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Important Terms in an Ontology (Part 2/6)

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Previously on the IOE

- Axioms
 - An Axiom is a statement that says what is true in the domain.
 - An ontology is essentially a collection of Axioms (pieces of knowledge).
- Concepts
 - Concepts in an ontology are abstractions and representations of ideas, persons, processes, places, issues, locations, etc.
 - Taxonomy: The Classification of Concepts

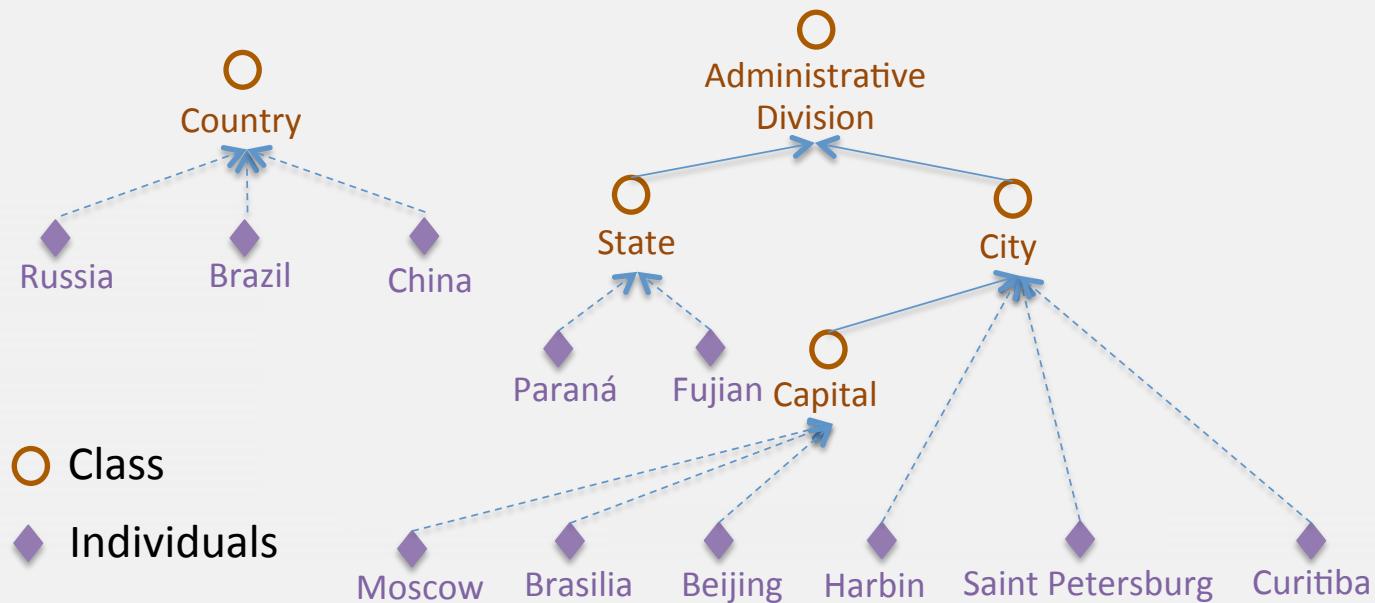
Previously on the IOE

- Individuals
 - Each individual simplifies and abstracts one actual object in a domain of interest.
 - The most specific concepts that **can not be** subdivided anymore in a domain of interest.



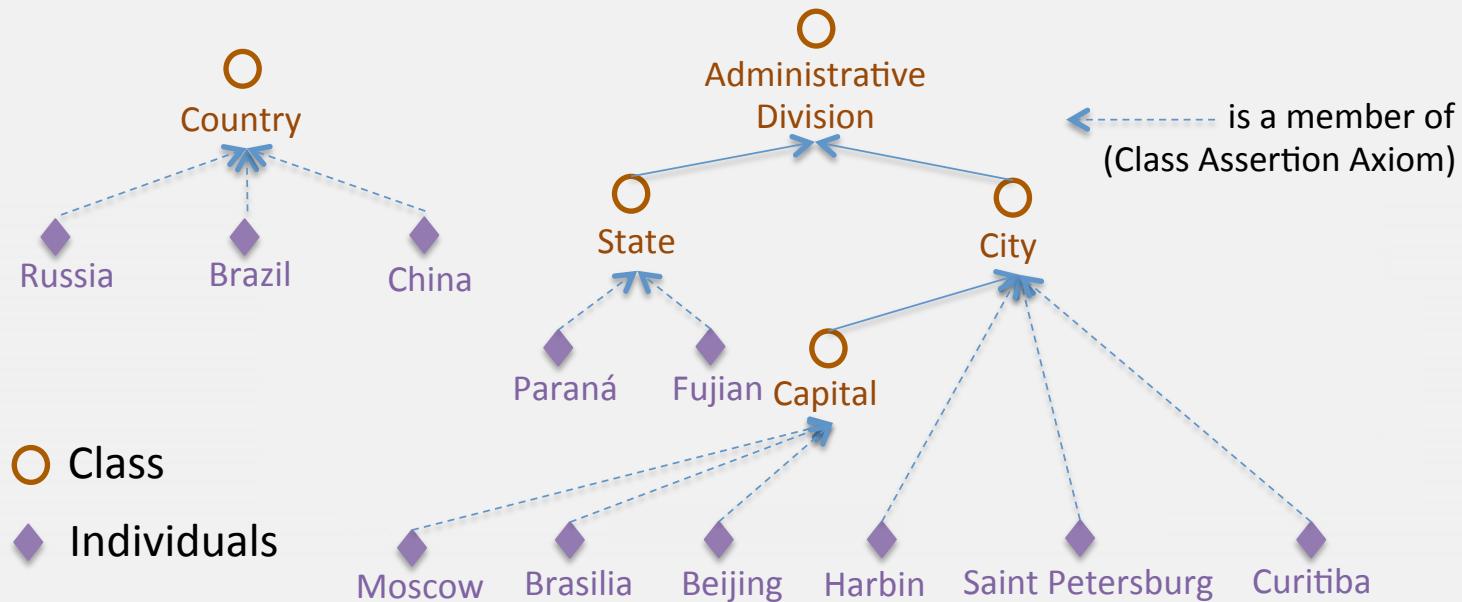
Previously on the IOE

- Classes
 - Each class simplifies and abstracts a set of actual objects that share some common properties in a domain of interest.
 - The concepts that **can be** subdivided into more specific concepts in a domain of interest.



Previously on the IOE

- Relationships
 - Class Assertion Axioms
 - Relationships between an individual and a class that it belongs
 - The statement of an individual is a member of a class

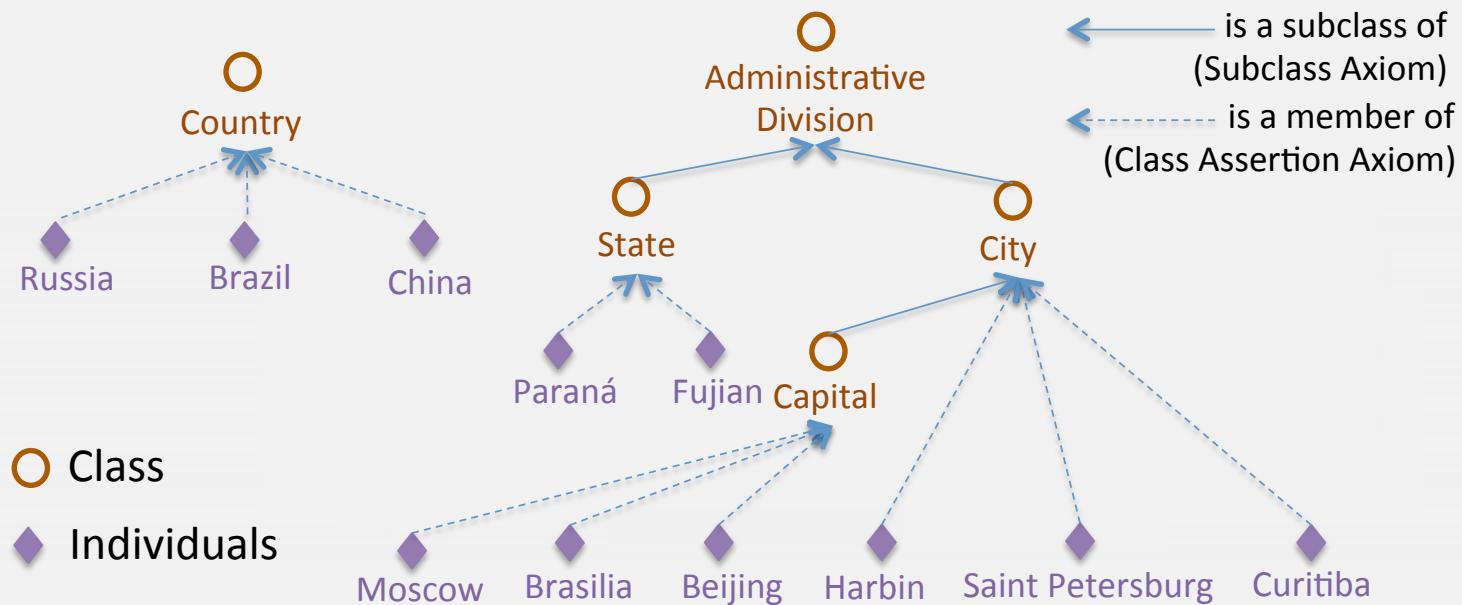


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- Relationships

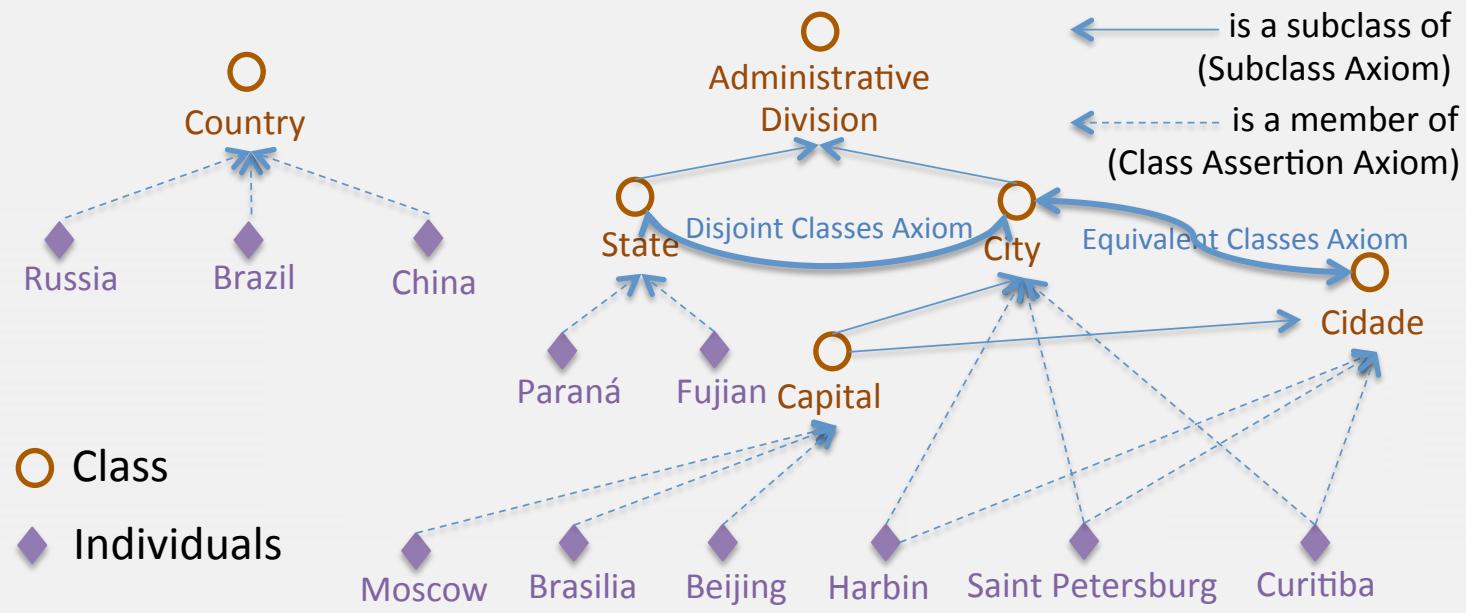
- Subclass Axioms

- Relationships between a class and its subclasses
 - A class contains *a set of objects* and its subclass contains a subset of those objects



