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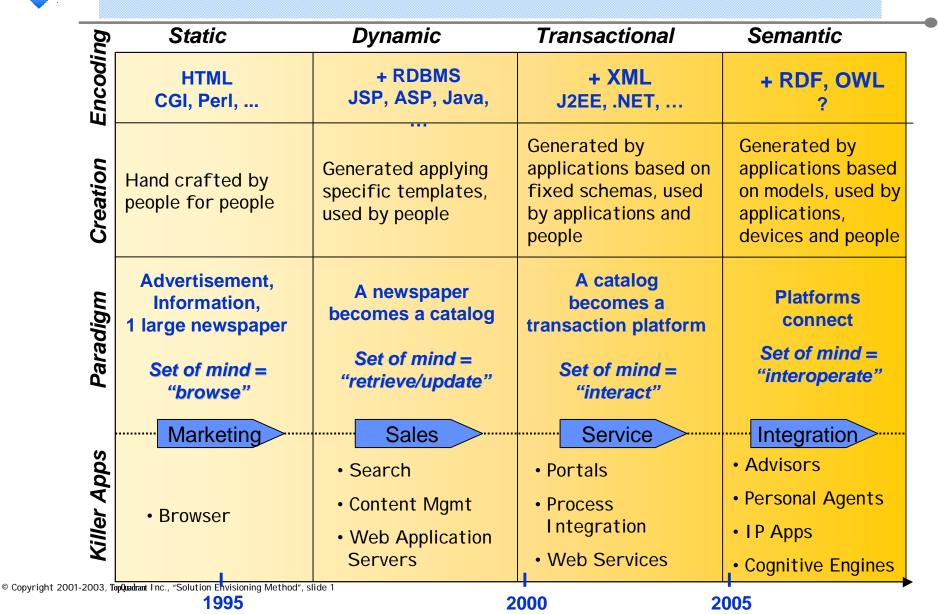
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### **Applications of Semantic Technologies**

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#### Semantic Technology and the Internet



Gartner

#### According to the Analysts ...

"Ontology capabilitiqs will become a core

technology. [...] By 2 (taxonomies) will be application integratio

"By 2010, ontologic representations wi of application integ probability)."

From, Gartner, "Semantic Web Te



Bottom Line: During the next three to four years, ontology tools and techniques will offer the unified semantics needed to support dynamic application integration at the enterprise level. Enterprises should begin to develop the needed semantic modeling and information management skills with their integration competency centers.

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From, CIO Magazine, August 2002.

"How Things Will Communicate", 12/200

From, Gartner, August 2002.

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"[...] Semantics-based integration tools are destined to become increasingly powerful and capable, combined with web services applications, the technology could doom middleware as it is currently known."



#### Which is worth a poll ...

## What do you see as the biggest driver for implementing ontology-based solutions?

- Need to integrate disparate applications and data sources
- 2. Growth of XML and the need to reconcile different XML dialects
- 3. Growth of digitized information requiring better search and navigation
- 4. Increasing need to re-use and re-purpose web content and information
- 5. The move towards componentized applications requiring capabilities mediators
- 6. Shift towards smarter Internet
- 7. Other

## What do you see as the biggest driver for implementing ontology-based solutions?

Answers	Percent	Count
Need to integrate disparate applications and data sources	37%	20
Growth of XML and the need to reconcile different XML dialects	3%	2
Growth of digitized information requiring better search and navigation	27%	15
Increasing need to re-use and re- purpose web content and information	16%	9
The move towards componentized applications requiring capabilities mediators	0%	0
Shift towards smarter Internet applications	14%	8
Total		54
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#### **Another Question**

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# Which of these needs do you perceive in your organization today?

- 1. Improve people's ability to find information
- 2. Enable workers to capture their knowledge
- 3. Facilitate collaboration via a knowledge portal
- 4. Reconcile terminology
- 5. Integrate several sources of data for single-point access
- Have smart data that draws conclusions based on its meaning

# Which of these needs do you perceive in your organization today?

Answer	s	Percent	Count
Improve informati	people's ability to find ion	34%	18
Enable v knowled	workers to capture their Ige	7%	4
	e collaboration via a Ige portal	11%	6
Reconci	ile terminology	7%	4
	e several sources of data e-point access	21%	11
	nart data that draws ions based on its meaning	17%	9
Total			52

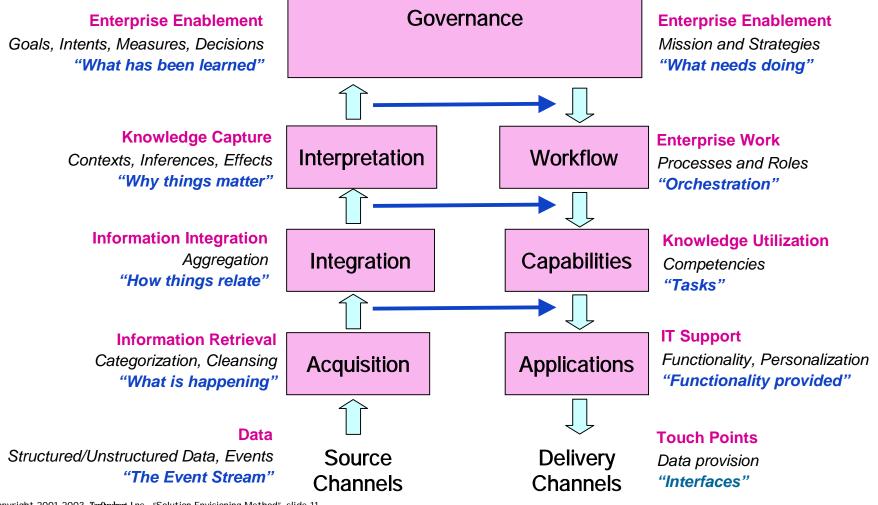
## Some Business Areas where Semantic Technologies have already proven ROI

- Customer Support/Technical Support
  - Improving self-service functionalities of support
  - Intelligent search
- E-Commerce
  - I mproving sales by presenting products and related information in effective ways
  - Mediation
  - Recommenders
- Intranets
  - Re-using and dissemination of organizational knowledge
  - Aggregating and repurposing content
  - Support for Communities of Practice
- Business Intelligence And Surveillance
  - Information Patterns and Connections
  - Sense Making

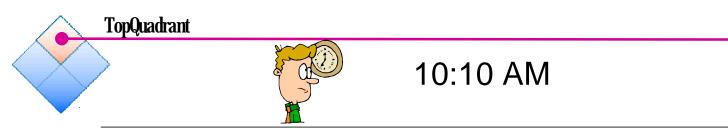
#### **Application Areas of Semantic Technology**

- Content management
  - Personalized Information
  - Repurposing
  - News feeds
  - Markup
- Knowledge management
  - Concept-Based Search
  - Context-Aware Retrieval
  - Expert Locators
  - Collaboration
- Semantic Interoperability
  - Data Integration
  - Information Inferencing
- Advisors
  - Design Assistants
  - Matchmakers
  - Recommenders
  - Mediators
- User Interface
  - Dynamic User Interfaces

#### **Making Information Actionable**



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### Semantic Technology in Content Management

#### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Content Management

Documentation Generation

Generative Documentation

Information Re-Purposing

Content Repurposer

Semantic Markup for Improved Search

Automated Content Tagger Content Annotator Semantically Enriched Content

#### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Content Management

Automated Content Tagger

To provide semantic tags that allow a document or other work-product to be "better known" by one or more systems so that search, integration or invocation of other applications becomes more effective. Tags are automatically inserted based on the computer analysis of the information, typically using natural language analysis techniques. A predefined taxonomy or ontology of terms and concepts is needed to drive the analysis.

#### "AeroDAML Automated Markup"

The news article is from Aviation Daily. It reports information about Bombardier Aerospace, including information about their Dash 8 Series 400 aircraft, and Pierre Lortie, the president of Bombardier Regional. AeroDAML parses the English text of this document. It recognizes that the Dash 8 Series 400 is an aircraft, and annotates the relationships between "Lortie" and "Bombardier" (including the fact that "Pierre Lortie" and "Lortie" refer to the same person). While AeroDAMI does not successfully tag all the subtle relationships in a text, it catches a large number of the simplest ones, reducing the workload for the remaining items to a level manageable by human effort.

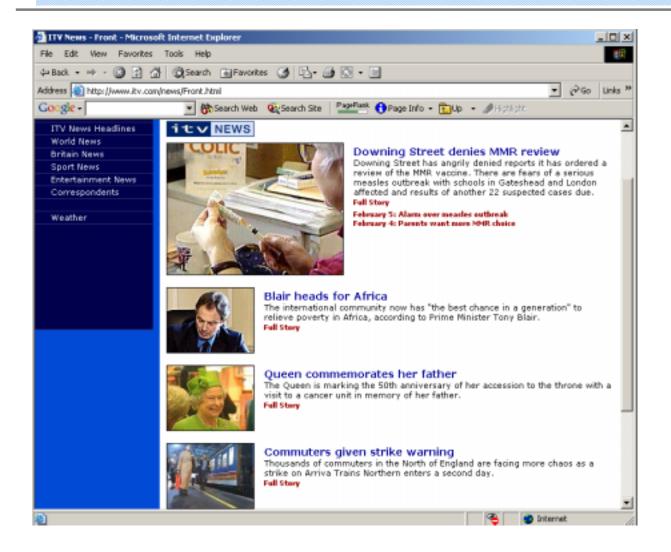
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#### **News Syndication: RSS 1.0**

#### RSS?

- Really Simple Syndication (RSS 0.91)
- RDF Site Summary (RSS 1.0)
- RSS is a format for syndicating news and newslike content.
  - lightweight multipurpose extensible metadata description
  - defines a vocabulary for describing news headlines within news distribution channels
- Reuters, W3C News, Slashdot, XML News, ...
- Based on RDF

