

ASIO: a Research Management System based on Semantic technologies

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Background: HERCULES project

Research data semantics for Spanish universities

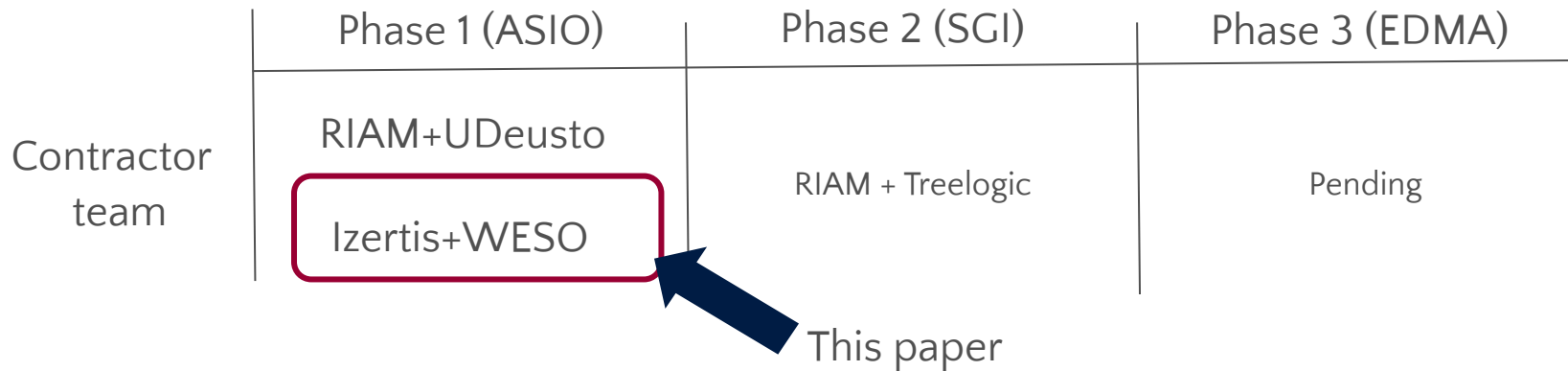
Goals:

- Gather new information
- Integration of heterogeneous nodes
- Apply semantic web technologies

Background: Hercules project

3 phases:

- Semantic architecture and ontological infrastructure (ASIO)
- Research management system (SGI)
- Enrichment methods and data analysis (EDMA)



