WebProtégé Protégé going Web

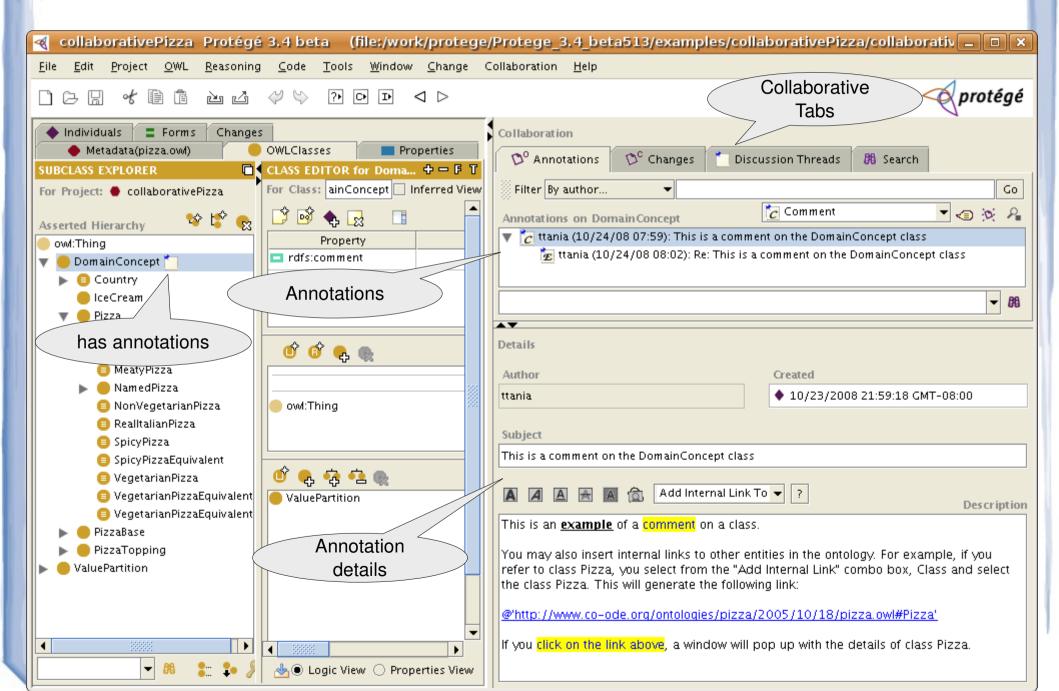
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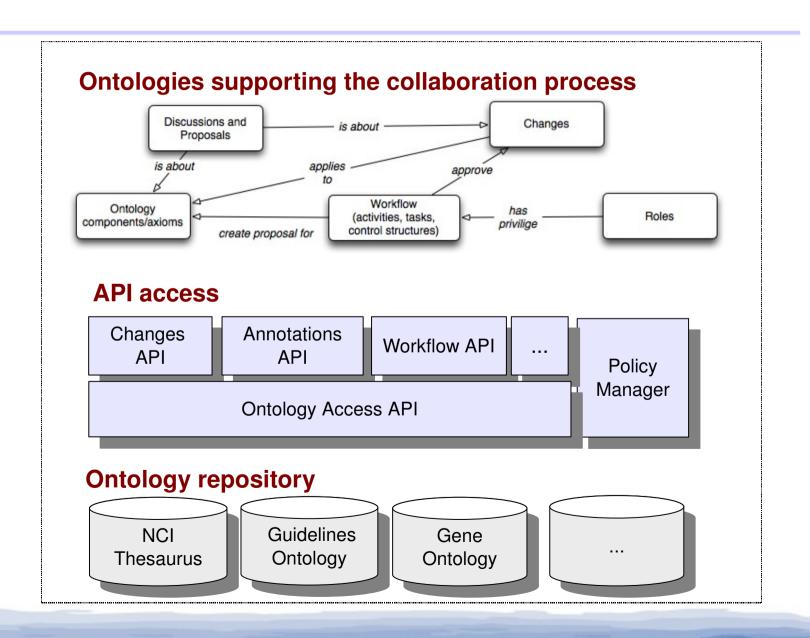
WebProtégé – quick overview

