#### **DBKDA 2011 Panel Discussion:**

# Will Dataspaces Make Data Integration Obsolete?

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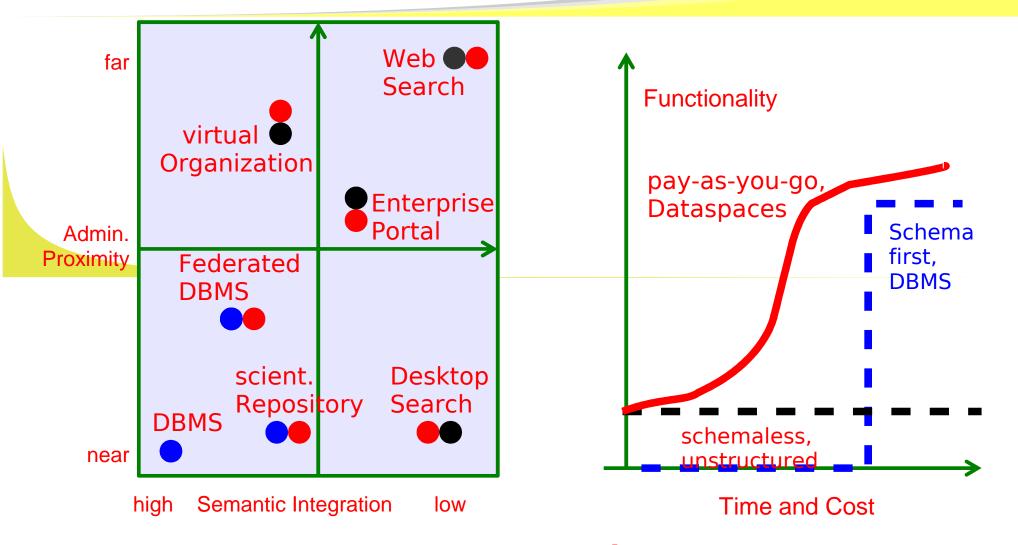
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#### The Dataspace Idea

Space of Data Management

Scalable Functionality and Costs



adopted from [Franklin, Halvey, Maier, 2005]

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DS are

[paraphrasing and commenting Franklin, 2009]

- Inclusive
  - Deal with all the data of interest, in whatever form => but semantics matters
  - We need access to the metadata!

- derive schema from instances?
- Discovering new data sources
   => The Münchhausen bootstrap problem?



Theodor Hosemann (1807-1875)

## **Dataspaces (DS)** [Franklin, Halevy, Maier, 2005] is a new abstraction for Information Management

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- Co-existence not Integration
  - No integrated schema, no single warehouse
    - => but ad-hoc matching/mapping required
  - no ownership required
    - => data provenance available?
    - => availability, reliability?

- How to deal with inconsistent data?
- Can ontologies help with mapping?

## **Dataspaces (DS)** [Franklin, Halevy, Maier, 2005] is a new abstraction for Information Management

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- Pay-as-you-go
  - Keyword search is bare minimum => how about semantics?
  - More function and increased consistency as you add work
     interesting: better quality at higher costs?
- How about serious analytics with keyword search?
- What does "better quality" mean? metrics?

### Statements summary

**Kazuko Takahashi**: Semantic integration still necessary as basic techniques

**Lena Strömbäck:** How much can data spaces reduce the need for data integration?

**Nipun Agarwal:** XML enhanced DBMS technologies will make data integration easier

**Chris Ireland:** Cost of building a dataspace over time vs up-front cost of integrated data?

Fritz Laux: Dealing with all data of interest, but what is with its semantic?

# Will Dataspaces make Data Integration obsolete?

Chris Ireland
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#### The Literature

- "Dataspace management is not a data integration approach; rather, it is more of a data co-existence approach" [Halevy]
- "A dataspace must perform operations to reconcile differences in representations of information" [Arnold]
- "How to locate all the relevant data and relationships between them" [Podolecheva]
- "The benefits of classical data integration with reduced up-front costs combined with opportunities for incremental refinement, enabling a pay-as-you-go approach" [Hedeler]

#### A difference...

- Data integration requires up-front identification of relationships, in a dataspace this is done over time (pay-as-you-go) [Jeffery] [Franklin]
  - But... Initialisation of a dataspace requires upfront work [Hedeler]
  - Techniques for identifying and reconciling differences may be shared?
  - Cost of building a dataspace over time vs up-front cost of integrated data?

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#### Will Dataspaces Make Data Integration Obsolete?

-- from the viewpoint of AI --

Jan 26, 2011 Kazuko TAKAHASHI Kwansei Gakuin University

#### My Talk

- My current research
  - A qualitative spatial reasoning
- My opinion on dataspaces & data integration

#### My background

- Artificial Intelligence
  - Knowledge Representation and Reasoning
  - Spatial&temporal representation/DB
  - Not a Database specialist!

#### Qualitative Spatial Reasoning (QSR)

- A method that treats images or figures qualitatively by extracting the information necessary for a user's purpose
- Useful for the recognition and analysis of physical phenomena, explanation of causality, diagnosis ...

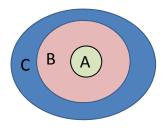
relative size, relative positional relation, ... using coordinates

#### Examples of qualitative data representation

- A and B are connected (relative positional relation)
- A is located in the north-west direction of B (relative direction)
- B is farther than C from A (relative distance)
- .....

