



SOLI Town Hall

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Date: Friday, September 6, 2024

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Welcome and Intro



Welcome and Introduction (5 minutes)

- Brief overview of SOLI and its mission
- Introduction of key team members

A screenshot of the SOLI website homepage. The page has a dark blue background. At the top left, there is an announcement: "Announcement: Upcoming community townhall on September 6th". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Resources", "Forum", and "Blog". The main heading reads "STANDARDS FOR LEGAL DATA" followed by "Share with SOLI" in a large, bold font. Below this is the tagline "Connecting legal data with universal standards." and a "Get Started" button. A section titled "ABOUT SOLI" and "What is SOLI?" features a diagram of an ontology and a definition of an ontology. The diagram shows a hierarchy of boxes: "Legal Data" at the top, branching into "Human Resources" and "Human Capital", which then branch into "Human Resources" and "Human Capital" respectively. Below this, there are boxes for "Human Resources", "Human Capital", "Human Resources", and "Human Capital". The definition of an ontology states: "An ontology, often referred to as a knowledge graph, is a structured representation of concepts and their relationships."



Project Context



Project Background and Context (5 minutes)

- Discuss the motivation behind SOLI's creation
- Address the relationship with prior projects
- Highlight lessons learned and how SOLI aims to overcome previous challenges

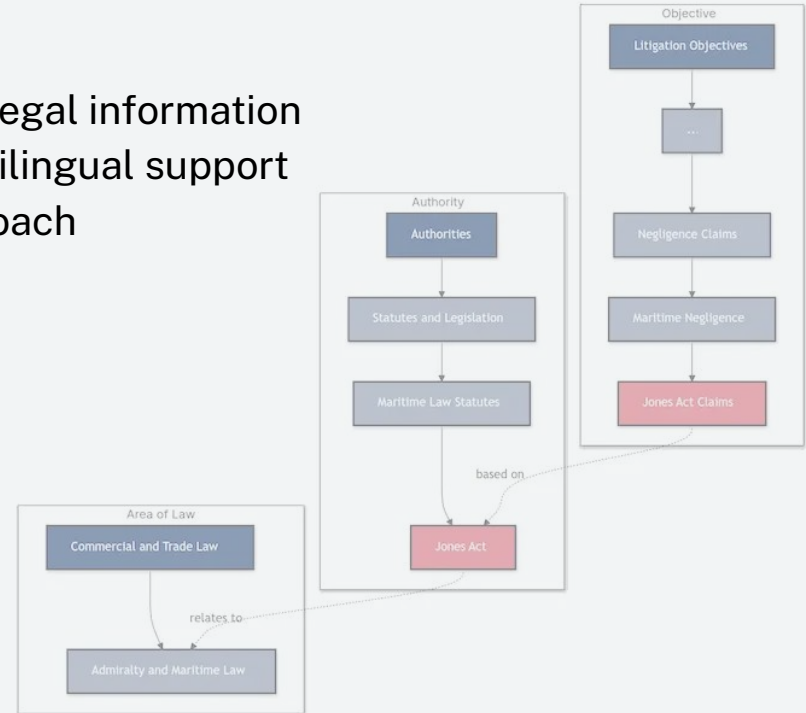


SOLI Overview



SOLI Project Overview (5-10 minutes)

- SOLI as an open, integrative standard for legal information
- Comprehensive tags with unique IDs, multilingual support
- Discuss the open, community-driven approach





Current Status



Current Status and Released Projects (15 minutes)

- Introduce and briefly demonstrate recently launched resources:
 - [SOLI Python Library](#)
 - [SOLI API](#)
 - Source code and Docker image availability
 - Publicly-hosted instance at <https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/>
 - [SOLI Data Generation Library](#)
 - SOLI Annotation Library (soon)
- Discuss additional topics for [Discourse forum](#)
- Discuss initial adoption, usage stats by class/taxonomic area, and community feedback



SOLI Python Library

<https://github.com/alea-institute/soli-python>

The screenshot shows the GitHub README page for the SOLI Python Library. At the top, there are links for 'README' and 'MIT license'. Below this, a metadata bar indicates it is a 'pypi package' version '0.1.4' with an 'MIT' license, compatible with 'python 3.10 | 3.11 | 3.12'. The main text describes the library's purpose and provides a list of features and installation instructions.

README MIT license

pypi package 0.1.4 License MIT python 3.10 | 3.11 | 3.12

The SOLI Python Library provides a simple and efficient way to interact with the Standard for Open Legal Information (SOLI) ontology.

SOLI is an open, CC-BY licensed standard designed to represent universal elements of legal data, improving communication and data interoperability across the legal industry.

