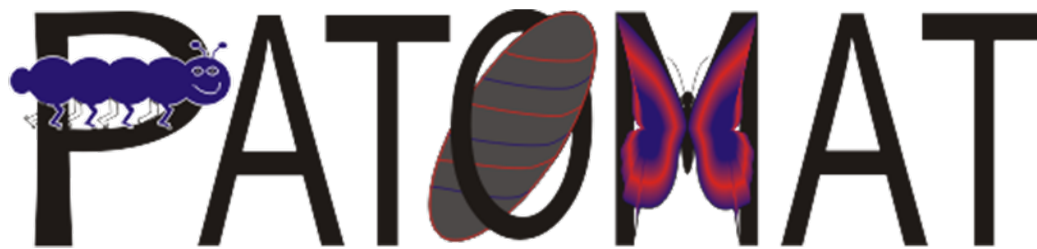


# PatOMat project

(Czech Science Foundation, 2010-2012)



„Metamorphing ontologies“

# Meaning of „PatOMat“?

- The whole title: „Automation of Ontology Pattern Detection and Exploitation “
- „Mat“ also evokes „ontology matching“, as an important (though not exclusive) target application
- Project website to appear in the next few weeks...

# Project team

- Vojtěch Svátek
  - coordination, logical patterns
- Ondřej Zamazal
  - transformation and alignment patterns, software engineering
- Miroslav Vacura
  - content patterns, foundational issues
- Petr Strossa
  - naming patterns
- Currently also: Aristotelis Triantafyllopoulos (U.Patras)
  - OWL expressivity wrt. logical patterns
- Support by local experts e.g. in LOD
- Heavily building on foreign collaborations!

# Research threads

- Central thread: „metamorphing ontologies“
  - the same conceptualisation can be expressed differently in the given language (OWL), depending on the *modelling style* used
  - The modelling style should (semi-) automatically adjust to the *application needs*
    - For example, for the given ontology to smoothly *map to* or be *imported to* another one
    - Or for removing features that make problems to a *reasoner*

# Example of style heterogeneity

Notion of „acceptance/rejection of a paper at a conference“

- Modelling via *sibling classes*
  - PaperAcceptanceAct SubClassOf: ReviewerAct.
  - PaperRejectionAct SubClassOf: ReviewerAct.
- Modelling via *object properties*:
  - accepts Domain: Reviewer. accepts Range: Paper.
  - rejects Domain: Reviewer. rejects Range: Paper.
- Modelling via enumeration class, i.e. *individuals*
  - reviewerDecision Domain: Paper.
  - reviewerDecision Range: (EquivalentTo {acceptance, rejection}).

# PatOMat and patterns

- Alternative modelling styles can be captured via *ontology patterns*
- Transformation of one pattern into another is defined via a *transformation pattern*
- Both types of patterns may contain *naming patterns* based on linguistic techniques
  - naming detection patterns
  - naming transformation patterns

