

## Ontology Technology in Medical Informatics

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### Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to overview the current issues in the area of medical ontology. Ontology technology in Medical Informatics is evolved from the three different research areas: namely, web application for the Semantic Web, Knowledge Representation in Artificial Intelligence, and medical terminology system. In this paper we provide possible research agenda concerning medical ontology development from the above three perspectives at the same time. (*Journal of Korean Society of Medical Informatics 9-3,213~219, 2003*)

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I.

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(Lenat & Guha, 1990).

가

(terminology systems)

가

(The Semantic Web) ”

가

(ontology)

가

(Vander Lei & Musen, 1990).

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Ledley Lusted가 1959

Science “Reasoning Foundations of Medical  
Diagnosis”

(Ledley & Lusted, 1959).

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가

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MYCIN

(Knowledge Representation)

가

가

(Shortliffe, 1976).

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II.

가

Gruber(1993)가

가 가

(rule)

가

“An ontology is a formal,  
explicit specification of a shared conceptualization of a  
domain of interest.”

가

(formal)

가

(knowledge-based systems)

(explicit)

(shared)

(conceptualization)

(domain of interest)

(Ontology, 'O' )  
 (ontology, 'o'  
 ontologies 가 )  
 (designed artifact)

가

가

(domain ontology):  
 ( : )

(task ontology):

( : )

(metadata ontology):  
 Dublin Core

(common sense ontology):  
 ( : )

(representational ontology):

( : Frame Ontology



Fig1. : Sowa, 2000

III.

(knowledge representation)

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(first-order predicate logic)

(primitives)

(expressiveness)

(model theory)

(proof theory)

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가

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(chunks)

가

가

(facts)

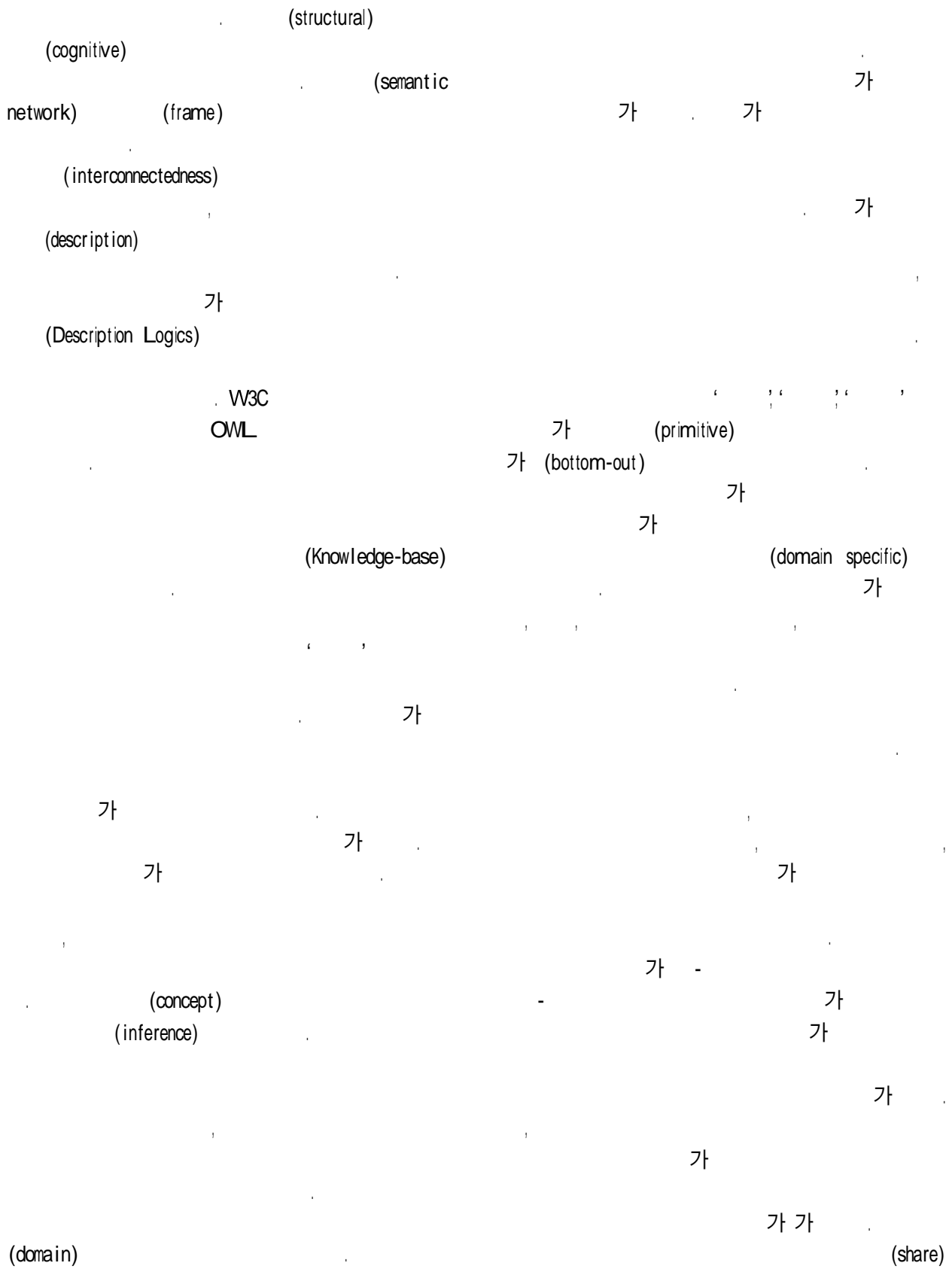
(conceptual entities)

