UBLIS 571 Soergel

**Assignment 2. Abstracting and Indexing**

After reading the abstracting guidelines, find two journal articles of interest and write an indicative (descriptive) abstract and and an informative abstract following the instructions on the next page.

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| **Course objectives addressed** | 6. Assign subject indexing terms to a wide variety of resources (such as journal articles, books, images, websites, organizations, people)  7. Write indicative and informative abstracts and other summaries  8. Contribute to discussions on automatic subject metadata assignment, semantic enrichment, and automatic summarization |
| **Instructions** | See next page |
| **Deliverables** | **For each of two documents**  1. The URL where the text can be found, or the text itself  2. Your indicative abstract, informative abstract, and index terms  3. At least one abstract you found and a comparative analysis  4. The astract produced by autosummarization and your analysis  **A reflective essay on what you learned from this assignment  (500 – 1,000 words)** |

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| **1 Find 2 articles** | **Find two journal articles or equivalent documents (5-10 pages)**.  in the subject domain you chose for LIS 514.  The easiest way to do this is to Google a topic you are interested in. **In the search box after your subject terms put "pdf".** You will find pdf documents at the top of the list; many of them will be journal articles.  Do the following steps for each of the articles |
| **2 Write abstracts** | If the article comes with an abstract, **do not read the abstract**  You may want to print the article  Write   * an indicative abstract (max 200 words) * an informative abstract (max 700 words) |
| **3 Compare** | Find another abstract of the article.  One way to do this is to Google the article title (put it in quotes).  Compare the abstracts, write a short analysis of the similarities and differences. |
| **4 Autosummarize** | There are several websites that offer autosummarization, you will use  <http://smmry.com/>  Summarize in **10** sentences.  Professional autosummarizers accept documents in many formats, but the simple websites accept only text (pasted in).  **Follow these steps:**  1 Open the pdf document  2 Select the entire document (press Ctrl-A) and copy (Ctrl-C)  3 Open a new Word document and paste (Ctrl-V)  4 Clean up the Word document:  4.1 Delete everything that precedes the text proper (leave the title)  4.2 Scroll through the document and delete extraneous stuff that appears in the middle of text (usually from headers and/or footers in the pdf document)  4.3 delete the references  5 In the clean Word document, select all text, copy, and paste into SMMRY  6 Click on SUMMARIZE  7 Copy and paste the summary into a Word document to preserve it |
| **5 Compare** | Write down your observations on the summary generated. Compare with your abstracts (indicative and informative) |
| **6 Index** | Index the 2 articles using the KOS you analyzed in Part 2.   * Assign 3 – 5 important descriptors (weight 2) * Assign 5 – 10 additional descriptors (weight 1) |