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## Short Bio

I am a seasoned Linked Data expert, with hands-on experience in the design and development of data integration solutions, from ontology engineering to mapping of data sources to Knowledge Graphs. I started my career in an academic setting, applying Semantic Web technologies (RDF, SPARQL, OWL, SHACL) to the problem of data integration in the Life Sciences. As I moved from academia to the private sector, I have been applying the same technologies to other domains like Government Open Data and Enterprise Data. I have worked in different countries and participated in international projects.

Even though I have mainly worked as an architect of Linked Data systems, I also enjoy working with very technical problems. I am fluent in Java and comfortable using Unix systems and distributed version control systems like Git.

Being a biologist by training, I started my career as a bioinformatician. Therefore, I have also done some Bioinformatics work like analysing Metagenomics data.

## Education

- 2009 **Ph.D.** Computer Science, University of Manchester, UK
- 2005 **M.Sc.** Bioinformatics, University of Manchester, UK
- 2003 **B.Sc.** Biology, University of Basque Country, Spain
- 2002 **Invited student** Evolutionary Ecology at Canterbury Christ Church University College, UK
- 2002 **Erasmus student** Environmental Biology at Canterbury Christ Church University College, UK

## Employment

- 2018/12/02 - Present **Linked Data Expert** Eccenca GmbH  
Linked Data solutions
- 2018/10/01 - 2018/12/02 **Bioinformatics technician** Biocruces Bizkaia  
Data infrastructure development, Bioinformatics analyses
- 2016/01/14 - 2018/09/30 **Analyst, Torres Quevedo fellow** Eurohelp Consulting  
Design and development of Linked Open Data solutions
- 2015/04/27 - 2016/01/14 **Analyst** Eurohelp Consulting  
Design and development of Linked Open Data solutions

## Freelance positions

- 2018/10/15 - 2018/12/02 **Freelance** Cognizone, Belgium  
Ontology Engineering
- 2018/05/01 - 2018/07/31 **Freelance** University of Murcia  
Preparation of public tender in project Hercules  
(Federated Linked Open Data for universities)
- 2016/10/04 - 2017/02/25 **Freelance** Intellimedis, Luxembourg  
Ontology Engineering

## Research positions

- 2014/04/01 - 2015/03/31 **Post-doc researcher (80% FTE)** Genomic Resources Group, UPV/EHU  
Metagenomics and Life Sciences Semantic Web
- 2011/02/14 - 2014/02/14 **Post-doc researcher, Marie Curie Cofund fellow**  
Ontology Engineering Group (Computer Science);  
Biological Informatics Group (CBGP), UPM, Spain  
Ontology Engineering and Life Sciences Semantic Web
- 2010/12/01 - 2011/02/01 **Researcher** OGO project, UM, Spain  
Orthologous Genes Ontology
- 2006/05/01 - 2006/10/1 **Pre-doc researcher, Marie Curie EST fellow**  
Computational Biology group, VIB, Belgium  
Cell Cycle Ontology and Ontology Design Patterns

## Research visits

- 2005/09/01 - 2005/10/01 European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI), funded by the Network of Excellence on Semantic Interoperability and Data Mining in Biomedicine (EU)

## Funding obtained

- 2018-2020 (2 years) **Declined** Bioinformatics Technician. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. CA18/00021
- 2016-2018 (3 years) Torres Quevedo (Spain). 35% of salary at Eurohelp Consulting. PTQ-14-07198
- 2011-2014 (3 years) Marie Curie Cofund (EU). UNITE 246565
- 2006 (5 months) Marie Curie EST (EU). MEST-CT-2004-414632
- 2005 (One payment) EPSRC (UK): Ph.D. fees
- 2005 - 2008 (3 years) University of Manchester (UK): Ph.D. maintenance allowance
- 2002 (5 months) Erasmus (EU)