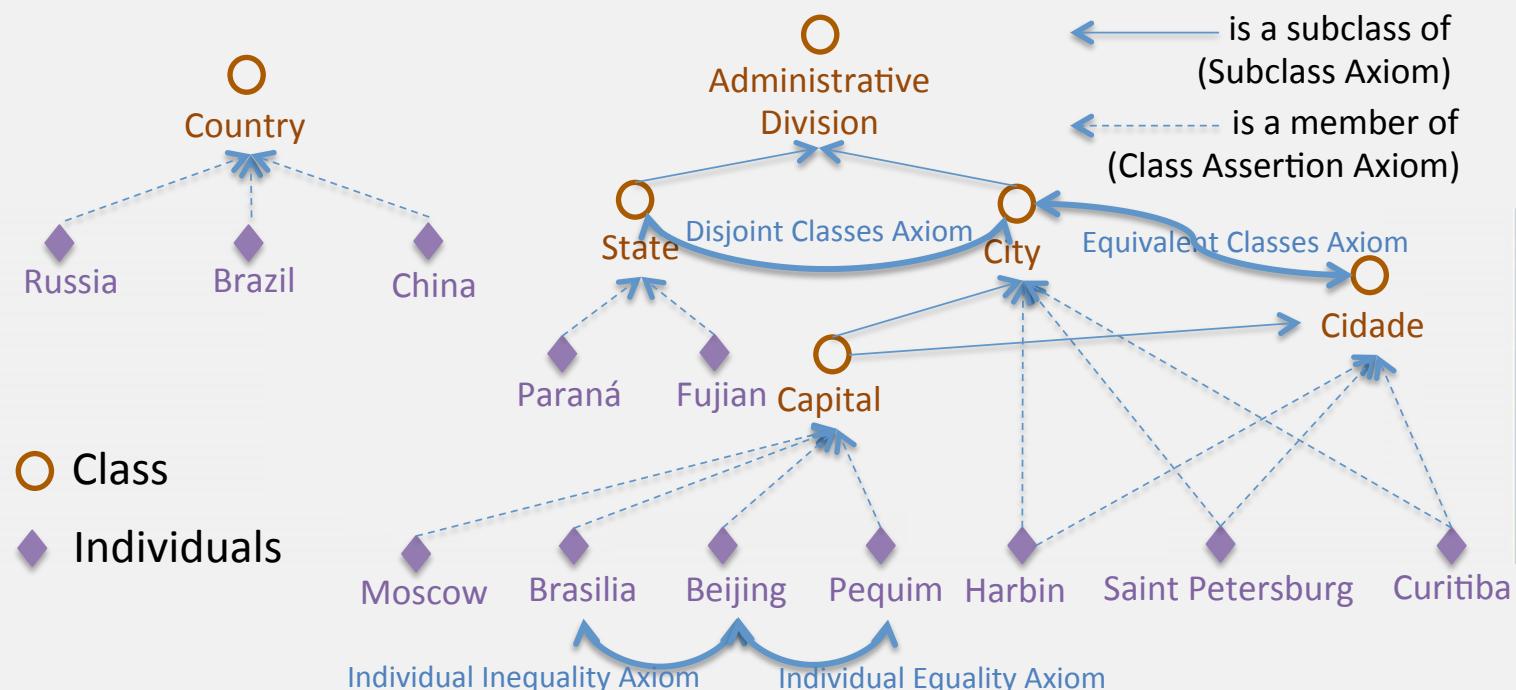
Previously on the IOE

- Relationships
 - Disjoint Classes Axioms
 - Two or more classes have no element in common.
 - Equivalent Classes Axioms
 - Two or more classes are equal to each other.



Previously on the IOE

- Relationships
 - Individual Inequality Axioms
 - Two or more individuals are different from each other.
 - Individual Equality Axioms
 - Two or more individuals are equal to each other



Important Terms in an Ontology

- Several Important Terms
 - Axioms
 - Concepts (Individuals and Classes)
 - Relationships (Class Assertions, Subclasses
Disjoint/Equivalent Classes, Individual Equality/Inequality
**Properties, Property Assertions, Property Characteristics,
and Property Descriptions**)
 - Complex Class Expressions (Enumeration of Individuals,
Propositional Connectives, Object Property Restrictions,
Necessary and Sufficient Conditions,
Data Property Restrictions)
 - Data Ranges (Data Types and Data Type Restrictions)
 - Reasoning Rules
 - Knowledge Base (T-box and A-box)
 - SPARQL Query

Part 1/6

Part 2/6

Part 3/6

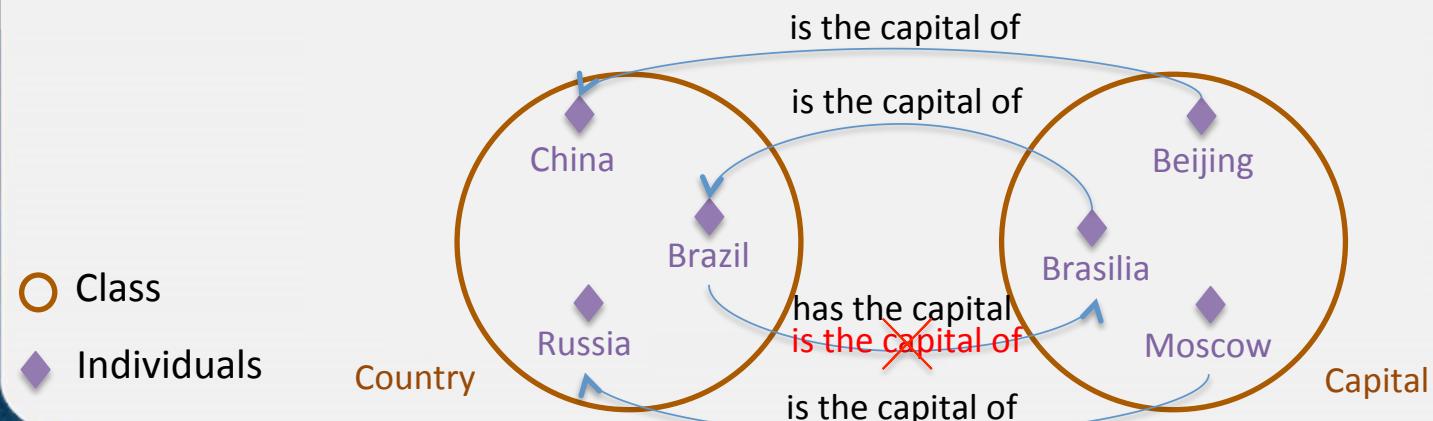
Part 4/6

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Part 6/6

Properties

- A property is a binary relation
 - A binary relation is a collection of ordered pairs.
 - (1) Each relation is between two elements
 - (2) The order of the relation contains meanings (semantics)
 - E.g. The relation between a country and a capital
 - “is the capital of” Order: from a capital to a country
 - “has the capital” Order: from a country to a capital



Properties

$$(x, y) \in A \times B$$

- A property is a binary relation

Let *Country* be a set, say $\text{Country} = \{\text{Brazil}, \text{China}, \text{Russia}\}$,

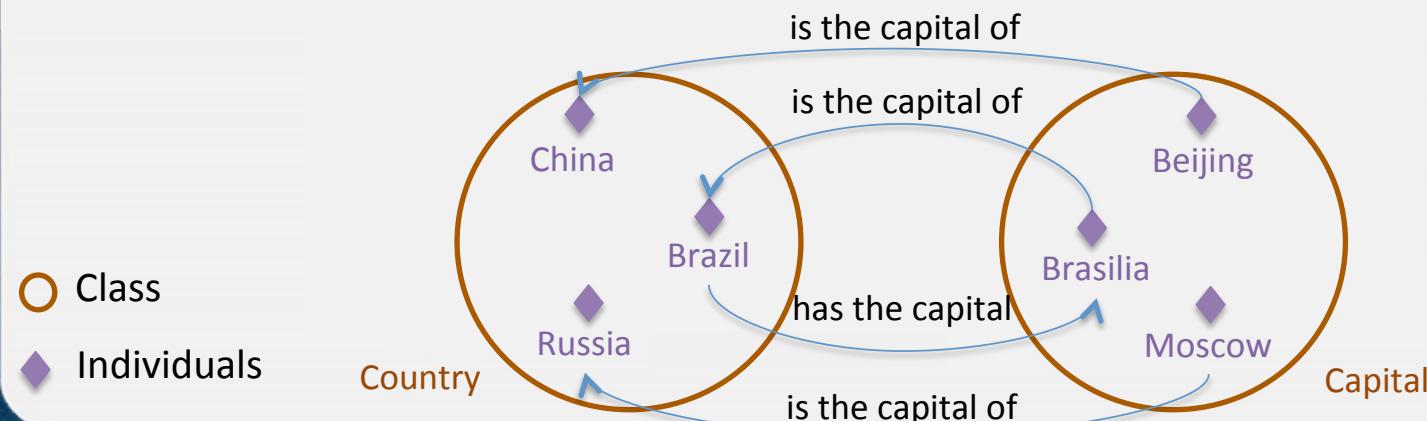
and *Capital* be a set, say $\text{Capital} = \{\text{Brasilia}, \text{Beijing}, \text{Moscow}\}$.

