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MOTIVATION
DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEB

Development of the Web

1. Internet
2. Web 1.0
3. Web 2.0
“The Internet is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use the standard Internet Protocol Suite (TCP/IP) to serve billions of users worldwide. It is a network of networks that consists of millions of private and public, academic, business, and government networks of local to global scope that are linked by a broad array of electronic and optical networking technologies.”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet
A brief summary of Internet evolution

Source: http://slidewiki.org/slide/24721

WEB 1.0
The World Wide Web ("WWW" or simply the "Web") is a system of interlinked, hypertext documents that runs over the Internet. With a Web browser, a user views Web pages that may contain text, images, and other multimedia and navigates between them using hyperlinks.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Web

Netscape

- Netscape is associated with the breakthrough of the Web.
- Netscape had rapidly a large user community making attractive for others to present their information on the Web.

Google

- Google is the incarnation of Web 1.0 mega grows
- Google indexed already in 2008 more than 1 trillion pages [*]
- Google and other similar search engines turned out that a piece of information can be faster found again on the Web than in the own bookmark list

[*] http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2008/07/we-knew-web-was-big.html
Web 1.0 principles

• The success of Web1.0 is based on three simple principles:
  1. A simple and uniform addressing schema to identify information chunks i.e. **Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)**
  2. A simple and uniform representation formalism to structure information chunks allowing browsers to render them i.e. **Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML)**
  3. A simple and uniform protocol to access information chunks i.e. **Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)**

1. Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)

• Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) are used to name/identify resources on the Web
• URIs are pointers to resources to which request methods can be applied to generate potentially different responses
• Resource can reside anywhere on the Internet
• Most popular form of a URI is the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)
2. Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML)

- Hyper-Text Markup Language:
  - A subset of Standardized General Markup Language (SGML)
  - Facilitates a hyper-media environment
- Documents use elements to “mark up” or identify sections of text for different purposes or display characteristics
- HTML markup consists of several types of entities, including: elements, attributes, data types and character references
- Markup elements are not seen by the user when page is displayed
- Documents are rendered by browsers

3. Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

- Protocol for client/server communication
  - The heart of the Web
  - Very simple request/response protocol
    - Client sends request message, server replies with response message
  - Provide a way to publish and retrieve HTML pages
  - Stateless
  - Relies on URI naming mechanism
Web 2.0

- “The term "Web 2.0" (2004–present) is commonly associated with web applications that facilitate interactive information sharing, interoperability, user-centered design, and collaboration on the World Wide Web”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_2.0
Web 2.0

• Web 2.0 is a vaguely defined phrase referring to various topics such as social networking sites, wikis, communication tools, and folksonomies.
• Tim Berners-Lee is right that all these ideas are already underlying his original web ideas, however, there are differences in emphasis that may cause a qualitative change.
• With Web 1.0 technology a significant amount of software skills and investment in software was necessary to publish information.
• Web 2.0 technology changed this dramatically.

Web 2.0 major breakthroughs

• The four major breakthroughs of Web 2.0 are:
  1. Blurring the distinction between content consumers and content providers.
  2. Moving from media for individuals towards media for communities.
  3. Blurring the distinction between service consumers and service providers
  4. Integrating human and machine computing in a new and innovative way
1. Blurring the distinction between content consumers and content providers

Wiki, Blogs, and Twiter turned the publication of text in mass phenomena, as flickr and youtube did for multimedia

2. Moving from a media for individuals towards a media for communities

Social web sites such as del.icio.us, facebook, FOAF, linkedin, myspace and Xing allow communities of users to smoothly interweave their information and activities
3. Blurring the distinction between service consumers and service providers

Mashups allow web users to easily integrate services in their web site that were implemented by third parties.

