

DARPA Agent Markup Language (DAML)

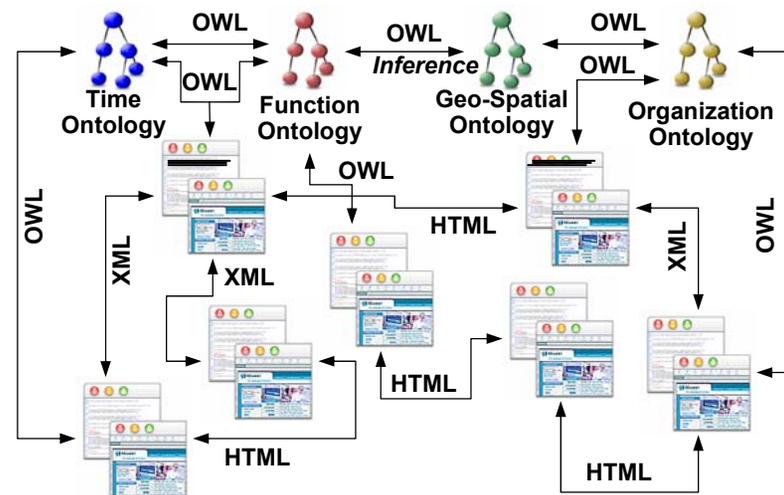
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The WWW has been primarily about presenting documents and data to people – we have created a revolutionary **web of data** by using HTML over HTTP to create the hypertext web

The direction of WWW research is toward exploiting the data on the web to link machines – to create a **web of capability** by using RDF/OWL over HTTP to create a knowledge web

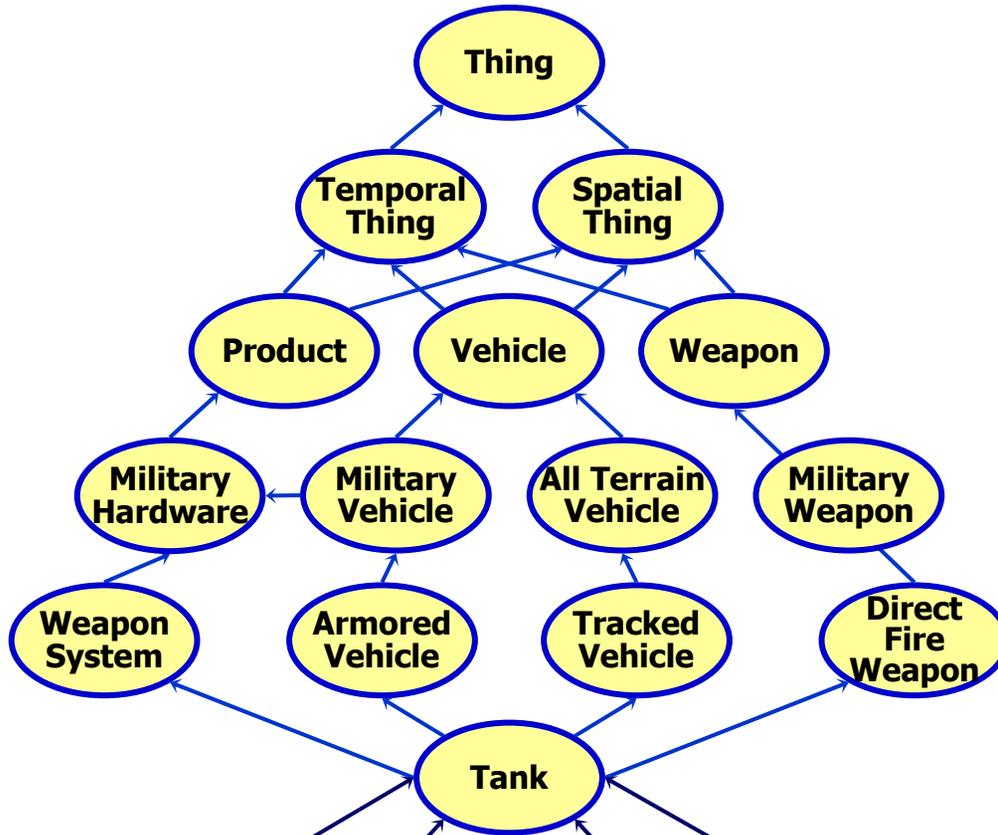
- Critical components of C2I are moving to the Web
 - Information sources (text, imagery, plans, email, GCCS...)
 - Sensor control and tasking
 - Logistics support
- Current Web Technology Is Not Machine Processable
- DAML enables the Semantic Web - Machine readability with very rich semantics to support web-based software for:
 - Intelligence Analysis and Production
 - Military Planning and Operations
 - Software C4ISR Agents
 - Sensor Fusion



