

ISO 15926 and Semantic Technologies

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The Wittgenstein Archives: From Manuscripts to Semantic Web Representations

I would like the participants for valuable comments.

The Wittgenstein Archives at the University of Bergen (WAB, 1990-)

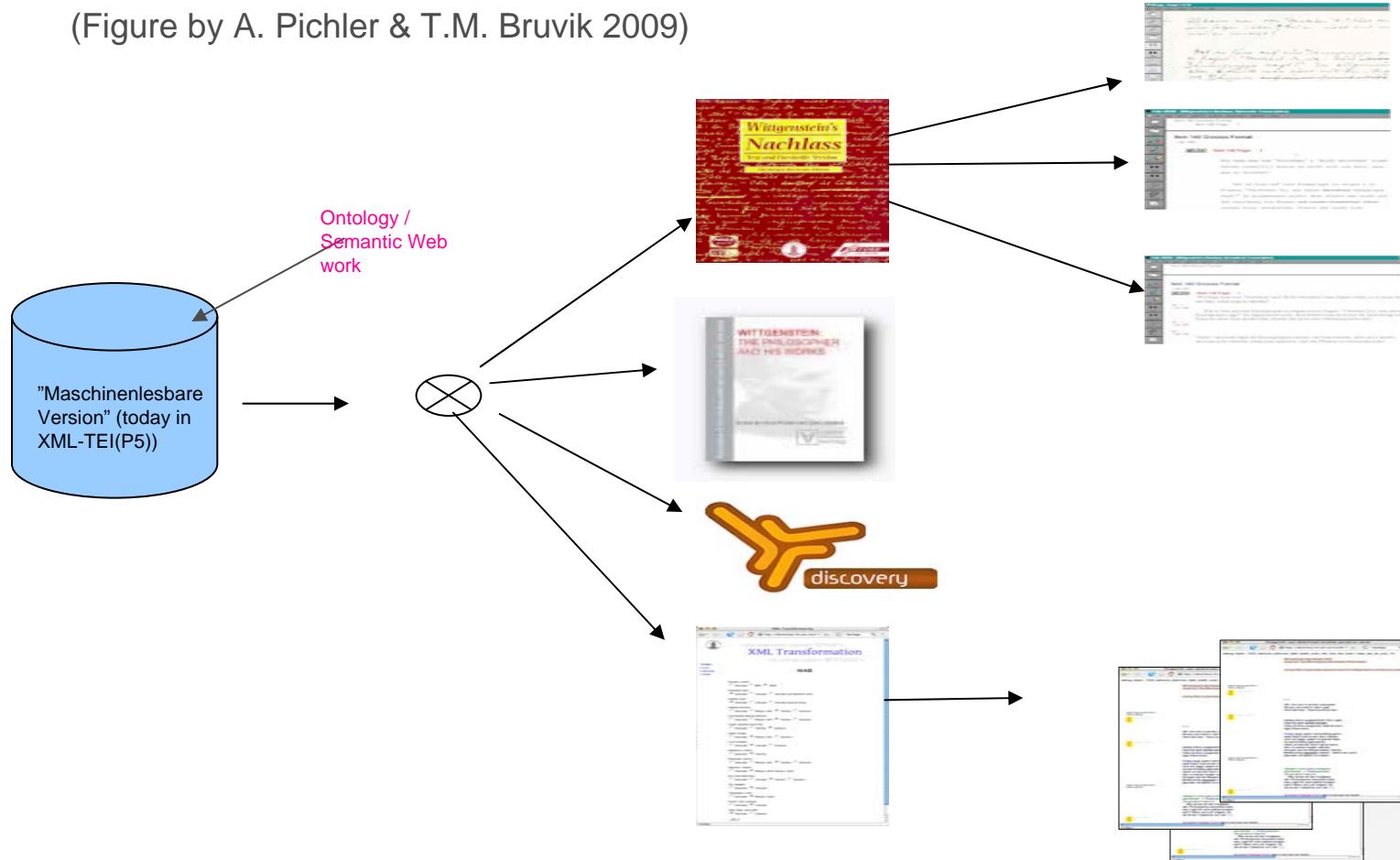
- Produced from 1990 to 1999 a "machine-readable version" of Wittgenstein's Nachlass
- Published in 2000, on the basis of the machine-readable version, at OUP "Wittgenstein's Nachlass: The Bergen Electronic Edition" (BEE)
- Has migrated the machine-readable version from MECS-WIT to XML-TEI(P5) markup language
- Has made 5000 pages of the Wittgenstein Nachlass OA available on the Web (<http://www.wittgensteinsource.org/>)
- Works towards a new BEE
- Has begun, in the frame of the EU funded DISCOVERY project, to apply Semantic Web thinking and technology to Wittgenstein's Nachlass
 - Ontology Web Language (OWL)
 - Ontology editor *Protegé*
 - Ontology browser/navigator/visualizer *Philospace/Swickynotes*

