

Apolda A Practical Tool for Semantic Annotation

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Overview

- Introduction: concepts in texts
- Problem
- Approaches
- Gate/Apolda
- Applications







Introduction: concepts in texts

- Find occurences of ontology concepts in a text
- Problems
 - 1. Spelling variants, inflection, encoding, etc.
 - 2. Synonyms
 - 3. Homonyms/Ambiguity
 - 4. Concept is 'present' but not mentioned
- Problems 3 and 4 scientifically very interesting
 - Problem 1 often underestimated and solved in a ad-hoc manner







Typical problems

- Encoding 'special' characters
- Capitalization
 - Concepts in ontology often capitalized!
 - Typical = typical (in title or sentence beginning)
 - die Deutsche Bank ≠ eine deutsche Bank
 - national aeronautics and space administration =
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Inflection
 - Museums = museum
 - British museums ≠ British Museum
- Interpunction
 - Art-works ≠ Art works
 - as in "The Metropolitan Museum of Art Works of Art"







More Problems

- Synonymy
 - Especially names
 - Bill Clinton, William Jefferson Clinton, William J. Clinton, governor Clinton, president Bill Clinton, president Clinton, Mr. Clinton, Clinton, W.J.
- Multiword Expressions







Level of Abstraction

- At which level should look for concepts?
- Matching at high-level of abstraction
 - Consider text as a list of tokens or even lemmas
 - Advantage: No problems with line breaks, encoding, etc
 - Disadvantage: Loss of essential information
- Matching at low-level
 - Consider text as character sequence
 - All information directly available
 - No dependency on other analysis tools
 - But: lot of basic problems to solve







Approaches for detecting concepts

- Lexicalized ontologies
 - Easy to use in small projects
 - Easy to maintain
- Extending lexical resources with references to ontology
 - Natural separtion of lexical and ontological knowledge with clear interface
 - Problematic for multiword expressions
 - If they cannot be motivated from the lexicon
- Many project specific solutions







Apolda

- Automated Processing of Ontologies with Lexical
 Denotations for Annotation
- General open source solution
- For Lexicalized ontologies
- Concentrate on detecting all mentioned concepts
 - Leave all disambiguation to other tools





