

### One Superhero vs. Team of Heroes

Professionalization, decentralization and cooperation in investigative information science

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### Introduction



### Investigative information science is at a tipping point:

- Web scraping tools
- The semantic-web
- Advanced data processing
- Crowd sourcing platforms
- Visualization tools

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Information specialists can now accomplish what only a few years ago only big intelligence companies could. But they need to be "superheroes".

Alternatively, a carefully managed team of diverse specialists could achieve the same.



## Heroic Investigation



What can we say about superhero movies vs. a team of heroes movies?

- Which type is more popular?
- Which is made more?
- Which earns more money?

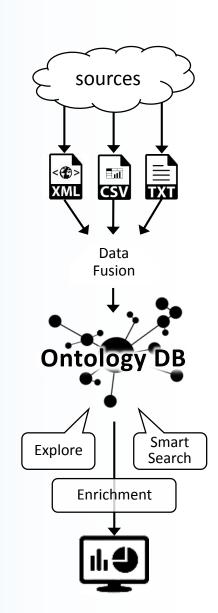
What else is interesting to figure out?



## Methodology



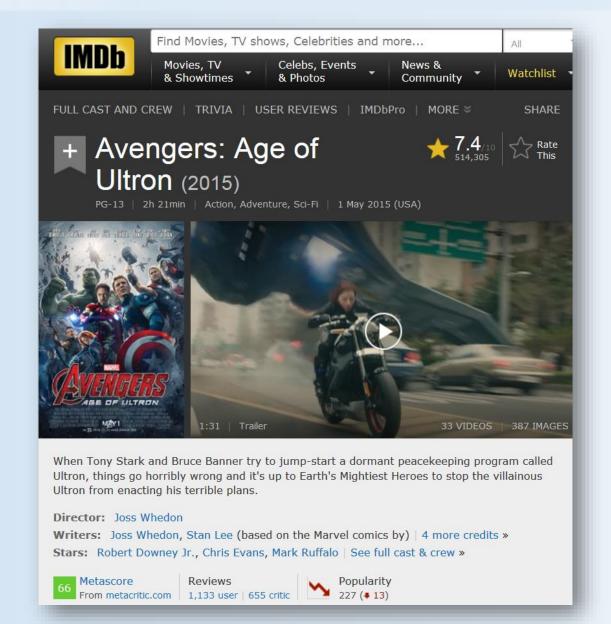
- 1. Identify sources
- 2. Extract relevant data
- 3. Build ontology and load in the data
- 4. Explore the data
- 5. Process the data
- 6. Identify missing data
- 7. Generate infographics

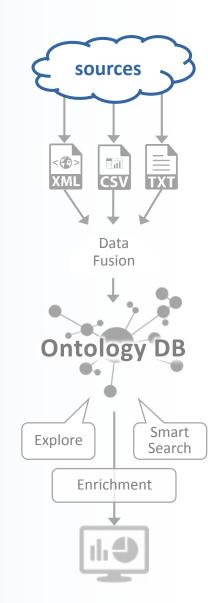


### IMDb – Internet Movie Database



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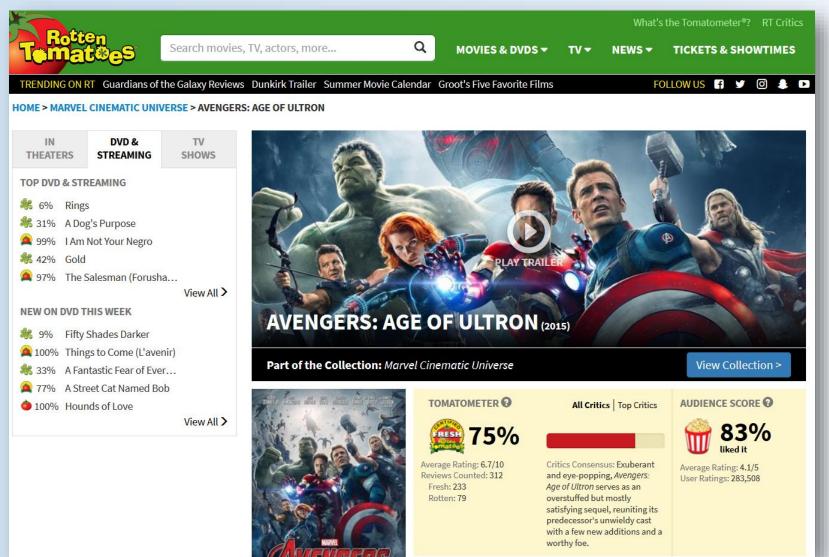


