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# **Challenges in the Creation and Uptake** of Ontologies

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# **Agenda**



- 1. Ontologies to foster economic resilience
- 2. Terminology Service
- 3. Cross Stakeholder Visualisation





Resilience in economics, depends on well informed decisions [2]

Businesses should invest in technologies that allow them to connect with suppliers and make use of real-time **data** that can enable the whole supply chain to operate more efficiently on the basis of better **informed** decisions.

- **Data** is raw, unorganized facts that need to be processed. Data can be something simple and seemingly random and useless until it is organized [1]
- Information: When data is processed, organized, structured or presented in a given context so as to make it useful, it is called information. [1]

**One huge challenge:** preparation of data and communication of information as *basis of better informed decisions* 

Creating a shared, unambiguous and holistic understanding



- CoyPu and SC3 Project makes use of Ontologies to build an unambiguous communication framework
  - Formal, shared description of knowledge
  - Machine processable to support automated inferences



BMWK funded **CoyPu** (Cognitive Economy Intelligence Plattform für die Resilienz wirtschaftlicher Ökosysteme)

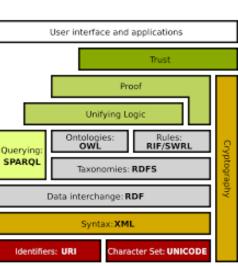
• COY-Ontology: Upper and domain specific ontologies to formalize crisis relevant events and context

information



• EC funded **SC3** (Semantically Connected Semiconductor Supply Chains)

Digital Reference Ontology: supply chains containing semiconductors



Core characteristics



Three general challenges in ontology creation and uptake

- 1. Domain specific (Engineering, Culture, Chemnistry, ...) and community specific
- 2. Evolving continously and dynamicaly over time
- 3. Must be accepted, developed and maintained by a designated community (avoid isolated solution!). Includes a.o.
  - a) promotion (make community aware of its existence)
  - b) aligned with further initiatives (moving away from silos)

Service Service

- 4. Development and maintenance is a **cooperation** between
  - 1. Domain experts (designated community)
  - 2. Knowledge engineers

Cross Stakeholder Visualisation

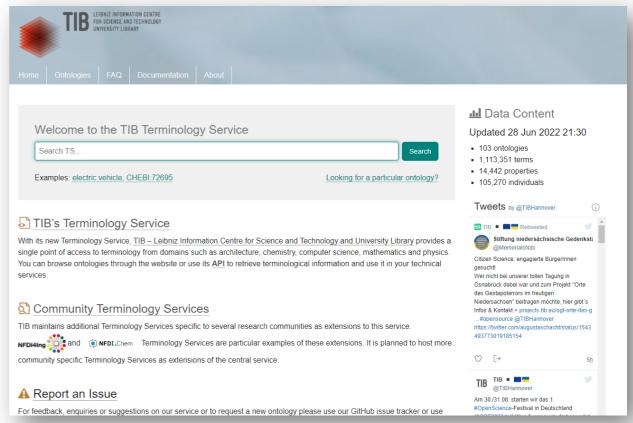


**TCOYPU** 

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  - In general: A Terminology Service is a web based platform that support take-up and standardisation of ontologies
  - First version released July '21: <a href="https://service.tib.eu/ts4tib/index">https://service.tib.eu/ts4tib/index</a>
  - Some statistics
    - ~ 100 Ontologies
    - 8 Collections

#### **T**COYPU

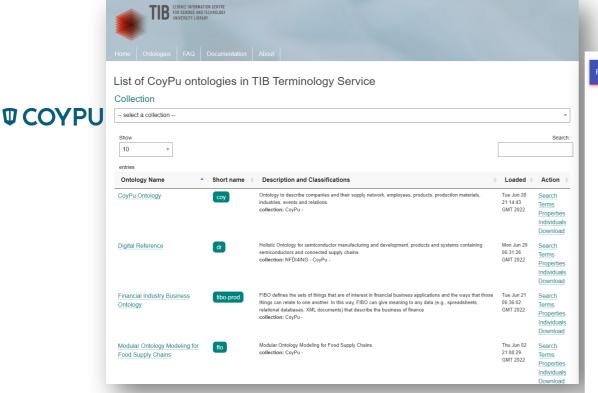
- Functional service offer
  - Freetext search searching (for- and within ontologies)
  - Browsing and filtering
  - Visualisation
  - Issue tracker
  - Machine to machine communication (REST interfaces)



