Semantic Web Veteran, Richard Cyganiak, Joins TopQuadrant

Creator of Linked Open Data Cloud Diagram joins company to further innovation

RALEIGH, NC – December 16, 2014 - TopQuadrant™, a leading enterprise metadata and semantic data integration company, today announced that Richard Cyganiak has joined the technology team to further the company’s commitment to helping organizations realize the business value of Semantic Web technology and linked data.

“I have spent most of my career on the research side and have always been fascinated by the Semantic Web’s well thought-out, beautiful collection of technologies,” said Cyganiak. “As one of the more mature companies in this space, TopQuadrant has been committed to practical application of these technologies to solve business problems for quite some time. The biggest challenges are no longer in refinements of the technology, but in how to translate its use into business value. Joining TopQuadrant, along with some of the brightest minds in this industry, brings me one step closer to helping companies fully leverage Semantic Web technology.”

Cyganiak is an accomplished researcher and is well known for his work on open source projects such as D2RQ, PUBBY and in initiating the Linked Open Data cloud diagram, which highlights the growth of adoption of linked data. In addition to these projects, he has also played key roles in the W3C standardization of RDF and SPARQL. Prior to joining TopQuadrant, he served as a Research Associate for the Insight Centre for Data Analytics (formerly DERI), where he most recently was involved in building an open data portal for the Irish government.

“We are pleased to welcome one of the leading researchers in the Semantic Web space to the TopQuadrant team,” said Irene Polikoff, CEO and co-founder of TopQuadrant. “Richard is a well accomplished technologist, and his passion for helping to make complex issues simple will play a significant role in furthering our mission of bringing the value of linked data to enterprises in the form of a new generation of more powerful and interoperable business applications and infrastructure.”

About TopQuadrant

TopQuadrant’s standards-based solutions enable organizations to evolve their information infrastructure into a semantic ecosystem, the foundation for intelligent business capabilities and integrated big data. As a result, data can be organized, shared and exchanged regardless of its structure, origin or location. TopBraid Enterprise Vocabulary Net™ supports collaborative management of enterprise metadata, models, business glossaries and taxonomies used in search, content navigation and data integration. TopBraid Reference Data Manager™ supports the governance and provisioning of reference data, including the enrichment of reference datasets (code lists) with comprehensive metadata. TopBraid Insight™ is a semantic virtual data warehouse that enables federated querying of data across diverse data sources as if they were in one place. TopQuadrant customers include many government agencies and Fortune 1000 companies in numerous industries including pharmaceutical, financial services, energy and digital media. For more information, visit http://www.topquadrant.com

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