It's been a busy year for Ontotext and a very successful one. As 2016 comes to an end we decided to have a re-cap. Since it is hard for us to choose only five best articles we decided to ask the data. Nearly 10 000 people read our blog this year and these are the 5 posts that gathered most interest.

5. Our Networked Lives, Publishing and Semantic Technologies

We start with a post that explains how linked data makes it easier to navigate our digital and not so digital lives in a sea of news and information. Yes, we did that at the beginning of the year that ended with "post-truth" as it's official. Just a start!

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4. Open Data Use Cases In Five Cities

If you are interested in how open data changes everyday lives of millions of people, this post is for you. It shows real-life examples of how opening a city’s data leads to innovation, business growth and, most importantly, improvements for citizens. On this note, we also supported the first innovation hackathon in Sofia this year (https://www.ontotext.com/company/news/ontotext-sofia-open-data-hackathon/). We are guessing not everyone thinks of open data when waiting for the bus and late for work but it might actually be an answer to this daily problem.

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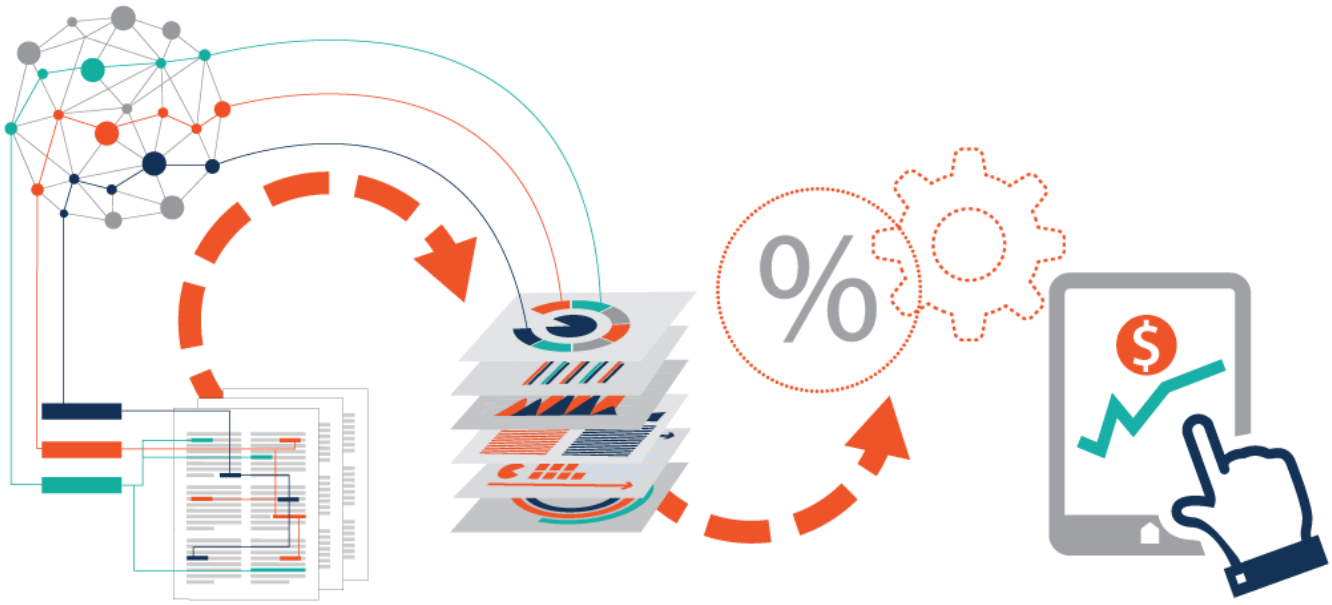

3. Practical Big Data Analytics For Financials

Fintech, Fintech and more Fintech – or else said one of the hot topics of the year. We tried to be practical and help the institutions part of this business with some advice on how to grasp big and linked data. Also, back in April we just mentioned the role of regulations but if you want to learn more about Regtech we now have an entire post about it.

