



WebScripter

Tools for Building a Semantic Web from the Ground Up

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End-user Knowledge Engineering



- Semantic experts are scarce, knowledge acquisition is expensive and inexact, semantic expert unavailable after initial session(s).
- End-users are the real experts need to insure that their expertise is fully-exploited

Need tools that help end-users to evolve ontologies while working with data



Grassroots Approach



- New breed of tools that can function without centralized ontologies and alignments
- Carrots instead of sticks reward users for:
 - creating vocabulary
 - adopting each others' vocabularies
 - creating alignment catalogs
 - adopting each others' alignments
 - annotations



Key End-user Activities



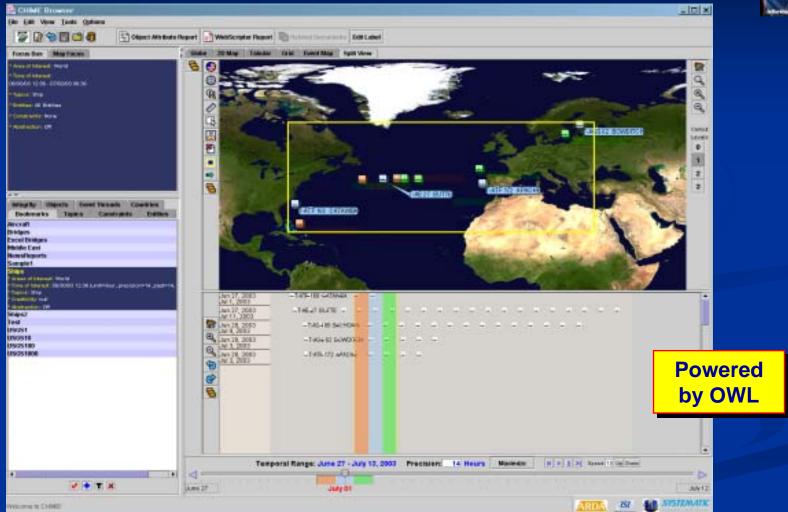
- Authoring
 - eNotes to self, others, annotations
- Markup (authoring + advertisement)
 - of maps, text documents, Web pages
- Visualization
 - of <u>annotated</u> maps, reports, etc.
- Retrieving
 - eDocuments, eNotes, communications, annotations
- Organizing
- Ontologies should be a side-effect of each of these activities



CHIME: GeoSpatial Visualization





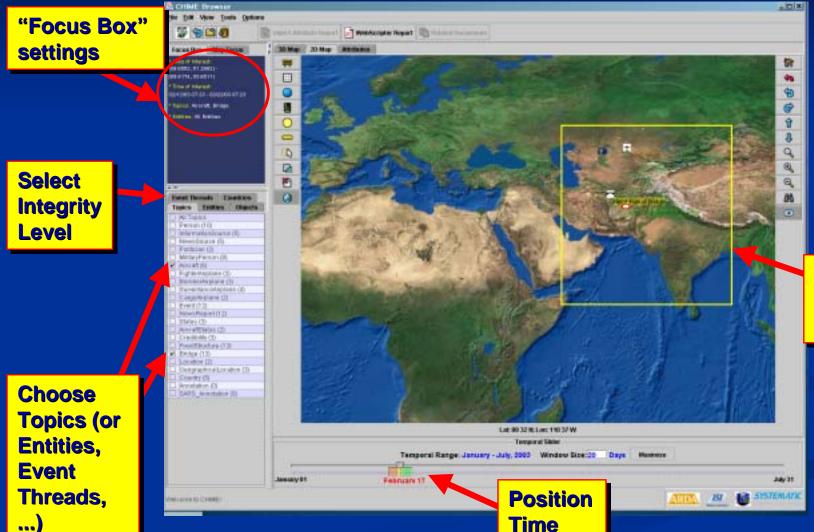




Grassroots Spatio-temporal Queries







Slider

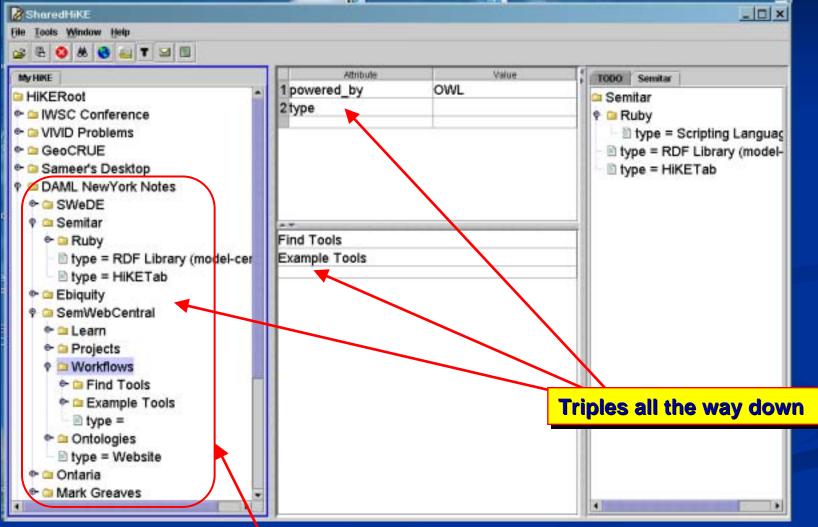
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HiKE Semantic Desktop