=> A binary relation can be a collection of ordered pairs (x, y)

for which “x is the capital of y” where $x \in \text{Capital}$ and $y \in \text{Country}$

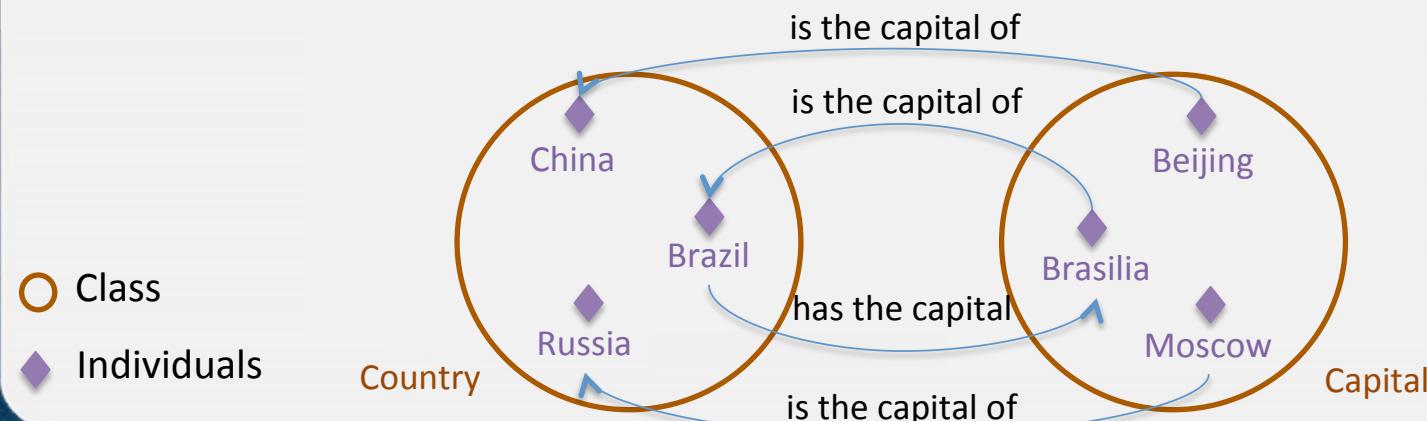
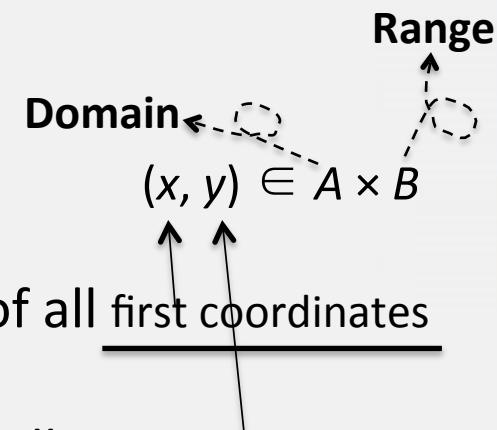
=> A binary relation can be a collection of ordered pairs (x, y)

for which “x has the capital y” where $x \in \text{Country}$ and $y \in \text{Capital}$



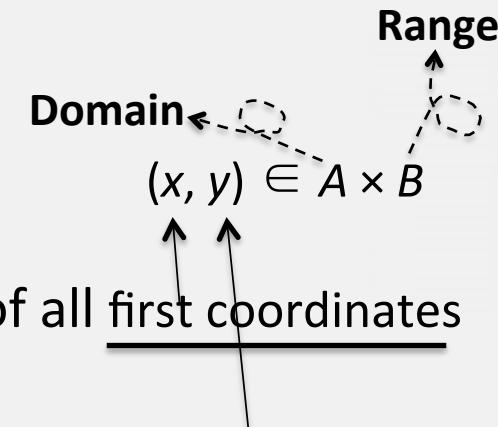
Properties

- A property is a binary relation
 - The **Domain** of a property is the set of all first coordinates of the ordered pairs.
 - The **Range** of a property is the set of all second coordinates of the ordered pairs
- E.g. The domain of “is the capital of” is the Class **Capital**
The range of “is the capital of” is the Class **Country**



Properties

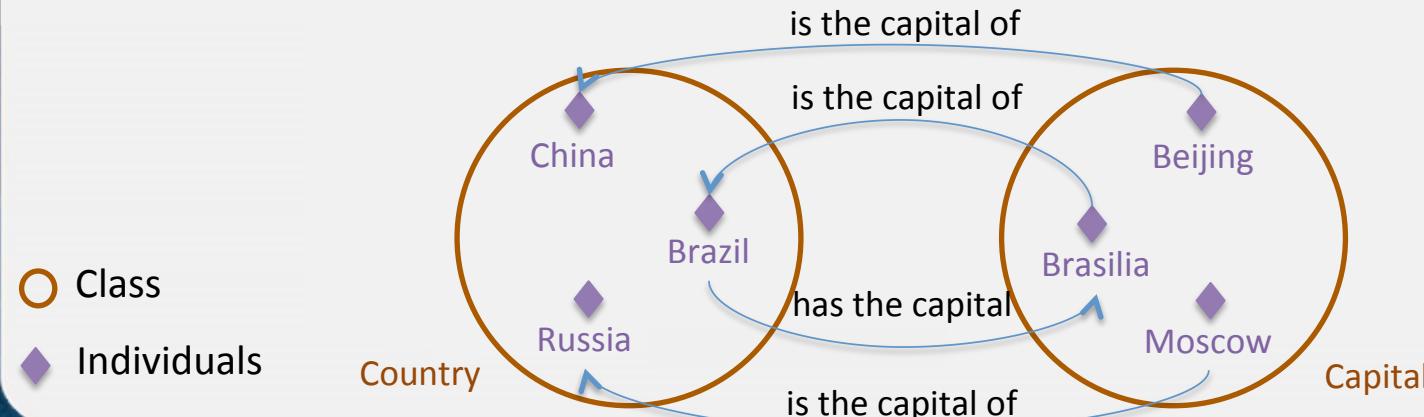
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Question: What are the domain and range of “has the capital”?

Answers: The domain of “has the capital” is the Class **Country**

The range of “has the capital” is the Class **Capital**



Property Assertions

- Two main types of properties
 - Object Properties connect pairs of individuals
 - Object Property Assertion Axioms
 - E.g. Curitiba `isLocatedIn` Brazil
 - Brasilia `isCapitalOf` Brazil
 - Data Properties connect individuals with data values
 - Data Property Assertion Axioms
 - E.g. Brasilia `wasFoundOn` “1960-04-21T00:00:00”^{^^xsd:dateTime}
 - Curitiba `hasPopulation` “1879355”^{^^xsd:integer}

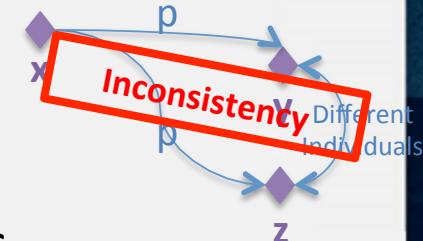
Object Properties

- Characteristics (1/7)

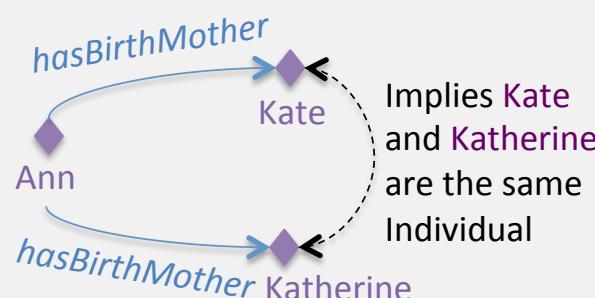
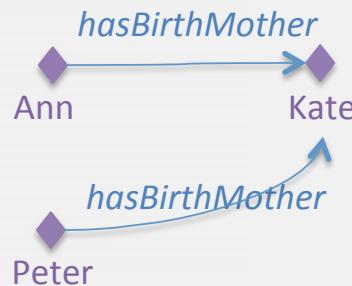
- Functional Object Property Axioms

- If a **functional** object property p is the connection from x to y , then for each individual x , there can be at most one distinct individual y .

Let p be a **functional** object property



E.g. An example of functional Object properties: `hasBirthMother`



Object Properties

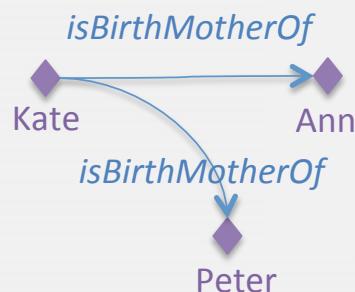
Let p be an **Inverse functional** object property

- Characteristics (2/7)

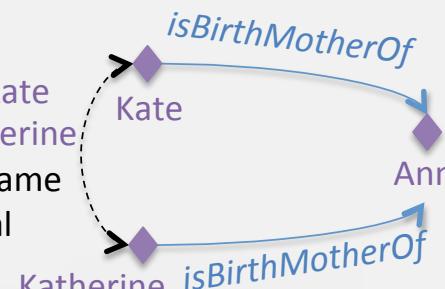
- Inverse Functional Object Property Axioms z

- If an **inverse functional** object property p is the connection from x to y , then for each individual y , there can be at most one distinct individual x .

E.g. An example of inverse functional object properties: `isBirthMotherOf`



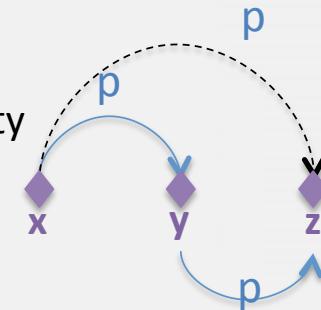
Implies Kate and Katherine are the same Individual



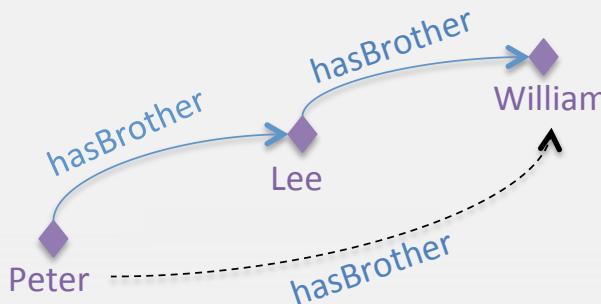
Object Properties

Let p be a **transitive** object property

- Characteristics (3/7)
 - Transitive Object Property Axioms
 - If an Individual x is connected by a **transitive** object property p to an Individual y that is connected by p to an Individual z , then x is also connected by p to z



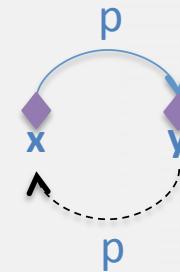
E.g. An example of transitive object properties: [hasBrother](#)



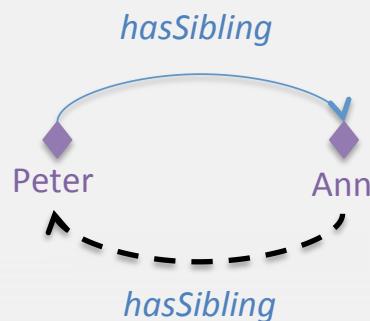
Object Properties

Let p be a **symmetric** object property

- Characteristics (4/7)
 - Symmetric Object Property Axioms
 - If an Individual x is connected by a **symmetric** object property p to an Individual y , then y is also connected by p to x .



