SPARQL Query Language

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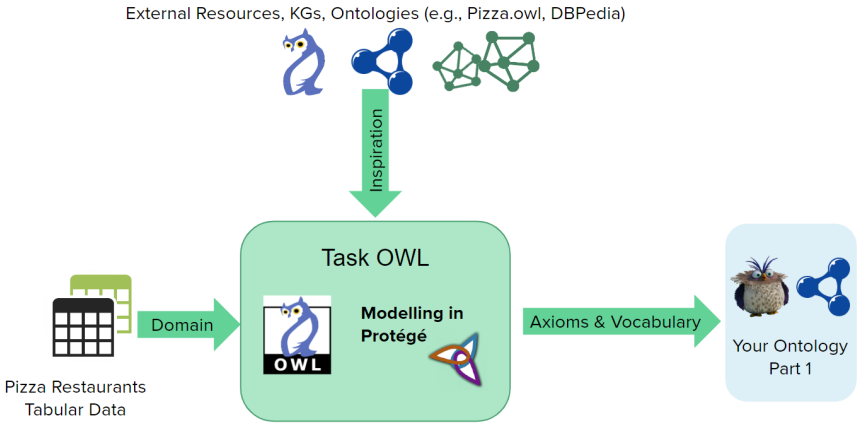
Before we start...

Coursework Part 1: Ontology modelling (i)

- Part 1 (20%): **creation of an ontology** that covers the knowledge of a given domain. **Deadline**: Sunday, 3 March 2024, 5:00 PM
- **Work in pairs**, or individually. Please register by February 23.

Coursework Part 1: Ontology modelling (ii)

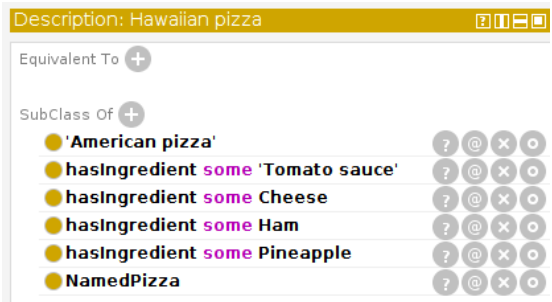


(*) Ontology CW2 = Model solution ≠ Your Ontology Part 1

OWL 2 Important Examples

Necessary conditions and primitive classes

Hawaiian pizza **implies** having pineapple as ingredient (among others); but not the other way round.

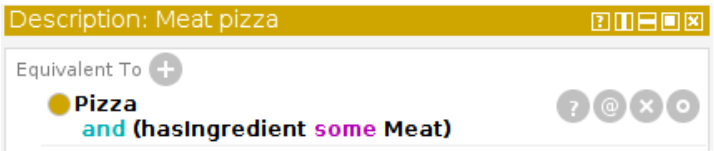


Sufficient conditions and defined classes

Meat pizza **implies** having meat as ingredient (and being pizza).

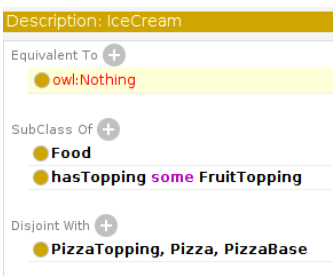
A pizza with meat as ingredient **implies** being a meat pizza.

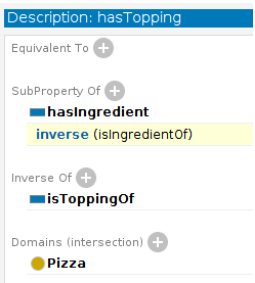
Hawaiian pizzas have ham as ingredient and thus they are meat pizzas.

