D2R Server

Publishing databases on the Web as SPARQL endpoints

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The problem

- Have data in a database
- Want to access it from the RDF world



2002: No good tools

- little or no customization
- auto-generated schemas



D2R Map (2002): customizable



D2R Map

- dumps database to RDF file
- you load it into RDF triple store
- problem: RDF data becomes stale



D2RQ (2004): Live queries



D2RQ

- access database through Jena API
- rewrite queries on the fly into SQL
- problem: limited to Jena-based clients
- problem: remote access?



SPARQL



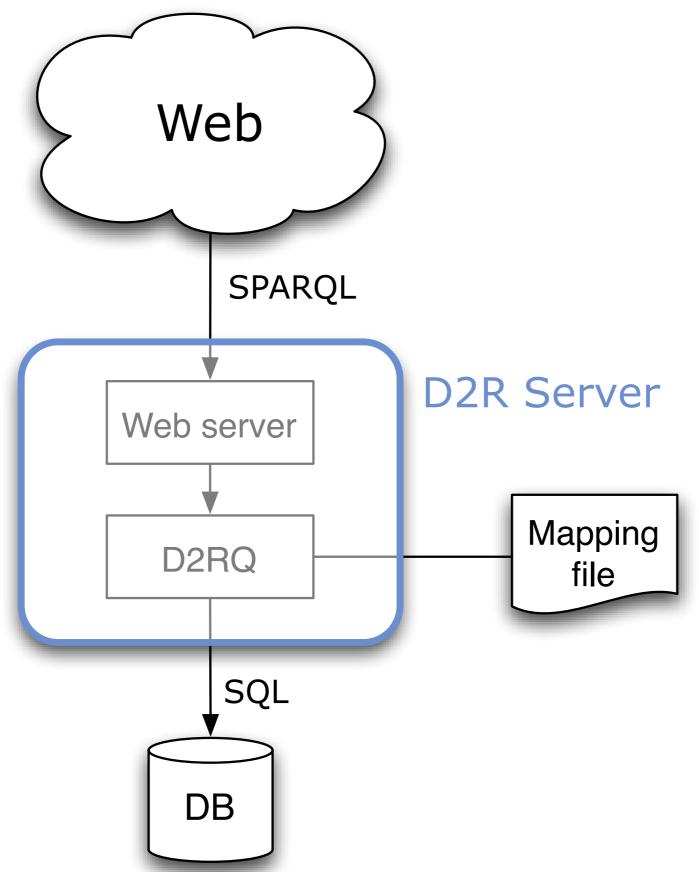
D2R Server (2006): Over the Web



D2R Server

- SPARQL protocol server based on D2RQ
- Turns a database into "SPARQL endpoint"







```
SELECT * WHERE {
   ?x foaf:name "Chris".
   ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
                          Mapping
            D2RQ
                            file
SELECT People.ID, People.email
FROM People
```

WHERE People.name="Chris";



D2RQ mapping language



ClassMaps

People

<u>ID</u>	name	email	orgID

:PeopleClassMap a d2rq:ClassMap;

d2rq:class foaf:Person;

d2rq:uriPattern

"http://example/person@@People.ID@@".



PropertyBridges

People

<u>ID</u>	name	email	orgID

```
:PeopleEmailColumn a d2rq:PropertyBridge;
    d2rq:belongsToClassMap :PeopleClass;
    d2rq:property foaf:mbox;
    d2rq:uriPattern "mailto:@@People.email@@".
```



Joins

People

<u>ID</u>	name	email	orgID

:PeopleOrgColumn a d2rq:PropertyBridge;

d2rq:belongsToClassMap :PeopleClass;

d2rq:property ex:worksFor;

d2rq:refersToClassMap :OrganizationsClass;

d2rq:join "People.orgID=Organizations.ID".