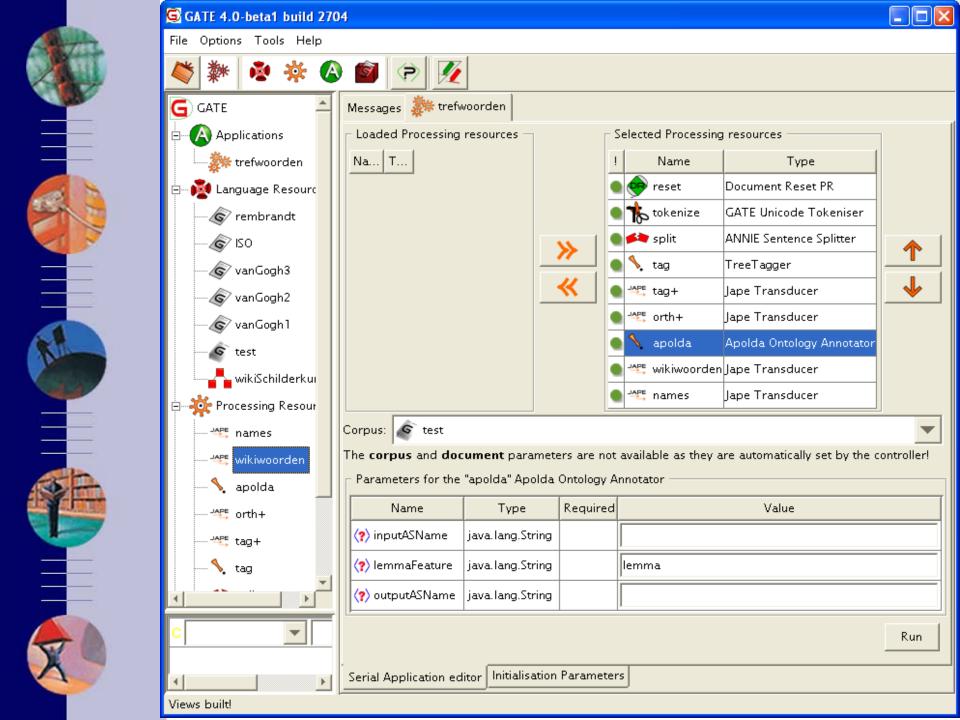


General Solution

- GATE plugin
- GATE:
 - General Architecture for Text Engineering
 - "an architecture, a free open source framework (or SDK) and graphical development environment"
 - Developed by NLP group of Sheffield University
 - http://gate.ac.uk/
- Apolda download:
 - http://apolda.sourceforge.net







