

# **Franz and Semantic Web Co. Partner to Create a Noam Chomsky Knowledge Graph**

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**First Semantic Knowledge Graph for a Public Figure will Semantically Link Books, Interviews, Movies, TV Programs and Writings from the Most Cited U.S. Scholar**

**OAKLAND, Calif. and VIENNA, Austria** – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology, AllegroGraph, for Knowledge Graphs, and Semantic Web Company, developers of the PoolParty Semantic Suite and leading provider of Semantic AI solutions, today announced a partnership to develop the Noam Chomsky Knowledge Graph. This project is the first aimed at connecting all the works from a public figure and turning the linked information into a searchable and retrievable resource for the public.

The Noam Chomsky Knowledge Graph project will organize and semantically link the vast knowledge domain surrounding Noam Chomsky, the founder of modern linguistics, a founder of cognitive science, and a major figure in analytic philosophy as well as an American linguist, philosopher, historian and social critic. Chomsky is currently an Institute Professor Emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and laureate professor at the University of Arizona. He has received many awards including Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award of the American Psychological Association, the Kyoto Prize in Basic Sciences, the Helmholtz Medal, the Dorothy Eldridge Peacemaker Award, and the Ben Franklin Medal in Computer and Cognitive Science.

“Noam Chomsky is one of the most brilliant minds of our

generation,” said Fred Davis. Executive Director of the Chomsky Knowledge Graph project, “His body of work is tremendously valuable to people across many disciplines. Our goal is to make Chomsky’s work searchable in the context of topics and concepts, readable in excerpts, and easily available to journalists, scientists, technologists, students, philosophers, and historians as well as the general public.”

The Noam Chomsky Knowledge Graph will link to over 1,000 articles and over 100 books that Chomsky has authored about linguistics, mass media, politics and war. Hundreds of Chomsky’s media interviews, which aired on television, print and online will be part of the Knowledge Graph as well as more than a dozen Chomsky movies including: Is the Man who is Tall Happy?, Manufacturing Consent, Programming the Nation? Hijacking Catastrophe: 911 Fear and the Selling of American Empire. The content will be made available by searching the Knowledge Graph for specific titles, related topics and concepts.

Since the project is based on the latest and most advanced technologies, the data will be also available as machine-readable data (Linked Data) in order to be fed into smart applications, intelligent chatbots, and question/ answering machines – as well as other AI and data systems.

The Internet Archive, the world’s largest digital lending library, will host Noam Chomsky’s books, movies, and other content – enabling public access to his works and marking the first integration between the Internet Archive and a public Knowledge Graph.

“We are thrilled to be working on this momentous project,” said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. “Noam Chomsky is the ideal person to fulfill the vision of a Public Figure Knowledge Graph. We are looking forward to collaborating with the Semantic Web Company and Fred Davis on this exciting project.”

“Knowledge Graphs are becoming increasingly important for addressing various data management challenges in industries such as financial services, life sciences, healthcare or energy,” said Andreas Blumauer, CEO and founder of Semantic Web Company. “The application of Knowledge Graphs to public figures, such as Noam Chomsky, will offer a unique opportunity to link concepts and ideas to form new ideas and possible solutions.”

## **About Knowledge Graphs**

A Knowledge Graph represents a knowledge domain and connects things of different types in a systematic way. Knowledge Graphs encode knowledge arranged in a network of nodes and links rather than tables of rows and columns. People and machines can benefit from Knowledge Graphs by dynamically growing a semantic network of facts about things and use it for data integration, knowledge discovery, and in-depth analyses.

Gartner recently identified Knowledge Graphs as a key new technology in both their Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence and Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies. Gartner’s Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence, 2018 states, “The rising role of content and context for delivering insights with AI technologies, as well as recent knowledge graph offerings for AI applications have pulled knowledge graphs to the surface.”

