Web 3.0 – The Web of Data for E-Commerce

RDF, OWL, GoodRelations, and Yahoo SearchMonkey

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Part I: What & Why?



Search for Suppliers, ca. 1992









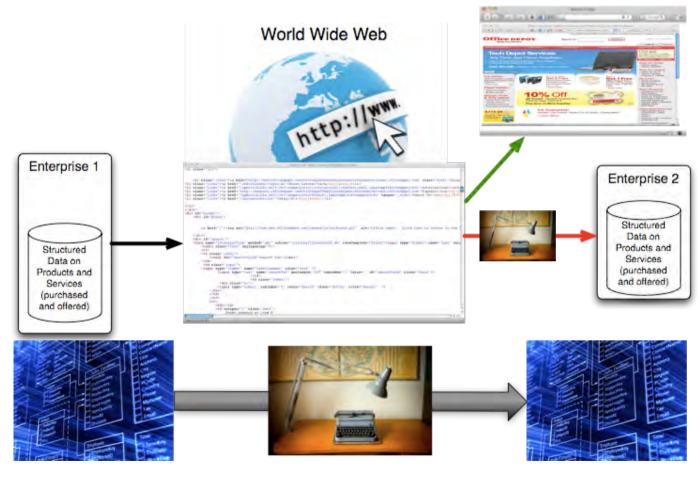
Search for Suppliers, 2009

Imagine we were looking for some solar panels to be installed in Frankfurt....





E-Commerce on the Web







The Web as a Bottleneck for Product Search

- Who sells solar panels with at least 12 A output?
- Who can repair my Sony TV set?
- Who sells Volkswagen cars?
- etc.

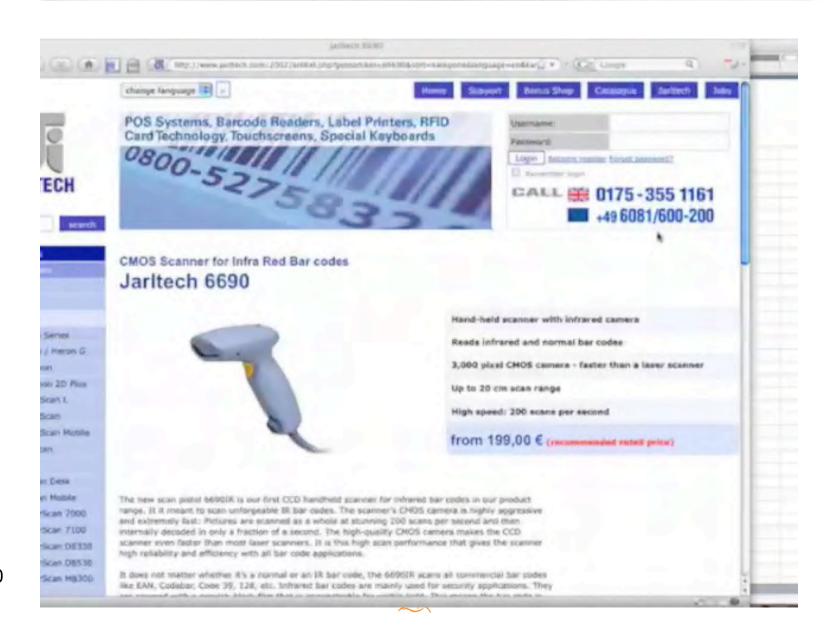




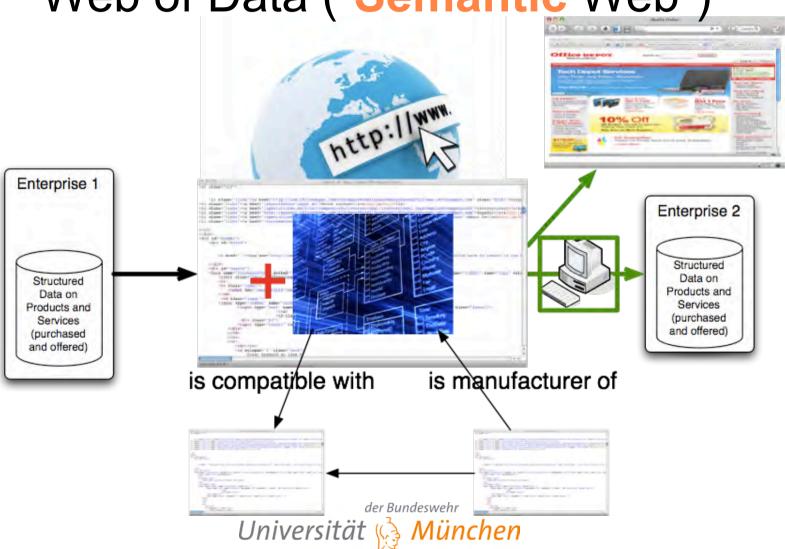
The Web as Bottleneck for Sharing Product Data

Image you want to extract product features from multiple Web pages...





