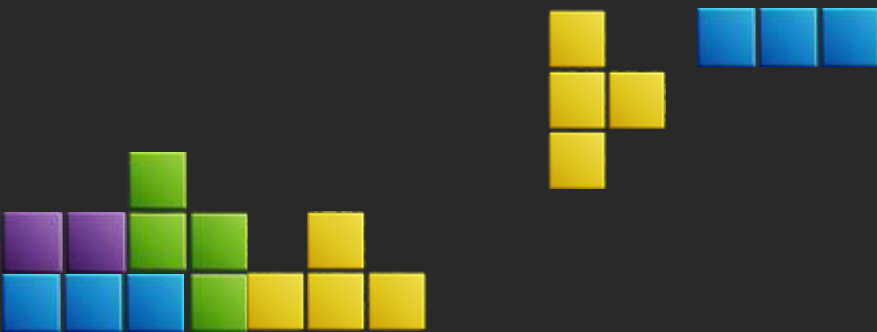




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Project ORREO Foundry: Open Residential Real Estate
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What Is Ontology ...

Robert Arp, Ph.D.

The word 'ontology' can refer to a branch of Western philosophy—having its origins in ancient Greece with philosophers such as Parmenides, Heraclitus, Plato, and Aristotle—the concern of which is the study of what is, of the kinds and structures of objects, properties, events, processes, and relations in every area of reality.

From this philosophical perspective, ontology seeks to provide a definitive and exhaustive classification of entities in all spheres or domains of being. As a theoretical discipline concerned with accurately describing the taxonomy of all things that exist, philosophical ontology is synonymous with classical metaphysics.

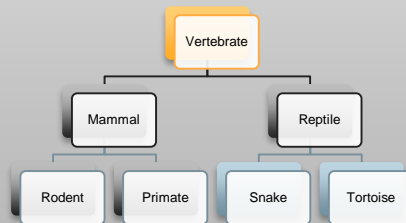
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ontology = def. a representational artifact, comprising a taxonomy as proper part, whose representations are intended to designate some combination of universals, de-fined classes, and certain relations between them.



- Universal = type, kind of thing or Entity



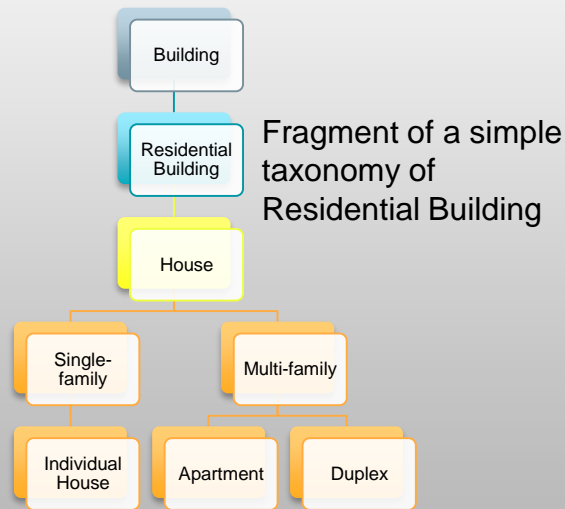
What is Ontology (continued)

taxonomy = def. a hierarchy consisting of terms denoting types (or universals or class-es) linked by subtype relations

By “ types ” or “ universals ” we mean the entities in the world referred to by the nodes (appearing here as boxes) in a hierarchy; in the case of figure 1.1 , biological phyla, classes, and orders.

entity = def. anything that exists, including objects, processes, and qualities “ Entity ” thus comprehends also representations, models, images, beliefs, utterances, documents, observations, and so on.

A **building**, or **edifice**, is a structure with a roof and walls standing more or less permanently in one place.



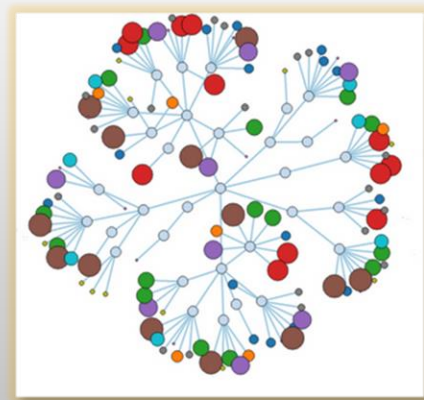


What must an Ontology contain



Visualizations in Graph Theoretic form

- Terms (represent types in reality)
 - Preferred labels
 - Synonyms
- Unique IDs
 - Alphanumeric identifiers for each term
 - Namespace ID
- Nodes - terms
 - Complex collections of things
 - Noun or noun phrases
- Edges
 - relations
- Definitions
- Axioms
 - Governs how the terms are to be understood





The Vision of the Semantic Web powered by Ontology



Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the internet:
“sees a more powerful Web emerging, one where documents and data will be annotated with special codes allowing computers to search and analyze the Web automatically. The codes ... are designed to add meaning to the global network in ways that make sense to computers”



Why do we need Ontology



Tim Berners-Lee:

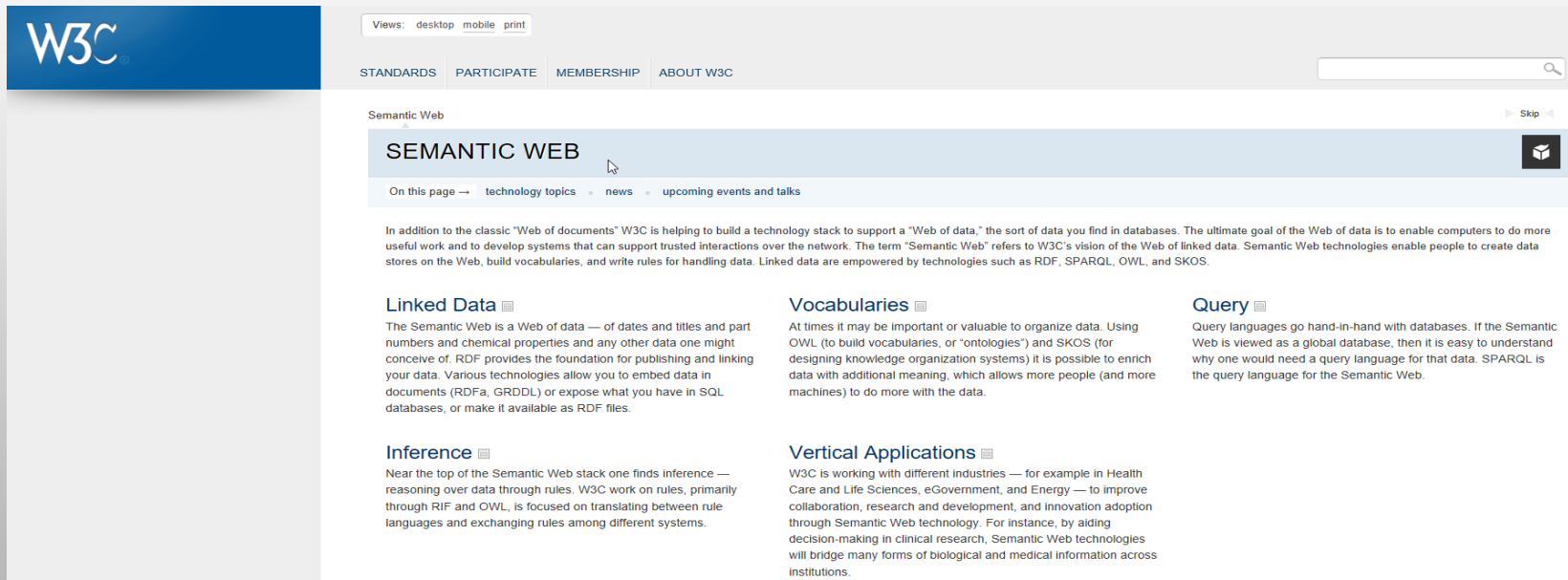
hyperlinked vocabularies, called ‘ontologies’ will be used by Web authors “to explicitly define their words and concepts as they post their stuff online.



“The idea is the codes would let software ‘agents’ analyze the Web on our behalf, making smart inferences that go far beyond the simple linguistic analyses performed by today's search engines.”



Working together: W3C Standards for the Semantic Web



The screenshot shows the W3C Semantic Web page. At the top is the W3C logo. Below it is a navigation bar with links for STANDARDS, PARTICIPATE, MEMBERSHIP, and ABOUT W3C. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is titled "SEMANTIC WEB" and includes a sub-header "On this page" with links to technology topics, news, and upcoming events and talks. The page is divided into four columns, each with a heading and a brief description: Linked Data, Vocabularies, Query, and Inference. The bottom of the page features a decorative border of colorful squares.

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In addition to the classic "Web of documents" W3C is helping to build a technology stack to support a "Web of data," the sort of data you find in databases. The ultimate goal of the Web of data is to enable computers to do more useful work and to develop systems that can support trusted interactions over the network. The term "Semantic Web" refers to W3C's vision of the Web of linked data. Semantic Web technologies enable people to create data stores on the Web, build vocabularies, and write rules for handling data. Linked data are empowered by technologies such as RDF, SPARQL, OWL, and SKOS.

Linked Data

The Semantic Web is a Web of data — of dates and titles and part numbers and chemical properties and any other data one might conceive of. RDF provides the foundation for publishing and linking your data. Various technologies allow you to embed data in documents (RDFa, GRDDL) or expose what you have in SQL databases, or make it available as RDF files.

Vocabularies

At times it may be important or valuable to organize data. Using OWL (to build vocabularies, or "ontologies") and SKOS (for designing knowledge organization systems) it is possible to enrich data with additional meaning, which allows more people (and more machines) to do more with the data.

Query

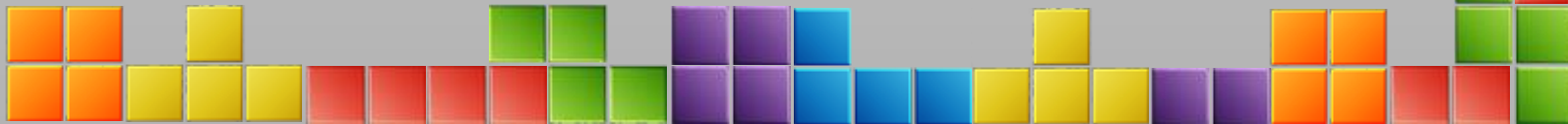
Query languages go hand-in-hand with databases. If the Semantic Web is viewed as a global database, then it is easy to understand why one would need a query language for that data. SPARQL is the query language for the Semantic Web.

Inference

Near the top of the Semantic Web stack one finds inference — reasoning over data through rules. W3C work on rules, primarily through RIF and OWL, is focused on translating between rule languages and exchanging rules among different systems.

Vertical Applications

W3C is working with different industries — for example in Health Care and Life Sciences, eGovernment, and Energy — to improve collaboration, research and development, and innovation adoption through Semantic Web technology. For instance, by aiding decision-making in clinical research, Semantic Web technologies will bridge many forms of biological and medical information across institutions.



NextGen Information Systems – Powered by Ontology: The OBO Foundry

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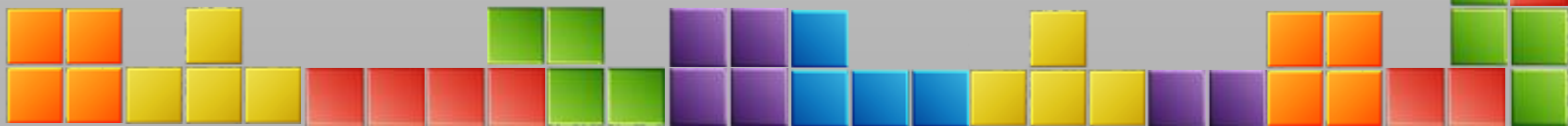
The OBO Foundry

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On this site you will find a table of ontologies, available in several formats, with details for each, and documentation on OBO Principles.

You can contribute to this site using GitHub [OBOFoundry/OBOFoundry.github.io](#) or get in touch with us at obo-discuss@sourceforge.net.



