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URIs UNIFORM RESOURCE IDENTIFIERS

IRIs Internationalized Resource Identifiers

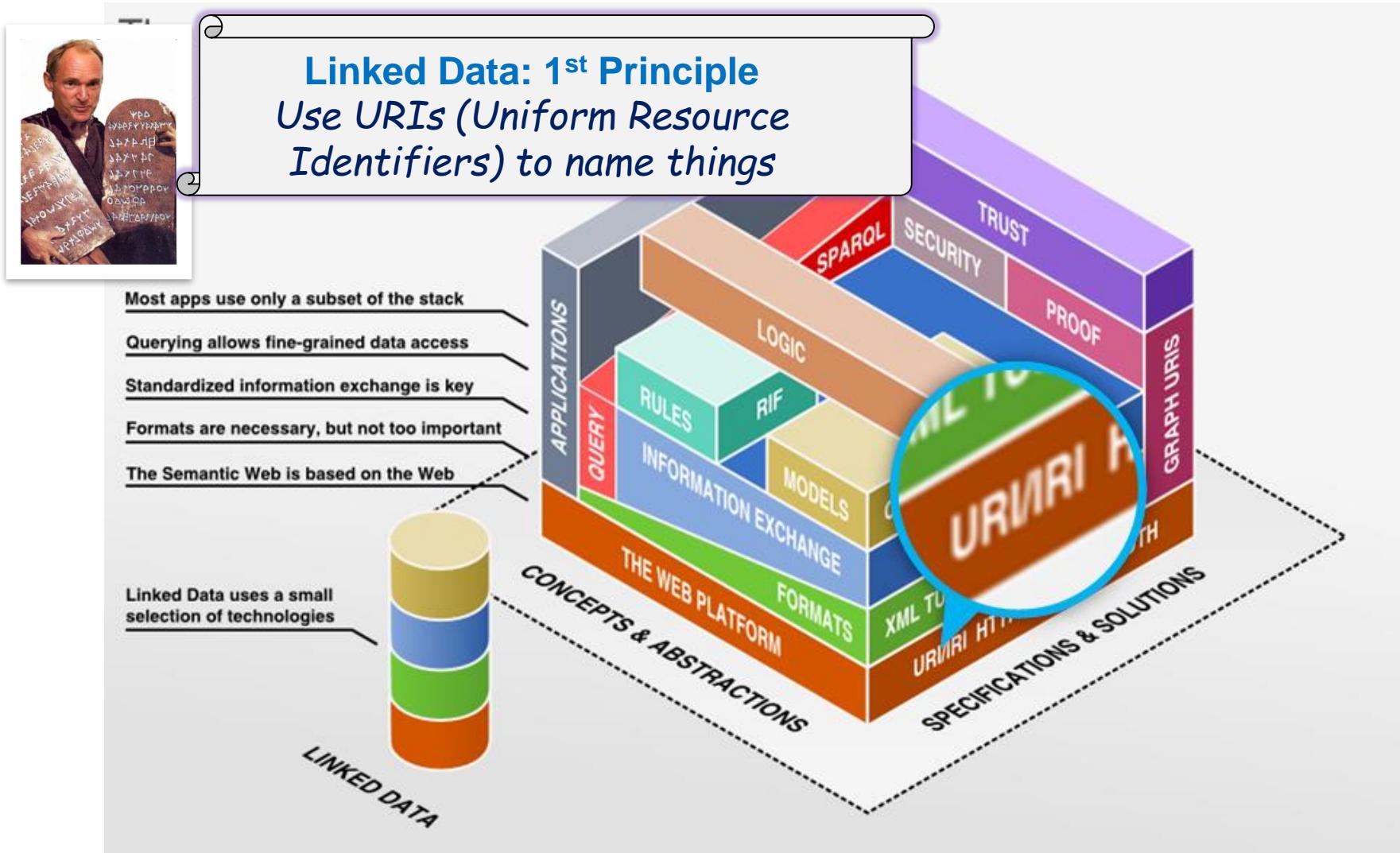
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Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)



(Crédit Benjamin Nowack)

URI: syntax

- URI : generic syntax

scheme ":" ["//" **authority** "/"] [**path**] ["?" **query**] ["#" **fragment**]

- **scheme:** http, ftp, mailto, ...
 - **authority:** [userinfo@]host[:port]
 - **userinfo:** authentication section e.g: username:password
 - **host:** domain name, IP address
 - **port:** port number, ex: 80 for HTTP standard port
 - **path:** a sequence of segments separated by slashes, e.g. : a path in the hierarchical file system of the HTTP server.
 - **query:** a query string of non-hierarchical data. (e.g: a sequence of attribute–value pairs separated by a delimiter (&) for HTTP requests)
 - **fragment:** a fragment identifier providing direction to a secondary resource (e.g.: anchor id in a HTML document)



Internationalized Resource Identifier (RFC 3987): extension to support Universal Character Set (Unicode/ISO 10646)

[زیرا](http://fa.dbpedia.org/resource/) برنس

URI: examples

- URI : generic syntax

```
scheme ":" [ "://" authority "/" ] [ path ] [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment]
```

example :

http://myserver.mydomain.org:8080/people/ziebelin/test.html#chapitre1

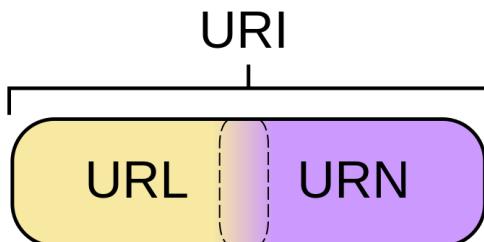
- Identification of the web server
- Used for HTTP protocol
- IP port number
- path to the HTML document `test.html`
- position inside the document

other URIs examples:

ftp://server.example.com/foo
mailto:person@example.fr
urn:isbn:978-0553283686

URI - URL - URN

- an URI/IRI doesn't necessarily identifies a resource that is resolvable on the web



