

Semi-Automatic Information and Knowledge Systems

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Merging & Integration and Exercises

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- Exercises
- Ontology Reuse
- Integration
- Merging
- Tools

- 15 topics are available:
different ontology mapping and merging tools (some with graphical interfaces) and related work
- Select one topic
either alone or together with another colleague
- Investigate and read the given references
- Search for additional material
- Test ontologies are available on the web:
<http://www.aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de/WBS/meh/foam/ontologies.htm>

- Prepare a 15 minutes talk (Deutsch or English)
- Teams prepare a 30 minutes talk
- Send the presentation material 10 days before your talk to ML
- Include the feedback and produce a final version of the presentation material
- Participate in the discussions



Framework for Ontology Alignment and Mapping

- University of Karlsruhe, Germany
- Fully or semi-automatically aligns two or more OWL ontologies
- Heuristics (similarity) of the individual entities (concepts, relations, and instances)
- Java application, web service and Protégé plug-in available



Resources:

- <http://www.aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de/WBS/meh/foam/>
- <http://www.aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de/WBS/meh/publications/ehrig04similarityPAKM.pdf>
- <http://sunsite.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS/Vol-156/paper11.pdf>
- <http://www.moemais.ufam.edu.br/plugin.php>
- <http://protege.stanford.edu/download/download.html>
- <http://sunsite.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS//Vol-156/paper11.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Run FOAM with the tourism ontologies (application, web service, and plug-in)
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

Manage multiple ontologies

- Stanford University, CA, USA
- Plug-in for Protégé
- Manages ontologies: map, compare, merge, move, extract
- Creates visual representations of the differences between two versions of an ontology

Resources:

- <http://protege.stanford.edu/plugins/prompt/prompt.html>
- <http://smi.stanford.edu/smi-web/reports/SMI-2003-0973.pdf> Chisel logo
- <http://www.thechiselgroup.org/promptviz>
- <http://protege.stanford.edu/download/download.html>

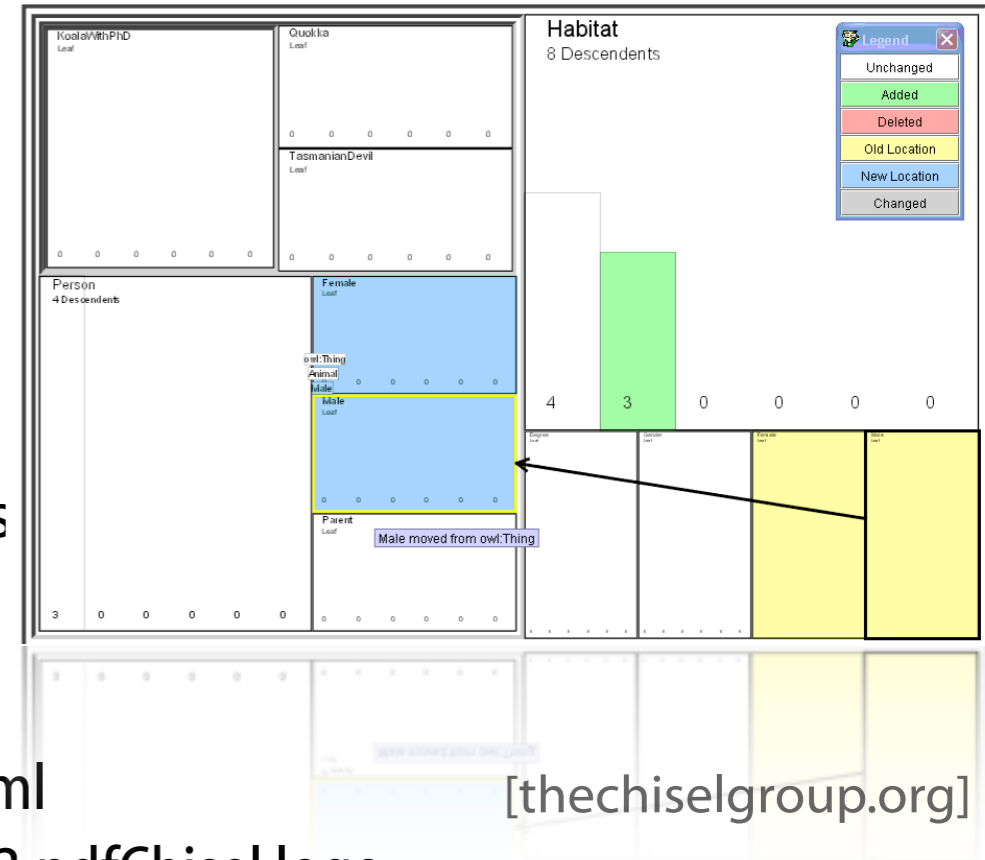
Deliverables:

- Install Protégé and test PROMPT and PROMPTViz
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is the PROMPT suite? What is PromptViz?

How do they work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of both tools.



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- Visual representation

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- <http://protege.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?PluginsForPrompt>
- <http://www.cs.uvic.ca/~seanf/cogz/cogz.html>
- <http://protege.stanford.edu/download/download.html>

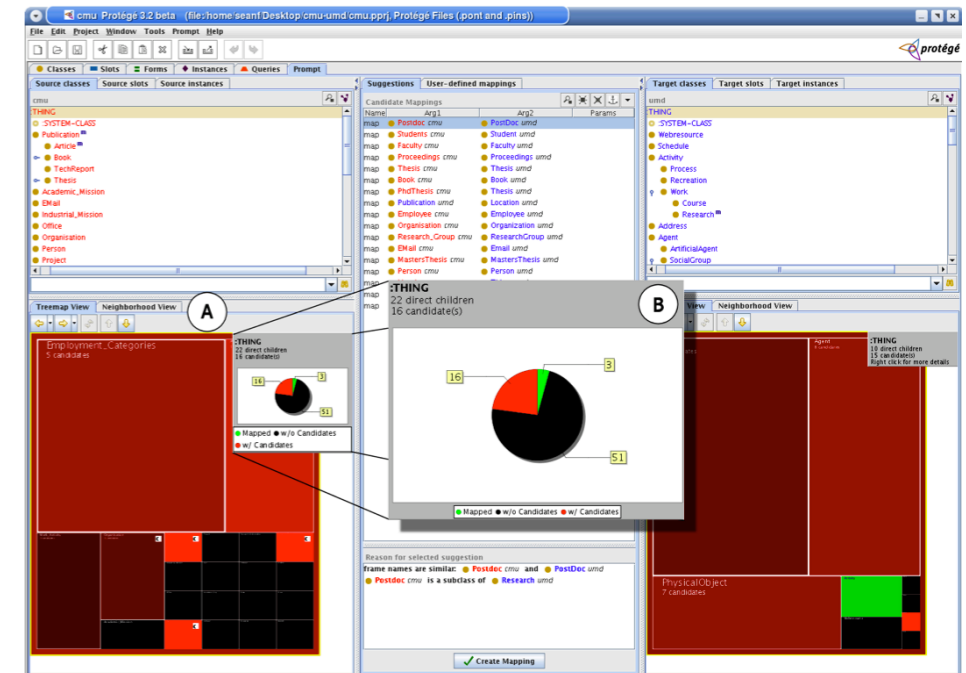
Deliverables:

- Install Protégé and run the CogZ Plug-in
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is Prompt? What is CogZ? How to develop plug-ins for Prompt?

How does CogZ work in principle and in practice? What is the benefit of the visualization?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.



[Sean Falconer]

Risk Minimization based Ontology Mapping

- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- Maps entities (n:1, 1:null, null:1, and 1:1)
- Each entity e_{i1} (O_1) can be classified to one 'class' e_{i2} (O_2).
- Classification as a special case of Bayesian decision problem
- loss function
- Find minimal risk for each sample

Resources:

- <http://keg.cs.tsinghua.edu.cn/project/RiMOM/>
- <http://www.websemanticsjournal.org/ps/pub/showDoc.Fulltext/document.pdf?lang=en&doc=2006-2&format=pdf&compression=>
- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/17-RiMOM-OAEI'06.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Install and run RiMOM
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is RiMOM? How does it work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool. Outline an application scenario.

OWL Lite Alignment, VisOn

- University of Montreal, Canada
- Java tool for ontology alignment
- Graph-based approach to represent ontologies



Resources:

- <http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/%7Eowlola/userguide.html>
- <http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/%7Eowlola/pdf/align-compet-EON.pdf>
- <http://sunsite.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS//Vol-156/paper15.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Install the relevant tools
 - Search for additional material / literature
 - Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation
- What is VisOn? How is the alignment done? What is the benefit of the visualization?
How does OLA works in principle and in practice?
Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Supports users in creating and maintaining distributed ontologies on the web

- Stanford University, CA, USA
- Merging multiple ontologies
- Diagnosing individual or multiple ontologies

Resources:

- <http://ksl.stanford.edu/software/chimaera/>
- <http://www.ksl.stanford.edu/people/dlm/papers/kr2000-camera-ready-copy-withcitation.doc>

Deliverables:

- Install and run Chimaera
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is Chimaera?

How does it work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Is there ongoing work or is it outdated?



Automatic ontology matching tool

- Southeast University, Nanjing, China
- For OWL Lite/DL ontologies (schema-level)
- Three matchers integrated in Falcon-AO:
V-Doc, String (includes edit distance and I-Sub) and GMO + PBM for large-scale ontologies (partition-based block matching).