## **Knowledge Graphs are the Foundation for Artificial Intelligence**

The foundation for AI lies in the facets Knowledge Graphs and semantic technology provided by Franz and Semantic Web Company. The Franz AllegroGraph Semantic Graph database provides the core technology environment to enrich and contextualized the understanding of data. The ability to rapidly integrate new knowledge is the crux of the Knowledge

Graph and depends entirely on semantic technologies.

### **About Franz Inc.**

Franz Inc. is an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology with expert knowledge in developing and deploying Knowledge Graph solutions. The foundation for Knowledge Graphs and AI lies in the facets of semantic technology provided by AllegroGraph and Allegro CL. The ability to rapidly integrate new knowledge is the crux of the Knowledge Graph and Franz Inc. provides the key technologies and services to address your complex challenges. Franz Inc. is your Knowledge Graph technology partner. For more information, visit [www.franz.com](http://www.franz.com).

### **About Semantic Web Company**

Semantic Web Company is the leading provider of graph-based metadata, search and analytic solutions. The company is the vendor of PoolParty Semantic Suite, one of the most renowned semantic software platforms on the global market. Among many other customers, The World Bank, AT&T, Deutsche Telekom, and Pearson benefit from linking structured and unstructured data. In 2018, the Semantic Web Company has been named to KMWorld's "100 companies that matter in Knowledge Management." For more information about PoolParty Semantic Suite, please visit <https://www.poolparty.biz>

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# Allegro Knowledge Graph News

Franz periodically distributes newsletters to its Semantic Technologies, and Common Lisp based Enterprise Development Tools mailing lists, providing information on related upcoming events and new software product developments.

Read our latest AllegroGraph newsletter.

Previous issues are listed in the Newsletter Archive.

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## **Franz Inc. and The Wroclaw Institute of Spatial Information and Artificial Intelligence (The Wroclaw Institute) team up to deliver graph and A.I. solutions in Poland**

### *A Wroclaw Institute News Release*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – March 15, 2016** – We are pleased to inform that Wroclaw Institute has been appointed as a partner by Franz Inc.– world's leading producer of semantic graph technologies. The agreement grants to Wroclaw Institute exclusive right to sell Franz's – AllegroGraph family of products for territory of Poland. AllegroGraph is best in class graph database, fully supporting W3C standards adopted

by start-up's as well as vast number of Fortune 100 companies. AllegroGraph is a part of Big Data ecosystem as it could be integrated with Apache Hadoop and Amazon EC2.

The Wroclaw Institute CEO – Dr. Adam Iwaniak said “Partnership with Franz Inc. is a turning point for our company as semantic graph technology is gaining a lot of market attention in ‘data tsunami’ era. We are happy that we will be able to provide our customers with award winning solution to help them manage their complex data resources. Moreover I’d like to emphasize that as a company we made a big progress in leveraging RDF graphs technologies also on our basic market – geoinformatics”.

“We are excited about the opportunity to work with Dr. Iwaniak and the Wroclaw Institute team to demonstrate why Graph Databases deliver new, real time decision making capabilities for the Enterprise.” said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO, Franz Inc., “Organizations across Poland will benefit from AllegroGraph’s ability to link highly complex data, generating new knowledge and insight for a significant competitive advantage.”

AllegroGraph is a database technology that enables businesses to extract sophisticated decision insights and predictive analytics from their highly complex, distributed data that can’t be answered with conventional databases. Unlike traditional relational databases, Franz’s product AllegroGraph employs a combination of semantic, graph and spatial technologies that process data with contextual and conceptual intelligence. AllegroGraph is able to run queries of unprecedented complexity to support predictive analytics that help companies make better, real-time decisions.

AllegroGraph is commonly used in defense and intelligence, banking, and insurance, pharmaceutical, and healthcare, Linked Data publishing, as well as by organization dealing with complex, constantly changing knowledge bases.