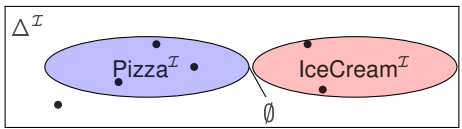


Detecting modelling errors

- Ice cream **implies** having fruit as topping
- Ice cream is **disjoint with** Pizza
- The domain of has topping is pizza, that is, having any topping **implies** being a pizza.
- Domain is a type of sufficient condition, global scope for the property.







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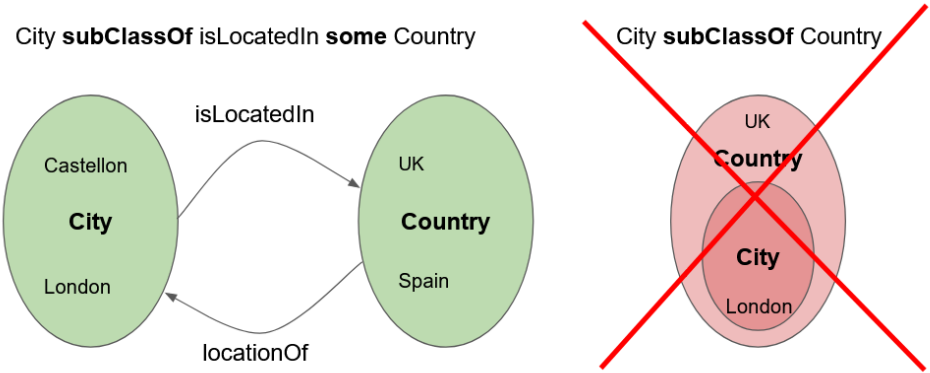

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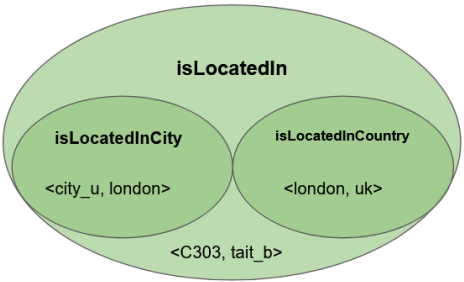

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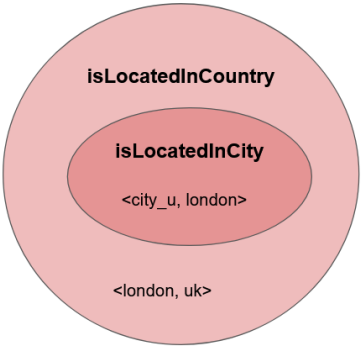

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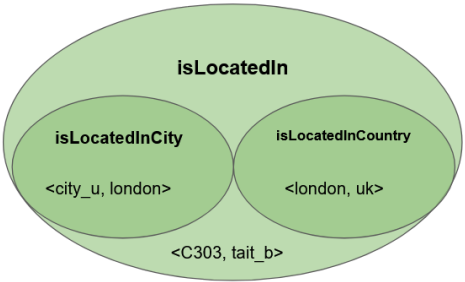

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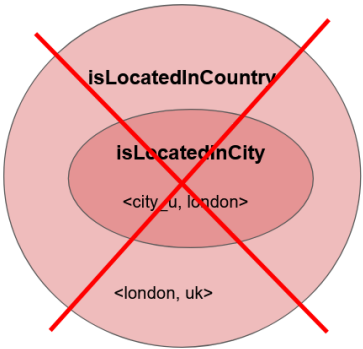

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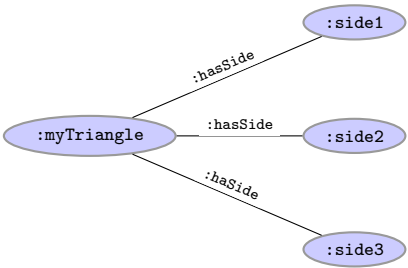

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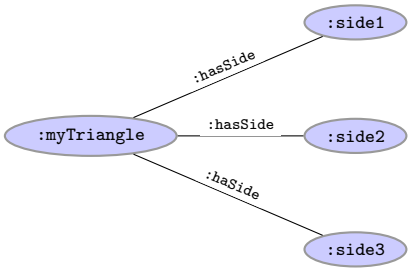

