

# Semantische Suche

# Outline

- **Knowledge-based Search – What and why**
- Existing Knowledge Bases
- Building and Maintaining Knowledge Bases
- Knowledge-Based Search

# Why textual information is not enough

- Meaning (**semantics**) of single words and word sequences often unclear (unless context is known)  
Examples: **bank, java, jaguar, mustang, president, ...**
- Language may have different interpretations
  - It is very hot today in Dagstuhl.
  - „That's great weather today!“
  - Yesterday the head of state met her American counterpart in the capital of Germany.



When?

Who?

Where?

## Need for factual and contextual background knowledge

- Search should not retrieve document, but **answer to question**  
**Who was president of the USA when Donald Trump was born?**
- Often no single document contains required information

Donald Trump was  
born in 1946 in  
New York.

Harry S. Truman was president of  
the United States of America from  
1945 to 1953.

# Why Web Search is not enough

nobel prize winners



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## All Nobel Prizes

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All Nobel Prizes. Between 1901 and 2016, the Nobel Prizes and the Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 579 times to 911 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of 881 individuals and 23 organizations.

## List of Nobel laureates - Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Nobel\\_laureates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Nobel_laureates) ▾

Between 1901 and 2015, the Nobel Prizes and the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 573 times to 900 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of 870 individuals (including 822 men, 48 women) and 23 organizations.

[Prize · Laureates · List of laureates](#)

## Nobelprize.org - Nobel Prizes and Laureates

[https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes](https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes) ▾

**Results are pages that satisfy the information need,  
but a list of persons would be much better**

## [LIST OF Nobel Peace Prize laureates - Wikipedia](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Nobel\\_Peace\\_Prize\\_laureates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Nobel_Peace_Prize_laureates) ▾

List of Nobel Peace Prize laureates ... Sixteen women have won the Nobel Peace Prize, more than any other Nobel Prize. ... "Nobel Prize winners by ...

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Additional structured query results from semantic knowledge base, but no real understanding of query

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## Nobelpreis



Der Nobelpreis ist eine seit 1901 jährlich vergebene Auszeichnung, die der schwedische Erfinder und Industrielle Alfred Nobel gestiftet hat. In seinem Testament legte er fest, dass mit seinem Vermögen eine Stiftung gegründet werden sollte, deren Zi... +



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Official website

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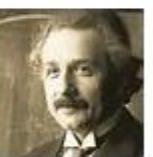
Malala Yousafzai  
Award winner



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## Nobel Laureates and Country of Birth - Nobel Prize

[https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/lists/countries.html](https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/lists/countries.html) ▾

Nobel Laureates and Country of Birth. Alfred Nobel, the man behind the Nobel Prize, wrote in his will 1895: "It is my express wish that in awarding the ...

## EUROPA - European Union receives Nobel Peace Prize 2012

[https://europa.eu/.../about-eu/history/2010-today/2012/eu-nobel\\_en](https://europa.eu/.../about-eu/history/2010-today/2012/eu-nobel_en) ▾

The prize was conferred in Oslo on 10 December. Like all winners, the EU received the prize from the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee. The EU was represented by the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission and the President of the European ...

## Nobel Peace prize winners - the full list | World news ...

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com) › World news › Nobel peace prize

The European Union has been awarded the Nobel peace prize. This morning the European Union was announced as the 2012 Nobel peace prize winner. The winners list for 2011 was split between three ...

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## Nobel Prize Winners By Country - WorldAtlas.com

[www.worldatlas.com/.../top-30-countries-with-nobel-prize-winners.html](http://www.worldatlas.com/.../top-30-countries-with-nobel-prize-winners.html) ▾

Nobel Prize Winners By Country. United States has the most noble prize winners with 353 followed by the UK with 125 and Germany with 105. The Nobel Prize is the most distinguished and coveted ...

## The Greenwich Hotel, New York - Bestpreisgarantie.

Ad · [www.booking.com/The\\_Greenwich/Hotel](http://www.booking.com/The_Greenwich/Hotel)

The Greenwich Hotel in New York reservieren. Schnell und sicher online buchen.

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# Question Answering, not Search

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Nobel Prize > Winners (2016)

Juan Manuel Santos Peace Prize		David J. Thouless Physics		Yoshinori Ohsumi Physiology or Medicine	
Bob Dylan Literature		Fraser Stoddart Chemistry		Bengt Holmström Economic Sciences	
Duncan Haldane Physics		Jean-Pierre Sauvage Chemistry		Oliver Hart Economic Sciences	
J. Michael Kosterlitz Physics		Ben Feringa Chemistry			

## All Nobel Prizes

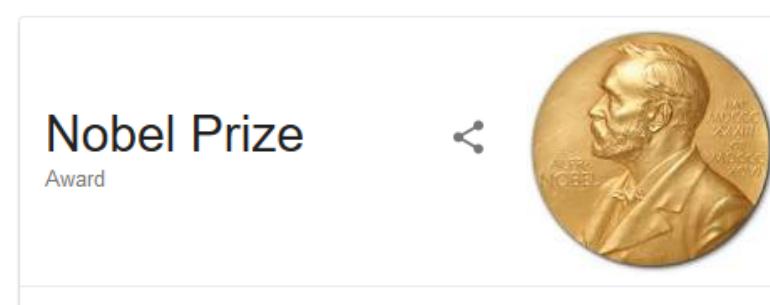
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David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz. "for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter" ...

## Nobelprize.org - Nobel Prizes and Laureates

[https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/](https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/) ▾

Most Popular Laureates. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Prize 1964. Albert Einstein. Physics Prize 1921. Niels Bohr. Physics Prize 1922. Marie Curie. Physics Prize 1903. Rabindranath Tagore.



## Nobel Prize

Award

The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed in

Anwers come directly from semantic knowledge base  
(for Google: *Knowledge Graph*)

# Question Answering, not Search

nobel prize winners from germany



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- The Nobel Peace P
- The Sveriges Riks

The Nobel Prize in  
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The **Turing Award** is generally recognized as the highest distinction in computer science and the "Nobel Prize of computing". The award is named after Alan Turing, a British mathematician and reader in mathematics at the University of Manchester.



[Turing Award - Wikipedia](#)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turing\\_Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turing_Award)

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<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/research-landscape/nobel-laureates.html>

# Question Answering on the Web

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wrong answer!

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the wrong entity

# Question Answering on the Web

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who was president of the us when barack obama was born?

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[\*\*Barack Obama - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia\*\*](#) ☆

Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 at Kapi'olani Maternity ..... Barack Obama takes the oath of office as president of the United States. ....  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack\\_Obama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama) - 8 hours ago - Cached - Similar

[\*\*Barack Obama citizenship conspiracy theories - Wikipedia, the free ...\*\*](#) ☆

Our conclusion: Obama was born in the U.S.A. just as he has always said. ..... Barack Obama being president is that he can't possibly have been born in the ...  
[en.wikipedia.org/.../Barack\\_Obama\\_citizenship\\_conspiracy\\_theories](http://en.wikipedia.org/.../Barack_Obama_citizenship_conspiracy_theories) - Cached - Similar

[+ Show more results from en.wikipedia.org](#)

[\*\*Is Barack Obama a Natural-Born Citizen? - Urban Legends\*\*](#) ☆

It seems that Barack Obama is not qualified to be president after all for the following reason:  
Barack Obama is not legally a U.S. natural-born citizen ...  
[urbanlegends.about.com/od/barackobama/.../obama\\_citizen.htm](http://urbanlegends.about.com/od/barackobama/.../obama_citizen.htm) - Cached - Similar

[\*\*President Barack Obama | The White House\*\*](#) ☆

20 Jan 2009 ... Barack H. Obama is the 44th President of the United States. ... a mother from Kansas, President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. ...  
[www.whitehouse.gov/administration/president-obama](http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/president-obama) - Cached - Similar

[\*\*ObamaCrimes.com\*\*](#) ☆

23 Mar 2010 ... BARACK OBAMA IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ... the United States must be a United States "natural born" Citizen ...  
[www.obamacrimes.com/](http://www.obamacrimes.com/) - Cached - Similar

Very limited knowledge, very limited understanding of question

[\*\*Barack Obama Biography - Biography.com\*\*](#) ☆

President of the United States. Born Barack Hussein Obama on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, grew up in Wichita, Kansas, ...

# More complex examples

who was president of the us when the atomic bomb was dropped



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atomic bomb

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who was president of the us when the war began



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Larry Page

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No one knows for sure how the **wheel** and axle was **invented**, but we do know that it was **invented** during a time when humans had already began constructing sailboats and casting metal alloys like bronze. Mar 27, 2017



[Who Invented the Wheel and Axle? | Wonderopolis](https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/who-invented-the-wheel-and-axle)  
<https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/who-invented-the-wheel-and-axle>

# Knowledge Search – Wolfram Alpha



**WolframAlpha**<sup>TM</sup> computational knowledge engine

who was US president when Barack Obama was born

Who was US president  
when Barack Obama  
was born?

Input interpretation:

United States president Barack Obama date of birth

Result:

John F. Kennedy

Basic information:

official position	President (35 <sup>th</sup> )
country	United States
political affiliation	Democrat
start date	20. January 1961 (49 years 3 months 26 days ago)
end date	22. November 1963 (46 years 5 months 23 days ago)
duration	2 years 10 months 2 days

<http://www.wolframalpha.com>

# Knowledge Search – Wolfram Alpha



who was mayor of wadern when barack obama was born?

**Who was  
mayor of Wadern  
when Barack Obama  
was born?**

Using closest Wolfram|Alpha interpretation: **Barack Obama was born**

More interpretations: [Indianapolis](#) | [Barack Obama](#)

**not enough facts  
known by the system!**

Input interpretation:

[Barack Obama](#) date of birth

Result:

Friday, 04. August 1961

<http://www.wolframalpha.com>

Date formats:

[More formats/calendars](#)

04. August 1961

# Early Research System – Google Squared

Formula one  
winners?



formula one winners

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# Early Research System – Google Squared

Formula one  
winners?



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formula one winners

Item Name	Image	Description	Date Of Birth	Team
Denny Hulme		Denis Clive "Denny" Hulme OBE (18 June 1936–4 October 1992) was a New Zealand car racer, the 1967 Formula One World Champion for the Brabham team. ...	1936-06-18	brabham,
Fernando Alonso		Fernando Alonso Diaz (born 29 July 1981) is a Spanish Formula One racing driver and a two-time World Champion, who is currently racing for Ferrari alongside ...	1981-07-29	Ferrari
Lewis Hamilton		Lewis Hamilton was in the wrong two weeks ago, but he was in the right under .... Who Was To Blame For The Lewis Hamilton-Mark Webber Shunt In Singapore? ...	1985-01-07	McLaren-
Niki Lauda		Andreas Nikolaus "Niki" Lauda (born February 22, 1949 in Vienna) is an Austrian former Formula One (F1) racing driver and three-time F1 World Champion. ...	February 22, 1949	March, BR, Brabham,
Keke Rosberg		The Keke Rosberg Fansite. You are viewing the text version of this site. To view the full version please install the Adobe Flash Player and ensure your web	6 December, 1948	theodore, fittipaldi, mclaren

<http://www.google.com/squared/>

# Early Research System – Google Squared



formula one winners from europe

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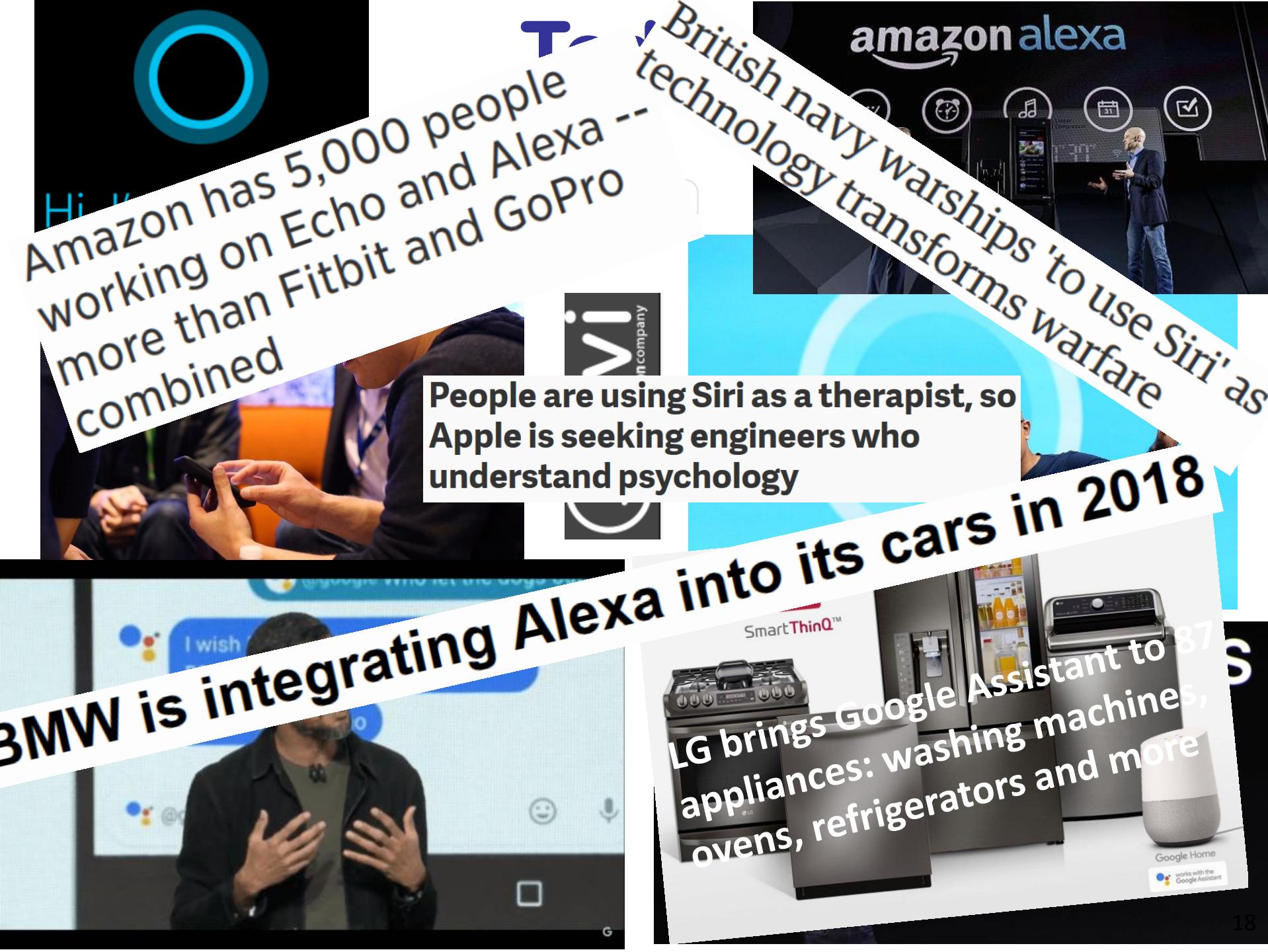
formula one winners from europe

Item Name	Image	Description	Date Of Birth	Firs
Ayrton Senna		<b>Ayrton Senna</b> da Silva was a Brazilian racing driver and three-time Formula One world champion. He died in a crash while leading the 1994 San Marino Grand ...	21 March, 1960	198 Prix
Michael Schumacher		<b>Michael Schumacher</b> is a Formula One racing driver currently driving for Mercedes GP. Most famous for his legendary ten year-spell with Ferrari, Schumacher ...	3 January 1969	199 Prix
Fernando Alonso		<b>Fernando Alonso</b> Díaz (born 29 July 1981) is a Spanish Formula One racing driver and a two-time World Champion, who is currently racing for Ferrari alongside ...	1981-07-29	200 Prix
Juan Manuel Fangio		<b>Juan Manuel Fangio</b> (June 24, 1911 – July 17, 1995), nicknamed El Chueco ("knock-kneed") or El Maestro ("The Master"), was a racing car driver from Argentina ...	June 24, 1911	195
Niki Lauda		Andreas Nikolaus "Niki" Lauda (born February 22, 1949 in Vienna) is an Austrian former Formula One (F1) racing driver and three-time F1 World Champion. ...	February 22, 1949	197 Prix
Jackie Stewart		Jackie David Stewart (born January 29, 1939) is a Scottish racing driver and team owner. He is a three-time Formula One World Champion, having won the title in 1969, 1971, and 1973. ...	January 29, 1939	197 Prix

# Knowledge for Intelligence

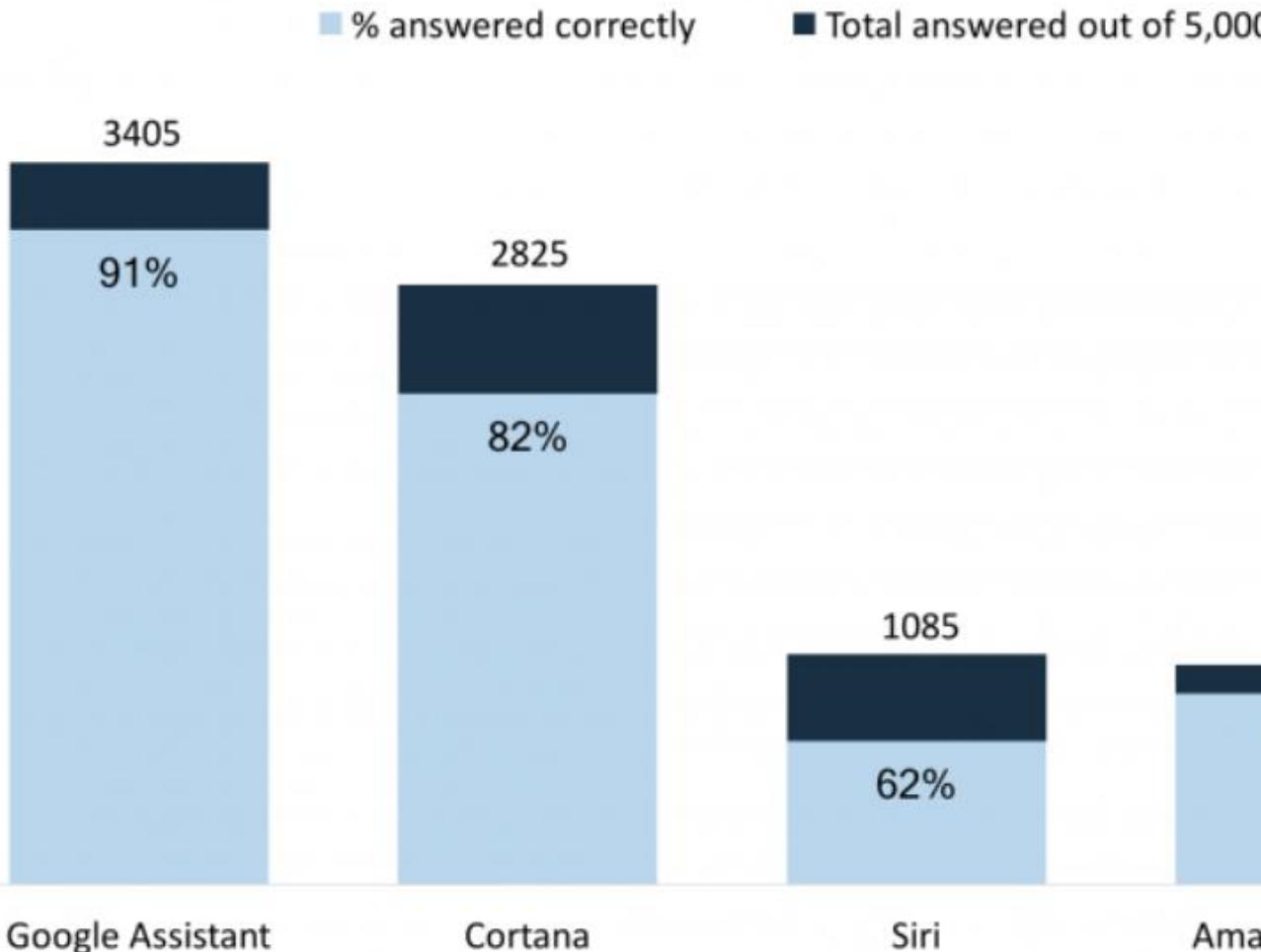
- entity recognition & disambiguation
- understanding natural language & speech
- knowledge services & reasoning for semantic apps  
(e.g. deep QA)
- semantic search: precise answers to advanced queries  
(by scientists, students, journalists, analysts, etc.)

