

JessTab & JessAgentTab Tutorial

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Tip: JessTab slides available at
<http://www.ida.liu.se/~her/JessTab/tutorial07/>

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2. Background

Ontologies are nice to look at, but...
...they do not do anything.

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Background (cont.)

- Protégé-related problems
 - Difficult to directly integrate problem solving and ontology development in Protégé
 - ⇒ Languages/shells need direct access to Protégé
 - Difficult manage large/complex ontologies
 - ⇒ Ontology editors should be programmable
- Protégé allows *alternative* problem-solving engines through the plug-in API
 - The Java API allows access to the internal ontology representation

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Why Jess and JessTab?

- Jess
 - Popular language/shell
 - Active user community
 - Implemented in Java
- JessTab
 - A Protégé plug-in for running Jess under Protégé
 - Combines the strengths of Protégé and Jess

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Practical uses of JessTab

- Macro language
 - Creating lots of classes quickly
 - Making large changes to ontologies
- Rule engine
 - Information retrieval
 - Classification
 - Decision support
 - Planning

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Examples of applications

- Ontology engineering and reengineering
 - Jess as macro/scripting for ontologies
- Importing ontologies
 - Jess as input filter
- Semantic Web
- Problem-solving methods
- Agent frameworks
 - JadeJessProtege
 - JessAgentTab
- Classic expert-system development

What is Jess?

- Java Expert System Shell; based on CLIPS
- Forward chaining; production rules
- Fact-base and pattern matching
- Lisp-like syntax
- No support for object orientation
 - The Cool subsystem of CLIPS not implemented
- Developed by Sandia Laboratories
 - <http://herzberg.ca.sandia.gov/jess/>

Historical background

```

    graph TD
      OPS5 --> CLIPS
      Art --> CLIPS
      Cool --> CLIPS
      Java --> Jess
      Jess --> ProtEgI[Protégé-I]
      ProtEgI --> ProtEgII[Protégé-II]
      ProtEgII --> ProtEgWin[Protégé/Win]
      ProtEgWin --> CurrentProtEg[Current Protégé]
      KIF["KIF/OKBC/Clos"] --> CurrentProtEg
      JessTab[JessTab] --> Jess
      JessTab --> CurrentProtEg
  
```

Tool integration – Two possibilities

- **Loose integration**
 - No changes to each representation model
 - Translators between formats
 - Independent software
- **Tight integration**
 - Changes to representation models when needed
 - Integrated software (e.g., same Java VM)
 - Unified user interface

JessTab supports tight integration

Approach – JessTab plug-in for Protégé

- Jess console window in Protégé
- Mapping instances to Jess facts
- Functions for knowledge-base operations
- Mirroring Jess definitions in Protégé knowledge bases
- Support for metalevel objects
- Support for methods and message handlers

3. Installation

- JessTab is bundled with the Protégé distribution
- Latest JessTab version available from SourceForge
- It is necessary to download and install Jess separately
 - Because of licensing

Enabling JessTab

- Enable the tab

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Since you are seeing this message JessTab has determined that there is no Jess engine installed! To use JessTab, you must:

- obtain Jess from <http://herzberg.ca.sandia.gov/jess/download.html>
- install it in the same directory as the JessTab plug-in.

There are 30-day trial versions as well as commercial and academic licensed versions of Jess. If Jess is installed correctly, you should see a console window instead of this message when you start Protégé and enable JessTab.

The JessTab documentation and installation instructions are available at <http://www.its.bu.se/~herj/jessTab>.

Jess installation

- Visit <http://www.jessrules.com/>
- Choose license type
 - Trial – expires after 30 days
 - Licensed – commercial or academic (includes source)
- Choose version
 - Stable (e.g., 6.1p8)
 - Development (e.g., 7.0b7)

Tip: Development versions of Jess are usually stable

JessTab with no Jess engine

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Jess installation (cont.)

- The distribution contains the file `jess.jar`
- Put the file `jess.jar` in the `Protégé/plugins/JessTab` directory in the Protégé installation

