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# Understanding Programming Technologies by Analogy, Examples, and Abstraction

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SATTOSE community = experts in programming technology – think of queries & transformations.

**Why such a presentation on  
programming technologies at  
SATTOSE?**

**We have a problem.**

A word cloud of various technologies and standards is arranged around the central text. The words are in different shades of blue and black, with varying font sizes. Some of the visible words include: XPath, TXL, Sesame, JPA, XText, Jena, Rose, JDBC, EMF.gen, ODM, Teneo, Jersey, RDF(S), UTF8, MOF, VLDB, JeanBeans, XSD, UML, BNF, Stratego, xerces, GWT, SLE2010, Json, Ralf, sax, OCL, RDfs, OWL, Ecore, saxon, OWL, Jean, OMG, MySQL, XMI, JMI, EMF, ORACLE, JMF, XSD, ArgoUML, xalan, ODBC, SparQL, XMLSpy, Yacc, RDFa, LALR, Prolog, JAXP, SBVR, DOM, Java, Protegé, ATOM, ER, QVT, SQL, DDL, Dragan, Antlr, TCS, Teneo, XLST, sed, Awk, DTD, Saxon, ASCII, XQuery, Hibernate, grep, and XSLT.

Thanks to Jean-Marie Favre for this excellent slide!

# Today's Issues

- **Silos of knowledge**
- **Combining technologies**
- **Complexity of technologies**
- **Entering a new space**
- **Teaching technologies?**

Why would you study computer science,  
if your ultimate destiny is  
to **get lost in space and technology?**

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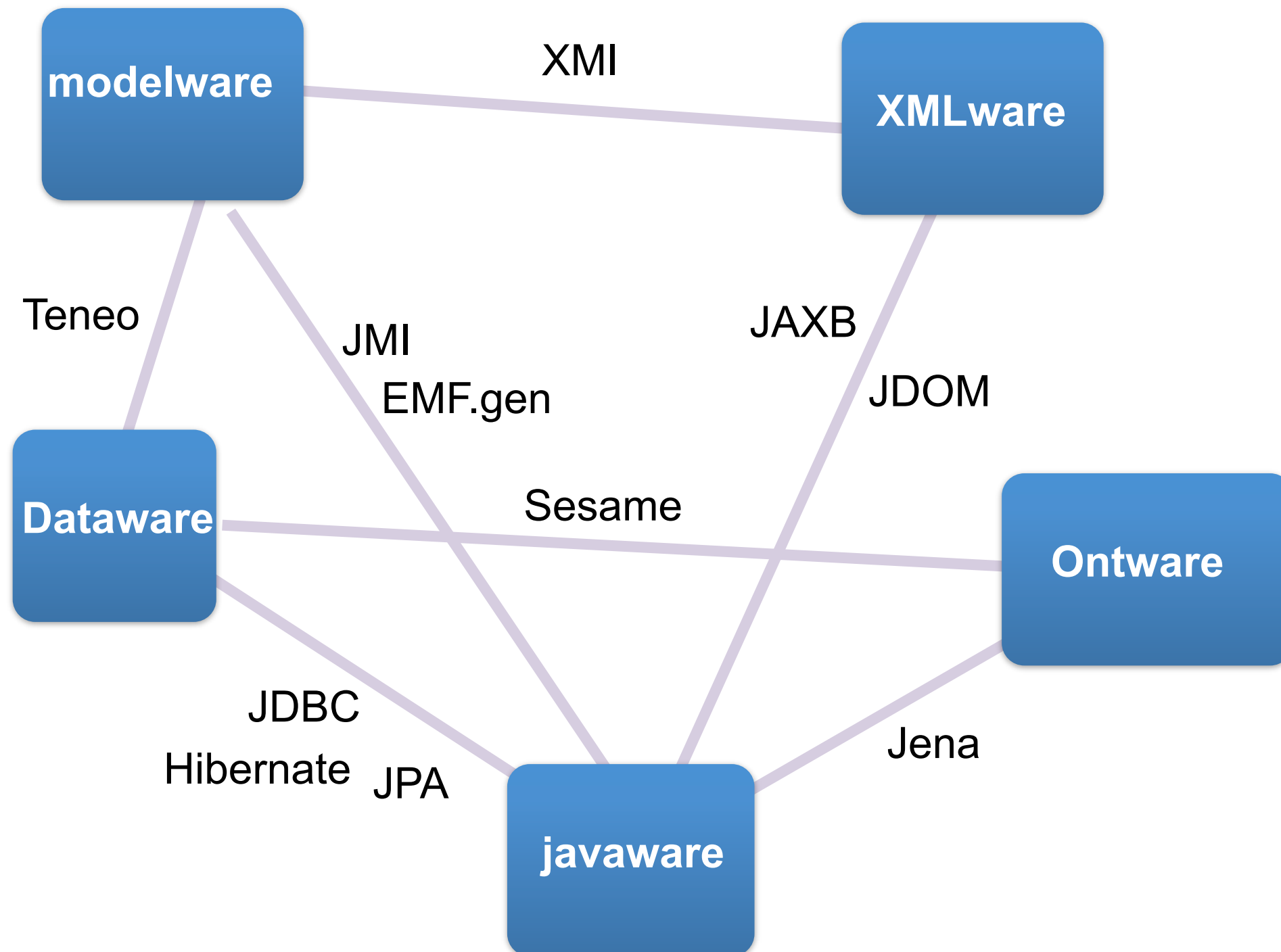
## Our Approach

