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# Preface

The Semantic Web is one of the major current endeavours of applied computer science. The Semantic Web aims at enriching the existing Web with meta-data and processing methods so as to provide Web-based systems with advanced (so-called intelligent) capabilities, in particular with context-awareness and decision support.

The advanced capabilities required in most Semantic Web application scenarios primarily call for reasoning. Reasoning capabilities are offered by Semantic Web languages that are currently being developed. Most of these languages, however, are developed mainly from functionality-centred perspectives (e.g., ontology reasoning or access validation) or application-centred perspectives (e.g., Web service retrieval and composition). A perspective centred on the reasoning techniques complementing the above-mentioned activities appears desirable for Semantic Web systems and applications. The Summer School is devoted to this perspective. The “Reasoning Web” series of annual Summer Schools was started in 2005 on behalf of the work package “Education and Training (ET)” of the Network of Excellence REWERSE.

This year’s edition focused on the use of semantic technologies to enhance data access on the Web. For this reason, courses presented a range of techniques and formalisms which bridge semantic-based and data-intensive systems.

The school introduced Semantic Web foundations with a strong perspective on data management as well as applications of scalable semantic-based techniques for data querying. Topics of the lectures were design and analysis of reasoning procedures for Description Logics; Answer Set Programming basics, its modelling methodology and its principal extensions tailored for Semantic Web applications; languages for constraining and querying XML data; RDF databases theory and efficient and scalable support for RDF/OWL data storage, loading, inferencing and querying; tractable Description Logics and their use for Ontology-Based Data Access; the Social Semantic Desktop, which defines a user’s personal information environment as a source and end-point of the Semantic Web.

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