- Address (Locator)
 - Uniform Resource Locator (RFC 1738)
 - Tells where and how a resource can be found in the internet
 - *Can change during the life cycle of a resource*
- Identity (Name)
 - Uniform Resource Name (RFC 2141)
 - identifies a resource by name in a particular namespace. A URN can be used to talk about a resource without implying its location or how to access it.
 - *Remains unchanged during life cycle of the resource*

URIs, URLs, and URNs: Clarifications and Recommendations 1.0
Report from the joint W3C/IETF URI Planning Interest Group- W3C Note 21 September 2001
<http://www.w3.org/TR/uri-clarification/>

Resources in the Web of data

- Data describe elements (things) for a domain of interest through their properties and relationships.
- These elements can be:

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- documents
 - HTML pages, images, data accessed through a web service...
- but also:

- real world entities:
 - place: Sète
 - a person: Georges Brassens
 - ...
- abstract concepts:
 - Set of French songwriters of years 60-80,
 - *Author of* relationship
 - ...

- All these elements are resources identified by an URI

URIs

URLs

URNs

Examples of resources about Georges Brassens available in the web

Traditional web

Documents

identified
by URLs

Web page (HTML file)

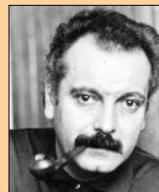


[http://fr.wikipedia.org/
wiki/Georges_Brassens](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges_Brassens)



XML file containing structured data about Georges Brassens
http://dbpedia.org/data/Georges_Brassens.xml

Picture (jpeg file)



[http://culturetheque.org.uk/media/item/
17545/800/brassens.jpg](http://culturetheque.org.uk/media/item/17545/800/brassens.jpg)



Video
(mp4 file)
[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=rslShTbqNbo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rslShTbqNbo)

Examples of resources about Georges Brassens available in the web

Traditional web

Documents

identified
by URLs

Web of Data

Real world entities

identified
by URNs

Abstract concepts

Web page (HTML file)

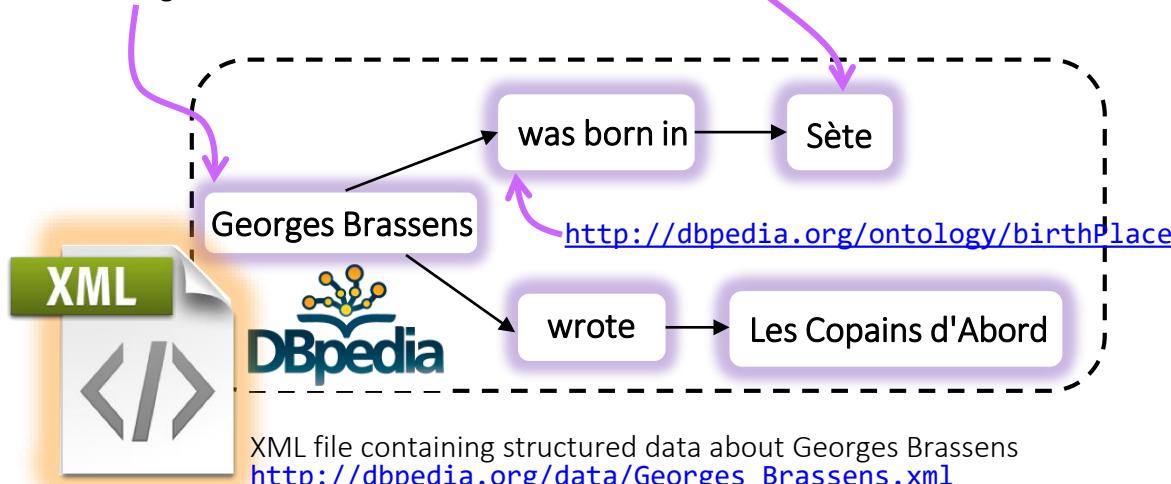


[http://fr.wikipedia.org/
wiki/Georges_Brassens](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges_Brassens)

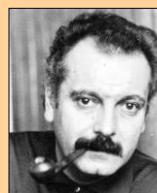
http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens

DBpedia resource representing
Georges Brassens

<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Sète>



Picture (jpeg file)



[http://culturetheque.org.uk/media/item/
17545/800/brassens.jpg](http://culturetheque.org.uk/media/item/17545/800/brassens.jpg)