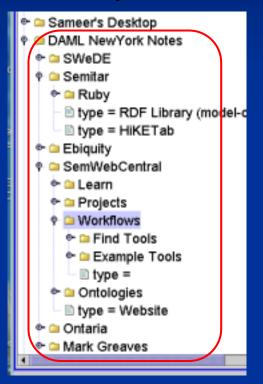




Report Generation



How do I print out a section of a HiKE network?







- WebScripter can't handle nested/hierarchic data
 - inspired development of VIVID



VIVID: Visual Variable-Depth Information Displays



- Semantic Web data is
 - frequently non-uniform
 - often deeply nested
 - not easily viewed or browsed using conventional tools

 "Navigating a semantic web is like looking at data through a soda straw." – Joe Rockmore



How to Display SWeb data



Problems

- Hierarchic displays waste most of the screen real estate
- Conventional tabular displays space-efficient, but handle only "uniform" data



Sigmod Record Example of Low-Density Display



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VIVID Display (same dataset)



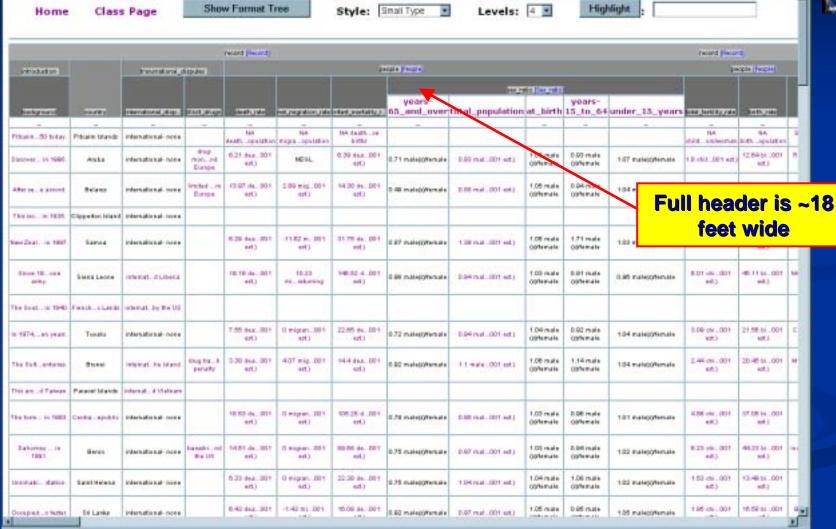
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How to Manage Header Information (CIA Fact Book dataset)









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Header Formatting Tool





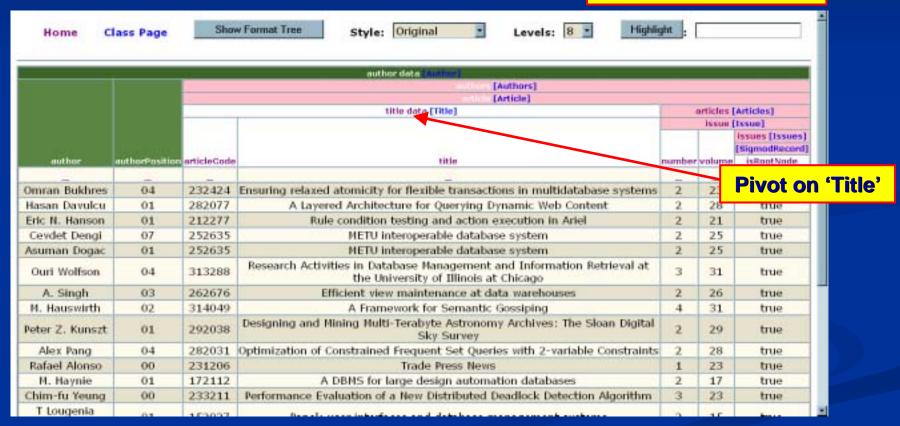


Pivoting





View dataset from 'Author' perspective





Pivoting (cont.)