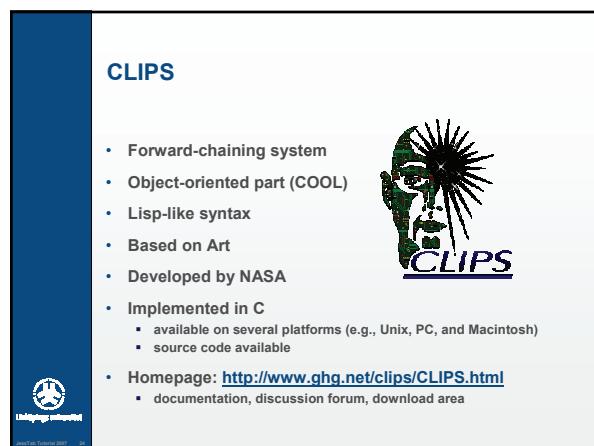
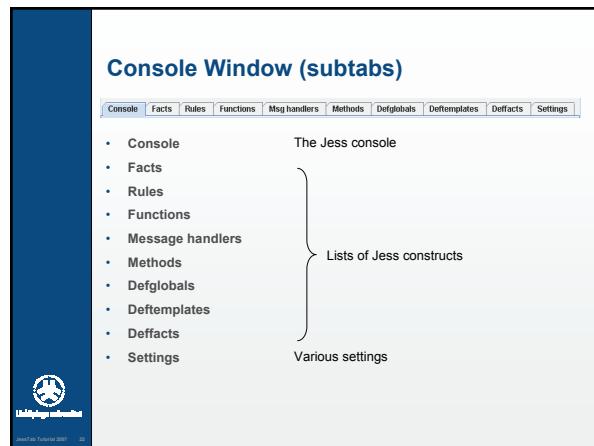
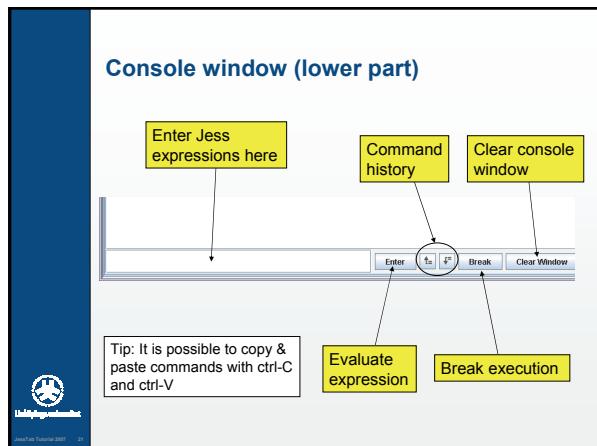
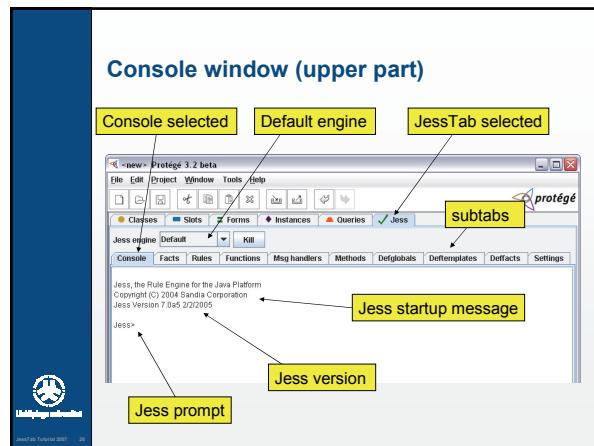
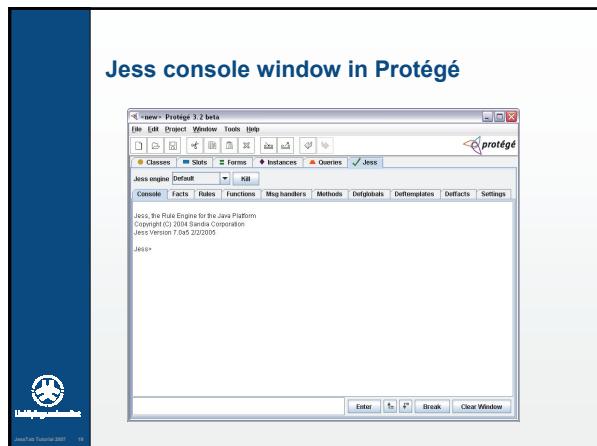
Tip: The file names sometimes contain version number. Usually, Protégé will find them anyway.

Installation troubleshooting tips

- Make sure everything is in the correct directory
 - The files `jess.jar`, `JessTab.jar`, and `plugin.properties` should be in the `plugins/JessTab` directory
- Two or more versions of the same .jar file on the CLASSPATH means trouble. Double check this!
- Check Jess version number in startup message
- Check the `plugin.properties` file
- Try running Jess without Protégé/JessTab
- If all else fails, try a clean installation of Protégé

4. Interaction with JessTab

- Ready to go
 - Jess installation completed
 - JessTab enabled
- Interaction based on read-evaluate-print loop
 - Just like Lisp



Jess



- Based on CLIPS
 - Rules from CLIPS but no object-oriented part
- Developed by Dr. Ernest Friedman-Hill at Sandia National Laboratories
- Implemented in Java
 - source code license available
- Homepage: <http://www.jessrules.com/>
 - documentation, download area