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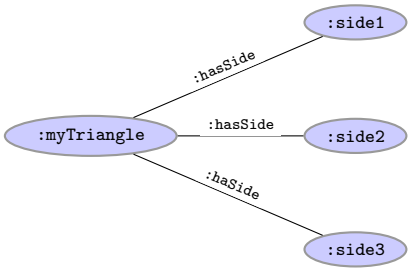

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– Solution: deductive reasoning complemented with SPARQL queries (in this case with aggregates) → SPARQL 1.1 (not today)

Where are we? Module organization.

✓ Introduction: Becoming a knowledge scientist.
✓ RDF-based knowledge graphs.
✓ OWL ontology language. Focus on modelling.
4. **SPARQL 1.0 Query Language.** (Today)
5. From tabular data to KG.
6. RDFS Semantics and OWL 2 profiles.
7. Ontology Alignment.
8. Ontology (KG) Embeddings and Machine Learning.
9. SPARQL 1.1 and Graph Database solutions.
10. (Large) Language Models and KGs. (Seminar)

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- A triple consists of subject, predicate, and object (*e.g.*, `dbr:london rdf:type dbo:City .`)

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

Recap: RDF Literals

- Can only appear as *object* in the triple.
- Literals can be
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  - Typed, with a URI indicating the type:

```
dbr:london dbo: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:

```
dbr:london rdf:type dbo:City .
dbo:City rdfs:subClassof dbo:PopulatedPlace.
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- Note that the keyword “a” is an alternative for `rdf:type`.

Recap: Other vocabularies

Existing vocabularies from KGs like DBpedia:

- Prefix `dbr:` `<http://dbpedia.org/resource/>`
- Prefix `dbo:` `<http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>`
- Prefix `dbp:` `<http://dbpedia.org/property/>`
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New vocabularies in the module:

- Prefix `city:` `<http://www.example.org/university/london/city#>`
- Prefix `lab3:` `<http://www.semanticweb.org/ernesto/in3067-inm713/lab3/>`

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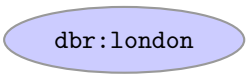

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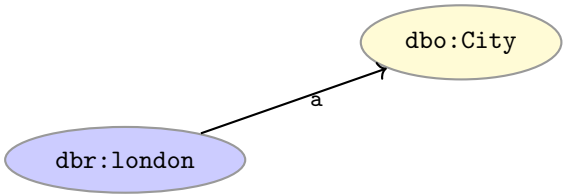

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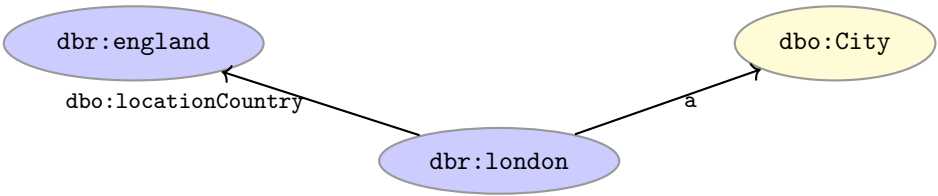

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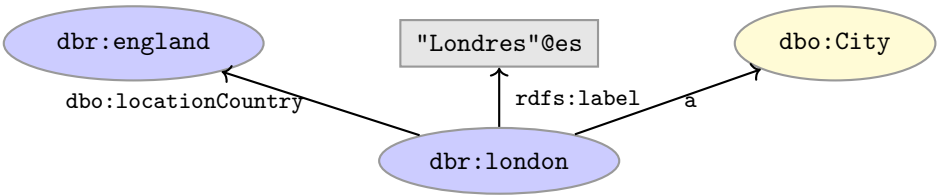

