Dataspaces: Co-Existence with Heterogeneity

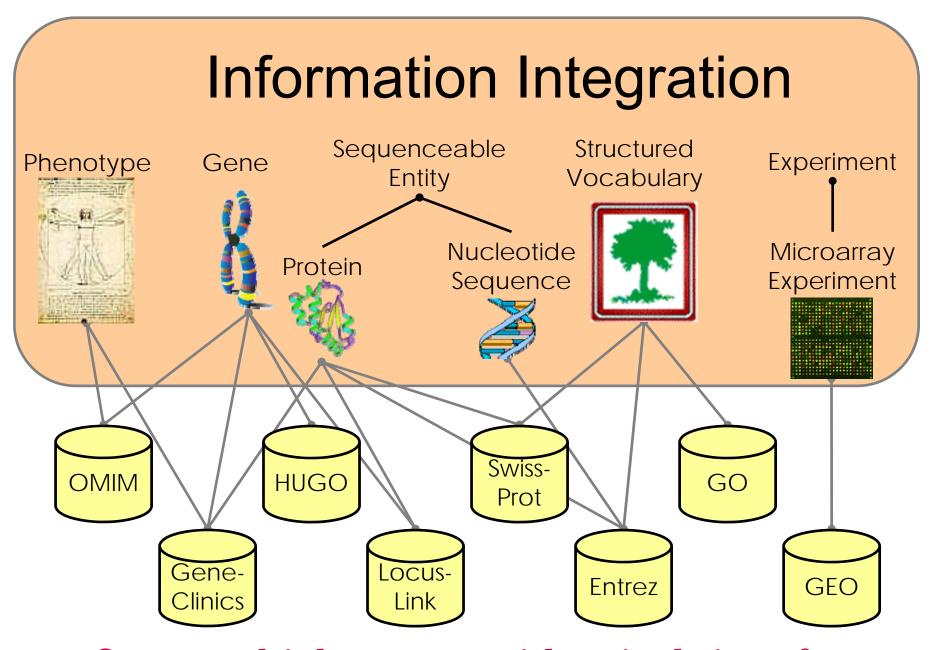
Alon Halevy



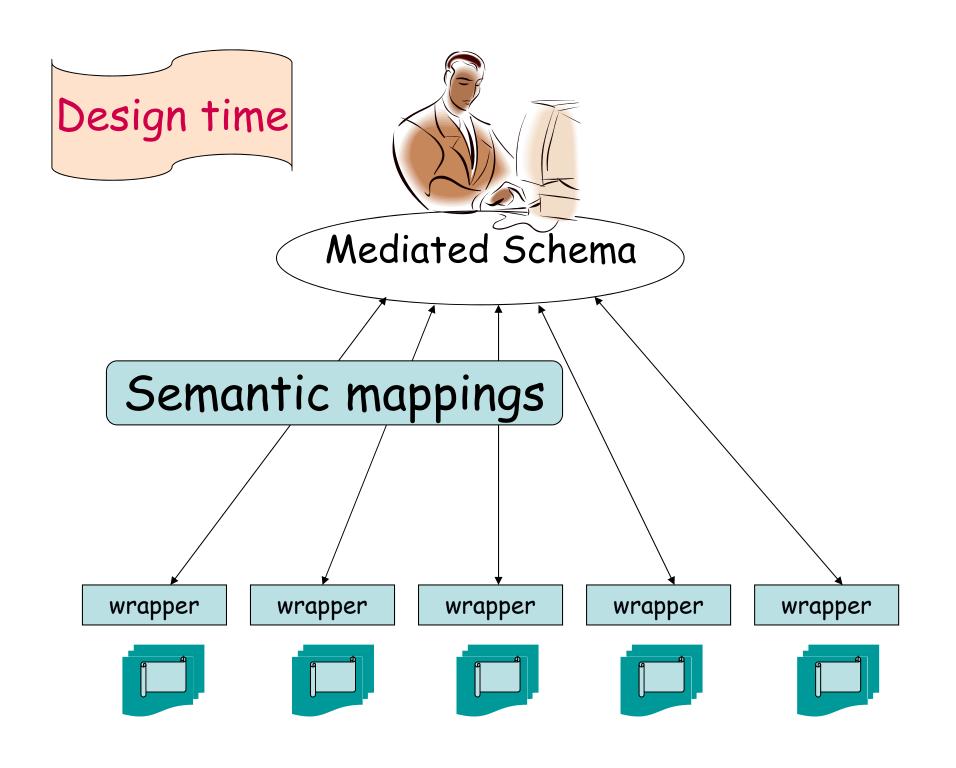
Agenda

- Basic assumption: KR = "fancy" DB
- DB trends what do they mean for KR?
 - √ From DB's to integrating heterogeneous data
 - >From integration to co-existence
- Dataspaces: [Franklin, Halevy, Maier]
 - "pay-as-you-go" data management
 - Dataspace querying, evolution and reflection
 - Need for KR services

