







# **Ontology Engineering at Scale for Open City Data Sharing**

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- Share some experiences in the application of Open Data principles for cities (in Spain)
  - Technical challenges and opportunities
  - Barriers for adoption
  - Required organisational changes for successful Open Data strategies
- With a special focus on how ontologies (aka agreed vocabularies and shared data structures) can make a difference
  - Small bias towards how we are doing it in Spain
- And how we are adapting existing ontology engineering practices to achieve this goal



# Ontology Engineering at Scale for Open City Data Sharing

Building Agreed Vocabularies and Data Structures for Successful Open City Data Sharing



# Building Agreed Vocabularies and Data Structures for Successful Open City Data Sharing



- Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike
- Key aspects:
  - Availability and access: the data must be available as a whole and at no more than a reasonable reproduction cost, preferably by downloading over the Internet. The data must also be available in a convenient and modifiable form.
  - Re-use and redistribution: the data must be provided under terms that permit re-use and redistribution including the intermixing with other datasets.
  - Universal participation: everyone must be able to use, reuse and redistribute - there should be no discrimination against fields of endeavour or against persons or groups

#### **Relevant Legislation. Europe and Spain**

- **Open Access Initiative (2001)**. Scientific information; > 510 orgs
- **Aarhus Convention (1998)**. Right to participate and access; 41 countries and the EU
- **PSI Directives**. PSI reuse (2003/98/EC and 2013/37/UE)
- Convention about access to official documentation (2009)
  - 12 countries
- Law 37/2007. PSI reuse (transposition of directive 2003/98/EC)
  - Modified in **law 18/2015** (BOE 10/07/2015, directive 2013/37/UE)
- **Law 11/2007**. Citizen access to public services, and rights to good quality services
- RD 4/2010 Esquema Nacional de Interoperabilidad
  - Open standards, technology neutral, open source
- **RD 1495/2011** It develops Law 37/2007 for national agencies
- Norma Técnica de Interoperabilidad (19/02/2013, BOE 4/3/2013)



#### **An Explosion of Open Data Portals**





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#### In a posterboard

- For those with a lot of free time available
- Or those who happen to be there at the right time





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Adapted from: Antonio Rodríguez Pascual (IGN)

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#### Using Web Services or REST APIs

- Useful for developers
- Ease of integration in the application logic





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#### GetRouteLines

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Content-Length: length

SOAPAction: "http://tempuri.org/GetNodesLines"



## All together..., Shaken, not stirred...



#### Using semantically-enhanced and linked APIs

- Also useful for developers
- Standardised formats (JSON, JSON-LD, RDF)
- Standardised models (vocabularies, ontologies)





#### **Data representation formats**



And many more: JSON, JSON-LD, Marc21, Shapefiles, KMZ, KML, PC-Axis, etc.



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- Regional and national datasets are useful to provide indicators, comparisons across countries, etc.
- However, local datasets are usually better for the generation of economical and/or social value
  - Closer to people
  - Closer to businesses
  - Closer to developers











# Why our interest in cities

- NODE Madrid Node of the Open Data Institute for Madrid
- Spin-off focused on providing open data support to municipalities 🔜 LocaliData
- Involved in:



- Leaders of the Spanish thematic network on Open Data for **Smart Cities**
- Leaders of the UNE178301:2015 technical norm on Open Data for Smart Cities
- Core team members of the FEMP (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces) working group on Open Data
- Technical and innovation support for local open data initiatives (Zaragoza, Madrid, Alcobendas, Rivas-Vaciamadrid, Arganda del Rey)
- Also national (http://datos.gob.es/) and regional (Aragón, Comunidad de Madrid, CRTM)



## **Project Ciudades Abiertas (funded by red.es)**

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#### INICIATIVA PLATAFORMA DE GOBIERNO ABIERTO, COLABORATIVA E INTEROPERABLE (121/17-SP)





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## The current status of Open City Data in Spain



Mapa de caracterización de iniciativas de Datos Abiertos en España

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- Around 60 open data portals for Spanish cities (and growing)
  - Gijón, Santander, Bilbao, Azkoitia, Azpeitia, San Sebastián, Pamplona, Zaragoza, Lleida, Manresa, Barcelona, Badalona, El Prat, Cornellá, Viladecans, Gavá (and a few more in Barcelona's province), Tarragona, Valladolid, Alcobendas, Madrid, Cáceres, Valencia, Lorca, Málaga, Arona, etc.
- Also regional open data portals
  - Many of which aggregate local data
  - Cabildo de Tenerife, Diputación de Málaga, Gobierno de Aragón, etc.
- And national institutions, public companies, etc.

