

An Ontology-driven Approach for Semantic Annotation of Documents with Specific Concepts

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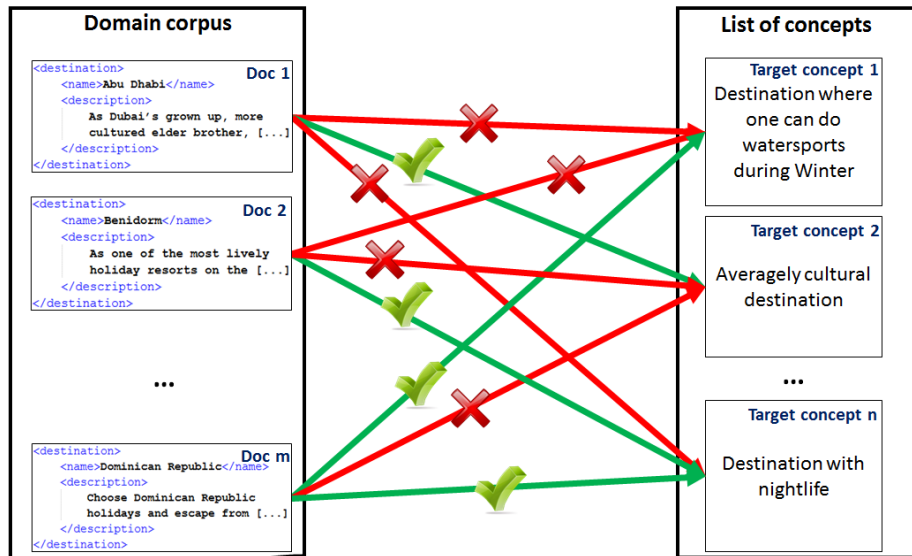


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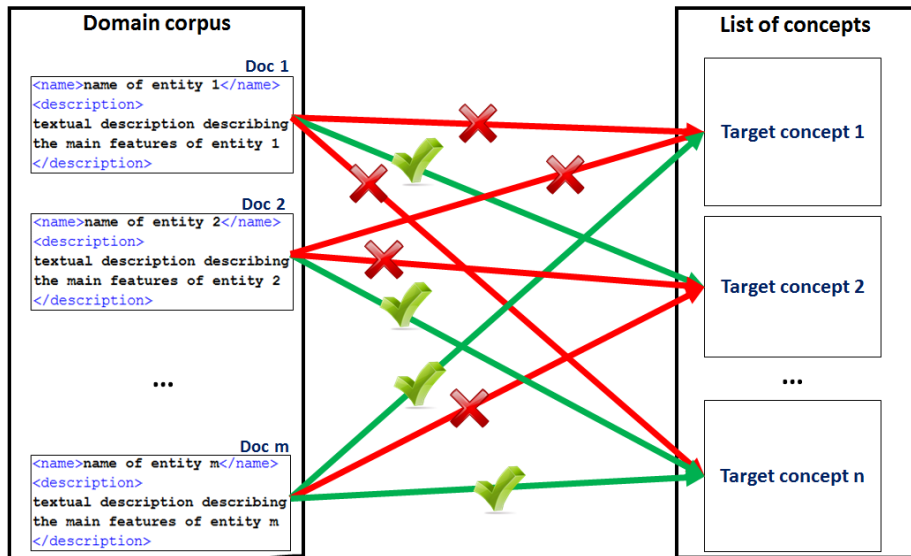
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- 1 Context
- 2 Related work
- 3 Our approach
- 4 Experimental evaluation
- 5 Conclusion