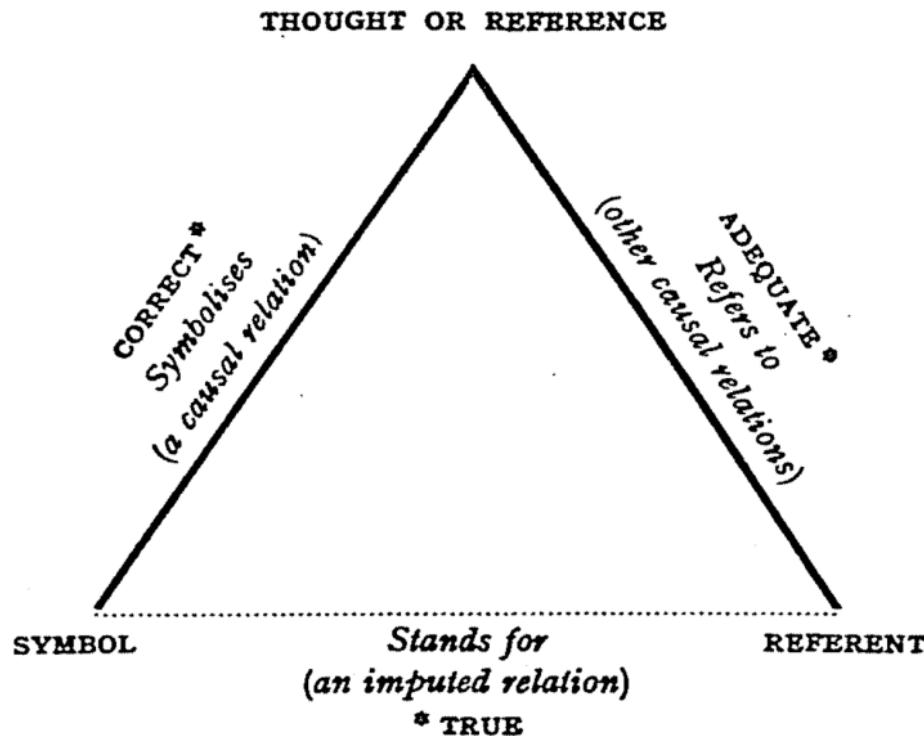
Video
(mp4 file)



[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=rslShTbqNbo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rslShTbqNbo)

Semiotics

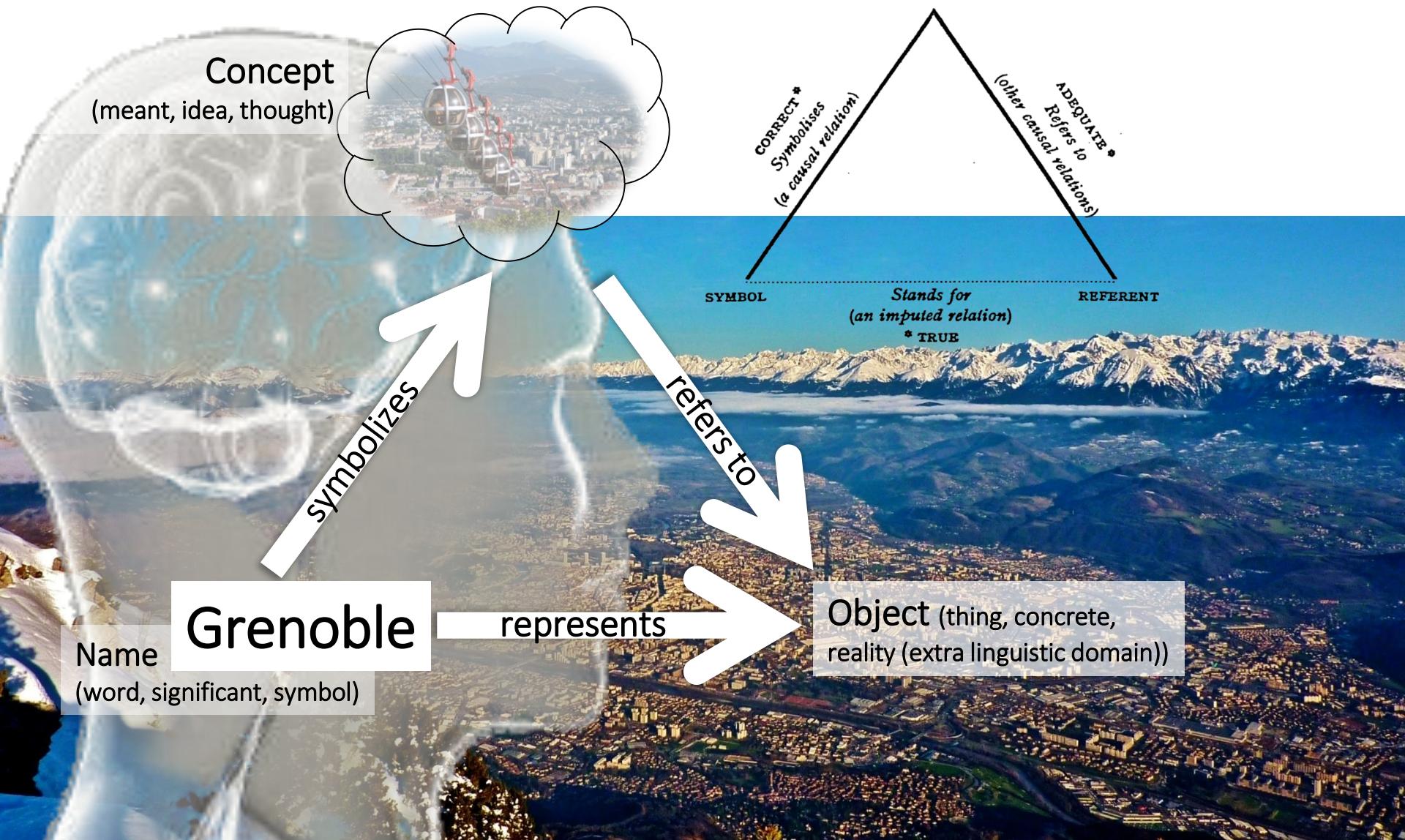
- Semiotics : The science of communication studied through the interpretation of signs and symbols as they operate in various fields, esp. language. Oxford English Dictionary (2003).



