

# Utilizing Knowledge Bases in Text-centric Information Retrieval

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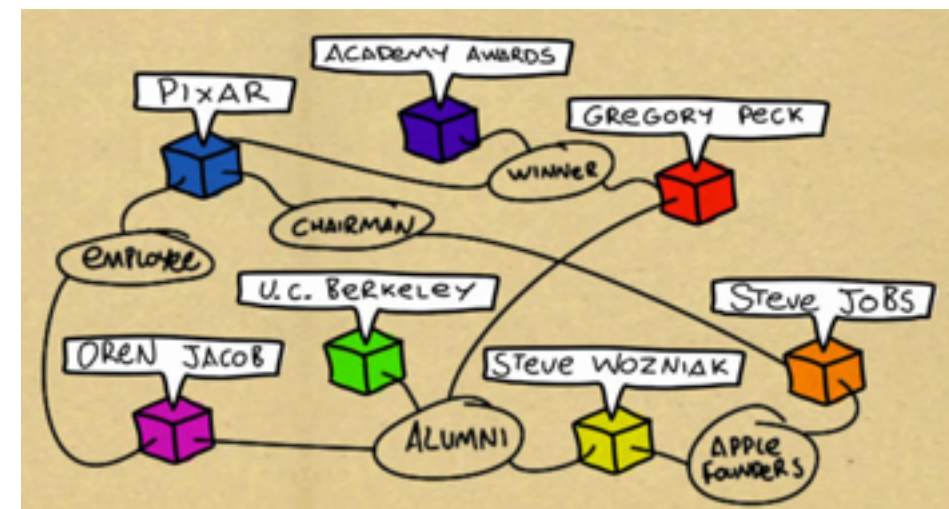
Bloomberg

# Entity?

- Uniquely identifiable *thing* or *object*
  - “A thing with a distinct and independent existence”
  - people, places, products, companies, etc. etc.

# What's so special about entities?

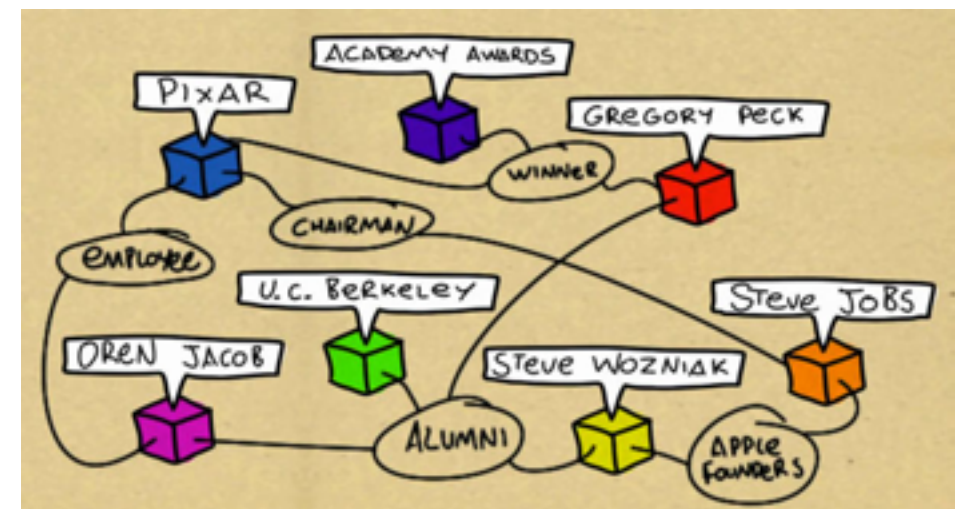
- ID
- Name(s)
- Type(s)
- Attributes (/Descriptions)
- Relationships to other entities



# Knowledge graphs

- The “backbone” of semantic search
- They define
  - entities
  - attributes
  - types
  - relations
  - (provenance, sometimes)
  - and more
    - external links, homepages, features, ...

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# Knowledge graphs

**dbpedia:Audi\_A4**

<b>foaf:name</b>	Audi A4
<b>rdfs:label</b>	Audi A4
<b>rdfs:comment</b>	The Audi A4 is a compact executive car produced since late 1994 by the German car manufacturer Audi, a subsidiary of the Volkswagen Group. The A4 has been built [...]
<b>dbpprop:production</b>	1994 2001 2005 2008
<b>rdf:type</b>	<a href="#">dbpedia-owl:MeanOfTransportation</a> <a href="#">dbpedia-owl:Automobile</a> <a href="#">dbpedia:Audi</a> <a href="#">dbpedia:Compact_executive_car</a>
<b>dbpedia-owl:manufacturer</b>	<a href="#">freebase:Audi A4</a>
<b>dbpedia-owl:class</b>	<a href="#">dbpedia:Audi_A5</a>
<b>owl:sameAs</b>	<a href="#">dbpedia:Cadillac_BLS</a>
<b>is dbpedia-owl:predecessor of</b>	
<b>is dbpprop:similar of</b>	

# Entity Linking/Retrieval

The screenshot shows a Google search for "newark". The search bar at the top contains "newark" and the Google logo is on the left. The search results are displayed below the search bar. The first result is "Electronic Components Distributor Newark element14" with the URL "www.newark.com/". Below this is a snippet: "Same day shipping for even the smallest of orders, on a huge range of technology products from Newark element14. New items from leading brands added ...". To the right of this result is a knowledge panel for "Newark element14 Corporation". The panel includes the company logo, a globe icon, and the URL "newark.com". Below the URL is a description: "Newark element14, sometimes called Newark Corporation, Newark or Newark Element14, is a Chicago-based electronic components distribution company serving North America and parts of Central and South America. Wikipedia". Below the description are the following details: "Headquarters: Chicago, IL", "Founded: 1934", and "Parent organization: Premier Farnell". At the bottom of the panel are social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Google+. The second result is "Newark, New Jersey - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia" with the URL "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark,\_New\_Jersey". Below this is a snippet: "Newark is the largest city (by population) in the U.S. state of New Jersey, and the county seat of Essex County. One of the nation's major air, shipping, and rail ...". Below the snippet are the following details: "State: New Jersey", "Area code(s): 862/973", "County: Essex", and "Area rank: 103rd of 566 in state; 1st of 22 in co...". The third result is "Newark - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia" with the URL "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark". Below this is a snippet: "Newark commonly refers to. Newark, New Jersey, United States. Newark Liberty International Airport, New Jersey. Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, England." At the bottom of the search results is a section titled "In the news" with a small image of a police car and the headline "18-year-old is 2nd teen to die in Newark shootings this Labor Day weekend".

