A Wiki and SOA Endpoint for Rules in Open Vocabulary, Executable English

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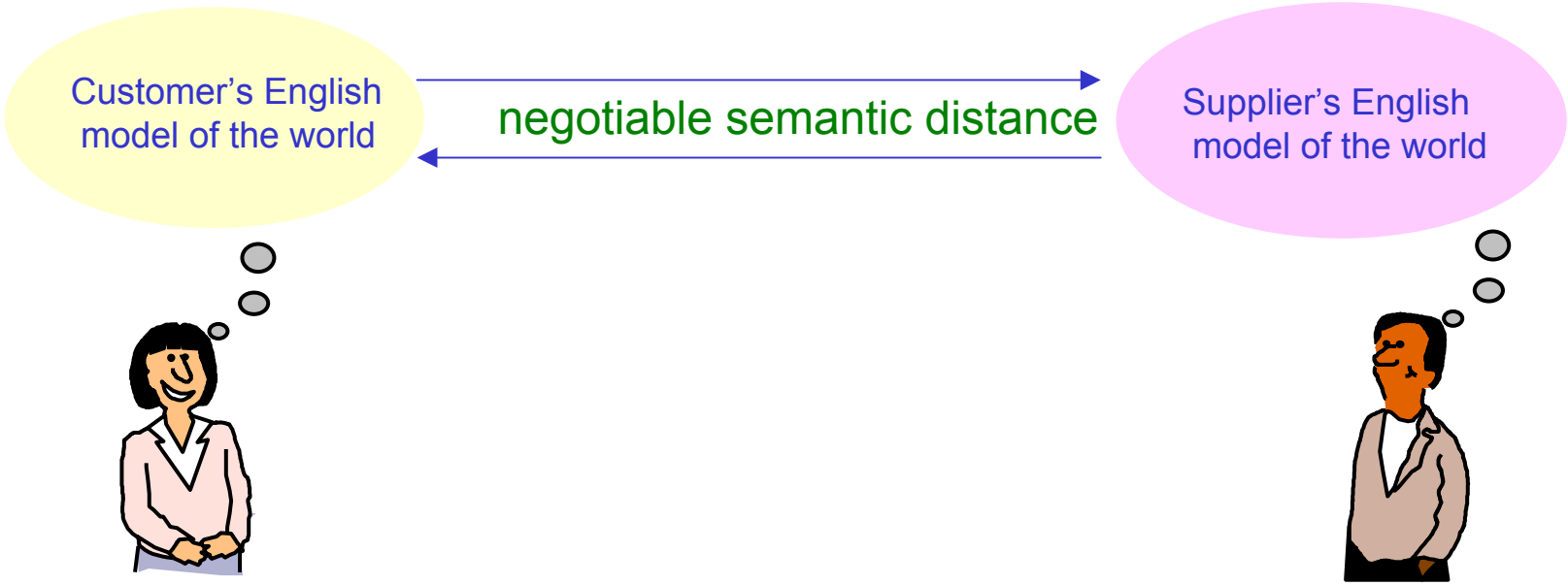

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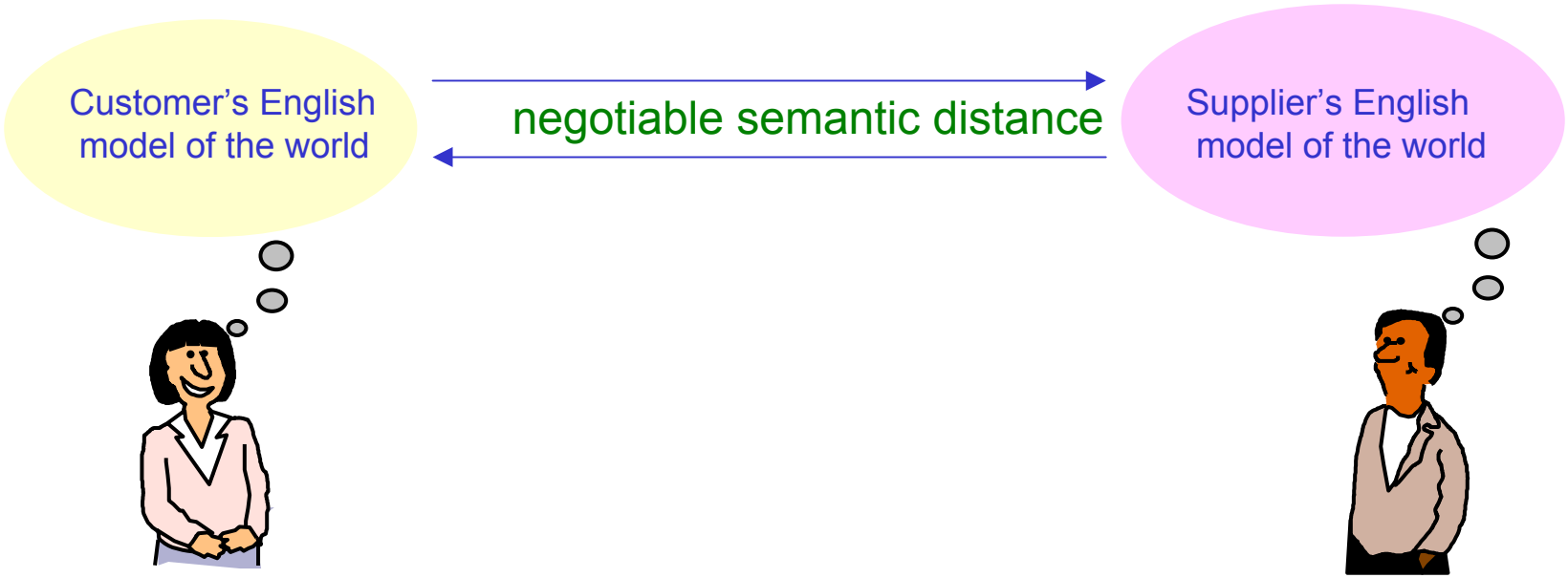

