EC Semantic Web Research Current Activities

Horst Forster European Commission DG Information Society and Media Directorate E « Content »

WWW2006 Conference, Edinburgh, 24 May 2006

Range of EC support

- Foundational research
- Algorithms
- Tools
- Toolkits
- Frameworks
- Federated deployment
- Methodologies
- Validation

Lifecycles and integration

- Knowledge is expensive to
 - Capture
 - Manage
 - Map
 - Search
 - Reason with
 - Distribute

Interdisciplinarity

- Economics, organisational studies
- Linguistics
- Machine learning
- Multimedia analysis
- Software engineering

Application domains

- Knowledge is expensive but ignorance more so:
 - Data integration in lifesciences, GIS, procurement
 - Reasoning in science, enterprise
 - Modelling in science, multimedia production

Some problems solved, many still open

- Almost solved
 - Information extraction for restricted domains
 - Standards and basic infrastructure
- Much more work needed
 - Semantic Web usability
 - Scalability
 - Decentralisation and interoperability
 - Situatedness