4. Integrating human and machine computing in a new way

Amazon Mechanical Turk - allows to access human services through a web service interface blurring the distinction between manually and automatically provided services.
LIMITATIONS OF THE CURRENT WEB

- The current Web has its limitations when it comes to:
  1. finding relevant information
  2. extracting relevant information
  3. combining and reusing information
Limitations of the current Web

Finding relevant information

• Finding information on the current Web is based on keyword search
• Keyword search has a limited recall and precision due to:
  – **Synonyms:**
    • e.g. Searching information about “Cars” will ignore Web pages that contain the word “Automobiles” even though the information on these pages could be relevant
  – **Homonyms:**
    • e.g. Searching information about “Jaguar” will bring up pages containing information about both “Jaguar” (the car brand) and “Jaguar” (the animal) even though the user is interested only in one of them

• Keyword search has a limited recall and precision due also to:
  – **Spelling variants:**
    • e.g. “organize” in American English vs. “organise” in British English
  – **Spelling mistakes**
  – **Multiple languages**
    • i.e. information about same topics in published on the Web on different languages (English, German, Italian,…)

• Current search engines provide no means to specify the relation between a resource and a term
  – e.g. sell / buy
Limitations of the current Web

* Extracting relevant information

- One-fit-all automatic solution for extracting information from Web pages is not possible due to different formats, different syntaxes
- Even from a single Web page is difficult to extract the relevant information

Limitations of the current Web

* Extracting relevant information

- Extracting information from current web sites can be done using *wrappers*

**Which book is about the Web?**

**What is the price of the book?**
The actual extraction of information from web sites is specified using standards such as XSL Transformation (XSLT) [1].

Extracted information can be stored as structured data in XML format or databases.

However, using wrappers do not really scale because the actual extraction of information depends again on the web site format and layout.

[1] http://www.w3.org/TR/xslt

Tasks often require to combine data on the Web

1. Searching for the same information in different digital libraries
2. Information may come from different web sites and needs to be combined
Limitations of the current Web
Combining and reusing information

1. Searches for the same information in different digital libraries
   
   Example: I want to travel from Innsbruck to Rome.

2. Information may come from different web sites and needs to be combined
   
   Example: I want to travel from Innsbruck to Rome where I want to stay in a hotel and visit the city
How to improve the current Web?

- Increasing automatic linking among data
- Increasing recall and precision in search
- Increasing automation in data integration
- Increasing automation in the service life cycle

- Adding semantics to data and services is the solution!

TECHNICAL SOLUTION
INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTIC WEB

The Vision

More than 3 billion users, more than a trillion pages (2016)

Static

WWW
URI, HTML, HTTP

http://www.internetlivestats.com/internet-users/
Serious problems in:
  • information finding,
  • information extracting,
  • information representing,
  • information interpreting and
  • information maintaining.

Static

WWW
URI, HTML, HTTP

Semantic Web
RDF, RDF(S), OWL

What is the Semantic Web?

• “The Semantic Web is an extension of the current web in which information is given well-defined meaning, better enabling computers and people to work in cooperation.”

What is the Semantic Web?

- The next generation of the WWW
- Information has machine-processable and machine-understandable semantics
- Not a separate Web but an augmentation of the current one
- The backbone of Semantic Web are **ontologies**

Ontology definition

- **unambiguous terminology definitions**
- **conceptual model of a domain (ontological theory)**
- **formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization**
- **machine-readability with computational semantics**
- **commonly accepted understanding**

Gruber, “Toward principles for the design of ontologies used or knowledge sharing?”, Int. J. Hum.-Comput. Stud., vol. 43, no. 5-6, 1995.
“An ontology is an explicit specification of a conceptualization”

Ontologies are the modeling foundations to Semantic Web
- They provide the well-defined meaning for information

An ontology is:
- A conceptualization
  - An ontology is a model of the most relevant concepts of a phenomenon from the real world
- Explicit
  - The model explicitly states the type of the concepts, the relationships between them and the constraints on their use
- Formal
  - The ontology has to be machine readable (the use of the natural language is excluded)
- Shared
  - The knowledge contained in the ontology is consensual, i.e. it has been accepted by a group of people.

Ontology example

Concept
classification entity of the domain

Property
attribute describing a concept

Relation
relationship between concepts or properties

Axiom
coherency description between Concepts / Properties / Relations via logical expressions

holds(Professor, Lecture) =>
Lecture.topic = Professor.researchField

Types of ontologies

describe very general
concepts like space, time,
event, which are
independent of a particular
problem or domain

describe the
vocabulary
related to a
generic task or
activity by
specializing
the top-level
ontologies.

describe the
vocabulary
related to a
generic domain
by specializing
the concepts
introduced in
the top-level
ontology.