## About Franz Inc.

Franz Inc. is a leading vendor of semantic technology tools featuring AllegroGraph – high-performance, scalable, disk-based graph database, provides the solid storage layer for powerful GeoTemporal Reasoning, Social Network Analytics and Ontology Modeling. Based in Oakland, California, Franz Inc. is an American owned company that delivers leading-edge development products that enable software developers to build flexible, scalable, semantic applications quickly and cost-effectively.

## About The Wroclaw Institute

The Wroclaw Institute of Spatial Information and Artificial Intelligence is Wroclaw, Poland based technology company focused on knowledge engineering, data exploration and intelligent GIS providing products, services and solutions based on cutting-edge scientific and technological achievements.

## Related Links

- WIZIPISI dystrybutorem oprogramowania AllegroGraph
- Oprogramowanie bazodanowe AllegroGraph dostepne w Polsce
- Wroclaw Institute of Spatial Information and Artificial Intelligence

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# AllegroGraph Certification on Cloudera Enterprise Creates a Semantic Graph Data Platform for Hadoop

*Leading Accountable Care Organization Gains Sophisticated Decision Insights from Complex, Distributed Big Data Using AllegroGraph and Cloudera Enterprise*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – February 8, 2016** – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology, today announced the availability of AllegroGraph 6, the leading Semantic Graph Database with certification on the latest release of Cloudera Enterprise through the Cloudera Certified Technology Program (CCPT). AllegroGraph is the first Semantic Graph Database to be certified on Cloudera Enterprise, the global provider of the fastest, easiest, and most secure data management and analytics platform built on Apache Hadoop and the latest open source technologies.

The combination of AllegroGraph and Cloudera Enterprise eases the integration of highly complex Big Data, including large public datasets, and enables real-time analytics across distributed data, while leveraging the world's highest performance and most cost effective storage. Enterprises can run queries of unprecedented complexity to enable predictive analytics and real time decision-making within a myriad of industries including Healthcare, Life Sciences, Financial Services, Intelligence/National Security and Publishing. The hardened platform can run mission-critical applications that require uncompromised data resiliency using features like ACID compliance to ensure data is never lost.



“As the availability of large public datasets continues to rise, many organizations are looking to leverage these datasets to enrich enterprise analytics,” said Tim Stevens, vice president of Business and Corporate Development at Cloudera. “A semantic graph approach to data sets provides a viable method to glean additional insights from data.”

“Today’s Big Data challenge is also a Cognitive Computing challenge,” said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. “We need to combine unstructured data with structured data to fuel real-time analysis, predictive analytics and deep learning. But the ease of data integration largely depends on the type of database. With the Semantic flexibility of AllegroGraph, integrating databases is a virtually effortless, since the data can remain in its original databases and database designers do not have to create a schema up front. This capability is particularly valuable if organizations want to tap into the growing number of public datasets to enrich their analytics.”

The powerful combination of AllegroGraph and Cloudera plays a critical role in the Semantic Data Lake for Healthcare, a collaboration between Montefiore Health System (The leading Accountable Care Organization in the U.S), Franz, Cloudera, Cisco and Intel to provide a scalable and extensible Big Data Analytic platform for Healthcare. The SDL for Healthcare is a shared vision between Montefiore Health System and Franz, for constructing longitudinally integrated, semantically enriched, scalable and secured analytics infrastructure necessary for next generation learning healthcare systems, and precision medicine. The SDL deploys Montefiore’s innovative informatics solutions on Franz’s AllegroGraph and Cloudera’s Hadoop distribution, and enables modelers, data scientists and application developers to leverage complex information, biomedical knowledge-bases and ontologies, as well as the linked open data (LOD) for predictive modeling, care management, population and community health management,

health systems research, and clinical and translational research.

