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# Semantic Web Methods, Tools and Applications

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### Introduction

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- Motivation
  - Semantic Technologies and Ontologies
  - Ontology Lifecycle

### Methods and Tools

- Ontology Development
- Ontology Learning
- Ontology Mapping
- Ontology Evaluation and Evolution
- Ontology Management: Repositories and Reasoners

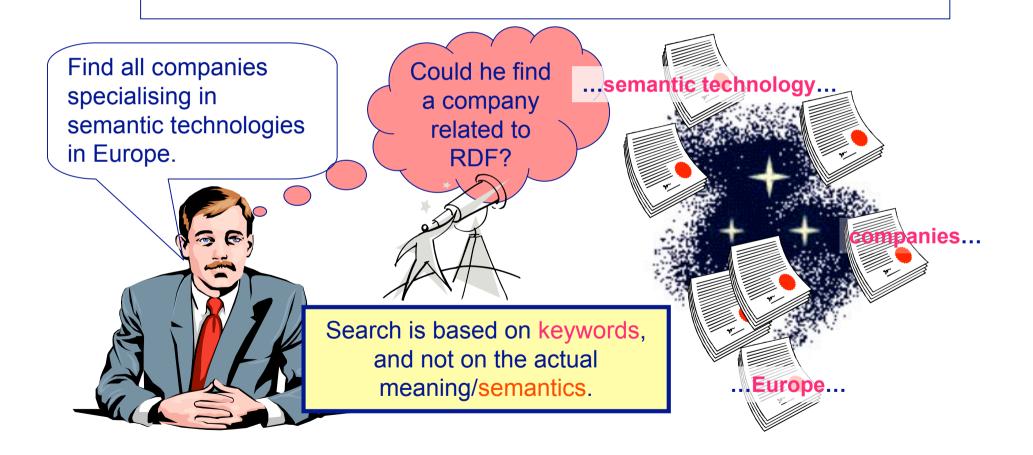
### Applications

- Content Management / Information Search and Retrieval
- Expert and Assistance Systems
- Social and collaborative applications
- Web Applications



### **Information Search Example**

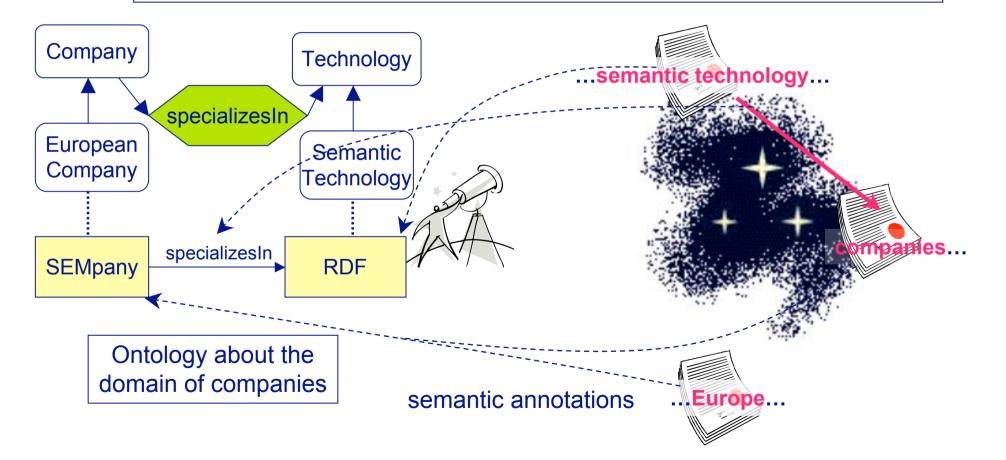
Problem: What does the available information really mean?





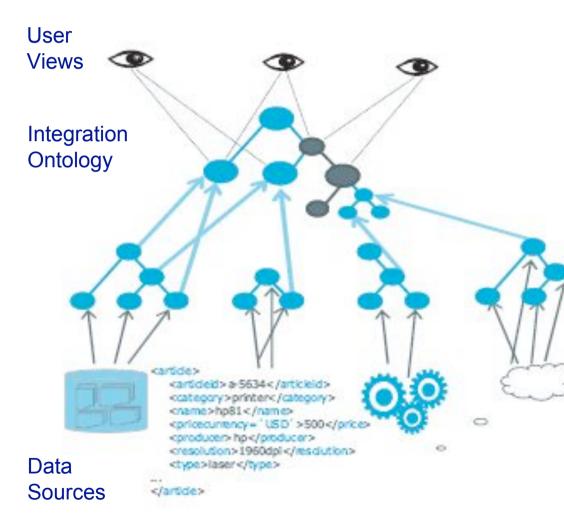
### **Information Search Example**

**Approach**: Annotate information elements (including links) with information about their meaning





### Semantic Technologies Provide Dynamic Integration Solutions to EII



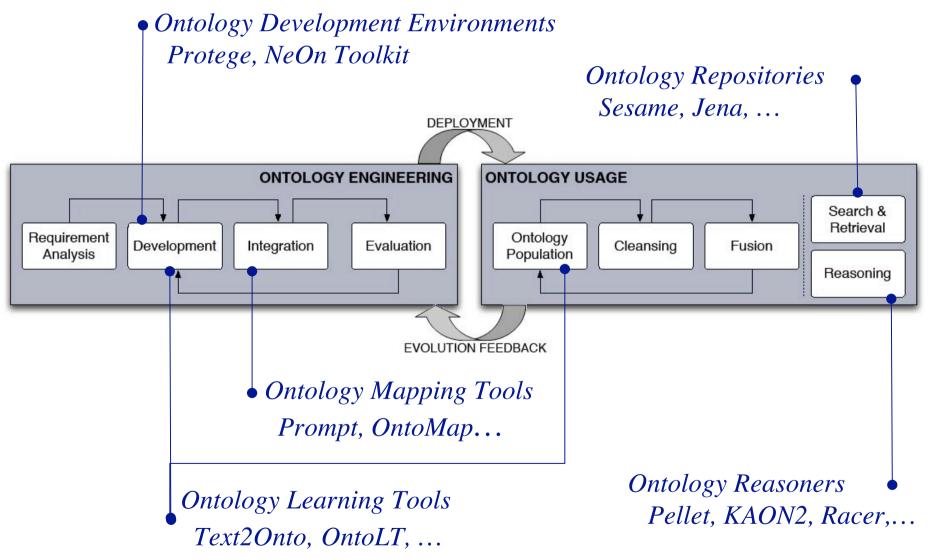
- Data Integration most costly and challenging task for enterprises
- E.g. up to 80% of migration costs due to data integration
- Semantic technologies enable dynamic integration solution which federate queries and merge data from heterogeneous data sources