## Participation in funded projects

- 2018            Servicios Directorio Linked Open Data.  
EJIE (Sociedad Informática del Gobierno Vasco). (70.000 EUR).
- 2017 - 2018    SOLDAGE (Semantic Open Linked DATA GEnerator). HAZITEK, Gobierno Vasco.  
FAIR data generator (150.000 EUR).
- 2016 - 2017    Servicios Open Linked Data. EJIE (Sociedad Informática del Gobierno Vasco).  
Linked Data implementation of Open Data Euskadi (90.000 EUR).
- 2016 - 2020    REPLICATE. Renaissance of Places with Innovative Citizenship And  
TEchnology (Project 691735), EU. Linked Open Data in Smart Cities  
(<http://replicate-project.eu/>).  
(Consortium: 24M EUR; Eurohelp: 300.000 EUR).
- 2015 - 2017    Linking Open Domains, Plataforma para la generación de datos enlazados  
(LODGen) (TSI-100105-2015-0012). Ministerio de Industria, Energía y Turismo (Spain),  
Accin Estratgica Economa y Sociedad Digital (AEESD) 1/2015.  
Linked Open Data pipeline (40.000 EUR).
- 2015 - 2016    Enlazando Gipuzkoa con el Mundo (ENGIMU). Gipuzkoako Foru Aldundia,  
Gipuzkoa IKT: Innovación digital Empresas (Spain).  
Linked Open Data pipeline (40.000 EUR).

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

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|------|--|
| 2015 | Aranguren, M. E. and Wilkinson, M. D. (2015). Enhanced reproducibility of SADI Web service workflows with Galaxy and Docker. <i>GigaScience</i> , 4(59)  |
| 2015 | Pawluczyk, M., Weiss, J., Links, M. G., Aranguren, M. E., Wilkinson, M. D., and Egea-Cortines, M. (2015). Quantitative evaluation of bias in PCR amplification and Next Generation Sequencing derived from metabarcoding samples. <i>Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry</i> , 407(7):1841–1848 |
| 2014 | González, A. R., Callahan, A., Toledo, J. C., García, A., Aranguren, M. E., Dumontier, M., and Wilkinson, M. D. (2014a). Automatically exposing OpenLifeData via SADI semantic Web Services. <i>Journal of Biomedical Semantics</i> , 5(1):46+   |
| 2014 | Aranguren, M. E., González, A. R., and Wilkinson, M. D. (2014). Executing SADI services in Galaxy. <i>Journal of Biomedical Semantics</i> , 5(1):42+   |
| 2014 | José Antonio Miñarro Giménez, Mikel Egaña Aranguren, Boris Villazón Terrazas, and Jesualdo Tomás Fernández Breis (2014). Translational research combining orthologous genes and human diseases with the OGOLOD dataset. <i>Semantic Web Journal</i> , 5(2):145–149                                 |

