

The Three Elements of the Concept in Hegel's Logic

Individual	Particular	Universal
Logical Function: A concrete, unique individual thing, person or situation	A category partially specifying the individual	What is common to or unites <i>all</i> individuals
Deutsch <i>Der Einzelne</i>	<i>Das Besondere</i>	<i>Das Allgemeine</i>
Temporal and Spatial Extension Finite in time and space; mortal, transient	On-going, subsisting in one individual after another, but not infinite, i.e., not outliving the community	Eternal and infinite, outlives the community of which it is a part
Material Subsistence Immediate concrete things, persons or situations	Human activity which uses or signifies	Words (spoken/written), signs, artefacts
In Reflection Ground	Difference	Identity
Interpretation <i>Interpretant</i> : Subject to infinite possible interpretations	The process of interpretation	The signification or interpretation itself
In Activity Theory The act	The activity	The mediating artefact or sign
Attributes Infinitely many attributes inhere in the individual	Inheres in some attributes, not others	Indifferent to all attributes

For example: “Bill Shorten is the leader of the Australian Labor Party” – “Bill Shorten” signifies an individual; “Leader” is a Universal, but qualified by “Australian”, “Labor” and “Party”, “the leader of the Australian Labor Party” is a particular – it was Kevin Rudd a while back.