- **Analogy**
- **Examples**
- **Abstraction**

# Analogy, examples, abstraction

	<i>Modelware</i>	<i>XMLware</i>	<i>Ontoware</i>	<i>Dataware</i>	<i>Grammarware</i>
<i>Meta language</i>	MOF	XSD	RDFS	SQL.DDL	EBNF
<i>Navigation</i>		XPath			
<i>Query</i>	OCL	XQuery	SPARQL	SQL	
<i>Transfo.</i>	QVT	XSLT			TXL ASF
<i>Toolkit</i>	ArgoUML Rose	XMLSpy VS-XML	Protégé Topbeard	MySQL Oracle	MetaEnv.
<i>Conferences</i>	MoDELS ECMDA	XML VLDB	ICSW ESWC	VLDB SIGMOD	CC POPL

# *Analogy* in space travel





# Analogy, **examples**, abstraction

Total  
salaries

```
company "meganalysis" {  
  department "Research" {  
    manager "Craig" {  
      address "Redmond"  
      salary 123456  
    }  
    employee "Erik" {  
      address "Utrecht"  
      salary 12345  
    }  
    employee "Ralf" {  
      address "Koblenz"  
      salary 1234  
    }  
  }  
  department "Development" {  
    manager "Ray" {  
      address "Redmond"  
      salary 234567  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Cut  
salaries

Store  
companies

Navigate  
companies

# Functionality on companies

## **Total salaries in XQuery**