View dataset from 'Title' perspective

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Users easily generate complex queries



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Using Queries to Build Vocabulary



ship <mark>[Ship]</mark>				ship [Skip]					
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- Retrieve cargo ships with length between 70 and 150
- Name query "MidSizedCargoShip"
- Automatically positioned in class hierarchy

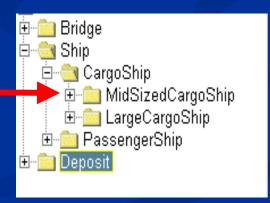
How can I do this in OWL or SWRL?

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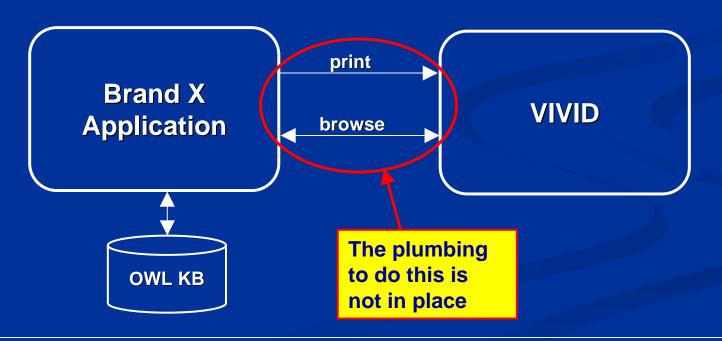




Transition to SemWebCentral



- VIVID would like to be <u>tightly-coupled</u> to an app
 - needs high bandwidth to browse knowledge base
- Problem: No standard <u>API</u> for interfacing RDF/OWL tools

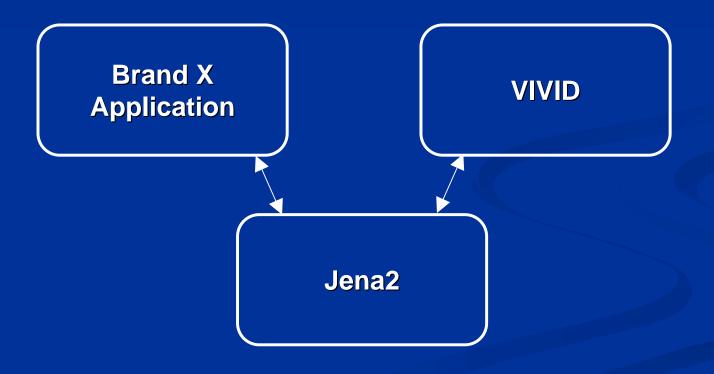




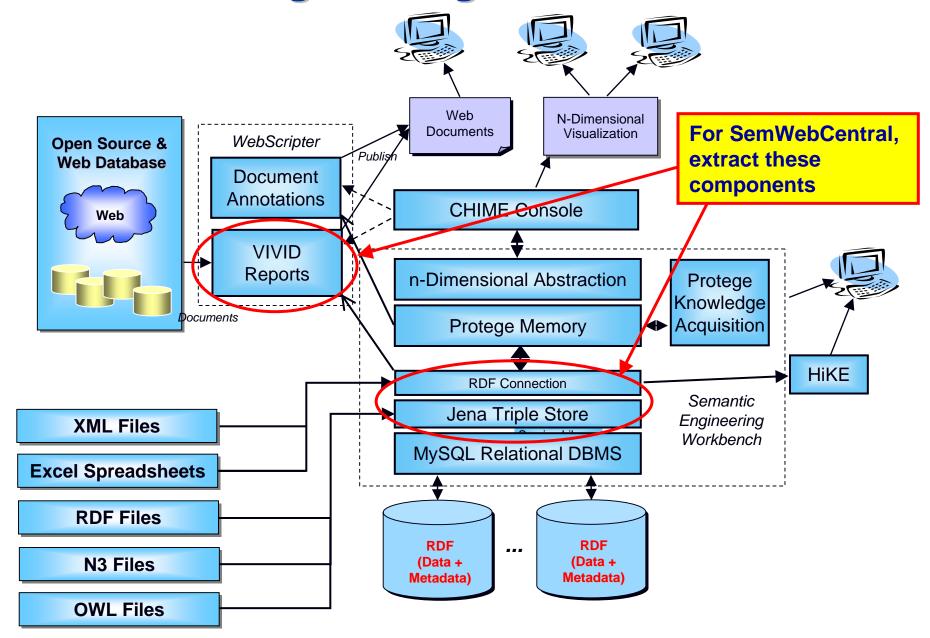
Transition to SemWebCentral (cont.)



