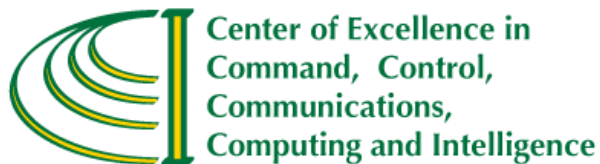




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Preface

The tasks of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence grow more complex with every year, with the emergence of new technologies and new types of threats. New approaches are required to enable greater flexibility, precision, timeliness and automation of analysis in response to rapidly evolving threats. Ontology-based technology as applied in areas such as bioinformatics has demonstrated the possibility of gains along all of these dimensions. The time is ripe to extend these gains to other spheres.

The OIC 2009 conference brought together experts on ontology-based technology with particular experience in the problems facing the intelligence community. It featured invited talks from prominent ontologists and intelligence community leaders, as well as high quality papers focusing especially on the creation of public-domain ontology resources to support the work of intelligence analysts.

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