- WebProtégé is an open source light-weight ontology editor for the Web
- It is a Collaborative Protégé client
- Main features of WebProtégé:
 - Browsing of ontologies on the Web
 - Lightweight ontology editing
 - Designed using a portal metaphor: The user interface is composed of reusable components, called portlets
 - Customizable UI by drag-n-drop and by showing or hiding different ontology tabs
 - Extensible: Developers may easily implement their own tabs and portlets

Collaborative Protégé – Big brother of WebProtege

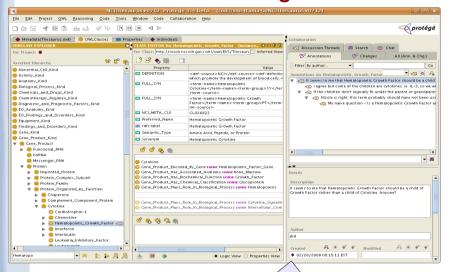


The Collaboration Framework



The Collaborative Framework + Clients

Collaborative Protégé







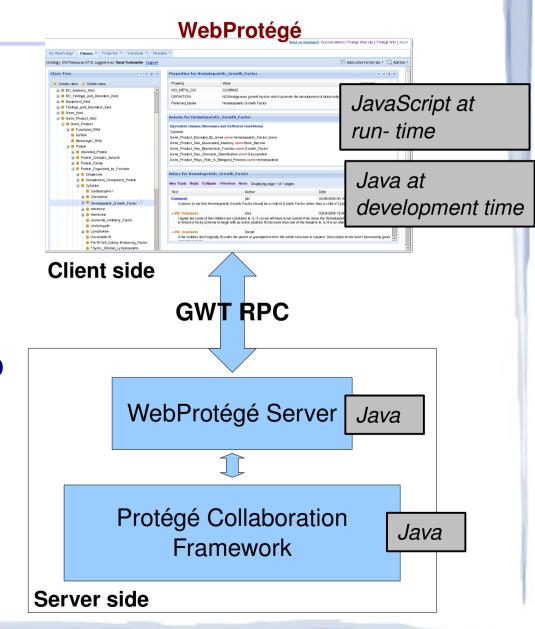
Collaborative Framework Ontologies supporting the collaboration process Discussions and Proposals is about Workflow (activities, tasks privilige create proposal for control structures) API access Changes Annotations Workflow ... API API API Policy Manager Ontology Access API Ontology repository Guidelines NCI Gene RadLex Thesaurus Ontology Ontology