Modern Information System Design moving to Ontology

Download table as: [[YAML](#) | [JSON-LD](#) | [RDF/Turtle](#)]

bfo	Basic Formal Ontology 	The upper level ontology upon which OBO Foundry ontologies are built. Detail	      
chebi	Chemical Entities of Biological Interest 	A structured classification of molecular entities of biological interest focusing on 'small' chemical compounds. Detail	      
doid	Human Disease Ontology 	An ontology for describing the classification of human diseases organized by etiology. Detail	       
go	Gene Ontology 	An ontology for describing the function of genes and gene products Detail	     
obi	Ontology for Biomedical Investigations 	An integrated ontology for the description of life-science and clinical investigations Detail	      
pato	Phenotype And Trait Ontology 	An ontology of phenotypic qualities (properties, attributes or characteristics) Detail	      
po	Plant Ontology 	The Plant Ontology is a structured vocabulary and database resource that links plant anatomy, morphology and growth and development to plant genomics data. Detail	       

Project ORREO Foundry

The Open Residential Real Estate Ontology (ORREO) Foundry is a collective of ontology developers that are committed to collaboration and adherence to shared principles. The mission of the Foundry is to develop a family of interoperable ontologies that are both logically well-formed and scientifically accurate. To achieve this, ORREO Foundry participants voluntarily adhere to and contribute to the development of an evolving set of principles including [open use](#), [collaborative development](#), [non-overlapping and strictly-scoped content](#), and common [syntax](#) and [relations](#), based on ontology models that work well, such as the Gene Ontology (GO).

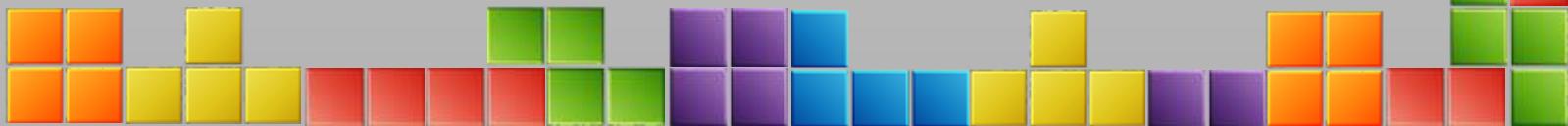
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Project ORREO Foundry

Resources



- ORREO Foundry @ Github.com
 - MIT Commons License
- Website: <http://www.orreofoudry.org>
 - Tools
 - Ontological Browser
 - Protégé Support
- OWL 2 DL
 - OWL/XML, RDF/XML, JSON-LD, Turtle serialization
- DL Reasoners
- Common Logic Reasoner
 - DL Expression Explorer
- BFO and IAO Upper Ontologies
- Modular Design pioneered by Dr. Barry Smith (Ontological Engineering)
- Autodesk BIM Integration
 - Building Information Model Integration
- MS Azure IoT
- Smart City Collaboration



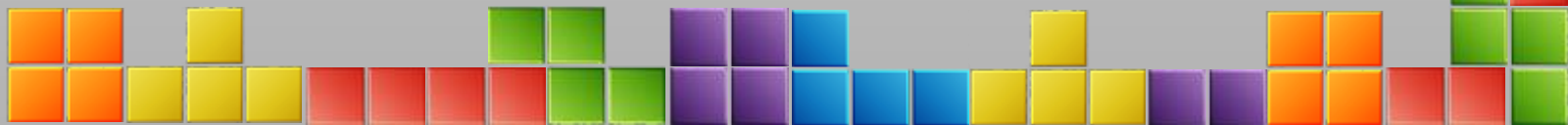
Project ORREO Foundry and RESO

- ORREO Foundry is about Real Estate and should be collaborative in its workings
- Ontology Development effort is never considered to reach a complete state but Ontologies do come to a “good-enough” state
- RESO will play an important role providing guidance and experience and insights
- RESO+ORREO will bring many more Real Estate professionals to the party; thus expanding reach of knowledge, learnings, experience and drive new business and technological innovation
- People Ontology
- Email Ontology
- Emotion Ontology
- Material Ontology
- Geographical Ontology
- Many others
- ORREO will create new ontologies that span all aspects of reality where real estate is applicable



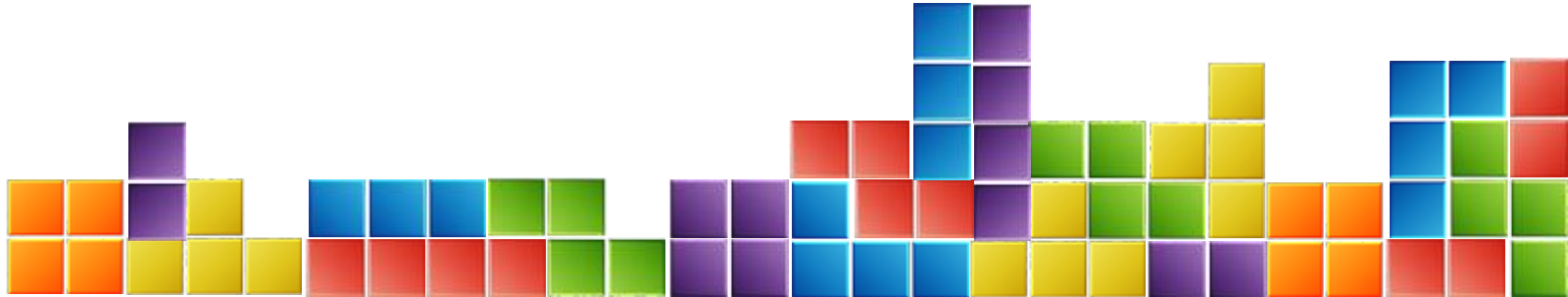
Project ORREO Foundry: Multidisciplinary Teams

- Building Architects
- Home Builders
- Landscape Designers and Engineers
- Interior Decorates
- Appliance Manufactures
- Power Utility (Gas, Water, Electric, Solar)
- Heating and Cooling
- Home & Property Insurance
- Mortgage Lending (FIBO – Financial Industry Business Ontology)
- Semantic Bank Compliance Ontology + Legal Knowledge Interchange Format (LKIF)
- Construction
- Home Security
- Whole-House Systems Approach Ontology @ Energy.gov
- More..