Running Jess

```
> jess ↵
Jess, the Rule Engine for the Java Platform
Copyright (C) 2004 Sandia Corporation
Jess Version 7.0a5 2/2/2005

Jess> exit ↵
exit
Jess> (+ 3 4) ↵
7
Jess> (exit) ↵ ← Exits Protégé if
> running in JessTab
```

Jess Facts

Jess manages a list of known *facts*

Sample Jess fact:

```
(person      (hair-color black)
           (name "John Smith")
           (eye-color blue)
           (age 23))
```

The Deftemplate Construct

Declaration of valid slots for a given relation name

The general format of *deftemplate* is

```
(deftemplate <relation-name> [<optional-comment>]
           <slot-definition>*)
```

where *<slot-definition>* is defined as

```
(slot <slot-name> | (multislot <slot-name>))
```

Sample Deftemplate

Information about a person

```
(deftemplate person "A sample deftemplate"
           (slot name)
           (slot age)
           (slot eye-color)
           (slot hair-color))
```

Multifield slots

- Normal, single-field slots can hold only one value
- Multifield* slots can hold several values
- The values are ordered in a list

Sample Fact Revisited

```
(person (name John Smith)
       (age 23)
       (eye-color blue)
       (hair-color brown))
```

- Illegal if *name* is a single-field slot, but
- legal if *name* is a multifield slot



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Ordered Facts

- Implied deftemplate: Single implied multifield slot
- List of elements
- Order of elements important; slot names not required
- Example: list of numbers

```
(number-list 7 9 3 4 20)
```



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Adding and Removing Facts

- All facts known to Jess are stored in the fact list
- Add new facts with the assert command:
`(assert <fact>+)`
- More than one fact can be added with assert



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Adding Facts: Example

```
Jess>
(deftemplate person
  (slot name)
  (slot age)
  (slot eye-color)
  (slot hair-color)) ↴
Jess>
(assert (person (name "John Q. Public")
                 (age 23)
                 (eye-color blue)
                 (hair-color black))) ↴
<Fact-0>
Jess>
```



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Displaying Facts

- The facts command: (facts)
- Example:

```
Jess> (facts) ↴
f-0 (MAIN::person (name "John Smith") (age 23)
      (eye-color blue) (hair-color black))
For a total of 1 fact.
Jess>
```



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Adding another Fact

```
Jess>
(assert (person (name "Jane Smith")
                (age 36)
                (eye-color green)
                (hair-color red))) ↴
<Fact-1>
Jess> (facts) ↴
f-0 (person (name "John Smith") (age 23)
      (eye-color blue) (hair-color black))
f-1 (person (name "Jane Smith") (age 36)
      (eye-color green) (hair-color red))
For a total of 2 facts.
Jess>
```

Normally, Jess does not accept duplicate fact entries



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Jess Rules

Sample rule:

```
IF the emergency is a fire
THEN the response is to activate the sprinkler system
```

Step 1 — Define the relevant *deftemplates*:

```
(deftemplate emergency (slot type))
(deftemplate response (slot action))
```

Jess Rules (cont.)

Step 2 — Define the rule

```
(defrule fire-emergency "A sample rule"
  (emergency (type fire))
  =>
  (assert (response
    (action activate-sprinkler-system))))
```

The Run Command

Run the forward-chaining system

```
Jess> (run) ↴
Jess> (facts) ↴
f-0  (emergency (type fire))
f-1  (response (action activate-sprinkler-system))
For a total of 2 facts in module MAIN.
Jess>
```

Printing the Result

```
(defrule fire-emergency
  (emergency (type fire))
  =>
  (printout t "Activate the sprinkler system"
  crlf))
```

Multiple Rules

```
(defrule fire-emergency
  (emergency (type fire))
  =>
  (printout t "Activate the sprinkler system"
  crlf))

(defrule flood-emergency
  (emergency (type flood))
  =>
  (printout t "Shut down electrical equipment"
  crlf))
```

Single-Field Patterns

```
(deftemplate person
  (multislot name)
  (slot social-security-number))

(deffacts some-people
  (person (name John Smith)
  (social-security-number 483-98-9083))
  (person (name Jack Smith)
  (social-security-number 483-98-9084)))

(defrule print-social-security-numbers
  (print-ss-numbers-for ?last-name)
  (person (name ?first-name ?middle-name ?last-name)
  (social-security-number ?ss-number))
  =>
  (printout t ?ss-number crlf))
```

Single-Field Wildcards

```
(defrule print-social-security-numbers
  (print-ss-numbers-for ?last-name)
  (person (name ? ? ?last-name)
          (social-security-number ?ss-number))
  =>
  (printout t ?ss-number crlf))
```



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Conditional Patterns

```
(defrule black-or-brown-hair
  (person (name ?name) (hair brown | black))
  =>
  (printout t ?name " has dark hair" crlf))

(defrule black-or-brown-hair
  (person (name ?name) (hair ?color&brown | black))
  =>
  (printout t ?name " has " ?color " hair"
            crlf))
```