```
<result>  
  {sum(//salary)}  
</result>
```

## **Cut salaries in SQL DML**

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UPDATE employee  
  SET salary = salary / 2;
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# Variation points for examples

[ X vs. O vs. R vs.  $\lambda$  etc.

[ Static typing vs. dynamic typing

[ Textual vs. abstract vs. visual syntax

[ GPPL vs. DSL vs. embedding vs. API

[ Instance- vs. operation-based mapping

[ Type checking vs. inference vs. reasoning

[ Code first vs. schema first vs. mapping only

[ In-memory processing vs. push vs. pull parsing

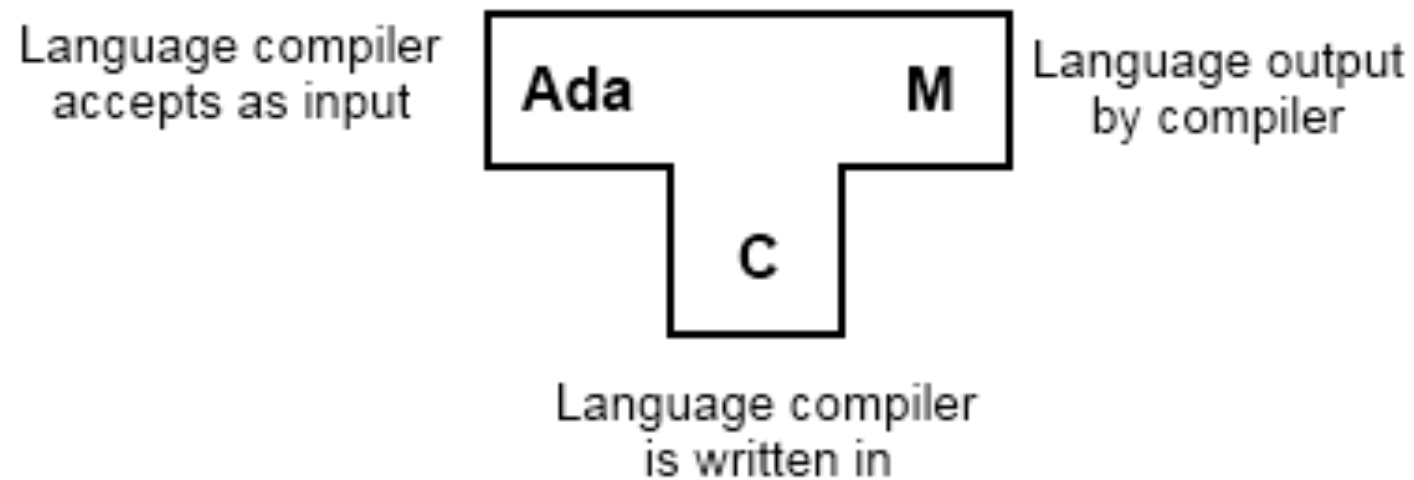
[ Pure vs. impure transformations (or in between)

[ Code vs. generative vs. model-driven vs. mapping

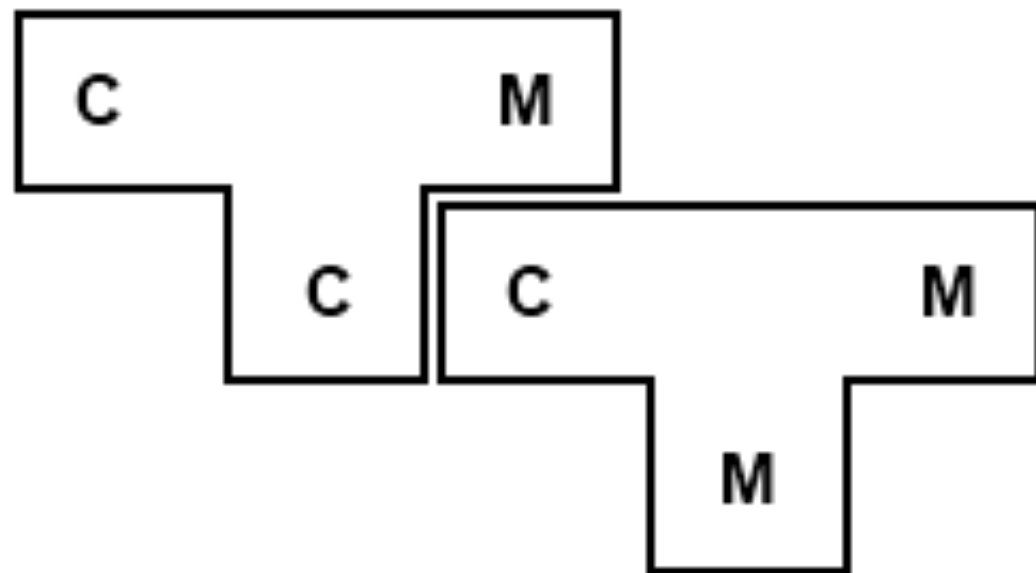
# Analogy, examples, **abstraction**

- [ What's the **essence** of technology *xyz*?