#### Benefits of ontologies

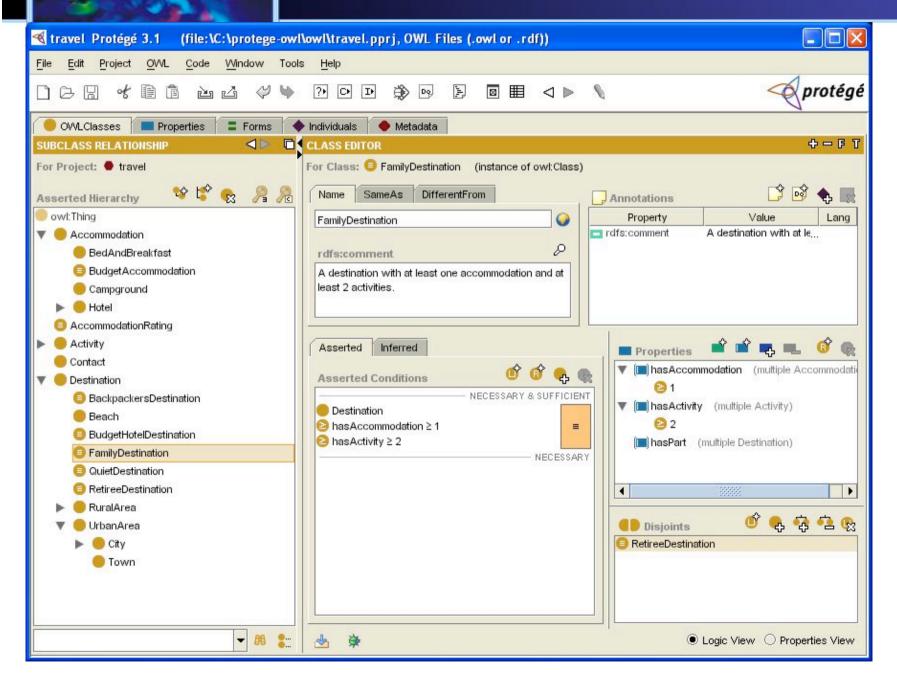
- Shared interpretation of distributed data
- Conceptually adequate and expressive data model to integrate heterogeneous data
- Ease of maintenance because of declarative specification of integration rules



### Lifecycle Activities and Tools

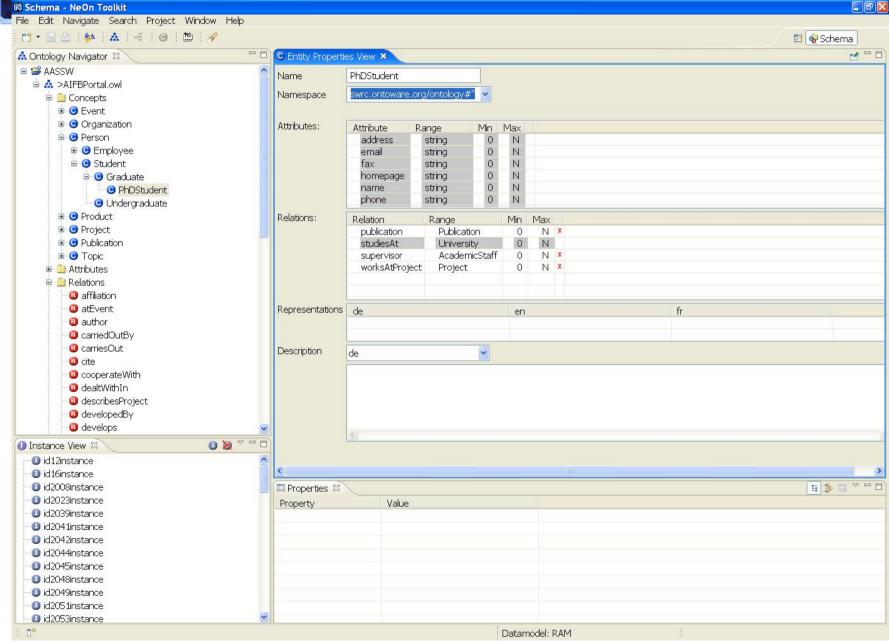


### **Ontology Development with Protege OWL**





### **Ontology Development with the NeOn Toolkit**





# Ontology Development Tools

	Protégé OWL	Semantic Works	TopBraid Composer	IODT	SWOOP	OntoStudio (NeOn Toolkit)
Developer	Stanford	Altova	TopQuadrant	IBM	Univ. of Maryland	Ontoprise (NeOn Found.)
Primary Ontology Language	OWL	OWL	OWL	OWL	OWL	F-Logic (+OWL)
View	Form Text	Form Text Graph	Form Text (UML-like) Graph	(UML-like) Graph	Browser- like	Forms
Platform	Java	.NET	Eclipse	Eclipse	Browser + Java	Eclipse
Supported Reasoner	Via DIG	None	Pellet, (built-in) Via DIG	RACER, Pellet	Pellet	OntoBroker (+ KAON2)
Repository	Files, RDBMS	Files	Files, RDBMS	RDF on RDBMS	Files	Files, RDBMS



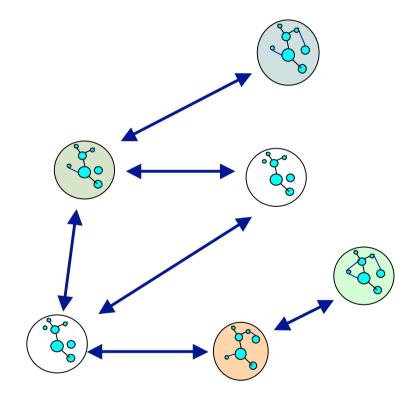
# **Ontology Mapping – Problem and Scope**

#### The Problem

- Heterogeneous ontologies require mappings for interoperability
- Numerous independent Ontologies
- No single Domain Model
- Modeling same or overlapping Knowledge

#### Main challenges

- Identifying mappings (correspondences between Entities)
- Representing these Relations
- Utilizing Mapping for querying, reasoning, ontology integration, translation and exchange





### **Ontology Mapping – Techniques and Tools**

- Great number of Techniques
  - Syntactic, Semantic, External
  - Element-Level, Structure-Level
  - Schema or Instance Level mapping
- Mapping Tools
  - Several mapping systems already available (GLUE, PROMPT, FOAM, ONION, MAFRA)
  - Manual, visual creation of mappings between ontologies
  - Integration of (relational databases): automated ontology lifting and query answering

(OntoMap, ODEMapster)

- Best results
  - Find best approximate Matches -> Similarity
  - Semi–automatic
  - Requires human Domain Expert



# Ontology Mapping with OntoMap

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### Challenge: Ontology development is a bottleneck!

