

# The OO jDREW Engine of Rule Responder: Naf Hornlog RuleML Query Answering Presentation

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# Overview of Rule Responder

- Rule Responder is an intelligent multi-agent system for collaborative teams and virtual communities
- Supports rule-based collaboration between the different members of a virtual organization
- Members of a virtual registration are represented as semi-automated rule-based agents which use rules to describe the behavioral and decision logic
- Uses RuleML subset as its Rule Markup Language, based on logic and XML
  - The member of the RuleML family employed here is Naf Hornlog
- Implemented as a Web-based service architecture

# Personal Agents

- A personal agent acts on behalf of a single person of an organization
- The personal agent contains a FOAF\* profile with FOAF-extended rules

\*The Friend of a Friend (FOAF) project: <http://www.foaf-project.org>

# Organizational Agents

- Organizational agents are used to represent goals and strategies shared by each person in the collaborative team
- Organizational agents contain rule sets that describe their organizations' policies, regulations, opportunities, etc.

# External Agents

- External agents communicate with the virtual organization, exchanging messages that transport queries, answers, or complete rule sets via the public interface of the organizational agents
- HTTP interface to Rule Responder
- Support for multiple unique External Agents (end users) at a single time
- Users can use a web browser to communicate with Rule Responder (currently a test interface)

# Rule Engines

- Prova (Prolog + Java)
  - Developed by Adrian Paschke (Germany) and Alex Kozlenkov (United Kingdom)
- OO jDREW (Object Oriented Java Deductive Reasoning Engine for the Web)
  - Developed by Bruce Spencer, Marcel Ball, Benjamin Craig (Canada)

# Prova

- Prova is used to implement the organizational agents of Rule Responder
- Prova is also used for some personal agents



# OO jDREW

- OO jDREW is used for personal agents in Rule Responder
- Two modes of Rule Execution:
  - Bottom-up (forward reasoning)
  - Top-down (backward reasoning)
- Rule Responder primarily uses top-down
- Supports rules in the following formats:
  - POSL (Positional Slotted presentation syntax)
  - RuleML (XML syntax, can be generated from POSL)