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newark

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About 99,800,000 results (0.59 seconds)

**Electronic Components Distributor Newark element14**  
[www.newark.com/](http://www.newark.com/)  
Same day shipping for even the smallest of orders, on a huge range of technology products from Newark element14. New items from leading brands added ...

Results from newark.com


**Products**  
at Newark element14. Competitive prices from the leading distributor.

**Contact Us**  
Contact Us. We're here to make your life easier. How can we ...


**Newark, New Jersey - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark,\\_New\\_Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark,_New_Jersey) Wikipedia  
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State: **New Jersey** Area code(s): **862/973**  
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**In the news**

 **18-year-old is 2nd teen to die in Newark shootings this Labor Day weekend**

**Newark element14**  
Corporation







 [newark.com](http://newark.com)

Newark element14, sometimes called Newark Corporation, Newark or Newark Element14, is a Chicago-based electronic components distribution company serving North America and parts of Central and South America. [Wikipedia](#)

**Headquarters:** [Chicago, IL](#)  
**Founded:** 1934  
**Parent organization:** [Premier Farnell](#)

**Profiles**

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**People also search for** [View 15+ more](#)



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The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query "newark usa". The search results list several links, including a distributor, Wikipedia entries for Newark, New Jersey and Newark, and a blog about Newark USA. On the right, a knowledge panel for Newark provides detailed information about the city, including its location, population, weather, and local time.

www.google.com/#q=newark+usa

Google newark usa

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**Electronic Components Distributor Newark element14**  
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[Products](#) · [Contact Us](#) · [Test and Measurement](#) · [About Us](#)

**Newark, New Jersey - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
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Newark is the largest city (by population) in the U.S. state of New Jersey, and the county seat of Essex County. One of the nation's major air, shipping, and rail ...  
[Essex County, New Jersey](#) · [Mayors of Newark](#) · [List of neighborhoods in ...](#) · [Ivy Hill](#)

**Newark - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark> · Wikipedia  
Newark commonly refers to. Newark, New Jersey, United States. Newark Liberty International ... Newark, Delaware, USA. Newark ... Newark, New Jersey, USA.

**Newark USA**  
[newarkusa.blogspot.com/](http://newarkusa.blogspot.com/)  
A fotojournal about LIVING in Newark USA, New Jersey's largest and most ... by the author of the foto-essay website RESURGENCE CITY: Newark USA. Classic.

**City of Newark, New Jersey**  
[www.ci.newark.nj.us/](http://www.ci.newark.nj.us/) · Newark  
Official City of Newark website with department information, municipal contacts, City calendar and more.

**Current Local Time in Newark, New Jersey, USA - Timeanddate.com**

**Newark**  
City in New Jersey

Newark is the largest city in the U.S. state of New Jersey, and the county seat of Essex County. One of the nation's major air, shipping, and rail hubs, the city had a population of 277,140 in 2010, ... [Wikipedia](#)

**Weather:** 71°F (22°C), Wind N at 14 mph (23 km/h), 49% Humidity

**Hotels:** 3-star averaging \$149. [View hotels](#)

**Local time:** Monday 10:10 AM

**Population:** 278,427 (2013)

**Mayor:** [Ras Baraka](#)

**Points of interest** [View 10+ more](#)

# Entity Linking/Retrieval

www.google.com/#q=newark+delaware+usa

Google

newark delaware usa

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About 1,620,000 results (0.48 seconds)

**Newark, Delaware - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark,\\_Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark,_Delaware) - Wikipedia  
Newark is a city in New Castle County, Delaware, 12 miles (19 km) west- southwest of Wilmington. According to the 2010 Census, the population of the city is ...  
[History](#) · [Geography](#) · [Demographics](#) · [Education](#)

**University of Delaware**  
[www.udel.edu/](http://www.udel.edu/) - University of Delaware  
The University of Delaware is a diverse institution of higher learning, fostering ... [Contact Us](#); [University of Delaware Newark, DE 19716 USA](#); P: 302-831-2792 ...

**Best Places to Live in Newark, Delaware - Sperling's Best Places**  
[www.bestplaces.net/city/delaware/newark](http://www.bestplaces.net/city/delaware/newark)  
Newark, Delaware Map. 31,655 Up 6.6% Population; 30.6% ... [Real Estate in Newark](#) .... [Comparison](#).  
[Compare Newark, Delaware to any other place in the USA](#).

**CareersUSA Delaware - CareersUSA Putting people to work**  
[careersusa.com/Locations/UnitedStates/Delaware.aspx](http://careersusa.com/Locations/UnitedStates/Delaware.aspx)  
1450 Capitol Trail, Suite 111. Newark, DE 19711. TEL: (302) 737-3600 - FAX: ( 302) 737-3606.  
[newark@careersusa.com](mailto:newark@careersusa.com) · [CareersUSA Wilmington](#). [National](#) ...

**Images for newark delaware usa** [Report images](#)

**Newark**  
City in Delaware

Newark is a city in New Castle County, Delaware, 12 miles west-southwest of Wilmington. According to the 2010 Census, the population of the city is 31,454. Newark is the home of the University of Delaware. [Wikipedia](#)

**Area:** 8.88 mi<sup>2</sup>  
**Weather:** 73°F (23°C), Wind NW at 8 mph (13 km/h), 55% Humidity  
**Hotels:** 3-star averaging \$129. [View hotels](#)  
**Local time:** Monday 10:11 AM  
**Population:** 32,549 (2013)  
**Area code:** 302  
**Unemployment rate:** 4.1% (Apr 2015)

**Colleges and Universities** [View 14 more](#)



# Entity Retrieval

www.google.com/#q=restaurants+in+newark+delaware+usa


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restaurants in newark delaware usa

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Rating Cuisine Price Hours

Labor Day might affect these hours


**Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**  
4.2 ★★★★★ (113) · \$\$ · American  
Microbrews & American comfort fare  
147 E Main St  
Opens at 11:30 AM