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/11-Falcon-OAEI'06.pdf>
- <http://xobjects.seu.edu.cn/project/falcon/matching/resources.html>
- <http://xobjects.seu.edu.cn/project/falcon/pub/Falcon-AO%20-%20Aligning%20Ontologies%20with%20Falcon.pdf>
- <http://sunsite.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS//Vol-156/paper13.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Install Falcon-AO and run it
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation
What is Falcon-AO?
How does it work in principle and in practice?
Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Schema and Ontology Matching



- University Leipzig, Germany
- Identifies semantic correspondences between metadata structures or models such as database schemas, XML message formats, and ontologies
- Graphical interface

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/9-coma-OAEI'06.pdf>
- <http://dbs.uni-leipzig.de/file/comaplusplus.pdf>
- http://dbs.uni-leipzig.de/Research/coma_index.html
- <http://dbs.uni-leipzig.de/Research/coma.html>

Deliverables:

- Install COMA++ and run it
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation
 - What is COMA++? What is the benefit of the graphical interface?
 - How does it work in principle and in practice?
 - Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.
 - Outline an application scenario.

Automating Ontology Mapping through Synthesis of Approaches

- University of the Aegean, Samos, Greece
- Integrates several matching methods: lexical, semantic and structural
- Based on HCONE-merge and COCLU (COmpression-based CLUstering))
- Concepts, instances and properties are investigated for similarity

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/8-automs-OAEI'06.pdf>
- http://www.icsd.aegean.gr/incosys_old/Projects/AUTOMS/OAEI/
- <http://www.websemanticsjournal.org/ps/pub/showDoc.Fulltext/document.pdf?lang=en&doc=2005-33&format=pdf&compression=>
- <http://www.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/~mlanzenberger/teaching/WS0607/SAIKS/stuff/automs.zip>

Deliverables:

- Install and run AUTOMS
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation
What is AUTOMS? Describe the different matching methods.
How does AUTOMS work in principle and in practice?

Framework for Ontology Alignment and Mapping

- Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice, Poland
- Java Tool for OWL DL ontologies
- Uses WordNet as a source of lexical and domain knowledge
- Maps classes and properties

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/15-OWL-CtxMatch-OAEI'06.pdf>
- <http://www-zo.iinf.polsl.gliwice.pl/~niedbyk/oeai2006/>
- For more information on the installation procedure ask ML

Deliverables:

- Install and run OWL-CTXMatch
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is CTX-Match? What is OWL-CTXMatch?

How does OWL-CTXMatch work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Formal Concept Analysis

- Merges ontologies bottom-up based on common instances
- Concepts are generated, explored and transformed to the merged ontology

Resources:

- <http://www.aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de/WBS/gst/papers/2001/IJCAI01.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides for your short presentation
 - What is FCA-Merge?
 - How does it work in principle?
 - Describe strengths and shortcomings of this approach.
 - Outline an application scenario.

CROSI Mapping System

- University of Southampton, UK & Hewlett Packard Laboratories
- Uses name matchers (e.g. WordNet) and semantic matchers (structure- and intension-aware)
- Identifies corresponding entities

Resources:

- <http://www.aktors.org/crosi/deliverables/downloads/>
- <http://www.aktors.org/crosi/deliverables/pdfs/kcap05kh.pdf>
- <http://www.aktors.org/crosi/>
- <http://eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/11717/01/crosi-final-report.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Install and run CMS
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is CMS?

How does it work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Framework for automatically aligning OWL ontologies

- ISTI-Italian National Research Council, Pisa, Italy
- Identifies mapping candidates together with their weights
- Uses different classifiers to estimate the quality of a mapping

Resources:

- <http://homepages.cwi.nl/~troncy/>
- <http://ftp.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS/Vol-156/paper14.pdf>
- <http://faure.isti.cnr.it/~straccia/download/papers/SWAP05/SWAP05.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Install and run oMap
- Search for additional material / literature
- Prepare slides and a demo for your short presentation

What is oMap? Which classifiers are applied?

How does it work in principle and in practice?

Describe strengths and shortcomings of the tool.

Outline an application scenario.

Exploiting the structure of background knowledge used in ontology matching

Zharko Aleksovski, Warner ten Kate, and Frank van Harmelen

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/2-Aleksovski-TP-OM'06.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Search for relevant additional material / literature
- Prepare slides for your short presentation
 - Why should we use background knowledge?
 - Discuss the results of the paper: Describe strengths and shortcomings.
 - Outline an application scenario.

Towards understanding the needs of cognitive support for ontology mapping

Sean M. Falconer, Natalya F. Noy, and Margaret-Anne Storey

Resources:

- <http://www.dit.unitn.it/~p2p/OM-2006/3-Falconer-TP-OM'06.pdf>

Deliverables:

- Search for relevant additional material / literature
- Prepare slides for your short presentation
How can we support the ontology mapping process? How to apply visualization methods?
Discuss the results of the paper: Describe strengths and shortcomings of current user interfaces.

- Exercises
- **Ontology Reuse**
- Integration
- Merging
- Tools

An ontology is a tuple:

$$O := (C, H_C, R_C, H_R, I, R_I, A)$$

Combining ontologies O_1 and O_2 is done by:

Merging
Integration

Ontology Reuse

Mapping
Alignment

Ontology Matching

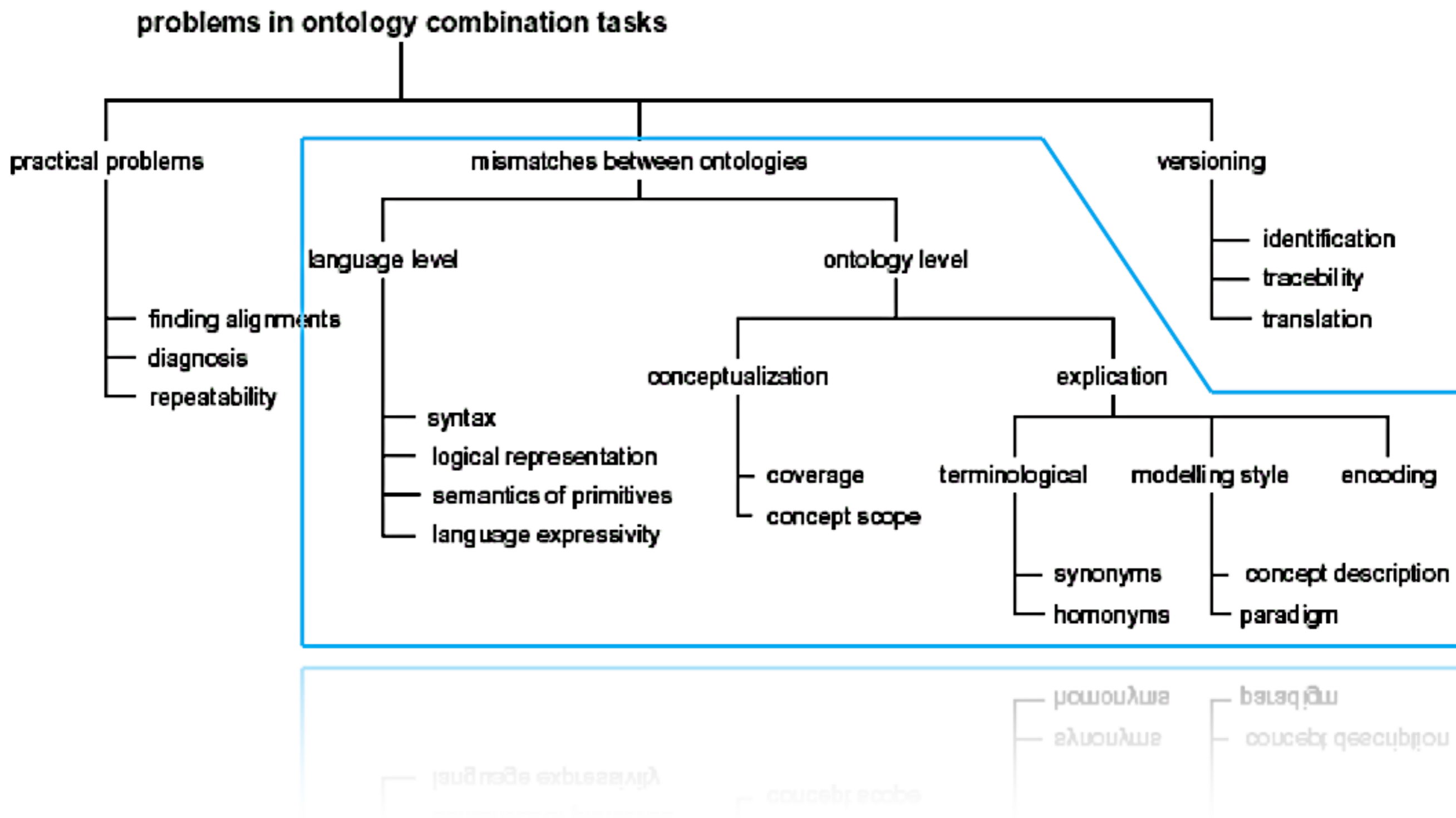
Ontology are artifacts shared by different applications

- Create common ontologies
- Extend them for specific domains and applications
- Using same top-level ontology alleviates reuse problems

However, combination problems need to be solved ...