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- Solution: Extraction of (domain) ontologies from natural language text
  - Natural Language Processing
    - Natural Language Proces
    - Machine Learning
- Ontology Learning tasks
  - Concepts, instances
  - Taxonomic relations: subclass-of, instance-of
  - Relations: specializesIn …
  - Relation instantiations: specializesIn ...
- Ontology Population

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### Text2Onto

- Ontology Learning framework developed at AIFB since 2004 (successor of TextToOnto by Alexander M\u00e4dche)
- Available at <u>http://ontoware.org/projects/text2onto/</u>
- Explicit change management and incremental learning
- Implemented algorithms:
  - Concept extraction
    - TFIDF, entropy ...
  - Instance extraction
    - TFIDF ...
  - Similarity extraction
    - Context vectors

- Concept classification
  - Heuristic, WordNet, patterns
- Instance classification
  - Patterns, context similarity
- Relation extraction
  - Subcategorization frames

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# Ontology Learning Tools

		Ontology Learning Subtasks						
Organization	System	Terms	Synonyms	Concepts	Concept Hierarchy	Relations	Other Axioms	
AIFB, Univ. Karlsruhe	TextToOnto/ Text2Onto	X	clusters	Х	Х	x	X	
Amir Kabir Univ., Teheran	HASTI	X			Х	x	Х	
CNTS, Univ. Antwerpen	OntoBasis		clusters	clusters		?		
DFKI	OntoLT / RelExt	X			Х	X		
Economic Univ. Prague	TextToOnto Extensions					labels		
ISI , USC	CBC / DIRT		clusters	clusters				
Keio Univ.	DOODLE		similar pairs			x		
Univ. Paris- Sud	ASIUM/ Mo'K		clusters	clusters	Х	X		
Univ. Rome	OntoLearn	Х	Х	Х	Х	X		
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- Ontologies can not be learned automatically, especially not from text
  - Techniques for lexical acquisition too bad?
  - No, it is an inherent problem...
  - Ontologies can not be "learned" because they represent a way of viewing things and thus a process of reflection and agreement
- Ontology learning needs procedures for (formal) selfevaluation
- Ontology learning and reasoning strictly interact with each other
- Ontologies and the world evolve, so ontology learning should address the evolution of data and knowledge



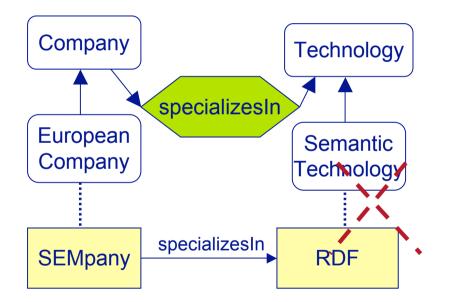
# **Ontology** Evaluation

- Evaluation
  - User Guidance Tools for Design Support
  - Consistency checks during development process
  - Support for error recovery and debugging
- What is a 'good' ontology?
  - Usage, application performance, data coverage, corpus fit, reasoning adequacy ?
  - <u>Well-known</u>: OntoClean (formal evaluation of taxonomic relationships), developed by Guarino and Welty
  - System of conceptual tags (Rigidity, Unity, Identity, Independence) + constraints on possible subsumption relations (e.g. ~R can't subsume +R)
  - OntoClean is based on philosphical principles and is even hard to understand for experts
  - AEON approach tries to (automatically) approximate the tagging with OntoClean

# **Ontology Evolution**

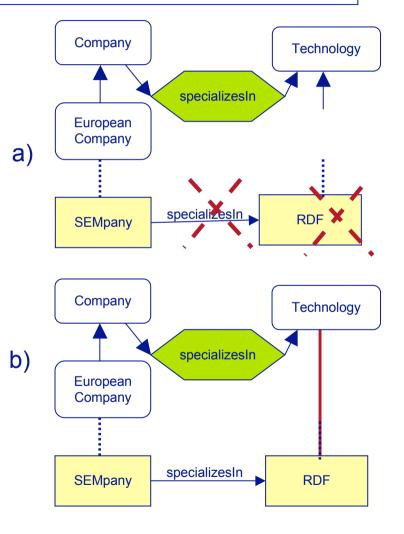
### **Challenge: Domain ontologies are ever changing!**

Solution: A systematic method to handle the resolution of changes is needed



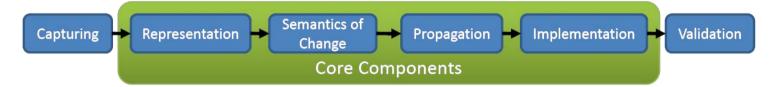
#### Traceability (of changes)

- which change to the ontology was performed by whom and when, possibly why?
- if the change has been generated as a byproduct of updating the corpus, keep a reference to the segment in a corpus which triggered the change





# **Ontology Evolution (Process)**



#### Capturing

- Explicit changes intended by Ontology Engineer
- Implicit changes: *usage-driven, data-driven, structure-driven*
- Representation
  - Fine grained (simple) change operation
  - Coarse grained (complex/composite) change operations

#### Semantics of change

- Consistency: *structural consistency, logical consistency, user-defined consistency*
- Verification: *a posterior, a priori*
- Realization: declarative, procedural
- Change propagation
  - Pull based, Push based
  - also: Ontology Dependent Consistency, Replication Ontology Consistency
- Change Implementation
  - Change Notification, Change Application, Change Logging
- Change validation
  - Justification / redoing based on user request



- Ontology Repositories
  - Focus on storing, manipulating and retrieving large sets of data
  - Typically, with some query language (e.g. SPARQL)
  - File system vs. DBMS backend
- Ontology Reasoners
  - Reasoning tasks (standard / non-standard)
  - Reasoning methods