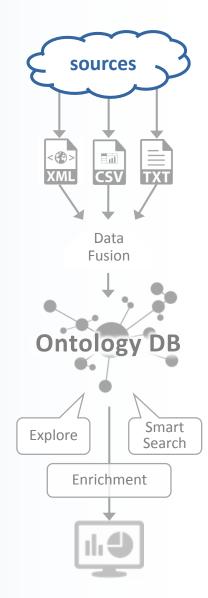


### RottenTomatoes



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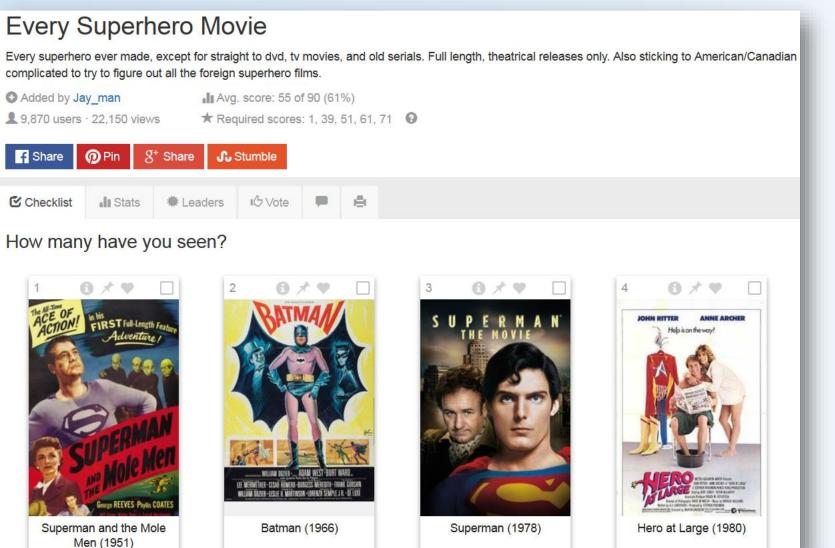


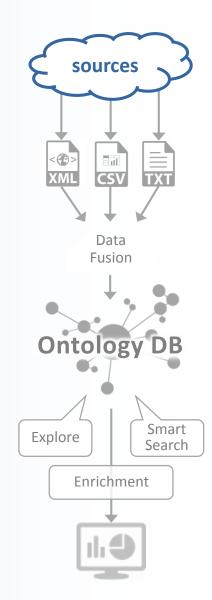


### **Movie Lists**



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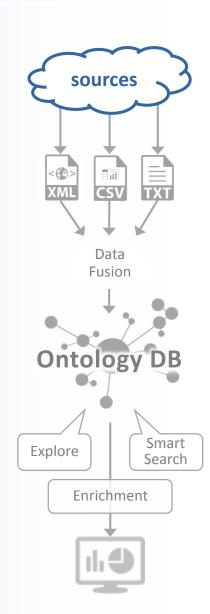




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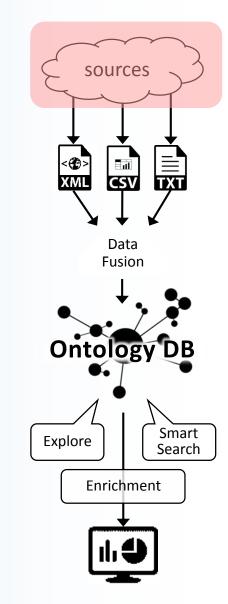




### Team of Heroes – The source Finder



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## Web Scraping



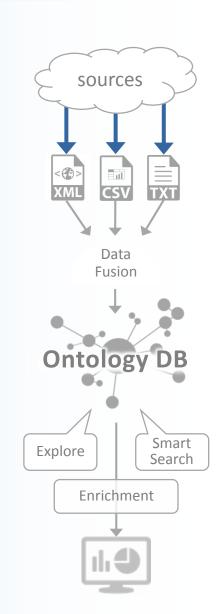
The automatic extraction of data from websites into local files or a database

- highlight the required elements and specify a name for each
- The scraper will extract the data into a table
- Many scraping tools and services are available