- 2014 Mikel Egaña Aranguren, Jesualdo Tomás Fernández Breis, and Michel Dumontier (2014). Special issue on Linked Data for Health Care and the Life Sciences. *Semantic Web Journal*, 5(2):99–100
- 2013 Duque-Ramos, A., Fernández-Breis, J. T., Iniesta, M., Dumontier, M., Egaña Aranguren, M., Schulz, S., Aussenac-Gilles, N., and Stevens, R. (2013). Evaluation of the OQuaRE framework for ontology quality. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 40(7):2696–2703
- 2013 Egaña Aranguren, M., Fernández-Breis, J. T., Antezana, E., Mungall, C., Rodríguez González, A., and Wilkinson, M. D. (2013). OPPL-Galaxy, a Galaxy tool for enhancing ontology exploitation as part of bioinformatics workflows. *Journal of biomedical semantics*, 4(1):2
- 2012 Minarro-Gimenez, J., Egana-Aranguren, M., Villazon-Terrazas, B., and Fernandez-Breis, J. (2012). Publishing Orthology and Diseases Information in the Linked Open Data Cloud. *Current Bioinformatics*, 7(3):255–266
- 2011 Mironov, V., Antezana, E., Egaña, M., Blondé, W., De Baets, B., Kuiper, M., and Stevens, R. (2011). Flexibility and utility of the Cell Cycle Ontology. *Applied Ontology*, 6(3):247–261
- 2011 Miñarro-Gimenez, J., Aranguren, M., Béjar, R., Fernández-Breis, J., and Madrid, M. (2011). Semantic integration of information about orthologs and diseases: The OGO system. *Journal of biomedical informatics*, 44:1020–1031
- 2009 Antezana, E., Egaña, M., Blondé, W., Illarramendi, A., Bilbao, I., De Baets, B., Stevens, R., Mironov, V., and Kuiper, M. (2009b). The Cell Cycle Ontology: an application ontology for the representation and integrated analysis of the cell cycle process. *Genome Biol*, 10(5):R58
- 2009 Antezana, E., Blondé, W., Egaña, M., Rutherford, A., Stevens, R., De Baets, B., Mironov, V., and Kuiper, M. (2009a). BioGateway: a semantic systems biology tool for the life sciences. *BMC bioinformatics*, 10(Suppl 10):S11
- 2008 Egaña Aranguren, M., Wroe, C., Goble, C., and Stevens, R. (2008). In situ migration of handcrafted ontologies to reason-able forms. *Data & Knowledge Engineering*, 66(1):147–162
- 2008 Aranguren, M., Antezana, E., Kuiper, M., and Stevens, R. (2008a). Ontology Design Patterns for bio-ontologies: a case study on the Cell Cycle Ontology. *BMC bioinformatics*, 9(Suppl 5):S1
- 2008 Antezana, E., Egaña, M., De Baets, B., Kuiper, M., and Mironov, V. (2008b). ONTO-PERL: an API for supporting the development and analysis of bio-ontologies. *Bioinformatics*, 24(6):885

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| 2007 | Stevens, R., Egaña Aranguren, M., Wolstencroft, K., Sattler, U., Drummond, N., Horridge, M., and Rector, A. (2007). Using OWL to model biological knowledge. <i>International Journal of Human-Computer Studies</i> , 65(7):583–594 |
| 2007 | Aranguren, M., Bechhofer, S., Lord, P., Sattler, U., and Stevens, R. (2007). Understanding and using the meaning of statements in a bio-ontology: recasting the Gene Ontology in OWL. <i>BMC bioinformatics</i> , 8(1):57           |

## Book Chapters

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| 2010 | Aranguren, M., Stevens, R., Antezana, E., Fernández-Breis, J.T., Kuiper, M., and Mironov, V. (2010). Technologies and Best Practices for Building Bio-Ontologies. In <i>Knowledge-Based Bioinformatics</i> , volume Gil Alterovitz and Marco Ramoni (Eds.), pages 67–86. Wiley Online Library |
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## Books

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| 2010 | Aranguren, M. (2010). <i>Role and application of ODPs in bio-ontologies</i> . Lambert Academic Publishing |
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## Conference Proceedings

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| 2014 | González, A. R., Romero, M. M., Aranguren, M. E., and Wilkinson, M. D. (2014b). Nanopublishing clinical diagnoses: tracking diagnostic knowledge base content and utilization. In <i>27th International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems (CBMS)</i> , pages 335–340 |
| 2013 | Iglesias, A. R., Aranguren, M. E., González, A. R., and Wilkinson, M. D. (2013). Plant Pathogen Interactions Ontology (PPIO). In Rojas, I. and Guzman, F. M. O., editors, <i>IWBBIO</i> , pages 695–702. Copicentro Editorial  |
| 2011 | Aranguren, M., Fernández-Breis, J., and Antezana, E. (2011). OPPL-Galaxy: enhancing ontology exploitation in galaxy with OPPL. In <i>Proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Semantic Web Applications and Tools for the Life Sciences</i> , pages 12–19. ACM         |
| 2010 | Miñarro-Giménez, J., Aranguren, M., García-Sánchez, F., and Fernández-Breis, J. (2010). A semantic query interface for the OGO platform. In <i>Information Technology in Bio-and Medical Informatics, ITBAM 2010</i> , pages 128–142. Springer                                 |