From manuscripts to Semantic Web representations

The image displays a comparison between a physical manuscript and its digital representation. On the left, a photograph of a page from Wittgenstein's 'Philosophische Grammatik' (Ms. 114, folio 42v) is shown. The page contains handwritten Latin text and some German annotations. On the right, a screenshot of the Philospace V2.1.3 software interface is displayed. The interface includes a 'Contextual Graph' showing relationships between different manuscript fragments, a 'Focus' tab, and an 'Ontologies' tab listing various philosophers.

WAB's "machine-readable version" and products from it

(Figure by A. Pichler & T.M. Bruvik 2009)

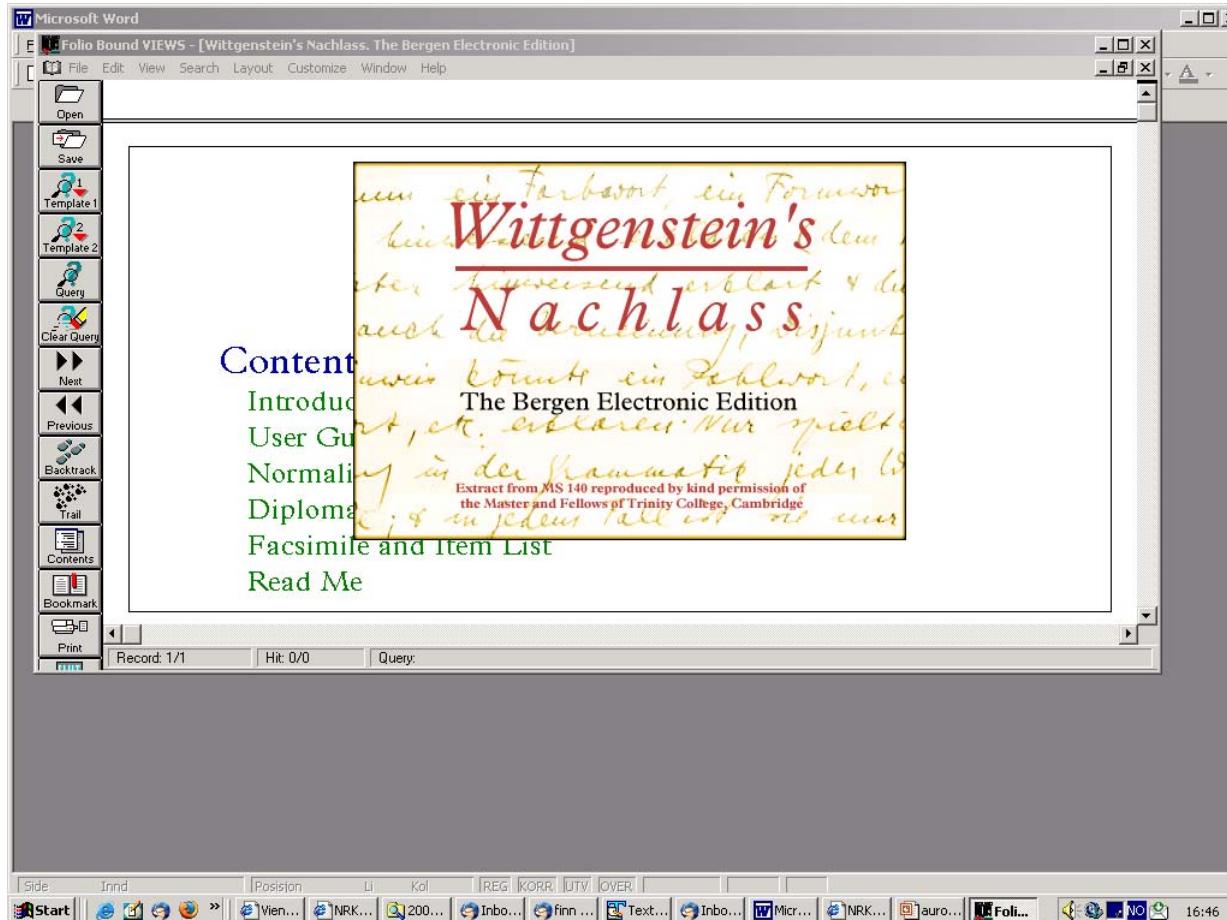


MECS-WIT -> XML-TEI(P5)

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[person/2\Augustinus/person] Augustinus, Aurelius/person]
so{colon}/s| <i/[person/2\Augustinus/person] Augustinus,
Aurelius/person] beschreibt das Lernen [pma/2\{sp/pma}/pma] der
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cum secun{hyp}{l}dum eam vocem corpus ad aliquid movebant,
videbam et tenebam hoc ab eis vocari rem illam, quod sonabant,
cum eam vellent ostendere{udq/eudq}/q>/extref] Augustinus,
Aurelius; Confessiones 1,8/extref]{p/es}/latin>/s> /sec>
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hoc ab eis vocari rem illam,<lb/> quod sonabant, cum eam
vellent ostendere&udq.eudq;<!--quote end --
></rs>&p.es;</seg></s> <lb rend="hl"/></ab>
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Bergen Electronic Edition (BEE, OUP 2000)



Semantic Web elements already in BEE

- "Fields"
- "Groups"
 - Mathematics taxonomy
 - Graphics taxonomy
- "Shadow file"
 - Personal notebook function

BEE: Graphics taxonomy

The screenshot shows the 'Wittgenstein's Nachlass' software interface. The main window displays a normalized transcription of a letter from Ludwig Wittgenstein to Hon. B. Russell. The transcription includes various graphical symbols such as arrows, brackets, and other mark-ups. A 'Query' dialog box is open, showing a list of words and their corresponding records. The words listed