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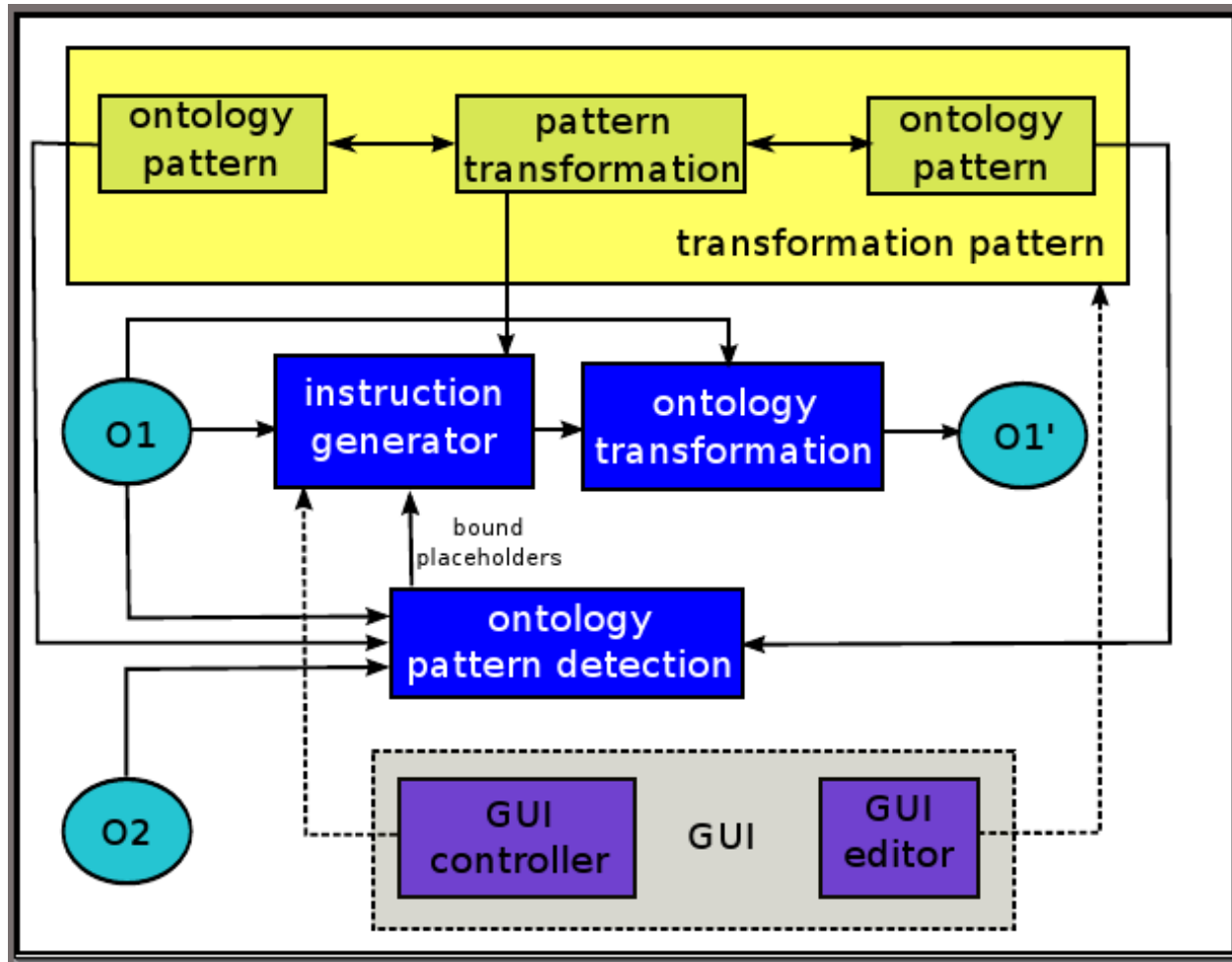
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# Transformation patterns

- Cooperation with University of Manchester
  - using the OPPL pre-processor
- Three-phase transformation
  - detection of source pattern in ontology
  - generation of transformation instructions
    - instantiation of the transformation part of the pattern
  - actual transformation
    - using OPPL and OWL-API