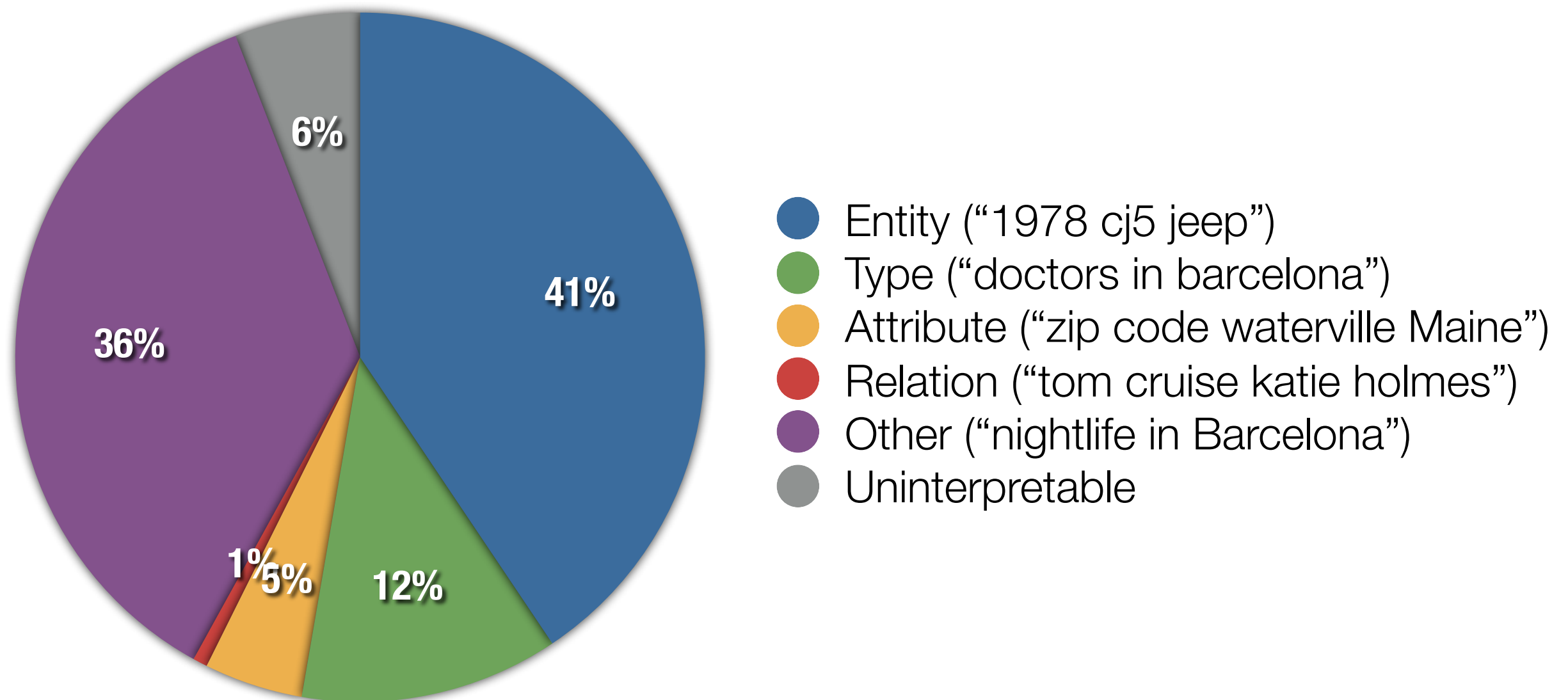
**Caffè Gelato Restaurant**  
4.0 ★★★★★ (119) · \$\$ · Italian  
Upscale Italian-American fare & desserts  
90 E Main St  
Opens at 11:00 AM



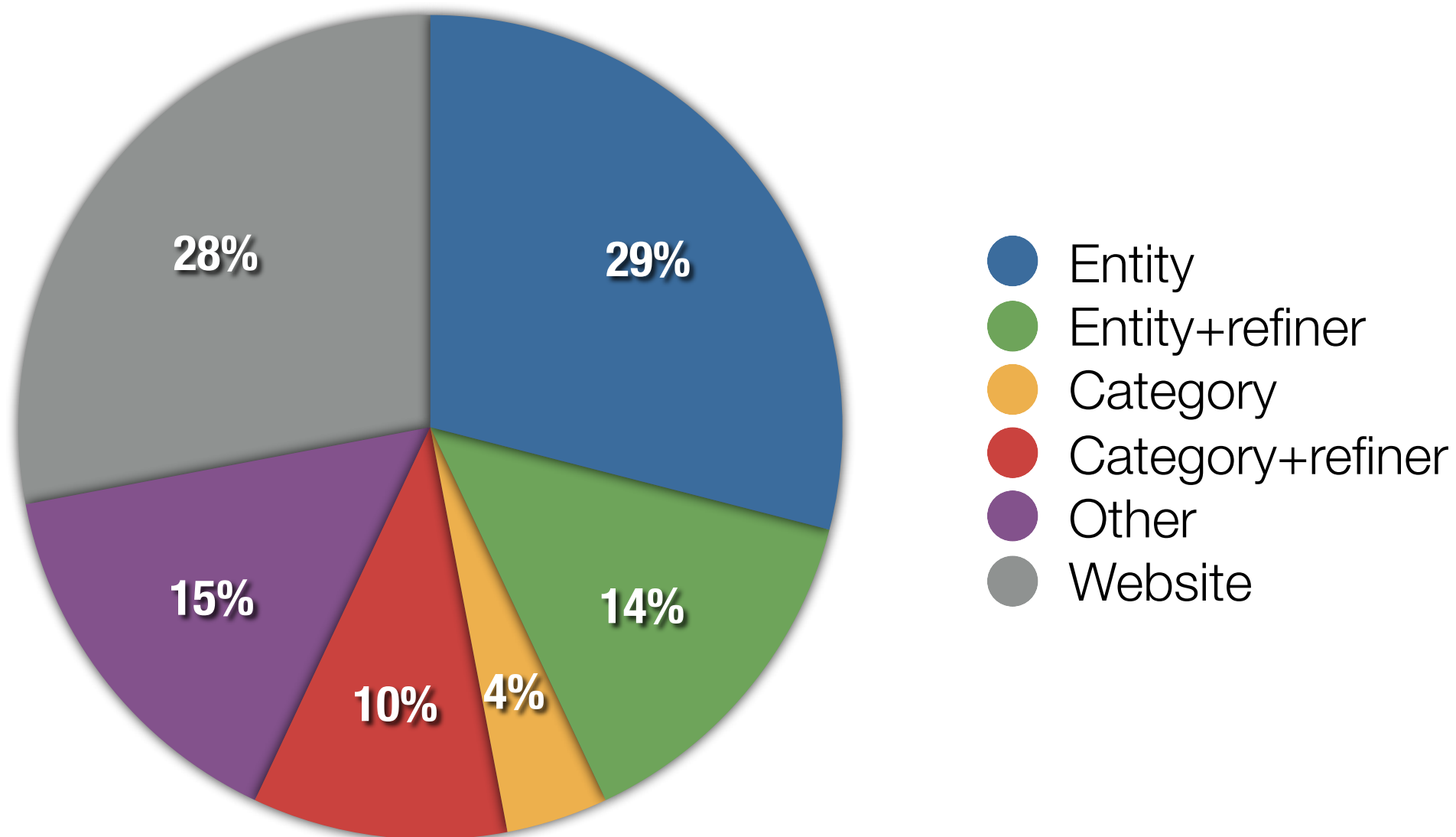
**Taverna**  
4.6 ★★★★★ (43) · Italian  
Warm, cozy Italian atmosphere & drinks



