

***überhaupt* in discourse**

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The German discourse particle *überhaupt* displays a range of seemingly diverging properties. It can function as an intensifier with negation or quantifiers, it can signal doubting in questions, as well as a return to something that has been previously discussed in the conversation. Previous analyses run into problems with at least some of the new data I show. With my proposal, I try to capture Tania Rojas-Esponda's (2014) discourse strategic function as well as Jan Anderssen's (2006) domain widening in a more general way. I argue that *überhaupt* marks an unexpected discourse move which aims at the completion of an inquiry.