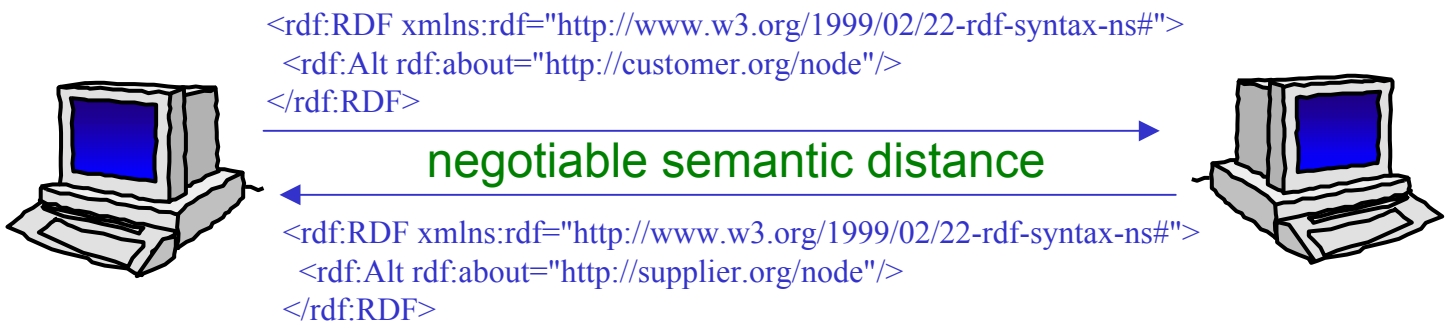

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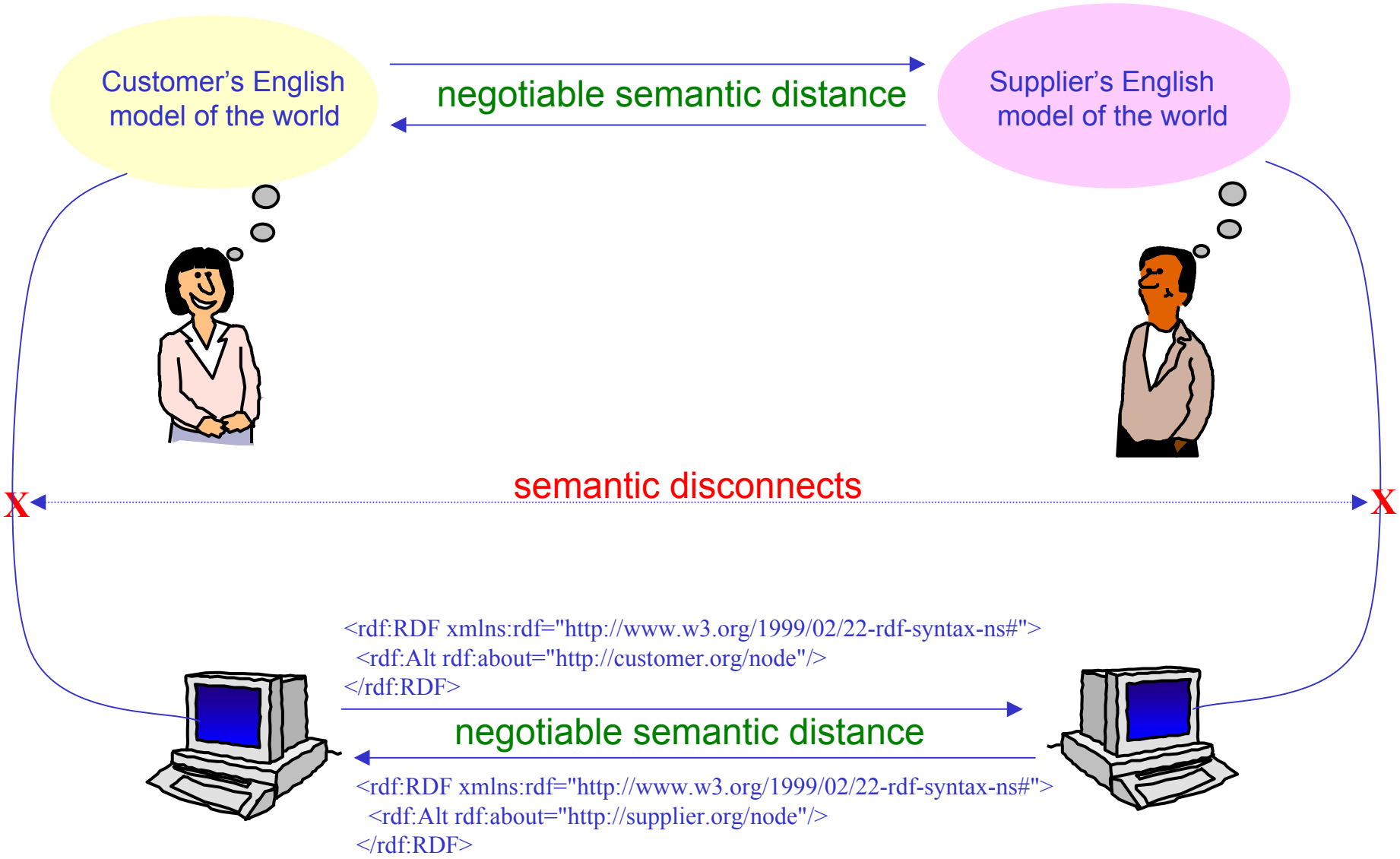

