Internet Presentation of CZSO's Metadata

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The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) is on its way towards a new complex statistical metadata system. One of the advantages of the system is that it will enable the CZSO to present its metadata on one place in a uniform format. At the beginning there are three main metadata domains (application subsystems) included in the presentation. These are classifications, nomenclatures and variables. Other domains are to follow in future (statistical tasks etc.). The paper will focus on the three available at the moment.

The presentations of classifications and nomenclatures are built on the same grounds (Classifications and Nomenclatures Documentation System (KLAS)) and are therefore very similar, yet not the same because they reflect the specific technological differences, mainly the hierarchical structure of classifications on the one hand and the flat structure of nomenclatures on the other. Anyway both presentations are a big step ahead in comparison with their predecesors, both as regards comfort for users and the range of information available.

The presentation of variables is based on the Variables Documentation System (UKAZ). The system is not built in isolation and is linked to other relevant metadata subsystems like the above mentioned Classifications and Nomenclatures Documentation System (KLAS) and Tasks Documentation System (ULOHY) and plays important role in storage data in data warehouse (DWH). The presentation will play its role as a harmonizing tool for names of variables and their definitions.

The three presented subsystems of the whole metadata internet presentation are to be accessed by all kinds of internal or external users directly from the CZSO's home page.