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Conditional Patterns (cont.)

```
(defrule not-black-or-brown-hair
  (person (name ?name)
          (hair ?color&~brown&~black))
  =>
  (printout t ?name " has " ?color " hair" crlf))
```



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Conditional Patterns (cont.)

```
(defrule complex-eye-hair-match
  (person (name ?name1)
          (eyes ?eyes1&blue | green)
          (hair ?hair1&black))
  (person (name ?name2&~?name1)
          (eyes ?eyes1&~?eyes2)
          (hair ?hair2&red | ?hair1))
  =>
  (printout t ?name1 " has " ?eyes1 " eyes and " ?hair1 " hair"
            crlf)
  (printout t ?name2 " has " ?eyes2 " eyes and " ?hair2 " hair"
            crlf))
```



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Conditional Patterns (cont.)

```
(defrule no-identical-birthdays
  (not (and (person (name ?name)
                     (birthday ?date))
             (person (name ~?name)
                     (birthday ?date))))
  =>
  (printout t "No two people have the same birthday"
           crlf))
```



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Loading Jess Constructs from a File

- Create the Jess source file with a text editor
- Use the *batch* command:
`(batch <file>)`
- Example:
`Jess> (batch "fire.clp") ↴`
 Defining deftemplate emergency
 Defining deftemplate response
 Defining defrule: fire-emergency +j



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6. Managing Protégé ontologies with Jess

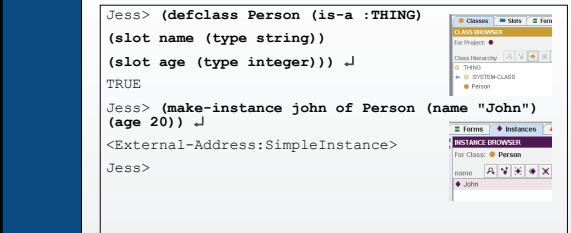
- The Protégé GUI is nice but sometimes scripting or programmatically modifying an ontology is better
- JessTab adds several functions and constructs for managing ontologies
- Naturally, these functions and constructs are available from the Jess command prompt and from Jess programs



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Defining classes and instantiating them

```
Jess> (defclass Person (is-a :THING)
  (slot name (type string))
  (slot age (type integer))) ↵
TRUE
Jess> (make-instance john of Person (name "John")
  (age 20)) ↵
<External-Address:SimpleInstance>
Jess>
```



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Modifying slots

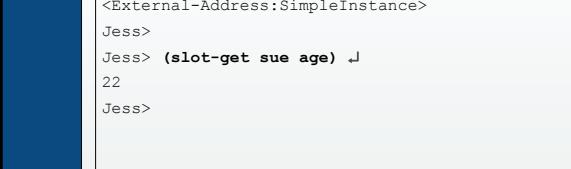
```
Jess> (slot-set john age 21) ↵
Jess>
Jess> (slot-get john age) ↵
21
Jess>
```



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Creating a second instance

```
Jess> (make-instance sue of Person (name "Sue")
  (age 22)) ↵
<External-Address:SimpleInstance>
Jess>
Jess> (slot-get sue age) ↵
22
Jess>
```



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Functions for knowledge-base operations

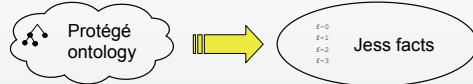
mapclass	slot-range	instancep
mapinstance	slot-allowed-values	instance-existp
unmapinstance	slot-allowed-classes	instance-namep
defclass	slot-allowed-parents	instance-addressp
make-instance	slot-documentation	instance-addressep
initialize-instance	slot-sources	slot-namep
modify-instance	facet-get	slot-existp
duplicate-instance	facet-set	slot-default-valuep
definstances	class	set-kb-save
unmake-instance	class-existp	get-kb-save
slot-get	class-abstractp	load-kb-definitions
slot-set	class-reactivep	load-project
slot-replace\$	superclassp	include-project
slot-insert\$	subclassp	save-project
slot-delete\$	class-superclasses	jesstab-version-number
slot-facets	class-subclasses	jesstab-version-string
slot-type	get-declass-list	get-knowledge-base
slot-cardinality	class-slots	get-tabs



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7. Mapping Protégé ontologies to Jess

- Transferring the Protégé representation to the Jess representation



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Mapping classes

```
Jess> (defclass Person (is-a :THING)
  (slot name (type string))
  (slot age (type integer))) ↵
TRUE
Jess> (make-instance john of Person (name "John")
  (age 20)) ↵
<External-Address:SimpleInstance>
Jess> (mapclass Person) ↵
Person
Jess> (facts) ↵
f-0 (object (is-a Person) (is-a-name "Person"))
(OBJECT <External-Address:SimpleInstance>
  (age 20) (name "John"))
For a total of 1 facts.
```