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| 2008 | Egaña, M., Rector, A., Stevens, R., and Antezana, E. (2008). Applying ontology design patterns in bio-ontologies. In Gangemi, A. and Euzenat, J., editors, <i>Knowledge Engineering: Practice and Patterns</i> , volume 5268 of <i>Lecture Notes in Computer Science</i> , pages 7–16. Springer Berlin Heidelberg |
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## Preprints, Workshop Proceedings and other publications

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| 2015 | Aranguren, M. E. (2015). Merging OpenLifeData with SADI services using Galaxy and Docker (DOI 10.1101/013615). <i>BioRxiv, Cold Spring Harbor Labs</i>  |
| 2012 | Horridge, M., Aranguren, M., Mortensen, J., Musen, M., and Noy, N. (2012). Ontology Design Pattern Language Expressivity Requirements. In <i>WOP (Co-located with ISWC)</i> , Boston, USA   |
| 2012 | Gimenez, J., Aranguren, M., and Tomas, J. (2012). NCBO-Galaxy: bridging the BioPortal web services and the Galaxy platform. In <i>ICBO, Graz, Austria</i>   |
| 2009 | Fernandez-Breis, J., Aranguren, M., and Stevens, R. (2009). A quality evaluation framework for bio-ontologies. In <i>ICBO, Buffalo, USA</i>   |
| 2009 | Aranguren, M., Stevens, R., and Antezana, E. (2008b). Transforming the Axiomisation of Ontologies: The Ontology Pre-Processor Language. In <i>OWL Experiences and Directions (OWLEd)</i> , Washington DC, USA   |
| 2008 | Iannone, L., Egaña, M., Rector, A., and Stevens, R. (2008). Augmenting the expressivity of the ontology pre-processor language. In <i>OWL Experiences and Directions (OWLEd)</i> , co-located with ISWC, Karlsruhe, Germany   |
| 2008 | Antezana, E., Blondé, W., Egaña, M., Rutherford, A., Stevens, R., De Baets, B., Mironov, V., and Kuiper, M. (2008a). Structuring the life science resourceome for semantic systems biology: lessons from the BioGateway Project. In <i>Proceedings of the Workshop on Semantic Web Applications and Tools for Life Sciences (SWAT4LS): November 28, 2008; Edinburgh, United Kingdom</i> |
| 2012 | Marshall, M., Boyce, R., Deus, H., Zhao, J., Willighagen, E., Samwald, M., Pichler, E., Hajagos, J., Aranguren, M., Miller, M., Prudhommeaux, E., Dumontier, M., and Stephens, S. (2012). Health Care and Life Science (HCLS) Linked Data Guide ( <a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/sw/hcls/notes/hcls-rdf-guide/">http://www.w3.org/2001/sw/hcls/notes/hcls-rdf-guide/</a> )             |
| 2007 | Aranguren, M. (2007). ¿Qué puede hacer la web semántica por la biología? In <i>BioGaia 7</i>  |
| 2003 | Aranguren, M. (2003). Software libre (GNU/linux) para biólogos. In <i>BioGaia 3</i>   |

