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Executive Summary

The present deliverable is intended to be the developer's manual of the prototype of the semantic catalogue. That said, whoever developing a component which will interact with the catalogue will find in this document a description of its architecture, the functionality provided together with the API (Application Programming Interface), data interchange formats, code errors and exceptions as well as several examples of usage.

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1 Introduction

This section starts establishing the goal and scope of the present document, shows how it is structured and details the relation to others documents and work packages.

1.1 Goal and Scope

This is an introductory manual for developers who want to adopt and use the FAST semantic catalogue. It explains the main functionalities implemented so far, an overview of its architecture and a detailed *Application Programming Interface* or API of the complete set of the operations offered through a REST service.

1.2 Structure of the document

The deliverable presents both the external and internal architecture in Section 3, then in Section 4 it is detailed the Catalogue API, query formats, interchange formats, error codes and so on.

1.3 Changes from previous version

changes from M24 version:

- 'find' and 'check' operations for screens (screen-flow design) has been removed. the same functionality was offered by 'find&check' doing just 1 request.
- API calls (both find&check, planner, metadata) updated to reflect the changes in the prototype
- Adds operation for building block cloning.
- added appendix explaining how the recommendation/planning is done

- architecture have been modified reflecting the changes in the catalogue's architecture, and including new components such as the machine learning library (Mahout) and a library to query iServe.
- uses Sindice in the 'ontology importer' mechanism

2 Installation Guide

This section provides instructions on how to manually install and configure the FAST Catalogue. The first part of this guide presents some requirements to be considered before the installation, then it gives broad general instructions, and the last part contains a more detailed installation notes for specific configurations.

2.1 System Requirements

In addition to the software itself, a standard FAST Catalogue installation has the following requirements:

- Java¹ (version 6 or later) is required to run the software.
- A Java Servlet Container that supports Java Servlet API 2.4 and Java Server Pages (JSP) 2.0, or newer. We recommend using a recent, stable version of Apache Tomcat². At the time of writing, this is either version 5.5.x or 6.x.

In addition, there are various optional dependencies which are required if you want to use certain advanced features (see Section 2.3).

2.2 Obtaining the FAST catalogue

It is recommended to have a Subversion client installed before you download the code (although you can theoretically download files without Subversion, this would mean tediously downloading each individual file manually). The recommended software is the official Subversion client, available from the Subversion project page³. Note that this client uses a command-line interface, which the instructions below use. Alternatively, you can get subversioning software with a graphical user interface such as TortoiseSVN.

¹<http://java.sun.com/>

²<http://tomcat.apache.org/>

³<http://subversion.tigris.org/>

To download from the latest release (recommended), enter the following command from the command-line in the directory you wish to download to:

```
svn checkout https://svn.forge.morfeo-project.org/fast-fp7project/trunk/catalogue_service
```

2.3 Installation Instructions

Once you have got the source code, first step should be addressed is its compilation. You may manually compile the source yourself, however the FAST Catalogue comes along with a script to facilitate this task. This script has been made using a Java build tool called Ant ⁴. Hence, we recommended to get and install such a tool in order to follow the instructions below.

Now you can compile, package and run the application via:

```
ant clean
ant prepare
ant compile
```

Or using a task which gather the previous three tasks and creates WAR file ready to distribute or deploy:

```
ant dist
```

After executing with no errors this task, a WAR file should have been created in the /dist directory. A WAR file, which stands for Web Application Archive, is just a JAR file used to distribute a collection of JavaServer Pages, servlets, Java classes, XML files, tag libraries and static Web pages (HTML and related files) that together constitute a Web application, in this case, the FAST Catalogue.

Note that it is also possible to get the compiled WAR file directly from the SVN server. This file can be located at <https://svn.forge.morfeo-project.org/fast-fp7project/distribution/catalogue>.

Then, last step is to deploy the WAR file into the servlet container. If the server chosen was Apache Tomcat, the procedure for deploying a Web application is:

⁴<http://ant.apache.org/>

1. Stop Tomcat.
2. Delete existing deployment. If you have previously deployed "foo.war" in TOMCAT_HOME/webapps, then it has been unpacked into webapps/foo/... You must delete this directory and all its contents. On Unix, this can be done with `rm -r $TOMCAT_HOME/webapps/foo`
3. Copy WAR file to TOMCAT_HOME/webapps/.
4. Start Tomcat.

Now you have successfully built the FAST catalogue, however we highly recommend you to read Section 2.4 and tune your FAST Catalogue instance.

2.4 Configuration

The following section covers the configuration options you may have to set up before start using the Catalogue. The FAST Catalogue relies on a Sesame repository for the persistent storage. Sesame repositories can be local or remote. Remote does not mean, it has to be installed in a different machine, but in a servlet container such as Apache Tomcat. The advantage of remote repositories is the possibility of accessing it via a SPARQL endpoint. These configuration aspect can be found in the file *repository.properties* in the root directory where the Catalogue has been deployed.

Independently the type of repository, the parameter *serverURL* needs to take the value of the URL where the FAST Catalogue instance has been deployed. If you are testing the application in your machine, it may be something like `http://catalogueURL/FASTCatalogue`.

Local repositories just need the parameter *storageDir* pointing at a local directory, which has write permission in order to allow Sesame to create files in that directory or to delete any file in the directory. For instance:

```
storageDir=/opt/fast-catalogue/repository
```

Nevertheless, setting up a remote repository requires a few more steps. First the OpenRDF Sesame Server needs to be installed. The installation guide of this server is detailed in the Chapter 5 and 6 of the User Guide for Sesame 2.2 [B.V., 2008]. Once the Sesame server is

deployed, and a repository has been created, the parameters `sesameServer` and `repositoryID` will take the values of the Sesame server URL and the repository identifier. For instance:

```
sesameServer=http://localhost:8880/openrdf-sesame  
repositoryID=repository-ex1
```

2.5 Hello World!

It is recommended to check if the FAST Catalogue has been successfully installed. To do that, a simple HTTP request, using a Web browser, can be sent to the URL the Catalogue is deployed, and specifying a type of building block such as Screen. The URL would be similar to `http://catalogueURL/FASTCatalogue/screens`. Depending on the variant chosen, the response may be different. For JSON, the response should be `[]`, but in HTML the message `No screens found.` should be shown.

3 Architecture Overview

This section presents a technical overview of the Catalogue's architecture (see Figure 3), and how the interaction with external applications or APIs is done. The Catalogue platform has a modular design, which is spread in basically three layers, depending on the nature of each component:

- The top layer represents the public API for the Catalogue. It puts together all the available information and services to offer the maximum powerful and flexibility for other IDEs or applications. In FAST, here is where the Gadget Visual Storyboard
- The core layer implements the object model, and provides the business logic for the different processes involved in the Catalogue, integrating third party libraries where needed.
- The plumbing layer offers an abstraction to RDF model logic and triple stores.