Automatic semantic annotation of documents



Generic method: has to work for different domains



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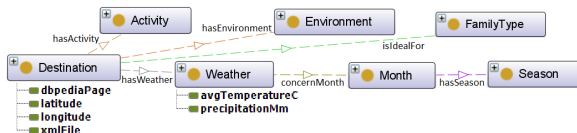
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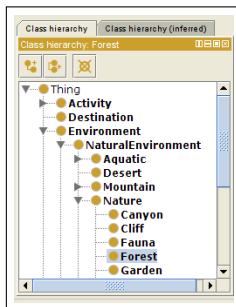
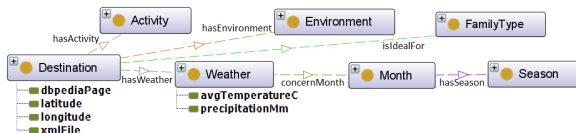
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- *1 main class*
(e.g., Destination)
- *descriptive classes*
(e.g., Activity, etc.)

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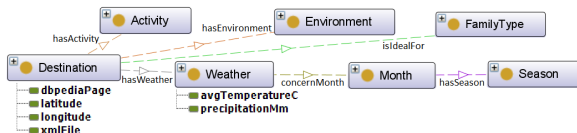
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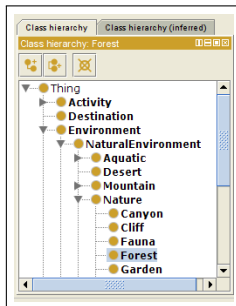
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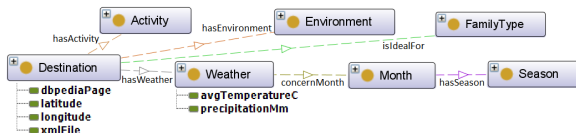
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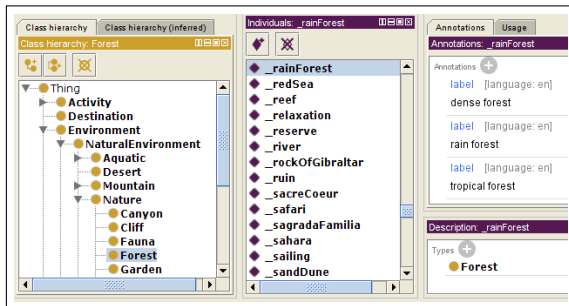
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- individuals: instances of some **descriptive classes**
⇒ have terminology

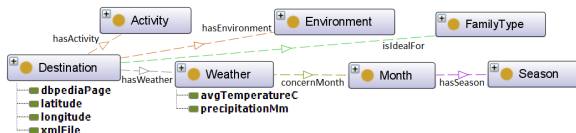
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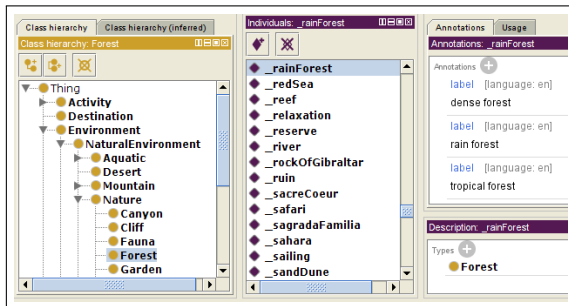


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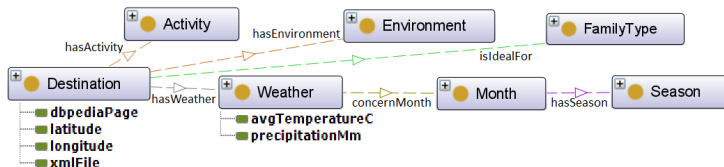
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- terminological (domain, range, subsumption, etc.)
- assertional (typing, property assertions)