“The Semantic Data Lake for Healthcare will help us to connect the dots to better understand the determinants of outcome, cost, and patient satisfaction in a complex ecosystem in which patients and clinicians interact with each other, with the delivery of care system, and with the research enterprise,” said Dr. Parsa Mirhaji MD. PhD., Director of Clinical Research Informatics at Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Health System. “The problem is, there are billions of such dots that needs to be connected meaningfully, and reproducibly. The complexity is that there are many different principles, pathways, and theoretical frameworks on how those dots would connect, and we just don’t know which model or framework would yield the best answer. The SDL will enable us to address both the complexity, and scalability concerns efficiently, while maintaining a tight grasp on the semantic integrity and consistency of analysis over large, multi source, ever changing datasets.”

Dr. Mirhaji added, “The SDL embodies Montefiore’s incremental and measured approach towards Cognitive Computing in healthcare. Our ability to conduct real-time analysis over new combinations of data, to compare results across multiple analyses, and to engage patients, practitioners and researchers as equal partners in big-data analytics and decision support will fuel discoveries, significantly improve efficiencies, personalize care and ultimately save lives.”

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AllegroGraph has been widely recognized and endorsed within the industry as the popularity of Graph databases has skyrocketed – growing nearly 500% in the past two years. In 2015 AllegroGraph was named a Leading Database Solution by CIOReview and awarded Best in Semantic Web Technology & Leader in Graph Database Products by Corporate America. This year, PharmaTech Outlook has named Franz a Top Ten Solution Provider.

“Franz has been leading the burgeoning Graph Database revolution with a highly sophisticated, yet elegant Semantic Graph database solution,” said Harvi Sachar, Publisher & Founder, CIOReview. “Franz’s AllegroGraph continues to break new ground in predictive analytics and visual graph discovery capabilities- benefiting organizations around the globe within Healthcare, Intelligence/National Security, Life Sciences and Financial Services.”

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# **AllegroGraph    Recognized    as**

# Best in Semantic Web Technology – USA & Leader in Graph Database Products

*Franz's AllegroGraph Fueling Rapid Growth in Graph Database Category*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – February 3, 2016** – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology has been recognized As “Best in Semantic Web Technology – USA & Leader in Graph Database Products” by Corporate America Software and Technology.

“At Corporate America, it’s our priority to showcase prominent professionals who are excelling in their industry and outperforming their competitors,” said Hannah Stevenson, Managing Group Editor, AI Global Media. “Franz Inc. have a reputation for innovation, utilizing their expert knowledge to create complex and exciting Graph Database solutions. Franz’s unique platforms offer highly scalable technologies for solving complex Big Data challenges.”

Corporate America is the definitive magazine for CEOs, top tier management and key decision makers across the US. Created to inform, influence, and shape the corporate conversation across the nation through high quality editorial, in-depth research and an experienced and dedicated network of advisers, Corporate America provides its readership with the most authoritative and current analysis of the major changes effecting the corporate landscape, and the latest deals and topical issues dominating the corporate universe. A multifaceted program, the awards are focused on rewarding excellence across all areas of the technology and software industries and all nominees are closely scrutinized to ensure

that only the most deserving receive Corporate America's prestigious awards.

"We are excited that Graph Databases, like AllegroGraph, have garnered the attention they deserve by Enterprise customers looking to innovate," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO, Franz Inc. "In today's data-driven environments, the ability to quickly analyze data from diverse sources is becoming critical. We are already seeing how Semantic Graph Databases with predictive analytics can help transform healthcare through Precision Medicine and make us safer through Insider Threat Detection."

"Because it (AllegroGraph) is a Graph database, it can store pretty much any kind of data and query it, not just in the time-worn relational fashion, but also in a graphical manner – carving out graphical maps of relationships. And on top of that, it can apply semantics to deduce as-yet-undiscovered knowledge from the data. Its capabilities are very broad, and they provide a glimpse of the shape of things to come," added Bloor. stated Robin Bloor, co-founder and Chief Analyst of The Bloor Group.

