

Ontology Summit 2011: Why Ontolog is Interested

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- **Ontolog was founded in 2002 as an open community of practice**
 - To promote ontology engineering and ontology technologies
 - By co-convenors Peter Yim, Kurt Conrad, Leo Obrst
 - Ontolog is one of the original sponsors of the Ontology Summit
- **Ontolog early on recognized that having an annual group effort focused on an important ontology issue was very valuable**
 - A virtual effort over the course of approximately 3 months
 - Followed by a final face-to-face physical meeting
 - Organized as part of NIST's Interoperability Week in Gaithersburg, MD, under sponsorship originally of Steve Ray
 - Culminating with a joint communiqué that the community affirms, representing a community commitment
- **Builds community cohesion, advances the state of the practice, helps solve or resolve important ontology issues**