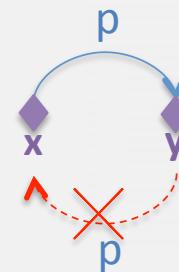
E.g. An example of symmetric object properties: `hasSibling`



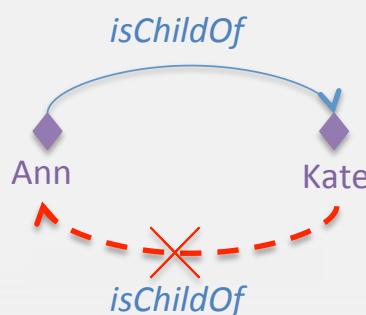
Object Properties

Let p be an **asymmetric** object property

- Characteristics (5/7)
 - Asymmetric Object Property Axioms
 - If an Individual x is connected by an **asymmetric** object property p to an Individual y , then y cannot be connected by p to x

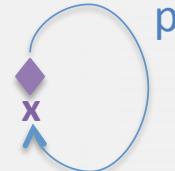


E.g. An example of asymmetric object properties: `isChildOf`



Object Properties

Let p be a **reflexive** object property

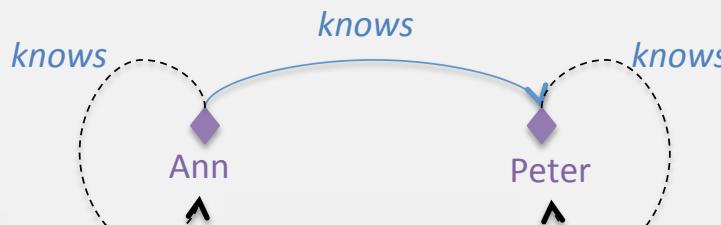


- Characteristics (6/7)

- Reflexive Object Property Axioms

- An object property is said to be **reflexive** when this object property must connect an individual to it self
 - Each individual in an ontology must connect by the reflexive object properties to itself

E.g. An example of reflexive object properties: **knows**



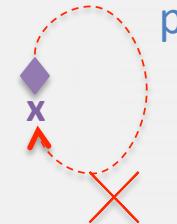
Object Properties

Let p be an **irreflexive** property

- Characteristics (7/7)

- Irreflexive Object Property Axioms

- An object property is said to be **irreflexive** when this object property must not connect an individual to it self
 - No Individual in an ontology is connected by the irreflexive object properties to itself



E.g. An example of irreflexive object properties: `isBirthMotherOf`



Object Properties

- Descriptions (1/6)
 - Equivalent Object Properties Axioms
 - It states that all the equivalent object properties are semantically equal to each other
 - They can be replaced by each other without affecting the meaning of the ontology

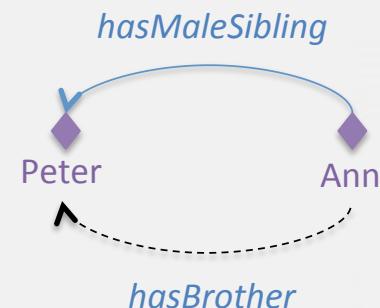
E.g. Individuals: Peter, Ann;

Object Properties: hasBorther, hasMaleSibling;

hasBorther is equivalent to hasMaleSibling;

Ann hasMaleSibling Peter.

We can infer that Ann hasBorther Peter



Object Properties

- Descriptions (2/6)
 - Disjoint Object Properties Axioms
 - It states that all the disjoint object properties are pairwise disjoint
 - No Individual x can be connected to an Individual y by two disjoint object properties at the same time.

E.g. Individuals: Peter, Ann;
Object Properties: hasBrother, hasSister;
hasBrother is disjoint with hasSister.



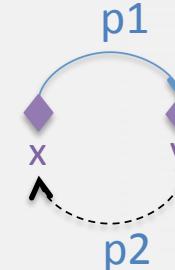
If Ann hasBrother Peter and Ann hasSister Peter both exist,
then the ontology would become inconsistent.



Object Properties

- Descriptions (3/6)
 - Inverse Object Property Axioms
 - Let the object property p_1 and p_2 be two inverse object properties. If an individual x is connected by p_1 to an individual y , then y is also connected by p_2 to x .

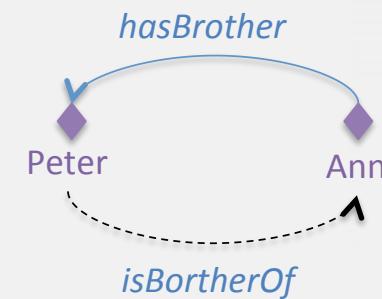
Let p_1 and p_2 be two inverse object property



E.g. Individuals: Peter, Ann;
Object Properties: hasBrother, isBrotherOf;
hasBrother and isBrotherOf are inverse properties

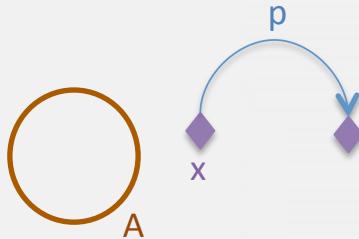
Ann hasBrother Peter.

We can infer that Peter isBrotherOf Ann



Object Properties

Let the set **A** be specified as
the domain of an object property **p**



- Descriptions (4/6)
 - Object Property Domain Axioms

– Let the set **A** be specified as the domain of the object property **p**. If an individual **x** is connected by **p** with some individual, then **x** must be a member of **A**.

E.g. Class: **Human**;

Individuals: **Peter**, **Puppy**;

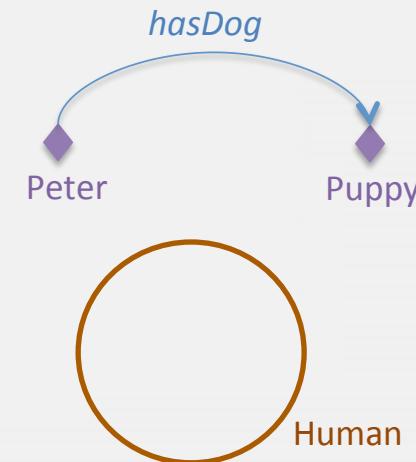
Object Property: **hasDog**;

Human is specified as the domain of **hasDog**;

Peter hasDog Puppy.



We can infer that **Peter** is a member of **Human**.



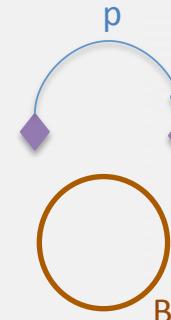
Object Properties

Let the set B be specified as the range of an object property p

- Descriptions (5/6)

- Object Property Range Axioms

- Let the set B be specified as the range of the object property p . If some individual is connected by p with an individual y , then y must be a member of B .



E.g. Class: **Dog**;

Individuals: Peter, Puppy;

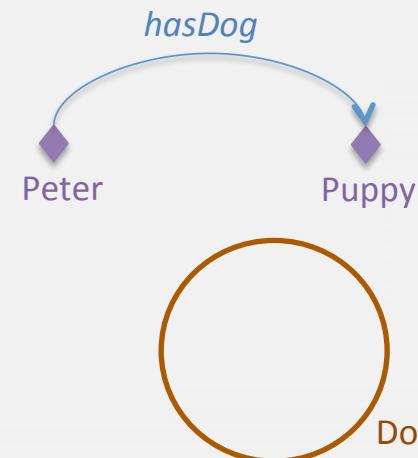
Object Property: **hasDog**;

Dog is specified as the range of **hasDog**;

Peter **hasDog** Puppy.

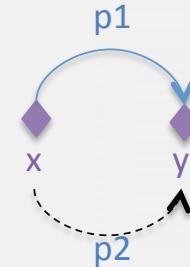


We can infer that **Puppy** is a member of **Dog**



Object Properties

- Descriptions (6/6)
 - Sub Object Property Axioms
 - Let the object property p_1 be a sub property of the object property p_2 . If an Individual x is connected by p_1 to and an Individual y , then x is also connected by p_2 to y
 - They cannot be replaced by each other



E.g. Individuals: Petter, Puppy;

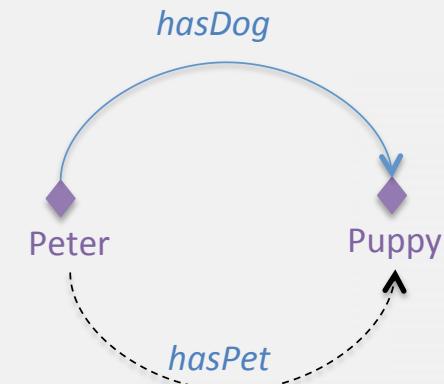
Object Properties: hasDog, hasPet;

hasDog is a sub property of hasPet;

Petter hasDog Puppy.



We can infer that Petter hasPet Puppy



Reasoners (1/2)

- Classification of Individuals
 - Based on the descriptions (conditions) of individuals, properties, and classes to check whether or not an individual is a member of existing classes.

E.g. Class: **Human**;

Individuals: **Peter, Puppy**;

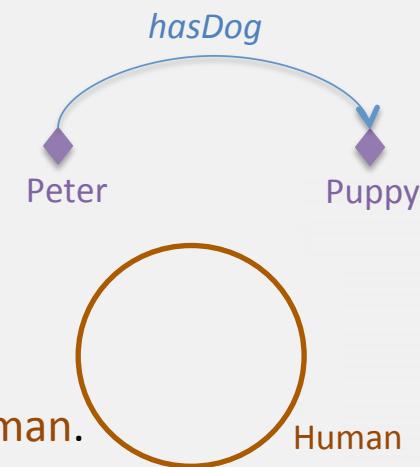
Object Property: **hasDog**;

Human is specified as the domain of **hasDog**;

Peter hasDog Puppy.



A reasoner can infer that **Peter** is a member of **Human**.



Reasoners (2/2)

- Discover New Property Assertions
 - Based on the descriptions (conditions) of individuals, properties, and classes to check whether or not this individual is connected to another individual (or itself) through an existing property.