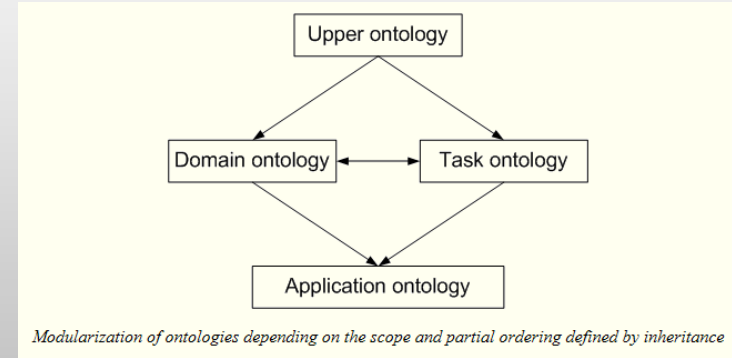
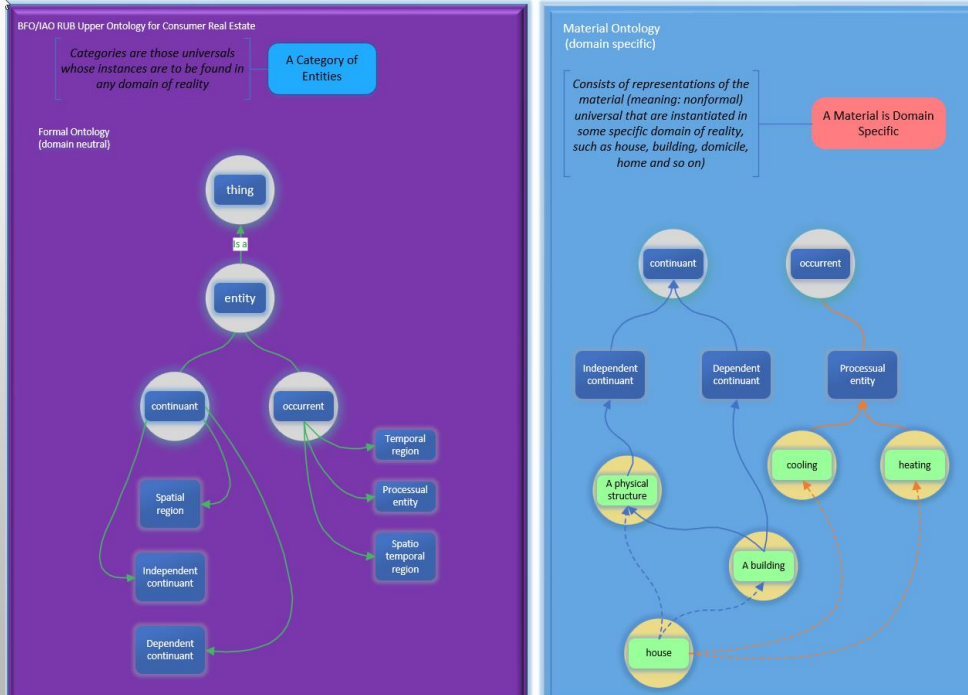




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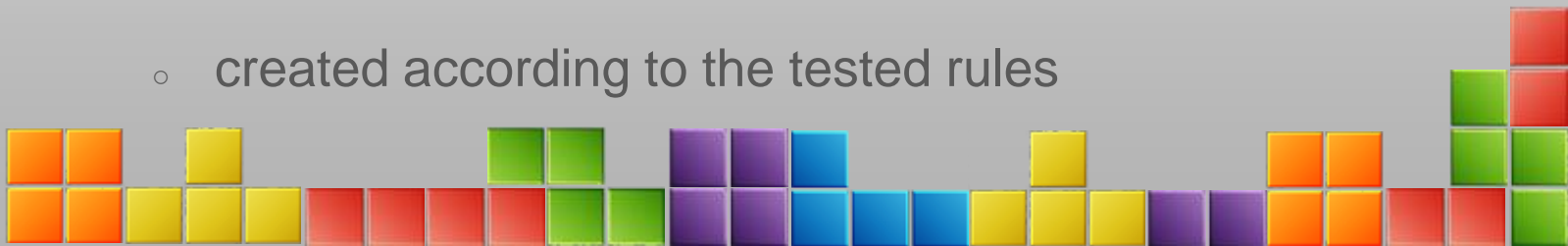


Start with BFO and IAO Upper Ontology



We will be able to use ontologies to help us share data only if

- they are ontologically coherent (intelligible to a human user)
- and logically coherent
- and computationally tractable
- and work well together
 - evolve together
 - created according to the tested rules





- To provide a consistent and efficiently functioning data store for a particular business application(s)
 - Represents specific business concepts in a way that determines organization of data in the store
 - Commonly used representations are relational and graph; they are supported by data management technologies, e.g. relational
 - Oracle and MySQL, graph – Neo4j, RDF/OWL stores.
- Efficiency requires
 - Application-specific representations
 - Store only data needed by the application
 - Objective (shared) representation of the domain is not the purpose – multiple data models for the same domain to accommodate different business applications

