PatientSupporter



The Social Semantic Subweb of Virtual Patient Support Groups

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PatientSupporter — Idea and Implementation

The Social Web (Web 2.0) meets the Semantic Web (ontologies and *rules*) in a Social Semantic Web (Web 3.0):

Patients advertise their **semantic** profiles to **socialize** with others in support groups

Implemented in initial PatientSupporter prototype

Part 1: PatientSupporter Foundation in Profile Knowledge Base Interoperation

- PatientSupporter Overview
- □ Ontologies & Rules, Global & Local Knowledge Bases
- Local Knowledge Base (Profile) Interoperation between Prolog-extending POSL & RDF-extending N3
 - Interoperation Principles for Relational (POSL) and Networked (N3) Languages
 - POSL ⇔ N3 Transformation
- Injuries Partonomy

Later seen in Part 2:

A use case demo describes an **online-interactive Patients community** through the PatientSupporter system in Rule Responder

PatientSupporter Overview

- PatientSupporter supports a patient community that is online-interactive and rule-based
- Each patient as participant of this community has ability to:
 - □ Create profiles about themselves, containing their preferences for injuries, healing stage, treatment level, possible collaboration times, etc.
 - Compare and collaborate with others in the community, to track progress and schedule group discussions
- □ Rules for patient profiles are
 - Authored in rule languages such as POSL and N3
 - Interoperated within the community using RuleML/XML

Knowledge Bases

- □ Ontologies Global
 - Group Responsibility Matrix (see later)
 - Body Partonomy (see later)
 - Structures sports injuries as commonsense ontology of affected body parts
- □ Rules (including Facts) Global and Local
 - □ See below

Global Rule Base

- Contains knowledge relevant to everyone in the PatientSupporter community
- □ Knowledge Areas:
 - participation
 - Ensures that a patient's preferred group size interval is within a requested group size interval
 - ageCheck
 - Ensures that a patient's age is within a requested age interval
 - goodDuration
 - Ensures that a patient's preferred call duration is within a requested start and end time

Local Rule Bases (Profiles)

- Contain local knowledge specific to each patient in the PatientSupporter community
- □ Knowledge Areas:
 - age
 - Own age
 - groupSize
 - Preferred group sizes for injuries
 - category
 - 'In' or 'Out' patient
 - treatment
 - Bandage, (Major or Medium or Minor)
 Operation, (Major or Medium or Minor)
 Medication or ChangeOfLifeStyle
 - healingStage
 - Fresh, Medium, Convalescent or Healed

- duration
 - Preferred call duration
- gender
 - Male or Female
- communication
 - Channel and Contact names
- **□** timezone
 - Own time zone
- MyDiscussion
 - Derive patients' discussion preferences

Local MyDiscussion Sample Rule (in POSL)

- Centered on Participant p0004 as First Argument

```
myDiscussion(p0004,Injury:Toe,?MinAge,?MaxAge,?MinRSVP,?MaxRSVP,?Category,?Treatment,?HealingStage,
           dateTime[?StartYear,?StartMonth,?StartDay,?StartHour,?StartMinute],
           dateTime[?EndYear,?EndMonth,?EndDay,?EndHour,?EndMinute],
           dateTime[?DurYear,?DurMonth,?DurDay,?DurHour,?DurMinute],
           MSN,?Contact,?Gender,?TimeZone)
                                                                                          Orange
                                                                                         designates a
           ageCheck(p0004,?MinAge,?MaxAge,?Age),
                                                                                           profile
           participation(p0004,?Injury,?MinRSVP,?MaxRSVP),
                                                                                      preference / fact
           communication(p0004,MSN,?Contact),
           event(p0004,?Injury,Possible,
                      dateTime[?StartYear,?StartMonth,?StartDay,?StartHour,?StartMinute],
                      dateTime[?EndYear,?EndMonth,?EndDay,?EndHour,?EndMinute]),
           duration(p0004,?Injury,dateTime[?DurYear,?DurMonth,?DurDay,?DurHour,?DurMinute]),
           goodDuration(p0004,?Injury,
                      dateTime[?DurYear,?DurMonth,?DurDay,?DurHour,?DurMinute],
                      dateTime[?StartYear,?StartMonth,?StartDay,?StartHour,?StartMinute],
                      dateTime[?EndYear,?EndMonth,?EndDay,?EndHour,?EndMinute]),
           category(p0004,?Category),
           treatment(p0004,?Injury,?Treatment),
           healingStage(p0004,?Injury,?HealingStage),
           gender(p0004,?Gender),
           timeZone(p0004,?TimeZone).
```