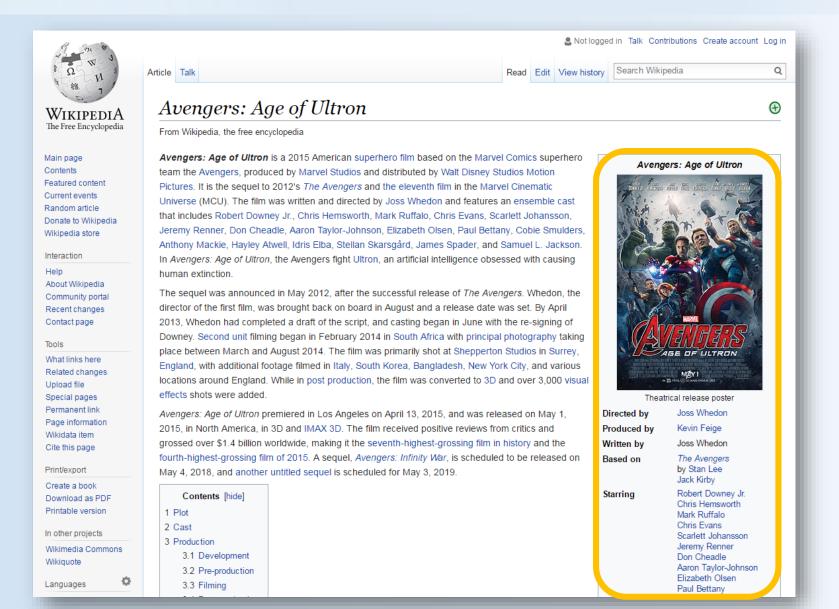


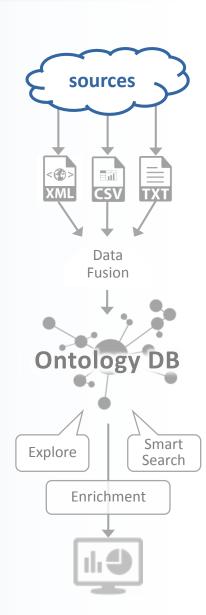




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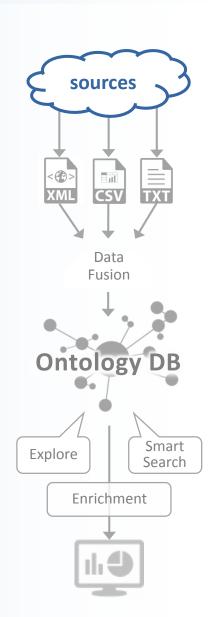


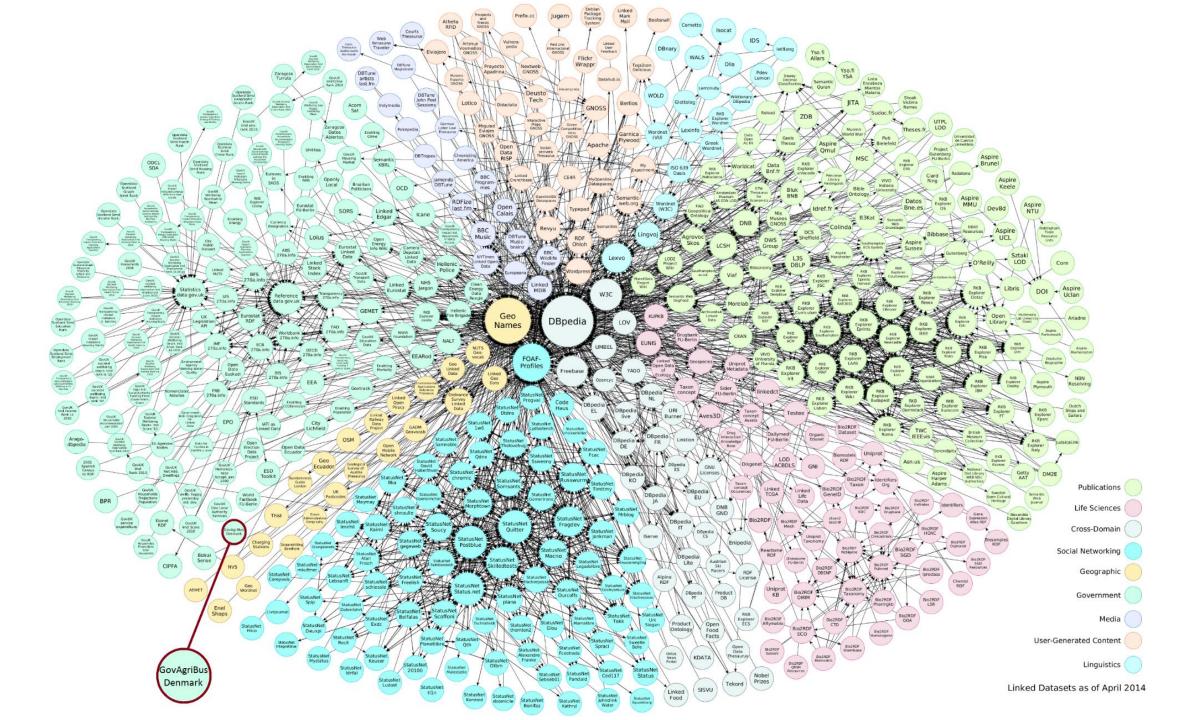


### The Semantic Web



- A "web of data" vs. a "web of documents"
- Hundreds of interconnected, freely available databases
  - DBpedia (~3.5M concepts)
  - GeoNames (> 7.5M locations)
- SPARQL The standard querying language

