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The Semantic Web Linked Data and RDF

An Introduction

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Pre Reading

 Paper on the evolution of the Semantic Web and the Pragmatic Web of Linked Data

Shadbolt, N., Berners-Lee, T. and Hall, W. (2006) The Semantic Web Revisited. IEEE Intelligent Systems, 21 (3). pp. 96-101. ISSN 1541-1672

http://eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/12614/

 A good review of the development of Open Linked Data and the technology, approaches and philosophy

Christian Bizer, Tom Heath and Tim Berners-Lee (2009) Linked Data - The Story So Far. International Journal on Semantic Web and Information Systems, Vol. 5(3), Pages 1-22. DOI: 10.4018/jswis.2009081901

http://tomheath.com/publications/html



Pre Reading

• A somewhat technical description of the linked data approach to open government data

Omitola, T., Koumenides, C. L., Popov, I. O., Yang, Y., Salvadores, M., Szomszor, M., Berners-Lee, T., Gibbins, N., Hall, W., schraefel, m. and Shadbolt, N. (2010) Put in your postcode, out comes the data: A Case Study. In: 7th Extended Semantic Web Conference, May 2010, Greece.

http://eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/18765/

4 A review of cataloguing work in the area of government data repositories

Koumenides, C., Alani, H., Shadbolt, N. and Salvadores, M. (2010) Global Integration of Public Sector Information. In: Web Science Conference 2010, 26-27 April, 2010, Raleigh, NC, USA.

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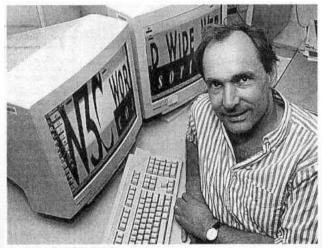
Follow on Reading

• Excellent slide set for those who want to deepen understanding of RDF and Linked Data

http://www.slideshare.net/bhaslhofer/linked-data-tutorial

Basis of some examples in introduction

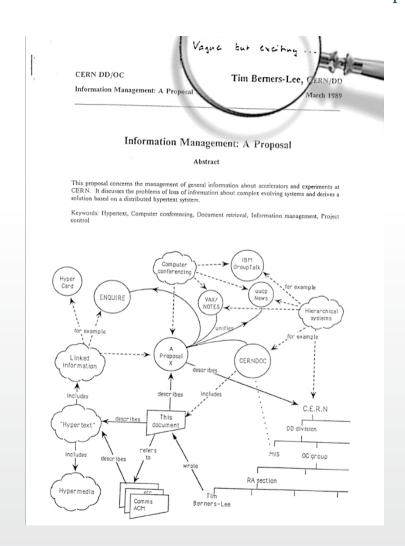
Origins



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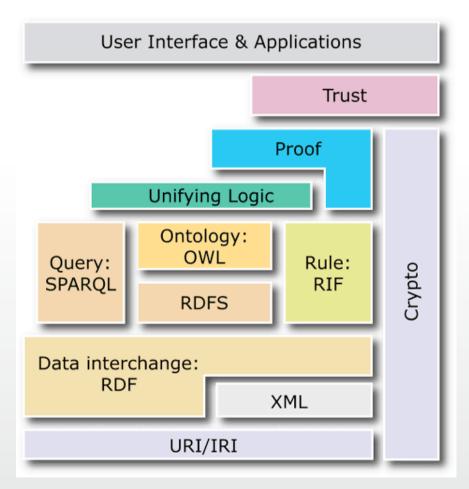
- Big is beautiful: the network is everything
- Scruffy works: let the links fail to make it scale
- Democracy rules: open, free and universal



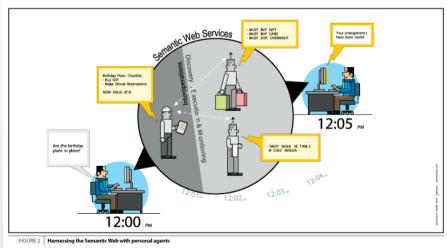
The Semantic Web circa 2000













The Semantic Web circa 2010



Much Simpler

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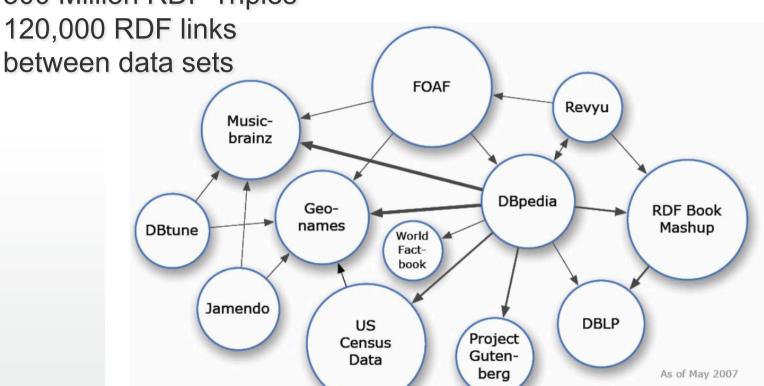
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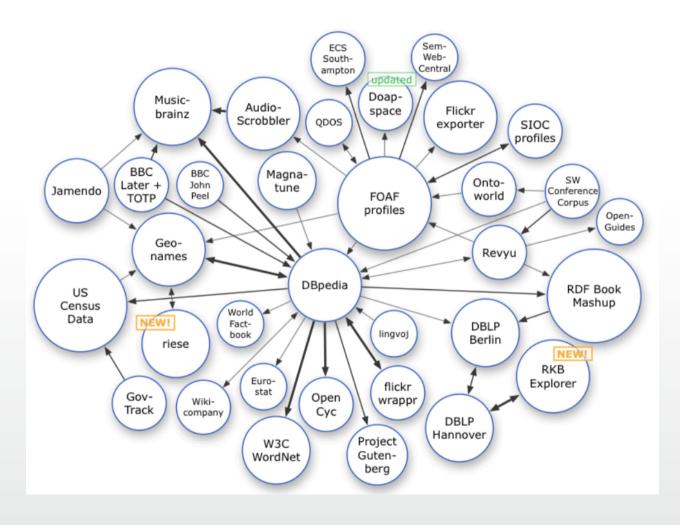


500 Million RDF Triples



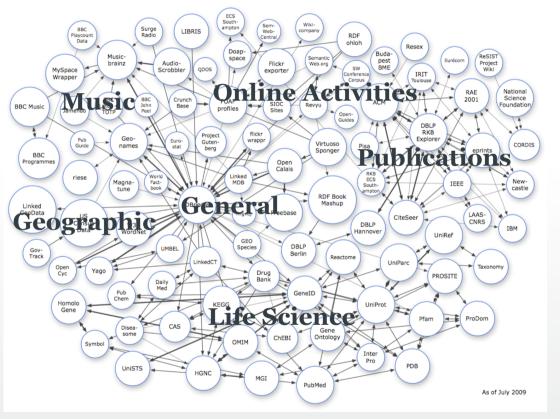
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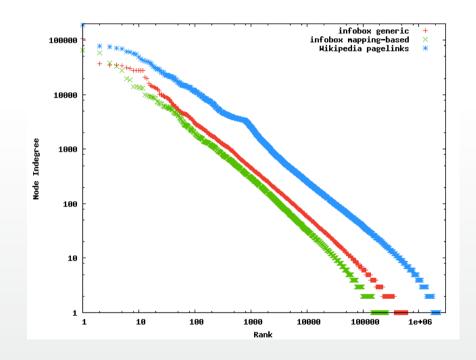
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Open Linked Data on the Web: July 2009 Billions of triples and hundreds of millions of links



