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# CONTEXT REASONING FOR ROLE-BASED MODELS

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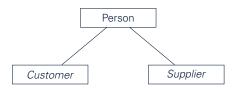






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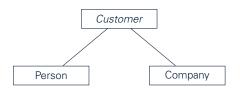






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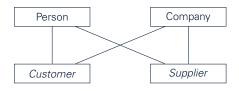






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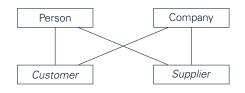






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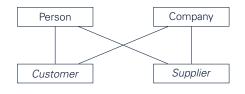
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- Decidable reasoning tasks
- Express contexts, 'players' and roles as formal objects
- Model contexts and ternary relation of role-playing
- Ability to handle rigid, i.e. context-independent, knowledge

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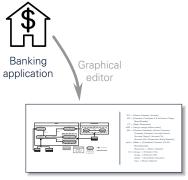








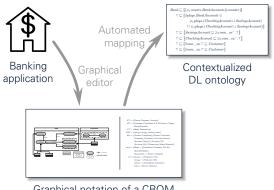




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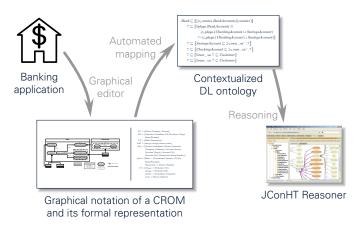




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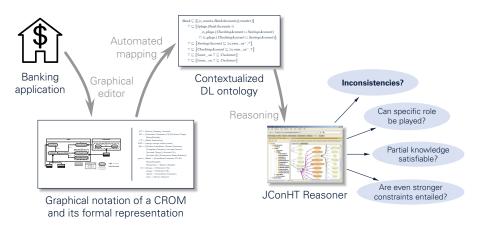






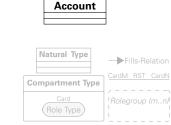










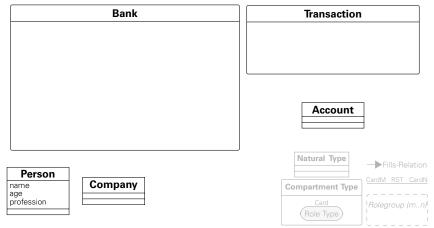


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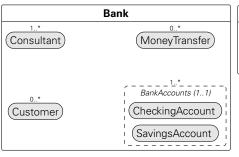


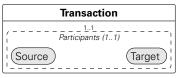














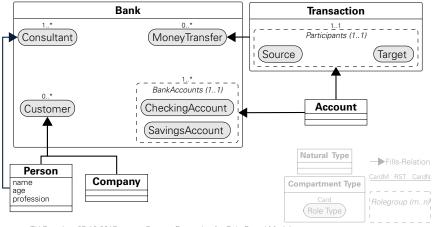


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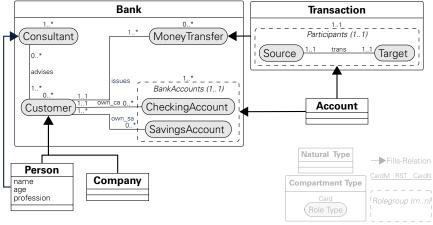






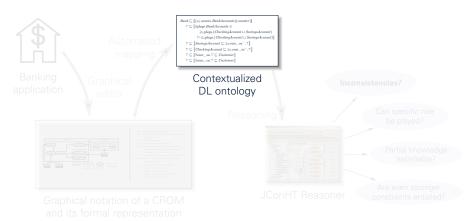
















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concept constructors:  $C_1 \sqcap C_2, C_1 \sqcup C_2, \neg C_1, \exists r.C, \forall r.C$ 

set of  $\mathcal{ALC}$  concepts: smallest set that is closed under  $N_C$  and the

concept constructors of  $\mathcal{ALC}$ 

General concept inclusion (GCI):  $C \sqsubseteq D$  assertion: C(a), r(a, b)

ALC-axiom: a GCI or an assertion





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                                                            M = (M_C, M_B, M_I)
    O_{Crig} \subseteq O_{C}
    O_{Rrig} \subseteq O_R
   object concept name A \in O_C
            object concept C (using constructors of \mathcal{L}_{\Omega})
           meta concepts [C \sqsubseteq D]
     meta concept name B \in M_C
             meta concept E (using constructors of \mathcal{L}_{M})
              meta axioms E \sqsubseteq F
E(c)
        \mathcal{L}_{M} \llbracket \mathcal{L}_{O} \rrbracket ontology \mathcal{B} ... conjunction of m-axioms
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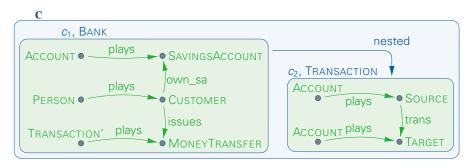


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	$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{O}}$	$\mathcal{EL}$	ALC – SHOQ	SHOIQ
no rigid names	EL ALC – SHOQ SHOIQ	constant	Exp-complete	NExp-complete
only rigid concepts	EL ALC – SHOQ SHOIQ	constant	IExp-complete	NEXP-hard and in 2NEXP
with rigid roles	EL ALC – SHOQ SHOIQ	constant NExp- complete	2Exp- complete	2Exp-hard and in 2NExp





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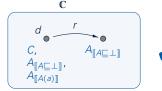
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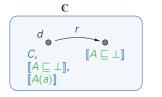
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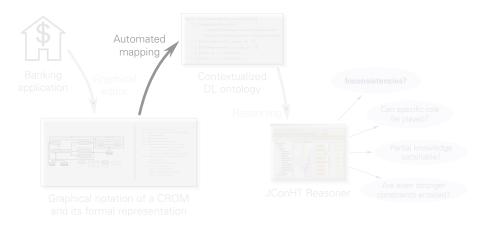
The  $\mathcal{L}_M$  [ $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{O}}$ ] ontology  $\mathcal{B}$  is consistent iff there is a set  $\mathcal{X}$  such that

- 1.  $\mathcal{X}$  is admissible, and
- 2. the outer abstraction of  $\mathcal{B}$  is outer consistent w.r.t.  $\mathcal{X}$ .





