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Hypermedia Discourse: Contesting Networks of Ideas & Arguments

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Ideas...



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Foundations for Civilization...

Weapons of Mass Destruction...

Ideas... (aren't everything)



















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Our context (1)



- "I want to talk about the challenge of our generation. [...] Our challenge, our generation's unique challenge, is learning to live peacefully and sustainably in an extraordinarily crowded world.
- "The way of solving problems requires one fundamental change, a big one, and that is learning that the challenges of our generation are not us versus them, they are not us versus Islam, us versus the terrorists, us versus Iran, they are us, all of us together on this planet against a set of shared and increasingly urgent problems."

Jeffrey Sachs: 2007 Reith Lectures http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/reith2007

Doug Engelbart (cont/d)



- Engelbart (1963): A Conceptual Framework for the Augmentation of Man's Intellect
- A concept structure (...) is something that can be designed or modified, and a basic hypothesis of our study is that better concept structures can be developed —structures that when mapped into a human's mental structure will significantly improve his capability to comprehend and to find solutions within his complex-problem solving situations.

Englebart (1963— reprinted in Greif, 1988: p. 54)





"With these "minds", a person will be well equipped to deal with what is expected, as well as with what cannot be anticipated; without these minds, a person will be at the mercy of forces that he or she can't understand, let alone control.

"The disciplined mind... the synthesizing mind... the creating mind... the respectful mind... the ethical mind."

> Howard Gardner: Five Minds for the Future. Harvard Univ. Press, 2006: p.2

Hypermedia Discourse Research



team deliberations as hypermedia discourse networks published claims and arguments as hypermedia discourse networks

Scaffold emergent models of contested worlds by scaffolding discourse about them...

The missing layer: "Web Pragmatics"





semantic web

grounded in a consensus domain model minimising inconsistency, ambiguity, controversy

metadata

grounded in a consensus domain model minimising inconsistency, ambiguity, controversy

resources

documents, datasets, etc...

Hypermedia

Discourse



Hypermedia

Modelling discourse relations
Expressing different perspectives on a conceptual space
Supporting the incremental formalization of ideas
Rendering structural visualizations
Connecting heterogeneous content



Discourse

Verbal and written workplace communication

Discourse communities: "making and taking perspectives"

- Dialogue
- Argumentation
- Claim making
- Analytical narrative
- Meetings







Compendium

- personal or group concept mapping
- real time meeting capture
- participatory modelling
- discourse as semantic hypertext

Dialogue Map fragment: Gary's keynote Q&A





habits from your reading of Peirce (unclear?)

vagueness, and from this get growth of habits



Key elements of Compendium



Knowledge Media

- Shared visual display
- Simple notation
- Template patterns
- Node transclusions
- Tagging
- Hypermedia
- Interoperability with other data, services and user interfaces

Modelling Frameworks

- e.<mark>g.</mark>
- IBIS
- CommonKADS
- World Modelling
- Critical Systems Heuristics

Practitioner skills

e.g.

- Cognitive skills to chunk and link ideas (Buckingham Shum)
- Dialogue Mapping (Conklin)
- Conversational Modelling (Sierhuis & Selvin)
- Participatory Hypermedia Construction (Selvin)

Compendium: hypertext discourse mapping/conceptual modelling





Compendium: hypertext discourse mapping/conceptual modelling







MAPS contain other nodes, and show the network structure -such as this example







REFERENCES link to external documents; double-click to launch, e.g....





REFERENCE to a PowerPoint file





Modelling using Issue-templates

Modelling organisational processes in Compendium using a *Template*





Completing a Compendium template





Structure management in Compendium



Associative linking

nodes in a shared context connected by graphical Map links

- Categorical membership nodes in different contexts connected by common attributes via metadata Tags
- Hypertextual Transclusion reuse of the same node in different views
- Templates reuse of the same structure in different views
- HTML, XML and RDF data exports for interoperability
- Java and SQL interfaces to add services

Heuristic for balanced Dialogue Mapping

(from Jeff Conklin's book "Dialogue Mapping", 2003)





Using Compendium for personnel recovery planning

Example of Conversational Modelling: real time dialogue mapping combined with model driven templates (AI+IA)

> Co-OPR Project (with Austin Tate): http://www.aiai.ed.ac.uk/project/co-opr

Mission Briefing: *Intent* template



Capturing political deliberation/rationale


Planning Engine input to Compendium



Modelling a document corpus: The Iraq Debate



Annotating a document corpus: Chomsky's article in the Iraq Debate



http://kmi.open.ac.uk/projects/compendium/iraq



Large scale NASA e-science field trials:

Interoperability with other databases, software agents and collaboration tools

www.kmi.open.ac.uk/projects/coakting/nasa

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NASA e-science field trials (2004 and 2005)



Distributed Mars-Earth planning and data analysis tools for Mars Habitat field trial in Utah desert, supported from US+UK

www.kmi.open.ac.uk/projects/coakting/nasa



Collaboration Configuration



Compendium used as a collaboration medium at all intersections: *humans+agents, reading+writing* maps



NASA testbed:

Compendium activity plans for surface exploration, constructed by scientists on 'Earth', interpreted by software agents on 'Mars'



The Compendium nodes and relationships in this plan were interpreted by Brahms software agents for monitoring and coordinating astronaut and robot activity during surface explorations.

