3\textsuperscript{rd} International Semantic Service Selection Contest
– Performance Evaluation of Semantic Service Matchmakers –

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Public Semantic Services in the Web 2009

Sousuo 24-09-09: 410 w/o test collections
3508 w/ test collections

Public semantic service retrieval test collections:
• OWL-S: OWLS-TC2 (semwebcentral.org), TC (ce.sharif.edu)
• SAWSDL: SAWSDL-TC1 (semwebcentral.org)
• None for WSML yet.

Source: Klusch
Semantic Service Matchmakers: Categories

**Non-Logic-Based**
- No logical reasoning on semantic annotations
- Text and/or structural similarity-based semantic matching

**Logic-Based**
- Logical reasoning on semantic annotations only

### Categories
- **Non-Functional**
  - (Non-Functional & IO/PE/OPE)
- **Functional**
  - (IO/PE)
- **Full Functional**
  - (IO/PE)
- **Specification**
  - (PE)
- **Signature**
  - (I/O)
- **Monolithic**
  - (OS-based, Text)
- **Non-Functional**
  - (OS, Worf, etc.)

Source: Klusch
Semantic Service Matchmakers: Categories

- **Combined** (Non-Functional & IO/PE/OPE)
- **Full Functional** (IO/PE)
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**Hybrid**
- Combined logic- and non-logic-based semantic matching

Semantic Service Matchmakers: Languages

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OWL-S
WSML
SAWSDL
Others

Source: Klusch
S3 Contest 2009: Organisation

**Track 1: OWL-S Service Matchmakers**
1. JIAC-OWLSM (TU Berlin, Germany)
2. Opossum (Technion, Israel)
3. OWLS-MX 2.0 (DFKI, Germany)
4. OWLS-MX 3.0 (DFKI, Germany)
5. OWLS-iMatcher (U Zurich, Switzerland)
6. SPARQLent (Hewlett-Packard EIC, Italy)
7. ALIVE (U Bath, UK)

**Track 2: SAWSDL Service Matchmakers**
1. URBE (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
2. SAWSDL-MX2 (DFKI, Germany)
3. COM4SWS (TU Darmstadt, Germany)
4. SAWSDL-iMatcher3/1 (U Zurich, Switzerland)

Source: Klusch

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S3 Contest 2009: Organisation (cont’d)

**Track 3: Initial Cross-Evaluation - Matchmakers for different formats tested over same collection**

SAWSDL: SAWSDL-MX1, SAWSDL-MX2, SAWSDL-iMatcher3/1
OCML-LISP: IRS-III (Open U, UK)
Natural Language Text and Tagging: Themis-S (U Muenster, Germany)
WSColab (U Modena & Reggio Emilia, Italy)

Source: Klusch
S3 Contest 2009: Evaluation Setting

• Service retrieval test collections
  - Track1: OWLS-TC 3.0 (1007serv, 29req, 24ont), WSDL 1.1, binary & graded relevance
    20-10-2009: 10.076 downloads (since April 2005) @semwebcentral.org
  - Track2: SAWSDL-TC 1.0 (894serv, 26req, 24ont), WSDL 1.1, binary relevance
    20-10-2009: 234 downloads (since July 2008) @semwebcentral.org
  - Track3: JGD50-SAWSDL, JGD50-OCML-LISP, JGD50-NL-Tags

• Standard retrieval performance measures
  - Binary relevance: Macro-averaged recall/precision, Average precision
  - Graded relevance: Q, nDCG (averaged cumulative gain)
  - Average query response time: Elapsed time (secs) per query execution

• Evaluation tool
  - SME² v2.1 @semwebcentral.org

Source: Klusch
Track 1: OWL-S Matchmakers in Brief

- **JIAC-OWLSM**
  - Selection: Hybrid; Signature (I/O)
  - **Logic-based match**: Logical I/O concept subsumption relation as numeric score
  - **Non-logic-based match**: Integrated string matching of I/O concept names
    - `string.equal()`, `string.contains()`
  - **Ranking**: Linear weighted aggregation of logical and string matching scores
  - Dev: Nils Masuch (TU Berlin, Germany)

