

Ontology-related Complex for Semantic Processing of Scientific Data

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Abstract

Developing theories, methods and algorithms to discover and generate new knowledge has always been one of the most important tasks of any researcher, especially if they are actively working on the creation of new scientific publications. There is no universal language for the formal description of concepts (knowledge) and systemology of transdisciplinary scientific research. This raises a set of topical problems for researchers, and one of them is the way to speed up information (in the form of cognitive-structure) search process in their own sources. The ontology-related complex for semantic processing of scientific data is designed to solve this problem for the researcher who has dozens to hundreds of published scientific papers. We are not aware of any search engines that could provide the same information for a researcher in such a short time. The ontology-related complex implements information retrieval and knowledge discovery technologies with emphasis on technologies and tools such as Semantic Web and cognitive graphics. The development of such a complex consists of three stages. The first stage creates the instruments for complex development, methods and algorithms for interaction between the components of the system “User — Knowledge engineer — Remote endpoint”, also at this stage data is added to the system. The second stage solves the task of multimedia representation for conceptual and figurative structures described in scientific documents. The third stage solves the task of acquiring new knowledge.

Keywords

Transdisciplinary scientific research, Semantic Web technology, ontological engineering, database of scientific publications.

1. Introduction

There are many applications for searching information from various databases (DBs), including specialized ones. Most of these applications do not take into account the cognitive aspect of data processing, which is necessary for creativity, in particular for the researcher (RSR).

A separate problem is the multimedia (conceptual and figurative) representation of search results and their comparison with the conceptual structure of the Knowledge Domain (KD); this is of interest in order to gain new knowledge. The processing of scientific publications by a single author, authors of a scientific unit or institute using Semantic Web technology is relevant for scientific research.

The ontology related complex (OrC) for semantic processing of scientific data uses information retrieval and knowledge discovery technologies with a focus on Semantic Web and cognitive graphics technologies and tools [1–3]. These technologies and related tools enable the creation of multimedia representations of conceptual and figurative structures that are described in scientific articles. We use scientific publications and databases containing them (DBSP) as scientific data. Semantic Web technologies allow the creation and processing of a Resource Description Framework (RDF) repository of scientific publications, the creation of local or remote endpoints, and execution of SPARQL-queries. Of the plethora of Semantic Web technologies, it is necessary to highlight the SPARQL-technology, which allows the RSR to create queries of arbitrary complexity and receive information in response.

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A summary chart for the development of the OrC DBSP is shown in Figure 1. It includes a preparation stage block and main stage blocks with variations A, B, and C. The preparation stage is described in detail in [1]. The ontological graphs of subject area and one of scientific publications that serve as data for implementation of the main stage, variation B phase 2 are also given there. "New knowledge" in the phase 3 description is a knowledge that is not contained in the DBSP of the user (author).

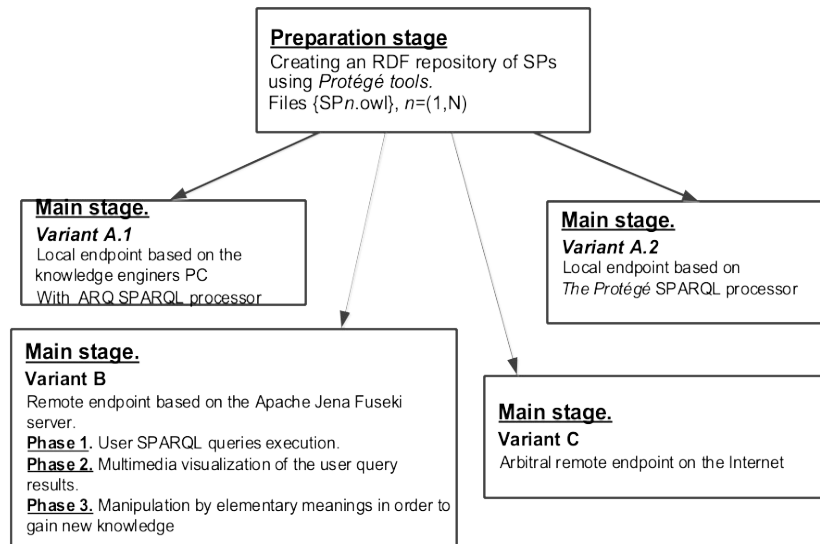


Figure 1: Summary chart for the development of the OrC DBSP

We are aware of personalized knowledge base of the researcher, in which a number of functionalities declared, these features support the processes of scientific and creative activity [2]. Such personalized knowledge base is:

- a tool to support scientific research, and one of the central areas of development of practical informatics [4, 5];
- development of a knowledge system for the RSR, in order to create new knowledge (or to streamline existing knowledge, check errors and inconsistencies etc.) [6–9];
- one of the main subsystems of a modern research design system [10], an automated workstation for the researcher [4];
- one of the basic elements for establishing a permanent canonical knowledge [11] and supporting the functioning of a knowledge-oriented information system [12].

There is a close relationship between Semantic Web and UML technologies. In particular, we are talking about the relationship between the Web Ontology Language (OWL) syntax and the visual modeling of Unified Modeling Language (UML) diagrams. UML is presented as a general-purpose visual modeling language, which is designed to specify, visualize, design and document components of software, business processes and other systems. UML is a simple and powerful modelling tool, that can be used effectively to create conceptual, logical and graphical models of complex systems that are built for different purposes. This language incorporates all the best practices and qualities of software engineering that have been successfully used for many years, to model large and complex systems [13].

Visual modeling in UML can be represented as a process of gradual descent from the most general and abstract conceptual model of the original system to the logical and then to the physical model of the corresponding software system. For these purposes, first a model is built in the form of a so-called use case diagram. This diagram describes the functional purpose of the system, what the system will do in the course of its operation. A use case diagram is an initial conceptual representation, or conceptual model, of a system during its design and development [14, 15].

OrC "Database of scientific publications" was created for the author, who is actively involved in the preparation and release of new SPs. Of course, it is possible to search in your own SPs manually (which happens in most cases), but with the help of the OrC this search can be greatly accelerated. In

addition, it is possible to automatically structure the retrieved data into appropriate templates for future SPs.

We will now discuss the development of architectural, structural components and UML-diagrams. Diagrams showing the operation of the OrC based on the Apache Jena Fuseki remote endpoint. In addition, we will discuss examples of how to use a formally described scientific paper, and perform a number of queries to some papers.

The purpose of this paper is to show the process of the OrC development. The complex allows us to greatly accelerate the search for information by the user (in his own DB of SPs), gives visual representation of the publication concepts and the relevant subject area, and implements Brooks' famous formula for gaining new knowledge [7, 8]:

$$K(S) + dI = K(S + dS),$$

where $K(S)$ is the original knowledge structure, which is modified by the results of processing of the information portion dI , creating a new structure $K(S + dS)$ and new knowledge portion dS . It is assumed that the components dI and dS are closely related to the elementary meanings, introduced in [1].

In [1] you also can find charts of the ontology graphs of scientific publications design and their processing. On the basis of (X, R) of the ontology graph developed a suitable ontology graph of the scientific publication. Publications formal XML/RDF description developed with the use of the Protégé 5.5.0 instruments.

Elementary meanings created out of the sentences of the text of the article, depending on the complexity of the sentence and its contents (in accordance with the syntax of the Ukrainian language) are formed like this:

- Complex sentences split into simple sentences.
- Simple and complicated sentences split into simple sentences that have subject, predicate and direct object.
- Simple two-member sentence represented as subject (S), predicate (P) and object (O).
- The elementary meaning is a certain equivalent of the RDF triple of the Semantic Web.

On the Figure 2 and Figure 3, you can see mentioned (X, R) ontology graph, and ontology graph of scientific publication, created with the Protégé 5.5.0 instruments. This ontology graphs describe "article 1", they are used to show examples of SPARQL queries and results too. English version of "article 1" was printed in Journal of Automation and Information Sciences, vol 50, 2018, Issue 10, PP. 1-17.

