



Managing Data in MediaWiki

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SMW – Semantic MediaWiki

MediaWiki for collaborating on

- Text



- Rich text and media



- Data

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That's where
SMW comes in

Part I: What SMW Does

Organising Data in SMW



Basic idea:

Assign property-value pairs to wiki
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Page	Property	Value
Brussels	Population	1,089,538
FOSDEM 2012	Starts at	February 4th 2012
Jeroen	Lives in	Gent

Why?



- 1) Searching & querying data in the wiki
- 2) Sharing data with other sites & apps

Example: AIFB Web Portal



- <http://www.aifb.kit.edu/>
- Topic: People, Events, Publications

The screenshot shows the homepage of the AIFB Web Portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to HOME, ENGLISH, KONTAKT, IMPRESSUM, ANMELDEN, and KIT. The main header reads "Institut für Angewandte Informatik und Formale Beschreibungsverfahren (AIFB)". On the left, a sidebar menu includes Home, Über uns, AIFB im KIT, Pressemitteilungen, Lehre und Prüfung, Personen, Forschungsgruppen, Veröffentlichungen, Veranstaltungen, Projekte, Kooperationen, Stellenmarkt, and Kontakt. The main content area features a banner with six portraits of faculty members. Below the banner, a section titled "Willkommen am Institut AIFB" introduces the institute as part of the Faculty of Economics at KIT. It lists Professors: Prof. Dr. Andreas Oberweis, Prof. Dr. Hartmut Schnecke (Sprecher), Prof. Dr. Detlef Seese, Prof. em. Dr. Dr.h.c. Wolffried Stucky, Prof. Dr. Rudi Studer, and Prof. Dr. Stefan Tai. A "Neuigkeiten" (News) sidebar lists recent events: "20. November 2009, 2. Trendkongress net economy in Karlsruhe" and "18. November 2009, Large-Scale Pattern-Based Information Extraction from the World Wide Web". Another sidebar for "Veranstaltungen" lists "12. November 2009, Eröffnungsveranstaltung KIT-Schwerpunkt COMputation". The footer contains a "Shortcuts" menu with links to Abschlussarbeiten, Kontakt, Verein AIFB, and Intern, along with a "NACH OBEN" link.

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- Professors
- Administration
- Scientific Staff
- Honorary Professors
- Lecturers**
- Guests and External Staff
- Technics
- Trainees
- Student Assistants
- Former Members

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Publications

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Talks

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Active Projects

**Active**<http://www.active-project.eu>**SMW**<http://semantic-mediawiki.org>**STI2**<http://www.sti2.org>

Activities

More news of the Institute of Applied Informatics and Formal Description Methods (AIFB)

Latest News

2009-11-20

[2nd trend congress net economy in Karlsruhe](#)[more...](#)

Events

2009-11-18

[Large-Scale Pattern-Based Information Extraction from the World Wide Web](#)

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Bearbeiten von Denny Vrandecic



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|Vorträge anzeigen=True
|Organisation=AIFB, KIT
}}

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Zusammenfassung:

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Stellung:

[Hilfe](#) (öffnet neue Seite)

Ehemaliger:

[Hilfe](#) (öffnet neue Seite)

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Example: Hackerspaces



- <http://www.hackerspaces.org/>
- Topic: Hackerspaces, events, projects

Screenshot of the Hackerspaces.org website:

The page shows a sidebar with links like "Hackerspaces", "Communication", "Active hackerspaces", "ALL hackerspaces", "List of events", "List of projects", and "Recent changes". Below the sidebar are buttons for "Go" and "Search".

The main content area has a header "Hackerspaces". It includes a brief introduction about what hackerspaces are, a section for "Regular Events" (with links to "Call-in", "Synchronous Hackathon", and "Global Hackerspace Hackathon Challenges"), and a "Resources" section with links to various external resources.

Two images are displayed on the right side:

- A photograph of a hackerspace named "c-base" showing a person standing near a large circular opening in a wall.
- A photograph of a hackerspace named "Hackerspace Charlotte" showing several people working at tables in a workshop-like environment.

**Hackerspaces****Communication****Active hackerspaces****All hackerspaces****> add a hackerspace****List of events****> add an event****List of projects****> add a project****Recent changes**[Recent changes](#)[What links here](#)[Related changes](#)[Special pages](#)[Printable version](#)[Permanent link](#)[Browse properties](#)

List of Hacker Spaces

This is a comprehensive, user-maintained list of all active hackerspaces throughout the world.