- ★ German president when Barack Obama was born? ✓
- ★ Female soccer players from Europe?
- ★ Politicians who are also scientists?
- ★ Relationships between Carlo Ancelotti, Jürgen Klinsmann, Felix Magath, Jupp Heynckes, Giovanni Trapattoni?
- ★ Enzymes that inhibit HIV?  
Influenza drugs for teens with high blood pressure?  
...



# Today

## Voice Assistant Accuracy, By Vendor



Note: Based on responses to 5,000 factual knowledge questions  
Source: Stone Temple, 2017

BI INTELLIGENCE

# Application: Query Disambiguation

Google

jaguar



jaguar

jaguar – Jaguar Cars, Luxury vehicles company

jaguar – Animal

jaguar xf

jaguar e pace

jaguar e type

Bing

jaguar



**Jaguar Cars**

Jaguar ist eine britische Automobil-Marke des Herstellers Jaguar Land Rover. Es besteht e...



**Jaguar**

Der Jaguar ist die einzige auf dem amerikanischen Doppelkontinent vorkommende Art d...

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# Application: Infobox Construction



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Die freie Enzyklopädie

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## Thomas Mandl

Thomas Mandl (\* 7. Februar 1979 in Eisenstadt) ist ein österreichischer Fußballspieler. Aktuell spielt Mandl beim LASK Linz in der Bundesliga.

### Karriere [Bearbeiten]

Der Torhüter begann seine Karriere in der Burgenländischen Landesliga bei ASKÖ Hirm, wo er bereits mit 15 Jahren erster Torwart war. Nach guten Leistungen klopfte der SV Mattersburg an, wo er ab 1994 spielte. 1997 wechselte er dann zu Austria Wien. Bei den Wienern war er anfangs nur Ersatztorhüter für Franz Wohlfahrt. Nachdem Wohlfahrts Karriere dem Ende zuging, wurde er sein Nachfolger. Seine guten Leistungen wurde er sogar österreichischer Nationaltorhüter.

2003 kam dann der Rückschlag. Die Austria verpflichtete Joey Barton, einen besser ausgebildeten Australier noch durchsetzen, aber nach groben Schnitten wurde er wieder degradiert. Im Jänner 2004 nahm er dann das Angebot von Sturm Graz an. Mandl wurde von den Grazern für ein halbes Jahr ausgeliehen.

automatically generate  
by knowledge harvesting

Thomas Mandl	
Spielerinformationen	
Geburtstag	7. Februar 1979
Geburtsort	Eisenstadt, Österreich
Größe	185 cm
Position	Tor
Vereine in der Jugend	
1986–1992	ASK Hirm
1992–1997	SV Mattersburg
Vereine als Aktiver	
Jahre	Verein
1997–2004	Austria Wien



# Outline

- Knowledge-based Search – What and Why
- Existing Knowledge Bases
  - Principles
  - WordNet
  - YAGO and DBPedia
  - Linked Open Data
- Building and Maintaining Knowledge Bases
- Knowledge-Based Search

# What is a Knowledge Base?

- A structured representation of entities and their relationships
- In machine-readable form
- With querying capabilities
- With deductive reasoning capabilities to derive implicit facts

# Entities & Classes

Which entity types (classes, unary predicates) are there?

*scientists, doctoral students, computer scientists, ...  
female humans, male humans, married humans, ...*

Which subsumptions should hold

(subclass/superclass, hyponym/hypernym, inclusion dependencies)?

*subclassOf (computer scientists, scientists),  
subclassOf (scientists, humans), ...*

Which individual entities belong to which classes?

*instanceOf (Surajit Chaudhuri, computer scientists),  
instanceOf (BarbaraLiskov, computer scientists),  
instanceOf (Barbara Liskov, female humans), ...*

Which names denote which entities?

*means ("Lady Di", Diana Spencer),  
means ("Diana Frances Mountbatten-Windsor", Diana Spencer), ...  
means ("Madonna", Madonna Louise Ciccone),  
means ("Madonna", Madonna(painting by Edward Munch)), ...*

Instances

Taxonomy

Text

# Relationships

Which **binary relations** exist between entities of which classes (**type signatures**)?

- hasAdvisor (Person, Person)
- graduatedAt (Person, Location)
- hasWonPrize (Person, Prize)
- bornOn (Person, Date)
- marriedTo (Person, Person)

Which **instances** (pairs of individual entities) are there for given binary **relations** with specific **type signatures**?

- hasAdvisor (JimGray, MikeHarrison)
- hasAdvisor (HectorGarcia-Molina, Gio Wiederhold)
- hasAdvisor (Susan Davidson, Hector Garcia-Molina)
- graduatedAt (JimGray, Berkeley)
- graduatedAt (HectorGarcia-Molina, Stanford)
- hasWonPrize (JimGray, TuringAward)
- bornOn (JohnLennon, 9Oct1940)
- diedOn (JohnLennon, 8Dec1980)
- marriedTo (JohnLennon, YokoOno)

Text?

# Representing Knowledge

**RDF** (Resource Description Framework, W3C):  
subject-property-object (SPO) **triples**, binary relations  
structure, but no (prescriptive) schema

## facts (RDF triples):

- 1: (JimGray, hasAdvisor, MikeHarrison)
- 2: (SurajitChaudhuri, hasAdvisor, JeffUllman)
- 3: (Madonna, marriedTo, GuyRitchie)
- 4: (NicolasSarkozy, marriedTo, CarlaBruni)

## facts about facts:

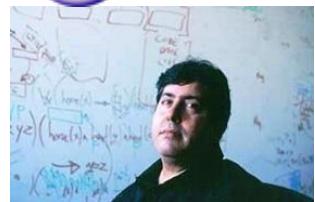
- 5: (1, inYear, 1968)
- 6: (2, inYear, 2006)
- 7: (3, validFrom, 22-Dec-2000)
- 8: (3, validUntil, Nov-2008)
- 9: (4, validFrom, 2-Feb-2008)
- 10: (2, source, SigmodRecord)

temporal & provenance annotations  
can refer to reified facts via fact identifiers

# History of Digital Knowledge Bases



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WordNet



$\text{guitarist} \subset \{\text{player}, \text{musician}\}$   
 $\subset \text{artist}$

from humans  
for humans

Wikipedia



$\forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow$   
 $(\exists y: \text{mother}(x,y) \wedge$   
 $\exists z: \text{father}(x,z))$

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20 Mio. contributors

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for machines

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# WordNet Thesaurus

WordNet Search - 3.0 - [WordNet home page](#) - [Glossary](#) - [Help](#)

Word to search for:

## 3 concepts / classes & their synonyms (**synset's**)

### Noun

- S: (n) **spouse, partner, married person, mate, better half** (a person's partner in marriage)
- S: (n) **collaborator, cooperator, partner, pardner** (an associate in an activity or endeavor or sphere of common interest) "*the musician and the librettist were collaborators*"; "*sexual partners*"
- S: (n) **partner** (a person who is a member of a partnership)

### Verb

- S: (v) **partner** (provide with a partner)
- S: (v) **partner** (act as a partner) "*Astaire partnered Rogers*"

# WordNet Thesaurus

## Noun

- S: (n) spouse, partner, married person, mate, better half (a person's partner in marriage)
  - direct hyponym / full hyponym
    - S: (n) bigamist (someone who marries one person while already legally married to another)
    - S: (n) consort (the husband or wife of a reigning monarch)
    - S: (n) helpmate, helpmeet (a helpful partner)
    - S: (n) husband, hubby, married man (a married man; a woman's partner in marriage)
    - S: (n) monogamist, monogynist (someone who practices monogamy (one spouse at a time))
    - S: (n) newlywed, honeymooner (someone recently married)
    - S: (n) polygamist (someone who is married to two or more people at the same time)
    - S: (n) wife, married woman (a married woman; a man's partner in marriage)
  - member holonym
  - direct hypernym / inherited hypernym / sister term
    - S: (n) relative, relation (a person related by blood or marriage) "police are searching for relatives of the deceased"; "he has distant relations back in New Jersey"
    - S: (n) domestic partner, significant other, spousal equivalent, spouse equivalent (a person (not necessarily a spouse) with whom you cohabit and share a long-term sexual relationship)
  - derivationally related form
- S: (n) collaborator, cooperator, partner, pardner (an associate in an activity or endeavor or sphere of common interest) "the musician and the librettist were collaborators"; "sexual partners"
- S: (n) **partner** (a person who is a member of a partnership)

**subclasses  
(hyponyms)**

**superclasses  
(hyperonyms)**

# WordNet Thesaurus

> 100 000 classes and lexical relations;  
can be cast into graph

Searches for scientist: Noun

1 sense of scientist

Sense 1

**scientist**, man of science -- (a person with advanced knowledge of  
=> cosmographer, cosmographist -- (a scientist knowledgeable  
=> bibliotist -- (someone who engages in bibliotics)  
=> biologist, life scientist -- ((biology) a scientist who studies life)  
=> chemist -- (a scientist who specializes in chemistry)  
=> cognitive scientist -- (a scientist who studies cognitive processes)  
=> computer scientist -- (a scientist who specializes in the theory and application of computers)  
=> geologist -- (a specialist in geology)  
=> linguist, linguistic scientist -- (a specialist in linguistics)  
=> mathematician -- (a person skilled in mathematics)  
=> medical scientist -- (a scientist who studies disease processes)  
=> microscopist -- (a scientist who specializes in research with a microscope)  
=> mineralogist -- (a scientist trained in mineralogy)  
=> oceanographer -- (a scientist who studies physical and biological aspects of oceans)  
=> paleontologist, palaeontologist, fossilist -- (a specialist in paleontology)  
=> physicist -- (a scientist trained in physics)  
=> principal investigator, PI -- (the scientist in charge of an experiment)  
=> psychologist -- (a scientist trained in psychology)  
=> radiologic technologist -- (a scientist trained in radiological technology)  
=> research worker, researcher, investigator -- (a scientist who carries out research)  
=> social scientist -- (someone expert in the study of human society)  
HAS INSTANCE => Bacon, Roger Bacon -- (English scientist and philosopher who studied optics, logic, and philosophy; he was one of the first to use lenses to correct vision (1220-1290))  
HAS INSTANCE => Franklin, Benjamin Franklin -- (printer who signed the Declaration of Independence, he played a major role in the American Revolution, he was a Founding Father of the United States, his research in electricity (1706-1790))  
HAS INSTANCE => Galton, Francis Galton, Sir Francis Galton -- (English statistician, psychologist, anthropologist, founder of eugenics and first to use the term "eugenics")  
HAS INSTANCE => Harvey, William Harvey -- (English physician who described the circulation of the blood in the body, he discovered the ovum produced by the female of the species (1578-1657))

but:

only few individual entities  
(instances of classes)

**scientist, man of science**  
**(a person with advanced knowledge)**

**=> cosmographer, cosmographist**

**=> biologist, life scientist**

**=> chemist**

**=> cognitive scientist**

**=> computer scientist**

...

**=> principal investigator, PI**

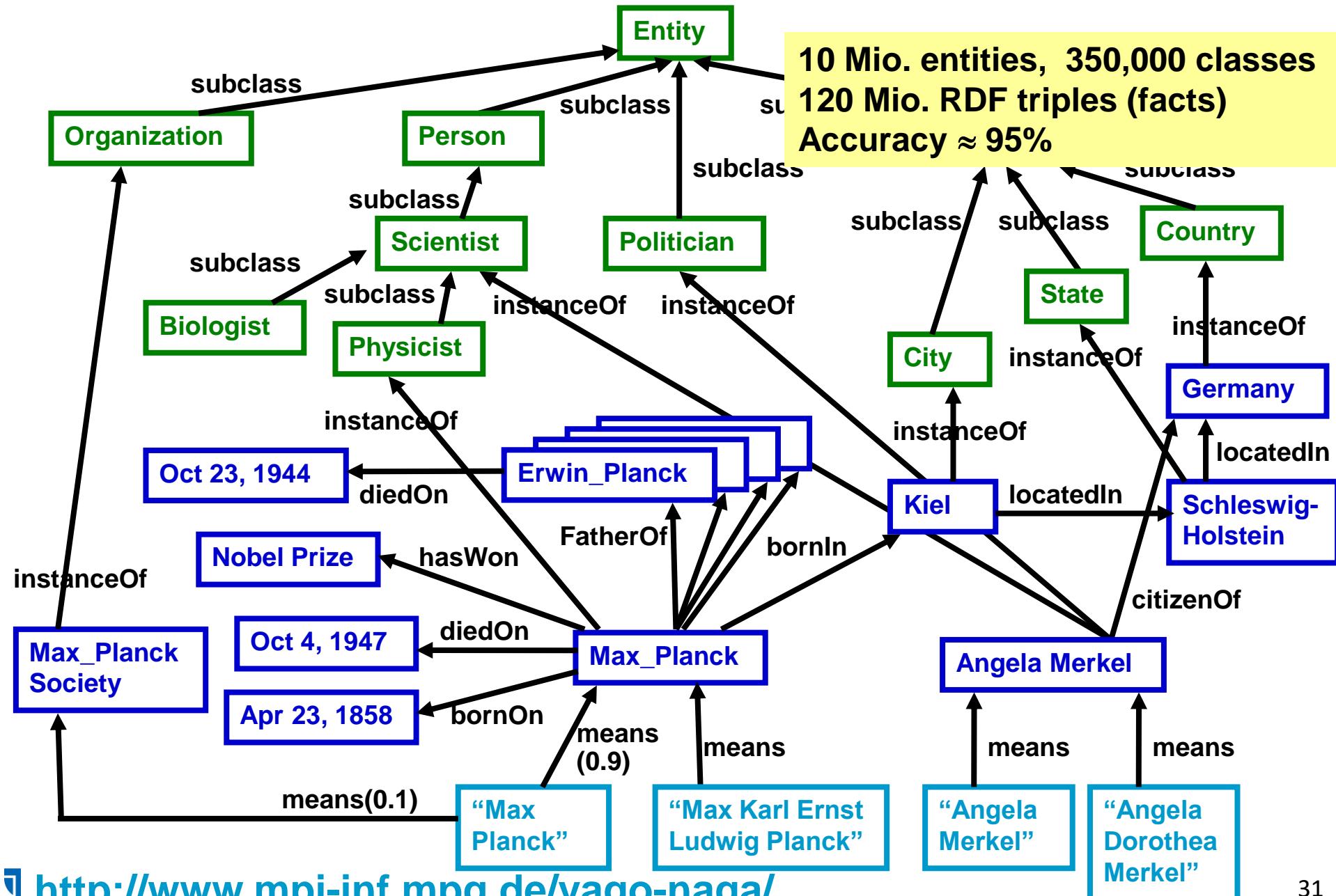
...

**HAS INSTANCE => Bacon, Roger Bacon**

...