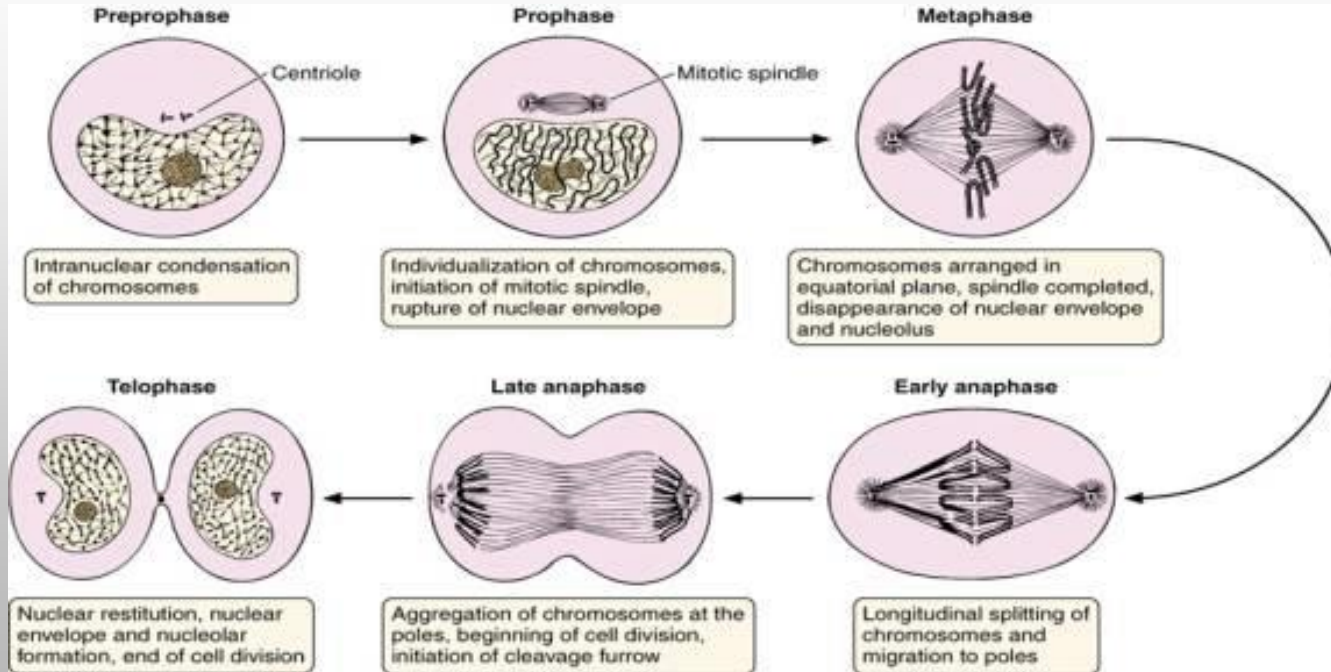


Ontology - Purpose

- Objectivity of representation of reality
- Commonly used representation is graph, it is supported by RDF-based semantic technologies
- Objective (shared) representation of the domain
 - **one authoritative ontology for the domain of reality meant for re-use**
- **Storing vast volumes of data is not the purpose**

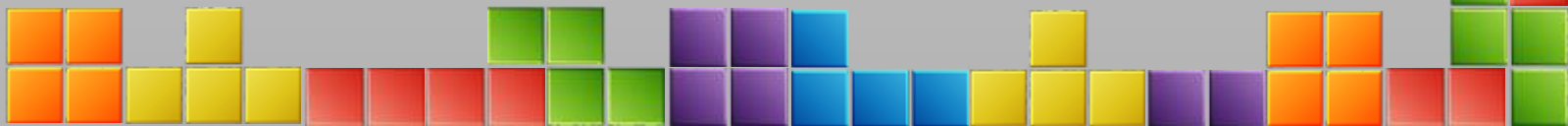
Ontology - Organization

- Each type appears only once in the ontology hierarchy.
- The ontology view of reality is synoptic – it represents in non-redundant fashion an entire hierarchy of types at different levels of generality. Each term is associated in an intelligible way with its subsuming and subsumed terms (and thus with the ancestor and descendant types) in the hierarchy of more and less general
- Representation is more flexible, changes are easier to make, and changes are not as disruptive



Knowledge Designed for Machine Understanding

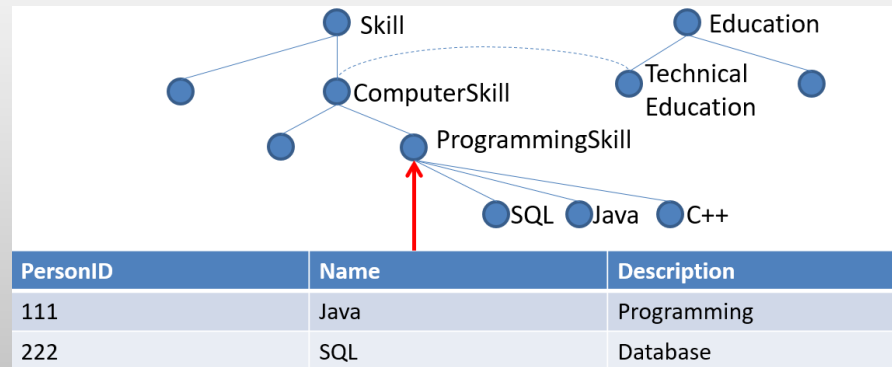
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Semantic Enhancement of Data Models by Ontology



- Semantic Enhancement (SE) is realized with the help of ontologies that are used to explicate data models and annotate data instances
 - Vocabulary of ontologies used for explications and annotations provides agile horizontal integration
 - Ontologies, by virtue of their nature and organization, provide semantic enhancement of data



The Meaning of ‘Enhancement’

- Semantic enhancement/enrichment of data = arm’s length approach (no change to data) – through simple explication we associate an entire knowledge system with a database field
 - enables analytics to process data, e.g. about computer skills, “vertically” along the Skill hierarchy, as well as “horizontally” via relations between Skill and Education.
 - and further... while data in the database does not change, its analysis can be richer and richer as our understanding of the reality changes
- For this richness to be leveraged by different communities, persons, and applications it needs to have the properties mentioned above and be constructed in accordance with the principles of the SE (see References)



Semantic Enhancement and Data Integration



- Traditional integration approaches involve creation of a new model in

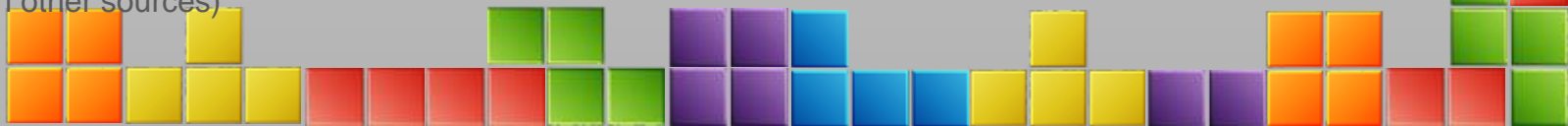
- A new physical store (data warehouse)
- Another data store – rigid (potential data silo), interoperable with other stores
- Querying the data sources via it

