Ontolog Getting OOR Development Going A Proposal

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 Proposal to Get OOR Development Going (and keep it going)

These are process issues - mostly

Assumptions



- OOR Supports Evolutionary Development
- Partitioning of Functionality
- OOR does not store instance data apart from that of the OOR infrastructure (resolved?)
- OOR Supports arbitrary representation languages
 - Repository architecture (mostly) independent of language
 - Initial support for OWL
- Meta/Provenance information crucial
- Standards based to extent possible

OOR Architecture Principles



- OOR shall support evolutionary development
- OOR shall support distributed instances
- OOR shall be scalable
- OOR shall support federation
- OOR shall provide services decoupled from core repository functionality
- OOR shall have no hierarchical dependencies
- OOR shall support arbitrary ontology representation languages
- OOR shall be platform independent
- OOR shall be ontologically driven ⁴

OOR Artifacts Inventory



- Goals & Scope
 - OntologySummit2008 Communiqué: Towards an Open Ontology Repository
- Architecture Principles
- Requirements
- Use Cases
- OOR "sandbox"
- BioPortal code base The Fork
- Code repository SemWebCentral

Gap Analysis



- Incomplete Use Cases
- Incomplete list of functionalities
- Incomplete requirements
- No requirements analysis & decomposition
- No (complete) architecture
- No (prioritized) action plan

Proposed Plan - Basis



- Model Driven Approach
 - Provides Organizing & Communication Mechanism
 - Eases collaboration (maybe, there are tool issues)
 - Helps in identifying priorities
 - Provides a level of abstraction
 - Eases understanding
 - Facilitates Collaboration
 - Supports parallel efforts
 - Provides basis for coordination

Proposed Plan - Actions



- Develop up to date UML model
 - Reverse engineer BioPortal Fork
 - Incorporate existing requirements and use cases
 - Make model part of CM repository
 - Add HTML report to Wiki page Update regularly
- Gather proposed functionalities
 - Vet them
 - Prioritize them
 - Decide

Identify parallel/contributing projects

– Choose Coordination P.O.C.