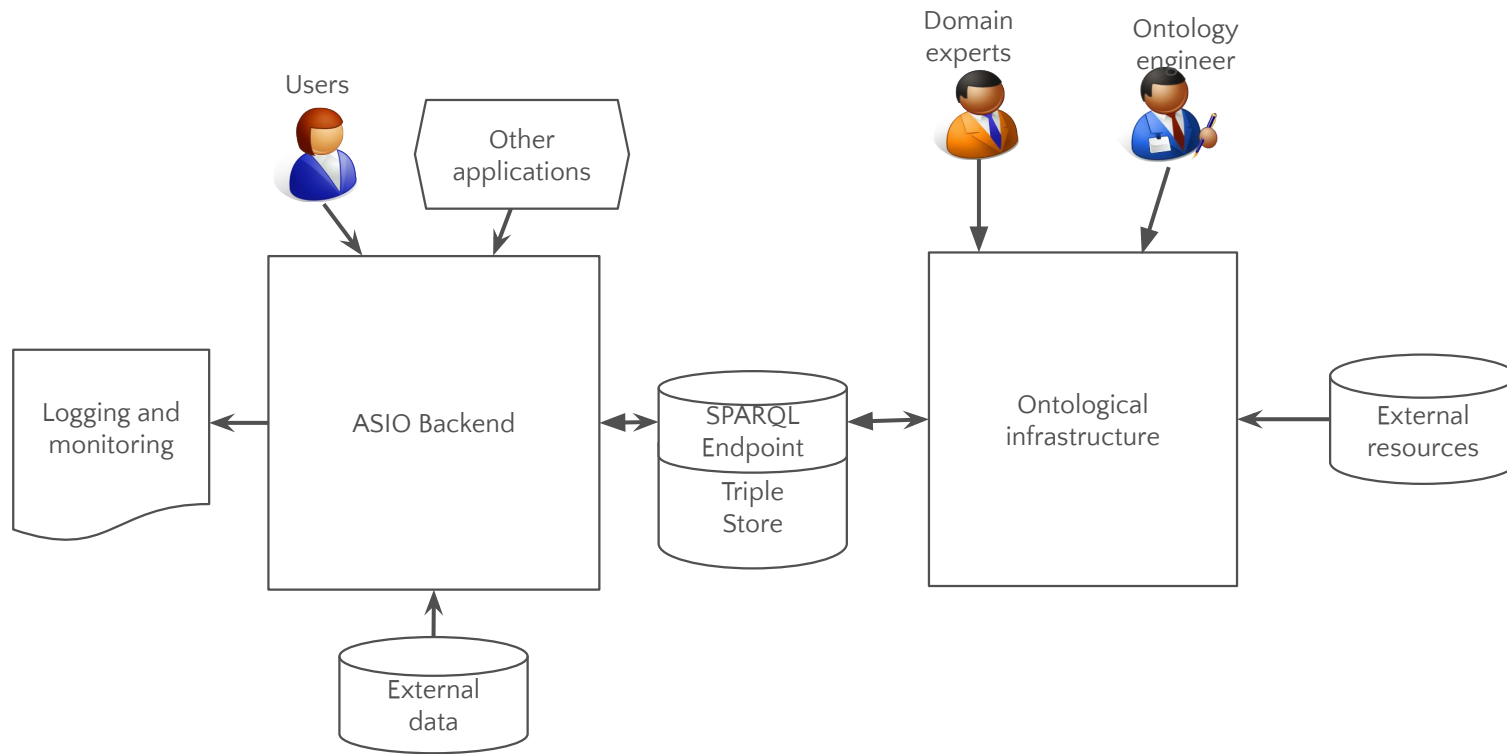
Architecture of ASIO

2 main building blocks

- Semantic architecture/Backend
- Ontological infrastructure



Building blocks



ASIO Backend

Front end

Offers a Linked Data Platform API

Web publication service

Clean architecture pattern

Domain model using POJOs

Event sourcing

Apache Kafka as the source of truth