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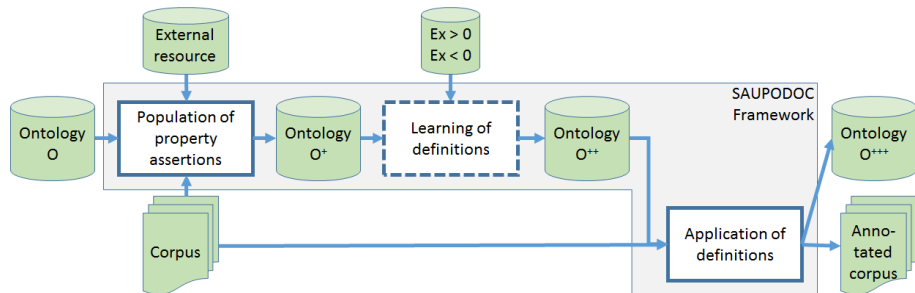


- *document properties*: documents are **complete** w.r.t. these properties (e.g. hasActivity, hasEnvironment, etc.)
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 ⇒ external resources needed (Linked Open Data)

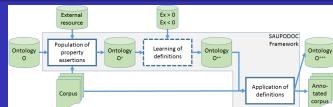
The SAUPODOC approach

= Semantic Annotation Using Population of Ontology and Definitions of Classes

- ① corpus of documents
 - one part to be annotated
 - one part annotated for each target concept: positive/negative examples
- ② list of target concepts
- ③ domain ontology
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Preliminary task



For each document, **creation of an instance** of the *main class* representing the entity described in the document

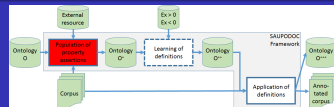
Example

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<destination>
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    Choose Dominican Republic holidays and escape from it all on a Caribbean island with a distinct Latin flavour. The Dominican coast offers postcard-perfect sceneries, from white sand beaches to jutting mountains and thick rainforests further inland. Influenced by its closest island neighbours, Cuba and Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic is a feast of colour. Marvel at the merging of tropical blues where the sky touches the water as well as its colourful rainbow of traditional painted houses and huts. [...]
  </description>
</destination>
  
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⇒ individual `Dominican_Republic` such as
`<Dominican_Republic isA Destination>`

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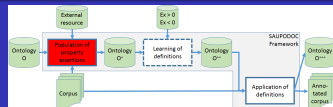


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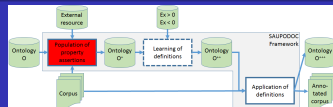
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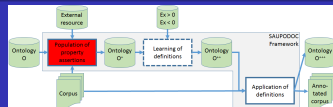
👉 GATE - OntoRoot Gazeteer - JAPE transducer (JAPE generic pattern)
[Cunningham et al., 2011, Bontcheva et al., 2004]

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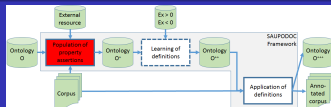
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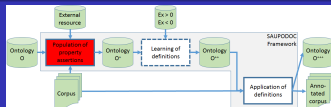
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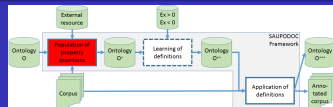
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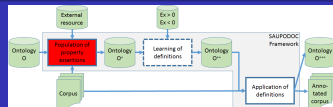


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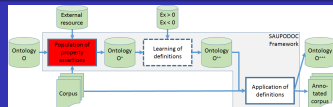


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👉 DBpedia Spotlight [Mendes et al., 2011]

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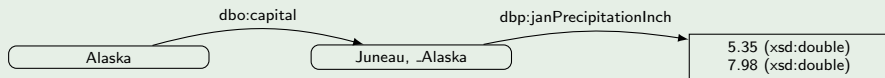
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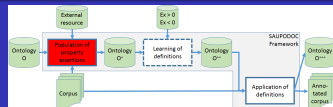
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- access paths (dealing with incompleteness)

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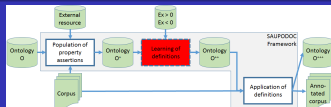
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 - 👉 DBpedia SPARQL endpoint