The DAML Vision: Adding Formal Knowledge Structures (Ontologies) via RDF/OWL Markup in order to make the Web Machine Processable

Ontology / Schema

(Semantics of the Data)



Vocabulary (Terms)

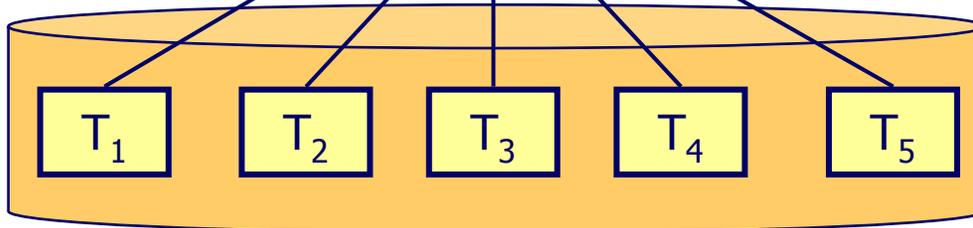
- Concepts (Types)
- Predicates (Relations)

Axioms (Statements)

- Definitions
- Constraints
- Axioms
- Rules

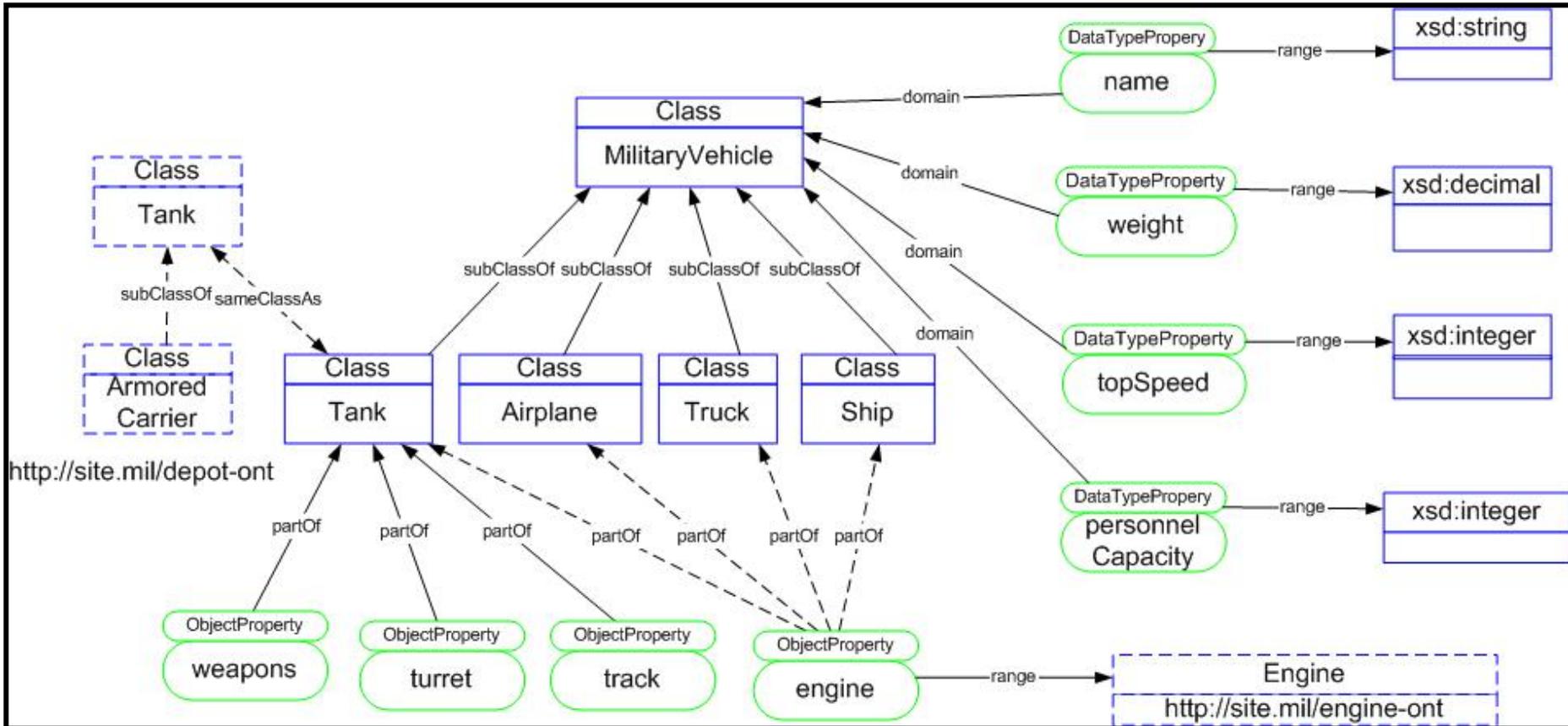
Data

(Instances)



Data

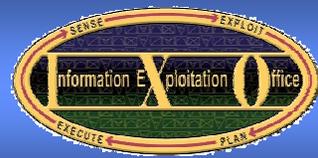
- Instances of Concepts
- Instances of Predicates



- Multiple types of links
- Classes, objects, and instances
- Networked ontologies with partial overlaps
- Compatible with XML and RDFS
- Based in Description Logic
- Supports tractable inference



DAML = XML + Ontologies



- The concepts and relationships that describe sets of information