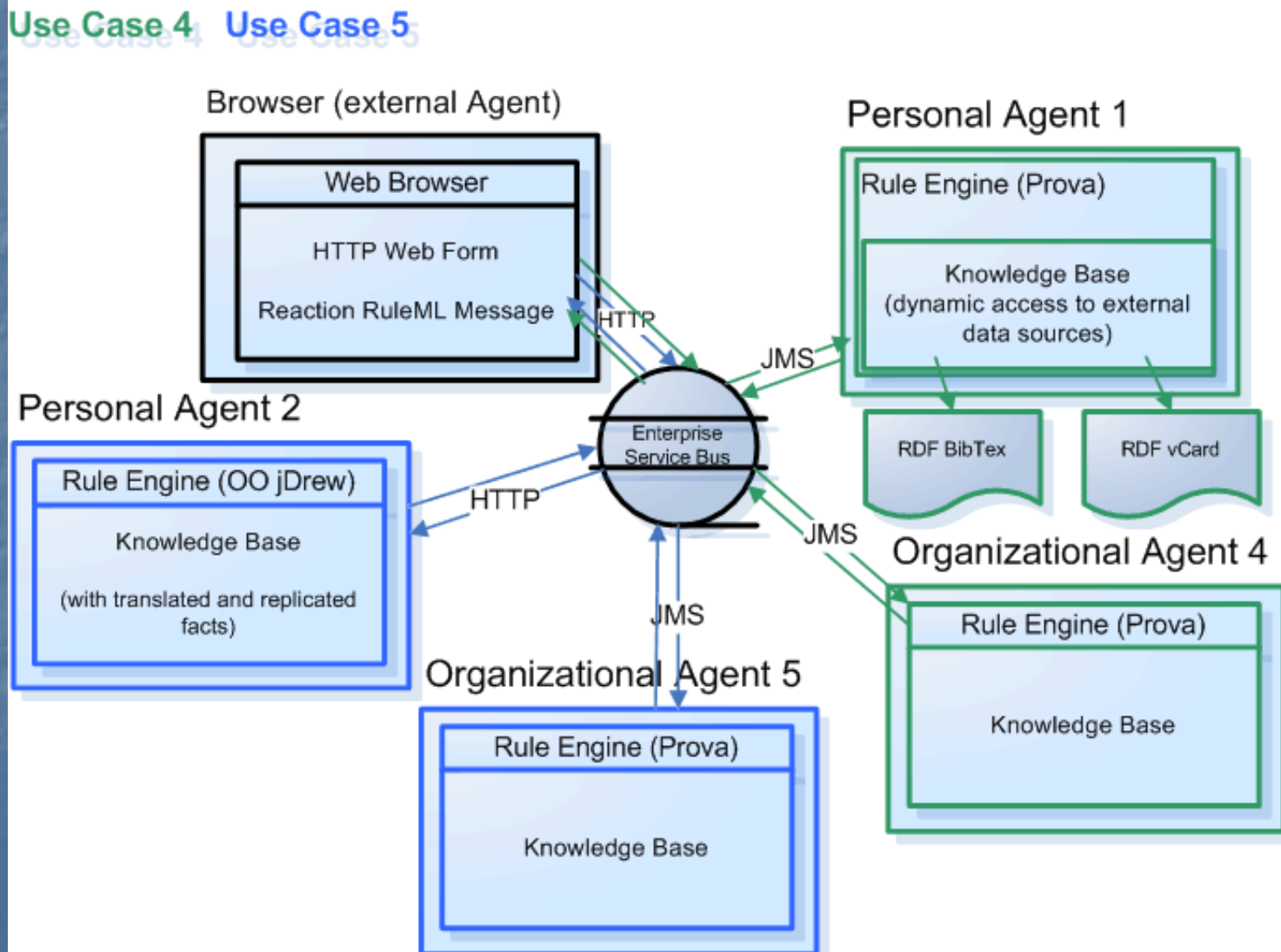
# Communication Middleware

- **Mule Enterprise Service Bus (ESB)**
  - Mule is used to create communication end points at each personal and organizational agent of Rule Responder
  - Mule supports various transport protocols (i.e. http, jms, soap)
  - Rule Responder uses http and jms as transport protocols

# Reaction RuleML

- Reaction RuleML is a branch of the RuleML family that supports actions and events
- When two agents need to communicate, each others' Reaction RuleML messages are sent through the ESB

# Architecture - Overview



# Use Case

- RuleML-2007 Symposium
  - One Organizational Agent that acts as the single point of entry to the conference
    - Assists with planning, preparing, and running the Symposium
  - Personal Agents represent Chairs of the Symposium

# Online Demo

- <http://responder.ruleml.org/>
- Use Case Demo Link:
- <http://ibis.in.tum.de/projects/paw/ruleml-2007/>

## Ex. Personal Agent's knowledge base

% Sample rule POSL syntax

```
person(?person,?role, ?title, ?email, ?telephone):-  
    contact(?person,?email,?telephone),  
    role(?person,?role),  
    title(?person,?title).
```

% Sample facts that match the previous rule

```
contact(John, john@email.com, 1-555-555-5555).  
role(John, Panel Chair).  
title(John, Doctor).
```

# Example Message to the Organizational Agent

- <RuleML xmlns="http://www.ruleml.org/0.91/xsd"
- xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
- xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.ruleml.org/0.91/xsd
- http://ibis.in.tum.de/research/ReactionRuleML/0.2/rr.xsd"
- xmlns:ruleml2007="http://ibis.in.tum.de/projects/paw#">
  
- <Message mode="outbound" directive="query">
- <oid>
- <Ind>RuleML-2007</Ind>
- </oid>
- <protocol>
- <Ind>esb</Ind>
- </protocol>
- <sender>
- <Ind>user</Ind>
- </sender>
- <content>
- <Atom>
- <Rel>getContact</Rel>
- <Ind>ruleml2007\_Challenge</Ind>
- <Ind>update</Ind>
- <Var>Contact</Var>
- </Atom>
- </content>
- </Message>
- </RuleML>