<http://wordnet.princeton.edu/>

# YAGO (Yet Another Great Ontology, Suchanek et al.: WWW'07)



# DBpedia (Auer, Bizer, et al.: ISWC'07)



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## About: Carlo Ancelotti

An Entity of Type : [Sportmanager](#), from Named Graph : <http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia](#)

- **4.58 Mio. entities,**
- **3 Bio. facts (RDF triples)**
- **4.22 Mio. entities mapped to hand-crafted taxonomy of 685 classes with 2,795 properties**

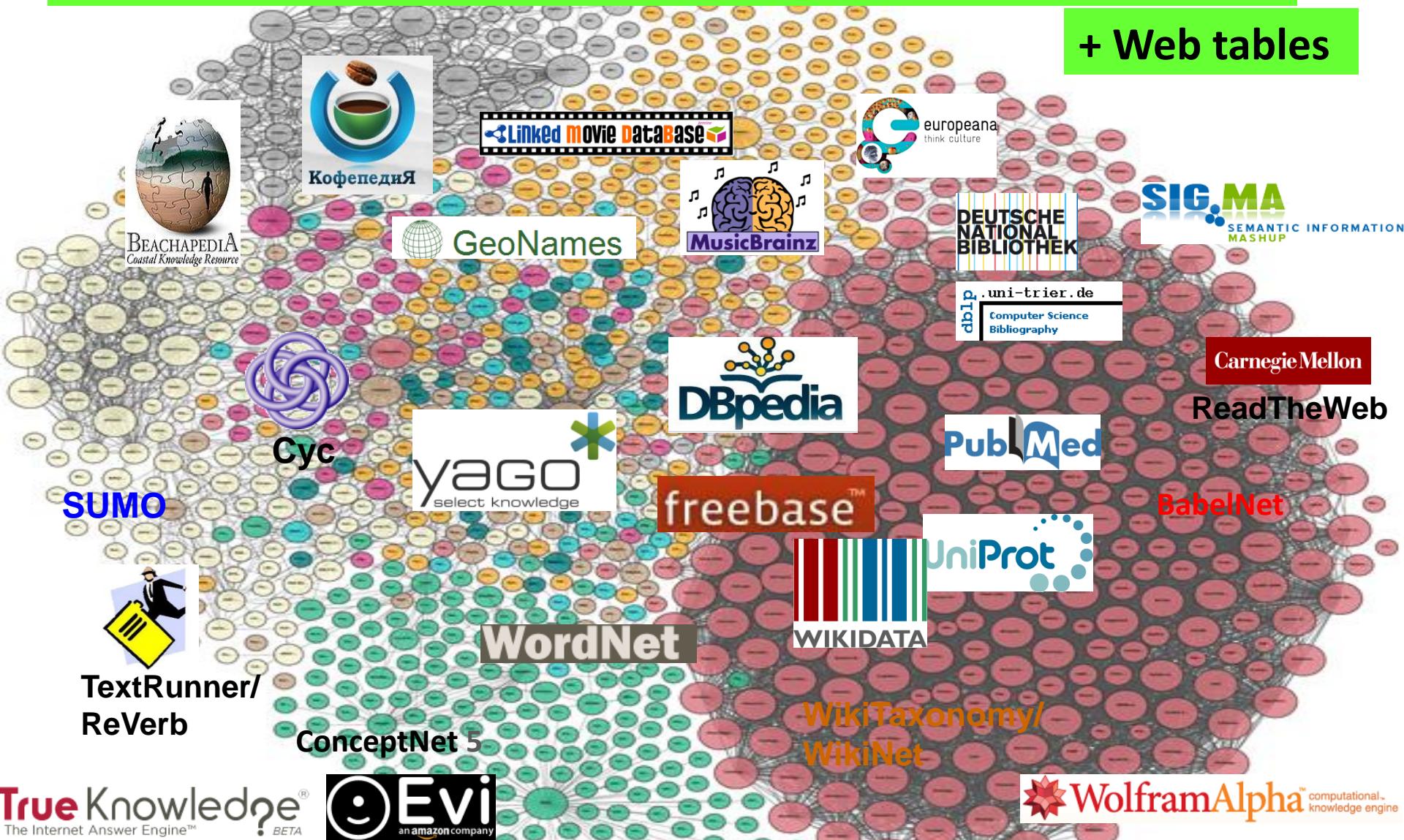
Carlo Ancelotti (\* 10. Juni 1959 in Reggiolo) ist ein ehemaliger italienischer Fußballspieler und heutiger Fußballtrainer. Sowohl als Spieler als auch als Trainer gewann er zahlreiche nationale und internationale Titel, so u. a. zweimal den Europapokal der Landesmeister als Spieler und dreimal die Champions League als Trainer. Seit der Saison 2016/17 trainiert er den FC Bayern München.

Property	Value
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<a href="#">foaf:name</a>	■ Carlo Ancelotti (en)
<a href="#">foaf:surname</a>	■ Ancelotti (en)
<a href="#">is dbo:manager of</a>	■ <a href="#">dbr:2009–10_Chelsea_F.C._season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:1997–98_Parma_A.C._season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:1996–97_Parma_A.C._season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:1998–99_Juventus_F.C._season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:1999–2000_Juventus_F.C._season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:2002–03_A.C._Milan_season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:2003–04_A.C._Milan_season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:2005–06_A.C._Milan_season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:2008–09_A.C._Milan_season</a> ■ <a href="#">dbr:2006–07_A.C._Milan_season</a>

<http://www.dbpedia.org>

# Web of Data & Knowledge

**> 150 Bio. subject-predicate-object triples from > 1000 sources**



# Web of Data & Knowledge

> 150 Bio. subject-predicate-object triples from > 1000 sources

- 10M entities in 350K classes
- 120M facts for 100 relations
- 100 languages
- 95% accuracy

- 4M entities in 250 classes
- 500M facts for 6000 properties
- live updates

- 600M entities in 15000 topics
- 20B facts

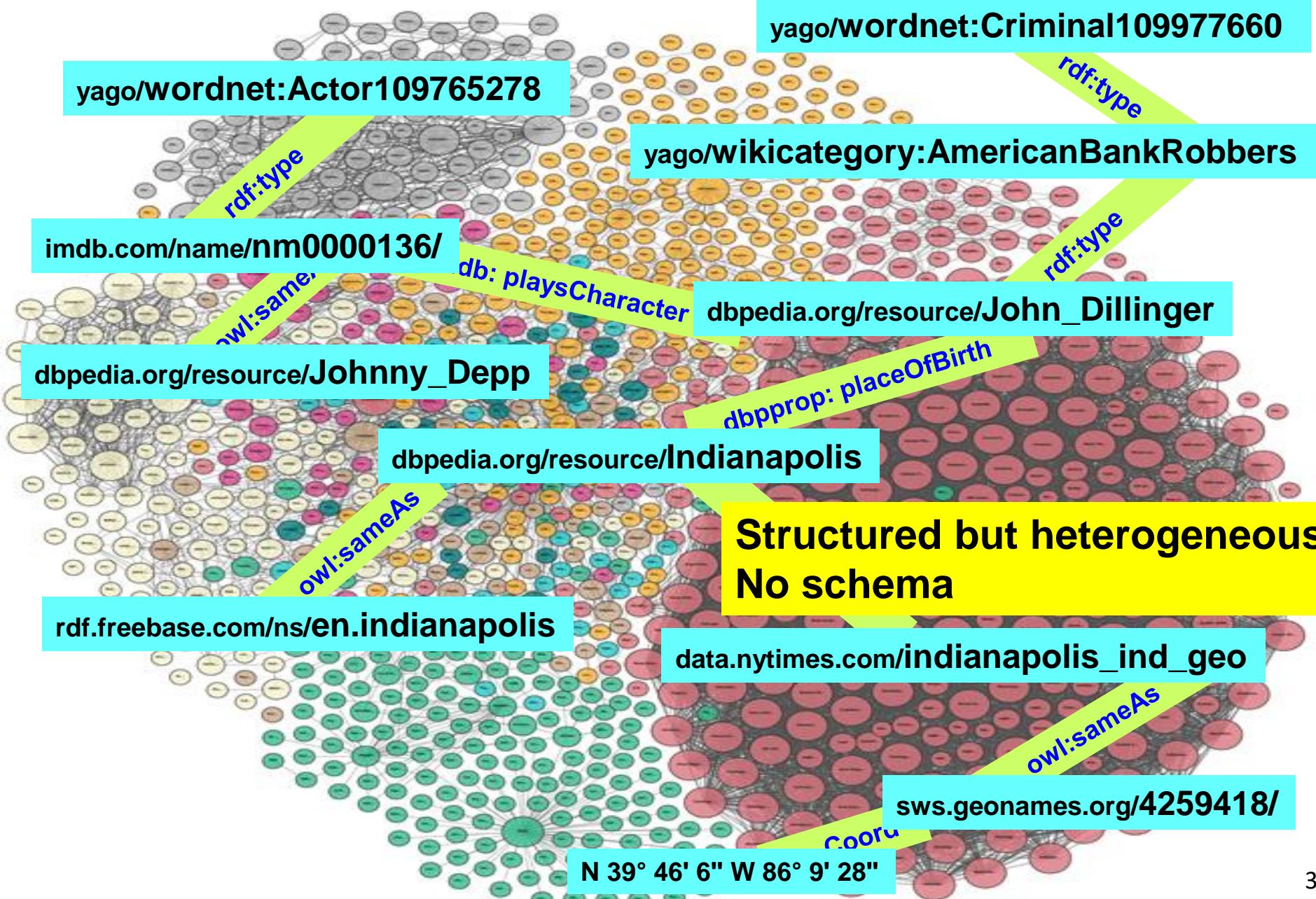


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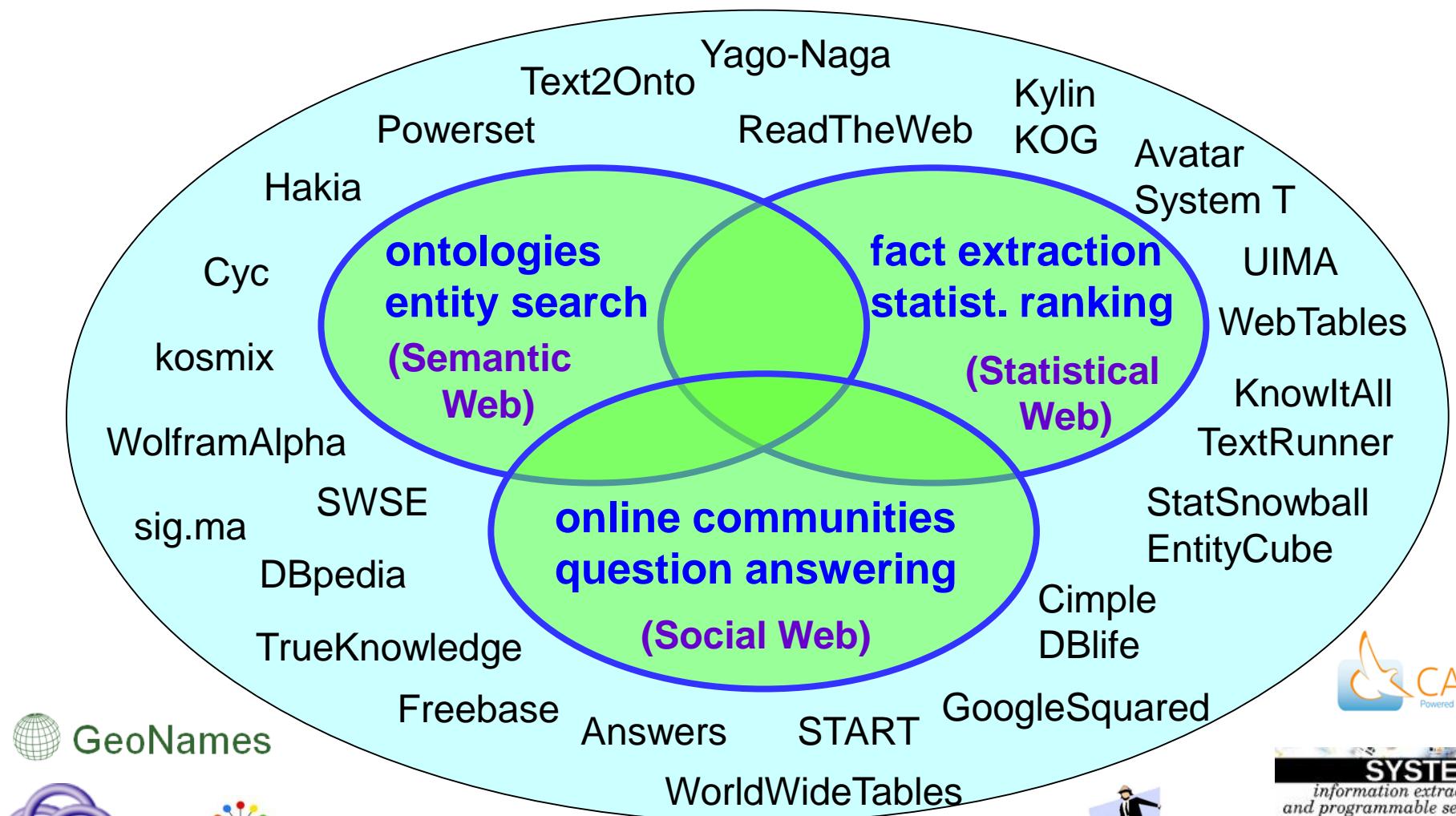
- 40M entities in 15000 topics
- 1B facts for 4000 properties
- core of Google Knowledge Graph

Google  
Knowledge  
Graph

# Distributed Structure: Linking Open Data



# Huge number of knowledge-enabled systems



ReadTheWeb<sup>TM</sup>



**DBLife**



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The Internet Answer Engine™ BETA



**TextRunner**

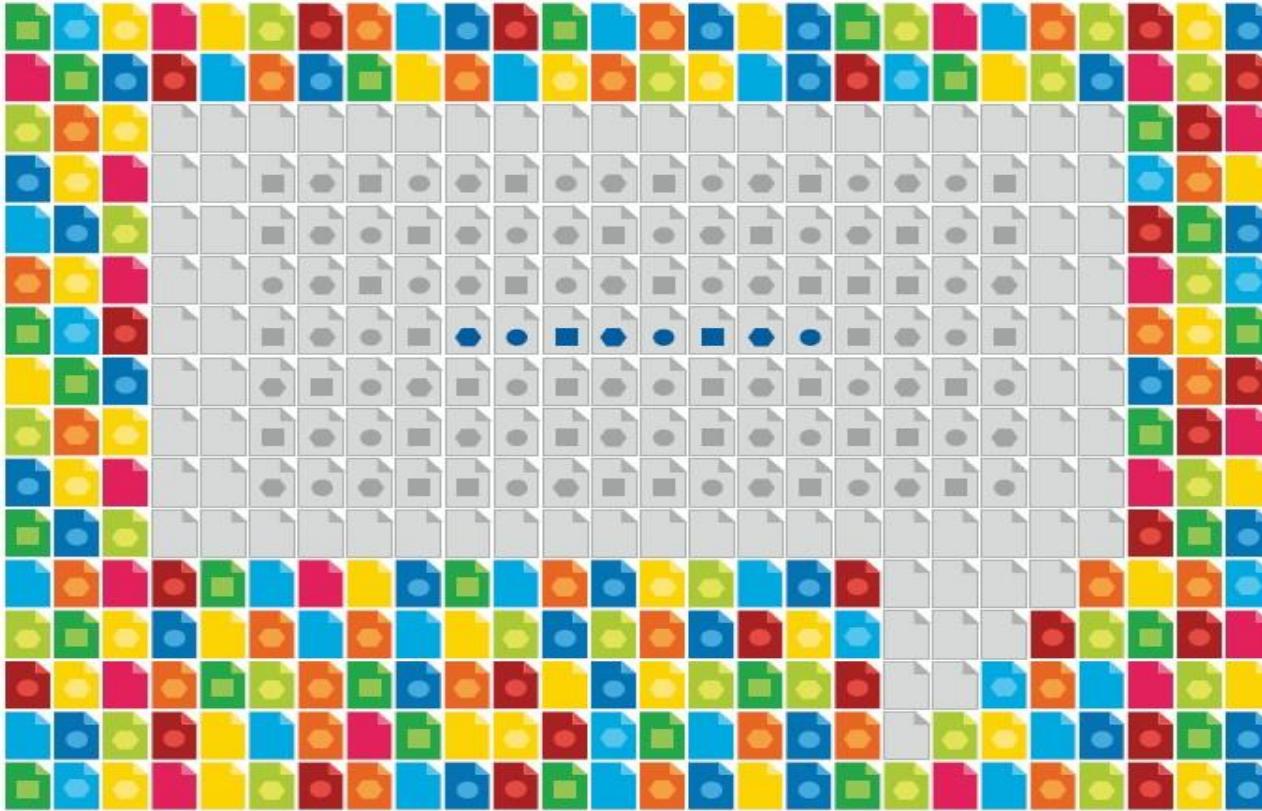
**WolframAlpha™** computational knowledge engine

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# Outline

- Knowledge-based Search – What and Why
- Existing Knowledge Bases
- **Building and Maintaining Knowledge Bases**
  - Entities & Classes
  - Relationships
- Knowledge-Based Search