- The AI field of knowledge representation has been developing ontologies for years
- DAML uses classes, properties and specific types of relationships between classes and properties to express ontologies
- Ontologies can represent generalized relationships as well as specific instances
- DAML is specifically designed to create ontologies in a distributed web environment

DAML has created a Web Ontology Language (OWL) to enable creation of a *Web of Knowledge*



Web Languages: From XML to OWL

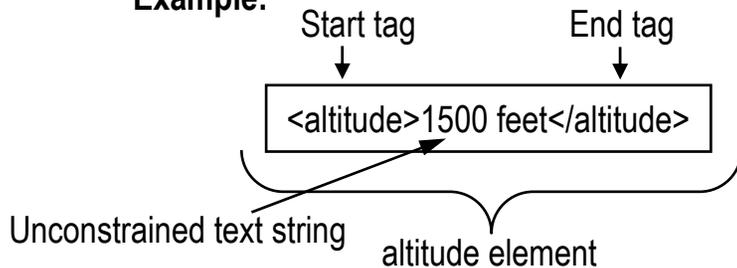


XML

Issue addressed: how to express data in text?

XML Solution: “wrap” data within start tag/end tags, and empower users to create their own tags

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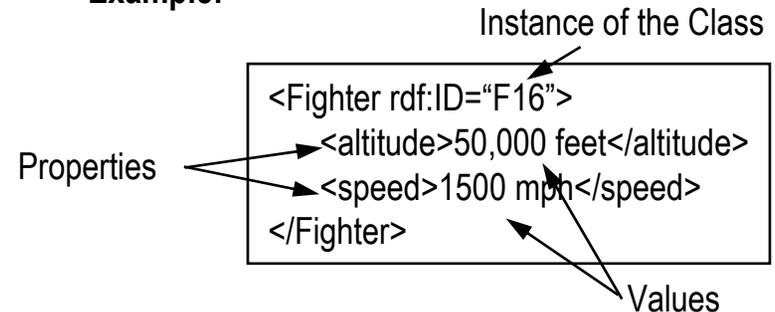


RDF

Issue addressed: how can data be classified by type?