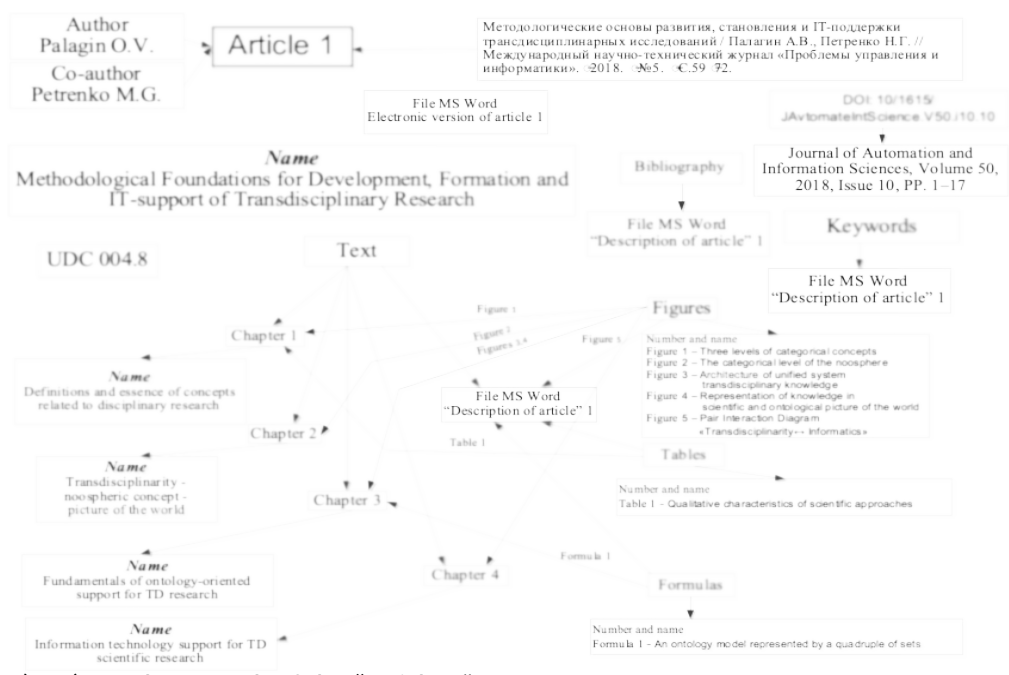


Figure 2: (X, R) ontology graph of the "article 1"