The “object” fact

- Pattern for facts corresponding to Protégé instances

```
(object (is-a Person) (is-a-name "Person")
(OBJECT <External-Address:SimpleInstance>
  (age 20) (name "John")))
```

Modifying slots

```
Jess> (slot-set john age 21) ↵
Jess> (facts) ↵
f-1 (object (is-a Person) (is-a-name "Person")
(OBJECT <External-Address:SimpleInstance>
  (age 21) (name "John")))
For a total of 1 facts.
```

Slot modification form:

Name	John
Age	21

Creating Instances

```
Jess> (make-instance sue of Person (name "Sue") (age
22)) ↵
<External-Address:SimpleInstance>
Jess> (facts) ↵
f-1 (object (is-a Person) (is-a-name "Person")
(OBJECT <External-Address:SimpleInstance>
  (age 21) (name "John"))
f-4 (object (is-a Person) (is-a-name "Person")
(OBJECT <External-Address:SimpleInstance>
  (age 22) (name "Sue"))
For a total of 2 facts.
```

Adding a Jess rule

```
Jess> (defrule twenty_one
  (object (is-a Person)
    (name ?n) (age ?a&:(>= ?a 21)))
=>
(printout t "The person " ?n
           " is 21 or older" crlf)) ↵
TRUE
Jess> (run) ↵
The person John is 21 or older
The person Sue is 21 or older
2
Jess>
```

More rule examples

```
(defrule twenty_two
  (object (name ?n)
         (age 22))
=>
  (printout t "The object " ?n " is 22" crlf))

(defrule print_age
  (object (is-a Person)
    (name ?n)
    (age ?a))
=>
  (printout t "The person " ?n " is " ?a crlf))
```

Accessing instances from rules

```
(defrule print_age_2
  (object (is-a Person)
          (OBJECT ?obj)
          (name ?n))
=>
  (printout t "The person " ?n
            " is " (slot-get ?obj age) crlf))

(defrule print_age_3
  ?f <- (object (is-a Person)
                 (name ?n))
=>
  (printout t "The person " ?n
            " is " (slot-get ?f age) crlf))
```

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Modifying slot values from rules

```
(defrule upgrade_my_age
  ?f <- (object (is-a Person)
                 (name "Joe Hacker")
                 (age 20))
=>
  (slot-set ?f age 21))

(defrule upgrade_my_age_2
  ?f <- (object (is-a Person)
                 (name "Joe Hacker")
                 (age ?a))
=>
  (slot-set ?f age (+ ?a 1)))
```

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Tip: Avoid. Infinite loop!

Consistency rules

```
(defrule set_john_doe_if_no_name
  ?f <- (object (is-a Person)
                 (name nil)
                 (age ?a:&(numberp ?a)))
=>
  (slot-set ?f name "John Doe"))

(defrule remove_if_no_name_and_no_age
  ?f <- (object (is-a Person)
                 (name nil)
                 (age nil))
=>
  (unmake-instance ?f))
```

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Matching instances in rules

- Remove duplicates

```
(defrule remove_if_duplicate_name_and_age
  (object (is-a Person)
          (OBJECT ?p)
          (name ?n)
          (age ?a))
  (object (is-a Person)
          (OBJECT ~?p)
          (name ?n)
          (age ?a))
=>
  (unmake-instance ?p))
```

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Matching instances in rules (cont.)

- Find pet owners

```
(defrule print_owner_and_pet
  (object (is-a Person)
          (OBJECT ?p)
          (name ?n))
  (object (is-a Dog|Cat|Bird)
          (is-a-name ?type)
          (owner ?p)
          (name ?an))
=>
  (printout t "The person " ?n " has a " ?type
            " called " ?an crlf))
```

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Mappings and rules – Summary

- Use (mapclass <class-name>) or (mapinstance <instance>) to map instances to facts
- Use (facts) to check what facts you got
- Define the rules matching the object facts (defrule ...)
- Use (run) to invoke the rules
- Tip #1: Learn as much Jess as possible (e.g., rule patterns)
- Tip #2: Start out with simple examples (when learning and troubleshooting)

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Question #1: Why mappings?

- Separates the Protégé model from the Jess model
- Allows selected parts of the Protégé kb to be visible to Jess
- Allows for large ontologies and/or fact bases with a small common part
- Different Jess engines can map in different part of a Protégé kb
- Why not have Jess index the Protégé frames directly?
 - Implementation complexity
 - Maintenance problem: The Jess indexing scheme changes often (due to code optimizations)
 - Several Jess versions supported simultaneously
 - However, mappings increase memory consumption



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Question #2: Why does mapclass map to these “object” facts?