include 'abbild', 'flaschen', 'geschleif', 'hand', 'hand(hände)', 'hanshäuse', 'kohle', 'kohlen', 'treppe(n)', 'uhren', 'wiedere', and 'beschreib'. The 'Records With Hits' count is 1433. The 'Query For' field contains '[field graphics:]'. Below the transcription, several numbered entries are listed, each with a date and a short description.

If you would like information on how to use this Infobase, please refer to the [User Guide](#).

For an explanation of the textual features and mark-up symbols used in this Infobase, please refer to the [Key to editorial mark-up symbols](#) in the Introduction Infobase.

Item 101 Notizbuch

DOCUMENT IITEM PPAGE Item 101 Page Front Cover
DOCUMENT IITEM PPAGE Item 101 Page II
DOCUMENT IITEM PPAGE Item 101 Page III
Nach meinem Tod zu senden
an Frau
Felix Wittgenstein
XVII. Neuwaldeggstr. 38
Wien
Zu senden an
Hon. B. Russell
Trinity College
Cambridge
England
DOCUMENT IITEM PPAGE Item 101 Page IV
DOCUMENT IITEM PPAGE Item 101 Page V

Vorgestern bei der Anserierung genommen worden und dem 20^{ten} Fürtungsartillerie-Regiment in Krakau zugewiesen. Gestern vormittag von Wien ab. Komme heute vormittag in Krakau an. Guter Stimmung. Gab mein großes Schreibbuch Tresender zur Aufbewahrung. Werde ich jetzt arbeiten können? Sehr gespannt auf mein kommendes Leben! Die Militärbehörden in Wien waren von einer unglaublichen Freundlichkeit. Leute die von Tausenden täglich um Rat gefragt werden geben freundliche und ausführliche Antworten. So etwas erregt ungemein. Es erinnerte mich an englische Verhältnisse.

Als Rekrut eingeldeidet worden. Wenig Hoffnung meine technischen Kenntnisse verwerten zu können. Brauch sehr viel gute Laune und Philosophie um mich hier zurecht zu finden. Als ich heute aufwachte war es mir wie in einem jener Träume worn man plötzlich ganz unruhiger Weise wieder in der Schule sint. In meiner Stellung ist freilich auch viel Humor und ich verrichte die niedrigsten Dienste mit fast ironischem Lachen. Nicht gearbeitet. Dies ist eine Feuerprobe des Charakters eben darum weil so viel Kraft dazu gehört die gute Stimmung und die Energie nicht zu verlieren.