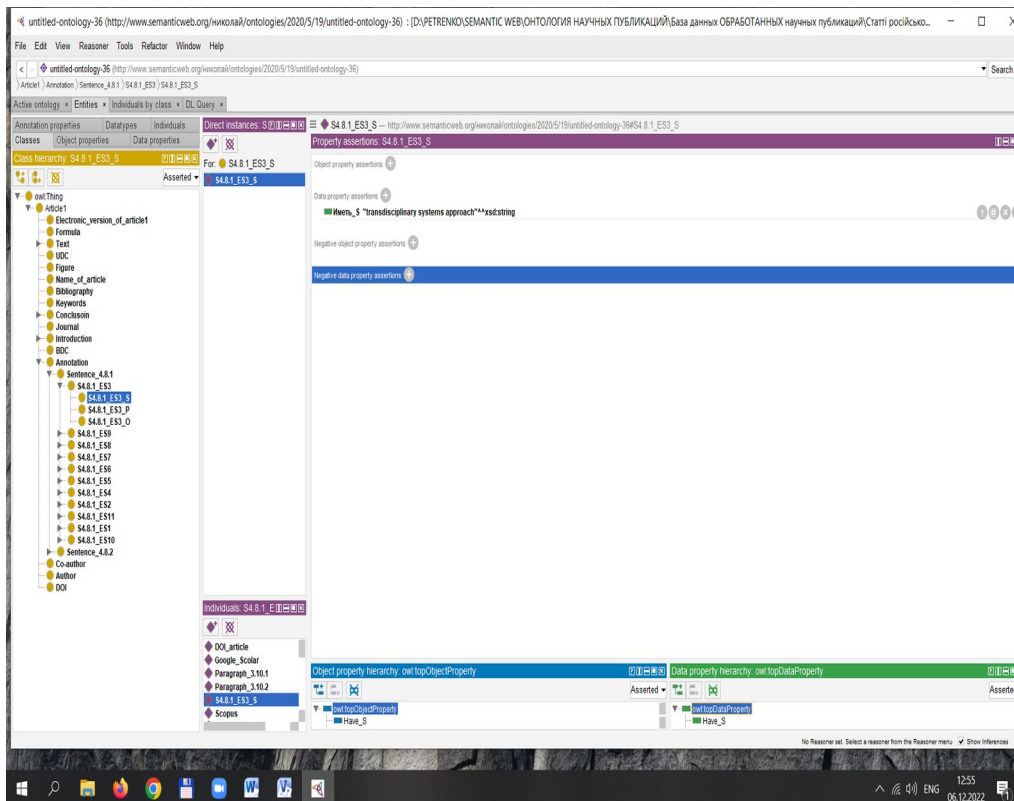


Figure 3: ontology graph of “article 1” in Protégé 5.5.0

The main stage of user tasks is broken down into three variants of the OrC architecture - A, B and C. These variants have different functional capacities. A – Least powerful (organized as a local endpoint on the user PC). B – Medium power (organized as a remote endpoint based on the Apache Jena Fuseki server). C – most powerful (organized as a remote endpoint, which is implemented using the original software). We can see that different variants of the OrC are suitable for different purposes. A – For a single user in a local network with a knowledge engineer (KE), in this scenario the user can form queries and get answers, working with only one science publication at a time. B – for multiple users of the same research unit. C – for users of the whole institute. For option B it is already possible to form a single query to retrieve structured information from several articles simultaneously, which cannot be done with popular search engines.

This material will focus on describing processes using UML-diagrams for variant B, phase 1 (B1).

2. Architectural and structural organization of the OrC DBSP (variant B, phase 1)

In this variant, the OrC functions as a remote endpoint based on the Apache Jena Fuseki and consists of three phases: phase 1 – processing of user SPARQL queries; phase 2 – multimedia visualization of user query results, or creation and use of conceptual and figurative structures of the subject area; phase 3 – manipulation of elementary meanings with purpose of gaining new knowledge.

Figure 4 shows a generalized diagram for the OrC B1 variant.

First, the knowledge engineer downloads the appropriate files and deploys Apache Jena Fuseki as a remote endpoint [16, 17]. He then uploads scientific publications to the server in the form of RDF graphs; this data is generated during the preparation stage.

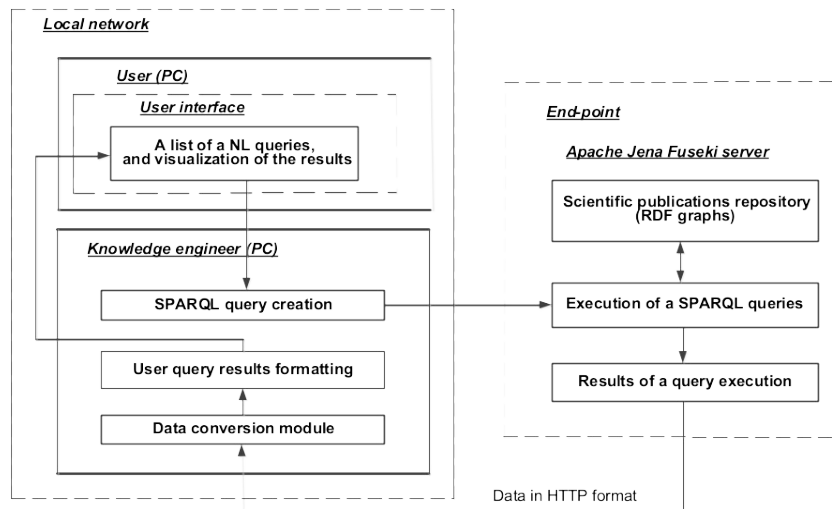


Figure 4: Generalized diagram of the OrC DBSP

The user sees in his interface a list of possible natural language queries. He can select any query from this list one by one, the selected query is sent over the network to the knowledge engineer module. Systematically, the user specifies the information with which he works. It is possible to select a subset of the articles that are used for the search, this feature is useful if it is not necessary to search the entire database.

The following are examples of queries in natural language (NL).

3. Basic user queries

The researcher's database contains N scientific articles published in popular scientific journals. The serial numbers of scientific publications N can be described as follows:

$$N = 1, 2, \dots, m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$$

The serial numbers of scientific publications (in this case we are dealing with articles) serve as arguments for queries. The data are organized so that the author of a scientific publication is the first co-author in the publication; otherwise, the owner of the database is the author.