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CoAKTinG NASA testbed:

Compendium science data map, generated by *software agents*, for interpretation by *Mars+Earth scientists*



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The Compendium maps were autonomously created and populated with science data by Brahms software agents that use models of the mission plan, work process, data flow and science data relationships to create the maps.



CoAKTinG NASA testbed:

Compendium-based photo analysis by geologists on 'Mars'



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NASA testbed: Compendium scientific feedback map from Earth scientists to Mars colleagues



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Using Compendium to map and automatically index replayable video conferences

CoAKTinG Project: www.aktors.org/coakting

Memetic Project: www.memetic-vre.net

Collaborative sensemaking in e-Science:

Meeting Replay tool for *Earth scientists*, synchronising video of *Mars crew's* discussion as they annotate their mission plans



Memetic Meeting Replay

The CoAKTinG project's results are now mainstreamed in the Access Grid by the JISC Memetic VRE project



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Compendium 'literacy'?

...understanding how to write, read, talk and think in hypermedia IBIS

...approaches from consultancy in the field, and video analysis in the lab...

Literacy: significant user community





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Literacy: Cognitive task analysis



- Cognitive tasks involved in using a graphical argumentation scheme (Buckingham Shum 1996)
- Affordances of graphical DR for coordinating group design (Buckingham Shum et al 1997)

Literacy: the craft skill of IBIS mapping in meetings: "Dialogue Mapping"



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Building Shared Understanding of Wicked Problems

Jeff Conklin: CogNexus Institute: www.CogNexus.org

Aesthetic and Ethical Implications of Participatory Hypermedia Practice: First Year Report Selvin, A. (2005), Technical Report KMI-05-17, Knowledge Media Institute, Open University, UK

Literacy: expertise analysis (Albert Selvin)

- What is the nature of expert human performance in creating and modifying real time conceptual structures for groups?
- The NASA knowledge mapper role:
 - Listening and interpreting
 - Intervening in 'normal' conversation flow
 - Getting validation for captured material
 - Building hypertext representations on the fly
 - Interrelating data and objects
 - Adding metadata
 - Software-specific skills

Knowledge media facilitation skills









Scholarly Ontologies Project

- Web publishing of scholarly claims and argumentation
- discourse as semantic hypertext

Will scientific publishing in 2020 still depend solely on the reading, writing, and discovery of written texts?

What might a more network-centric complement look like?

In Gutenberg's shadow

(or standing on his shoulders)



Newspapers + Invisible Colleges = Scholarly Journals



Le Journal des Sçavans January 1665



Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London March 1665



Jumping forward 342 years...

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What if we could get search results like this?... "What is the Turing Debate?"



One of seven maps in the *Mapping Great Debates: Can Computers Think?* Series. MacroVU Press. www.macrovu.com (Horn, 2003; Yoshimi, 2006)







Combining formal relations with the expressive freedom of 'folksonomies'

Relational classes and dialects (KMi Scholarly Ontologies project)





"Semantic del.icio.us": KMi's ClaimSpotter assigning and linking freeform tags



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"Semantic Google Scholar" KMi's ClaimFinder



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Victoria Uren, Simon Buckingham Shum, Michelle Bachler, Gary Li, (2006) Sensemaking Tools for Understanding Research Literatures: Design, Implementation and User Evaluation. International Journal of Human Computer Studies, Vol.64, 5, (420-445).

"What papers contrast with this paper?"

- 1. Extract concepts for this document
- 2. Trace concepts on which they build
- 3. Trace concepts challenging this set
- 4. Show root documents

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Focusing on a concept incoming+outgoing links




"Semantic Google Scholar" KMi's ClaimFinder



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Example: 'argumentation' on YouTube

national front Counter demo 15/06/07



Example: a "scientific argument" on National Front website



www.natfront.com/prejudic.html

Patterns of Prejudice

A revised and updated version of an article by Steve Brady which originally appeared in Vanguard magazine in April 1987.

One of the favourite accusations thrown at the National Front by its multiracialist critics is that we are simply a bunch of bigots, that our stance on race, at the core of our political philosophy, is just ignorant prejudice against people whose skin colour is no more than a superficial manifestation. Is this so? Are our racial policies merely the product of prejudice, or are they instead based on sober realism and the courage to face facts?



