



Software Working Group

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Topics



SemWebCentral is gaining popularity. 187 users. 63 projects. Mark gets feedback. We don't. Our goal today is to gather some of that feedback and determine the next steps for SemWebCentral.

- **SemWebCentral**
 - Tutorial?
 - The Good
 - Recommendations
 - Next Steps



The Good



- Software people like it because it's like SourceForge ... non-developers not so much
- SourceForge too crowded – projects get lost
- First link on Google for “semantic web open source”
 - 10th site for “semantic web tools”



Recommendations



- Better usage documentation all around
 - Link to CVS FAQ, Mailman FAQ, etc
 - File release instructions and packaging recommendations
 - Instructions for setting up project homepage
- Link to Semantic Web Tool Categories from GForge front page
- Add 'Rules' to categories and workflows
- Show activity level in search results
- Point new users at critical tools not hosted here (Jena, Sesame, etc)
 - Host those projects as pointers
- Make banner ad that projects can place on their web pages (encourage users to advertise for us)



More Recommendations



- Double menu confusing – maybe change color for one to distinguish
- “Developer Notes” page where the developers can go into detail on the project, integration opportunities, examples of usage, etc.
- Remove unused menu options (Code Snippets, Project Openings)
- Add link to the RSS feeds
- Site-wide forums for general discussion, project wish list, etc
- Disable CVS access to code (prior to release)
- Get linked by W3C (boost Google rank for “semantic web”)



Next Steps



- Sort by priority and required resources
- Do it