RDF Solution: use an *class*, *property*, *value* pattern

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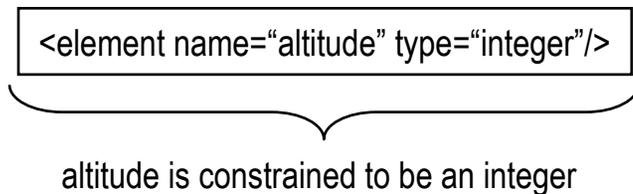


XML Schema (XMLS)

Issue addressed: how should the structure of the data be expressed?

XML Schema Solution: XML templates

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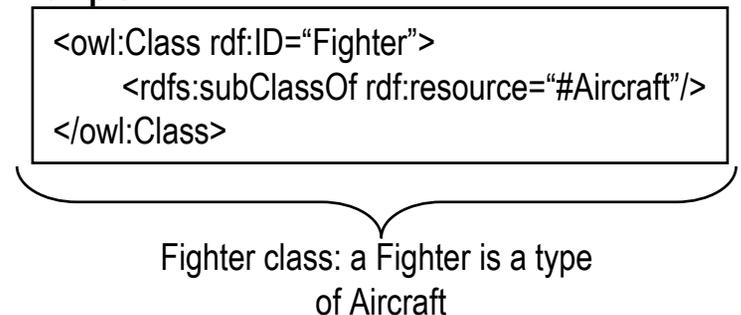


DAML's OWL

Issue addressed: how to express data semantics?

OWL Solution: use a description logic

Example:



HTML → XML & XMLS → RDF → OWL



World Wide Web Consortium Issues RDF and OWL Recommendations

Semantic Web emerges as commercial-grade infrastructure for sharing data on the Web

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(This press release is also available in [French](#) and [Japanese](#))



<http://www.w3.org/> -- 10 February 2004 -- Today, the World Wide Web Consortium announced final approval of two key Semantic Web technologies, the revised Resource Description Framework (RDF) and the Web Ontology Language (OWL). RDF and OWL are Semantic Web standards that provide a framework for asset management, enterprise integration and the sharing and reuse of data on the Web. These standard formats for data sharing span application, enterprise, and community boundaries - all of these different types of "user" can share the same information, even if they don't share the same software.

Today's announcement marks the emergence of the Semantic Web as a **broad-based, commercial-grade platform** for data on the Web. The deployment of these standards in commercial products and services signals the transition of Semantic Web technology from what was largely a research and advanced development project over the last five years, to more practical technology deployed in mass market tools that enables more flexible access to structured data on the Web. [Testimonials](#) from enterprise-scale implementors and independent developers illustrate current uses of these standards on the Web today.



DAML Tools Make OWL Real



Supplying the essential semantic layer to today's Web

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Tech Approach</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontology editors, browsers, servers	Description Logic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annotation tools	Ontology-based natural language processing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inference engines	Theorem proving Description logic programming
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semantic search & retrieval mechanisms	Query language Ontology-based indexing Agent-based computing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontology mapping tools	String matching, thesauri Graph isomorphism

