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A Semantic Portal for the International Affairs Sector



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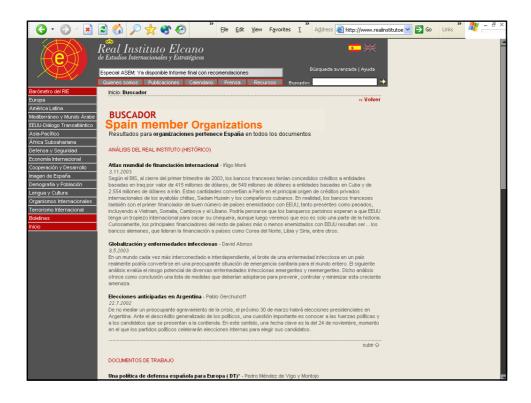
The Potential of Semantic Web Technology

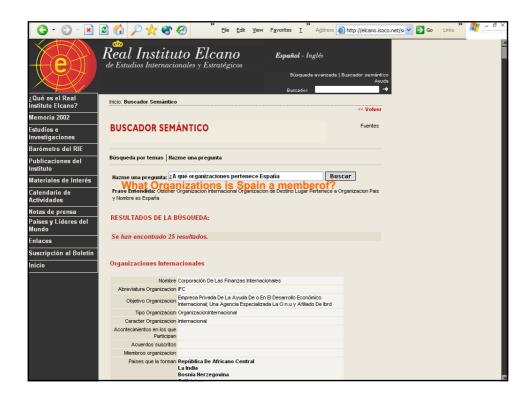
- Enable a paradigm switch in searching information
- From
 - Information Retrieval
- To
 - · Question Answering
- If you want ...
 - Information Overload on Demand
- This paper illustrates an application in this line
 - For one particular domain
 - · Promising, but still a lot of work to do

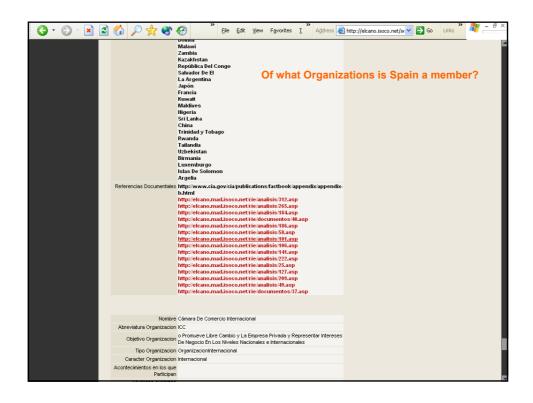
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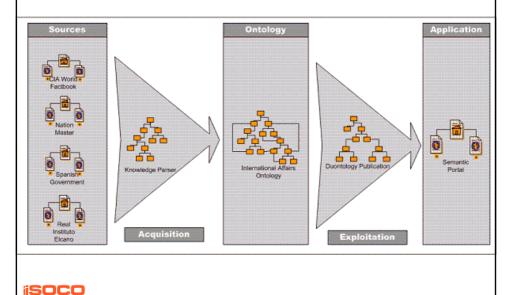






The Overall Process

How does it work?





Ingredients

How does it work?

- Multiple, heterogeneous sources
- Ontology
- Knowledge Acquisition "Engine"
 - Knowledge Parser®

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- Exploitation of knowledge
 - · Publishing the results
 - Duontology®
 - · Semantic Navigation
 - · Semantic Search Engine
 - NLP queries
 - Enriched documents with ontological information
 - Smart tags



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How Does it Work?
Ontology of International Affairs
Knowledge Acquisition
Exploitation
Conclusions