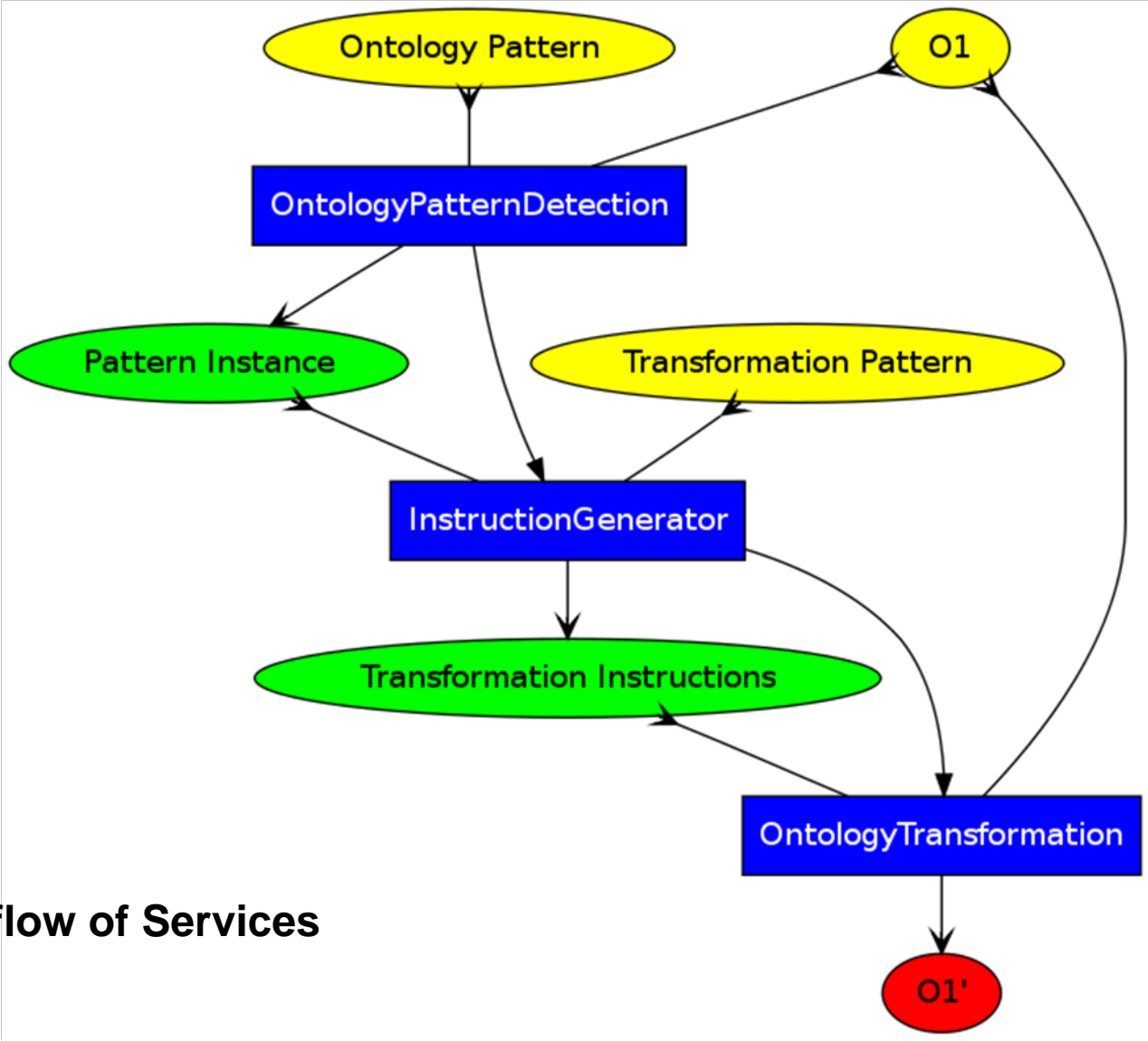
# Ontology Transformation Framework





# Core Ontology Transformation Web Services

- Ontology Pattern Detection [Jena](#)
- Instruction Generator [Pellet](#)
- Ontology Transformation [Stanford POStagger](#)  
[OWL-API](#)  
[OPPL](#)  
[Restlet](#)
- The user can interact in each step.
- Services available via POST method at:  
<http://owl.vse.cz:8080>



**Workflow of Services**

# Next steps

- *Tutorial* for using the current services
  - under development: <http://owl.vse.cz:8080/tutorial/>
- Canonical methods for swapping info between *logical* and *annotation* spaces while transforming
- *LOPS ontology*
  - „Logical Ontology Pattern Structure“ under development
  - incl. naming and annotation aspects
  - incl. transformation patterns on top of logical ones
- Graphical interface for *transformation pattern authoring* and *instruction generation* monitoring

# Other research threads

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# Recommendation of *logical-structural patterns*

- *LOPU ontology* – under development
  - „Logical Ontology Pattern Usage“
  - classifies the patterns according to the *abstracted state of affairs (ASoA)* for which they are relevant
  - Recommendation within the given ASOA based on preferences over *target ontology features* (such as expressivity)
- Envisaged a *demo application* using LOPU and recommending the user a pattern for his modelling situation

# Pattern selection using LOPU onto

- Modelling situation by the W3C Note
  - Books describing the life of animals
  - Necessity to somehow interlink the taxonomy of animals at the level of *classes* and concrete books in the library catalogue as *individuals*
  - „Classes as property values“?

Initial problem formulation

Abstracted state of affairs

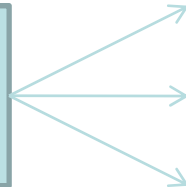
Logical pattern

Ontology feature

„Classes as property values“?



Individual truly related to a *class* as unary predicate



Direct connection from individual to class



OWL Full

Individual related to an *abstract topic*



Instance of existentially defined named class

Instance of existentially defined anonymous class



OWL DL

Individual related to *individual/s* of the class



Connection to anonymous instance (b-node)

Connection to named „placeholder“ inst.



Editing problems?

Confusing ?



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