# Distribution of web search queries [\[Pound et al. 2010\]](#)



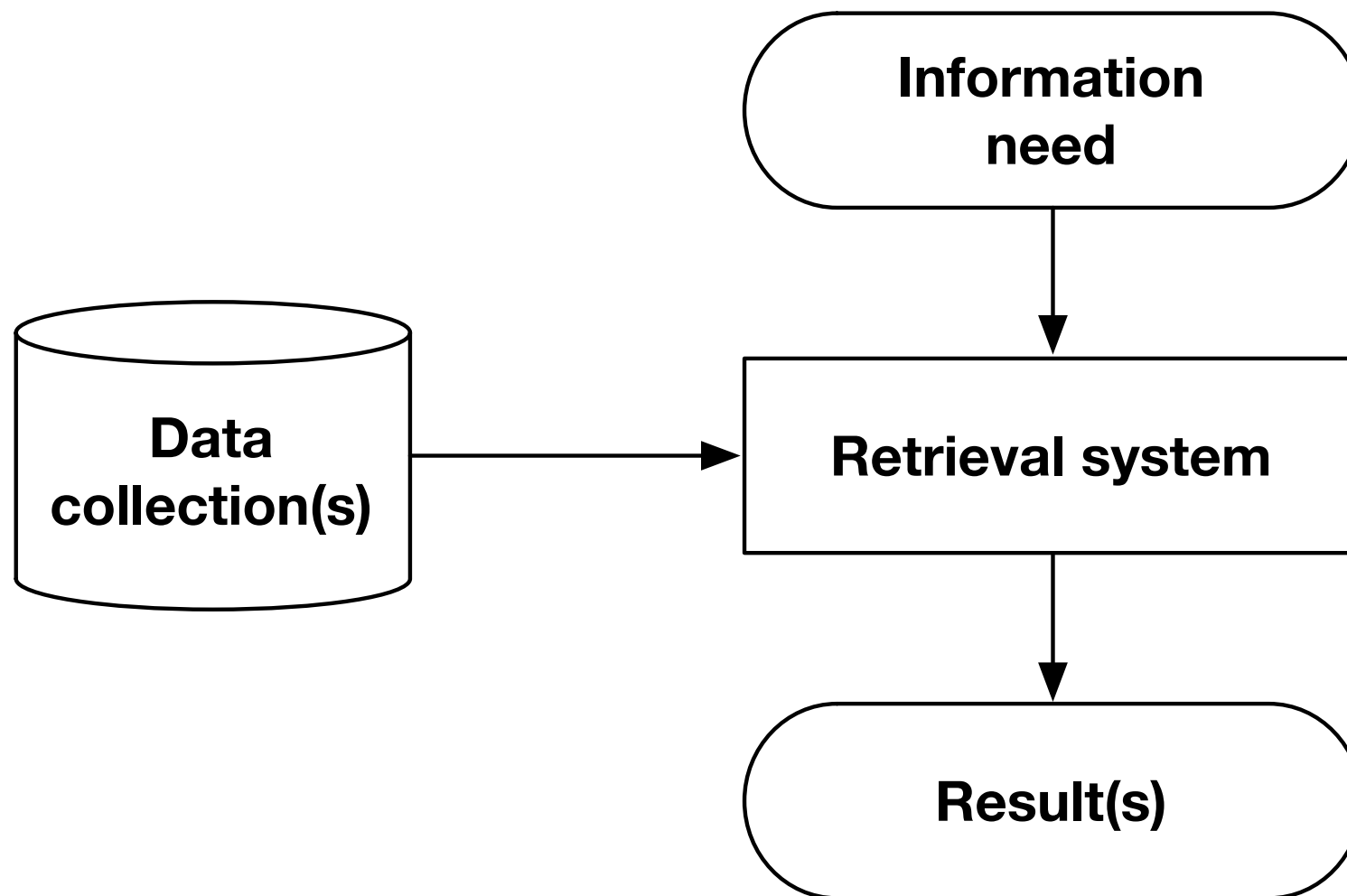
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# Today's focus

How to use KGs to improve information access.