# Goal: Turn Web into Knowledge Base

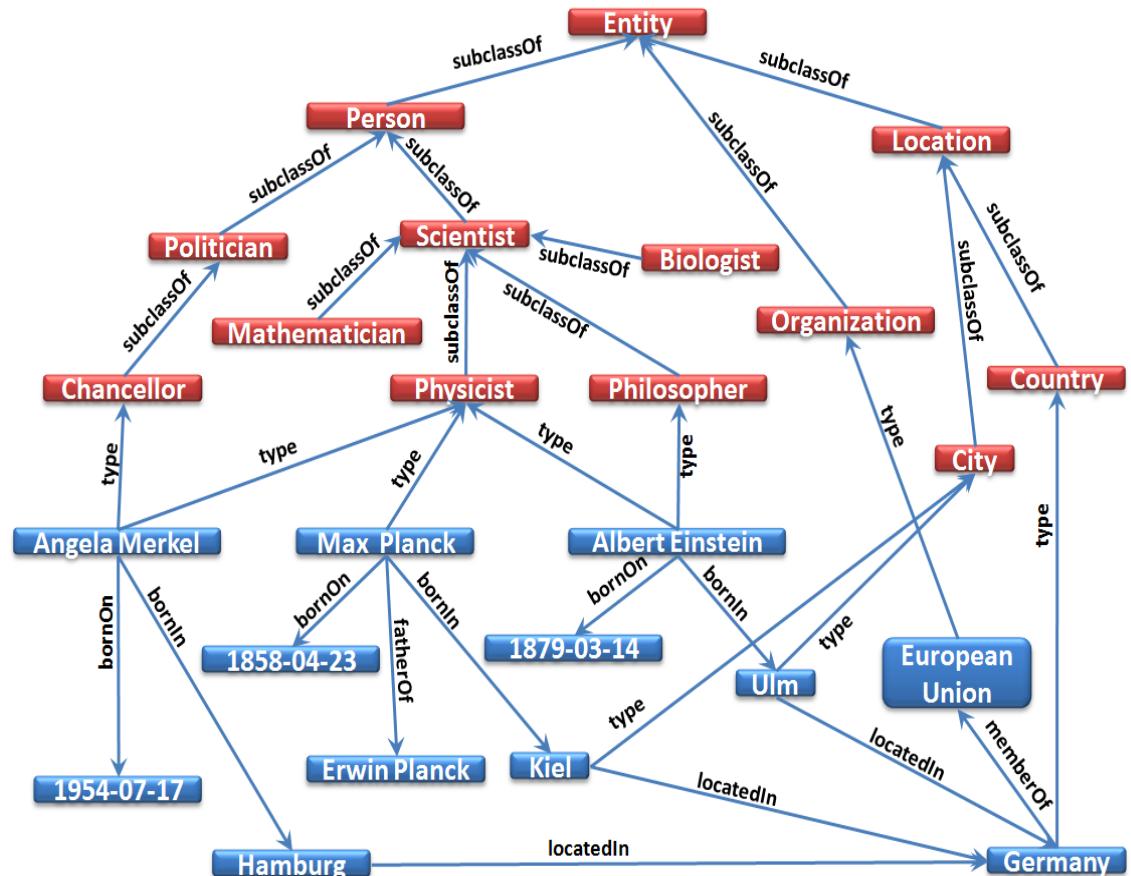
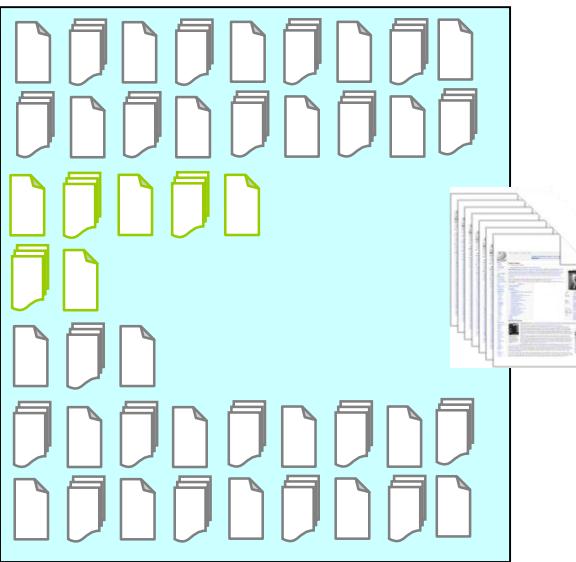


Source:  
DB & IR methods for  
knowledge discovery.  
Communications of  
the ACM 52(4), 2009

**comprehensive DB of human knowledge**

- everything that Wikipedia knows
- everything machine-readable
- capturing entities, classes, relationships

# Approach: Harvesting Facts from Web



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# Tapping on Wikipedia Categories

## Jim Gray (computer scientist)

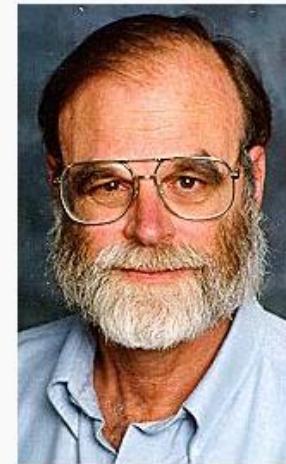
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**James Nicholas "Jim" Gray** (born 12 January 1944, lost at sea 28 January 2007) was an [American computer scientist](#) who received the [Turing Award](#) in 1998 "for seminal contributions to database and [transaction processing](#) research and technical leadership in system implementation."

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James Nicholas "Jim" Gray



<b>Born</b>	January 12, 1944 <sup>[1]</sup> San Francisco, California <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Died</b>	(lost at sea) January 28, 2007
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	IBM, Tandem Computers, DEC, Microsoft
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of California, Berkeley
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Michael Harrison <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Known for</b>	Work on database and transaction processing systems
<b>Notable awards</b>	Turing Award

Categories: Members of the National Academy of Sciences | [American computer scientists](#) | Fellows of the Association for Computing Machinery | Microsoft employees | DEC people | Database researchers | SIGMOD Edgar F. Codd Innovations Award winners | Turing Award laureates | 1944 births | 2007 deaths | People lost at sea | University of California, Berkeley alumni

# Tapping on Wikipedia Categories

## Max Planck

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"Planck" redirects here. For other uses, see [Planck \(disambiguation\)](#).

**Max Planck** (April 23, 1858 – October 4, 1947) was a German physicist. He is considered to be the founder of the quantum theory, and thus one of the most important physicists of the twentieth century. Planck was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1918.



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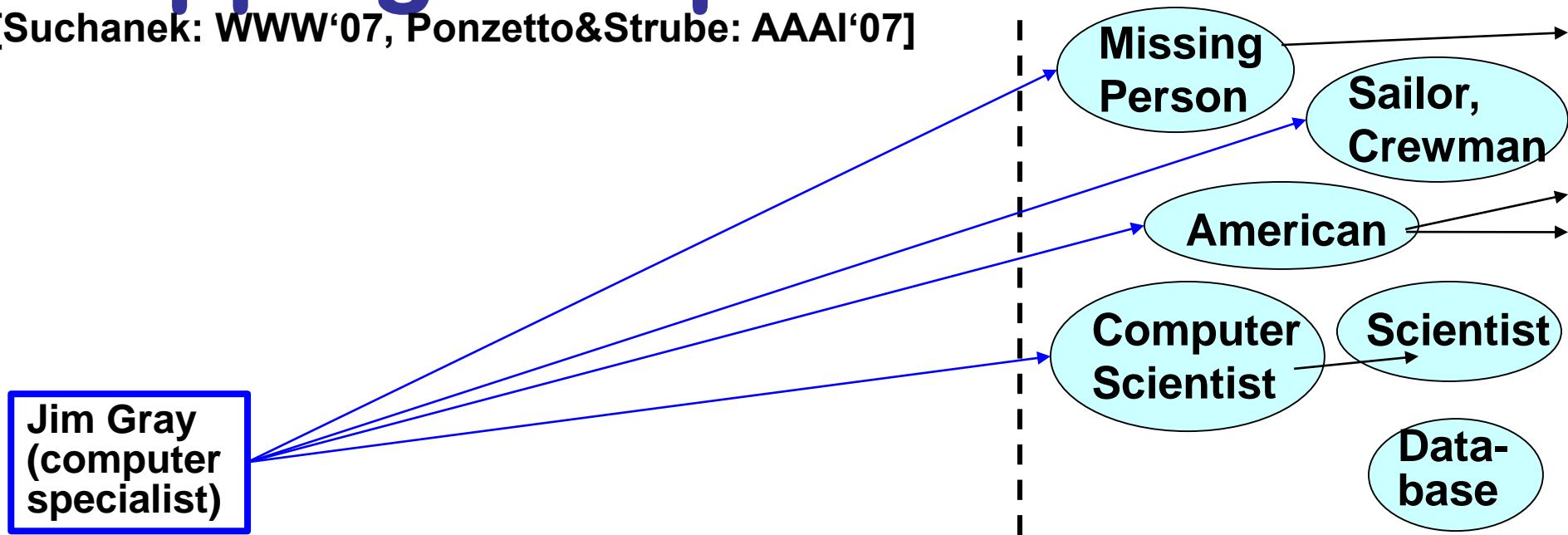
- 1 Life and career
  - 1.1 Academic career
  - 1.2 Family
  - 1.3 Professor at Berlin University
  - 1.4 Black-body radiation
  - 1.5 Einstein and the theory of relativity
  - 1.6 World War and Weimar Republic
  - 1.7 Quantum mechanics
  - 1.8 Nazi dictatorship and The Second World War
- 2 Religious view
- 3 Honors and awards

<b>Born</b>	April 23, 1858 Kiel, Holstein
<b>Died</b>	October 4, 1947 (aged 89) Göttingen, West Germany
<b>Nationality</b>	German
<b>Fields</b>	Physics
<b>Institutions</b>	University of Kiel University of Berlin University of Göttingen Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft
<b>Alma mater</b>	Ludwig Maximilian University of

Categories: German Nobel laureates | [German physicists](#) | Members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences | Members of the Prussian Academy of Sciences | [Nobel laureates in Physics](#) | Recipients of the Copley Medal | People from Kiel | People from the Province of Schleswig-Holstein | Quantum physicists | Recipients of the Pour le Mérite (civil class) | Theoretical physicists | Thermodynamicists | University of Munich alumni | University of Munich faculty | Humboldt University of Berlin alumni | Humboldt University of Berlin faculty | University of Kiel faculty | German Christians | [Religion and science](#) | Fellows of the Leopoldina | 1858 births | 1947 deaths

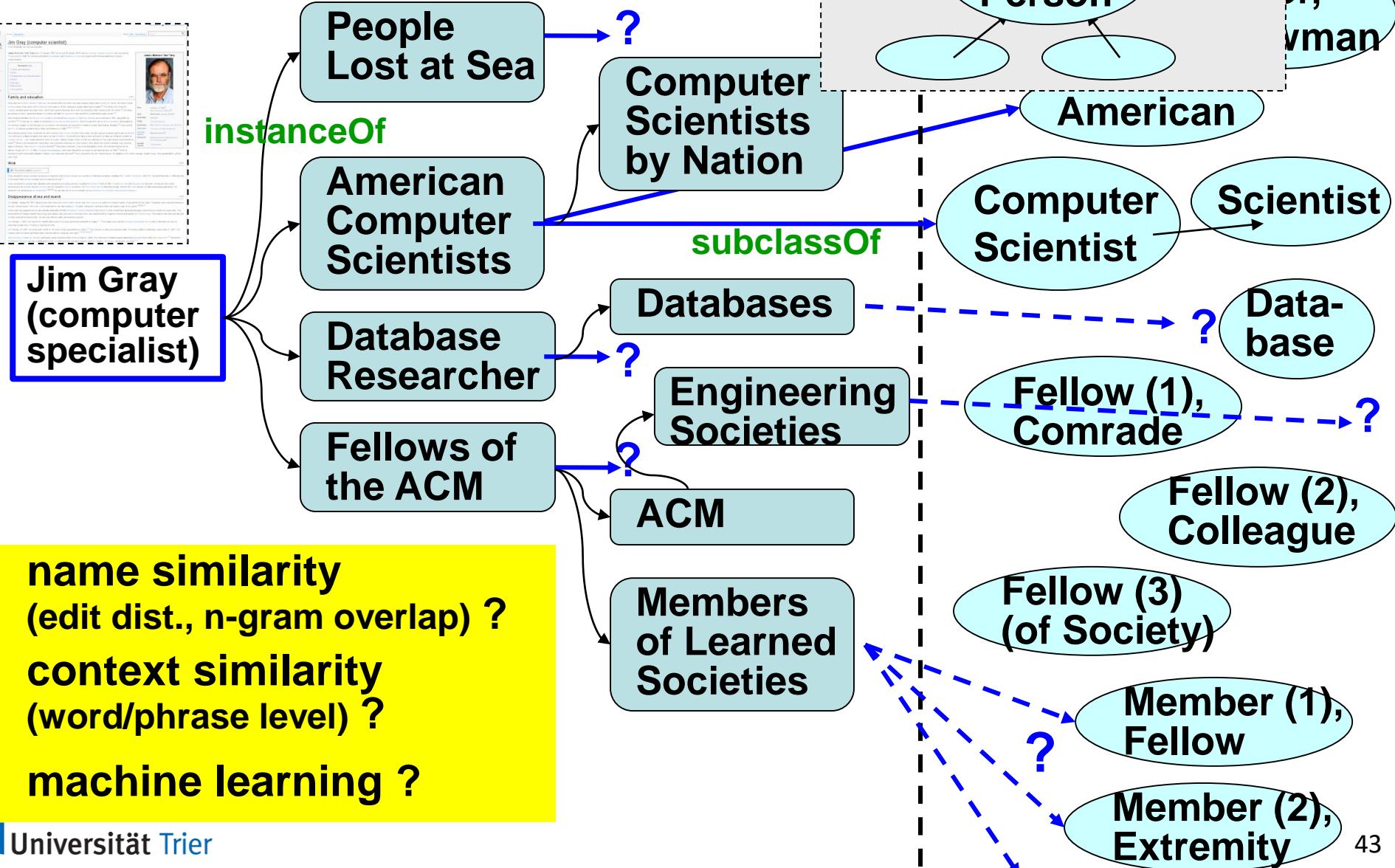
# Mapping: Wikipedia → WordNet

[Suchanek: WWW'07, Ponzetto&Strube: AAAI'07]



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[Suchanek 2007, Ponzetto 2007]

Given: entity  $e$  in Wikipedia categories  $c_1, \dots, c_k$

Wanted:  $\text{instanceOf}(e, c)$  and  $\text{subclassOf}(c_i, c)$  for WN class  $c$

Problem: vagueness & ambiguity of names  $c_1, \dots, c_k$

Analyzing category names → noun group parser:

American Musicians of Italian Descent

pre-modifier head post-modifier

American Folk Music of the 20th Century

pre-modifier head post-modifier

American Indy 500 Drivers on Pole Positions

pre-modifier head post-modifier

Head word is key, should be in plural for  $\text{instanceOf}$

# Mapping Wikipedia Entities to WordNet Classes

[Suchanek 2007, Ponzetto 2007]

Given: entity  $e$  in Wikipedia categories  $c_1, \dots, c_k$

Wanted:  $\text{instanceOf}(e, c)$  and  $\text{subclassOf}(c_i, c)$  for WN class  $c$

Problem: vagueness & ambiguity of names  $c_1, \dots, c_k$

## Heuristic Method:

for each  $c_i$  do

    if head word  $w$  of category name  $c_i$  is plural

    {

        1) match  $w$  against synsets of WordNet classes

        2) choose best fitting class  $c$  and set  $e \in c$

        3) expand  $w$  by pre-modifier and set  $c_i \subseteq w^+ \subseteq c$

    }

tuned conservatively: high precision, reduced recall

# Long Tail of Class Instances



Automatically create sets of items from a few examples.

Enter a few items from a set of things. ([example](#))

Next, press *Large Set* or *Small Set* and we'll try to predict other items in the set.

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# Long Tail of Class Instances

Predicted Items	
<a href="#">penn state</a>	<a href="#">georgetown</a>
<a href="#">stanford</a>	<a href="#">michigan</a>
<a href="#">princeton</a>	<a href="#">arizona</a>
<a href="#">ucla</a>	<a href="#">washington</a>
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<a href="#">columbia</a>	<a href="#">brown</a>
<a href="#">cornell</a>	<a href="#">chicago</a>
<a href="#">berkeley</a>	<a href="#">northwestern</a>
<a href="#">duke</a>	<a href="#">caltech</a>
	<a href="#">virginia</a>
	<a href="#">penn</a>

# Long Tail of Class Instances

[Etzioni 2004, Wang 2008, Carlson 2010, He 2011]

**State-of-the-Art Approach (e.g. SEAL):**

- Start with **seeds**: a few class instances
- Find **lists, tables, text snippets** (“for example“, „such as“), ... that contain one or more seeds
- Extract **candidates**: noun phrases from vicinity
- Gather **co-occurrence stats** (seed&cand, cand&className pairs)
- **Rank** candidates
  - point-wise mutual information, ...
  - random walk (PR-style) on **seed-cand graph**

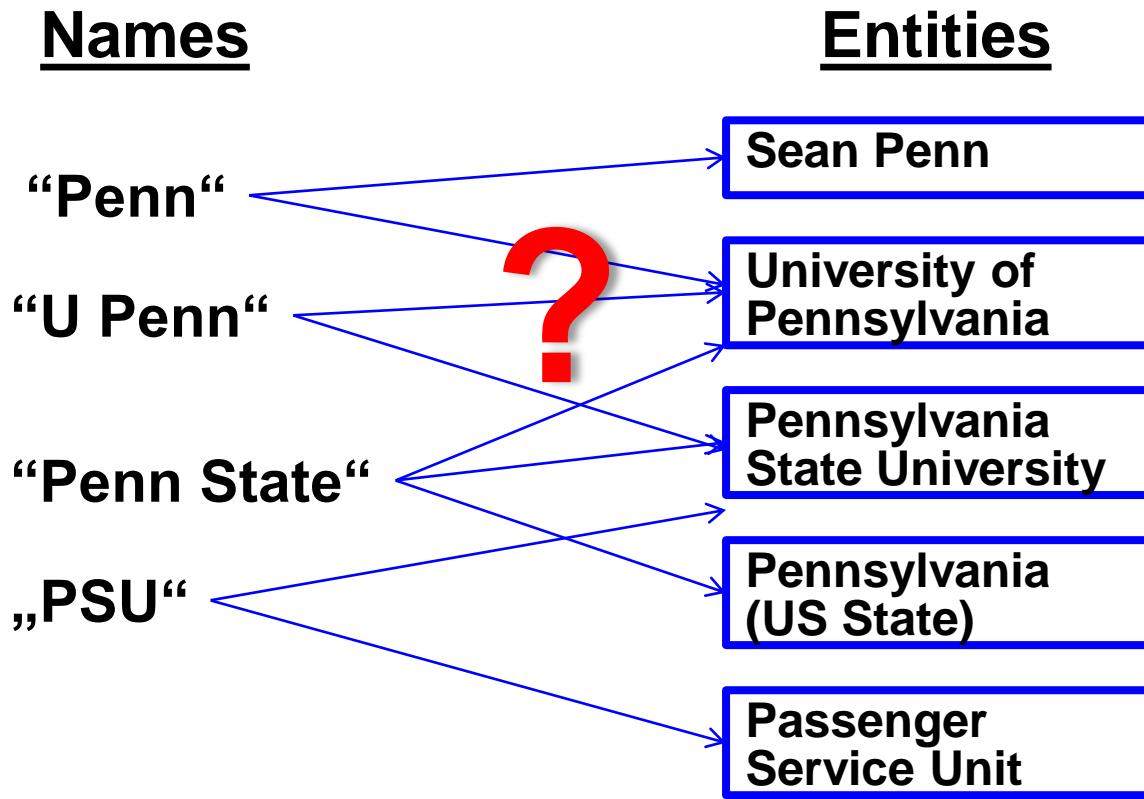
But:

Precision drops for classes with sparse statistics (DB profs, ...)

