

Opportunities for the Semantic Web - Research & Development

Bringing Semantic Web Technology to the Market

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Overview

- The SEKT Legal Case Study
 - Context
 - Semantic Web Functionality
- From Research to Exploitation
 - Current Activities
 - Caveats





The Legal Case Study

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In General:

- Complaint about diligence of legal administration.
- Judges are overworked.
- In Particular:
 - New Judges
 - Theoretical knowledge, but few practical knowledge
 - On Duty.
 - When they are confronted with situations in which they are not sure what to do
 - "Disturb" experienced judges with typical questions.
 - Usually his/her former tutor (Preparador)

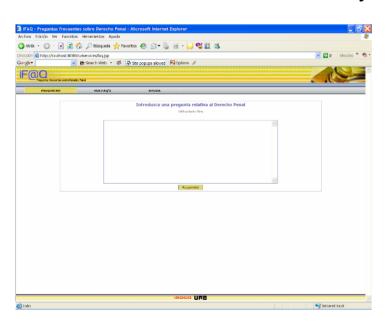


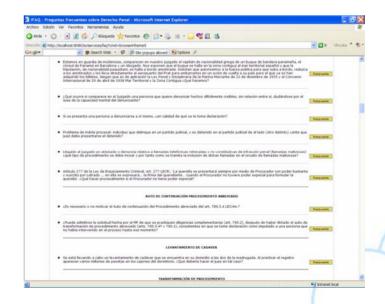


Aim of the Legal Case Study

Design an intelligent system to help new judges with their practical problems:

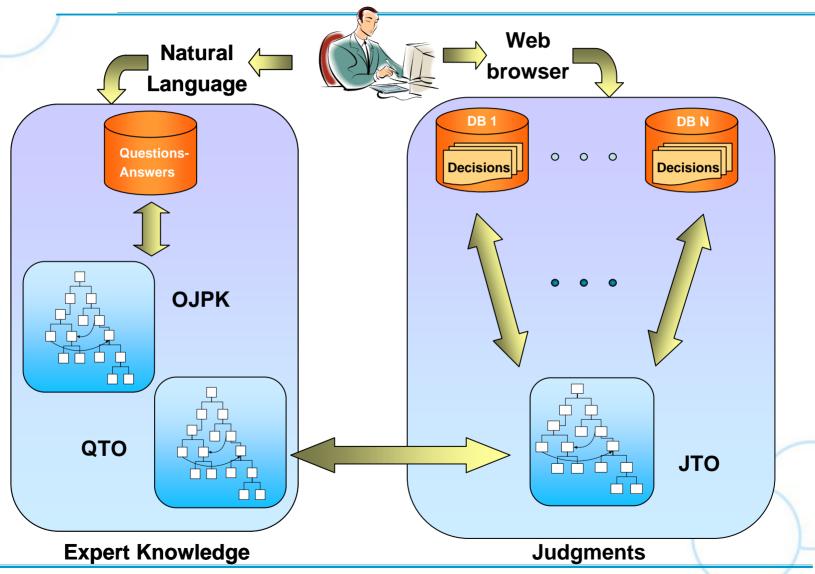
- Intelligent FAQ system using Semantic Web technologies
- Connect the iFAQ system with the existing judgments







The SEKT Solution: Functionalities

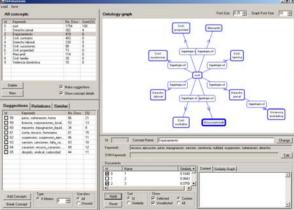




Legal Ontologies Used

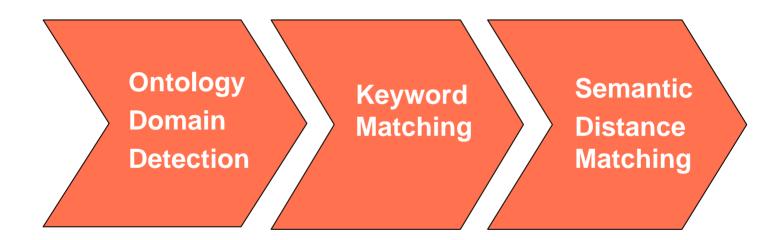
- Ontology of Professional Judicial Knowledge (OJPK)
 - Manual development (wiki)
 - 700 terms
- Topic ontologies:
 - Questions Topic Ontology (QTO)
 - Judgments Topic Ontology (JTO)
 - Semi automatically generated







Focusing in on the most relevant candidates









- Probabilistic Classification.
- Detects what is the most probable domain.
 - Currently the questions are classified on 35 domains.
- Question Topic Ontology (QTO)
- Example 1:

He dictado una orden de protección y la mujer me pide que retire la medida. ¿La retiro?