3.1 Presentation layer / API

The Presentation layer will be the public interface or API of the Catalogue. The main purpose of this layer is to provide its functionality to the Gadget Visual Storyboard, or any other third party IDE or application. The API is offered in a REST (REpresentational State Transfer) style, making it easy to consume than other complex APIs. REST is an architectural style, not a toolkit or a standard. Even though, it makes use of standards like HTTP, URI, Resource Representations or MIME types. Another characteristic of the REST style is its stateless assumption. The Catalogue adopts this strategy; therefore every request needs a complete set of information in order to prepare the response. The API provided is explained in detail in Section 4.

As part of the Presentation layer, a SPARQL endpoint has been implemented using the SPARQL protocol service as defined in the SPROT [Grant et al., 2008] specification. The SPARQL endpoint is mostly offered to enable other developers to query directly the Catalogue knowledge base using SPARQL queries. This feature is supported by the Sesame RESTful HTTP interface for SPARQL Protocol for RDF.

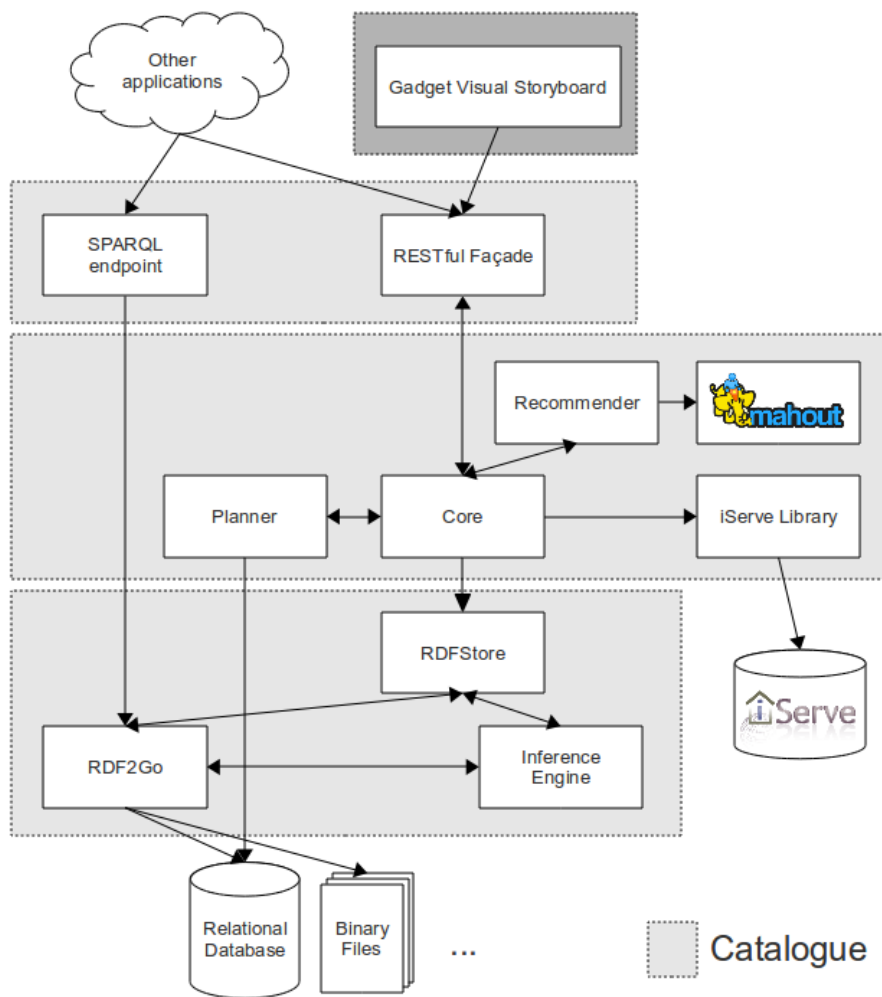


Figure 1: Catalogue's Architecture

3.2 Core layer

The Core or Business Logic layer contains all the FAST domain-specific processing. The resources and relations between each other, which define the domain model, are extracted from the FAST ontology [Möller, 2010]. This layer provides support to the functions defined in the API, and interact with the persistence layer to retrieve and store any information of the data model.

This layer provides several mechanisms to search and browse these different resources. To know more about these capabilities, please read Sections 4.4.3, 4.4.4 and 4.5 where the API calls are defined, and Appendix F for more details about the implementation.

At the bottom part of the Gadget Architecture [Reyes et al., 2011] are the back-end services.

These are RESTful services, SOAP-based web services, or similar. In FAST, these web services are wrapped, extracting their definition and encapsulating their behaviour. The creation of these service wrappers is on demand, and the input for this process is a particular definition of a web service. However, the Catalogue does not crawl the Web looking for Web services. Instead, and to enrich the collection of available web services, the Catalogue integrates and queries iServe⁵, a platform for publishing Semantic Web Services as linked data, no matter their original format. Therefore, thousands of web services defined or annotated in a semantic way, are also served from the Catalogue, in a uniform manner.

The Catalogue is a semantic application. As a result, it has to handle with ontologies. Apart from the core ontologies being used across the whole application (see [Möller, 2010]), the building blocks may reference classes and properties from diverse vocabularies and ontologies. To have a better understanding of them, the Catalogue imports them inside its repository any time it detects a building block is using an unknown class, property, or in other words, an unknown ontology. While importing an ontology, the Catalogue tries to get its definition from the URI of a given class or property (as stated in [Berrueta et al., 2008]). However, sometimes this may be not successful, and the Catalogue will try to get its definition querying Sindice⁶, a semantic search engine, which crawls the web and keeps provenance metadata for the ontologies.

3.3 Plumbing layer

The Plumbing layer abstracts the interaction with triple stores, RDF models and physical persistence to disk, database, etc. It provides the different mechanisms to allow the Catalogue the storage of the domain objects into a triple store in its underlying representation of RDF.

There are many triple stores solutions, any of them with its own advantages and disadvantages. To make the Catalogue independent of the solution adopted, it makes use of RDF2Go, an abstraction over triple (and quad) stores. The RDF2Go API allows interacting with the semantic representation of the model (triples) in a generic manner, and also brings the flexibility of choosing different triple stores to persist them.

The current implementation of the Catalogue prototype at M36 uses Sesame 2 as triple store.