Application Ontology

Domain Ontology

Task & Problem-solving Ontology

Top Level O., Generic O. Core O., Foundational O., High-level O, Upper O.


http://www.lirmm.fr/~mugnier/DEA/guarino98formal.pdf
The Semantic Web is about…

- Web Data Annotation
  - connecting (syntactic) Web objects, like text chunks, images, … to their semantic notion (e.g., this image is about Innsbruck, Anna Fensel is a lecturer)
- Data Linking on the Web (Web of Data)
  - global networking of knowledge through URI, RDF, and SPARQL (e.g., connecting my calendar with my rss feeds, my pictures, …)
- Data Integration over the Web
  - seamless integration of data based on different conceptual models (e.g., integrating data coming from my two favorite book sellers)

Web Data Annotating

Ontoprise (formerly), now: http://www.semafora-systems.com
Data integration over the Web

Data integration involves combining data residing in different sources and providing user with a unified view of these data.

Data integration over the Web can be implemented as follows:

1. Export the data sets to be integrated as RDF graphs
2. Merge identical resources (i.e. resources having the same URI) from different data sets
3. Start making queries on the integrated data, queries that were not possible on the individual data sets.

Data integration over the Web

1. Export first data set as RDF graph
   
   For example the following RDF graph contains information about book “The Glass Palace” by Amitav Ghosh

   ![The Glass Palace RDF graph](http://www.w3.org/People/Ivan/CorePresentations/SWTutorial/Slides.pdf)
1. Export second data set as RDF graph
   Information about the same book but in French this time is modeled in RDF graph below

2. Merge identical resources (i.e. resources having the same URI) from different data sets
   Same URI = Same resource
2. Merge identical resources (i.e. resources having the same URI) from different data sets

http://www.w3.org/People/Ivan/CorePresentations/SWTutorialSlides.pdf

3. Start making queries on the integrated data

- A user of the second dataset may ask queries like: “give me the title of the original book”
- This information is not in the second dataset
- This information can be however retrieved from the integrated dataset, in which the second dataset was connected with the the first dataset
ARCHITECTURE AND LANGUAGES

Web Architecture

- Things are denoted by URIs
- Use them to denote things
- Serve useful information at them
- Dereference them
Semantic Web Architecture

- Give important concepts URIs
- Each URI identifies one concept
- Share these symbols between many languages
- Support URI lookup
Identifier, Resource, Representation

A Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) is a string of characters used to identify a name or a resource on the Internet.

- A URI can be a URL or a URN.
- A Uniform Resource Name (URN) defines an item's identity:
  - the URN urn:isbn:0-395-36341-1 is a URI that specifies the identifier system, i.e. International Standard Book Number (ISBN), as well as the unique reference within that system and allows one to talk about a book, but doesn't suggest where and how to obtain an actual copy of it.
- A Uniform Resource Locator (URL) provides a method for finding it:
  - the URL http://www.sti-innsbruck.at/identifies a resource (STI's home page) and implies that a representation of that resource (such as the home page's current HTML code, as encoded characters) is obtainable via HTTP from a network host named www.sti-innsbruck.at.

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### eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

- **Language for creating languages**
  - "Meta-language"
  - XHTML is a language: HTML expressed in XML
- **W3C Recommendation (standard)**
  - XML is, for the information industry, what the container is for international shipping
  - For structured and semistructured data
- **Main plus: wide support, interoperability**
  - Platform-independent
- **Applying new tools to old data**

### XML Schema Definition (XSD)

- **A grammar definition language**
  - Like DTDs but better
    - Uses XML syntax
  - Defined by W3C
- **Primary features**
  - Datatypes
    - e.g. integer, float, date, etc…
  - More powerful content models
    - e.g. namespace-aware, type derivation, etc…
Resource Description Framework (RDF)

- The Resource Description Framework (RDF) provides a domain independent data model.
- Resource (identified by URIs)
  - Correspond to nodes in a graph
  - E.g.:
    - http://www.w3.org/
    - http://example.org/#john
    - http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#Property
- Properties (identified by URIs)
  - Correspond to labels of edges in a graph
  - Binary relation between two resources
  - E.g.:
    - http://www.example.org/#hasName
    - http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
- Literals
  - Concrete data values
  - E.g.:
    - "John Smith", "1", "2006-03-07"

