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The **boards.ie SIOC Data Competition** is an open contest in which entrants must submit an interesting creation based on a data set of discussion posts from the forum website boards.ie. *This could be a novel web application that makes use of the data set, a report on analyses performed on the data, a tool that allows you to visualise or browse the semantic structure, or whatever else your imagination can come up with!*

http://data.sioc-project.org

Competition in brief

- Go to the competition site *http://data.sioc-project.org* to enter

- There will be three prizes for the top entries, as judged by an independent panel of three experts:

  - First prize is an Amazon voucher for **$4000**

  - Second prize is a voucher for **$2000**

  - Third prize is a voucher for **$1000**

- One person may make multiple entry submissions

- The closing date will be the 30th September 2008

- Ask questions via chat at irc://irc.freenode.net/sioc or on our mailing list at http://url.ie/jng

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SiOC DATA COMPETITION

What kind of data is available?

- Ten years of discussion data from boards.ie has been represented in a Semantic Web format (RDF) using the SIOC (Semantically-Interlinked Online Communities) ontology:

  - SIOC is an open-standard machine readable format for expressing the information contained in social websites (forums, mailing lists, blogs, etc.)

- Up until now, this data has been publicly viewable, but it was difficult to leverage it without any added semantics due to the fact that it was embedded in heavily-styled HTML pages

- The data in total (1998-2008) is around 9 million documents

- Data sets can be accessed via *http://data.sioc-project.org*

Semantic Web

For more information on the SIOC Project and the Digital Enterprise Research Institute at the National University of Ireland, Galway see:

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