

User Facing Documents Task Force

Objective: to produce “less technical” documents for potential authors and users of OWL content

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- Charter deliverables which could be in scope:
 - Overview (introduction to the language)
 - Requirements
 - Descriptive specification (filling the role of OWL reference)
 - User Guide
 - Possibly additional outreach material
 - e.g. Bijan’s User Guide for numerics in OWL

- UF Document ideas from members:
 - A revision of OWL Overview from Rec
 - A revision of OWL Reference
 - “Traceability” doc showing features linked to requirements and use cases from multiple domains

No group agreement

- Different views about audience
- Some of the Issues:
 - Concern with this work slowing other WG deliverables
 - Disagreement with the WG producing some of these documents, particularly a Rec. docs
 - Concern with the organization, redundancy, length, and correctness of the OWL Rec. docs in this category
 - Concern about reader confusion about what is normative
 - Different views about preferred concrete syntax to describe (use in examples)
 - Disagreement on view (SemWeb –vs- DL) of language to describe
- Trying to reach some agreement has prevented any forward process

One possible way forward

- Start working on some content
- Perhaps working towards a document set like:
 - An introductory document between OWL 1.1 Overview and OWL Overview from Rec. (without the species of OWL emphasis)
 - A document intended as a language reference written in plain english
 - Requirements with traceability

Use selectable views for syntax and content (see Bijan's OWL tutorial document as an example)