## Invited Talks

2016	Los Datos Enlazados y la Web Semántica. Tikitalka, VE Interactive, Spain
2014	Building reasonable biomedical ontologies for a Life Sciences Semantic Web. 3S (Systems, Synthetic, and Semantic) Biology summer school. CIBIO (Centre for Integrative Biology), University of Trento, Italy
2011	Linked Data for Functional Genomics. NTNU, Trondheim, Norway
2010	Aplicación de la Web Semántica en Biología Molecular. Universidad de Deusto, Facultad de Ingeniería, Spain
2008	Aplicación de la Web Semántica en Bioinformática. UM, Facultad de Informática, Spain
2004	Métodos y resultados actuales en Bioinformática: know-how y know-what de las redes tecnocientíficas en Bioinformática. EHU, Facultad de Filosofía, Spain

## Teaching Experience

2017	Life Sciences Semantic Web. MSc Bioinformatics, UM. Spanish
2016	Life Sciences Semantic Web. MSc Bioinformatics, UM. Spanish
2016	Linked Open Data tutorial. EJIE. Spanish
2015	Linked Open Data tutorial. IZFE (Informatika Zerbitzuen Foru Elkarte, Gipuzkoa). Spanish
2015	Life Sciences Semantic Web. MSc Bioinformatics, UM. Spanish
2014	Semantic biology tutorial: Use of Semantic Web resources for knowledge discovery. 3S (Systems, Synthetic, and Semantic) Biology summer school. CIBIO (Centre for Integrative Biology), University of Trento, Italy. English
2014	Galaxy tutorial. Erasmus mundus MSc in Marine Environment and resources, UPV-EHU. English
2014	Life Sciences Semantic Web. MSc Bioinformatics, UM. Spanish
2013	Introductory talk on bioinformatics for high school students visiting the CBGP. Spanish
2013	Galaxy tutorials at CBGP. English and spanish
2013	Life Sciences Linked Data. MSc Bioinformatics, UM. Spanish

2012	OWL, as part of ATHENS course (UPM). English
2012	OWL, as part of ATHENS course (UPM). English
2011	Populous tutorial at SWAT4LS (London, UK), English
2011	OWL, as part of ATHENS course (UPM). English
2011	Web Ontology Language (OWL), as part of Artificial Intelligence MSc (UPM). English
2011	OWL/Description Logics, as part of the Artificial Intelligence course (UPM). Spanish
2005-2008	OWL tutorials for biologists (University of Manchester, UK). English

## Ph.D. panels

2016	Alejandro Rodríguez Iglesias, “FAIR approaches applied to unraveling plant-pathogen interactions data and RNA processing evolution”, UPM, Spain
2013	Meifania Monica Chen, “Lipoprotein Ontology: A Formal Representation of Lipoproteins”, Curtin University. Australia
2012	Jose Antonio Miñarro-Giménez, “Entorno para la gestión semántica de información biomédica en investigación traslacional”. UM, Spain
2011	Doris Mejía Ávila, “Estrategia de interoperabilidad semántica en el contexto de integración de conocimiento geográfico y ambiental. Caso de aplicación: Biodiversity Ontology”. UPM, Spain

## Student supervision

2017	Denis Mishel Uchuari, internship at Eurohelp, Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Engineering in Management and Information Systems. UPV/EHU, Spain
2015	Salvador Alonso Martínez, “Imagen Docker para pipelines de Metagenómica”, Bioinformatics MSc project. UM, Spain