⁵<http://iserve.kmi.open.ac.uk/>

⁶<http://www.sindice.com/>

This solution has a wide community behind, and it has attractive advantages such as being completely extensible and configurable regarding to storage mechanisms, inferencers, RDF file formats, query result formats and query languages.

4 Catalogue API

This section provides a high-level overview of the Catalogue API. It describes the calls or operations supported, specific parameters and responses for each operation, supported interchange formats and some examples to facilitate the understanding of the API.

4.1 JSON Interchange Format

The format supported, and in which they must be constructed, by every HTTP request is JSON⁷. JSON is a lightweight data interchange format whose simplicity has resulted in widespread use among web developers, easy to read and write and able to using any programming language because its structures map directly to data structures used in most programming languages.

Every HTTP request should be encoded using the MIME type `application/json` and the charset UTF-8.

The following is an example of a Find & Check request:

```
{
  "canvas": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/238" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/323" }
  ],
  "palette": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/636" }
  ],
  "domainContext": {
    "tags": [
      {
        "label": { "en-GB": "Amazon" },
        "means": "http://dbpedia.org/page/Amazon.com"
      }
    ],
    "user": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",
  },
  "criterion": "reachability"
}
```

⁷<http://www.json.org/>

4.1.1 Internationalisation l18n

In order to offer an adaptable solution to various languages and regions without major engineering changes, internationalisation is considered from an early stage in the catalogue development. Underlying representation technologies used to develop the catalogue (RDF/XML and JSON) allow to implement this feature. This feature is implemented by the addition of a language tag to every 'string' desired. The specification of this language tag is composed by the language code and the country code, following the ISO 639⁸ for languages and the ISO 3166⁹ for countries. The following example illustrates how to use it properly in both formats.

```
{
  "label": {
    "en-GB": "Product Search",
    "es-ES": "B squeda de productos",
    "de-DE": "Produktsuche"
  },
  "description": {
    "en-GB": "On this screen, the user can enter a search term.",
    "es-ES": "En esta ventana, el usuario puede introducir el criterio de b squeda",
    "de-DE": "Auf diesem Screen kann der Benutzer einen Suchbegriff eingeben."
  }
}
```

```
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/"
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/terms/"
  xmlns:fgo="http://purl.oclc.org/fast/ontology/gadget#"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"
  xmlns:ctag="http://comontag.org/ns#"
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/FASTCatalogue/screens/1">
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://purl.oclc.org/fast/ontology/gadget#Screen"/>
    <rdfs:label xml:lang="en-gb">Product Search</rdfs:label>
    <rdfs:label xml:lang="en-es">B squeda de productos</rdfs:label>
    <rdfs:label xml:lang="en-de">Produktsuche</rdfs:label>
    <dc:description xml:lang="en-gb">On this screen, the user can enter a search
    term.</dc:description>
    <dc:description xml:lang="en-es">En esta ventana, el usuario puede introducir
    el criterio de b squeda.</dc:description>
    <dc:description xml:lang="en-de">Auf diesem Screen kann der Benutzer einen
    Suchbegriff eingeben.</dc:description>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

⁸<http://ftp.ics.uci.edu/pub/ietf/http/related/iso639.txt>

⁹http://userpage.chemie.fu-berlin.de/diverse/doc/ISO_3166.html

Internationalisation is being used by the attributes *label* and *description* of any building block, *label* of the pre-/post-conditions and *label* of the tags.

4.2 Linked Data

Apart from serving as the back-end system for the Gadget Visual Storyboard (GVS), the catalogue publishes all FAST building blocks as linked data, following the principles as originally defined in [Berners-Lee, 2006], in order to make them available to arbitrary third party applications. Each building block is identified by an HTTP URI and hosted through the catalogue so that it can be dereferenced through the same URI. For each building block, data is available in representations in different standard formats such as JSON (for communication with the GVS), RDF/XML, Turtle, or even HTML+RDFa as a human-readable version. Following the principles and best practices proposed in [Berrueta et al., 2008] and [Sauermann et al., 2008], these representations are served based on the request issued by the requesting agent, using a technique called *content negotiation*. As required by the forth rule of linked data, individual building blocks link to other data on the Web, thereby preventing so-called isolated “data islands”.

In order to understand how content negotiation is implemented in the catalogue, a few concepts need to be understood. The URI of a particular building block must be understood as the identifier of the building block as such, as opposed to a particular representation (JSON, HTML, etc.) of it. In fact, each such representation has its own URI, under which it can be retrieved. Using the terminology established in [Jacobs and Walsh, 2004], the building block is a *non-information resource*, whereas each representation is an *information resource*. In the process of content negotiation, the requesting agent will first request the URI of the building block as such (e.g., <http://catalogueURL/screens/235>), as well as the required representation format (e.g., JSON). The catalogue will then inspect the request and redirect the requester to the appropriate representation (e.g., <http://catalogueURL/screens/235.json>), as illustrated in Fig. 4.2. On the Web, different representations for the same resource are called *variants*, and content negotiation is the mechanism used to determine which of the representations of most appropriate for a given request.

In summary, the basic idea of content negotiation, as stated in the [Fielding et al., 1999], is to serve the best variant for a resource, taking into account what variants are available, what vari-

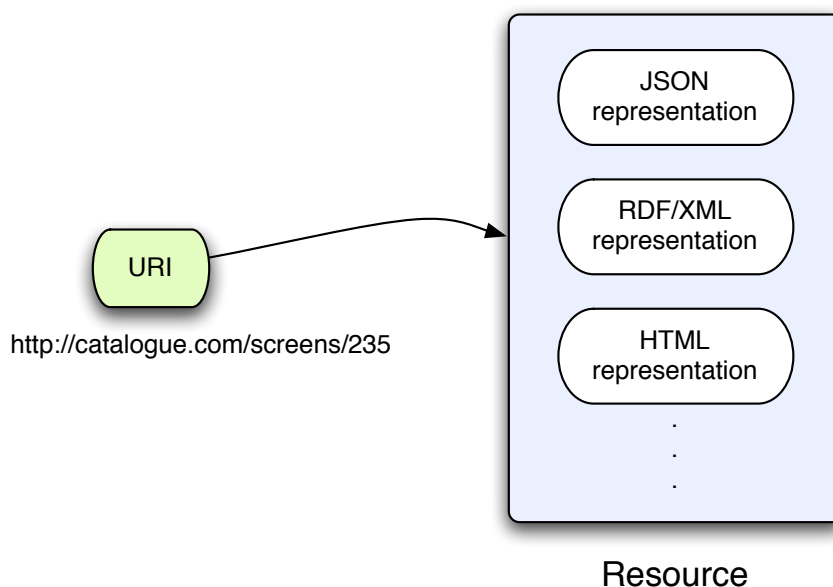


Figure 2: Content Negotiation

ants the server may prefer to serve, what the client can accept, and with which preferences. In HTTP, this is done by the client which may send, in its request, accept headers (Accept, Accept-Language and Accept-Encoding), to communicate its capabilities and preferences in format, language and encoding, respectively.

In fact, what the catalogue really does is “format negotiation” since the alternate representations are just based on the selection of the media type, through the accept header, but does not consider different languages or encoding types. The formats supported are JSON, RDF/XML, Turtle and HTML+RDFa. Even though the accept header is desired, the different representations can also be retrieved directly by dereferencing their own URI. The convention used in the catalogue for deriving a representation URI from a building block URI is to simply attach a matching suffix, such as `.rdf`, `.json` or `.html`.

Lastly, content negotiation needs to identify which player is going to take the lead on it. There are two kinds of content negotiation which are possible in HTTP: server-driven and agent-driven negotiation. The approach followed by the catalogue is agent-driven negotiation, hence selecting a specific representation for a resource is responsibility of the user agent. If none is specified, by default, the server will choose the JSON representation.

4.3 API Calls

The Catalogue API is a programmatic interface into many of the Catalogue's features. It includes not only control over creation, modification and deletion of building blocks, but it has been extended to support advanced search and recommendation capabilities.

This section contains detailed descriptions of the operations permitted by the API, detailing request parameters, response elements, any special errors and examples of requests and responses. The URL format is also specified for each operation, where *catalogueURL* has to be replaced for the real URL the service is installed (e.g. <http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/catalogue>).

4.4 Managing Building Blocks

Any building block within the Catalogue is a resource in terms of REST philosophy, therefore it can be created, retrieved, modified or deleted, using a certain URL and a specific HTTP method for every operation. Two concepts should be clarified: *collection*, as a set of resources which access URI is `http://catalogueURL/[type]` where *catalogueURL* is where the Catalogue server is installed and *[type]* is the plural of the name of the building block (e.g. screens, operators), and *member* of the collection, in other words, the building block itself, which access URI is `http://catalogueURL/[type]/[id]` where *[id]* has to be replaced by the identifier of a specific building block. The details of the operations and which HTTP verb has to be used can be found in the Table 1. These methods are to what is called *Prototype* of building blocks (see [Möller, 2010]).

The JSON structure for create any building block can be found in the appendixes. All of them are composed of a common structure which can be found in Section Appendix B, and some specific information depending on the type. Screen-flows are defined in Appendix C, screens in Appendix D and forms, operators and back-end services share the same structure detailed in Appendix E. However, a few examples of request and responses are shown in order to clarify how the request are constructed and sent, and how the responses look like.

To create a new screen, a POST request is sent to the catalogue server, concretely to `http://catalogueURL/screens`, including the JSON representation of the screen in the body of the request:

```
{
  "code": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/code/amazonList.js",
```

Table 1: CRUD operations

Resource	HTTP method	HTTP body	Description
Collection URI	GET	N/A	List the members of the collection.
Collection URI	PUT	N/A	Not used.
Collection URI	POST	JSON representation of the building block	Create a new entry in the collection where the URI is assigned automatically by the collection. The URI created is returned by this operation.
Collection URI	DELETE	N/A	Not used.
Member URI	GET	N/A	Retrieve the addressed member of the collection.
Member URI	PUT	JSON representation of the building block	Update the addressed member of the collection or create it with a defined URI.
Member URI	POST	N/A	Not used.
Member URI	DELETE	N/A	Delete the addressed member of the collection.

```

"creationDate": "2010-01-26T17:01:13+0000",
"creator": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",
"description": {"en-gb": "Please fill the description..."},
"homepage": "http://fast.morfeo-project.eu/",
"icon": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonList.png",
"id": "28",
"label": {"en-gb": "Amazon Product List"},
"postconditions": [
  {
    "id": "item",
    "label": { "en-gb": "An item" },
    "pattern": "?item
      http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
      http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item",
    "positive": "true"
  }
],
"preconditions": [
  {
    "id": "filter",
    "label": { "en-gb": "A search request" },
    "pattern": "?search
      http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type

```

```
        "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#SearchRequest",
        "positive": "true"
    }
],
"rights": "http://creativecommons.org/",
"screenshot": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonProductList.png",
"tags": [{"label": {"en-gb": "amazon"}}],
"version": "1.0"
}
```

The URI of the screen is created using the id specified in the JSON request. So, the response for this operation is:

```
{
  "code": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/code/amazonList.js",
  "creationDate": "2010-01-26T17:01:13+0000",
  "creator": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",
  "description": {"en-gb": "Please fill the description..."},
  "homepage": "http://fast.morfeo-project.eu/",
  "icon": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonList.png",
  "id": "28",
  "label": {"en-gb": "Prueba1"},
  "postconditions": [
    {
      "id": "item",
      "label": { "en-gb": "An item" },
      "pattern": "?item
        http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
        http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item",
      "positive": "true"
    }
  ],
  "preconditions": [
    [
      {
        "id": "filter",
        "label": { "en-gb": "A search request" },
        "pattern": "?search
          http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
          http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#SearchRequest",
        "positive": "true"
      }
    ]
  ],
  "rights": "http://creativecommons.org/",
  "screenshot": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonProductList.png",
  "tags": [{"label": {"en-gb": "amazon"}}],
  "type": "screen",
  "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/28",
  "version": "0.1"
}
```


To obtain all the screens stored in the catalogue a HTTP GET request is sent to the Collection URI and the response may be something like this:

```
[
  {
    "code": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/code/amazonList.js",
    "creationDate": "2010-01-26T17:01:13+0000",
    "creator": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",
    "description": {"en-gb": "Please fill the description..."},
    "homepage": "http://fast.morfeo-project.eu/",
    "icon": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonList.png",
    "id": "28",
    "label": {"en-gb": "Prueba1"},
    "postconditions": [
      [
        {
          "id": "item",
          "label": { "en-gb": "An item" },
          "pattern": "?item
                        http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                        http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item",
          "positive": "true"
        }
      ]
    ],
    "preconditions": [
      [
        {
          "id": "filter",
          "label": { "en-gb": "A search request" },
          "pattern": "?search
                        http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                        http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#SearchRequest",
          "positive": "true"
        }
      ]
    ],
    "rights": "http://creativecommons.org/",
    "screenshot": "http://demo.fast.morfeo-project.org/images/amazonProductList.png",
    "tags": [{"label": {"en-gb": "amazon"}}],
    "type": "screen",
    "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/28",
    "version": "0.1"
  },
  {
    "creationDate": "2011-02-07T09:59:52+0000",
    "creator": "fabio",
    ...,
    "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/14",
    "version": "1.0"
  },
  {
    "creationDate": "2011-02-07T09:59:52+0000",
    "creator": "javier",
```

