

ONTO-H: A collaborative semiautomatic annotation tool

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Cultural Domain: Requirements

- 20 years ago... Scarceness of information
 - No easy availability of cultural knowledge
 - Precious originals only available in specific libraries
- Nowadays... Information overload
 - Huge amount of data (OCR input, books, etc.)
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- Build an acceptable ontology of Humanities.
- Use the ontology to semantically annotate existing cultural content.
- Support the annotation process by an "intelligent" editor.
- Provide a collaborative environment.



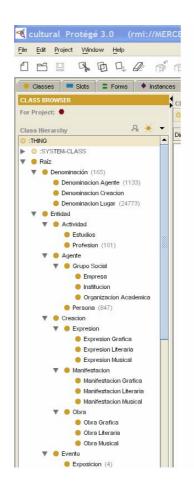


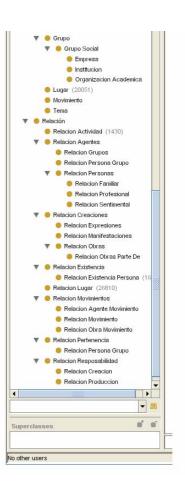




Ontology Creation and Description

- Interdisciplinary teams (working for over 1 year)
- Competency questions approach
 - "Editors of the Gaceta Literaria journal"
 - "List of every author qualified as post-modernist"
 - "Who participated in any congress held in Seville in 1920?"
- Import and merge concepts from external ontologies
 - WordNet
 - CyC
 - SUO
- Concepts:
 - Studies, Profession, Company, Institution, Expresion, Manifestation....



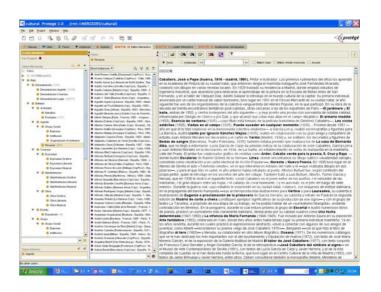








- High cost for manual annotation: 10.000\$ per page
- Intelligent Editor
 - Annotation Rules (automates the process)
 - Recommendations
 - Natural Language Processing
 - Conflict resolutions
 - Duplicate Names or References
 - Search Facilities
 - Import Facilities
 - Collaborative environment.









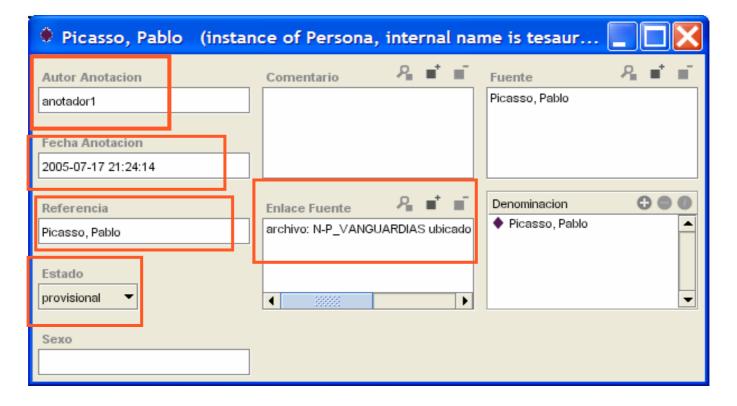
Annotation

- The annotation process does not change the source text itself
- Creates a link from the instance to the original text
- Attributes related with the annotation:
 - Annotator: annotator's name.
 - Annotation date.
 - Reference: this attribute identifies the instance. The value that it takes is the selected text
 - Source link:
 - File's name, offset and text selected.
 - State: For reviewing process. By default its value is 'provisional'





Annotation:







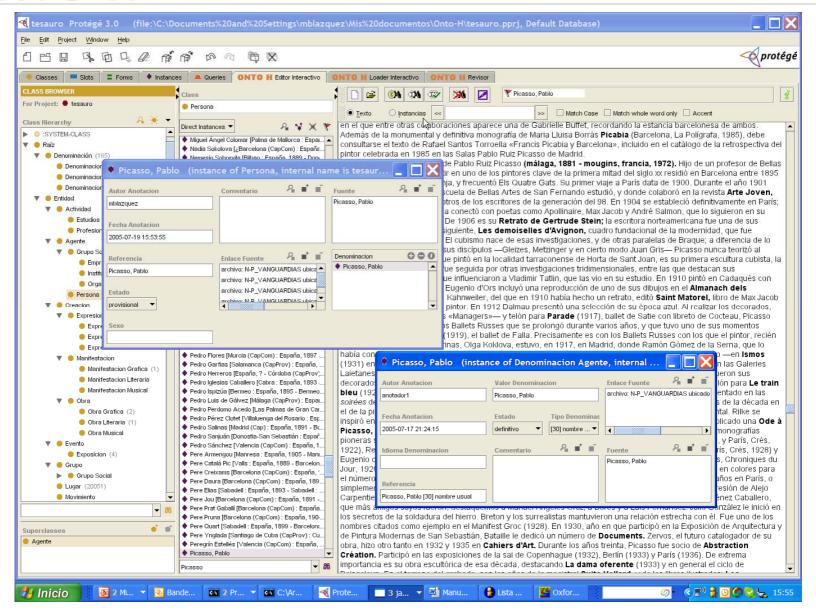


Rules (Drag & Drop)