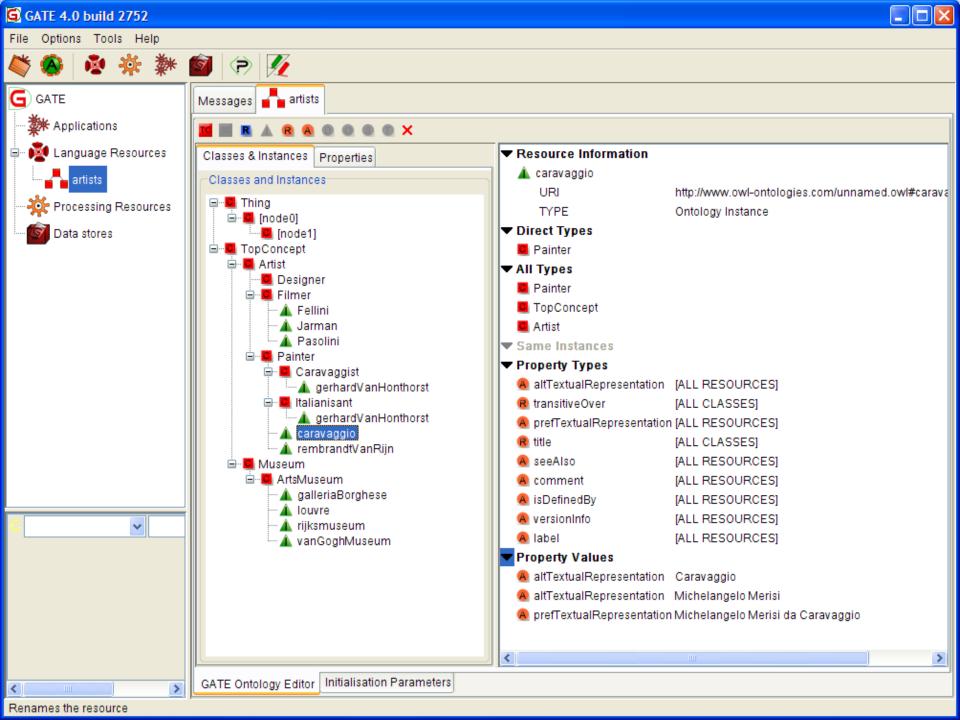


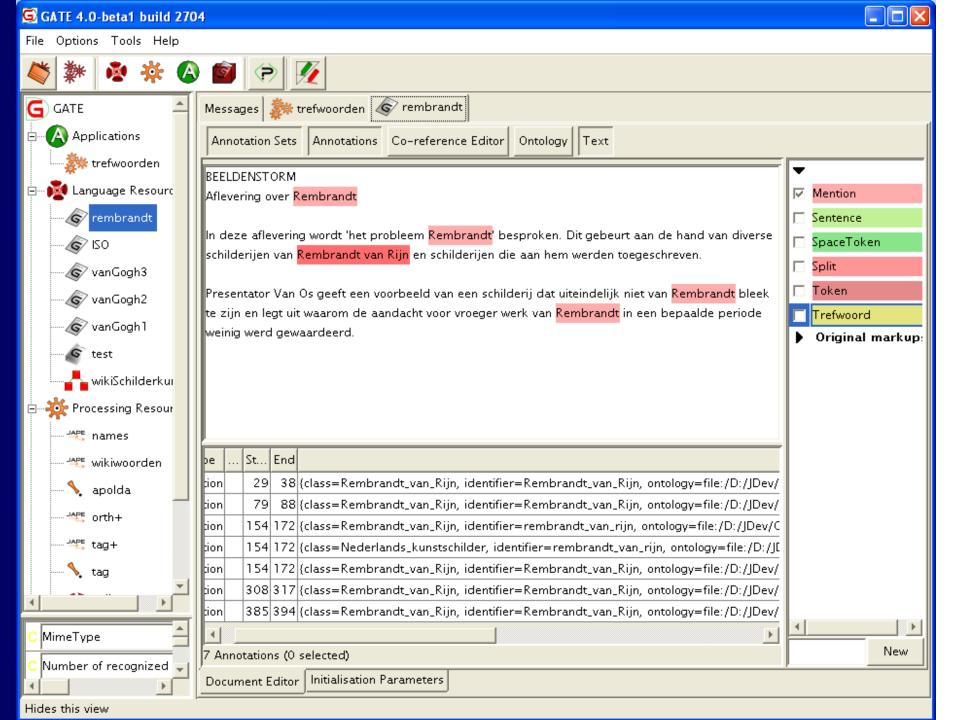
Lexicalized Ontologies

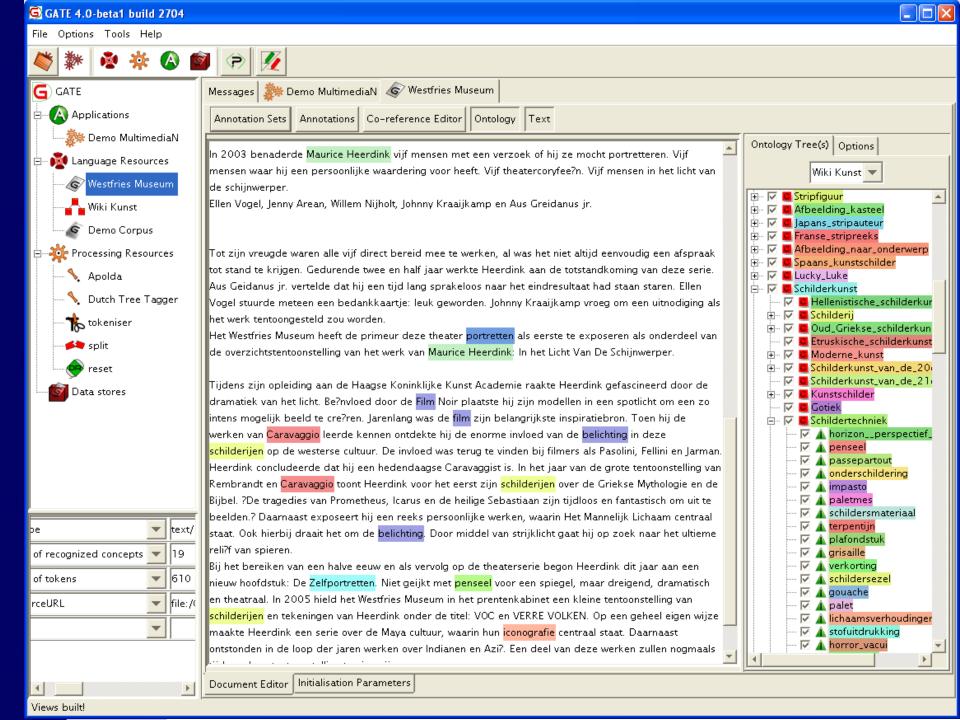
- Using Gate's OWLIM ontology interface
 - Supports RDF/OWL, turtle, ntriples
- Expects explicit definition of textual representations (as annotation properties)
 - If no such labels are present identifiers are used
 - Deals with two different labels
 - If more than 2 types of labels are used make them
 rdfs:subProperty of one property.
- Supports different representations for different languages.













