



Querying the Semantic Web for Concept Identifiers to Annotate Research Datasets

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Short Résumé

- Born in 1983
- Scholarships from DAAD, SDW and e-fellows
- Research Stay at UCSB, USA in 2006
- Graduated in Media Computer Science at TUC in 2007
- Project Lead for TV Media Online Services until 2016
- Since 2016 PhD Student at TUC, Germany, PhD topic:
- "PIROL: Publishing Interdisciplinary Research Over Linked Data"
- Research Interest:
 Research Data Management, Linked Data, User Interface Experience





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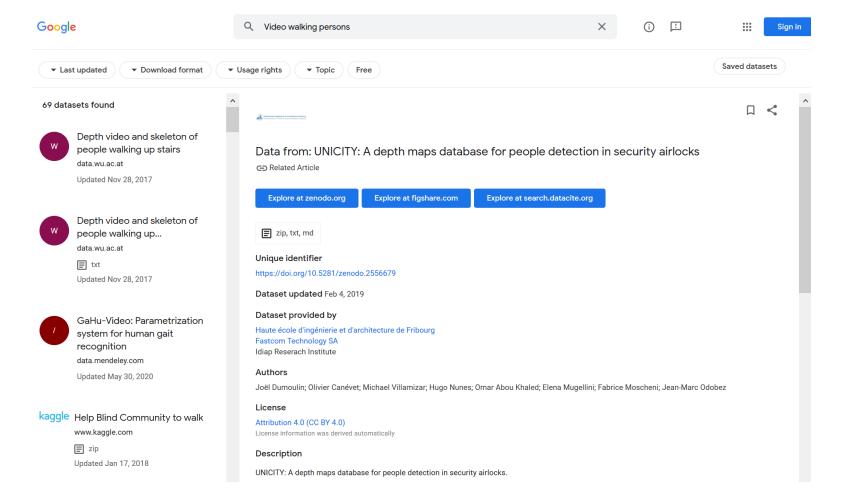
Current Project Context:

DFG Collaborative Research Center "Hybrid Societies" (2020-2024)

- Establish an Institutional Research Data Repository for Research on Humans Interacting with Embodied Technologies
- Enable Interdisciplinary Discovery and Reuse of Research Artifacts through a common language
- Allow semantic research data annotation based on sophisticated user input web interfaces



Problem Description



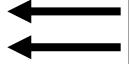


"From Strings to Things"

John Doe



Persistent Subject Identifier
Some Basic Properties



Unabmiguous Author Identifier



Ambiguity
Missing Typification
No Inference Possibilities



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Which knowledge bases exist that provide relevant concepts to describe research datasets and how can we query them?





Identification of interdisciplinarily relevant concepts

- 1. Examined established vocabularies for attribute groups
- 2. Examined UI of established research dataset repositories
- 3. Examined meta descriptions of existing research datasets

Research area, topic, resource type, (file) format/media type, rights/license, discipline, measurement technique/device, material, audience, demographic characteristics, examined objects, research and evaluation methods, research objective, metrics, measurement characteristics, models



Sources for research data concept identifiers

Ontology Catalogs

Authority Services

Instance Datasets

Other Sources

NCBO BioPortal

LOV

AberOWL

ORR

OLS

Ontobee

IBC AgroPortal

SmartCity OC

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EU NALs/Eurovoc

LC

DNB

RAMEAU

UNESCO

AGROVOC

GEMET

SSW

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LOD-a-lot

Dbpedia

Wikidata

BTC

YAGO

Static Files

Dictionary services

Semantic

Search

Engines

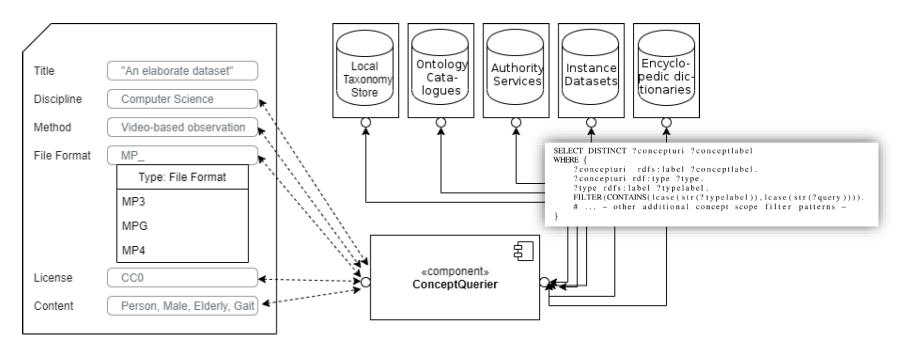


Results

- Appropriate data sources already exist that provide concepts of a certain focus with a concept identifier
- Scattered situation
- Varying data granularity and quality
- Still no or insufficient data providers available for some aspects of interdisciplinary relevance such as methods, devices, objectives
- Variety of representation formats and APIs



Querying Research Concepts





Evaluation

Evaluation Strategy

- Prototypical Implementation of Metadata Input Application to annotate a Research Dataset with a QueryEngine that dynamically retrieves concepts from external data sources as Proof-of-Concept
- Data and Service Quality Metrics for each data provider group measured based on four example use cases

Evaluation Results

Concept Group	LOV	BioPortal	EuroVoc	Wikidata	DBpedia
Gender	27	37*	4	34	28
License	11	42*	41	435	108
File Format	128	51*	172	4201	432
Research Method	16	149*	0	16	5

Extent of retrieved instances per requested Class Label

Concept Group	LOV	BioPortal	EuroVoc	Wikidata	DBpedia
Gender	1.5s	1.5s*	1.0s	2.7s	0.2s**
License	1.5s	1.5s	1.4s	5.3s	0.2s**
Media Type	1.8s	2.9s	1.0s	5.8s	0.5s**
Research Method	1.5s	3.9s	1.0s	13.2s	0.2s**

Processing Time per requested Class Label in s





Contribution

- Analysis of data sources presented that provide concepts and corresponding Linked Data identifiers to describe research datasets
- Implementation of a web-based prototype presented to Dynamically query external services
- Varying service and data quality shown





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