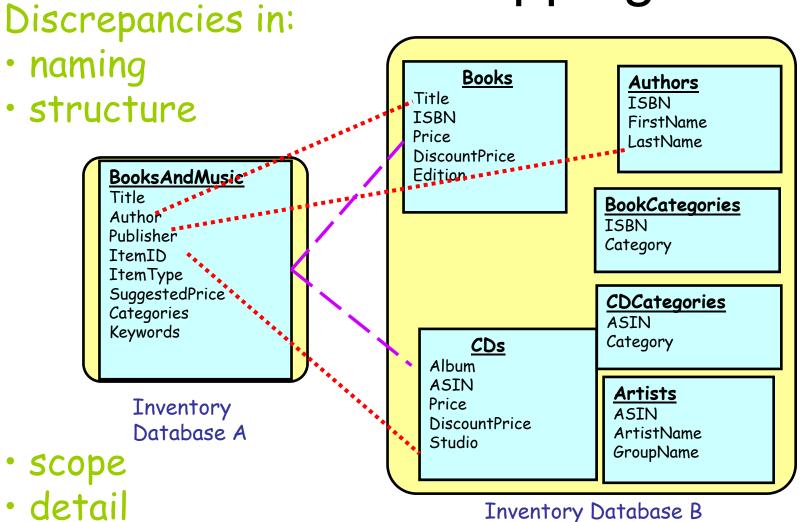




Query multiple sources with a single interface



Semantic Mappings





Mediation Languages

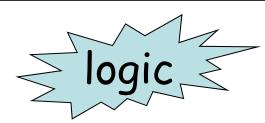
Requirements:

- expressive
- · tractable
- easy to modify

Mediated Schema

CD: ASIN, Title, Genre,...

Artist: ASIN, name, ...



Lenzerini 02, Halevy 01

<u>CDs</u>

Album
ASIN
Price
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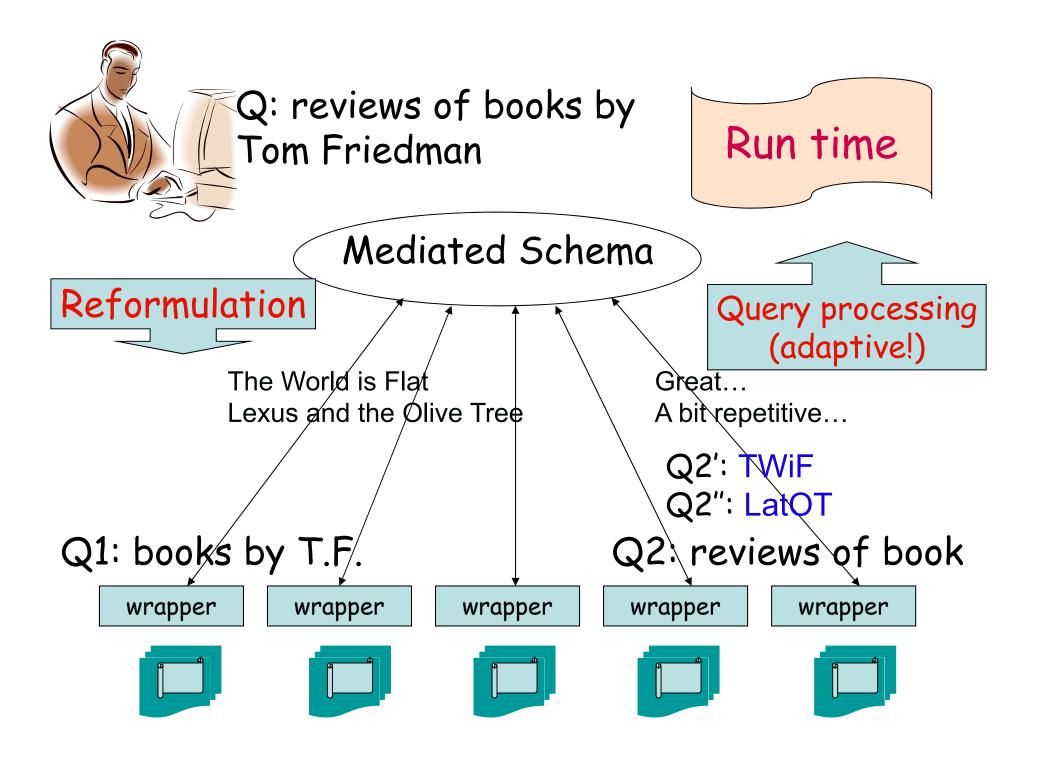
<u>Authors</u>