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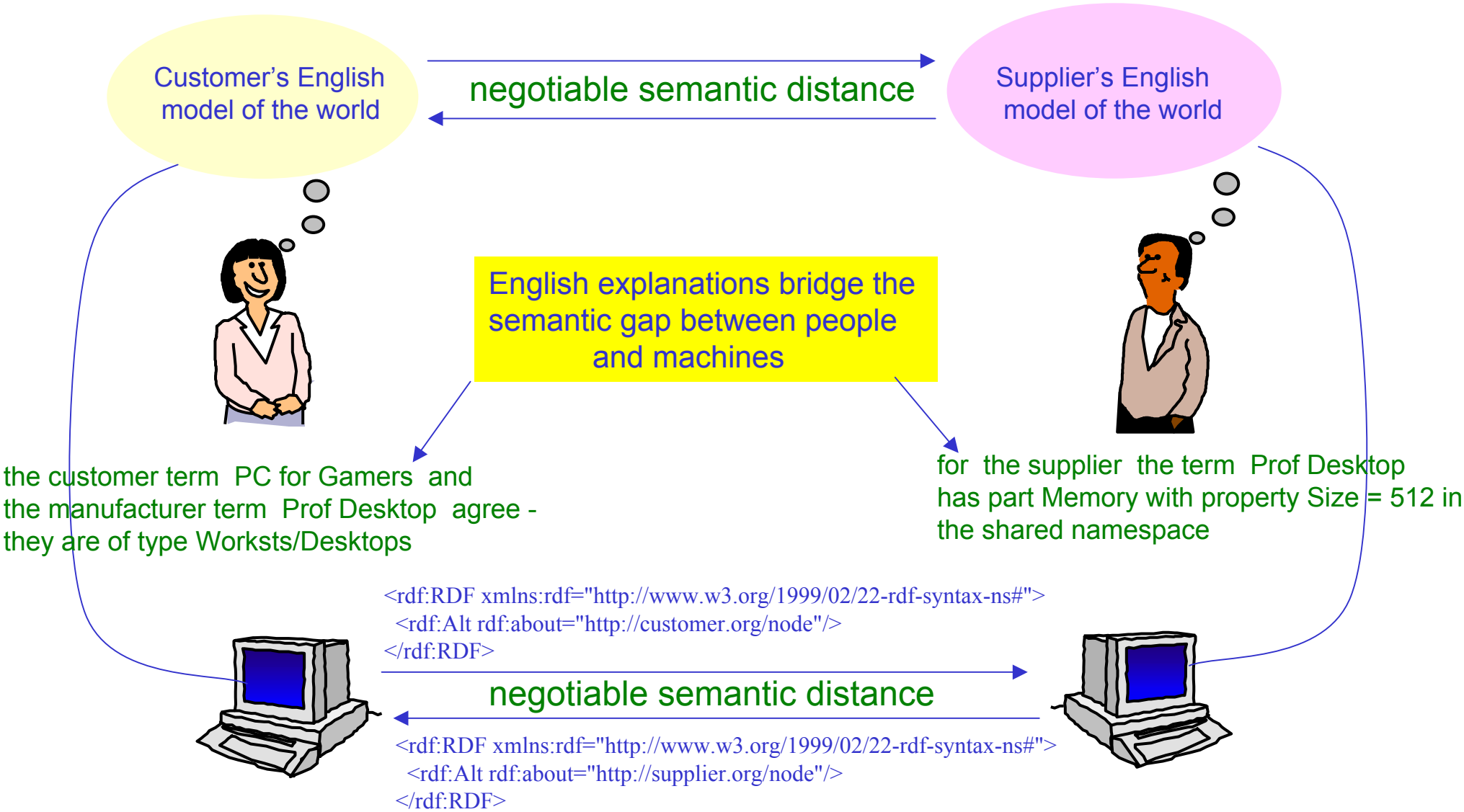

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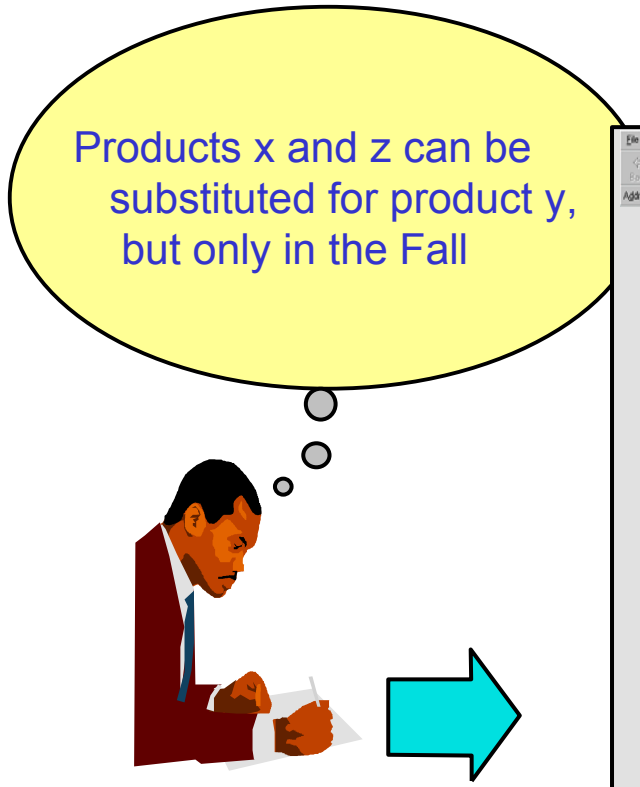