Typical problems when combining ontologies:

- Practical Problems
- Mismatches between ontologies (or entities)
- Synchronization of the changes made to source ontologies (Versioning)



Syntax (e.g., Class definition):

- `<rdfs:Class ID = "Car">` (RDF Schema)
- `(defconcept Car)` (LOOM)

Logical Representation (e.g., representing disjointness):

- `disjoint A B`
- `A subclass of (NOT B), B subclass-of (Not A)`

Semantics of primitives e.g., same name but different meanings:

- several interpretations of `A equalTo B`

Expressivity: which notions can be expressed (e.g., negation, quantification etc.)

Conceptualization mismatches:
difference in the way a domain is interpreted
(conceptualized), which results in different ontological
concepts or different relations between those concepts.

- Model coverage and granularity:
mismatch in the part of the domain that is covered by the
ontology, or the level of detail to which that domain is modeled
e.g., one vehicle ontology might model cars but not trucks
- Scope:
two classes seem to represent the same concept, e.g. employee is
described differently depending on the scope

Explication: difference in the way the conceptualization is specified.

Terminological

- Synonym terms: same thing is represented by different names
- Homonym terms: same term has different meanings depending on the context

Modeling style

- Paradigm:
Different paradigms can be used to represent time, action, plans, causality, etc.
E.g., time interval versus point
- Concept description:
several choices can be made for the modeling of concepts, e.g.,
dissertation < book < scientific publication < publication
dissertation < scientific book < book < publication
or as subclass of both book and scientific publication

Encoding, different formats and different languages

- date dd/mm/yyyy or mm-dd-yy
- miles or kilometers
- Deutsch or English

Two different types of ontology reuse...

merging:

- building an ontology in one subject reusing two or more different ontologies on that subject
- sources are unified into a single one
- it can be difficult to identify unchanged regions
- truly different ontologies, not simple revisions, improvements or variations of the same ontology

integration:

- building an ontology in one subject reusing one or more ontologies in different subjects
- source ontologies are aggregated, combined, assembled together
- possibly after reused ontologies were changed (extension, specialization or adaptation)
- identification of unchanged regions taken from source ontologies is easier
- integration is more complex than merging

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Integration process takes place along the entire ontology building life cycle

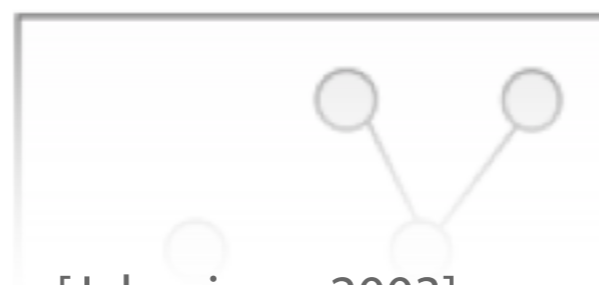
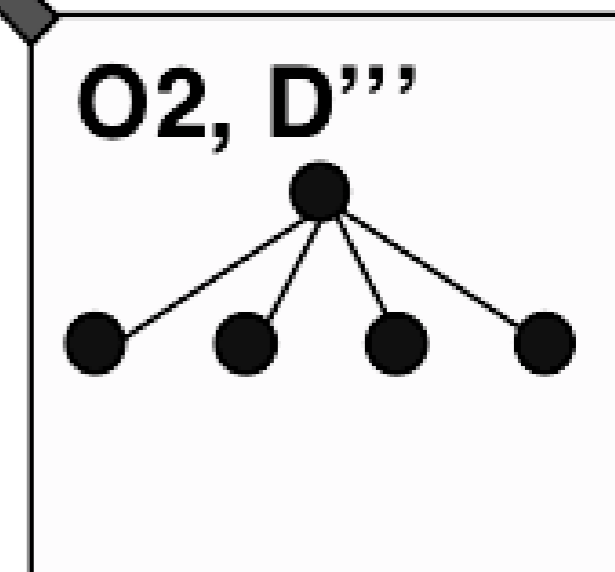
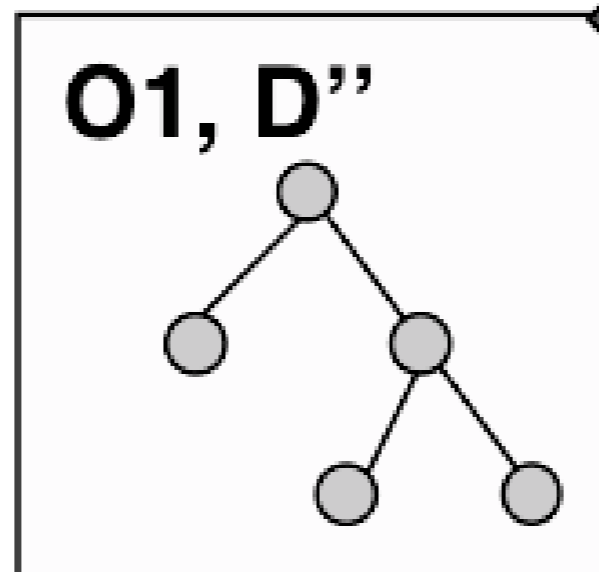
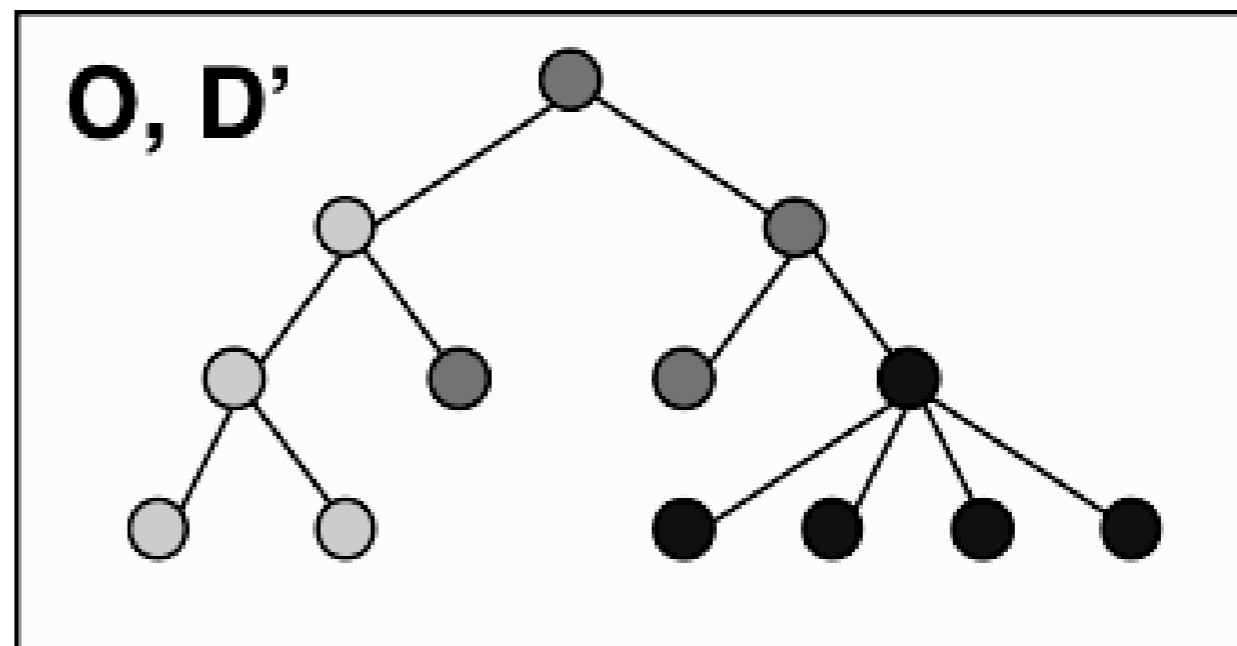
METHONTOLOGY

Stages of the building process:

- Specification
- Conceptualization
- Formalization
- Implementation
- Maintenance

...integration should begin as early as possible.