I have given an injunction of protection and the woman is asking me for a withdrawal of the measure. Should I withdraw it?

 It is classified as "Gender Violence" with a probability of 88,42 %



- Keyword Match Stage
 - Three types of matching
 - Exact Matching
 - Synonym Matching
 - Morphological Matching
 - Example:

I have given an injunction of protection and the woman is asking me for a withdrawal of the measure. Should I withdraw it?

A lady came to the office this morning and wants an injunction of protection. It took all day. I just gave it and while I am notifying it, she now wants to withdraw the charges as she does not want the injunction of protection. What should I do?



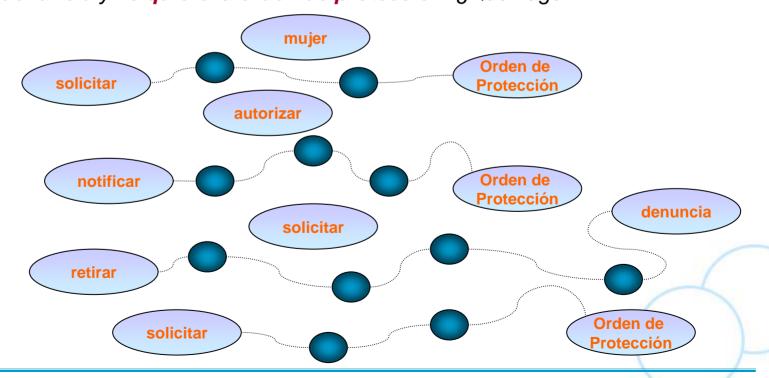


How the prototype works

Ontology Graphs FAQ question:

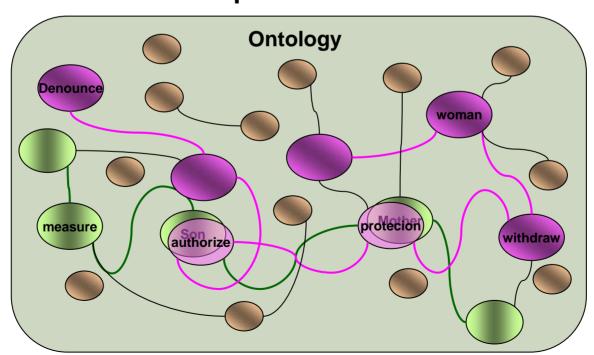
Semantic Distance Matching

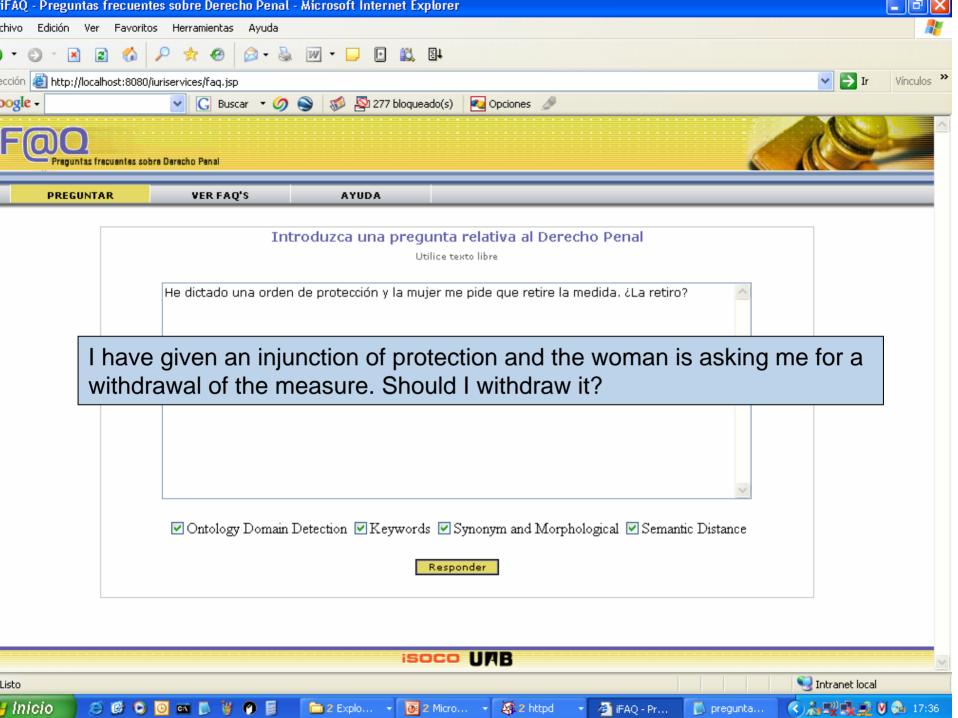
Ha venido por la mañana una **señora** que **quería** una **orden de protección**. Llevamos todo el día con el tema. Se la acabo de **acordar** y le estoy **notificando** la **orden de protección** y ya me dice que **quiere retirar** la **denuncia** y no **quiere** la **orden de protección**. ¿Qué hago?

