

Safe and Economic Re-Use of Ontologies: A Logic-Based Methodology and Tool Support

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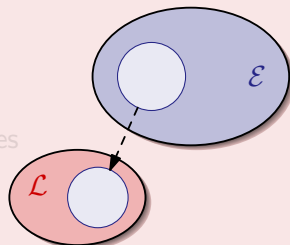
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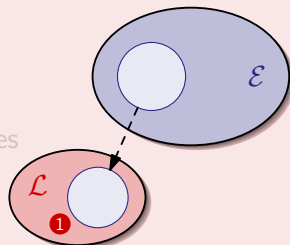
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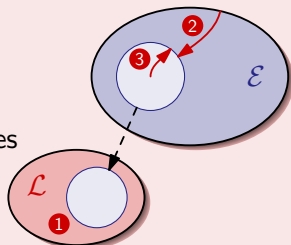
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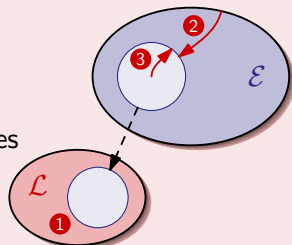
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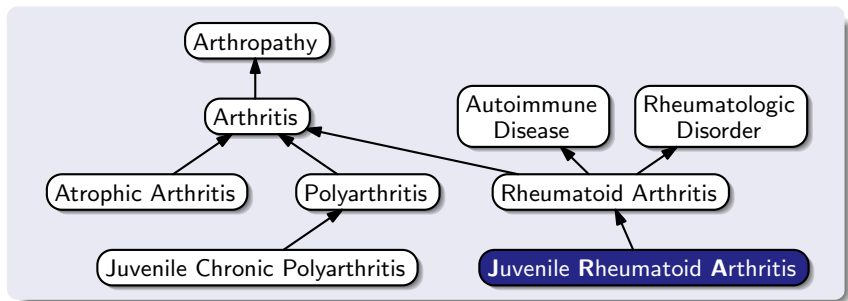


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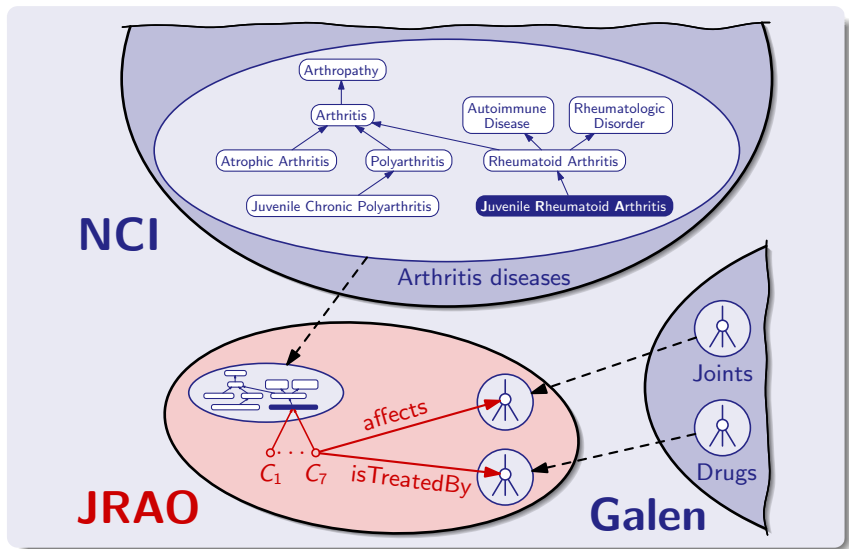
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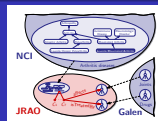
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A case for safe and economic re-use



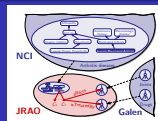
Reasons for re-use

- Saves time for re-writing
- Provides access to well-established knowledge
- Doesn't require expertise in drugs, proteins, anatomy etc.