Resource Description Framework (RDF) – Triple Data Model

- Triple data model:
  - \(<subject, predicate, object>\)
    - Subject: Resource or blank node
    - Predicate: Property
    - Object: Resource, literal or blank node
- Example:
  - \(<ex:john, ex:father-of, ex:bill>\)
- Statement (or triple) as a logical formula \(P(x, y)\), where the binary predicate \(P\) relates the object \(x\) to the object \(y\).
- RDF offers only binary predicates (properties).
Resource Description Framework (RDF) – Graph Model

- The triple data model can be represented as a graph
- Such graph is called in the Artificial Intelligence community a semantic net
- Labeled, directed graphs
  - **Nodes**: resources, literals
  - **Labels**: properties
  - **Edges**: statements

RDF Schema (RDFS)

- RDF Schema (RDFS) is a language for capturing the semantics of a domain, for example:
  - In RDF:
    ```
    <$john, rdf:type, #Student>
    ```
    - What is a "#Student"?
- RDFS is a language for defining RDF types:
  - Define classes:
    - "#Student is a class"
  - Relationships between classes:
    - "#Student is a sub-class of #Person"
  - Properties of classes:
    - "#Person has a property hasName"
RDF Schema (RDFS)

- Classes:
  `<#Student, rdf:type, #rdfs:Class>`
- Class hierarchies:
  `<#Student, rdfs:subClassOf, #Person>`

- Properties:
  `<#hasName, rdf:type, rdf:Property>`
- Property hierarchies:
  `<#hasMother, rdfs:subPropertyOf, #hasParent>`

- Associating properties with classes (a):
  - “The property `#hasName` only applies to `#Person`”
    `<#hasName, rdfs:domain, #Person>`

- Associating properties with classes (b):
  - “The type of the property `#hasName` is `xsd:string`”
    `<#hasName, rdfs:range, xsd:string>`
Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- RDFS has a number of Limitations:
  - Only binary relations
  - Characteristics of Properties, e.g. inverse, transitive, symmetric
  - Local range restrictions, e.g. for class Person, the property hasName has range xsd:string
  - Complex concept descriptions, e.g. Person is defined by Man and Woman
  - Cardinality restrictions, e.g. a Person may have at most 1 name
  - Disjointness axioms, e.g. nobody can be both a Man and a Woman

- The Web Ontology Language (OWL) provides an ontology language, that is a more expressive Vocabulary Definition Language for use with RDF
  - Class membership
  - Equivalence of classes
  - Consistency
  - Classification

OWL

- OWL is layered into languages of different expressiveness
  - OWL Lite: Classification Hierarchies, Simple Constraints
  - OWL DL: Maximal expressiveness while maintaining tractability
  - OWL Full: Very high expressiveness, loses tractability, all syntactic freedom of RDF

- More expressive means harder to reason with

- Different Syntaxes:
  - RDF/XML (Recommended for Serialization)
  - N3 (Recommended for Human readable Fragments)
  - Abstract Syntax (Clear Human Readable Syntax)

- OWL is a W3C recommendation since 2004. There is also its 2nd version, OWL 2, a W3C recommendation from 2009.
OWL – Example: The Wine Ontology

- An Ontology describing wine domain.
- One of the most widely used examples for OWL and referenced by W3C.
- There is also a wine agent associated to this ontology that performs OWL queries using a web-based ontological mark-up language. That is, by combining a logical reasoner with an OWL ontology.
- The agent's operation can be described in three parts: consulting the ontology, performing queries and outputting results.
- Available here: http://www.w3.org/TR/owl-guide/

OWL – Example: The Wine Ontology Schema

https://sites.google.com/site/semanticsimulations2/visioowl
SPARQL – Querying RDF

• SPARQL
  – RDF Query language
  – Based on RDQL
  – Uses SQL-like syntax

• Example:
  PREFIX uni: <http://example.org/uni/>
  SELECT ?name
  FROM <http://example.org/personal>
  WHERE { ?s uni:name ?name.
  ?s rdf:type uni:lecturer }