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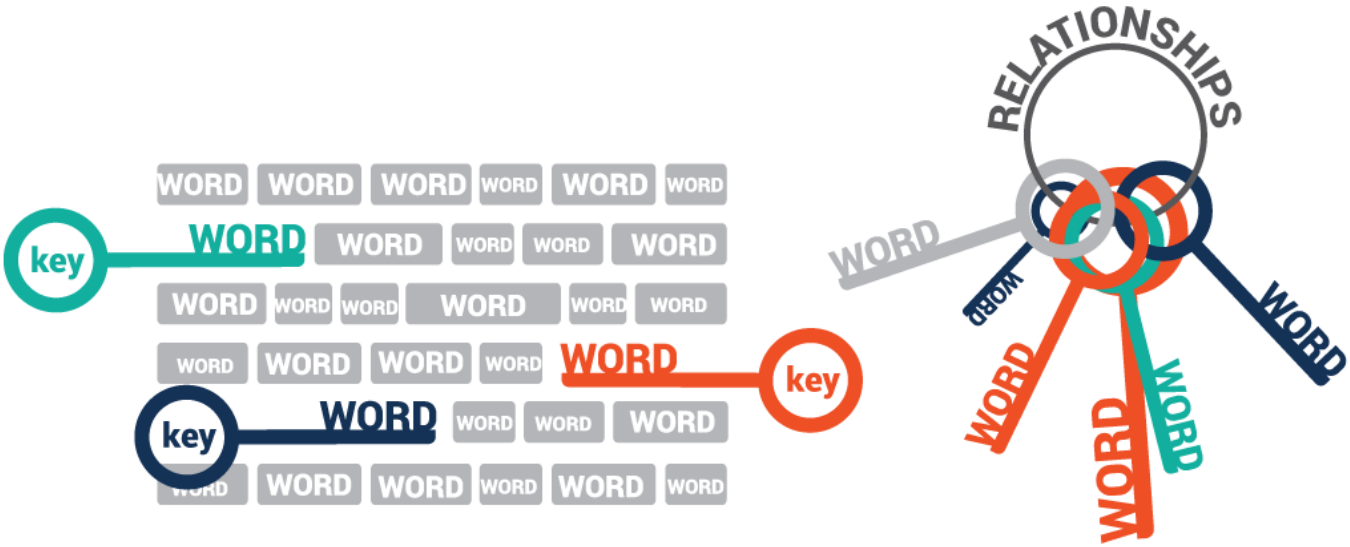

2. Semantic Search: The Paradigm Shift from Results to Relationships

Do you know what semantic search is? Yes, if you've read our article that explores the search beyond keywords and into meaningful relationships. If you've missed it, take a look at how our search online is getting smarter and smarter in its quest for meaning.

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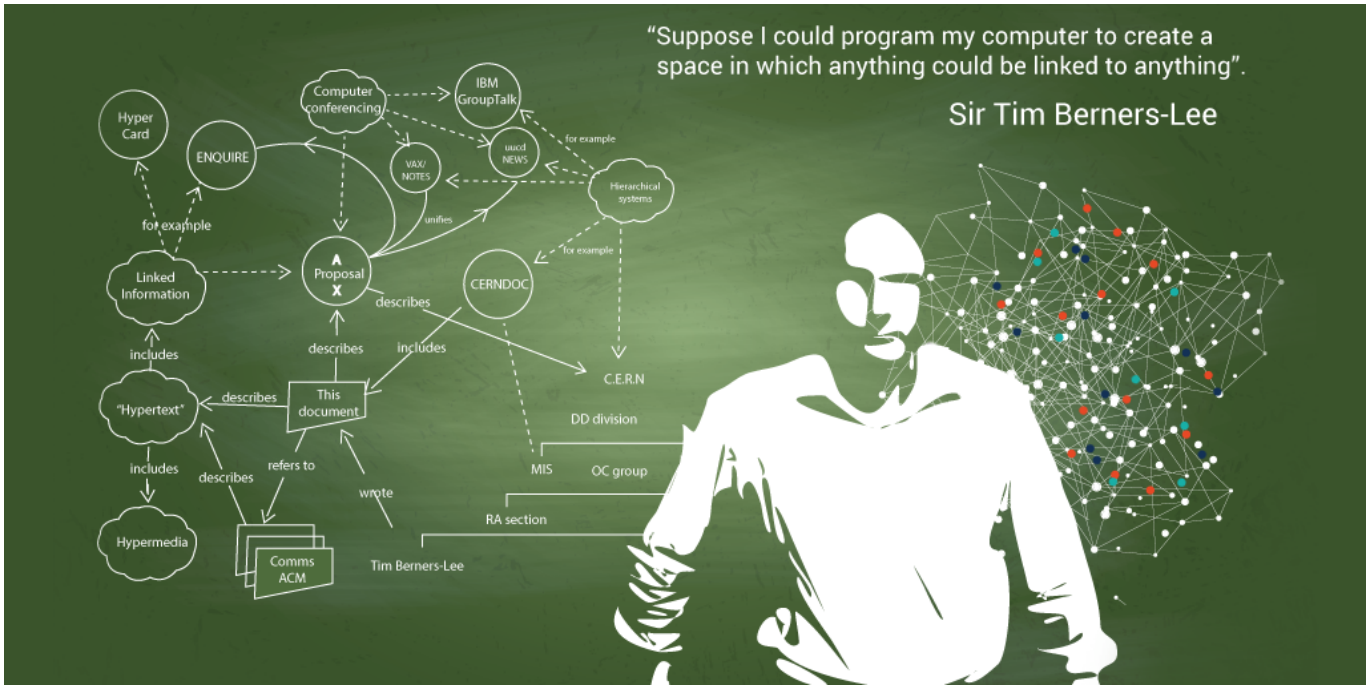

1. A Web of People and Machines: W3C Semantic Web Standards

And here is your winner! The story of the semantic web and its standards is part of our history as a company too. It is actually what enables us to help companies from different industries handle data, extract value from information and get better in their business and in helping their users. So this wonderful fully deserves its popularity!

Enjoyed the content on our blog in 2016?

Now is the time to **tell us in the comments below** what do you want to read about next year when it comes to semantic technology, big data, linked and open data.

We promise to keep working to deliver content that educates and showcases the best of the fascinating world of semantics!

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