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SDForum Panelists

- Eric Miller – Zepheira
- Mills Davis – Project 10x
- Ram Guha – Google
- Sandeep Maripuri – Booz Allen Hamilton
- Susie Stephens – Eli Lilly

Question for Eric Miller

Infoglut is so commonly accepted, why the corporate resistance to semantic web as a solution? What alternatives are so attractive? Are the right people really aware of the problem?



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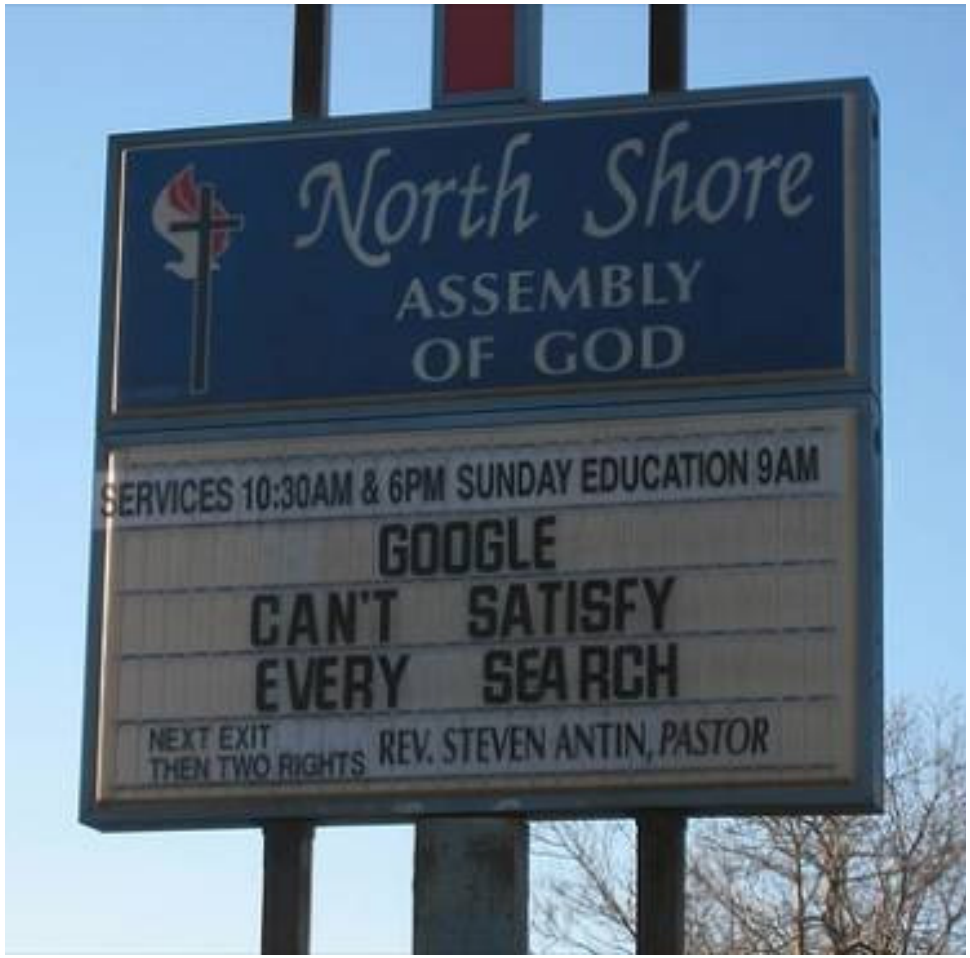
Question for Mills Davis

Why does the Semantic Web community have such a hard time overcoming the perceived complexity of the technology? In fact, isn't the semantic web about the same level of complexity as working with SQL databases?



Question for Ram Guha

After 10 years of involvement in the Semantic Web, what's worked and what hasn't? Is there any room for Google to learn for Semantic Web techniques, or is it even needed for the types of searches that Google intends to fulfill?



Question for Sandeep Maripuri

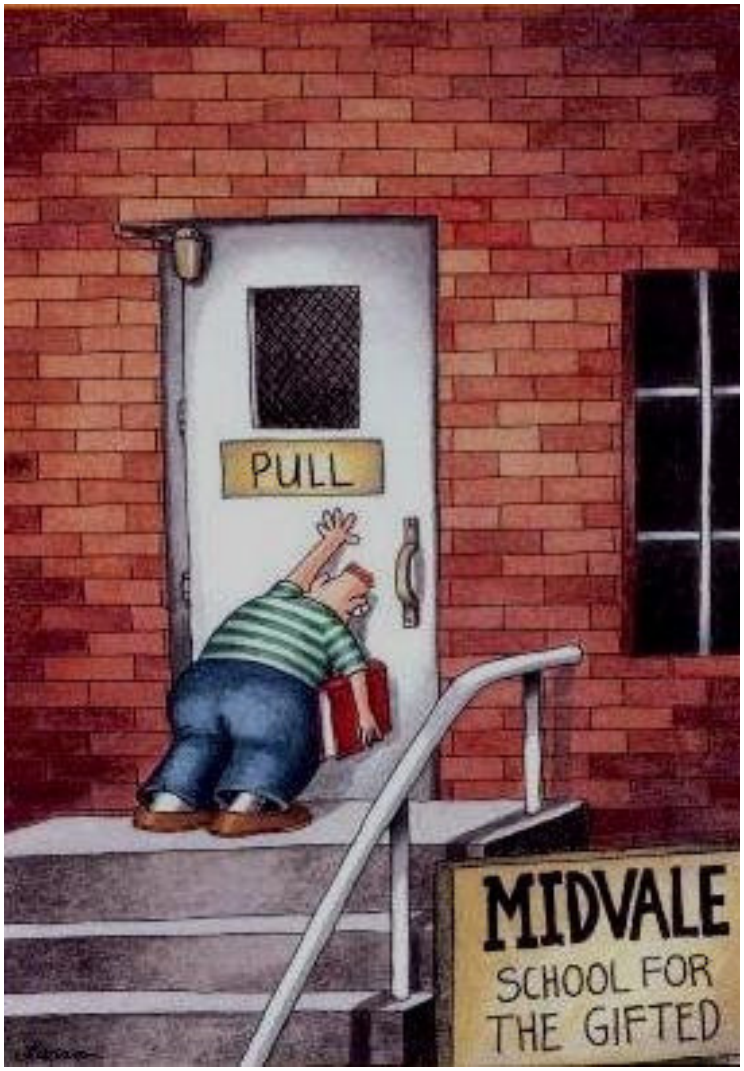
With all the public monies poured into Semantic Web R&D for the past 10 years, has there been progress? Why is it that our Government decided that existing technology wasn't good enough, that a new effort at DARPA was required?



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Question for Susie Stephens

Are all these brainy PhD researchers from big pharmaceuticals and universities on to something? Or is the Semantic Web a mis-guided foray into a domain that these researchers don't know much about? Why is Semantic Web important for the life sciences industry at all?




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