FOR: abandonment, isolation
<b>alter-egos</b>	SN: a second self, which is believed to be distinct from a person's normal or original personality. Often used as a disguise. Examples: Muramasu, Prince of Persia: The 2 Thrones RT: identity
<b>Anti-war</b>	RT: War SN: the mentality used to describe activists who are against war and all the trauma and destruction it brings
<b>apocalypse</b>	SN: the end of the world, in which humanity or inhabitants of some world is in total disarray over the destruction of their home USE FOR: post apocalypse
<b>autobiography</b>	USE: biography
<b>betrayal</b>	SN: the breaking or violation of a presumptive contract, trust, or confidence that produces moral and psychological conflict within a relationship amongst individuals, between

<sup>1</sup> Adult. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/adult>

	organizations or between individuals and organizations. Examples: Asura's Wrath, Fable
biography	SN: the story of one's life, as told through the eyes of someone else
<i>bisexuality</i>	USE: LGBT
<b>capitalism</b>	SN: an economic and political system in which a country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit, rather than by the state. Examples: Tropico, Capitalism (series), Railroad Tycoon RT: politics, wealth, work
<b>Christianity</b>	SN: the branch of religion that worships Jesus Christ and his teachings BT: Religion
<b>civilization</b>	SN: the process by which a society or place reaches various stages of social development and organization beyond hunter-gatherer society Examples: Farmville, Civilization, Spore USE FOR: creation RT: conquest
<i>Coming-of-age</i>	USE: growth
<b>companionship</b>	SN: a feeling of fellowship or friendship Examples: Nintendogs USE FOR: family, friendship, loyalty RT: love
<b>competition</b>	SN: the act or process of trying to get or win something (such as a prize or a higher level of success) that someone else is also trying to get or win : the act or process of competing Examples: Burnout Paradise, MarioKart
<b>conquest</b>	SN: the act of gaining control of (a problem or difficulty) through great effort Examples: Command & Conquer, Pokemon Conquest RT: civilization
<b>conservation</b>	SN: the act of maintaining and bettering the world by caring for the environment; this includes reducing waste, reusing or recycling materials, and looking out for animal habitats
Conspiracy	SN: of or relating to the belief that an event was orchestrated by a powerful group of people in secret
<b>corruption</b>	SN: impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle, especially of those in power Examples: Mafia II USE FOR: greed, innocence
<i>creation</i>	USE: civilization
<b>crime</b>	SN: actions that are deemed injurious to the public welfare or to the interests of the state and that are legally prohibited.

	Examples: Grand Theft Auto, Sleeping Dogs
<b>death</b>	SN: of or relating to the loss of a life, and the ability of those around them to cope with never seeing them again
destruction	SN: the widespread damage of a particular place or thing
diplomacy	SN: of or relating to peaceful negotiations with other parties
<i>duty</i>	USE: honor
<b>dystopia</b>	SN: a society in which social or technological trends have culminated in a greatly diminished quality of life or degradation of values. Examples: Bioshock, Crysis 3
<b>economy</b>	SN: the process or system by which goods and services are produced, sold, and bought in a country or region <sup>2</sup>
<b>education</b>	SN: the formal field that dictates how obtaining institutionalized knowledge is passed down from generation to generation
<b>espionage</b>	SN: of or relating to acts of spying, often between different countries
<b>evolution</b>	SN: the process by which living things have adapted to changes in their surroundings over time, often by altering their genetic makeup
<b>faith</b>	SN: something that is believed with strong conviction, despite an absence of evidence Examples: El Shaddai USE FOR: religion
family	SN: a group of individuals (parents, siblings, etc.) who are related to each other, often (but not necessarily) by blood; these individuals have strong feelings of compassionate love and care for one another USE FOR: Siblings
<b>fate</b>	SN: the development of events beyond a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power. Examples: Threads of Fate RT: prophecy
<i>financial gain</i>	USE: wealth
<i>forgiveness</i>	USE: redemption
<b>freedom</b>	SN: the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. Examples: Enslaved: Odyssey to the West
<i>friendship</i>	USE: companionship
<i>gay</i>	USE: LGBT
<i>greed</i>	USE: corruption

<sup>2</sup> Economy. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/economy>

