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Collective knowledge systems: Where the Social Web meets the Semantic Web

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Summary

What can happen if we combine the best ideas from the Social Web and Semantic Web? The Social Web is an ecosystem of participation, where value is created by the aggregation of many individual user contributions. The Semantic Web is an ecosystem of data, where value is created by the integration of structured data from many sources. What applications can best synthesize the strengths of these two approaches, to create a new level of value that is both rich with human participation and powered by well-structured information? This paper proposes a class of applications called collective knowledge systems, which unlock the "collective intelligence" of the Social Web with knowledge representation and reasoning techniques of the Semantic Web.



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[†] This paper is based on the author's keynote presentation given at the 5th International Semantic Web Conference, 7 November 2006, which was a call for unifying the Social and Semantic Webs. Since then, several research projects and workshops have published reports of research in this area (e.g., [18]). Please consider this paper as a conceptual framework with which to characterize such research, rather than a claim to specific results. See also related vision papers on the "Social Semantic Desktop" [10] and "Semantic Web 2.0" [15].

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