- Fragile

- Both entail loss and or distortion of data and semantics, and provide only 'local' integration (do not lead to interoperability with other sources)

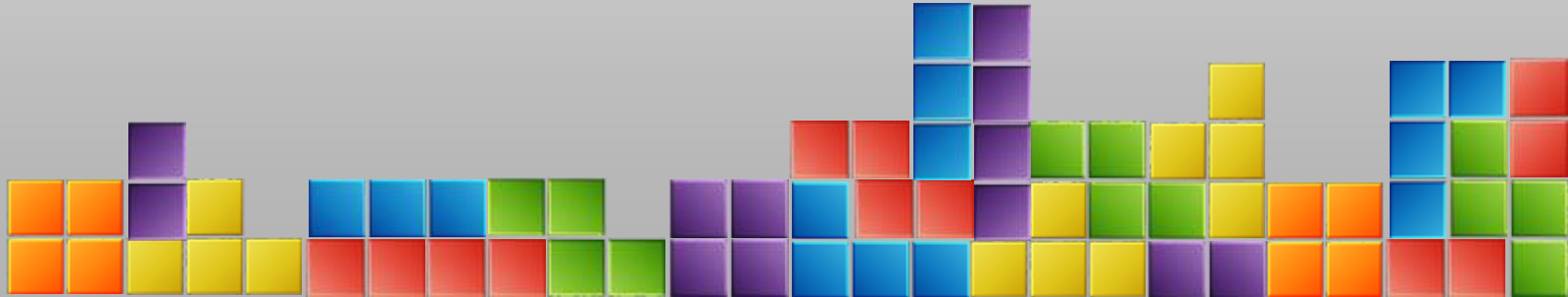
- SE of a store

- Does not require data reorganization and creation of another store
- Changes to it are non-intrusive
- Leads to integration of the store with other stores, enhanced previously or in the future

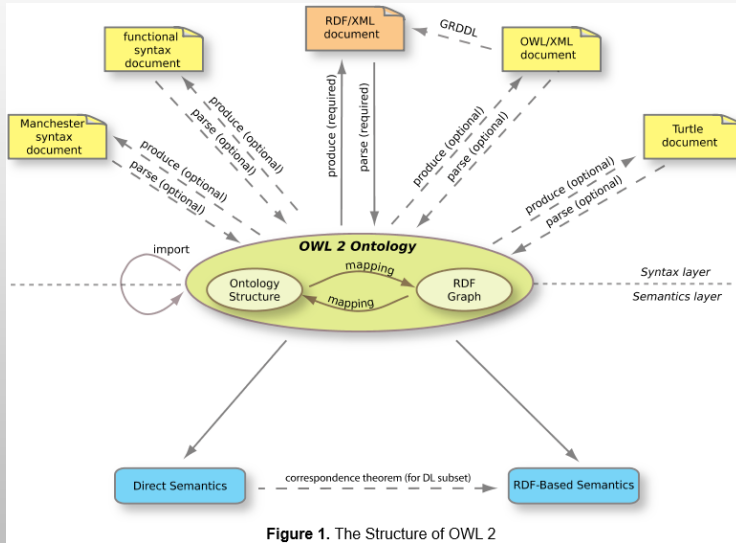




LIKQ Demo



The Languages of Ontology, Knowledge and Reasoning



The Languages of Ontology, Knowledge and Reasoning

OWL Language

- Three species of OWL
 - *OWL Full* is union of OWL syntax and RDF
 - *OWL DL* restricted to FOL fragment (\cong DAML+OIL)
 - *OWL Lite* is “simpler” subset of OWL DL
- Semantic layering
 - OWL DL \cong OWL full within DL fragment
- OWL DL based on SHIQ Description Logic
- OWL DL Benefits from many years of DL research
 - Well defined semantics
 - Formal properties well understood (complexity, decidability)
 - Known reasoning algorithms
 - Implemented systems (highly optimised)

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Syntax	Semantics	Comment
A	$A^I \subseteq \Delta^I$	atomic concept
R	$R^I \subseteq \Delta^I \times \Delta^I$	atomic role
\top	Δ^I	top (most general) concept
\perp	\emptyset	bottom (most specific) concept
$\neg A$	$\Delta^I \setminus A^I$	atomic negation
$C \sqcap D$	$C^I \cap D^I$	intersection
$\forall R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \forall b.(a, b) \in R^I \Rightarrow b \in C^I\}$	value restriction
$\exists R.\top$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \exists b.(a, b) \in R^I\}$	limited existential quantification

AL (attributive language) logic syntax and semantics

Name	Syntax	Semantics	Comment
\mathcal{U}	$C \sqcup D$	$C^I \cup D^I$	union of two concepts
\mathcal{E}	$\exists R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \exists b.(a, b) \in R^I \wedge b \in C^I\}$	full quantification
\mathcal{N}	$\geq nR$ $\leq nR$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in R^I\} \geq n\}$ $\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in R^I\} \leq n\}$	number restriction
\mathcal{C}	$\neg C$	$\Delta^I \setminus C^I$	negation of arbitrary concept

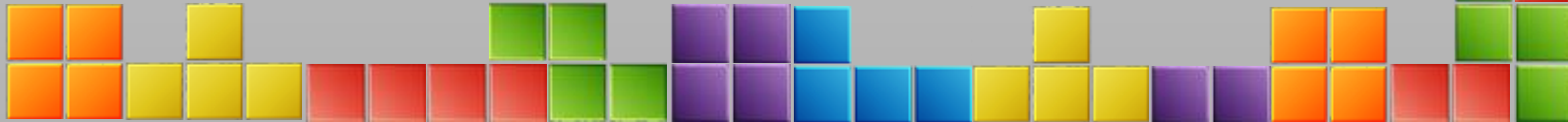
Examples of AL logic basic extensions

Some further extensions of ALC logic that will be of interest for us are as follows.

