



Implementing 'Big Open Data' in government through Open Collaboration - case examples and possibilities

Leveraging OOR

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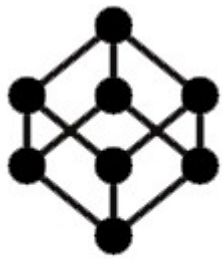
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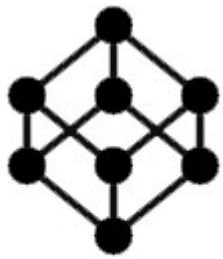


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Presentation Outline:



- *Introduction ... and the ongoing dialog*
- Peter Yim, Co-convener, ONTOLOG
- *The Ontology imperative for Big Data*
- Leo Obrst, General Co-chair,
Ontology Summit 2012: “Ontology for Big Systems”
- *Finding a Good Ontology* - Mike Dean,
Co-convener, the OOR Initiative
- *A proposition on “Implementing 'Big Open Data' in government through Open Collaboration”*
- Ken Baclawski, co-champion of the
OOR Architecture and API effort



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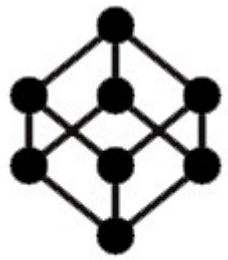
Among our earlier policy recommendations ...



- establish a subcommittee for "Ontology and Semantic Technology (OnST)" to foster inter-agency collaboration and align and coordinate their efforts.
- said OnST subcommittee to collaborate with the Digital Data IWG, Research Communities, Academia and like-minded International partners and communities to form a community of practice to mine collective intelligence and provide accelerated adoption
- support the effort (initiated since 2008) to build and maintain a global federated Open Ontology Repository (OOR)
- continue and accelerate the use of OnST to support the integration of medical data and Electronic Health Records as part of the mandate in our Healthcare Reform
- coordinate the creation of ontologies to strengthen and support the government open data initiative, and their incorporation into the above-mentioned open ontology repository

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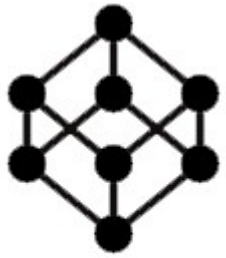
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Ontology for Big Data



- We just finished with our Ontology Summit 2012 season - a 3-month rigorous discourse on “Ontology for Big Systems,” where
- ~500 people – ontologists, system architects and engineers, and BigData/BigSystems stakeholders were engaged
- 28 virtual sessions, 99 presentations, over 1300 messages transpired
- Distilling that into a ten page Communique ... and one conclusion we can draw, is:

“ ... the unprecedented amounts of information and data are outstripping the capacities of current engineering practices and tools. Ontologies and ontological analysis are vital parts of a solution addressing the problems of architecting and engineering Big Systems and Big Data. ... ”

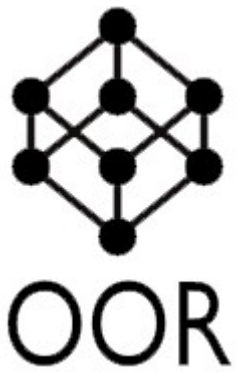


The Ontology Imperative



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- Make explicit and accessible the implicit yet vital assumptions about the nature and structure of engineered systems and their components
- Help people better understand and disentangle the complexity of big engineered systems and their social, economic, and natural environment
- Enable integration among systems and data through semantic interoperability
- Allow humans to delegate more of the mundane processing and computing to machines (than was previously possible)
- Improve models and modeling, their adaptability and reuse, and resulting design
- Reduce development and operational costs
- Enhance decision support systems
- Aid in knowledge management and discovery
- Provide a basis for more adaptable systems

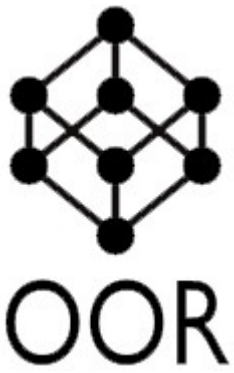


What is OOR?

the Open Ontology Repository Initiative



- **Community effort since January 2008**
- **Promote global use and sharing of ontologies**
 - ◊ *develop modular open source registry/repository software*
 - ◊ *Stand up one or more instances of OOR*
 - ◊ *promote best practices for ontology sharing and management*
- **Allow modular choices among**
 - ◊ *Registry functions (search, etc.)*
 - ◊ *Repository functions (persistence, versioning, etc.)*
 - ◊ *KR languages (OWL, Common Logic, etc.)*
 - ◊ *Gatekeeping policies (open, curated, market, etc.)*
 - ◊ *Intellectual Property Rights policies*
 - ◊ *Federation mechanisms (OOR, RSS, OMV, etc.)*
 - ◊ *Value-added services (alignment, translation, etc.)*
 - ◊ ...