```
    ...,
    "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/564",
    "version": "1.0"
  }
]
```

4.4.1 Prototype cloning

A building block can be cloned. Making a clone of a prototype is as simple as sending a HTTP POST request to `http://catalogueURL/cloning` indicating the URI of the building block to be clone, as in this example:

```
{
  "uri": "http://catalogueURL/forms/7"
}
```

Example of response:

```
{
  "clone": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/745"
  "uri": "http://catalogueURL/forms/7"
}
```

As clones are building blocks as well, the operations explained in Section 4.4 are valid to retrieve and delete them.

4.4.2 GetMetadata

Retrieves all the metadata about a list of building blocks or classes (concepts) stored in the catalogue. All building blocks are supported, no matter if it is a prototype or a clone.

The URL to access this operation is `http://catalogueURL/getmetadata` using HTTP POST method. Table 2 shows the parameters needed for the invocation and Table 3 details the different parameters of a response.

Example request:

```
[
  "http://catalogueURL/screens/48",
```

Table 2: GetMetadata Request Parameters

Name	Description	Type
N/A	A list of URIs.	Required

Table 3: GetMetadata Response Parameters

Name	Description
screen-flows	A list of screen-flows with all the metadata associated to them.
screens	A list of screens with all the metadata associated to them.
forms	A list of forms with all the metadata associated to them.
operators	A list of operators with all the metadata associated to them.
backendservices	A list of back-end services with all the metadata associated to them.
classes	A list of classes or concepts, with metadata such as label, properties, sub-classes, etc.

```
"http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/339",  
"http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item",  
]
```

Example response:

```
{  
  "screenflows": [],  
  "screens": [  
    {  
      "creationDate": "2011-02-07T09:59:52+0000",  
      "creator": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",  
      "...",  
      "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/48",  
      "version": "1.0"  
    }  
  ],  
  "forms": [  
    {  
      "actions": [  
        {  
          "name": "init",  
          "preconditions": [],  
          "uses": []  
        },  
        {  
          "name": "showTable",  
          "preconditions": [{
```

```
        "id": "list",
        "label": {"en-gb": "A product list"},
        "pattern": "?urlList
                    http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                    http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#ProductList",
        "positive": true
    }],
    "uses": []
}
],
...,
"uri": "http://catalogueURL/FASTCatalogue/forms/clones/249",
"version": "1.0"
},
],
"operators": [],
"backendservices": []
"classes": [
{
    "attributes": [
        {
            "type": "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Document",
            "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#smallImage"
        },
        {
            "type": "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Document",
            "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#mediumImage"
        },
        {
            "type": "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Document",
            "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#largeImage"
        },
        {
            "type": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#double",
            "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#price"
        }
    ],
    "label": {"en": "An item handled by the Amazon Service"},
    "tags": [{
        "label": {"en": "amazon"},
        "means": "http://www.amazon.com"
    }],
    "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item"
}
]
}
```

4.4.3 Screen Find & Check

Searches screens and check the compatibility/reachability of a given screen-flow.

Table 4: Screen Find & Check Request Parameters

Name	Description	Type
canvas	The canvas is composed by a list of screens (clones). Only the URI is needed.	Required
palette	It is a list of screens (prototypes), not in the canvas but which must be check based on the specified criterion.	Required
domainContext	The domain context contains a list of tags and the user who makes the request.	Required
criterion	The criterion specifies what it has to be check. The only possible supported now is 'reachability' in order to check if the pre-conditions of a screen are satisfied.	Required

Table 5: Screen Find & Check Response Parameters

Name	Description
canvas	List of screens in the canvas, which extra information indicating satisfaction of the criterion, for the screens themselves and their pre-conditions.
palette	A list of screens obtained by the search, attaching information about the satisfaction of the criterion.
domainContext	It contains the same value as in the request.
limit	Integer. It is used to limit the number of results returned. Default value is -1 (no limit).
offset	Integer. It is used to jump or skip a number of results to be returned. Default value is 0.

Example of the request:

```
{
  "canvas": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/338" }
  ],
  "palette": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/636" }
  ],
  "domainContext": {
```

```
"tags": [
  {
    "label": { "en-GB": "Amazon" },
    "means": "http://dbpedia.org/page/Amazon.com"
  }
],
"user": "http://ismaelrivera.es/#me",
},
criterion: "reachability"
}
```

The response for the above request is:

```
{
  "canvas": [{
    "preconditions": [{
      "label": { "en-gb": "A person working in DERI" },
      "pattern": "?person rdf:type foaf:Person .
                  ?person foaf:workplaceHomepage http://www.deri.ie/",
      "positive": true,
      "satisfied": false
    }],
    "reachability": false,
    "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/338"
  }],
  "palette": [
    {
      "preconditions": [{
        "label": { "en-gb": "A person" },
        "pattern": "?person rdf:type foaf:Person",
        "satisfied": false
      }],
      "reachability": false,
      "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/636"
    },
    {
      "preconditions": [],
      "reachability": true,
      "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/132"
    }
  ]
}
```

A more detailed explanation regarding the search, recommendation, and ranking algorithms used by this operation can be found in Appendix F.

4.4.4 Screen Component Find & Check

Similarly to the Screen Find & Check described in Section 4.4.3, this operation search for screen components (forms, operators and back-end services) through the catalogue in order to satisfy a given request, and attaches information regarding building block satisfaction and reachability as well.

A request is formed of the following parameters:

preconditions Preconditions of the screen.

postconditions Postcondition of the screen.

canvas The canvas is composed by a list of clones of forms, operators and back-end services. Only the URI is needed.

forms It is a list of forms (prototypes), not in the canvas, but related to the request (may be the list of forms retrieved in previous searches).

operators It is a list of operators (prototypes), not in the canvas, but related to the request (may be the list of operators retrieved in previous searches).

backendservices It is a list of back-end services (prototypes), not in the canvas, but related to the request (may be the list of back-end services retrieved in previous searches).

domainContext The domain context contains a list of tags and the user who makes the request.

pipes List of pipes for the connection between screen components and conditions. If the building block in a pipe is the screen itself, the value must be set to *null*.

selectedItem URI of a screen component from the canvas, or id of a pre-/post-condition.

search Boolean indicating if forms/operators/services are required to be looked for. If *false* the operation performed is just a check. If omitted, default value is *true*.

iserve Boolean indicating if a search has to be performed in the iServe service. If omitted, default value is *false*. If *search* is false, this parameter is discarded.

limit Integer. It is used to limit the number of results returned. Default value is -1 (no limit).

offset Integer. It is used to jump or skip a number of results to be returned. Default value is 0.

Example request:

```
{
  "preconditions": [{
    "id": "Searchcriteria_1",
    "label": {"en-gb": "A search request"},
    "pattern": "?search
                  http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                  http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#SearchRequest",
    "positive": true,
  }],
  "postconditions": [],
  "canvas": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/112" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/312" }
  ],
  "forms": [],
  "operators": [],
  "backendservices": [],
  "search": true,
  "domainContext": {
    "tags": [],
    "user": "http://ismaelrivera.es#me"
  },
  "pipes": [
    {
      "from": {
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/312",
        "condition": "list"
      },
      "to": {
        "action": "showTable",
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/112",
        "condition": "list"
      }
    }
  ],
  "selectedItem": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/112"
  "search": true,
  "iserve": true
}
```

Example response:

```
{
  "backendservices": [],
  "canvas": [
    {
      "actions": [{
        "name": "search",
        "preconditions": [{
          "id": "filter",
          "label": {"en-gb": "A search request"},
          "pattern": "?search

```



```
        http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
        http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#SearchRequest",
    "positive": true,
    "satisfied": false
  }],
  "satisfied": false,
  "uses": []
}],
"reachability": false,
"uri": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/312"
},
{
  "actions": [
    {
      "name": "init",
      "preconditions": [],
      "satisfied": true,
      "uses": []
    },
    {
      "name": "showTable",
      "preconditions": [{
        "id": "list",
        "label": {"en-gb": "A product list"},
        "pattern": "?urlList
          http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
          http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#ProductList",
        "positive": true,
        "satisfied": false
      }],
      "satisfied": false,
      "uses": []
    }
  ],
  "reachability": true,
  "uri": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/112"
}
],
"connections": [
  {
    "from": {
      "buildingblock": null,
      "condition": "Searchcriteria_1"
    },
    "to": {
      "action": "search",
      "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/312",
      "condition": "filter"
    }
  }
],
"forms": [],
"operators": [],
"pipes": [
```

```
{
  "from": {
    "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/312",
    "condition": "list"
  },
  "satisfied": true,
  "to": {
    "action": "showTable",
    "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/112",
    "condition": "list"
  }
}
],
"postconditions": [],
"iserve": [
  {
    "address": "http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/?method=user.getfriends
               &user={http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person}&api_key={APIKey}",
    "classes": ["http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person"],
    "doc": "http://iserve.kmi.open.ac.uk/resource/documents/[id]/hrest.html",
    "label": "LastFm Friends",
    "service": "http://iserve.kmi.open.ac.uk/resource/services/[id]#LastFmFriends"
  },
  ...
]
}
```

For a screen component to be reachable, its pre-conditions need to be connected by a pipe to any other screen component which is already reachable, or to any of the screen pre-conditions. Moreover, the pipe needs to be satisfied, in other words, conditions in both edges are compatible. The response includes an attribute called "connections". This attribute will be retrieved when "selectedItem" is given, and it will contain a list of potential pipes to connect to that item.

A more detailed explanation regarding the search, recommendation, and ranking algorithms used by this operation can be found in Appendix F.

4.5 Planning

Search for plans (sets of screens) which accomplish a goal. A goal is a screen or set of screens which must be made reachable.

The URL to access this operation is <http://catalogueURL/planner>. This operation is invoked sending an HTTP POST request with the following parameters:

goal Required. URI or list of URIs (clones) conforming the goal.

canvas Required. List of screens URIs (clones).

page Optional. Number of the page to be retrieved.

per_page Optional. Number of plans to be included per page in the response.

Example request (single goal):

```
{
  "goal": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/135",
  "canvas": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/135" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/656" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/385" }
  ],
  "page": 1,
  "per_page": 10
}
```

Example request (multi goal):

```
{
  "goal": [
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/135",
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/537"
  ],
  "canvas": [
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/135" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/537" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/656" },
    { "uri": "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/385" }
  ],
  "page": 1,
  "per_page": 10
}
```

Example response:

```
[
  [
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/113",
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/423"
  ],
  [
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/669",
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/37",
    "http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/114"
  ],
  [

```