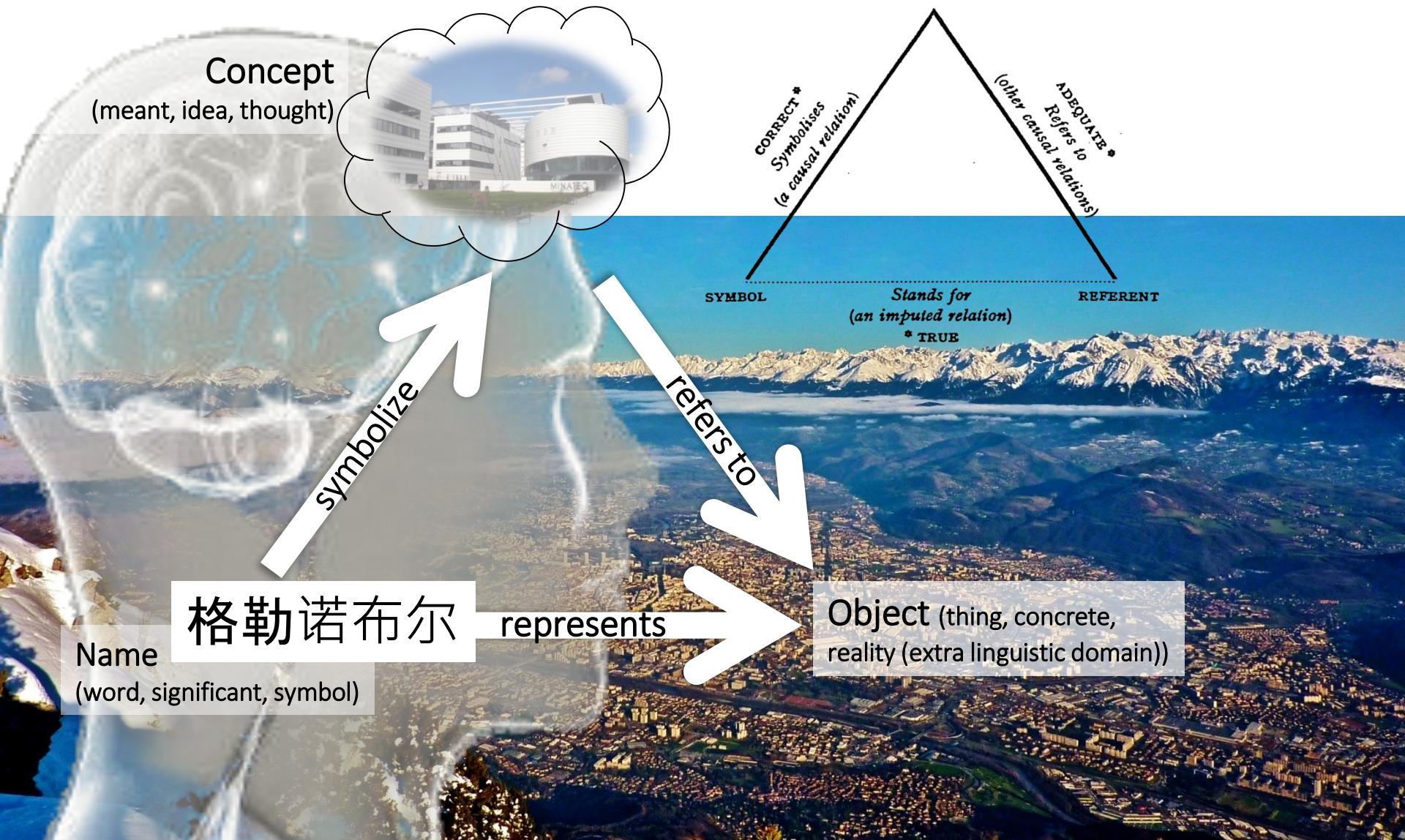
Semiotic Triangle by Odgen & Richard

(*The Meaning of Meaning* -A Study of the Influence of Language upon Thought and of the Science of Symbolism, 1923)

Semiotics



Semiotics



Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)



<http://dbpedia.org/resource/grenoble>

The name (URI) that represents the city of Grenoble in DBpedia



<http://sws.geonames.org/3014728>

The name (URI) that represents the city of Grenoble in GeoNames

Different URIs (URNs) in different namespaces can represent the same thing

HTTP URIs



Linked Data: 2nd Principle

Use HTTP URIs, so that people and programs can look up those names

Most apps use only a subset of the stack

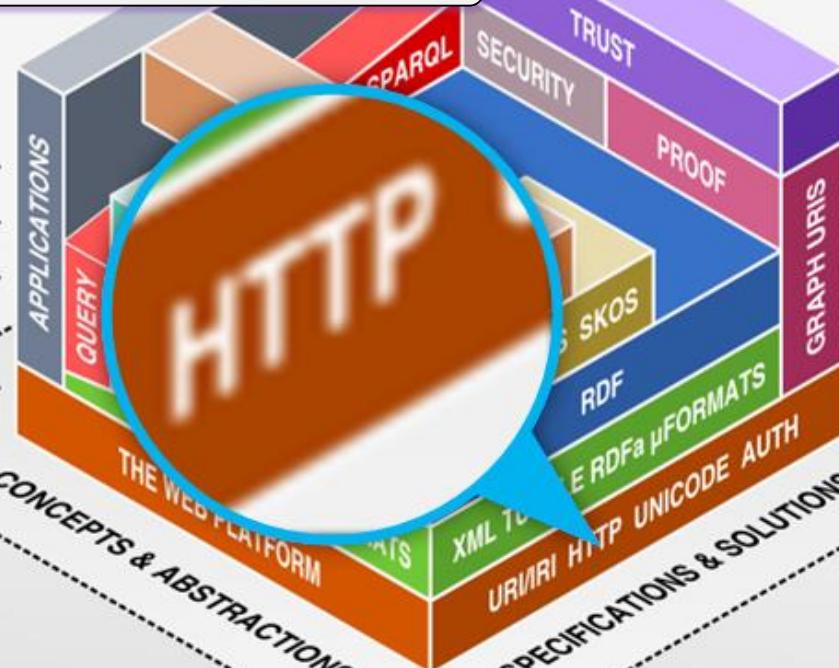
Querying allows fine-grained data access

Standardized information exchange is key

Formats are necessary, but not too important

The Semantic Web is based on the Web

Linked Data uses a small selection of technologies



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HTTP URIs

- HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) protocol is the Web's universal access mechanism.
- HTTP URIs make good names for two reasons*:
 - They provide a simple way to create globally unique names in a decentralized fashion, as every owner of a domain name, or delegate of the domain name owner, may create new URI references.
 - They serve not just as a name but also as a means of accessing information describing the identified
 - HTTP clients can **dereference** (i.e., look up) the URI using the HTTP protocol and retrieve a description of the resource that is identified by the URI.