The Shape of Linked Data

- Micro principles to macro phenomena
- Shape and structure
- Scale free
- Preferential attachment
- Communities
- Values and obligations
- Incentives

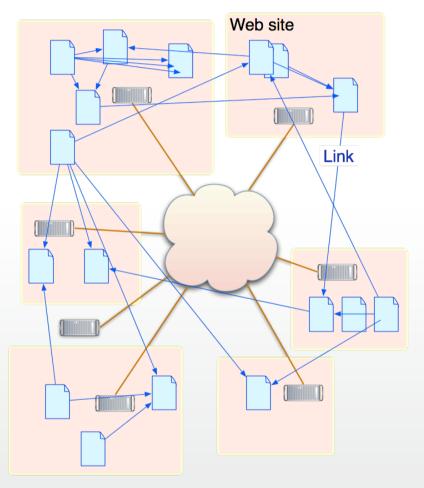




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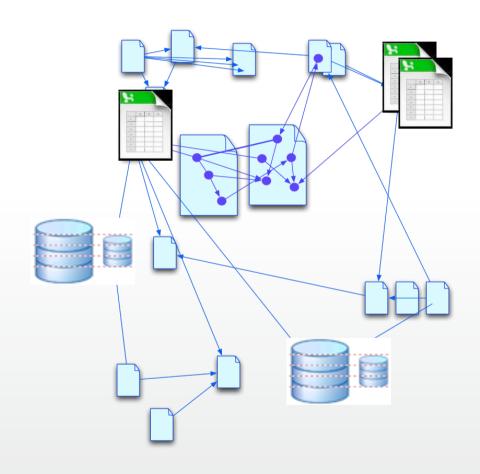


From a Web of documents...





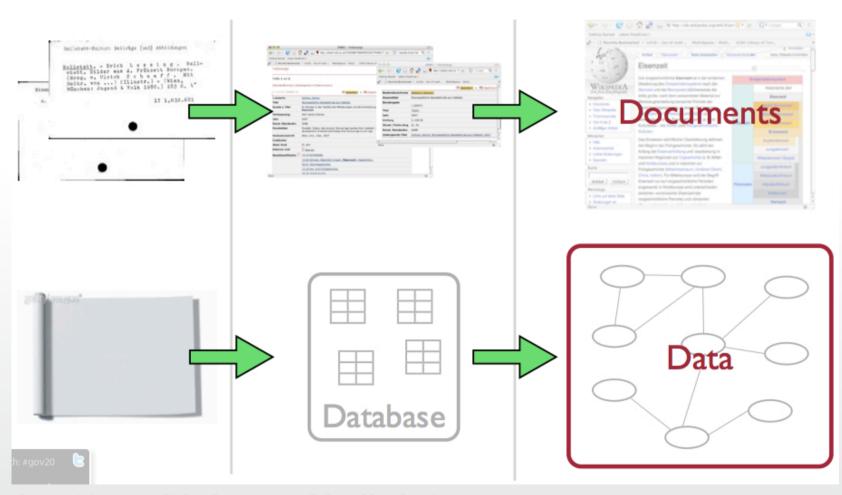
To a Web of data...



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An Evolution

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Babel



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Atom	JSON CD	-ROM RPC	UDDI
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Bernhard Haslhofer, Linked Data	Tutorial	9	

Aim



- Get into the data silos
- Move from a view dominated by the repository
- Publish data of interest on the Web in a way that
- other applications can access and interpret the data
- using common Web technologies

BTW you can use Linked Data for Intranets too

CS AKTive: Pioneering Linked Data



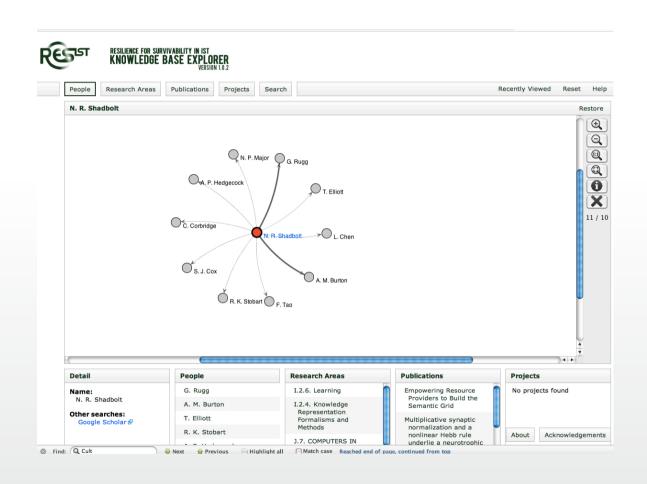
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- Higher Education directories
- 2001 RAE submissions
- UK EPSRC project database
- Personnel, projects and publications UK CS Web sites



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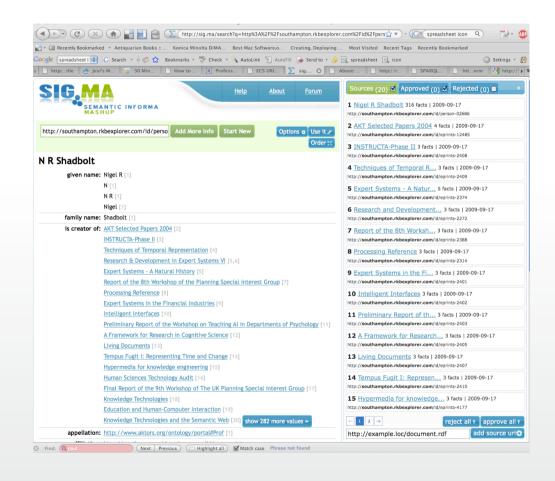
RKBExplorer: Linked Data today

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Searching for Linked Data sig.ma







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Principle 1: URIs Web addresses for data



- Uniform Resource identifier
- Names for the things of interest
- A Web based identifier
- You can dereference them get something back
- Information about objects, relations, properties and values

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http://rdf.ecs.soton.ac.uk/publication/11065

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http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nigel Shadbolt





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Principle 3: RDF back

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Essential RDF – a simple way to represent information



- Statements about resources in the from of subject-predicate-object
- A knowledge representation language for the Web
- Represents information as sets of triples subject verb object
- Every element of a triple can be a URI or a concrete value (literal)
- Sets of RDF triples can be represented as graphs