- Backward compatibility with CLIPS rules
 - The Jess rules have (almost) the same syntax as the CLIPS rules for objects
- Support for more general patterns in rules
 - Example: Find an instance of any class with a certain slot value
- No name conflicts with other types of facts
 - The name `object` is reserved for facts coming from Protégé
- Why can't I change the mappings to something else?
 - In fact, there is an API for this
 - Using Java, you can write arbitrary mappings



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Mirroring Jess definitions in Protégé knowledge bases

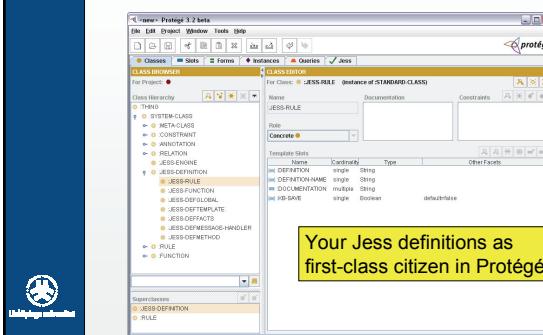
- Reverse mapping
- Jess definitions become instances in the Protégé kb
- Graphical browsing of definition instances in Protégé
- Definition instances visible to other tabs
- Introspection because JessTab can access the definition instances
- Limited support for editing and customization of definition editors in Protégé
- Limited support for saving these Jess definitions with the Protégé kb
 - Not recommended unless you know its limitations



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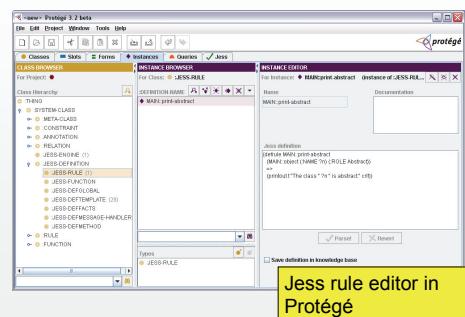
Mirroring Jess definitions in Protégé knowledge bases (cont.)



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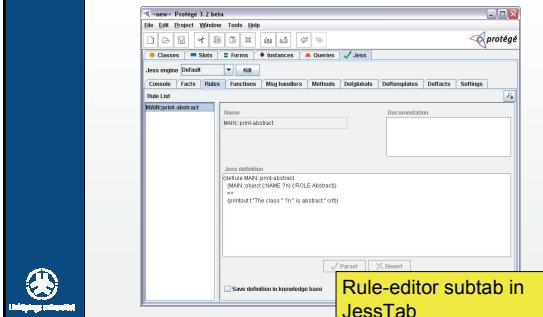
Editing Jess definitions in Protégé



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Editing Jess definitions in Protégé (cont.)



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8. Metalevel mappings

- The Next Level!
- Mapping classes to facts
- Good news: Classes are instances!

```

graph TD
    Metaclass([Metaclass]) -- "instance of" --> Class([Class])
    Class -- "instance of" --> Instance[Instance]
  
```

Support for Protégé metalevel objects

- JessTab support for metaclasses, metaslots, and metafacts
- Functions for instances work for classes too
 - and for slots and facets
- Defining classes by instantiating metaclasses:

```
(make-instance Person of :STANDARD-CLASS
  (:DIRECT-SUPERCLASSES :THING))
```

Class definition by instantiation

```

(defclass LivingThing
  (make-instance of :STANDARD-CLASS
    (:NAME LivingThing)
    (:ROLE Abstract)
    (:DIRECT-SUPERCLASSES :THING))

  (make-instance of :STANDARD-CLASS
    (:NAME Person)
    (:DIRECT-SUPERCLASSES LivingThing)
    (:DIRECT-TEMPLATE-SLOTS
      (make-instance of :STANDARD-SLOT
        (:NAME name)
        (:SLOT-VALUE-TYPE String))
      (make-instance of :STANDARD-SLOT
        (:NAME age)
        (:SLOT-VALUE-TYPE Integer))))))
  
```

Class definition by instantiation (cont.)

