

Contents

1. Ontological Engineering: Principles, Methods, Tools and Languages	1
1.1 Introduction	1
1.2 What Is an Ontology? Viewpoints from a Philosopher and from an Ontology Engineer	3
1.3 What Are the Main Components of an Ontology?	5
1.4 Ontological Engineering	6
1.5 Principles for the Design of Ontologies	8
1.6 Ontology Development Process and Life Cycle	9
1.7 Methods, Methodologies, Tools and Languages	16
1.7.1 Methods, Methodologies and Tools Used for the Whole Ontology Development Life Cycle	16
1.7.2 Ontology Learning	22
1.7.3 Ontology Alignment and Merging	25
1.7.4 Ontology Evolution and Versioning	31
1.7.5 Ontology Evaluation	32
1.7.6 Ontology Implementation	34
1.8 Conclusions	38
1.9 Acknowledgements	39
References	39
2. Using Ontologies in Software Engineering and Technology	49
2.1 Introduction	49
2.2 Kinds of Ontologies	50
2.2.1 Heavyweight Versus Lightweight Ontologies	56
2.3 A Review of the Uses in SET	57
2.3.1 Ontology Versus Conceptual Model	63
2.3.2 Ontology Versus Metamodel	64
2.3.3 Ontologies in Software Engineering Environments	65
2.3.4 Representing Ontologies Using Software Engineering Techniques	67
2.3.5 Experiences and Lessons Learned in Software Engineering Research	69

2.4 A Proposal of Taxonomy.....	73
2.4.1 Ontologies of Domain	74
2.4.2 Ontologies as Software Artifacts.....	76
2.5 Review and Classification of Proposals in the Literature.....	79
2.5.1 Proposals of Ontologies of Domain.....	79
2.5.2 Proposals of Ontologies as Software Artifacts	86
References	95
3. Engineering the Ontology for the SWEBOK: Issues and Techniques.....	103
3.1 Introduction	103
3.2 History and Principles of the SWEBOK Project	105
3.2.1 Hierarchical Organization.....	107
3.2.2 Reference Material and Matrix	108
3.2.3 Depth of Treatment.....	108
3.3 The Ontology of the SWEBOK from a Conceptual and Consensus-Reaching Perspective.....	109
3.4 The Ontology of the SWEBOK as a Formal Artifact.....	112
3.5 Fundamental Elements of the Ontology of the SWEBOK	114
3.5.1 Activities, Artifacts and Agents.....	114
3.5.2 Models, Specifications and Methods	116
3.5.3 Theoretical Standpoints and Guidelines	117
3.6 Conclusions	119
References	120
4. An Ontology for Software Development Methodologies and Endeavours.....	123
4.1 Introduction	123
4.2 Ontology Architecture	125
4.2.1 The Communities Involved	125
4.2.2 Usage and Ontology Domains	127
4.2.3 Product and Process.....	131
4.3 Endeavour-Related Concepts.....	133
4.3.1 High-Level View	134
4.3.2 The Process Side.....	135
4.3.3 The Product Side	137
4.3.4 The Producer Side	140
4.3.5 Endeavour-Related Concepts: Conclusion	141
4.4 Method-Related Concepts	142
4.4.1 Templates and Resources	142
4.4.2 Duality in the Method Domain.....	143
4.4.3 Applying the Methodology.....	148

4.5 Conclusion	148
References	149
5. Software Maintenance Ontology.....	153
5.1 Introduction.....	153
5.2 Software Maintenance.....	154
5.3 An Ontology for Software Maintenance	156
5.3.1 Overview of the Ontology.....	157
5.3.2 The System Sub-ontology	158
5.3.3 The Computer Science Skills Sub-ontology	160
5.3.4 The Maintenance Process Sub-ontology	162
5.3.5 The Organizational Structure Sub-ontology	165
5.3.6 The Application Domain Sub-ontology	166
5.4. Validating the Ontology	166
5.4.1 Quality Validation.....	167
5.4.2 Relevance Validation	168
5.5 Putting the Maintenance Ontology to Work	169
5.6 Conclusion	171
References	172
6. An Ontology for Software Measurement	175
6.1 Introduction.....	175
6.2 Previous Analysis.....	177
6.3 A Running Example	178
6.4 The Proposal of Software Measurement Ontology	179
6.4.1 The SMO.....	179
6.5 Conclusions	194
References	195
7. An Ontological Approach to SQL:2003	197
7.1 Introduction.....	197
7.2 SQL Evolution	198
7.3 The Ontology for SQL:2003	201
7.3.1 The Data Types Sub-ontology	202
7.3.2 The Schema Objects Sub-ontology	204
7.4 Example	209
7.5 Conclusions	212
References	214
8. The Object Management Group Ontology Definition	
Metamodel	217
8.1 Introduction.....	218