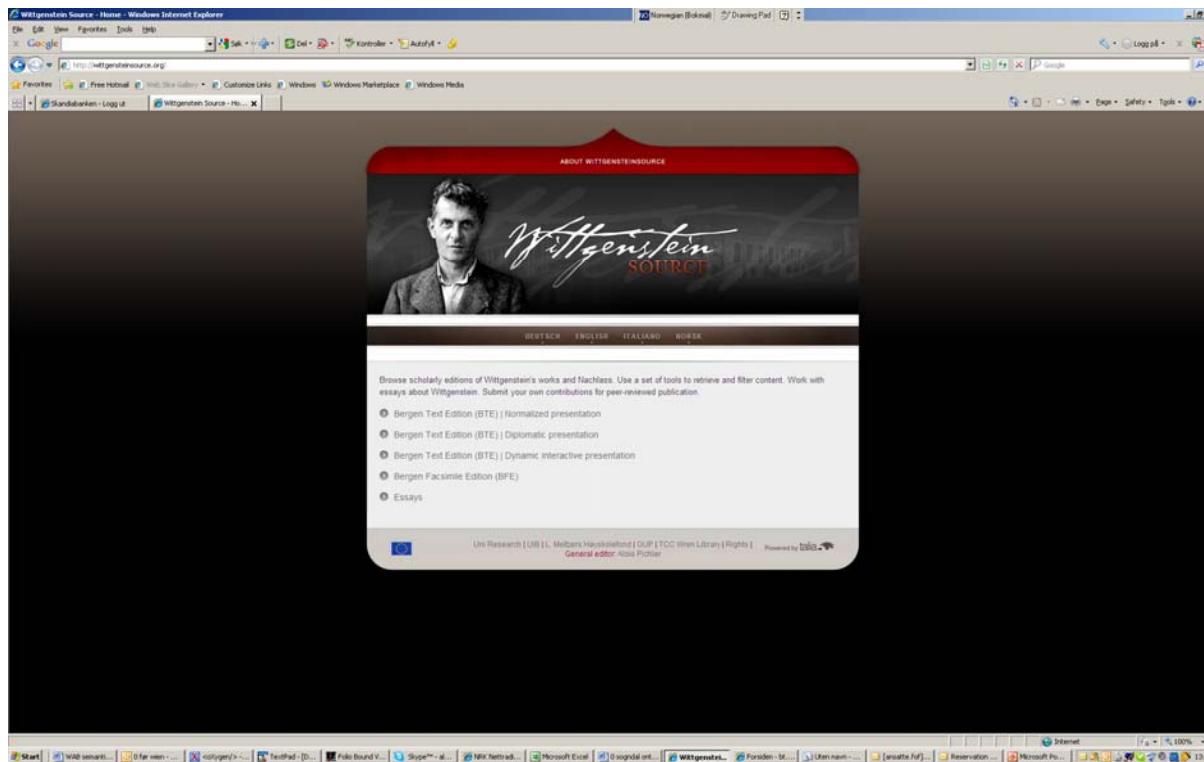
Schlecht geschlafen (Ungeziefer). Nachdem ich das Zimmer gekehrt hatte marschierten wir zu ein paar alten Mörsern und wurden im Gebrauch instruiert. Furchtbar heiß. Das Essen ist unerträglich. Werde vielleicht in Zukunft außerhalb der Kaiserre schließen. An David geschrieben. Sehne mich schon nach einem Brief von ihm um das Gefühl des Kontakts mit meinem früheren Leben nicht zu verlieren. Noch nicht gearbeitet.