- Scalable
- Interoperable
- Open



World Wide Web
Internet



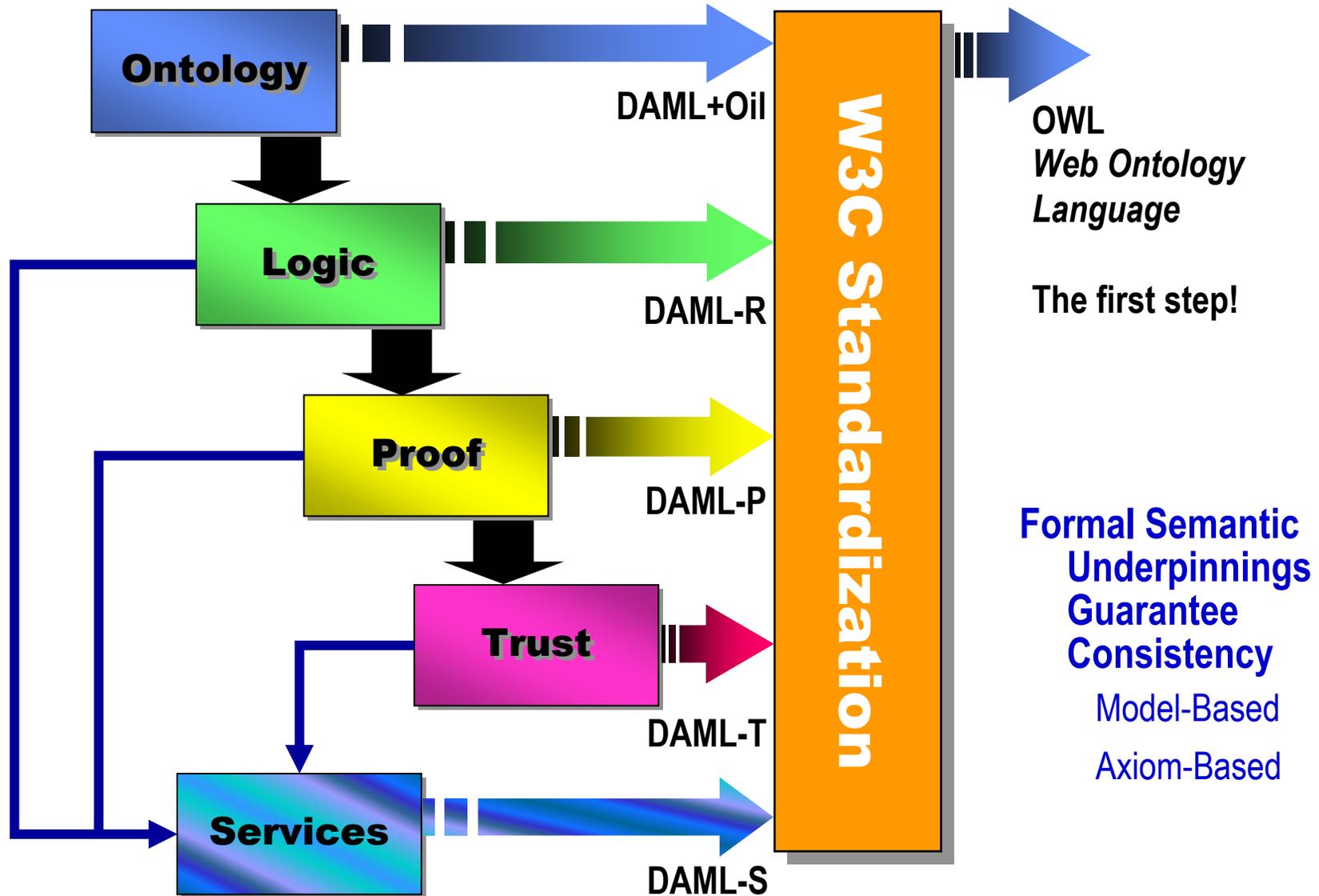
DAML Specific Tools by Category



<http://www.daml.org/tools/>

Category	Tool	Category	Tool
DAML Annotation	AeroDAML	Knowledge Base	OpenCyc
DAML API	DAML API	Ontology Analyzer	Chimaera
DAML API	DAMLJessKB	Ontology Analyzer	ConsVISor
DAML API	Jena	Ontology Analyzer	DAML+OIL Ontology Checker
DAML Browser	DAML Markup Tool	Ontology Editor	DAML+OIL Plugin for Protege 2000
DAML Browser	DAML Sidebar	Ontology Editor	DAML UML Enhanced Tool (DUET)
DAML Browser	HyperDAML	Ontology Editor	OilEd
DAML Browser	OntoDoc	Ontology Editor	OntoEdit
DAML Crawler	DAML Crawler	Ontology Editor	Unicorn System
DAML Crawler	RDF Crawler	Ontology Library	OntoMap.org
DAML Editor	DAML Emacs Mode	Ontology Translation	Articulation Service
DAML Graph Visualization	DAML VisualLinks	Ontology Translation	OntoMerge
DAML Graph Visualization	IsaViz	OWL Validator	OWL Validator
DAML Graph Visualization	Object Viewer	Persistence	DAML DB
DAML Graph Visualization	VisioDAML	Persistence	Jena
