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lemon: An Ontology-Lexicon model for the Multilingual Semantic Web

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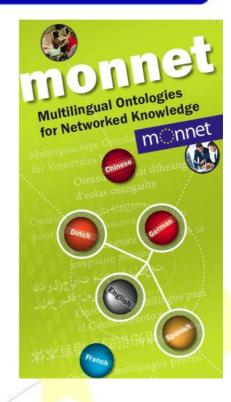














Project Partners

- Industrial Organizations
 - SAP, Germany (http://www.sap.com/index.epx)
 - BeInformed, The Netherlands (/http://www.beinformed.nl)
 - XBRL-EUROPE, Belgium (http://www.xbrl.org/eu/)
- Research Institutes
 - DERI, Ireland (http://www.deri.ie/), coordinator
 - DFKI, Germany (<u>www.dfki.de</u>)
 - UPM, Spain (http://www.upm.es/institucional)
 - UniBi-CITEC, Germany (http://www.uni-bielefeld.de)















Monnet: Main Objectives

 Monnet addresses some of the topics identified by the "MultilingualWeb" project, http://www.multilingualweb.eu/:

"The MultilingualWeb project is exploring standards and best practices that support the creation, localization and use of multilingual web-based information".

- With: Multilingual Ontologies for Networked Knowledge
 - Linguistically enriched knowledge representation
 - Multilingual access to structured/networked knowledge: ontologies, knowledge bases, linked data
- How: Handling Information at the Semantic Level
 - Ontology-Based Cross-lingual information Extraction, Storage and Presentation
 - Localization/Translation of information abstracting from language & layout















Monnet Financial Use Case

- Objective: multilingual access to financial reports for sharing business knowledge across Europe
 - Semantic-level analysis of business reports of companies
 - Search for financial information and financial report creation in the language of choice of the users
- Outcome: A prototype that will allow a financial analyst to search for information by filling in structured search forms localized to his/her own language
 - The results will be presented in terms of charts, diagrams, results lists etc. localized to the preferred language of the user















Knowledge Sources

- XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): an XML-based mark-up language for the exchange of business information, including financial reporting. Available taxonomies ecoded in XBRL:
 - **IFRS** (International Financial Reporting Standards): a standard developed by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). IFRS Terminology is **translated** in many languages.
 - **GAAP** (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), taxonomies reflecting national and regional legislations on financial reporting. Terms in GAAP taxonomies are available in the national/regional languages, and maybe in English.







