

Tracking deputies in the news using OpenData and Free software

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Merge news articles and open data

- Open databases : *General data* (e.g. Dbpedia), *Political data* (e.g. NosDeputes.fr, data.gouv.fr)
- Information feeds : *Twitter*, *Blogs*, *Newspaper RSS*
- Semantic web framework : *CubicWeb* (LGPL licence)

Parse the news

Extract nouns of people and places :

... **Olivier Falorni**, qui a battu **Ségolène Royal** à **La Rochelle**, a déclaré ce mardi en arrivant à l'**Assemblée nationale** qu'il "siégerait à gauche" pour soutenir l'action de **François Hollande** rappelant les liens anciens qui l'unissent au chef de l'Etat...

URLs as Identifiers

... relate nouns to entries in open databases ...

- **Ségolène Royal :**

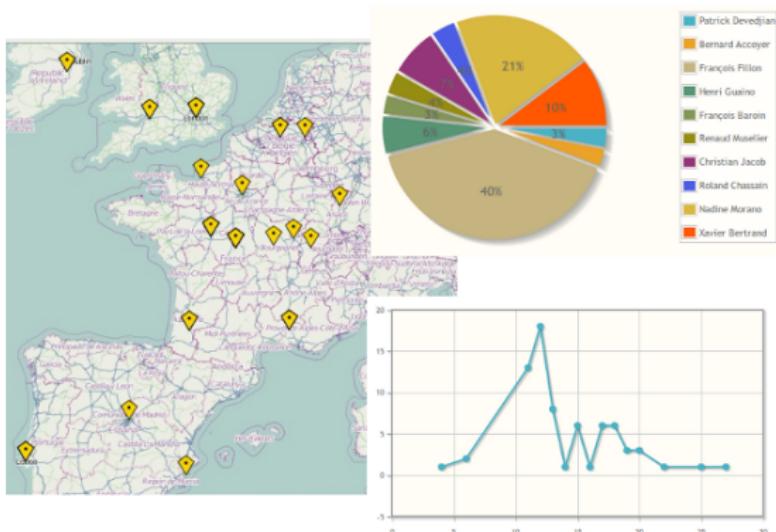
- ▶ *http://elections.gouv.fr/Ségolène_Royal*
- ▶ *http://dbpedia.org/resource/Ségolène_Royal*

- **La Rochelle :**

- ▶ *http://elections.gouv.fr/La_Rochelle*
- ▶ *http://dbpedia.org/resource/La_Rochelle*

Analyse the data collected

Input **queries** / Pick **visualization**



Examples of queries

- Give me the news articles about "Nadine Morano"
- Give me the number of articles about UMP deputies born after 1960
- Give me the number of articles about (Socialist) deputies that have been candidate to the 2012 legislatives elections

Examples of visualisation

- Give me, for each news where these information appear, the latitude and longitude of a place, and the name of the deputy that are linked in this news.
- Give me, for each candidat of the 2012 legislatives election that appears in the news, his/her political group and name, and the corresponding number of articles.
- Give me, for each day, the number of news about Ségolène Royal and Olivier Falorni.

Conclusion

Automatic tracking of deputies in the news, and powerful analyze possibilities

- **Still work in progress !**

- ▶ Improving the named entities recognition part.
- ▶ Improving the multiple databases query system.
- ▶ Add more reference databases, more views...

- **However, interesting features !**

- ▶ *Use of URI as unique reference.*
- ▶ *Allow complex queries with large amount of available information.*