 Often, repository and reasoning are combined, sometimes via the same API



# **Ontology** Repositories

- Jena Framework
  - OWL and RDF API
  - Reading and writing RDF in RDF/XML, N3 and N-Triples
  - In-memory and persistent storage
  - SPARQL query engine

### Sesame

- RDF API
- Native store for scalable storage and querying with reliable persistence
- Support for several back-end stores
- Support for several RDF query languages including SPARQL and SeRQL
- Others: YARS, Kowari, OWLIM



- ...check whether an ontology is consistent
  - satisfiability checking: does the ontology have a model?
- ...check if a class C is consistent
  - i.e. whether C can have non-empty extension
- ...check if a is an instance of C: C(a)
  - basis for query answering
- ...check for class inclusion of two classes: C v D
  - i.e. whether instances of C are always instances of D
  - subsumption checking
  - equivalent to query containment
- Selecting the right reasoner depends on many aspects
  - Reasoning task
  - Complexity of ontology (underlying logical language)
  - Size of ontology (ABox vs. TBox)

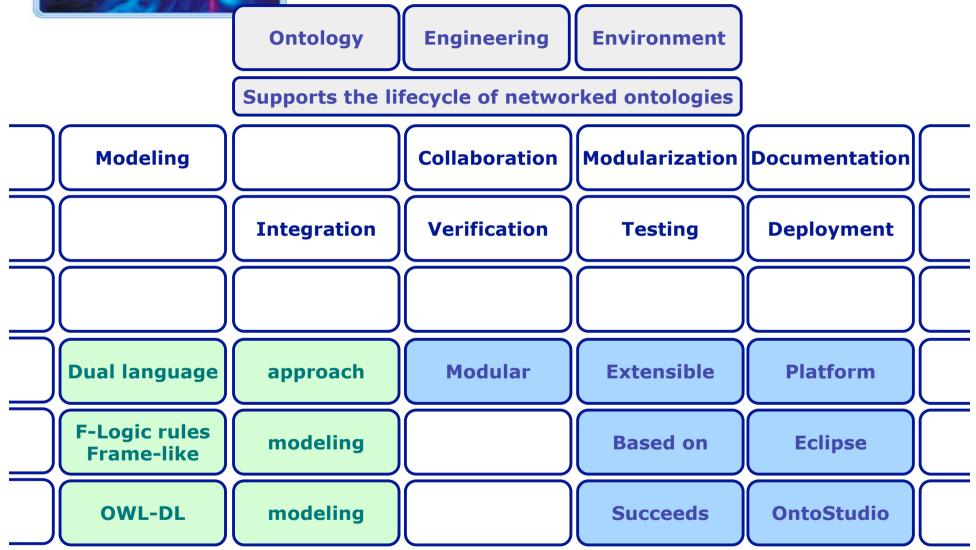


# **Overview of Reasoners**

	<b>Cerebra</b> (Web Methods)	<b>FACT++</b> (U of Manchester)	KAON2 (ontoprise)	<b>Pellet</b> (U of Maryland)	<b>Racer</b> (Racer Systems)	<b>Ontobroker</b> (ontoprise)	<b>OWLIM</b> (ontotext)
Interfaces	OWL API	DIG	KAON2 API	DIG, OWL API, Jena API	DIG, OWL API	KAON2 API DIG	Sesame API
Reasoning Approach	Tableaux	Tableaux	Resolution	Tableaux	Tableaux	Datalog	Forward Chaining
Supported Logic	OWL DL	SHOIQ	SHIQ + DL safe rules	SROIQ + DL safe rules	SHIQ	F-Logic	OWL DLP
Based on	C++	C++	Java	Java	Lisp	Java	Java

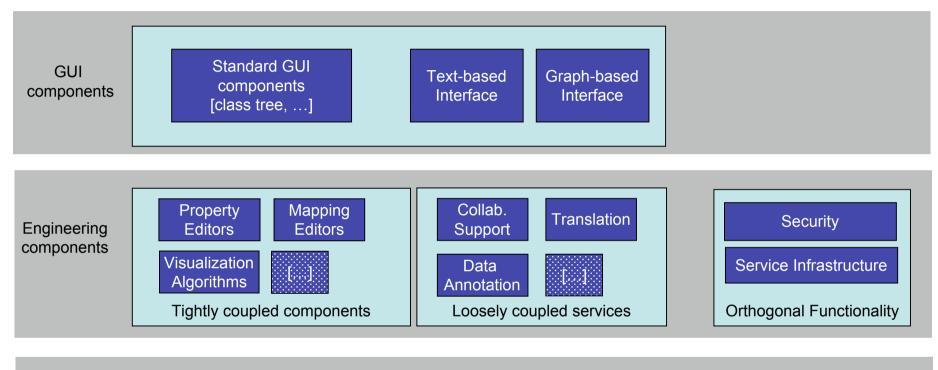


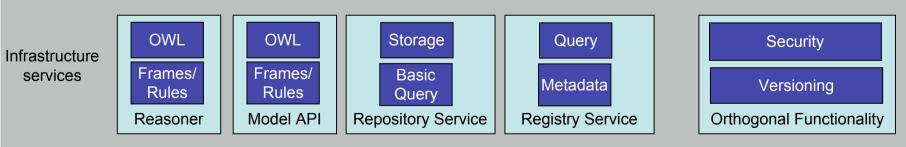
### What is the NeOn Toolkit?





### NeOn Architecture to Support the Entire Ontology Lifecycle







### Applications

- Content Management / Information Retrieval
  - BT Digital Library
- Expert and Assistance Systems
  - HALO
- Social and collaborative applications
  - Ontoworld
- Web Applications
  - PiggyBank
  - eMerges: Semantic Web Services GIS based Emergency Management



### Scenario (BT Digital Library)

Bob works as technology analyst for British Telecom. His daily work includes research on new technological trends, market developments as well as the analysis of competitors.

Bob's company maintains a digital library that gives access to a repository of internal surveys and analysis documents. The company also has a license with an academic research database which is accessed via a separate interface.

Depending on his work context, Bob uses the topic hierarchies, the full-text search functionalities or metadata search facilities provided by the two libraries to get access to the relevant data.