- **Opossum**
  - Selection: Hybrid; Signature (I/O)
  - **Logic-based match**: Logical I/O concept relationship
  - **Non-logic-based match**: Numerical score from logic-based match, shortest path distance, concept depth/avg. Ontology depth, subsequent ranking
  - Dev: Eran Toch (CMU, USA); Avigdor Gal, Dov Dori (Technion, IL), Iris Reinhartz-Berger (Haifa U, IL)

- **OWLS-MX3**
  - Selection: Hybrid, adaptive; Signature (I/O)
    - **Logic-based match** (cf. OWLS-MX2); **Non-logic-based match**: Text similarity-based (cf. OWLS-MX2), Ontology-based structural match - Separated filters
    - **Adaptive (offline)**: SVM relevance classifier for aggregation of matching degrees with subsequent ranking
  - Dev: Matthias Klusch, Patrick Kapahnke (DFKI, Germany)

- **OWLS-iMatcher2**
  - Selection: Hybrid; Signature (I/O), Service Name
    - **Logic-based**: Logical unfolding of I/O concepts (Pellet)
    - **Non-logic-based**: Text similarities of unfolded service signatures and names
    - **Ranking**: Text similarity
  - Dev: Christoph Kiefer, Avi Bernstein (U Zurich, Switzerland)
Track 1: OWL-S Matchmakers in Brief

• **SPARQLent**
  - Selection: Logic-Based; Signature (I/O); Specification (PE)
  - Logic-based match: P/E described in SPARQL, I/O represented as additional constraints; I/O concept match w/ RDF entailment rules for RDF-encoded OWL
  - Ranking: ?
  - Dev: Marco Luca Sbodio (Hewlett-Packard EIC, Italy)

• **ALIVE**
  - Selection: Hybrid semantic; Signature (I/O), Service description tag
  - Logic-based match: Logical I/O concept subsumption
  - Non-logic-based match: Additional text similarity match of text annotations
  - Ranking: Logic-based degree followed by text similarity-based ranking
  - Dev: Dimitris Andreou (U Bath, UK)

Performance Evaluation (Binary Relevance)

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### Performance Evaluation (Graded Relevance)

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| 2. JIAC-OWLSM | .79 | .89 |
| 3. OWLS-iMatcher2 | .83 | .88 |
| 4. SPARQLent | .67 | .82 |
| 5. OPOSSUM | .51 | .71 |
| 6. ALIVE | .42 | .64 |

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Source: Klusch

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### Track 2: SAWSDL Matchmakers in Brief

**URBE**

- Selection: Non-logic-based; Signature (I/O)
  - Non-logic-based match: Bipartite graph-matching of service operations; Ontology-based structural I/O concept similarity (worst-case path length in given reference ontology); Text similarity (WordNet) for property-class and XSD data type matching
  - Ranking: Weighted aggregation of structural and text matching scores
- Dev: Pierluigi Plebani (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

**COM4SWS**

- Selection: Hybrid; Signature (I/O)
  - Hybrid match: Clustering (FarthestFirst, syntactic distance) of services in VSM (dim = #SAWSDL attributes); logic-based mutual (subclasses of) concept coverage
  - Ranking: Based on numeric results of bipartite graph-matching
- Dev: Stefan Schulte et al. (TU Darmstadt, Germany)

Source: Klusch
Track 2: SAWSDL Matchmakers in Brief

• **SAWSDL-MX2**
  - Selection: *Hybrid, adaptive; Signature*
    - Logic-based match: Logical I/O concept subsumption
    - Non-logic-based match: Text similarity; Structural similarity of WSDL groundings
  - Adaptive (offline): SVM classifier [TS = 10% SAWSDL-TC] w/ ranking
  - Dev: Patrick Kapahnke, Matthias Klusch (DFKI, Germany)

• **SAWSDL-iMatcher3/1**
  - Selection: *Hybrid semantic, adaptive; Combined (I/O, Non-functional: Service name)*
    - Logic-based match: Similarity based on I/O concept subsumption
    - Non-logic-based match: Text similarity of service names
  - Adaptive (offline): Linear regression model [TS = full SAWSDL-TC] w/ ranking
  - Dev: Dengping Wei, Avi Bernstein (U Zurich, Switzerland)

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** W/o logic-based classification of service ontologies (building of matchmaker ontology) performed belatedly by COM4SwS at first query: else 62.29s !  * COM4SwS precision: Variant w/o clustering (worse).
Some Lessons Learned

Logic-based vs. Hybrid semantic selection

1. **Integration of logic-based reasoning with text similarity may significantly improve precision at the cost of higher avg query response time.**

   Example: Track 1 entries

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   ALIVE variants (2 logic-based, 1 hybrid) with insignificant differences in precision.

