Term: Dicisign
Quote: A Dicent Sign is a sign, which, for its Interpretant, is a Sign of actual existence. It cannot, therefore, be an icon, which affords no ground for an interpretation of it as referring to actual existence. A Dicisign necessarily involves, as a part of it, a rheme, to describe the fact which it is interpreted as indicating. But this is a peculiar kind of rheme; and while it is essential to the dicisign, it by no means constitutes it.

[—] Or we may say [...] that a Dicisign is a sign which is understood to represent its object in respect to actual existence...

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1903). Syllabus: Nomenclature and Division of Triadic Relations, as far as they are determined. MS [R] 540.

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