E.g. Individuals: Petter, Puppy;

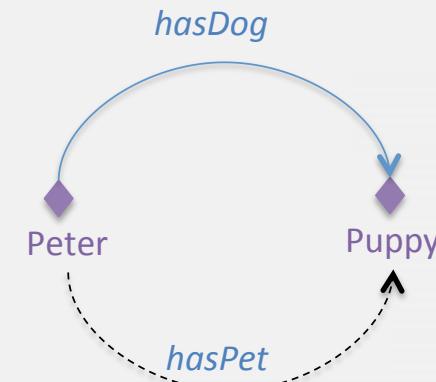
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A reasoner can infer that Peter hasPet Puppy

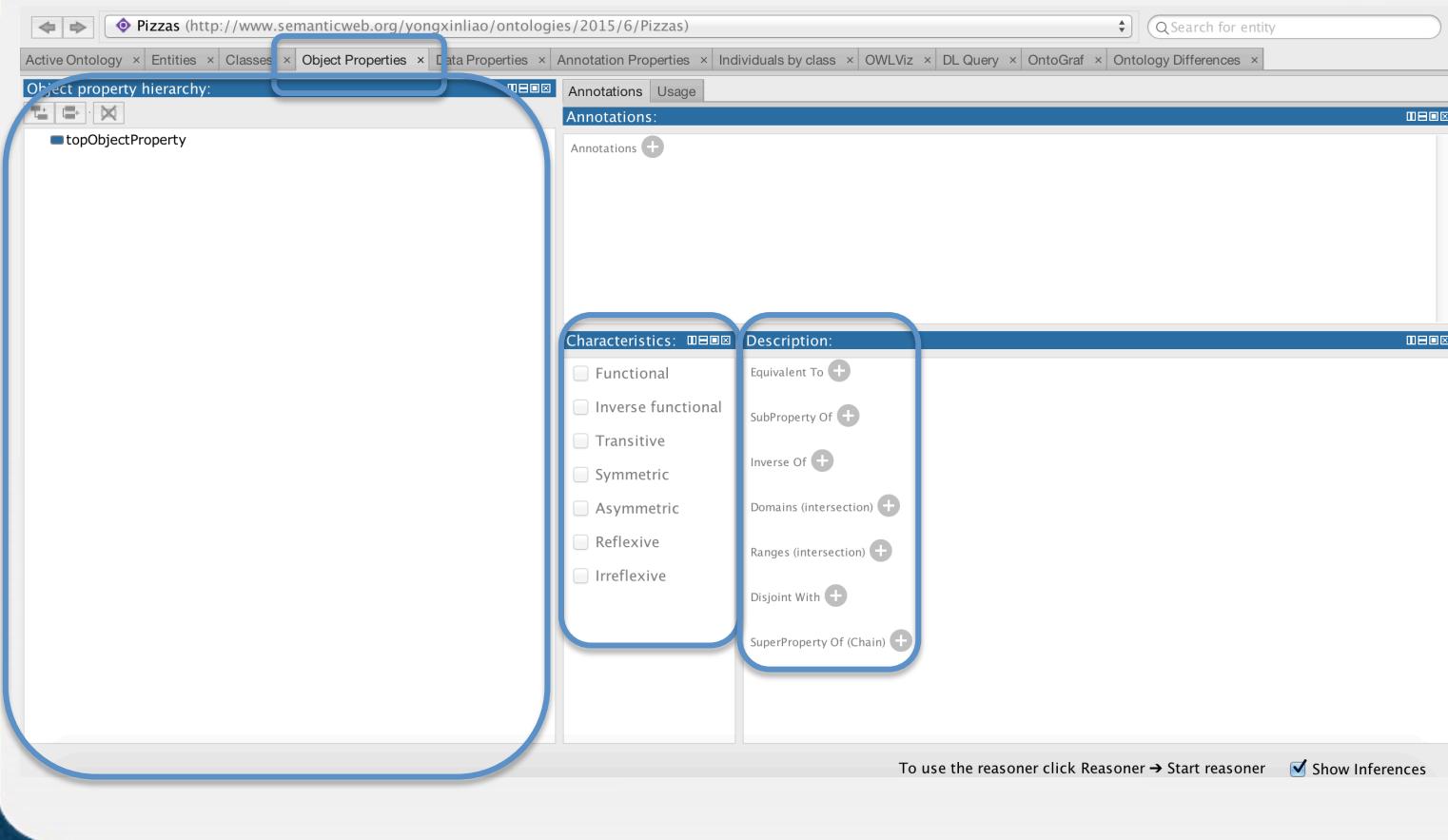


Protégé Practices

- The “Object Properties” Tab
 - Object Properties
 - Object Property Characteristics
 - Object Property Description
 - Object Property Assertion and Inference
- The “Data Properties” Tab
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 - Data Property Characteristics
 - Data Property Description
 - Data Property Assertion and Inference

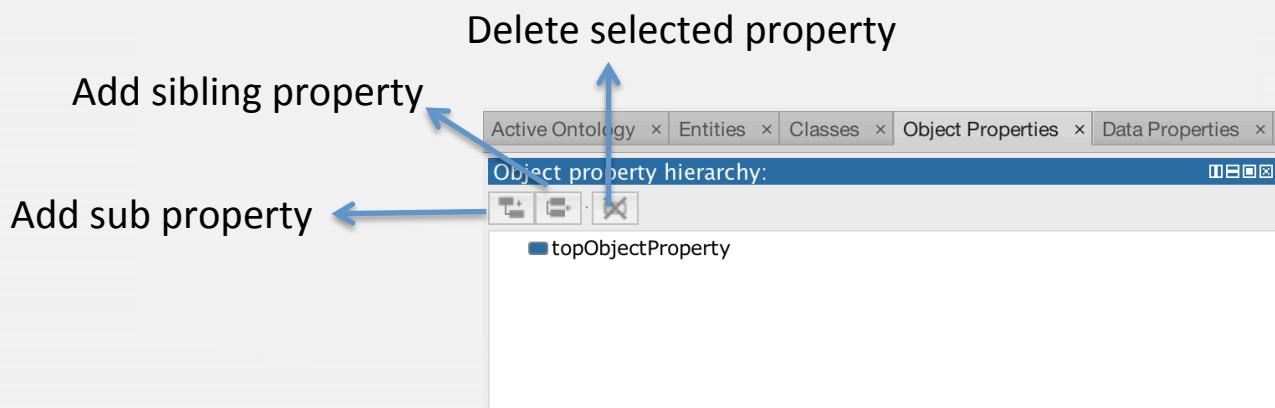
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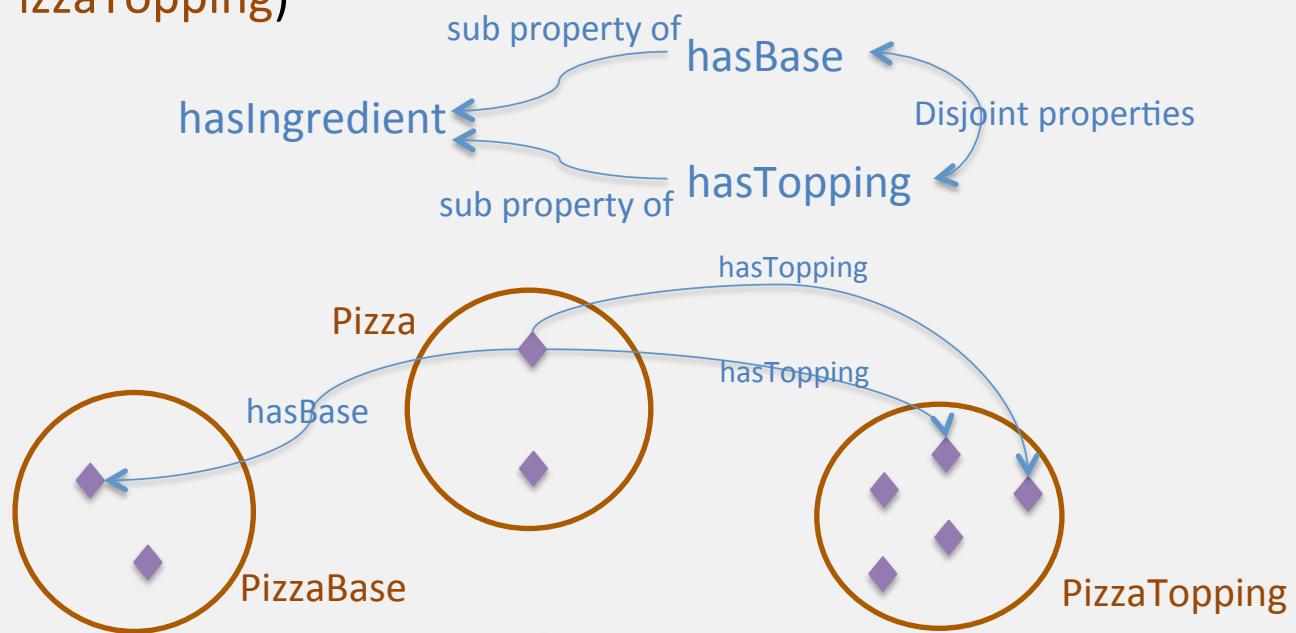
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- The **TopObjectProperty**
 - It is a pre-defined property as the most general object property in an ontology.
 - It is the root property of all object properties
 - It represents the property that can connect all possible pairs of individuals



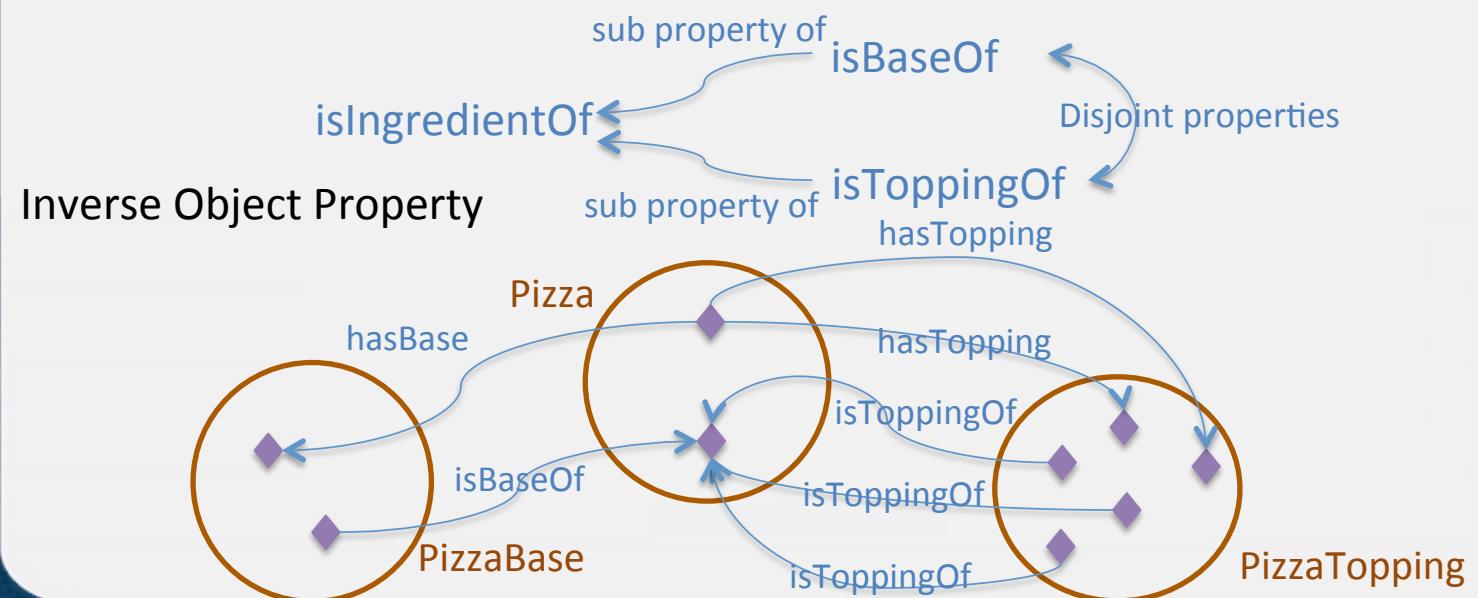
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- Object Properties
 - A pizza (an individual in Class: **Pizza**) is composed of one pizza base (an individual in Class: **PizzaBase**) and one or more pizza toppings (one ore more individuals in Class: **PizzaTopping**)