## Service



2017	<b>Chapter review</b> “Integrating Biological Data using Semantic Web Technology” in “Evolutionary Genomics. Computational and statistical methods”, 3rd edition, Springer.
2017	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Semantic Web Solutions for Large-Scale Biomedical Data Analytics (SeWeBMeDA 2017)
2015	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Linked Data workshop (CAEPIA 2015)
2015	<b>Reviewer</b> for BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making
2013	<b>Special issue editor</b> for Semantic Web Journal (SWJ): Special issue on Linked Data for Health Care and the Life Sciences
2013	<b>Reviewer</b> for PeerJ
2013	<b>Reviewer</b> for Data and Knowledge Engineering (DKE)
2012	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Managing Interoperability and compleXity in Health Systems. In conjunction with the ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management
2012	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Joint Workshop on Semantic Technologies Applied to Biomedical Informatics and Individualized Medicine (SATBI + SWIM 2012). In conjunction with International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC)
2012	<b>Reviewer</b> for BMC Bioinformatics
2012	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal of Biomedical Informatics (JBI)
2012	<b>Reviewer</b> for Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine (CMMM)
2012	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal of Medical Systems (JOMS)
2012	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal of Biomedical Semantics (JBS)
2011	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Managing Interoperability and compleXity in Health Systems. In conjunction with the ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management
2011	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Knowledge Capture (K-CAP)
2011	<b>Program Committee Member</b> at Semantic Applied Technologies on Biomedical Informatics (SATBI 2011). In conjunction with the ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
2011	<b>Reviewer</b> for Semantic Web Journal (SWJ)
2011	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal of Research and Practice in Information Technology (JRPIT)

2008

Program Committee Member at ONTORACT

## Technical skills

Semantic Web and Linked (Open) Data (Advanced): RDF, RDFS, SPARQL, OWL, SWRL, SHACL, JSON-LD, RDFa, OWL API, RDFLib, ONTO-PERL, Jena, RDF4J, Virtuoso, Stardog, Blazegraph, Apache Marmotta, GraphDB, Pubby, Protégé and Protégé server, TopBraid composer, CKAN, D2RQ, RML.io, R2RML, Open Refine, Grafter

Programming languages (Medium): Java, Perl, Python

Programming languages (Basic): Clojure, JavaScript, JSP, Bash, Groovy

Markup languages (Basic): XML, XSLT, HTML

UNIX systems (Medium): GNU/Linux (Debian, Ubuntu, CentOS, Red Hat)

Markup languages (Medium): XML, HTML 5, CSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>, Markdown

Web Services (Basic): SADI framework, NCBO services

Web (Basic): Galaxy (Bioinformatics workflows), Apache, Nginx, Tomcat, Jetty, lighttpd, Solr/Lucene, Wordpress, Drupal, Jekyll, NodeJS, Spring-MVC

Software development (Basic): Maven, Ant, Leiningen, SCons, Eclipse, Subversion, Mercurial, Git (GitHub, GitLab), Travis CI, Jenkins, CodeCov

Project management (Basic): Jira, Trac, Scrum, GitHub projects

SQL and NoSQL Databases (Basic): MySQL, PostgreSQL, Neo4j, MongoDB

Documentation systems (Basic): Sphinx

File based data storage (Basic): HDF5, YAML, JSON

Statistical analysis (Basic): R

Cloud computing (Basic): Amazon EC2

Virtualisation (Basic): Docker, Virtual Box

## Learning experience

2017

Predictive modelling. 20 hours course at Tecnalia

2003

Microsoft Visual Basic. 20 hours course at UPV/EHU

2003

Occupational hazards prevention. 30 hours course at UPV/EHU

2003	UNIX. 24 hours course at UPV/EHU
2002	ISO 9001:2000. 30 hours course at UPV/EHU
2002	XML. 16 hours course at University of Deusto
1998	Environmental sciences (Ekoeskola). 65 hours course at Erreka Ecologist Platform

## Other merits

ANECA certificate: Ayudante Doctor

Member of Open Knowledge Foundation Spain (OKFN-ES) and Basque Association of Biologists (COBE)

Former member of the W3C Semantic Web Health Care and Life Sciences Interest Group and the Spanish Association of Linked Data (AELID)

## Useful profiles

GitLab: <https://gitlab.com/mikel-egana-aranguren>

GitHub: <http://github.com/mikel-egana-aranguren>

Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=JsMMKnoAAAAJ>

Scopus: <http://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.url?authorId=16038705500>

ResearchGate: [http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mikel\\_Egana](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mikel_Egana)

ORCID: <http://orcid.org/0000-0001-8081-1839>

ResearcherID: <http://www.researcherid.com/rid/K-6878-2014>