Finding a Good Ontology



At <http://oor.net> - access the OOR instances below,

BioPortal - <http://bioportal.bioontology.org/> - the open repository for Biomedical Ontologies by the National Center for Biomedical Ontology (NCBO)

SOCoP-OOR - <http://socop.oor.net> - OOR instance by the Spatial Ontology Community of Practice (SOCoP)

MMI-ORR - <http://mmisw.oor.net> - the Ontology Registry & Repository for the Marine Metadata Interoperability (MMI) Project

ORNL-DAAC - <http://ornl-daac.oor.net> - the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Distributed Active Archive Center (ORNL DAAC) for biogeochemical dynamics

COLORE - <http://colore.oor.net> - developing instance of the COmmon LOGic REpository (at University of Toronto)

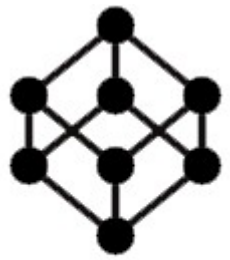
Ontohub - <http://ontohub.oor.net> - the developing Ontohub instance for distributed ontologies (at University of Bremen)

OOR-dev - <http://dev.oor.net> - development instance for the OOR development team

OOR-test - <http://test-00.oor.net> - test instance for the OOR team

OOR-sandbox - <http://sandbox.oor.net> - OOR sandbox instance for shared open ontologies

Go to Homepage of the OOR Initiative - <http://www.oor.net>

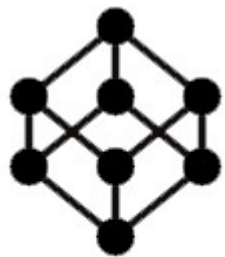


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How does OOR plan to tackle it?



- OOR shall support evolutionary development
- OOR shall be scalable
- OOR shall support federation
- OOR shall provide services decoupled from core repository functionality, such as Semantic MediaWiki integration
- OOR shall support arbitrary ontology representation languages, including dataset schemas and data source ontologies
- OOR shall be ontologically driven
- OOR shall be platform independent

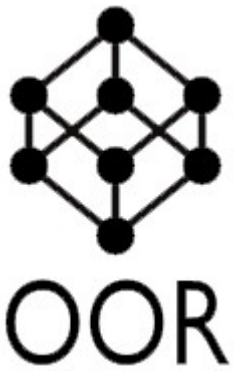


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Dealing with 400,000 Datasets? Here's one way to do it ...



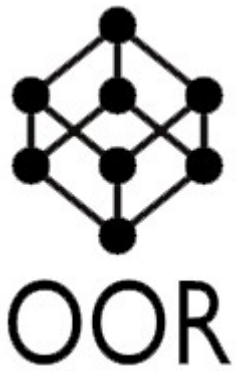
- Don't stop at the data schema, vocabulary, ...
- Identify ontologies that are useful for the datasets, such as upper and super-domain ontologies (like BFO, DOLCE, SUMO, PSL, UpperCYC, FEA-RMO, SWEET, ICOM, ...)
- Develop new domain ontologies as needed and host those ontologies on OOR
- Map dataset schemas and data source ontologies to domain, super-domain and upper ontologies
- Nurture the communities of practice that will allow the above work to be sustained
- Develop workflows and policies for ensuring the quality of ontologies and mappings



Next steps ...



- What do we (panelists in these two 'Big Open data' sessions) all have in common? ... We are,
 - *Developing infrastructure with huge potential impact*
 - *Creating technology, harnessing content, and building trusted social networks of unprecedented value*
- This is hard work ... but someone has to do it
- Accept that there are *no short cuts* to quality and to doing things right
- Team up, collaborate, and leverage each other's strengths and expertise
- Create the communities of practice and the ecosystem that allows these communities to thrive
- Let's keep this dialog going ...



References

- The OntologySummit2012 “Ontology for Big Systems” Communique
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- Learnings from the past Ontology Summits
 - <http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OntologySummit>
- The Open Ontology Repository Homepage
 - <http://www.oor.net>
- Accessing OOR instances – <http://oor.net>
- Join us ...
 - OOR - <http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OpenOntologyRepository#nid17YJ>
 - Ontolog - <http://ontolog.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?WikiHomePage#nid1J>