Different ontologies:
 $O, O_1,$ and O_2
Different domains:
 $D', D'',$ and D'''



[Jakoniene 2003]



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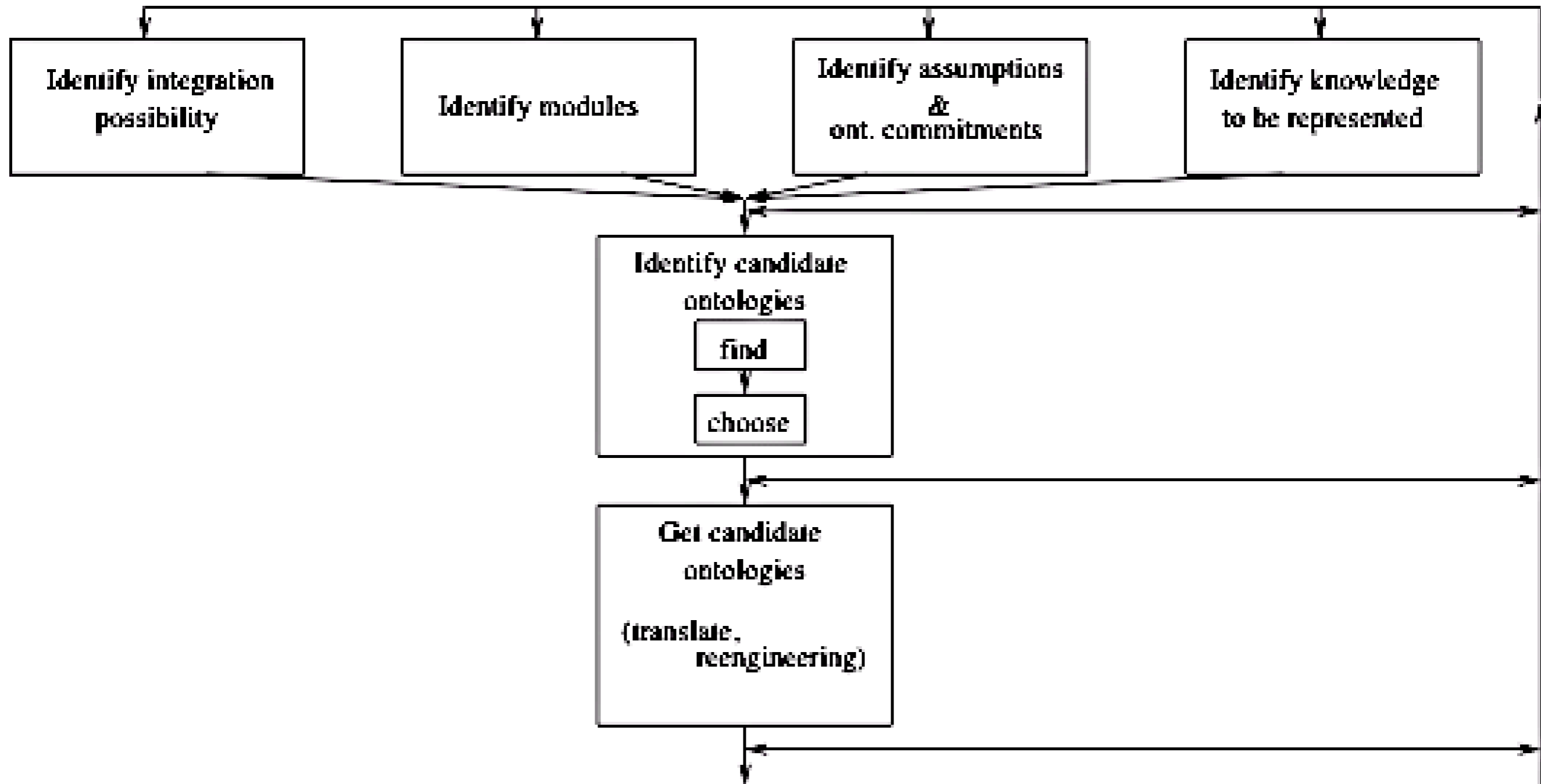
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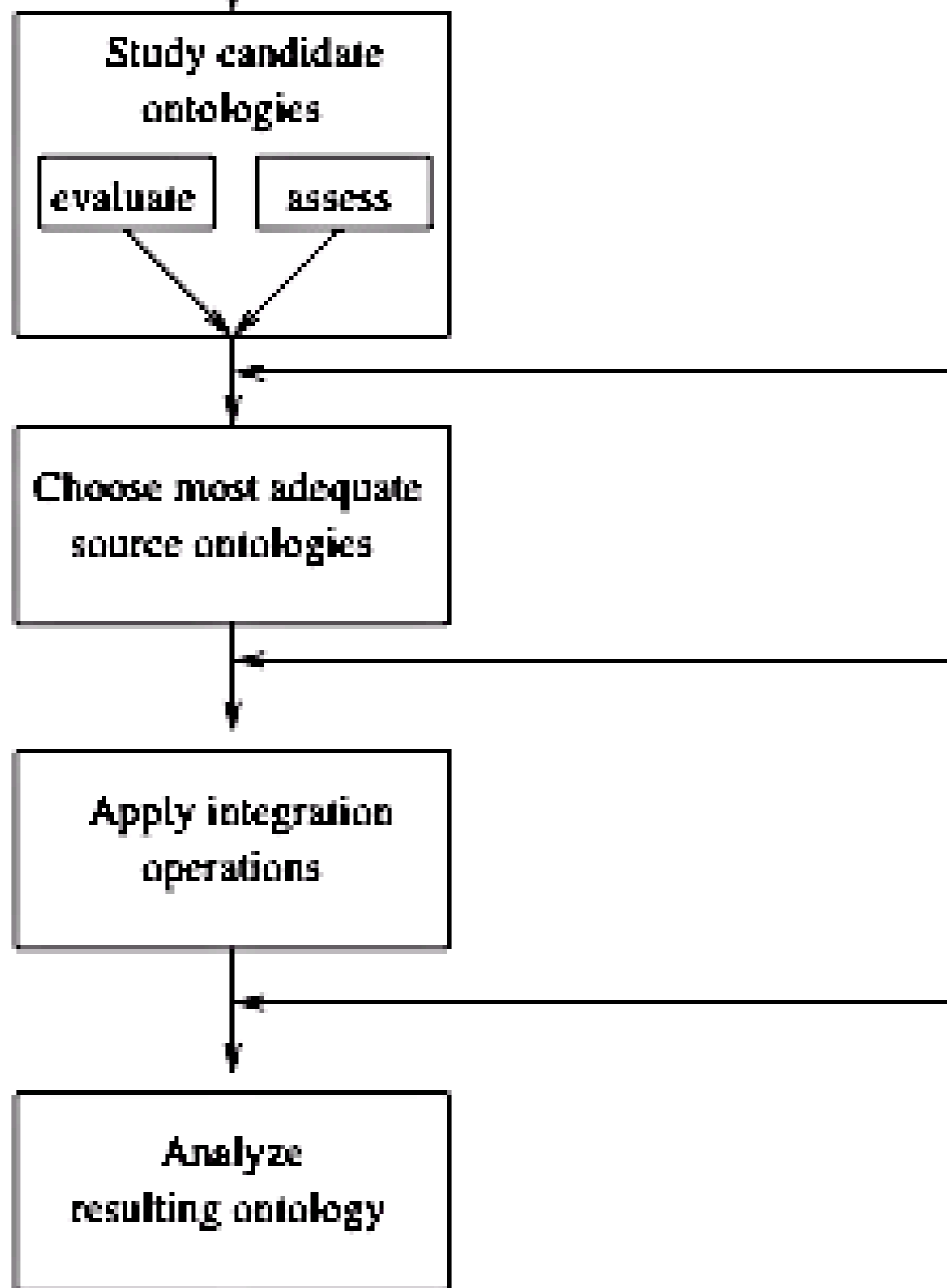
...the possibility of integration

...the modules of the ontology

...the assumptions and ontological commitments for the ontology and each module

...what knowledge should be represented in each module





[Pinto and Martins 2000]

Basic requirements:

- appropriate domain
- is the ontology available?
- formalism paradigms in which the ontology is available
- main assumptions and ontological commitments
- main concepts represented

Additional criteria:

- where is the ontology available?
- at what level is the ontology available?
- what kind of documentation is available
- where is the documentation available?

Domain experts evaluate the ontologies in terms of:

- what knowledge is missing (concepts, classification criteria, relations, etc),
- what knowledge should be removed,
- which knowledge should be relocated,
- which knowledge sources changes should be performed,
- which documentation changes should be performed,
- which terminology changes should be performed,
- which definition changes should be made,
- which practices changes should be made

Ontology engineers assess the ontologies in terms of:

- the overall structure of the ontology
- appropriateness classification criteria
- the relation used to structure knowledge
- the naming convention rules
- the quality of the definitions, such as using unified patterns, simple, clear, concise, consistent, complete, correct —semantically and syntactically—, precise and accurate
- the quality of the documentation
- appropriateness and completeness of the knowledge pieces (entities) represented or included

Taxonomy of features in the **first** stage:

General

- Generality
- Formality
- Development status

Development

Content

Taxonomy of features in the **first** stage:

General

Development

- **Knowledge acquisition**
 - Quality of knowledge sources
 - Adequacy of knowledge acquisition practices
- **Maintenance**
 - Is it maintained?
 - Who does maintenance?
 - How is maintenance done?
- **Documentation**
 - Quality of the documentation available
 - Is the available documentation complete?
- **Implementation**
 - Language issues

Content

Taxonomy of features in the **first** stage:

General Development

Content

- Level of detail
- Modularity
- Adequacy from the domain expert point of view
- Adequacy from the ontologist point of view

Taxonomy of features in the **second** stage:

Content

- Completeness
- Compatibility
 - Terminology of common concepts
 - Definitions of common concepts

Criteria to guide integration of knowledge:

- Modularize
- Specialize
- Diversify each hierarchy
- Minimize the semantic distance between sibling concepts
- Maximize relationships between taxonomies
- Standardize names of relations