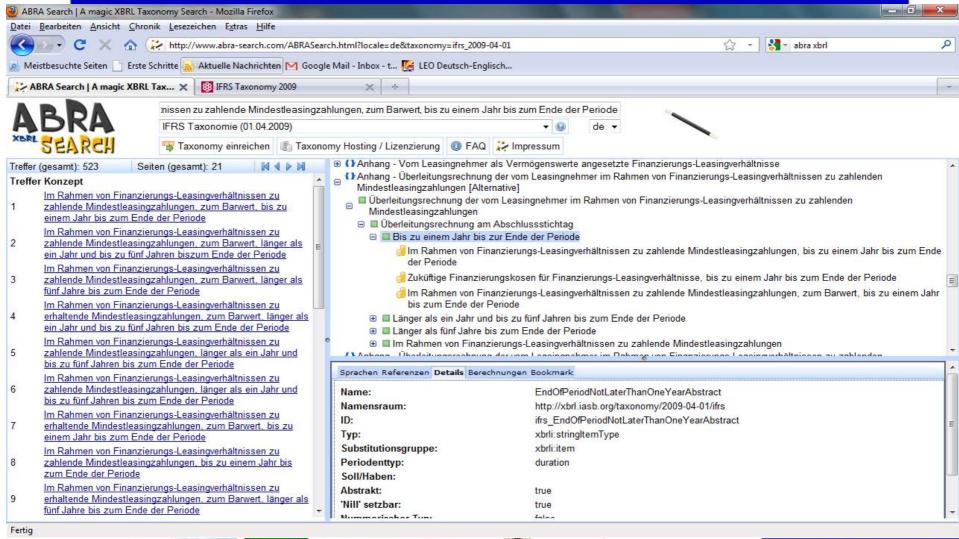








IFRS-XBRL Example











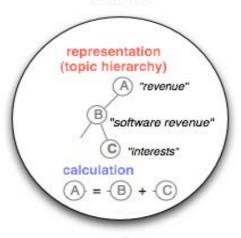




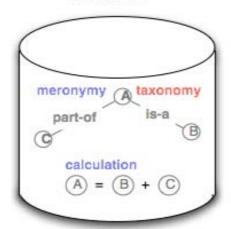


Upgrading XBRL into an Ontology

XBRL Semantics in XML

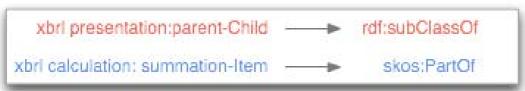


Business Semantics in RDFS





Semantic Transformation



"Enhance semantics to facilitate label translation and information extraction."

















XBRL-Ontology as the basis for Localization and OBIE

Localization of domain terms

ifrs:MinimumFinanceLeasePaymentsPayable

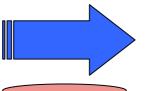
ifrs:ProfitLossBeforeTax

ifrs:Revenue

Ontology-based Information Extraction











ifrs:Revenue(Tesco,56910)

ifrs:ProfitLossBeforeTax(SAP,676)

ifrs:ProfitLossBeforeTax(Tesco,3176)

















Domain Terms Localization: "minimum finance lease payments receivable"

Google-Translate: Minimum Leasingzahlungen Forderungen

Official IFRS: Im Rahmen von Finanzierungs-Leasingverhältnissen zu erhaltende Mindestzahlungen

decompose

IFRS, sapTerm, googleDefine

minimum finance lease payments receivable

translate parts

multilingual domain ontologies, IATE, DBPedia, leo

mindest Finanzierungsleasing Zahlungen Forderungen

reconstruct

relying on lexical information, but compounding language issues!!

Mindestfinanzierungsleasingzahlungsforderungen

Google-Translate: Minimum finance lease payments receivable















Application in OBIE

:MinimumFinanceLeasePaymentsReceivable rdfs:subClassOf xbrli:monetaryItemType; rdfs:label "Minimum finance lease payments receivable"@en.

term analysis

Minimum finance lease payments receivable payments receivable

payments receivable

payments receivables

SAP Annual Report 2008

..As at December 31, 2008, the future minimum lease payments expected to be received was €16 million...

Tesco's Annual Report 2009

...The fair value of the Group's finance lease receivables at 23 February 2008 was £5m...







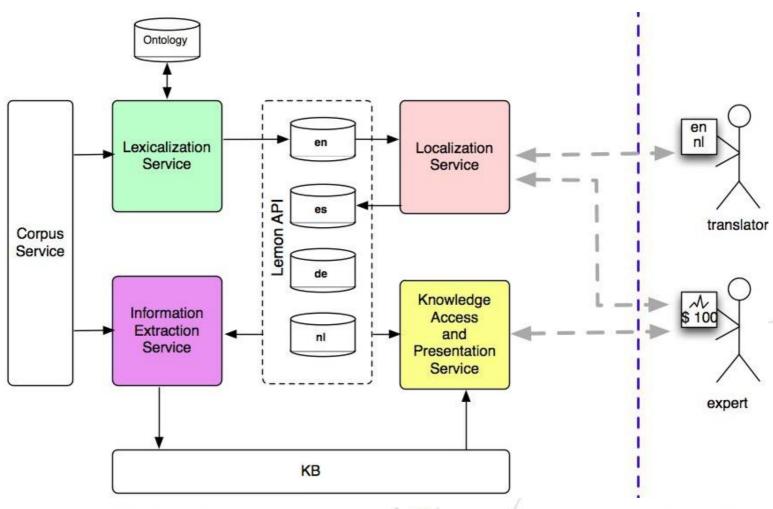








Monnet Components to address the issues



















Lexicalization Component

- Taxonomies and ontologies have labels that contain NL expressions (terms), which need to be linguistically enriched for supporting both, the localization of labels and the multilingual OBIE task
- For this purpose, we define **lemon** as a ontology-lexicon model
 - RDF(S)
 - Minimalist (i.e., a hub for connecting lexical and terminological description elements with ontologies)
 - Not prescriptive (i.e., uses data categories)
 - Relational semantics (i.e., uses ontologies)
 - Modular and extensible