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## **About Corporate America**

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# **Franz's Vice President of Corporate Development to Keynote at the 11th International Knowledge Management in Organizations Conference (KMO 2016)**

OAKLAND, Calif. – February 2, 2016 – Franz Inc.'s Vice President of Corporate Development, Dr. Sheng-Chuan Wu, will be a keynote speaker at the 11th International Knowledge Management in Organizations Conference (KMO 2016) this July in Hagen, Germany. Knowledge Management is in the midst of a revolution. Traditional KM approaches have failed to meet the challenges posed by Big Data, mobility, social media, and customer demands. That's because the knowledge critical for customer service is everywhere, and new approaches are required to tap into its value. Continuing the success of the KMO conference series since 2005, the KMO 2016 conference will provide an international communication forum bringing together academia and industry for discussing the progress made and addressing the challenges faced by knowledge management.

## **Dr. Wu's talk, "Why Knowledge when Data Suffices"**

According to the classic knowledge pyramid, we turn the data we collect into information by applying its context. We then

interpret the information to derive knowledge from it. Our efforts on the management of knowledge stem from our belief that knowledge is what provides value to our endeavors. Is this paradigm still true with the explosive growth in Big Data? One of the most obvious examples is Google Translate. Despite employing machine learning on the massive multilingual text data instead of natural language understanding algorithms, Google Translate outperforms traditional natural language processing (NLP) methods when it comes to translation. Medical science is another potential example. Since the sequencing of the human genome in 1996, we have dreamed about treating patients more effectively based on their genomic profile. Such a dream remains elusive due to the complexity of system biology. On the other hand, major progress can be made in “targeted medicine” with machine learning on the massive patient medical data accumulated. In essence, we can uncover ways to directly help patients from the data without precisely knowing how it works exactly. Using Big Data to derive value brings another set of management problems, namely the heterogeneous nature of data sources and taxonomies, the massive volume of data, and the analytic processing requirements. Dr. Wu will discuss all these issues and show some examples at this talk.

## **About Dr. Wu**

Dr. Sheng-Chuan Wu received his Ph.D. in Scientific Computing and Computer Graphics from Cornell University in the US. He has, since graduation, involved in several software companies, including the founding of the first integrated CAD/CAM/CAE company. In the last 20 years, he worked as a senior corporate executive at the leading Artificial Intelligence and Semantic Technology company, Franz Inc in Silicon Valley, with responsibility in application development, marketing, consulting and new business development. Dr. Wu has also in many occasions collaborated with Bioinformatics experts from Harvard Medical School, Stanford University and Astra Zeneca,

working with massive biological data.

Dr. Wu has been focusing on Semantic Technology over the last 8 years. He routinely lectured on AI and Semantic Technology at conferences. He has, since 2007, conducted more than 20 week-long workshops on Semantic Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Malaysia, China, Singapore, India and other Asian countries. Dr. Wu has also consulted on several Big Data and Semantic Technology projects in the US and Asia. Some of the projects include: Biodiversity Repository, Precision Agriculture for Citrus Plantation, Telecom Customer Relation Management, Malaysia R&D Knowledgebase, Intelligence analytics, Meta Data Management, Smart City and E-Learning System.

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***Franz's AllegroGraph powers Pharma Analytics for Sophisticated Decision Insights from Complex, Distributed Big Data***

**OAKLAND, Calif. – January 28, 2016** – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology has been named to Pharma Tech Outlook's Top 10 Analytics Solutions Providers for 2016.

"Franz Inc. has been selected as a Top 10 Analytics Solution Provider after careful evaluation across a dozen quantitative and qualitative elements," said Stacey Smith, Editor of Pharma Tech Outlook. "Our selection process takes into consideration a company's experience, industry recognition, technical certifications, market presence and positive client reviews. Franz Inc. and their Semantic Graph Database, AllegroGraph,

are clear market leaders for Analytics in the Pharmaceutical Industry.”