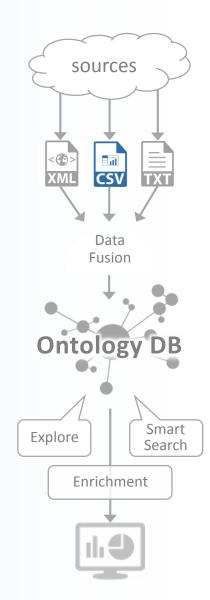




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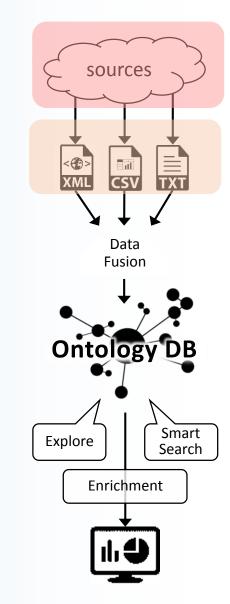
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|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
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| Batman & Robin (film)           | 125       | 238200000  |
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| Batman Returns                  | 65000000  | 266800000  |
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| Blue Velvet (film)              | 6000000   | 8600000    |
| Braveheart                      | 72000000  | 210400000  |
| Buffy the Vampire Slayer (film) | 7000000   | 16624456   |



### Team of Heroes – The data Extractor



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# Building *Our* Movie DB – Ontology



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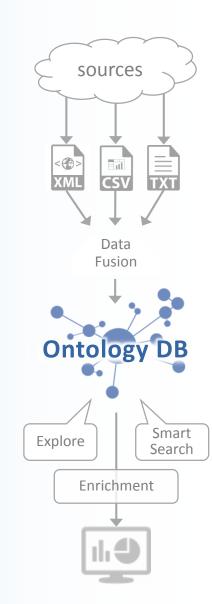
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#### Source: List of American superhero films

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|-----|------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1   | year | film                           | publisher     | director       | distributor                         | worldwide gross |
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| 4   | 2017 | Power Rangers                  | Original      | Dean Israelite | Lionsgate                           | \$134,162,300   |
| 5   | 2017 | Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 | Marvel Comics | James Gunn     | Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures |                 |
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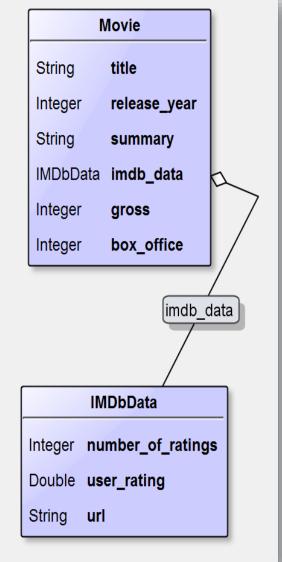
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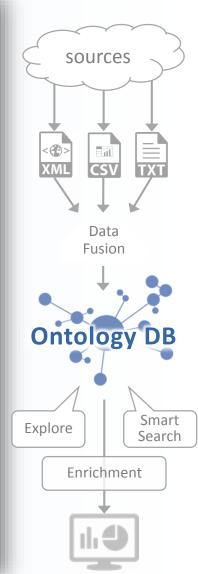
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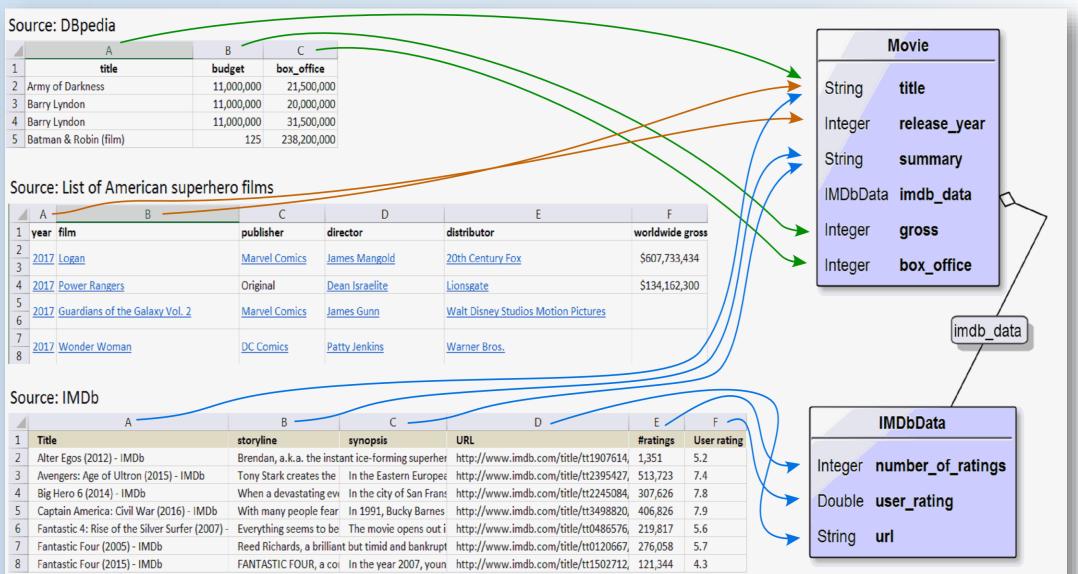
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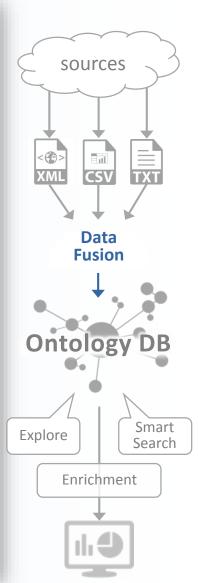