lemon's origins

- Lexical Markup Framework (ISO 24613)
 - Standard for representing lexicons
 - XML/UML
- LexInfo, LIR
 - Represent lexical information relative to an ontology
 - OWL
- SKOS (W3C Standard)
 - Designed for Taxonomy/Vocabulary representation
 - RDF











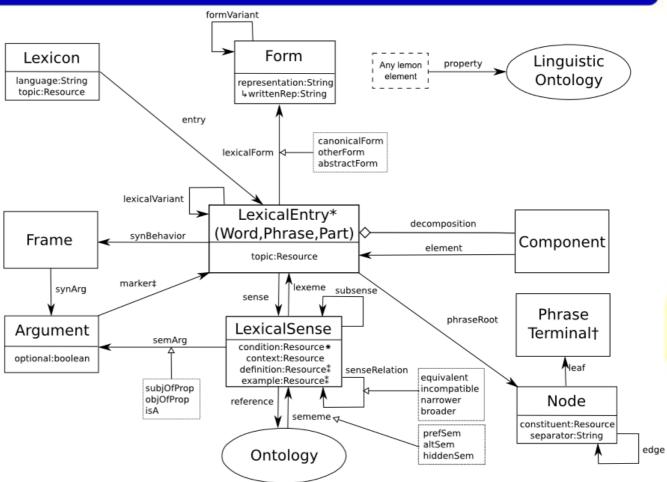






The model

The model provides a principled chain between the semantic representation and its linguistic realization





[#] definition and example are stated as nodes with a value

marker can also refer to linguistic ontology















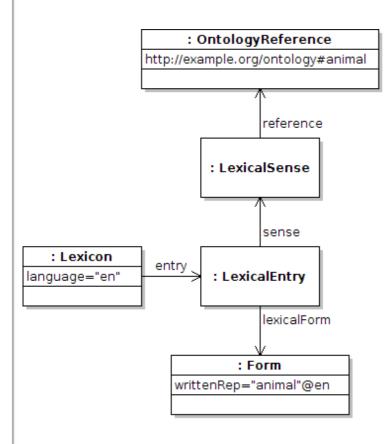




^{*} condition has subproperties propertyDomain and propertyRange

[†] PhraseTerminals are Arguments or Components

The core path



- Lexicon: Represents the lexicon. Marked with a single language tag (ISO-639)
- Lexical Entry: An entry in a lexicon. Syntaxinvariant
- Lexical Sense: The relationship between the entry and its ontology reference.
- Reference: The ontology entity
- Form: A form of an entry. Orthographyinvariant
- Representation: The string. IETF langtagged















Relations to other Projects

- Monnet has a clear link to MultilingualWeb, proposing a semantic approach for extracting, storing and presenting information across languages.
- Monnet has a clear link to META-NET (formal collaboration agreement being discussed).
 - A possible application would be to offer a localization of the terminology in use in the ontology underlying the META-NET portal, and to apply OBIE to documents in the field of Human Language Technology















Relation to Standards

- lemon is drawing on existing standards in both the W3C (RDF, OWL, SKOS, ...) and the ISO framework (LMF, TMF, ISOCat, ...).
- lemon can contribute also to both:
 - W3C: on how to represent lexicalised ontologies and to put them into relation with other semantic resources on the web
 - ISO: on guidelines for linguistic driven lexicalization of ontologies
 - Adjusting the role played by LMF and other ISO standards on language resource management















Conclusions

- Monnet aims at providing a novel combination of semantic web solutions and localization technologies for semantically structured information
- 1st step in this direction has been the development of an ontology-lexicon model, lemon, for supporting the
 - Localization of ontology labels
 - Ontology-based multilingual IE
- Future work will be dedicated to ontology-based, crosslingual information access and presentation















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