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Introduction

Ontology matching¹ is a key interoperability enabler for the semantic web, as well as a useful tactic in some classical data integration tasks dealing with the semantic heterogeneity problem. It takes ontologies as input and determines as output an alignment, that is, a set of correspondences between the semantically related entities of those ontologies. These correspondences can be used for various tasks, such as ontology merging, data translation, query answering or navigation on the web of data. Thus, matching ontologies enables the knowledge and data expressed in the matched ontologies to interoperate.

The workshop has three goals:

- To bring together leaders from *academia*, *industry* and *user institutions* to assess how academic advances are addressing real-world requirements. The workshop strives to improve academic awareness of industrial and final user needs, and therefore, direct research towards those needs. Simultaneously, the workshop serves to inform industry and user representatives about existing research efforts that may meet their requirements. The workshop also investigated how the ontology matching technology is going to evolve.
- To conduct an extensive and rigorous evaluation of ontology matching and instance matching (link discovery) approaches through the OAEI (Ontology Alignment Evaluation Initiative) 2016 campaign². Besides real-world specific matching tasks, involving e.g., large biomedical ontologies, OAEI 2016 introduced the process model matching track as well as a disease-phenotype track supported by the Pistoia Alliance Ontologies Mapping project within a specific matching scenario. Therefore, the ontology matching evaluation initiative itself provided a solid ground for discussion of how well the current approaches are meeting business needs.
- To examine new uses, similarities and differences from database schema matching, which has received decades of attention but is just beginning to transition to mainstream tools.

The program committee selected 6 submissions for oral presentation and 9 submissions for poster presentation. 21 matching systems participated in this year's OAEI campaign. Further information about the Ontology Matching workshop can be found at: <http://om2016.ontologymatching.org/>.

¹<http://www.ontologymatching.org/>

²<http://oaei.ontologymatching.org/2016>

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