Web of Data ("Semantic Web")

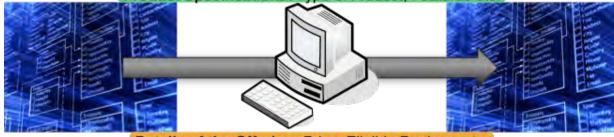


E-Commerce on the Web of Data ("Semantic Web")





Product Specifications: Type of Product, Features etc.



Details of the Offering: Price, Eligible Regions, etc.



Use Cases

- Commodity offers
- Services offers
- Product model data interchange







Core Semantic Web Technology Pillars

- URIs for everything
- RDF: A data model for exchanging conceptual graphs based on triples
 - Triple: (Subject, Predicate, Object)
 - Exchange Syntax: RDF/XML, N3, etc.
- RDFS and OWL: Formal languages for specifying the exact meaning of vocabularies
 - foo:human rdfs:subClassOf foo:mammal
- SPARQL: Standardized query language and endpoint interface for RDF data





Required Vocabularies for E-Commerce

- An vocabulary for product types and features
 - by function, usage, or nature
- An vocabulary for offer **specifications**
- An offer is basically a relation between
 - an agent,

 - a set of objects,
 a set of property rights,
 an audience, and

 - a set of terms and conditions.









eClassOWL and GoodRelations



GoodRelations

The Web Ontology for E-Commerce

eClassOWL
 foo:myTVSet instanceOf eclassowl:TVSet





foo:myTVSet





The GoodRelations Vocabulary

 A universal and free Web vocabulary for adding product and offering data to your Web pages.



- Compatible with all relevant W3C standards and recommendations
 - RDF
 - OWL

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The GoodRelations Vocabulary

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Why Should I Bother?

- Web Shops: Better visibility in latest generation of search engines (e.g. Yahoo)
 - Same holds for any business that has a Web page,
 from A as in Amusement Park to Z as in Zoo.
- Manufacturers: Allow your retailers to reuse product feature data with minimal overhead at both ends.
- Software Developers: Help your customers to use and generate Semantic Web data. It's easy!





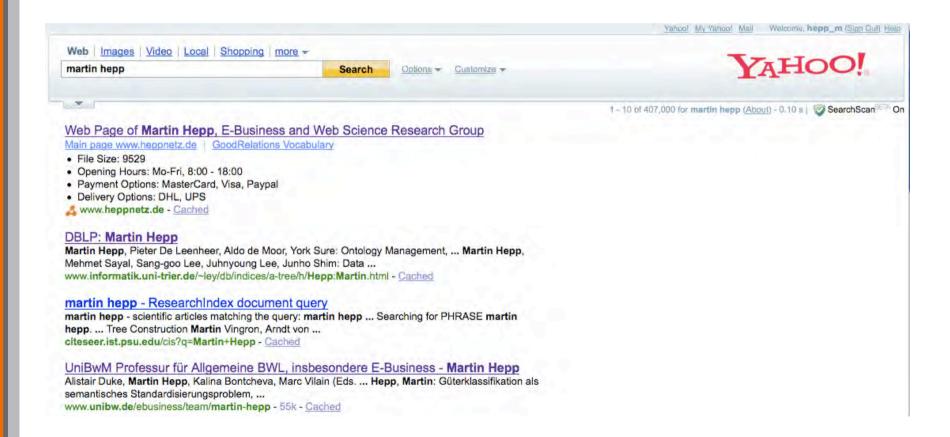
What Should I Do?

- Web Shops: Create a GoodRelations data dump of your range of offers (rather simple)
- Vendors of Web Shop Software: Create
 GoodRelations import and export interfaces (we can
 help you with that)
- Every Business: Ask your webmaster to create at least a basic description of your range of products or services
- Entrepreneurs: Invent new business models based on GoodRelations data





Yahoo Enhanced SearchMonkey





Yahoo Enhanced SearchMonkey

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Part I: How?