Harvested items are names, not entities

Canonicalization (de-duplication) unsolved

# Individual Entity Disambiguation

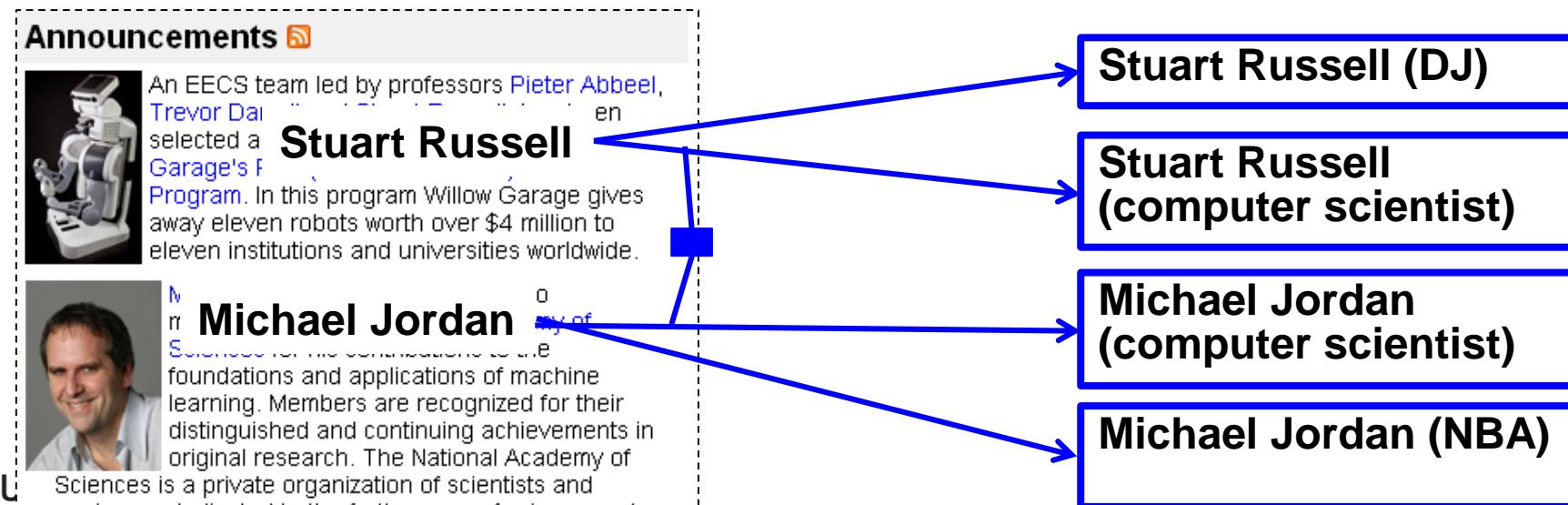


- ill-defined with zero context
- known as **record linkage** for names in record fields
- Wikipedia offers rich **candidate mappings**:  
disambiguation pages, re-directs, inter-wiki links,  
anchor texts of href links

# Collective Entity Disambiguation

[McCallum 2003, Madhavan 2005, Bhattacharya 2007, Poon 2007, Kulkarni 2009, Hoffart 2011]

- Consider a set of names  $\{n_1, n_2, \dots\}$  in same context and sets of candidate entities  
 $E1 = \{e_{11}, e_{12}, \dots\}$ ,  $E2 = \{e_{21}, e_{22}, \dots\}$ , ...
- Define joint objective function (e.g. likelihood for prob. model) that rewards coherence of mappings  $n_i \rightarrow e_{ij}$
- Solve optimization problem



# Outline of the Talk

- Knowledge-based Search: What and Why
- **Building Knowledge Bases**
  - Entities & Classes
  - Relationships
- Searching Knowledge Bases

# Picking Low-Hanaina Fruit (First)

Héctor García-Molina

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<b>Born</b>	Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico
<b>Residence</b>	United States
<b>Nationality</b>	Mexican
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	Stanford University
<b>Alma mater</b>	ITESM
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Gio Wiederhold [1]
<b>Doctoral students</b>	Robert Abbott, Boris Kogan, Narayanan Shivakumar
<b>Known for</b>	Distributed databases
<b>Notable awards</b>	1999 ACM SIGMOD Edgar F. Codd Innovations Award

Barbara Liskov



<b>Born</b>	1939 (age 70–71)
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of California, Berkeley Stanford University

<b>Born</b>	August 27, 1949 (age 60) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Ingolstadt, Germany <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Residence</b>	Germany
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	Universität des Saarlandes
<b>Alma mater</b>	Ph.D. Cornell University, 1974 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Robert Constable <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Known for</b>	LEDA
<b>Notable awards</b>	Leibniz Prize, Konrad Zuse Medal, EATCS Award

Joseph M. Hellerstein



<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	University of California, Berkeley
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Wisconsin–Madison
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Jeffrey Naughton, Michael Stonebraker

Jeffrey Ullman

<b>Born</b>	November 22, 1942 (age 67)
<b>Citizenship</b>	American
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Alma mater</b>	Columbia University, Princeton University
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Arthur Bernstein, Archie McKellar
<b>Doctoral students</b>	Alexander Birman, Surajit Chaudhuri, Evan Cohn, Alan Demers, Marcia Derr, Nahed El Djabri, Amelia Fong Lochovsky, Deepak Goyal, Ashish Gupta, Himanshu Gupta, Udaiprakash Gupta, Venkatesh Harinarayan, Taher Haveliwala, Matthew Hecht, Daniel Hirschberg, Peter Hochschild, Peter Honeyman, Edward Horvath, Gregory Hunter, Nam (Pierre) Huyn, Hakan Jakobsson, John Kam, Marc Kaplan, Anna Karlin, Kevin Karplus, Henry Korth, Gabriel Kurman, Chen Li, Leonard Liu, George

# Deterministic Pattern Matching

[Kushmerick 1997, Califf 1999, Baumgartner 2001, ...]

<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Marie-Dominique Culioli (1982–1996) Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz (1996–2007)
	<b>Carla Bruni-Sarkozy</b> (2008–present)

<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Nicolas Sarkozy
<b>Children</b>	Aurélien Enthoven (with Raphaël Enthoven)

**Spouse** Charles, Prince of Wales  
(29 July 1981 – 28 August 1996) [1]

- Chi
- Regular expressions matching
  - Wrapper induction
  - (grammar learning for restricted regular languages)
  - Well understood

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Nicolas Sarkozy  
(m. 1996–2007)

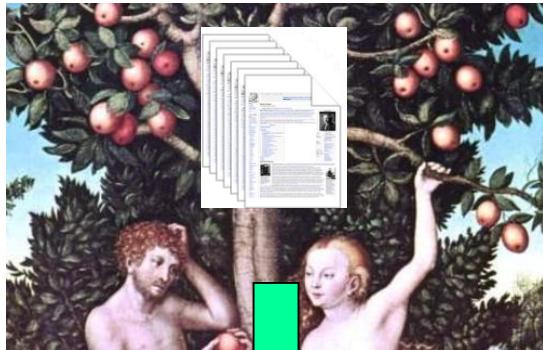
Richard Attias  
(m. 2008–present)

<b>Children</b>	Judith Martin (b.1984) Jeanne-Marie Martin (b.1987) Louis Sarkozy (b.1997)
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<b>Spouse</b>	Lady Diana Spencer 1981–1996 Camilla Parker Bowles m. 2005
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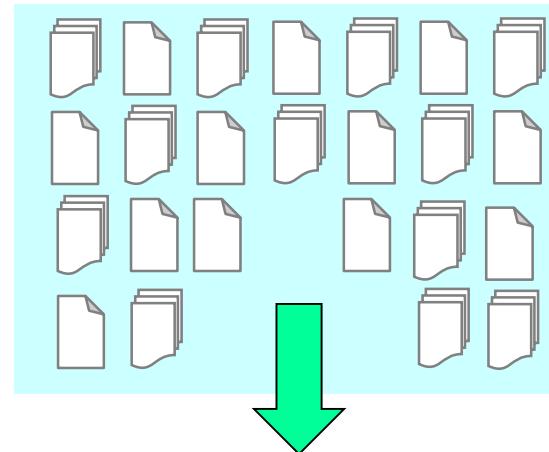
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Lori Anne Allison (1983–1986)
<b>Domestic partner(s)</b>	Sherilyn Fenn (1985–1988) Winona Ryder (1989–1993) Kate Moss (1994–1998) Vanessa Paradis (1998–present)

# French Marriage Problem



**facts in KB:**

married  
(Hillary, Bill)  
married  
(Carla, Nicolas)  
married  
(Angelina, Brad)



**new facts or fact candidates:**

married (Cecilia, Nicolas)  
married (Carla, Benjamin)  
married (Carla, Mick)  
married (Michelle, Barack)  
married (Yoko, John)  
married (Kate, Leonardo)  
married (Carla, Sofie)  
married (Larry, Google)

- 1) for recall: pattern-based harvesting
- 2) for precision: consistency reasoning

# Pattern-Based Harvesting

(Hearst 1992, Brin 1998, Agichtein 2000, Etzioni 2004, ...)

## Facts & Fact Candidates

(Hillary, Bill)

(Carla, Nicolas)

(Angelina, Brad)

(Victoria, David)

(Hillary, Bill)

(Carla, Nicolas)

(Yoko, John)

(Kate, Pete)

(Carla, Benjamin)

(Larry, Google)

(Angelina, Brad)

(Victoria, David)

## Patterns

X and her husband Y

X and Y on their honeymoon

X and Y and their children

X has been dating with Y

X loves Y

...

- good for **recall**
- noisy, drifting
- **not robust enough** for high precision

# Statistics yield pattern assessment

Support of pattern p:

$$\frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } p \text{ with seeds}}{\# \text{ occurrences of all patterns with seeds}}$$

Confidence of pattern p:

$$\frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } p \text{ with seeds}}{\# \text{ occurrences of } p}$$

Confidence of fact candidate (e1,e2):

$$\sum_p \text{freq}(e1, p, e2) * \text{conf}(p) / \sum_p \text{freq}(e1, p, e2)$$

or: PMI (e1, e2) =  $\log \frac{\text{freq}(e1, e2)}{\text{freq}(e1) \text{ freq}(e2)}$

- gathering can be iterated,
- can promote best facts to additional seeds for next round

# Negative Seeds increase precision

(Ravichandran 2002; Suchanek 2006; ...)

**Problem:** Some patterns have high support, but poor precision:

X is the largest city of Y

joint work of X and Y

for `isCapitalOf (X,Y)`

for `hasAdvisor (X,Y)`

**Idea:** Use positive and negative seeds:

pos. seeds: (Paris, France), (Rome, Italy), (New Delhi, India), ...

neg. seeds: (Sydney, Australia), (Istanbul, Turkey), ...

Compute the confidence of a pattern as:

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# occurrences of p with pos. seeds

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# occurrences of p with pos. seeds or neg. seeds

- can promote best facts to additional seeds for next round
- can promote rejected facts to additional counter-seeds
- works more robustly with few seeds & counter-seeds

# Generalized patterns increase recall

(N. Nakashole 2011)

**Problem:** Some patterns are too narrow and thus have small recall:

X and his celebrated advisor Y

X carried out his doctoral research in math under the supervision of Y

X received his PhD degree in the CS dept at Y

X obtained his PhD degree in math at Y

**Idea: generalize patterns to n-grams, allow POS tags**

X { his doctoral research, under the supervision of} Y

X { PRP ADJ advisor } Y

X { PRP doctoral research, IN DET supervision of} Y



Compute  
n-gram-sets  
by frequent  
sequence  
mining

Compute match quality of pattern p with sentence q by Jaccard:

$$\frac{|\{n\text{-grams} \in p\} \cap \{n\text{-grams} \in q\}|}{|\{n\text{-grams} \in p\} \cup \{n\text{-grams} \in q\}|}$$

# Deep Parsing makes patterns robust

(Bunescu 2005 , Suchanek 2006, ...)

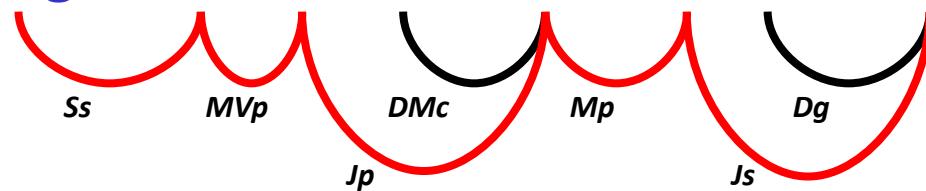
Problem: Surface patterns fail if the text shows variations

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine.

Paris, the French capital, lies on the beautiful banks of the Seine.

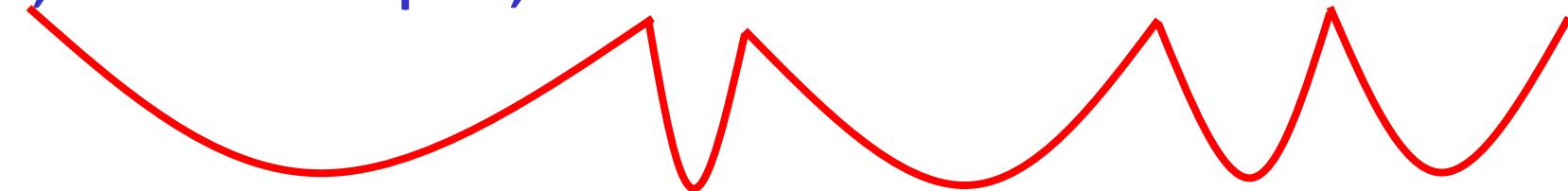
Idea: Use deep linguistic parsing to define patterns

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine



Deep linguistic patterns work even on sentences with variations

Paris, the French capital, lies on the beautiful banks of the Seine



# Reasoning about Fact Candidates

Use **consistency constraints** to prune false candidates

FOL rules (restricted):

$\text{spouse}(x,y) \wedge \text{diff}(y,z) \Rightarrow \neg \text{spouse}(x,z)$

$\text{spouse}(x,y) \wedge \text{diff}(x,w) \Rightarrow \neg \text{spouse}(w,y)$

$\text{spouse}(x,y) \Rightarrow f(x)$     $\text{spouse}(x,y) \Rightarrow m(y)$

$\text{spouse}(x,y) \Rightarrow (f(x) \wedge m(y)) \vee (m(x) \wedge f(y))$

Rules reveal inconsistencies

Find **consistent subset(s)** of atoms

("possible world(s)", "the truth")

ground atoms:

$\text{spouse}(\text{Hillary}, \text{Bill})$

$\text{spouse}(\text{Carla}, \text{Nicolas})$

$\text{spouse}(\text{Cecilia}, \text{Nicolas})$

$\text{spouse}(\text{Carla}, \text{Ben})$

$\text{spouse}(\text{Carla}, \text{Mick})$

$\text{spouse}(\text{Carla}, \text{Sofie})$

$f(\text{Hillary})$	$m(\text{Bill})$
$f(\text{Carla})$	$m(\text{Nicolas})$
$f(\text{Cecilia})$	$m(\text{Ben})$
$f(\text{Sofie})$	$m(\text{Mick})$

Rules can be **weighted**

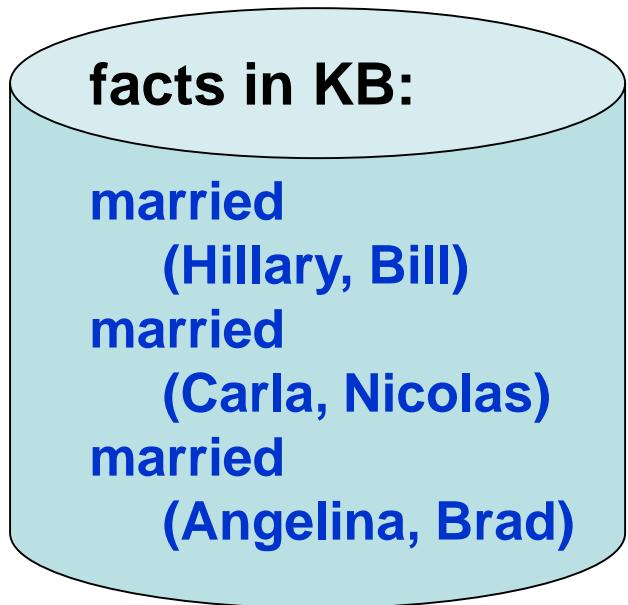
(e.g. by fraction of ground atoms that satisfy a rule)

→ **uncertain / probabilistic data**

→ **compute prob. distr. of subset of atoms being the truth**

# Reasoning for KB Growth

(Suchanek 2009)



new fact candidates:

married (Cecilia, Nicolas)  
married (Carla, Benjamin)  
married (Carla, Mick)  
married (Carla, Sofie)  
married (Larry, Google)

?

patterns:

X and her husband Y  
X and Y and their children  
X has been dating with Y  
X loves Y

Direct approach:

1. facts are true; fact candidates & patterns → hypotheses  
grounded constraints → clauses with hypotheses as vars
  2. type signatures of relations greatly reduce #clauses
  3. cast into Weighted Max-Sat with weights from pattern stats  
customized approximation algorithm
- unifies: fact cand consistency, pattern goodness, entity disambig.