2 Event processor generate 2 serving data stores

- Trellis + Apache Jena TDB

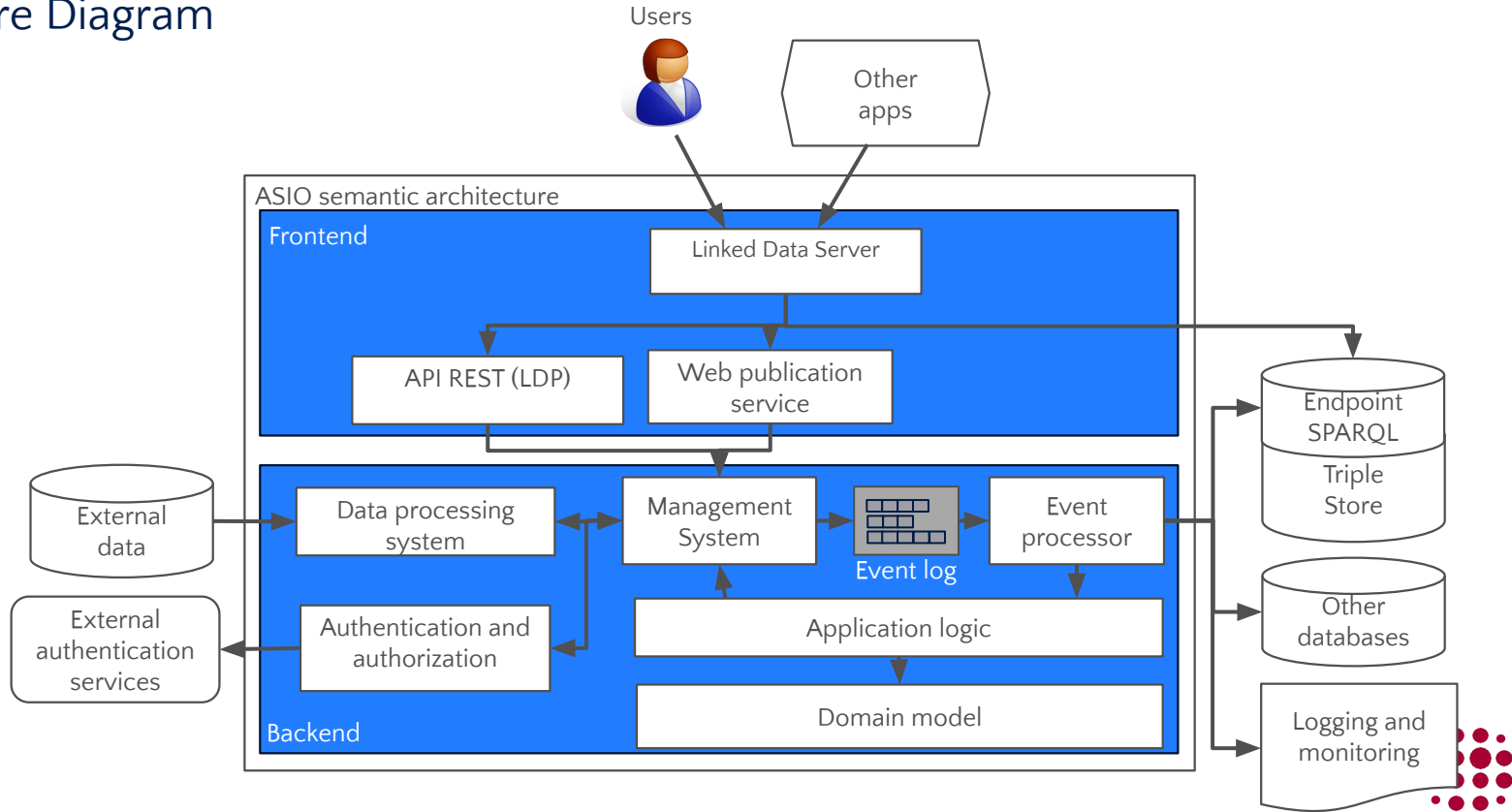
- Wikibase

URI factory



ASIO Backend diagram

Architecture Diagram



Ontological infrastructure

Modular ontology

Core

Research concepts

Vertical modules

Different domains like geographical names, human resources, univ. systems, etc.