Vorgestern beim Hauptmann gewesen. War sehr verärgert und stand nicht militärmäßig vor ihm. Er war etwas ironisch und mir nicht recht sympathisch. Resultat = 0. Heute kam es heraus daß ich Matura etc. gemacht hatte worauf eine ganze Reihe der Einjährigen mich mit Herr Kollege bestellten und auf mich eindrängten ich solle doch mein Freiwilligenrecht geltend machen. Dies machte mir Spaß. (It buckled me up.) Gestern und heute starke Katarach und oft Unwohlsein. Manchmal ein wenig deprimiert. Traf heute in der Kantine einen Leutnant dem es auffiel daß ich dort zu Mittag aß er fragte mich sehr nett was ich im Zim sei wunderte sich sehr daß sie mich nicht zu den eingangs Freiwilligen genommen hatten und war überhaupt sehr freundlich was mir sehr wohl tat.

9.8.14.
10.8.14.
11.8.14.
13.8.14.
15.8.14.

Record: 1/5453 | Hr: 0/0 | Query:
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Wittgenstein Source



Interactive dynamic editing: Interactive dynamic presentation (IDP)

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the title "XML Transformation: Interactive Dynamic Presentation of the Wittgenstein Nachlass - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL <http://wab.aksis.uib.no/transform/wab.php?modus=opsoner>. The page content includes logos for the University of Bergen, MELTZERs HØYSKOLEFOND, uniResearch, and COST. The main text on the page reads:

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<xsl:element name="SPAN">
    XML Transformation
    <fo:inline color="#FF0000">
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Wittgenstein Archives at the University of Bergen ([WAB](#)):
 Interactive Dynamic Presentation of the Wittgenstein
 Nachlass

With this [interactive site](#), users can filter and present WAB's transcriptions of 5000 pages of the Wittgenstein Nachlass according to own research needs, and thus prepare Nachlass editions which may be more suited for their research than the editorial outputs, pre-produced by WAB.

This is still a draft version, and the range of filter options will be extended. For questions and comments write to [Alois Pichler](#).

Select a Nachlass item:

Basic style	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized
Additions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized
Overwritings	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized
Deletions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized
Deletions, deleted part does not fit in context	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized
Editorial corrections	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Diplomatic	<input type="radio"/> Normalized

Line breaks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Include	<input type="radio"/> Exclude
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Revisions in different writing medium, incl. handwritten revisions in typescript	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show	<input type="radio"/> Hide
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Show or hide "section marks"	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Show	<input type="radio"/> Hide
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Mark/do not mark	<input type="radio"/> Mark	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Do not mark
Code	<input type="radio"/> Mark	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Do not mark
Dedication	<input type="radio"/> Mark	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Do not mark

Done

Taskbar icons include: Start, Innboks - Microsoft Outlook, D:\aloi\0\helsinki, http://wab.aksis.uib.no/..., TextPad - [Document1 *], NRK Nettradjo - Window..., <oxygenv>, Folio Bound VIEWS - [Wit...], XML Transformation: ..., verdit klage.pdf - Adobe..., Microsoft PowerPoint - [...], and several other icons. The system tray shows the date and time as 14:08.

The Wittgenstein Source domain

Classes	Subclasses			Instances (some examples)	
Source	Primary source	External source		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustinus, Aurelius: Confessiones • Shakespeare, William: King Lear 	
		Wittgenstein source	Bemerkung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms-152,39[1] • Ts-220,15[4]et16[1]et17[1] 	
			MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms-152 • Ms-301 	
			TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ts-220 • Ts-310 	
			"Work"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PU • PG 	
	Secondary source			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannessen, K. S.: The Concept of Practice in Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy (1988) • Krüger, H.W.: Die Entstehung des Big Typescript (1993) 	
Subject	Philosophical concept	Philosophical topic	Topics in W's own phrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ts-213 Verstehen • Ts-213 Bedeutung 	
			Topics in WAB's phrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsinn • Bild 	
		Philosophical point	Points in W's own phrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ts-213-001 Das Verstehen, die Meinung, fällt aus unsrer Betrachtung heraus 	
			Points in WAB's phrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Die Frage nach der Verbindung zwischen Gedanke und Wirklichkeit aufgrund von Aehnlichkeit 	
	Event				
	Place				
	...				
Person				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustinus, Aurelius • Kant, Immanuel 	