We have also a [list of planned Hacker Spaces](#), as well as a [list of ALL hackerspaces](#) around the globe - including those still in the planning stage.

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Example: OpenEI



- <http://en.openei.org/>
- Topic: Energy information, open data

OpenEI | OPENENERGYINFO

Login | Sign Up

Wiki Datasets Linked Data

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Clean Energy Economy

CLEAN
coordinated low emissions assistance network

Incentives and Policies

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Recent Contributors

new this week:

Redtuser (1)

Catttt (1)

TriPowerSystems (1)

most active:

27 authors modified 246 articles

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Lhk0625 (33)

Twong (32)

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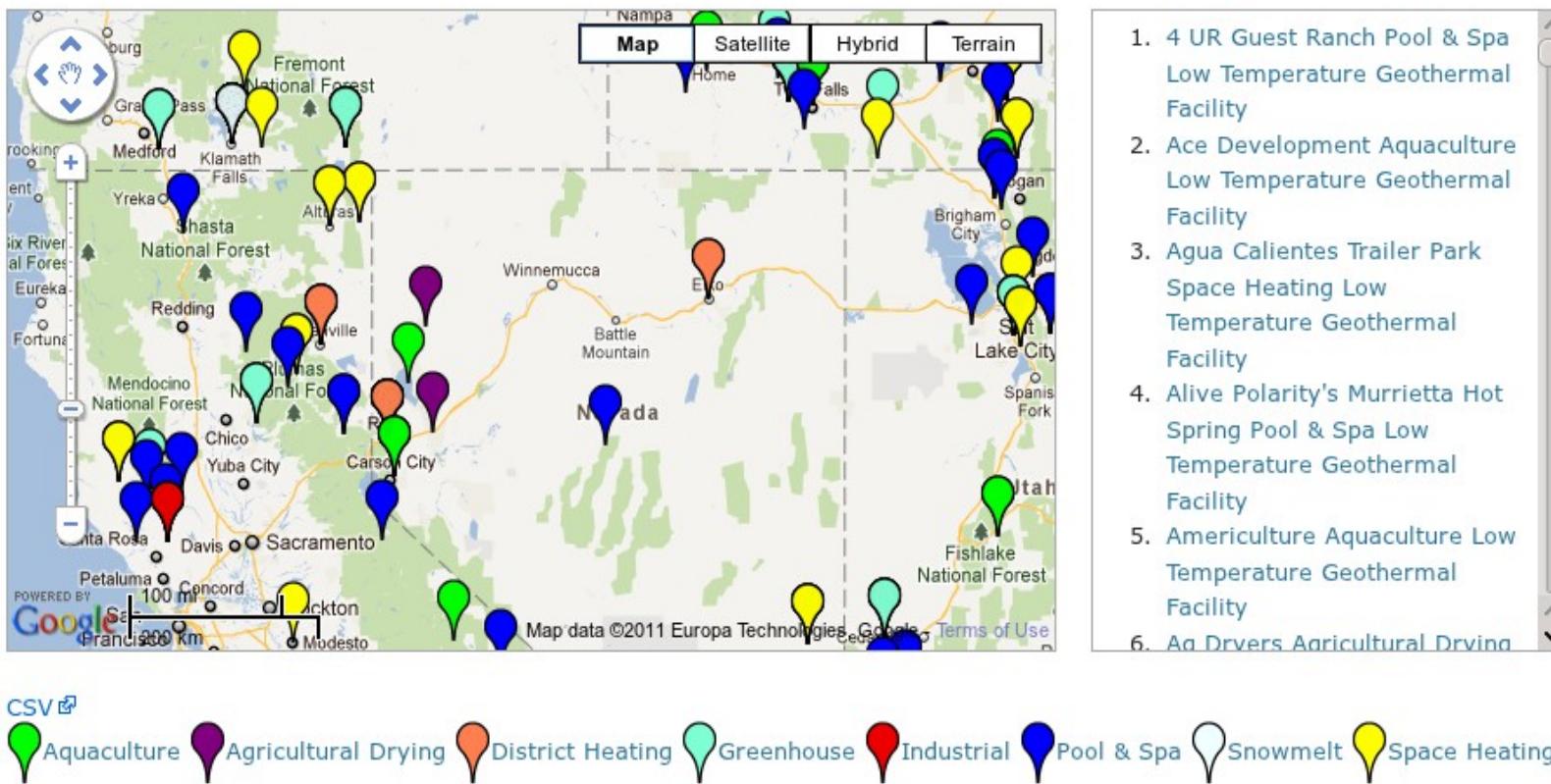
About