```
"http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/711",  
"http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/464",  
"http://catalogueURL/screens/clones/322"  
]  
]
```

A more detailed explanation regarding the algorithms used for the planning can be found in Appendix F.

4.6 API Error Codes

There are two types of error codes, client and server.

- Client error codes are generally caused by the client and might be an invalid domain or an invalid request parameter. These errors are accompanied by a 4xx HTTP response code. For example: `ResourceNotFound`.
- Server error codes are generally caused by a server-side issue and should be reported. These errors are accompanied by a 5xx HTTP response code. For example: `ServerUnavailable`.

The possible error codes are listed in Table 4.6.

Table 6: API Error Codes

Error	Description	HTTP Status Code
ResourceNotFound	The resource <resourceURI> has not been found.	404 Not Found
AccessFailure	Access to the resource <resourceName> is denied.	403 Forbidden
InternalServerError	Request could not be executed due to an internal service error.	500 Internal Server Error
InvalidHttpRequest	The HTTP request is invalid. Reason: <reason>.	400 Bad Request
InvalidURI	The URI <requestURI> is not valid.	400 Bad Request
MissingParameter	The request must contain the specified missing parameter.	400 Bad Request
NotYetImplemented	Feature <feature> is not yet available.	401 Unauthorized
ServiceUnavailable	The service is currently unavailable. Please try again later.	
UnsupportedHttpVerb	The requested HTTP verb is not supported: <verb>.	400 Bad Request
URITooLong	The URI exceeded the maximum limit of <maxLength>.	400 Bad Request

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Appendix A. Semantic Web Technologies Evaluation

In [Urmeter et al., 2010] were presented different technologies used in the Semantic Web community regarding Web services and catalogues or repositories. These are potential technologies to serve as the basis for the Catalogue implementation. Said that, an evaluation was done in order to choose the most accurate technology with the most advantages for it. Of particular importance in this evaluation is real-time performance, because the GVS (Gadget Visual Storyboard) actually relies on the Catalogue in parts of its user interface.

Basically, two general solutions were considered. One was to build the Catalogue, and the internal components or building block of the gadgets, based on a dedicated SWS platform. The other was to build a light-weight solution from scratch based on RDF and RDFS.

For both solutions, a few ideas about their potential benefits and disadvantages were in mind beforehand. SWS platforms were very tempting to use, because the modelling approach for screens in FAST is quite similar to SWS, in how they define their inputs and outputs. E.g., both FAST and WSMO have pre- and post-conditions, OWL-S has inputs/outputs. Also, SWS platforms come with ready-made implementations for service composition, which could have been used for automatically combining screens to screen-flows. On the downside, it was expected that SWS platforms a bit too slow for some FAST requirements, as the need of real-time discovery. On the other hand, building a light-weight implementation directly on RDFS promised to be faster. Moreover, there is a broader, more mature and probably more active tool support. However, going in this direction would imply to invest a lot more work in modelling and implementation efforts, since all the features that SWS would bring straight away are could not be reused.

To perform the evaluation of the different approaches, an abstract random ontology of 40 concepts was created. About 70% of those were randomly assigned to be sub-concepts of other concepts. The abstract ontology was instantiated in WSMO, OWLS and RDFS. Then, 3 sample sets of random screens of three different sizes (100, 1000 and 10000) were created, such that each screen has 0..3 random pre- and post-conditions. For each set in each technology, every screen was taken to perform a match with any other screen, and the average response time was measured. Figure 4.6 shows the results of the evaluation (RDFS in blue, WSMO in yellow and OWL-S in green). Be aware that the scale of the time is logarithmic.

It can be seen that RDFS performs rather well, even in the 10.000 size set, whereas the other two are pretty far behind. E.g., average response times for WSMO is > 1.5 sec already for the smallest

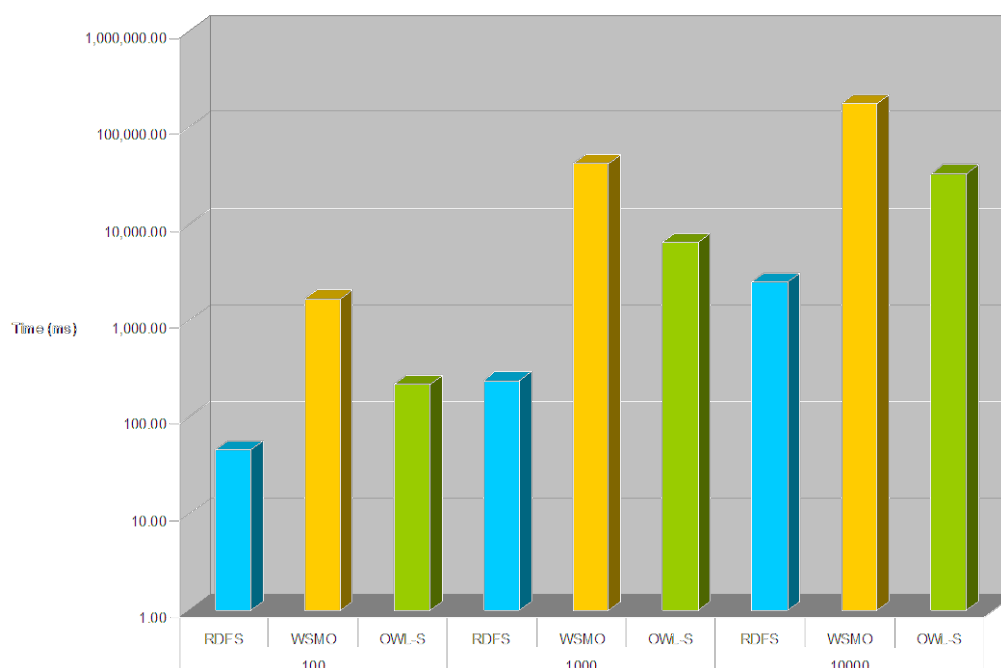


Figure 3: Semantic Web Technologies Performance Comparison

100 size set. Hence, based on this evaluation the approach to follow for the implementation was RDFS, since WSMO and OWL-S simply could not give the performance required for the real-time discovery.

Appendix B. Generic Building Block JSON Structure

```
{
  "code": "http://url.com/.../code.js",
  "creationDate": "2011-04-20T17:00:00+0100",
  "creator": "username",
  "description": {"en-gb": "This is a description of the building block"},
  "tags": [
    {
      "label": {"en-gb": "Amazon"},
      "means": "http://dbpedia.org/page/Amazon.com"
    },
    {
      "label": {"en-gb": "eBay"},
      "means": "http://dbpedia.org/page/Ebay"
    }
  ],
  "homepage": "http://url.com/.../homepage",
  "icon": "http://url.com/images/.../icon.png",
  "id": "Id of the building block", // i.e. 3545
  "label": {"en-gb": "Label or title of the building block"},
  "rights": "http://creativecommons.org/",
  "screenshot": "http://url.com/.../screenshot.jpg",
  "type": "type of the building block", // screenflow, screen, form, operator or service
  "uri": "http://url.com/screens/525",
  "version": "1.0"
}
```

Appendix C. Screen-flow JSON Structure

```
{  
  <GENERIC BUILDING BLOCK JSON>,  
  "contains": [  
    "http://url.com/screens/clones/72723",  
    "http://url.com/screens/clones/20035",  
  ],  
}
```

Appendix D. Screen JSON Structure

```
{
  <GENERIC BUILDING BLOCK JSON>,
  "postconditions": [[{
    "id": "Id of the building block", // i.e. 3545
    "label": {"en-gb": "Purchase URL"},
    "pattern": "?url
                  http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                  http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#PurchaseURL",
    "positive": true
  }]],
  "preconditions": [[{
    "id": "cart",
    "label": {"en-gb": "A shopping cart"},
    "pattern": "?cart
                  http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
                  http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#ShoppingCart",
    "positive": true
  }]],
  "code": "URL of the code",
  "definition": {
    "buildingblocks": [
      {
        "uri": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/670238"
        "uri": "http://catalogueURL/operators/clones/213487"
        "uri": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/38399"
      },
    ]
  },
  "pipes": [
    {
      "from": {
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/38399",
        "condition": "cA"
      },
      "to": {
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/operators/clones/213487",
        "action": "filter"
        "condition": "cA",
      }
    },
  ],
  "triggers": [
    {
      "from": {
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/forms/clones/670238",
        "name": "refresh"
      },
      "to": {
        "buildingblock": "http://catalogueURL/services/clones/38399",
        "action": "list"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

]
}
}

Appendix E. Screen Component JSON Structure

```
{
  <GENERIC BUILDING BLOCK JSON>,
  "actions": [{
    "name": "filter",
    "preconditions": [{
      "id": "item",
      "label": {"en-gb": "Ebay List"},
      "pattern": "?item
        http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
        http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#Item",
      "positive": true
    }],
    "uses": [{
      "id": "cart",
      "uri": "http://fast.morfeo-project.org/ontologies/amazon#ShoppingCart"
    }]
  }],
  "libraries": [{
    "language": "JavaScript",
    "source": "http://url.com/libcode.js"
  }],
  "postconditions": [{
    "id": "filterEbay",
    "label": {"en-gb": "Ebay List"},
    "pattern": "?eFilter
      http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
      http://developer.ebay.com/.../FindItemsAdvanced.html#Request",
    "positive": true
  }],
  "triggers": ["itemAmazon"]
}
```

Appendix F. Algorithms for building block recommendation

The Catalogue serves as a metadata repository for the different kind of building blocks used by the Gadgets in the FAST platform, or so-called building blocks. The number of building blocks stored in the catalogue is arbitrary, and a simple browsing or keyword-based search through the whole catalogue would be not usable if the number is relatively high.