#### Example of qualitative reasoning

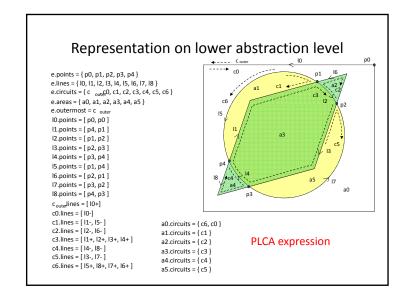
• P(A,B) and P(B,C) implies P(A,C)



#### Data abstraction level

- Higher level
  - A and B are connected
- Lower level
  - A and B are connected by a point
  - A and B are connected by two points
  - A and B are connected by a line

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#### Spatial data integration

- It is hard to integrate these data bases
  - with different abstraction level

#### Data integration (WIKI)

- combining data residing in different sources and providing users with a unified view of these data
- Semantic integration is needed
  - Conflict resolution
  - Using ontology

#### Dataspaces (WIKI)

An abstraction in data management An evolved form of data integration

To overcome some of <u>problem in data integration</u>

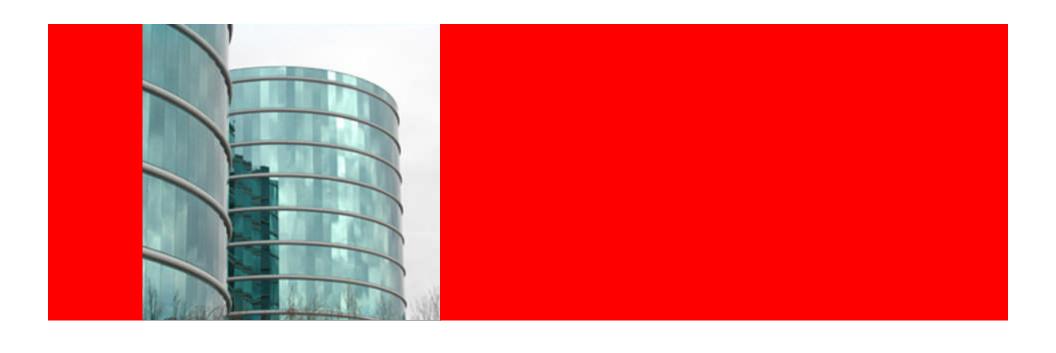
- to reduce the effort required to set up a data integration system
  - by relying on existing matching and mapping generation techniques,
- to improve the system in pay-as-you-go fashion as it is used

#### Machine learning in AI

- inductive learning, concept formation, data mining, rule mining
  - find a rule/concept from massive data (generalization)
  - classify a new data or derive a property of a new data by using this rule/concept
  - need much time on the first phase data integration
- case-based reasoning
  - store a massive data as a set of instances
  - classify a new data or derive a property of a new data directly using some of these data
  - generalization rules are still used dataspaces

#### Will Dataspaces Make Data Integration Obsolete?

- Dataspaces:
  - larger amount of data, more changeable
  - reasonable use only necessary functions only on the time they are required
  - semantic integration is inevitable
    - Conflict resolution
    - Generalization
- These techniques used in data integration is still necessary as basic techniques on handling dataspaces



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#### **Status**

- Data Integration
  - Lots of data & sources
  - Schema first approach
  - Requires semantic understanding of various sources
  - Very expensive
  - Very important
  - Very difficult
- Dataspaces
  - Data co-existence approach
  - Provides base functionality over all data sources
  - Best effort result
  - E,g, Search

#### **Vision**

- Complementary set of use cases
- Businesses willing to invest upfront if needed
- Need transactional semantics
- Various industry standards promoting data integration
- XML based standards ease the need of a fixed schema
  - XBRL
  - HL7
  - FPML



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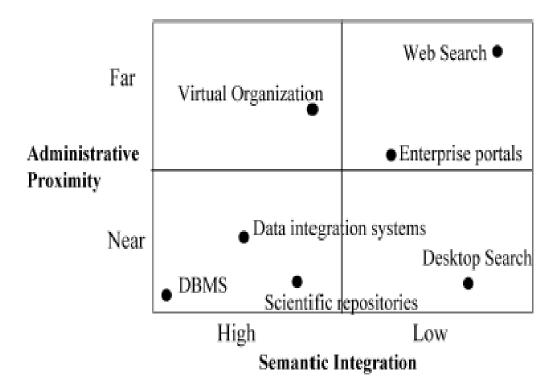
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#### Why Data Spaces?

Common formats is a prerequisite for efficient data management

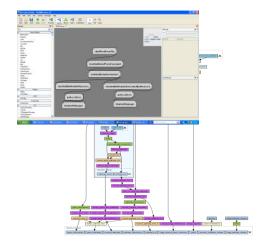
On the web new data formats and actors occurs all the time



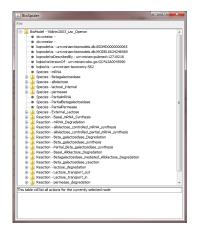
From Databases to Dataspaces: A New Abstraction for Information Management Michael Franklin, Alon Halevy, David Maier (ACM SIGMOD 2005)

## Available solutions - Data space technology?

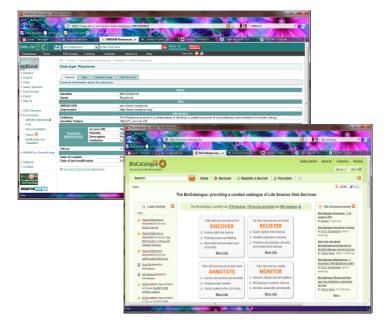
#### Provenance



#### Pay as you go



#### **Broker resources**



#### Questions

- Are these resources parts of data space technologies?
  - Provenance/lineage
  - Broker resources
  - Pay as you go
- What else is needed?
- How much can data spaces reduce the need for data integration?
  - Many user that work together on smaller problems
  - Technologies that aids and reduces the effort
- Application specific vs. general solutions

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