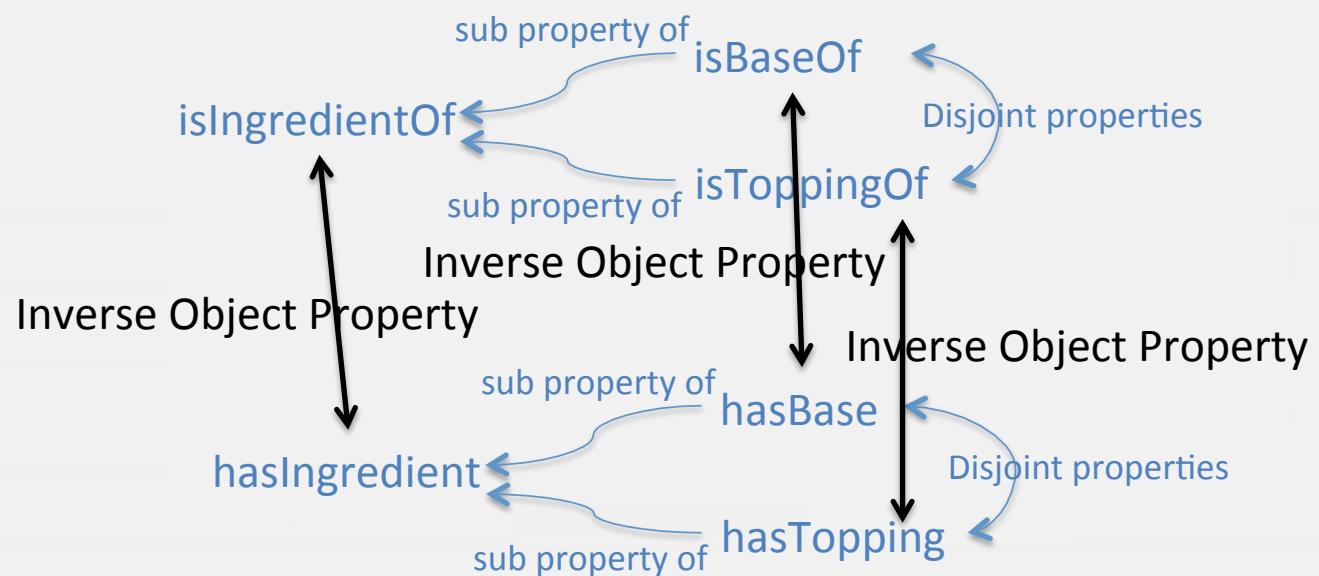
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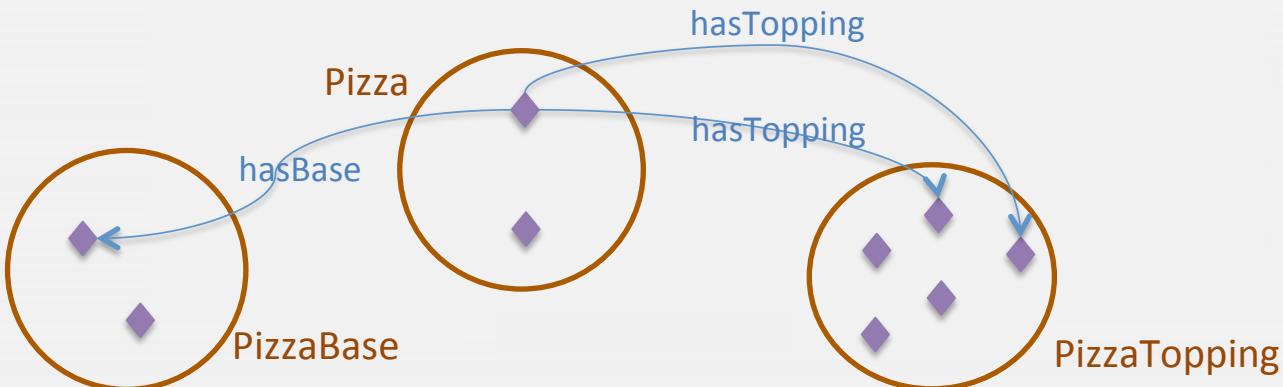
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Protégé Practices

- Object Property Domains and Ranges
 - The domain of `hasTopping` is Class **Pizza**
 - The range of `hasTopping` is Class **PizzaTopping**
 - The domain of `hasBase` is Class **Pizza**
 - The range of `hasBase` is Class **PizzaBase**



Protégé Practices

- Property Characteristics

`hasIngredient` => “Transitive”

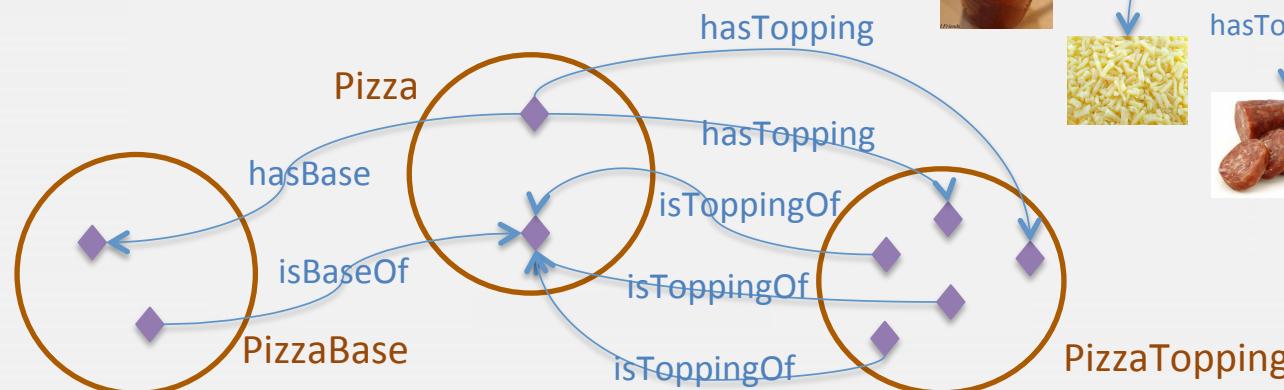
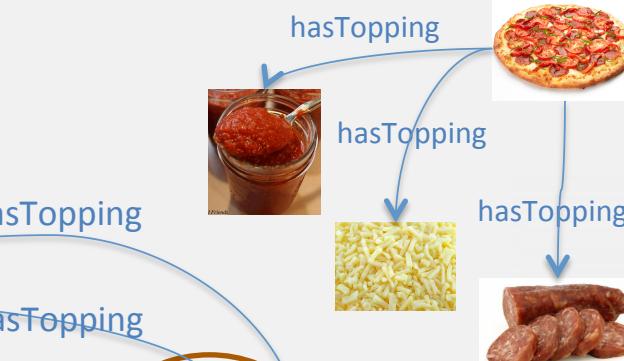
`isIngredientOf` => “Transitive”

`hasBase` => “Functional” and “Inverse functional”

`isBaseOf` => “Functional” and “Inverse Functional”

`hasTopping` => “Inverse functional”

`isToppingOf` => “Functional”



Protégé Practices

• Object Property Assertions

Pieces of Knowledge:

(1) `hasBase` has the following characteristics:

- Functional Object Property
 - Inverse functional Object Property
- `hasBase` has the following descriptions:
- Disjoint with `hasTopping`
 - Domain: `Pizza`. Range: `PizzaBase`
 - Inverse of `isBaseOf`
 - Sub property of `hasIngredient`

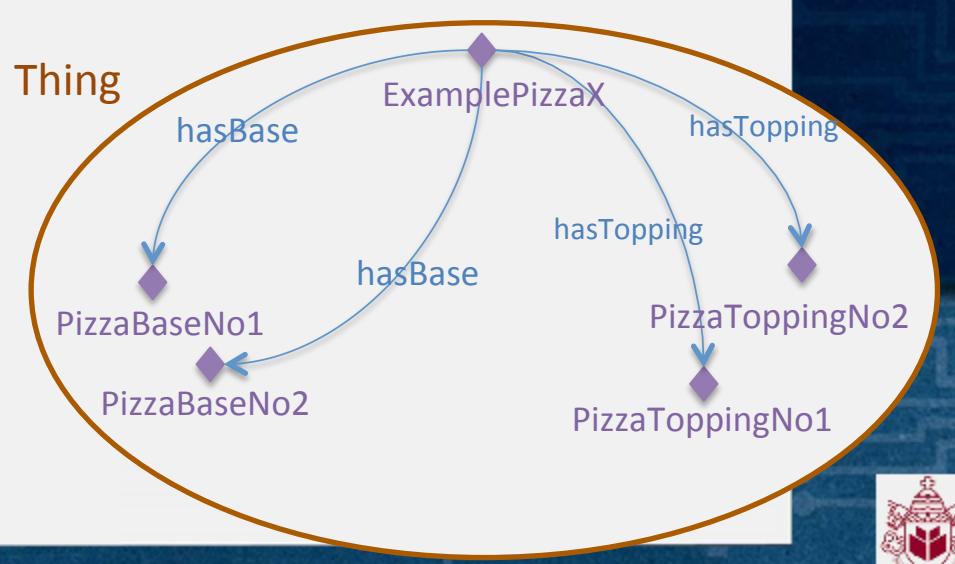
(2) `hasTopping` has the following characteristics:

- Inverse functional Object Property
- `hasTopping` has the following descriptions:
- Disjoint with `hasBase`
 - Domain: `Pizza`. Range: `PizzaTopping`
 - Inverse of `isToppingOf`
 - Sub property of `hasIngredient`

(3) `ExamplePizzaX`, `PizzaBaseNo1`, `PizzaBaseNo2`, `PizzaToppingNo1`, `PizzaToppingNo2` are members of Class `Thing`

(4) `ExamplePizzaX` `hasBase` `PizzaBaseNo1`
`ExamplePizzaX` `hasBase` `PizzaBaseNo2`.