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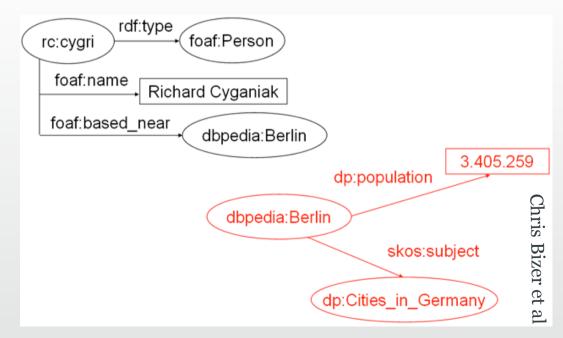
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More on RDF

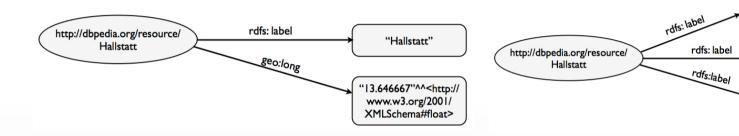


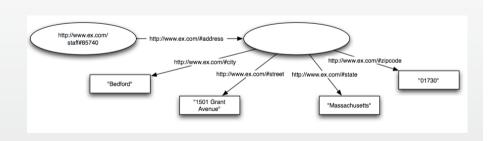
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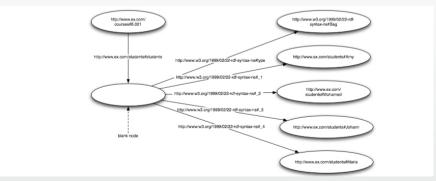
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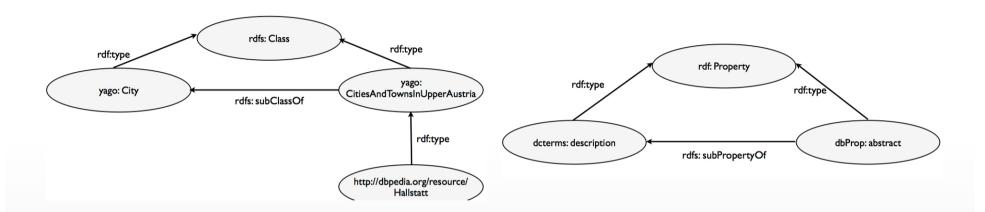




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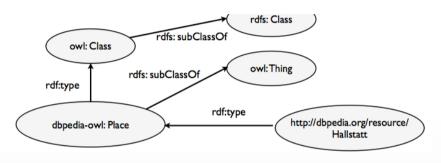


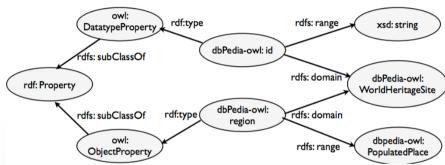
- classes and subclass relationships
- properties and subPropertyOf relationships
- no cardinality constraints on properties
- no inverse / transitive / symmetric properties
- no union / disjoint / enumeration classes

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Web Ontology Language OWL – more expressive





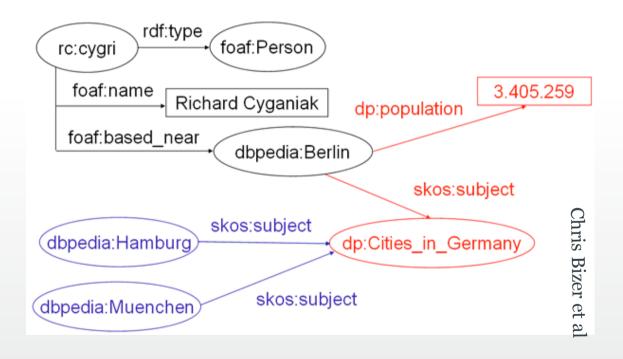


- Plus additional logical relations
- owl: inverseOf (e.g., hasChild inverseOf hasParent)
- owl: transitiveProperty (e.g., hasAncestor)
- owl: symmetricProperty (e.g., knows)
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- owl: intersectionOf (e.g., EmployedPerson =
 Person Intersection CorporateResources)
- owl: unionOf (e.g., NorthAmericanCitizen = USCitizen Union CanadaCitizen)
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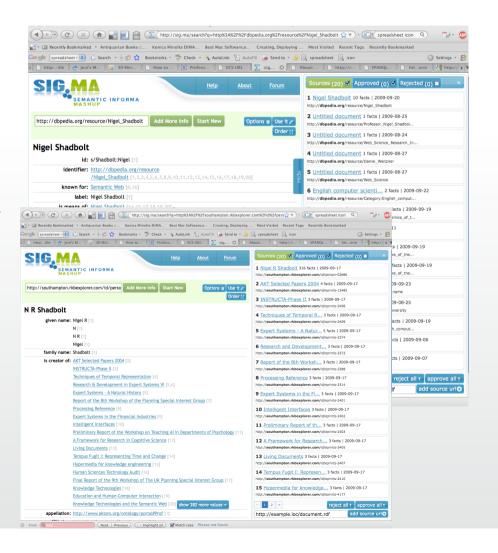
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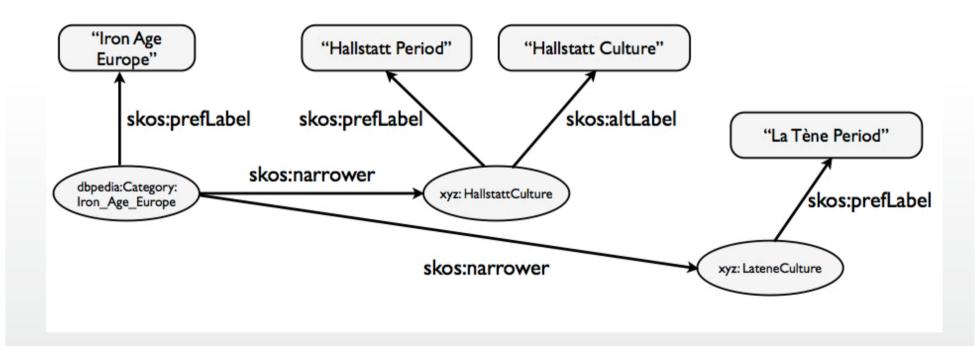
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Ontologies and Vocabularies e.g. SKOS





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Wikipedia as Data: DBpedia



- 2.9 million things
- > 282,000 persons
- 339,000 places
- 88,000 music albums
- 44,000 films
- 15,000 video games
- 119,000 organizations
- 130,000 species
- 4400 diseases.



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Credits Contact / Imprint DBpedia is a community effort to extract structured information from Wikipedia and to make this information available on the Web. DBpedia allows you to ask sophisticated queries against Wikipedia, and to link other data sets on the Web to Wikipedia data. We hope this will make it easier for the amazing amount of information in Wikipedia to be used in new and interesting ways, and that it might inspire new mechanisms for navigating, linking and improving the encyclopaedia itself.

News

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OKCon, now in its fifth year, is the interdisciplinary conference that brings together individuals from across the open knowledge spectrum (such as also DBpadia in panicular and Linked Open Data in general) for a day of presentations and workshops. Open knowledge promises significant social and economic benefits in a wide range of areas from governance [...]