1. Show the titles of the articles on the subject of "transdisciplinarity".
2. Show the titles of the articles on the subject of "ontological".
3. Show the abstracts of the articles $m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$.
4. Show the keywords of the articles $m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$.
5. Show the titles of all N articles:
6. Show the titles of all N articles in the order of the date of publication;
7. Show the titles of all N articles without co-authors.
8. Show the titles of the articles $m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$, where m_1, m_2, m_k are user-defined query arguments.
9. Show the full names of the co-authors of the articles $m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$.
10. Show the names of the chapters of the articles $m_1, \dots, m_2, \dots, m_k, \dots$.

...

4. UML-diagrams of the OrC functioning for variant B1

Now let us discuss UML-diagrams that reveal the core OrC functions for variant B1.

Figure 5 is the use case diagram, Figure 6 is the class diagram, Figure 7 is the components diagram, and Figure 8 is the sequence diagram.

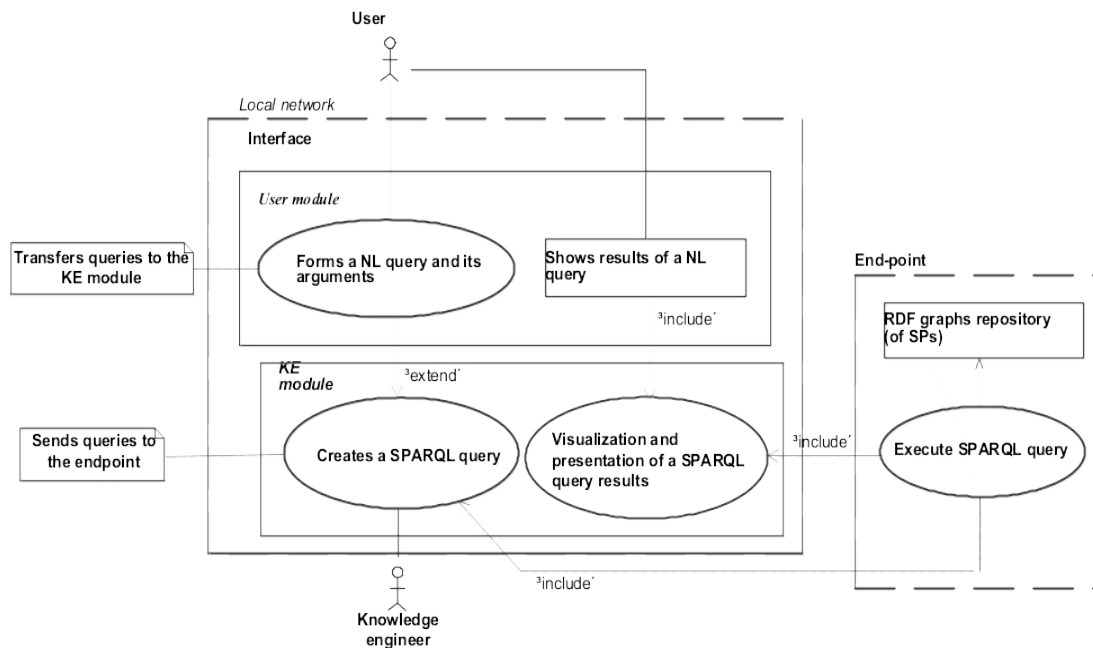


Figure 5: Use case diagram of the OrC DBSP

A certain number of researchers are connected to a local area network (LAN), which is managed by a knowledge engineer. We will look at the operation of the system for one user, for other users the process is organized in a similar way.

A general interface module functions on the researcher's personal computer (PC). The interface displays all queries in natural language. The researcher can select a single query with the required arguments. Another interface element shows the results of the query.

The other part of the system contains a knowledge engineer module. This module generates a SPARQL-query from a NL-query, and sends it over HTTP protocol to the end-point. The Apache Jena Fuseki server executes the SPARQL-query and sends the result back to the knowledge engineer module.