However, Bob is often annoyed by the differing topic hierarchies and metadata schemes used by the two libraries as well as by a cumbersome syntax for metadata queries. Heterogeneity of content

Heterogeneity of search facilities

Heterogeneity of data models (schemas)

Interface design challenge



# Why Ontology-Based Digital Libraries?

Immediate support for unified structured queries against metadata and documents

Easy integration of heterogeneous knowledge sources

Easy integration with knowledge elicitation methods from unstructured content

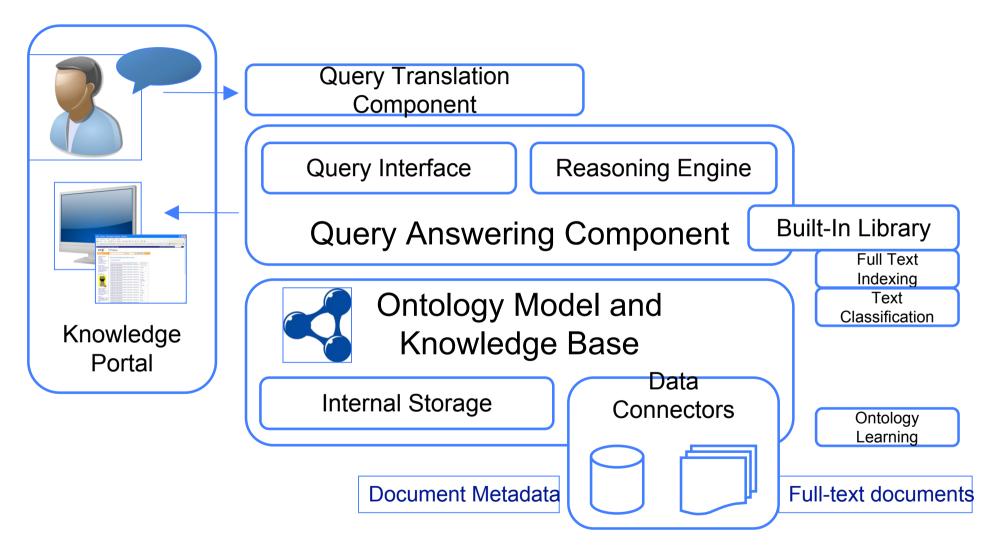
Mapping to natural language queries

Generic, flexible and modular architecture

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### **Conceptual Architecture**





# **Ontology Model and Knowledge Base**

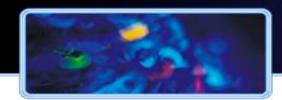
- Ontology
  - global conceptual model
  - aligned with established schemas (e.g. Dublin Core)
- Knowledge base of the digital library
  - actual bibliographical metadata, topic hierarchies, and full-text document content
  - data aligned with global ontology via mapping axioms

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### Query answering against knowledge base (SPARQL)

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    ?y rdfs:label ?z .
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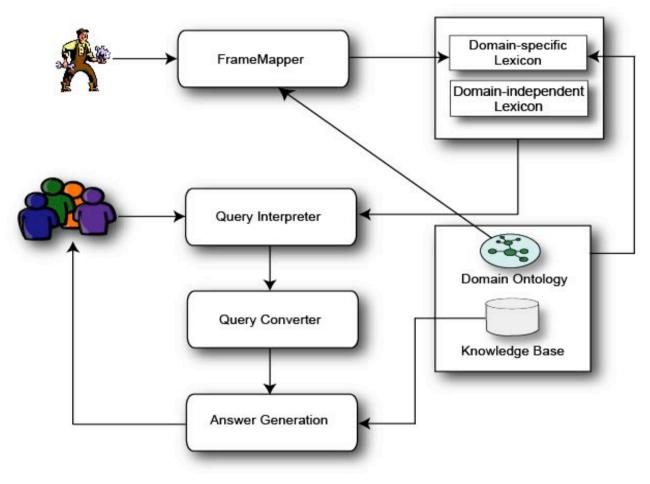
### Knowledge Portal

- Presentation layer for underlying content
- Interaction via standard interfaces
  - keyword-search, topic browsers etc.
- Interaction via natural language queries
  - converts natural language queries into SPARQL
- Translation step comprises
  - deep parsing of the questions
  - roughly, linguistic frames become query constraints
  - lexicon describes possible lexical realizations of ontology elements

"Who wrote books on 'digital libraries'?" "Which journal articles were written by 'Tim Berners-Lee' (and for which journal)?"



### Natural Language Interface



Overview of the ORAKEL System



### **Scenario Revisited**



### • "Which journal articles were written by 'Tim Berners-Lee' for which journal?"



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SELECT ?x ?z WHERE {
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 ?x protont:documentAuthor ?y .
 ?y rdfs:label ?ys .
 match(?ys, "Tim Berners Lee") .
 ?z rdf:type protonu:Journal .
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Screenshot from BT Digital Library



# Project Halo

- "Building a digital Aristotle"
- A system that...
  - Encompasses much of the world's scientific knowledge
  - Reasons over that knowledge
  - Answers novel scientific questions
  - Explains these answers
  - Is quite ambitous

## Multi-stage effort:

- Start with a specific science (Chemistry)
- Challenge with several teams
- Answer AP-style questions
- Complete information at <u>http://www.projecthalo.com/</u>





# Formalizing questions

### Example

Which of the following compounds will produce a gas when HCl is added to the solid compound? HCl is a strong acid producing a yellowgreen colored gas above the acid solution.

- $Ba(OH)_2(s)$
- $CaCO_3(s)$
- $CuSO_4$  (s)
- Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>(s)
- NaCl (s)



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### Background knowledge

- Formalizing questions is "just" question understanding
- Needs a huge amount of background knowledge = ontology
- And a reasoner to answer the question using the ontology

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# Evaluation

- Correctness
  - Was pretty high
- Justification
  - Considerably lower than correctness
- Speed
  - Was critical, but all systems faired well



### Results:

- Human mean average in this test is AP-2.82
- Project Halo scored an AP-3 they would have passed!



