

Merging Concepts by Drag and Drop

Let's assume you have two concepts that are actually the same, for example one concept's preferred label is actually a synonym of another concept. You can merge those concepts in the following way:

1. Select the concept with the preferred label you want to keep.
2. Simply drag the synonymous concept to the **Alternative Label** or **Hidden Label** area of the concept you want to keep.
3. A message appears asking you, if you want to merge the two concepts.
 - By confirming the message the two concepts are merged, automatically removing the obsolete concept from the project whereby the new, consolidated concept inherits all relations from the removed one.

The screenshot shows the 'Merge Concepts' dialog box in the Thesaurus Concepts application. The dialog text reads: 'Merge concept Irish mug with Irish coffee mug as altLabel.' There are 'Merge' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the background, the 'Irish coffee mug' concept is selected, and its 'Alternative Labels' section contains 'Irish mug (0)'. A green arrow points from the 'Irish mug (0)' in the tree view to the 'Alternative Labels' section, and another green arrow points from the 'Alternative Labels' section to the 'Merge Concepts' dialog box.

i If you have accidentally created two concepts with the same Preferred Label you can also merge them by dragging one concept to the **Alternative Label** or **Hidden Label** area of the other.



When you merge a concept, the following information will be generated to indicate that the concept is deprecated:

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<URI-of-Concept> rdfs:label "Concept preferred language"@<lang>
<URI-of-Concept> owl:deprecated true
<URI-of-Concept> dcterms:isReplacedBy <URI-of-MergeTarget>

<lang> ... default language of project
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So you can retrieve merged concepts via the [SPARQL endpoint](#) and you can make them available in the [LD frontend](#).

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