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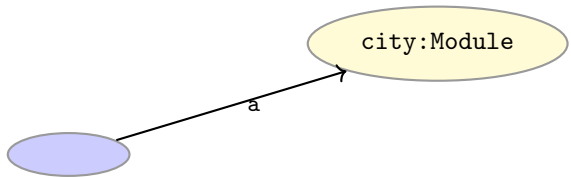

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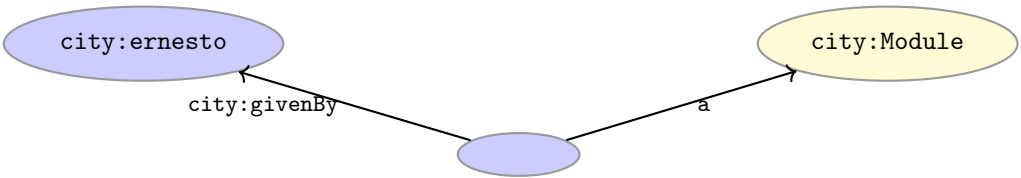

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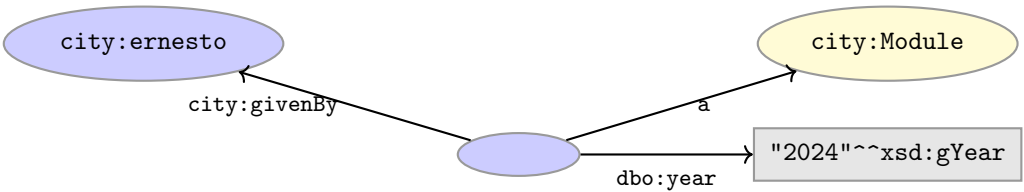

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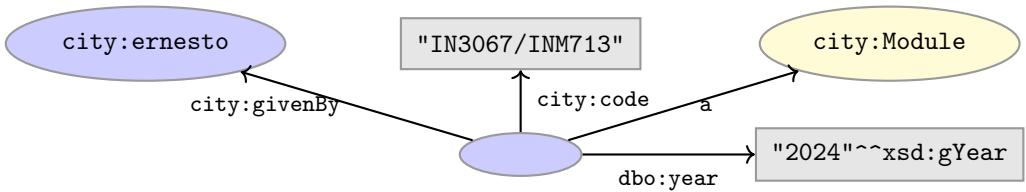

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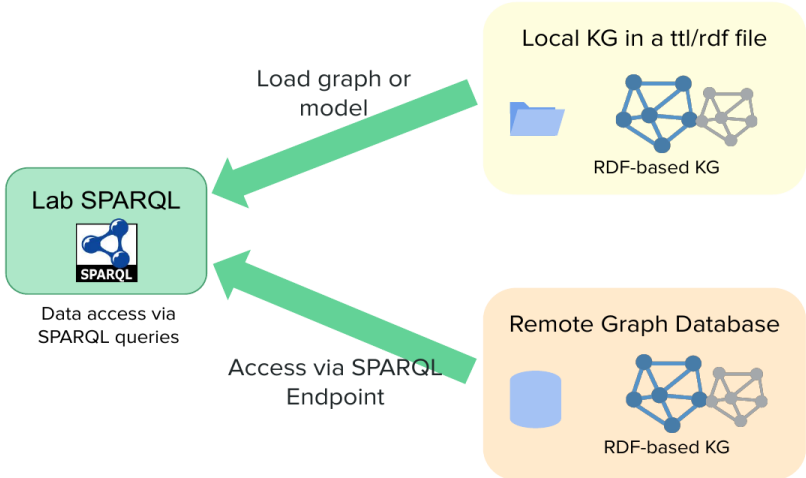
SPARQL: local and remote KG access