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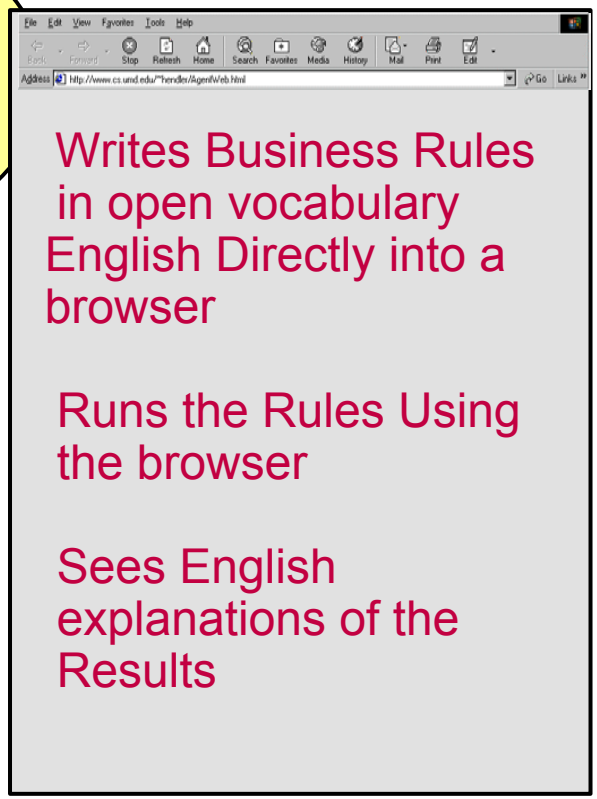

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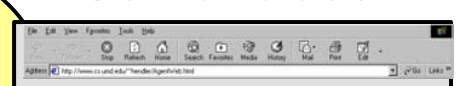

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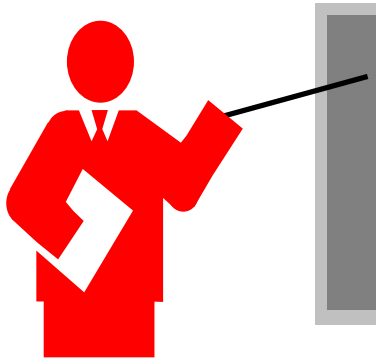

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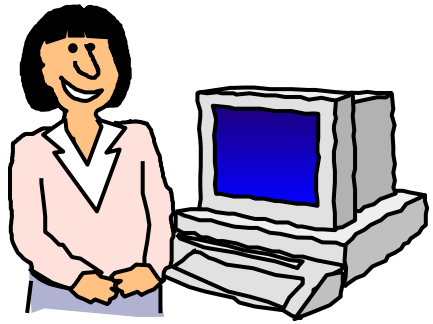

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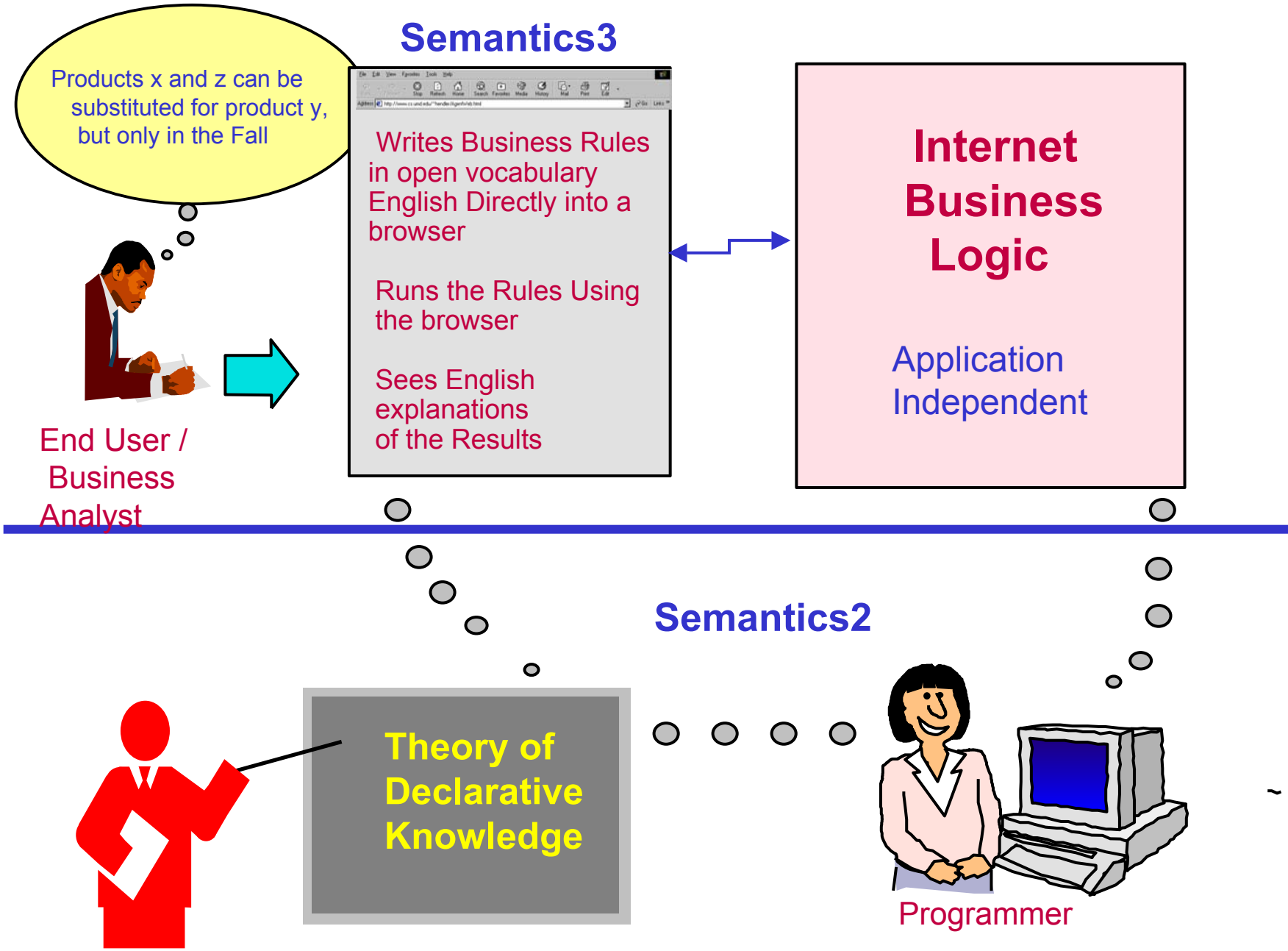