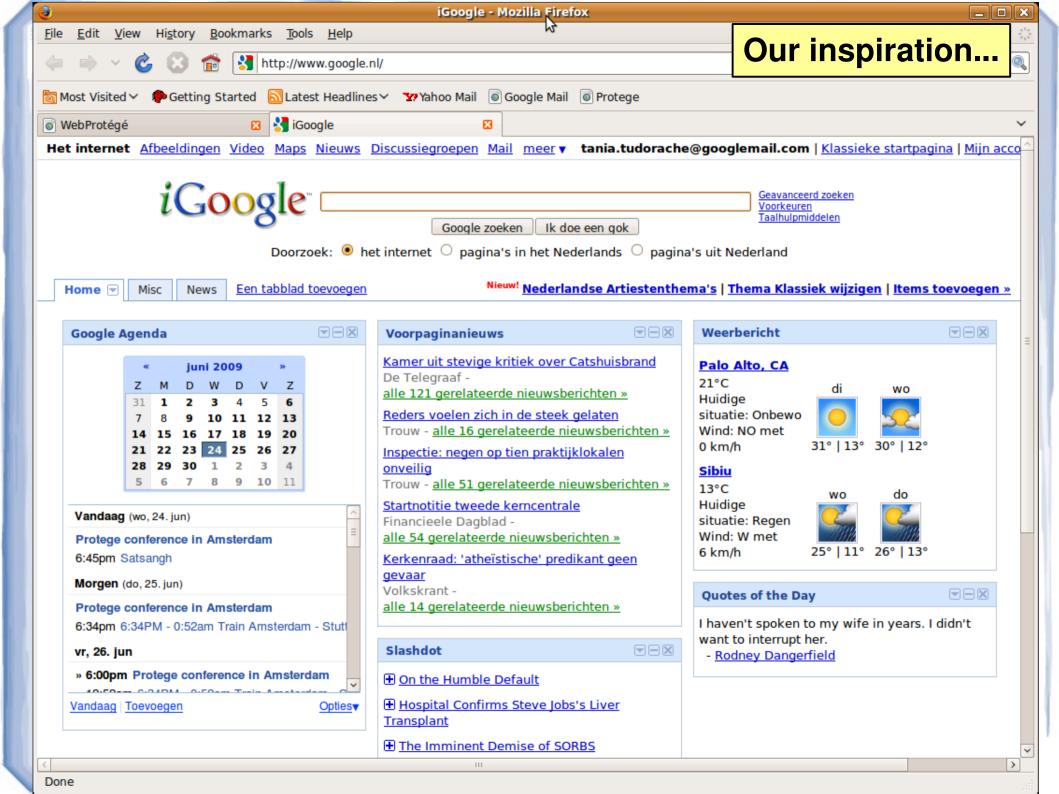
GWT – Google Web Toolkit

- GWT: write web client applications in Java
- GWT compiles the Java code into optimized JavaScript
- The server side is written in Java
- Client-Server communication through RPC (JSON, others also available)

WebProtégé - Architecture

- 2 sides of the story: server and client
- Server is completely implemented in Java and makes API calls to Protégé
- Client side is developed in Java, and later compiled into JavaScript
- Communication between server – client is done with GWT RPC (can be done in other ways, too)