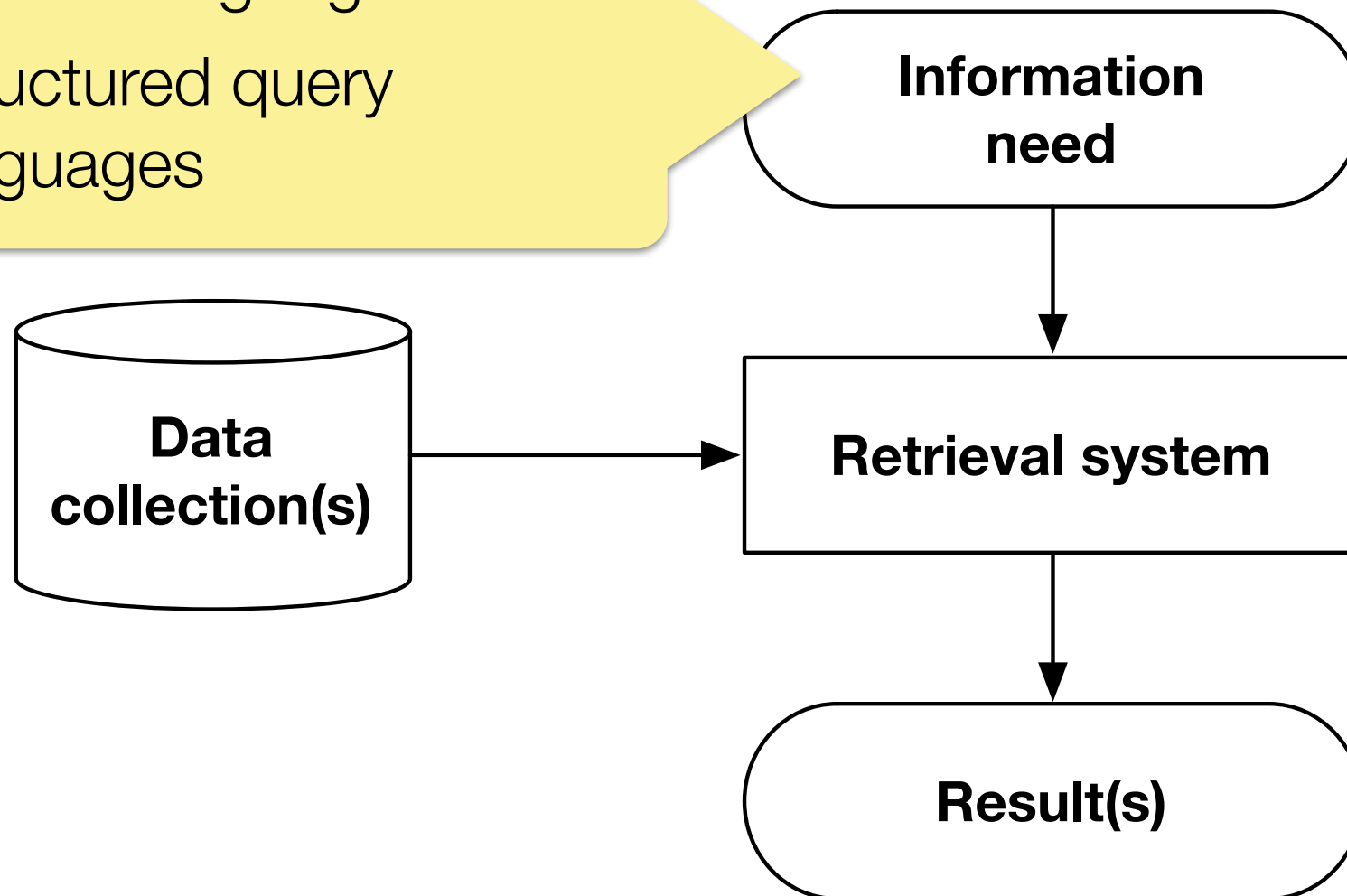
# Birds-eye view





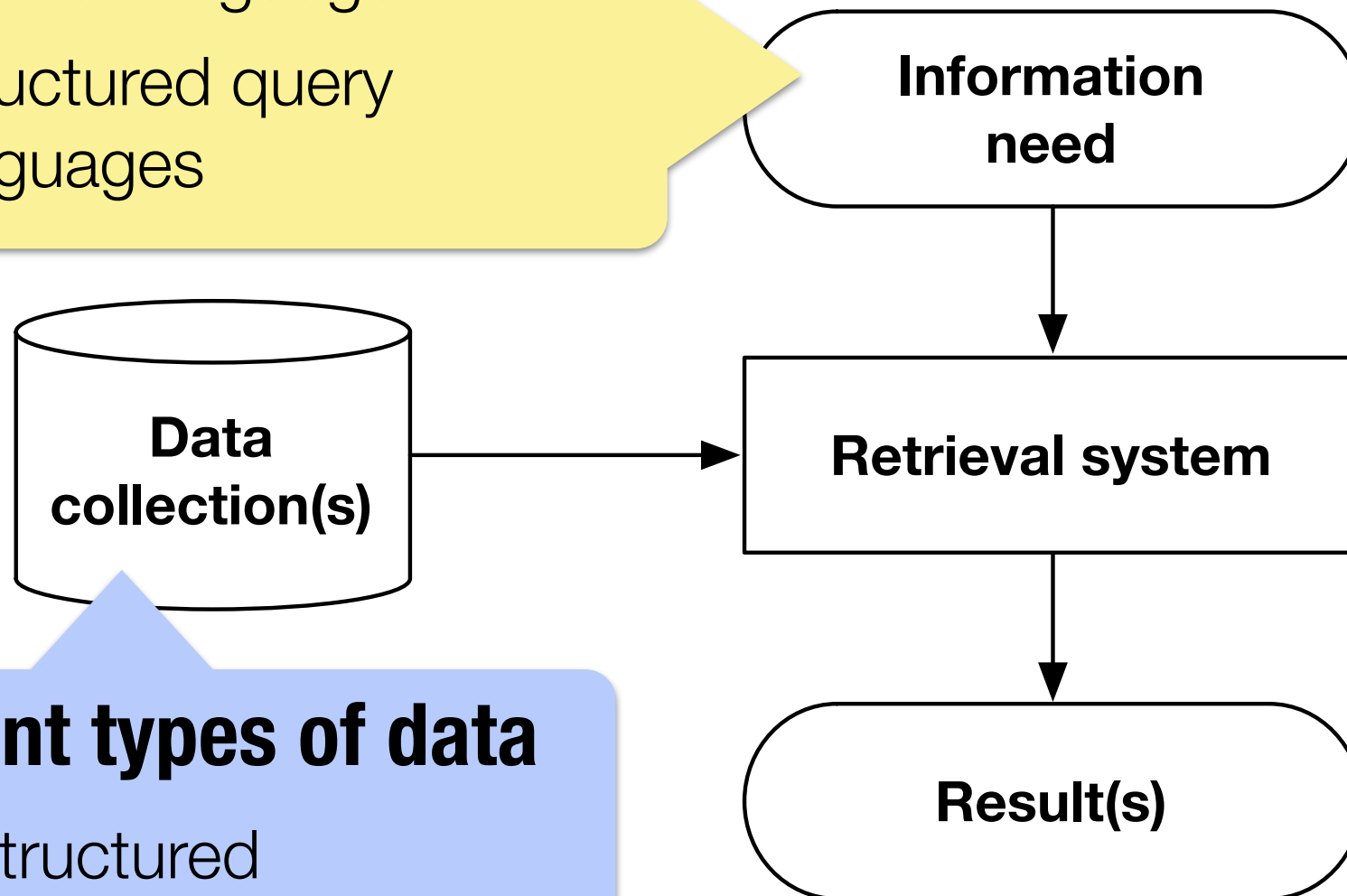
