Social Semantics for an Effective Enterprise

Abstract

An evolution of the Semantic Web, the Social Semantic Web (s2w), facilitates knowledge sharing with “useful information based on human contributions, which gets better as more people participate.”[1] The s2w reaches beyond the search box to move us from a collection of hyperlinked facts, to meaningful, real time context. When focused through the lens of Enterprise Search, the Social Semantic Web facilitates the fluid transition of meaningful business information from the source to the user. It is the confluence of human thought and computer processing structured with the iterative application of taxonomies, folksonomies, ontologies, and metadata schemas.

The importance and nuances of human interaction are often deemphasized when focusing on automatic generation of semantic markup, which results in dissatisfied users and unrealized return on investment. Users consistently qualify the value of information sets through the act of selection, making them the de facto stakeholders of the Social Semantic Web. Employers are the ultimate beneficiaries of s2w utilization with a better informed, more decisive workforce; one not achieved with an IT miracle technology, but by improved human-computer interactions.

Johnson Space Center Taxonomist Sarah Berndt and Mike Doane, principal owner of Term Management, LLC discuss the planning, development, and maintenance stages for components of a semantic system while emphasizing the necessity of a Social Semantic Web for the Enterprise. Identification of risks and variables associated with layering the successful implementation of a semantic system are also modeled.

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I. The State of Search

II. Behind the Interface

III. Additional Tools for Social Semantics

IV. Enterprise

V. Back-up Slides
   A. Variables Affecting the System
   B. Additional Considerations

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Search is inside a box.
We search to get results.
Search + Query = Result(s).
Ideally, the data reported in the result offers an answer, but additional context is usually needed.
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We ask to get answers.
“Ask” enhanced with social semantics = answer.
It is a conversation, an iterative process of asking, finding and learning.
The answer changes the question.
I. Semantic Search, Simplified
II. Components of the Semantic System
III. How are Rulebases Social?
IV. Additional Tools for Social Semantics
V. Enterprise
Components of the Semantic System

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- Controlled Vocabulary
  - Hierarchy
  - Preferred terms
- Ontology
- Equiv Relationships
  - Non-Preferred Terms
Components of the Semantic System

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- **CV** developed through user interviews, research, document review, feedback. Provides foundation for further exploration.

- **Ontology** developed as way to extend taxonomy, connect concepts across multiple Directorates. Allows many types of contextual relationships to exist.

- **Term Relationships** added to further enhance term usage. Encourages the semantic exploration of search and retrieval.
Preferred terms generate rulebases!

Rulebases are informed by the taxonomy and ontology, the proximity and location of terms, and different weights to enhance the accuracy of Classification.
Components of the Semantic System (cont’d.)

Preferred terms generate rulebases!

As the taxonomy and ontology are further built out and refined, the rulebases can be refined to provide further clarity and context.
How are Rulebases Social?

User feedback and comments/interactivity are used to refine the ontology, which alter the rulebases and affect the search algorithm.
Feedback Tool

International Space Station Program

Description
Suggest a Term Description?

Suggest an External Link?

Additional Information
has Acronym
- ISSP (International Space Station Program)

Use For
- ISSA (International Space Station assembly)

Narrower Terms
- Assembly Stages
- Elements (ISS)
- International Space Station Modules
- Transportation Logistics (TOL)

Feedback (0)
No feedback exists for this term.

JSC Taxonomy
An additional example of social semantics for the enterprise is the utilization of semantic components in various systems. In this example, content tagging with taxonomy terms.
## Classification Verification, Former

### 1997
1. NASA - Archive
2. Classified Listing - Television Service

### 1998
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### 1999
366. NASA - Mars Rovers Mission Using Cloud

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1. HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

### 2001
2. EO 13035 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HIGH

### 2002

### 2003
4. INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

### 2004
5. Recent Advances in Photonic Devices for

### 2005
6. IRD Overview - Feb 2010 update

### 2006
7. JSC Today - Monday, September 14, 2009

### 2007
8. Ian Lumb

### 2008
9. APOLLO EXPERIENCE REPORT - ONBOARD

### 2009
6. Home - Application & Database Services

### 2010
1. Home - Application & Database Services

### 2011
2. Application & Database Services

### 2012
3. Application & Database Services - Applications & Database Services

### 2013
4. ACB Resources - IRD Application & Database Services

### 2014
5. Application & Database Services - Application Control Board (ACB)

### 2015
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- Non-Classifying Terms Count: 60, 119, 116, 57, 56, 57
- % Terms Classifying: 77%, 63%, 64%, 88%, 88%, 50%
Classification Verification, Contemporary
Define: Enterprise

1: a project or undertaking that is especially difficult, complicated, or risky

2: readiness to engage in daring or difficult action: initiative <showed great enterprise in dealing with the crisis>

3a: a unit of economic organization or activity; especially: a business organization

b: a systematic purposeful activity <agriculture is the main economic enterprise among these people>

Merriam-Webster

All of the Above!

Photo by Brian McDonald, Bayonne New Jersey
I. Variables Affecting the System and Considerations for Effectiveness
I. System Access

II. Software Upgrades

III. Staged Relaxation

A. Default = stringent classification strategy, then make classes progressively more lenient until the results are acceptable. Modifications include: Standard, Named Entity, Named Entity Sentence, Named Entity Paragraph, Named Entity No Preclusion, and Named Entity Single Boosted
Considerations for Effectiveness

I. Licensing
II. Search Logs
III. Unique Searches
   A. User Expectations
IV. User Authentication
V. Social Media
# JSC Search Hits

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