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A critical step in eGovernment evolution

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Epilogue



Introduction

- Government structure in Canada;
- eGovernment in the world, in Canada and Québec;
- Semantic Web and its applications;
- Semantic Web for eGovernment.







The real value of an eGovernment :

- The effectiveness of its programs ;
- The broad availability of its enhanced online services ;
- The satisfaction of customers (citizen, business, gov.);
- The tangible savings in time, money and human resources.



eGovernment evolution

eGovernment expansion and adoption is generally seen as a four-step process:

Presence phase: publication on the Web of static information on government operations and services;

Interaction phase: basic Web portals containing online forms, requests for proposal and opinion surveys on critical issues of interest;

Transaction phase: complete and secure online setting like in eCommerce with multi-tier architectures with authentication and digital signatures;

Transformation phase.



eGovernment evolution

Goal of **transformation** phase: integrate several internal services at the vertical and horizontal levels, into a one-stop, whole-of-government with innovative services operating seamlessly across departments, agencies and programmes.

According to a recent survey conducted by Accenture, only the federal government of Canada has embarked on this stage.



eGovernment evolution

The Four Stages in the Development of E-Services







The questions

Are Web services a sound technological choice for implementing *service* transformation in eGovernment?

• « Can Service Oriented Architecture be deployed as a method by federal, state, and local agencies to break down barriers among agencies ? » José A.B. Fortes ,Herman Lam, Joachim Hammer (The exemple of Kentucky with SOA)

Can semantic Web technologies help achieve real transformation in eGovernment?

Source : Tobby Redshaw, CTO of Motorolla



eGovernment in Québec (Canada) 불 靠 📕 🌞

- The current context
- Online address change in Québec
- Online assistance programmes for investors in Québec





eGovernment in Québec (Canada)



Québec 7th in Canada provincial rank (Accenture, 2000)



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Québec (Canada) : The current context



- The current system has no semantic search capability;
- There is a great deal of waste of time reading a long list of mostly irrelevant services and programmes;
- The current system with limited capabilities cannot help users efficiently.



Québec (Canada) : Current online address change





- Changement d'adresse par Internet	- Microsoft Internet Explorer
Québec 🛤 🛤	Pour nous joindre Aide FAQ English
	Étape 1. Sélection des services à aviser 🛛 🕺
Identification	Veuillez cocher les services gouvernementaux où vous avez un dossier.
Étapes de la demande	Il peut arriver que votre adresse soit communiquée à d'autres ministères et organismes selon des ententes conclues en vertu de certaines lois dont la Loi sur l'accès aux documents des organismes publics et sur la protection des renseignements personnels.
2 Renseignements sur l'identité	Directeur général des élections du Québec (DGEQ)
3 Renseignements personnels	Liste électorale du Québec
4 Ancienne adresse	Ministère de l'Emploi, de la Solidarité sociale et de la Famille (MESSF)
5 Nouvelle adresse de domicile	Assistance emploi (aide sociale), Solidarité jeunesse, Emploi-Québec, APPORT, Centre de recouvrement
6 Adresse de correspondance	PRALMA (Programme d'allocation maternité): Ce service s'adresse uniquement aux femmes qui, pendant l'année en cours, ont reçu ou recevront l'allocation de maternité de 360 \$.
7 Résumé de votre demande	Ministère du Revenu du Québec (MRQ)
	E ministère du Revenu du Québec effectuera les changements dans tous les dossiers où paraît votre ancienne adresse.
	Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ)
	Carte d'assurance maladie et Régime public d'assurance médicaments
	Régie des rentes du Québec (RRQ)
	Rentes du Québec (bénéficiaire seulement), Prestations familiales
	Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ)
	Permis de conduire (L'adresse sera automatiquement modifiée pour l'immatriculation du véhicule enregistré au même nom que le titulaire du permis.)
	Indemnités pour les personnes accidentées seulement (Les autres intervenants doivent contacter la Société.)
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Québec (Canada) : The current context



- Each government agency still bears the burden of validating itself the address change with its own rules;
- In Québec, it is unlawful to share information about citizen or businesses between government ministries or agencies;
- In Québec, about 66% of online address change requests through this system are rejected during validation;
- Indeed, the general public is slowly loosing interest in the current system.









	1. Presentation layer	HTML XML ASP.NET
	2. Processing layer	Web Services .NET
ata yer	3.a Knowledge database	RDF, OWL
0 <u>0</u> ~	3.b Relational database	MySQL

The 3-level system architecture of the *eGov* platform





The eGovernment Web services portal (eGOS) components :

- The login system;
- The profile access system;
- The Services Request Folder system (SRF);
- The Services Search system (SS).;
- The Address Change Service (ACS).





Émulation of an eCommerce shopping cart system to an eGovernment system.

- The SRF allows a user to select and then add desired services in his request folder ;
- Allow the treatment of simultaneous service requests ;
- keeps track of all operations according to preferences.
 The services request folder system (SRF)





- Accessible to all the users via a Web service;
- Enables online search of all available government services;
- Designing an ontology model for online services.

The Service Search System (SS)



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- OWLJessKB Java libraries → automatic reasoning on the user search requests
 - Conversion of the semantics content into facts and rules usable by an expert system.
 - RDF/XML domain model format is transformed into a first order logic representation used by the Jess expert system to develop an inference engine.
- The Service Search system (SS) is accessible through a Web service.
 - Concepts and properties are extracted from the ontology.
 The Service Search System

(SS)





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The changing address steps

Perspective and recommendations



- Completing the existing ontology by a more real government service representation
- Developing and an integrating other services with the Web services technology
- Implementation of the system in a concrete setting
- Evaluate the system performance within the government





















Current Landscape

- Investors spend much time consulting irrelevant
- assistance programmes.
- Most of the Web content is intended for human usage.
- Limited software capability







Online assistance programmes for investors: Publishing Assistance Programmes



Online assistance programmes for investors: Searching for Assistance Programmes







	Programmes	URL	Taux de convergence
Fi N	nancement PME - volet ouvelle Economie	http://www.demarrez- entreprise.info.gouv.qc.ca/fr/sortie/fiche.asp? etape=103&action=&dossier=2691&table=2	0.75
P. ď	ARI-CNRC Programme aide ⊡a recherche industrielle	http://irap-pari.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/french/irapclients_f.html	0.75
Pi er or m	rogramme d'aide aux ntreprises d'economie sociale euvrant en gestion des iatieres residuelles	http://www.demarrez- entreprise.info.gouv.qc.ca/fr/sortie/fiche.asp? etape=103&action=&dossier=6682&table=2	0.60
Pi sc de	rogramme de la recherche sientifique et du eveloppement experimental	http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/taxcredit/sred/menu-f.html	0.35
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Thank you for your attention.

Question ?

