

Ontology as a Profession - Present

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Mission

The track mission is to survey the existing roles filled and activities performed by working ontologists, along with the skills required and where they typically get them.

Pertinent Questions

- Where do ontologists currently work?
- What organization types (companies, departments, institutions, agencies, etc.)?
- What project types (long/short term, part of larger system/program, focus on IT | KM | search | interop | metadata | other)?
- What fields or industries?
- What folks are doing KOS work that is within or heading toward ontology, but may not be labeled as such?
- What tasks do working ontologists perform and as roughly how much of their time (requirements gathering, elicitation, informal modeling, formal modeling, formal testing, user testing, "gold standard" and/or regression testing)?
- What skills do working ontologists typically acquire on the job, and what via formal training?
- What training do they wish they had, but don't have?
- What skills do employers expect?
- What formal training do employers expect?
- How do employers select ontologists when hiring?