ISBN FirstName LastName

Artists

ASIN ArtistName GroupName



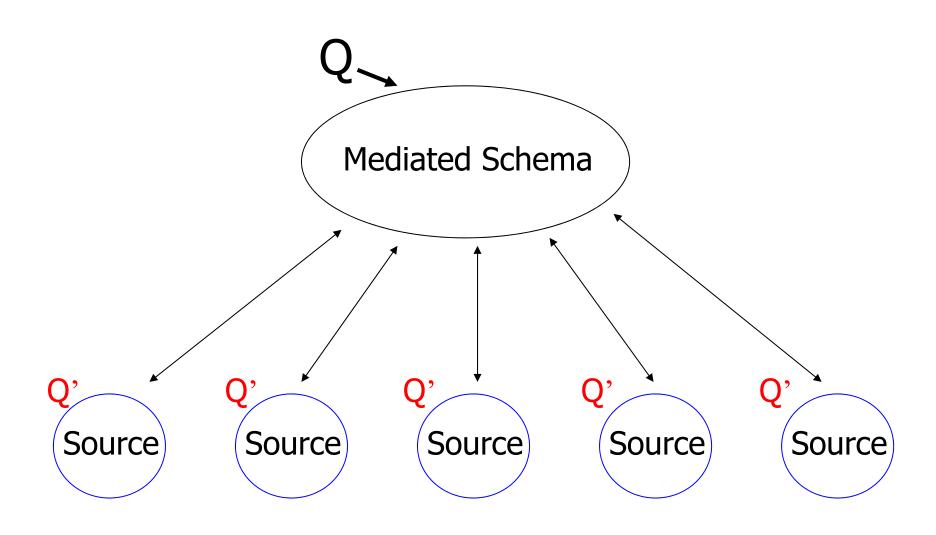


Enterprise Information Integration

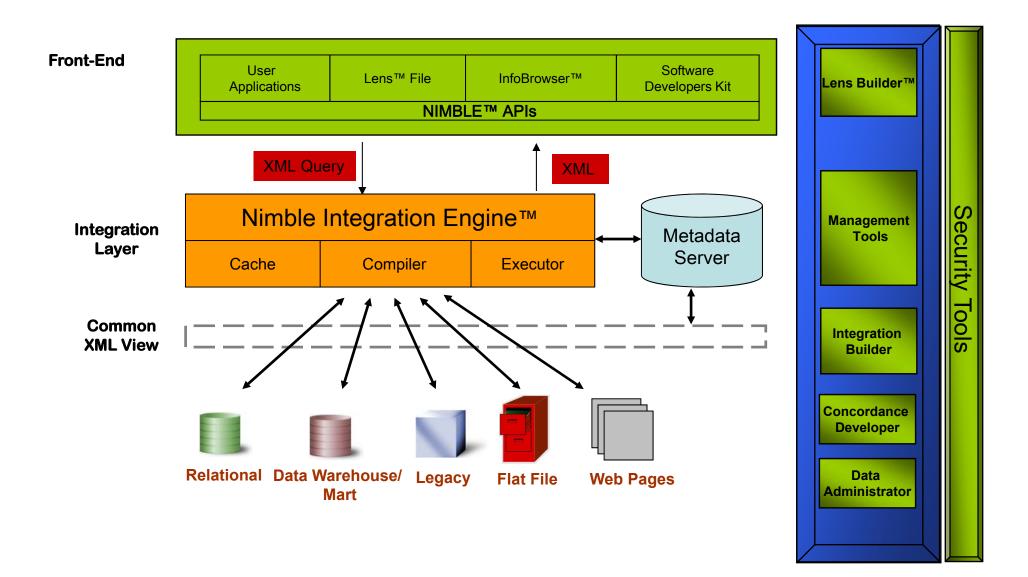
- Late 90's -- anything goes:
 - Say "XML" -- get VC money.
 - A wave of startups:
 - Nimble, Enosys, MetaMatrix, Calixa, Cohera, ...
 - Big guys made announcements (IBM, BEA).
 - [Delay] Big guys released products.
- Lessons:
 - Performance was fine. Need management tools.
 - Timing was less than optimal.



Data Integration: Before



Data Integration After \$30M



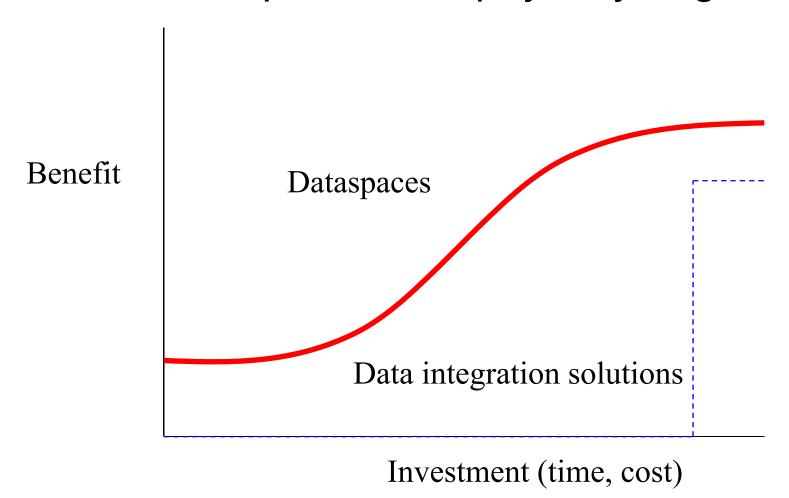
So What's Wrong?

- We're still hung up on semantics:
 - No mapping, no service.
 - Too much upfront effort needed.



Dataspaces vs. Data Integration

Dataspaces are "pay as you go"





