
Adding Common Logic Support to the Heterogeneous Toolset

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The story so far...

- Work in a variety of projects concerned with diverse ontologies: need for **heterogeneity**
- Formal and computational tools adopted:
 - CASL
Common Algebraic Specification Language
(for specification, structuring and relating of theories:
including ontologies)
 - HeTS
Heterogeneous Tool Set
(for connecting to a range of **reasoners**
and for working with **structured specifications**)

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Formalization choice: CASL

Common Algebraic Specification Language



- Standardised first-order specification language
- designed by CoFI “Common Framework Initiative for algebraic specification and development” since 1995
- de facto standard approved by IFIP WG 1.3 “Foundations of Systems Specifications” (1998)
- extensive **User Manual** and **Reference Manual** now available from Springer (LNCS 2900, LNCS 2960)
- straightforwardly extensible: higher-order logic, modal logic, ...
- **supports structured specifications including imports, hiding, renaming, union, extensions, etc.**

Hets

The Heterogeneous Tool Set



- Hets is a multi-logic parsing, analysis and proof tool
- Logics covered include:
 - propositional logic
(with SAT solvers minisat and zChaff),
 - OWL (with provers Pellet and FACT++),
 - first-order logic
(with provers SPASS, Vampire, Darwin and MathServe),
 - higher-order logic (with prover Isabelle).