#### **RSS Example: A News Channel**



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### **RSS Vocabulary**

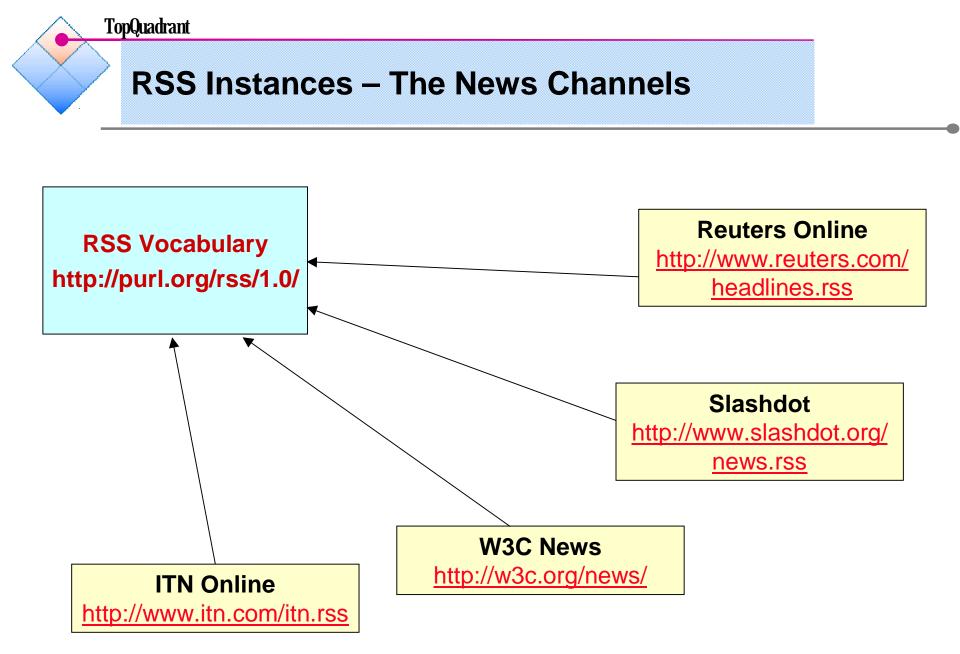
Defined as RDF Schema at http://purl.org/rss/1.0/

#### 5 classes

- Channel
- I mage
- Item
- Textinput

#### 6 properties

- I tems
- Title
- Link (HTML link)
- VRL (image locator, src)
- Description
- Name



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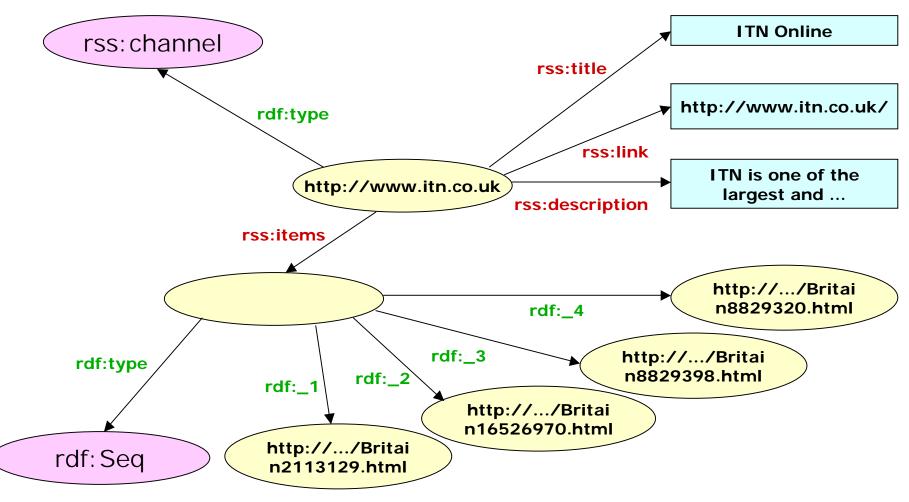
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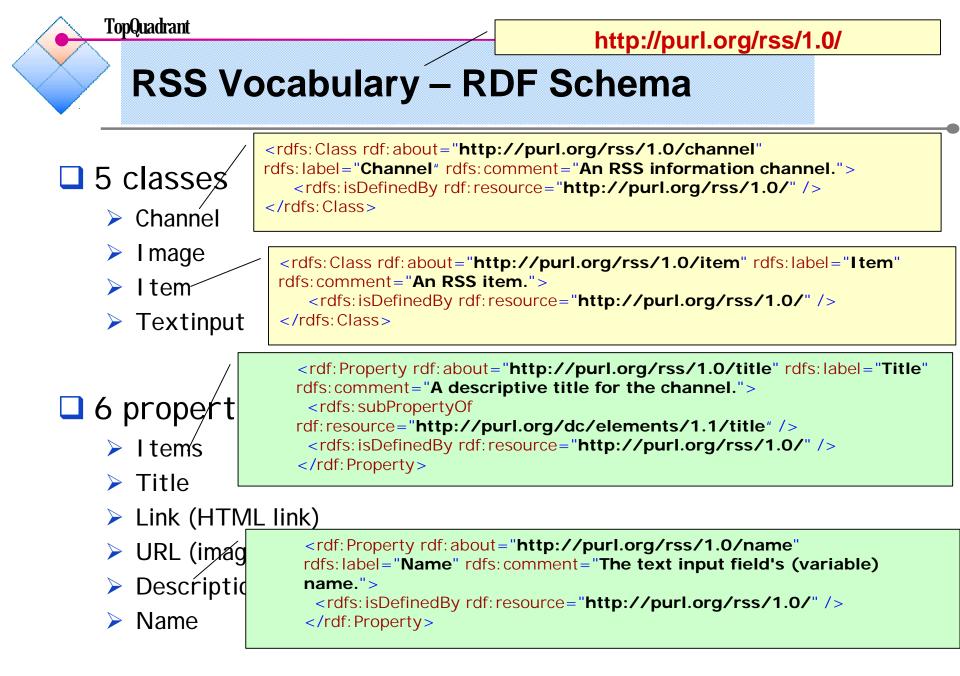
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#### Example of RSS Channel with DC

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
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<rdf: RDF