Local MyDiscussion Profile Facts (in POSL)

- Centered on Participant p0004 as First Argument

```
age(p0004,27:integer).
groupSize(p0004,?:Toe,2:integer,10:integer).
duration(p0004,?:Toe,dateTime[0:integer,0:integer,0:integer,0:integer,30:integer]).
category(p0004,Out).
treatment(p0004,?:Toe,MinorOperation).
healingStage(p0004,?:Toe,Medium).
communication(p0004,MSN,Sam24).
gender(p0004, Male).
timeZone(p0004,-400:integer).
```

Profile Interoperation (POSL & N3)

- Support for both logic-relational (e.g., POSL) and graph-networked (e.g., N3) knowledge representations
- Users may write their profile in either language
- Support for Prova, OO jDREW, and Euler engines to execute queries issued to POSL and N3 knowledge bases, respectively
- Later seen in Part 2:
 By using a RuleML subset as the exchange language and Rule Responder as the platform, queries and answers can be exchanged with all supported engines

POSL

- POSL integrates positional and slotted knowledge (e.g., Prolog's positional and F-logic's slotted knowledge)
- PatientSupporter only uses positional POSL for logic-relational knowledge, displayed in a Prolog-like human-readable syntax
- Positional relation descriptions (fact and query examples):
 - Relation names (f): treatment(p0001,Toe,Bandage).
 - Each fact and rule head has a relation name
 - Arguments (f):
 treatment(p0001,Toe,Bandage).
 - Constant arguments are strings or symbols, separated by commas (",")
 - Variables (q): treatment(p0001,?, ?Treatment)
 - Variables can be named ("?" prefix) or anonymous (stand-alone "?")

Notation 3 (N3)

- N3 is a compact, rule-extended version of RDF's XML syntax.
 Writes triples (subject, property, object) as subject descriptions
- PatientSupporter uses N3 for graph-networked knowledge
- Slotted subject descriptions (fact and query examples):
 - Subject names (f):
- ":" here denotes IRI of this local knowledge base

```
Each fact / rule head has a subject name
```

```
:treatment_1
rdf:type :Treatment;
:profileID :p0001;
:injury :Toe;
:treatment :Bandage.
```

Variables (q):

Can be anonymous (stand-alone "?") or named ("?" prefix)

```
?treatment
  rdf:type :Treatment;
  :profileID :p0001;
  :injury ?;
  :treatment ?Treatment.
```

■ Arguments as property→object slots (f):

Each argument must have a property (slot name):

```
:treatment_1
  rdf:type :Treatment;
  :profileID :p0001;
  :injury :Toe;
  :treatment :Bandage.
```

Each argument must also have an object (slot value):

```
:treatment_1
rdf:type :Treatment;
:profileID :p0001;
:injury :Toe;
:treatment :Bandage.
```

POSL ⇔ N3 Transformation (Atoms)

- Transformations are bi-directional; harder left-right reading focused here
- □ N3 uses subjects to provide named instances/relationships.