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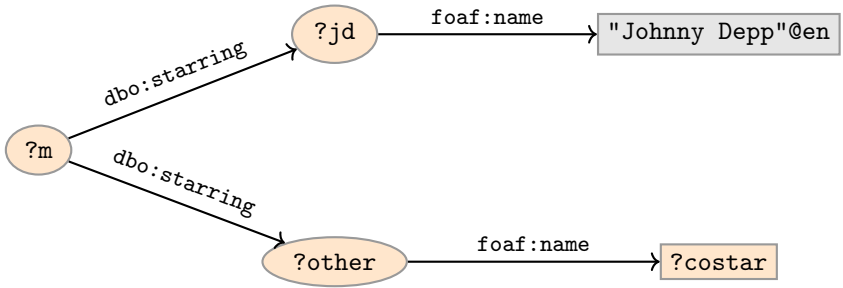

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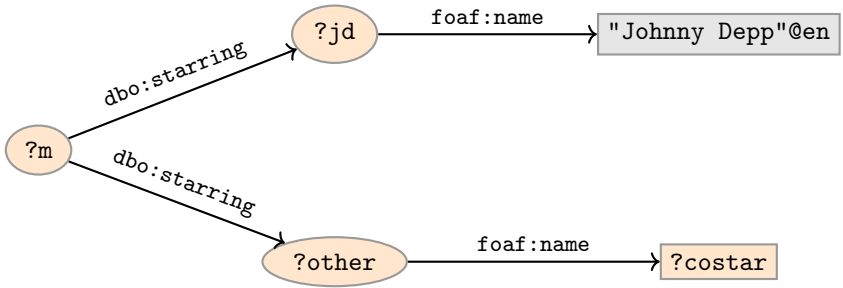

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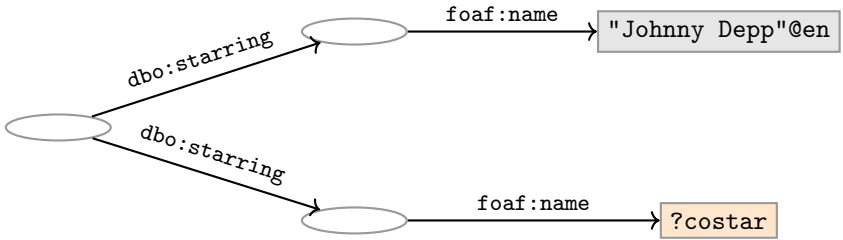

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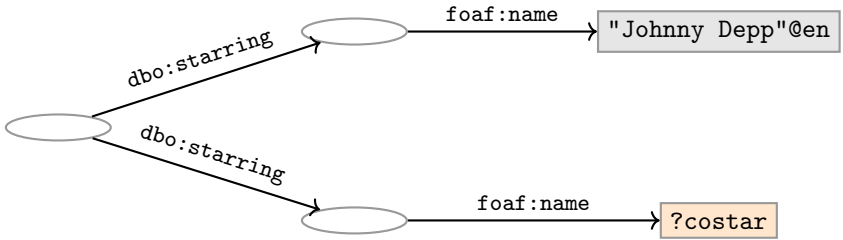

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SPARQL Systematically

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```
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} WHERE {
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  - Offset
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ORDER BY (Example)

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  - Motivation: Can be expensive to find and remove all duplicates
  - Behaviour left to the SPARQL engine.

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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)
  - Union Graph Patterns (UNION, Matching Alternatives)
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- **Pattern matching**: a function that maps
  (i) every variable and every blank node in the pattern
  (ii) 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:

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

Filters (ii)

– Example:

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?costar
FROM <http://dbpedia_dataset>
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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:

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

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WHERE {
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     foaf:name ?name .
  OPTIONAL {
    ?x dbo:birthDate ?date .
    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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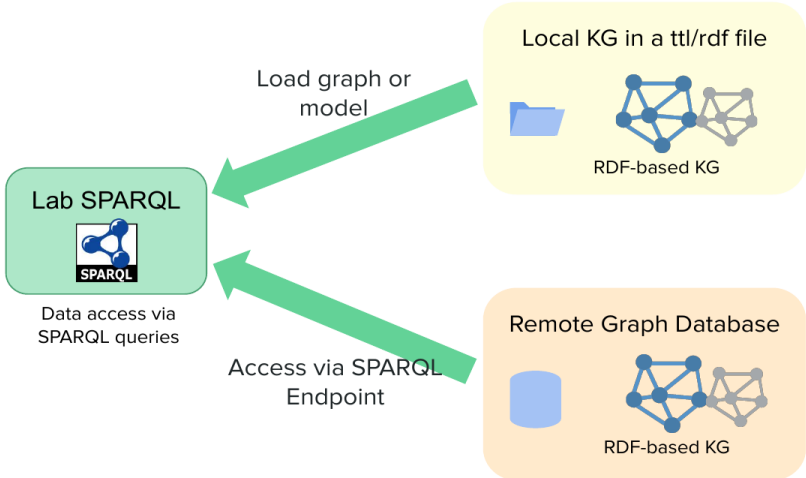
- FROM and FROM NAMED keywords allows to select an RDF dataset
- Keyword GRAPH makes the named graphs the **active graph** for pattern matching
- We will see queries over named graphs in week 10

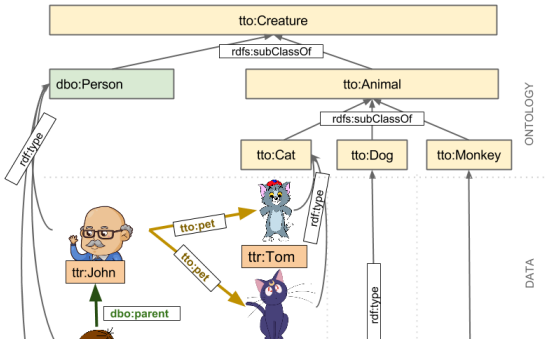
Laboratory: Hands-on SPARQL

SPARQL: local and remote KG access



SPARQL Playground

– Based on discontinued platform to learn SPARQL.
`http://sparql-playground.sib.swiss/`



Nobel Prize Knowledge Graph

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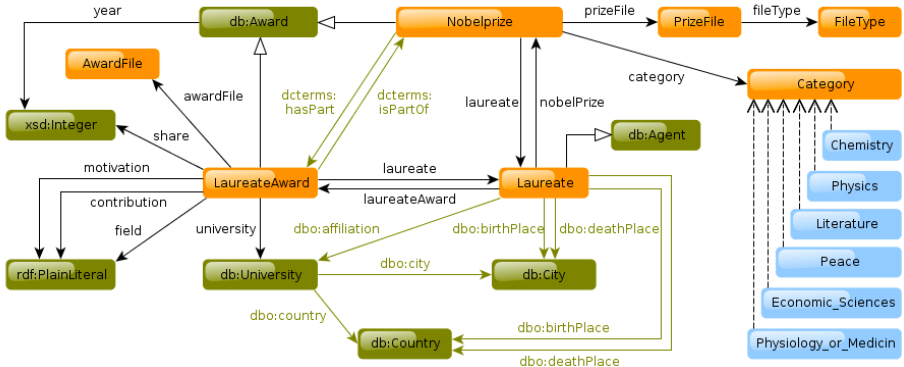

DBpedia Knowledge Graph (i)