Methodology & Tools





Step-by-Step (1)

Data Sources

- Form-based data entry
- RDBMS
- XML, e.g. BMEcat
- CSV
- Google CSV, RSS 1.0, RSS 2.0

Amount of Detail and Data Model

- What shall be included?
- How shall the type of products be represented?

Data Delivery Options

- RDFa: Embedding Metadata in XHTML
- RDF/XML: Extra File
- dataRSS: Yahoo Feed Format



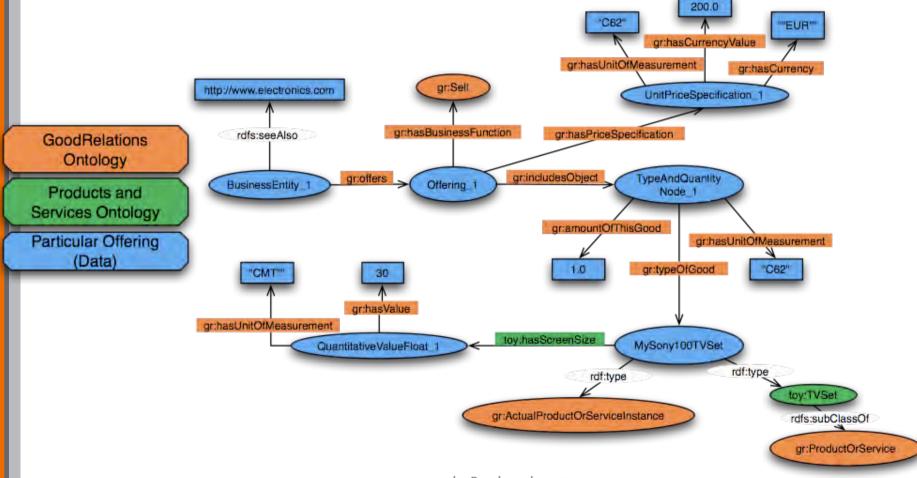


Step-by-Step (2)

- Update Mechanism & Data Management
 - PHP on demand
 - Script-based data dump
- Publishing the Data
 - Server Configuration
 - Notifying Semantic Web Crawlers, Yahoo,
 - Semantic Sitemaps
- Applications