The new year is slowly approaching and people start compiling their top x lists of 2009, with x usually ranging between 10 and 365. The popular Web technology blog ReadWriteWeb has chosen x with value 10 and picked DBpedia as one of their top Semantic Web products of 2009. Its actually the only non-commercial [...]

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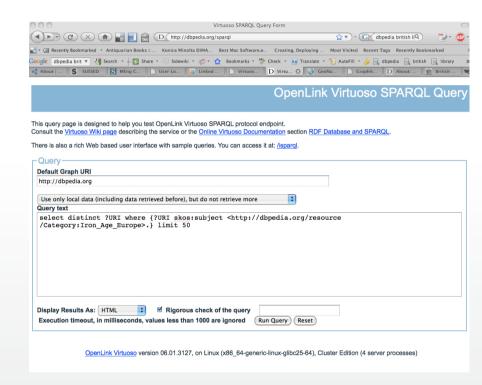
The DBpedia Knowledge Base

Knowledge bases are playing an increasingly important role in enhancing the intelligence of Web and enterprise search and in supporting information integration. Today, most knowledge bases cover only specific domains, are created by relatively small groups of knowledge engineers, and are very cost intensive to keep up-to-date as domains change. At the same time, Wikipedia has grown into one of the central knowledge sources of mankind, maintained by thousands of contributors. The DBpedia project leverages this gigantic source of knowledge by extracting structured information from Wikipedia and by making this information accessible on the Web under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-Sharefalke 3.0 License and the SNUT Free Pocumentation License.



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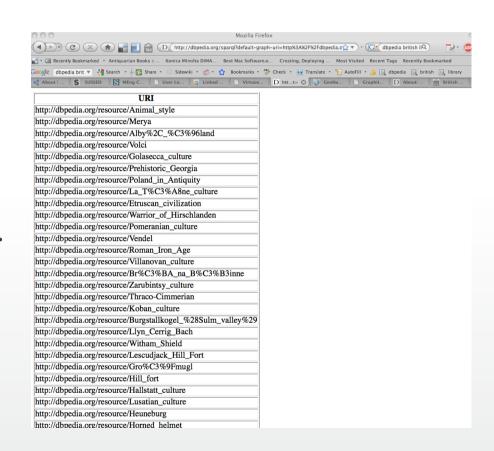
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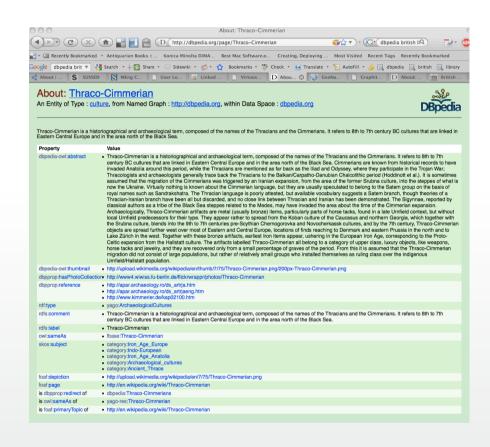
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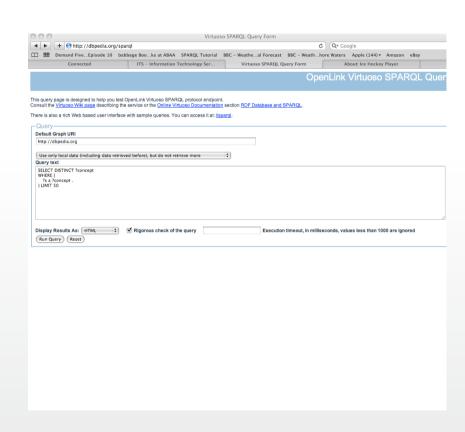


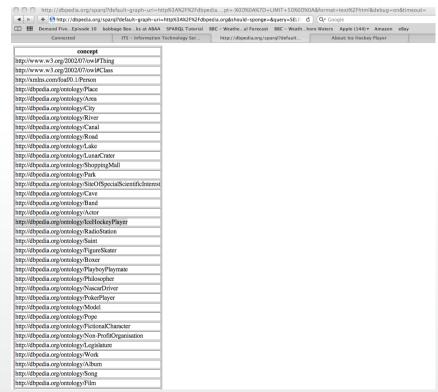
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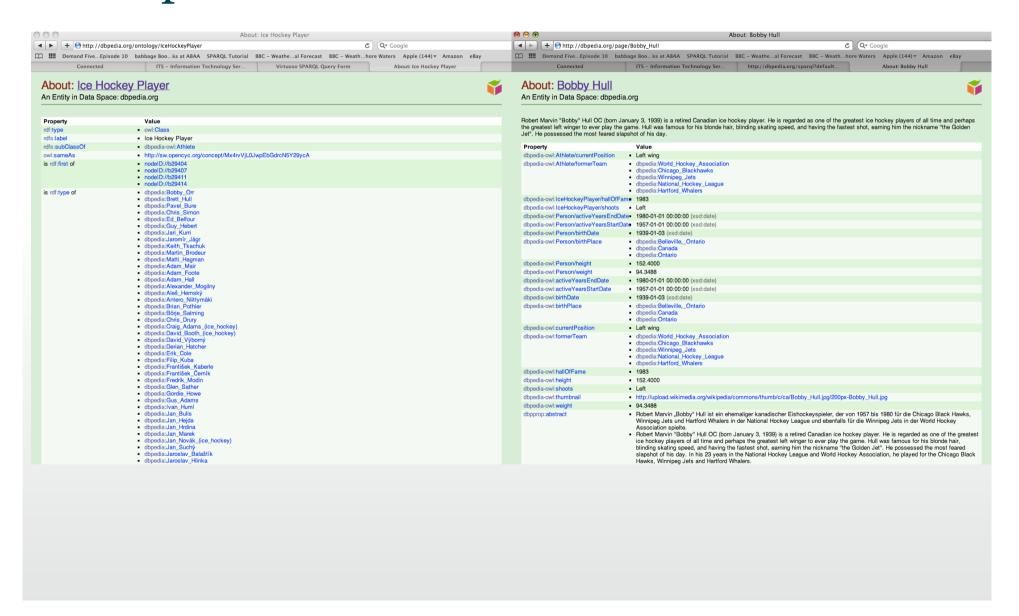