### **Result browser**

### http://www.projecthalo.com/halotempl.asp?cid=2135#

	HALO											
QUE	STION CHOOSER								RES	ULTS	BROW	SEI
MC1	Which of the following compounds will produce a gas when HCl is added to the solid compound? HCl is a strong acid producing a yellow-green colored gas above the acid solution.	QUESTION MC 1	HCl is a st a. Ba		compound: producing a			as when H	Cl is ac	ded to the		
MC2	When lithium metal is reacted with nitrogen gas, under proper conditions, the product is:		c. Cu	SO4 (s) 3PO4(s)								
мсз	Sodium azide is used in air bags to rapidly produce gas to inflate the bag. The products of the decomposition reaction are:	CORRECT ANSWER (b) CaCO3 (s)										
MC4	When calcium carbonate is heated it decomposes forming: Calcium carbonate reacts with acids to produce gas	RESULTS D									MORE INFO:	7 4
MC5	The most likely products for the reaction of NH3 with oxygen are:	SCOR	ING MATRIX	<b>SME I</b> 6	RADES	-	SME II	GRADES		SME III		<u>_</u> 4
	Oxygen is reactive with many chemical compounds while		ENCODING	O/1.0	0/1.0	VIEW	ANSWER	<u>эозт.</u> 0/1.0	VIEW	O/1.0	ЭUST. 0/1.0	VIE
MC6	nitrogen gas is very unreactive. Which solution has the highest conductivity?	ONTOPRISE	0	1/1.0	0/1.0	*	1/1.0	0/1.0	•	1/1.0	0/1.0	•
MC7	Which of the following is a non-electrolyte?	SRI	0	1/1.0	0.5/1.0	*	1/1.0	1/1.0	8	1/1.0	0/1.0	
MC8	Which of the following combinations would produce a precipitate?											
MC9	A solution of nickel nitrate and	1										

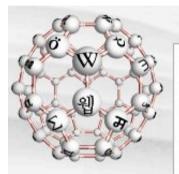


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### A semantic wiki for the semantic web community

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### Welcome!

Main Page

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This is ontoworld.org, the wiki for the Semantic Web community. Our mission is to provide a knowledge repository and platform for advertising events, spreading news, and announcing new developments. It is a wiki: everybody can quickly edit its content, even without logging in. So look around and participate!

If you are new to this wiki you may want to start browsing the contents on the right. Editing pages works as on Wikipedia, but we also have a starters guide within this wiki. Be sure to check out the page about yourself (yes, it might even be there already!).

#### News

July 5 2007. Semantic MediaWiki receives the third prize of

#### Semantics to the people!

### People

The wiki should now contain pages for many community membe others. The semantic features of this wiki also create a FOAF fill

To go to your page, just type your name into the below field and



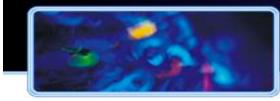
For an overview of the people in this wiki, go to the people portal

### Events

You can find information about many events and calls for papers annotation, it is possible to query for particular events.

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Upcoming submission deadlines: PIM2007 (15 October 2007), WWW2



# The Semantic Web wiki

discussion

- Persons
- Events
- Tools
- Publications

### **Events**

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Organising an event? Advertise it here by q an article! Just enter the event's abbreviation i below to get an edit box with further document

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### People

This wiki contains annotated articles for a large number of community members. If you should read the documentation and create a new article. To be listed below, u: Category:Person, e.g. by using the person template on their pages.

The following list is cached for better performance. If it appears to be out of date, clicking the link at the bottom of this page. You can also directly browse the current

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A Min Tjoa	TU Wien
Aaron Stanton	QualitySmith
Aaron Swartz	
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Abir Qasem	Lehigh University
Abraham Bernstein	IFI
Achille Fokoue	IBM Watson Research
Adam Cheyer	SRI International
Adina Sirbu	DERI Innsbruck
Aditya Kalyanpur	IBM Watson Research
Adrian Mocan	DERI Innsbruck
Afraz Jaffri	University of Southampton
Agnes Koschmider	University of Karlsruhe



# Why should the community care?

- High Google rank
- Person articles and event articles ranked high, easy to find
- Collects information
  - Overview over several conferences, dates, etc.
  - But also PC /OC memberships
- Growing steadily
- Easy to add
- Easy to extend

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# Piggybank

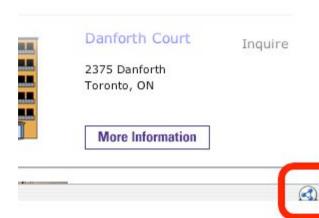
- Firefox extension
- Collects data on the web while browsing
- Has a cute logo
- Collected data can be ...
  - Explored as you like
  - Aggregated from different sources
  - Compared
  - Browsed and viewed
  - Queried



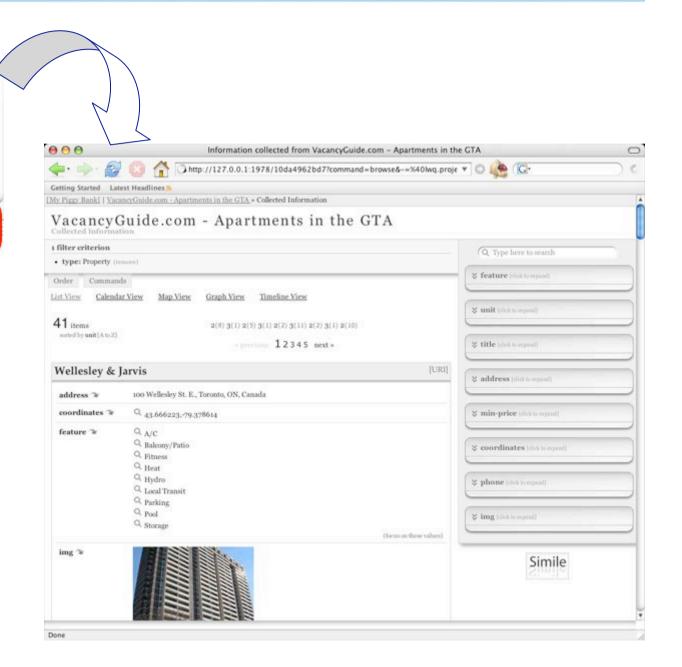
- Mashup whatever you want whenever you want!
- Try it out <u>http://simile.mit.edu/wiki/Piggy\_Bank</u>



# Scrape data



- Loads data from current page
- Either data is available in a standard format
- Or there is a screenscraper for that page



