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Researcher or Crowd Member? Why not both! The Open Research Knowledge Graph for Applying and Communicating CrowdRE Research Oliver Karras, Eduard Groen, Javed Ali Khan & Sören Auer

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# **Open Research Knowledge Graph: Objective**





#### Scholarly communication in academia

- Focus on document-centric information flows
- Scholarly knowledge is hidden in documents

# ORKG aims to transform scholarly communication into knowledge-based information flows

- Open source platform for open research
  - Focus on content (scholarly knowledge) not context
  - Use crowdsourcing & automatic methods
- Acquire, curate, publish, and process scholarly knowledge that is human- & machine-actionable
  - Knowledge graph as underlying data structure

# **Excursion: What is a Knowledge Graph?**



A knowledge graph (KG) consists of

(1) the schema data (ontology) describing a conceptual model,

(2) the corresponding instance data (ground truth), and

(3) the meta data (description of the data) following the constraints imposed by the ontology.

The construction of a KG involves ontology design and population with instances.



# Why is the ORKG of Interest to CrowdRE?





Researchers from any discipline form the **CROWD** of ORKG.

# Long-term goals of the project<sup>[1]</sup>

- 1. Integrate more strategies for crowdsourcing to enable crowd members to contribute to ORKG
- 2. Tailor the platform to the needs and requirements of the crowd by **involving the crowd in the development**

# **Proposal by Glinz**<sup>[2]</sup>

- CrowdRE needs to venture out into open source and open research settings
- Potential to apply CrowdRE in real development settings

# **Research Questions & Analysis Procedure**



Research question 1 What potential does the ORKG have as a platform for applying CrowdRE research in a real development setting?

As **CrowdRE researcher**, we describe the current state and features of ORKG as a crowdsourcing platform along the four activities of CrowdRE

**Research question 2** What **potential** does the ORKG have as a platform for **communicating** scholarly knowledge about **CrowdRE research**?

As **crowd members**, we report our experiences with ORKG to acquire, curate, and publish scholarly knowledge about CrowdRE research



# Features of ORKG as a Crowdsourcing Platform

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#### Excerpt of the Reference model of Crowdsourcing<sup>[1]</sup>

Feature	Description
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Pillar 1: The crowd	
5.4 Motivation	
5.4.1 Mental satisfaction	The crowd members support open data, open
5.4.2 Self-esteem	The crowd members know that they support the
5.4.3 Personal skill development	The crowd members can develop their research
5.4.4 Knowledge sharing	The crowd members share their research by a
5.4.5 Love of community	The crowd members value each other's results
Pillar 2: The crowdsourcer	
1. Incentives provision	
1.1 Financial incentives	The project team launched the ORKG Curat
	regular contributions to the ORKG (initially li
1.2 Social incentives	The crowdsourcer uses public acknowledgments
	with prominently visible rankings and mention
1.3 Entertainment incentives	This feature is not currently supported.
Pillar 3: The crowdsourced task	
7.1 Problem solving	The task of acquiring, curating, publishing, ar
	problem that can be answered with an analysi
7.2 Innovation	The task of acquiring, curating, publishing, an
7.3 Co-creation	The task of acquiring, curating, publishing, and
	members to communicate and maintain schola
Pillar 4: The crowdsourcing platform	
1. Crowd-related interactions	
1.9 Provide feedback loops	The platform uses several options to provide



#### Description of the ORKG as a crowdsourcing platform: <u>https://zenodo.org/record/5172132</u>

[1] Hosseini et al.: *The Four Pillars of Crowdsourcing: A Reference Model*, 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science, 2014. [2] J.E. Groen et al.: *The Crowd in Requirements Engineering – The Landscape and Challenges*, IEEE Software, 2017

# Features of ORKG along the Four Activities of CrowdRE



#### Motivating crowd members

- 1. Intrinsic motivation
  - Knowledge sharing
  - Love of the community
- 2. Extrinsic motivation
  - Social & financial incentives
  - Entertainment: None



# **Eliciting Feedback**

1. Feedback loops: Crowd  $\rightarrow$  Project team

🔾 chatwoot

GitLab

2. Feedback loops: Project team  $\rightarrow$  Crowd



3. No targeted feedback to individual members

# Analyzing feedback

- 1. Manual analysis
  - Direct communication
  - Immediate analysis of feedback
- 2. (Semi-)automated analysis
  - None, due to small size of team & crowd

## Monitoring context & usage data

- 1. Timeline
  - ORKG stores history of changes
- 2. Tools & Roles
  - Web analytics tool Matomo
  - Admins and Curators supervise activities





matomo



# **Experiences with Using ORKG as Crowd Members**



Overview of Approaches that Classify User Feedback as Feature Request

This overview shows the classification results of approaches that use the machine learning algorithms Naïve Bac C4.5 in combination with the machine learning features Bag of Words or Term Frequency - Inverse Document request.

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# **Curation of 2 Systematic Literature Reviews**

- 1. Crowd Intelligence in Requirements Engineering
  - Focus on **qualitative** data: CrowdRE utilities
- 2. User Feedback Classification Approaches
  - Focus on **quantitative** data: ML performance
- Create State-of-the-art Comparisons in ORKG

#### **Experiences**

- 1. Curation both SLRs achieved
- 2. Better **overview** due to Interactions & Visualizations
- 3. Contributions & comparisons are **reusable** for all
- Create new ones
- Expand existing ones
- 4. Beta version with limited usability
- 5. Project team **always responded** to issues

Interested in how ORKG can help you acquire, curate, and publish scholarly knowledge? Join our interactive session: "Crowdsourcing a Knowledge Graph on CrowdRE Research"

# **Discussion & Conclusion**



**Research question 1** What **potential** does the ORKG have as a platform for **applying** CrowdRE research in a real development setting?

**Crucial parts of CrowdRE cycle are addressed** 



- Improvement potential (for research & studies)
  - Entertainment incentives
  - (Semi-)automated analysis (with monitoring)

# Solid basis for researcher to apply & study CrowdRE in a real development setting & in close collaboration with project team

Research question 2

What **potential** does the ORKG have as a platform for **communicating** scholarly knowledge about CrowdRE research?

# Successful curation of scholarly knowledge



- Foundation for further curating CrowdRE research
  - Long-term accessible knowledge
  - Knowledge is now human- & machine-actionable

Development of **new** search, retrieval, mining, and assistance **applications** for scholarly knowledge & **new perspective** for researchers as crowd members

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