[www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/sofie/](http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/sofie/)

# Fact & Pattern Consistency with SOFI

(Suchanek 2009, Nakashole 2011)

constraints to connect facts, fact candidates, patterns

**pattern-fact duality:**

$\text{occurs}(p, x, y) \wedge \text{expresses}(p, R) \wedge \text{type}(x) = \text{dom}(R) \wedge \text{type}(y) = \text{rng}(R) \Rightarrow R(x, y)$   
 $\text{occurs}(p, x, y) \wedge R(x, y) \wedge \text{type}(x) = \text{dom}(R) \wedge \text{type}(y) = \text{rng}(R) \Rightarrow \text{expresses}(p, R)$

**name(-in-context)-to-entity mapping:**

$\neg \text{means}(n, e1) \vee \neg \text{means}(n, e2) \vee \dots$

**functional dependencies:**

$\text{spouse}(X, Y): X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow X$

**relation properties:**

asymmetry, transitivity, acyclicity, ...

**type constraints, inclusion dependencies:**

$\text{spouse} \subseteq \text{Person} \times \text{Person}$        $\text{capitalOfCountry} \subseteq \text{cityOfCountry}$

**domain-specific constraints:**

$\text{bornInYear}(x) + 10\text{years} \leq \text{graduatedInYear}(x)$

$\text{hasAdvisor}(x, y) \wedge \text{graduatedInYear}(x, t) \wedge \text{graduatedInYear}(y, s) \Rightarrow s < t$

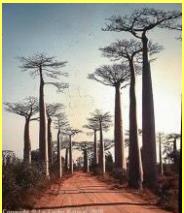
# Practicality at Web Scale ?



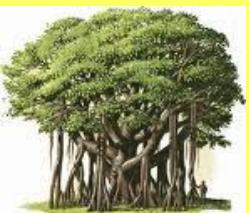
Need to tackle **long tail of entities** beyond Wikipedia



Need robust & efficient **name-entity disambiguation**



**Pattern-based gathering:**  
suitable for (Map-Reduce) distribution & parallelism



**Consistency reasoning:**  
difficult to parallelize w/o sacrificing quality



Open-domain harvesting of **new relation types**

**Life-cycle** of KB growth & maintenance

# Outline

- Knowledge-based Search – What and Why
- Existing Knowledge Bases
- Building and Maintaining Knowledge Bases
- **Knowledge-Based Search**

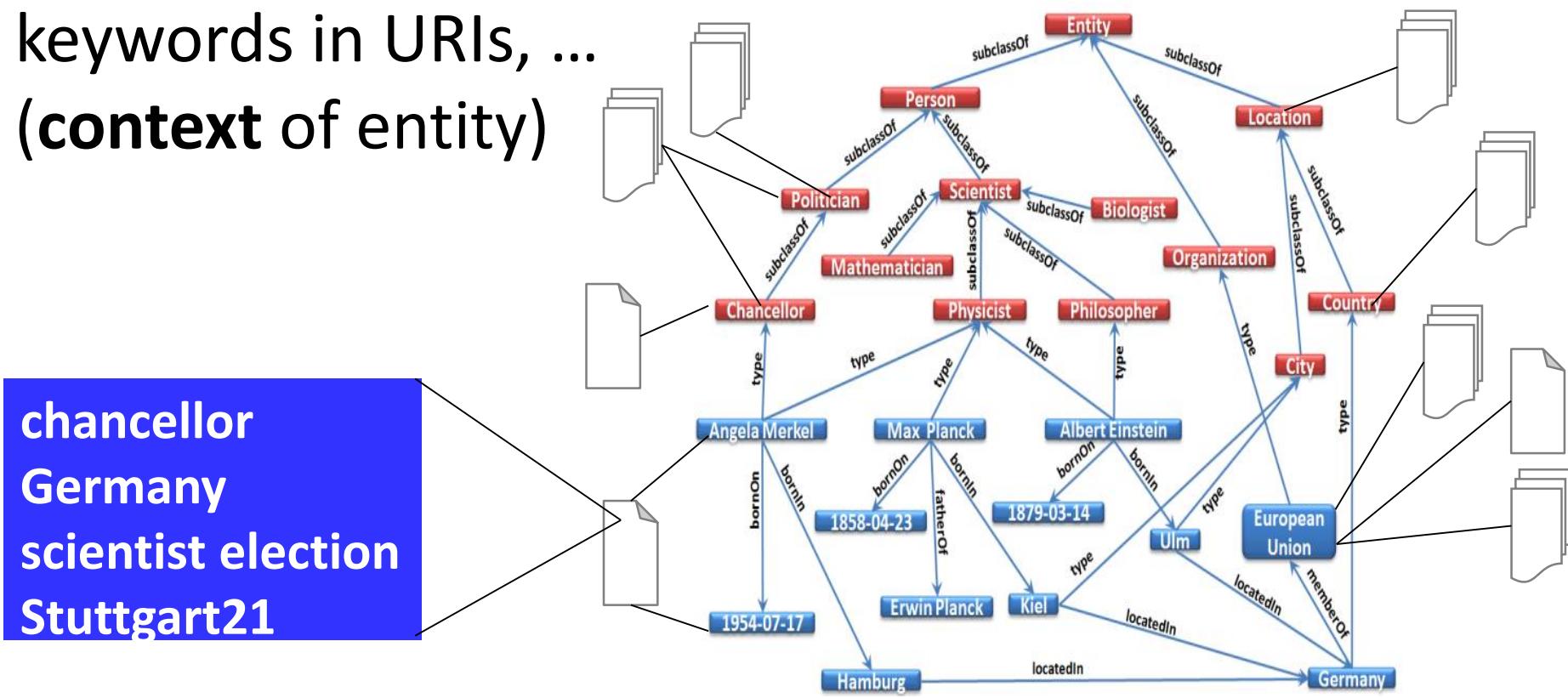
# Variants of Search

	Query	Results
Document Search	Keywords	Documents
Entity Search	Keywords	Entities
Relationship Search	Set of entities	Connecting facts
Example-Based Search	Entities	Entities
Structured Search	Structured Query	Entity Sets

# Extending Entities with Keywords

Remember: entities occur in facts in documents

⇒ Associate entities with terms in those documents,  
keywords in facts connected to the entity,  
keywords in URIs, ...  
**(context of entity)**



# Structured Queries: SPARQL

SPJ combinations of **triple patterns**

(triples with S,P,O replaced by variable(s))

```
Select ?p, ?c Where {  
?p instanceOf Composer .  
?p bornIn ?t . ?t inCountry ?c . ?c locatedIn Europe .  
?p hasWon ?a .?a Name AcademyAward . }
```

## Semantics:

return all bindings to variables that match all triple patterns  
(subgraphs in RDF graph that are isomorphic to query graph)

+ filter predicates, duplicate handling, RDFS types, etc.

```
Select Distinct ?c Where {  
?p instanceOf Composer .  
?p bornIn ?t . ?t inCountry ?c . ?c locatedIn Europe .  
?p hasWon ?a .?a Name ?n .  
?p bornOn ?b . Filter (?b > 1945) . Filter(regex(?n, "Academy")) . }
```

# Querying the Structured Web

Structure but no schema: SPARQL well suited

wildcards for properties (relaxed joins):

```
Select ?p, ?c Where {  
?p instanceOf Composer .  
?p ?r1 ?t . ?t ?r2 ?c . ?c isa Country . ?c locatedIn Europe . }
```

flexible  
subgraph  
matching

## SPARQL 1.1: regular expressions

```
Select ?p, ?c Where {  
?p instanceOf Composer .  
?p (bornIn | livesIn | citizenOf) / locatedIn* Europe . }
```

also reverse edges, optional elements, ...

# Why ranking is essential

- Queries often have a huge number of results:
  - scientists from Germany
  - seminars in Dagstuhl
  - publications in information retrieval
  - actors from the U.S.
- Ranking as integral part of search
- Huge number of app-specific ranking methods:  
paper/citation count, impact, salary, ...
- Need for generic ranking

# Ranking Criteria

## Confidence:

Prefer results that are likely correct

- accuracy of info extraction
- trust in sources  
(authenticity, authority)

**bornIn (Jim Gray, San Francisco)** from  
„**Jim Gray was born in San Francisco**“  
(en.wikipedia.org)

**livesIn (Michael Jackson, Tibet)** from  
„**Fans believe Jacko hides in Tibet**“  
(www.michaeljacksonsightings.com)

q: Einstein isa ?

Einstein isa scientist

Einstein isa vegetarian

q: ?x isa vegetarian

Einstein isa vegetarian

Whocares isa vegetarian

E won ... E discovered ... E played ...  
E won ... E won ... E won ... E won ...

Einstein won NobelPrize  
Bohr won NobelPrize

Einstein isa vegetarian  
Cruise isa vegetarian  
Cruise born 1962 Bohr died 1962

## Informativeness:

Prefer results with salient facts

Statistical LM with estimations from:

- frequency in answer
- frequency in corpus (e.g. Web)
- frequency in query log

## Diversity:

Prefer variety of facts

## Conciseness:

Prefer results that are tightly connected

- size of answer graph
- cost of Steiner tree

# Ranking Approaches

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- accuracy of info extraction
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(authenticity, authority)

empirical **accuracy** of IE

PR/HITS-style estimate of **trust**  
combine into:

$$\max \{ \text{accuracy}(f,s) * \text{trust}(s) \mid s \in \text{witnesses}(f) \}$$

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**PR/HITS**-style entity/fact ranking

[V. Hristidis et al., S.Chakrabarti, ...]

or

IR models: **tf\*idf** ... [K.Chang et al., ...]

**Statistical Language Models**

**Statistical Language Models**

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Prefer variety of facts

## Conciseness:

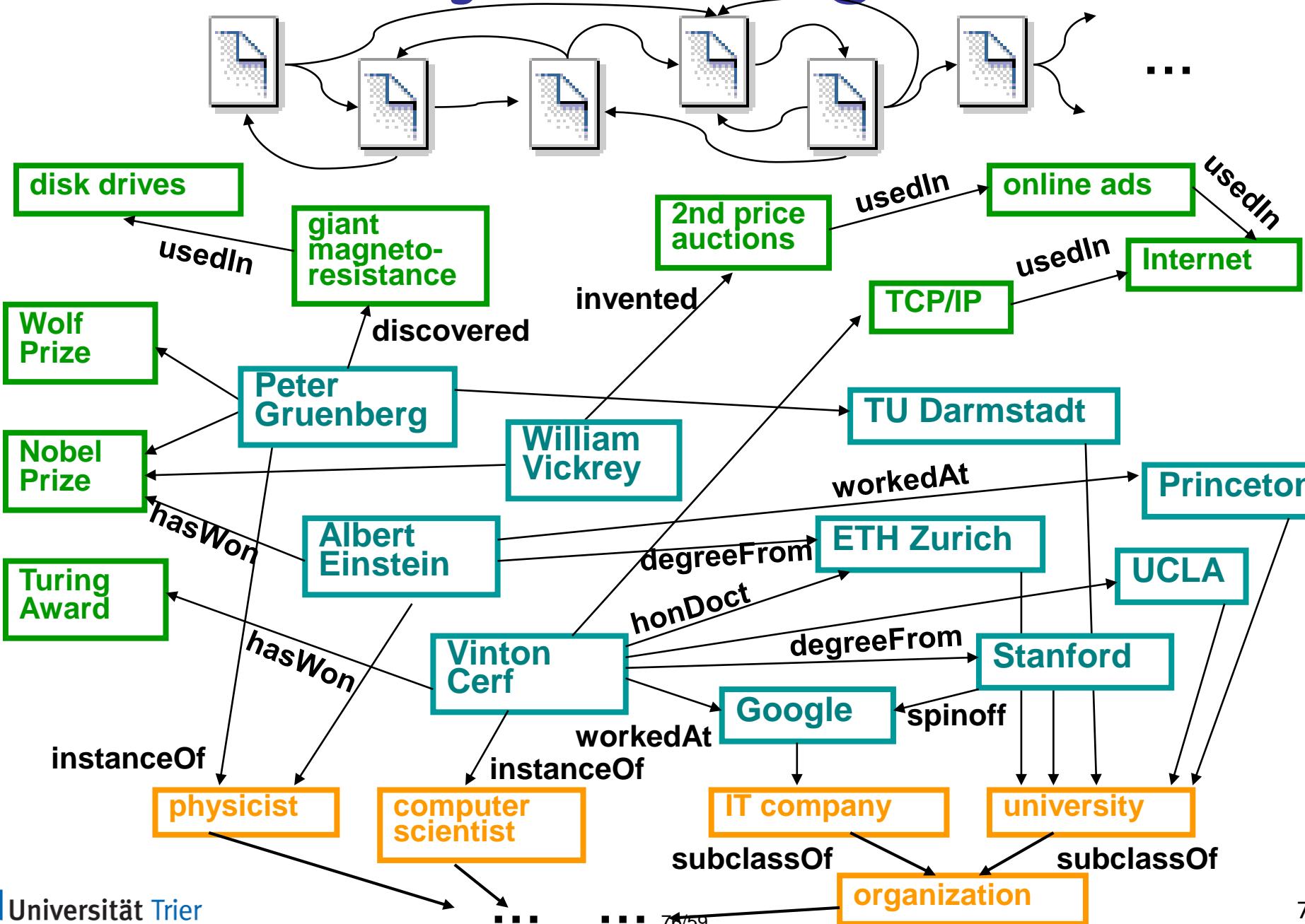
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- size of answer graph
- cost of Steiner tree

**graph algorithms** (**BANKS**, **STAR**, ...)

[J.X. Yu et al., S.Chakrabarti et al.,  
B. Kimelfeld et al., A. Markovetz et al.,  
B.C. Ooi et al., G.Kasneci et al., ...]

# PR/HITS-style Ranking of Entities



# Entity Search with LM Ranking

[Nie 2007, ...]

query: keywords → answer: entities

$$s(e, q) = \lambda P[q | e] + (1 - \lambda) P[q] \sim \prod \frac{P[q_i | e_i]}{P[q_i]} \sim \text{KL}(\text{LM}(q) | \text{LM}(e))$$

LM (entity e) = prob. distr. of words seen in context of e

query q: „*French player who won world championship*“

candidate entities:

e1: *David Beckham*

e2: *Ruud van Nistelroy*

e3: *Ronaldinho*

e4: *Zinedine Zidane*

e5: *FC Barcelona*

played for ManU, Real, LA Galaxy  
David Beckham champions league  
England lost match against France  
married to spice girl ...

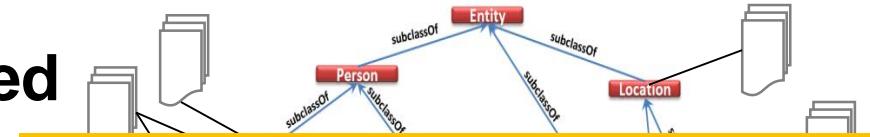
Zizou champions league 2002  
Real Madrid won final ...  
Zinedine Zidane best player  
France world cup 1998 ...

weighted by conf.