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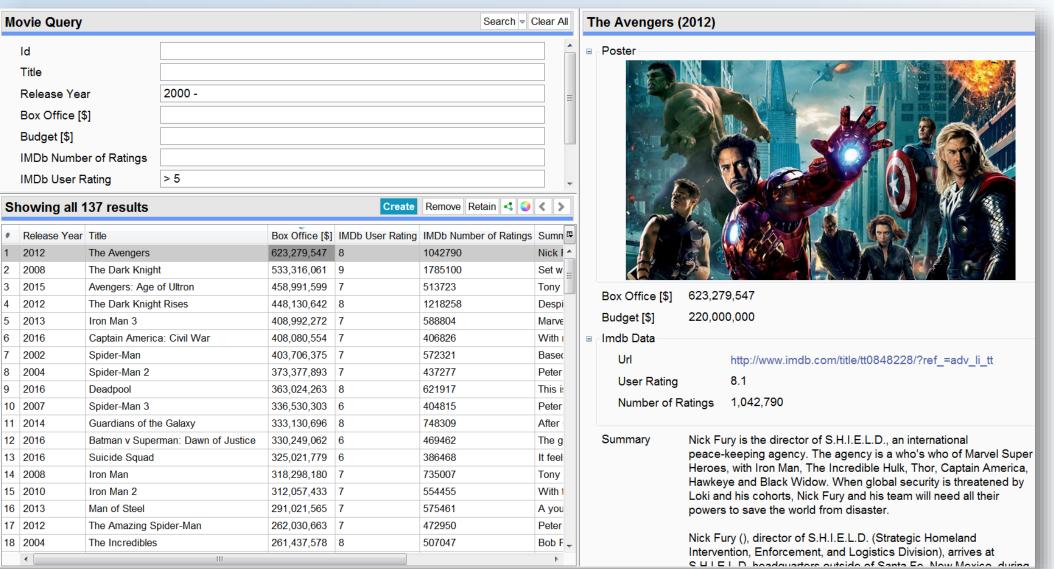


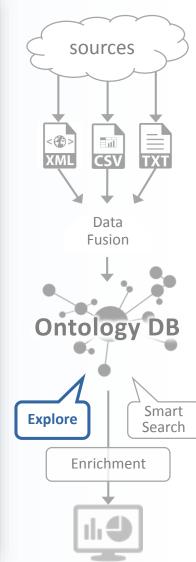




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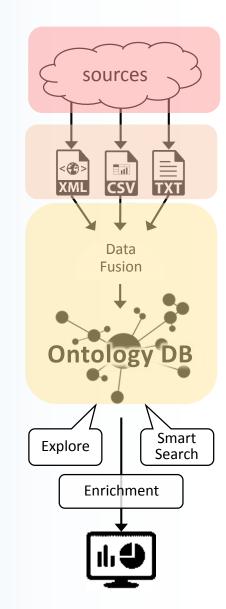




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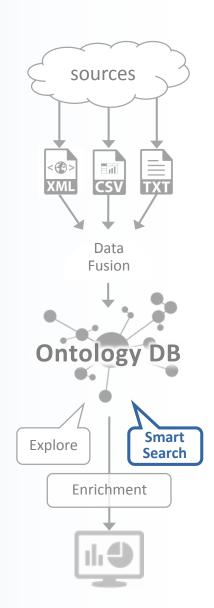