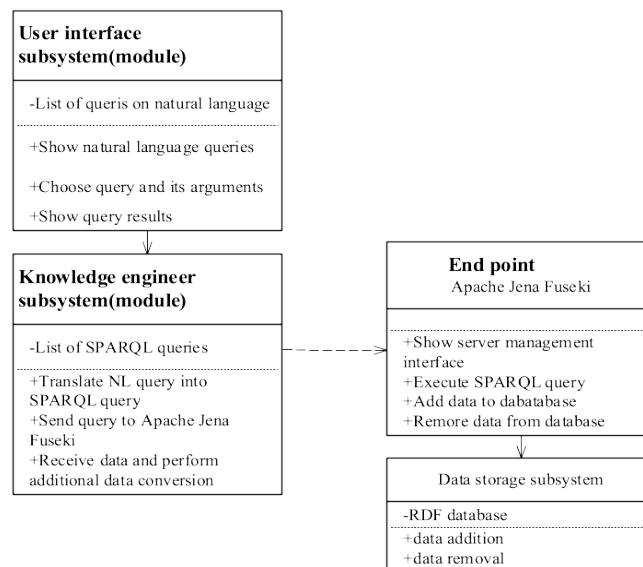


Figure 6: Class diagram of the OrC DBSP

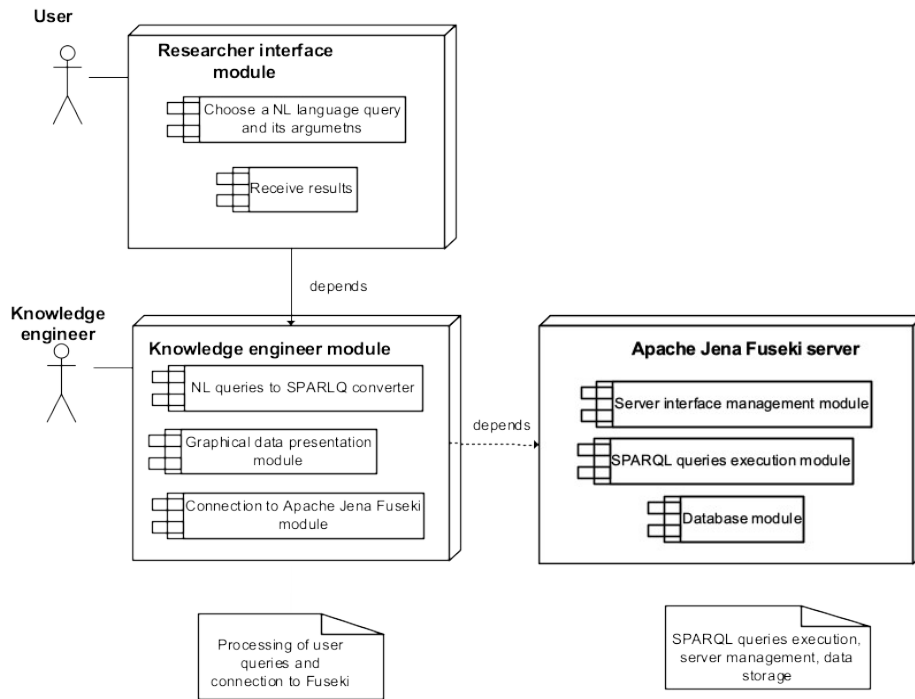


Figure 7: Components diagram of the OrC DBSP

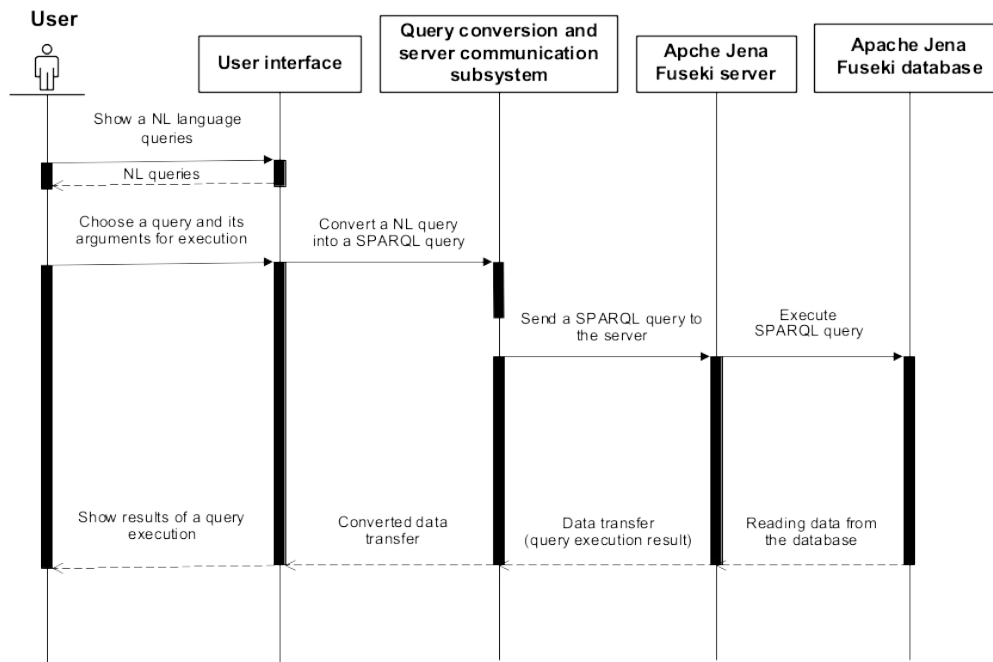


Figure 8: Sequence diagram OrC DBSP

The sequence of the generation and processing of the user queries is shown in detail in Fig. 5 to Fig. 8.

5. Examples of SPARQL-queries and their results

It is important to note that the diagrams do not show the process of selecting arguments and converting them into article numbers in the database.

NL-query.

Show the titles of the articles on the subject of "transdisciplinarity".

SPARQL-query.

PREFIX : <http://www.semanticweb.org/иколай/ontologies/2020/5/19/untitled-ontology-36#>

```
SELECT ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName
{
  GRAPH ?номер_статті {?s1 :Название_статьи ?ArticleName.
  FILTER REGEX(?ArticleName, "трансдисципл", "i")}
  {bind(strafter(str(?номер_статті),str(:)) as ?ArticleNumber)}
}
```

Query results.

ArticleNumber	ArticleName
<u>1</u>	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"
<u>2</u>	"Трансдисциплинарность, информатика и развитие современной цивилизации"
<u>6</u>	"Проблемы трансдисциплинарности и роль информатики"
<u>7</u>	"Введение в класс трансдисциплинарных онтолого-управляемых систем исследовательского проектирования"

NL-query.

Show the titles of the articles on the topic of "ontological".

SPARQL-query.

PREFIX : <http://www.semanticweb.org/иколай/ontologies/2020/5/19/untitled-ontology-36#>

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName
{
  GRAPH ?номер_статті {?s1 :Название_статьи ?ArticleName.
  FILTER REGEX(?ArticleName, "онтолог", "i")}
  {bind(strafter(str(?номер_статті),str(:)) as ?ArticleNumber)}
}
```

Query results.

ArticleNumber	ArticleName
<u>5</u>	"Про деякі особливості побудови онтологічних моделей предметних областей"
<u>7</u>	"Введение в класс трансдисциплинарных онтолого-управляемых систем исследовательского проектирования"