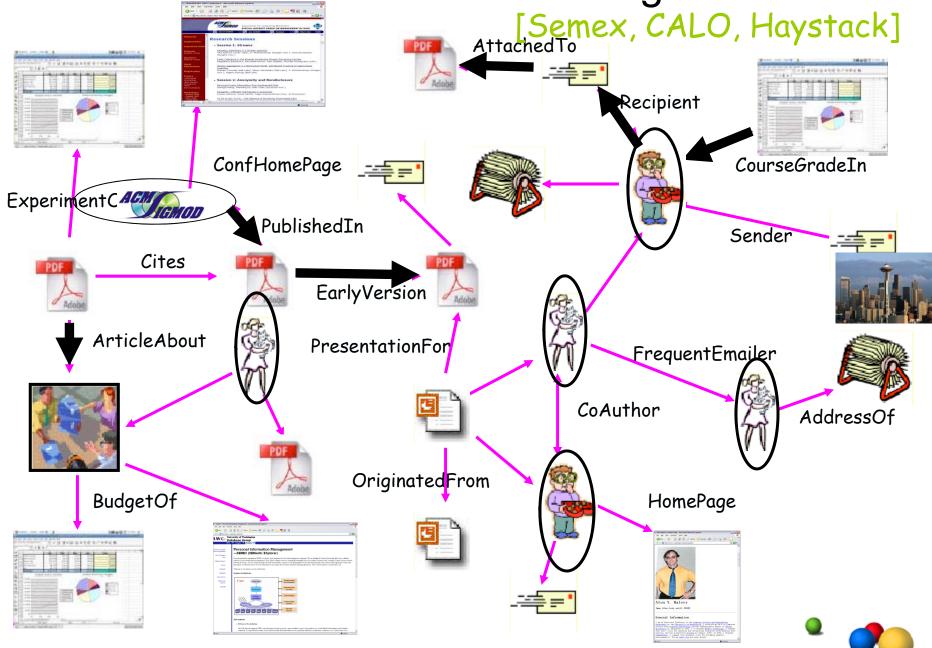
Shrapnels in Baghdad



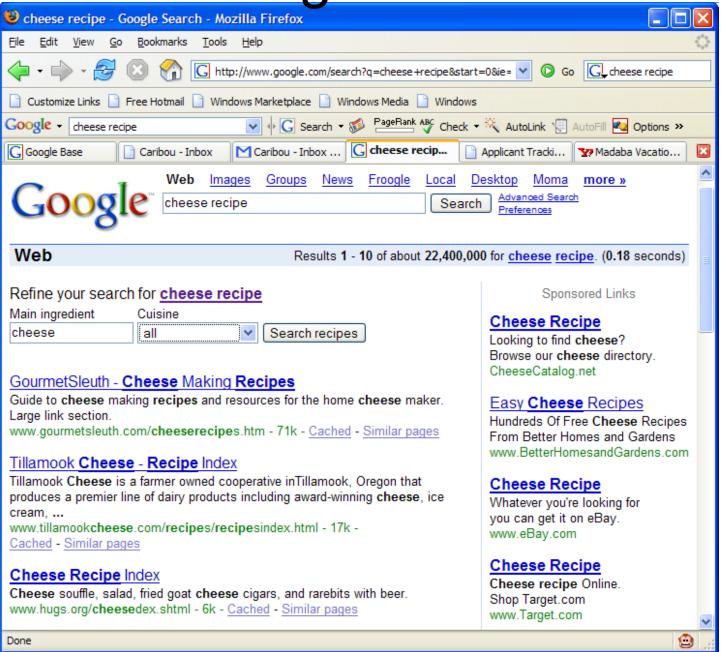




Personal Information Management



Google Base



The Web is Getting Semantic

- Forms (millions)
- Vertical search engines (hundreds)
- Annotation schemes:
 - Flickr, ESP Game
- Google Base
- Google Coop

"A little semantics goes a long way"



"Data is the plural of anecdote"



Dataspace Characteristics

- Defined by boundaries (organizational, physical, logical)
 - Not by explicitly entering content
- Need to consider all the data in the space
- Must provide best-effort services:
 - Cannot wait for full integration
- Certainly cannot assume clean, schema conforming data



Other Dataspace Characteristics

All dataspaces contain >20% porn.



The rest has >50% spam.

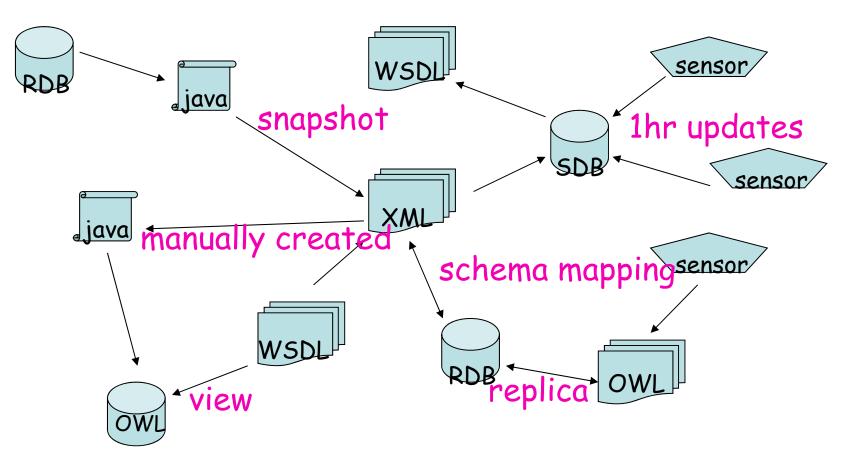


Outline

- Logical model for dataspaces
 - Participants and relationships
 - Dataspace support platforms (DSSPs)
- Querying dataspaces
- Dataspace evolution
 - Generating semantic mappings
- Dataspace reflection



Logical Model: Participants and Relationships





Relationships

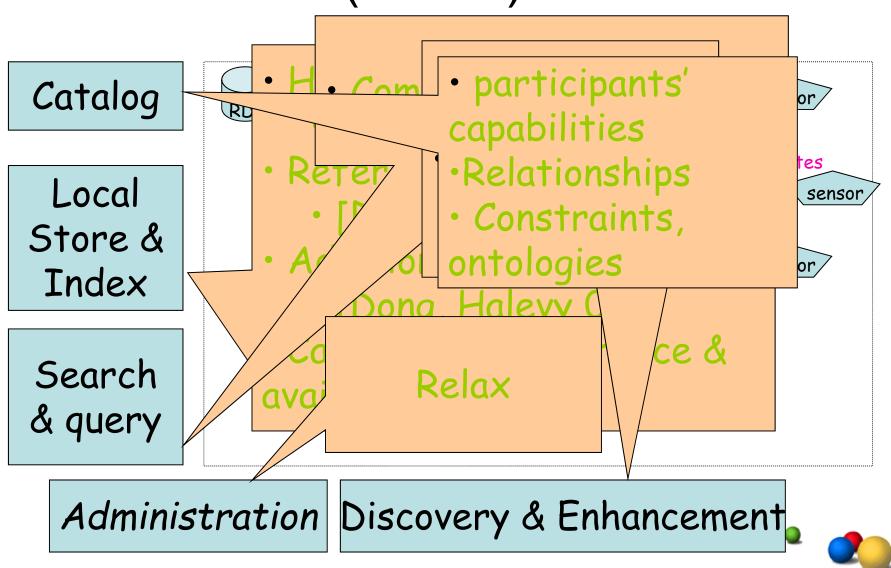
General form:

 (Obj_1, Rel, Obj_2, p)

- Obj₁, Obj₂: instances, sources, fragments,...
- Rel: relationship mapping, co-reference,...
- p: degree of certainty about the relationship



Dataspace Support Platforms (DSSP)



Outline

- √ Logical model for dataspaces
- Querying dataspaces
 - Queries
 - The semantics of answers
 - Answering queries
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Dataspace Queries

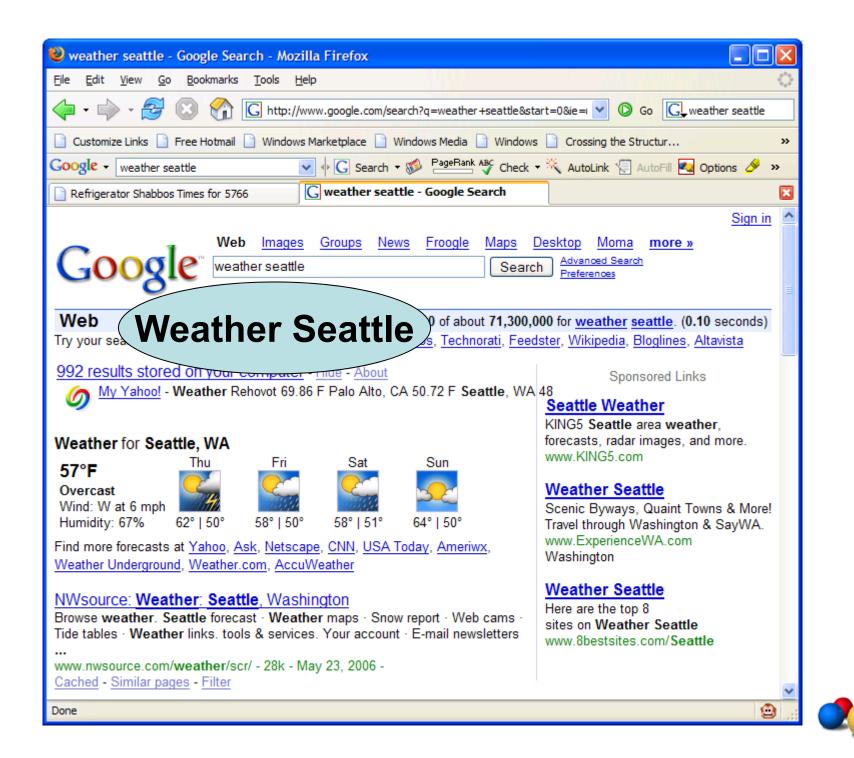
- Keyword queries as starting point
 - Later may be refined to add structure
 - Formulated in terms of user's "ontology"
- Mostly of the form
 - Instance*:
 - "britany spears"
 - P (instance)
 - "lake windermere weather"



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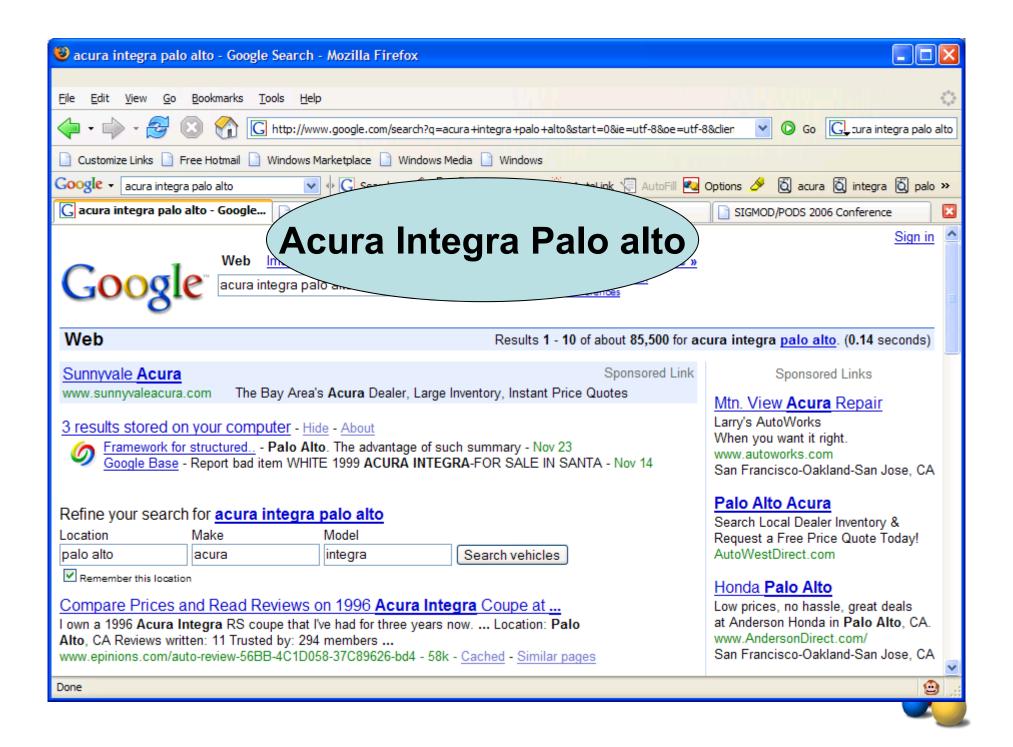