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### USE CASES

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## RuleML-2007 Rule Responder

Use this text form to send a query in [Reaction RuleML in format](#) to the RuleML-2007 Responder:

```

xmlns:ruleml2007="http://ibis.in.tum.de/projects/paw#">

  <Message mode="outbound" directive="query">
    <oid>
      <Ind>RuleML-2007</Ind>
    </oid>
    <protocol>
      <Ind>esh</Ind>
    </protocol>
    <sender>
      <Ind>user</Ind>
    </sender>
    <content>
      <Atom>
        <Rel>getContact</Rel>
        <Ind>ruleml2007_Challenge</Ind>
        <Ind>update</Ind>
        <Var>Contact</Var>
      </Atom>
    </content>
  </Message>

```

Send

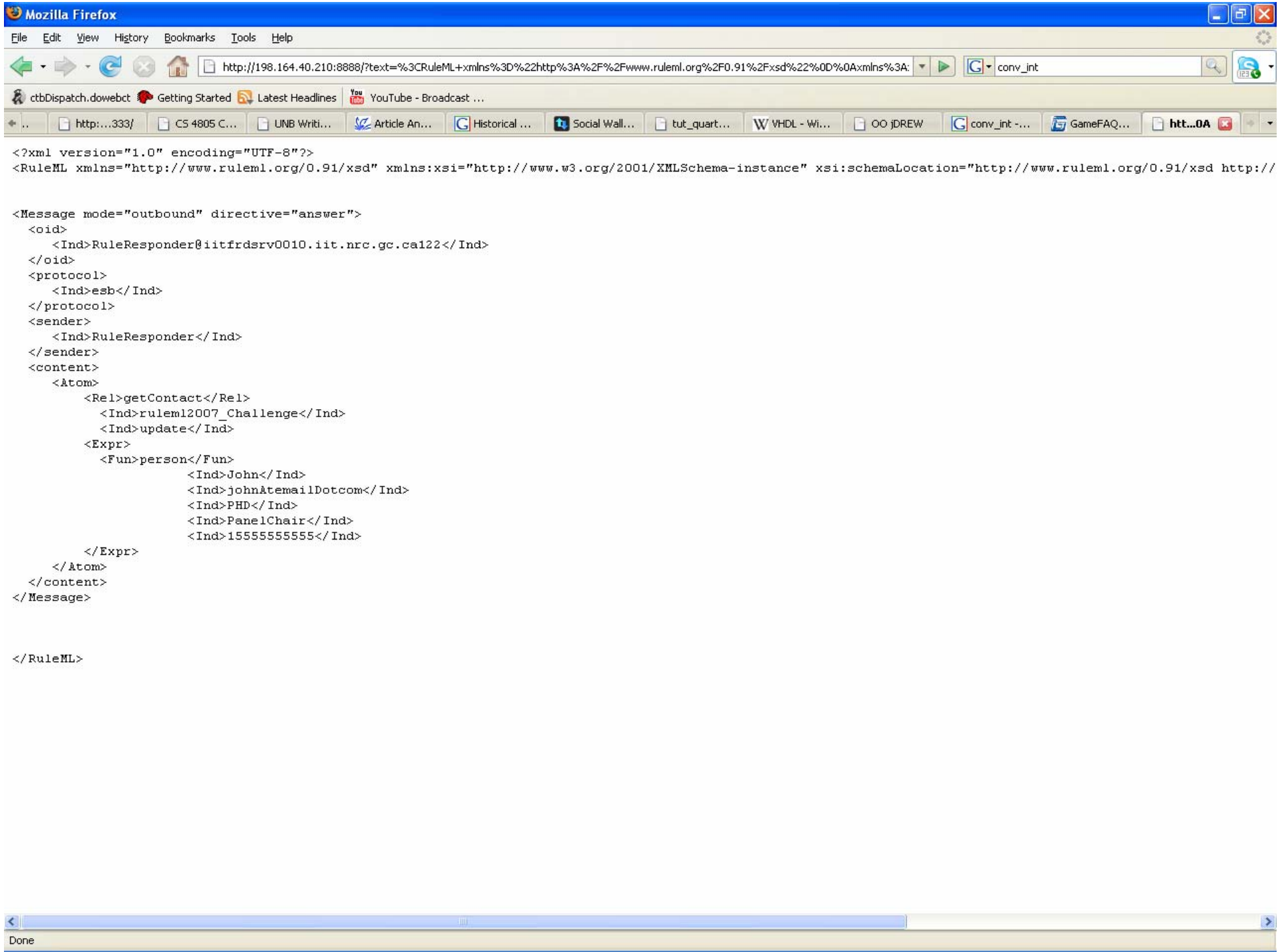
### Description:

[RuleML-2007 Responder Use Case](#)

### Rule Interface Descriptions (Signatures)

(you might copy and paste the examples in the Rule Responder form):

- ▶ [performative\(Performative\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [interface\(Query, Description\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [agent\(Agent\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [topic\(Topic\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [role\(Role\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [assigned\(Agent, Topic, Role\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [getContact\(Topic, Task, ContactInfo\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [permit\(Author, submit\(Author, Submission\)\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [submitted\(Submission\)](#) [example]
- ▶ [accepted\(Submission\)](#) [example]



```

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  <oid>
    <Ind>RuleResponder@iitfrdsrv0010.iit.nrc.gc.ca122</Ind>
  </oid>
  <protocol>
    <Ind>esb</Ind>
  </protocol>
  <sender>
    <Ind>RuleResponder</Ind>
  </sender>
  <content>
    <Atom>
      <Rel>getContact</Rel>
      <Ind>ruleml2007_Challenge</Ind>
      <Ind>update</Ind>
      <Expr>
        <Fun>person</Fun>
        <Ind>John</Ind>
        <Ind>johnAtemailDotcom</Ind>
        <Ind>PHD</Ind>
        <Ind>PanelChair</Ind>
        <Ind>1555555555</Ind>
      </Expr>
    </Atom>
  </content>
</Message>

</RuleML>

```

## Example Message 2

- <content>
- <Atom>
- <Rel>sponsor</Rel>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>contact</Fun>
- <Ind>ben</Ind>
- <Ind>nrc</Ind>
- </Expr>
- <Ind type="integer">500</Ind>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>results</Fun>
- <Var>Level</Var>
- <Var>Benefits</Var>
- <Var>DeadlineResults</Var>
- </Expr>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>performative</Fun>
- <Var>Action</Var>
- </Expr>
- </Atom>
- </content>

```

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    <protocol>
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    </protocol>
    <sender>
      <Ind>RuleResponder</Ind>
    </sender>
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            <Ind>nrc</Ind>
          </Expr>
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          <Expr>
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                          <Ind>proceedings</Ind>
                        </Expr>
                      </Expr>
                    <Fun>passed</Fun>
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                    </Expr>
                  </Expr>
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              <Ind>email</Ind>
            </Expr>
          </Atom>
        </content>
      </Message>

```

## Example Message 3

- <content>
- <Atom>
- <Rel>sponsor</Rel>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>contact</Fun>
- <Ind>ben</Ind>
- <Ind>nrc</Ind>
- </Expr>
- <Ind type="integer">5000</Ind>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>results</Fun>
- <Var>Level</Var>
- <Var>Benefits</Var>
- <Var>DeadlineResults</Var>
- </Expr>
- <Expr>
- <Fun>performative</Fun>
- <Var>Action</Var>
- </Expr>
- </Atom>
- </content>



# Conclusion

- Rule Responder can be used to implement a wide range of use cases that require an intelligent, semi-automated decision layer
- The middleware of Rule Responder allows deployment of multiple running use cases concurrently