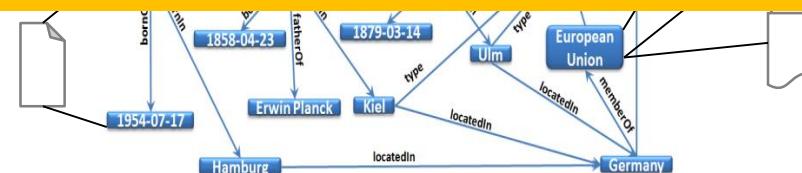
# Querying Facts & Text

Problem: not everything is triplified

- Consider **witnesses/sources** (provenance meta-facts)
- Allow **text predicates** with each triple pattern (à la XQ-FT)



**Semantics:**  
triples match struct. pred.  
witnesses match text pred.



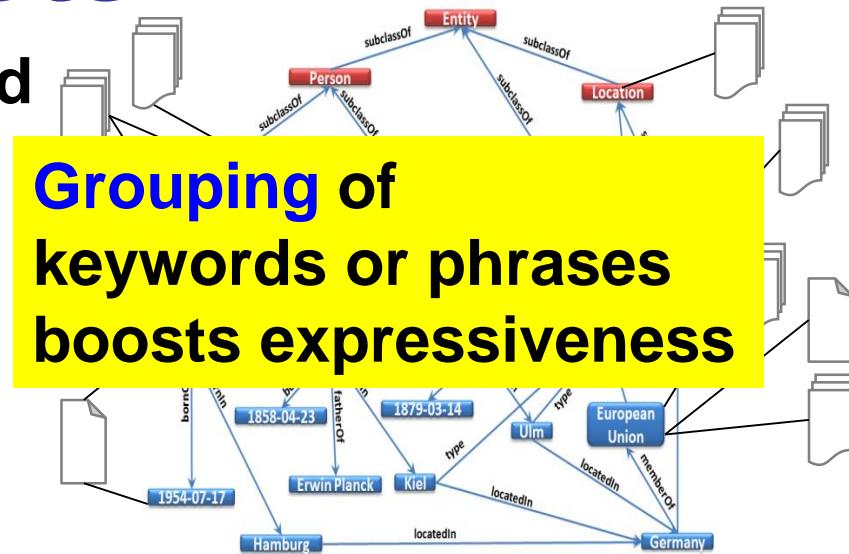
European composers who have won the Oscar,  
whose music appeared in dramatic western scenes,  
and who also wrote classical pieces ?

```
Select ?p Where {  
?p instanceOf Composer .  
?p bornIn ?t . ?t inCountry ?c . ?c locatedIn Europe .  
?p hasWon ?a . ?a Name AcademyAward .  
?p contributedTo ?movie [western, gunfight, duel, sunset] .  
?p composed ?music [classical, orchestra, cantata, opera] . }
```

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French politicians married to Italian singers?

```
Select ?p1, ?p2 Where {  
?p1 instanceOf politician [France] .  
?p2 instanceOf singer [Italy] .  
?p1 marriedTo ?p2 . }
```

```
Select ?p1, ?p2 Where {  
?p1 instanceOf ?c1 [France, politics] .  
?p2 instanceOf ?c2 [Italy, singer] .  
?p1 marriedTo ?p2 . }
```

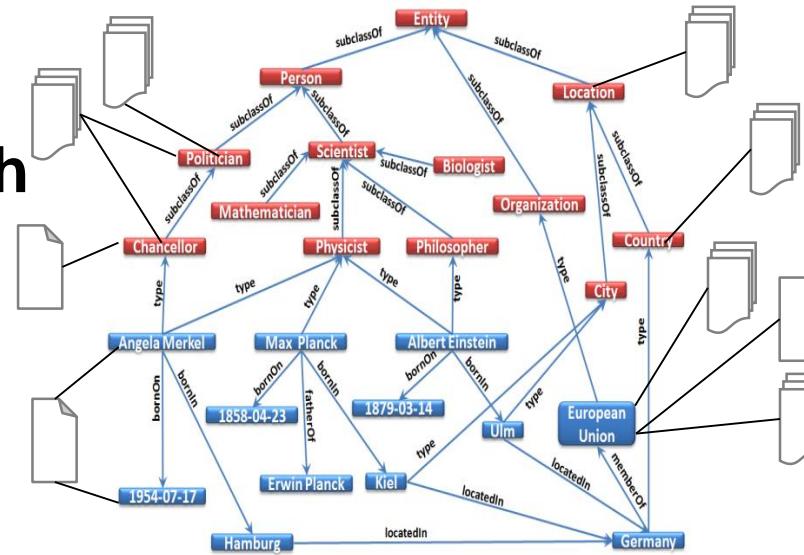
CS researchers whose advisors worked on the Manhattan project?

```
Select ?r, ?a Where {  
?r PastOrPresentComputerScience .  
?a WorkedOn ["Manhattan Project"] .  
?r HasAdvisor ?a . }
```

# Relatedness Queries

Schema-agnostic keyword search  
(on RDF or relational DB)  
becomes a special case

denotes transitive connection



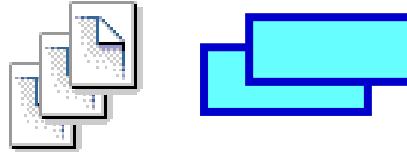
Relationship between Angela Merkel, Jim Gray, Dalai Lama?

```
Select ??p1, ??p2, ??p3 Where {  
    AngelaMerkel ??p1 JimGray .  
    JimGray ??p2 DalaiLama .  
    DalaiLama ??p3 AngelaMerkel . }
```

```
Select ??p1, ??p2, ??p3 Where {  
    ?e1 ?r1 ?c1 ["Angela Merkel"] .  
    ?e2 ?r2 ?c2 ["Jim Gray"] .  
    ?e3 ?r3 ?c3 ["Dalai Lama"] .  
    ?e1 ??p1 ?e2 .  
    ?e2 ??p2 ?e3 .  
    ?e3 ??p3 ?e1 . }
```

# LM's: from Entities to Facts

Document / Entity LM's



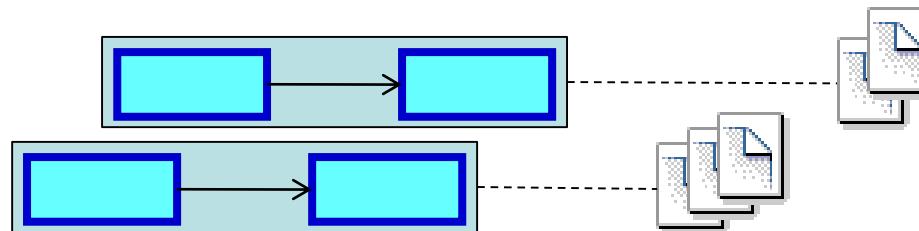
LM for doc/entity: prob. distr. of words

LM for query: (prob. distr. of) words

LM's: rich for docs/entities, super-sparse for queries

*richer query LM with query expansion, etc.*

Triple LM's



LM for facts: (degen. prob. distr. of) triple

LM for queries: (degen. prob. distr. of) triple pattern

LM's: apples and oranges

- expand query variables by S,P,O values from DB/KB
- enhance with witness statistics
- **query LM then is prob. distr. of triples !**

# LM's for Triples and Triple Patterns

[Kasneci 2008, Elbassuoni 2009]

## triple patterns (queries q):

q: **LM(q)** + smoothing

q: Beckham p ManU	200/550
q: Beckham p Real	300/550
q: Beckham p Galaxy	20/550
q: Beckham p Milan	30/550

q: **?x p ASCannes**

Zidane p ASCannes	20/30
Tidjani p ASCannes	10/30

q: **?x p ?y**

Messi p FCB

Zidane p RealM

Kaka p ACMil

...

**LM(q):**  $\{t \rightarrow P [t | t \text{ matches } q] \sim \#\text{witnesses}(t)\}$

**LM(answer f):**  $\{t \rightarrow P [t | t \text{ matches } f] \sim 1 \text{ for } f\}$

smooth all LM's

rank results by ascending  $KL(LM(q) | LM(f))$

q: Cruyff **?r FCB**

Cruyff playedFor FCB	200/500
Cruyff playedAgainst FCB	50/500
Cruyff coached FCB	250/500

## triples (facts f):

f1: Beckham p ManchesterU	200
f2: Beckham p RealMadrid	300
f3: Beckham p LAGalaxy	20
f4: Beckham p ACMilan	30
F5: Kaka p ACMilan	300
F6: Kaka p RealMadrid	150
f7: Zidane p ASCannes	20
f8: Zidane p Juventus	200
f9: ...	250

f14: Ribery p BayernMunich	100
f15: Drogba p Chelsea	150
f16: Casillas p RealMadrid	20

witness statistics

$\Sigma: 2600$

# LM's for Composite Queries

q: Select ?x,?c Where { France ml ?x . ?x p ?c . ?c in UK . }

P [ F ml Henry,  
Henry p Arsenal,

P [ F ml Drogba,  
Drogba p Chelsea,  
Chelsea in UK ]

$$\sim \frac{30}{650} \cdot \frac{150}{2600} \cdot \frac{140}{500}$$

queries q with subqueries  $q_1 \dots q_n$

results are **n-tuples of triples**  $t_1 \dots t_n$

$$LM(q): P[q_1 \dots q_n] = \prod_i P[q_i]$$

$$LM(answer): P[t_1 \dots t_n] = \prod_i P[t_i]$$

$$KL(LM(q) | LM(answer)) = \sum_i KL(LM(q_i) | LM(t_i))$$

f21: F ml Zidane	200
f22: F ml Tidjani	20
<b>f23: F ml Henry</b>	<b>200</b>
f24: F ml Ribery	200
<b>f25: F ml Drogba</b>	<b>30</b>
f26: IC ml Drogba	100
f27 ALG ml Zidane	50

f1: Beckham p ManU	200
f7: Zidane p ASCannes	20
f8: Zidane p Juventus	200
f9: Zidane p RealMadrid	300
f10: Tidjani p ASCannes	10
<b>f12: Henry p Arsenal</b>	<b>200</b>
f13: Henry p FCBarca	150
f14: Ribery p Bayern	100
<b>f15: Drogba p Chelsea</b>	<b>150</b>

f31: ManU in UK	200
<b>f32: Arsenal in UK</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>f33: Chelsea in UK</b>	<b>140</b>

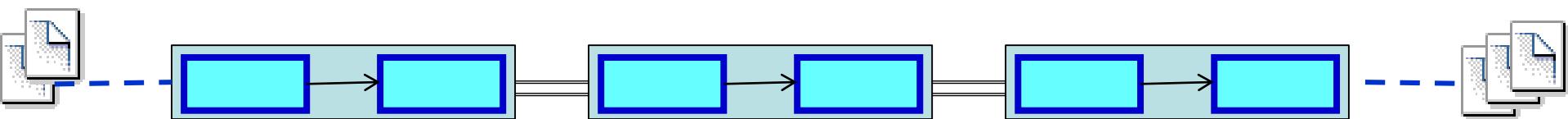
# LM's for Keyword-Augmented Queries

q: Select ?x, ?c Where {

France ml ?x *[goalgetter, “top scorer”]* .

?x p ?c .

?c in UK *[champion, “cup winner”, double]* . }



subqueries  $q_i$  with keywords  $w_1 \dots w_m$

results are still  $n$ -tuples of triples  $t_i$

$LM(q_i): P[\text{triple } t_i | w_1 \dots w_m] = \prod_k \beta P[t_i | w_k] + (1-\beta) P[t_i]$

$LM(\text{answer } f_i)$  analogous

$KL(LM(q) | LM(\text{answer } f_i)) = \sum_i KL (LM(q_i) | LM(f_i))$

result ranking prefers ( $n$ -tuples of) triples  
whose witnesses score high on the subquery keywords

# Result Diversification

[Carbonell 1998]

q: Select ?p, ?c Where { ?p isa SoccerPlayer . ?p playedFor ?c . }

1 Beckham, ManchesterU

2 Beckham, RealMadrid

3 Beckham, LAGalaxy

4 Beckham, ACMilan

5 Zidane, RealMadrid

6 Kaka, RealMadrid

7 Cristiano Ronaldo, RealMadrid

8 Raul, RealMadrid

9 van Nistelrooy, RealMadrid

10 Casillas, RealMadrid

1 Beckham, ManchesterU

2 Beckham, RealMadrid

3 Zidane, RealMadrid

4 Kaka, ACMilan

5 Cristiano Ronaldo, ManchesterU

6 Messi, FCBarcelona

7 Henry, Arsenal

8 Ribery, BayernMunich

9 Drogba, Chelsea

10 Luis Figo, Sporting Lissabon



rank results  $f_1 \dots f_k$  by ascending

$$\delta \text{KL}(\text{LM}(q) \mid \text{LM}(f_i)) - (1-\delta) \text{KL}(\text{LM}(f_i) \mid \text{LM}(\{f_1 \dots f_k\} \setminus \{f_i\}))$$

implemented by greedy re-ranking of  $f_i$ 's in candidate pool

# Natural Language Queries

## Paradigm:

Allow queries in plain English

- Map (groups of) keywords to triple patterns, based on existing triples: [NLP-Reduce, PowerAqua]

“Find a **restaurant** that **is in Barcelona**”

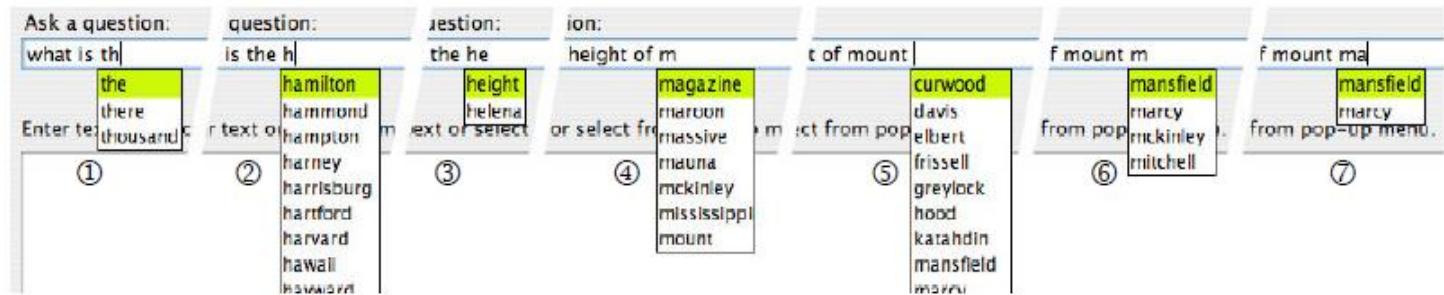
⇒ **?r isIn Barcelona.** **?r isA restaurant**

- Extract query skeleton from syntax tree, heuristic match to known patterns: [Querix]

“What is a **restaurant in Barcelona**”

⇒ Q-V-**N-P-N**

- Ambiguities resolved by user interaction or by automated methods
- Controlled language: Present possible continuation of query based on grammar [Ginseng]



# Example: PowerAqua (Open University, UK)

POWERAQUA  
QUESTION ANSWERING

Hello Guest! | [Log In](#) | [Register](#)

**EXAMPLES**

[View a list of example queries and topics.](#)

**ASK ANOTHER QUESTION**

Which islands belong to Spain? [Ask](#)

 Make use of WATSON

**SOURCES**

1 <http://dbpedia.org>: "belong" 8 facts | "Spain" 6 facts | "islands" 2 facts | [kmi-](#) [web03.open.ac.uk:8890#http://dbpedia.org](http://web03.open.ac.uk:8890#http://dbpedia.org)

2 [ncioncology](#): "belong" 1 facts | "Spain" 1 facts | "islands" 11 facts | [http://kmi-](#) [web07.open.ac.uk:8080/sesame/ncioncology](http://web07.open.ac.uk:8080/sesame/ncioncology)

3 [travel\\_destinations](#): "belong" 1 facts | "Spain" 1 facts | "islands" 1 facts | [http://kmi-](#) [http://web07.open.ac.uk:8080/sesame/travel\\_destin](http://web07.open.ac.uk:8080/sesame/travel_destin)

**LINGUISTIC TRIPLES <subject, relation, object>**

Query-Triples: < [islands](#) , [belong](#) , [Spain](#) > , Category: WH\_GENERICTERM

[Relevant Facts](#) [Merged Answers](#)

Sort by: [Alphabet](#) / [Confidence](#) / [Popularity](#) / [WordNet Synset](#) / [Combined](#)  
We found 11 answers in total from 3 ontologies

			score:	
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<a href="#">CanaryIslands</a> <a href="#">(CanaryIslands)</a> <a href="#">travel_destinations</a>	<a href="#">Explain</a>	<a href="#">Balearic_Islands</a> (Balearic_Islands ontology_ad_hoc )	IS_A <a href="#">Island</a> (Island synonym )	3

# Example: Querix (Uni Zurich)

The screenshot shows the Querix application window. In the top-left, there's a text input field containing "What is the biggest state in the US?". To its right are two dropdown menus: "United States" under "Please choose the domain of your Question" and "Geography". Below these is a "Submit Question" button. On the left, under "Answer:", there's a table with one row:

State1	stateArea2
alaska	591000

At the bottom left, the SQL query is displayed:

```
WHERE
{ ?State1 rdfs:type <http://localhost:80
  <http://localhost:8080/LiveGame/OWL
}
ORDER BY DESC(xsd:double(?stateArea2))
LIMIT 1
```

A modal dialog box titled "AskBox" is overlaid on the main window. It contains the text "Please, select the intended meaning:" followed by a list of five options, each preceded by "st":

- State means highest value of the property 'statePopulation'
- State means highest value of the property 'statePopDensity'
- State means highest value of the property 'stateArea'
- State means most instances of the class 'LoPoint'
- State means most instances of the class 'River'

At the bottom of the dialog are "Submit" and "Ignore thi..." buttons.

