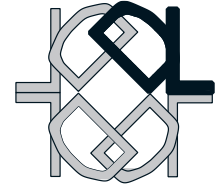


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Preface

The main effort of research in knowledge representation is providing theories and systems for expressing structured knowledge and for accessing and reasoning with it in a principled way. Description Logics are a powerful class of knowledge representation languages which are presently considered to be the most important formalism unifying and giving a logical basis to the well known traditions of Frame-based systems, Semantic Networks and KL-ONE-like languages, Object-Oriented representations, Semantic data models, and Type systems.

The 1998 International Workshop on Description Logics (DL'98) continues the tradition of international workshops devoted to discussing developments and applications of knowledge representation formalisms based on Description Logics. The workshop is sponsored by Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning Incorporated, IRST-ITC – Trento, CNR – Italian National Research Council, European ESPRIT Compulog Network of Excellence in Computational Logic, European ESPRIT Long Term Research project DWQ, “Casa della Cultura del Vino” – Trento, and IFIP TC-12 Artificial Intelligence.

The Description Logics Workshops are designed to provide a means for researchers in Description Logics to gather together in a less formal setting than a conference. Attendance at the workshop is by invitation only. Most attendees were selected on the basis of papers submitted to the workshop. The main draw of the Description Logics Workshops is detailed discussion between researchers rather than the presentation of results. The organizers of the 1998 Description Logics Workshop have attempted to continue this tradition by structuring the workshop as a series of discussion topics led by either an invited speaker, a discussant, or a panel, and that allows for discussion between all participants, not just those who have submitted a paper on the topic.

The proposed discussion topics for the workshop are: Description Logics and Logics, Description Logics and the World Wide Web, Foundations, Applications, Extensions, Knowledge Representation and Ontology, Systems Comparison. The session on “Knowledge Representation and Ontology” is a joint session with FOIS’98, the colocated conference on Formal Ontology and Information Systems.

DL’98 hosts a Description Logics systems comparison session. Systems have been compared on the basis of benchmarks which have been prepared in order to emphasize the best out of each system. This first round of the comparison at DL’98 serves mostly as an evaluation and discussion of the benchmark testing set, and it is not intended to be the last word on a possible ranking. We have four aims:

- To reach a consensus on a corpus of benchmarks for Description Logics systems, which may become an agreed standard.
- Bringing people together with a common interest in implementation work on various Description Logics.
- Giving the implementors of reasoners for the considered logics the opportunity to demonstrate their systems and to make them better known. Some of the system description papers appear in the proceedings.
- There are many reasoning methods for Description Logics. We propose a comparison, with no winners or prizes, of these approaches.

We hope that this collection of papers will be useful to the interested readers.

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DL'98 Workshop Program

Friday June 5

19.00 - 21.00 Opening Reception at the Wine Culture House
(Casa della Cultura del Vino)

Saturday June 6

14.00 - 14.10 Workshop introduction
14.10 - 16.10 SESSION on "Description Logics and Logics" I
Invited talk: Maarten De Rijke, "Modal Logics"
Invited talk: Erich Grädel, "Guarded fragments of FOL"
Coffee break
16.30 - 18.00 SESSION on "Description Logics and Logics" II
Discussant: Franz Baader

Sunday June 7

9.00 - 11.00 SESSION on "Description Logics and the World Wide Web"
Discussant: Alex Borgida
Panel with Diego Calvanese, Patrick Lambrix, Deborah McGuinness, Daniele Nardi, Chris Welty
Coffee break
11.20 - 13.00 SESSION on "Foundations"
Discussant: Francesco M. Donini
Lunch
14.20 - 16.00 SESSION on "Systems Comparison" I
Discussants: Ian Horrocks and Peter F. Patel-Schneider
Coffee break
16.20 - 18.00 SESSION on "Systems Comparison" II
18.15 - ... Bus to visit a wine cellar and social dinner at "La Torre"

Monday June 8

9.00 - 10.40 SESSION on "Applications"
Discussant: Ralf Möller
Coffee break
11.00 - 12.40 SESSION on "Extensions"
Discussant: Lin Padgham
Lunch
14.00 - 14.30 Bus to joint session with FOIS'98
14.45 - 15.50 SESSION on "Knowledge Representation and Ontology" I
Invited talk: David Israel
Coffee break
16.10 - 17.25 SESSION on "Knowledge Representation and Ontology" II
Panel with Alex Borgida, Tony Cohn, David Israel, Maurizio Lenzerini
17.25 - 17.30 Concluding remarks
17.30 - 18.00 Discussion about DL'99

Tuesday June 9

9.00 - 15.00 Walk in the Dolomites
15.00 - 19.00 Visit to wine cellars