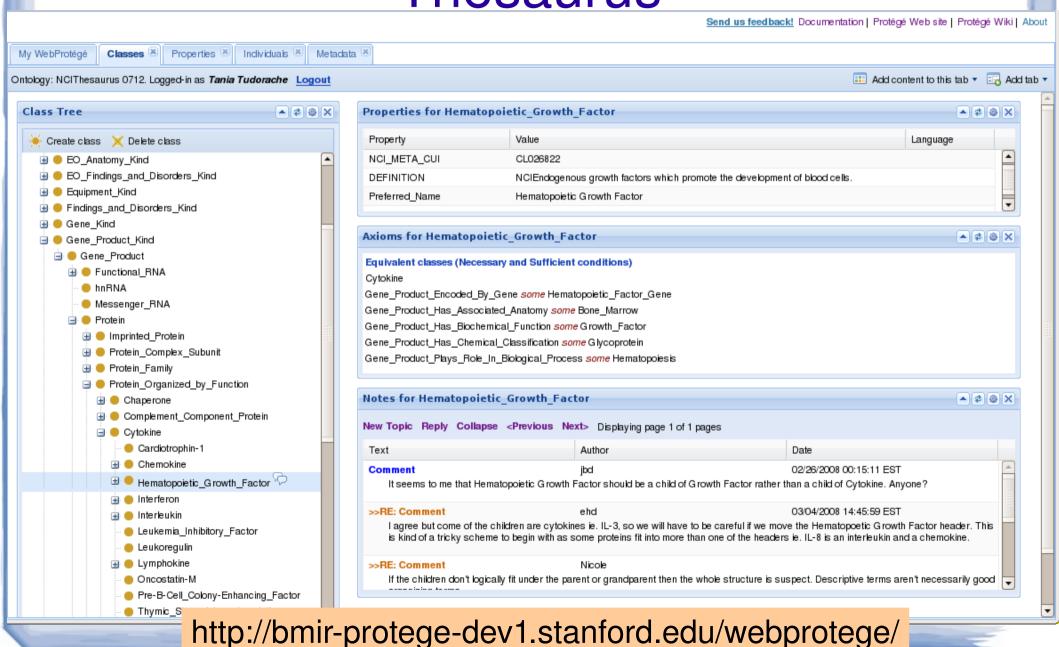




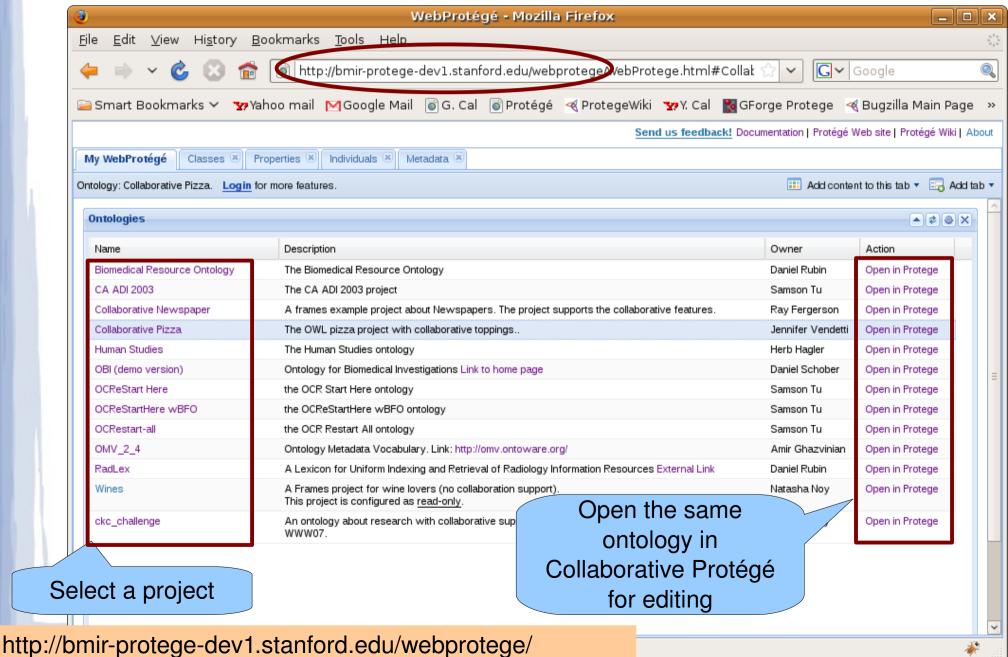
WebProtégé UI

- Portal metaphor (inspired from MyYahoo and iGoogle)
 - Portlets are panels that have some functionality (e.g. display the properties of a class) and can be dragged around
 - Users can customize the layout of WebProtege:
 - Enable/disable tabs
 - Customize the portlets in a tab
 - Configuration is stored on server and it per project/user
- Uses a 3rd party widget library: GWT-ext

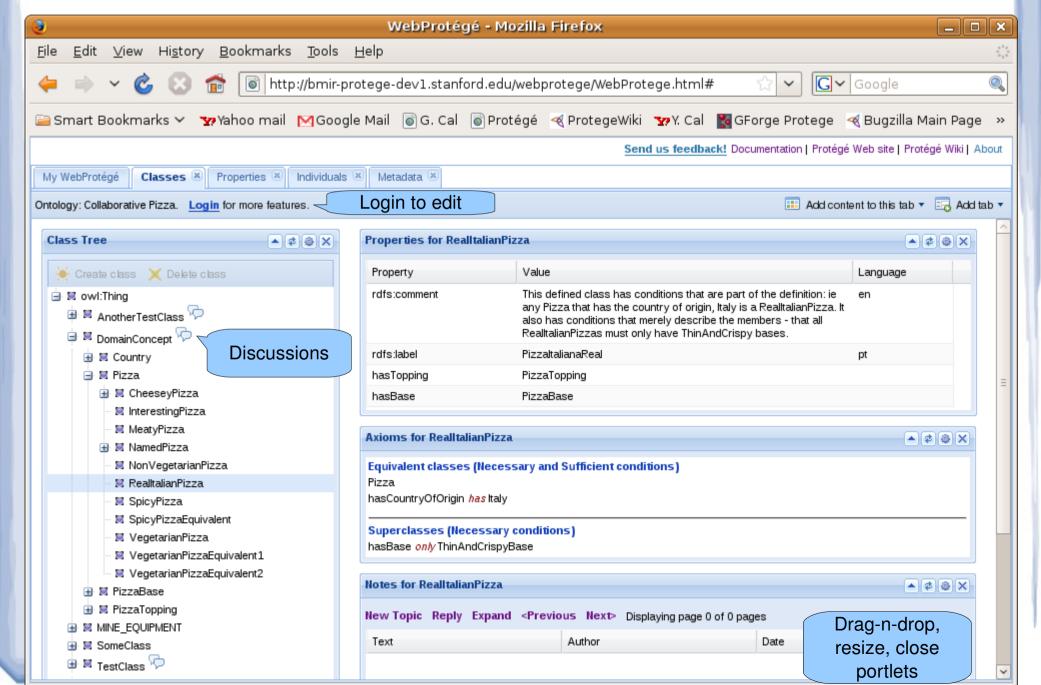
WebProtégé GUI – showing the NCI Thesaurus