Examples of classes and sub-classes

- WittgensteinSource: Class of Wittgenstein primary sources.
 - MS: Subclass with instances: MS items
 - TS: Subclass with instances: TS items
 - Bemerkung: Subclass with instances: the single *Bemerkungen*
- PhilosophicalSubject: Class of philosophical topics, discussed in WittgensteinSource. Instances: Philosophical topics
 - Ts-213-Headings_Subject: Subclass with instances: Wittgenstein's own phrasings of philosophical topics in Ts-213 (Ts-213 content table chapter headings)
 - Ts-213-Subheadings_Subject: Subclass with instances: Wittgenstein's own descriptions of the philosophical points of Ts-213 (Ts-213 content table subchapter headings)
 - SemanticEnrichment: Subclass with instances: Short descriptions of the philosophical point of a Bemerkung

Examples of *properties*

- discovery:IsPartOf
- discovery:hasCopy
- discovery:hasDifferentVersion
- discovery:hasSubject
- discovery:refersExplicitlyToPerson
- discovery:refersToSource
- discovery:has Author

- IsPartOfWhole
- IsComplementaryTo
- HasPoint
- HasDate

- discovery:xy properties are properties employed across all domains in the Discovery consortium

And that's what our OWL file looks like

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<Bemerkung rdf:about="http://discovery-
    project.eu/ontologies/wittgensteinsource/Ts-213_3r-1">
<rdfs:comment
    rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string">Ts-
    213,3r[1]</rdfs:comment>
<hasPoint rdf:resource="http://discovery-
    project.eu/ontologies/wittgensteinsource/Ts-213-
    001_Das_Verstehen_die_Meinung_faellt_aus_unsrer_Betrachtun
    g_heraus"/>
<discovery:hasSubject rdf:resource="http://discovery-
    project.eu/ontologies/wittgensteinsource/Ts-213_Verstehen"/>
<discovery:hasAuthor rdf:resource="http://discovery-
    project.eu/ontologies/wittgensteinsource/Wittgenstein_Ludwig"/>
...
</Bemerkung>
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Some of our experiences with ontology work

- Positive perspectives
 - Users can enjoy content based and "criss-crossed" searching and browsing of Wittgenstein's works
 - Users receive a multilingual entrance key to the Wittgenstein Nachlass
 - Users receive genetic paths through the Wittgenstein Nachlass
 - Through ontologies, users can document, explicate, "reason" and share their different (and partly competing) interpretational approaches to Wittgenstein
- Challenges
 - Software (Oxygen, Protegé, Philospace/SwickyNotes; XML, OWL, RDF)
 - Prepare all ontology data (other than Philosophical concept data, see Table on Wittgenstein Source domain), in the XML transcription and extract them from there?
 - Implement a standoff collaborative Web-based annotation tool for Philosophical concept data?
 - Implement an interactive dynamic presentation and filtering tool for user defined ontology browsing?
 - Societal (e.g.: "Any ontology for Wittgenstein is a 'Procrustes bed'")
 - Conceptual and methodological

Conceptual and methodological challenges

- We have to do with a highly dynamic domain:
 - In Wittgenstein, concepts and their relations are constantly discussed and developed further
 - In Wittgenstein scholarship, understandings of Wittgenstein's concepts and their relationships can differ widely and even contradict each other
- We have to do with a wide range of different relation types, i.a.:
 - Hyponymy: Set-Element (Game-Chess)
 - Meronymy: Whole-Part (Syllogism-Premiss)
 - Antonymy & Complementarity (Realism-Antirealism, Knowing-Doubting, Inner-Outer ...)
- Bottom-up or Top-down approach?
- Hierarchical organization?
- Inheritance of properties?

Protegé

The screenshot shows the Protegé 3.4.4 interface with the title bar "wittgenstein_0.7 Protégé 3.4.4 (file: C:\cost-a32_komm\wittgenstein_0.7.pprj, OWL / RDF Files)".

CLASS BROWSER: Displays the class hierarchy for the project "wittgenstein_0.7". The hierarchy includes owl:Thing, scho:PhysicalObject, scho:Source, scho:PrimarySource (with WittgensteinExternalSource (10) and WittgensteinSource (Bemerkung (9610), Chapter (19), MS (14), TS (6))), scho:SecondarySource, scho:Subject, scho:Concept (with PhilosophicalSubject (127) and SemanticEnrichment (131)), and various subclasses like TS213ContentTableHeadings (19) and TS213ContentTableSubheadings (1).

