

Provenance Analytics

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Overview

Goal:

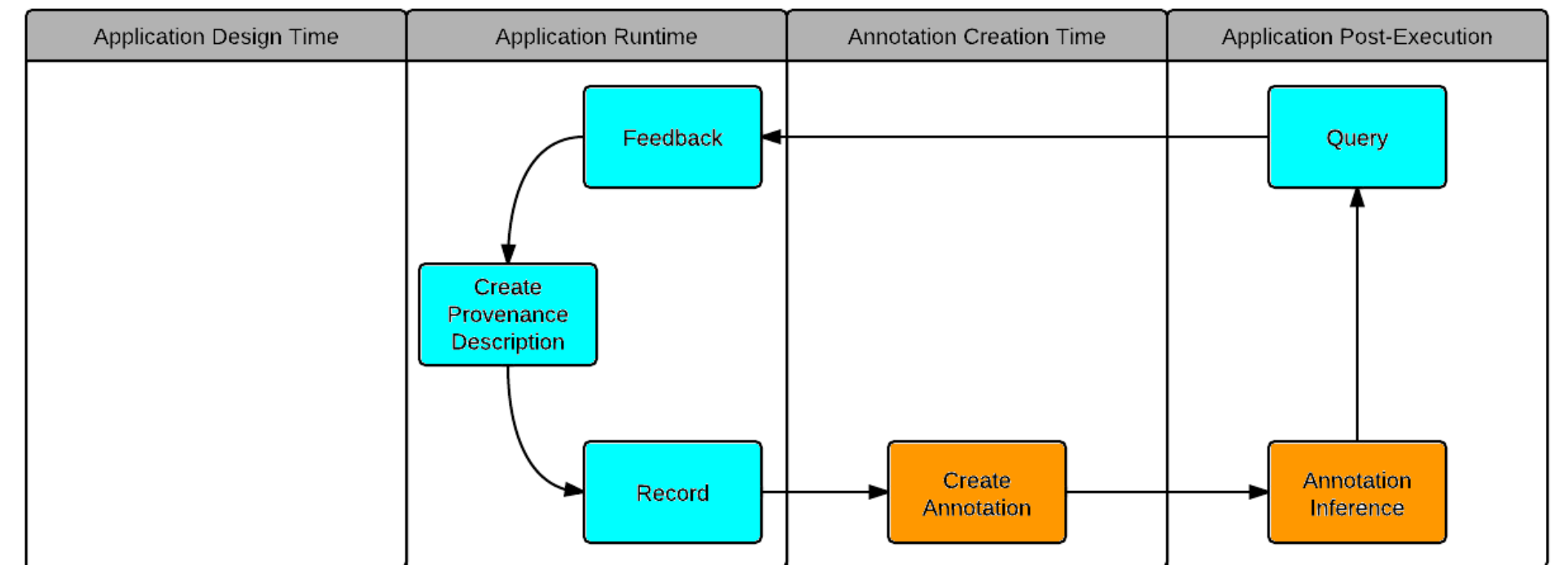
- To introduce a mechanism for domain specific interpretation of provenance of data
- Provenance of data is generated in "Application Runtime" stage based on requirements pre-defined in "Application Design Time" stage. Annotation (data about data) can be created in "Annotation Creation Time" stage and new annotations can be inferred in "Application Post-Execution" stage. New annotations can be inferred based on existing annotations, provenance of data, and other external data that has not been generated in earlier stages.

Provenance analytics is a solution consisting of:

- Annotation level:** Annotation is utilised as a generic mechanism to enable users to attach any information to the elements of a provenance graph.
- Inference level:** New annotations are inferred based on existing annotations and information that the provenance graph provides
- Annotation propagation framework and provenance graph traversal**

