

# Virtual Knowledge Graphs: Query Processing

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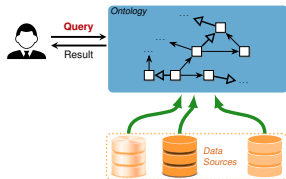
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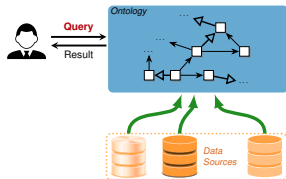
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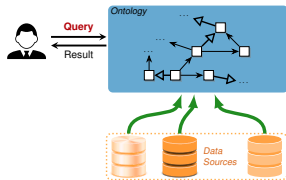
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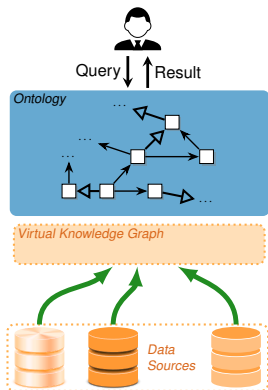
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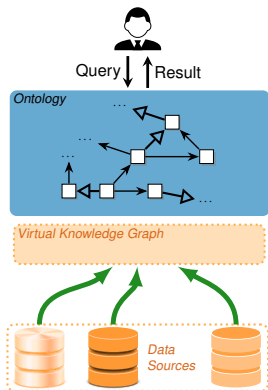
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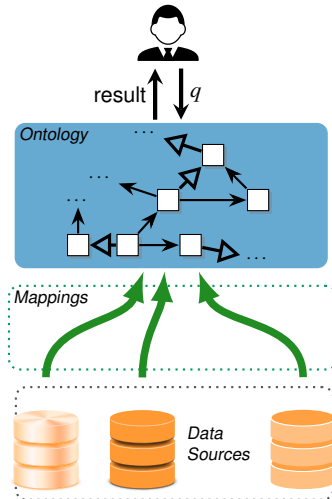
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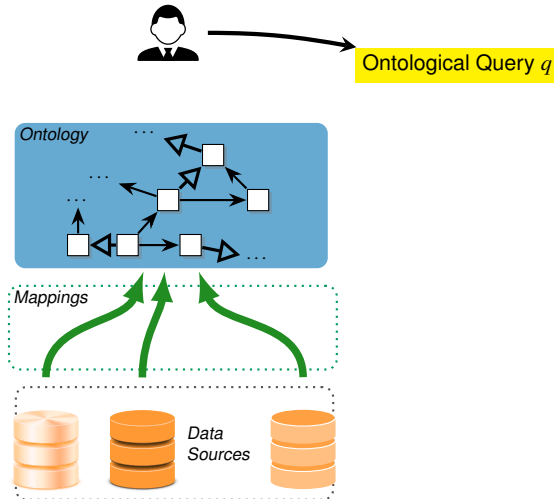