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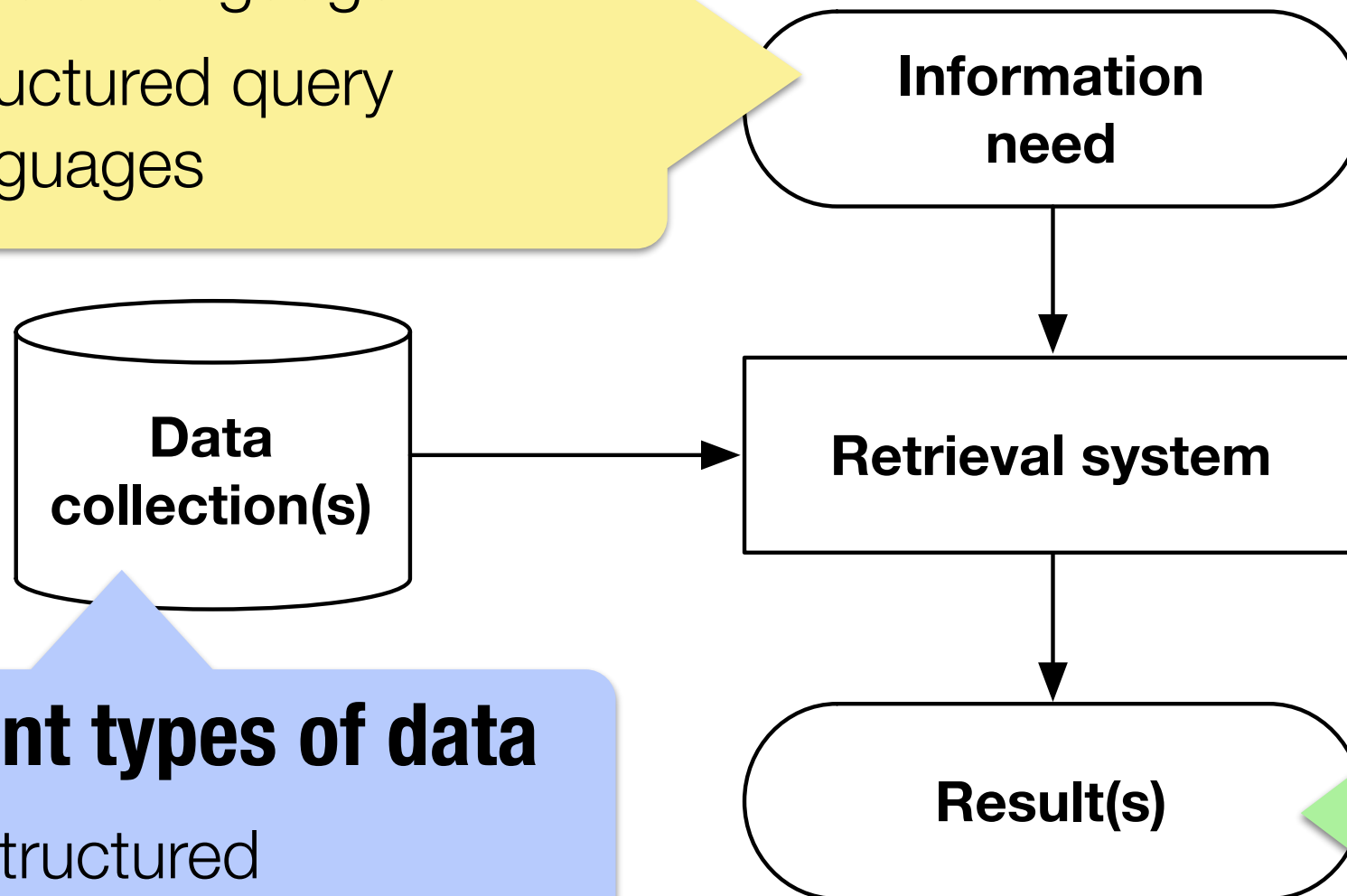