Guarantees to provide

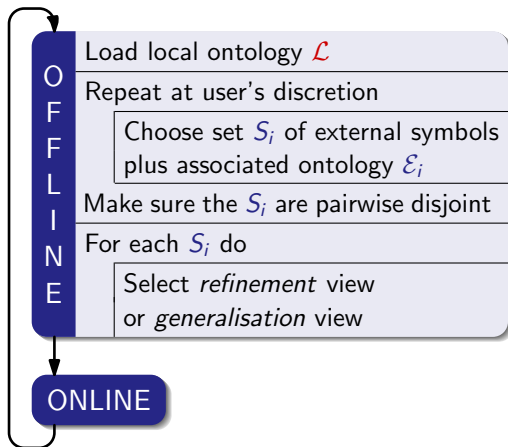
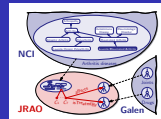
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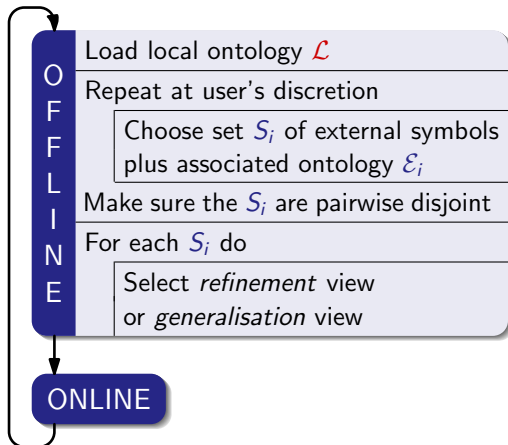
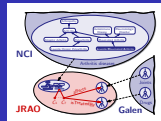


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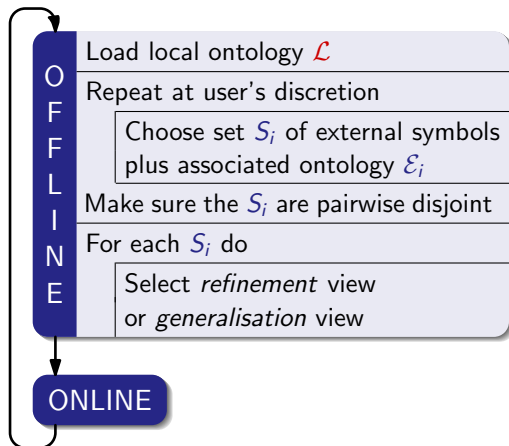
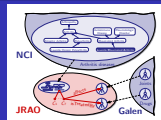


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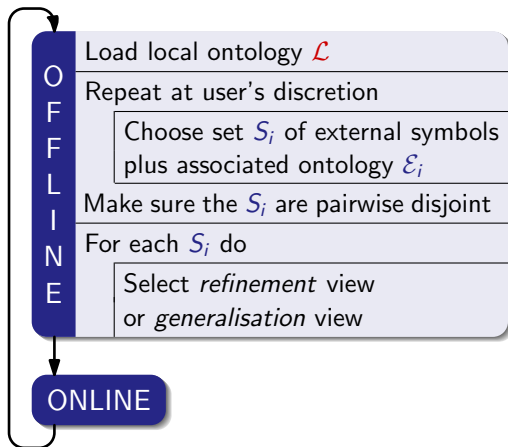
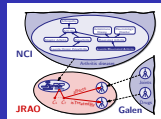
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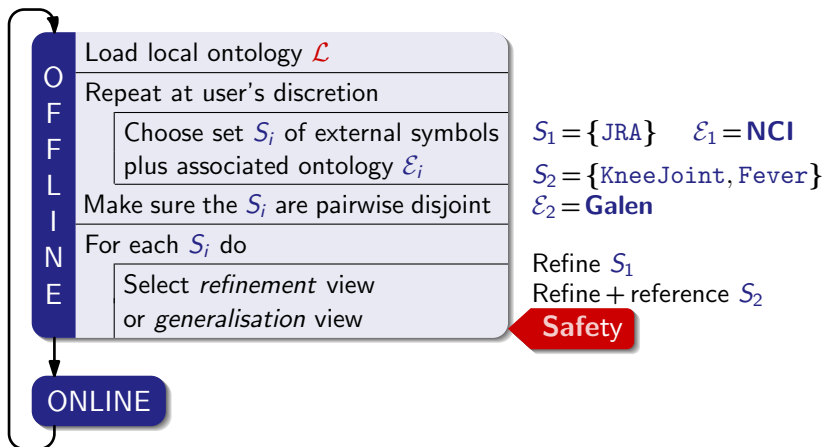
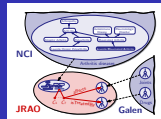
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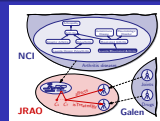
Refine S_1