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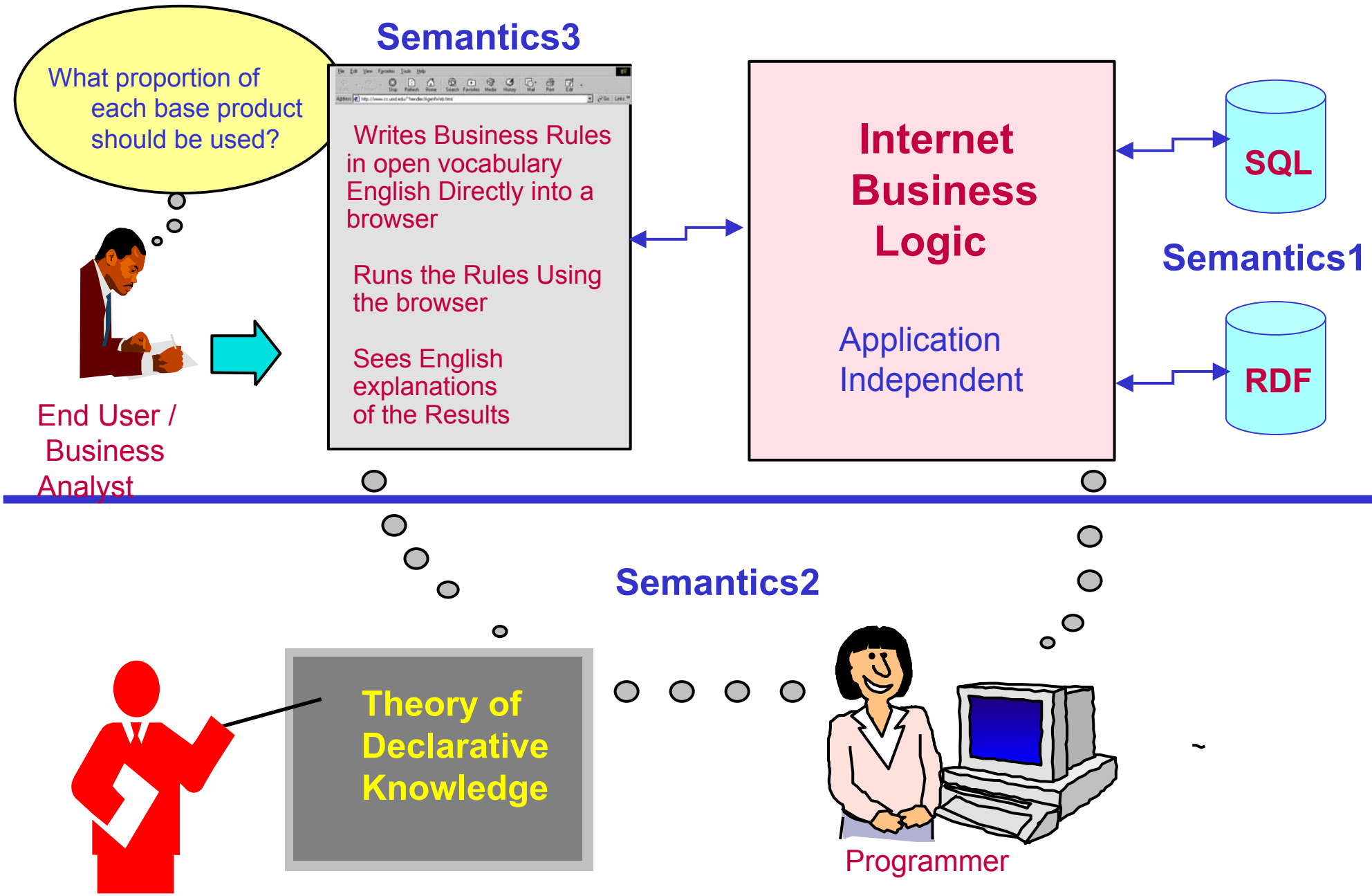

A Wiki for content in open vocabulary, executable English

- The vocabulary is open, and so -- to a large extent -- is the syntax
  - ***not*** yet-another-controlled-English-system
- No dictionary or grammar maintenance is needed
- Strict English semantics is achieved via a trade off
  - if you want two English sentences to mean the same thing, you must say so
  - you must use place holders, such as “some-name” and “a-number”
- But, you are free to write executable English knowledge containing...
  - technical terms or jargon -- Wildcat, Upstream, Mud (oil industry)
  - government acronyms and usage -- SRB, Single Regeneration Budget
  - logical expressions -- (A c,t) [that-C c t => (E c1) [that-C1 c1 t and c partof c1 at t]]
- Although the system is open vocabulary, it can be used to query and manage:
  - controlled vocabularies, taxonomies and ontologies