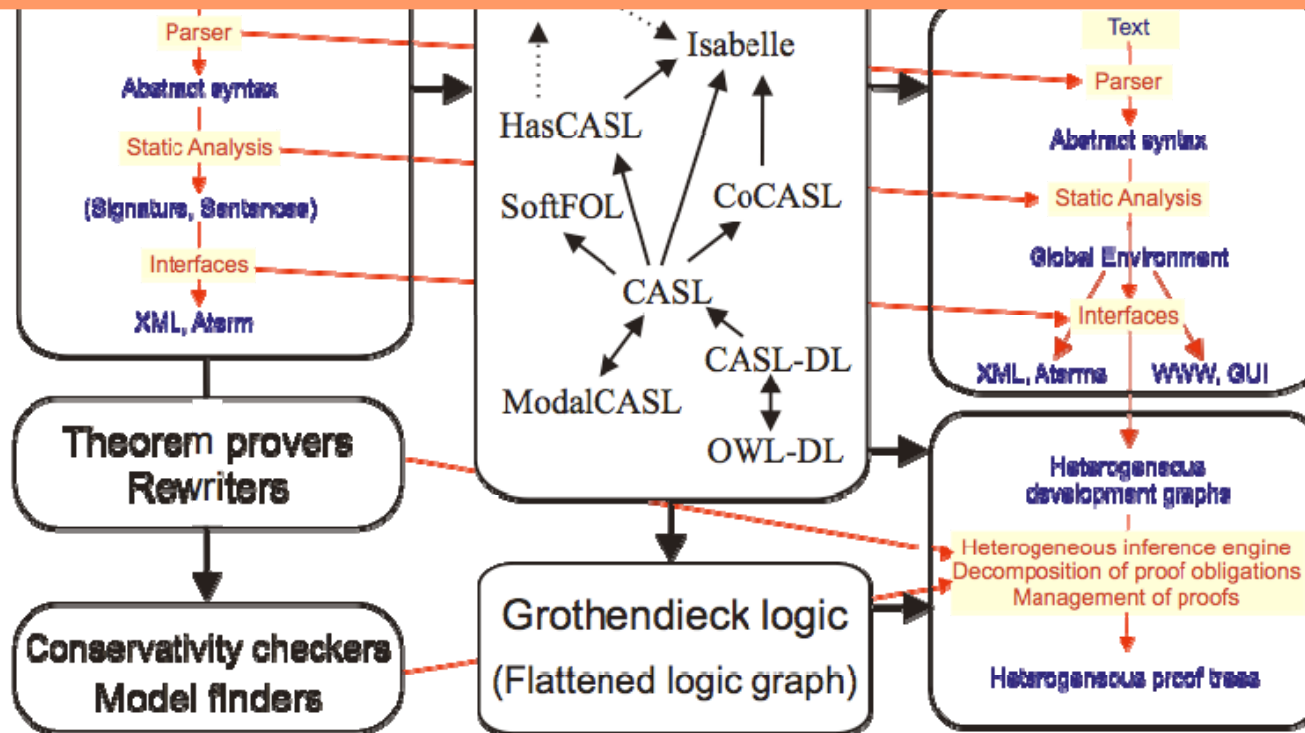


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Structuring mechanisms: potentially applicable to **any specification language** as an additional layer of 'meta'-organisation for semantic modularity

HetCASL



Institution Theory

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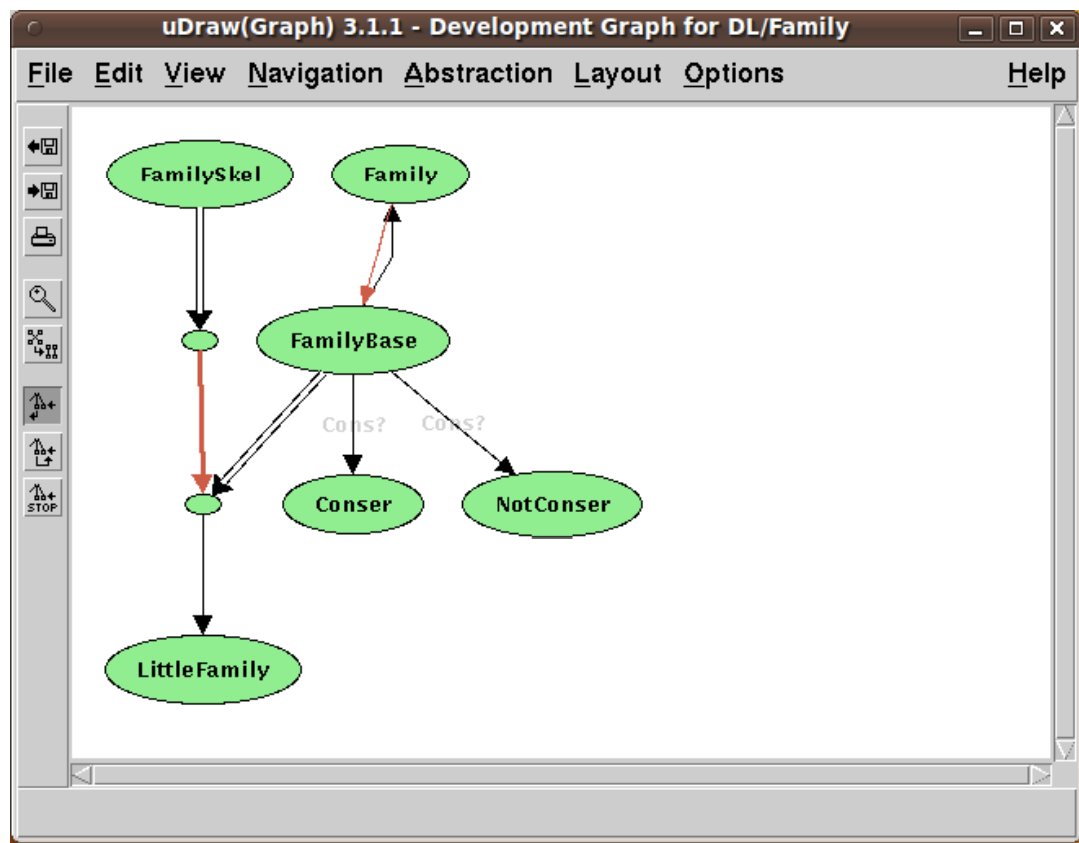