<b>growth</b>	SN: the attainment of prominence, respectability, recognition, or maturity; usually a young person's transition from childhood to adulthood Examples: Fable, The Last of Us
<b>heist</b>	BT: crime SN: an organized crime where criminals have a sophisticated plan to steal valuable items e.g., money, jewelry, or famous works of art
<b>holiday</b>	SN: the celebration of an event that is common between a large group of people, e.g., Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.
<b>honor</b>	SN: respect that is given to someone who is admired: good reputation : good quality or character as judged by other people: high moral standards of behavior Examples: Disgaea, Fallout 3 USE FOR: duty, patriotism, reputation, truth RT: redemption
<b>identity</b>	SN: the distinguishing characteristics or personality of an individual Examples: Remember Me USE FOR: individual versus society RT: alter-egos
<i>Illuminati</i>	SN: the secret organization/society dedicated to the opposition of religious influences over the public, as well as the abuse of state power
<i>injustice</i>	USE: justice
<i>innocence</i>	USE: corruption
<i>isolation</i>	USE: alienation
<b>justice</b>	SN: the quality of being just, impartial, or fair; : the principle or ideal of just dealing or right action Examples: Phoenix Wright USE FOR: injustice
<b>knowledge</b>	SN: facts information and skills acquired from a person through experience Examples: Brain Age
<i>lesbian</i>	USE: LGBT
<b>LGBT</b>	SN: an initialism that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Examples: Mass Effect, Dragonage USE FOR: bisexuality, gay, lesbian
<b>love</b>	SN: a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person Examples: Braid, Year Walk RT: companionship
<i>loyalty</i>	USE: companionship
<i>maturity</i>	USE: growth

<i>murder</i>	SN: the crime in which one individual kills another in a premeditated manner
<b>mystery</b>	SN: something not understood or beyond understanding Examples: Eternal Darkness
<b>occult</b>	USE FOR: witchcraft, curse SN: of or relating to the belief in the supernatural
<i>Pandemic</i>	SN: the occurrence of a disease spreading rapidly between individuals across geographic and national boundaries
<i>patriotism</i>	USE: honor
<i>paranormal</i>	SN: not understandable in terms of known scientific laws and phenomena <sup>3</sup>
<b>politics</b>	SN: activities that relate to influencing the actions and policies of a government or getting and keeping power in a government; : a person's political thoughts and opinions Examples: Tropico RT: capitalism
<b>power</b>	SN: the ability or right to control people or things; : political control of a country or area; : a person or organization that has a lot of control and influence over other people or organizations Examples: Bioshock: Infinite, Civilization USE FOR: pride
<i>pride</i>	USE: power
<b>prophecy</b>	SN: a supernatural prediction about the future Examples: Odin Sphere, Year Walk RT: fate
<b>redemption</b>	SN: the act of atoning for sin or wrongdoing (especially appeasing a deity) Examples: Dante's Inferno USE FOR: forgiveness RT: honor
<i>religion</i>	USE: faith
<i>reputation</i>	USE: honor
<b>revenge</b>	SN: the action of inflicting hurt or harm on someone for an injury or wrong suffered at their hands. Examples: Grand Theft Auto IV
<b>romance</b>	USE: love
<i>sacrifice</i>	SN: the selfless act in which one person gives up something of value to them for the sake of another

<sup>3</sup> Paranormal. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/paranormal>

<i>savagery</i>	USE: violence
<i>Siblings</i>	USE: family
<i>Slavery</i>	SN: the concept in which one person is legally owned by another and forced to do their bidding without any form of reimbursement <sup>4</sup>
<b>Supernatural</b>	USE FOR: paranormal, occult
<b>survival</b>	SN: the state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances. Examples: Canabalt, The Last of Us
<b>time travel</b>	SN: the concept in which one may move through different points in time—past or future—and experience what life is like at that moment
<i>truth</i>	USE: honor
<b>violence</b>	SN: behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something. Examples: God of War USE FOR: savagery, combat RT: war
<b>war</b>	SN: a state of armed conflict between different nations or states or different groups within a nation or state. Examples: Call of Duty IV RT: violence
<b>wealth</b>	SN: an abundance of valuable possessions or money. USE FOR: financial gain Examples: The Patrician, Port Royale (series) RT: capitalism, work
<b>work</b>	SN: activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose, result, or most often monetary gain Examples: The Office, Office Riot RT: capitalism, wealth