- Examples:
 - New instance of class Person creates a new instance of the class "Naming".
 - Pablo Picasso and Pablo Ruíz Picasso are the same person with different nominations.
 - Create New artistic work
 - Makes sense to create new instances for its manifestation and expression
 - Guernica is a work
 - Expression: is a painting
 - Manifestation: the actual painting at Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid

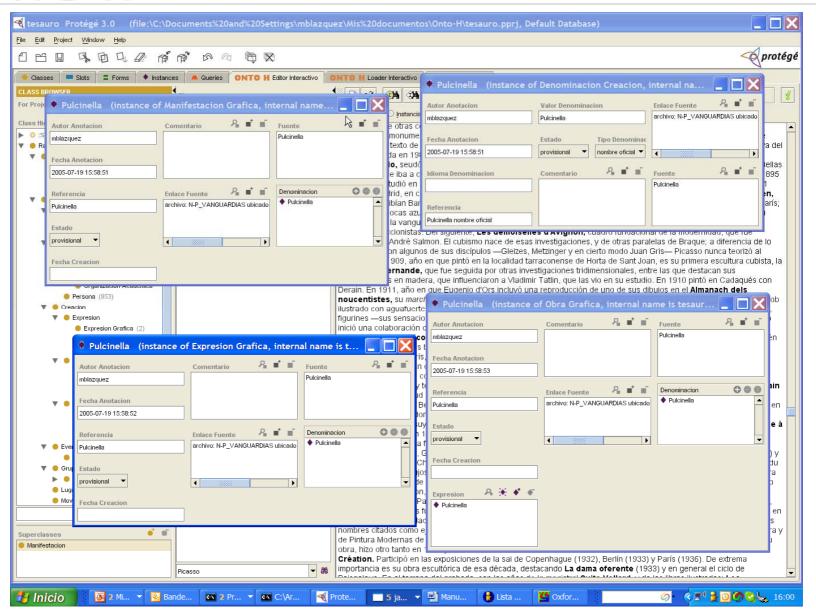












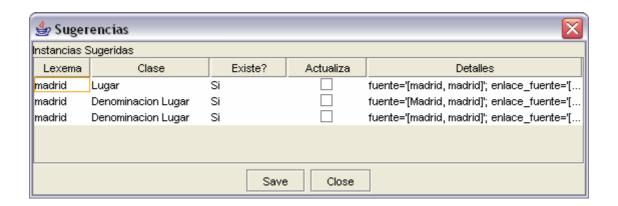






Recommendations

- Increase the accuracy of the editor.
- The users ask for advice for selected words or text parts.
- Suggestion of possible concepts for the selected text.
- Checks using NLP.







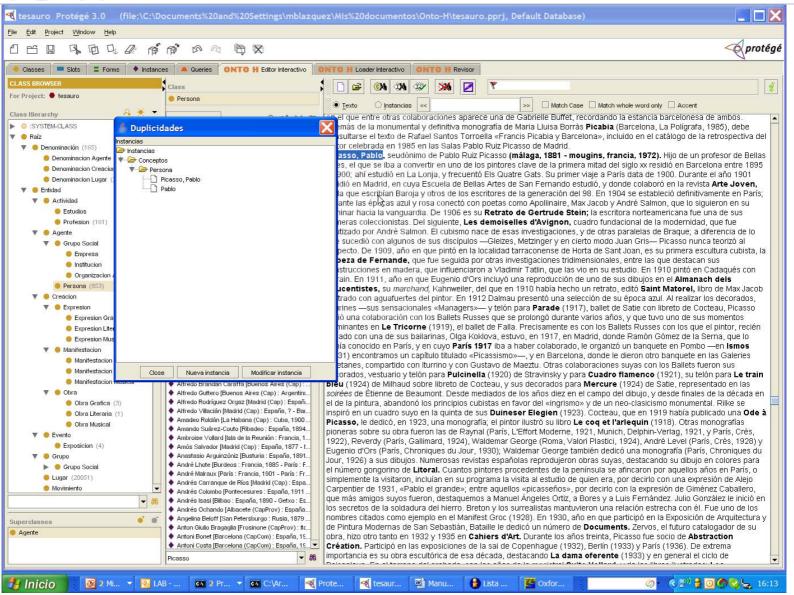


Conflict Resolution

- One of the most complex concepts in the ontology is NAME.
- Almost all things can be named in different ways.
 - Author, places, works, etc can posses a number of names depending on the time.
- All of these names should point to the same instance.
- Instance name duplication
- The user can select between different possibilities:
 - Add new instance
 - Modify the existent one
 - Nothing