There are two scenarios where the user may be assisted: screen-flow design, and screen design. At screen-flow design, a user needs to find the proper screens to fulfil her goal. At screen design, the scenario is a bit more complex, where different types of building blocks are involved, making screen creation process more challenging. Therefore, the Catalogue includes several mechanisms in order to help in these situations.

F.1 Pre-/post-conditions matching search

The building blocks are connected (implicit or explicit) to each other via their pre- and post-conditions. These connections are guaranteed by a matching method which determine when a pre-condition is satisfied by a post-condition.

At screen-flow or screen design, the user needs to find new building blocks which may satisfy elements from the canvas. There is a high probability that building blocks which pre-/post-conditions are compatible might be used to accomplish her goal. The goal for the algorithm is to satisfy a set of pre-conditions, which are still not satisfied from the elements in the canvas. Therefore, this algorithm searches the Catalogue for building blocks which post-conditions satisfy in a certain way some or all of these pre-conditions.

F.2 Planning

One of the limitations of the pre-/post-conditions matching algorithm is that the output is limited to satisfy a given set of conditions, but the building blocks suggested may include new pre-conditions to be satisfied, where the user has to add building blocks iteratively until the goal is accomplished

(screen-flow or screen is executable).

A set of screens can be seen as a graph (see Figure 4.6), where the vertices (or nodes) are the screens, and the edges represent whether a screen satisfied or is satisfied but another screen. There is a special node connected to all the screens with no pre-conditions (those are reachable by default). For a given screen, a plan is the path from itself to the special node. These paths or plans are then offered to the user as a set of screens which makes a specific screen reachable.

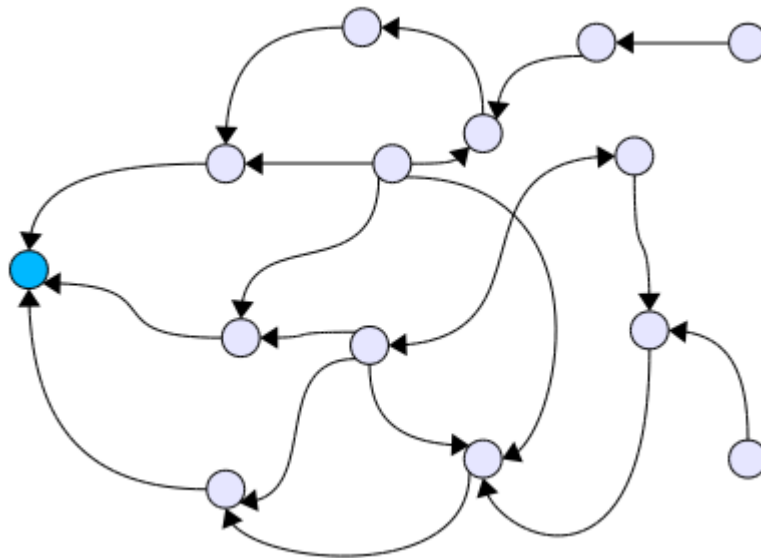


Figure 4: Graph of compatible screens by pre-/post-conditions

If the number of vertices and edges is high, the number of different paths can be as well high. This cause problems such as a huge number of different paths between two vertices, or paths which are incredible long, in other words, the number of results or their quality may not be appropriate to be presented to the user, which may expect a few results and with the minimum number of screens as possible. This is a common problem, and there exist many are many algorithms which solve it, such as Dijkstra or the A* search algorithm which are complete and will always find a solution if one exists.

Our approach has been to implement the A* algorithm, as it calculates a heuristic estimate of the distance to the goal for each node, apart from the path-cost function also included in Dijkstra. In our case, the cost for all edges is the same, and the heuristic function is used to prioritize the screens which are being used already by a given canvas. This way, we try to minimise the number of screens to be used.

F.3 Association Rule Mining

Association Rule Mining is a well known method for the discovery of relations between variables in large databases. Given a set of transactions, find rules that will predict the occurrence of an item based on the occurrences of other items in the transaction. For example, the rule $\{\text{onions, potatoes}\} = \{\text{burger}\}$ found in the sales data of a supermarket would indicate that if a customer buys onions and potatoes together, he or she is likely to also buy burger.

This method is divided in two steps: frequent itemset mining and rule generation. There are many algorithms for frequent itemset mining as Apriori, Eclat and FP-Growth. This is still a computationally expensive task, and when a mined dataset has a considerable size it is resource intensive [Han et al., 2000]. However, FP-Growth has demonstrated to execute faster than the rest, which lead the open source project called Mahout¹⁰ to create its parallel implementation of the algorithm [Li et al., 2008].

We are not reinventing the wheel doing our own implementation of any algorithm for frequent pattern mining. We opted for integrating the Catalogue with Mahout to make uses of its power, and its scalability advantages.

This algorithm is used both in screen-flow design and screen-design. The approach is similar in both cases, finding building blocks which co-occurrence is high.

As an example, given the following set of screen-flows:

Screen-flow	Screens
screenflow-A	screen-1, screen-2
screenflow-B	screen-1, screen-3, screen-4
screenflow-C	screen-1, screen-4
screenflow-D	screen-4, screen-5, screen-7, screen-8
screenflow-E	screen-3, screen-4, screen-9
screenflow-F	screen-5, screen-7, screen-2
screenflow-G	screen-10, screen-11, screen-5, screen-7
screenflow-H	screen-1, screen-2, screen-3

The algorithm will search for the screens with the highest co-occurrence for a given input, i.e. a

¹⁰<http://mahout.apache.org/>

screen-flow during its design phase. For example, for a screen-flow which contains the screen-5, the algorithm will recommend screen-7 as its co-occurrence is high.

However, the algorithm used for the operations Find & Check at screen-flow and screen design, are a combination of the pre-/post-conditions matching and frequent itemset mining algorithms. The output items of the frequent itemset mining algorithm are ranked depending on their co-occurrence, adding the output of the pre-/post-conditions matching search algorithm as if their co-occurrence was one.