DAML Markup tool	Semantic Markup, Ontology & RDF Editor (SMORE)	Persistence	Sesame
DAML Transformation	DAML/XSLT Adapter	Query	Sesame
DAML Validator	DAML Validator	RDBMS Mapping	KAON-REVERSE
DAML Viewer	DAML Viewer	RDBMS Mapping	Unicorn System
DAML Viewer	PalmDAML	RDF/DAML Authoring	RDF Instance Creator (RIC)
Export	OWL Converter	RDF Parser	DAML dotnetAPI
Import	Excel to RDF converter	RDF Parser	Drive
Import	PDDL to DAML Translator	RDF Parser	Jena
Import	RDF Web Scraper	RDF Parser	Jena Location Modification
Import	Unicorn System	RDF Parser	RDF API
Import	XML Schema to DAML Translator	RDF Parser	Source and Dynamic Loading Extensions for Jena
Inference Engine	owm	RDF Parser	Wilbur RDF Toolkit
Inference Engine	Euler proof mechanism	RDF Query	Algae
Inference Engine	Java Theorem Prover (JTP)	RDF Query	Jena
Inference Engine	OpenCyc	Report Generation	Webscraper
Inference Engine	TRIPLE	Search Engine	DAML Semantic Search Service
Knowledge Base	OpenCyc	XML Editor	RDFedt

See also: <http://www.semwebcentral.org/>





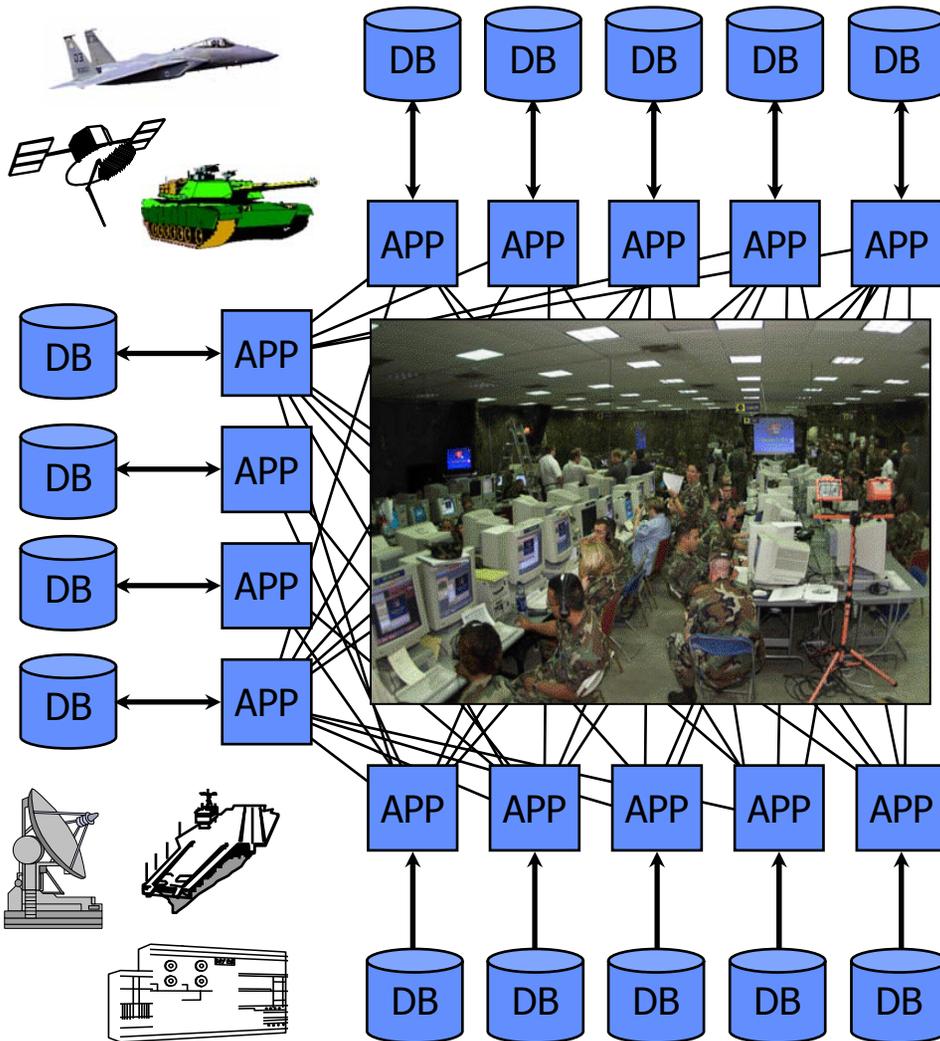
From Ontology Description to C2I Software Interoperability