# Workflow of Automated Analysis of Role-Based Models







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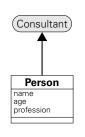
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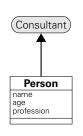
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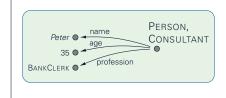
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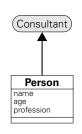
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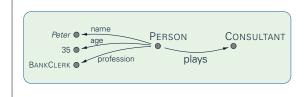
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Relationship types

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Constraints: without constraints

with occurrence constraints

full

current version of CROM

 additional constraints based on fields of natural type

 $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{ALC} \llbracket \mathcal{ALCIQ} \rrbracket$  $\rightsquigarrow ALC [ALCOIQ]$ 

~ ALC [SHOIQ]

→ no rigid DL roles needed

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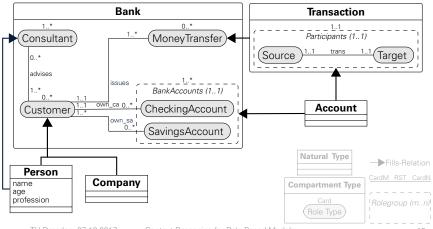


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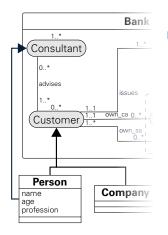










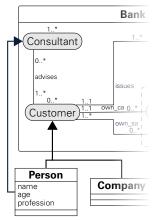


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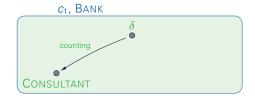






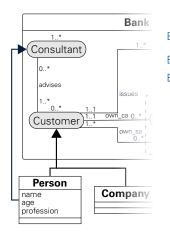


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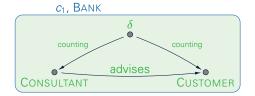






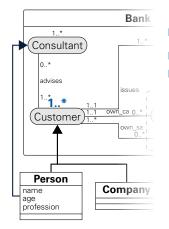


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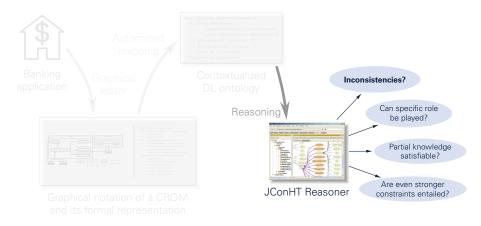
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# Algorithm for Checking Consistency

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Input : SHOIQ [SHOIQ]-ontology O
Output: true if \mathcal{O} is consistent, false otherwise
Preprocessing (results in (C, A)):
   1. Elimination of transitivity axioms, normalization, clausification
   2. Repletion of DL-clauses
Let (T, \lambda) be any derivation for (C, A).
\mathfrak{A} := \{ \mathcal{A}' \mid \text{there exists a leaf node in } (\mathcal{T}, \lambda) \text{ that is labelled with } \mathcal{A}' \}
for A' \in \mathfrak{A} do
      if A' is clash-free then
            if O contains rigid names then
                   if \mathcal{K}_{rig} := (\mathcal{O}_{A'}, \mathcal{R}_{O}') is consistent then
                     I return true
            else
                   Let \{c_1, \ldots, c_k\} be the individuals occurring in \mathcal{A}'
                   if K_i := (\mathcal{O}_{c_i}, \mathcal{R}_{O}) is consistent for all 1 \leq i \leq k then
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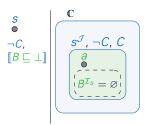


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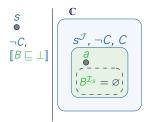


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# Thank you for your attention! Any questions?





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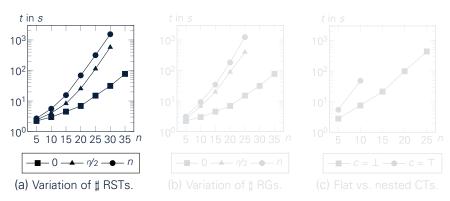




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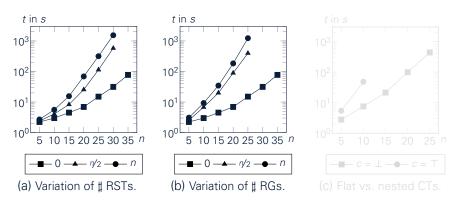




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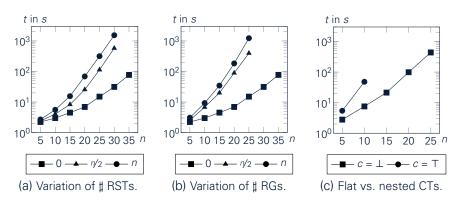




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