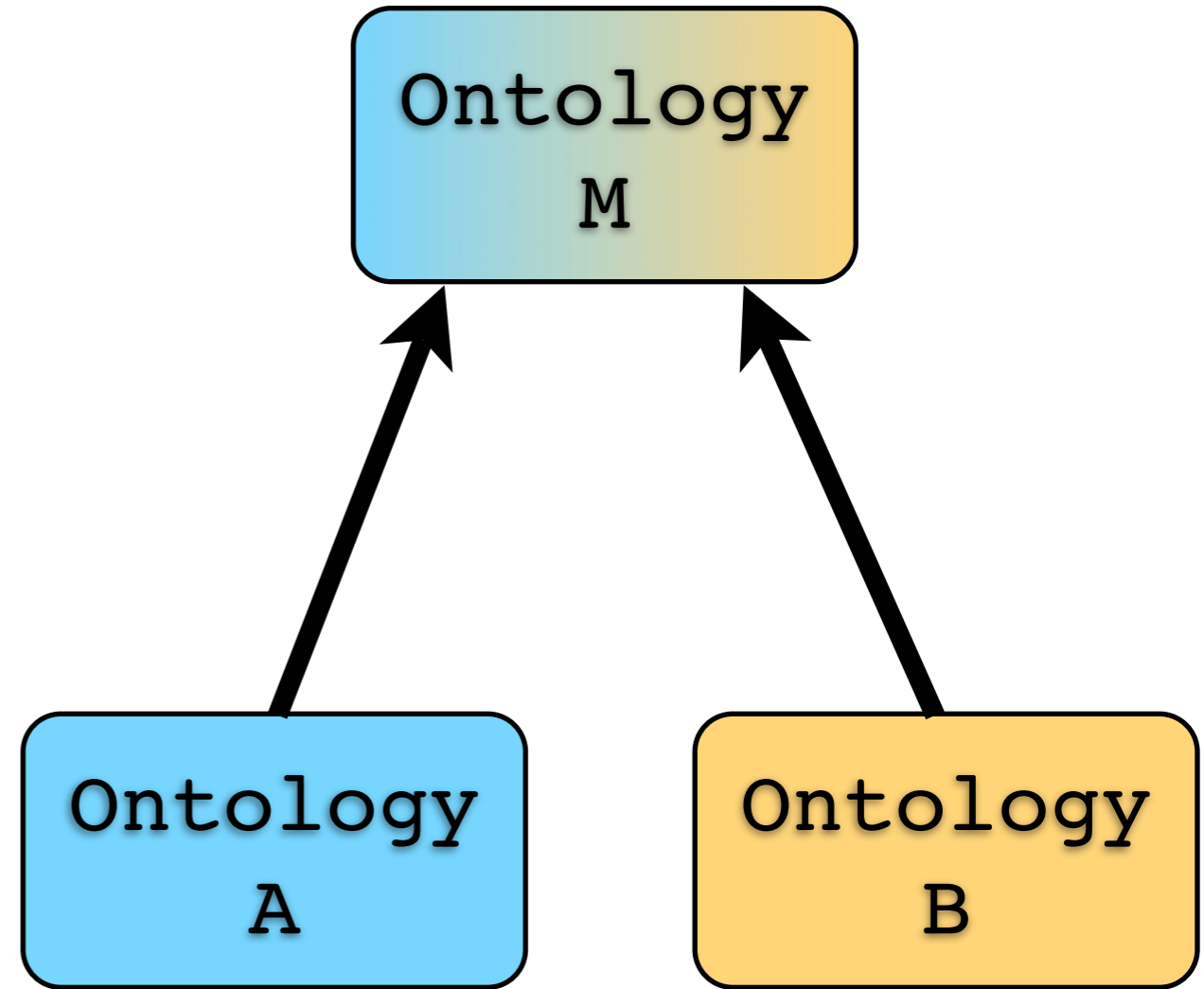
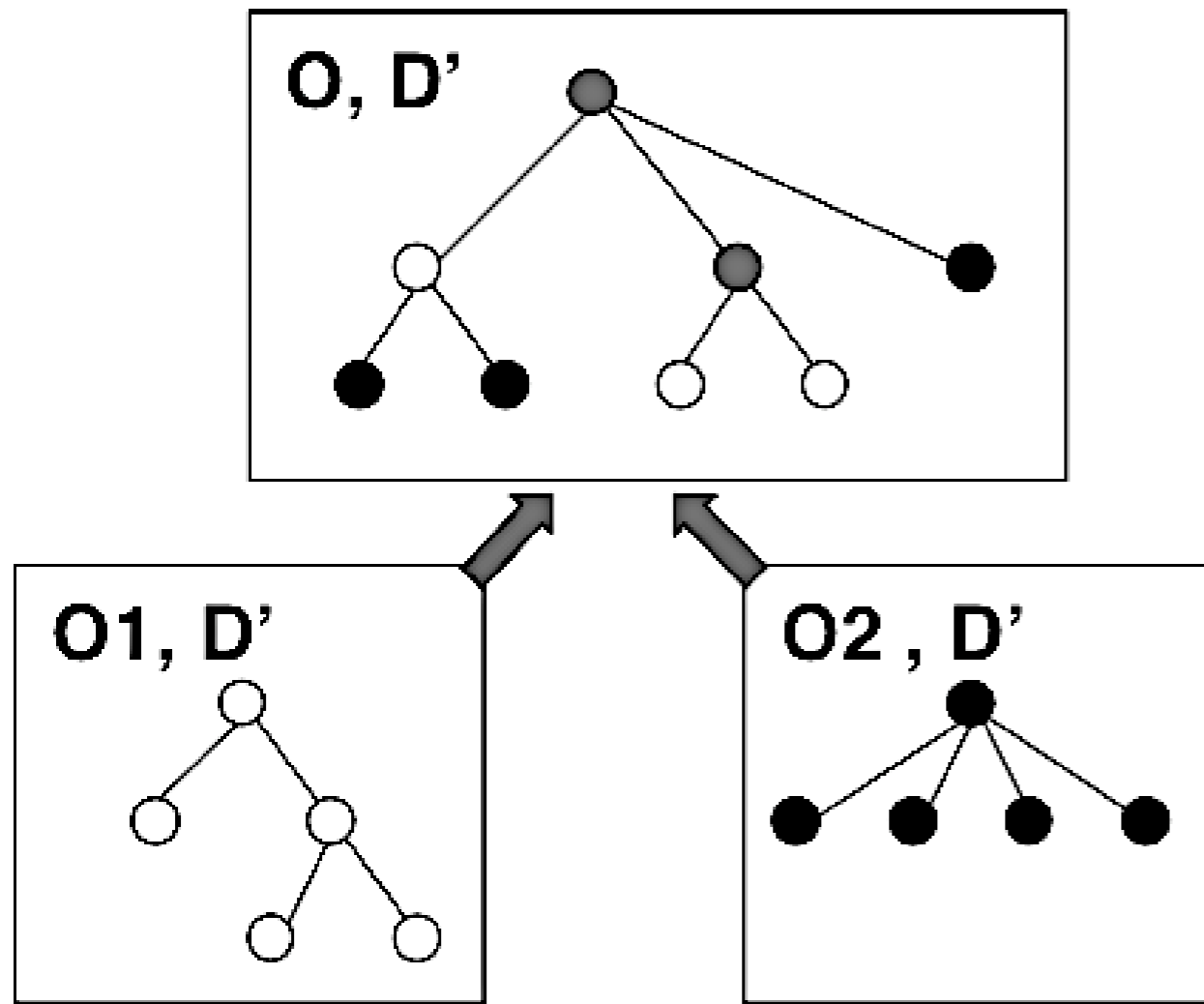
- Clarity, coherence, extendibility, minimal encoding bias and minimal ontological commitment
- Correctness –semantically and syntactically–, completeness, conciseness, consistency, coherency, expandability, sensitiveness and robustness
- Regular level of detail:
no “islands” of exaggerated level of detail

