



SPARQL Query Language

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Polls and Forums

- Group work VS individual work.
- Extra lab hour during drop-in session (Wednesdays 1-2pm).
- Reading week (Week 6) extra session for Q&A.
- Please do not hesitate to use the forums.

Recap: RDF-based Knowledge Graphs

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- A triple consists of *subject*, *predicate*, and *object*

- URI references may occur in all positions
- Literals may only occur in object position
- Blank nodes can not occur in predicate position

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Recap: RDF Literals

- Can only appear as *object* in the triple.

- Literals can be

- Plain, without language tag:

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- Plain, with language tag:

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- Typed, with a URI indicating the type:

- `dbp:london dbpo:population 9,304,000^^xsd:integer .`

Recap: RDF and RDFS Vocabularies

- Prefix `rdf`: `<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>`
- Prefix `rdfs`: `<http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>`
- They need to be declared like all others.
- Examples:

```
dbp:london rdf:type geo:City .  
dbpo:locationCountry a rdf:Property .  
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```

- Note that the keyword “a” is an alternative for `rdf:type`.

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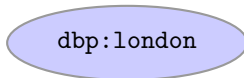

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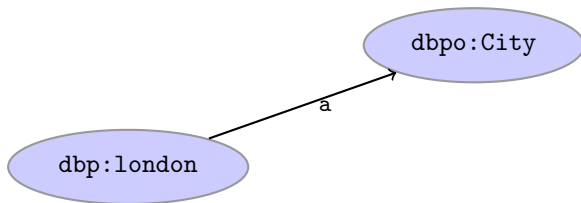
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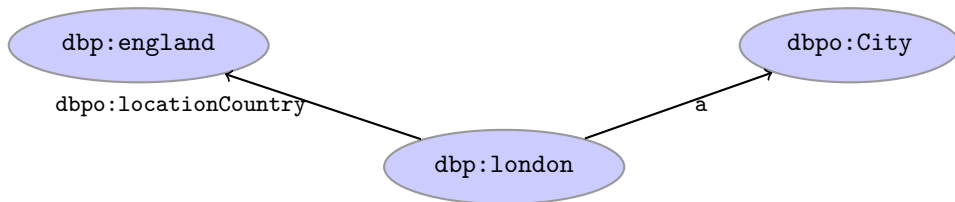
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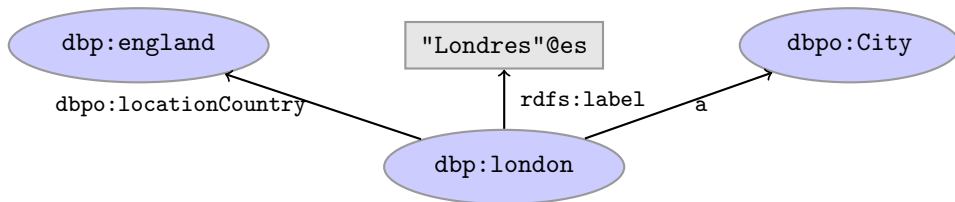
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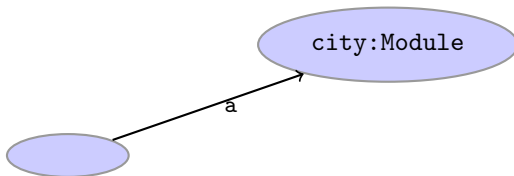


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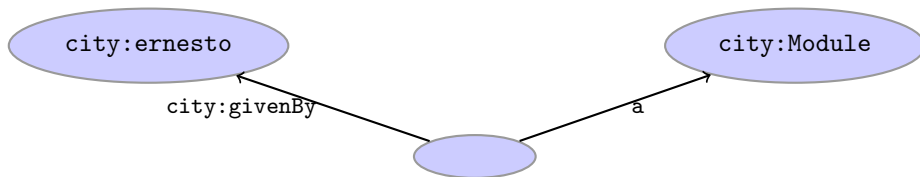


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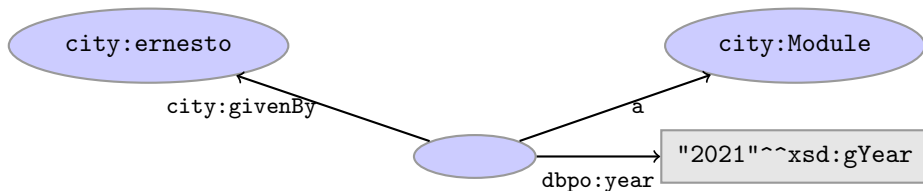