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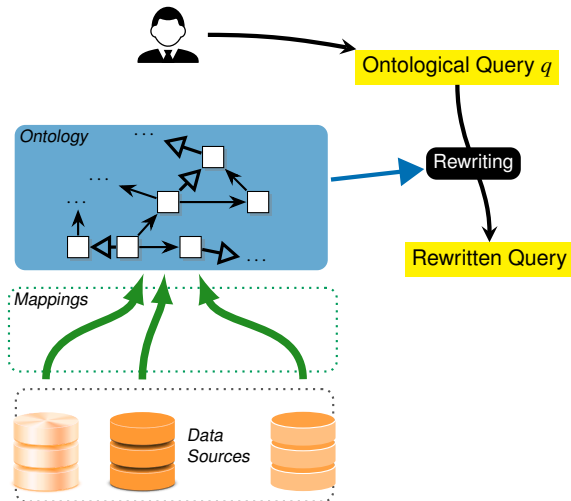
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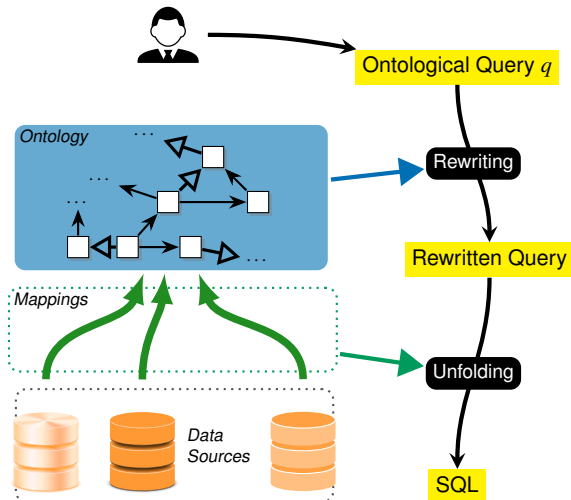
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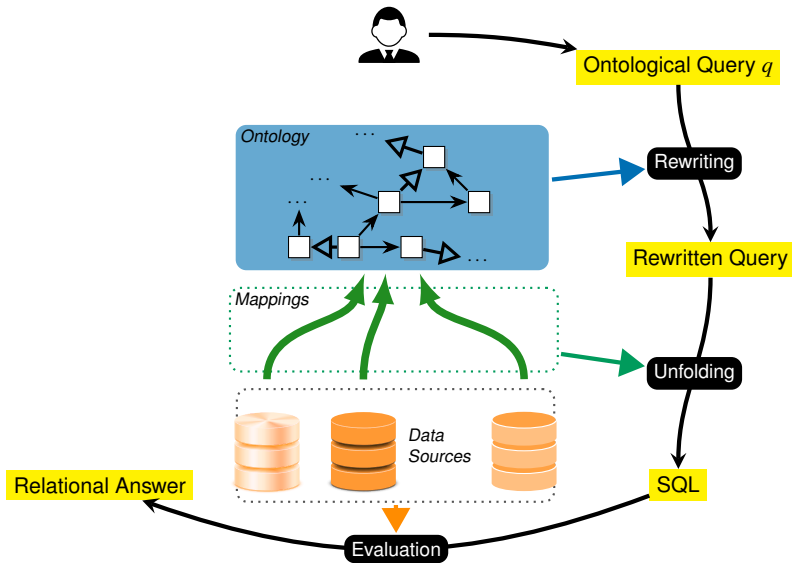
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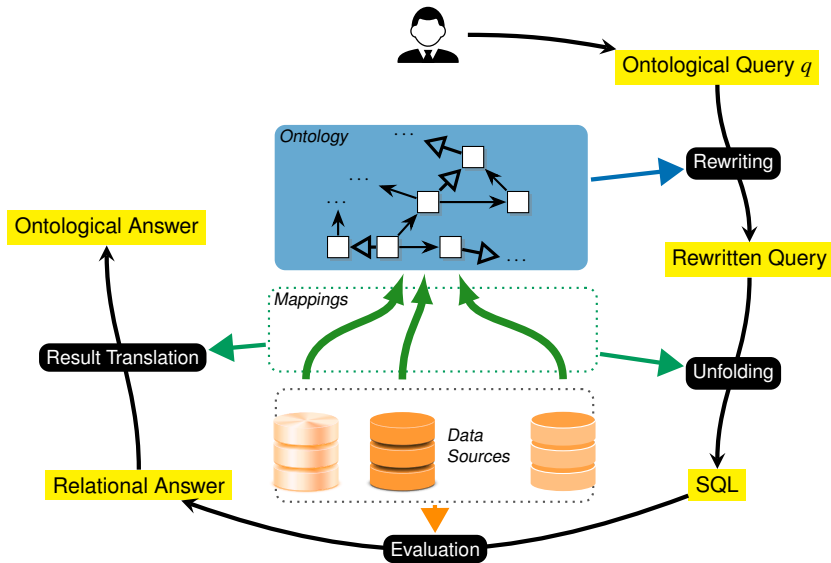
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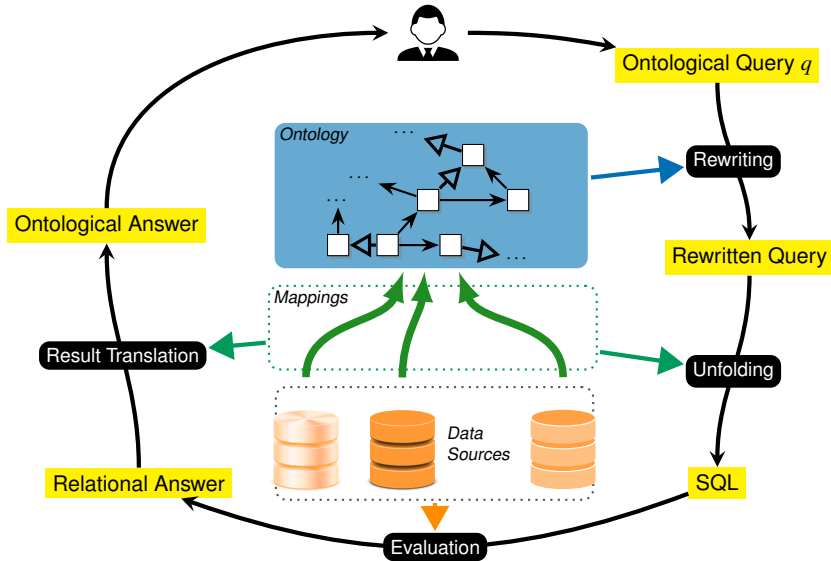
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The rewriting Step ① deals with the knowledge encoded by the axioms of the ontology:

- hierarchies of classes and of properties;
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We illustrate the need for dealing with these two aspects with two examples.