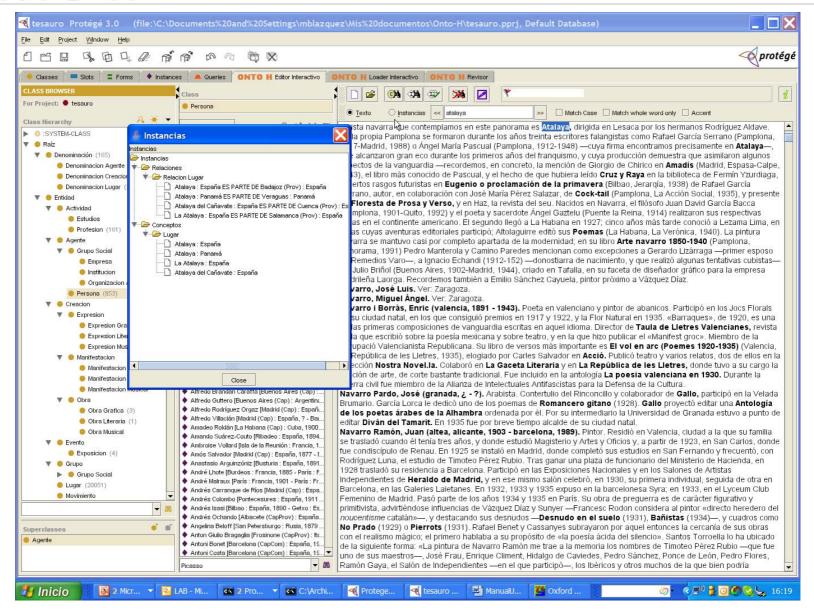


Search Facilities

- Instance search
 - Marking all the instances define at the ontology at text
 - Search an specific instance of ontology.
 - All instances that has a reference to other instance
- Text Search facilities
 - Caps
 - With or without accents

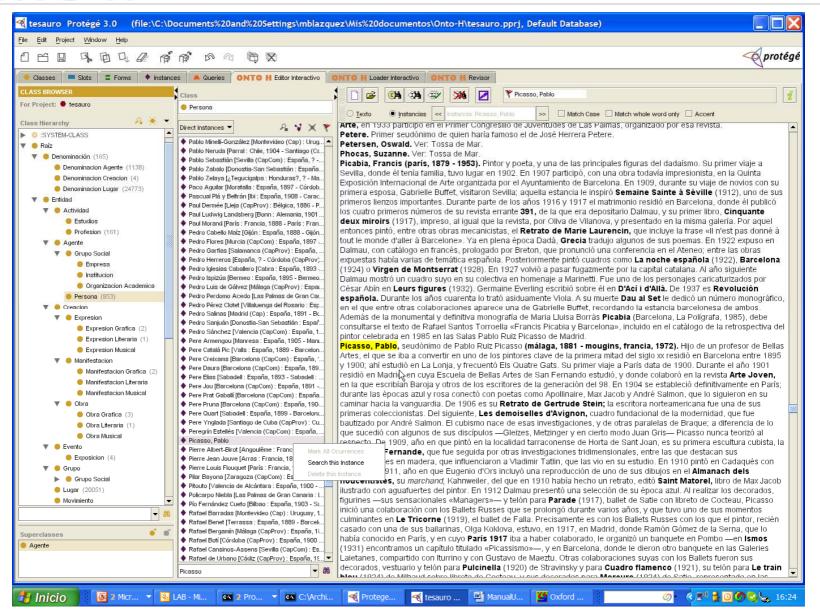


















Import Facilities

- Import data from XML files with a specific structure
 - Persons
 - Places
 - Activities
 - Relations between persons and places
 - Relations between persons and activities
 - Etc.
- Conflict detection
- Suggest different options to the user





- Using Protégé 3.0 server.
- Package:
 - All modifications made by an annotator during a working session
- Two main roles
 - Reviewer
 - Ontology Schema Management
 - Reviews a unit called PACKAGE
 - If rejects a single instance, reviewer rejects all the instances contained at a Package
 - If accepts a package, the reviewer accepts all the modifications.
 - Annotator
 - Creates instances at the knowledge base.
 - Receive messages if the package is rejected.









Ontology:

Classes: 64

Instances: 77087

Slots: 91

Database backend

Use of Rules to populate the ontology (Drools).

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