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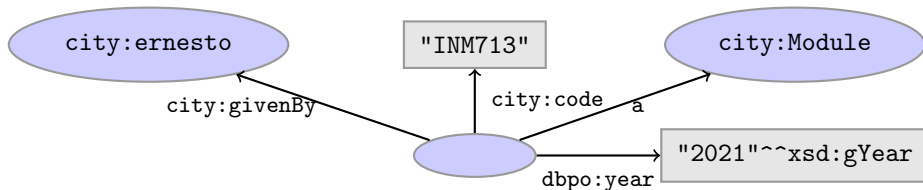


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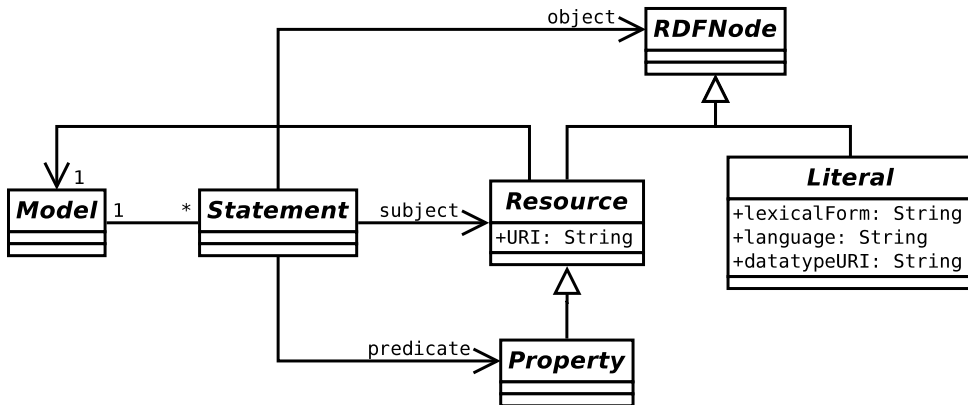
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SPARQL by Example

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 - Syntax and semantics of the SPARQL query language for RDF.
<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-query/>

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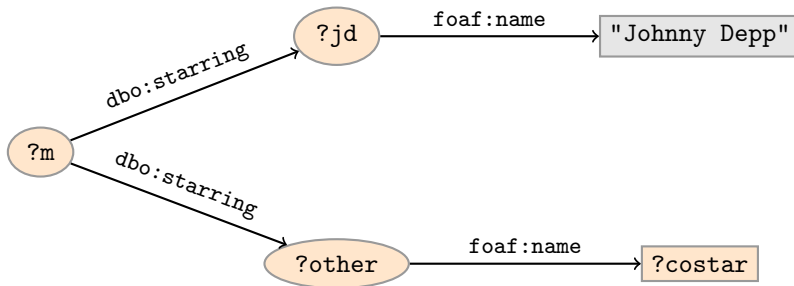
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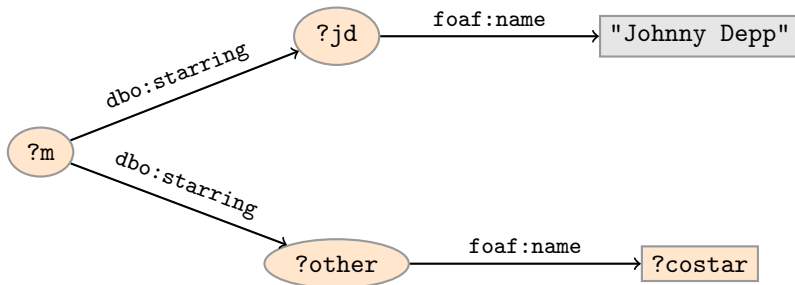
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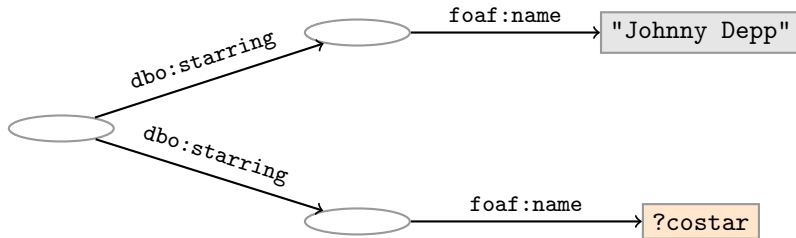
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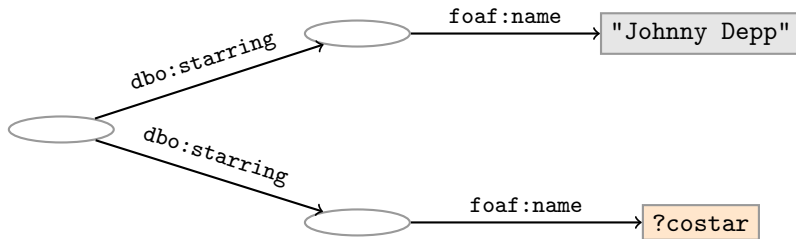
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Results: (1) variable list, (2) query type (SELECT, ASK, CONSTRUCT, DESCRIBE), (3) remove duplicates (DISTINCT, REDUCED)

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- Not all “sorting” variables are required to appear in the solution.

ORDER BY (Example)

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 - Done with `SELECT REDUCED ?x ?y WHERE {?x ?y ?z...}`
 - Motivation: Can be expensive to find and remove all duplicates
 - Rarely used.

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- LIMIT and OFFSET can be used separately
- OFFSET not meaningful without ORDER BY.

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SPARQL Systematically: Query Graph Patterns

Query patterns

- Types of graph patterns for the query pattern (**WHERE clause**):
 - Basic Graph Patterns (BGP)
 - Filters or Constraints (FILTER)
 - Optional Graph Patterns (OPTIONAL)
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- **Pattern matching**: a function that maps
 - every variable and every blank node in the pattern
 - to a resource, a blank node, or a literal in the RDF graph.

Filters (i)

- A set of triple patterns may include **constraints** or **filters**
- Reduces matches of surrounding group where filter applies
- Example:

```
WHERE {  
    ?x a dbo:Place ;  
        dbo:population ?pop .  
    FILTER (?pop > 1000000)  
}
```


Filters (ii)

– Example:

```
WHERE {  
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Filters: Functions and Operators

- Usual binary operators: `||`, `&&`, `=`, `!=`, `<`, `>`, `<=`, `>=`, `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`.
- Usual unary operators: `!`, `+`, `-`.
- Unary tests: `bound(?var)`, `isURI(?var)`, `isBlank(?var)`, `isLiteral(?var)`.
- Accessors: `str(?var)`, `lang(?var)`, `datatype(?var)`, `year(?date)`, `xsd:integer(?value)`
- `regex` is used to match a variable with a regular expression. *Always use with* `str(?var)`. E.g.: `regex(str(?costar), "Alpacino")`.

More details in specification: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-query/>

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OPTIONAL Patterns: with FILTER

- Example:

```
WHERE {  
  ?x a dbo:Person ;  
    foaf:name ?name .  
  OPTIONAL {  
    ?x dbo:birthDate ?date .  
    FILTER (?date > "1980-01-01T00:00:00"^^xsd:dateTime)  
  }  
}
```

- ?x and ?name bound in every match, ?date is **bound if available** and **from 1980 onwards**.

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        FILTER (!bound(?date))  
    }  
}
```


Matching Alternatives (UNION)

- A UNION pattern matches if any of some alternatives matches
- E.g.

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?writer
WHERE{
    ?s rdf:type dbo:Book .
    {
        ?s dbo:author ?writer .
    }
    UNION
    {
        ?s dbo:writer ?writer .
    }
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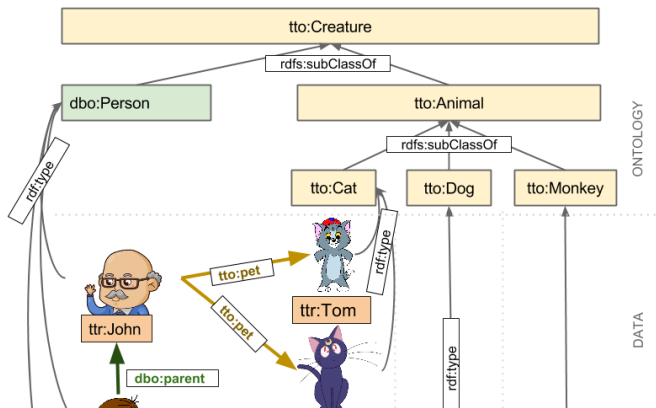
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Laboratory: Hands-on SPARQL

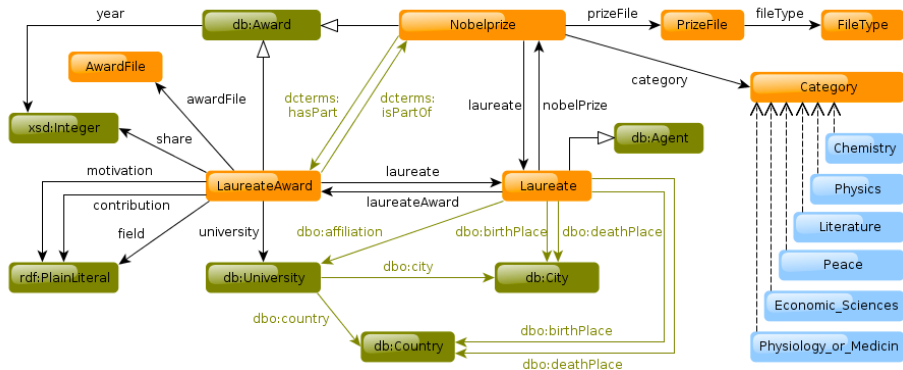
SPARQL Playground

- Platform to learn SPARQL: <http://sparql-playground.sib.swiss/>



Nobel Prize Knowledge Graph

- <https://www.nobelprize.org/about/linked-data-examples/>



SPARQL in Python: Querying Local Graph with RDFLib

- Querying a local Graph:

```
qres = g.query(  
    """SELECT ?thing ?name WHERE {  
        ?thing tto:sex "female" .  