SPARQL Queries

PREFIX uni: <http://example.org/uni/>
SELECT ?name
FROM <http://example.org/personal>
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• PREFIX
  – Prefix mechanism for abbreviating URIs
• SELECT
  – Identifies the variables to be returned in the query answer
  – SELECT DISTINCT
  – SELECT REDUCED
• FROM
  – Name of the graph to be queried
  – FROM NAMED
• WHERE
  – Query pattern as a list of triple patterns
• LIMIT
• OFFSET
• ORDER BY
SPARQL Example Query 1

"Return the full names of all people in the graph"

PREFIX vCard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
SELECT ?fullName
WHERE {?x vCard:FN ?fullName}
result:

fullName
"John Smith"
"Mary Smith"

SPARQL Example Query 2

"Return the relation between John and Mary"

PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/#>
SELECT ?p
WHERE {ex:john ?p ex:mary}
result:
P
<http://example.org/#marriedTo>

@prefix ex: <http://example.org/#> .
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .
ex:john vcard:FN "John Smith" ;
vcard:N [ vcard:Given "John" ; vcard:Family "Smith" ] ;
ex:hasAge 32 ; ex:marriedTo :mary .
ex:mary vcard:FN "Mary Smith" ;
vcard:N [ vcard:Given "Mary" ; vcard:Family "Smith" ] ;
ex:hasAge 29 .
SPARQL Example Query 3

"Return the spouse of a person by the name of John Smith"

PREFIX vCard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/#>
SELECT ?y
WHERE {?x vCard:FN "John Smith".
   ?x ex:marriedTo ?y}

result:

?y

<http://example.org/#mary>

SPARQL and Rule languages

• SPARQL
  – Query language for RDF triples
  – A protocol for querying RDF data over the Web

• Rule languages (e.g. SWRL)
  – Extend basic predicates in ontology languages with proprietary predicates
  – Based on different logics
    • Description Logic
    • Logic Programming
Rule Interchange Format (RIF)

- A set of dialects to enable rule exchange among different rule systems

Rule system 1

\[ \text{semantics preserving mapping} \]

RIF dialect X

\[ \text{semantics preserving mapping} \]

Rule system 2

Rule Interchange Format Goals

- Exchange of rules
  - The primary goal of RIF is to facilitate the exchange of rules

- Consistency with W3C specifications
  - A W3C specification that builds on and develops the existing range of specifications that have been developed by the W3C
  - Existing W3C technologies should fit well with RIF

- Wide scale adoption
  - Rules interchange becomes more effective the wider is their adoption ("network effect")
RIF Architecture

“Modules” can be added to cover new needs!

RIF Core
- A language of definite Horn rules without function symbols (~ Datalog)
- A language of production rules where conclusions are interpreted as assert actions

RIF BLD
- A language that lies within the intersection of first-order and logic-programming systems

RIF FLD
- A formalism for specifying all logic dialects of RIF
- Syntax and semantics described mechanisms that are commonly used for various logic languages (but rarely brought all together)

RIF PRD
- A formalism for specifying production rules

Other common specifications
- RIF DTB – Defines data types and builtins supported by RIF
- RIF OWL/RDF compatibility – Defines how OWL and RDF can be used within RIF
- RIF XML data - Defines how XML can be used within RIF
• URIs are used to identify resources, not just things that exist on the Web, e.g. Sir Tim Berners-Lee

• RDF is used to make statements about resources in the form of triples <entity, property, value>

• With RDFS, resources can belong to classes (my Mercedes belongs to the class of cars) and classes can be subclasses or superclasses of other classes (vehicles are a superclass of cars, cabriolets are a subclass of cars)
Dereferencable URI

Disco Hyperdata Browser
navigating the Semantic Web as an unbound set of data sources

Faceted DBLP
uses the keywords provided in metadata annotations to automatically create light-weight topic categorization.
43% of businesses resort to manual processes and/or new software when integrating information for reporting.
The KIM platform provides a novel infrastructure and services for:

- automatic semantic annotation,
- indexing,
- retrieval of unstructured and semi-structured content.
KIM Constituents

The KIM Platform includes:

- **Ontologies** (PROTON + KIMSO + KIMLO) and KIM World KB
- **KIM Server** – with a set of APIs for remote access and integration
- **Front-ends**: Web-UI and plug-in for Internet Explorer.