INSTANCE BROWSER: Shows asserted instances for the class TS213ContentTableSubheadings. The list includes Ts-213-001_Das_Verstehen_die_Meinung_faelt, Ts-213-002_Verstehen_amorph_gebraucht_Ver, Ts-213-003_Das_Verstehen_als_Korrelat_einer, Ts-213-004_Das_Verstehen_des_Befehls_die_E, Ts-213-005_Deutens_Deutens_wir_jedes_Zeichen, Ts-213-006_Man_sagt_ein_Wort_verstehen_hei, Ts-213-007_Der_Begriff_der_Bedeutung_stamm, Ts-213-008_Bedeutung_der_Ort_des_Wortes_in, Ts-213-009_Die_Bedeutung_eines_Wortes_ist_o, Ts-213-010_Die_Bedeutung_eines_Zeichens_ist, Ts-213-011_Bedeutung_als_Gefuehl_hinter_dem, Ts-213-012_Man_tritt_mit_der_hinweisenden_Er, Ts-213-013_Primaere_und_sekundaere_Zeichen, Ts-213-014_Das_was_ums_am_Zeichen_interes, Ts-213-015_Satz_und_Sprache_verschwimmen, Ts-213-016_Die_Logik_redet_von_Saetzen_und, Ts-213-017_Satz_und_Satzklang, Ts-213-018_Was_als_Satz_gelten_soll_ist_in_de, Ts-213-019_Die_grammatischen_Regeln_bestim, Ts-213-020_Der_Sinn_des_Satzes_keine_Seele, and Ts-213-021_Aehnlichkeit_von_Satz_und_Bild.

INDIVIDUAL EDITOR: For the individual Ts-213-010_Die_Bedeutung_eines_Zeichens_ist_durch_seine_Wirkung_die_Assoziationen_die_es_ausloest_etc_gegeben. It displays the following properties and values:

Property	Value	Lang
rdfs:comment	Ts-213-010 "Die Bedeutung eines Zeichens ist durch seine Wirkung (die Assoziationen, die es auslöst, etc.) gegeben."	de
rdfs:label	Ts-213-010 "The meaning of a sign is given through its effect (the associations that it evokes, etc.)."	en

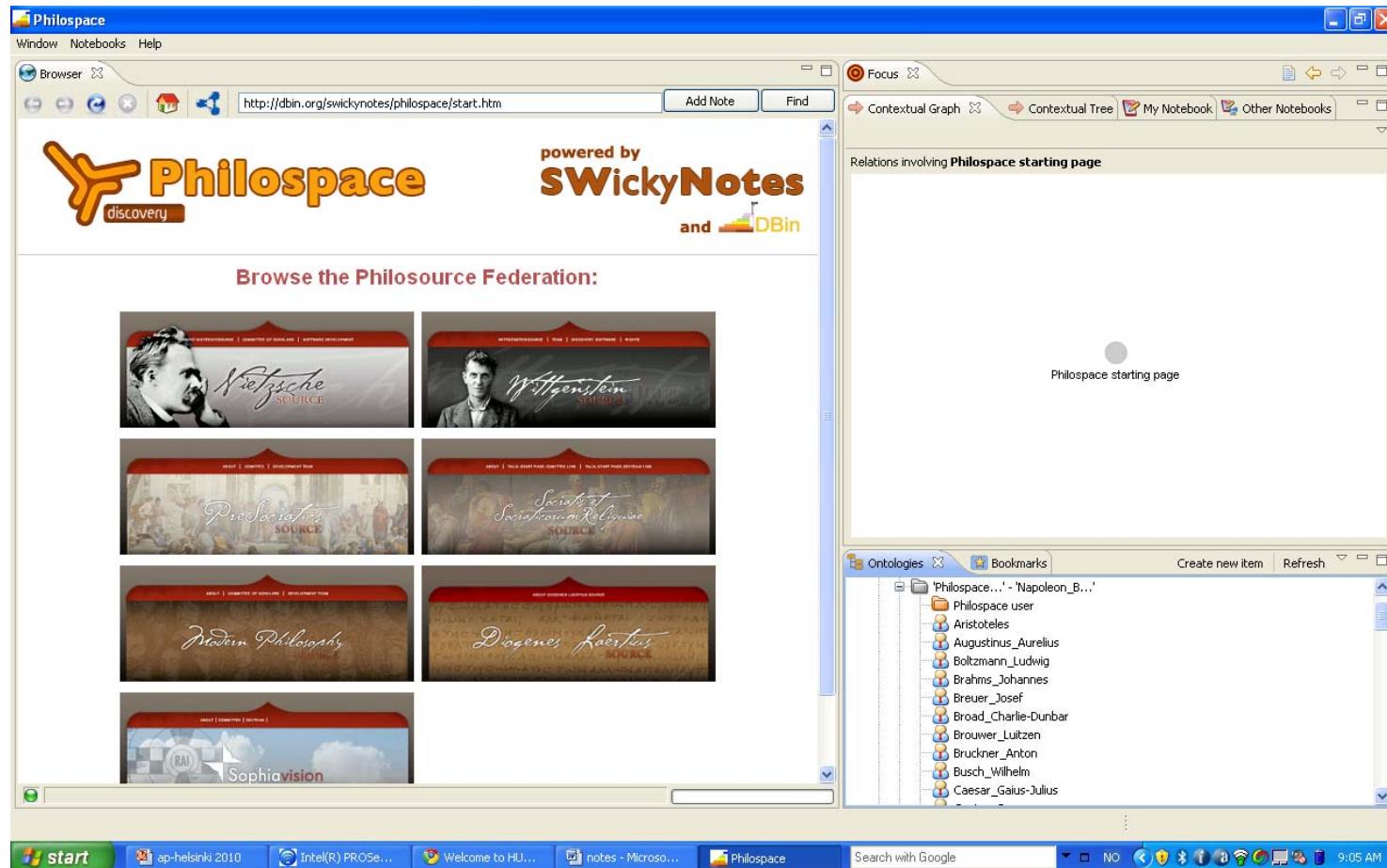
The editor also shows three empty slots for scho:isCommentedBy, scho:isExplainedIn, and scho:isDefinedBy.