 The **subject name** is the ":"-prefixed relation ":name" extended by "_i", where "i" is an instance counter. A "?"-prefixed variable can stand for a subject name
- A POSL relation name becomes defined in an N3 rule head via an rdf:type property using the ":"-prefixed, uppercased version of the ":Name"

```
POSL treatment(p0001,?,?Treatment) rdf :pro
```

```
?treatment
rdf:type :Treatment;
:profileID :p0001;
:injury ?;
:treatment ?Treatment.
```

Starting with **po**sitional POSL, **slot names** (properties) can be generated and stored in <u>signatures</u> for reuse; **variables** and **constants** as **slot values** (objects) employ the **same names** as in POSL

```
POSL treatment(p0001,?, ?Treatment)
```



```
?treatment
rdf:type :Treatment;
:profileID :p0001;
:injury ?;
:treatment ?Treatment.
```

POSL ⇔ N3 Transformation (Rules)

- Rule transformation builds on atom transformation
- OO jDREW (using POSL) typically does top-down (:-) reasoning;
 Euler (using N3) always does bottom-up (=>) reasoning:
 'conclude ... from ---' becomes 'if --- then ...'

```
myDiscussion(p0004,lnjury:Toe,

...,

?Treatment,?HealingStage,
...,
)

:-
...,
treatment(p0004,lnjury:Toe,?Treatment),
healingStage(...),
....
```

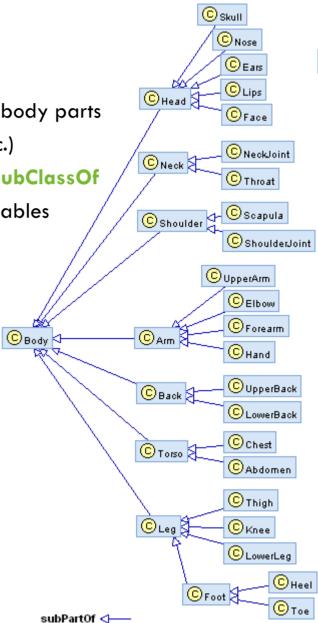
```
?treatment
  rdf:type
                  :Treatment;
  :profileID
                  :p0004;
  :injury
                  :Toe;
  :treatmentType ?Treatment.
?healingStage
                   :HealingStage;
   rdf:type
:myDiscussion
   rdf:type
                 :MyDiscussion;
                 :p0004;
   :profileID
   :injury
                 :Toe;
   ...;
                 ?Treatment;
   :treatment
   :healingStage ?Stage;
```

N3

Body Partonomy

- The PatientSupporter partonomy is organized as hierarchy of body parts
- □ Each of these corresponds to an injury (e.g., Leg, Foot, Toe, etc.)
- Mapped to a taxonomy, using rdf:type, rdfs:Class, and rdfs:subClassOf
- Taxonomy classes act as user-defined types to restrict rule variables

RDF (used by POSL, equivalent to a version in N3)



Part 2: PatientSupporter for an Online-Interactive Patient Community via Rule Responder

- PatientSupporter as a Rule Responder
- PatientSupporter Conceptual View
- PatientSupporter Technical View
- PatientSupporter Agent Implementation
- Discussion Scenario: Example Queries with Live Demo

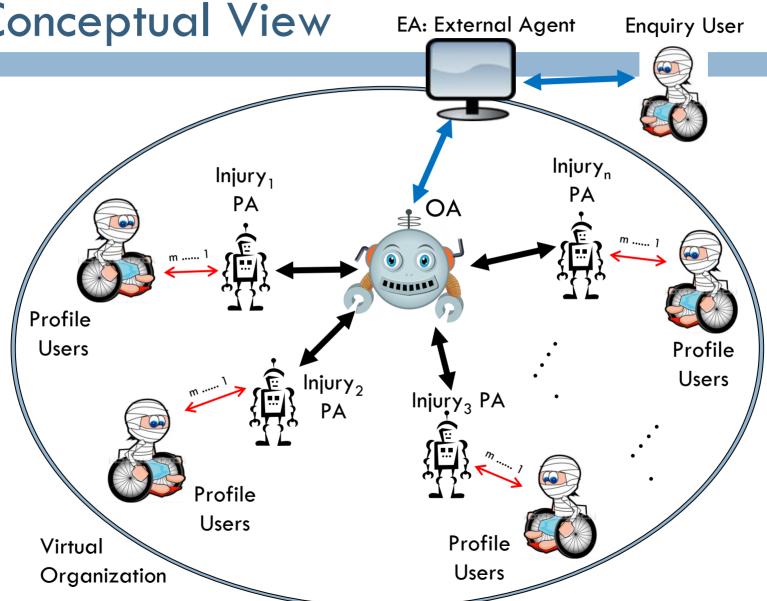
Previously seen in Part 1:

Foundation of PatientSupporter in **profile knowledge base interoperation**, which is assisted through **transformation techniques**

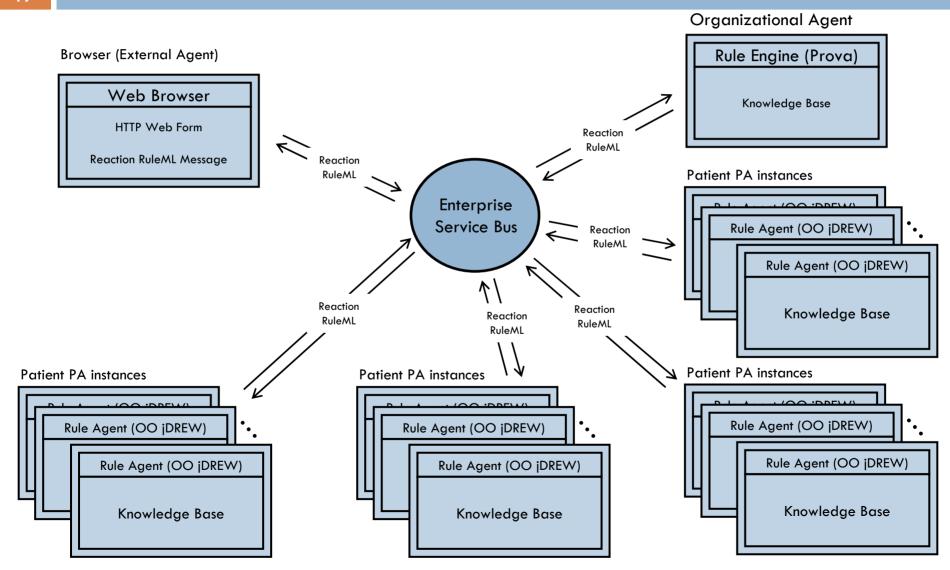
PatientSupporter as a Rule Responder

- Rule Responder is an intelligent multi-agent infrastructure for collaborative teams and virtual communities
- □ Rule Responder uses three kinds of agents:
 - Organizational Agent (OA)
 - □ Personal Agents (PAs)
 - PAs extended to select relevant profiles of patients
 - External Agents (EAs)
- The PatientSupporter instantiation of Rule Responder employs the OA, PAs, and EAs for communication and query delegation to support an online-interactive community of patients
 - Similar to WellnessRules2, WellnessRules, and SymposiumPlanner

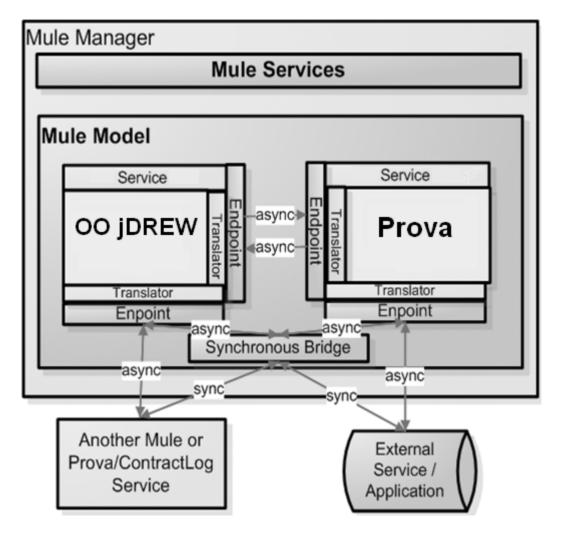
Rule Responder Conceptual View



Rule Responder Technical View



Communication using Mule Enterprise Service Bus



- Mule ESB Open Source
- Message Platform and distributed ObjectBroker
- Event DrivenArchitecture (EDA)
- Around 50 Protocols(JMS, HTTP, SOAP ...)
- Synchronous and Asynchronous Communication
- Message Driven Event Processing