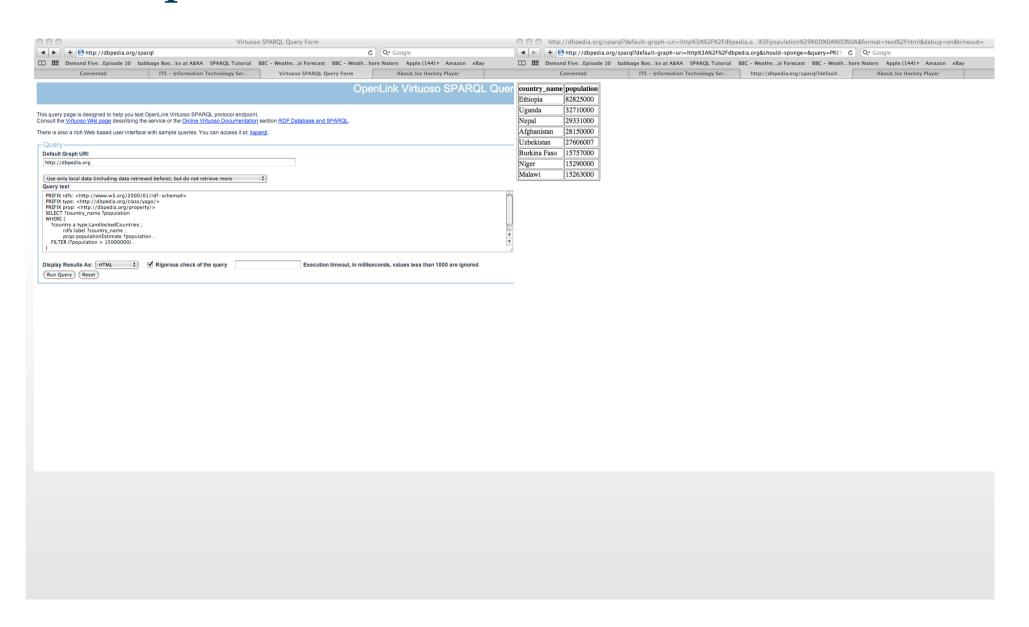


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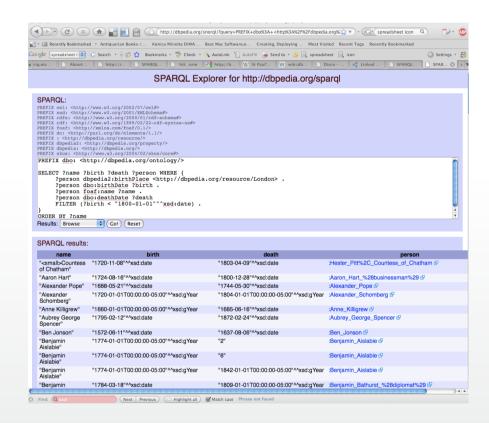


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Linked Data at Scale



Public Sector Information

MPDP Making Public Data Public

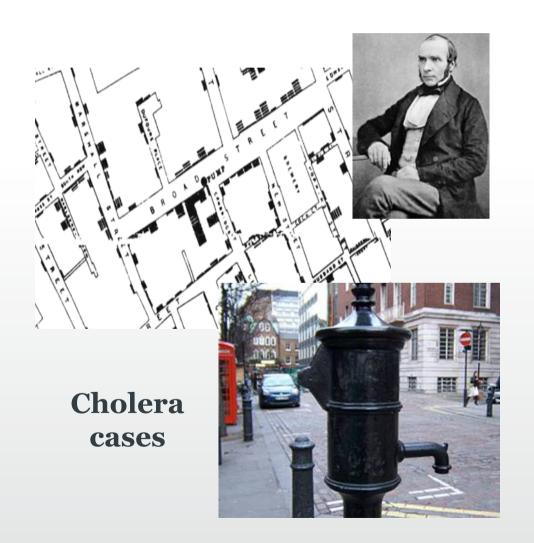


- Berners-Lee and Shadbolt
- HMG Information Advisors
- Context Pol Taskforce
- Previous work with OPSI
- Strategic Drivers
 - Transparency and accountability
 - Economic and Social Value
 - Public Service Improvement
 - New Industries New Jobs





The Power of Public Data





Bicycling traffic accidents



Key Elements of our ToR

- 1. Establish single point of access for all public UK datasets data.gov.uk
- 2. Specific proposals to implement and extend to wider public sector PSI principle
 - Select and implement common standards for release of public data
 - Select, develop and implement common terms for data where necessary
 - Develop licenses CC variants



Accomplishments

- Embodied Public Data Principles in Government
- Beta service launched data.gov.uk Jan 2010
 - Currently >3200 datasets including linked data
 - 2500 developer community
 - Open source and open standards
 - Self describing Catalogue
- Key data sets released and applications emerging
- New Crown Commons data licence
- Local Data Panel





- 1. Public data will be published in reusable, machine readable form
- 2. Public data will be available and easy to find through a single easy to use online access point data.gov.uk
- 3. Public data will be published using open standards and following the recommendations of the World Wide Web Consortium
- 4. Any 'raw' dataset will be represented in linked data form
- 5. More public data will be released under an open licence which enables free reuse, including commercial reuse
- 6. Data underlying the Government's own websites will be published in reusable form for others to use
- 7. Personal, classified, commercially sensitive and third-party data will continue to be protected.



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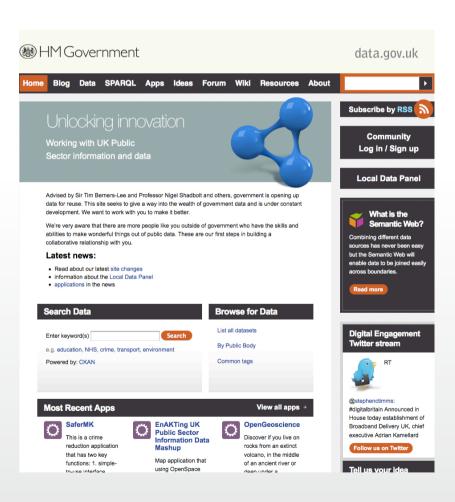
Coaltion Government's Commitment



- Prime Minister's letter on to Ministers on Transparency and Open Data
- Established Public Sector Transparency Board under Francis Maude members including Tom Steinberg, Tim Berners-lee and Nigel Shadbolt
- creating a powerful new right to government data, enabling the public to request and receive government datasets
- publishing data in open and standardised formats
- transforming the culture of the public sector from one that presumes secrecy to one that presumes datasets should be open and shared with the public on an ongoing basis.
- bringing in new measures to enable to public to scrutinise the government's accounts
- requiring public bodies to publish online job titles, salaries and expenses of senior staff
- publishing in full government contracts for good and services worth over £25,000
- making the performance of the NHS transparent by publishing information about the results that healthcare providers are achieving.
- applying these transparency principles to local government