For now, use Jena2 as bridge between app and VIVID



Semantic Engineering Workbench





Tasks for Remainder of '04



- Round-out first VIVID release
 - Printing/Report Generation
 - Scale-up
- First release to SemWebCentral
- Additional features
 - Updating
 - Bookmarking/User Profiles
- Second release to SemWebCentral





END OF TALK ONE

Ontoagents

(Stefan Decker, Siegfried Handschuh, Steffen Staab, Rudi Studer)

TRIPLE: http://triple.semanticweb.org (ISI)

- Goals/Status:
 - ✓ Inference Engine API
 - Grid Reasoning Service (Grid Matchmaker)
 - Data integration in NSF Argos project (integrating transport data)
 - Many users and contributors: WU Vienna, University of Hannover, Fraunhofer Berlin, TU Berlin, ISI, DFKI, DERI,...
- Work in Progress
 - Re-Integrate work from outside contributors
 - "Decker Problem": Specifying Input/Output of Web Services using this for validation
 - Implementing OWL semantics (AMAP)
- SemWebCentral
 - Currently on SourceForge: Date: After DAML Meeting, end of June 2004

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Annotation/Crawling (AIFB, Karlsruhe):

- Goals/Status:
 - OWL compatible Annotation Tool (CREAM/OntoMat)
 - OWL-Crawler (standalone and OntoMat-plugin)
 - Annotation/Meta-Ontology
 - Extended Information-Extraction (The Self-Annotating Web)
- Work in Progress
 - Annotation & Authoring Web Pages
 - Ontology Engineering & Annotation
 - ♦ Date: Oct 2004
- SemWebCentral
 - OWL-Crawler (project approved for release)
 - Annotation-Tool





BACKUPS



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VIVID Challenges



Solved:

- Data compaction
- How to manage very large headers
- Pivoting
- Queries

Current Focus:

- Data formatting
- Displaying recursive structures
- Printing/Report Generation

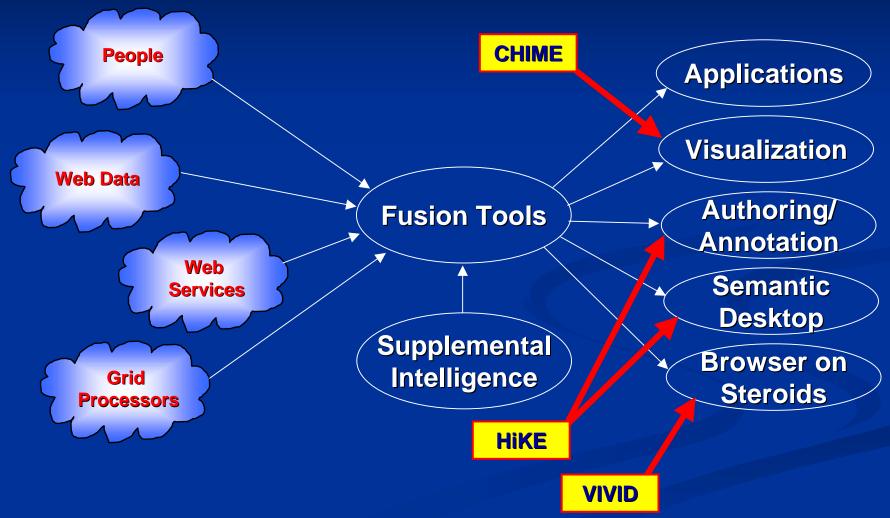
Next:

- Scaling to very large datasets
- Updating
- Bookmarks, User-Profiles
- Inverse links
- Annotation (of rows and cells)
- **...**



Semantic Web Vision



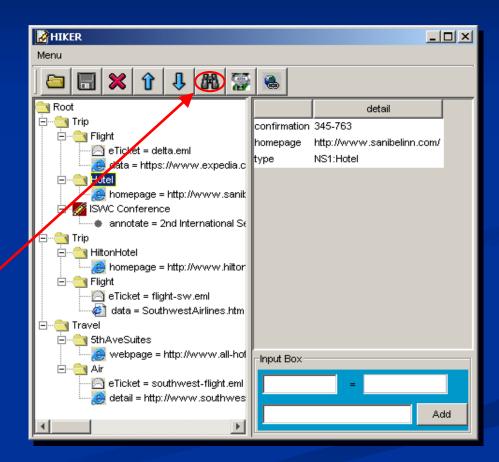




HiKE: Semantic Desktop



- Simple, friendly Semantic Web authoring tool
 - Take notes, annotate, organize documents
- Semantic Web interrelates desktop entities
 - Drag desktop objects into hierarchy
 - Attach attribute values anywhere
 - Semantic annotations enable precise searches





Empirical Evolution



- 1) Select dataset
- 2) Enhance VIVID to handle dataset
- 3) Repeat

- CIA Factbook
 - Handle very wide fanout
- Sigmod Record
 - Pivoting
- SATURN dataset
 - Recursion



What We Need From Definition Language



Something that supports rule-based (if-and-only-if) definitions

(recall the 'MidSizedShip' example)

- Precedents:
 - Loom 'satisfies'
 - KIF 'kappa'