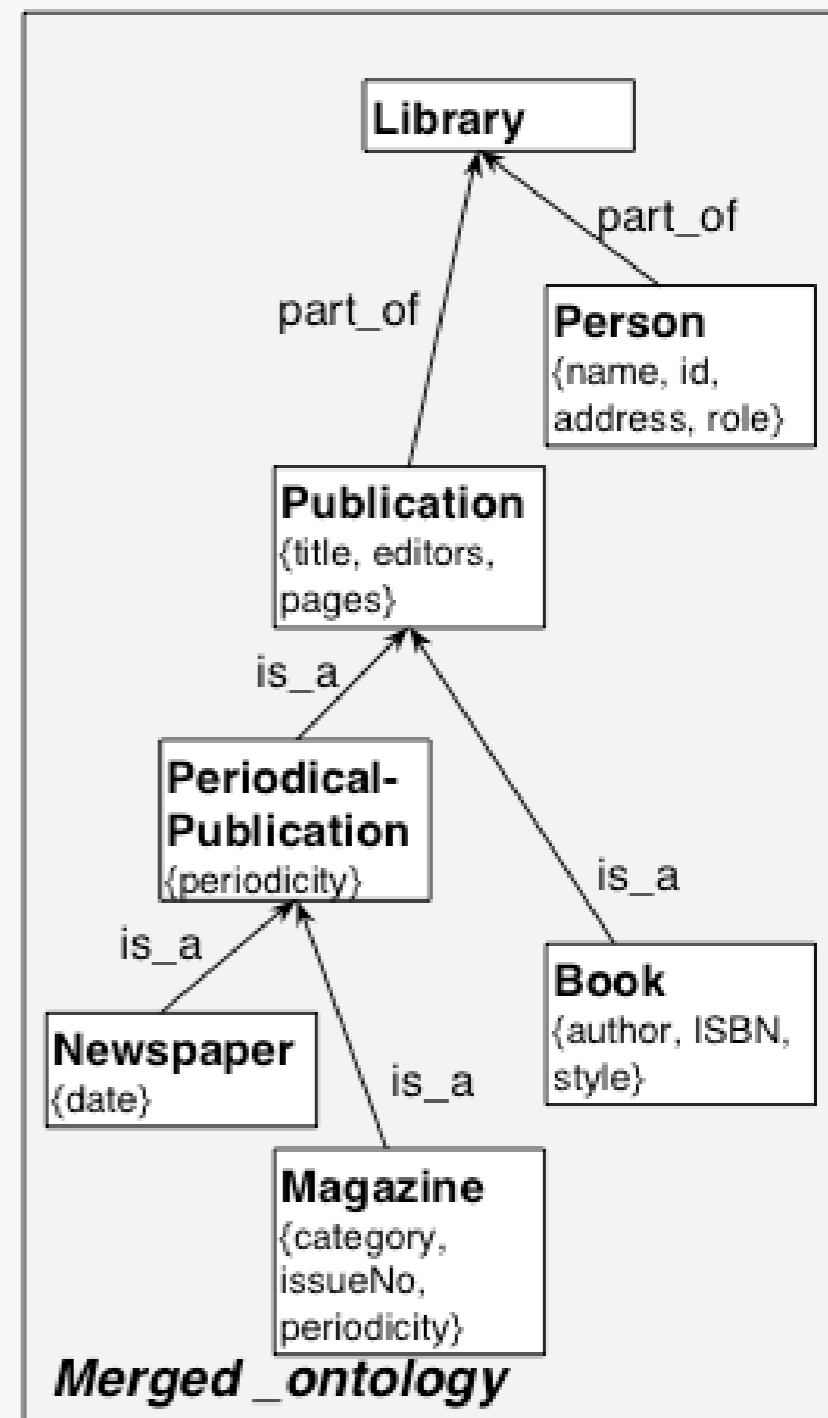
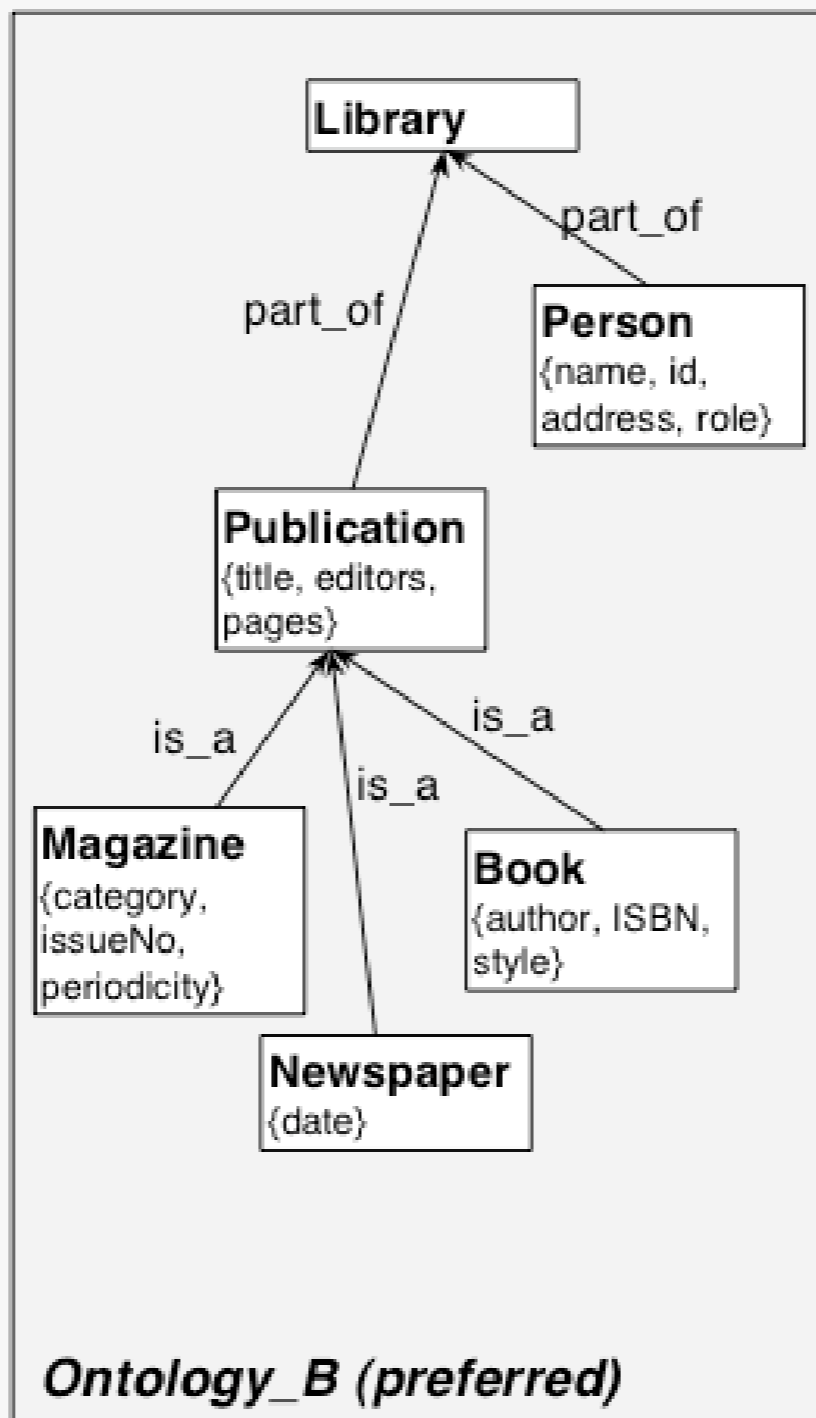
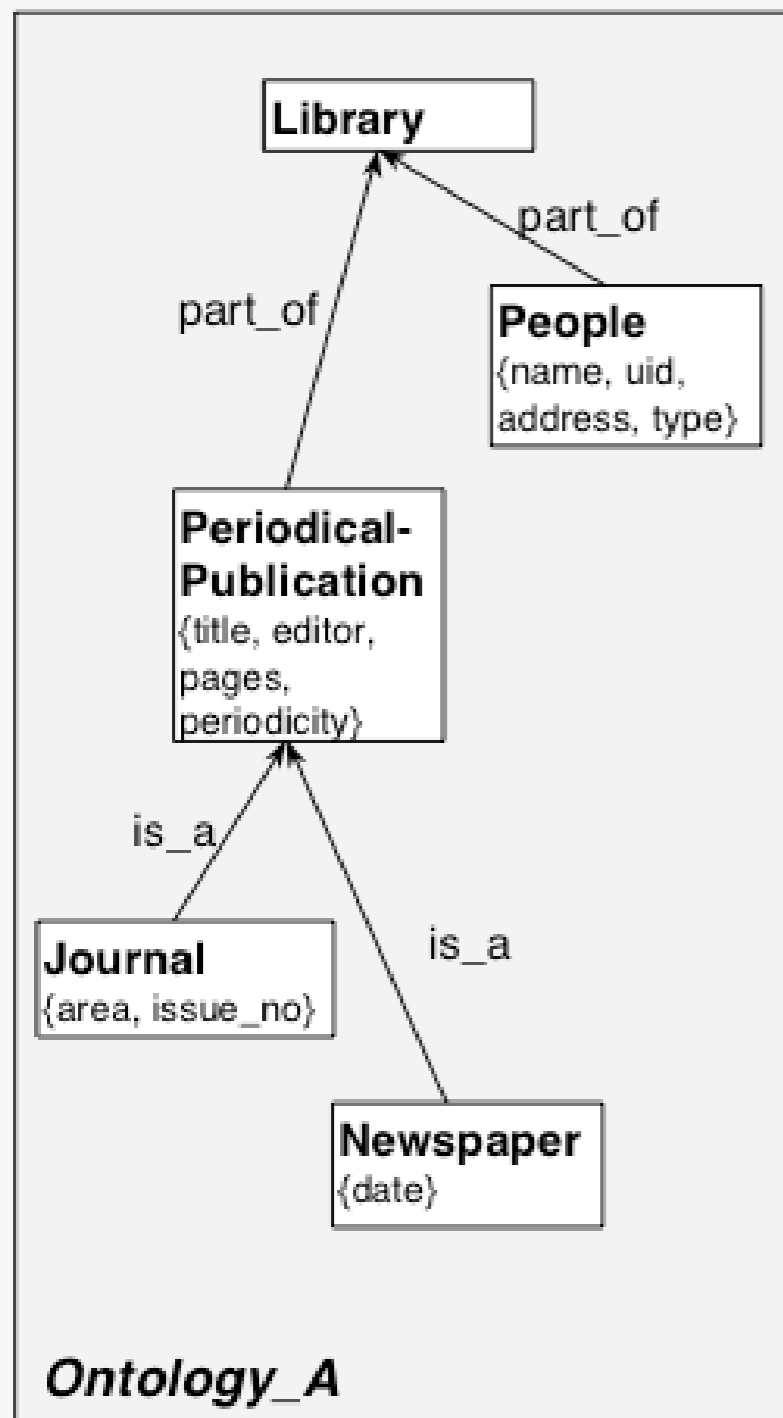
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... the creation of a single coherent, consistent and non-redundant ontology made up of two or more source ontologies.