- **The goal of the DAML Program is to use explicit ontologies, web technologies, and agent systems in order to achieve software/data interoperability and composability**
 - The DAML ontology description language is the foundational technology for the semantic web revolution
 - OWL allows data mark up with precise terminology, so searching and browsing become even more effective
 - OWL's DL basis and axiomatic semantics allow *subsumption* reasoning to fill certain knowledge gaps

- **From Description to Interoperability**
 - DAML/Logic – Include a rule language in DAML to allow users to not just describe their ontologies, but also to specify non-class relationships between elements
 - Allow OWL to express relationships like “in this database, a battalion B is operating in an area A if B has a company C and C is operating in A.”
 - Allow OWL applications to include arbitrary relationships between element classes
 - Allow OWL-described services to specify preconditions, postconditions, and exceptions
 - DAML/Proof – Include a specification for using DAML logic and rule elements to construct supports and refutations
 - Allow OWL applications to add confirming or disconfirming information for a DAML assertion
 - Allow OWL to express general processes, like negotiations
 - DAML/Trust – Include a specification for using DAML proofs to describe information provenance and pedigree
 - Allow OWL applications to reason about trustworthiness of information sources

The Military Problem: Fragmented Information



- **Information overload**
 - ◆ Need to get the *right* info to the *right* person at the *right* time.
- **Individual Stovepipe Systems**
- **Little Interoperability**
 - ◆ Joint Operations
 - ◆ Coalition Warfare
- **Difficult to Integrate**
- **Labor Intensive Collection and Coordination**
- **Scattered Snapshots of the Battlefield**
 - ◆ Different views
 - ◆ Different times
 - ◆ Different names
- **Fraction of the Information Sources Used**



Selected DAML Transitions



Selected Pilot Projects that Show how Different Services Use OWL to Integrate Information

- AF-AMC: Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG)
- AF-AMC: Notices To Airmen (NOTAMs)
- AF-AFRL: Joint Battlespace Infosphere (DAML-JBI)
- ONR: Expeditionary Pervasive Sensing (EPS)
- Army Knowledge On-Line (AKO)



Summary



Opportunity

- Military adopting WWW technologies extensively (HTML/XML)
- OWL builds upon and extends HTML/XML to provide information “meaningful” to computers
- Enormous military and world wide commercial interest in OWL because of W3C acceptance

Approach

- Networks of linked ontologies are at the heart of the OWL idea
- Extensive set of prototype DAML tools under development

Transition

- Several pilot projects in DoD; OWL-enabled commercial software is being readied now by a large number of significant software vendors
- Tools being finalized and ready for use