Rule Responder Agents (EA, OA, PAs)

- External Agent (EA):
 - The PatientSupporter website (shown later)
- Organizational Agent (OA):
 - □ Contains a <u>Prova</u> knowledge base which is used for incoming queries: directs them to appropriate PAs via the Group Responsibility Matrix
- Personal Agent with Profiles (PA):
 - Consists of a Java servlet and using the two embedded engines,
 OO jDREW and Euler forwards the query to POSL and N3 profile knowledge bases, respectively
 - It only has access to profiles which contain relevant information for its responsible injury by using the Profile Responsibility Matrix

Group and Profile Responsibility Matrix

- Role assignment on two levels: Group Responsibility Matrix (GRM) and Profile Responsibility Matrix (PRM)
- The <u>GRM</u> contains information about PA
 injury responsibility, written as an OWL light ontology.
 It defines which PA is best suited for different kinds of queries
- The <u>PRM</u> contains information about PA <u>profile responsibility</u> and the <u>format</u> of each profile knowledge base:

```
PA<sub>Leg</sub>:
```

Website (EA)

- EA is used to **issue queries** to the PatientSupporter **OA**
- **Query** can be written manually or constructed by using the Javascript based **GUI**
- Query is placed in the text box, in the RuleML format
- The **Send Message** will issue the query to the OA
- A new screen containing a list of answers in **RuleML** will be presented
- Query examples are provided with their subsequent English descriptions. Can be modified to suit your query

Online Demo:

http://ruleml.org/PatientSupporter/RuleResponder

PatientSupporter

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Latest News

June 30th, 2010

June 16th, 2010

June 7th, 2010

May 19th, 2010

May 3rd, 2010

Project started.

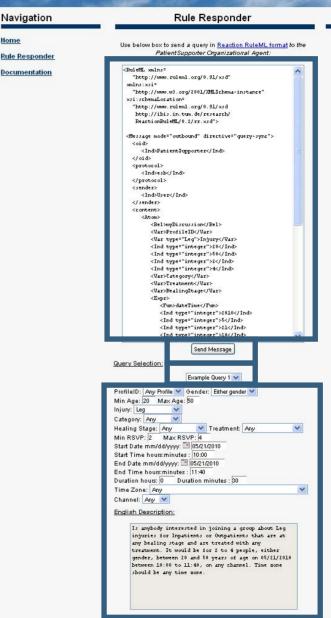
First working version of

PatientSupporter hosted

Preliminary profiles hosted

Patients narronomy hosted

Interface built and hosted



Discussion Group Formation Scenario: Query Refinement

Introduction:

In this scenario a participant of PatientSupporter (Paul) uses the system to find one or more partners for a Discussion on his and others' Toe injuries

Query 1:

Paul first asks the community if some are interested in discussing Leg injuries with 2 to 10 people. Assessing the answers to this, he finds that there are too many candidates on the list, and decides to narrow down his question

Query 2:

Paul fixes the date and limits possible times, which helps to reduce the numbers, but he still gets too many answers. While these constraints may be 'hard' for him (in this week), he should be aware that he may thereby decrease body-part recall (see Queries 3-4)

Query 3:

Now he decides to further descend into the body partonomy, asking about Foot injuries (keeping the constraints of Query 2). The answer volume seems fine, but he now wants maximum body-part precision