Refine + reference S_2

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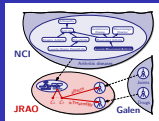
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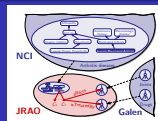
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Theorem [Cuenca Grau, Horrocks, Kazakov, Sattler 2007]

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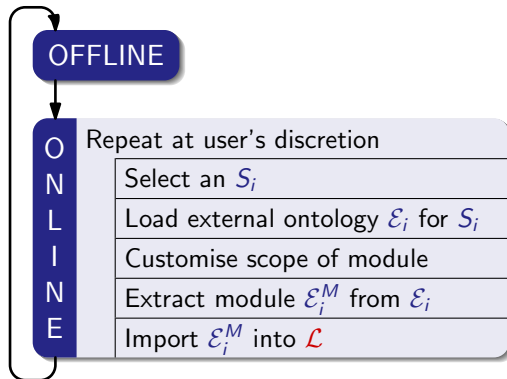
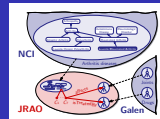
Locality ...

- is a syntactic approximation of conservativity.
- can be decided efficiently; conservativity often can't.
- comes in two “flavours” for refinement/generalisation.
- is sufficient, but not necessary, for safety.

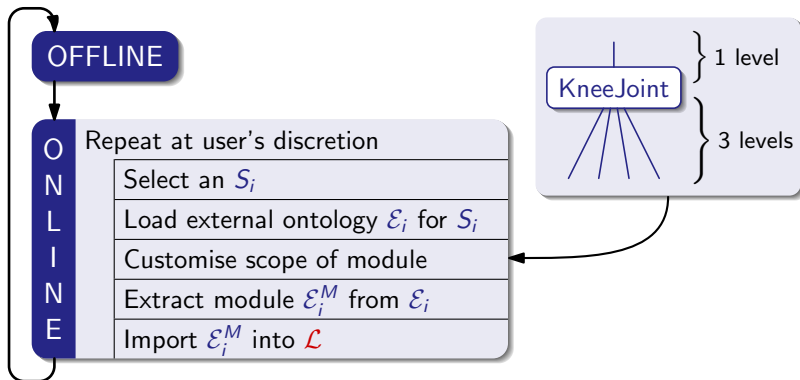
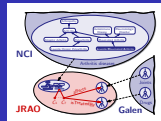
If non-local axioms are found, the user may want to repair \mathcal{L} .

Example: $C_7 \sqsubseteq \text{JRA}$ ✓ $\text{GeneticDisorder} \sqsubseteq C_7$ ✓
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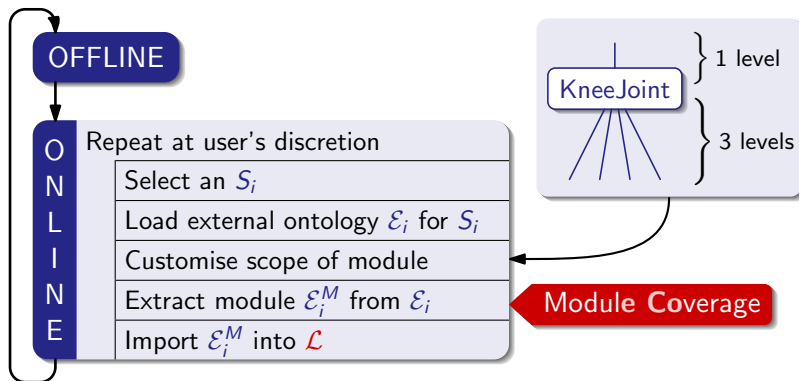
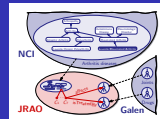
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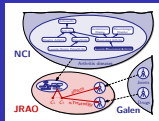
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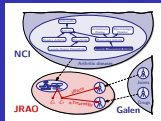
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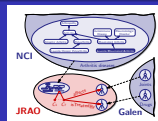
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Providing coverage



- Coverage is again provided using locality.
- Locality-based modules = syntactic approximations of conservativity-based modules
 - in general not minimal
 - efficiently computable

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Safe Protégé Manager: a plugin

http://semanticweb.org/Ontology1206804237717.owl - [/Users/schneidt/Documents/DLista/Tool-Modularity/Experiments/HeC_Use_Cases/JRAO.owl]

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Active Ontology Entities Classes Object Properties Data Properties Individuals OWLviz DL Query ProSE Manager

ProSE External Ontology URIs

External URI Annotations

label
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ProSE Safe Protege Manager

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- ▶ No defined External URI

Locality Type:

Bottom Locality ▲ Non-Local Axioms Detected

Use of External Signature

Refine External Signature

Only Reference External Signature

Generalize External Signature

Importing Information

Selected External Signature will be used for refinement. An Upper Module is extracted.