(5) `ExamplePizzaX` `hasTopping` `PizzaToppingNo1`
`ExamplePizzaX` `hasTopping` `PizzaToppingNo2`



Protégé Practices

The screenshot shows the Protégé ontology editor interface with the following tabs open:

- Class hierarchy**: Shows the class hierarchy under "Thing". Classes listed include Country, Pizza, PizzaBase, and PizzaTopping.
- Instances**: Shows instances: ExamplePizzaX, PizzaBaseNo1, PizzaBaseNo2, PizzaToppingNo1, and PizzaToppingNo2.
- Annotations**: Shows annotations for ExamplePizzaX.
- Description**: Shows the types of ExamplePizzaX: Thing and Pizza.
- Property assertions**: Shows object property assertions for ExamplePizzaX, including hasTopping, hasBase, and hasIngredient properties.

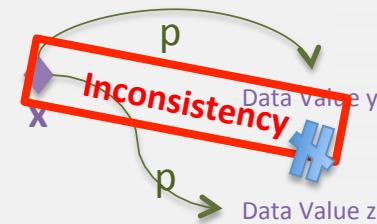
Literals

- Data Values
 - Data values can be understood as individuals denoting values through their literal expressions.
 - They can not be members of Classes
 - They are members of Data Types (integer, string, dateTime)
 - Each data value consists of a lexical form
 - A string + a data type
 - E.g. “22”^^xsd:integer “Peter Young”^^xsd:string
“1997-01-01T00:00:00”^^xsd:dateTime
 - Two data value are structurally equivalent if and only if both the lexical form are equivalent.
 - No need to specify the equivalent among data values
 - E.g. “22”^^xsd:integer  “22”^^xsd:integer
“22”^^xsd:integer  “22”^^xsd:string
“Peter Young”^^xsd:string  “Peter_Young”^^xsd:string

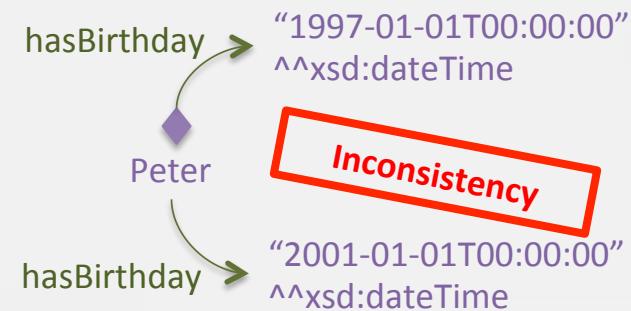
Relationships in an Ontology

- Properties
 - Data Property Characteristics (1/1)
 - Functional Data Property Axioms
 - For each individual x there can be at most one distinct data value y such that x is connected by a **functional** data property p with y .

Let p be a **functional** data property



E.g. An example of functional data properties: `hasBirthday`



Relationships in an Ontology

- Properties
 - Data Property Descriptions (1/5)
 - Equivalent Data Properties Axiom
 - It states that all the equivalent data properties are semantically equal to each other
 - They can be replaced by each other without affecting the meaning of the ontology

E.g. Individual: Peter;

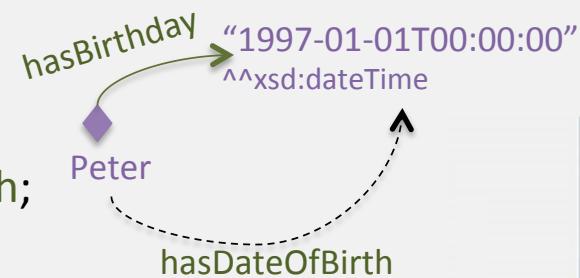
Data Properties: hasBirthday, hasDateOfBirth;

hasBirthday is equivalent to hasDateOfBirth;

Peter hasBirthday “1997-01-01T00:00:00”^{^^xsd:dateTime}.



We can infer that Peter hasDateOfBirth “1997-01-01T00:00:00”^{^^xsd:dateTime}



Relationships in an Ontology

- Properties
 - Data Property Descriptions (2/5)
 - Disjoint Data Properties Axiom
 - It states that all the disjoint data properties are pairwise disjoint
 - No Individual x can be connected to a data value y by two disjoint data properties at the same time

E.g. Individual: Peter;

Data Properties: hasBirthday, hasAge;

hasBirthday is disjoint with hasAge.



If Peter hasBirthday “1997-01-01T00:00:00” $\wedge\wedge$ xsd:dateTime, and Peter hasAge “1997-01-01T00:00:00” $\wedge\wedge$ xsd:dateTime both exist, then the ontology would become inconsistent.



Relationships in an Ontology

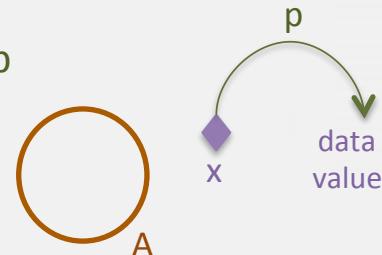
- Properties

- Data Property Descriptions (3/5)

- Data Property Domain Axiom

- Let the set **A** be specified as the domain of the data property **p**. If an individual **x** is connected by **p** with some data value, then the **x** is a member of **A**.

Let the set **A** be specified as the domain of a data property **p**



E.g. Class: **Human**;

Individual: **Peter**;

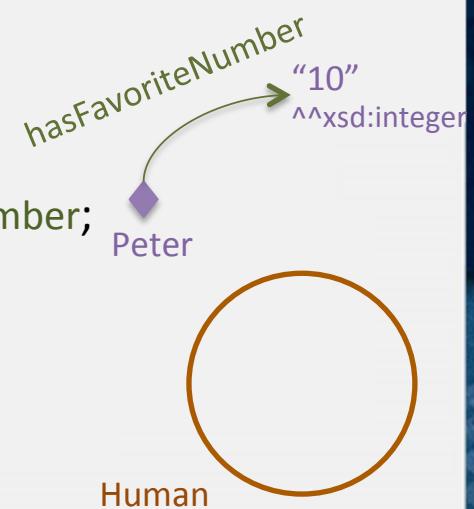
Data Property: **hasFavoriteNumber**;

Human is specified as the domain of **hasFavoriteNumber**;

Peter has **hasFavoriteNumber** “10”^{^^xsd:integer}.



We can infer that **Peter** is a member of **Human**.



Relationships in an Ontology

- Properties

- Data Property Descriptions (4/5)

- Data Property Range Axiom

- Let the data range **B** be specified as the range of the data property **p**. If some individual is connected by **p** with a data value **y**, the **y** must be in the data range **B**.

E.g. Data Range: **String**;

Individual: **Peter**;

Object Property: **hasName**;

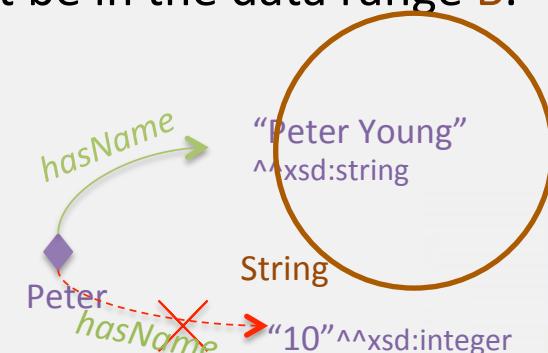
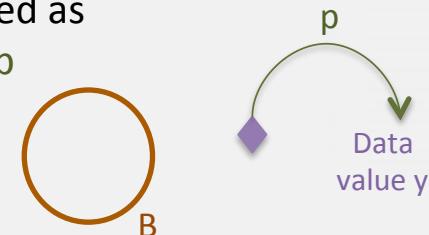
String is specified as the range of **hasName**.



If **Peter** **hasName** “Peter Young”^{^^xsd:string}, then the range condition is satisfied

If **Peter** **hasName** “10”^{^^xsd:integer}, then the ontology would become inconsistent

Let the data range **B** be specified as the range of a data property **p**



Relationships in an Ontology

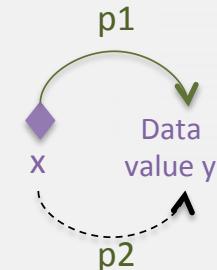
- Properties

- Data Property Descriptions (5/5)

- Sub Data Property Axiom

- Let the data property p_1 be a sub property of the data property p_2 . If an Individual x is connected by p_1 to a data value y , then x is also connected by p_2 to y
 - They cannot be replaced by each other

Let the p_1 be a sub data property of p_2



E.g. Individual: Petter;

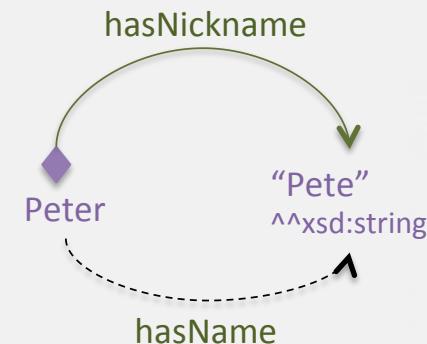
Object Properties: hasNickname, hasName;

hasNickname is a sub property of hasName;

Petter hasNickname “Pete”^{^^xsd:string}.