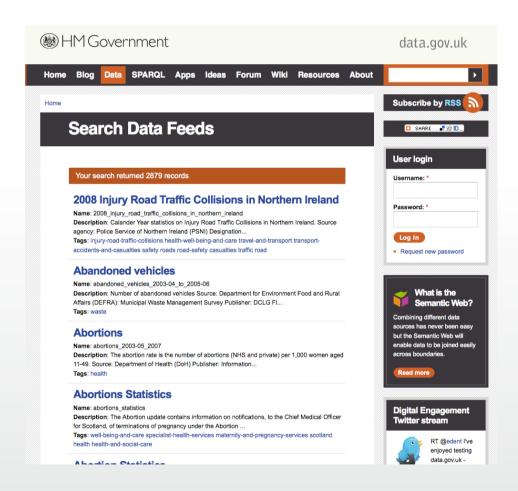






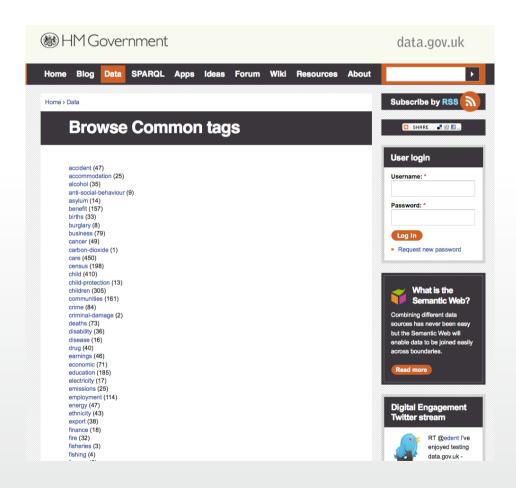






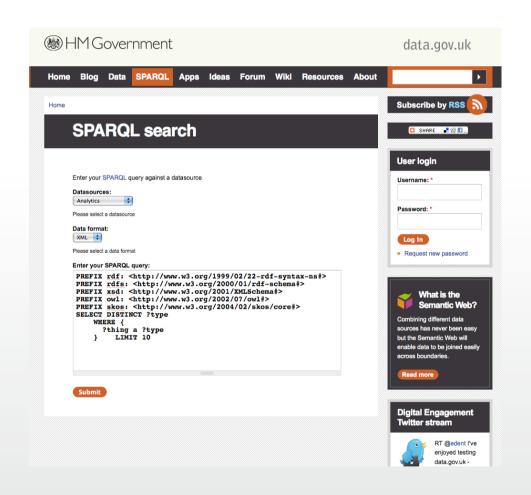






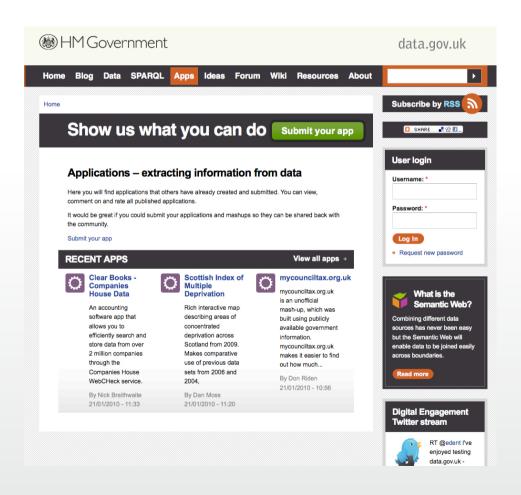


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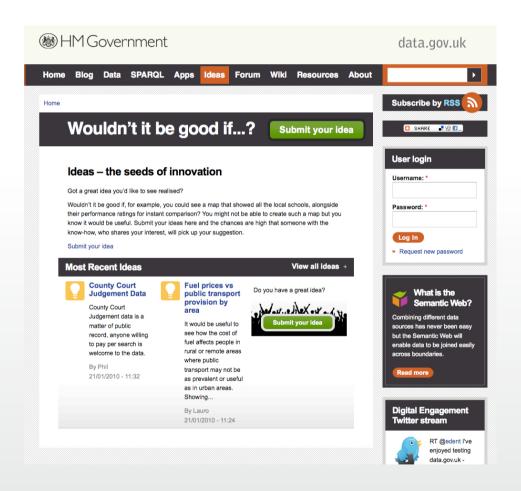














ASBOrometer



ASBOrometer is a mobile application that measures levels of anti-social behaviour at your current location (within England and Wales) and gives you access to key local ASB statistics.

ASBOrometer is available for iPhone and Android phones. Get it FREE from the iTunes App Store or Android Market now!

This app was created by Jeff Gilfelt and made possible by the data.gov.uk initiative, which is opening up UK government data for public reuse.









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UK Dentists



Find your nearest NHS dentist quickly and easily!

The National Health Service has over 7,500 dental surgeries across England but finding one can be a difficult and time consuming task. This app is based on data provided by the UK's Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)* and covers 99.4% of all registered NHS dental surgeries in England.

Search for an NHS dentist around your current location, or look for one in another area (where you may be moving to, or for a friend) via a simple place name or postcode search. Distances can be displayed in metric or imperial units (configured in the application preferences).

UK Dentists uses the built in GPS on the iPhone to get your current location, but can also locate an iPod Touch in built-up WiFi areas. If your location cannot be determined automatically then you can always enter your post code to get started. Please note that an internet connection is required to get location and map data.

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Application Screenshots

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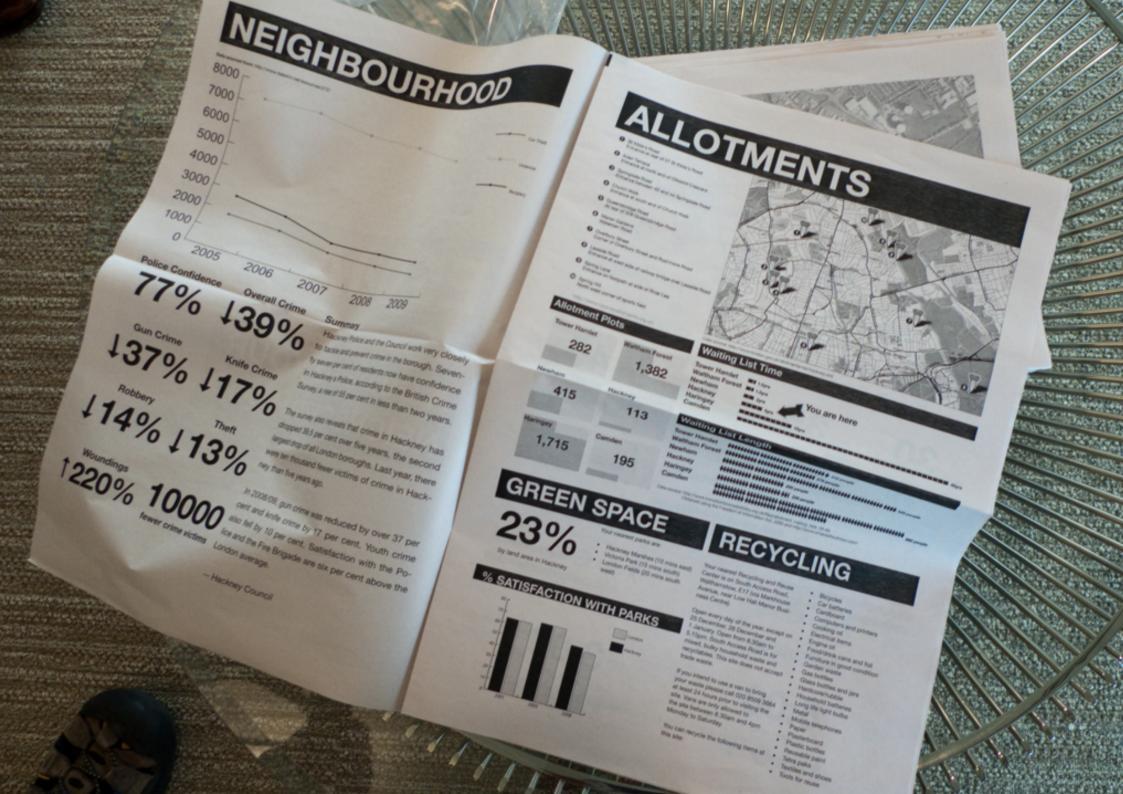






