

COMPLEX ONTOLOGY DIFF EXPLORER

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Use CODEX to explore online semantic changes between different versions of your ontologies

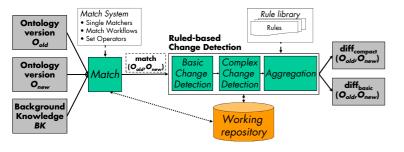
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Motivation

- Ontologies evolve to meet changed requirements and to incorporate new knowledge
- · Diff: set of changes between two ontology versions
- · Helpful for mapping adaptation or collaborative ontology curation
- Diff should be compact and human-understandable especially for large life science ontologies
 - Small number of semantic changes rather than a long list of "simple" element additions/deletions
 - ⇒ Tool to interactively explore a semantically rich diff between ontology versions

Approach

- COnto-Diff to determine basic and compact diffs using matching and rules
 - Supported changes: merge, split, addSubgraph, move, ...



Features

- · Web GUI and web service interface available
- Multiple input possibilities
 - · Support for OBO and OWL ontologies
 - File upload, copy/paste, URL, OnEX repository
- Several exploration facilities
 - · Customizable overview statistics via pie charts
 - · Tag clouds to visualize changes and modified content
 - Tree-based change explorer
 - Impact analysis: Are my categories affected by changes?

Demonstration

Diff computation and exploration for different life science ontologies and their versions

 Examples: Sequence Ontology, Adult Mouse Anatomy, Gene Ontology, ...

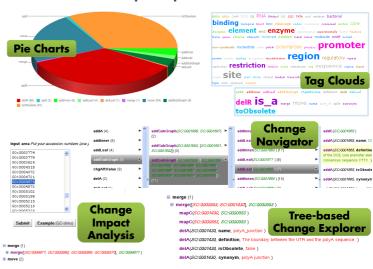
I. Different input possibilities



II. Diff Computation



III. Multiple exploration facilities



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