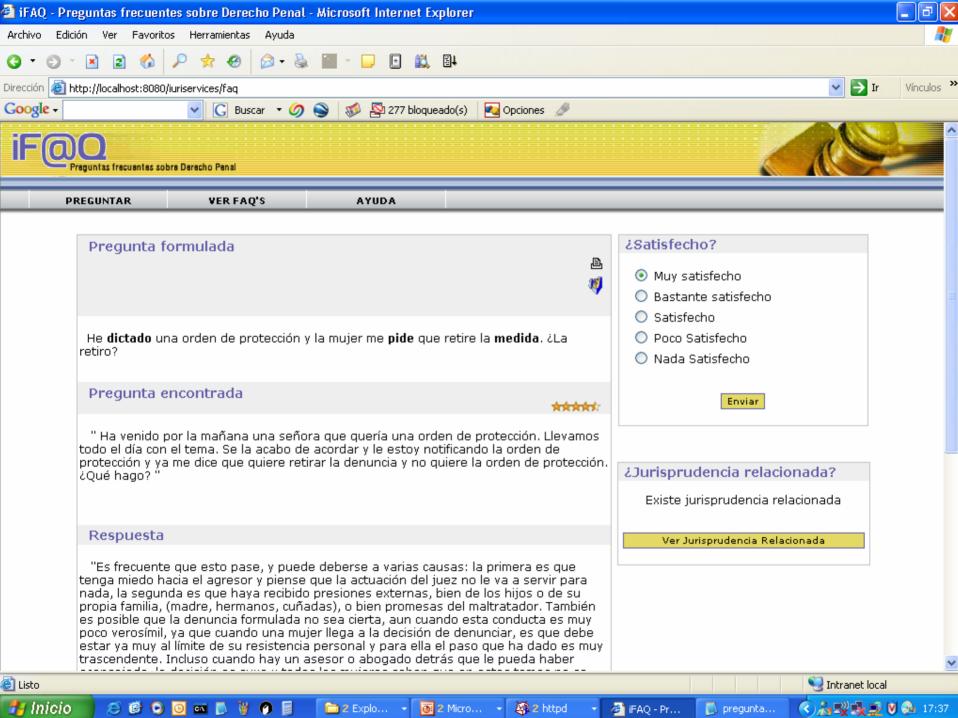




 Calculate the Semantic Distance between the query sentence and the candidate stored questions. Semantic Distance Matching









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From Research to Market

- Value proposition of Legal Case Study
 - "Understand" user queries and stored queries
 - Ontology
 - Calculate distance and/or similarity
- There are millions of FAQ lists
- Current exploitation efforts
 - eGovernment
 - Insurances





eGovernment: Semantic Search

- El Pais, June 2005
 - 91 cities > 75.000 inhabitants
 - Top10 is important
 - A reference for local governments
 - Influences next year's priorities and budget
- Three main issues
 - Online services (execution): slowly improving
 - WAI (legal need by 2006, level 1)
 - Relation with citizens (significant underperformance)
- Aim: improve online relation with citizens