Extension of the selected Signature

Signature from:

Extend Signature with Subclasses. Levels:

Extend Signature with Superclasses. Levels:

 ★ The signature has been extended

ProSE External-Local Class Hierarchy

- Thing
 - Anti-DNA_Antibody
 - Azathioprine
 - Cisplatin_Cyclosporine
 - Cyclosporine
 - Erosion
 - Etanercept
 - Hemoglobin
 - Infliximab
 - Interleukin_Gene
 - LymphocyteCount
 - Methotrexate
 - NeutrophilCount
 - Nonsteroidal_Antinflammatory_Drug
 - Oedema
 - Juvenile_Rheumatoid_Arthritis
 - Pain
 - PlateletCount
 - Prednisone
 - Rheumatoid_Factor
 - SynovialFluid
 - SynovialJoint
 - Tumor_Necrosis_Factor_Family_Gene
 - WestergrenESRProcedure

Non-Local Axioms for selected External Signature

Non-Local Axioms

- Juvenile_Rheumatoid_Arthritis subClassOf Oedema

Importing-Preview Actions

URI for Module:

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1. Extract Module
 - a. Preview Module
 - b. Import Module
2. Import Whole Ontology

Module Information

Number of Axioms (Module/Ontology):

Number of Classes (Module/Ontology):

Number of Properties (Module/Ontology):

Number of Individuals (Module/Ontology):

“Synthetic” experiments

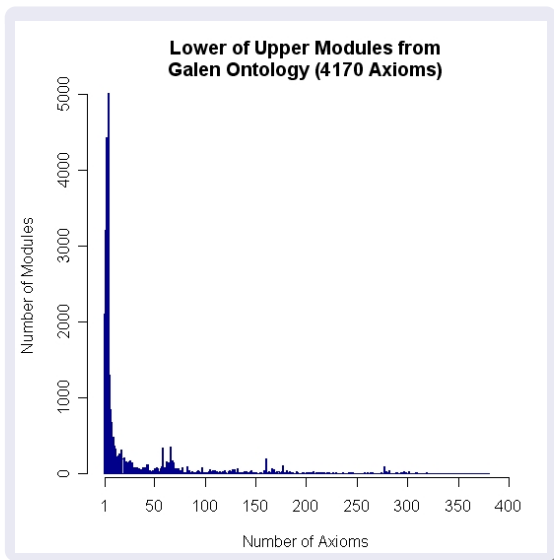
Setting

- Randomly generated signatures of size 1 . . . 330
- Computed *Lower of Upper Module (LUM)* for each such signature

Results

- 99 % of **Galen** LUMs contain < 5 % of **Galen**'s axioms
- similar findings for **NCI**

Statistics



“Real-life” experiments

Setting

LUMs for manually selected signatures from **Galen** and **NCI**
(*Health-e-Child* context: JRA + Cardiomyopathies)

Results

Ext. Ont.	# Sig.	# axioms	
Galen	11	105	(2.5 %)
Galen	72	620	(14.9 %)
Galen	76	736	(17.6 %)
NCI	18	488	(0.1 %)
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NCI	144	5057	(1.3 %)

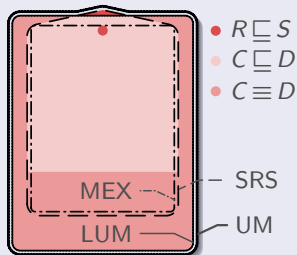
Comparing experiments

Setting

- SNOMED (health care; restricted language; 350,000 axioms)
- Initial signatures: terms from intensive care unit
- Compared UM, LUM to MEX (conservativity-based modules) and SRS (Seidenberg/Rector segments)

Results

# Sig.	# axioms in %		
	MEX	SRS	(L)UM
4,000	2	2	4
16,000	7	7	10
24,000	10	10	15
time	4–5 s	1 s	4–7 s



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Health-e-Child

- www.health-e-child.org

NCI and Galen

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