- City Ordinances on Transparency, Access and Reuse of Information
  - Zaragoza:

http://www.zaragoza.es/ciudadania/gobierno-abierto/ participar/detalle\_Normativa?id=3983

- Initial draft (25/06/2012)
- Final approval (01/04/2014)
- Template from the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces - FEMP (may 2014)
  - <u>http://www.femp.es/files/11-5133-fichero/</u> <u>Ordenanza%20Transparencia,</u> <u>%20Acceso%20y%20Reutilizaci%C3%B3n%20de%20la</u> <u>%20informaci%C3%B3n.pdf</u>
- 2015. UNE 178301. Ciudades Inteligentes. Datos abiertos (Open Data). MINETUR Y AENOR
  - More about this to come later in this presentation



### Technology that is used

- Ad-hoc developments over CMSs
  - Zaragoza (<u>http://datos.zaragoza.es/</u>)
  - Madrid (<u>http://datos.madrid.es/</u>)
  - Gijón (<u>http://datos.gijon.es/</u>)
  - <u>http://datos.gob.es</u>
- CKAN
  - The most recent ones, in general (e.g., <u>http://opendata.aragon.es</u>, <u>http://datos.alcobendas.org/</u>)
- Socrata
  - Rubí, Gavà, etc.
- More details (in Spanish) at
  - <u>http://datos.gob.es/sites/default/files/informe-herramientas-</u> publicacion-od\_vfinal.pdf



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### Main challenges for success

- Many efforts so far focused on setting up the technology infrastructure
  - That's ok, but content is probably more important
- Heterogeneity on the selection of datasets, their formats and granularity
  - Build an app, deploy everywhere
- Open data portals are at the end of the data production chain
  - They are not an integral part of data management inside cities

 Note: the following slides are based on my Semantics 2015 dinner speech on "Slow-cooked data and APIs"





Rule 1. Chop your onions appropriately



## Rule 1. Chop your onions appropriately

- Take care about the number of datasets that you produce
  - There's still a silly competition about "my open data portal has more datasets than yours"
    - This provokes, sometimes, over-segmentation of data
- Main question: What makes a dataset useful and which datasets should I publish?

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# Rule 1. Chop your onions appropriately

- UNE 178301:2015
  - Norm on Open Data for Smart Cities
- Organised by





- AENOR CTN 178 group
  - Government and Mobility
    - Government
      - Open Data (led by Localidata)
- Formed by
  - Several cities
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  - Nation-wide organisations



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# Rule 1. Chop your onions appropriately

- 11 datasets selected
  - Based on frequency of requests from reusers
- Slow but steady adoption for 2015 and 2016

**Cultural Agenda** 

Traffic

Population

Streets

Public Transport

**Touristic Places and POIs** 

Budget

Shop Census

Air Quality

Contracts

Parkings

- And now working on extending it to 100 datasets
  - With an additional group of people





# Rule 2. Add some spices, but not too many





# Rule 2. Add some spices, but not too many

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- Annotate (semantically) your data, so that others can understand what you produce
  - And produce examples for consumers to understand them Juntas Municipales y Vecinales



- Don't wait until all schema.org properties are settled
- Generate SKOS thesauri for your own classifications
  - e.g., for groups of citizens (young, elderly, etc.), for types of events (cultural, children, music, etc.)

# Rule 3. Try different ways of plating up your food



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- Produce your data in different formats
  - Agreed-upon JSONs
  - JSON-LD
  - RDF
  - Agreed-upon CSVs
    - CSV on the Web

- Sormats {JSON}
- But don't get crazy at offering all options
  - The ones that get finally used are more than enough



# Rule 4. Let children appreciate (and cook) open data



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Ontology Engineer Let children understand the benefits of open data (and Citizen Science)

and how they can contribute to improving the data of their city




## Rule 5.... Eat your own dog food





## Let's better say...



Rule 5. Try it out yourself first...

# ... Before giving your food to your customers

## Rule 5. Try it out yourself first...

- Open data by default
  - So that your applications are also based on open data



Source: Los Datos Abiertos como Eje Central del desarrollo de la Plataforma de Gobierno Abierto. M.J. Fernández-Ruiz, V. Morlán



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Whom of you has never ever eaten a burger in his/her life? Well, if you are vegetarian, we can think of something else





Rule 6. Fast food has its value as well, why not...