Refuting the NF "negro intelligence" argument using argument mapping



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Importing an Argumentation Scheme as an IBIS template







Pollock





Refuting the NF "negro intelligence" argument using argument mapping







Semiosis





Fig. 1. The components of a sign system.

Semantic annotation as semiosis in the Scholarly Ontologies project



Fig. 4. Semiotic analysis of a ClaiMaker's primary claim.

Primary and secondary claims as semiotic and discourse moves



Figure 5. An example of different and even contradictory claims anchored in the same sources (referents).

Cognitive Coherence Relations *The hypothesis:*



- Our symbol systems are shaped by, and designed to convey, conceptual structures: *coherence*
- There may be some core, primitive *coherence relations* that manifest consistently across symbol systems and communities
- Symbol systems can therefore be analysed for patterns indicating coherence relations
- In written and spoken language, the *cohesive devices* are evidence of underlying conceptual structures
- If we can codify these, we could therefore have computationally tractable representations with psychological reality

Cognitive Coherence Relations

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Table 4

Louwerse's analytic and cognitive parametrization of coherence relations, derived from those categories that are represented in most text coherence theories (table taken from Louwerse 2001).

Туре	Polarity	Direction	Examples
Causal	Positive	Backward	A because B
		Forward	A so B; because A, B
		Bi-directional	
	Negative	Backward	A although B
		Forward	A nevertheless B; although A, B
		Bi-directional	_
Temporal	Positive	Backward	A before B; after A, B
-		Forward	A after B; before A, B
		Bi-directional	A while B; B while A
	Negative	Backward	A until B
	-	Forward	until A, B
		Bi-directional	_
Additive	Positive	Backward	_
		Forward	A moreover B
		Bi-directional	A similar B; B similar A
	Negative	Backward	_
	_	Forward	A however B
		Bi-directional	A alternatively B; B alternatively A

Cognitive Coherence Relations



Table 3

Sanders, Spooren and Noordman's taxonomy resulting from the combination of the four parameters, and the prototypical relations for which the taxonomy accounts (table from Sanders et al., 1993)

Basic operation	Source of coherence	Order of segments	Polarity	Class	Relation
Causal	Semantic	Basic	Positive	la	Cause-consequence
				1b	Condition-consequence
Causal	Semantic	Basic	Negative	2	Contrastive cause-consequence
Causal	Semantic	Non-basic	Positive	3a	Consequence-cause
				3b	Consequence-condition
Causal	Semantic	Non-basic	Negative	4	Contrastive consequence-cause
Causal	Pragmatic	Basic	Positive	5a	Argument-claim
				5b	Condition-claim
Causal	Pragmatic	Basic	Negative	6	Contrastive argument-claim
Causal	Pragmatic	Non-basic	Positive	7a	Claim-argument
				7b	Claim-condition
Causal	Pragmatic	Non-basic	Negative	8	Contrastive claim-argument
Additive	Semantic		Positive	9	List
Additive	Semantic		Negative	10a	Opposition
				10b	Exception
Additive	Pragmatic		Positive	11	Enumeration
Additive	Pragmatic	_	Negative	12	Concession

Returning to the relational classes and dialects derived in a data-driven, bottom up manner... (KMi Scholarly Ontologies project)





...we can now locate these within a 'relational design space' defined by CCR dimensions...



Mancini, C. and Buckingham Shum, S.J. (2006). Modelling Discourse in Contested Domains: A Semiotic and Cognitive Framework. International Journal of Human Computer Studies, 64, (11), pp.1154-1171

Returning to Gardner's *Five Minds for the Future*...



Perhaps Hypermedia Discourse tools provide a way to move fluidly between the different minds:

- a way to provide representational scaffolding for disciplined modelling
- but permitting the creative breaking of patterns when needed, and the forging of new syntheses
- a way to show respect for diverse stakeholders' concerns by explicitly integrating them into the conversation
- a way to bring into an analysis 'messy' requirements such as ethical principles, as well as hard data and constraints

We have some evidence from our case studies that we're on the right track, but there remains much to do.

Ongoing research challenges...



- Hypermedia Discourse at Net scale:
 - developing a Web 2.0 style walk-up-and-use tool to scaffold analysts in the creation of semantic networks for deliberation and argumentation
- Cognitive Coherence Relations patterns
 - modelling such structures at the CCR level to validate the hypothesis that there are generic 'coherence patterns'
- Maturing the Compendium community of practice
 - working on a deeper understanding of 'fluency'
- These ideas/tools and the CS community?...



web pragmatics?

the Pragmatic Web?

pragmatic webs?

"THE PRAGMATIC WEB CONFERENCE is a unique forum to envision and debate how the emerging social, semantic, multimedia Web mediates the ways in which we construct shared meaning. While there is much research and development into topics relevant to this challenge such as collaboration, usability, knowledge representation, and social informatics, the Pragmatic Web conference provides common ground for dialogue at the nexus of these topics."



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