- S - role transitivity $Trans(R)$ (asserting that role is transitive)
- H - role hierarchy $R \sqsubseteq S$ (asserting hierarchy of roles)
- I - role inverse R^{-} (creating inverse role)
- F - functionality $\leq 1 R$ (functional role in concept creation)
- O - nominals $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ (concept declared by enumeration)

Abstract Syntax	DL Syntax	Semantics
Descriptions (C)		
A (URI Reference)	A	$A^I \subseteq \Delta^I$
$owl:Thing$	\top	$owl:Thing^I = \Delta^I$
$owl:Nothing$	\perp	$owl:Nothing^I = \emptyset$
$intersectionOf(C_1 C_2 \dots)$	$C_1 \sqcap C_2$	$C_1^I \cap C_2^I$
$unionOf(C_1 C_2 \dots)$	$C_1 \sqcup C_2$	$C_1^I \cup C_2^I$
$complementOf(C)$	$\neg C$	$\Delta^I \setminus C^I$
$oneOf(o_1 \dots)$	$\{o_1, \dots\}$	$\{o_1^I, \dots\}$
$restriction(R someValuesFrom(C))$	$\exists R.C$	$\{x \mid \exists y.(x, y) \in R^I \wedge y \in C^I\}$
$restriction(R allValuesFrom(C))$	$\forall R.C$	$\{x \mid \forall y.(x, y) \in R^I \Rightarrow y \in C^I\}$
$restriction(R hasValue(o))$	$R \cdot o$	$\{x \mid (x, o^I) \in R^I\}$
$restriction(R minCardinality(n))$	$\geq nR$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in R^I\} \geq n\}$
$restriction(R maxCardinality(n))$	$\leq nR$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in R^I\} \leq n\}$
$restriction(U someValuesFrom(D))$	$\exists U.D$	$\{x \mid \exists y.(x, y) \in U^I \wedge y \in D^I\}$
$restriction(U allValuesFrom(D))$	$\forall U.D$	$\{x \mid \forall y.(x, y) \in U^I \Rightarrow y \in D^I\}$
$restriction(U hasValue(v))$	$U \cdot v$	$\{x \mid (x, v^I) \in U^I\}$
$restriction(U minCardinality(n))$	$\geq nU$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in U^I\} \geq n\}$
$restriction(U maxCardinality(n))$	$\leq nU$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \{b \mid (a, b) \in U^I\} \leq n\}$

Abstract Syntax	DL Syntax	Semantics
Classes		
$Class(A \text{ partial } C_1 \dots C_n)$	$A \sqsubseteq C_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap C_n$	$A^I \subseteq C_1^I \cap \dots \cap C_n^I$
$Class(A \text{ complete } C_1 \dots C_n)$	$A \equiv C_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap C_n$	$A^I = C_1^I \cap \dots \cap C_n^I$
$EnumeratedClass(A o_1 \dots o_n)$	$A \equiv \{o_1, \dots, o_n\}$	$A^I = \{o_1^I, \dots, o_n^I\}$
$SubClassOf(C_1 C_2)$	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$	$C_1^I \subseteq C_2^I$
$EquivalentClasses(C_1 \dots C_n)$	$C_1 \equiv \dots \equiv C_n$	$C_1^I = \dots = C_n^I$
$DisjointClasses(C_1 \dots C_n)$	$C_1 \sqcap C_2 \sqsubseteq \perp, i \neq j$	$C_1^I \cap C_2^I = \emptyset, i \neq j$
$Datatype(D)$		$D^I \subseteq \Delta^I$
Datatype Properties		
$DatatypeProperty(U \text{ super}(U_1) \dots \text{super}(U_n))$	$U \sqsubseteq U_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap U_n$	$U^I \subseteq U_1^I \cap \dots \cap U_n^I$
$domain(C_1) \dots domain(C_n)$	$\geq 1 U \sqsubseteq C_1$	$U^I \subseteq C_1^I \times \Delta^I$
$range(D_1) \dots range(D_n)$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall U.D_i$	$U^I \subseteq \Delta^I \times D_i^I$
$\{Functional\}$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 U$	U^I is functional
$SubPropertyOf(U_1 U_2)$	$U_1 \sqsubseteq U_2$	$U_1^I \subseteq U_2^I$
$EquivalentProperties(U_1 \dots U_n)$	$U_1 \equiv \dots \equiv U_n$	$U_1^I = \dots = U_n^I$
Object Properties		
$ObjectProperty(R \text{ super}(R_1) \dots \text{super}(R_n))$	$R \sqsubseteq R_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap R_n$	$R^I \subseteq R_1^I \cap \dots \cap R_n^I$
$domain(C_1) \dots domain(C_n)$	$\geq 1 R \sqsubseteq C_1$	$R^I \subseteq C_1^I \times \Delta^I$
$range(C_1) \dots range(C_n)$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.C_i$	$R^I \subseteq \Delta^I \times C_i^I$
$\{inverseOf(R_0)\}$	$R \equiv (R_0)^{-}$	$R^I = (R_0^I)^{-}$
$\{Symmetric\}$	$R \equiv (R)^{-}$	$R^I = (R^I)^{-}$
$\{Functional\}$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 R$	R^I is functional
$\{InverseFunctional\}$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 R^{-}$	$(R^I)^{-}$ is functional
$\{Transitive\}$	$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 R$	$R^I = (R^I)^+$
$SubPropertyOf(R_1 R_2)$	$R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$	$R_1^I \subseteq R_2^I$
$EquivalentProperties(R_1 \dots R_n)$	$R_1 \equiv \dots \equiv R_n$	$R_1^I = \dots = R_n^I$
Annotation		
$AnnotationProperty(S)$		
Individuals		
$Individual(o \text{ type}(C_1) \dots \text{type}(C_n))$	$o \in C_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap C_n$	$o^I \in C_1^I \cap \dots \cap C_n^I$
$value(R_1 o_1) \dots value(R_n o_n)$	$\{o, o_i\} \in R_i$	$\{o^I, o_i^I\} \in R_i^I$
$value(U_1 v_1) \dots value(U_n v_n)$	$\{o, v_i\} \in U_i$	$\{o^I, v_i^I\} \in U_i^I$
$SameIndividual(o_1 \dots o_n)$	$o_1 = \dots = o_n$	$o_1^I = \dots = o_n^I$
$DifferentIndividual(o_1 \dots o_n)$	$o_i \neq o_j, i \neq j$	$o_i^I \neq o_j^I, i \neq j$