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    POPA --> LD[Learning of definitions]
    ER[External resource] --> LD
    EX["Ex = 0  
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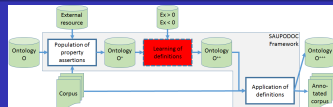
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- 1 learn the definition of each target concept based on
 - manual annotations given by a domain expert
 - the populated ontology
- 👉 DL-Learner - CELOE algorithm (Inductive Logic Programming)
[\[Lehmann, 2009\]](#)

Example

Destination where one can do watersports during Winter \equiv
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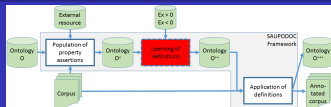
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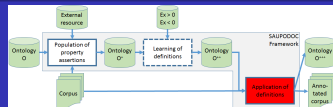
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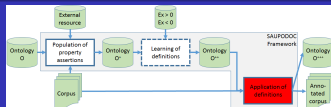
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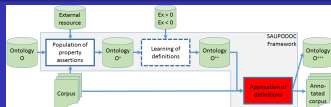
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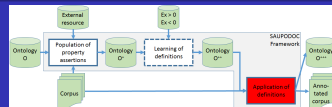
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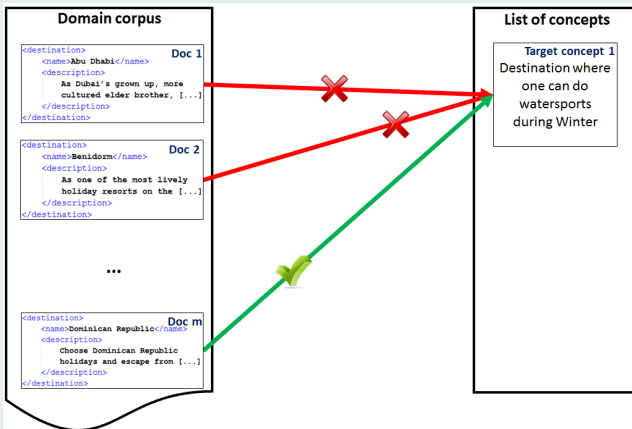
- document **instance** of a target concept ⇒ **positive annotation** 
- document **not instance** of a target concept ⇒ **negative annotation** 

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- Comparison of SAUPODOC with 2 classification approaches
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all 3 tested with **several parameters** \Rightarrow we keep the best results on the test set

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• For classification approaches:

- lemmatized [bag-of-words](#) TF-IDF
- [dictionary](#) = [ontology terminology](#) (labels of individuals)

Example

- [SAUPODOC](#) individual of the ontology: "_rainForest" (labels: rain forest, dense forest, tropical forest)
- [Classifiers](#) vector component: "_rainForest" (union of words: rain forest, dense forest, tropical forest)

Experimental evaluation: the two tested domains

Destination domain

- 80 documents
- main class = Destination
- 161 descriptive classes
- 39 target concepts

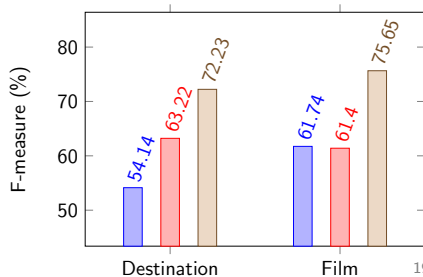
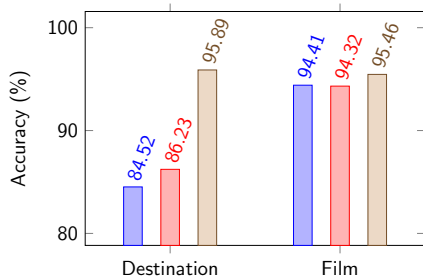
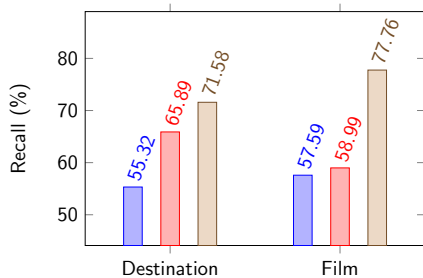
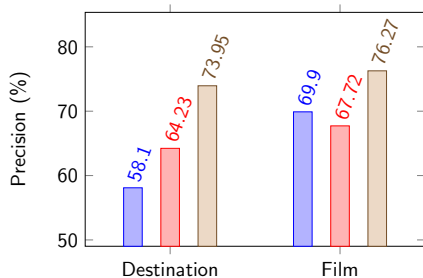
Film domain