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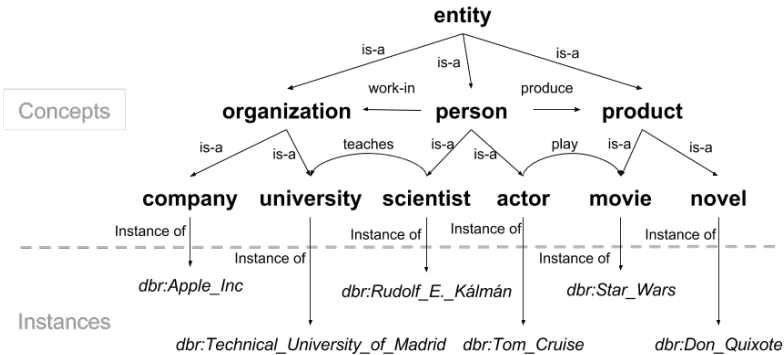
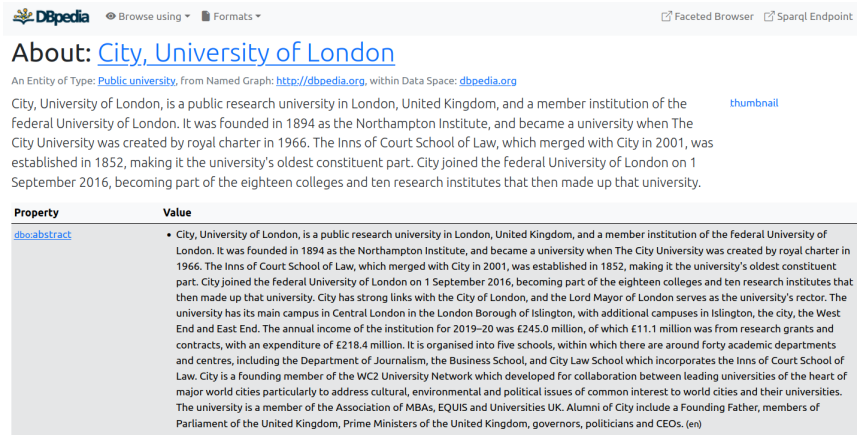


(*) Image from `https://github.com/gsi-upm/sematch/`

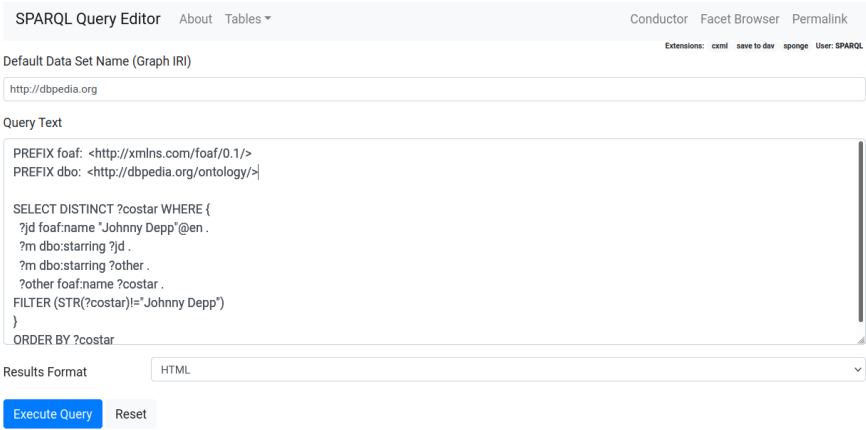
DBpedia Knowledge Graph (ii)

– Linked data Interface: `https://www.dbpedia.org/resources/linked-data/`



DBPedia Knowledge Graph (iii)

– SPARQL Endpoint: `http://dbpedia.org/sparql`



SPARQL in Java and Python

SPARQL in Python: Querying Local Graph with RDFLib

– Querying a local Graph:

```
qres = g.query(
    """SELECT ?thing ?name WHRE {
        ?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://dbpedia.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 ?costar WHERE {
        ?jd foaf:name "Johnny Depp"@en .
        ?m dbo:starring ?jd .
        ?m dbo:starring ?costar .  }
""")
```

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

```
for result in results["results"]["bindings"]:
    print(result["costar"]["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’ ." +
        "?thing dbp:name ?name ." +
    "}")
```

– 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://dbpedia.org/sparql",q);
```