DBKDA 2011 Panel Discussion:

Will Dataspaces Make Data Integration Obsolete?

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The Dataspace Idea



adopted from [Franklin, Halvey, Maier, 2005]

Dataspaces (DS) [Franklin, Halevy, Maier, 2005] is a new abstraction for Information Management

DS are

[paraphrasing and commenting Franklin, 2009]

- Inclusive
 - Deal with all the data of interest, in whatever form => but semantics matters
 - . We need access to the metadata!

- derive schema from instances?
- Discovering new data sources
 => The Münchhausen bootstrap problem?



Theodor Hosemann (1807-1875)

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. DS are

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- Co-existence not Integration
 - No integrated schema, no single warehouse => but ad-hoc matching/mapping required
 - no ownership required
 - => data provenance available?
 - => availability, reliability?

- How to deal with inconsistent data?
- Can ontologies help with mapping?

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- Pay-as-you-go
 - Keyword search is bare minimum => how about semantics?
 - More function and increased consistency as you add work
 - => interesting: better quality at higher costs?
- How about serious analytics with keyword search?
- What does "better quality" mean? metrics?

Statements summary

Kazuko Takahashi: Semantic integration still necessary as basic techniques

Lena Strömbäck: How much can data spaces reduce the need for data integration?

Nipun Agarwal: XML enhanced DBMS technologies will make data integration easier

Chris Ireland: Cost of building a dataspace over time vs up-front cost of integrated data?

Fritz Laux: Dealing with all data of interest, but what is with its semantic?

Will Dataspaces make Data Integration obsolete?

Chris Ireland The Open University, UK

The Literature

- "Dataspace management is not a data integration approach; rather, it is more of a data co-existence approach" [Halevy]
- "A dataspace must perform operations to reconcile differences in representations of information" [Arnold]
- "How to locate all the relevant data and relationships between them" [Podolecheva]
- "The benefits of classical data integration with reduced up-front costs combined with opportunities for incremental refinement, enabling a pay-as-you-go approach" [Hedeler]

A difference...

- Data integration requires up-front identification of relationships, in a dataspace this is done over time (pay-as-you-go) [Jeffery] [Franklin]
 - But... Initialisation of a dataspace requires upfront work [Hedeler]
 - Techniques for identifying and reconciling differences may be shared?
 - Cost of building a dataspace over time vs up-front cost of integrated data?

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-- from the viewpoint of AI --

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My Talk

- My current research
 - A qualitative spatial reasoning
- My opinion on dataspaces & data integration

My background

- Artificial Intelligence
 - Knowledge Representation and Reasoning
 - Spatial&temporal representation/DB
 - Not a Database specialist !

Qualitative Spatial Reasoning (QSR)

- A method that treats images or figures qualitatively by extracting the information necessary for a user's purpose
- Useful for the recognition and analysis of physical phenomena, explanation of causality, diagnosis ...

relative size, relative positional relation, ... using coordinates

Examples of qualitative data representation

- A and B are connected (relative positional relation)
- A is located in the north-west direction of B (relative direction)
- B is farther than C from A (relative distance)
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Example of qualitative reasoning • P(A,B) and P(B,C) implies P(A,C)

Data abstraction level

- Higher level
 - A and B are connected
- Lower level
 - A and B are connected by a point
 - A and B are connected by two points
 - A and B are connected by a line
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Spatial data integration

It is hard to integrate these data bases
 – with different abstraction level

Data integration (WIKI)

- combining data residing in different sources and providing users with a unified view of these data
- Semantic integration is needed
 - Conflict resolution
 - Using ontology

Dataspaces (WIKI)

An abstraction in data management An evolved form of data integration To overcome some of <u>problem in data integration</u>

- to reduce the effort required to set up a data integration system
 - by relying on existing matching and mapping generation techniques,
- to improve the system in pay-as-you-go fashion as it is used

Machine learning in Al

- inductive learning, concept formation, data mining, rule mining
 - find a rule/concept from massive data (generalization)
 - classify a new data or derive a property of a new data by using this rule/concept
 - need much time on the first phase data integration
- case-based reasoning
 - store a massive data as a set of instances
 - classify a new data or derive a property of a new data directly using some of these data
 - generalization rules are still used dataspaces



• Dataspaces:

- larger amount of data, more changeable
- reasonable use only necessary functions only on the time they are required
- semantic integration is inevitable
 - Conflict resolution
 - Generalization
- These techniques used in data integration is still necessary as basic techniques on handling dataspaces



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Status

- Data Integration
 - Lots of data & sources
 - Schema first approach
 - Requires semantic understanding of various sources
 - Very expensive
 - Very important
 - Very difficult
- Dataspaces
 - Data co-existence approach
 - Provides base functionality over all data sources
 - Best effort result
 - E,g, Search



Vision

- Complementary set of use cases
- Businesses willing to invest upfront if needed
- Need transactional semantics
- Various industry standards promoting data integration
- XML based standards ease the need of a fixed schema
 - XBRL
 - HL7
 - FPML



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expanding reality

Why Data Spaces?

Common formats is a prerequisite for efficient data management

On the web new data formats and actors occurs all the time



From Databases to Dataspaces: A New Abstraction for Information Management Michael Franklin, Alon Halevy, David Maier (ACM SIGMOD 2005)



Available solutions -Data space technology?

Provenance



Pay as you go



Broker resources





Questions

- Are these resources parts of data space technologies?
 - Provenance/lineage
 - Broker resources
 - Pay as you go
- What else is needed?
- How much can data spaces reduce the need for data integration?
 - Many user that work together on smaller problems
 - Technologies that aids and reduces the effort
- Application specific vs. general solutions





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