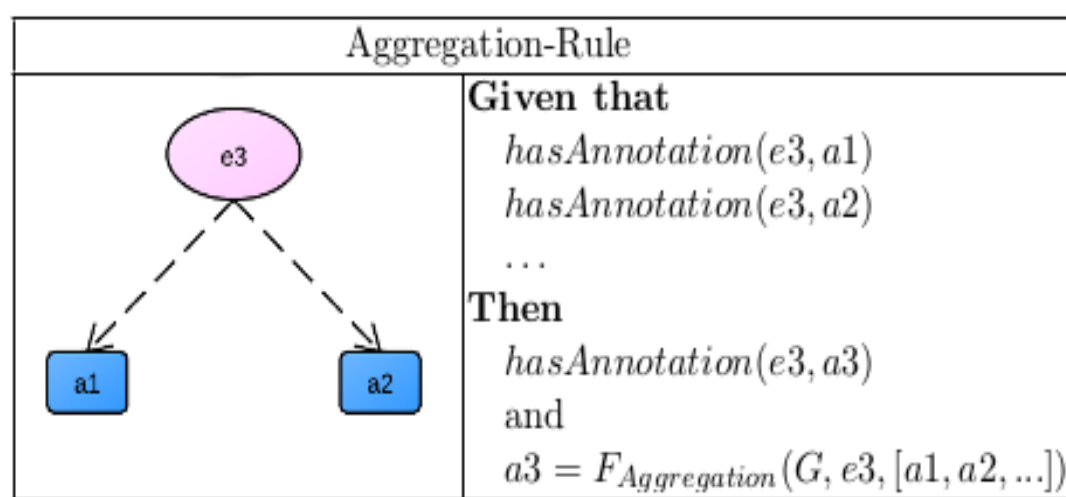
Instantiations of the framework: trust and error to propagate and infer trust and error values

Annotation Life Cycle

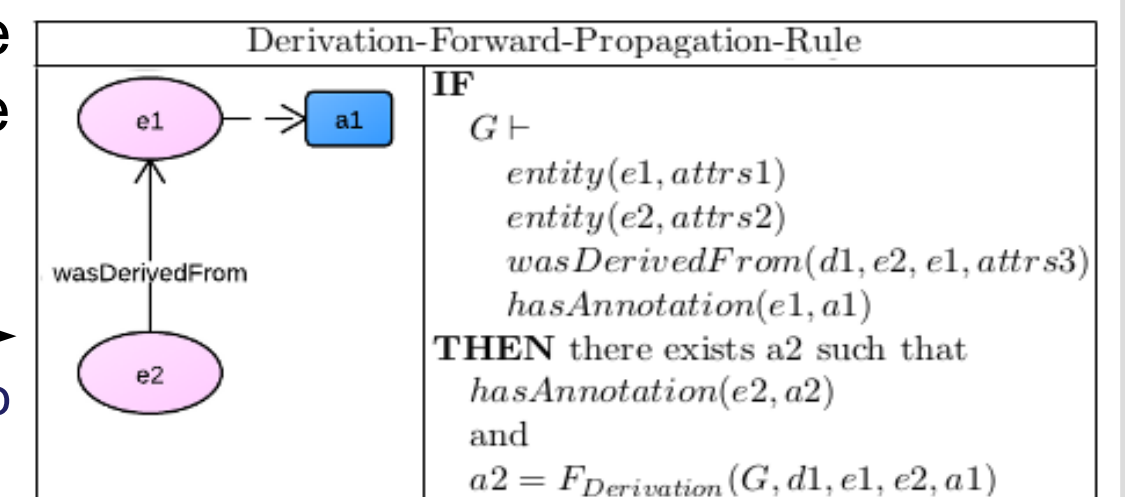


Annotation life cycle shows different stages involving in creation and inference of new annotations