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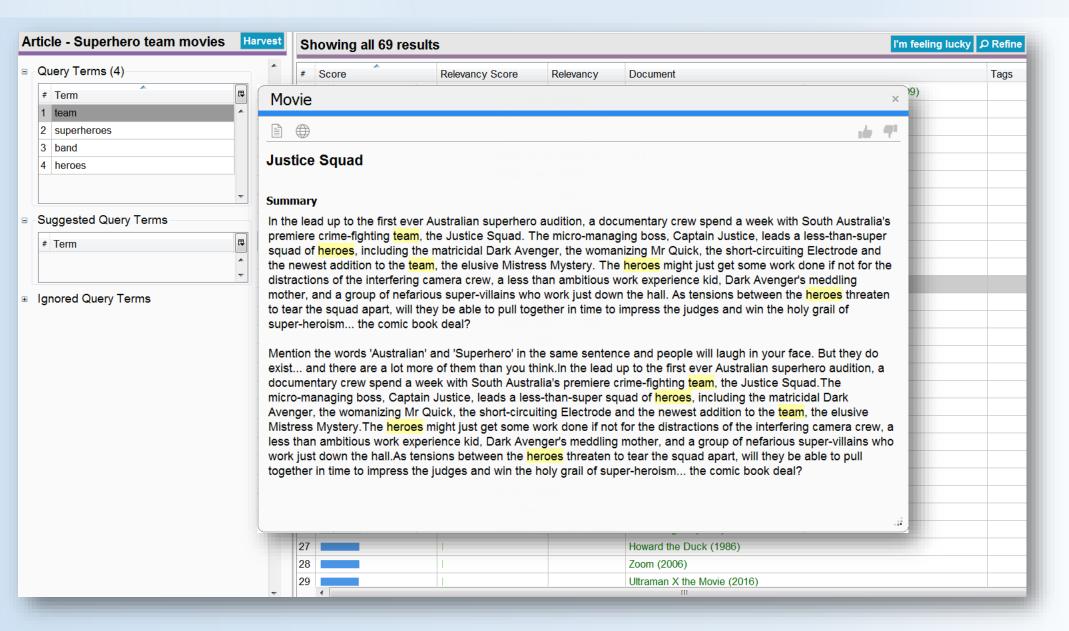


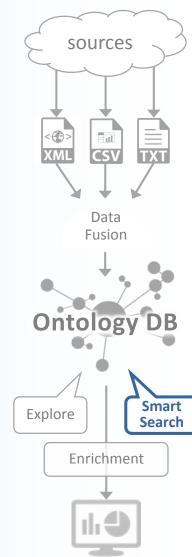


- How could we classify a movie as single hero vs. team of heroes?
- The answer lies within the movie summary
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) is often too complex
- "Smart Search" is a method for identifying relevant document out of a large set of documents