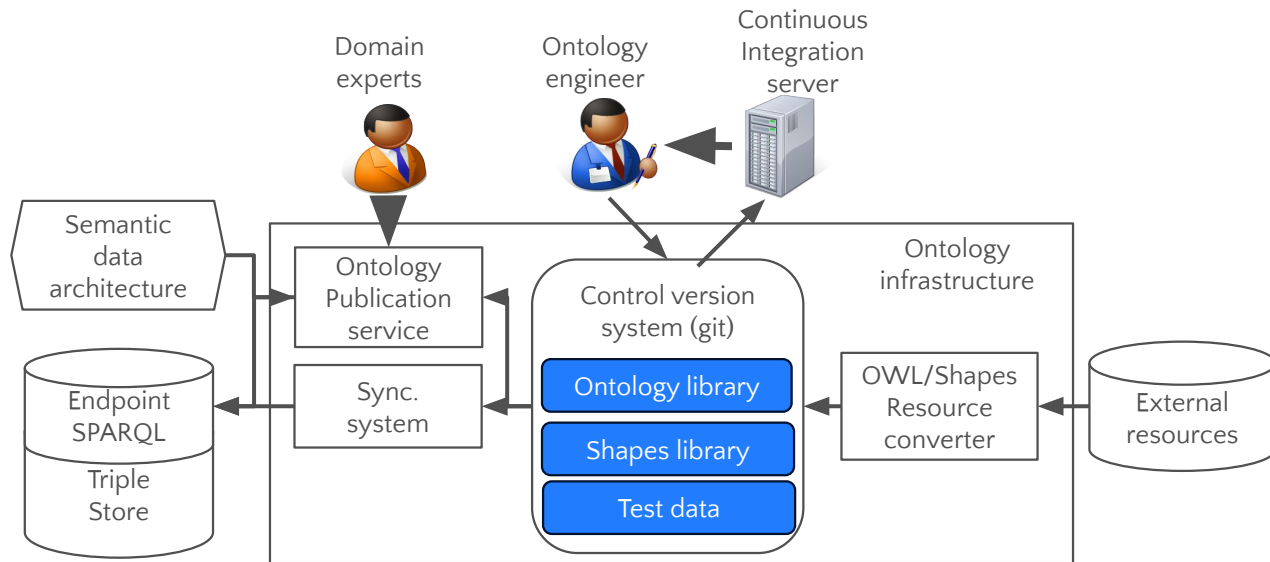
Shape expressions

Describe & validate the content

Continuous integration with test data

Ontological infrastructure

Architecture diagram



Application logic and domain model

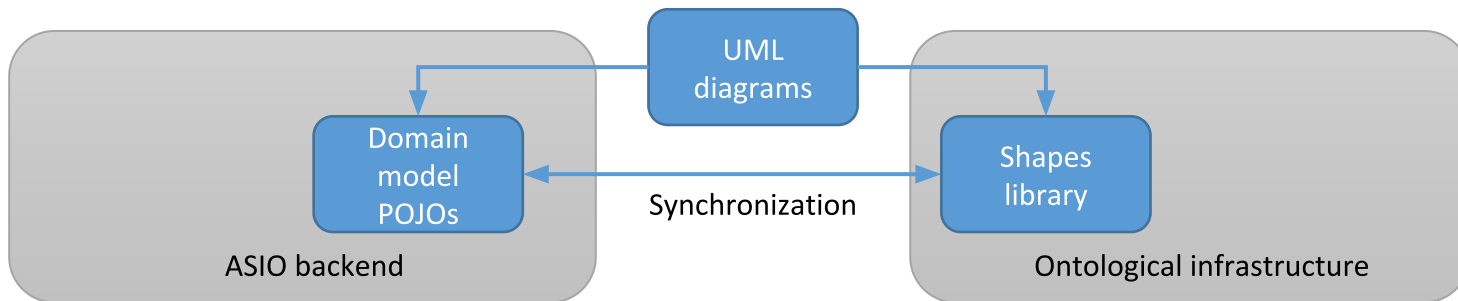
Clean architecture pattern

Domain model as the central element

Plain Old Java Objects (POJOs)

Synchronization between Shapes from Ontological infrastructure

Application logic and services over domain model



Example of POJO generation

ShEx

```
# Prefixes ...
:Researcher {
  :name xsd:string ;
  :surname xsd:string ;
  :orcid xsd:xstring ;
  :publications :Publication *
  ...
}
```



Java

```
// Imports ...
public class Researcher {
  private String name ;
  private String surname ;
  private String orcid ;
  private Publication [] publications ;
  ...
  // Constructor ...
  // Getters and Setters ...
  ...
}
```



Ontological infrastructure

Automatic Synch between github repo and wikibase instance

Github: <https://github.com/weso/hercules-ontology>

Wikibase ontology: https://herc-core.wiki.opencura.com/wiki/Main_Page

Competency questions

Wikibase instance: <https://hercules-demo.wiki.opencura.com>

Continous integration using Shapes

<https://github.com/weso/ontolo-ci>



Conclusions

ASIO presents a new architecture proposal for a semantics-based research management system

We prioritized the following quality attributes

- Interoperability
- Scalability
- Reusability



Further work

ASIO started its development in Nov. 2019

Ontology = 1st version published

<http://purl.org/hercules/asio/core>

Currently working on aligning the ontologies from the 2 contractors

ASIO backend = work in progress

Repos available at <https://github.com/HerculesCRUE/ib-asio>