Pharma Tech Outlook covers the latest developments in the pharmaceutical industry. They provide valuable updates – news, views and trends, expert opinions, studies, discoveries, R&D and clinical trials – essential for decision-makers in the industry. Covering all the novel outcomes, Pharma Tech Outlook aims at contributing to the transformation of innovations into services as well as creating a healthy and productive society.

Pharma Tech Outlook’s “Top 10 Analytics Solution Providers” are selected annually by a panel of experts and members of Pharma Tech Outlook’s editorial board to recognize and promote technology entrepreneurship.

“Using AllegroGraph, Enterprises can run queries of unprecedented complexity to enable predictive analytics and real time decision-making within a myriad of industries including Healthcare, Life Sciences, Financial Services, and Publishing,” said Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. “Integrating databases is a virtually effortless which is particularly valuable if organizations want to tap into the growing number of public datasets to enrich their analytics.”

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## **About Pharma Tech Outlook**

Pharma Tech Outlook is an online and a monthly magazine which covers most important and latest developments in the pharmaceutical industry. Through nominations and consultations with industry leaders, its editors choose the best in Pharma domains. Pharma Tech Outlook’s December-January Edition is an annual listing of Top 10 Analytics Solution Providers. For more information, visit the website at: <http://www.pharmatechoutlook.com/>

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# **Franz's Gruff Produces Dynamic Visual Discovery for Graph Analytics**

*Gruff and AllegroGraph Power Visual Graph Search and Visual Query Building for Banking, Healthcare, Pharma Discovery and Security Applications*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – November 2, 2015** – Franz Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology, today announced Gruff v6.0, the industry's leading Graph Visualization software for exploring and discovering connections within data. Gruff provides novice users and graph experts the ability to visually build queries and visualize connections between data without writing code, which speeds discovery and enhances the ability to uncover hidden connections within data.

"Gruff allows for easy viewing of graph style data and provides an easy on-ramp for non-technical users to explore connections in their data," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. "Users can easily create queries visually, without becoming a query language expert, which further empowers the business user for this technology. Power users also benefit by creating ever more detailed queries in order extract knowledge from their data."



Gruff v6.0 produces dynamic data visualizations that organize connections between data in views that are driven by the user. This visual flexibility can instantly unveil new discoveries and knowledge that turn complex data into actionable business insights. Gruff was developed by Franz to address Graph Search in large data sets and empower users to intelligently explore graphs in multiple views including:

- Graphical View – See the shape and density of graph data
- Tabular view – Understand objects as a whole
- Outline view – Explore the often hierarchical nature of graphs
- Query view – Write Prolog or SPARQL queries
- Graphical Query Builder – Create queries visually via drag and drop

Franz was recently named by CIOReview as one of the Top 20 Most Promising Database Solutions providers, due in part to the unique discovery capabilities offered by the combination of Gruff and AllegroGraph, Franz's Semantic Graph Database technology.

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The popularity of Graph databases has skyrocketed – growing nearly 500% in the past two years, according to a ranking by DB-Engines. One reason for this growth is interest in using graph databases, rather than relational databases, to store master data. Graph databases offer a 360-degree view of master data and can answer questions about data relationships in real time, providing new, actionable insights from existing data.

A recent Dataversity article by Jelani Harper noted, “There is a considerable degree of complexity in MDM systems in a business climate impacted by Big Data, especially for systems centered on customer domains. Numerous external sources (including social media and various forms of sentiment analyses) considerably complicate key relationships for products and customers. The deployment of graph databases, such as Franz’s AllegroGraph, with MDM can simplify these relationships by visually representing the way that different categories of an organization’s core business—based on ontologies—relate to one another.”

Gruff and AllegroGraph also play a pivotal role in the Semantic Data Lake for Healthcare. A collaboration with Franz Inc., Montefiore Medical Center (the eighth largest hospital in the U.S.), Intel, Cloudera and Cisco, to provide a scalable and extensible Healthcare platform designed for Accountable Care and Personalized Medicine initiatives.

