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Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

This document presents the second, updated version of the online documentation of the NeOn Toolkit. It replaces Deliverable D6.7.1 “Beta release of the core NeOn online documentation”. The current documentation applies to the NeOn Toolkit version 1.1.1 (as released in July 2008) and to the current NeOn Toolkit version 1.2.0 as presented in September 2008, cf. Deliverable D6.7.2 “Update of the core NeOn Toolkit”.

We will make this documentation available via a number of distribution channels, the main one being the bundling with the toolkit. Additionally we will make it available via the NeOn Toolkit Website www.neon-toolkit.org for online browsing. The built-in Eclipse mechanism of updating features will also be utilized to publish the documentation via the software update site. This enables already installed copies of the NeOn Toolkit to access the documentation and to install it as a new “software component” (feature) into the toolkit itself. A fourth channel is a downloadable executable, standalone application that represents a viewer for Eclipse-based software documentations. This viewer contains a simple web-server and allows easy navigation in the contents as well as searching for keywords to makes it easier to locate certain bits of information.

2. NeOn Toolkit Online Documentation

Since the online documentation actually consists of a set of HTML pages that are available from within the toolkit and can be accessed interactively, here we do not reproduce the content in “paper form”. The number of pages and the amount of effort that would be need to achieve a convenient layout for a paper-based document justify the decision to publish an electronic version of the documentation, only. Nevertheless we do provide a more *linear* form of the whole documentation as a single PDF file. Please refer to

NeOnToolkit-online-documentation-v2.pdf

Please note that the layout of the pages in the PDF document does not obey to the NeOn deliverable guidelines.

3. Extensibility

The documentation for the core functionalities is structured in a way that other plug-ins can easily hook up into the tree structure of this manual. A couple of so-called *anchors* are provided to represent good locations for the other plug-ins to provide their information.

- **Perspectives:** If a plug-in introduces a new perspective the plug-in can describe its purpose, its contents and how to use it under this section.
- **Imports:** Plug-ins providing import-interfaces to load ontologies in various formats, or to load other data into the toolkit can provide their documentation by referring to the “imports” anchor.
- **Exports:** Similarly, plug-ins exporting data from the NeOn Toolkit can hook up under the “exports” anchor.
- **Other :** If a plug-in developer wants to include the documentation under the heading of the NeOn Toolkit it can use the “more” anchor which will insert plug-in contributions at the end of the NeOn Toolkit on-line manual, just before the example usages and the glossary.
- **Sample:** Exemplary walkthroughs of the plug-ins’ functionalities can be documented under the sample-anchor. In this way, more usage-oriented documentation in a tutorial-like style can be formulated and provided to the users.

This mechanism will be used by the plug-ins that were developed by NeOn partners and will be summarized and published in forthcoming Deliverable D6.10.2 “NeOn Plug-in Development”.

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