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<sup>4</sup> Slave. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/slave>



Animals	SN: different species on earth that humans must coexist with NT: pets, farm animals
Pets	SN: animals that have been domesticated and can be kept in one's home, often for companionship BT: animals
Dogs	SN: A (typically) four-legged animal that barks, and has the title of "man's best friend" BT: Pets
Cats	SN: A (typically) four-legged animal that meows and purrs; they are usually small in size, low maintenance, and of the same family as lions, tigers, etc. BT: Pets
Birds	SN: A flying animal that often chirps, building nests in trees as their homes
Farm animals	SN: animals that have been domesticated for the use of farming; humans may also seek companionship from these animals, but they often do not live in the same shelter as humans BT: animals
Horses	SN: A large, four-legged animal that neighs and whinnies; before cars, humans often rode atop this animal with a saddle or hitched them up to a wagon BT: Farm animals
Dinosaurs	SN: the large variety of reptiles that lived upon this earth millions of years ago e.g., triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex
Dragons	SN: the mythical winged beast, often reptilian in appearance, that can fly and breathe fire
Fish	USE: Aquatic life
Aquatic life	SN: of or relating to any beings that predominantly live and operate underwater USE FOR: Fish USE FOR: Whale
Bugs	SN: small insects that creep or crawl, and are often found residing in or around plants
Plants	SN: something that grows out from soil, often starting as a seed and maturing into a different living thing like a flower
Trains	SN: a mode of transportation that involves the use of railroads and railcars
Cars/Trucks	SN: a (usually) four-wheeled vehicle that operates on gasoline
Motorcycles	SN: a (usually) two-wheeled vehicle that operates on gasoline; those who ride motorcycles must wear helmets
Bicycles	SN: a two-wheeled vehicle that operates solely on manpower, in which its riders must pedal their way to their destination
Boats/Ships	SN: a vehicle that is used to travel on water
Submarines	SN: a vehicle that is used to travel underwater

Drug	SN: an illegal and often harmful substance that people take for pleasure <sup>5</sup>
Magicians	SN: individuals who practice magic or illusions
Royalty	SN: those who belong or marry into a royal bloodline, such as kings, queens, princes, princesses, etc. USE FOR: Princess, Prince
Knights	SN: individuals who swear their allegiance to and protect royalty
Babies	SN: the smallest, youngest form of human beings possible; they require the utmost care and supervision
Children	SN: young human beings that are older than babies, and have an abundance of energy to run and play all day
Puppets	SN: a doll that is moved by putting your hand inside it or by pulling strings or wires that are attached to it <sup>6</sup>
Aliens	SN: extraterrestrial beings that live on other planets throughout the solar system
Robots	SN: mechanized beings that were created by humans
Computers and network	SN: of or relating to computers and the networks in which they operate
Weapons	SN: items whose chief purpose is to inflict harm on others
Warriors	SN: individuals who fight or engage in combat RT: Military
Assassins	SN: individuals who are skilled in the elimination of other people BT: Warriors RT: Mercenary
Pirates	SN: those who sail the Seven Seas, often for the purpose of seeking treasure or capturing other ships BT: Warriors
Samurai	SN: noble Japanese warriors that fight in the name of honor and duty BT: Warriors
Ninja	SN: skilled individuals, often Japanese, that fight and operate on the basis of silence and efficiency BT: Warriors
Gladiators	SN: warriors from Roman times that fought in the Coliseum for sport BT: Warriors
Gangs	SN: A group of individuals that band together under leadership and/or similar ideals,