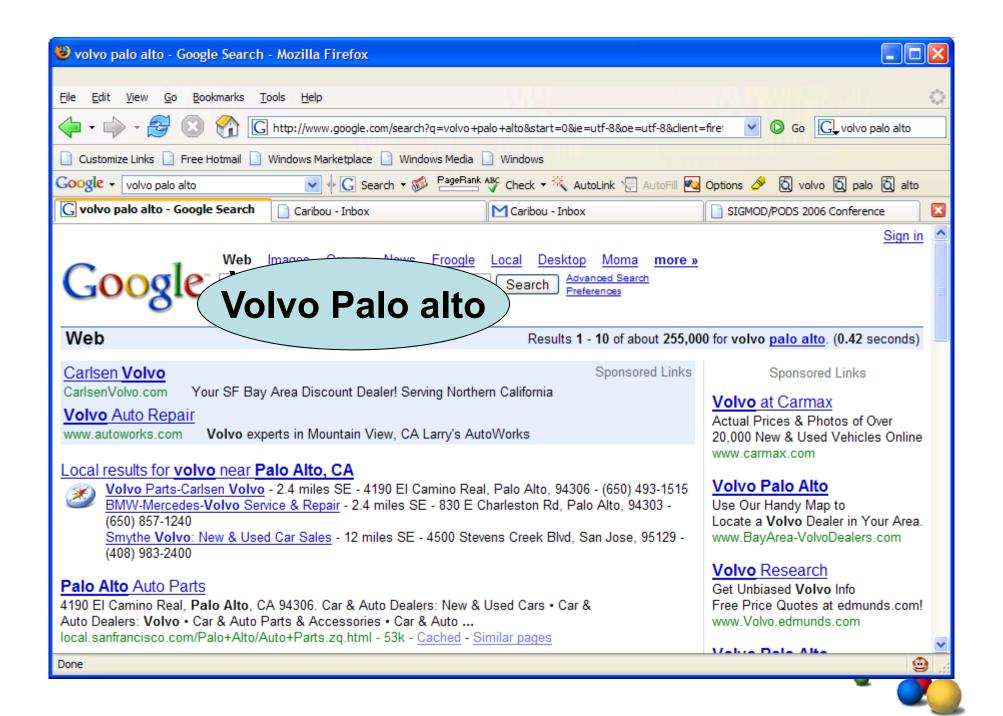


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- 3. Supporting facts or sources:
 - Facts that can be used to derive P(instance)
 - Rest of derivation may be obvious to user



Related or Partial Answers

- In which country was John Mylopoulos born?
 - Athens
- Latest edition of software X:
 - 2004 edition
- Is the space needle higher than the Eiffel Tower?
 - Height of Space Needle, height of Eiffel Tower

Ranking answers of all types



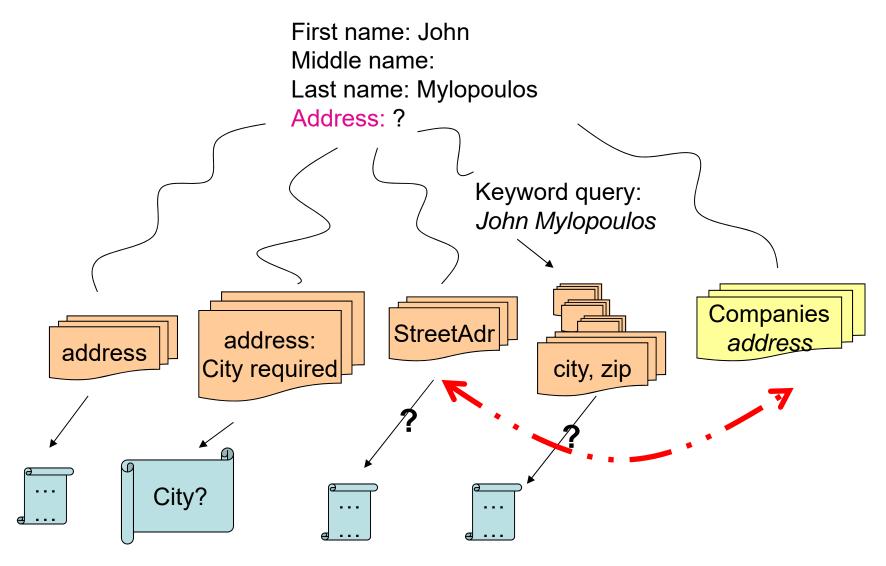
Query Processing: DSSPs

Query: John Mylopoulos address





Query Processing: Evidence Gathering



Issues: uncertainty, belief revision, truth maintenance, ...

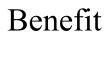
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 - Reusing human attention
 - Corpus-based ontology matching
 - Other examples of the reuse principle
- Dataspace reflection

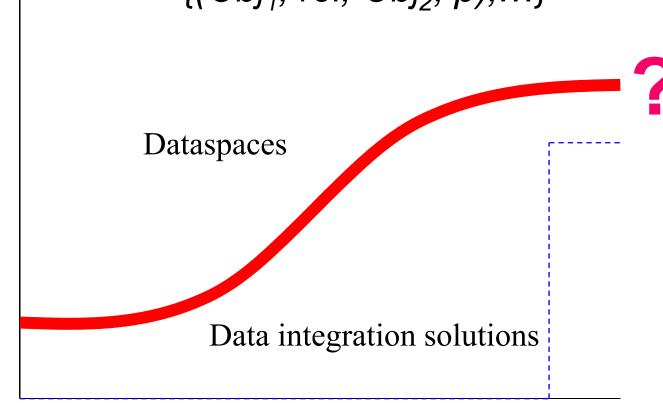


The Cost of Semantics

Semantic integration modeled by: $\{(Obj_1, rel, Obj_2, p), \ldots\}$



Artist: Mike Franklin



Investment (time, cost)