- [ What's the ontology of programming technologies?

# Remember *Tombstone diagrams*?

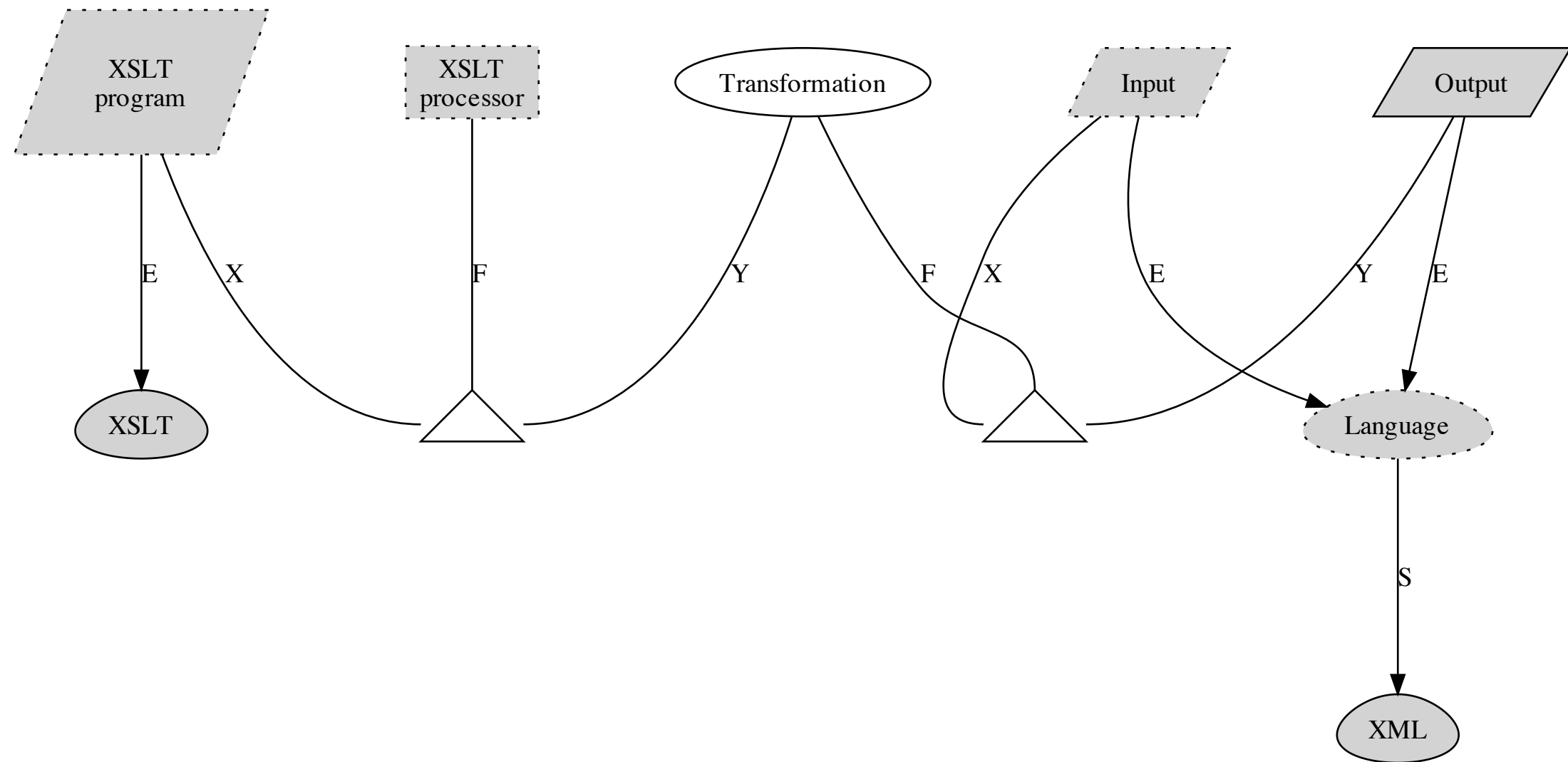


"Used for describing complicated processes for bootstrapping, porting, and self-compiling of compilers, interpreters, and macro-processors."



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T-diagram>

# Abstraction with megamodels



## An XSLT transformation

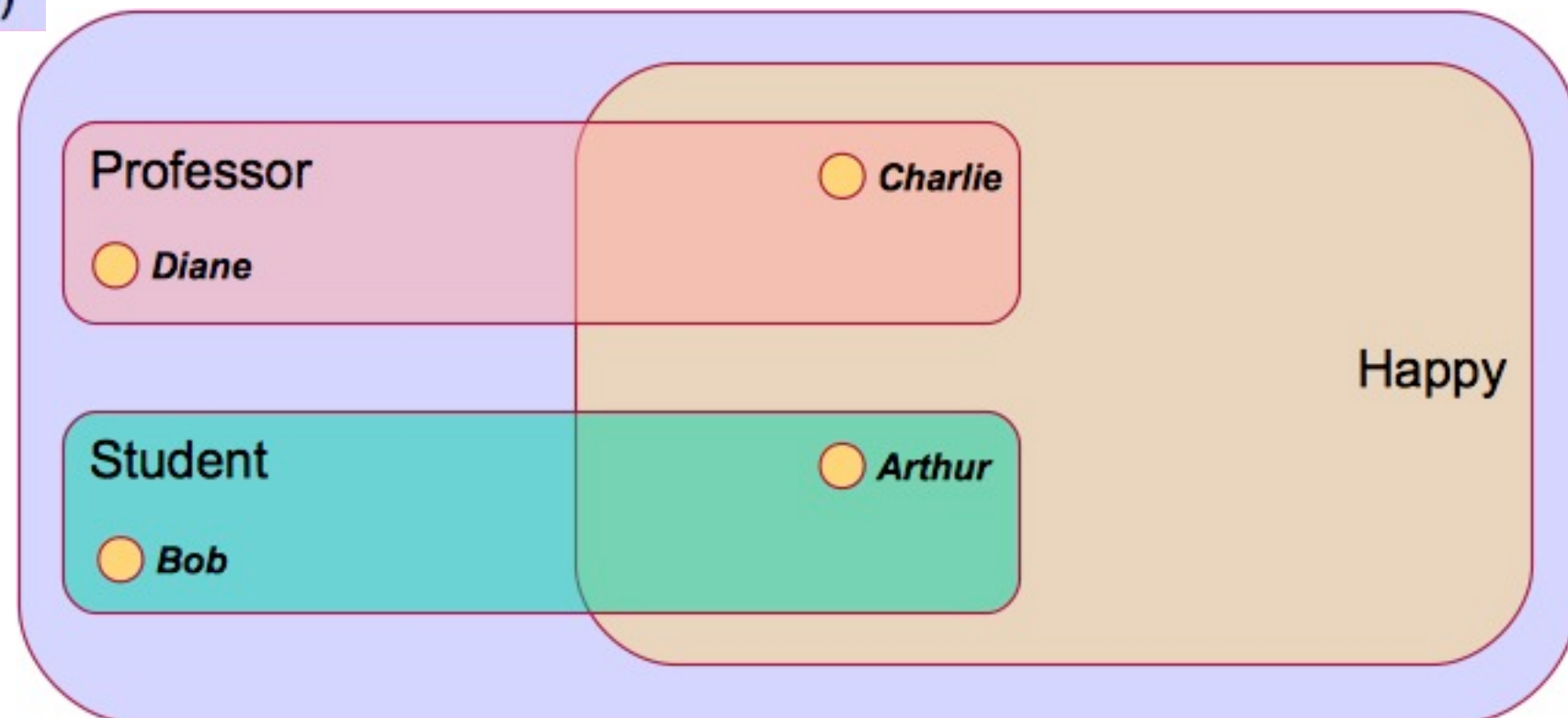
# What's the ontology we need?