First page in WebProtégé



Opening Collaborative Pizza



What is already out there...

Tabs:

- Classes
- Properties
- Individuals
- Discussions
- Metadata
- Other terminologies (BioPortal search)
- etc.

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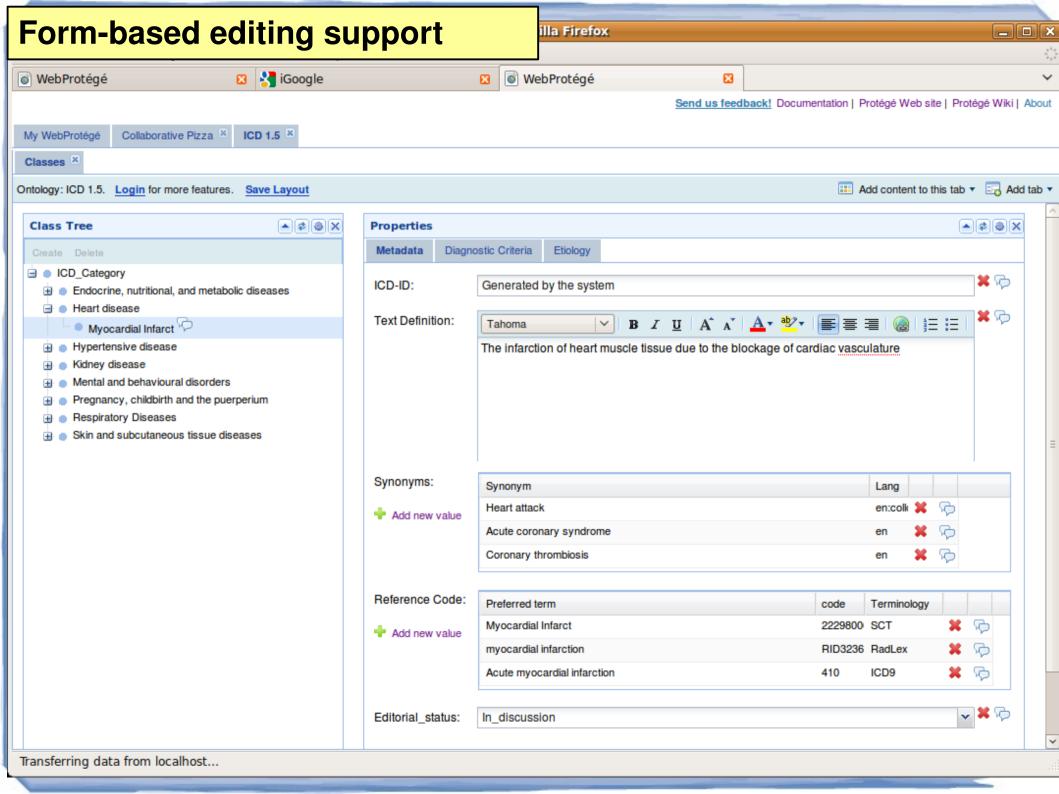
Portlets:

- Class/property tree
- Property values
- Restrictions
- Notes and discussion
- Individuals list
- Property form
- OBO ↔ OWL converter
- etc.