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xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
xmlns="http://purl.org/rss/1.0/">
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- <channel rdf:about="http://www.itn.co.uk/">
- <title>ITN Online</title>
- k>http://www.itn.co.uk/</link></link>
- <description>ITN is one of the largest and most respected independent news organisations in the world, producing news and factual programming for national and international broadcasters.

```
<dc:language>en</dc:language>
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<dc:rights>All rights reserved Independent Television News Limited
2002</dc:rights>
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<dc:date>02/06/02 10:03:01</dc:date>
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<dc:creator>Ave.Wrigley@itn.co.uk</dc:creator>
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<items>

<rdf: Seq>

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<rdf:li rdf:resource="http://www.itv.com/news/Britain2113129.html" />
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<rdf:li rdf:resource="http://www.itv.com/news/Britain16526970.html" />
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#### **Government Use of RSS**

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#### PRISM: Publishing Requirements for Industry Standard Metadata

- An specification for exchanging 'descriptive metadata' in XML
  - Author, title, subject, rights and permissions, relations, timestamps and more ...
- Open standard developed by publishers and vendors
- Originally developed to meet the needs of magazines
  - Production, repurposing, aggregation, syndication, rights clearance
- Applies more broadly
  - to publishing-like operations within other types of organizations
- Version 1.0 released April 2001
  - See <u>http://www.prismstandard.org/</u>



#### **PRISM Goals**

#### Improved retrieval

Synonyms and classification for better searching and browsing – even across different collections

#### Routing and personalization

- Deliver targeted feeds based on subject codes
  - ⇒ Links to more relevant material
  - Navigation by multiple categories

#### Tracking Rights

#### Additional purposes

- Enhanced content styling and presentation
- Support of basic business functions



Adapted from: Ron Daniel, "PRI SM: An RDF-based Metadata Standard for Publishers", Interwoven, Inc., http://seminars.seyboldreports.com/2001\_san\_francisco/files/presentations/102/daniel\_ron2.ppt

#### **PRISM Overview**

#### PRI SM is a metadata specification to meet needs of publishers

- Reduce costs around current operations
- Enable easier multi-purposing of content
- Support discovery, licensing, and other operations needed by publishers
- Builds on RDF and Dublin Core
- Adds elements for publication-related operations

#### **Dublin Core**

#### History

- Began in 1995 as essential elements for discovering 'documentlike objects' on the web
- Was generalized slightly in 1996 ('Creator' instead of 'Author') to deal with photographs and non-text resources
- See http://purl.org/dc

#### DC Elements:

Title	Subject	Identifier
Creator	Description	Language
Contributor	Coverage	Rights
Publisher	Relation	Format
Date	Source	Туре

#### **PRISM Technical Foundations**

- PRISM is built on RDF, XML + Namespaces, and the Dublin Core
- Simple descriptions look simple

<rdf:Description about="isbn:0-385-33415-X">
 <dc:title>Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus</dc:title>
 <dc:creator>Princeton Language Institute</dc:creator>
 <dc:creator>Barbara Ann Kipfer, Head Lexicographer
 </dc:creator>
 <dc:publisher>Delta Trade Paperbacks</dc:publisher>
 <dc:date>1999</dc:date>

</rdf:Description>

#### **PRISM:** Types of Values

- RDF has 'triple' model of Subject, Predicate, Object
- PRI SM Objects can be strings, resource references, or in-line definitions of resources:
  - <dc:creator>John Smith</dc:creator>
  - <dc:creator rdf:resource="lcnaf:Smith,%20John%201945"/>
  - <dc:creator>
    - <rdf:Description I D="123">
    - <rdf:label>John Smith</rdf:label>
    - </rdf:Description>
    - </dc:creator>

#### **PRISM: Use of Controlled Vocabularies**

- Controlled Vocabularies' encompass ontologies, taxonomies, authority lists
- Controlled vocabularies enable sophisticated operations.
- □ For example:
  - <dc:creator>John Smith</dc:creator> vs.<dc:creator rdf:resource="empid:280804"/>
  - <dc:creator>

<pcv:Descriptor rdf:about="empid:280804">
 <pcv:label>John Smith</pcv:label>
 <x:division>Graphic Arts</x:division>
 </pcv:Descriptor>
 </dc:creator>

#### What's In The PRISM Specification?

- General Purpose Elements (creator, date, format, ...)
- □ Subject Description (subject, location, person, organization, ...)
- Provenance

(receptionTime, source, ...)

(isVersionOf, hasComponent,...)

(code, label, broaderTerm, ...)

- Timestamps (creationTime, modificationTime, ...)
- Resource Relationships
- Rights Tracking (rightsAgent, releaseTime, #notReusable, ...)
- Controlled Vocabularies
- □ In-line Markup (object, organization, location, person, ...)

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#### **Classes of PRISM Elements**

- Provenance
  - dc:publisher, prism:distriubutor, dc:source
- Timestamps
  - prism:creationTime, prism:modificationTime, prism:receptionTime, ...
- Subject Description
  - dc:subject, prism:location, prism:org, prism:objectTitle, prism:event, ...
- Resource Relationships
  - hasPart / isPartOf, hasCorrection / isCorrectionOf, ...
- Rights and Permissions
  - prism:copyright, prism:releaseTime, prism:expireTime, prism:rightsAgent
  - prl:usage, prl:geographic, prl:industry
- Controlled Vocabularies
  - pcv:label, pcv:id, pcv:definition, ...