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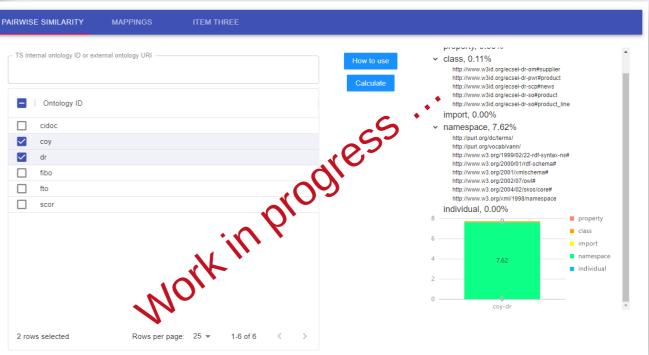
#### **CoyPu Collection**

- 6 ontologies
- extensible

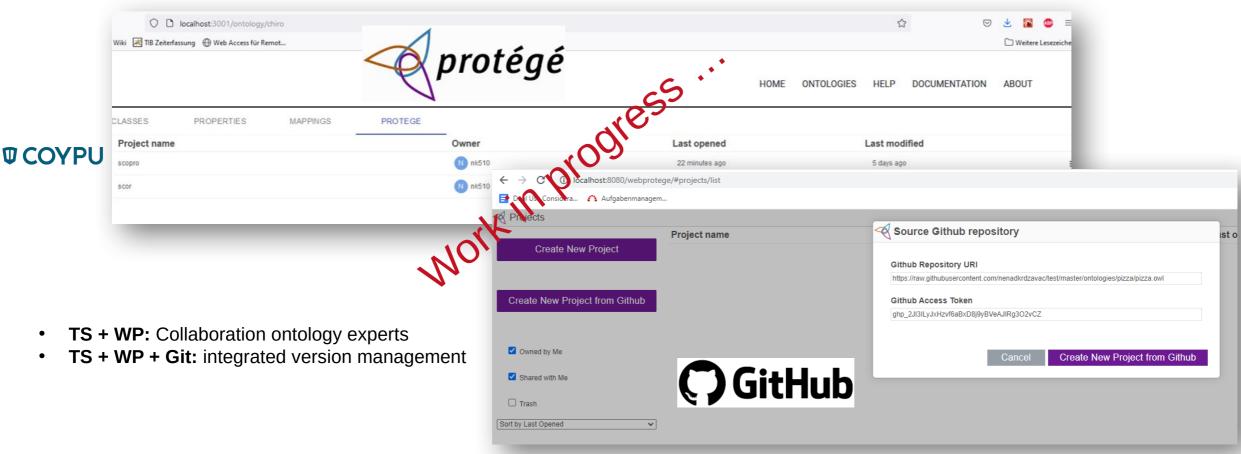


#### CoyPu Mappings

- Visualization of communalilties between ontologies
- TS wide and CoyPu wide
- Similarity calculation (shared ressources)



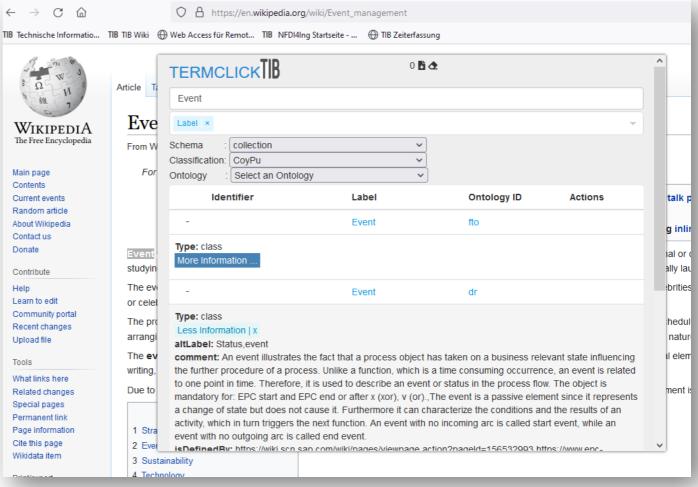
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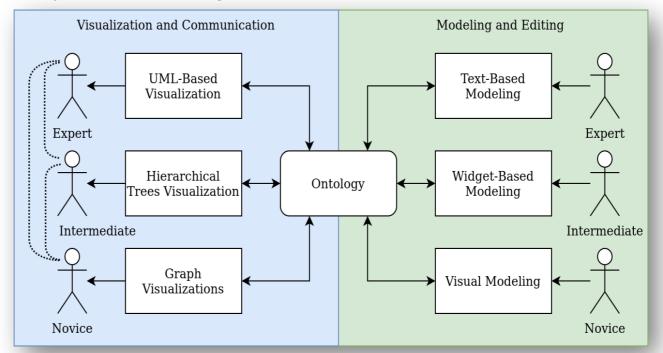
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#### **TermClick**