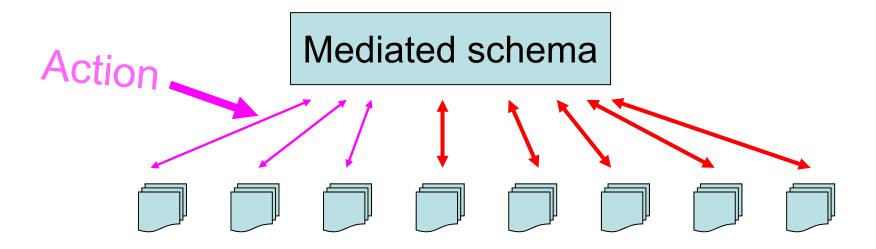
Reusing Human Attention

- Principle:
 - User action = statement of semantic relationship
 - > Leverage actions to infer other semantic relationships
- Examples
 - Providing a semantic mapping
 - Infer other mappings
 - Writing a query
 - Infer content of sources, relationships between sources
 - Creating a "digital workspace"
 - Infer "relatedness" of documents/sources
 - Infer co-reference between objects in the dataspace
 - Annotating, cutting & pasting, browsing among docs



Learning Schema Mappings

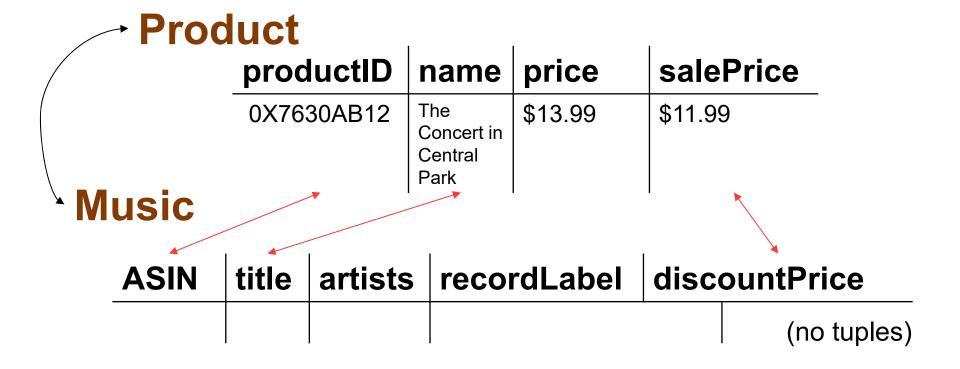
[Doan et al., ACM Thesis Award, Transformic]



- Learn classifiers for elements of the mediated schema
- > Thousands of web forms mapped in little time
- [Madhavan et al.]: infer mappings for any schemas in the domain



Corpus-based Matching

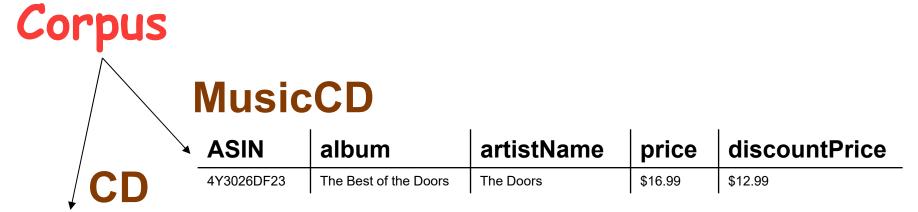






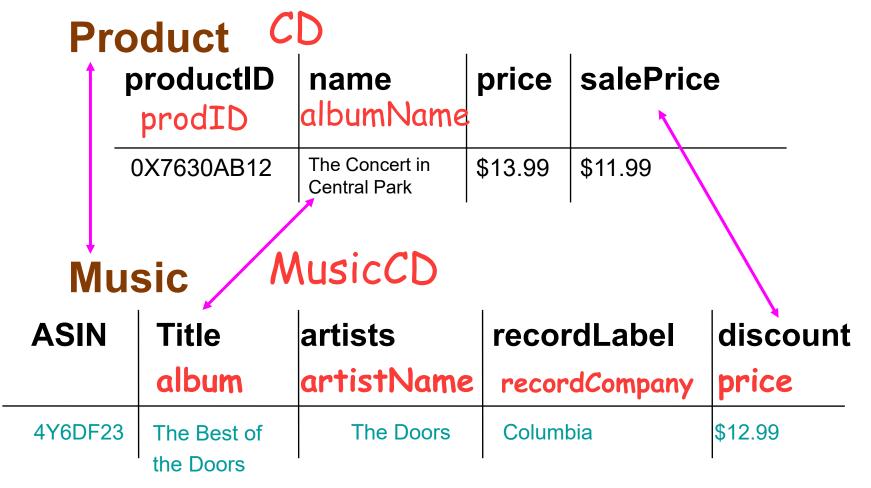
Obtaining More Evidence

Product C							
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0X7630AB12	The Concert in Central Park	\$13.99	\$11.99				

