# Abstract

In this paper we will summarize three current, 2010+, research papers on how ontologies can be used to navigate and combine social networks to facilitate decisions on which meaning or instance of a concept a user wants to see when utilizing a social network. These social ontologies can be used when querying to find relations to narrow the search down to those that are relevant to the current user. By referencing ontologies and finding common elements, these ontologies can be combined across social networks in order to identify a common user across networks. This data can be used by external companies to suggest material in which a user and her social network may be commonly interested. A common problem amongst this domain is linking concepts between ontologies if those ontologies use different semantics for the same concept or the same semantics for different concepts, techniques are evolving to solve this problem.

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