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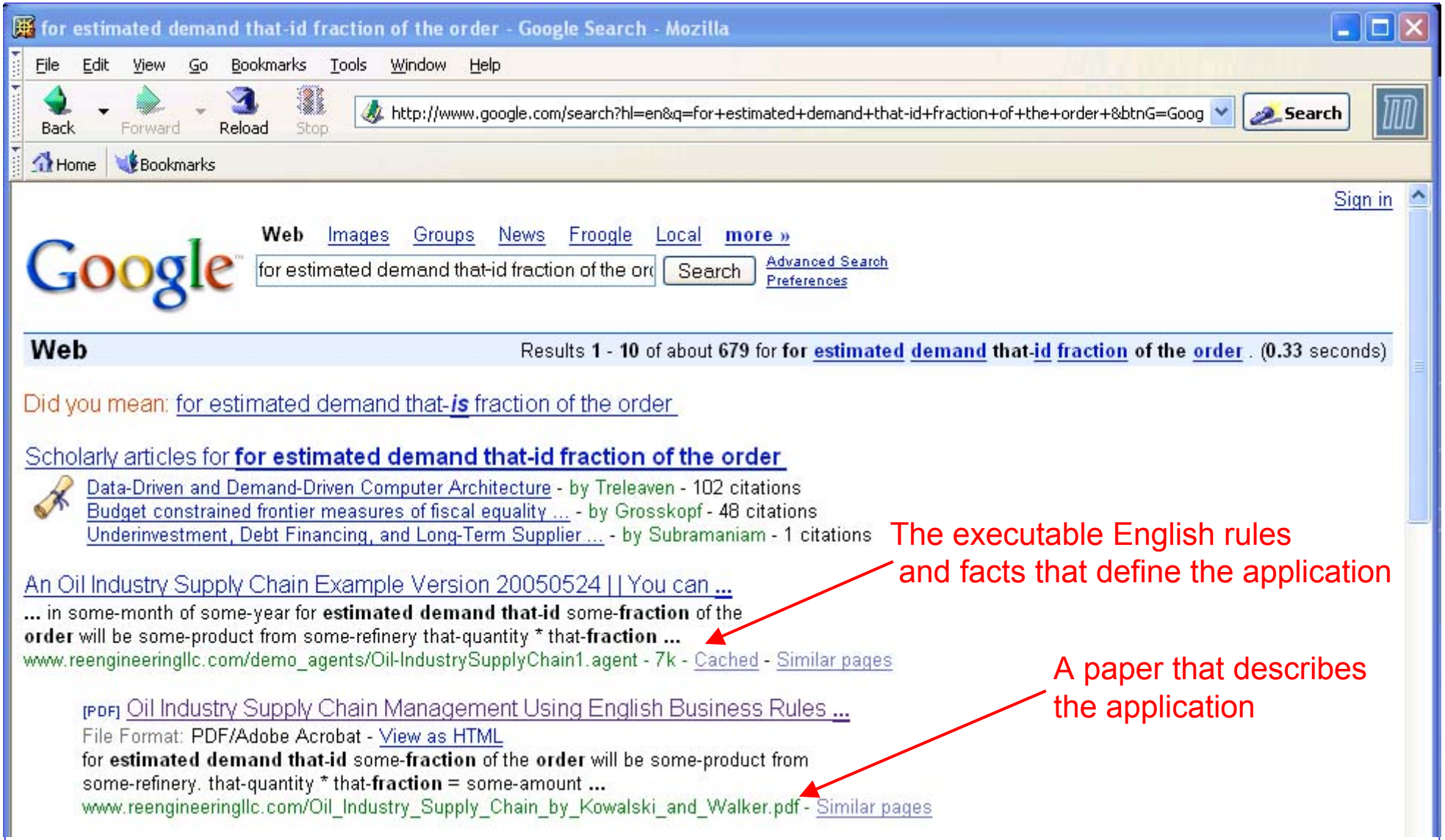
Google indexes and retrieves content in executable English

Search: for estimated demand that-id fraction of the order



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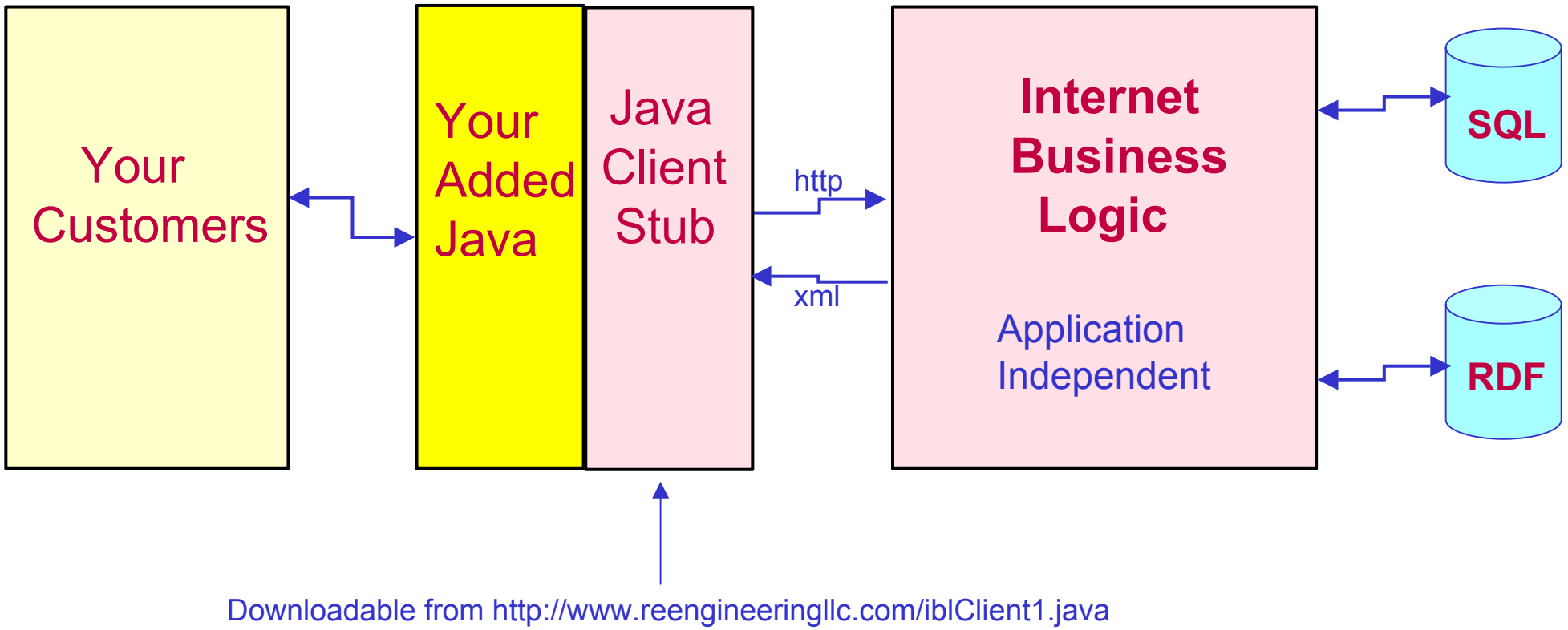