Matching

- Match all textual representations, including overlapping ones
 - Exception: overlap of representations of same concept. E.g. Rembrandt / Rembrandt van Rijn
- Match case insensitive, literal strings, normalized strings and lemmas
- Match only literal strings if quotation marks are used
 - (Remember the different matching levels)







Be cautious

- Reusing existing resources is always problematic
- Example:
 - Ontology of category structure, articles and redirects from wikipedia
 - Lemmatization
 - "landden" (landed) → lemmat. → "landen" (to land)
 - "landen" (countries) → Apolda → "land" (country)
 - "landden" (to land) "land" (country)







Applications

- MultimediaN Video Tagging Project at Telematica Instituut
- Catch project at Dutch Institute for Sound and Vision
 - Keyword extraction from descriptions of videos
- Other, e.g. Master thesis project at Rotterdam University.
- About 140 downloads





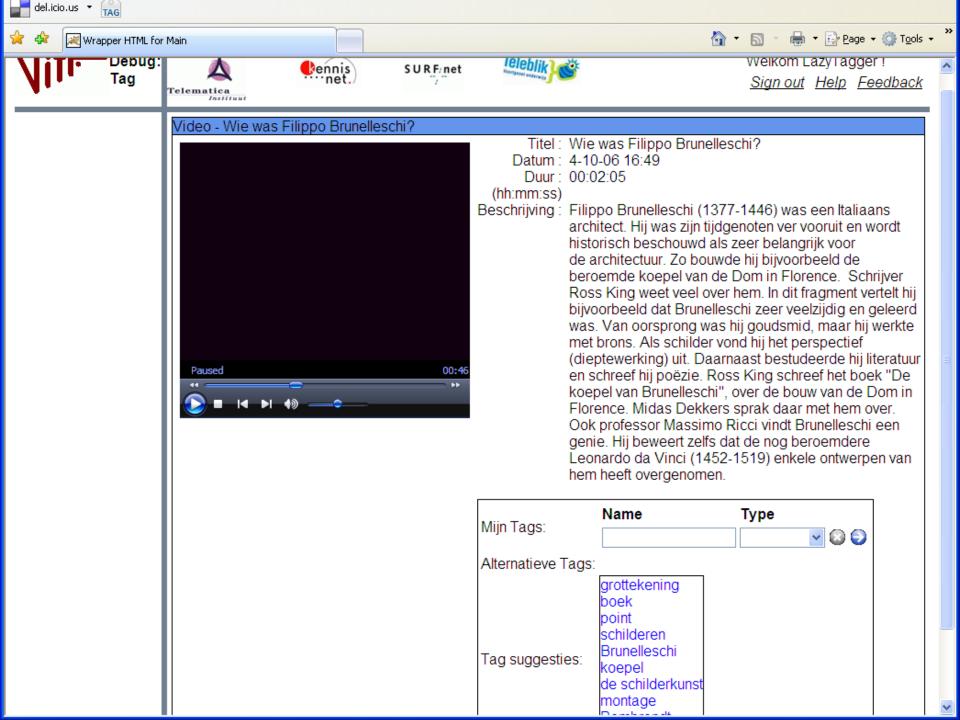


'Cataloguing pipeline for TV-programs using Apolda'

- RDF\OWL representation of cataloguers ontology enriched with singular/plural form, synonyms, alternative spellings etc.
- collect textual resources related to the TV-program
- Use Apolda to highlight concept from the cataloguers ontology.
- Use TF.IDF and ontology relationships between found concepts to identify the semantically most relevant concepts in the texts.
- Recommend these concepts for the catalogue description of the TV-program.









Summary

- Find representations of concepts in a text
- Inventarisation of problems
- Implementation of a general solution
- Available for a widely used framework
- Usefull in several projects



