

**NAME**

uniqbeg – unique beginners for noun hierarchies

**DESCRIPTION**

All of the WordNet noun synsets are organized into hierarchies. Each synset is part of at least one hierarchy, headed by a synset called a unique beginner. All of these synsets originate in the lexicographer file **noun.Tops**. From any noun synset, except a unique beginner, the hypernym pointers can be traced up to one of the following synsets:

- { entity, physical thing (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own physical existence (living or non-living)) }
- { psychological\_feature, (a feature of the mental life of a living organism) }
- { abstraction, (a general concept formed by extracting common features from specific examples) }
- { state, (the way something is with respect to its main attributes; "the current state of knowledge"; "his state of mind") }
- { event, (something that happens at a given place and time) }
- { act, human\_action, human\_activity, (something that people do or cause to happen) }
- { group, grouping, (any number of entities (members) considered as a unit) }
- { possession, (anything owned or possessed) }
- { phenomenon, (any state or process known through the senses rather than by intuition or reasoning) }

**NOTES**

The lexicographer files are not included in the WordNet database package.

**FILES**

**noun.Tops**                      unique beginners for nouns

**SEE ALSO**

**wndb(5WN)**, **wninput(5WN)**, **wnintro(7WN)**, **wngloss(7WN)**.