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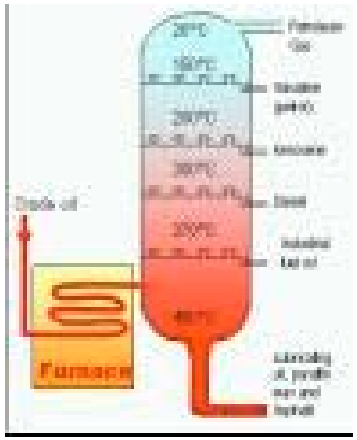

Refinery

Terminal Storage

Terminal Pickup

Service Station

A supply chain example

- A customer needs 1000 gallons of product y in October
- Products x and z can be substituted for product y, but only in the Fall
- Combine products x, y and z to fill the order
- Combination depends on:
  - How much of each product is available from each refinery
  - Available transportation from each refinery to the customer area

-- Example based on
"Oil Industry Supply Chain Management Using English Business Rules Over SQL"
by Ted Kowalski and Adrian Walker,
www.reengineeringllc.com/Oil_Industry_Supply_Chain_by_Kowalski_and_Walker.pdf

A supply chain example

Facts:

estimated demand this-id in this-region is for this-quantity gallons of this-finished-product in this-month of this-year

523	NJ	1000	product-y	October	2005

in this-season an order for this-product1 can be filled with the alternative this-product2

Fall	product-y	product-x
Fall	product-y	product-z

in this-month the refinery this-name has committed to schedule this-amount gallons of this-product

October	Shell Canada One	500	product-y
October	Shell Canada One	300	product-x
October	Shell Canada One	800	product-z
October	Shell Canada One	10000	product-w

we have this-method transportation from refinery this-name to region this-region

truck	Shell Canada One	NJ
rail	Shell Canada One	NJ

A supply chain example

Rules:

estimated demand some-id in some-region is for some-quantity gallons of some-finished-product
in some-month of some-year
for estimated demand that-id some-fraction of the order will be some-product from some-refinery
that-quantity * that-fraction = some-amount
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for demand that-id that-region for that-quantity that-finished-product we use that-amount that-product from that-refinery

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in some-month of some-year
for demand that-id for that-finished-product refinery some-refinery can supply some-amount gallons of some-product
for demand that-id the refineries have altogether some-total gallons of acceptable base products
that-amount / that-total = some-long-fraction
that-long-fraction rounded to 2 places after the decimal point is some-fraction
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for estimated demand that-id that-fraction of the order will be that-product from that-refinery

estimated demand some-id in some-region is for some-amount gallons of some-product in some-month of some-year
sum a-num :
for demand that-id for that-product refinery some-name can supply some-num gallons of some-product1 = a-total
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for demand that-id the refineries have altogether that-total gallons of acceptable base products

A supply chain example

An answer table:

for demand this-id	this-region	for this-quantity	this-finished-product	we use this-amount	this-product	from this-refinery
523	NJ	1000	product-y	190.0	product-x	Shell Canada One
523	NJ	1000	product-y	310.0	product-y	Shell Canada One
523	NJ	1000	product-y	500.0	product-z	Shell Canada One

To run or change this example, please point IE6, Netscape7 or Mozilla to the demo Oil-IndustrySupplyChain1 at www.reengineeringllc.com

A supply chain example

An explanation:

estimated demand 523 in NJ is for 1000 gallons of product-y in October of 2005
for estimated demand 523 0.19 of the order will be product-x from Shell Canada One
1000 * 0.19 = 190
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for demand 523 NJ for 1000 product-y we use 190 product-x from Shell Canada One

estimated demand 523 in NJ is for 1000 gallons of product-y in October of 2005
for demand 523 for product-y refinery Shell Canada One can supply 300 gallons of product-x
for demand 523 the refineries have altogether 1600 gallons of acceptable base products
300 / 1600 = 0.1875
0.1875 rounded to 2 places after the decimal point is 0.19
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for estimated demand 523 0.19 of the order will be product-x from Shell Canada One

estimated demand 523 in NJ is for 1000 gallons of product-y in October of 2005
sum eg-amount :
for demand 523 for product-y refinery eg-refinery can supply eg-amount gallons of eg-product1 = 1600
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Rules for finding SQL data on the Internet:

A data table

we have this-method transportation from refinery this-name to region this-region

truck	Shell Canada One	NJ
rail	Shell Canada One	NJ

A rule that says how to find the table on the internet

url:www.example.com dbms:9i dbname:ibldb tablename:T1 port:1521 id:anonymous password:oracle