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... and more

can map messy database schema to clean RDF



Making it easy



Mapping generator

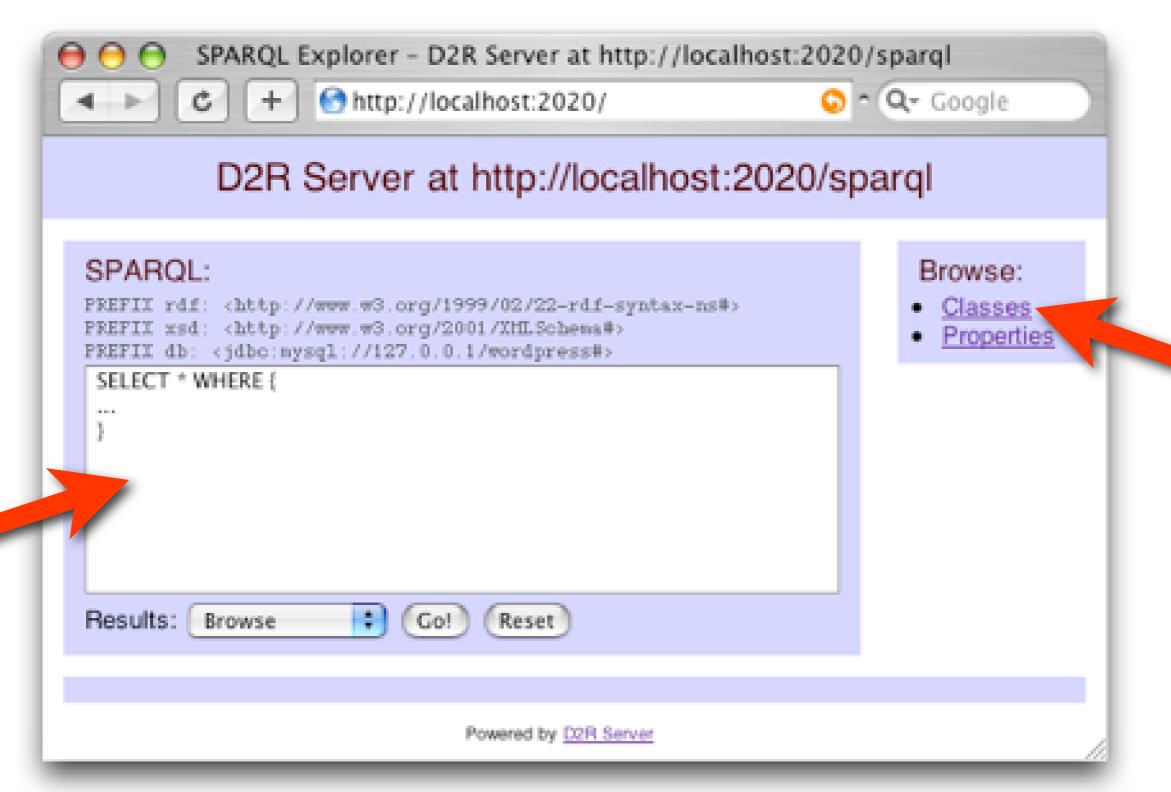
- Auto-generates mapping file from database schema
- Then customize manually
- Less boilerplate typing



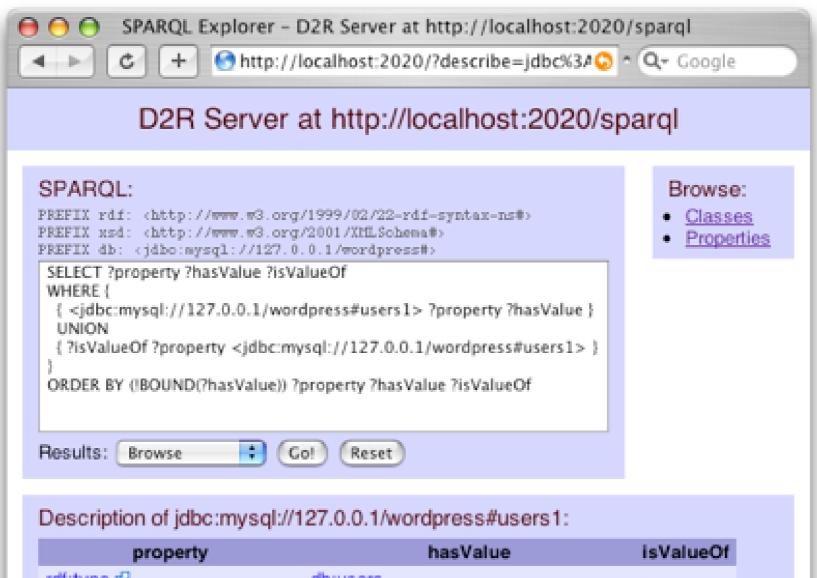
SPARQL explorer

- Browse mapped RDF
- Instant feedback from incremental changes to mapping file









property	hasValue	isValueOf
rdf:type t₽	db:users	-
db:users_ID	1	-
db:users_display_name	"Richard Cyganiak"	-
db:users_user_activation_key	***	-
g_user_email	"richard@cyganiak.de"	-
rs_user_login	"admin"	-
o.users_user_nicename	"site-admin"	-
db:users_user_pass	"83afbb3c2fddb610ad445f4bdcf2f119"	-
db:users_user_status	0	-
db:users_user_url	"http://richard.cyganiak.de"	-

Powered by D2R Server



SPARQL explorer

- Web 2.0 buzzword compliant
- AJAX
- SPARQL results over JSON



Summary

- Access database as SPARQL endpoint
- Live queries
- Easy setup
- Flexible, customizable mapping
- Download, docs and source code:
 - http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/suhl/bizer/d2r-server



Thank you!