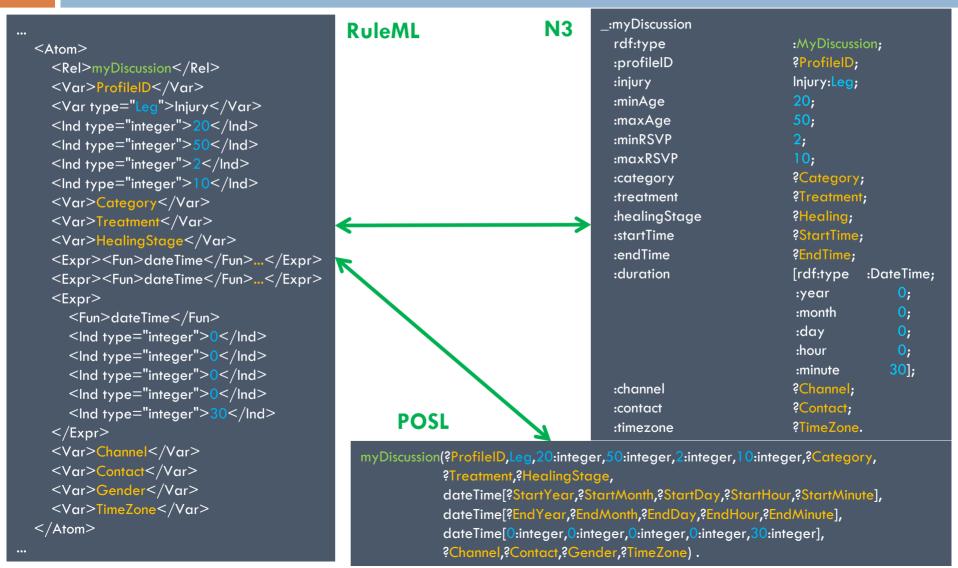
Query 4:

 So, finally he focuses on Toe injuries. Paul now receives a single answer, from which he takes the contact name, Sam24, for agreeing on an MSN call

Green designates a Paul relation name <Atom> <Rel>myDiscussion</Rel> poses <Var>ProfileID</Var> **English Description:** <Var type="Leg">Injury</Var> query <Ind type="integer">20</Ind> about <Ind type="integer">50</Ind> <Ind type="integer">2</Ind> Is anybody interested in joining a Leg, Blue <Ind type="integer">10</Ind> group about Leg injuries, <Var>Category</Var> designates a age, between 20 and 50 years of age, <Var>Treatment</Var> constant. partici-<Var>HealingStage</Var> for 2 to 10 people, More will get <Expr><Fun>dateTime</Fun>...</Expr> pation, blue for any category (In or Out) <Expr><Fun>dateTime</Fun>...</Expr> shortly that are treated with any and <Expr> <Fun>dateTime</Fun> treatment at any healing stage? call <Ind type="integer">0</Ind> It would be on any date <Ind type="integer">0</Ind> dura-| <Ind type="integer">0</Ind> between any (start and end) times, tion <Ind type="integer">0</Ind> for ... 0 hours and 30 minutes, Ind type="integer">30 on any channel, with any contact, </Expr> gender, and time zone. <Var>Channel</Var> RuleML <Var>Contact</Var> <Var>Gender</Var> Yellow <Var>TimeZone</Var> designates a </Atom>

variable

Example Query 1 - POSL & N3



Paul fixes date and limits times, giving time zone

RuleML

```
<Atom>
  <Rel>myDiscussion</Rel>
  <Var>ProfileID</Var>
  <Var type="Lea">Injury</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">20</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">50</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">2</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
  <Var>Category</Var>
  <Var>Treatment</Var>
  <Var>HealingStage</Var>
  <Expr>
     <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
     <Ind type="integer">2010</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">5</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">21</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">0</Ind>
  </Expr>
  <Expr>
     <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
     <Ind type="integer">11</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">40</Ind>
  </Expr>
  <Expr>
    <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
    <Ind type="integer">30</Ind>
  </Expr>
  <Var>Channel</Var>
  <Var>Contact</Var>
  <Var>Gender</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">-400</Ind>
</Atom>
```

English Description:

Is anybody interested in joining a group about Leg injuries, between 20 and 50 years of age, for 2 to 10 people, for any category (In or Out) that are treated with any treatment at any healing stage? It would be on 05/21/2010between 10:00 and 11:40, for ... 0 hours and 30 minutes, on any channel, with any contact and gender, and on GMT -4:00.