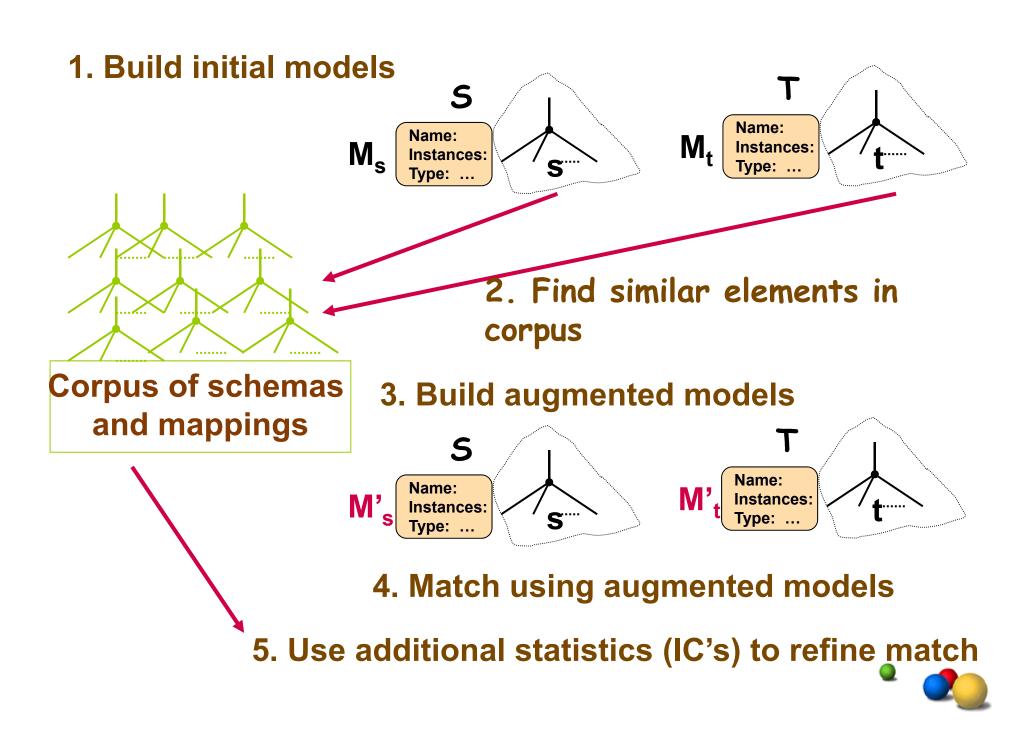


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	9R4374FG56	Saturday Night Fever	The Bee Gees	Columbia	\$14.99	\$9.99
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Comparing with More Evidence







Learning from Query Logs

- Action: posing a query
- What's interesting about it?
 - values used in the query
 - joins across sources (even implicit ones)
- We can derive:
 - What is a data source about
 - Constraints on its contents
 - Relationships between sources



Dimensions of Reuse

- Actions
- Generalization mechanism
- Learning from:
 - past actions & existing structure:
 - [Dong et al., 2004, 2005], [He & Chang, 2003]
 - Current actions
 - Requesting new actions:
 - ESP [von Ahn], mass collaboration [Doan et al], active learning [Sarawagi et al.], CbioC (ASU.edu)



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 - Uncertainty, lineage, inconsistency, ...



Dataspace Reflection

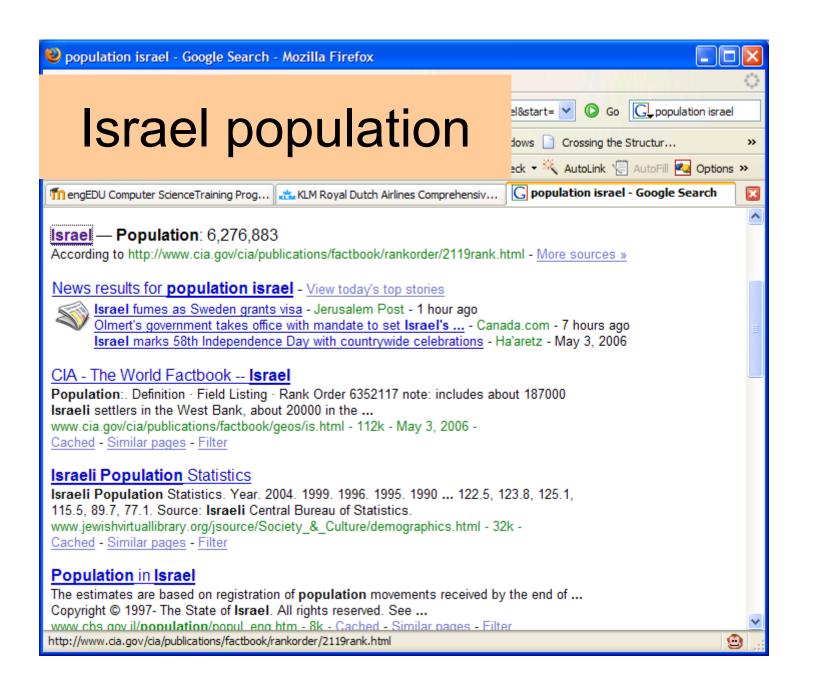
- Life is uncertain with dataspaces:
 - Answers are derived with imprecision
 - Semantic relationships are uncertain
 - Data sources may be imprecise
 - Data extraction (structuring) often imprecise
- Data will often be inconsistent
 - No way to enforce integrity constraints
- Answers meaningless without the "how"



The Main Challenge (KR to the Rescue)

- Need a single formalism for modeling:
 - uncertainty,
 - inconsistency, and
 - lineage (how a tuple/answer was derived)
 - Incompleteness
- DB community starting to think about combining these formalisms.





Uncertainty and Inconsistency

- Inconsistency = uncertainty about the truth
 - Salary (John Doe, \$120,000)
 - Salary (John Doe, \$135,000)
 - ➤ Salary (John Doe, \$120,000 | \$135,000)
- Orchestra @ U. Penn:
 - Allow inconsistent data, but ensure that lineage is tracked.



Conclusion and Outlook

- Data management moving to consumer market
 - But it's messy, and we need to live with it
- Dataspace framework offers:
 - Pay as you go data management
 - Evolution by reusing human attention
- The role of KR:
 - Fanciness needed to navigate messy spaces
 - Reflection: certainty, belief revision, data gaps



Some References

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