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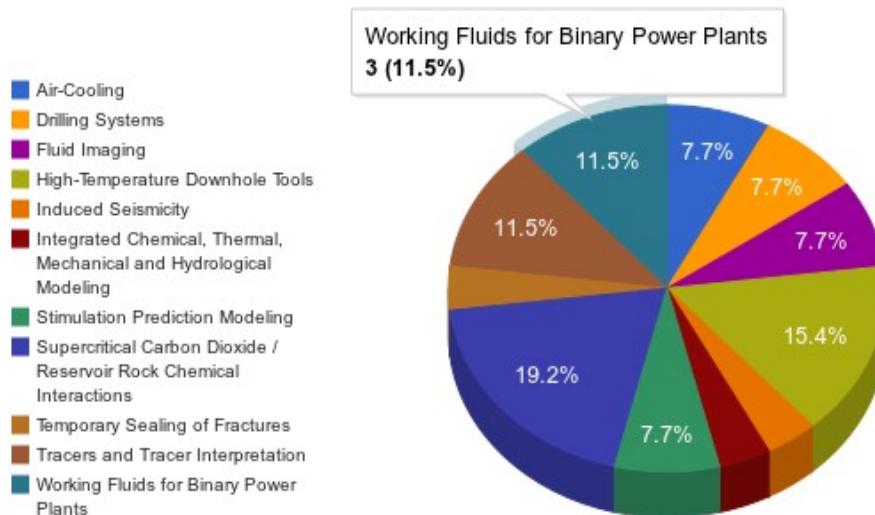
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Low Temperature Direct Use Geothermal Facilities



Lab Call Projects by Technologies



Further Examples



- Free Software Directory
- OhInternet: memes
- SNPedia: Human genome

SMW can be used to great effect on
essentially any site with “infoboxes”

Part II: How SMW Works

Editing Data



Typical (but not the only) wiki syntax:
[[property::value]]

Wiki page	Wikitext
Brussels	[[Has population::1,089,538]]
FOSDEM 2012	[[Starts at::February 4 2012]]
Jeroen	[[Lives in::Gent]]

Properties



Properties in the wiki ...

- ... can be introduced as needed
- ... have their own wiki pages
- ... may be given a datatype

Examples: Capital of, Population,
Start date, Name, Homepage, ...

Datatypes



Datatypes in the wiki ...

- ... affect how data values are displayed
- ... influence searching and browsing
- ... are usually not user-defined

Examples: Number, Text, Page,
Date, URL, ...

Inline Queries



Basic idea:

Allow dynamic views on wiki data to be embedded into pages.

Inline Queries



Aspects of an inline query:

- 1) Which pages constitute the result?
- 2) Values for which properties are displayed per result?
- 3) How should all this be formatted?

Inline Queries



Example:

- 1) Show all countries in Africa
- 2) each with their population and area
- 3) within a table.

Inline Queries



User input:

- 1) SMW query language
- 2) Additional printout statements
- 3) Formatting parameters

Inline Queries



Example:

```
{ {#ask:  
    [[Category:Country]]  
        [[located in::Africa]]  
    | ?Population  
    | ?Area  
    | format=table  
} }
```

Inline Queries



List of African countries

☒	☒ Population	☒ Area
Algeria	32,854,000	2,381,740,000,000 m ²
Angola	15,941,000	1,246,700,000,000 m ²
Benin	8,439,000	112,620,000,000 m ²
Botswana	1,765,000	600,370,000,000 m ²
Burkina Faso	13,228,000	274,200,000,000 m ²
Burundi	7,548,000	27,830,000,000 m ²
Cameroon	16,322,000	475,440,000,000 m ²
Cape Verde	507,000	4,033,000,000 m ²
Central African Republic	4,038,000	622,984,000,000 m ²
Chad	9,719,000	1,784,000,000,000 m ²

Part III: The community

Beyond SMW Core



Active user community

- Some hundreds of sites known using it
- World-wide usage (20-50 languages)
- Public mailing lists, forum, bugtracker

Active developer community

- Various independent extensions
- Teams at several companies
- Integrated into MediaWiki community

SMWCon

The twice-yearly gathering of users, developers and enthusiasts

April 25-27 2012,
Carisbad, California



Fall 2012,
Somewhere in the EU

<http://semantic-mediawiki.org/wiki/SMWCon>



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