Ontology Sharing

Three Alternatives

- ▼ **Create a committee to define everybody's terms**
  - ▼ **Takes many years, until people are worn out**
  - ▼ **Ignored when changes make deviation necessary**
- ▼ **Get all terms and put them into large model**

  [Cyc, UMLS, Federated Schemas, . . .]
  - ▲ **Can be rapid**
  - ▼ **Ignores conflicts**
  - ▼ **Hard to maintain (requires committee)**
- ✯ **Keep all Terms distinct, except where sharing**
  - ▼ **Requires initial effort**
  - ▲ **Empowers participants**