8.2 Why a MOF Ontology Metamodel?	219
8.2.1 Why a Metamodel?	219
8.2.2 Why MOF?	220
8.2.3 Why Not UML?	221
8.3 The Ontology Development Metamodel	222
8.3.1 RDF/OWL Metamodel	224
8.3.2 Topic Maps	228
8.3.3 Common Logic	231
8.3.4 General Structure of Metamodels	233
8.4 Profiles and Mappings	235
8.4.1 The Need for Translation	235
8.4.2 UML Profiles	236
8.4.3 Mappings	238
8.4.4 Mapping CL	240
8.4.5 Interaction of Profiles and Mappings	241
8.5 Extendibility	242
8.5.1 Metaclass Taxonomy	242
8.5.2 Semantic Domain Models	243
8.5.3 <i>n</i> -ary associations	244
8.6 Discussion	244
8.7 Acknowledgments	245
References	246
9. Ontologies, Meta-models, and the Model-Driven Paradigm	249
9.1 Introduction	249
9.2 Models and Ontologies	253
9.2.1 What's in a Model?	253
9.2.2 What's in an Ontology?	255
9.3 Similarity Relations and Meta-modelling	257
9.3.1 Meta-models	258
9.3.2 Metameta-models	260
9.3.3 The Meta-pyramid, the Modelling Architecture of MDE	261
9.4 MDE and Ontologies	262
9.4.1 Domain and Upper-Level Ontologies	263
9.4.2 Relationship of Ontologies and System Models on Different Meta-levels	264
9.4.3 Employing Domain Ontologies in the MDA	265
9.4.4 Conceptual Benefits of an Ontology-Aware Meta-pyramid	267
9.4.5 Tools Based on an Ontology-Aware Meta-pyramid	268
9.4.6 The mega-Model of Ontology-Aware MDE	269
9.5 Related Work	270
9.6 Conclusions	271

9.7 Acknowledgments.....	271
References.....	271
10. Use of Ontologies in Software Development Environments	275
10.1 Introduction.....	275
10.2 From SDE to DOSDE	277
10.3 Domain-Oriented Software Development Environment.....	279
10.3.1 Domain Ontology in DOSDE	279
10.3.2 Task Ontology in DOSDE	280
10.3.3 Mapping Domain and Task.....	287
10.3.4 Using Knowledge Throughout the Software Development	288
10.4 From DOSDE to EOSDE.....	292
10.5 Enterprise-Oriented Software Development Environments.....	294
10.5.1 Enterprise Ontology	296
10.6 Tools in DOSDE and EOSDE.....	300
10.6.1 Domain Theory Browser.....	301
10.6.2 Sapiens: A Yellow Page's Software Tool.....	302
10.6.3 RHPlan: A Software Tool for Human Resource Planning	304
10.7 Conclusion	305
References.....	306
11. Semantic Upgrade and Publication of Legacy Data.....	311
11.1 Introduction and Motivation	311
11.2 Global Approach to Database-to-Ontology Mapping	314
11.3 Mapping Situations between Databases and Ontologies.....	315
11.4. The R ₂ O Language.....	319
11.4.1 A Mapping Description Specified in R ₂ O.....	320
11.4.2 Description of Database Schemas	321
11.4.3 Definition of Concept Mappings.....	322
11.4.4 Describing Conditions and Conditional Expressions.....	324
11.4.5 Describing Transformations.....	325
11.4.6 Attribute and Relation Mappings.....	326
11.5 The ODEMMapster Processor.....	330
11.6 Experimentation: The Fund Finder Application	330
11.6.1 Ontologies in the Funding Domain	332
11.6.2 The Presentation Part: Semantic Publishing and Navigation.....	334
11.7 Conclusions and Future Work.....	335
11.8 Acknowledgements	337
References	337