<sup>5</sup> Drug. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/drug>

<sup>6</sup> Puppets. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/puppets>

	often for the purpose of crime RT: Warriors NT: Mafia, Yakuza
Yakuza	SN: the Japanese form of the mafia/gangs BT: Gangs
Mafia	SN: Gangs characterized by Italian individuals and underground crime rings BT: Gangs
Mercenary	SN: an individual hired to fight; their only allegiance is to those who pay them the most money RT: Assassins
Detective	SN: an individual who solves crimes
Superheroes	SN: extraordinary individuals with unique power who dedicate their powers to fighting evil and doing good in the world; they often have powers or abilities that normal people do not e.g., super strength, speed, flight, etc.
Gods	SN: “perfect” beings, whether religious or mythical, that are worshipped by normal humans for their power over human life and experiences
Angels	SN: a spiritual, celestial being that does good in the name of God; they are often benevolent in nature
Demons	SN: an evil spirit that often seeks to cause harm, distress, or ruin <sup>7</sup>
Vampires	SN: an inhuman, supernatural being that often resembles humans; the chief difference is that their chief source of sustenance is blood
Zombies	SN: the reanimated corpse of a dead person, often depicted as rotting and wanting nothing more than to eat those that are alive
Monsters	SN: an imaginary creature often depicted as scary and fiercely abnormal
Fairies	SN: a mythological being, often small in stature, with magical powers
Ghosts	SN: the supernatural form of one’s spirit after their passing from the mortal world
Cowboys and Cowgirls	SN: individuals who care for cows or horses, often appearing in Western settings
Space	SN: of or relating to the solar system, and the infinite universes beyond/within it
Tanks	SN: a weaponized vehicle with a thick shell of armor, often used in wars RT: Weapons
Magic	SN: of or relating to mystical practices, involving things like spells and potions

<sup>7</sup> Demon. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/demon>

Mechs	USE: Robots
Military	SN: a nation's army and chief defense against other nations RT: Warriors USE FOR: Soldiers
Soldiers	SN: those who enlisted to join the military and/or its various branches USE: Military
Airplane	SN: a winged-vehicle that is used to travel the skies, as opposed to a helicopter USE FOR: Aircraft
Watercraft	USE: boats/ships
Navy	USE: Military
Airforce	USE: Military
Rollercoaster	SN: an amusement park ride characterized by quick speeds, abnormal heights, and the adrenaline/thrill it offers to its passengers
Spy	USE: Espionage
Wild animals	SN: animals that have not been domesticated, and must be approached with caution

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Farming	SN: the act of raising animals or preparing/harvesting crops RT: farm animals
Dating	SN: the process of getting to know and assessing one's romantic interest
Demolition	SN: the approved, deliberate destruction of a building or other structure. <sup>8</sup>
Cooking	SN: the act of preparing foods for consumption, often involving the use of a stove or oven as a heat source
City-building	SN: the construction of a city
Management	SN: the delegation of work among people, or the ability to prioritize tasks and carry them out to completion
Travel	SN: the act of going on a trip or journey away from one's home, often to a neighboring

<sup>8</sup> Demolition. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/demolition>

	state or country
Baking	SN: the act of creating baked goods like bread for consumption, primarily using an oven
Design	SN: the subject matter that belongs to the creation of aesthetically pleasing graphics
Hacking	SN: of or relating to the act of circumventing security measures in computerized systems for personal gain or social activism
Construction	SN: the act or process of assembling items into a coherent structure (e.g., house) USE FOR: building
Simulation	SN: a computerized imitation of real-world practices or occurrences
Flying	SN: the act of being able to soar throughout the skies, getting from one destination to another USE FOR: flight
Swordplay	SN: the skilled form of combat centered on the use of swords
Combat	SN: of or relating to fighting physically with one another NT: Swordplay
Trading	SN: the act of swapping items with an individual in exchange for different items
Mining	SN: the process or business of digging in mines to obtain minerals, metals, jewels, etc.. <sup>9</sup>
Crafting	SN: the process of creating useful items
Exploration	SN: of or relating to the discovery of new places
Flight	USE: Flying
Racing	SN: a competition centered on who can travel through a set course the quickest BT: Sports
Sports	SN: an organized activity that involves multiple teams or individuals competing against each other to see who's the best NT: Racing, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Billiards, Boxing, Bowling, Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Swimming, Skiing, Snowboarding, Curling, Golf, Hockey, Martial Arts, Tennis, Wrestling, Fighting, Fencing, Skateboarding, Surfing, Dance, Hunting, Fishing, Table tennis, Cricket, Pool, Rugby, Sailing
Baseball	SN: a game played on a large field between two teams, involving the use of bats, mitts, and a baseball BT: Sports
Basketball	SN: a game played on a court with two hoops; the main objective of the game is to score the most points by shooting a basketball through the proper hoop BT: Sports

