

# Wikidata with SPARQL

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# Wikidata Definition

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See: <https://www.wikidata.org>

# SPARQL definition

SPARQL is a recursive acronym for SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language) is an RDF query language—that is, a semantic query language for databases—able to retrieve and manipulate data stored in Resource Description Framework.

# SPARQL as Language

If you take a look at Germany (Q183), then you can see a whole host of properties like population (P1082), median income (P3529) or even images with the image (P18) property.

```
SELECT
```

```
  ?country ?countryLabel ?population ?area ?medianIncome
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
  ?country wdt:P463 wd:Q458.
```

```
  ?country wdt:P1082 ?population.
```

```
  ?country wdt:P2046 ?area.
```

```
  ?country wdt:P3529 ?medianIncome.
```

```
SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "e
```

```
}
```

# SPARQL in Python

```
import requests
url = 'https://query.wikidata.org/sparql'
query = """
SELECT
    ?country ?countryLabel ?population ?area ?medianIncome
WHERE {
    ?country wdt:P463 wd:Q458.
    ?country wdt:P1082 ?population.
    ?country wdt:P2046 ?area.
    ?country wdt:P3529 ?medianIncome.
    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "e
}
"""

r = requests.get(url, params = {'format': 'json', 'query': query})
data = r.json()
print(data)
```