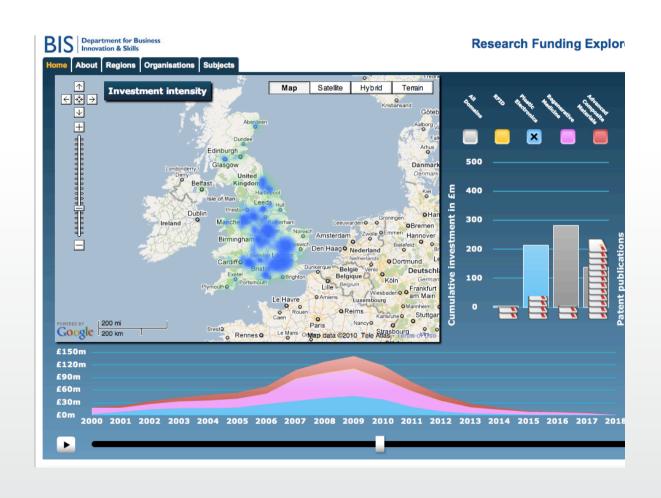


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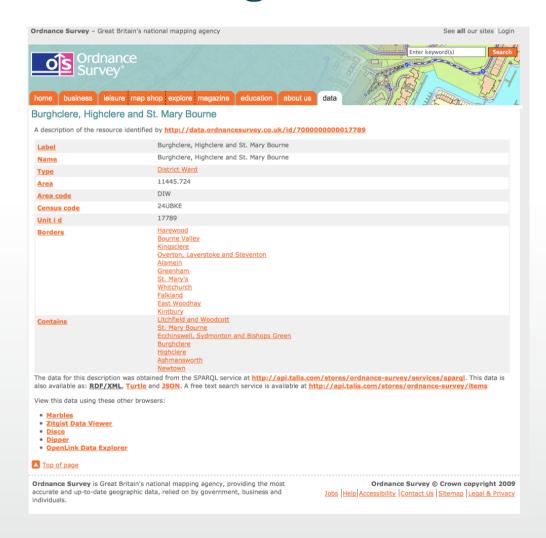


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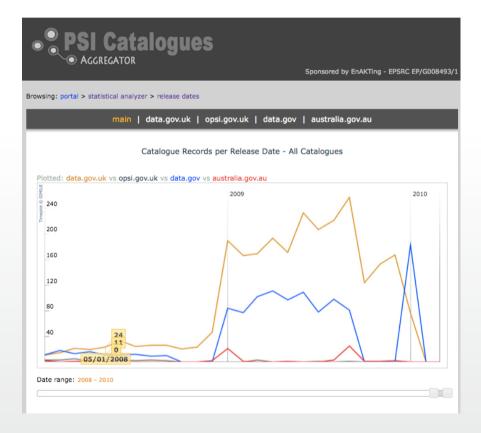






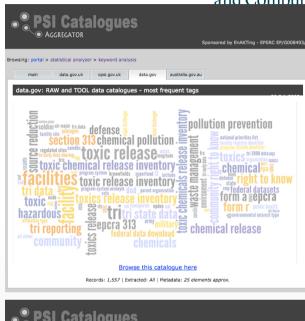
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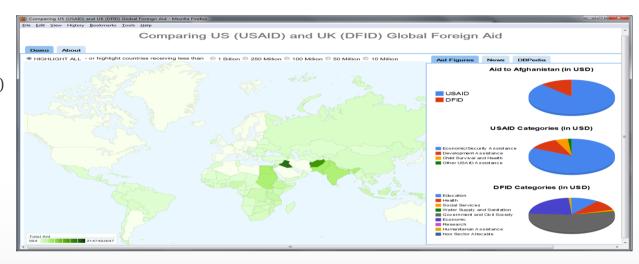




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Global Linked Data

This application presents a mashup of foreign aid data (represented in US Dollars) from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and UK Department for International Development (DFID) for the 2007 US Fiscal Year.



Users may retrieve foreign aid data for specific countries by clicking on a provided world map (shaded based on total combined contributions for USAID and DFID). Upon clicking on a desired country, three kinds of information are presented: Aid Figures, New York Times news, and wikipedia description.

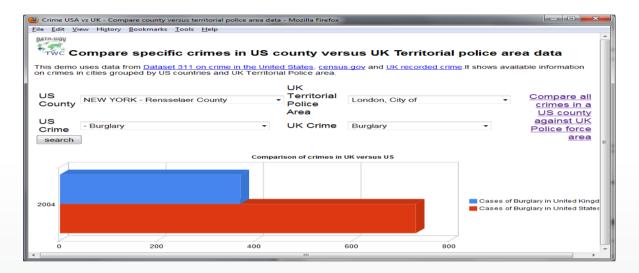
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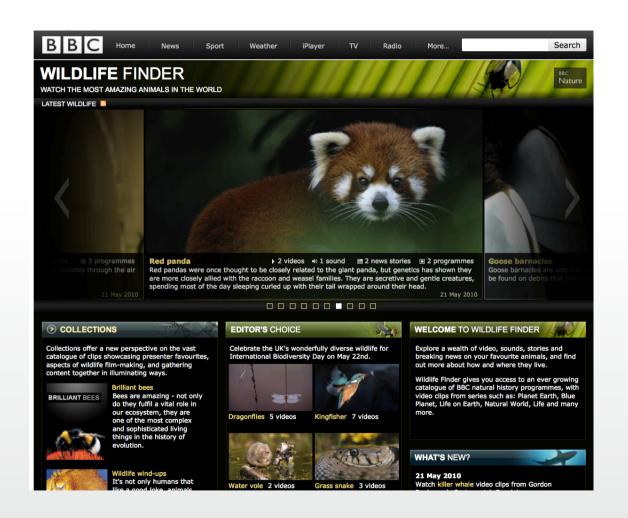
This demo uses data from <u>Dataset 311 on crime in the United States</u>, <u>census.gov</u> and <u>UK recorded crime</u>. It shows available information on crimes in cities grouped by US countries and UK Territorial Police area.



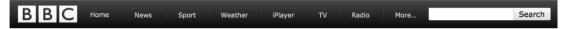


Media Linked Data – BBC









Wildlife Ontology

Latest Version http://purl.org/ontology/wo/

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Abstract

A simple vocabulary for describing biological species and related taxa. The vocabulary defines terms for describing the names and ranking of taxa, as well as providing support for describing their habitats, conservation status, and behavioural characteristics, etc

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This work is licensed under a <u>Creative Commons Attribution License</u>. This copyright applies to the *Wildlife Ontology* and accompanying documentation in RDF. This ontology uses W3C's <u>RDF</u> technology, an open Web standard that can be freely used by anyone.