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## Result format

- Ranked list
- Tuples
- (Sub)graphs
- Natural language

# Popular (semi)structured data sources

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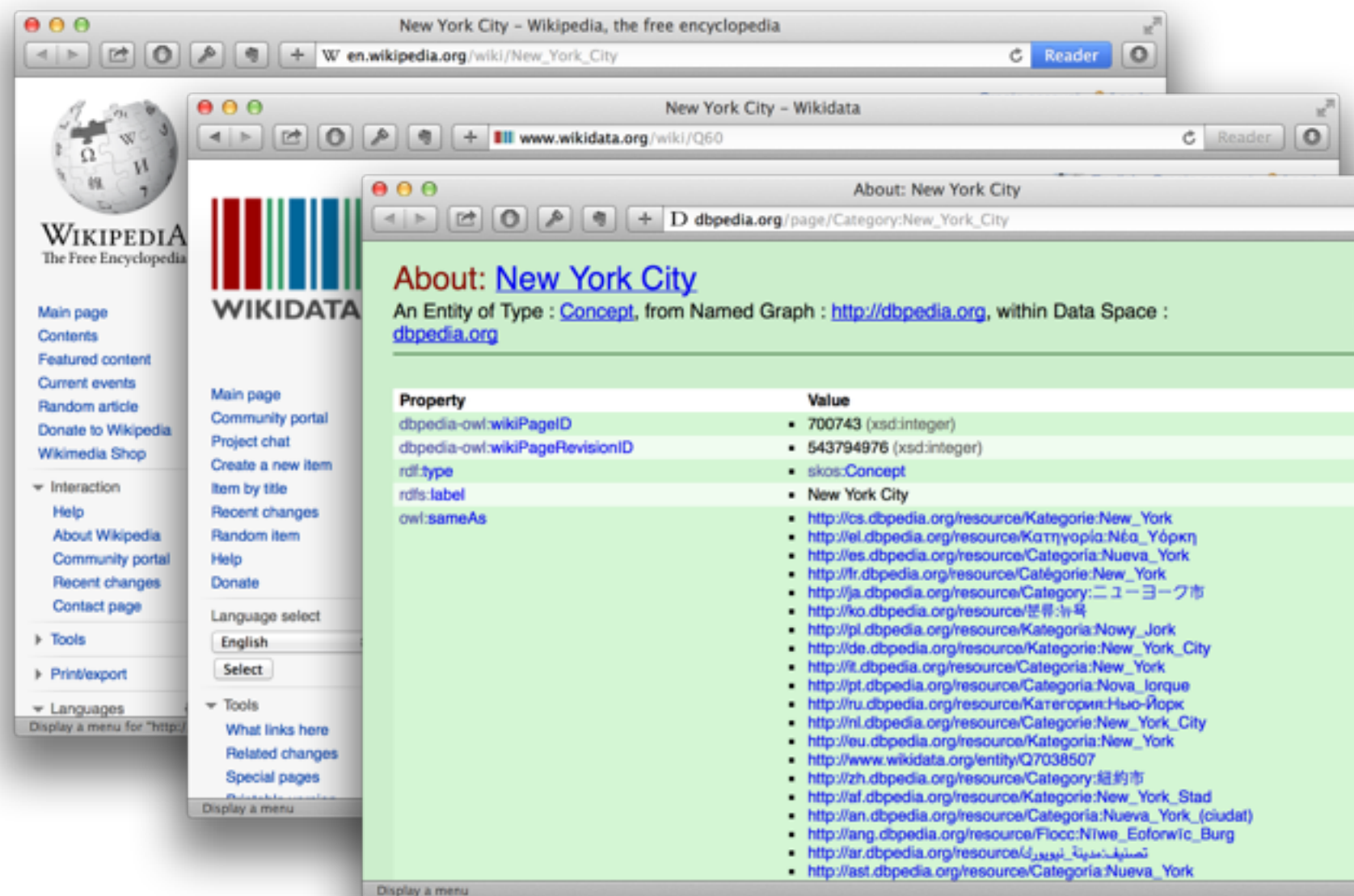
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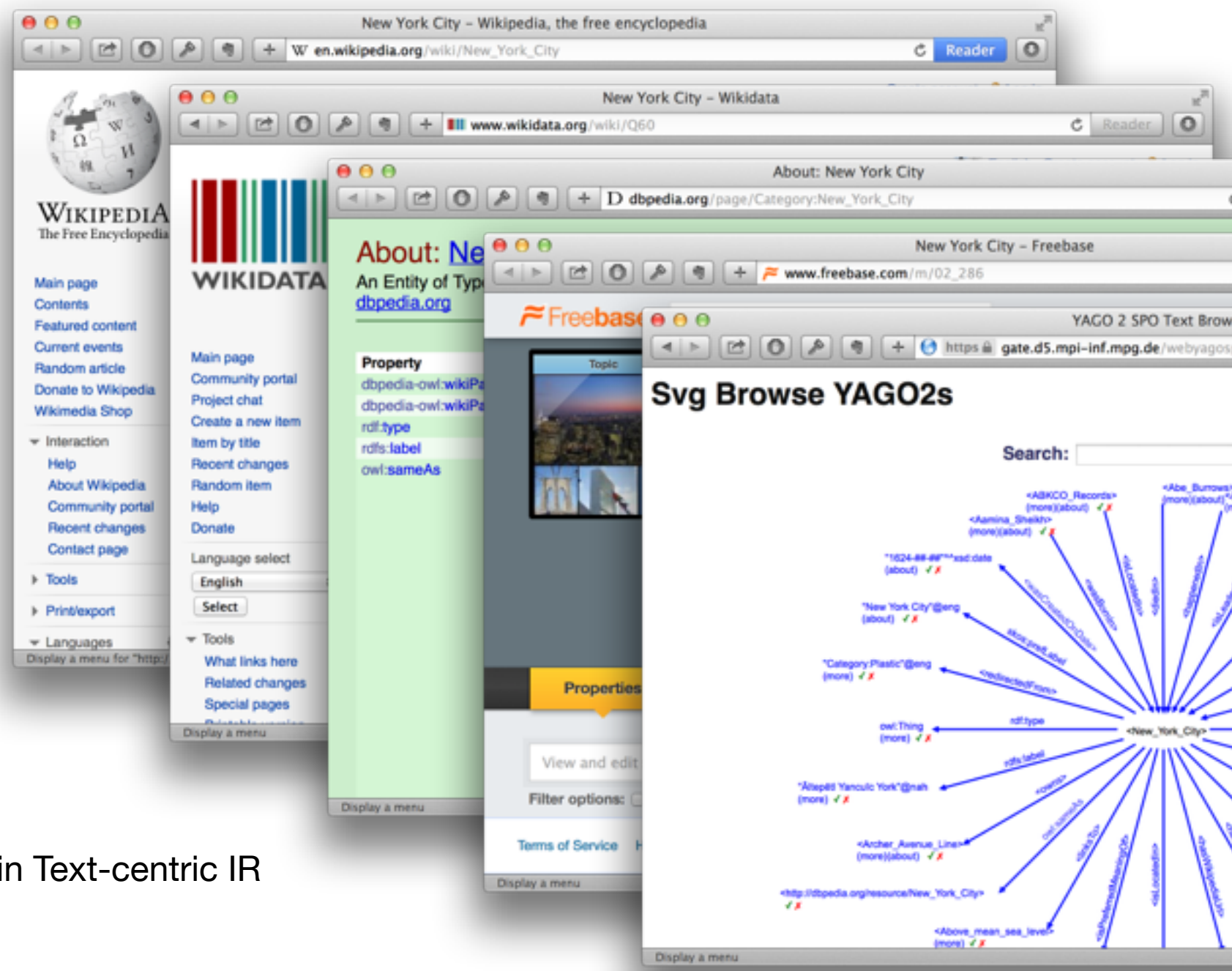
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# DBpedia

- Extract structured information from Wikipedia
  - infoboxes, categories, and more
  - crowd-sourced community effort
- Open source
  - written in Scala, Java and VSP
  - Virtuoso Universal Server Operating system
- See <http://dbpedia.org/About>