* Tom Heath and Christian Bizer (2011)

Linked Data: Evolving the Web into a Global Data Space (1st edition).

Synthesis Lectures on the Semantic Web: Theory and Technology, 1:1, 1-136. Morgan & Claypool.
<http://linkeddatabook.com/editions/1.0/>

HTTP URIs

- Where HTTP URIs identify real-world objects or abstract concepts, it is essential to **not confuse** the objects or concepts themselves with the Web documents that describe them.
 - A real world object or abstract concept can have different representations
 - It allows separate statements to be made about an object and about a document that describes that object.

URI of DBpedia resource representing Georges Brassens

http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens

a URN
but not
a URL

http://dbpedia.org/page/Georges_Brassens

URL of HTML Page
Description intended to be read by humans

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML+RDFa 1.0" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xmlns:dbprop="http://dbpedia.org/property/" xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/" version="XHTML+RDFa 1.0" xml:lang="en">  
  
<!-- header -->  
<head profile="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml/vocab">  
  <title>About: Georges Brassens</title>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/rdf+xml" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.rdf"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="text/rdf+n3" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.n3"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/json+ld" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.jsonld"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/json" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.json"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="application/atom+xml" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.atom"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" type="text/plain" href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens.txt"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" href="http://dbpedia.org/sparql?default-graph=Georges_Brassens#"/>  
  
  <link rel="alternate" href="http://dbpedia.org/sparql?default-graph=Georges_Brassens#"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" href="http://dbpedia.org/sparql?default-graph=Georges_Brassens#"/>  
  <link rel="alternate" href="http://dbpedia.org/sparql?default-graph=Georges_Brassens#"/>  
  <link rel="timegate" type="text/html" href="http://mementoarchive.labs.dbpedia.org/memento/Georges_Brassens#"/>  
  <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="/statics/style.css" />  
  <link href="style.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" />
```

http://dbpedia.org/data/Georges_Brassens.xml

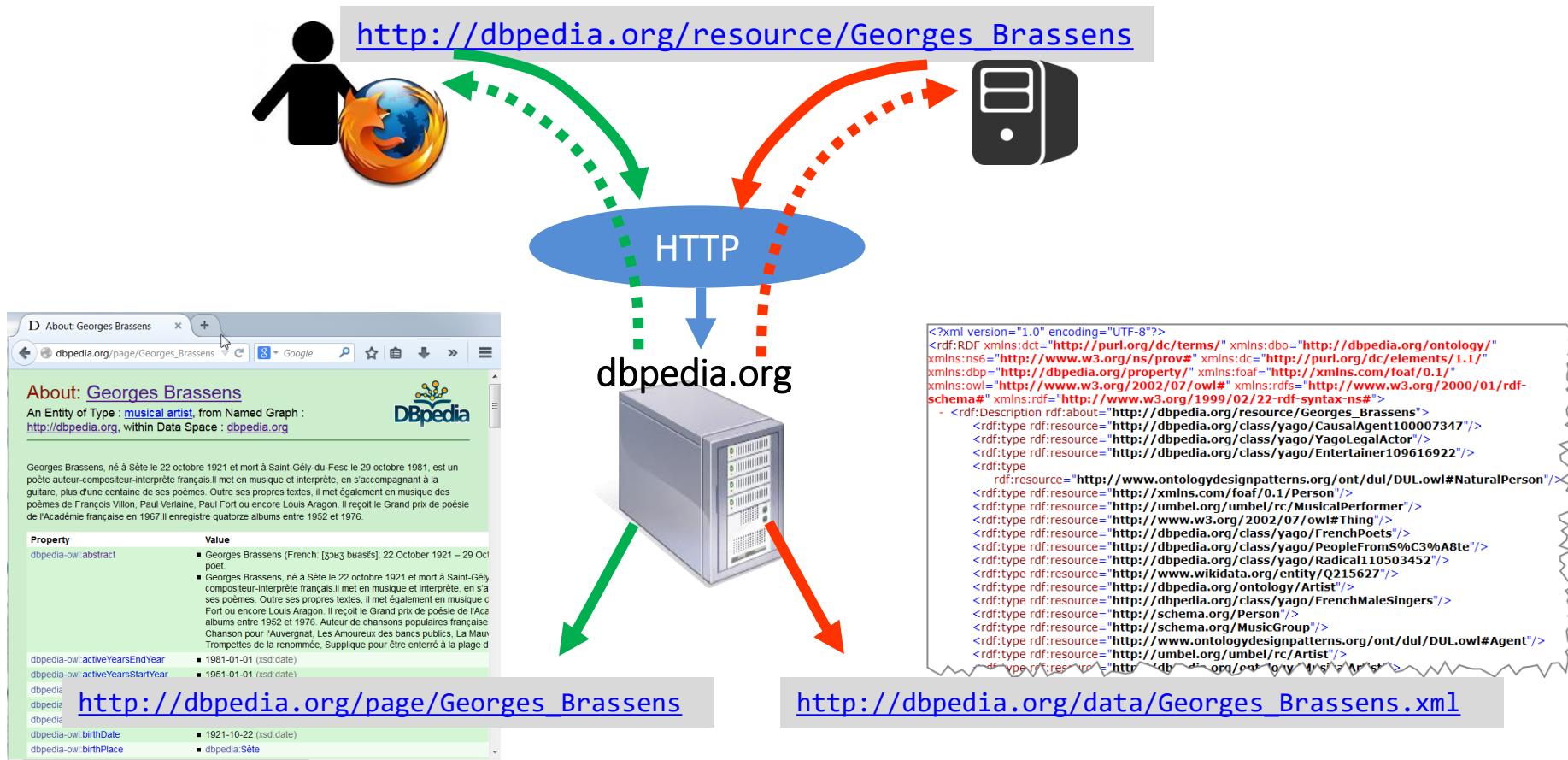
URL of RDF/XML document
Description intended for consumption by machines

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
<rdf:RDF xmlns:dct="http://purl.org/dc/terms/" xmlns:dbo="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/" xmlns:ns6="http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#" xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" xmlns:dbp="http://dbpedia.org/property/" xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/" xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#" xmlns:dfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#" xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">  
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens">  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/CausalAgent100007347"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/YagoLegalActor"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/Entertainer109616922"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.ontologydesignpatterns.org/ont/dul/DUL.owl#NaturalPerson"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://umbel.org/umbel/rc/MusicalPerformer"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#Thing"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/FrenchPoets"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/PeopleFromS%C3%A8te"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/Radical110503452"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q215627"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/Artist"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/FrenchMaleSingers"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://schema.org/Person"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://schema.org/MusicGroup"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.ontologydesignpatterns.org/ont/dul/DUL.owl#Agent"/>  
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://umbel.org/umbel/rc/Artist"/>  
  </rdf:Description>
```