Features

- Load the SOLI ontology from GitHub or a custom HTTP URL
- Search for classes by label or definition
- Get subclasses and parent classes
- Access detailed information about each class, including labels, definitions, and examples
- Convert classes to OWL XML or Markdown format

Installation

You can install the SOLI Python library using pip:

```
pip install soli-python
```

For the latest development version, you can install directly from GitHub:

```
pip install --upgrade https://github.com/alea-institute/soli-python/archive/refs/heads/main.zip
```



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Quick Start

Here's a simple example to get you started with the SOLI Python library:

```
from soli import SOLI

# Initialize the SOLI client
soli = SOLI()

# Search by prefix
results = soli.search_by_prefix("Mich")
for owl_class in results:
    print(f"Class: {owl_class.label}")

# Search for a class by label
results = soli.search_by_label("Mich")
for owl_class, score in results:
    print(f"Class: {owl_class.label}, Score: {score}")

# Get all areas of law
areas_of_law = soli.get_areas_of_law()
for area in areas_of_law:
    print(area.label)
```





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Code

Blame

25 lines (21 loc) · 899 Bytes

```
1  from soli import SOLI
2
3  if __name__ == "__main__":
4      # Initialize the SOLI client with default settings
5      soli = SOLI()
6
7      # Get parent classes
8      bankruptcy_law = soli.search_by_label("Personal Bankruptcy Law")[0][0]
9      parent_classes = soli.get_parents(bankruptcy_law.iri)
10     print("Parent classes of Personal Bankruptcy Law:")
11     for parent in parent_classes:
12         print(f"- {parent.label}")
13
14     # Get child classes
15     area_of_law_iri = soli[
16         "https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/RSYBzf149Mi5KE0YtmpUmr"
17     ].iri
18     child_classes = soli.get_children(area_of_law_iri, max_depth=1)
19     print("\nDirect child classes of Area of Law:")
20     for child in child_classes:
21         print(f"- {child.label}")
22
23     # Get entire subgraph
24     subgraph = soli.get_subgraph(area_of_law_iri, max_depth=2)
25     print(f"\nNumber of classes in Area of Law subgraph (depth 2): {len(subgraph)}")
```



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A screenshot of a GitHub README page for the SOLI API. The page has a white background with a light gray border. At the top, there are navigation icons for 'README' and 'MIT license'. A yellow 'License MIT' badge is visible. The main text describes the project as a public API for the SOLI ontology and provides a link to the API. It also lists example output formats: HTML, JSON-LD, Markdown, OWL XML, and JSON. The page is divided into sections: 'Overview' and 'Swagger UI and OpenAPI Specification', each with a horizontal line separator. The 'Overview' section explains that the API allows users to interact with the ontology. The 'Swagger UI and OpenAPI Specification' section provides links to the documentation and the OpenAPI spec file.

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License MIT

This project provides a public API for the [SOLI](#) (Standard for Open Legal Information) ontology.

If you just want to access the API, you don't need to run this project yourself. The API is freely available to the public, including open CORS • origins, at <https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/>.

For example, you can view the `Lessor` class:

- [HTML](#)
- [JSON-LD](#)
- [Markdown](#)
- [OWL XML](#)
- [JSON](#)

Overview

The SOLI API allows users to interact with the SOLI ontology, providing endpoints for searching, retrieving class information, and exploring the taxonomy.

Swagger UI and OpenAPI Specification

The Swagger UI documentation can be found at <https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/docs>.

The OpenAPI spec file can be found at <https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/openapi.json>.



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Running Locally with Docker and Caddy

To run the SOLI API locally using Docker and Caddy, follow these steps:

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/your-repo/soli-api.git
cd soli-api
```

2. Build the Docker image:

```
docker build -t soli-api-ubuntu2404 -f docker/Dockerfile .
```

3. Check your configuration

View the `config.json` file to ensure that the configuration is correct for your environment.

3. Run the Docker container:

```
docker run -v $(pwd)/config.json:/app/config.json --publish 8000:8000 soli-api-ubuntu2404:late
```

If you've changed the port in the `config.json` file, make sure to update the port in the `--publish` flag as well.

4. Reverse proxy with Caddy (optional)

- Ensure you have [Caddy](#) installed on your system.
- Create a `Caddyfile` in the project root with the following content:

```
<your.domain>> {
  encode gzip
  reverse_proxy localhost:8000
}
```

5. Start Caddy:

```
caddy run
```

Now you can access the API at `your.domain` (make sure to add this to your hosts file if testing locally).



SOLI API

<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/docs>

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the SOLI API documentation. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'soli.openlegalstandard.org/docs'. The page title is 'SOLI API' with version indicators '0.1.0' and 'OAS 3.1'. Below the title, there is a description: 'Public API for the SOLI ontology', and links for 'Terms of service', 'SOLI - Website', and 'Send email to SOLI'. The main content is organized into sections: 'info', 'default', 'search', and 'graph'. Each section contains a list of API endpoints, each with a 'GET' method indicator, a path, and a brief description. The endpoints are: /info/health (Health), / (Root Redirect), /{iri} (Get Class), /{iri}/markdown (Get Class Markdown), /{iri}/jsonld (Get Class Jsonld), /{iri}/xml (Get Class Xml), /{iri}/html (Get Class Html), /search/prefix (Search Prefix), /search/label (Search Label), /search/definition (Search Definition), /taxonomy/actor_player (Get Actor Player), /taxonomy/area_of_law (Get Area Of Law), and /taxonomy/asset_type (Get Asset Type). Each endpoint entry is enclosed in a light blue box with a dropdown arrow on the right.



SOLI API

<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/docs>