Ontology of International Affairs

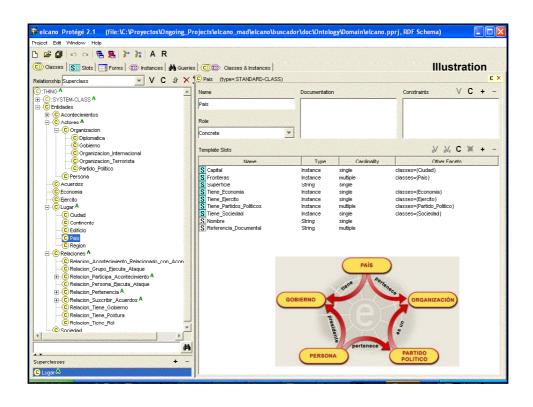
Construction

- Constructed in collaboration with experts from the Real Instituto Elcano
- Inspired by CIA World-Fact Book
- Ontology metrics (after population)
 - 60 concepts
 - 124 properties
 - 20.000 instances
 - > 60.000 facts
 - 20Mb in RDF(S) files

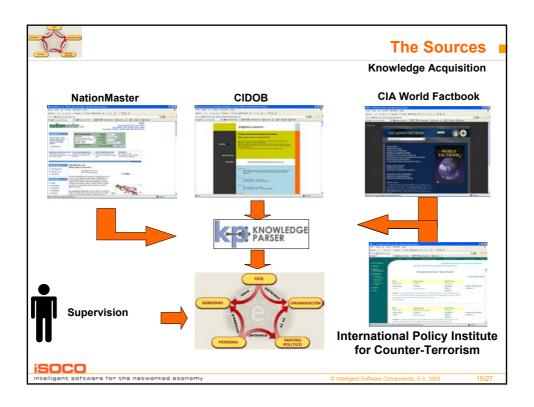


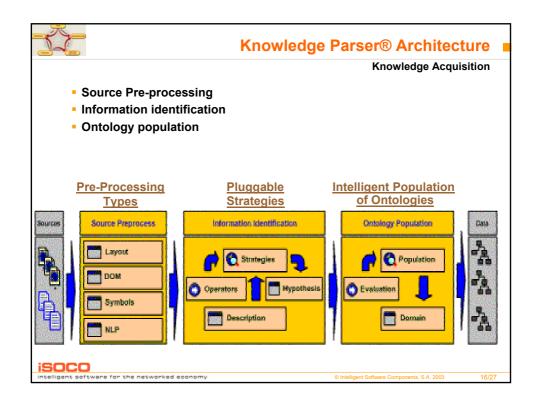
Common API for: JENA1.6, JENA 2.0, Sesame, WebODE