Introduction

The Wildlife Ontology is a simple lightweight ontology for publishing data about all forms of biological taxa, including phyla, families, and species. The terms in this ontology allow data to be published about:

The relationships between taxa

Their associations with specific habitats, their mode of life, as well as their specific behaviours Whether a taxon is endangered according to the IUCN terms

Topic relations between web documents and multimedia objects that may feature a taxon

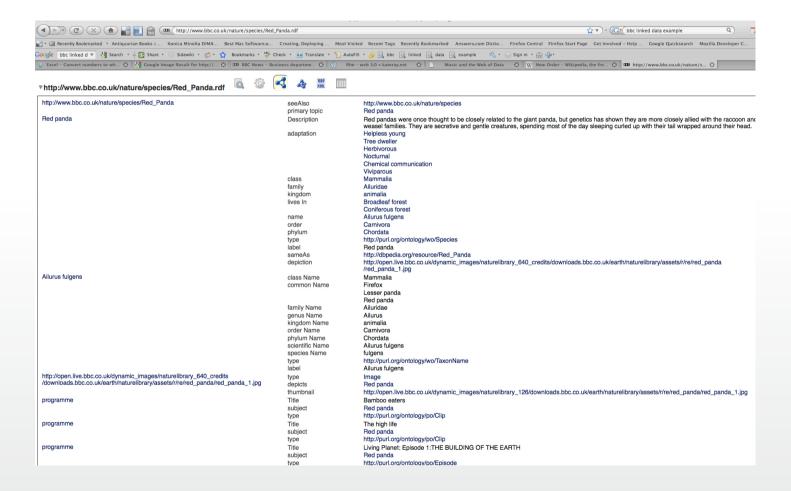
The Wildlife Ontology was originally designed to support the publishing of data from the BBC Wildlife Finder application. This application provides access to a rich set of information and data about biological species, as well as pointers to BBC broadcast output that relate to these topics. The ontology should therefore complement the existing Programmes Ontology for describing TV programmes.







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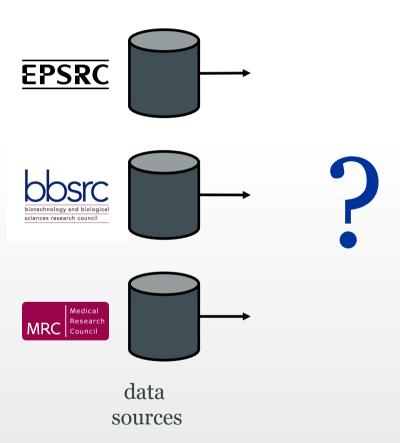




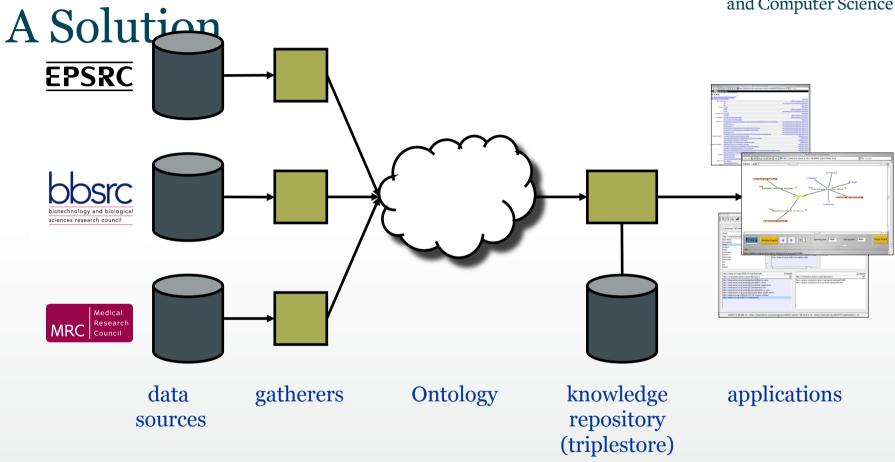
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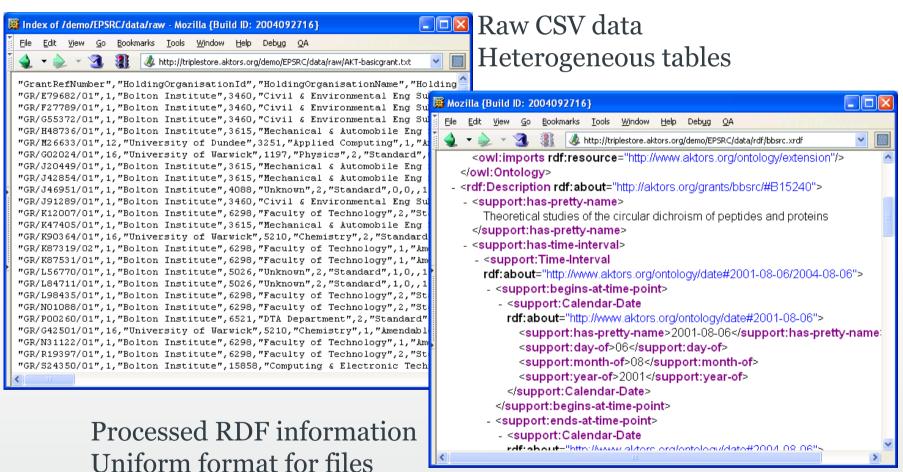








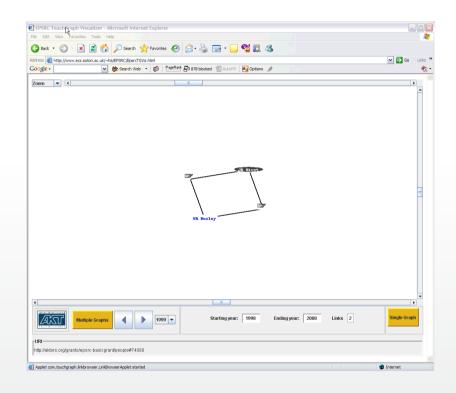
RDF Integration





An Application Service

- Relatively simple could yield real information integration and interoperability benefits
- Reuse was real but again lightweight
- Ontology winnowing needed





What this means for you

Web of Linked Data



- The Web of Linked Data will change
 - Government
 - Business
 - Cities
 - Universities
 - Libraries
 - :
- Exploitation of
 - open data
 - open standards
- Can apply to data intranets as well as extranets





Your Data Environment

- What data do you hold?
- What form is it in?
- Are there licenses that restrict its use
- Do there need to be?
- Can you easily exchange it?
- Can you publish it so that machines can use directly as data?
- What data do your clients/users/collaborators/external agents hold?
- Is information flow efficient?
- What data could you exploit that is out there?

How could YOU exploit YOUR data?



- Transparency
- Accountability
- Efficiency
- Economic value
- Social capital
- Marketing
- Apps for your data





Next steps

- A data Web strategy
- Catalogue your data environment
- Build a prototype or proof of concept
- We are here to help