KIM Ontology (KIMO)

- light-weight upper-level ontology
- 250 NE classes
- 100 relations and attributes:
  - covers mostly NE classes, and ignores general concepts
  - includes classes representing lexical resources
KIM KB

- KIM KB consists of above 80,000 entities (50,000 locations, 8,400 organization instances, etc.)

- Each location has geographic coordinates and several aliases (usually including English, French, Spanish, and sometimes the local transcription of the location name) as well as co-positioning relations (e.g. `subRegionOf`).

- The organizations have `locatedIn` relations to the corresponding Country instances. The additionally imported information about the companies consists of short description, URL, reference to an industry sector, reported sales, net income, and number of employees.

KIM is Based On...

KIM is based on the following open-source platforms:

- **GATE** – the most popular NLP and IE platform in the world, developed at the University of Sheffield. Ontotext is its biggest co-developer. www.gate.ac.uk and www.ontotext.com/gate

- **OWLIM** – OWL repository, compliant with Sesame RDF database from Aduna B.V. (now OWLIM is called GraphDB) http://ontotext.com/products/graphdb/

- **Lucene** – an open-source IR engine by Apache. jakarta.apache.org/lucene/
KIM Platform – Semantic Annotation

The automatic semantic annotation is seen as a named-entity recognition (NER) and annotation process.

The traditional flat NE type sets consist of several general types (such as Organization, Person, Date, Location, Percent, Money). In KIM the NE type is specified by reference to an ontology.

The semantic descriptions of entities and relations between them are kept in a knowledge base (KB) encoded in the KIM ontology and residing in the same semantic repository. Thus KIM provides for each entity reference in the text (i) a link (URI) to the most specific class in the ontology and (ii) a link to the specific instance in the KB. Each extracted NE is linked to its specific type information (thus Arabian Sea would be identified as Sea, instead of the traditional – Location).
KIM platform - Information Extraction

- KIM performs IE based on an ontology and a massive knowledge base.

KIM platform - Browser Plug-in

- KIM Browser Plugin
  - Web content is annotated using ontologies
  - Content can be searched and browsed intelligently
EXTENSIONS

Extensions: Linked Open Data

- Linked Data is a method for exposing and sharing connected data via dereferenceable URI’s on the Web
  - Use URIs to identify things that you expose to the Web as resources
  - Use HTTP URIs so that people can locate and look up (dereference) these things
  - Provide useful information about the resource when its URI is dereferenced
  - Include links to other, related URIs in the exposed data as a means of improving information discovery on the Web

- Linked Open Data is an initiative to interlink open data sources
  - Open: Publicly available data sets that are accessible to everyone
  - Interlinked: Datasets have references to one another allowing them to be used together
Extensions: Linked Open Data

Linked Open Data Cloud – August 2014
(from http://lod-cloud.net)
Extensions: Linked Open Data

- Linked Open Data statistics:
  - 2009: 121 data sets, total number of triples: 13,112,409,691, total number of links between data sets: 142,605,717
  - 2014: 1014 data sets, 900,129 documents describing 8,038,396 resources, most - 18,05% from government sector
  - 2017: 1163 datasets

Statistics are available at:
- For 2009: http://esw.w3.org/topic/TaskForces/CommunityProjects/LinkingOpenData/DataSets/Statistics
- For 2014: http://linkeddatacatalog.dws.informatik.uni-mannheim.de/state/
- For 2017: http://lod-cloud.net/
Extensions: Linked Open Data principles

- Use URIs as names for things
  - anything, not just documents
  - you are not your homepage
  - information resources and non-information resources
- Use HTTP URIs
  - globally unique names, distributed ownership
  - allows people to look up those names
- Provide useful information in RDF
  - when someone looks up a URI
- Include RDF links to other URIs
  - to enable discovery of related information