“Making sense out of big data is a challenge, particularly in the healthcare industry where information comes from a variety of sources and in different forms including structured, unstructured, images, temporal, geo-location and signal data,” said Dr. Aasman, “With Gruff as part of the Semantic Data Lake platform, we can perform visual data exploration to discover new relationships between data that can save lives and improve care.”

Franz Inc. will host a Webcast on November 18th at 10AM PST, “Enriching the Property Graph with Relationship Objects,” which will demonstrate the power of Gruff and AllegroGraph for an online banking application, a fraud detection application for a European tax office, a machine learning application in healthcare and the CrunchBase investment database.

# Gruff 6.0 Availability

Gruff 6.0 is available as a free download from the AllegroGraph website. The product runs on Mac OSX, Windows, Linux and is offered as a standalone application or client-server for remote users.

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# **Franz Allegro Common Lisp Meets Demand for High Performance Artificial Intelligence in Big Data Applications**

*Allegro CL 10 Gains Parallel Memory Management to Power  
Complex, Mission-critical Applications that are Robust,  
Extensible and Easy to Evolve*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – October 7, 2015** – Franz, Inc., an early innovator in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leading supplier of Common Lisp (CL) development tools and Semantic Graph

Database technology, today announced Allegro CL 10, which includes key performance enhancements now available within the most effective system for developing and deploying applications to solve the problems in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

“Demand for faster, more intelligent and scalable applications is increasing with the Big Data onslaught that is impacting applications in traditional AI industries like National Defense, but also in Life Sciences, Manufacturing and Financial Analytics,” said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc. “The complexity of today’s software applications and the explosion of data size is pervasive. With Allegro CL 10, machine intelligence developers now have a high performance tool to scale their applications and deliver innovative products to market.”

Interest in Artificial Intelligence has surged recently. According to CB Insights data, venture capital investments in companies developing and commercializing AI-related products and technology have exceeded \$2 billion since 2011.

“Common Lisp remains one of the best languages for Artificial Intelligence applications, its flexibility enables rapid experimentation and deployment”, said Professor Ken Forbus, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Computer Science at Northwestern University. “Today’s Lisp compilers are robust and flexible allowing development entirely within Lisp or in combination with other languages. For example, our CyclePad system for helping engineering students learn thermodynamics is written entirely in Allegro CL. Similarly, our sketch understanding system, CogSketch, which is a novel platform for both cognitive science research and education is primarily written in Allegro CL with two modules in C.”

Allegro CL is a powerful, dynamic Artificial Intelligence development system that is especially well-suited for enterprise-wide, machine intelligence development. Now

applications with billions of objects are made easy with Allegro CL 10, the industry's leading Common Lisp based development environment. Allegro CL 10 delivers parallel memory management capabilities including parallel garbage collection and fast memory recycling.

"Allegro CL 10 confirms Franz's commitment to providing a leading Common Lisp platform," said Jason Cornez, CTO, RavenPack. "The upgrade path is completely smooth and the under-the-hood improvements, especially in the garbage collector, make it a worthy successor to what remains one of the best environments for developing and delivering amazing software."

"Financial professionals rely on RavenPack for its speed and accuracy in analyzing large amounts of unstructured content. RavenPack's clients use news analytics to enhance returns, reduce risk or increase efficiency by systematically incorporating the effects of public information in their models or workflows." stated Dr. Aasman. "Allegro CL's new capabilities will continue to facilitate Ravenpack's low latency text and sentiment analysis that they deliver as a real-time data feed."

"Allegro CL 10 with AllegroCache continues to deliver performance improvements that facilitate the success of our products with the U.S. Dept of Defense," said Glenn D. House Sr., President 2Is Inc., "Lisp is the ideal implementation vehicle for our machine learning algorithms and large scale, parallelized stochastic simulation product sets. We are delighted with the Garbage Collection enhancements in Allegro CL 10."