- In-line Markup
  - pim:organization, pim:location, pim:industry, pim:person, ...



#### Adobe XMP

- □ Adobe eXtensible Metadata Project
- Adobe tools are instrumented to track metadata

- Metadata represented in RDF
- Documents have parts, and
- ... each part has its own metadata
- RDF keeps track of metadata for parts and wholes

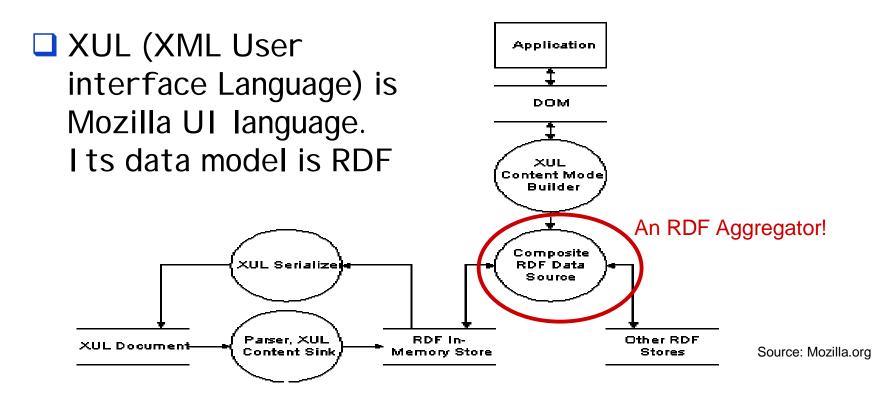
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#### **RDF Application: Mozilla**

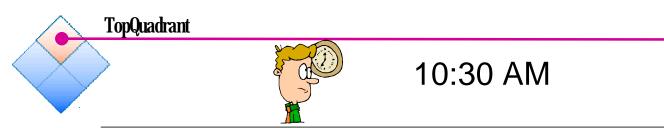
- Mozilla is Open Source version of Netscape Web browser
- Developers all over the world contribute to the design
- UWhy RDF?
  - Interface design in a distributed environment is a distributed data problem
  - Local settings can override factory settings can override server settings – how do you integrate all this information into one coherent structure?
  - Distributed development means many classes of developers at different points in the lifecycle.



RDF is used with an "aggregator" to bring multiple RDF sources together



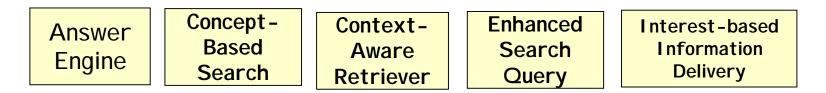
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# Semantic Technology in Knowledge Management

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Knowledge Management

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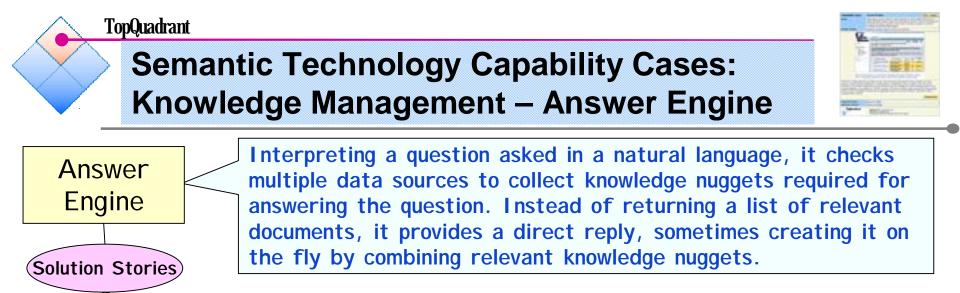


### Knowledge Discovery

Connection and Pattern Explorer

### Collaboration and Communities of Practice





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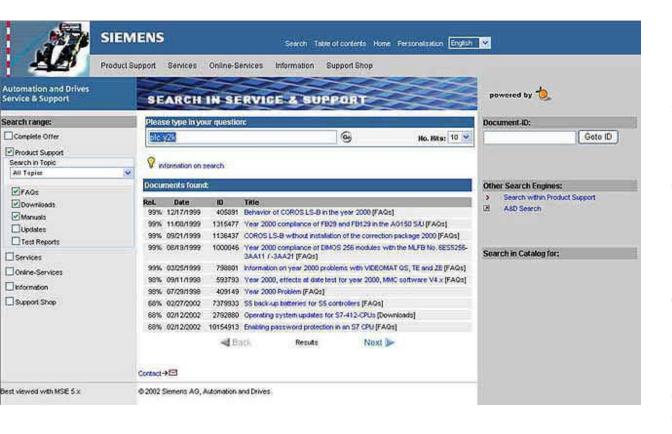
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LexisNexis, a leading information provider for legal, corporate and government professionals, publishes tax, legal, regulatory and other business information. It wanted to have its information easily accessible to users who are not researchers. The solution is deployed on top of its RedBooks.com site, profiling over 32,000 advertising agencies, and CompanyAffiliations.com, profiling over 175,000 companies. The iPhrase OneStep engine interprets the meaning of the question, searches all databases, and presents an appropriate answer to the user langu in real time. If needed it creates a customized table on the fly. Schw

financial decisions. Many requests are now being serviced by the web site without the need to call on the customer service.

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Knowledge Management – Concept-Based Search

Concept -Based Search To provide precise and concept-aware search capabilities specific to an area of interest using knowledge representations across multiple knowledge sources both structured and un-structured.



### "Siemens Simatic Knowledge Manager"

Siemens Simatic system is a selfservice WEB application for Siemens Industrial Control Products. In the screen shot above. "plc y2k" query returns a number of documents even though none of them contain the specified text string. The system "understands" the concepts of "y2k" and "plc" (Programmable Logic Controller) and finds documents that contain these or similar concepts. A knowledge model or a map of concepts used by the system operates as a unifying intelligent index seamlessly integrating information located in different repositories. Simatic is available over the web and on CD, as an intelligent knowledgebase.

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Knowledge Management

Interest-based Information Delivery Filter information for people needing to monitor and assess large volumes of data for relevance, volatility or required response. The volume of targeted information is reduced based on its relevance according to a role or interest of the end user. Sensitive information is filtered according to the "need to know".



# "Personalized News and TV Program Guide"

Personal TV Advisor uses a combination of model-based case based reasoning (CBR) and collaborative filtering technology to identify relevant information. Users set up their initial profiles and preferences based on the categories in a model of the entertainment domain. System continuously improves and refines its program recommendations learning from the feedback of the individual users (thumbs up/thumbs down function), as well as others who have similar tastes. Content can be delivered through a portal or via wireless interface.

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: **Knowledge Management**



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To retrieve knowledge from one or more systems that is highly relevant to an immediate context, through an action taken within a specific setting -- typically in a user interface. A user no longer needs to leave the application they are in to find the right information.

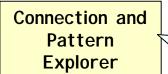
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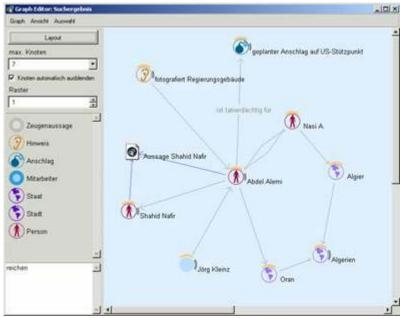
As a user is writing an internal memorandum about the onboard components of an aircraft, OntoOffice recognizes from the context that it has information from the knowledge base that could be relevant for this issue. It offers the user some choices of the information it has, including a particular on-board system. The user can select any of these items, viewing the detailed information that was stored with that knowledge item, bringing the IFEN, collected by another user via Onto Annotate. Theow. OntoOffice monitors the input into any user wants to drag this text to the MS Word document. of a number of well-known office applications, automatically checking it

against the enterprise knowledge base. Relevant entries are displayed for the user's

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Knowledge Management