Making URIs Dereferenceable

Content negotiation (303 URIs)

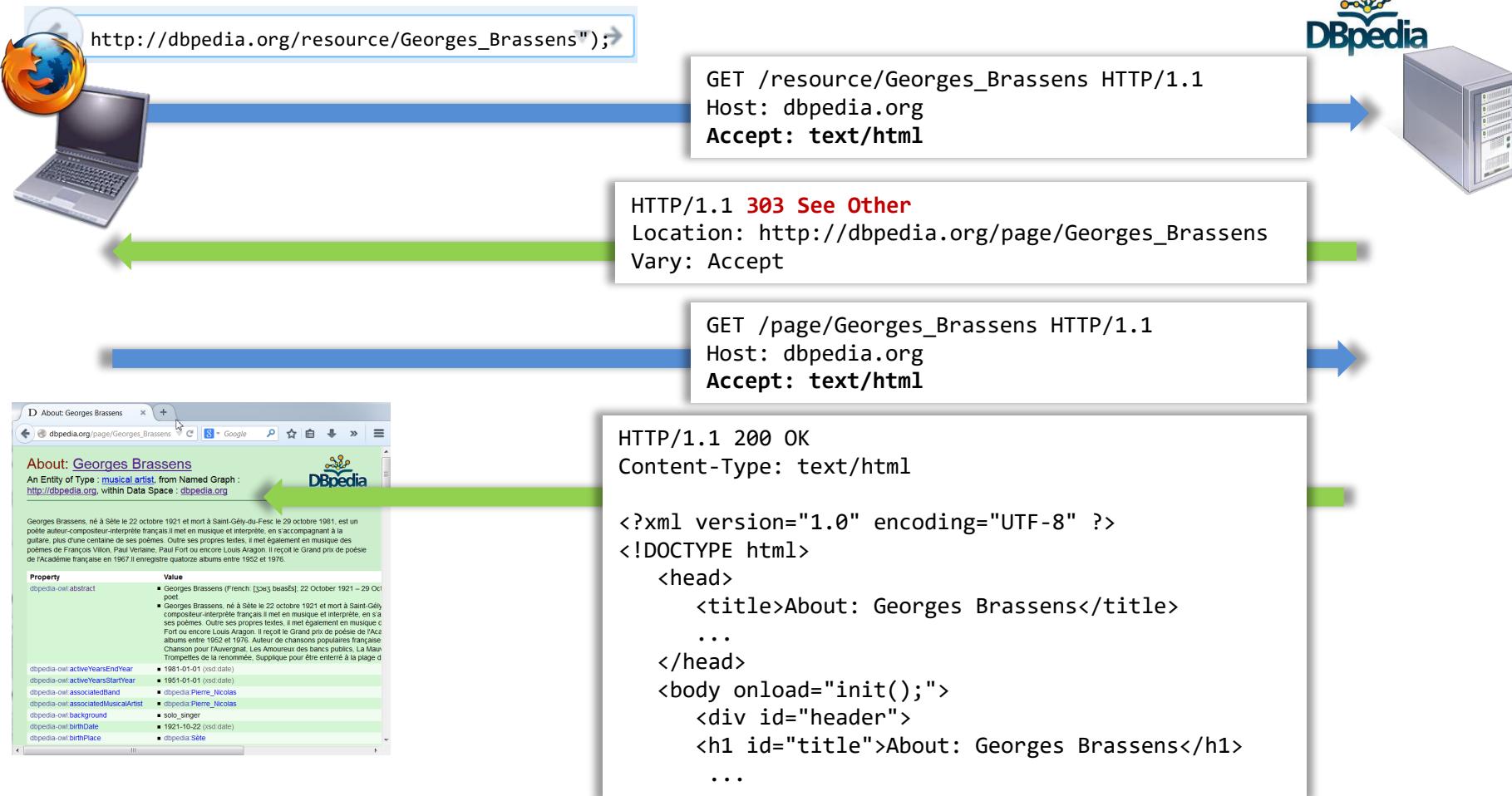
- The same URI can be used to retrieve different representations.