- FF Plugin that queries the COY from TS
- Mark a word in an arbitrary website
- Get a COY definition



- 4. Collaborative development and maintenance
  - A cooperation between
    - a. Knowledge engineers
    - b. Domain experts (designated community)
  - Requires **translation**, between
    - implementation of a technical specification with high degree of details
    - Non overloaded (reduced) views on ontologies

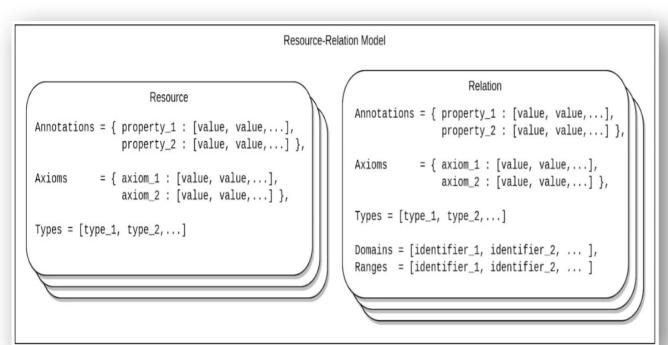


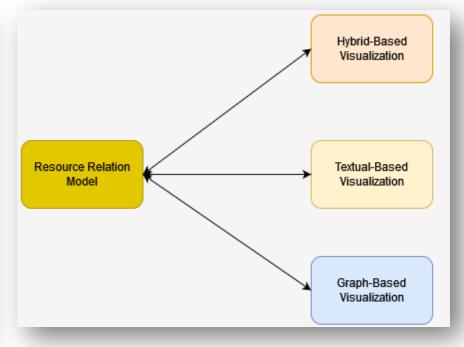




#### 4. Collaborative development and maintenance

- Resource Relation Model (Vitalis Wiens)
  - A data model which serves as a foundation for visualizations and synchronization between different modes of operation
  - It is a textual representation of the ontology
  - Created through pre-processing step
  - provides some re-organization of triple statements to enable different modes of operation









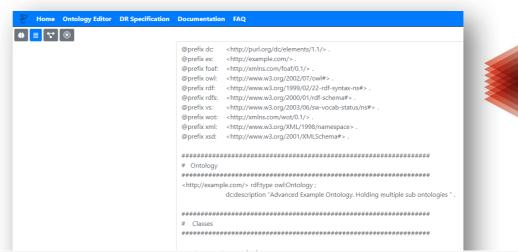
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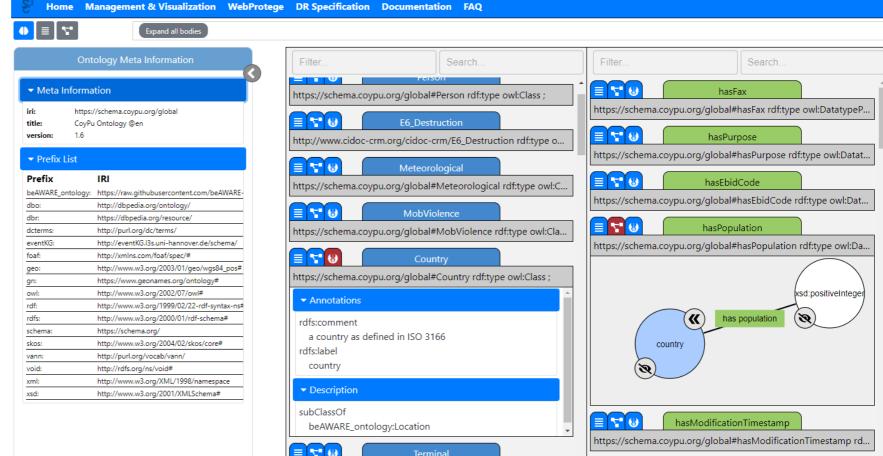
#### **Experts and Intermediate**

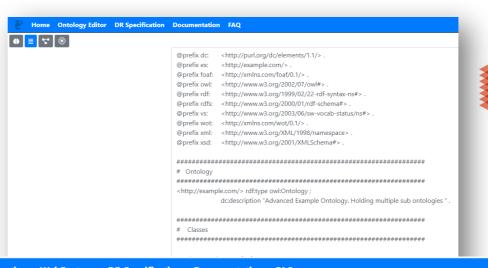
Enable more detailed views

- **Textual** visualisation
- **Hybrid** visualisation (text and vis.)
  - Meta information
    - Description
    - Version
  - Vis. ressource in context
  - Annotation view
  - Description view