To enable the discovery of relevant information in disparate but related sources of knowledge, by filtering on different combinations of connections or by exploring patterns in the types of connections present in the data.

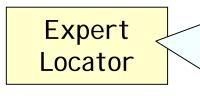


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# **"Knowledge Management for a german land office for the protection of the constitution"**

A government agency, which investigates and analyzes all activities against the German constitution, needs to see more than one evidence of suspicious activity or trend before it decides to take an action. The agency has access to large amounts of information from different sources. Quickly analyzing and understanding chains of possible connections between different facets of the data is challenging. The Solution was to use a semantic network to combine, explore and filter on selected connections. An application can be dynamically configured to focus on and analyze different subsets in the chain of relationships. In the example above three different, but potentially inter-related searches are combined: 1) All people with Muslim background in a certain area 2) Everyone who has been mentioned in a hint from the population (e.g. have been seen taking pictures of government buildings or meeting in otherwise empty apartments) 3) All people who are loosely connected to a terrorist organization (e.g. know someone who is active in a group which is associated with one, or live together with someone who is studying at the same facility where a known member of a terrorist organization studied).

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Knowledge Management - 2



Netscape: Mathematics and Computing Tech

To provide users with convenient access to experts in a given area who can help with problems, answer questions, locate and interpret specific documents, and collaborate on specific tasks. Knowing who is an expert in what can be difficult in an organization with a large workforce of experts. Expert Locator could also identify experts across organizational barriers.

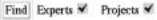


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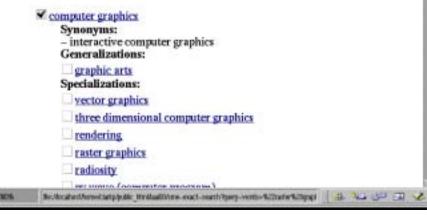
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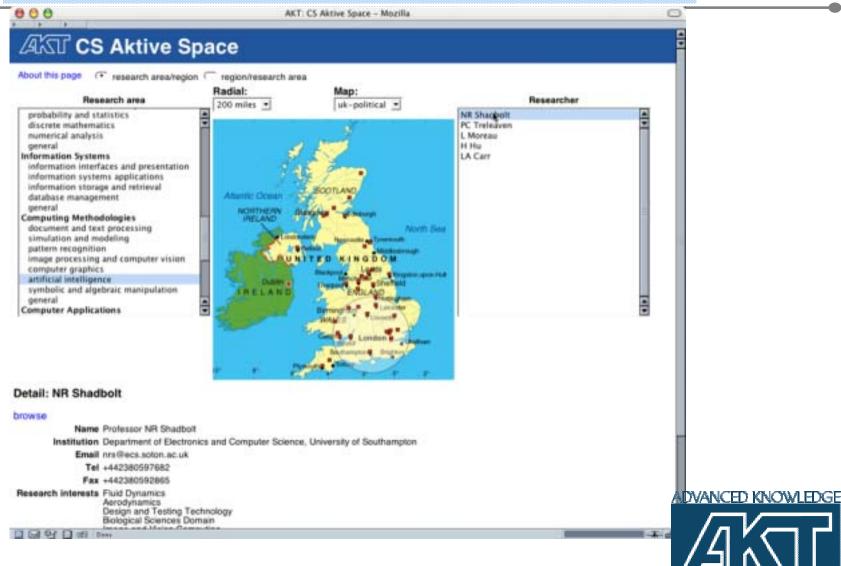


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### "Exploiting a Thesaurus-Based Semantic Net for Knowledge-Based Search"

Boeing has a large workforce of experts making it hard to find the right person. This web-based system returns details on potentially appropriate experts. The Boeing technical thesaurus was harnessed to create expert profiles. Boeing Technical Libraries already had made a considerable investment to develop by hand a technical thesaurus in the form of a semantic network. It incorporates 37,000 concepts with an additional 19,000 synonym concept names, and 100,000 links including broaderTerm, narrowerTerm, and relatedTerm. The developers harnessed techniques from artificial intelligence to refine the thesaurus by fixing missing links in the semantic network to give a useful online engineering ontology that contains many complex concepts. The infrastructure includes innovative use of RDF and F-Logic. It also includes a flexible and general architecture for integrating meta-data storage and retrieval services with template languages

### **AKT CS Aktive Space:** Dynamic Communities of Practice



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## **AKT Aktive Space Content**

- Content harvested and published from multiple Heterogeneous Sources of UK Higher Education directories
- 2001 RAE submissions
- UK EPSRC project database
  - all grants awarded by EPSRC in the past decade
- Details on personnel, projects and publications:
  - all AKT partners
  - > all 5 or 5\* CS departments in the UK
  - > Automatic NL mining: Armadillo
- Additional resources
  - All the world's countries (from I SO3166-1)
  - All UK administrative areas (from I SO3166-2)
  - > All UK settlements listed in the UN LOCODE service
  - All the world's airports, from the IATA all integrated via the AKT reference ontology



## **AKT 3store – RDF triplestore**

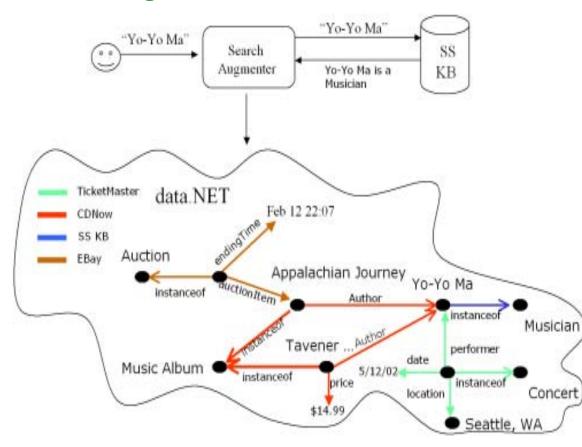
Database optimised for RDF storage and retrieval

- Design based on the belief that the efficient storage and retrieval of vast quantities of RDF data with a few simple inferences is better than the inefficient storage of a small amount of data with more sophisticated inferences.
- Supports taxonomic inferences for class and property hierarchies



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## **RDF: Music Searches**



Searching for Music from Yo-Yo Ma

[Source: R.V.Guha, IBM Research, Rob McCool, Stanford KSL]

"Many KR systems had a problem merging or interrelating two separate knowledge bases. They therefore <u>did not scale</u>, or pass <u>the test of independent</u> invention. ...

The RDF work, by contrast is designed for this in mind, and the retrospective documentation of <u>relationships</u> <u>between originally independent</u> <u>concepts</u>."

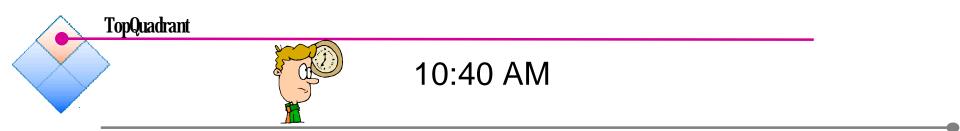
[From "What the Semantic Web can represent", Tim Berners-Lee, Sept. 1998, http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/RDFnot.html]

A Practical Framework ...

## **RDF Example: FOAF**

### "Friend of a Friend"

- Uses the RDF ability to merge information to create a shared community of topical information
- Extended version of popular "blog" trend
- Includes "cool" tools:
  - "foaf-a-matic" simple RDF generator
  - Foaf Explorer
  - Foaf chat agent
  - Foaf-naut graphical navigator



# **Semantic Interoperability**

## Interoperability is not one thing

## □ I nteroperability is:

- Data Translation