Protegé

The screenshot shows the Protegé 3.4.4 interface with the following panels:

- CLASS BROWSER:** Shows the class hierarchy for the project "wittgenstein_0.7". The hierarchy includes owl:Thing, scho:PhysicalObject, scho:Source, scho:PrimarySource, WittgensteinExternalSource (10), WittgensteinSource, Bemerkung (9610), Chapter (19), MS (14), TS (6), scho:SecondarySource, scho:Subject, scho:Concept, PhilosophicalSubject (127), TS213ContentTableHeadings (19), SemanticEnrichment (131), TS213ContentTableSubheadings (1), scho:Event, scho:FictionalEntity, scho:Person (103), scho:PhysicalObject, and scho:Place.
- INSTANCE BROWSER:** Shows asserted instances for the class Bemerkung. The list includes: Ms-115_98-4, Ms-115_99-1, Ms-115_99-2, Ms-115_99-3, Ms-115_99-4, Ms-115_99-5, Ms-115_99-6, Ms-115_iv-1, Ms-115_v-1, Ms-139a_10r-2et11r-1, Ms-139a_10r-3, Ms-139a_11r-2et11v-1, Ms-139a_11v-2et12r-1, Ms-139a_12r-2, Ms-139a_12r-3et13r-1, Ms-139a_1r-1, Ms-139a_1r-2et1v-1et2r-1, Ms-139a_2r-2, Ms-139a_2r-3et2v-1, Ms-139a_2v-2, and Ms-139a_2v-3et3r-1. The instance Ms-139a_2r-2 is currently selected.
- INDIVIDUAL EDITOR:** For the individual Ms-139a_2r-2 (instance of Bemerkung). The editor displays the following properties and their values:
 - rdfs:comment: Ms-139a_2r[2]
 - hasTextualContent: (empty)
 - refersExplicitlyToPer: Moore_George-Edward
 - scho:hasSimilarContent: (empty)
 - definesPhilosophical: (empty)
 - refersToSource: Moore_G.-E._Principia_E...
 - scho:hasSubject: From_an_enquiry_into_what_is_good, G.E._Moores_definition_and_Wittgensteins_principles_of_philosophy, Moore_G.-E._Principia_Ethica, Moore_George-Edward, definition_of_action
 - hasCopy: (empty)
 - scho:comments: (empty)
 - scho:isPartOf: (empty)
 - hasDifferentVersion: (empty)
 - scho:defines: (empty)
 - scho:isRelatedTo: (empty)

Philospace



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