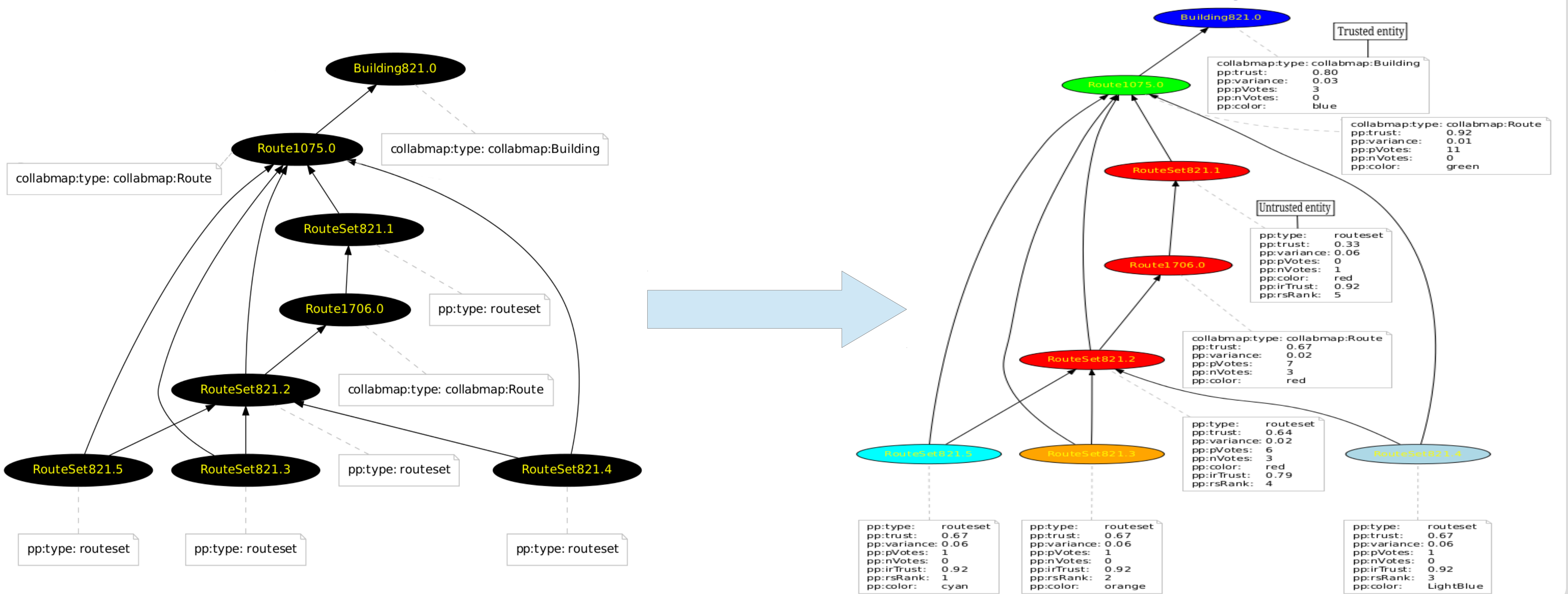
Annotation Inference Framework



- Annotation inference is a form of inference, that given a provenance graph with some annotations, infers new annotations for the same graph.
- These inferences are defined by a set of rules:
 - Relation rules** are about propagating annotations over relations.
 - Aggregation and transformation rules** aggregate all new annotations into one or transform the type of annotation.



CollabMap Provenance Graph – Before and After Provenance Analytics



Results

CollabMap application

- CollabMap is a crowdsourcing application to get users to augment existing maps, provided by Google Maps and panoramic views from Google Street Views, by drawing evacuation routes.
- Over 5,000 provenance graphs, around 9,700 nodes, and 220,000 relations

Applying the propagation framework and trust instantiation on CollabMap data to compute

- Trust value for buildings, routes, and route sets
- The total number of positive and negative votes of each user for buildings, routes, and route sets
- Another notion of trust for each route set based on its included routes

Future Work

- Propagate annotations over following relations to be more compliant with W3C PROV specification
 - Delegation, Communication, Bundle
- Privacy instantiation to be applied for agentSwitch application
 - To propagate and infer new privacy labels for derived information from existing information which have privacy labels
 - Application in auditing to identify any leakage of private information, in online or pseudo-online applications to enforce privacy policy
- Evaluation of the framework
 - To demonstrate the framework can be efficiently instantiated
 - Assess performance (time) and scalability
 - Scalability is defined as the ability of the framework to handle and accommodate large provenance graph and many large provenance graphs
 - To demonstrate the framework is useful for being instantiated
 - It is useful if it is possible to develop different instantiations based on it