- Information Exchange
- Knowledge Sharing
- Integration of Disparate Systems
- Data Consolidation
- Component Interchange
- According to the IEEE
  - the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to use the information that has been exchanged
- According to the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
  - "interoperable" means to be functionally equivalent or interchangeable components of the system or process in which they are used. [RFC 2026, section 4.1.2]

### **The Enterprise Data Problem**

- Enterprise business information is stored & transmitted in thousands of incompatible data formats
  - Different technologies
    - ⇒ VSAM, Hierarchical, Relational, XML, ...
    - ⇒ Structured vs Unstructured (Document Repositories)
  - Schemas with different "data semantics" (business meaning)
    - ⇒ Different names for the same thing
    - ⇒ Different definitions for the same thing
  - Databases with different parts of complete picture
- Leaving enterprises with:
  - Poor knowledge of data environment
  - > No shared business vocabulary or meaning of data
  - Data out of context
  - No consolidated view of data

# Data Dictionaries and Registries offer a way to catalog and share knowledge

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### **The Enterprise Applications Problem**

### Enterprise applications are implemented in silos

- Different technologies
  - ➡ Custom built, Siebel, SAP, PLM, ...
  - ➡ COBOL, Java, Microsoft, ...
- Unsynchronized Business Logic
  - ➡ Conflicting business rules
  - ⇒ The same business rules repeated in many places
- Leaving enterprises with:
  - Poor knowledge of application environment
  - Inconsistent enforcement of business policies
  - Brittle and expensive systems high degree of custom coding and costly ongoing maintenance



# The Problem according to a major software vendor

"Semantic differences, remain the primary roadblock to smooth application integration, one which Web Services alone won't overcome.

Until someone finds a way for applications to understand each other, the effect of Web services technology will be fairly limited.

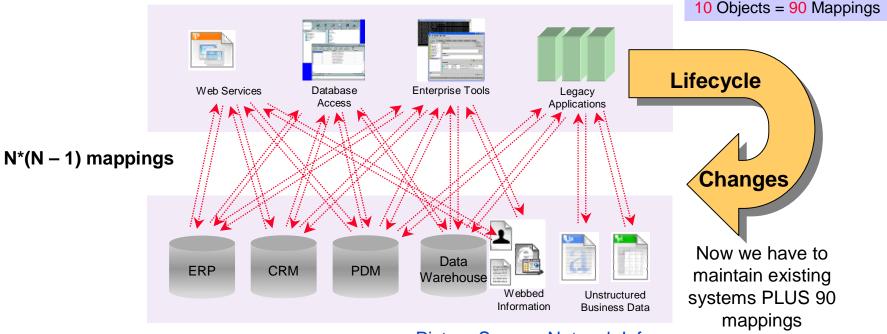
When I pass customer data across [the Web] in a certain format using a Web Services interface, the receiving program has to know what that format is.

You have to agree on what the business objects look like. And no one has come up with a feasible way to work that out yet -- not Oracle, and not its competitors..."

-- Oracle Chairman and CEO Larry Ellison

# Expedient Approaches often magnify the Problem

- A one to one mapping system between each business object doesn't scale in the changing business environment.
- It is error prone because the person doing the mapping must understand nuances of both systems



### Picture Source: Network Inference

2 Objects = 2 Mappings

3 Objects = 6 Mappings

4 Objects = 12 Mappings

5 Objects = 20 Mappings

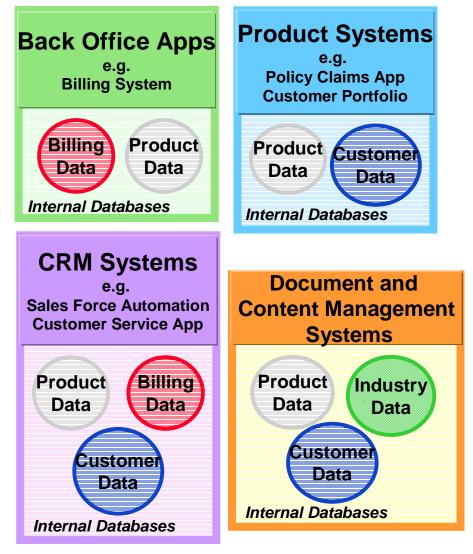
### The technical challenge of application silos

## Application silos

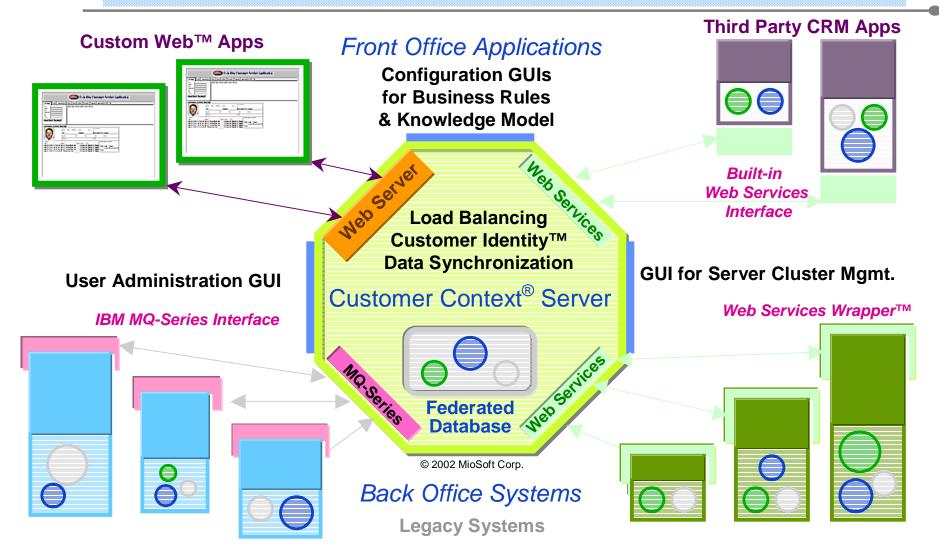
 Overlapping, I nconsistent and unleveraged Data

### Data Warehouses

- don't work in real time
- don't integrate unstructured data – 70% of all information
- Technology vendors
  - offering unique "magic bullets"



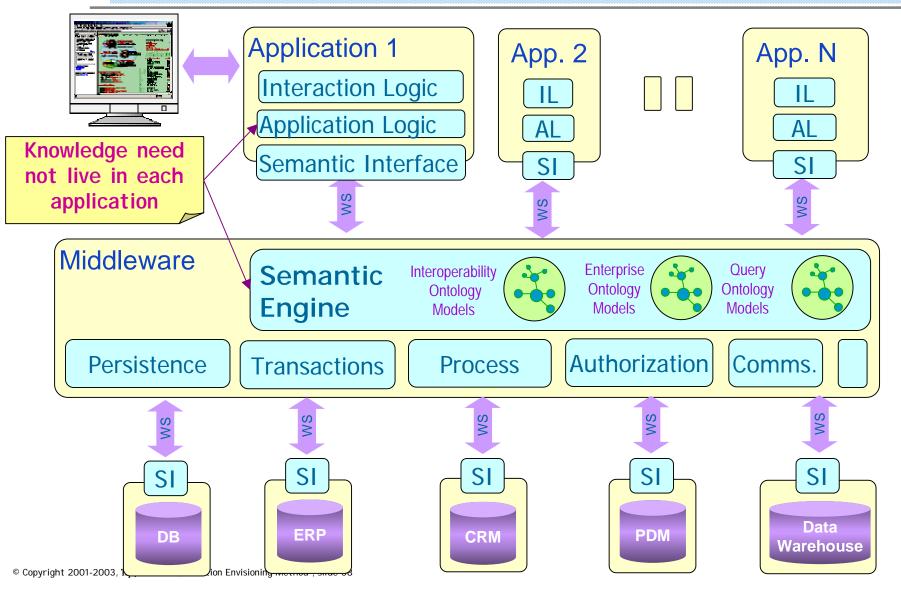
How new technology helps to solve challenges Web Services within a Context Server Knowledge Architecture



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# Semantic Technology allows knowledge to be shared across applications enabling interoperability



### **Interoperability Patterns**

- Adapter
  - "Provides technical connectivity"
- Mapper
  - "Map to one another"
- Hub and Spoke
  - "Map to a common model"
- Translate and Repurpose
  - "Translate between sources and targets"
- Tuple Spaces
  - "Asynchronous Blackboard"
- Publish and Subscribe
  - "Asynchronous Interest-based Notification"
- Semantic Mediator
  - "Knowledge-centric Integration"

Each Pattern carries a set of Business and Technical Implications

## The move towards "smart data"

- Smart data" and automated services can amplify enterprise infrastructures far beyond current
  - "XML IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP TO ENSURING COMPUTERS CAN COMMUNICATE FREELY.
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   No semantics except by explicit agreement
- Too many dialects
- Poor interoperability between different dialects

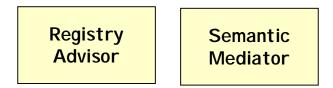
### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Semantic Interoperability

### Application and Data Integration

Ontology-Based					
Enterprise Application					
Integration					

Customer Context Server SemanticSemanticApplicationDataIntegratorIntegrator

### Brokers and Mediators



## Advisors and Recommenders

Recommender

### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Semantic Interoperability

Semantic Data Integrator Systems developed in different work practice settings have different semantic structures for their data. Time-critical access to data is made difficult by these different semantics. Semantic Data Integration allows data to be shared and understood across these settings.

### "Aviation Security – Passenger Threat Analysis"

Data for passenger threat analysis comes from a wide range of heterogeneous, structured and unstructured sources, including the FBI most wanted list, flight details, news, public records, and biometrics. A solution built using Semagix Freedom allows security personnel to assess passenger threats while maintaining a high rate of passenger flow. Semagix Freedom interfaces with diverse information sources, extracts relevant information in near real-time, and then organizes and normalizes them based upon the ontology. It co-relates the information from different sources to determine possible threats. by discovering hidden relationships between seemingly unrelated pieces of information.