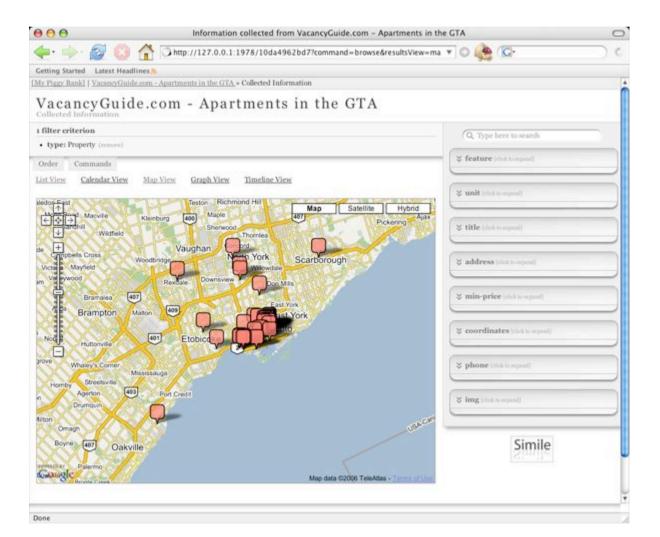


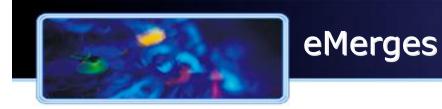
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### Data you have just collected viewable in many different ways

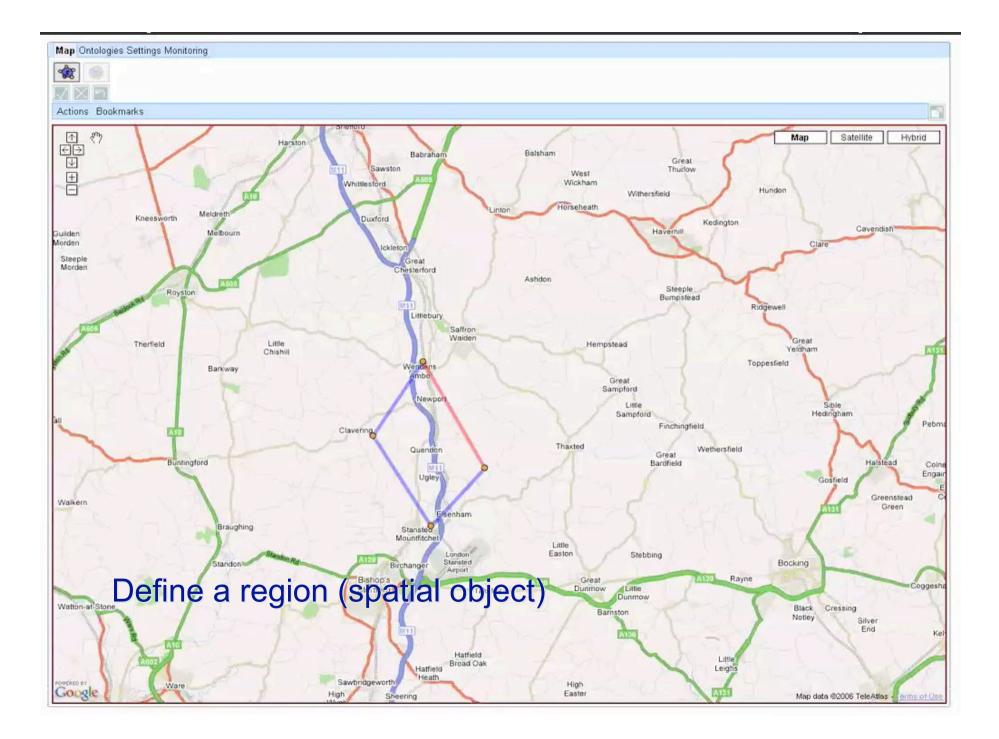
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  - a Mashup that combines CraigsList and Google Maps

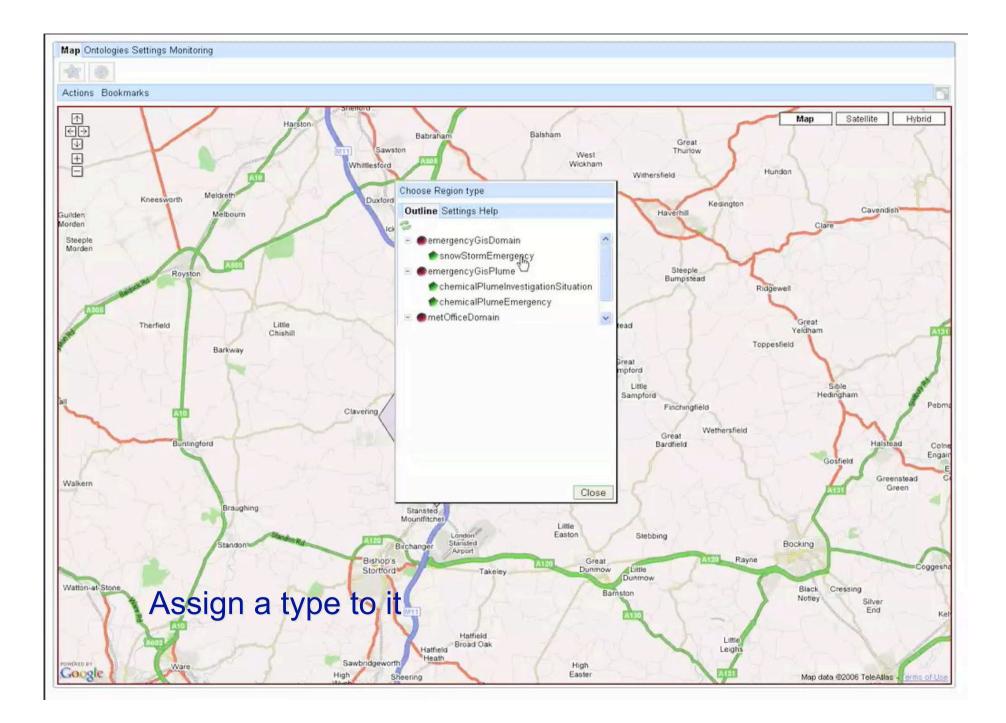
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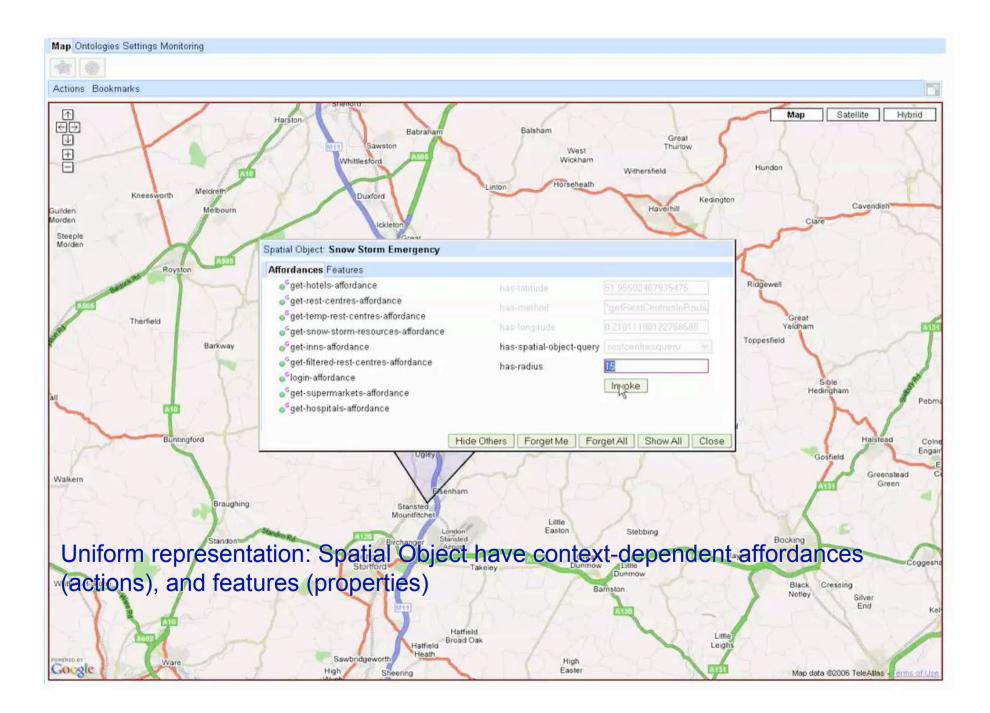