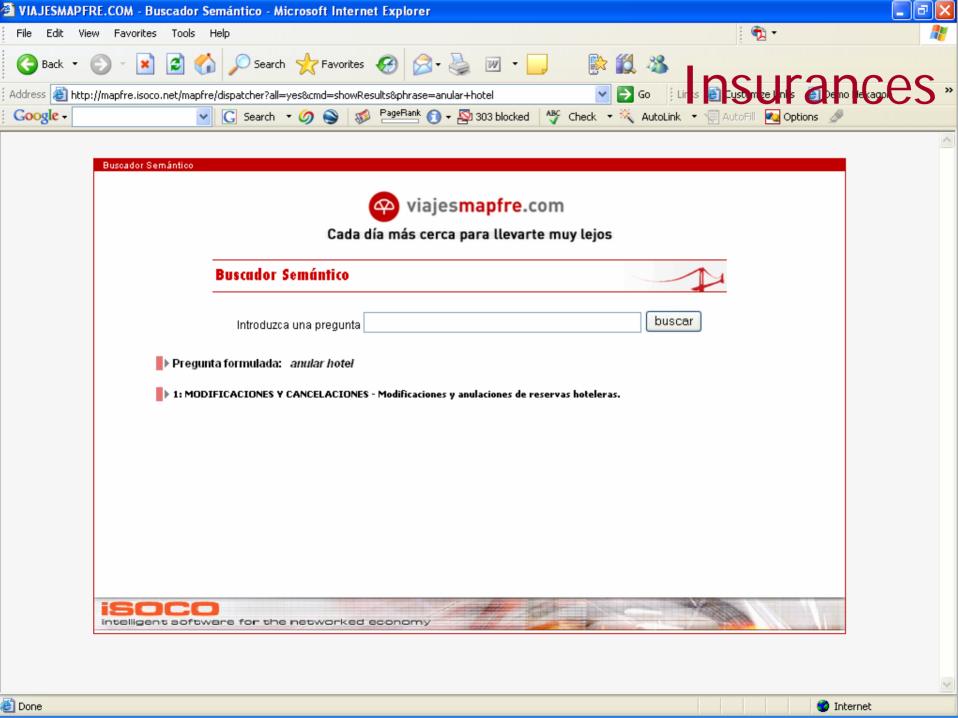


eGovernment: Cultural Heritage

- Cultural heritage of Cantabria region
 - Large ontology (art, architecture, bibliographic, etc.)
 - About 10 applications
- Ideal for applying SEKT technology
- Starting June 2006
- Funded by "Fundacion Marcelino Botin"









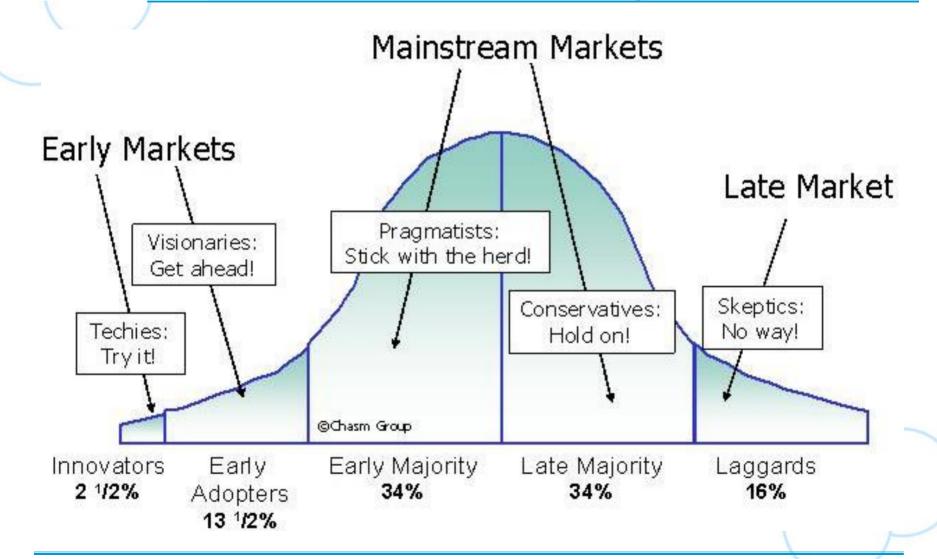
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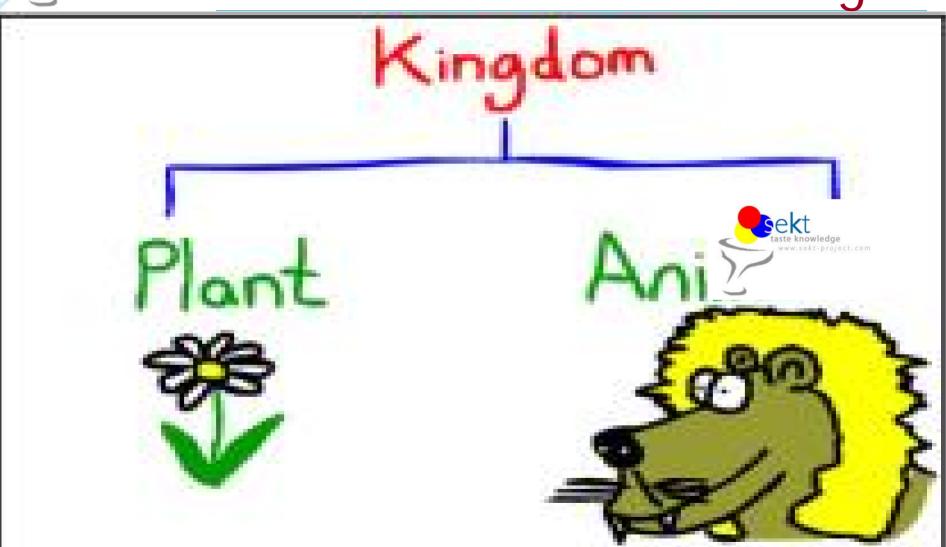


Caveat 1: Entering the Market





Caveat 2: Ontologies





Thank you for your attention

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