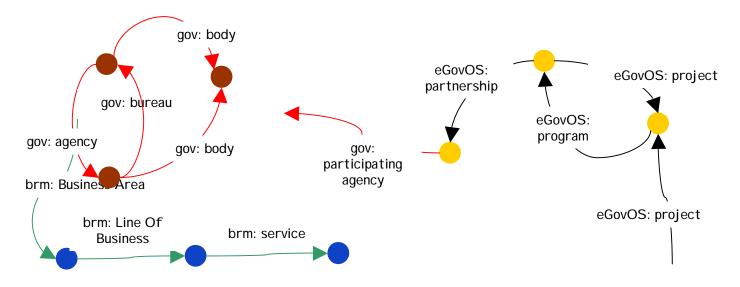


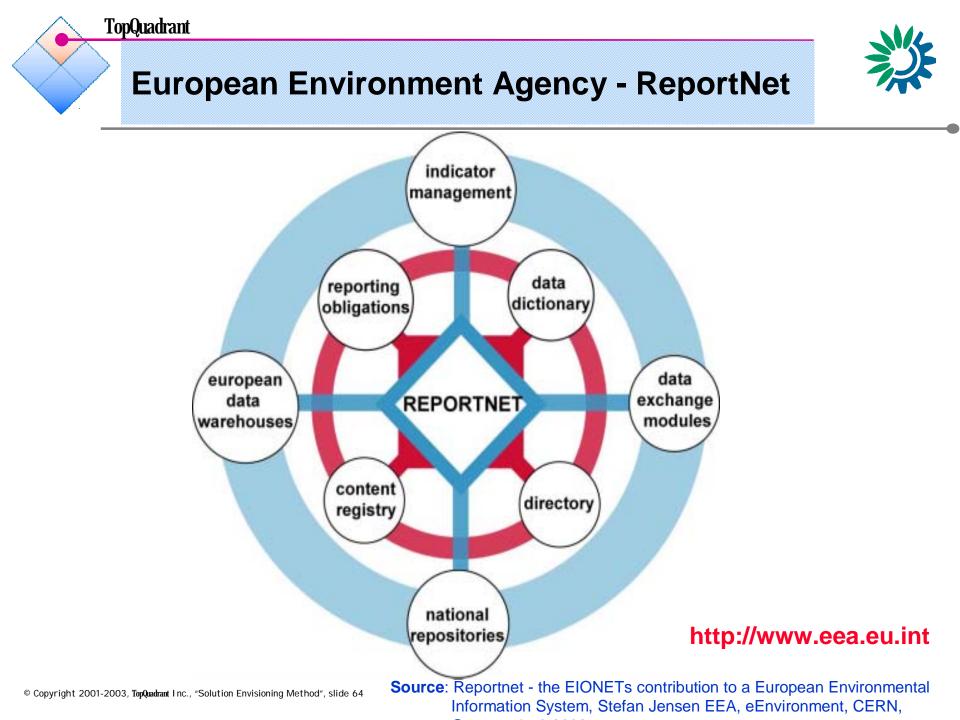
#### Passenger Threat Analysis Console (Ontology-based Analysis)

### **Today's Registries are in-active Catalogs**

- To become "active" Data Registries need a capability to capture and represent networks of connections:
  - Support for Rich Semantics:
    - ➡ Relationships between Data Elements
    - ⇒ Rules and Constraints
    - ⇒ Logical Expressions
  - Connectivity to Live Data Sources
    - ⇒ Databases, XML documents, Legacy sources, ...

### To make code generation and data validation possible

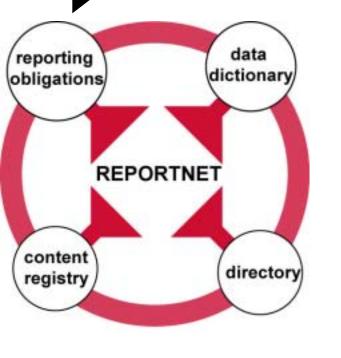




### On which issues are countries in Europe obliged to monitor and report?



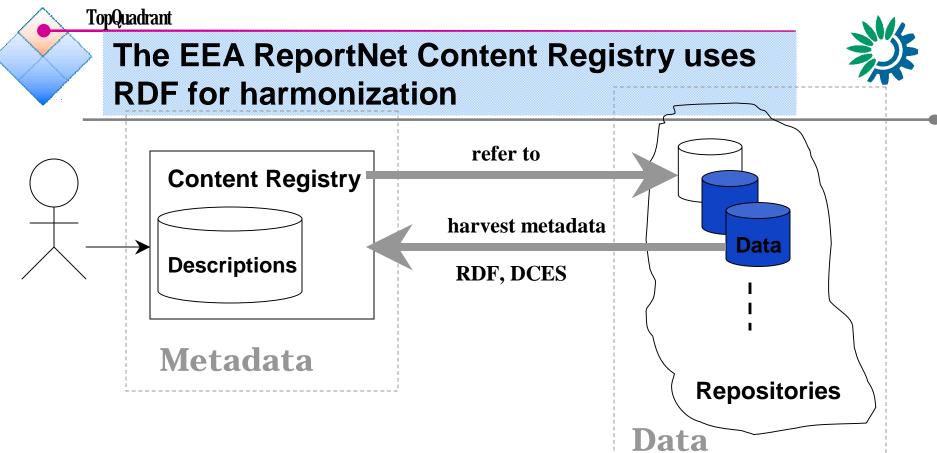
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### WebROD

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Related obligation:	EIONET Priority Data Flow from EEA AWP 2001								
Next reporting:	31/12/2001								
Reporting frequency:	annually 31 December								
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	2.	CO2, carbon dioxide		mass/time					
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	4.	N2O, nitrous oxide		mass/time					
	5.	PFCs, perfluorocarbons		mass/time					
	6.	SF6, sulphur hexafluoride		mass/time					
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Link to reporting format template: Common Reporting Format (CRF)



Some principles:

- Connecting services providing metadata in XML/RDF harvested into a MySQL database
- Dublin Core plus free extension (to be stored in service specific namespaces) as meta data model
- developed in OpenSource (Java)

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## EEA ReportNet Content Registry- Basic Concept



Transfer of metadata from services (repository) to CR

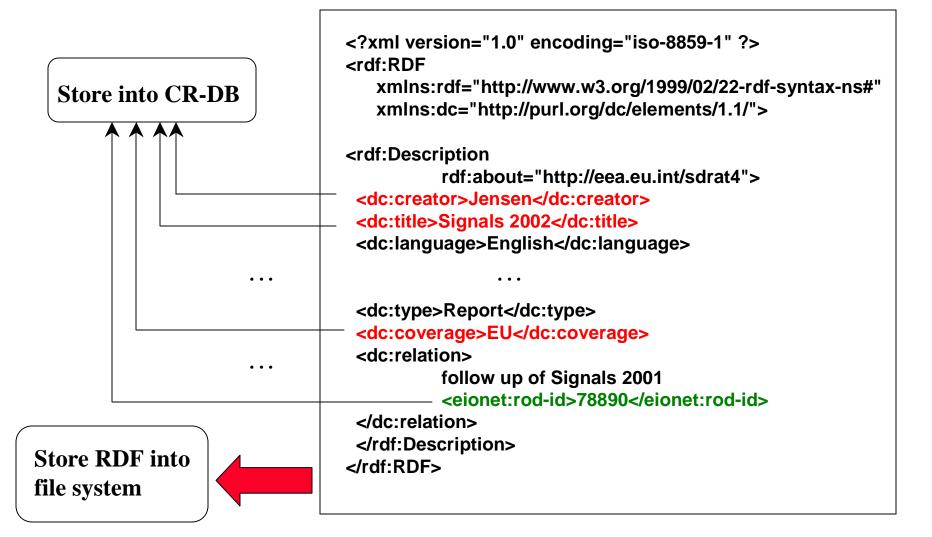
- Put it into RDF, send to CR when requested
  - RDF generated on the fly
  - RDF pre-saved
  - (Scenario for most of the services)
- Send it as objects via SOAP calls

   requires an API wrapper at the service side
   (Scenario for CIRCA)

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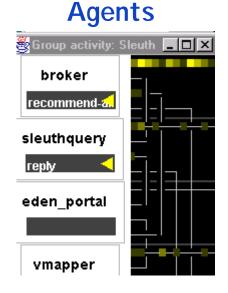
# EEA ReportNet Content Registry- Metadata transfer with RDF





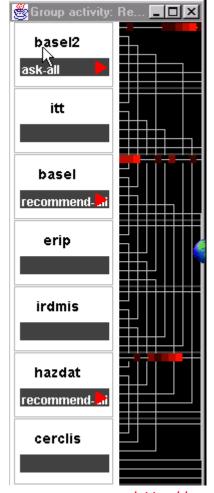
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## EDEN Project: An Agent Based Federated Query System



EDEN (Environmental Data Exchange Network), applies a technology called InfoSleuth, an agent technology, to conduct concept-based searches of heterogeneous, distributed information contained in databases and the Web. EDEN is a collaborative project between EEA and EPA and has being running for more than four years.

### **Knowledge Sources**



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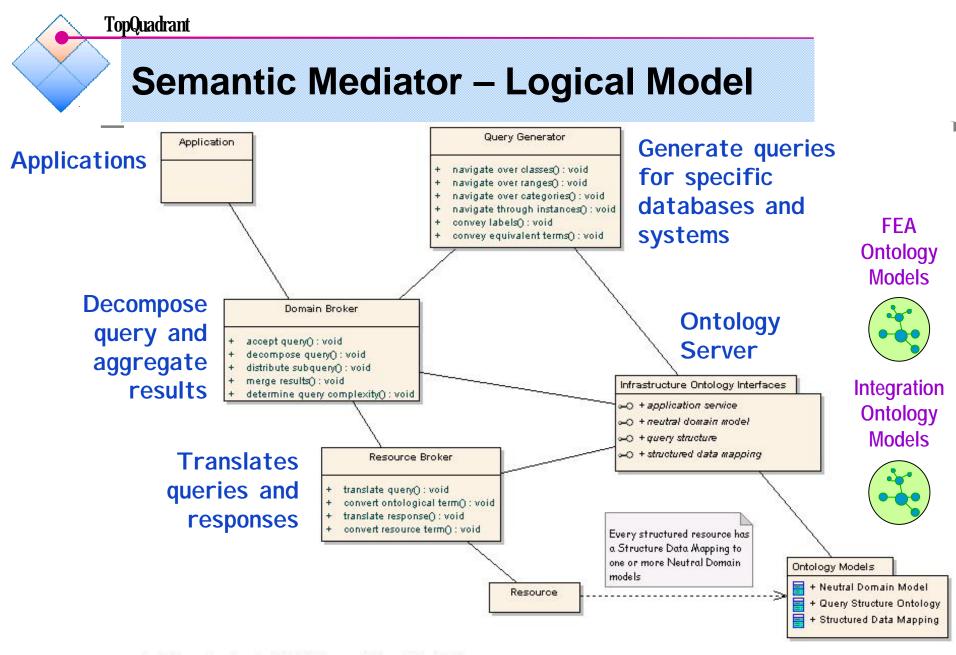


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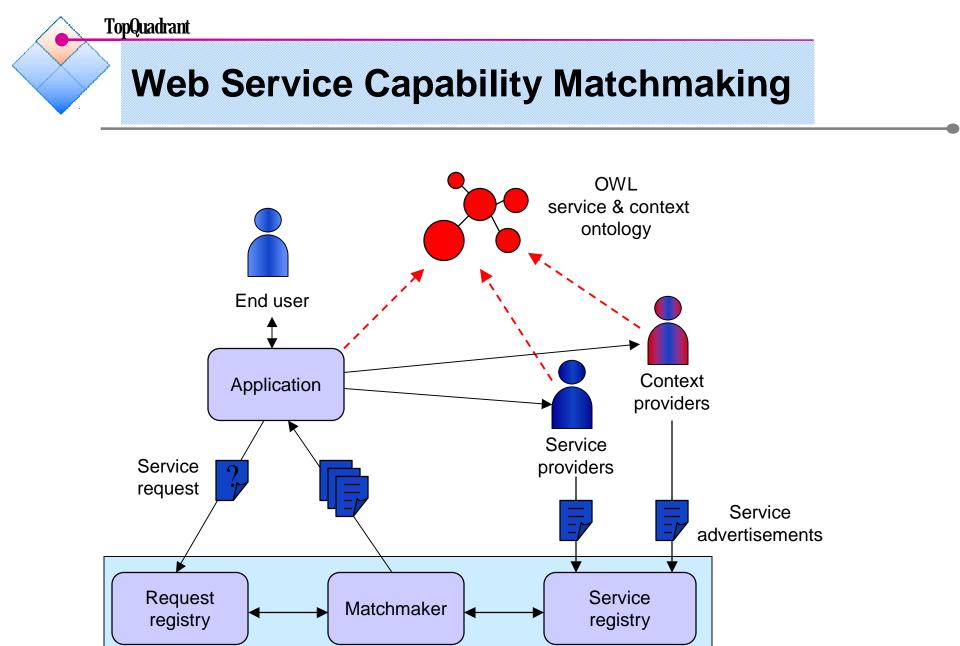
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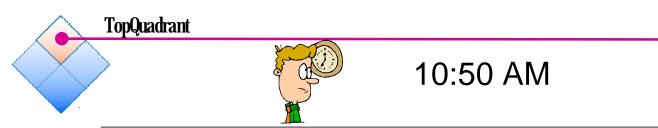


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# Semantic Technology Applications in CAD and PLM

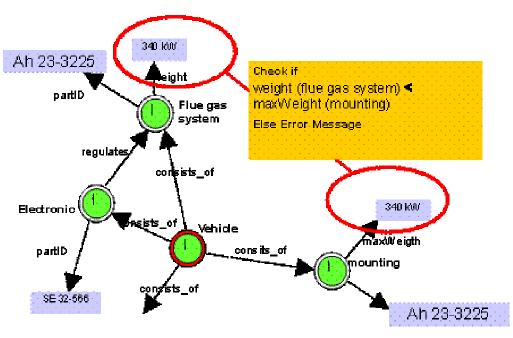
### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: CAD and PLM

Product Design Assistant To support the innovative product development and design process, by bringing engineering knowledge from many disparate sources to bear at the appropriate point in the process. Possible enhancements to the design process that result include rapid evaluation, increased adherence to best practices and more systematic treatment of design constraints.

### "Semantic Testcar Configurator for Audi"

Audi manufacturing engineers design, build and test new prototypes as part of the innovation process. The faster this cycle can be completed, the greater the number of innovations that can be brought to market, and the sooner. AUDI uses semantic technologies provided by Ontoprise to represent complex design knowledge in electronic form. Ontoprise technology brings together knowledge from many different sources, and draws logical conclusions from the combined information. Audi uses this capability to provide a computational representation of complex dependencies between components of research test vehicles. These dependencies play a key role in the configuration and development of new vehicles. For example, in order for testing to proceed smoothly, the engineer must know if a selected engine can be built into the chosen chassis, if the brakes are sufficient for the engine performance, or that correct electronics is present in the vehicle. "We expect a shortening of the development cycle, while at the same time improving development quality," said Thomas Syldatke of Audi. "The electronic advisor shall take care of routine tasks, allowing our engineers to concentrate on creative efforts."

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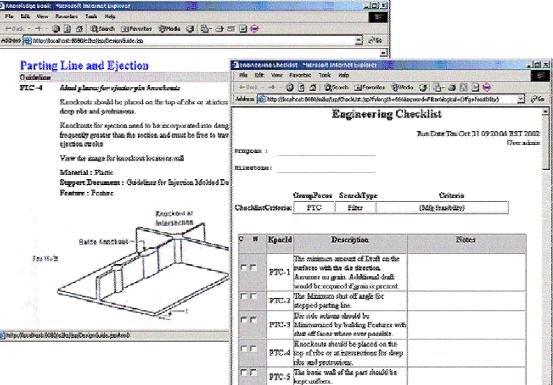


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### "Sharing Engineering Knowledge at Ford"

Engineers from many different disciplines and geographic sites need to share knowledge to facilitate design. The knowledge has to come from the right source, and be targeted to the right audience during the design lifecycle. Emergent System's E2KS product provides the Ford Motor Company a comprehensive knowledge acquisition, organization and delivery system that empowers their engineers to share knowledge in an efficient, focused way. Expert engineers author knowledge packets (K-PACS), which come in several forms for different kinds of engineering knowledge.