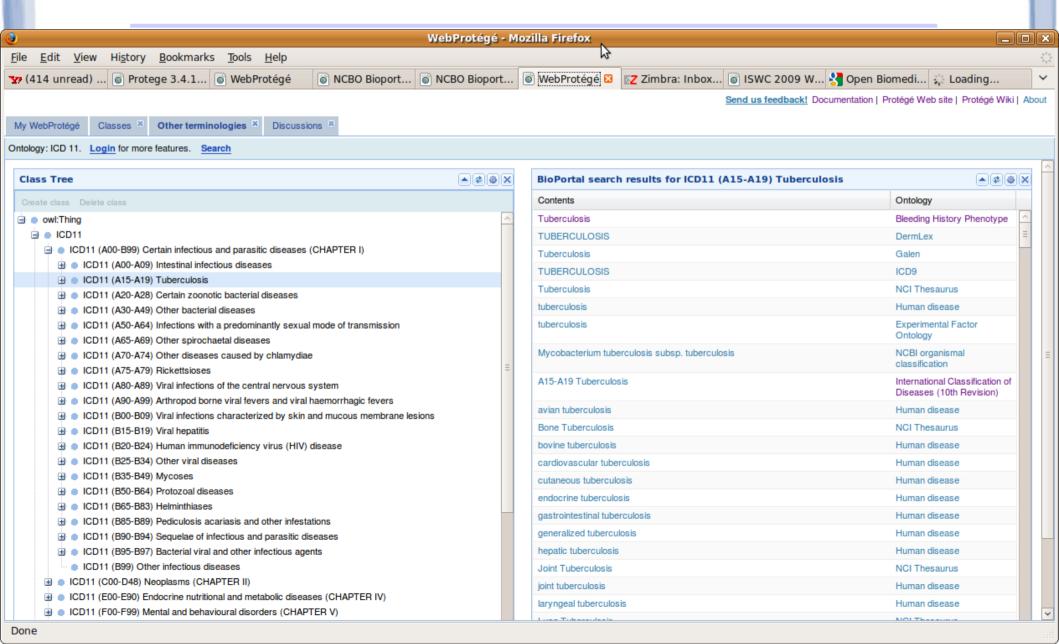
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UI configuration

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Other terminologies tab – see possibly related concepts from terminologies in BioPortal



WebProtégé installation

- Tomcat or another servlet engine
- Download the war file from the WebProtégé wiki page
- Follow the step-by-step Administrators' Guide

Extending WebProtégé

- Plug-in infrastructure very similar to Protégé's: create your own tabs and portlets
- Just extend: AbstractTab and AbstractEntityPortlet
- Implement your own RPCs, if needed
- Reuse existing portlet code
- Writing a tab as easy as creating an empty class that extends AbstractTab
- Promise to have soon some more documentation :)

What's next?

Short term

- Migrate Collaborative Protégé and WebProtégé to Protégé 4
- Finalize the plug-in mechanism
- Improve the editing support
- Migrate to a new widget library
- Documentation!

What's next? (cont.)

- Medium term
- Support collaboration features that are not yet available
- Conflict management
- Workflow support
- Evaluate in different projects (We need your help!)
- Long term
- You tell us!

Get involved!

- If you would like to get involved, talk to us!
- Contributions from the community are welcome
- Implement your own plug-ins for WebProtégé
- If you used any of the tools, we would be happy to get your feedback!

THANK YOU!

Resources

- Collaborative Protégé Users' Guide
 - http://protegewiki.stanford.edu/index.php/Collaborative_Protege
- Collaborative Protégé paper:
 - Supporting collaborative ontology development in Protégé, T. Tudorache, N. F. Noy, S. W. Tu, M. A. Musen, 7th International Semantic Web Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany, Springer. Published in 2008, http://bmir.stanford.edu/file_asset/index.php/1374/BMIR-2008-1331.pdf
- WebProtégé short paper:
 - Web-Protege: A Lightweight OWL Ontology Editor for the Web. Tania Tudorache, Jennifer Vendetti and Natalya Noy,
 http://www.webont.org/owled/2008/papers/owled2008eu_submission_40.pdf
- Try WebProtégé out:
 - http://bmir-protege-dev1.stanford.edu/webprotege/
- Accessing Collaboration features from other applications:
 - http://protegewiki.stanford.edu/index.php/ChAO_API
- Protégé client-server tutorial
 - http://protegewiki.stanford.edu/index.php/Protege_Client-Server_Tutorial