Steps in ontology merging:

- Find the places in the ontologies where they overlap - discover mapping candidates
- Relate concepts that are semantically close via equivalence and subsumption relations
- Check the consistency, coherency and non-redundancy of the result





Two major architectures for mapping discovery between ontologies exist:

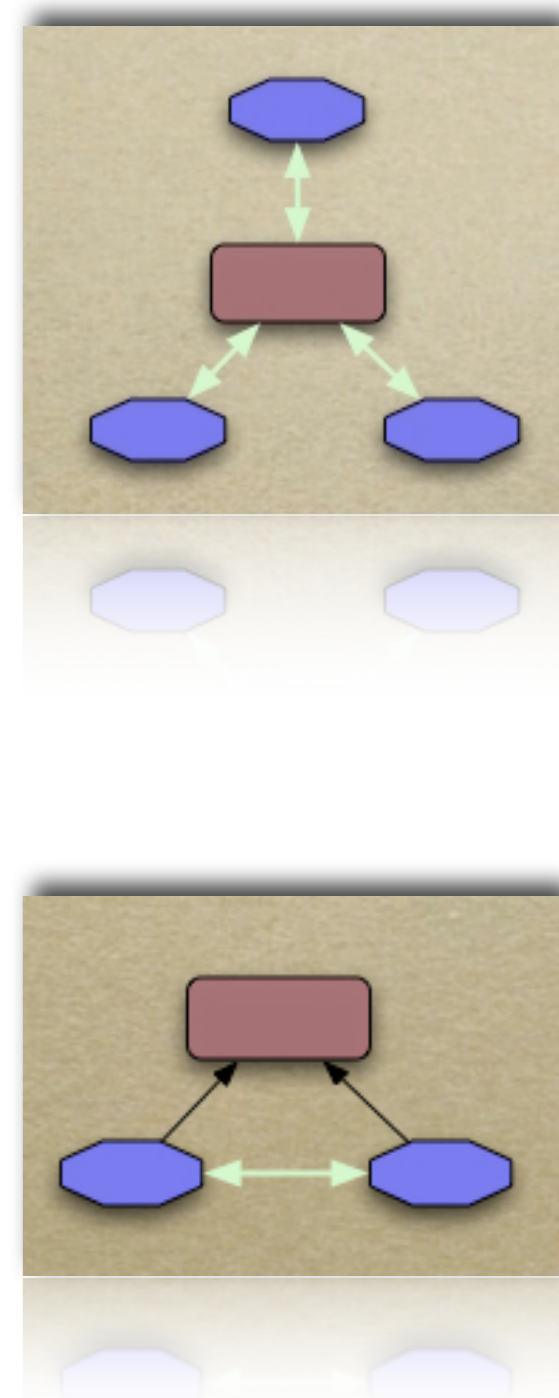
- **Using information sources**
 - A common reference ontology
 - Lexical information
 - Ontology structure
 - User input
 - External resources
 - Prior matches
- **Mapping methods**
 - Heuristic and Rule-based methods
 - Graph analysis
 - Machine-learning
 - Probabilistic approaches
 - Reasoning, theorem proving

Upper level or reference ontologies designed to support information integration

- designed in principled way
- provide common reference terminology
- Cyc, SUO, DOLCE

Domain-specific interlingua

- Process Specification Language (PSL)



String normalization

- upper and lower case
- blanks and delimiters
- diacritics
- stop-words

String distance

- Hamming distance
- Levenshtein distance (edit distance)

Soundex

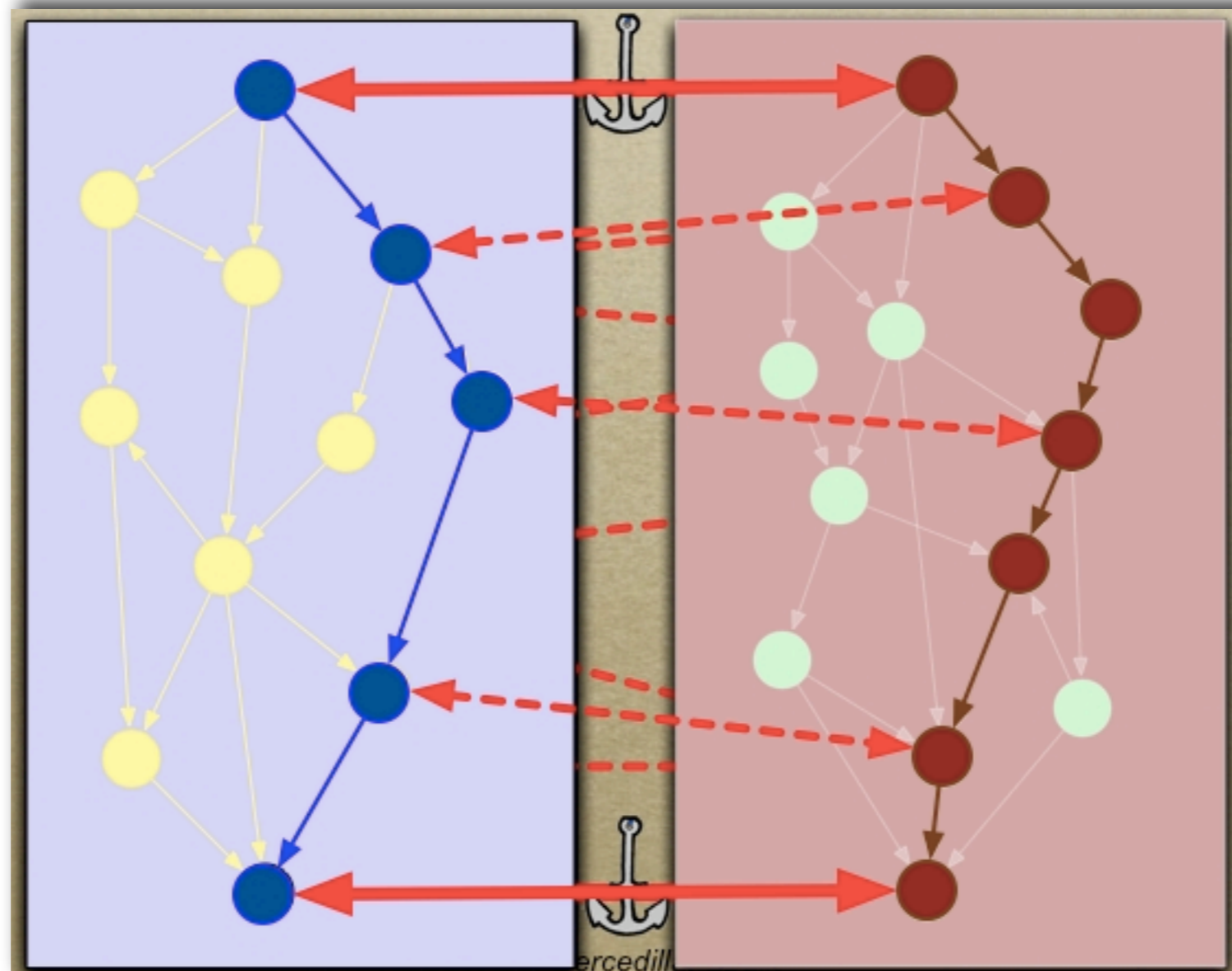
Thesaurus

Natural-language analysis of concept names and definitions

- splitting composite names
- finding common substrings
- finding the ratio of common words in definitions