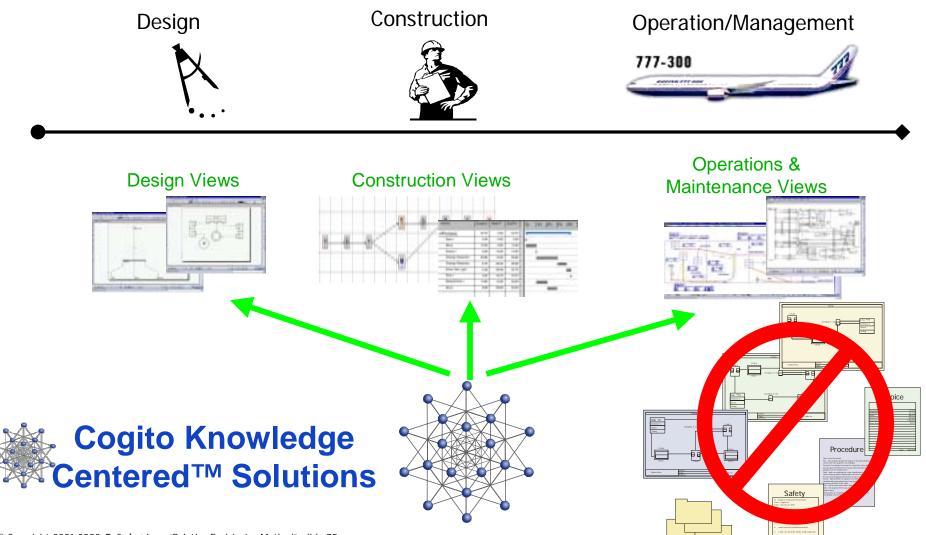


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# Ontology Technology for PLM -Example (Cogito)



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### Semantic Technology Capability Cases: Other

### User Interfaces

Dynamic User Interface

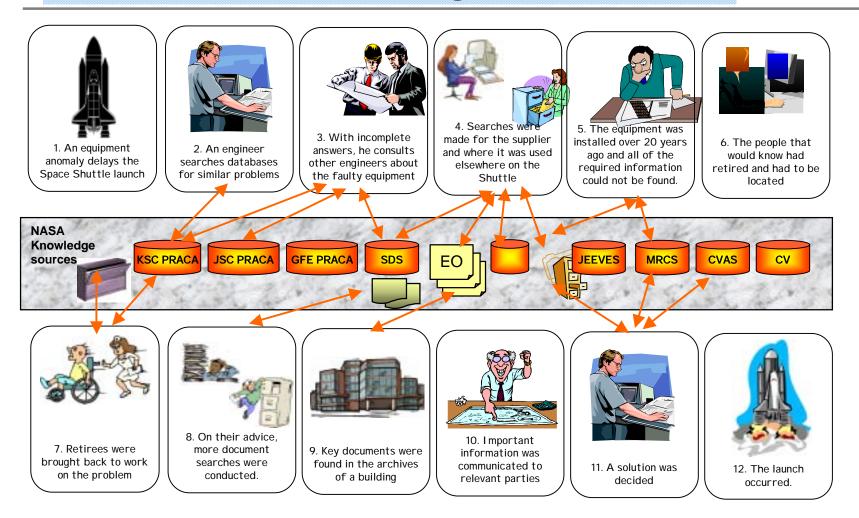
### Collaborative Environments

Virtual Consultant



## **NASA Digital Shuttle**

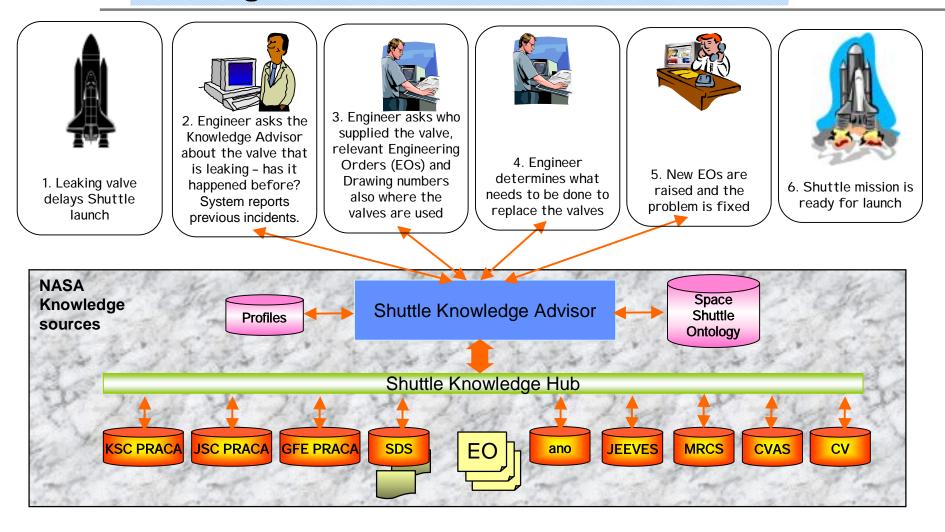
### Why integration? NASA - An Illustrative Imagined Scenario



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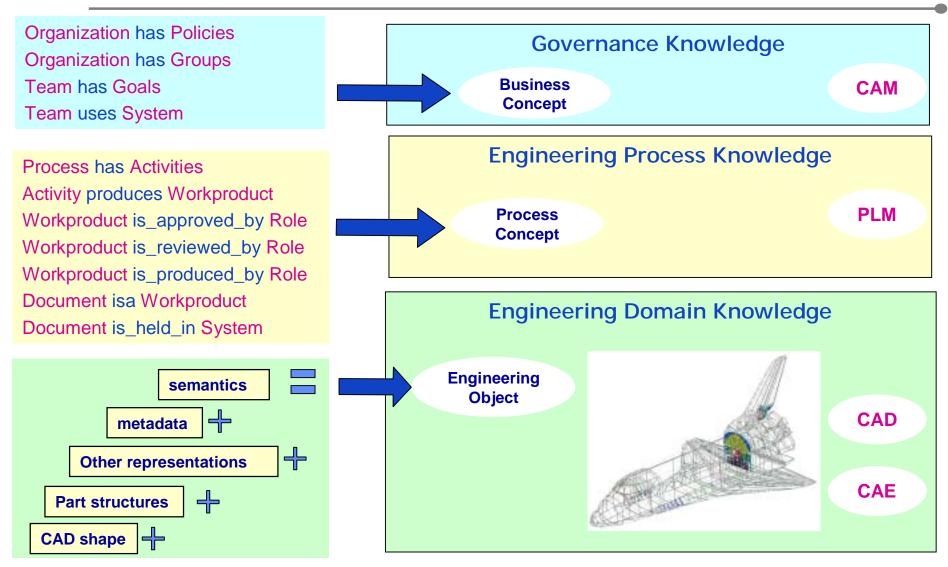
This scenario is fictitious and is not based on any actual occurrences on the Space Shuttle. It is inspired by the movie entitled "The Space Cowboys".

### Future Scenario – Leaking valve is discovered on STS-nnn



## **NASA Semantic Model Example**

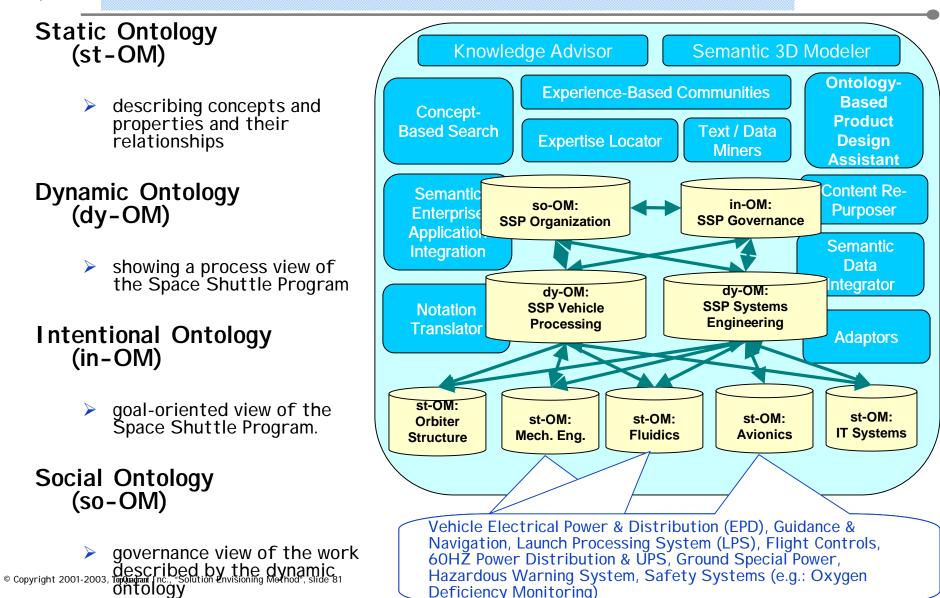




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# A number of Ontology Models and capabilities are envisioned:







## eGovernment Semantic Technology Pilot – Federal Enterprise Architecture Capability Manager

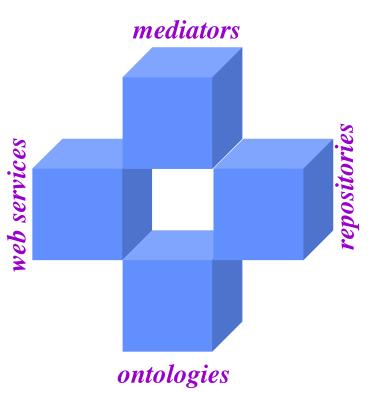
### The Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA): An inspiring opportunity & challenge

- OMB is charged with assisting the Agencies to implement and improve the EA process
- Agencies are charged with updating their EAs to reflect the guidance from the OMB
  - Learning and establishing a repeatable evolutionary process
  - Continually focusing on the *dynamic alignment* of changing business and technical environments

This requires evolving and flexibly integrated FEA knowledge infrastructure.

### **FEA Capabilities and Partnership Manager**

- A semantic engine accessible through WEB Services
- Advises on capabilities being provided and developed in support of e-Government initiatives
- Allows users to make queries about the FEA model, agency services and capabilities
- Allows agencies to discover partners



# A "Business Case Constructor" can be readily built on semantic models

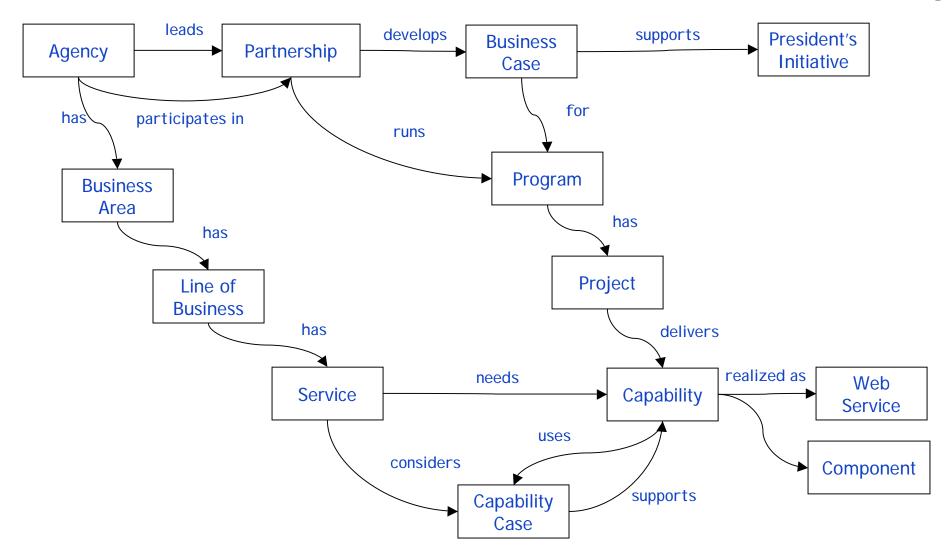
- □ The models will answer questions such as:
  - How do agencies develop credible commitments, risk mitigation, and foresight in the contracting needed to develop successful business cases?
  - How do agencies find federal, state and local partners?
  - How do agencies ensure business cases comply with FEA?
  - How can agencies promote and find reusable capabilities?

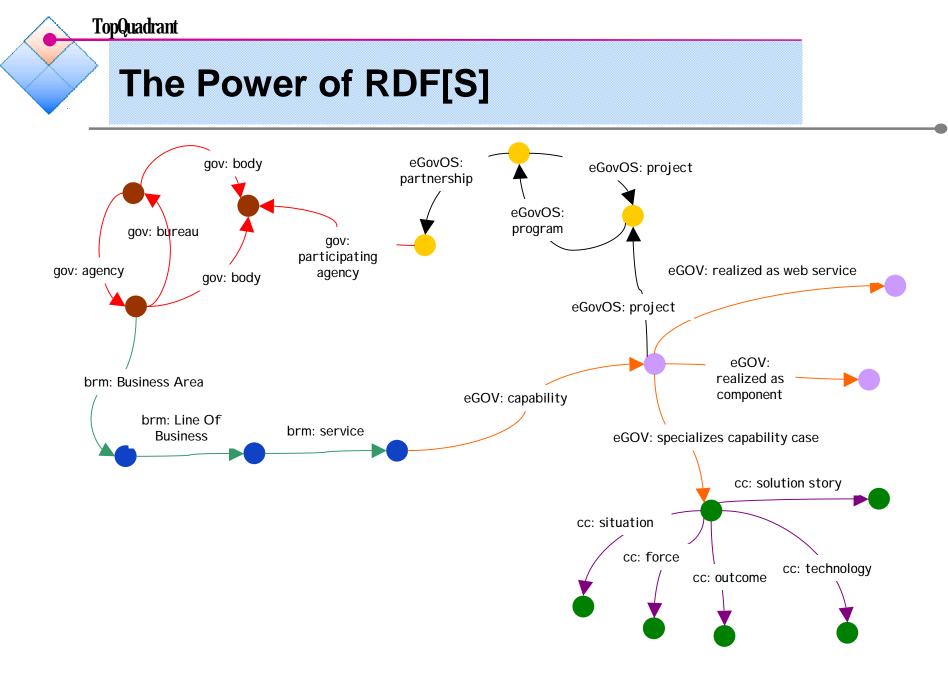
## Why semantic technologies?

# The power of managed relationships for discovering knowledge

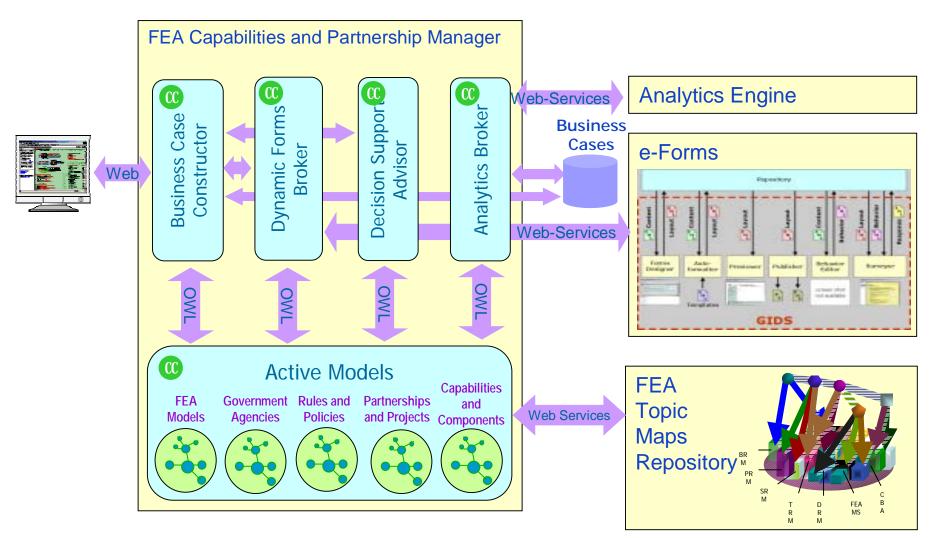
- about the FEA models
- > about government agencies and bureaus, their services and capabilities
- > about partnerships and programs of work
- The power of models based on RDF[S] for federated navigation and inference of distributed models
  - "one model in one place"
  - "decentralized but connectable"

### **Assisting Partnering through Models**





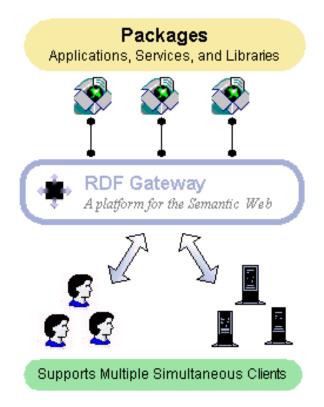
# FEA Capabilities and Partnership Manager – Conceptual Architecture



### **Sample Screenshot**

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## FEA Capabilities Manager Implementation Architecture (1)

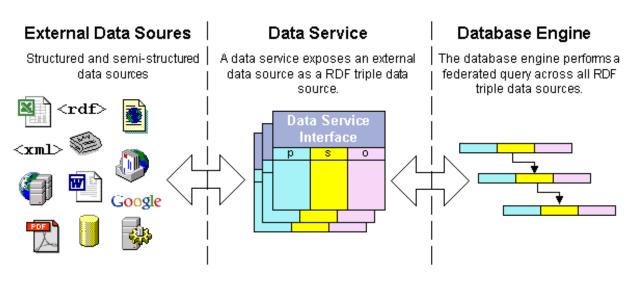


At the core of the application is a semantic engine implemented using RDF Gateway Database

Solutions are deployed on RDF Gateway as packages. A package can implement an application, provide a service or just be a common library of core functionality. RDF Gateway can simultaneously host multiple packages and users allowing it to act as an application server.

To implement FEA Partnership Advisor we have imported eGov Knowledge Models created with Protégé and OntoEdit ontology editing tools

### FEA Capabilities Manager Implementation Architecture (2)

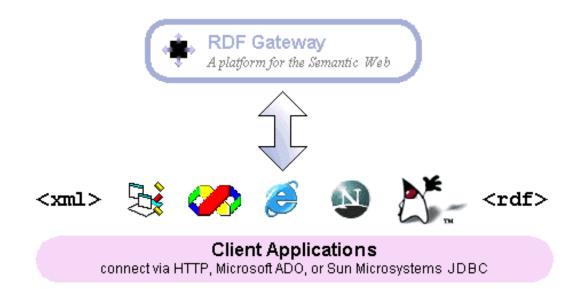


The Data Service Interface (for example, SQL Data Service) allows the RDF Gateway Database Engine to treat an external data source like any other RDF triple data source

RDF Gateway Inference Rules provide a useful mechanism for semantically mapping schemas based on their RDF Schemas. A query can be expressed using a single schema and the inference rules will automatically map data from disparate schemas into the query schema.

The RDF Gateway Database Engine is a fully functional logical inference engine. This allows RDFQL to support inference rules to dynamically generate additional RDF statements and execute complex recursive and non-recursive algorithms while executing a query.

### FEA Capabilities Manager Implementation Architecture (3)



RDF Gateway integrates with client applications using a variety of standard data access technologies such as XML and RDF over HTTP, Microsoft ADO, and Sun Microsystems JDBC.

# FEA Partnership Advisor (Exploratory Sketch) is available as both a web application and a local client application

## Where to find out more



### WEB Resources

- TopQuadrant Capability Cases Galleries: <u>http://www.topquadrant.com/topGallery/tq\_topgallery.htm</u>
- TopQuadrant Reports:
  - http://www.topquadrant.com/tq\_white\_papers.htm
- > Others:

http://www.xfront.com, http://www.semanticweb.org, http://daml.semanticweb.org/services/



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### TopQuadrant Services

http://www.topquadrant.com/FPweb/tq\_service\_offerings.htm

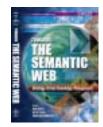
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## **Questions and Answers**





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