Paul focuses on Foot as part of Leg

```
RuleML
```

```
<Atom>
  <Rel>myDiscussion</Rel>
  <Var>ProfileID</Var>
  <Var type="Foot">Injury</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">20</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">50</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">2</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
  <Var>Category</Var>
  <Var>Treatment</Var>
  <Var>HealingStage</Var>
  <Expr>
     <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
     <Ind type="integer">2010</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">5</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">21</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">0</Ind>
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     <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
     <Ind type="integer">11</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">40</Ind>
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    <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
    <Ind type="integer">30</Ind>
  </Expr>
  <Var>Channel</Var>
  <Var>Contact</Var>
  <Var>Gender</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">-400</Ind>
</Atom>
```

English Description:

Is anybody interested in joining a group about Foot injuries, between 20 and 50 years of age, for 2 to 10 people, for any category (In or Out) that are treated with any treatment at any healing stage? It would be on 05/21/2010between 10:00 and 11:40, for ... 0 hours and 30 minutes, on any channel, with any contact and gender, and on GMT -4:00.

Paul focuses on Toe as part of Foot

```
<Atom>
  <Rel>myDiscussion</Rel>
  <Var>ProfileID</Var>
  <Var type="Toe">Injury</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">20</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">50</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">2</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
  <Var>Category</Var>
  <Var>Treatment</Var>
  <Var>HealingStage</Var>
  <Expr>
     <Fun>dateTime</Fun>
     <Ind type="integer">2010</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">5</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">21</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
     <Ind type="integer">0</Ind>
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  </Expr>
  <Var>Channel</Var>
  <Var>Contact</Var>
  <Var>Gender</Var>
  <Ind type="integer">-400</Ind>
</Atom>
```

RuleML

English Description:

Is anybody interested in joining a group about Toe injuries, between 20 and 50 years of age, for 2 to 10 people, for any category (In or Out) that are treated with any treatment at any healing stage? It would be on 05/21/2010between 10:00 and 11:40, for ... 0 hours and 30 minutes, on any channel, with any contact and gender, and on GMT -4:00.

Answer to Query 4

Paul gets precise answer

RuleML

```
<Atom>
  <Rel>myDiscussion</Rel>
  <Ind>p0004</Ind>
  <Var type="Toe">Injury
  <Ind type="integer">20</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">50</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">2</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">10</Ind>
  <Ind>Out</Ind>
  <Ind>MinorOperation</Ind>
  <Ind>Medium</Ind>
  <Ind>MSN</Ind>
  < Ind > Sam 24 < /Ind >
  <Ind>Male</Ind>
  <Ind type="integer">-400</Ind>
</Atom>
```

English Description:

p0004 is interested in joining a group about Toe injuries, between 20 and 50 years of age, for 2 to 10 people, as an Out patient that was treated with a Minor Operation at Medium healing stage. It would be on ..., channel MSN, with contact name Sam24, gender Male, and on

Conclusion

- □ The PatientSupporter case study:
 - Uses a global as well as distributed local knowledge bases to support profile interoperation and querying
 - Demonstrates profile interoperation between logic-relational (e.g., POSL) and graph-networked (e.g., N3) knowledge representations
 - Employs an extended Rule Responder architecture, containing the profile level underneath the PAs
 - Supports online-interactive communities of patients guided by a body partonomy mapped to a taxonomy
 - This Rule Responder version thus ontologizes the architecture of earlier instantiations <u>WellnessRules</u> (2) and <u>SymposiumPlanner</u>