(associated descriptions)

가

가

가



(reuse) 가

가

IV.

가

(computer-based patient records, CPRs)

ICD-9-CM/ICD-10, SNOMED, NHS Clinical Terms, UMLS, GALEN

가 (Moorman et. al., 1995). (terms)

ICD 가 (explicit)

가 (terminology systems) 가

가 NHS Clinical Terms, UMLS, SNOMED

“ classification ”, “ thesaurus ”, “ vocabulary ”, “ nomenclature ”, “ ontology ” (Keizer et. al., 2000).

가 (formal) UMLS

(label) ‘ (term) ’ ‘ (concept) ’

가 GALEN 가

가 (code) ’

GALEN GRAIL (Description Logics)

가 ‘ significant code ’ 가 ‘ non-significant code ’

가 GALEN CORE Model 가

가 ‘ mnemonic codes ’ ( : A900 = Anatomical component “ lung ”)

가 GALEN Rector(2002) “

‘ hierarchical codes ’ ( : 480 = viral pneumonia 480.1 = adeno virus)

“ (loosely coupled) ”

‘ random codes ’ ‘ sequential codes ’

V.

1.

(hierarchical)

(nonhierarchical)

(expressivity)

(tractability)

(generic)

(partitive)

가

(scale) Rector 가  
 (size): 가 10,000 가  
 250,000 가  
 (connectivity): 가

Winston(1987) Odell(1998) GALEN

(granularity): 가 가 가  
 (complexity) (levels of details):  
 Component: ' '  
 Stuff: ' 가 '  
 Portion: ' '  
 Area: ' '  
 Member: ' '  
 Partner: ' '  
 Piece: ' '

2.

3.

(IS-A relation) 가  
 (transitivity) 가 가  
 (inheritance) 가 가  
 (downward distribution): 가 가  
 (upward distribution): 가 가  
 (decision making)

(Noy, 2002).  
 가 가  
 가  
 EON  
 가 “problem solving methods”  
 EON ‘therapy-  
 determination problem-solving method’ “plan”  
 “guideline”  
 (Musen, 1998).  
 VI.  
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