```
Class(a:Person partial)
Class(a:Academic partial a:Person)
Class(a:Happy partial a:Person)
Class(a:Lecturer partial a:Academic)
Class(a:Professor partial a:Academic)
Class(a:Student partial a:Person)

ObjectProperty(a:hasFriend)
ObjectProperty(a:isFriendOf
  inverseOf(a:hasFriend))

DisjointClasses(a:Student a:Academic)
```

```
Individual(a:arthur type(a:Student) type(a:Happy))
Individual(a:bob type(a:Student) type(complementOf(a:Happy)))
Individual(a:charlie type(a:Professor) type(a:Happy))
Individual(a:diane type(a:Professor) type(complementOf(a:Happy)))
```



# Abstraction with an ontology

<b>Capability</b>	a principle capability in programming to address non-functional requirements
– <b>Access control</b>	the capability to control access to data and resources within programs
– <b>Distribution</b>	the capability to distribute programs (objects) over computers in a network
– <b>Indexing</b>	the capability for access to keyed and ordered records
– <b>Interaction</b>	the capability of interactions between the user and the system
– <b>Logging</b>	the capability of logging certain events along program execution
– <b>Mapping</b>	the capability of bridging technical spaces
– – <i>O/R mapping</i>	the capability of bridging the technical spaces objectware and tupleware
– – <i>O/X mapping</i>	the capability of bridging the technical spaces objectware and XMLware
– – <i>R/X mapping</i>	the capability of bridging the technical spaces tupleware and XMLware
– <b>Parallelism</b>	the capability to execute a program in parallel
– <b>Parsing</b>	the capability of analyzing software artifacts in terms of their concrete syntax
– <b>Persistence</b>	the capability to maintain program data beyond the runtime of the program
– <b>Serialization</b>	the capability of converting program data into a format for storage or transmission
– <b>Streaming</b>	the capability for processing data in a stream as opposed to in-memory



# 101companies system



# “Specification”

The 101companies system (in the sequence: just the "system") is a conceived system in the application domain of **human resources**. The present specification is meant to be informal and liberal; it should facilitate different implementations of the system with different programming technologies and techniques, and with different feature sets. The system is concerned with **companies, departments, managers, and employees, and it supports functionality for totaling salaries, cutting salaries**, computing other data, and checking data in some ways. The system may also be subject to additional capabilities---similar to non-functional requirements, e.g.: serialization, persistence, or logging. The following feature model breaks down all required or optional features of the system.

# Feature model

## **101feature**

### – **101basics**

– – *101feature:Company*

– – *101feature:Cut*

– – *101feature:Total*

### – **101capabilities**

– – *101feature:Interaction*

– – *101feature:Logging*

– – *101feature:Persistence*

– – *101feature:Serialization*

### – **101extras**

– – *101feature:Depth*

– – *101feature:Mentoring*

– – *101feature:Precedence*

features of the 101companies system

basic features of the 101companies system

a data model for companies

cut all salaries in half

total all salaries in a company

capability-related features of the 101companies system

interaction with companies though a user interface

logging for mutations of companies

persistence for companies

serialization for companies

extra features of the 101companies system

determine depth of department nesting

associate employees with mentors

check that salaries increase with rank in hierarchy

# IOI feature: Company

## What's a company?

- A *company* is structured as follows:
  - There is a *name*.
  - There is any number of (possibly nested) *departments*.
- Each department is structured as follows.
  - There is a *name*.
  - There is any number of *employees*.
  - There is a *manager* as a special employee.
  - There is any number of (possibly nested) *sub-departments*.
- Employees are characterized by *name*, *salary*, and possibly other properties.
- The idea is that each employee can serve only in one position in the company.

# Functionality on companies

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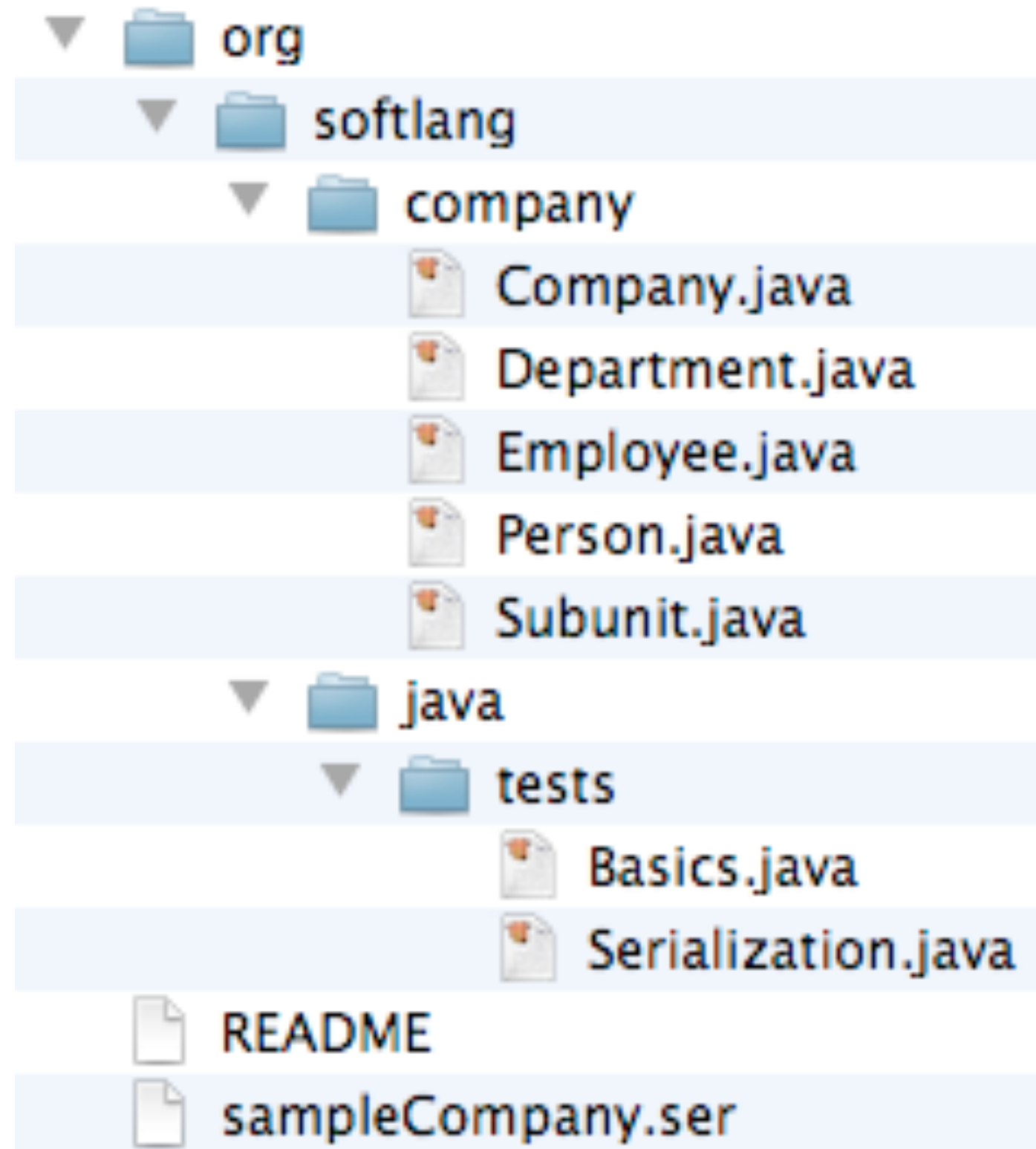
```
UPDATE employee  
  SET salary = salary / 2;
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# Implementation *java*



