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Important Dates

September 02, 2015: Full & Position Papers Submission
September 18, 2015: Author Notification
September 25, 2015: Final Paper Submission and Registration
November 12, 2015: Full day Workshop

Scope

“Software Knowledge” – in short SKY – means that software in its higher abstraction levels is a new kind of knowledge, Runnable knowledge as an end goal. Thus, the classes and relationships of a software system design are easily viewed as classes and relationships in a knowledge ontology.

The main theme of the SKY2015 Workshop is Big Data in Software Knowledge. The exponential growth and availability of data, both structured and unstructured is the main focus point for SKY2015. Time is ripe to investigate the promising implications of Big Data and new ideas on how to deal with huge amounts of Knowledge in the System Environments.

The Workshop main objective is to discuss and propose practical tools and scientific approaches to deal not only with experimental and laboratory research, but to facilitate the management of Big Data for industrial systems.
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Topics of Interest

Software Knowledge is a **runnable expression of meaning**. Running facilitates understanding in a very general sense. This is the rationale for the debugging process in a micro scale, where one runs and breaks at desired points to understand the reason of software failures. This is the basis of agile methods to manufacture and test concurrently, in a medium scale. This is the possible source of great new tools, in a macro scale, from the software hierarchy **highest abstraction levels** down to executable code.

SKY2015 topics of relevance include but are not limited to

Software-Knowledge Big Data: Tools, Operations and Methods

- Big Data in the Software-Knowledge view
- Dealing with huge amounts of Knowledge
- Big Data in the Cloud
- Big Data Analytics and Data Mining
- Natural Language Processing for Big Data
- Dealing with diverse kinds of Big Data (Capture, manage, process and visualize data within a tolerable elapsed time)
- Sentiment-based indexing and information retrieval
- Opinion mining
- Machine Learning and Big Data
- Large scale Knowledge management
- Software Knowledge for higher level services and tools (e.g., Hadoop, Hive)

Software-Knowledge Runnability and Meaning

- Ontologies in complex systems
- Ontologies for Software Requirements verification
- Semantics above and beyond design patterns
- Runnable and testable knowledge representations
- Software-Knowledge representation and modeling
- Web dynamics and interestingness
- Software-Knowledge Requirements for Large Scale Systems
- Abstract Operations for Industrial Applications
- Software-Knowledge selectivity and traceability
- Software-Knowledge Sharing: Meta-models, interchange formats, and tools
- Knowledge Driven Architecture and Engineering

Paper Submission

Prospective authors are invited to submit papers in any of the topics listed above. Instructions for preparing the manuscript (in Word and Latex formats) are available at: [http://www.ic3k.org/GuidelinesTemplates.aspx](http://www.ic3k.org/GuidelinesTemplates.aspx).

Papers should be submitted electronically via the web-based submission system at: [http://www.insticc.org/Primoris](http://www.insticc.org/Primoris).

Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes of the SKY2015 Workshop are:

- Proposals of new tools, techniques, methods and methodologies for large-scale Software-Knowledge Big Data management.
- A continuing effort to standardize a Software-Knowledge representation consisting of software models encompassing semantics as first class objects.

Publications

All accepted papers, including position papers, will be published in the workshop proceedings book and on CD-ROM support, under an ISBN reference.

Abstract

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Invited Speakers

Formal Ontology, Patterns and Anti-Patterns for Next-Generation Conceptual Modeling

Giancarlo Guizzardi

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Learning the Meaning of Language and Using it Creatively

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Brief Bio

Giancarlo Guizzardi holds a PhD (with the highest distinction) in Computer Science from the University of Twente, in The Netherlands. He coordinates the Ontology and Conceptual Modeling Group (NEMO) at the Federal University of Espirito Santo in Brazil. He is also an Associate Researcher at the Laboratory of Applied Ontology (ISTC-CNR), Trento, Italy. Between 2013 and 2015, he was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Trento, Italy. He has been doing research in ontologies and conceptual modeling for the past two decades and has published over 170 publications in these areas (including 9 award-winning publications). Over the years, he has contributed to the ontology and conceptual modeling communities in roles such as keynote speaker (e.g., ER), general chair (e.g., FOIS), tutorialist (e.g., CAiSE, ER) and PC Chair (e.g., FOIS, EDOC). He is an associate editor of the Applied Ontology journal and is a member of editorial boards of a number of other international journals (e.g., Requirements Engineering). Between 2012 and 2014, he was an elected member of the Executive Council of the International Association of Ontologies and its Applications (IAOA) and currently is a member of its Advisory Board (since 2014). Finally, his experience in ontology-driven conceptual modeling has also been acquired in a number of industrial projects in domains such as offshore software development, energy, digital journalism, government, telecommunications, product recommendation, and complex media management.