<http://www.ifi.uzh.ch/ddis/research/talking-to-the-sema>

# Natural Language Queries

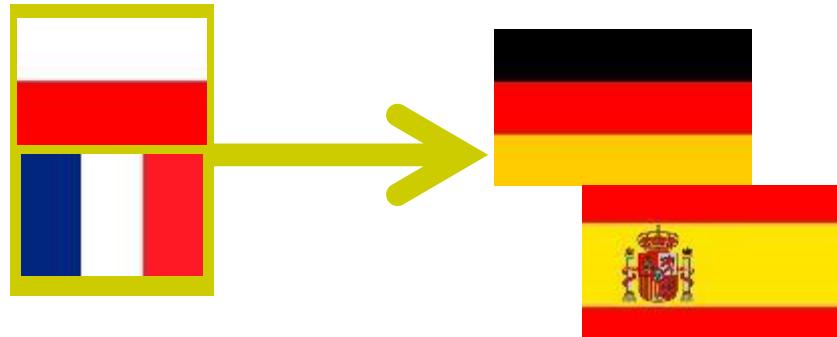
## Pros:

- Intuitive to use
- No schema knowledge necessary

## Cons:

- Often domain-specific
- Finding good query formulation often hard
- Result quality often poor

# Example-Based Search



Input: Set of entities  
Output: (Ranked) list  
of 'similar' entities  
Similarity defined by shared  
semantic properties

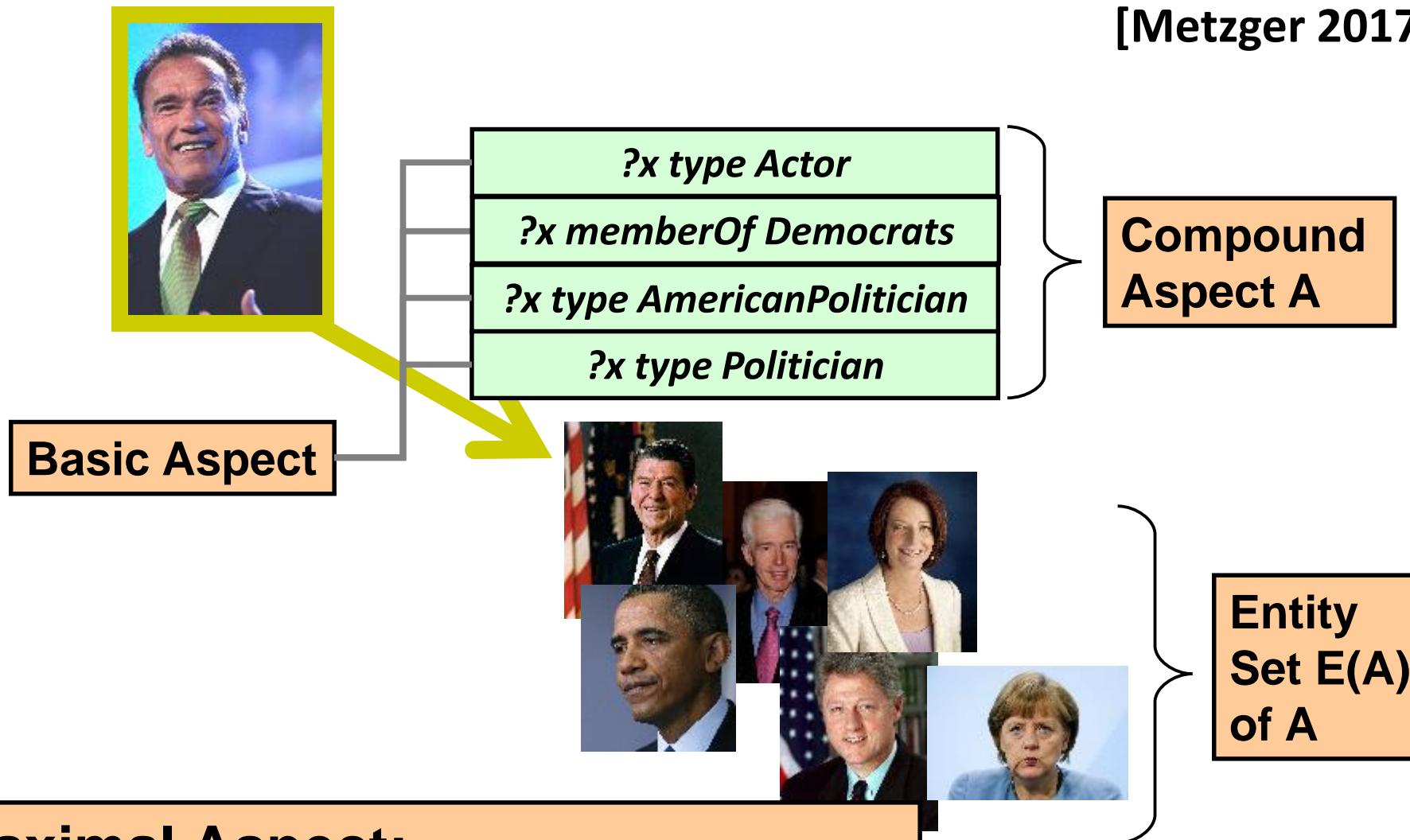
# Disambiguitiy of Query

Problem:  
What is „similar“?



# Maximal Aspects

[Metzger 2017]



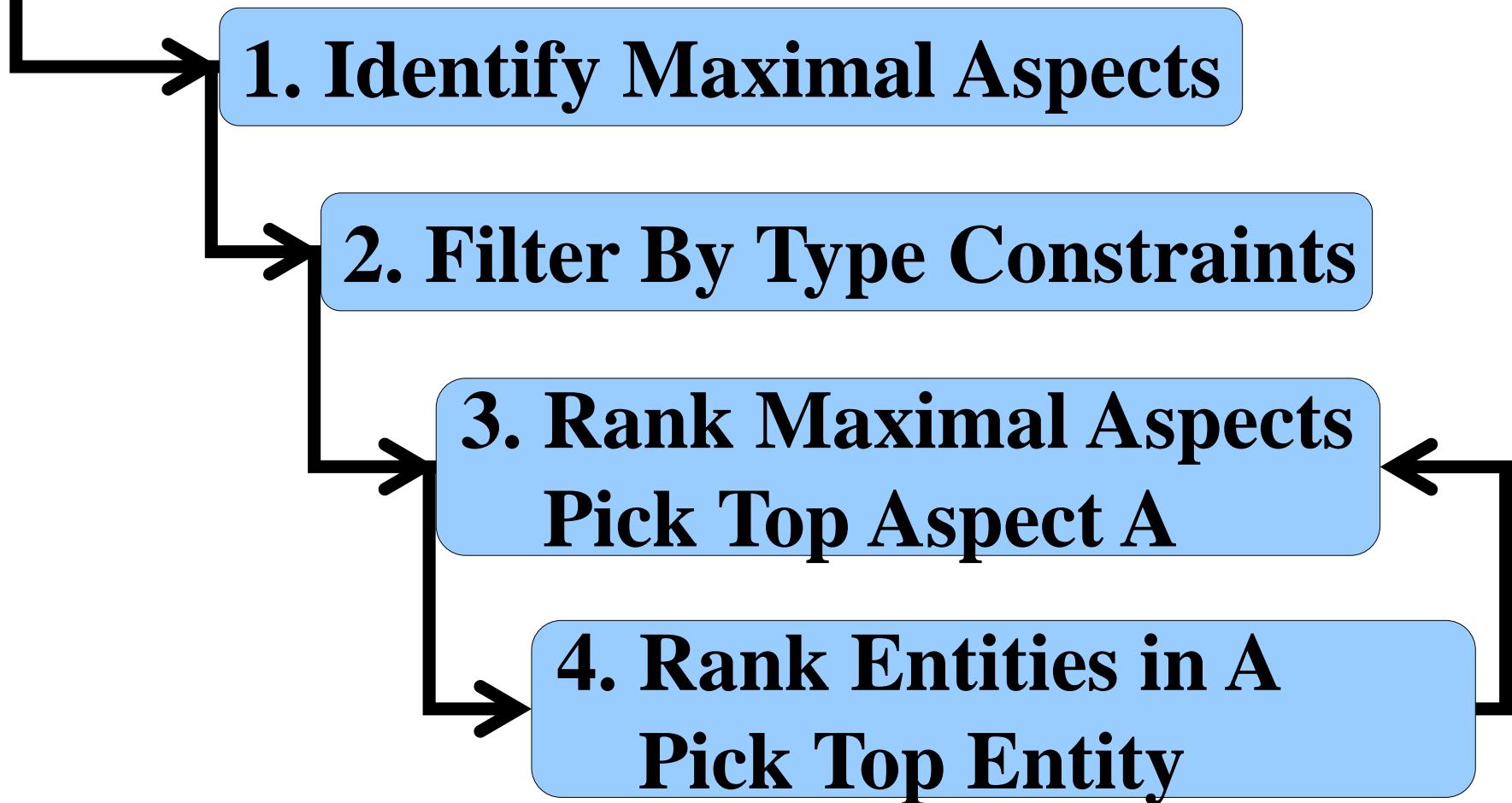
Maximal Aspect:

- 1)  $E(A)/Q \neq \emptyset$
- 2) Adding any basic aspect violates 1)

# QBEES: General Approach

[Metzger 2017]

Given Query Q (set of entities)



# QBEES: Entity Selection

Which one is more relevant?

Assumption: the more popular  
the more likely to be relevant.

Two variants:

Wikipedia clicks

Random walk on the graph



?x type Actor

?x actedIn The\_Expendables

?x actedIn ?

# Outline

- Knowledge-based Search – What and Why
- Existing Knowledge Bases
- Building and Maintaining Knowlegde Bases
- Knowledge-Based Search
- **Temporal Knowledge**

# Temporal Knowledge

Which facts for given relations hold  
at what **time point** or during which **time intervals** ?

marriedTo (Madonna, Guy) [ 22Dec2000, Dec2008 ]

capitalOf (Berlin, Germany) [ 1990, now ]

capitalOf (Bonn, Germany) [ 1949, 1989 ]

hasWonPrize (JimGray, TuringAward) [ 1998 ]

graduatedAt (HectorGarcia-Molina, Stanford) [ 1979 ]

graduatedAt (SusanDavidson, Princeton) [ Oct 1982 ]

hasAdvisor (SusanDavidson, HectorGarcia-Molina) [ Oct 1982, forever ]

How can we **query & reason** on entity-relationship facts  
in a “**time-travel**“ manner - with uncertain/incomplete KB ?

US president **when** Barack Obama was born?

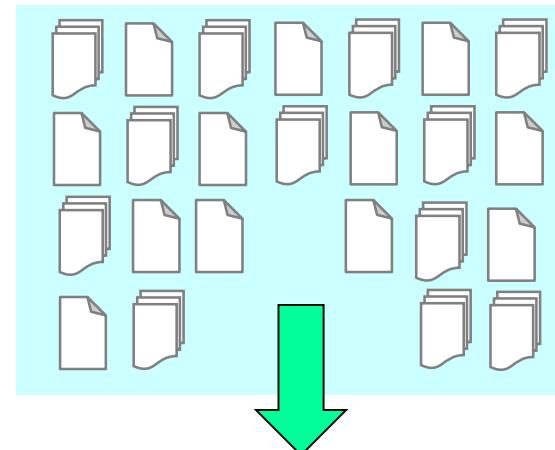
students of Hector Garcia-Molina **while** he was at Princeton?

# French Marriage Problem

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

## facts in KB

- 1: married (Hillary, Bill)
  - 2: married (Carla, Nicolas)
  - 3: married (Angelina, Brad)
- validFrom (2, 2008)



## new fact candidates:

- 4: married (Cecilia, Nicolas)
  - 5: married (Carla, Benjamin)
  - 6: married (Carla, Mick)
- 7: divorced (Madonna, Guy)
- 8: domPartner (Angelina, Brad)

validFrom (4, 1996)

validUntil (4, 2007)

validFrom (5, 2010)

validFrom (6, 2006)

validFrom (7, 2008)

# Issues & Challenges

- Grow the KB and keep it consistent (near-human quality)?
- Combine new facts/events with old facts?
- When to overwrite/invalidate facts in the KB?
- When to create new facts/versions with temporal scope?
- How to gather temporal scopes of facts?
- Aggregate and reconcile temporal cues for a fact?
- Reason on consistency of temporal scopes across facts?
- When to actively acquire new facts for an entity or class?
- Dealing with new entities? New relation types?

# Challenge: Temporal Knowledge

for all people in Wikipedia (300 000) gather all spouses, incl. divorced & widowed, and corresponding time periods!  
>95% accuracy, >95% coverage, in one night

- 1) recall: gather temporal scopes for base facts
- 2) precision: reason on mutual consistency



Political party	RR (?–2002) UMP (2002–)
Spouse	Marie-Dominique Culioli (div.) Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz (div.) Carla Bruni
Children	Pierre (by Culioli) Jean (by Culioli) Louis (by Ciganer-Albéniz)
Residence	Élysée Palace
Alma mater	University of Paris X: Nanterre
Occupation	Lawyer
Religion	Roman Catholic

consistency constraints are potentially helpful:

- functional dependencies: *husband, time* → *wife*
- inclusion dependencies: *marriedPerson* ⊆ *adultPerson*
- age/time/gender restrictions: *birthdate* + Δ < *marriage* < *divorce*

# Difficult Dating

Nicolas Sarkozy



## President of France

Incumbent

Assumed office

**Born** 28 January 1955 (age 55)

Paris, France

**Political party** Union for a Popular Movement (2002–present)

**Other political affiliations** Rally for the Republic (1976–2002)

**Spouse(s)** Marie-Dominique Culioli (1982–1996)  
Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz (1996–2007)  
Carla Bruni-Sarkozy (2008–present)

**Children** Pierre Sarkozy (by Culioli)  
Jean Sarkozy (by Culioli)  
Louis Sarkozy (by Ciganer-Albéniz)

**Residence** Élysée Palace

**Alma mater** Paris X University Nanterre

**Profession** Lawyer

**Religion** Roman Catholicism

Cécilia Attias

## First Lady of France

In office

16 May 2007 – 10 October 2007

**President** Nicolas Sarkozy

**Preceded by** Bernadette Chirac

**Succeeded by** Carla Bruni

**Born** November 12, 1957 (age 52)  
Boulogne-Billancourt, France

**Spouse(s)** Jacques Martin (m. 1984–1989)  
Nicolas Sarkozy (m. 1996–2007)  
Richard Attias (m. 2008–present)

**Children** Judith Martin (b.1984)  
Jeanne-Marie Martin (b.1987)  
Louis Sarkozy (b.1997)



## Wife of the President of the French Republic

Incumbent

Assumed office

2 February 2008

**President** Nicolas Sarkozy

**Preceded by** Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz

**Born** 23 December 1967 (age 42)

Turin, Italy

**Birth name** Carla Gilberta Bruni Tedeschi

**Nationality** Italian, French[1]

**Spouse(s)** Nicolas Sarkozy

**Children** Aurélien Enthoven (with Raphaël Enthoven)

**Religion** Christian (Church of England)

Charles

Prince of Wales; Duke of Rothesay (more)



**Spouse** Lady Diana Spencer

m. 1981; div. 1996

Camilla Parker Bowles

m. 2005

**Issue**

Prince William of Wales

Prince Harry of Wales

**Full name**

Charles Philip Arthur George

**House** Maternal: House of Windsor

Paternal: House of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg

**Father** Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

**Mother** Elizabeth II

**Born** 14 November 1948 (age 61)

Buckingham Palace, London

**Signature**

**Religion** Christian (Church of England)

Diana

Princess of Wales; Duchess of Rothesay



**Spouse** Charles, Prince of Wales

(29 July 1981 – 28 August 1996)

**Issue**

Prince William of Wales

Prince Harry of Wales

**Full name**

Diana Frances Spencer [N 1]

**House** House of Windsor

**Father** John Spencer, 8th Earl Spencer

**Mother** Frances Shand Kydd

**Born** 1 July 1961

Park House, Sandringham, Norfolk

**Died** 31 August 1997 (aged 36)

Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France

**Burial** Althorp, Northamptonshire

Madonna



Madonna at the premiere of *I Am Because We Are* in 2008.

## Background information

**Birth name** Madonna Louise Ciccone

Guy Ritchie



Guy Ritchie, September 2008

**Born** Guy Stuart Ritchie 10 September 1968 (age 41) Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England

**Occupation** Filmmaker, Screenwriter

**Years active** 1995–present

**Spouse(s)** Madonna (2000–2008) (divorced)

# (Even More Difficult) Implicit Dating

explicit dates vs.  
implicit dates relative to other dates

## Nicolas Sarkozy

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"Sarkozy" redirects here. For the surname, see Sárközi (surname).

Nicolas Sarkozy ((pronounced [nikɔla saʁkɔzi] ► (help·info)), born Nicolas Paul Stéphane Sarkozy de Nagy-Bocsá on 28 January 1955) is the 23rd and current President of the French Republic and ex officio Co-Prince of Andorra. He assumed the office on 16 May 2007 after defeating Socialist Party candidate Ségolène Royal 10 days earlier.

Before his presidency he was leader of the Union for a Popular Movement (UMP). Under Jacques Chirac's presidency he served as Minister of the Interior in Jean-Pierre Raffarin's (UMP) first two governments (from May 2002 to March 2004), then was appointed Minister of Finances in Raffarin's last government (March 2004 to May 2005) and again Minister of the Interior in Dominique de Villepin's government (2005–2007).

Sarkozy was also president of the General council of the Hauts-de-Seine department from 2004 to 2007 and mayor of Neuilly-sur-Seine, one of the wealthiest communes of France from 1983 to 2002. He was Minister of the Budget in the government of Édouard Balladur (RPR, predecessor of the UMP) during François Mitterrand's last term.

Sarkozy is known for wanting to revitalize the French economy.<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup><sup>[3]</sup> He has pledged to revive the work ethic, promote new initiatives and fight intolerance.<sup>[1]</sup> In foreign affairs he has promised a strengthening of the entente cordiale with the United Kingdom<sup>[4]</sup> and closer cooperation with the United States.<sup>[5]</sup> He married Carla Bruni-Sarkozy on 2 February 2008 at the Élysée Palace in Paris.

# Even More Difficult) Relative Dating

vague dates  
relative dates

## Early life

During Sarkozy's childhood, his father refused to give his wife's family any financial help, even though he had founded his own advertising agency and had become wealthy. The family lived in a small mansion owned by Sarkozy's grandfather, Benedict Mallah, in the 17th Arrondissement. The family later moved to Neuilly-sur-Seine, one of the wealthiest communes of the Île-de-France *région* immediately west of the 17th Arrondissement just outside of Paris. According to Sarkozy, his staunchly Gaullist grandfather was more of an influence on him than his father, whom he rarely saw. Sarkozy was, accordingly, raised Catholic.<sup>[18]</sup>

Sarkozy said that being abandoned by his father shaped much of who he is today. He also has said that, in his early years, he felt inferior in relation to his wealthier classmates.<sup>[19]</sup> "What made me who I am now is the sum of all the humiliations suffered during childhood", he said later.<sup>[19]</sup>

narrative text  
relative order

## Education

Sarkozy was enrolled in the *Lycée Chaptal*, a state-funded public middle and high school in Paris's 16th arrondissement, where he failed his *sixième*. His family then sent him to the *Cours Saint-Louis de Monceau*, a private Catholic school in the 17th arrondissement, where he was reportedly a mediocre student,<sup>[20]</sup> but where he nonetheless obtained his *baccalauréat* in 1973. He enrolled at the *Université Paris X Nanterre*, where he graduated with a Master in Private law, and later with a DEA degree in Business law. Paris X Nanterre had been the starting place for the May '68 student movement and was still a stronghold of leftist students. Described as a quiet student, Sarkozy soon joined the right-wing student organization, in which he was very active. He completed his military service as a part time Air Force cleaner.<sup>[21]</sup> After graduating, he entered the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris* (1979–1981) but failed to graduate due to an insufficient command of the English language.<sup>[22]</sup> After passing the bar, he became a lawyer specializing in business and family law,<sup>[23]</sup> and was one of Silvio Berlusconi's top French advocates.<sup>[24][25][26]</sup>

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