Reasoning with Description Logics



Complexity of reasoning in Description Logics

Note: the information here is (always) incomplete and [updated](#) often

Base description logic: *Attributive Language with Complements*

$\mathcal{ALC} ::= \perp \mid T \mid A \mid \neg C \mid C \sqcap D \mid C \sqcup D \mid \exists R.C \mid \forall R.C$



Concept constructors:

- ☐ \mathcal{F} – functionality²: $(\leq 1 R)$
- ☐ \mathcal{N} – (unqualified) number restrictions: $(\geq n R), (\leq n R)$
- ☐ \mathcal{Q} – qualified number restrictions: $(\geq n R.C), (\leq n R.C)$
- ☐ \mathcal{O} – nominals: $\{a\}$ or $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ ("one-of")
- ☐ μ – least fixpoint operator: $\mu X.C$

☐ Forbid complex roles³ in number restrictions⁶

TBox (concept axioms):

- ☒ empty TBox
- ☐ acyclic TBox ($A \sqsubseteq C$, A is a concept name; no cycles)
- ☐ general TBox ($C \sqsubseteq D$, for arbitrary concepts C and D)

Role constructors:

- ☐ \mathcal{I} – role inverse: R^{-}
- ☐ \cap – role intersection³: $R \sqcap S$
- ☐ \cup – role union: $R \sqcup S$
- ☐ \neg – role complement: $\neg R$ ☐ full ☐ \downarrow
- ☐ \circ – role chain (composition): $R \circ S$
- ☐ $*$ – reflexive-transitive closure⁴: R^*
- ☐ id – concept identity: $\text{id}(C)$

RBox (role axioms):

- ☐ \mathcal{S} – role transitivity: $\text{Tr}(R)$
- ☐ \mathcal{H} – role hierarchy: $R \sqsubseteq S$
- ☐ \mathcal{R} – complex role inclusions: $R \circ S \sqsubseteq R, R \circ S \sqsubseteq S$
- ☐ \mathcal{S} – some additional features (click to see them)

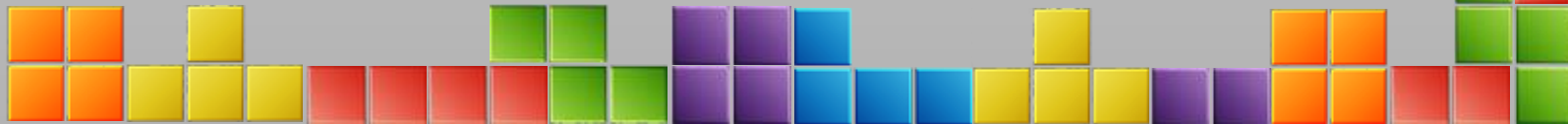
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Complexity² of reasoning problems³

Concept satisfiability	PSpace-complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardness for \mathcal{ALC}: see [80]. Upper bound for \mathcal{ALCQ}: see [12, Theorem 4.6].
ABox consistency	PSpace-complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardness follows from that for concept satisfiability. Upper bound for \mathcal{ALCQ}: see [17, Appendix A].
Important properties of the Description Logic		
Finite model property	Yes	\mathcal{ALC} is a notational variant of the multi-modal logic \mathbf{K}_m (cf. [22]), for which the finite model property can be found in [4, Sect. 2.3].
Tree model property	Yes	\mathcal{ALC} is a notational variant of the multi-modal logic \mathbf{K}_m (cf. [22]), for which the tree model property can be found in [4, Proposition 2.15].

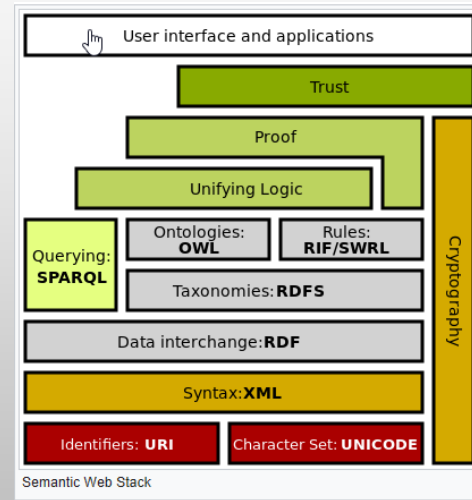
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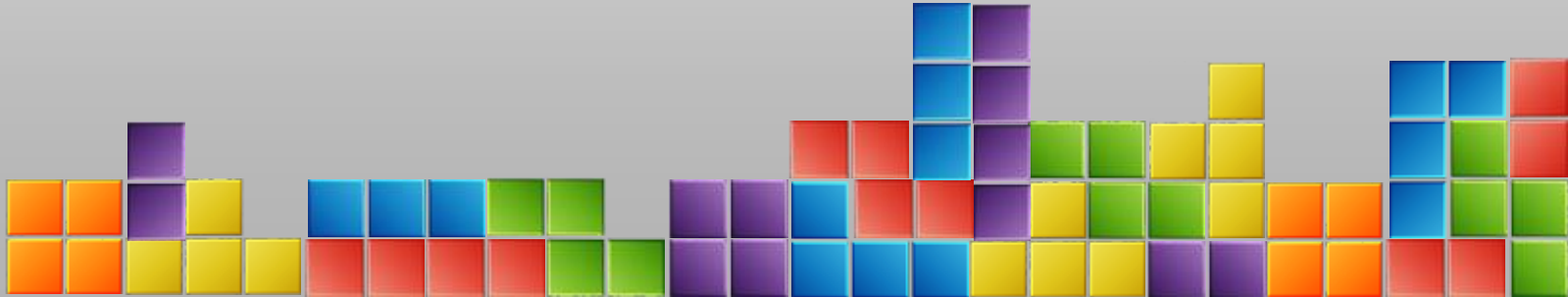
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- The purpose of authoring ontologies is also reusing of knowledge. Once ontology is created for a domain, it should be (at least to some degree) reusable for other applications in the same domain. To simplify both ontology development and reuse, modular design is beneficial. The modular design uses inheritance of ontologies - upper ontologies describe general knowledge, and application ontologies describe knowledge for a particular application





Questions?





Thank You,

Everyone!