Source: Klusch

Some Lessons Learned (2)

2. **Hybrid semantic matching can be less precise than mere logic-based matching in case of syntactic pre-filtering of services (two-phase vs. integrative hybrid).**

   Example: COM4SWS

   Hybrid variant *.HYB prunes search space of subsequent logic-based only variant (*.KOM) by cluster-based prefiltering of services, hence better query response time but at cost of precision

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* Without its late logical services classification at first query only

Source: Klusch
Some Lessons Learned (3)

3. **Adaptive hybrid semantic matchmakers can be competitive wrt both flexibility and performance.**
   
   >>> Adaptive entries performed at least as good as fixed variants of entries in terms of precision (sometimes better: adaptive OWLS-MX3 in Track 1)
   
   >>> Performance results vary depending on used training set:
   
   - All adaptive entries are off-line trained over different (sub-)sets of test collections
   
   >>> More flexible: Adaptive aggregation renders matchmaking independent from adding or modifications of any test collection or matching filters
   
   >>> All adaptive S3 entries are learning off-line:
   
   - OWLS-MX3 (SVM), SAWSDL-MX2 (SVM), SAWSDL-iMatcher3/1 (Regression)

Source: Klusch

Some Lessons Learned (4)

4. **Majority of semantic service selection bases on signature (I/O) matching**
   
   - First S3 entry featuring PE-matching this year (SPARQLent), plus ongoing work elsewhere (e.g. iSeM 1.0).
   - Problem: No test collection including service PEs available!

5. **Query response times of matchmakers largely differ**
   
   - Entries that use RDF triple stores and relational databases perform much faster than those with in-memory storage of logic-based reasoners.
   - Non-logic-based semantic selection with text index-based retrieval fastest.

6. **Graded relevance sets appear to enable higher precision**
   
   - All S3 track 1 entries performed more precise over OWLS-TC3 with graded relevance sets (Discounted cumulative gain for cut-off n=100) l.p. for top positions of rankings
   - Graded relevance sets will be included in upcoming SAWSDL-TC2

Source: Klusch
Track 3: Cross-Evaluation

- **Specific Domain Test Collection: Jena Geography Dataset JGD**
  - Full set consists of 201 geoservices (WSDL, REST-based), 10 queries, graded relevance.
  - Initial test set JGD50: Only 50 services, 9 queries.
  - Services provided by S3 organizers, semantic annotations by participants.
  - Each JGD50 service semantically annotated in different ways:
    - JGD50-NL-Tags: Monolithic text; Folksonomy-based tagging -- for Themis-S, WSColab
    - JGD50-SAWSDL: SAWSDL -- for Track-2 entries
    - JGD50-OCML-LISP: LISP syntax with OCML semantics -- for IRS-III

- **Comparative performance evaluation over JGD50**
  - Retrieval performance (Q, nDCG; AQRT); Evaluation Tool: SME2 v2.1
  - Efforts of service annotation: N/A (no sufficient feedback from annotators)

Track 3: Selection Tools in Brief

For JGD50-NL-Tags: Services/queries summarized into text or tagged

- **Themis-S**
  - Selection: **Non-logic-based; Monolithic (Text)**
    - Non-logic-based match: Text similarity between bags of extracted (via WordNet) and weighted concepts in service/query text (docs) over enhanced Topic-based Vector Space Model (eTVSM) with respective ranking
  - Dev: Oliver Müller (U Münster, Germany)