<sup>9</sup> Mining. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mining>

Bicycling	SN: a competition that involves riding one's bike through a set course the quickest BT: Sports
Billiards	SN: a game that involves the use of a pool table, pool cues, a cue ball, and billiard balls; the object of the game is to sink the billiard balls into the pool table pockets in a predefined manner BT: Sports
Boxing	SN: the sport centered on fighting others in a regulated, organized manner; it is often in a boxing ring, using boxing gloves and appropriate safety gear BT: Sports
Bowling	SN: a game that relies on the use of bowling balls and bowling pins; the object of the game is to gain the highest score possible by knocking down the most pins in the least amount of tries possible BT: Sports
Football	SN: an organized sport played between two teams on a large field, involving the use of a football BT: Sports
Soccer	SN: a game played on a large field involving the use of a soccer ball and trying to score as many goals as possible BT: Sports
Volleyball	SN: a game played with a volleyball on a large court, separated by a high net BT: Sports
Swimming	SN: the competitive sport that involves racing against others in a swimming pool to see who can swim the fastest BT: Sports
Skiing	SN: a sport that involves the use of ski poles and ski boards to race down a snowy mountainside BT: Sports
Snowboarding	SN: a sport that involves the sue of snowboards to race down a snowy mountainside BT: Sports
Curling	SN: a game in which two teams of four players slide special stones over ice toward a circle. <sup>10</sup> BT: Sports
Golf	SN: a game in which individuals hit golf balls towards golf holes; the goal of the game is to do so in as few hits as possible BT: Sports
Hockey	SN: a game that takes place in an ice rink where players must skate on ice and score as many goals as possible with a hockey puck using a hockey stick BT: Sports

<sup>10</sup> Curling. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/curling>

Martial arts	SN: a type of combative art form with roots historically Asian roots BT: Sports
Tennis	SN: a game that takes place on a court separated by a low net, involving the use of tennis balls and tennis rackets BT: Sports
Wrestling	SN: a type of combative sport in which players must pin down others for a set period of time BT: Sports
Fighting	SN: of or relating to physical altercations with another individual
Fencing	SN: a sport centered on the use of swords and graceful swordplay BT: Sports
Skateboarding	SN: a sport or activity centered on the use of skateboards and doing tricks BT: Sports
Surfing	SN: a sport or activity centered on the use of a surfboard, in which individuals ride atop waves BT: Sports
Dance	SN: a sport or activity that involves the graceful movement on one's body in time to music BT: Sports
Hunting	SN: the activity of killing animals for sport, often in a regulated manner BT: Sports
Fishing	SN: the sport or activity centered on being able to catch fish using a net or fishing pole BT: Sports
Table tennis	SN: also known as ping pong, table tennis is a game played using a table divided with a low net, paddles, and a ping pong ball BT: Sports
Cricket	SN: a game played with a ball and bat by two sides of usually 11 players each on a large field centering upon two wickets each defended by a batsman. <sup>11</sup> BT: Sports
Pool	USE: Billiards
Rugby	SN: a game played by two teams in which each team tries to carry or kick a ball over the other team's goal line. <sup>12</sup> BT: Sports
Sailing	SN: the sport of activity of traveling on water in a sailboat <sup>13</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Cricket. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cricket>

<sup>12</sup> Rugby. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rugby>

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Art	SN: of or relating to visually creative works
Health	SN: of or relating to the maintenance of one's body in peak physical condition USE FOR: exercise, fitness
Architecture	SN: of or relating to the design and construction of buildings
Music	SN: of or relating to the creation of creative auditory works
Fashion and Beauty	SN: of or relating to the industry centered on clothing and outward appearances
Business	SN: of or relating to buying and selling of goods
Mythology	SN: of or relating to the study of myths and mythical beings like gods and goddesses
Science	SN: of or relating to the study of the natural world
Agriculture	SN: of or relating to caring for or harvesting animals and crops RT: Farming, Farm animals
Astronomy	USE: Space

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<sup>13</sup> Sailing. (n.d.) In Merriam-Webster online. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sailing>