Extensions: Linked Open Data - FOAF

- Friend Of A Friend (FOAF) provides a way to create machine-readable pages about:
  - People
  - The links between them
  - The things they do and create
- Anyone can publish a FOAF file on the web about themselves and this data becomes part of the Web of Data
  ```xml
  <foaf:Person>
    <foaf:name>Dieter Fensel</foaf:name>
  </foaf:Person>
  ``
- FOAF is connected to many other data sets, including
  - Data sets describing music and musicians (Audio Scrobbler, MusicBrainz)
  - Data sets describing photographs and who took them (Flickr)
  - Data sets describing places and their relationship (GeoNames)
Extensions: Linked Open Data - GeoNames

- The GeoNames Ontology makes it possible to add geospatial semantic information to the Web of Data
- We can utilize GeoNames location within the FOAF profile
- GeoNames is also linked to more datasets
  - US Census Data
  - Movie Database (Linked MDB)
  - Extracted data from Wikipedia (DBpedia)

Extensions: Linked Open Data - DBpedia

- Dbpedia ([www.dbpedia.org](http://www.dbpedia.org)) is a community effort to:
  - Extract structured information from Wikipedia
  - Make the information available on the Web under an open license
  - Interlink the DBpedia dataset with other open datasets on the Web
- DBpedia is one of the central interlinking-hubs of the emerging Web of Data
- Formally, it is also a non-profit association
Extensions: Linked Open Data - DBpedia

- As our FOAF profile has been linked to GeoNames, and GeoNames is linked to DBpedia, we can ask some interesting queries over the Web of Data
  - What is the population of the city in which Anna Fensel lives?
    => 124,579 people
  - At which elevation does Anna Fensel live?
    => 574m
  - Who is the mayor of the city in which Anna Fensel lives
    => Christine Oppitz-Plörer

Extensions: Linked Open Data – Dbpedia Dataset

- 125 languages
- Describes 4.58 million things, out of which 4.22 million are classified in a consistent ontology (http://wiki.dbpedia.org/Ontology2014), including
  - 1,445,000 persons,
  - 736,000 places (including 478,000 populated places),
  - 411,000 creative works (including 123,000 music albums, 87,000 films and 19,000 video games),
  - 241,000 organizations (including 58,000 companies and 49,000 educational institutions),
  - 251,000 species and
  - 6,000 diseases.

- DBpedia 2014 release consists of 3 billion pieces of information (RDF triples) out of which 580 million were extracted from the English edition of Wikipedia, 2.46 billion were extracted from other language editions.

Source: http://wiki.dbpedia.org/about/about-dbpedia/facts-figures (April 2016)
• Combination of Linked Open Data and Mobiles has trigger the emergence of new applications
• One example is **DBpedia Mobile** that based on the current GPS position of a mobile device renders a map containing information about nearby locations from the DBpedia dataset.
• It exploits information coming from DBpedia, Revyu and Flickr data.
• It provides a way to explore maps of cities and gives pointers to more information which can be explored.
What is Schema.org?

- **Schema.org** provides a collection of shared vocabularies.
- Launched in June 2011 by Bing, Google and Yahoo
- Yandex joins in November 2011
- Purpose:

Create a common set of schemas for webmasters to mark-up with structured data their websites.

How to mark-up with schema.org?

- Schema.org can be used to enrich the web sites with the following formats:
  - Microdata (most popular)
    - Tags introduced within HTML 5
    - Based on Item descriptions
      - Itemscope, Itemtype, Itemprop
  - RDFa
  - JSON-LD
Schema.org example in JSON-LD for a touristic service package

see more details about the use case in this slideset:
https://de.slideshare.net/annafensel/tour-pack-projectpresentationiwost

Linked Open Vocabularies (LOV)

- In order to describe a piece of information, we need a vocabulary that includes the relevant terms
- LOV (http://lov.okfn.org/data-set/lov) is a directory with all the existing vocabularies for various domains, where we can search for terms to use in our annotations.
SUMMARY

• Semantic Web is not a replacement of the current Web, it’s an evolution of it
• Semantic Web is about:
  – annotation of data on the Web
  – data linking on the Web
  – data Integration over the Web
• Semantic Web aims at automating tasks currently carried out by humans
• Semantic Web is real now (maybe not as we originally envisioned it, but it is)
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• Mandatory reading:

• Further reading:
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