Making URIs Dereferenceable

Content negotiation (303 URIs)

- Contents negotiation uses HTTP headers to retrieve the resource description



Making URIs Dereferenceable

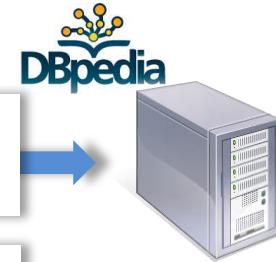
Content negotiation (303 URIs)

- Contents negotiation uses HTTP headers to retrieve the resource description

```
final String url = "http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens";  
final Model model = ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();  
model.read(url);
```



GET /resource/Georges_Brassens HTTP/1.1
Host: dbpedia.org
Accept: application/rdf+xml



HTTP/1.1 303 See Other
Location: http://dbpedia.org/data/Georges_Brassens.xml
Vary: Accept

GET /data/Georges_Brassens.xml HTTP/1.1
Host: dbpedia.org
Accept: application/rdf+xml

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/rdf+xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>  
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" ...>  
    <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens">  
        <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/PeopleFromS%C3%A8te" />  
        <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/FrenchPeopleOfItalianDescent" />  
    ...
```

Making URIs Dereferenceable Hash URIs

- An other way to identify real world objects or abstract concepts without creating ambiguity with the document that contains it's description is to use hash URIs.

Example of a hash URI used by DBpedia RDF description of Georges Brassens

http://dbpedia.org/data/Georges_Brassens.xml

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/rdf+xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" ...>
    <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Georges_Brassens">
        <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/PeopleFromS%C3%A8te" />
        <rdf:type
            rdf:resource="http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/FrenchPeopleOfItalianDescent" />
```

XML

Georges Brassens is a French of Italian origin

term from the RDF vocabulary
to describe the type of a resource

Hash URI <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type>

base

fragment identifier

Making URIs Dereferenceable Hash URIs

When a client wants to retrieve a hash URI, the HTTP protocol requires the fragment part to be stripped off before requesting the URI from the server



How to chose good URIs ?

- Let's consider the book "Fire on the Mountain" written by Edward Abbey (ISBN 0-8263-0457-57). Can you find a cool URI for this resource ?
- uncool URIs
 - <https://www.amazon.com/Fire-Mountain-Edward-Abbey/dp/0062193902>
 - <http://artemisbookstore.com/book.php?title=Fire+on+the+Mountain&author=Edward-Abbey&format=rdf>
 - <http://artemisbookstore.com:3333/Fire-on-the-Moutain-Edward-Abbey>
- cool URIs
 - <http://artemisbookstore.com/resource/0-8263-0457-57>
 - <http://artemisbookstore.com/page/0-8263-0457-57.html>
 - <http://artemisbookstore.com/data/0-8263-0457-57.rdf>
 - <http://id.artemisbookstore.com/book/0-8263-0457-57>
 - <http://page.artemisbookstore.com/book/0-8263-0457-57.html>
 - <http://data.artemisbookstore.com/book/0-8263-0457-57.rdf>

keep out of namespaces you do not control

abstract away from implementation details

this local name must be unique and persistent.
i.e. ISBN or generated UUID (Universal Unique Identifier)

Persistent URIs



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URI Policy for Persistence

Defining and documenting a persistent URI policy and implementation plan is vital to the ongoing success and stability of publishing open government data.

The effect of changing or moving resources has the effect of breaking applications dependent upon it. Therefore, government authorities should define a persistence strategy and implementation plan to provide content using the same Web address, even though the resources in question may have moved. Persistent identifiers are used to retain addresses to information resources over the long term. Persistent identifiers are used to uniquely identify objects in the real world and concepts, in addition to information resources.

The choice of a particular URI scheme provides no guarantee that those URIs will be persistent. URI persistence is a matter of policy and commitment on the part of the URI owner. HTTP [RFC2616] has been designed to help manage URI persistence. For example, HTTP redirection (using the 3xx response codes) permits servers to tell an agent that further action needs to be taken by the agent in order to fulfill the request (for example, a new URI is associated with the resource).

The PURL concept allows for generalized URL curation of HTTP URIs on the World Wide Web. PURLs allow third party control over both URL resolution and resource metadata provision. A Persistent URL is an address on the World Wide Web that causes a redirection to another Web resource. If a Web resource changes location (and hence URL), a PURL pointing to it can be updated.

A user of a PURL always uses the same Web address, even though the resource in question may have moved. PURLs may be used by publishers to manage their own information space or by Web users to manage theirs; a PURL service is independent of the publisher of information. PURL services thus allow the management of hyperlink integrity. Hyperlink integrity is a design trade-off of the World Wide Web, but may be partially restored by allowing resource users or third parties to influence where and how a URL resolves.

The Open Source PURLs Project is used widely to run persistent identifier management sites. The Open Source PURLs Project is used by libraries, academic organizations, government agencies and non-government organizations around the world. For example, persistent URLs are used by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to provide URLs for major food crops. The National Center for Biomedical Ontology provides persistent URLs to unify and address the terminology used in many existing biomedical databases. The US Government Printing Office also uses persistent URLs to point to documents like the U.S. Budget that are deemed essential to a democratic, transparent government.