Hets is freely available from:

www.dfki.de/sks/hets



Structuring of theories



Development Graph

showing dependencies between specifications and proof obligations

- Links: theory morphisms*
- **imports of theories**
 - relative interpretations of theories
 - **open**
 - **proved**

Flashback:

Further Steps... (Ontolog, March 2010)



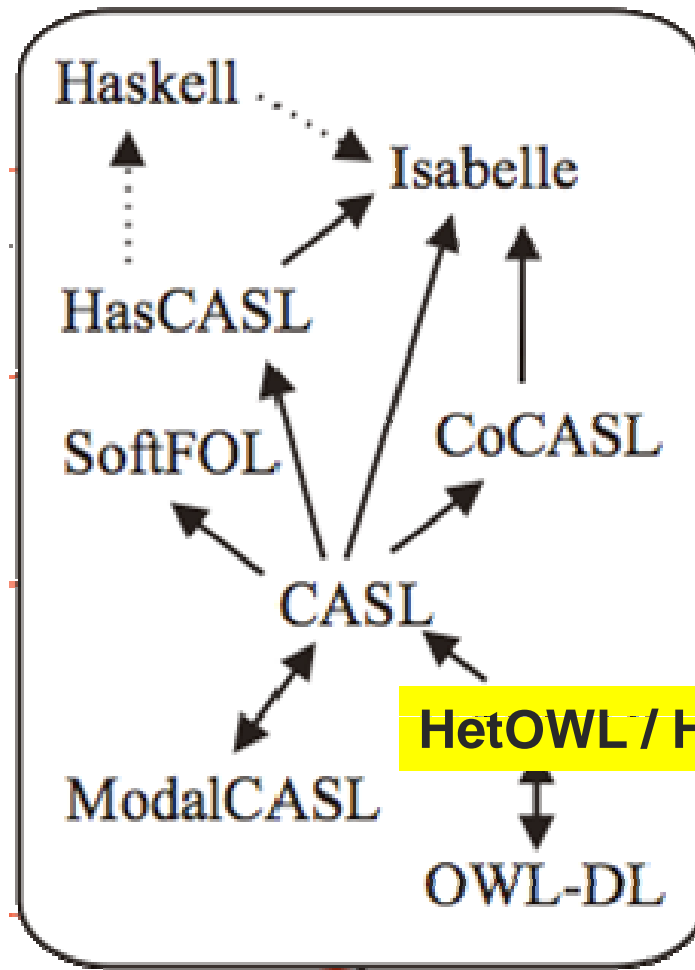
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- thereby providing access to all the tools already linked to HETS

HeTS:

Continuing extension of the treated logics



logic OWL

spec Family_OWL =

Class: Female

Class: Person

ObjectProperty: hasChild

Class: Mother

EquivalentTo:

Female and hasChild some Person

Individual: Carol Facts: hasChild Peter

end

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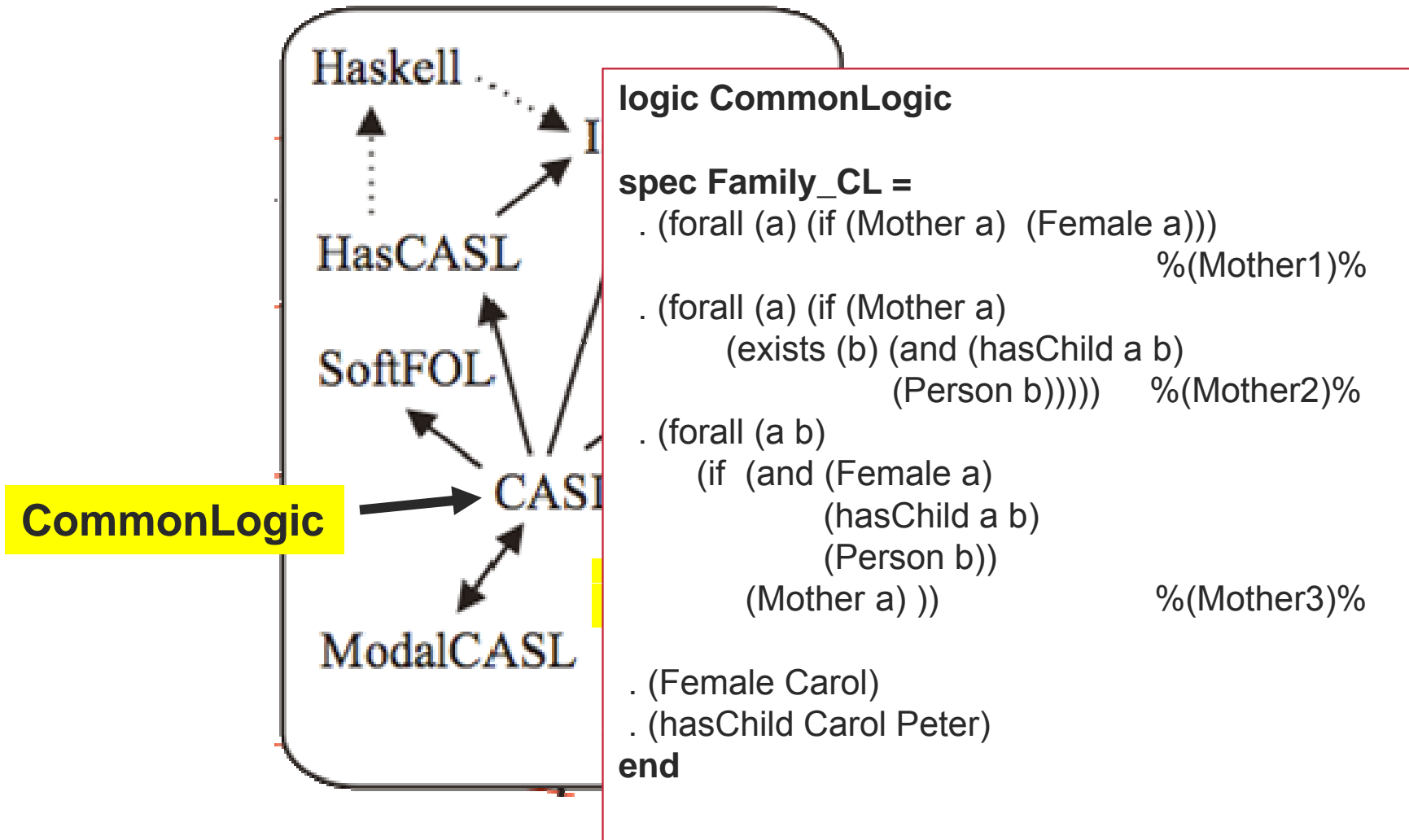
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Current Hets capabilities

- Capable of reading CLIF files, e.g., the specifications of the COLORE Repository
- SPASS, Vampire, Darwin and MathServe available for proofs in Common Logic
- Isabelle available for proofs (if induction on lists needed)
- Translation from OWL into Common Logic provided
- HetCASL provides heterogeneous structuring and refinement (.het files with HetCASL structuring for Common Logic)
 - A **view** expresses a refinement (= interpretation of theories = logical entailment between theories)
view v : Family_OWL to Family_CL **end**

Demonstration

- simple example: Cat(kitty)
 - Parsing, proving
- duration.clif from Colore
- Hets logic graph
- View from OWL ontology to CL ontology
- Translation OWL \rightarrow CL
- Consistency

Ongoing work

- Using the module structure of Common Logic Specifications
 - The semantics of the module construct in Common Logic must be agreed upon
 - A compositional semantics would be much easier to implement (but need to check details)
- Support for disproving

Conclusion

- Hets continues to provide support for the kinds of diverse heterogeneous ontologies we require, now extended to Common Logic
- Link to the OMDoc world is under development → will provide web interface and repository for Hets specifications with XML database and nice querying
- Link to the OOR world building on this would also be highly desirable