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A SQL query generated automatically from the supply chain knowledge:

```
select distinct x6,T2.PRODUCT,T1.NAME,T2.AMOUNT,x5 from
T6 tt1,T6 tt2,T5,T4,T3,T2,T1,T6,
(select x3 x6,T6.FINISHED_PRODUCT x7,T6.ID x8,tt1.ID x9,tt2.ID x10,sum(x4) x5 from
T6,T6 tt1,T6 tt2,
((select T6.ID x3,T3.PRODUCT1,T1.NAME,T2.AMOUNT x4,T2.PRODUCT from
T1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6,T6 tt1,T6 tt2 where
T1.NAME=T2.NAME and T1.REGION=T6.REGION and T2.MONTH1=T4.MONTH1 and
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T4.SEASON=T5.SEASON and T6.ID=tt1.ID and T6.ID=tt2.ID and tt1.ID=tt2.ID)
union
(select T6.ID x3,T2.PRODUCT,T1.NAME,T2.AMOUNT x4,T2.PRODUCT from
T1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6,T6 tt1,T6 tt2 where
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T2.PRODUCT=T6.FINISHED_PRODUCT and T6.ID=tt1.ID and T6.ID=tt2.ID and tt1.ID=tt2.ID)
) group by T6.FINISHED_PRODUCT,T6.ID,tt1.ID,tt2.ID,x3) where
T6.ID=tt2.ID and tt1.ID=T6.ID and T6.FINISHED_PRODUCT=x7 and T6.ID=x8 and tt1.ID=x8 and
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order by x6,T2.PRODUCT,T1.NAME,T2.AMOUNT,x5;
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Automatic generation of complex, distributed SQL

- It would be difficult to
  - write the SQL query reliably by hand
  - manually reconcile it with the business knowledge specified in the rules.
- Yet this is a *simple* example!

- How do we know that the automatically generated SQL yields results that are correct with respect to the business rules ?
- We can get step-by-step business level English explanations
  - same as in the non-SQL case

Automatic generation of complex, distributed SQL

- Could a programmer write more readable SQL by hand ?

- Yes, but we would need to add comments in English to help people to reconcile the hand-written query with the business knowledge

- By their nature, the comments would not be used during machine processing
  - Correctness of the hand written-SQL would rely on lengthy, and error prone manual verification

- Comments are sometimes not kept up to date with the code!

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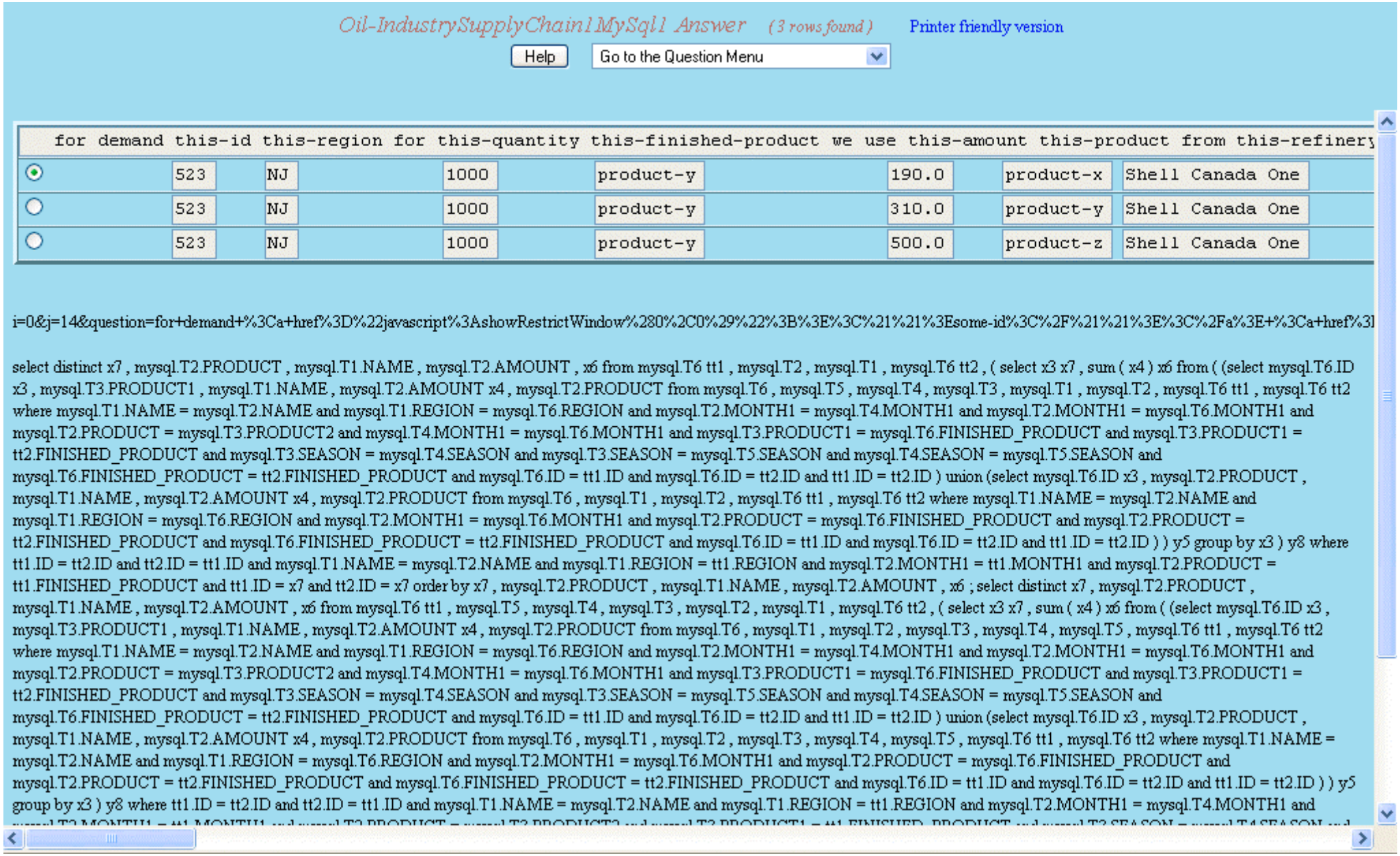

Oil-IndustrySupplyChain1MySql1 Answer (3 rows found) Printer friendly version

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Links

1. Semantics2 -- what a reasoner **should** do:

   Backchain iteration: towards a practical inference method that is simple enough to be proved Terminating, sound and complete. Journal of automated reasoning, 11:1-22

2. The English inferencing examples

   Oil-industrysupplychain1

   Oil-industrysupplychain1mysql1

   (And many other examples provided) can be run, changed, and re-run as follows:

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   2. Click on Internet Business Logic
   3. Click on the go button
   4. Click on the help button to see how to navigate through the pages
   5. Select *oil-industrysupplychain1 or oil-industrysupplychain1mysql1*

3. You are cordially invited to write and run your own examples. Shared use of the system is free

4. You can download the java client stub from http://www.Reengineeringllc.Com/iblclient1.Java