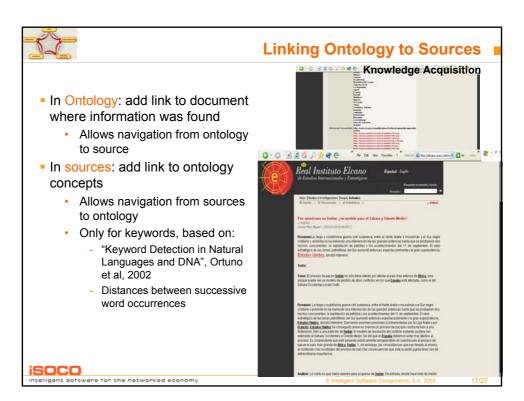




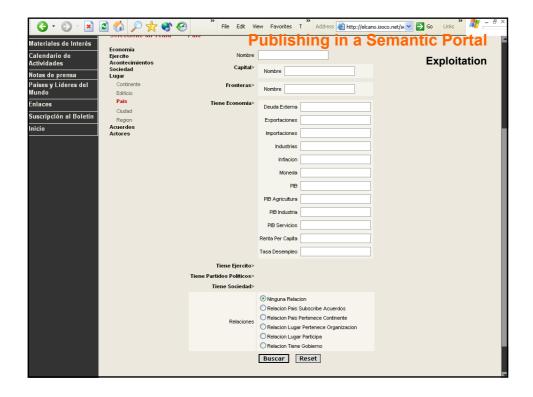


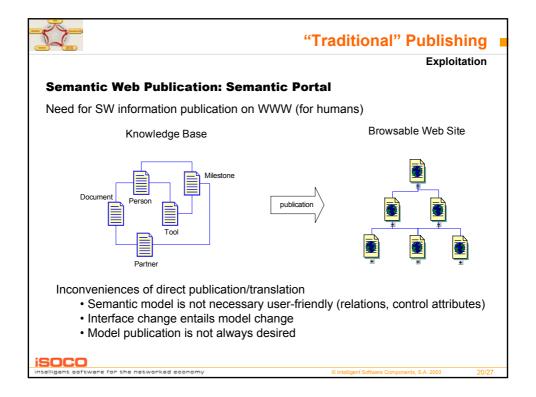


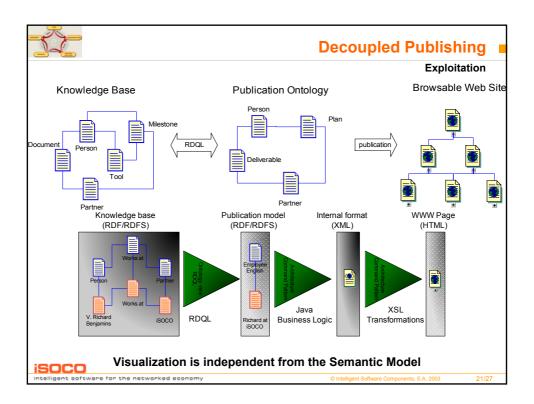














Semantic Search Engine

Exploitation





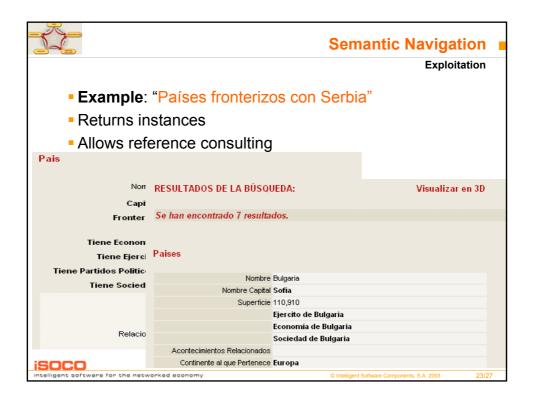
- Searching for data, not for documents (Q/A)
- When *relations* are key
- In addition to keyword-based search engines
- For well-defined domains

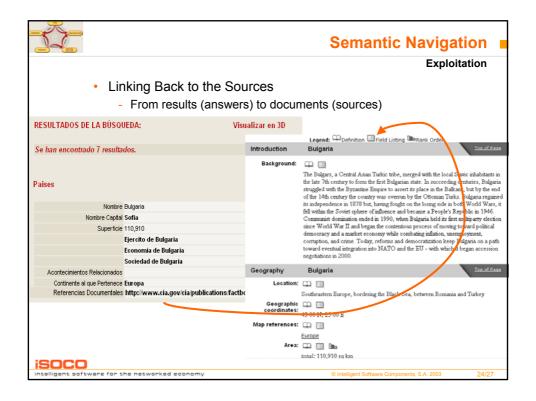
Google YAHOO!

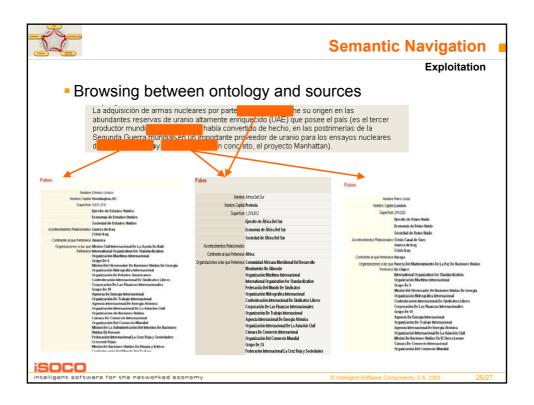
Examples

- GDP of Spain
- What countries have participated in the Iraq war?
- To what political party belongs the president of France?
- In which cities Hamas has performed bomb attacks?
- Who is Bush?