- 10,000 documents
- main class = Film
- 5 descriptive classes
- 12 target concepts

$$\textit{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
$$\textit{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

$$\textit{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
$$\textit{F-measure} = \frac{2 \times \textit{Precision} \times \textit{Recall}}{\textit{Precision} + \textit{Recall}}$$

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- Decision tree: rules about TF-IDF values \Rightarrow **hard to be adjusted** ✗

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|   _beach <= 0  
|   |   _sea <= 0.005502: 0  
|   |   _sea > 0.005502: 1  
|   _beach > 0: 1  
_urban > 0.018893: 0
```

Experimental evaluation: explicit definitions

Collaboration with the Wepingo company

Wepingo **recommends** entities w.r.t. user needs (target concepts)

- need to have **some positive annotations** to make recommendations
- need to have **intelligible definitions**: if 0 positive annotations for a user need \Rightarrow **definition refinement** to get "almost positive" annotations
- SVM: **unintelligible** ✗
- Decision tree: rules about TF-IDF values \Rightarrow **hard to be adjusted** ✗
- SAUPODOC: **explicit definitions** \Rightarrow **can be adjusted** ✓

Conclusion

- Challenge: **annotate a document** as a whole with **concepts neither explicitly mentioned** in the text, **nor defined**
- Acquisition of data from **Linked Open Data** (complex task because complex correspondences and incompleteness)
- Use of several tools: possible thanks to the **ontology**
 - makes the **tasks cooperate**
 - **integrates knowledge**
 - enables **reasoning**
- **Experiments** with classifiers (no other existing systems)

Perspective

Semi-automatic refinement of the definitions

- 1 **Automatic refinement**: make some replacements and **keep the candidate definitions** that make some "almost positive" annotations

Example

"(hasObjectProperty **some** A) **and** (hasDataProperty **some** double[≥ 10.0]) **and** ..."

Some ideas:

- remove one **and** clause
- replace A by one of its ascendants
- replace 10.0 by a smaller number

- 2 **Manual validation** of the candidate definitions

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Thank you for your attention

Questions?

Closed World Assumption

- document not instance of a target concept \Rightarrow negative annotation
Closed World Assumption (CWA)
- simulation of **CWA** at each task
 - task 1: extraction of data from documents**: documents are supposed to be **complete for all document properties**
 - task 2: extraction of data from LOD**: access paths providing approximate values to **overcome incompleteness**
 - task 3: learning the definitions**:
 - some operators are disabled (NOT, ONLY, etc.)
 - different individuals (*owl:AllDifferent*) \Rightarrow simulation of **Unique Name Assumption (UNA)** \Rightarrow **same results under CWA and OWA**
- task 4: applying the definitions** with a reasoner under OWA: **no problem**

Model of correspondences: the reasons

Linked Open Data

- **Equivalent properties**
janPrecipitationMm, janRainMm, etc.
- **Multi-valued properties**
<Juneau_Alaska janPrecipitationInch 5,35>
<Juneau_Alaska janPrecipitationInch 7,98>
- **Unity conversion**
janPrecipitationInch? Mm?
- **Properties obtained by transformation**
(janHighC + janLowC) /2

Our ontology

- **Functional property**
Aggregation of the values from DBpedia
- **Domain constraints**

$$\text{precipitationMm}_{ontology} \equiv \{\text{janPrecipitationMm}, \text{janRainMm}, \dots\}_{DBpedia}$$
 iff <domain concernMonth January>