Financial Industry Business Ontology in Operations
Demystifying Financial Services Semantics Conference

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## Industry Team Collaborating on Semantics OTC Derivatives POC

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Meaning, Not Words
"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." —Albert Einstein
Key Regulatory Requirements Influencing Semantics OTC POC

1) Define Uniform and Expressive Financial Data Standards
   Ability to enable standardized terminology and uniform meaning of financial data for interoperability across messaging protocols and data sources for data rollups and aggregations

2) Classify Financial Instruments into Asset Classes*
   Ability to classify financial instruments into asset classes and taxonomies based upon the characteristics and attributes of the instrument itself, rather than relying on descriptive codes

3) Electronically Express Contractual Provisions**
   Ability to encode concepts in machine readable form that describe key provisions specified in contracts in order to identify levels of risk and exposures

4) Link Disparate Information for Risk Analysis *
   Ability to link disparate information based upon explicit or implied relationships for risk analysis and reporting, e.g. legal entity ownership hierarchies for counter-party risk assessment

5) Meet Regulatory Requirements, Control IT Costs, Incrementally Deploy
   Ability to define data standards, store and access data, flexibly refactor data schemas and change assumptions without risk of incurring high IT costs and delays, evolve incrementally

*Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, CFTC, Dec 8, 2010
*Report on OTC Derivatives Data Reporting and Aggregation Requirements, the International Organization of Securities Commissioners (IOSCO), August 2011
**Joint Study on the Feasibility of Mandating Algorithmic Descriptions for Derivatives, SEC/CFTC, April 2011
FIBO: Industry initiative to extend financial industry data standards using **semantic web principles** for heightened data **expressivity, consistency, linkage and rollups**

Semantics is **synergistic, complementary and additive** to existing data standards and technology investments in data management!
Integrating Knowledge with Data Enhances Data Maturity and Understanding

Requirement #1: Define Uniform and Expressive Financial Data Standards

XML Approach: requires external programmatic logic to make sense of the XML content to identify that the data refers to an interest rate swap.

Semantic Approach: allows a machine to automatically understand that the data refers to an interest rate swap without requiring external programmatic logic to interpret the data.
Semantic Financial Metadata Annotations: *Setting the Standard for Standards*

- In conventional data schemas limited explanatory information or metadata is available, resulting in:
  - the need to access independent metadata tools
  - confusion and data rationalization problems, which incurs errors, delays and cost

- Semantic metadata is directly *linked* to the elements in the ontology, including specific facts
  - One-stop integrated locus for related knowledge

- Metadata annotations provides:
  - Data Provenance, source and reference information
  - Cross-reference to data elements in related financial data standards, regulatory rules, business requirements and specifications e.g. FpML, CFTC rules, etc

- Metadata can be accessed as Linked Open Data
Semantic Metadata for Interest Rate Swap Contract

Requirement #1: Define Uniform and Expressive Financial Data Standards

Metadata annotations provide rich context to drive precise understanding of an ontology element.

Metadata objects are interlinked and suitable for querying.

* Gruff 3.0 courtesy of Franz, Inc.
Semantics can operationally classify undifferentiated Swaps and show relationships

Requirement #2: Classify Financial Instruments into Asset Classes

Classes are inferred using rules that query the content of the data

Vanilla_IR_Swap
has_Swap_Legs some Variable_Interest_Terms and has_Swap_Legs some Fixed_Interest_Terms

Data is linked together via relationships called properties

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Semantic Representation of Contractual Provisions for Risk Classification

Requirement #3: Electronically Express Contractual Provisions

- ISDA Master Agreement
  - Schedules
- Credit Support Annex
  - Schedules


Define Axioms

- ISDA Master Agreement
- Credit Support Annex

Operational Ontology

- Default Events
- Termination Events
- Increase Collateral
- Transfer Payments

FIBO Ontology

OTC Derivative Confirm

EVENTS

- Downgrade Counterparty Credit
- Reduce Value of Collateral

Transaction Repository, et al.

Counterparties

Classify Counterparties into Risk Categories for Analytics

Risk Analyst

Market Reference Data

Risk Analyst

Credit Rating Agency

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Note: OTC POC Future Phase

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Semantics offers Advanced Query Capabilities

Requirement #4: Link Disparate Information for Risk Analysis

- Data is queried using graph pattern matching techniques vs. relational joins
- Queries can process inferred data and highly complex and abstract data structures
- Queries can federate across semantic endpoints (using SPARQL 1.1)
- Data can be aggregated and summarized (using SPARQL 1.1)

Query all Transaction Repositories to report on the sum total of aggregate exposure for all counterparties and their parents involved in all swaps associated with an interest rate swap taxonomy

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Semantic Tools Offer Federation via Linked Data

Requirement #4: Link Disparate Information for Risk Analysis

- Semantically defined data that is **Web** addressable and “inter-linked”
  - Transcends organizational boundaries and provides universal access to data wherever it resides internally within the network (and externally via “Linked Open Data”)
  - Obtains data directly from its source (transparent to location, platform, schema, format)
  - Can support access, queries and rollups across disparate non-semantic data bases
**Phases of Adoption**

**1. Define and Reuse Core Ontologies**
   - Improved *human* understanding of business data concepts, relationships, usages and interdependencies
   - Business SME’s
   - Ontologists

**2. Access semantic data standards for knowledge**
   - Business Community
   - Technology Community
   - Semantic concepts and metadata

**3. Deploy Operational Ontologies**
   - Some operational capabilities

**Enterprise and Application Semantic Data Standards and Governance**
- Industry Standard Ontologies
- Domain Specific Ontologies

**Some operational capabilities**
- Operational Decision Management
- Impact and Problem Determination
- Federated Data Access
- Master Data Management

**Requirement #5: Meet Regulatory Requirements, Control IT Costs, Deploy Incrementally**

- Reference Data and Knowledge Bases
- Business Intelligence and Analytics
- Risk and Compliance Determinations

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OTC Derivatives Semantic POC Demonstration

*Protégé courtesy of Stanford University and the University of Manchester*
Panelists to Discuss Applying FIBO for Systemic Risk Analysis

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David Newman is Vice President and Strategic Planning Manager of Enterprise Architecture at Wells Fargo Bank. David also chairs the Semantic Technology program for the Enterprise Data Management Council and is leading a collaborative effort with the Object Management Group to develop operational ontologies for FIBO.

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