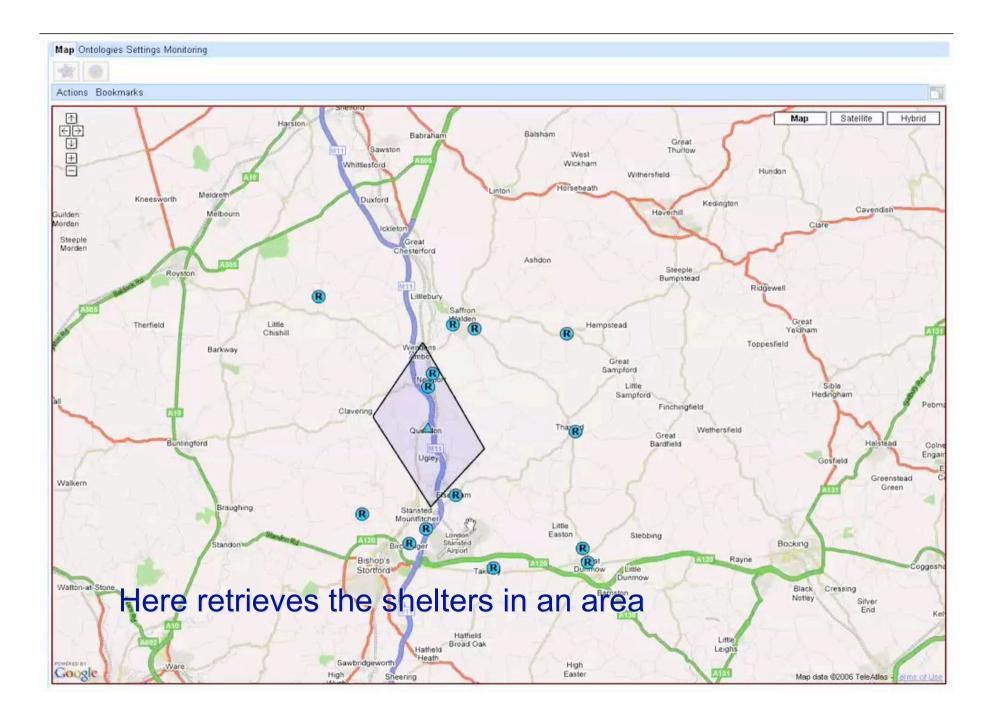


- Supporting Emergency Planning for Essex County Council
- Many heterogeneous data sources
- Need a simple integration interface
  - Users are potentially under high stress

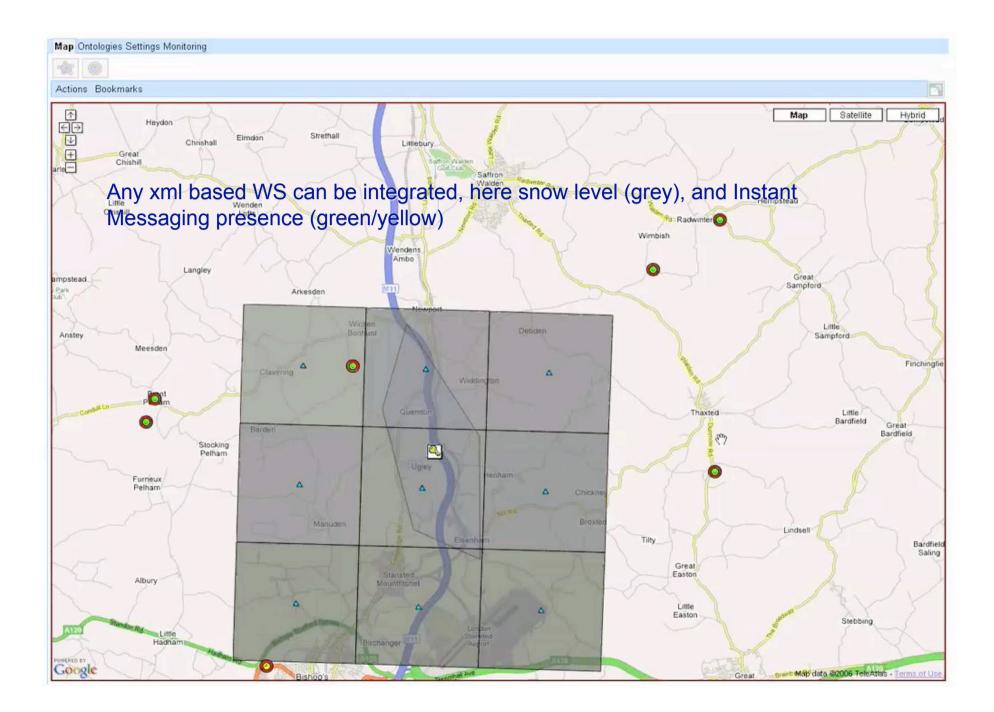














# Applications – Conclusion

Any ideas? Try them out in your projects...

Next: Hands-on Session!



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