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This is possible, since  $\Psi$  does not contain non-distinguished variables.

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# Top-down approach to deal with mappings: Unfolding

The top-down approach is realized by computing from the (rewritten) query  $q_r$  a new query  $q_{\text{unf}}$ , by **unfolding**  $q_r$  using (the split version of) the mappings  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Consider the mapping assertions  $\Phi_i \rightsquigarrow \Psi_i$ .

- Essentially, each atom in  $q_r$  that unifies with an atom in some  $\Psi_i$  is substituted with the corresponding query  $\Phi_i$  over the database.
- The unfolded query  $q_{\text{unf}}$  is such that for each database  $\mathcal{D}$  we have that:

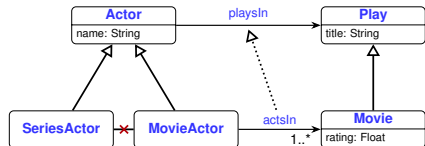
$$q_{\text{unf}}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{Eval}_{\text{CWA}}(q_r, \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D})).$$

# Unfolding

To unfold a query  $q_r$  with respect to a set  $\mathcal{M}$  of mapping assertions:

- 1 For each non-split mapping assertion  $\Phi_i(\vec{x}) \rightsquigarrow \Psi_i(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$ :
  - 1 Introduce a **view symbol**  $Aux_i$  of arity equal to that of  $\Phi_i$ .
  - 2 Add a **view definition**  $Aux_i(\vec{x}) \leftarrow \Phi_i(\vec{x})$ .
- 2 For each split version  $\Phi_i(\vec{x}) \rightsquigarrow X_i^j(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$  of a mapping assertion, introduce a **clause**  $X_i^j(\vec{t}, \vec{y}) \leftarrow Aux_i(\vec{x})$ .
- 3 Obtain from  $q_r$  in all possible ways queries  $q_{aux}$  defined over the view symbols  $Aux_i$  as follows:
  - 1 Find a most general unifier  $\vartheta$  that unifies each atom  $X(\vec{z})$  in the body of  $q_r$  with the head of a clause  $X(\vec{t}, \vec{y}) \leftarrow Aux_i(\vec{x})$ .
  - 2 Substitute each atom  $X(\vec{z})$  with  $\vartheta(Aux_i(\vec{x}))$ , i.e., with the body the unified clause to which the unifier  $\vartheta$  is applied.
- 4 The unfolded query  $q_{unf}$  is the **union** of all queries  $q_{aux}$ , together with the view definitions for the predicates  $Aux_i$  appearing in  $q_{aux}$ .

# Unfolding – Example



$m_1$ : `SELECT pcode, acode, aname`  $\rightsquigarrow$  `Play(pl(pcode)),`  
`FROM ACTOR` `Actor(act(icode)),`  
`name(act(icode), aname),`  
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$m_2$ : `SELECT mcode, acode, mtitle`  $\rightsquigarrow$  `Movie(pl(mcode)),`  
`FROM MOVIE M, ACTOR A` `playsIn(act(icode),`  
`WHERE M.mcode = A.pcode` `pl(mcode)),`  
`AND M.type = "m"` `title(pl(mcode), mtitle)`

We define a view  $Aux_i$  for the source query of each mapping  $m_i$ .

For each (split) mapping assertion, we introduce a clause:

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# Unfolding – Example (cont'd)

Query over the ontology: Actors with their name who act in a movie whose title is "The Matrix":

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# Implementation of top-down approach to query answering

To implement the top-down approach, we need to generate an SQL query.

We can follow different strategies:

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  - the number of unfolded queries may be exponential.
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  - joins are performed on IRIs, i.e., on terms built using string concatenation, hence are highly inefficient;
  - generates doubly nested queries, which per se the database has difficulty in optimizing.

Which method is better, depends on various parameters, and there is no definitive answer.

In general, one needs a mixed approach that applies different strategies to different parts of the query.

