

Assignment 1: CSCI2009-6962-01 (10% of overall credit score)

Due: September 21, 2009 (by 1800 ET)

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Note: Your report for this assignment should be the result of your own individual work. Take care to avoid plagiarism (“copying”), including all web resources, texts, and class presentations. You may discuss the problems with other students, but do not take written notes during these discussions, and do not share your written solutions. Please use the numbering below when completing this assignment.

General assignment: extend an existing knowledge base (KB) (ontology) with additional knowledge representation (and information) and ask and answer questions about the extended KB.

There is an equal weighting score for each question.

1. Examine the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office knowledge base (represented in an OWL-DL ontology at [http://escience.rpi.edu/schemas/whoi\\_classes.owl](http://escience.rpi.edu/schemas/whoi_classes.owl) and instances include at [whoi.owl](http://whoi.owl)). You will extend the representation using an additional source of knowledge/ information (suggestions are below). You will choose the required representation and the method you use to represent it. 5%
  - a. Provide a written description of the KB extension, the source of knowledge you used, and your reason for choosing it.
  - b. Provide a written description of your chosen method for the extension and reason for choosing it.
  - c. Indicate what knowledge you could and could not express and why.
2. Pose and answer two questions (label them a. and b.) to your extended knowledge representation. Provide a written description of the questions (a. and b.) and the result. 5%

(Hint: they can be easy questions, choose ones that you can answer well, with some detail, they can be queries, inference or a combination).

Suggested additional knowledge sources related to platforms/instruments/ deployments, etc.:

- <http://www.bco-dmo.org/> and <http://osprey.bcodmo.org/instrument.cfm>

(Hint: added properties, new subclasses, classes, additional relations between classes, instances, etc.)