Minimal Example



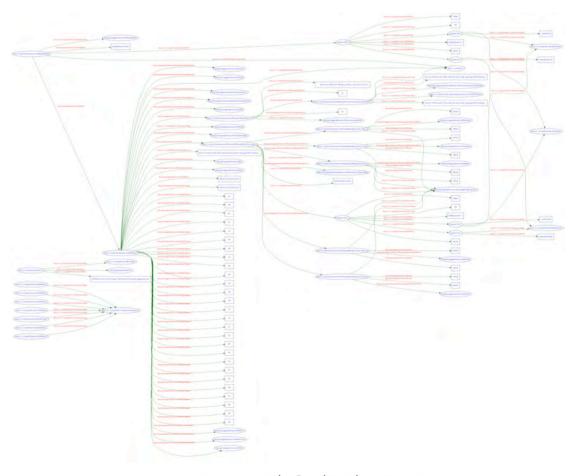
Mock-up: Augmenting ALTERNATE





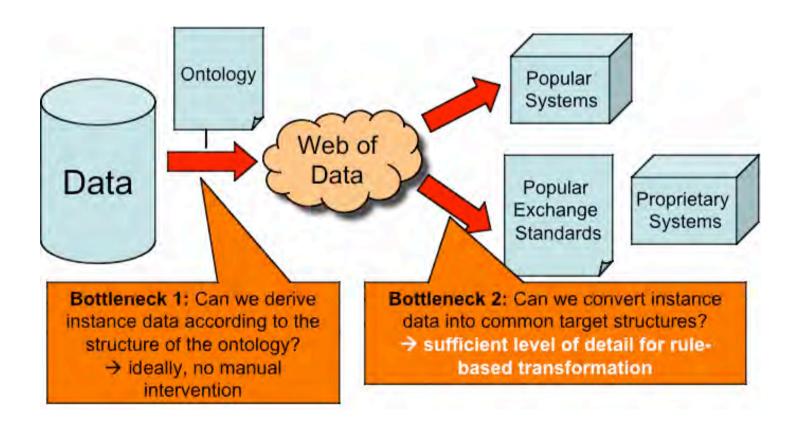


Realistic Graph



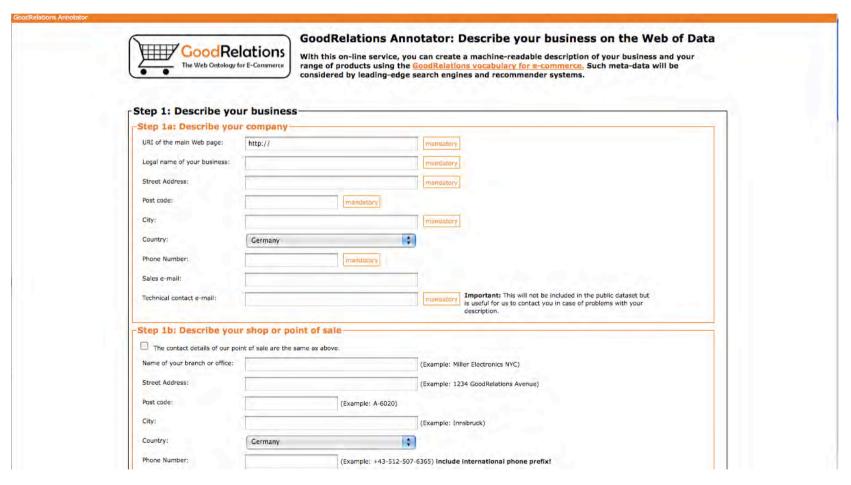


Data, Standards, Ontologies





GoodRelations Annotator



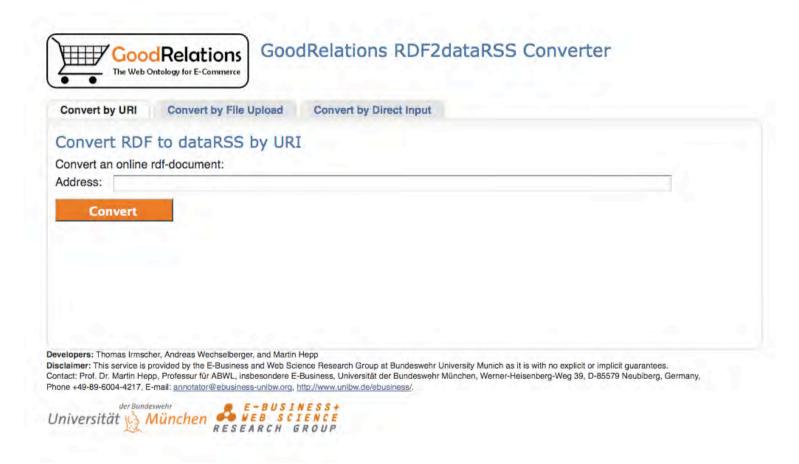


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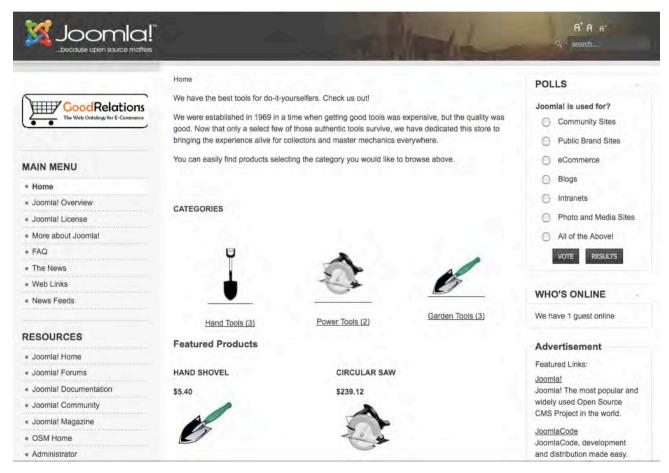