        ?thing dbp:name ?name .  
    }""")
```

- Iterate over the results:

```
for row in qres:  
    print("%s is female with name '%s'" % (str(row.thing),str(row.name)))
```

- `row` is a dictionary with the RDF terms that match the output variables.

SPARQL in Python: Remote Access with SPARQLWrapper (i)

- SPARQLWrapper: deals with the connection to a SPARQL endpoint
- A SPARQL Endpoint is a service to receive and process SPARQL queries following a protocol.
- Connection: `sparql_web = SPARQLWrapper("http://data.nobelprize.org/sparql")`
- Set results format (default XML):
`sparql_web.setReturnFormat(JSON)`

SPARQL in Python: Remote Access with SPARQLWrapper (ii)

- Set SPARQL query:

```
sparql_web.setQuery("""
    SELECT DISTINCT ?name_laur WHERE {
        ?laur rdf:type nobel:Laureate .
        ?laur rdfs:label ?name_laur .
        ?laur foaf:gender "female" .  }
    """)
```

- Get (json) results: `results = sparql_web.query().convert()`

- Iterate over the (json) results:

```
for result in results["results"]["bindings"]:
    print(result["name_laur"]["value"])
```

SPARQL in Java: Querying Local Graph with Jena API (i)

- Set query:

```
Query q = QueryFactory.create(  
    "PREFIX ttr:  <http://example.org/tuto/resource#>" +  
    "PREFIX tto:  <http://example.org/tuto/ontology#>" +  
    "PREFIX dbp:  <http://dbpedia.org/property/>" +  
    "SELECT ?thing ?name WHERE {" +  
        "?thing tto:sex 'female' ." +  
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    "}")
```

- Execute query:

```
QueryExecution qe = QueryExecutionFactory.create(q, model);  
ResultSet res = qe.execSelect();
```

SPARQL in Java: Querying Local Graph with Jena API (ii)

- Iterate over the query results:

```
while( res.hasNext())  
    QuerySolution soln = res.next();  
    RDFNode thing = soln.get("?thing");  
    RDFNode name = soln.get("?name");
```

- `soln` contain the RDF terms that match the output variables.

SPARQL in Java: Remote Access with Jena API (ii)

- Similar to local graph access.
- Minor query execution change:

```
QueryExecution qe = QueryExecutionFactory  
    .sparqlService("http://data.nobelprize.org/sparql",q);
```