Bio

Lee Feigenbaum is a leading expert in Semantic Web technologies and their applicability to enterprise IT challenges. Lee brings to Cambridge Semantics a passion for developing elegant software, a deep understanding of the core principles underlying Semantic Web technologies, and a driving desire to ground these technologies in pragmatic solutions that bring substantial value to customers today. At Cambridge Semantics, Lee is responsible for applying the Anzo product suite to rapidly solve customers' data collection, data reporting, and data collaboration challenges.

Prior to co-founding Cambridge Semantics, Lee spent over five years as an engineer with IBM's Advanced Internet Technology Group. There, Lee's experiences spanned knowledge management and annotation systems, instant-messaging software, and Web-based client application runtimes. Unhappy with the difficulties inherent in creating the dynamic, real-time applications required for competitive business advantage in today's world, Lee and the rest of the team turned their attention to the potential of Semantic Web technologies. For over three years, Lee helped architect and develop successive iterations of a semantic application architecture, culminating in the 2006 open-source release of the IBM Semantic Layered Research Platform. Now, Lee applies his expertise in semantic middleware and applications to the technologies and customers of Cambridge Semantics.

Along the way, Lee has become an active member of the W3C Semantic Web standards community, recognizing that open technologies are imperative given the complexity and breadth of information that impacts the critical decisions that face businesses each day. Lee currently serves as the Co-Chair of the W3C's SPARQL Working Group, leading the
design of the semantic-data query language, SPARQL. Lee is also the developer of Glitter, a SPARQL query engine designed specifically to meet the challenges of integrating heterogeneous data scattered across an enterprise. Lee co-authored "The Semantic Web in Action," a December 2007 article in Scientific American.

Lee is a 2001 graduate of Harvard University. He writes about Semantic Web technologies at his blog, TechnicaLee Speaking.

Cambridge Semantics Description
Cambridge Semantics uses cutting-edge but practical Semantic technologies to offer the most advanced Data Collaboration platform available. Anzo enables customers to immediately build scalable, fluid, end user driven applications that integrate easily with industry leading technologies and adapt quickly to changing business requirements.

The company stands alone in the data collaboration space having successfully developed technology that allows information to be exchanged freely in real-time between any data silo, be it Excel spreadsheets, Oracle, DB2, MS SQL Server, proprietary applications, etc. Turn cumbersome Excel data collection and upload tasks into scalable enterprise deployable applications. With data collaboration enabled via the W3C’s semantic linked open data standards, the possibilities are endless.

Questions for Lee
1. How much do you have to educate clients to use, for example, Anzo for Excel, and how do you overcome concerns of user resistance to new semantic technologies?
2. Given clients’ protectiveness over their data, how do you reassure them that their data will be viewable only to authorized people and that their interaction with it will be improved?

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