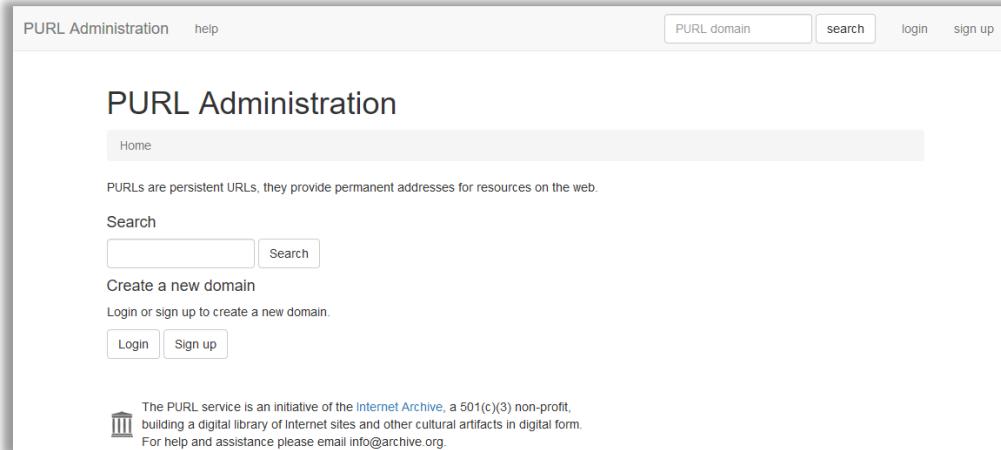
Recently, a software project called Permanent Identifiers for the Web emerged to provide a secure, permanent URL re-direction service for Web applications. The service operates in HTTPS-only mode to ensure end-to-end security. This means that it may be used for Linked Data applications that require high levels of security such as those found in the financial, medical, and public infrastructure sectors. A growing group of organizations that have pledged responsibility to ensure the operation of this website over time. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the W3C Permanent Identifier Community Group.

PURLs implement one form of persistent identifier for virtual resources. Other persistent identifier schemes include Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs), Life Sciences Identifiers (LSIDs) and INFO URIs. All persistent identification schemes provide unique identifiers for (possibly changing) virtual resources, but not all schemes provide curation opportunities. Curation of virtual resources has been defined as, "the active involvement of information professionals in the management,

Persistent URIs

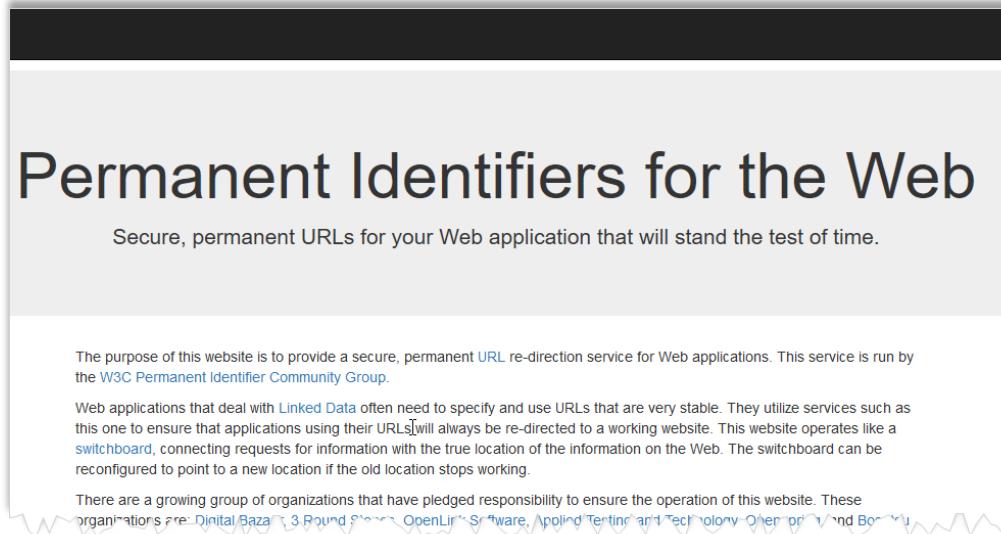
- examples of services offering persistent URLs

<https://archive.org/services/purl/>



The screenshot shows the PURL Administration interface. At the top, there are links for "PURL Administration" and "help", and buttons for "PURL domain", "search", "login", and "sign up". Below this is a search bar with a placeholder "Home" and a "Search" button. A message states: "PURLs are persistent URLs, they provide permanent addresses for resources on the web." There is a "Search" section with a text input field and a "Search" button. Below it is a "Create a new domain" section with a "Create a new domain" button. A "Login or sign up to create a new domain" link leads to "Login" and "Sign up" buttons. At the bottom, there is a logo of a classical building and text: "The PURL service is an initiative of the Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. For help and assistance please email info@archive.org."

<https://w3id.org/>



The screenshot shows the w3id.org website. At the top, there is a black header bar. Below it, the title "Permanent Identifiers for the Web" is displayed in large, bold, dark font. A subtitle "Secure, permanent URLs for your Web application that will stand the test of time." follows. The main content area starts with a paragraph: "The purpose of this website is to provide a secure, permanent URL re-direction service for Web applications. This service is run by the W3C Permanent Identifier Community Group." It continues with: "Web applications that deal with Linked Data often need to specify and use URLs that are very stable. They utilize services such as this one to ensure that applications using their URLs will always be re-directed to a working website. This website operates like a switchboard, connecting requests for information with the true location of the information on the Web. The switchboard can be reconfigured to point to a new location if the old location stops working." At the bottom, there is a decorative footer with the text "There are a growing group of organizations that have pledged responsibility to ensure the operation of this website. These organizations are: Digital Bazaar, 3 Pound Sheep, OpenLink Software, Applied Semantics and Technology, OpenOrb, and Bodleian Library".

Persistent URIs example

- Example : MICA European project

<https://w3id.org/mica/resource/5755075d-a2e7-4b81-9995-166e7f875b76>



Persistent URIs example

- Example : MICA European project

