

Knowledge Elicitation and Ontology-Based Visualization of Business Ecosystems: A Case Study from the Green Energy Ecosystem

Alican Tüzün^{1,2}[0009–0009–8017–5487] and Georgios Meditskos¹[0000–0003–4242–5245]

¹ School of Informatics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

² Josef Ressel Centre for Data-Driven Business Model Innovation, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria, Wehrgrabengasse 1-4, 4400, Steyr, Austria

lncs@springer.com

<http://www.springer.com/gp/computer-science/lncs>

Abstract. The abstract should briefly summarize the contents of the paper in 150–250 words.

Keywords: Business Ecosystem · Knowledge Representation · Ontology · Wind Energy · Green Energy.

1 Introduction

1.1 P1: Challenge

To make critical decisions, organizations need to understand not only their internal operations but also the external environment where they operate or may operate.

1.2 P2: Business, Wind Energy Ecosystems

A business ecosystem is a ecosystem that consists not only the businesses but includes other types of organizations such as non-profits. Wind energy ecosystem on the other hand context specific ecosystem that consists of organizations that are related to wind energy production, distribution and maintenance. However such ecosystems are not easy to understand and analyze due to the complex nature of the interactions between the organizations. Therefore, to understand this ecosystem, one need to capture the interactions between the organizations and represent them in a structured way.

1.3 P3: Knowledge Representation, Ecosystem Knowledge

One way of structring such interactions is to use ontologies. Ontologies are

1.4

- **P1: Challenge**
- **P2: Business, Green, Wind Energy Ecosystems**
- **P3: Knowledge Representation, Ecosystem Knowledge**
- **P4: Ecosystem interactions**
- **P5: Related Work and why they are insufficient**

Research Question

How can organizational interactions in the wind energy ecosystem systematically captured and explicitized into structured, formal knowledge representations to enable data-driven decision making?

2 Methodology

2.1 Semi-Structured Survey

2.2 Term Disambiguation

2.3 OWL2 & Ontological Commitments

- **ClassAssertion**
- **ClassHierarchyAssertion**
- **ClassDisjointnessAssertion**
- **ObjectPropertyAssertion**
- **PropertyCharacteristicAssertions**
- **Methodological Limitations**

2.4 Query Language

- **SPARQL**
- **Fuseki Server**

2.5 Relationship Visualization

- **js and d3.js**

Table 1. Relationships and Theoretical Foundations

| Relationship Type | Theoretical Foundation | Logical Charecteristics |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Product & Service Delivery | Supply Chain Management (Chopra & Meindl, 2016); Value Chain Analysis (Porter, 1985); Business Ecosystems (Adner, 2017) | Irreflexive, Transitive |
| Payment | Business Model Ontology (Osterwalder & Pigneur, 2005); Value Network Analysis (Allee, 2008); Input-Output Economics (Leontief, 1986) | Irreflexive |
| Data | Knowledge-Based View (Grant, 1996); Digital Ecosystem Theory (Tiwana, 2013) | Irreflexive |
| Information | Knowledge-Based View (Grant, 1996) | Irreflexive |
| Collaboration | Resource-Based View (Barney, 1991) | Irreflexive, Symmetric |
| Conflict | Stakeholder Theory (Freeman, 1984) | Irreflexive, ASymmetric |
| Competition | Porter's Five Forces (Porter, 1979) | Irreflexive, Symmetric |
| Coopetition (Implicit) | Coopetition Theory (Brandenburger & Nalebuff, 1996) | Irreflexive |

3 Results&Discussion

- 3.1 Survey Results&Discussion**
- 3.2 Ontology Development**
- 3.3 Information Retrieval with Sparql**
- 3.4 Visualization Results**

4 Conclusion

5 Appendix

- A Semi-Structured Survey**
- B Github Repo**
- References**