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Hugo Gonçalo Oliveira is a researcher in the Center of Informatics and Systems of the University of Coimbra (CISUC), Portugal, and a PhD holder since May 2013. His research activities started in 2006, with the development of Tra-la-Lyrics, a system for the automatic generation of text, given a rhythm, in the scope of his MSc degree in Computer Science, obtained in 2007, in the University of Coimbra (UC). Hugo was a researcher of Linguateca, a distributed language resource center for Portuguese, where he worked on the development of the lexical network PAPEL, automatically extracted from a Portuguese dictionary, and he co-organized the Second HAREM, an evaluation campaign on Portuguese Named Entity Recognition. As a student of the Doctoral Program in Information Science and Technology, also in the UC, he developed Onto.PT, a wordnet-like lexical ontology for Portuguese, and ECO, its automatic creation approach from textual sources. Since September 2013, Hugo is an (Invited) Assistant Professor in the Department of Informatics Engineering of the UC. He currently works on Information Extraction and Natural Language Processing (NLP), in the scope of national projects, and he is involved in the FP7 project ConCrTe -- Concept Creation Technologies -- where he has been applying different NLP tools and resources to produce creative text, including poetry, in different languages, or humor, in Portuguese.

Abstract

Unlike programming languages, natural language is ambiguous. To deal with semantic ambiguities, applications often resort to wordnets, knowledge bases structured in the words of a language and their
meanings. There are wordnets for many languages, mostly handcrafted or relying on the translation of Princeton WordNet, the original, which targets English and is the product of 30 years of manual labor. The first part of this talk will present ECO, an alternative approach for learning wordnets automatically from dictionaries and other textual resources of a language. Semantic relations are extracted, concepts are discovered from the synonymy relations, and the remaining relations are attached to the most suitable concepts. ECO was applied to the creation of Onto.PT, a large Portuguese wordnet. Wordnets are useful when ambiguities need to be solved, when considering related words increases recall, or to add vocabulary and handle meaning in natural language generation systems. The second part of this talk will overview PoeTryMe, an intelligent system for poetry generation, where language is used creatively, but still with semantic and form constraints. A common feature of poetry is the presence of figurative language. So, ambiguity can be seen as a plus for this purpose, which is why PoeTryMe uses the relations in a wordnet, but does consider the different senses of the same word.

Ontology-based Systems Engineering - The Smart Way of Realizing Complex Systems

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Brief Bio
Dr. Ralf Bogusch received a MS degree in Technical Cybernetics from the University of Stuttgart, Germany, in 1992 and his PhD in Computer-aided Modelling from the Technical University of Aachen, Germany, in 2001. After his academic career, he has practiced application of software and systems engineering in the aerospace and automotive industry for fifteen years. His research interests and published papers cover requirements engineering, product family management, model-based systems engineering and model-based testing. Currently he is an Expert for Validation and Verification Processes, Methods and Tools at Airbus Defence and Space. In this role he supports the Airbus Group PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) strategy, provides corporate trainings and leads improvement projects. He has represented Airbus Defence and Space in a number of EU funded ARTEMIS (Advanced Research & Technology for EMbedded Intelligence and Systems) projects on developing ontologies for systems engineering, pushing interoperability specifications towards standards and industrializing reference technology platforms for the development of safety-critical embedded systems. He received a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt degree in 2011 and the Airbus Engineering Award Top Innovation and Design in 2012.

Abstract
Systems engineering constitutes a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to enable the realization of successful systems that meet customer expectations. Today, stakeholders demand increasingly capable systems that are growing in complexity. Model-based approaches which involve application of system modelling for requirements, design, analysis, verification, and validation, are becoming more and more popular in order to deal with the increase of system complexity. However, model-based systems engineering is still in the early stage of maturity. According to the INCOSE Systems Engineering Vision 2025, formal systems modelling based on knowledge representation will be a standard practice in the future. Advanced simulation capabilities will enable understanding of complex system behaviour in a virtual environment, immersive technologies will allow data visualization, semantic web technologies will facilitate data integration, reasoning will aid decision making, and finally communication technologies will support collaboration across interdisciplinary teams. Ontology engineering helps advance model-based systems engineering towards this vision. For example, the combination of a controlled vocabulary and underlying formalism provides the opportunity to create high-quality requirements and models, improve semantic interoperability and enable additional analysis. This talk reports about current experiences gained from the European research project CRYSTAL and the envisioned work.

Registration Information
At least one author of an accepted paper must register for the workshop, and the registration fees received by September 25, 2015, in order to have the paper published in the workshop proceedings book.

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