

# Lab 4 RDF for Knowledge Graph Query

- Query large online knowledge graph (DBPedia) via SPARQL endpoints
- The lab will enable to gain knowledge on:
  - RDF knowledge representation
  - RDF queries using SPARQL language
  - Linked open data

*Slides are adapted from Daniel Heward-Mills: Running Basic SPARQL Queries Against DBpedia*

# DBpedia

- DBpedia is a community project that creates and provides public access to critical structured data for what's commonly referred to as the **Linked Open Data Cloud**.
- DBpedia provides a globally accessible **Knowledge Graph** derived from **Wikipedia** content. You can query this tremendous Knowledge Graph using the powerful **SPARQL** query language .
- Dbpedia can be accessed through its **SPARQL endpoint**.
  - <http://dbpedia.org/sparql>

# DBPedia SPARQL Endpoint

SPARQL Query Editor About Tables ▾

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Extensions: [cxml](#) [save to dav](#) [sponge](#) User: [SPARQL](#)

Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)

<http://dbpedia.org>

Query Text

```
select distinct ?Concept where {[] a ?Concept} LIMIT 100
```

Results Format

HTML ▾

Execute Query

Reset



# RDF Data Query

- Knowledge takes the form of a collection of **RDF** Triples, which structures data using a (subject-predicate-object) object model
- The most basic query example can take the form of a **SELECT** Query where the triple-pattern in the Query Body comprises a subject, predicate, and object.
  - Query Solution projection size is limited to 10 records presented in an HTML Table in this lab.
- DBpedia can be easily queried both with and without a deep knowledge of the DBpedia ontology.

# Query Example

- Go to: <https://dbpedia.org/sparql> and type the following query:

```
SELECT *  
WHERE  
{  
    ?s ?p ?o  
}LIMIT 10
```

SPARQL | HTML5 table

s	p	o
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/deathDate">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/deathDate</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/birthDate">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/birthDate</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/averageAnnualGeneration">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/averageAnnualGeneration</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/foalDate">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/foalDate</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/installedCapacity">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/installedCapacity</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/birthYear">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/birthYear</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/deathYear">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/deathYear</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/diameter">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/diameter</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/displacement">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/displacement</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>
<a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/height">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/height</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type</a>	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#FunctionalProperty</a>

# Task 1

- Search for "an athlete with a literal value of Cristiano Ronaldo"

*SELECT \**

*WHERE*

*{*

*?athlete rdfs:label "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en*

*}*

- Record the output.

# Dereferencing

- We can click on the resulting URI (lets try the first one) for Cristiano Ronaldo in the "athlete" column to view each relation associated with this specific URI.
- This process is known as **dereferencing** the DBpedia Identifier (an HTTP URI) that identifies the entity literally labeled as "Cristiano Ronaldo".
- Click on the URI and observe what you see.



# Dereferencing – cont'd

DBpedia


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## About: Cristiano Ronaldo

An Entity of Type: [person](#), from Named Graph: [http://dbpedia.org](#), within Data Space: [dbpedia.org](#)

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro GOIH ComM (Portuguese pronunciation: [kɾiˈʃtɐnu aɐˈviɾu]; born 5 February 1985) is a Portuguese professional footballer who plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and captains the Portugal national team. Often considered the best player in the world and widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, Ronaldo has won five Ballon d'Or awards and four European Golden Shoes, the most by a European player. He has won 32 trophies in his career, including seven league titles, five UEFA Champions Leagues, one UEFA European Championship, and one UEFA Nations League. Ronaldo holds the records for most appearances (182), most goals (140), and assists (42) in the Champions League, most goals in the European Championship (14), most