You go anywhere in the world and know how McDonald's burgers are...

So let's only learn this from fast food..



#### Rule 6. Fast food has its value as well, why not...

• When we open our data, let's use at least the same data structures



Write an app and deploy everywhere

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## Rule 6. Fast food has its value as well, why not...

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## UNE 178301:2015. Context

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- Establish metrics and indicators that allow evaluating the degree of maturity of open data elaborated or curated by the public sector...
- ... so that we can **facilitate reuse**,
- •
- ... and define a minimal list of datasets that should be published by all open city data initiatives, together with their associated vocabularies

#### UNE 178301:2015. The team

- Coordinator
  - Esther Minguela (Localidata)
  - Oscar Corcho (OEG-UPM and Localidata)
- 35 members who belong to...
  - Medium&Large Cities (10) mostly City Information Managers
  - Private companies working for the public sector (6)
  - Regions (3) mostly Region Information Managers
  - Ministries or alike (3)
  - Geographic sector (3)
- The core of the work done over a period of 6 months

#### UNE 178301:2015. The team

- Coordinators
  - Localidata. Esther Minguela y Oscar Corcho
- PArticipants
  - 1. Animsa. Iñigo Sanciñena
  - 2. Animsa. Jesús Vera
  - 3. Ayuntamiento de Albacete. Manuel Tobarra
  - 4. Ayuntamiento de Bilbao. Teresa Alba
  - 5. Ayuntamiento de Bilbao. Josu Santacruz
  - 6. Ayuntamiento de Burgos. José María Diez
  - 7. Ayuntamiento de Madrid. Enrique Crespo
  - 8. Ayuntamiento de Madrid. José Luis Cano
  - 9. Ayuntamiento de Rivas. Jesús García
  - 10. Ayuntamiento de Segovia. Alberto Gómez
  - 11. Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza. María Jesús Fernández
  - 12. Comunidad de Madrid. Inmaculada Sánchez
  - 13. Comunidad de Madrid. Concepción García
  - 14. IGN. Antonio Rodríguez
  - 15. IGN. Celia Sevilla
  - 16. COIT. Jorge Díaz
  - 17. CRTM. Concha Chapa
  - 18. CRTM. José Antonio Cascales

- 19. Etra. Vicente Sebastián
- 20. FEMP. Pablo Bárcenas
- 21. Geoactio. Pello Gámez
- 22. Gmv. Antonio Velasco
- 23. Indra. Elisabet Terrades
- 24. Indra. Jordi Marín
- 25. Junta de Castilla y León. Antonio Ibáñez
- 26. MINETUR. Ana Pérez
- 27. MINETUR. Javier García
- 28. MINHAP. Aleida Alcaide
- 29. Proconsi. Constantino Lázaro
- 30. Red.es. José Ignacio Sánchez
- 31. Red.es. Sonia Castro
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- 33. SEGITTUR. Enrique Lancis
- 34. SEGITTUR. Rosa Muñoz
- 35. SEGITTUR. Susana García
- 36. Universidad de Zaragoza. Javier López

#### **UNE178301:2015.** Metrics



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## UNE 178301. Metrics. Example

#### 4.3.1.4 Priority

The responsible unit shall set the priority level for the publication of data collected in the inventory.

The prioritisation method shall be documented.

The priority level shall be defined based on the following criteria:

- Relevance.
- Demand.
- Quality.
- Etc.

#### Levels

#### Level 0: Non-existent results

The entity has not made an analysis of data priority for publication.

#### Level 1: Incipient results (informal)

The entity has begun an analysis of data priority for publication.

#### - Level 2: Existent results

The entity has completed an analysis of data priority for publication based on an analysis using only internal opinions.

#### Level 3: Advanced results

The entity has completed an analysis of data priority for publication based on an analysis using both internal opinions from within the entity and external opinions (mainly from the reuse sector), either collected by specific requests, top-rated data sets, surveys, etc.