<u>8</u>	"Онтологическая концепция информатизации научных исследований"
<u>10</u>	"Архитектура онтолого-управляемых компьютерных систем"
<u>16</u>	"К вопросу системно-онтологической интеграции знаний предметной области"
<u>19</u>	"Знание-ориентированные информационные системы с обработкой естественно-языковых объектов: онтологический подход"
<u>21</u>	"Системно-онтологический анализ предметной области"

NL-query.

Show the annotations of the articles 1, 2, 7.

SPARQL-query.

PREFIX : <http://www.semanticweb.org/иколай/ontologies/2020/5/19/untitled-ontology-36#>

```

SELECT ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName (group_concat(?анотация) as ?Abstract)
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article1>
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article2>
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article7>
{
  GRAPH ?номер_статті {?s1 :Название_статьи ?ArticleName.
    {:Аннотация :Иметь_Предложение ?речення}
    {?речення :Иметь_Текст ?анотация}
    {bind(strafter(str(?номер_статті),str(:)) as ?ArticleNumber)}
  }
}
group by ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName
Query results.

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ArticleNumber	ArticleName	Abstract
1	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	"Разработаны основы методологии трансдисциплинарного системного подхода к постановке и выполнению научных исследований и сложных прикладных проектов с акцентом на их IT-поддержку с использованием методов и средств искусственного интеллекта, в частности онтологического инжиниринга. ...
2	"Трансдисциплинарность, информатика и развитие современной цивилизации"	"Перспективы и проблемы развития человеческой цивилизации всегда волновали общество. ...
7	"Введение в класс трансдисциплинарных онтолого-управляемых систем исследовательского проектирования"	"Рассмотрен класс систем исследовательского проектирования, основанных на использовании парадигм трансдисциплинарности, онтологического управления и целенаправленного развития. ...