RDF2dataRSS Tool





Joomla/VirtueMart Extension

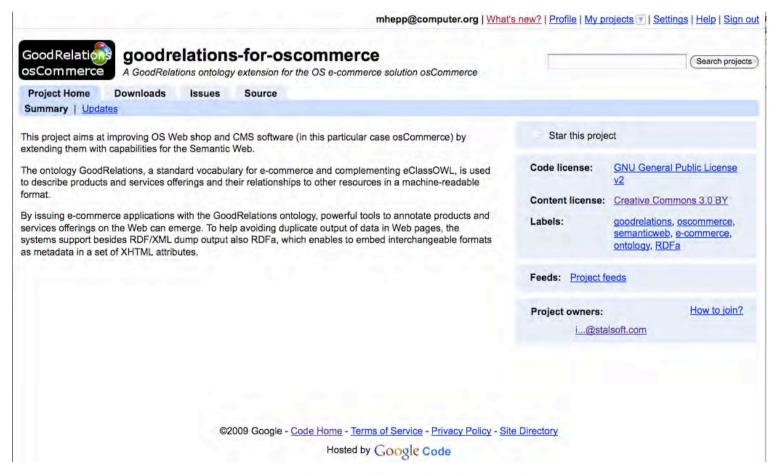








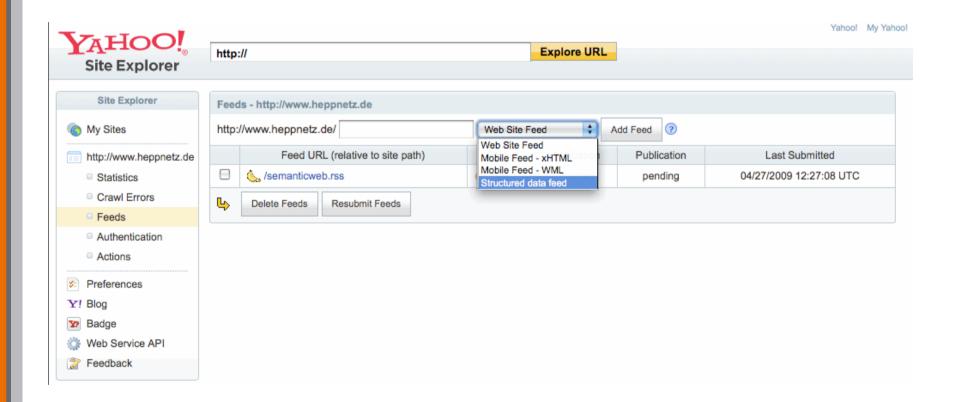
osCommerce Extension







Yahoo: Registering a Feed







Part III: Trends

Data Sets & Industry Pick-up





Others Do Care: Pick-up in Industry

- Smart Information Systems
- smart information systems

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- Yahoo! SearchMonkey
- Virtuoso Sponger Catridges for Amazon, eBay, and others expected
- Major German mail order companies
- etc.





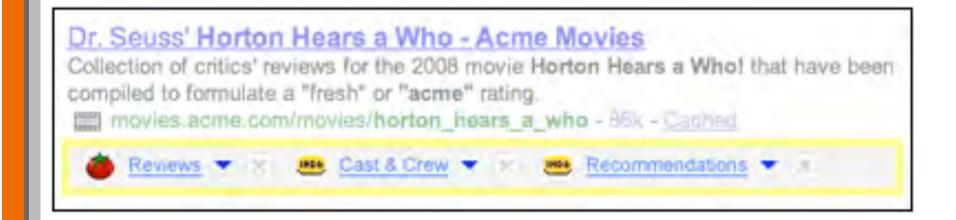


Yahoo SearchMonkey and BOSS





Yahoo: Infobar Formatting





GoodRelations Page Views



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Available or Upcoming Data Sets

- Product Model Data
 - 1,572,083 products, 532,364 data-sheets, 3,389 brands
 - 1,000,000 additional commodity master data items (EAN/UPC codes, labels, suppliers)
- Vendor and Business Location Data
- Large Vocabularies
 - eClassOWL: 30 k Classes, 5 k Attributes
 - unspscOWL
 - Construction Industry (freeClass)
- Offering Data from Shops and Shop Software





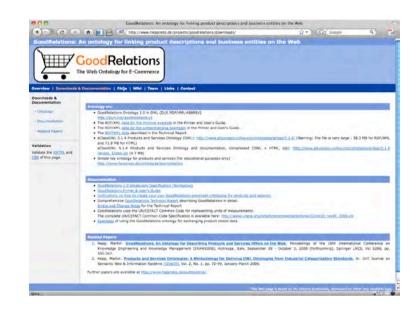
Upcoming Software

- Intershop Enfinity Export
- BMEcat2GoodRelations Converter
- Google Shopping Converter
- RDF2dataRSS Web Service & Python Bindings



Additional Information

- Web Page
 - Ontology
 - Language Reference
 - Primer
 - Recipes
 - Wiki



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