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# Tree-witness rewriting and saturated mapping

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 $\rightsquigarrow$  **tree-witness rewriting**  $q_{\text{tw}}$  [Kikot et al. 2012]
- 2 We use instead class and property hierarchies (i.e.,  $C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$ ,  $P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$ ) to enrich the mapping  $\mathcal{M}$ .  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  **saturated mapping**  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sat}}$  [Rodriguez-Muro et al. 2013; Kontchakov, Rezk, et al. 2014]
- 3 We unfold the tree-witness rewriting  $q_{\text{tw}}$  w.r.t. the saturated mapping  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sat}}$ .

It is possible to show that the resulting query is equivalent to the perfect rewriting  $q_r$  (as obtained, e.g., through ordinary rewriting w.r.t.  $\mathcal{O}$  and unfolding w.r.t.  $\mathcal{M}$ ).

For more details, we refer also to [Kontchakov & Zakharyashev 2014].

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**Note:** The saturated mapping has also been called **T-mapping** in the literature.

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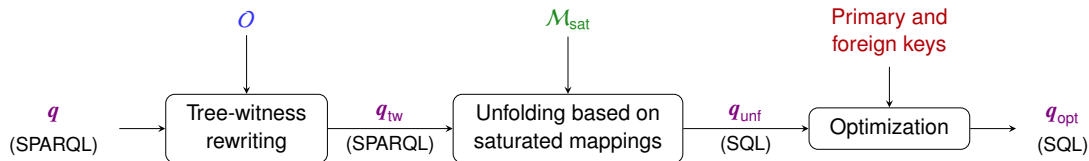
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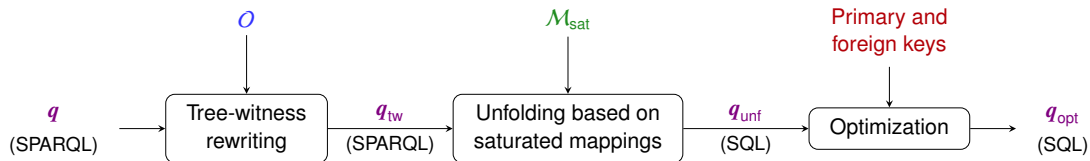
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**teaching**(*course, acode*)  $\rightsquigarrow$  **Teacher**(**iri2**(*acode*))

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**academic**(*acode, fn, ln, pos*)  $\rightsquigarrow$  **firstName**(**iri2**(*acode*), *fn*)

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Query (we assume that the ontology is empty, hence  $q_r = q$ )

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$q^1_{\text{unf}}(\text{iri2}(\text{acode})) \leftarrow \text{teaching}(\text{course}, \text{acode})$

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## Reformulation example – 2. Structural optimization

### Unfolded normalized query

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$$p \in [1..8]$$
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- While flattening, we can avoid to generate those queries that contain in their body an equality between two terms with incompatible IRI templates.
- This might avoid a potential exponential blowup.

# Reformulation example – 2. Structural optimization

## Unfolded normalized query

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{\text{norm}}(x, y, z) &\leftarrow q^1_{\text{unf}}(x), q^2_{\text{unf}}(x_1, y), \\
 &\quad q^3_{\text{unf}}(x_2, z), \\
 &\quad x = x_1, x = x_2 \\
 q^1_{\text{unf}}(\text{iri2}(a)) &\leftarrow \text{academic}(a, f, l, p), \\
 &\quad p \in [1..8] \\
 q^1_{\text{unf}}(\text{iri2}(a)) &\leftarrow \text{teaching}(c, a) \\
 q^2_{\text{unf}}(\text{iri1}(s), f) &\leftarrow \text{student}(s, f, l) \\
 q^2_{\text{unf}}(\text{iri2}(a), f) &\leftarrow \text{academic}(a, f, l, p) \\
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$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{\text{lift}}(\text{iri2}(a), y, z) &\leftarrow \text{academic}(a, f_1, l_1, p_1), \\
 &\quad \text{student}(s, f_2, l_2), \\
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## Flattening (URI template lifting) – Part 2/2

$$\begin{aligned}
 q^{\text{lift}}_{\text{iri2}}(\text{iri2}(a), y, z) &\leftarrow \text{teaching}(c, a), \\
 &\quad \text{student}(s, f_2, l_2), \\
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 q^{\text{lift}}_{\text{iri2}}(\text{iri2}(a), y, z) &\leftarrow \text{teaching}(c, a), \\
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# Reformulation example – 3. Semantic optimization

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