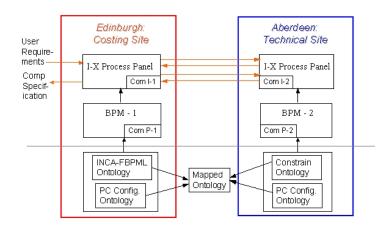
Advanced Knowledge Technologies

The next generation of knowledge lifecycle technologies

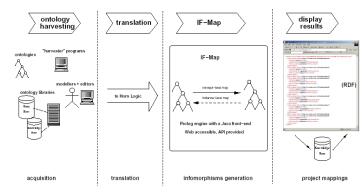


Description:

- ◆ Multi-million pound 6 year collaboration between 6 university groups:
 - ◆Aberdeen: cooperative KA & knowledge refinement;
 - ◆Edinburgh: lifecycles & ontologies;
 - ♦Open Univ: internet-based services & knowledge modelling components;
 - ◆Sheffield: text analysis & information extraction;
 - ◆Southampton: two groups with skills in multimedia, ontologies, agents, knowledge acquisition, etc.
- ◆ Aims to identify or invent the next generation of technologies for capture, modelling, publishing, reuse and management of knowledge.



KRAFT-IX Ontology based Collaboration support



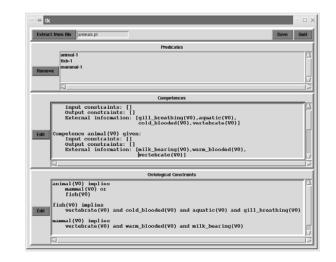
IF-Map Architecture

Results:

- ◆IF-Map: uses Information Flow theory to merge two ontologies, based on a reference ontology.
- ◆F-Life life-cycle editor, life-cycle interpreter and property checker: uses a formal life cycle calculus to describe property alterations during transformations.
- ◆ExtrAKT Ontology Constraint Extraction Tool: finds ontology constraints in existing declarative knowledge bases & extracts them.
- ♦ KRAFT-IX Collaborative Support tool: integrates open-architecture workflow system with remote constraint solving system.

Further work:

- ◆The ultimate goal of F-Life is to permit assembly of distributed software components over the Semantic Web, to perform complex transformations on large repositories of knowledge.
- ◆The aim of KRAFT-IX is to provide a distributed virtual knowledge-based (and agent-based) workflow system.
- ◆The overall aim of AKT is to provide seamless, intelligent, personalised access to and reasoning across the Web and other knowledge sources.



The ExtrAKT Ontology Constraint Extraction Tool



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