"2Is is the leader in logistics decision support and price analytics enterprise systems that have demonstrated tens of millions of dollars in reduced total cost of inventory ownership for the military and OEM supply chain," added Dr. Aasman. "2Is applications have been repeatedly proven under

multiple DOD Test and Evaluation contracts and Allegro CL 10 will continue to facilitate 2Is successful deliveries.”

New Key Features and updates in Allegro CL 10:

- Parallel Global Garbage Collection
- New Payback Analysis for optimized Global Garbage Collection
- Precise Garbage Collection of stack slots for fast memory recycling
- Touchscreen and Alpha blending on Windows in Common Graphics
- API generator builds Lisp interface functions from information in Java class libraries
- Various Source Level debugging improvements
- Plus over 700 enhancements and updates, see the Release Notes for the details

## About Lisp

Lisp is one of the first high-level programming languages and still in widespread use today. Lisp was originally created as a practical mathematical notation for computer programs and quickly became the favored programming language for artificial intelligence (AI) research. The most widely known general-purpose Lisp dialects are Common Lisp and Scheme. Allegro CL is the Common Lisp language developed and sold by Franz Inc.

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# **AllegroGraph Named as Leading Database Solution by CIOReview**

*Graph Database Market Continues Explosive Growth*

**OAKLAND, Calif. – September 15, 2015** – Franz, Inc., the leading supplier of Semantic Graph Database technology



technology has been named CIOReview Magazine's Top 20 Most Promising Database Technology Solution providers. The award comes on the heels of Franz's recent announcement of the first Semantic Data Lake (SDL) for Healthcare, which was created in collaboration with Montefiore Medical Center (the eighth largest hospital group in the U.S.), Intel, Cloudera and Cisco. The SDL for Healthcare is a scalable and extensible Healthcare platform designed for Accountable Care and Personalized Medicine initiatives.

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CIOReview is a technology magazine that showcases enterprise solutions capable of redefining the business goals of enterprises. It is a neutral source of information for technology decision makers that constantly endeavors to identify "The Best" in a variety of areas important to the technology industry.

"Since our inception, we have always been in the business of 'solving complexity' through our Semantic Graph technologies," said Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO, Franz Inc.. "From our origins in the Artificial Intelligence boom, through our advanced capabilities in Graph search and now as part of our Semantic Data Lake project, we provide powerful solution to complex challenges in the Enterprise."

The popularity of Graph databases has skyrocketed – growing nearly 400% in the past two years, according to a DBMS ranking by DB-Engines.

A recent Forrester Research report stated, “Graph databases are a powerful optimized technology that link billions of pieces of connected data to help create new sources of value for customers and increase operational agility for customer service. Because graph databases track connections among entities and offer links to get more detailed information, they are well-suited for scenarios in which relationships are important, such as cybersecurity, social network analysis, eCommerce recommendations, dependence analysis, and predictive analytics.” (Source: Forrester Research, Market Overview: Graph Databases, May 28, 2015)

During the recent Smart Data Conference, Dr. Parsa Mirhaji MD. PhD., Montefiore Medical Center and Dr. Jans Aasman, CEO of Franz Inc., introduced the AllegroGraph powered Semantic Data Lake. The need for semantic consistency within Data Lakes is a driving force for the Semantic Data Lake Healthcare platform. Adding semantics to a Data Lake dramatically eases the transformation and integration of multi-source, heterogeneous unstructured and structured data including free text clinical narratives.

‘Data Lakes’ have become one of the most discussed information management approaches over the past few years. According to Gartner Research Director Nick Heudecker, “Data Lakes typically begin as ungoverned data stores. Meeting the needs of wider audiences require curated repositories with governance, semantic consistency and access controls...” (Source: Press Release, Gartner Says Beware of the Data Lake Fallacy, July 28, 2014)

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