- Resulting classes: LivingThing and Person

Tip: Classes can also be created programmatically with calls to defclass (which is a construct implemented as a function)

Class definition with custom metaclass

```

(make-instance of :STANDARD-CLASS
  (:NAME MyMetaClass)
  (:DIRECT-SUPERCLASSES :STANDARD-CLASS)
  (:DIRECT-TEMPLATE-SLOTS
    (make-instance of :STANDARD-SLOT
      (:NAME AUTHOR)
      (:SLOT-VALUE-TYPE String))))

(make-instance of MyMetaClass
  (:NAME Person2)
  (:DIRECT-SUPERCLASSES Person)
  (:DIRECT-TEMPLATE-SLOTS
    (make-instance of :STANDARD-SLOT
      (:NAME income)
      (:SLOT-VALUE-TYPE Integer)))))

; Set the AUTHOR value for Person2
(slot-set Person2 AUTHOR "The meta man")
  
```

Add AUTHOR property to classes

Resulting class with AUTHOR property

Class changes

- Change the metaclass of an existing class


```
(slot-set Person :DIRECT-TYPE MyMetaClass)
```
- BTW, you can change the class of an existing ordinary instance


```
(slot-set john :DIRECT-TYPE Person2)
```



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Rules and metalevel objects

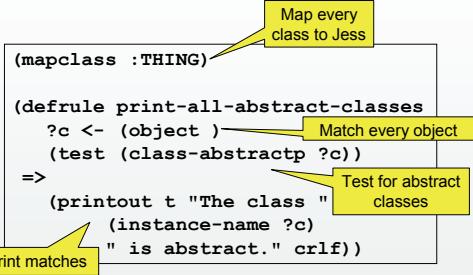
- Use mapclass on metaclasses
 - Maps classes (as instances) to facts
 - Check result with (facts)
- Define rules matching the facts representing the classes
 - Rules for searching ontologies and identifying patterns
 - Rules for modifying ontologies
- Useful for ontology development and maintenance
 - Rules for ontology-wide changes
 - Rules for identifying inconsistencies



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Printing abstract classes in Protégé

```
(mapclass :THING)
  (defrule print-all-abstract-classes
    ?c <- (object )
    (test (class-abstractp ?c))
    =>
    (printout t "The class "
              (instance-name ?c)
              " is abstract." crlf))
```

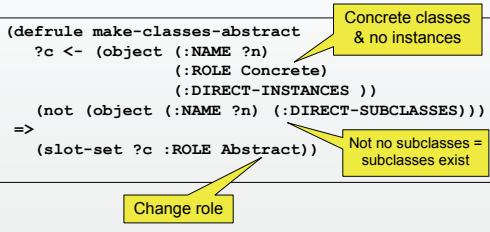



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Modifying ontologies

Change the role to *abstract* for classes that have subclasses, but do not have any instances:

```
(defrule make-classes-abstract
  ?c <- (object (:NAME ?n)
                 (:ROLE Concrete)
                 (:DIRECT-INSTANCES ))
  (not (object (:NAME ?n) (:DIRECT-SUBCLASSES)))
=>
  (slot-set ?c :ROLE Abstract))
```




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Methods and Message Handlers

- Object-oriented programming for Protégé/Jess
 - Complements rule-based modeling
- Methods
 - Respond to generic function calls
 - Match on parameter types
- Message handlers
 - Handle messages sent to objects
 - Allow parameters, but not pattern matching
 - Before, after, and around handlers
- Implementation of methods and message-handlers supported by CLIPS



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Defining methods

- Syntax


```
(defmethod <name> [<index> [<comment>]
                     (<parameter-restriction>*) [<wildcard-parameter-restriction>])
                     <action>*)
```
- Examples


```
(defmethod add ((?a STRING) (?b STRING))
                    (str-cat ?a ?b))
```


`(defmethod add ((?a MyClass) (?b MyClass))
...)`



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Defining message handlers

- Syntax


```
(defmessage-handler <class-name> <message-name>
  [<handler-type>] [<comment>]
  (<parameter>* [<wildcard-parameter>])
  <action>*)
```
- Examples


```
(defmessage-handler MyClass get-foo ()
  ?self:foo)

(defmessage-handler rectangle find-area ()
  (* ?self:side-a ?self:side-b))
```

Invoking message handlers

- Sending messages
- Syntax: (send <instance> <message> <param>*)
- Example


```
Jess> (defclass MyClass (is-a :THING)
  (slot foo (type integer))) ↴
TRUE
Jess> (make-instance x of MyClass (foo 42)) ↴
<External-Address:DefaultSimpleInstance>
Jess> (slot-get x foo) ↴
42
Jess> (defmessage-handler MyClass get-foo () ?self:foo) ↴
TRUE
Jess> (send x get-foo) ↴
42
Jess>
```

Methods and Message Handlers – Summary

- Object-oriented modeling
- Methods
 - Advanced parameter matching (similar to CLOS)
 - Both classes and datatypes in parameter patterns
 - Overloading of existing functions
- Message handlers
 - Message passing
 - Invoked with (send <inst> <msg> <param>*)
 - Easy access to slot values (through ?self)
 - Before, after, and around methods

9. JessTab and Protégé OWL

- Basic support for OWL
- JessTab uses the Protégé frames API
 - which provides a best-effort implementation of OWL functionality
- Metaclasses not supported
- OWL constraints/expressions not supported
- Jess definition mirroring not supported