NL-query.

Show the keywords of the articles 1, 2, 7.

SPARQL-query.

PREFIX : <http://www.semanticweb.org/иколай/ontologies/2020/5/19/untitled-ontology-36#>

```

SELECT ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName ?KeyWords
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article1>
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article2>
FROM NAMED <http://test.ulif.org.ua:51089/articles/data/article7>
{
  GRAPH ?номер_статті { ?s1 :Название_КС ?KeyWords OPTIONAL
    {?s2 :Название_статьи ?ArticleName} }
    {bind(strafter(str(?номер_статті),str(:)) as ?ArticleNumber)}
  }
}
Query results.

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ArticleNumber	ArticleName	KeyWords
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7	"Введение в класс трансдисциплинарных онтолого-управляемых систем исследовательского проектирования"	"трансдисциплинарность, онтологическое управление, виртуальные структуры (парадигма), развивающиеся системы, ноосферогенез, ноосфера, научная картина мира, трансдисциплинарный подход (знания), кластеры конвергенции, онтологический подход, онтологическая концепция, формальная онтология, формула Брукса, интеллектуальные ИС, трансдисциплинарные онтолого-управляемые ИС, исследовательское проектирование, персональные базы знаний, предметная область, GRID-сети"
2	"Трансдисциплинарность, информатика и развитие современной цивилизации"	"трансдисциплинарность, информатика, мониторинг, кластер конвергенции, компьютерная онтология, knowledge engineering, Единая национальная сеть информатизации, глобальная сеть трансдисциплинарных знаний.
1	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	"научная картина мира, информационная технология, развивающаяся информационная система, трансдисциплинарность, трансдисциплинарные исследования, трансдисциплинарные знания, кластер конвергенции, онтология, онтологическая концепция, онтолого-ориентированная поддержка."

NL-query.

Show the names of the chapters of the article 1.

SPARQL-query.

PREFIX : <<http://www.semanticweb.org/иколай/ontologies/2020/5/19/untitled-ontology-36#>>

```
SELECT ?ArticleNumber ?ArticleName ?ArticleChapter ?ArticleChapterName
FROM NAMED <http://127.0.0.1:3030/articles/data/article1>
{
  GRAPH ?номер_статті {?s1 :Название_статьи ?ArticleName
    OPTIONAL {?ArticleChapter :Название_раздела ?ArticleChapterName} }
    {bind(strafter(str(?номер_статті),str(:)) as ?ArticleNumber)}
}
```

Query results.

ArticleNumber	ArticleName	ArticleChapte	ArticleChapterName
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<u>1</u>	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	:Раздел 1	"Определения и сущность понятий, связанных с дисциплинарными исследованиями"
<u>1</u>	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	:Раздел 2	"Трансдисциплинарность – ноосферная концепция – картина мира"
<u>1</u>	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	:Раздел 3	"Основы онтолого-ориентированной поддержки ТД-исследований"
<u>1</u>	"Методологические основы развития, становления и IT-поддержки трансдисциплинарных исследований"	:Раздел 4	"Информационные технологии поддержки ТД научных исследований"

6. Conclusion

The aim of our research was to develop an ontology-related complex for semantic processing of scientific data, which will allow the researcher to significantly increase the rate of extraction of necessary information (in the form of cognitive structures) from their own sources.

This paper presented and described the architectural and structural organization of the OrC, which includes a local area network of a user and knowledge engineer PCs, and a remote endpoint based on the Apache Jena Fuseki server. UML diagrams show the functioning of the OrC. Also shown are examples of user queries.

7. Further research

This study is still far from its final goal. As we have already explained, phases 2 and 3 need to be implemented. Algorithms for creating conceptual and figurative structures, algorithms for comparing and analyzing these structures with the further intention of constructing KD data, and algorithms for discovering new knowledge, including the algorithms according to the Brooks formula, need to be developed.

In future research, our team will develop original tools and facilities in order to optimize user queries and optimize the usability of the ontology-related complex.

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