Hierarchy information of taxonomies

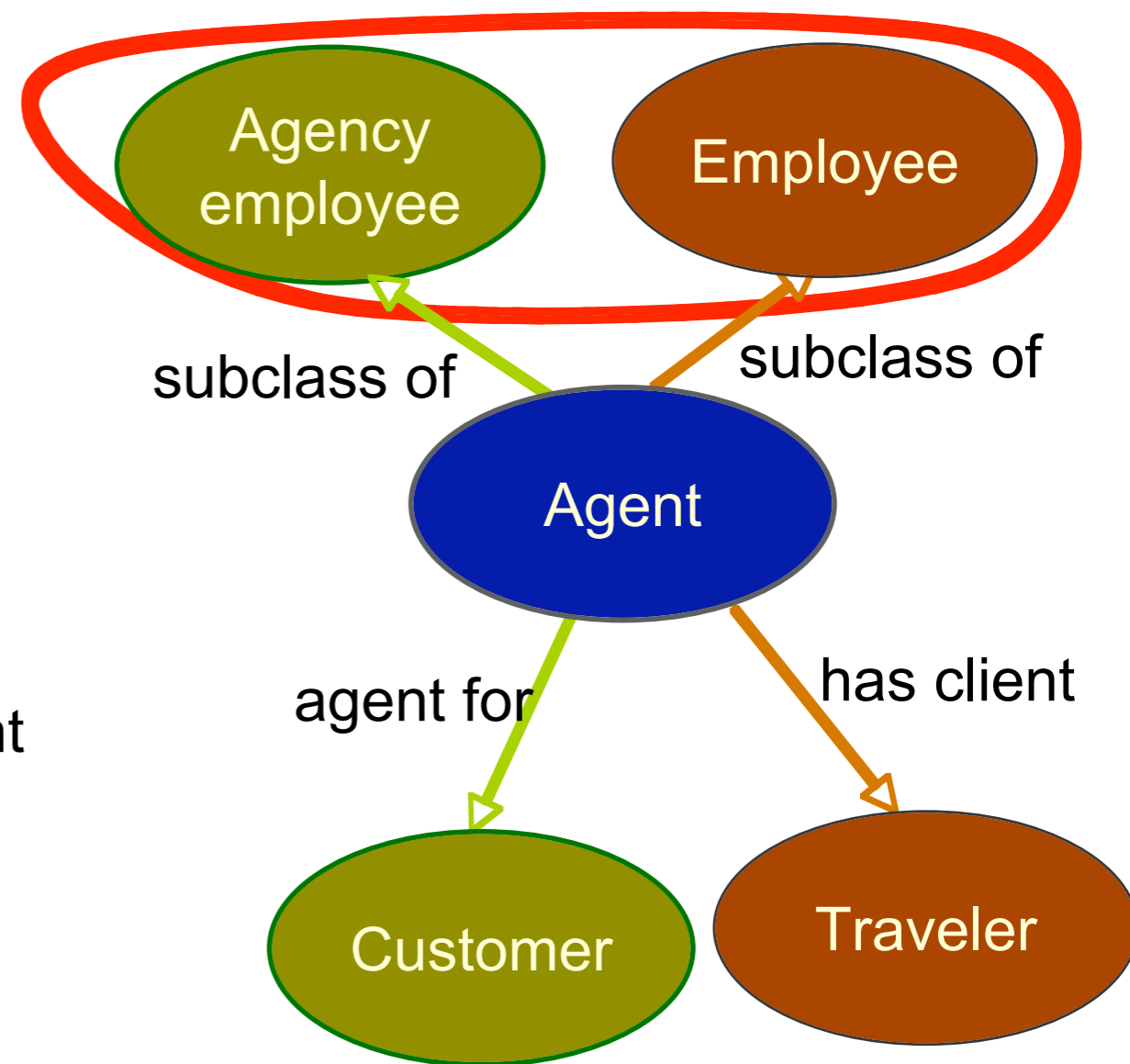
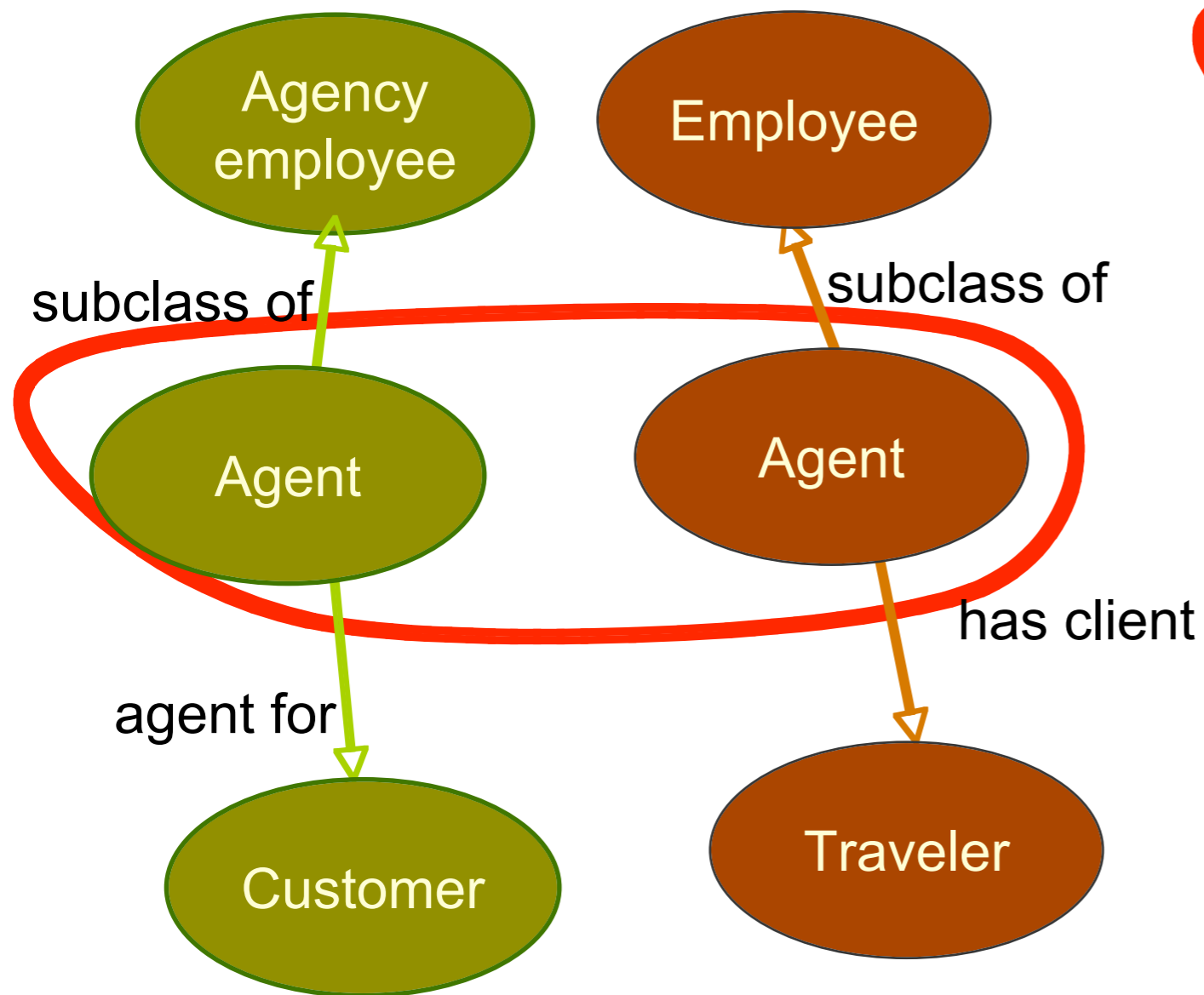
Treat ontologies as graphs and compare the corresponding subgraphs, e.g. Anchor-Prompt



[Noy 2005, Noy and Musen 2001]

Examples for representation of identified mappings:

- As instances in an ontology of mappings
- Defining bridging axioms to represent transformations
- Using views to describe mappings from a global ontology to local ontologies



The screenshot shows the Protégé 3.2 interface with the 'Prompt' dialog open. The dialog is titled 'MANAGING MULTIPLE ONTOLOGIES' and offers several options for handling ontologies. The 'Merge' option is selected. Below this, there are fields for selecting two source projects, each with an 'Alias' field and a 'preferred' radio button. The first source project is 'file:/Users/monika/Desktop/onologies/tourismA.pprj' with alias 'tourismA'. The second source project is 'file:/Users/monika/Desktop/onologies/tourismB.pprj' with alias 'tourismB'. There are also sections for choosing an algorithm (currently 'Lexical matching') and options for storing mappings (currently 'Store mapping using a simple mapping ontology'). A 'Click here to begin' button is visible at the bottom of the dialog.

File Edit Project OWL Code Tools Window Prompt Help

Metadata (tourism.owl) OWLClasses Properties Individuals Forms Prompt

MANAGING MULTIPLE ONTOLOGIES

- Compare your current ontology to a different version of the same ontology.
- Map two ontologies and transform the data from one to another.
- Extract a portion of another ontology and add it to your current project.
- Move frames between your current including project and one of the included projects
- Merge two ontologies and add the resulting merged ontology to your current project.

Choose the first source project Alias preferred

Choose the second source project Alias preferred

Choose the algorithm to use in initial comparison
Lexical matching

Algorithm configuration:

- Compare sources (can be slow if ontologies are very large)
- Approximate match for names (slower)

Choose the options for storing mappings

- Store mapping using a simple mapping ontology
Choose the Mapping project (optional, must have been generated by)
- Store mappings using the Domain_PSM ontology
Choose the Mapping project (optional, must have been generated by)

The screenshot displays the Protégé 3.2 user interface. The title bar indicates the project is 'ISO1' and the file path is '(file:/Users/monika/Desktop/downloads/ISOXML%202/ISO1.pprj, OWL / RDF Files)'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Project, OWL, Code, Tools, Window, Prompt, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and navigation. The main workspace is divided into several panes:

- CLASS BROWSER:** Shows the project 'ISO1' with 81 subclasses. The hierarchy is expanded to show 'owl:Thing' > 'Thing' > 'Possible_individual' > 'Activity'.
- CLASS EDITOR:** Shows the 'Activity' class (instance of owl:Class). It features a table with the following data:

Property	Value
rdfs:comment	A possible_individual that brings about change by causing the event to begin or the event that marks the ending of a possible_individual.
rdfs:label	Activity

Below the table, there are icons for adding and removing instances, and a list of instances including 'Possible_individual'.

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- Merging
- Tools

Ontolingua

<http://www.ksl.stanford.edu/software/ontolingua/>

Protégé (current version 3.2)

<http://protege.stanford.edu/>

OntoStudio

<http://www.ontoprise.de>

Chimaera

<http://ksl.stanford.edu/software/chimaera/>

PROMPT

<http://protege.stanford.edu/plugins/prompt/prompt.html>

WebODE

<http://www-sop.inria.fr/acacia/ekaw2000/ode.html>

CORE: A Tool for Collaborative Ontology Reuse and Evaluation

<http://km.aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de/ws/eon2006/eon2006fernandezetal.pdf>

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