- **WSColab**
  - Selection: **non-logic; Combined (tags for I/O, non-functional parameters/"behavior")**
    - Non-logic-based: Text similarity of tags (TFIDF/cosine)
    - Ranking: Tag text similarity (returns only matching services)
    - All results for WSColab averaged over five different query wordings.
  - Dev: Maciej Gawinecki (U Modena & Reggio Emilia, Italy)
Track 3: Selection Tools in Brief

For JGD50-OCML-LISP: Services/goals described in OCML-LISP
- **IRS-III**
  - Selection: Logic-based; Signature
    - Logic-based match: OCML rule-based relational matches between I/O concepts
    - Ranking: Number of I/O concept matches; returns only matching services
  - Dev: Liliana Cabral+ (Open University, UK)

For JGD50-SAWSDL: Service descriptions in semantically annotated WSDL 1.1
- **SAWSDL-MX1** (hybrid; signature)
- **SAWSDL-MX2** (hybrid, adaptive; signature); Training Set = 20% of JGD50-SAWSDL
- **SAWSDL-iMatcher3/1** (hybrid, adaptive; combined); Training Set = SAWSDL-TC1 Evaluation over full JGD50-SAWSDL (Test set otherwise too small).
- **URBE**: NullPointerExceptions during JGD50-SAWSDL service parsing
- **COM4SWS**: Supports only WSDL 2.0 (No JGD50-SAWSDL with WSDL 2.0 available)

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(Klusch, Kuester)
Limitation of Ranking-Based Evaluation

Set-based binary matchmakers (e.g. WSColab, IRS-III) not standard comparable with others:

- Return classical answer set with „matching“ services only: No rank list of all services.
- Random ranking of „non-matching“ services in rank list of all services.

(Relaxed definition of binary relevance: JGD Binary7)

Performance Evaluation (Graded Relevance)

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Limitations of Binary Relevance

Average precision is sensitive to different definitions of binary relevance for JGD (different sets of relevance grades for "relevant"/"not relevant")

- JGD Binary1: PosEqual, PosMatch, PosCompatible
- JGD Binary2: PosEqual, Partial, PosCompatible
- JGD Binary3: Approximate, PosMatch, PosCompatible
- JGD Binary4: Approximate, Partial, PosCompatible
- JGD Binary5: PosEqual, Partial, Incompatible
- JGD Binary6: Approximate, PosMatch, Incompatible
- JGD Binary7: Approximate, Partial, Incompatible
- JGD Binary8: PosEqual, PosMatch, Incompatible

R/P can be very instable for queries with only few relevant services.

Performance Evaluation (Graded Relevance)

Performance over different graded relevance measures is relatively stable (Stable: No change of matchmaker ranking for different measures)

nDCG variants (AWDP-*) sometimes rank differently than e.g. Q measures with integrated AP
Track 3: Some Lessons Learned

1. Bottleneck of describing semantic services
   >> Annotation of JGD200 overcharged participants → fall back to JGD50
      but this is clearly too small of a collection
   >> More active participation in test collection building required (e.g. joint
      project funding, online portal(s), special TREC-like developer conference, ..),
      de-facto standards OWLS-TC and SAWSDL-TC to start with.

2. Non-logic-based selection tools performed as good as logic-based ones
   >> Where are the logical or hybrid IOPE matchmakers that can do better?
   >> What were the most hard implementation problems to cope with?

3. Evaluation for graded relevance much more stable than for binary relevance
   >> Further test collection building should include graded relevance sets

Outlook on 4th S3 Contest in 2010

- New semantic service matchmaker entries already confirmed ... 😊
  - MOD (A-STAR, Singapore)
  - iSeM (DFKI, D) - hybrid, adaptive; Combined/IOPE
  - SAWSDL.SAG (TU Darmstadt/Software AG, D)
- Location of final presentation/discussion of results TBD
- Improved test collections OWLS-TC4, SAWSDL-TC2. What about WSML-TC?
- Continuation of cross-evaluation track TBD

NEW: SAWSDL-TC 2.0
with new geoservices domain (JGD50-SAWSDL),
more SAWSDL services and queries, and additional graded relevance sets
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... Thanks for your attention!

Any QUESTIONS?

... Next year with your brand new ultra mega beat’em all matchmaker? 😄