```
mjbommar@workstation1:~$ curl -s https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f/jsonld | jq
{
  "@context": {
    "null": "https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/",
    "dc": "http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/",
    "v1": "http://www.loc.gov/mads/rdf/v1#",
    "owl": "http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#",
    "rdf": "http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#",
    "xsd": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#",
    "soli": "https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/",
    "rdfs": "http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#",
    "skos": "http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#",
    "xml": "http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace"
  },
  "@id": "https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f",
  "@type": "owl:Class",
  "rdfs:label": "U.S. District Court - W.D. Michigan",
  "skos:prefLabel": "District Court, W.D. Michigan",
  "skos:altLabel": [
    "Western District of Michigan",
    "MIWD"
  ],
  "rdfs:subClassOf": [
    {
      "@id": "https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/RF02b6e57708fFB4e2b4C146"
    }
  ],
  "skos:hiddenLabel": "MIWD",
  "skos:definition": "W.D. Mich.",
  "dc:identifier": "USCTS-DISCOUS-MIWD"
}
```



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<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f/xml>
<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f/jsonld>
<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f/markdown>

District Court, W.D. Michigan

U.S. District Court - W.D. Michigan - W.D. Mich.

Class Information

[JSON](#) [JSON-LD](#) [OWL XML](#) [Markdown](#)

Identification

IRI

<https://soli.openlegalstandard.org/R602916B1A80fDD28d392d3f>

Preferred Label

District Court, W.D. Michigan

Identifier

USCTS-DISCOUS-MIWD

Definition and Examples

Definition

W.D. Mich.

Examples

- N/A



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SOLI Data Generator

SOLI Data Generator is a Python package for generating synthetic legal data using the [SOLI \(Standards for Open Legal Information\)](#) knowledge graph. It provides both procedural and LLM-based generation techniques to create realistic legal text and data.

Features

- Procedural generation using templates with SOLI and Faker tags
- LLM-based text generation using various AI models
- Easy integration with the SOLI knowledge graph
- Flexible and extensible architecture

Installation

You can install SOLI Data Generator using pip:

```
pip install soli-data-generator
```



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Usage

Procedural Template Generation

```
from soli import SOLI
from soli_data_generator.procedural.template import TemplateFormatter

# Initialize the SOLI graph
soli_graph = SOLI()

# Initialize the TemplateFormatter
formatter = TemplateFormatter()

# Define a template with SOLI and Faker tags
template = """
Company: <|company|>
Industry: <|industry|>
Legal Issue: <|area_of_law|>
Date: <|date|>
Document Type: <|document_artifact|>
"""

# Format the template
formatted_text = formatter(template)
print(formatted_text)
```

Output:

```
Company: Griffith-Mahoney
Industry: Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Industry
Legal Issue: Privacy
Date: 2024-08-19
Document Type: Request to Take Judicial Notice
```



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Multiple Values per Type

```
template = """
From: <|name:1|>
To: <|name:2|>, <|email:1|>, <|email:b|>
Date: <|date|>
Subject: <|company|> matter updates
"""

print(formatter(template))
```



Output:

```
From: David Henry
To: Jean Vance, obryant@example.com, landrysamuel@example.com
Date: 2024-08-31
Subject: Dorsey Ltd
```





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LLM-based Text Generation

```
from alea_llm_client import VLLMModel
from soli_data_generator.llm.text import TextGenerator

# Initialize the VLLM model
model = VLLMModel()

# Initialize the TextGenerator
generator = TextGenerator(model)

# Generate text
generated_text = generator()

print(generated_text)
```

Output with llama3.1 8B:

Be it known that White, Johnson and Morgan is in good standing, and I, the undersigned, hereby attest to this fact. Were I to have knowledge of any reason why the said company should not be considered in good standing, I would bring such to the attention of the proper authorities.

Were the company not in good standing, I would not be able to issue this certificate. Were there any outstanding matters or issues that would prevent the company from being considered in good standing, I would be aware of them. Were this not the case, I would not be able to provide this certification.

Were I to have knowledge of any reason why the said company should not be considered in good standing, I would take immediate action to rectify the situation. Were this not possible, I would report the matter to the relevant authorities. Were the company to be found in bad standing, I would not be able to provide this certification.

It is hereby certified that White, Johnson and Morgan is in good standing as of the date of this certificate. Were this certification to be found to be false or misleading, I would be subject to penalties and consequences. Were I to have any knowledge that would prevent the company from being considered in good standing, I would be obligated to report such to the proper authorities.

Quality of generated text obviously varies by model and generation parameters.



Future Roadmap



SOLI Ontology Structure and Future Considerations (15 minutes)

- Overview of the current SOLI ontology structure
- Discuss the balance between:
 - Simple lists
 - Taxonomic aspects
 - Ontological aspects
- Discuss meta-frameworks/representations
- Discuss relation to collection/automation
- Present challenges and considerations for future development
- Invite community input on balancing these aspects in the roadmap
- Collaborate to develop POCs for additional/alternative approaches



Open Q&A