We can infer that Petter hasName “Pete”^{^^xsd:string}

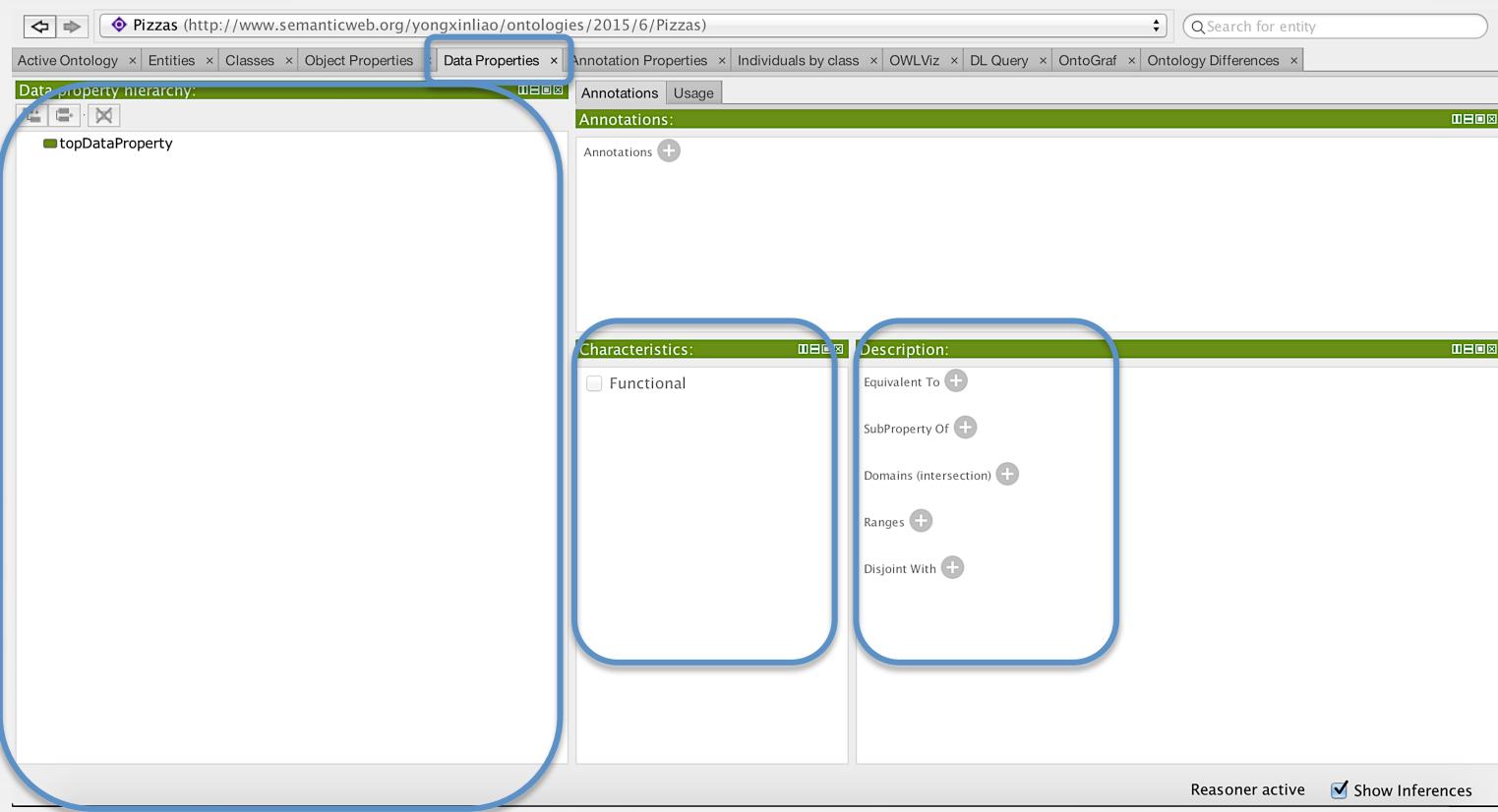


Protégé Practices

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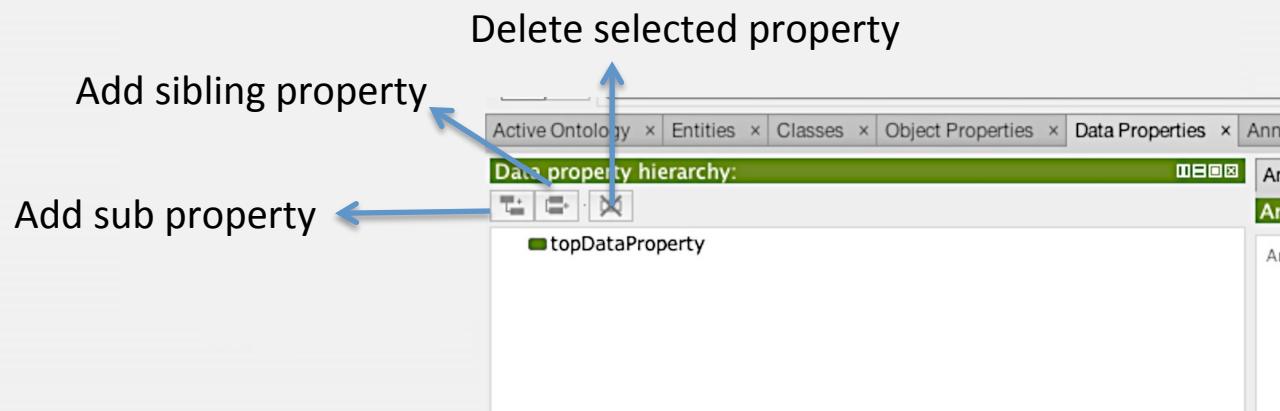
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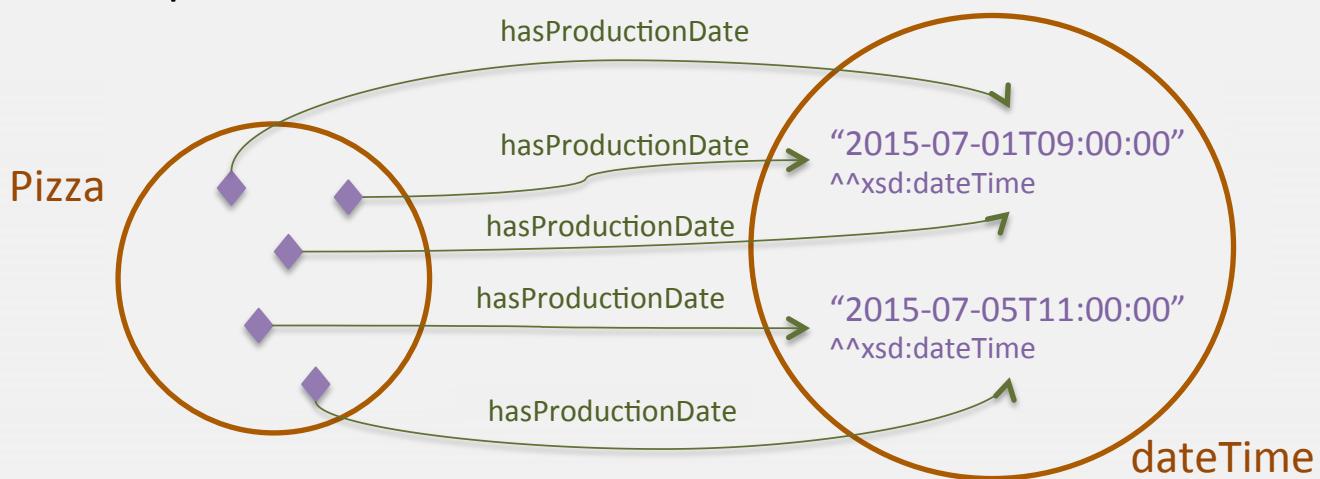
Protégé Practices

- The TopDataProperty
 - It is a pre-defined property as the most general data property in an ontology.
 - It is the root property of all data properties
 - It represents the property that can connect all possible pairs individuals with all data values



Protégé Practices

- Data Properties
 - Each pizza (an individual in Class: Pizza) has only one production date.
 - The `hasProductionDate` is a Functional Data Property.
 - The Range of `hasProductionDate` is `dateTime`
 - It is a built-in data type, which represents instants of time.
 - It is specified in the form of “YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss”



Protégé Practices

- Object Property Assertions

Pieces of Knowledge:

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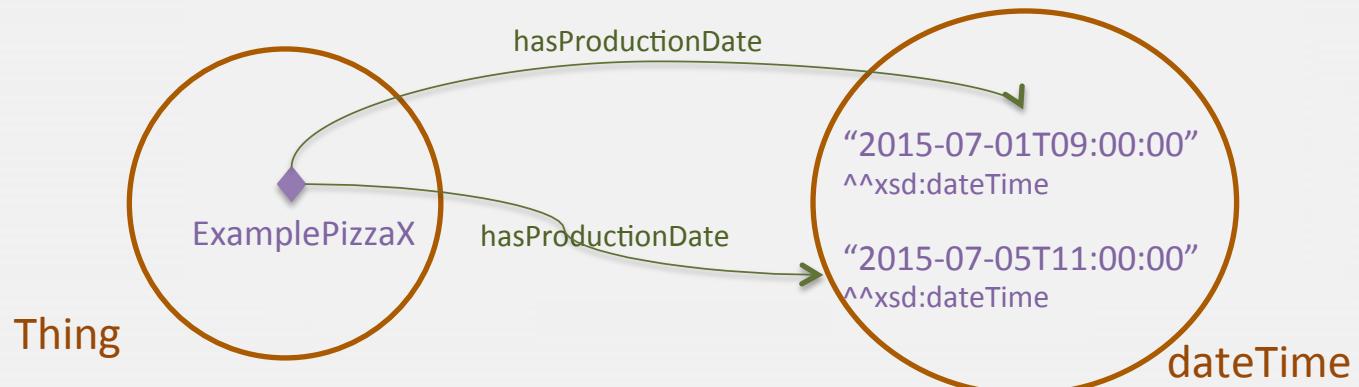
hasProductionDate has the following descriptions:

- Range: dateTime

(2) ExamplePizzaX is a member of Class Thing

(3) ExamplePizzaX hasProductionDate "2015-07-01T09:00:00"^^xsd:dateTime

ExamplePizzaX hasProductionDate "2015-07-05T09:00:00"^^xsd:dateTime



Protégé Practices

- Object Property Assertions

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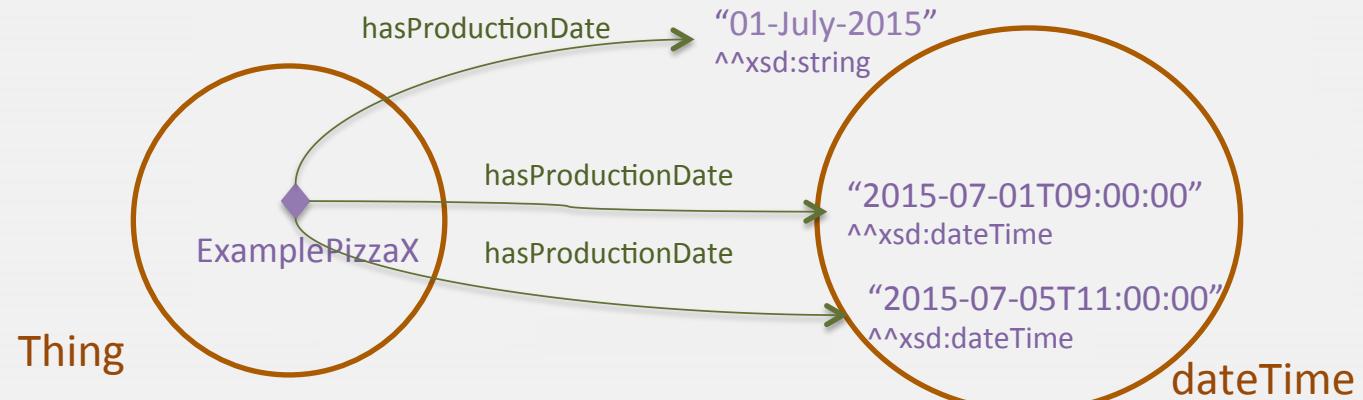
- Range: `dateTime`

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`ExamplePizzaX hasProductionDate "2015-07-05T09:00:00"^^xsd:dateTime`

`ExamplePizzaX hasProductionDate "01-July-2015"^^xsd:string`



Thank you
for your attention!

Any Questions?

