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**Toponymic data files: toponymic data transfer standards
and formats**

**Characteristic features of toponym objects and
their dynamics**

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Summary

A toponym object can be defined by physiognomic, social or cultural features or by a combination of them. Variety and changes of these features over time give rise to issues of toponym interpretation on maps and lead to the general concept of a toponym object as an element of space-time linked with the surface of the Earth.

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