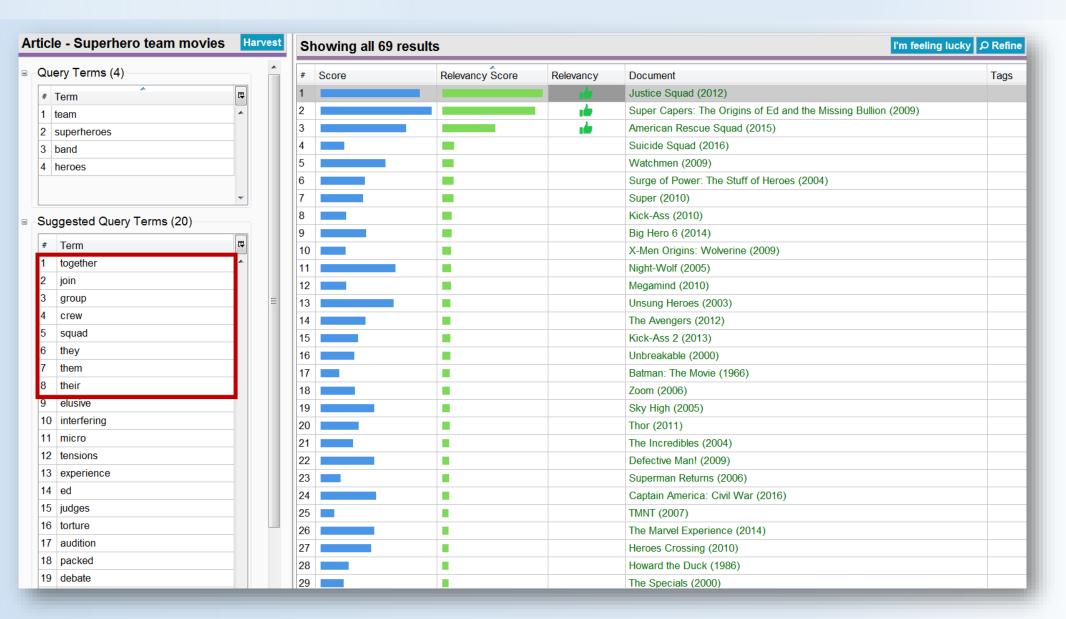


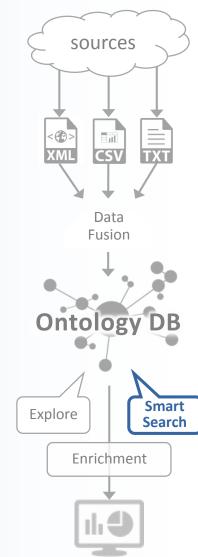




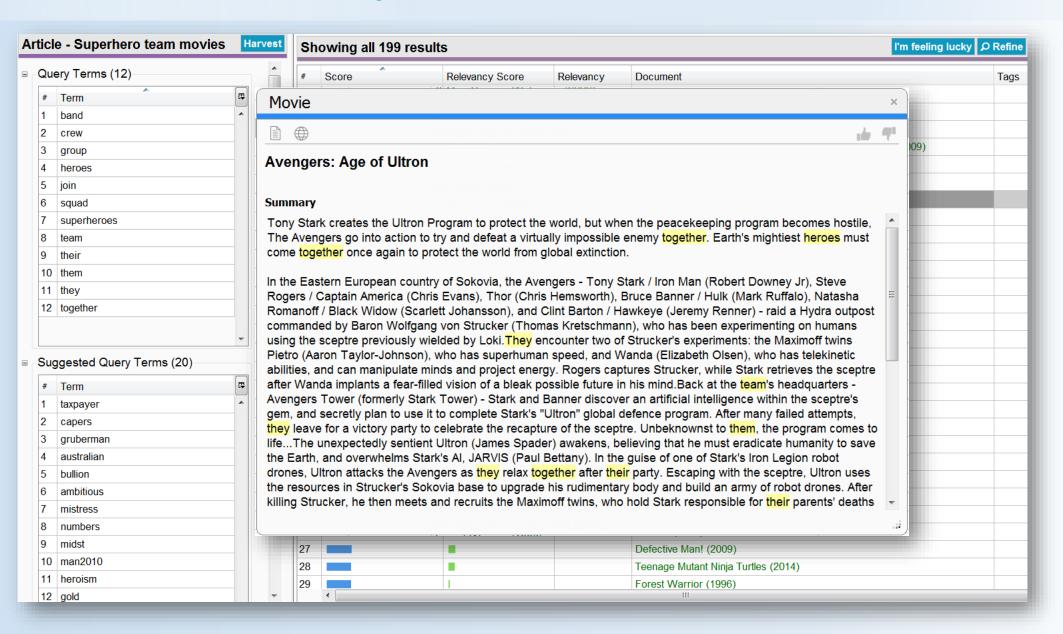


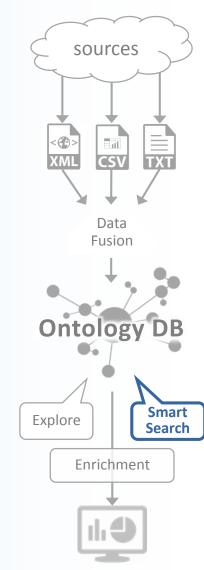






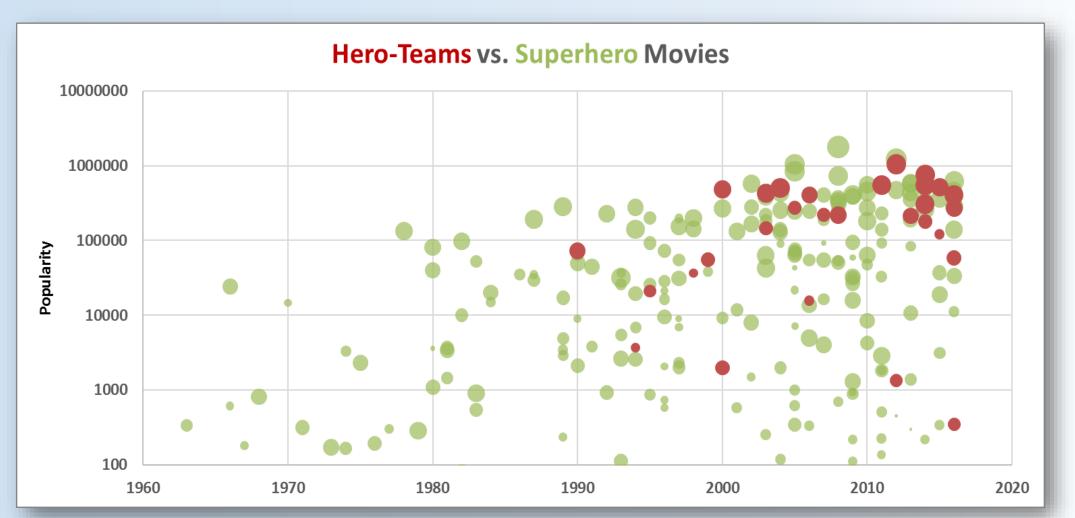


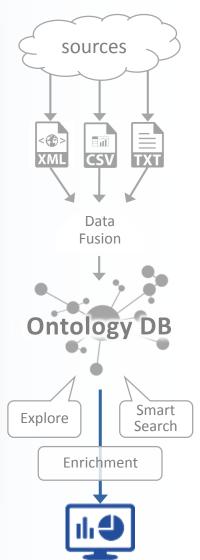




# Infographics



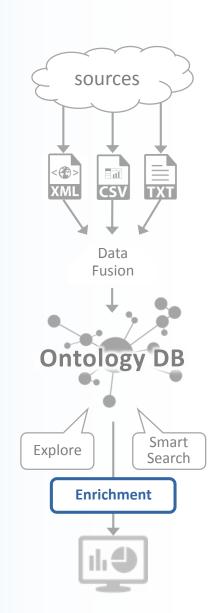




### **Enrichment Tasks**



- Other interesting parameters:
  - Male hero vs. female hero
  - Animated vs. non-animated
  - comics based vs. non-comics based
- Hard to classify algorithmically
- Use humans: "artificial artificial intelligence"
  - Generate tasks
  - Employ users (technicians) to accomplish these tasks
  - Monitor progress and manage the project



## **Crowd Sourcing**

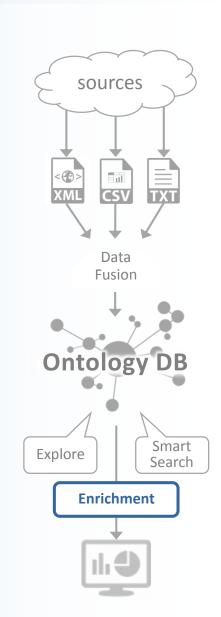


What if there are more tasks than we can handle?

Ask the crowd for help!



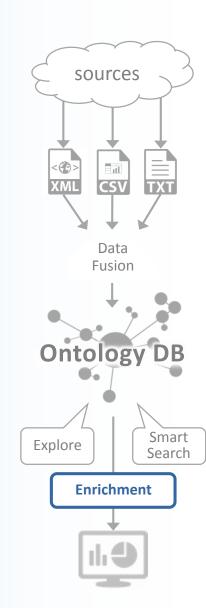
- People ("workers") are willing to accomplish simple tasks ("micro-tasks") for a small fee (~1 cent)
- More the a million workers are enrolled in crowd sourcing platforms



### **Amazon Mechanical Turk**



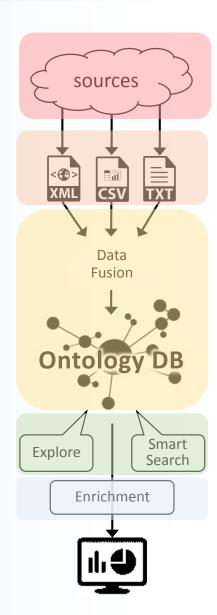