10. Example

- Based on the Protégé newspaper example
- Goal: Layout rules in Jess
 - Reuse ontology
 - Add new rules
- Step-wise development
- Download from
 <http://www.ida.liu.se/~her/JessTab/tutorial07/>

Steps

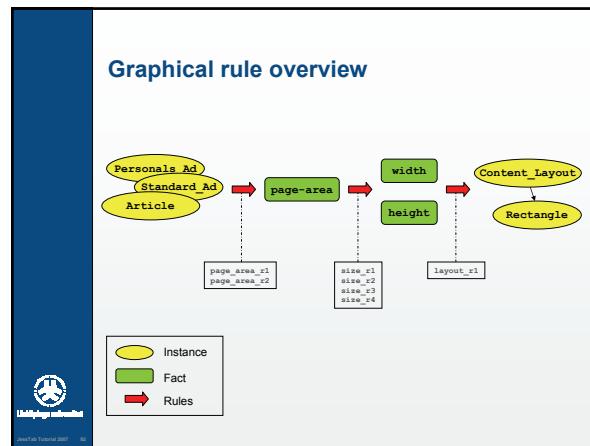
- Prerequisite
 - Jess and JessTab installed
- Open newspaper example
 - Available in the standard Protégé installation
- Enable JessTab
 - Project -> Configure -> select JessTab
- Cut-and-paste from source file (newspaper.jess)
- Alternatively, load with (batch "newspaper.jess")
 - Tip: You probably need the full pathname for this file

Rule overview

- Mapclass for newspaper articles and ads
 - (mapclass Content)
- Rules for mapping instance facts to page-area facts
 - page_area_r1, page_area_r2
- Rules for creating size facts from the page-area facts
 - size_r1, size_r2, size_r3, size_r4
- Rules for creating layout instances from the size facts
 - layout_r1



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Rules – Code

```

(mapclass Content)
(defrule size_r2
  (page-area ?p:(> ?p 10) Article ? t ? a)
  => (assert (width ?a 50.0))

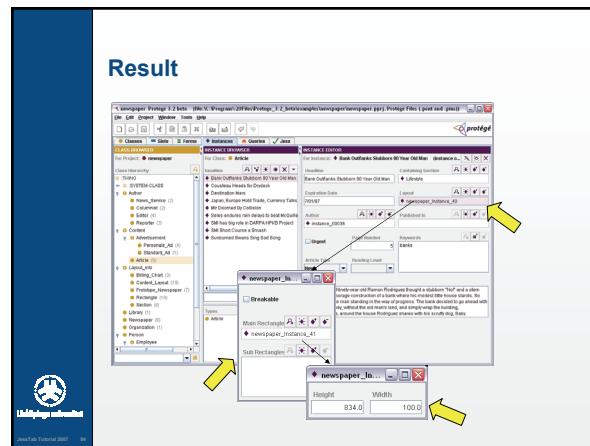
(defrule area_r1
  (object (is-a Personal_Ad|Standard_Ad)
  (OBJECT ?a)
  (name ?n)
  (page_number ?p))
  => (assert (page-area ?p Ad ?n "" ?a)
  )

(defrule area_r2
  (object (is-a Article)
  (name ?n)
  (headline ?h)
  (text ?t)
  (page_number ?p))
  => (assert (page-area ?p Article ?h ?t ?a)
  )

(defrule size_r1
  (page-area ?p:(< ?p 10) Article ? t ? a)
  => (assert (width ?a 100.0)
  )
  
```



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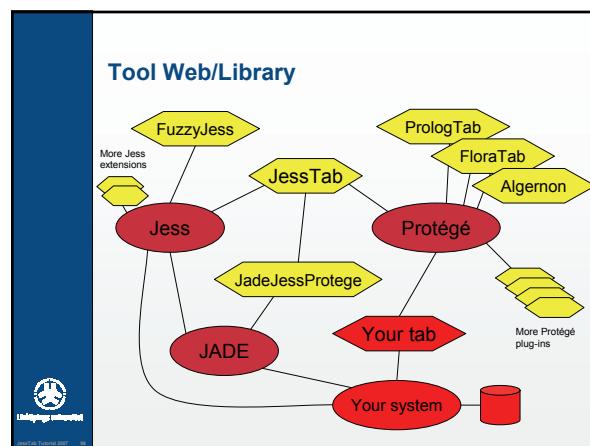


11. Conclusion

- Web of tools
- Future work
- Trying JessTab
- Learning more
- Summary
- Questions



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 <small>JessTab Tutorial 2007 10</small>	<h3>Summary</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JessTab: Protégé – Jess integration • Manage Protégé ontologies and knowledge bases from Jess • Rule-based reasoning in Protégé • Protégé as graphical, object-oriented extension to Jess
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