

Semantic methods for the preservation and interpretation of information over time



LongRec, Records Management over Decades

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Project goal

- Persistent, reliable and trustworthy long-term archival of digital documents, with emphasis on availability and use of documents

Sub goals:

- Enable transition to digital original documents and digital work processes even for information that must be available and in use over decades
- Explore the potential for commercial products/services in this area

When you can find, read, view and trust your data, you need to understand them, and data must be fit for purpose

Project facts



- Title: Records Management over Decades
- Home page: <u>www.longrec.com</u>:
- Financed by the Norwegian Research Consul and partners
- Budget 30 mill NOK ++ in the period: 2007-2009
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Project partners





InterPARES 3: <u>http://www.interpares.org</u>

Brønnøysundregistrene

 ICRI (Interdisciplinary Centre for Law and ICT), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

What is an information record?





Understand and time



The general problem





The Pilot: Basic Problem

 Type of data in focus: National register of Business Enterprises (national master data) at Brønnøysund Business Register (BR)

Problem:

- no tool support for interpreting existing enterprise data in its historic context (silent knowledge in heads of senior BR-employees)
- no information governance policy for leveraging the implicit semantics of Business Enterprise data in the future
- Today's situation: Semantics of Business Enterprises data are stored in
 - operational procedures
 - regulations and juridical practice
 - tools and systems for registering data in the Business Register
 - Employees head
 - ER models
 - Code tables
 - import and export formats etc.



Enable the interpretation of primary data over time by relating it to and presenting it with relevant secondary data

Primary data = data in focus, e.g.

- Norwegian business enterprise
- Person holding a specific role in a Norwegian enterprise
- Secondary data = relevant context data, e.g.:
 - changes in law and jurisdiction
 - changes in BR's case practice
 - changes in language use (*styreforman* -> *styreleder*)

(can be from both internal and external sources)

- changes in ID used on referents, concepts, terms, records

Empowering the knowledge worker (II)



- Provide target users with a graphical tool aligning primary data and relevant context data along time.
 - Target users: junior personnel in BR's helpdesk service team
 - External users of data
- Ensure that secondary data is
 - represented more explicitly
 - closely viewable together with the primary data in a suitable graphic interface

Success Criteria

- Ability to capture and present secondary data automatically or semiautomatically
- Junior helpdesk personnel at BR perceive the pilot as a good starting point for a useful future support tool

Deliverables related to the pilot



- Pilot software including OWL-model and technical paper
- Paper on legal aspects
 - IPR to data and sw, data quality issues, liabilities, SLA, etc
- Recommendations for an Information Governance Regime for BR ensuring the preservation of semantic value over time



OWL model (working draft)





Demo: Enterprise History Interpreter



- Business enterprise data
 - Norsk Hydro ASA: 914778271
 - AKER SOLUTIONS ASA: 986529551
- People and their roles in business enterprises
 - Kjell Inge Røkke
- Next Week: Retention of data at StatoilHydro
- Demo to be published at <u>http://longrec.brreg.no/</u>



Research challenges

- Improve positive effect of pilot to different types of users
 - Further study of users needs
- Ontology evolution
- Merging of different open data sources (ontology alignment)
- Both human and software interpretation of semantic long term data
- Detecting and measuring semantic drift of concepts
- Access to relevant open data sources
- Strong identifiers, to link different sources of data
- Flexibility in what's primary and what's secondary data.

Interesting Related Examples



- Hans Rosling, Global health expert; data visionary at TED Talks
 - Simulation world health and economic development from 1800 2050
 - <u>http://www.ted.com/index.php/speakers/hans_rosling.html</u>
- Google Timeline
 - <u>Google News Timeline</u> is a web application that organizes search results chronologically. News and other data sources on a browsable, graphical timeline.
 - http://newstimeline.googlelabs.com/
- Wolfram|Alpha.
 - Making the world's knowledge computable. Today's Wolfram|Alpha is the first step in an ambitious, long-term project to make all systematic knowledge immediately computable by anyone.
 - http://www.wolframalpha.com/
- Google Squared
 - Google Squared returns search results in a spreadsheet format. It structures the unstructured data on web pages.
 - <u>http://www.twine.com/item/1294x98r7-v30/what-is-google-squared-it-is-how-google-will-</u> <u>crush-wolfram-alpha-exclusive-video</u>

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Technical notes

We have been using:

- Protégé 3.4 editor for OWL DL ontology
- Jena to manipulate the ontology
- Sparql for querying
- Java software developed in the project
- Similie.mit.edu Timeline ajax application



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