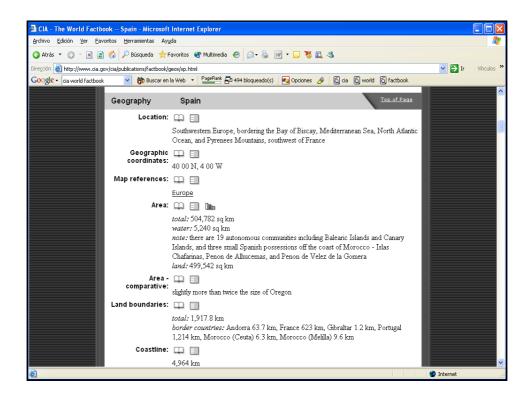
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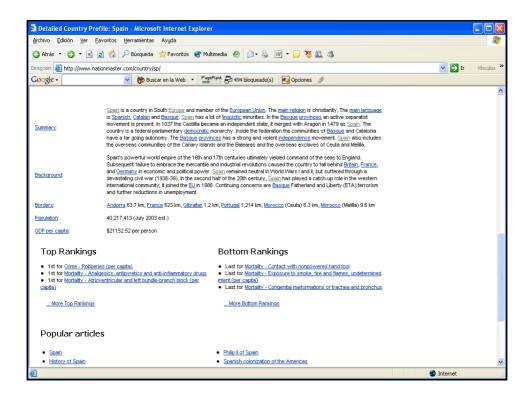
- Towards a paradigm switch in searching?
- More work to be done
- Detailed failure analysis needed
- Why does Search Engine fail?
 - KA limitation
 - Not in ontology
 - Missing/wrong instances
 - Query construction
 - NLP result (too complex)
 - SeRQL query construction
- Scalability



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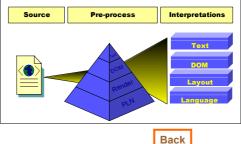


Different Types of Pre-processing

Knowledge Acquisition

- Plain Text Model
 - Regular Expression Check and Retrieval
 - Offset References
- DOM/Hypertext
 - HTML object identification
 - HTTP control and navigation
- NLP
 - Basic NLP: Tokenizer, Morphology and **Chunk Parsers**
 - Retrieve phrases using head driven approach
 - Basic semantic relations (synonyms, hyponyms, etc.)
- Layout
 - Rendered result of a HTML source: (X,Y) coordinates
 - Visual Operators: SAME ROW, NEAR, etc...

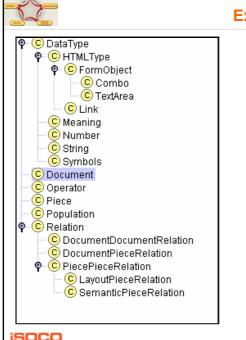




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Explicit Extraction Knowledge

Knowledge Acquisition

Wrapping ontology

- Documents
- Pieces
- Relations
 - Semantic
 - Layout
- Data Types
 - Meaning
 - **Basic Types**
 - HTML



Operators and Strategies

Knowledge Acquisition



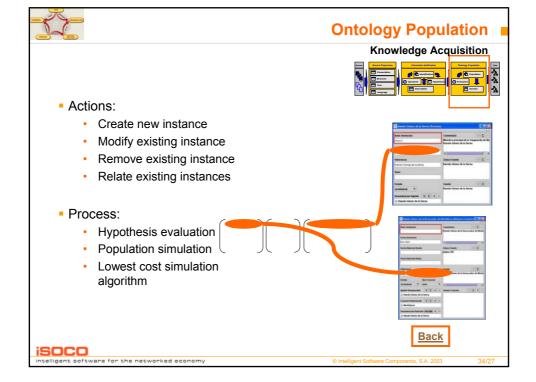
- · Check: data types, relations, constraints
- Retrieve: obtains piece or document (precondition)
- · Execute: navigate, select, etc...
- Strategies (operators applied for hypothesis construction)
 - · Greedy: quick but not optimal
 - Heuristics: hypothesis construction and pruning
 - Optimal Backtracking: covering all search space

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