Property	Value
<a href="#">dbpedia:weight</a>	• 187.5
<a href="#">dbpedia:abstract</a>	• Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro GOIH ComM (Portuguese pronunciation: [kɾiˈʃtɐnu aɐˈviɾu]; born 5 February 1985) is a Portuguese professional footballer who plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and captains the Portugal national team. Often considered the best player in the world and widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, Ronaldo has won five Ballon d'Or awards and four European Golden Shoes, the most by a European player. He has won 32 trophies in his career, including seven league titles, five UEFA Champions Leagues, one UEFA European Championship, and one UEFA Nations League. Ronaldo holds the records for most appearances (182), most goals (140), and assists (42) in the Champions League, most goals in the European Championship (14), most international goals by a male player (115), and most international appearances by a European male (184). He is one of the few players to have made over 1,000 professional career appearances, and has scored over 800 official senior career goals for club and country. Born and raised in Madeira, Ronaldo began his senior club career playing for Sporting CP, before signing with Manchester United in 2002, aged 16, winning the FA Cup in his first season. He would also go on to win three consecutive Premier League titles, the Champions League and the FIFA Club World Cup; at age 22, he won his first Ballon d'Or. Ronaldo was the subject of the then-most expensive association football transfer when he signed for Real Madrid in 2009 in a transfer worth €94 million (£80 million), where he won 15 trophies, including two La Liga titles, two Copa del Rey, and four Champions Leagues, and became the club's all-time top goalscorer. He won back-to-back Ballons d'Or in 2013 and 2014, and again in 2016 and 2017, and was runner-up three times behind Lionel Messi, his perceived career rival. In 2018, he signed for Juventus in a transfer worth an initial €100 million (£86 million), the most expensive transfer for an Italian club and the most expensive transfer for a player over 30 years old. He won two Serie A titles, two Supercoppa Italiana, and a Coppa Italia, before returning to Manchester United in 2021. Ronaldo made his senior international debut for Portugal in 2003 at the age of 18 and has since earned over 180 caps, making him Portugal's most-capped player. With more than 100 goals at international level, he is also the nation's all-time top goalscorer. He has played in and scored at 11 major tournaments; he scored his first international goal at Euro 2004, where he helped Portugal reach the final. He assumed full captaincy of the national team in July 2006. In 2016, Ronaldo was named the best Portuguese player of all time by the Portuguese Football Federation. The following year, he led Portugal to their first major tournament title at Euro 2016, and received the Silver Boot as the second-highest goalscorer of the tournament. He also led them to victory in the inaugural UEFA Nations League in 2019, and later received the Golden Boot as top scorer of Euro 2020. One of the world's most marketable and famous athletes, Ronaldo was ranked the world's highest-paid athlete by Forbes in 2016 and 2017 and the world's most famous athlete by ESPN from 2016 to 2019. Time included him on their list of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2014. He is the first footballer and the third sportsman to earn US\$1 billion in his career. [en]
<a href="#">dbpedia:birthDate</a>	• 1985-02-05 (age 38)
<a href="#">dbpedia:birthPlace</a>	• <a href="#">Funchal</a> • <a href="#">Madeira</a>
<a href="#">dbpedia:careerStation</a>	• <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_1</a> • <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_10</a> • <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_11</a> • <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_12</a> • <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_2</a> • <a href="#">db:Cristiano Ronaldo CareerStation_3</a>

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# Task 2

- Add in the `dbo:birthPlace` property.
- And execute the following query

```
SELECT *  
WHERE  
{  
    ?athlete rdfs:label    "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;  
             dbo:birthPlace ?place .  
}
```

- Record the output.

# Observation

- How can somebody have two birth places?
- Both results are correct, since Funchal is a **city within** the Autonomous Region of Madeira.
- Click on <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Funchal> for more information.
- We can narrow the place results to only include **cities** by scoping the query body to instances of the **dbo:City** class.

# Task 3

- Execute the following query.

*SELECT \**

*WHERE*

*{*

*?athlete rdfs:label "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;*  
*dbo:birthPlace ?place .*

*?place a dbo:City ;*  
*rdfs:label ?cityName .*

*}*

- Record the output.

# Task 4

- We can also limit the language tag to English via a FILTER on the ?cityName variable.

```
SELECT *  
WHERE  
{  
    ?athlete rdfs:label    "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;  
              dbo:birthPlace ?place .  
    ?place   a             dbo:City ;  
              rdfs:label    ?cityName .  
    FILTER ( LANG ( ?cityName ) = 'en' )  
}
```

- Record the output.

# Task 5

- Let's double-confirm that Funchal is in Madeira, by using the `dbp:region` property and its value.

```
SELECT *  
WHERE  
{  
  ?athlete rdfs:label    "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;  
    dbo:birthPlace ?place .  
  ?place a      dbo:City ;  
    rdfs:label    ?cityName ;  
    dbp:region    ?region .  
  FILTER ( LANG ( ?cityName ) = 'en' )  
}
```

- Record the output.

# Task 6

- We can also replace *\** in the SELECT List with a **specific list of variables** to be projected in the Query Solution.

```
SELECT
  ?athlete
  ?place
  ?region
WHERE
{
  ?athlete rdfs:label "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;
           dbo:birthPlace ?place .
  ?place a      dbo:City ;
         rdfs:label ?cityName ;
         dbp:region ?region .
  FILTER ( LANG ( ?cityName ) = 'en' )
}
```

- Record the output.

# Task 7

- Fix the following query (10 marks)

```
SELECT *  
WHERE  
{  
    ?athlete rdfs:label    "Cristiano Ronaldo"@en ;  
              dbo:birthPlace ?place .  
    ?place   a              yago:PhysicalEntity371111930 ;  
              rdfs:label    ?cityName .  
    FILTER ( LANG ( ?cityName ) = 'en' )  
}
```

- Record the output.