4. Collaborative development and maintenance

**Novices: Graph Visualisation** 

WebVowl representation

**Concepts**: circular arcs

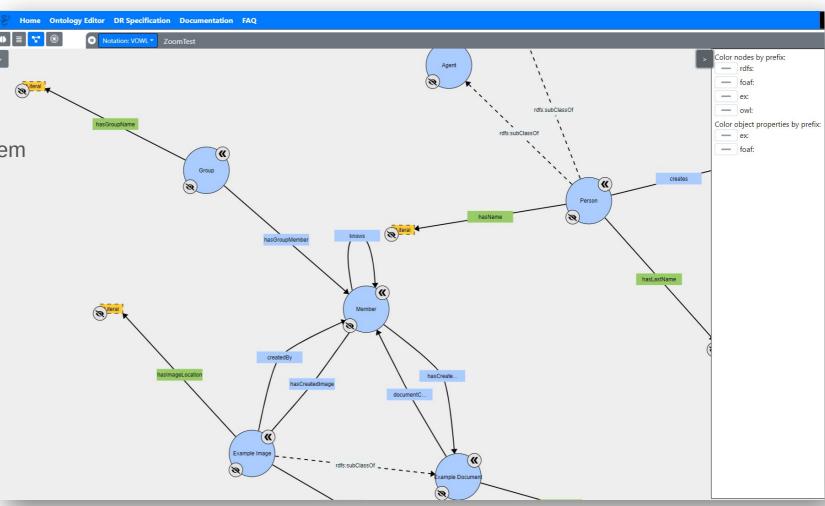
**Properies:** directed arrows

Color nodes differently to highlight them

- Zoom in and out
- Hide nodes
- Navigate







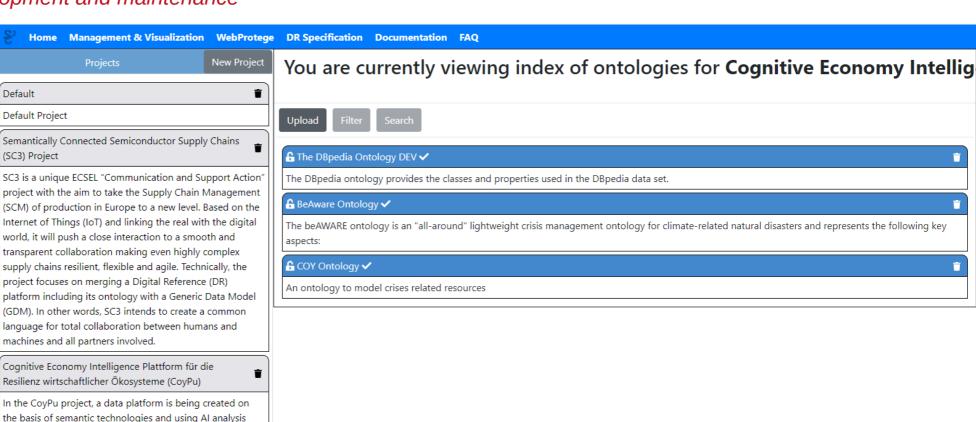
approaches, through which macroeconomic, industryspecific or internal company data can be networked, analyzed and evaluated in order to enable more efficient crisis management. By providing semantically modeled data in the cloud as well as flexibly configurable AI analysis tools, the platform enables high-quality and up-to-the-minute insights regarding economic facts, trends, impact

correlations and forecasts.

#### 4. Collaborative development and maintenance

#### **Project Management**

- Create new projects
- Register users
- Role management
- Add ontologies to project





# **Summary**



- Collaborative work on ontologies is **challenging!** 
  - **1. Agility and acceptance:** Must be accepted, developed, and maintained by a **designated community**
  - 2. **Development** and **maintenance** requires complementary competencies



- CoyPu 1. CoyPu tooling for collaborative ontology creation and community Hub
  - Terminology Service
  - WebProtege
  - GitHub integration



- 2. SC3 Platform: Cross stakeholder visualisation tool
  - Resource Relation Model
  - Mapping between various ontology visualisation



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#### Introduction

- Resilience has recently been discovered as potential remedy for dealing with crises [1]
  - Chip shortage
  - Supply bottlenecks of a general nature
- **Definition, with respect to economics:** E.g. **Supply chain resilience** is "the adaptive capability of the supply chain to prepare for unexpected events, respond to disruptions, and recover from them by maintaining **continuity of operations** at the desired level of **connectedness** and control over structure and function"
- Risks, on *continuity of operations* are manifold:
  - Environmental disasters (Floods , ...)
  - War outbreaks (Ukraine, ...)
  - Pandemics (Corona)
- The connectedness of partners on the one hand strengthens resilience, but also poses the challenge that all involved need a shared, unambiguous and holistic understanding of the supply contexts in order to develop compensation strategies.
  CoyPu