## **UNE178301:2015. High-Priority Datasets**

- Listing based on the current inventories from all cities (and regions)
- Harmonisation

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Datasets
Cultural Agenda
Traffic
Population
Streets
Public Transport
Touristic Places and POIs
Budget
Shop Census
Air Quality
Contracts
Parkings

Dataset	Vocabulary
General – shared across datasets	Postal address: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/urbanismo-infraestructuras/direccionPostal Administrative units: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/sector-publico/territorio
Streets	Vocabulary: <u>http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/urbanismo-infraestructuras/callejero</u> SKOS: <u>http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/kos/urbanismo-infraestructuras/tipo-via</u>
Tourism	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/turismo/lugar
Cultural agenda	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/cultura-ocio/agenda
Shop census	Vocabulary: <u>http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/comercio/tejidoComercial</u> SKOS: <u>http://vocab.linkeddata.es/page/datosabiertos/kos/comercio/cnae</u>
Population	Vocabulary: <u>http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-data-cube/</u> SKOS Codelists o Age: <u>http://eurostat.linked-statistics.org/dic/age.rdf</u> o Gender: <u>http://eurostat.linked-statistics.org/dic/sex.rdf</u> o Geo: <u>http://eurostat.linked-statistics.org/dic/geo.rdf</u>
Budget	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/hacienda/presupuesto
Public tendering	Vocabulary: http://contsem.unizar.es/def/sector-publico/pproc
Air quality	Vocabulary: http://www.w3.org/2005/Incubator/ssn/ssnx/ssn
Traffic	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/transporte/trafico
Public transport	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/transporte/transportePublico
Parking	Vocabulary: http://vocab.linkeddata.es/datosabiertos/def/urbanismo-infraestructuras/aparcamiento

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#### <u>http://ojoaldata100.okfn.es/</u>

#### **#OJOALDATA100**

IDENTIFICANDO LOS 100 JUEGOS DE DATOS LOCALES MÁS IMPORTANTES PARA SU PUBLICACION

HOME COMPETENCIA CIUDADES GLOSARIO O.D.

PRIMER LISTADO VOCABULARIOS

#### **PRIMER LISTADO**

A continuación se refleja el primer listado de datasets propuestos. Puede tambien ver el mismo en Google Docs:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17nit9LWyqNdzv7tVRU7I7Gy6EXK4TnLSN71OxCeKDfs/edit#gid=0

<u>Conjunto de datos</u>	Clasificación NTI	Clasificación NTI (Descripción)
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Actos en vía pública	Sociedad y bienestar	Participación ciudadana, Marginación, Envejecimiento, Activo Autonomía personal y Dependencia, Invalidez, Jubilación, Seguros y Pensiones, Prestaciones y Subvenciones
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# Which are our main challenges?





- What should we publish?
  - Added value for cities
  - Added value for reusers
  - Available legislation
  - How should we publish it?
    - In which format(s)?
    - With which level of detail?









# **Our decision**



Let's work towards creating a rich catalogue of datasets (around 100), with a wide range of stakeholders and following a bottom-up approach

Thanks to ...

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#### **Open Data Guide by FEMP**

## **DATOS ABIERTOS**

#### Guía estratégica para su puesta en marcha Conjuntos de datos mínimos a publicar



http://datos.gob.es/es/noticia/la-femp-elabora-una-guia-de-datos-abiertos-para-ayuntamientos-y-entidades-locales



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The need to scale up...





- Towards lightweight and agile processes
- Inspiration from software development practices
- Coupling Software and ontology development

## **Ontology engineering tools @OEG-UPM**



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#### **Ontology development process overview**







#### **Requirement specification**





#### **Implementation - Conceptualization**



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Repository for collaborative edition of the VICINITY module for the Web Of Things domain

To include issues for this domain (that is, things you need this ontology to represent or improve): https://github.com /mariapoveda/vicinity-ontology-wot/issues

The ontology latest release is published: URI GOES HERE

Ongoing work: tests from requirements

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#### **Publication**



#### Ontology development process overview





# Aiming at bringing all this together...

#### **Technology support for this activity**



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- Open data offers good opportunities to cities
  - For 3rd party reusers
  - For city officers
- But these efforts need to be taken seriously in order to make the most of it
- We need a principled approach to publish and exploit open data more effectively
  - Not only based on open formats and 5-star classifications
  - But also on shared vocabularies and data structures
    - Develop once, deploy everywhere



#### **Next steps**

- Continue improving technical infrastructure
  - Much of it available at <a href="https://github.com/oeg-upm/">https://github.com/oeg-upm/</a>
- Create approx. 30 ontologies in the context of the "Ciudades Abiertas" (Open Cities) project





- Create working groups for specific datasets with domain experts, users and ontology engineers
  - Similarly to what is being done with OpenContracting, Open311, etc.











### **Ontology Engineering at Scale for Open City Data Sharing**

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