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```
public class Company implements Serializable {  
  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = ...;  
    private String name;  
    private List<Department> depts;  
  
    public String getName() { return name; }  
    public void setName(String name) { this.name = name; }  
    public List<Department> getDepts() { return depts; }  
}
```



```
public class Department implements Serializable {  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = ...;  
    private String name;  
    private Employee manager;  
    private List<Department> subdepts;  
    private List<Employee> employees;  
    public Department() {  
        subdepts = new LinkedList<Department>();  
        employees = new LinkedList<Employee>();  
    }  
    public String getName() { return name; }  
    public void setName(String n) { name = n; }  
    public Employee getManager() { return manager; }  
    public void setManager(Employee m) { manager = m; }  
    public List<Department> getSubdepts() { return subdepts; }  
    public List<Employee> getEmployees() { return employees; }  
}
```

```
public class Employee implements Serializable {  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = ...;  
    private String name;  
    private String address;  
    private double salary;  
    public String getName() { return name; }  
    public void setName(String n) { name = n; }  
    public String getAddress() { return address; }  
    public void setAddress(String address) { address = a; }  
    public double getSalary() { return salary; }  
    public void setSalary(double salary) { salary = s; }  
}
```

# Keywords “java”

— [ POJO

— [ Containers

— [ Composite pattern

— [ Subtyping

— [ Virtual methods

— [ Object serialization

— [ Marker interface pattern

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**XML**

HTML CSharp Javascript Scala  
XQuery XSLT XPath  
CSS XSD AspectJ Haskell  
SQL **Java**

# Technologies cited by implementations





Over to  
Andrei Varanovich  
and  
Thomas Schmorleiz