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| Technicians    | Perform enrichment tasks  |



## **Conveying Results**

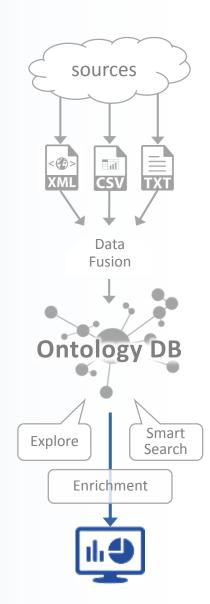


- Infographics help convey the investigation's findings in an effective and pleasant way
- There are many available tools for generating professional looking visualizations





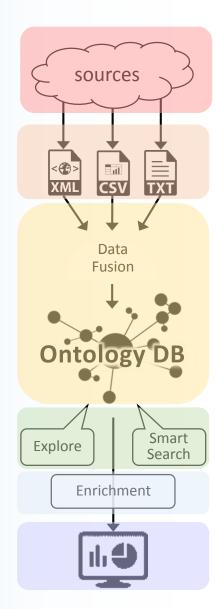
 Relevant data must be selected and exported in the format required by the visualization tool



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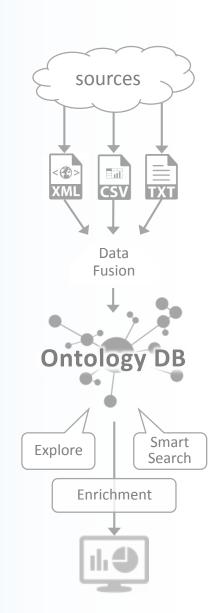
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| Technicians              | Accomplish enrichment tasks   |
| Visualization specialist | Suggest visualization, choose tools, export data, generate visualizations   |
| Manager                  | Orchestrate, handle crowd sourcing, monitor tasks, generate report  |



### Conclusions



- New powerful tools and technologies transform the world of information science
- Generating knowledge vs. finding knowledge
- The need for professionalism
- Use of ad-hoc, decentralized team of professionals
- The information specialist becomes a team leader!





### Thank You