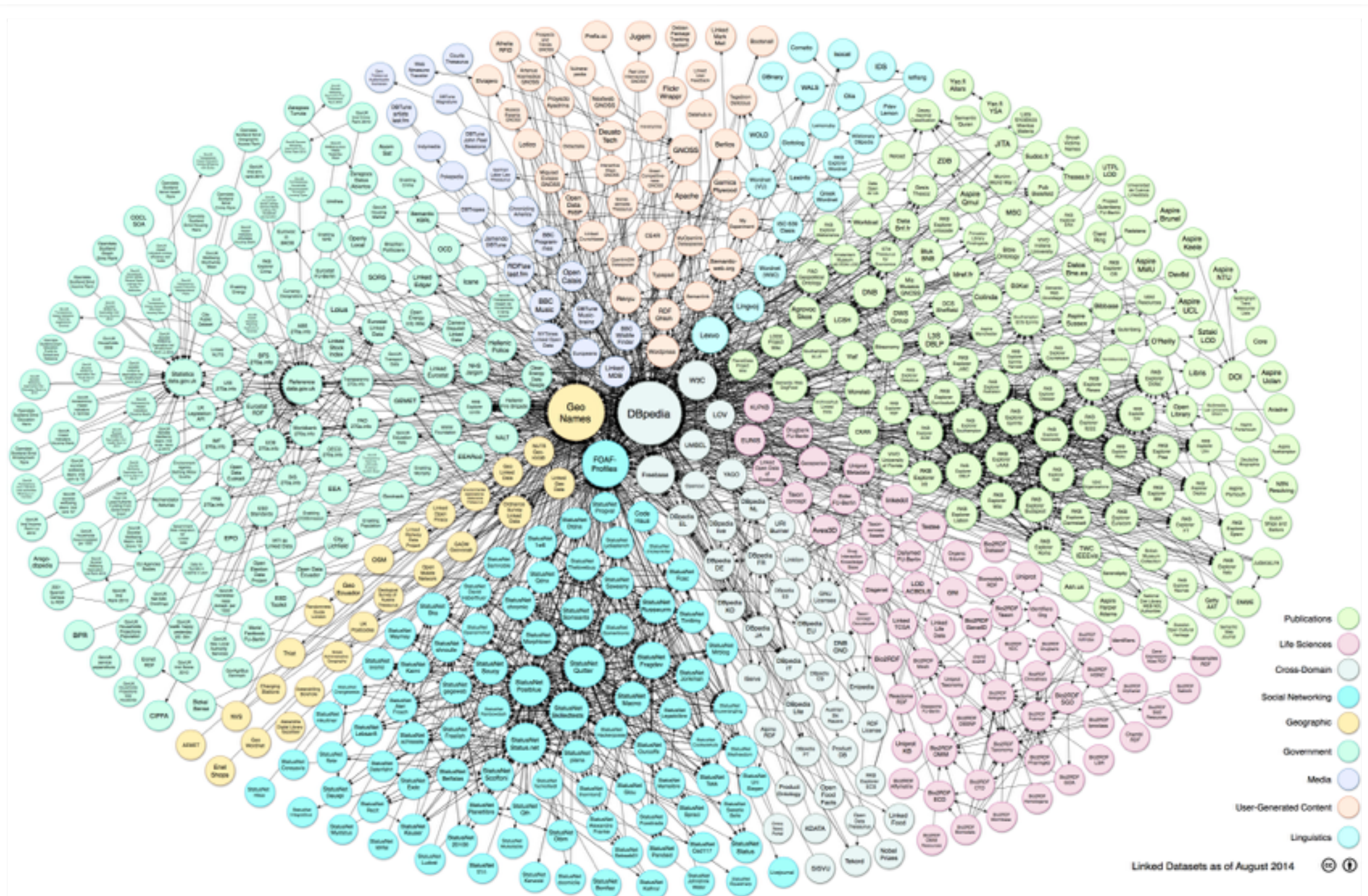
# Freebase

- Initially seeded from high-quality open data
  - then maintained mainly by community
- Harvested from many sources
  - Wikipedia, MusicBrainz, and others.
- Acquired by Google in 2010 (GKG)
  - now in read-only mode
- See <http://www.freebase.com/>

# YAGO

- Accuracy manually evaluated
  - confirmed accuracy of 95%
  - relations annotated with confidence values
- Anchored in Time and Space
  - Thematic domains (e.g. "music" or "science")
- Includes WordNet
- See <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/yago/>

# Linking Open Data (LOD)?



# RDFa

- [schema.org](http://schema.org), [sitemaps.org](http://sitemaps.org)
  - used by Google, Bing, Yandex, Yahoo!, IPTC, etc.



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**The Wire (TV Series 2002–2008) - IMDb**  
[www.imdb.com/title/tt0306414/](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0306414/)  
★★★★★ Rating: 9.6/10 - 44,375 votes  
Baltimore drug scene, seen through the eyes of drug dealers, and law enforcement.  
Starring Dominic West, John Doman, Deirdre Lovejoy.

**Logitech Revue 097855070906 | eBay**  
[www.ebay.com/ctg/Logitech-Revue-/97019743](http://www.ebay.com/ctg/Logitech-Revue-/97019743)  
★★★★★ from 51 users - \$99.99 to \$190.00  
eBay: The Logitech Revue is a media streamer with Google TV, which serves as a complete entertainment system. With its Ethernet Interface, this Logitech...

**Washington Huskies Mens Basketball tickets, and ... - Ticketmaster**  
[www.ticketmaster.ca/Washington-Huskies-Mens-Basketball-tickets/art...](http://www.ticketmaster.ca/Washington-Huskies-Mens-Basketball-tickets/art...)  
Results 1 - 10 of 19 – Find and buy Washington Huskies Mens Basketball ...  
Sat 12 Nov Washington Huskies Mens ... - Alaska Airlines Arena at ...  
Sun 13 Nov Washington Huskies Mens ... - Alaska Airlines Arena at ...  
Mon 14 Nov Washi...

**Recette Tarte Tatin - testée et approuvée - calorie et ... - iSaveurs**  
[www.isaveurs.com/recette/recette\\_tart...](http://www.isaveurs.com/recette/recette_tart...) - Translate this page  
45 mins  
il y a 1 jour – Recette de cuisine gourmande - Tarte Tatin - pour virginie63 :  
J'adooooore j'adore, ...  
[http://www.isaveurs.com/recette/recette\\_tarte\\_tatin.php](http://www.isaveurs.com/recette/recette_tarte_tatin.php).



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