



### SAP Research Net – A Social Networking Approach in Action

In use since 2006, the SAP Research Net (SRN) is a **platform** which integrates and communicates the activities of SAP Research. The platform is the result of a collaboration between SAP Research and the intelligent views GmbH, a company specializing in **semantic technology-related** applications.

SRN combines the power of semantic networks with SAP's expertise in knowledge management. The platform is based on an ontology that relates defined concepts to each other (e.g., people, projects, locations, documents, etc.) and derives additional concepts from existing ones. SRN utilizes the **SAP Search and Classification Engine** to complement the semantic networks.

An important feature introduced in 2007 is the **skill system**. The skill system is a social networking approach, enabling all members of SAP Research to maintain and extend their own skill profiles. Each profile is mapped to one or several project(s), each of which also possesses a set of associated skills. The skill system gives researchers and managers the opportunity to discover projects and expert groups which best suit their interests.

The automatic linkage of SRN and the publication sharing system, **BibSonomy**, is the first step envisaged for 2008.