RDFa Metadata in \LaTeX^*

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Abstract

The rdfmeta package allows mark up Ontology-based Metadata in LaTeX documents that can be harvested by automated tools or exported to PDF.

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1 Introduction

The rdfmeta package allows mark up extensible metadata in STEX documents, so that that it can be harvested by automated tools or exported to PDF. It is also intended to support the new metadata infrastructure for the OMDoc format [Koh06] introduced in OMDoc1.3 [Koh10] (see [LK09] for the relevant ideas and and [KKL10] for an application).

Metadata are annotated as key value pairs in the semantic environments provided by STEX. In most markup formats, the metadata vocabularies are fixed by the language designer. In STEX, the rdfmeta package allows the user to extend the metadata vocabulary.

Example 1: Metadata for Certification

Take, for instance, the case where we want to use metadata for the certification status of document fragments. In Figure 1 we use the hasState key to say that a section has been approved by the TÜV, a specific certification agency. There are two concerns here. First, the hasState key has to be introduced and given a meaning, and same for the (complex) value \statedocrd{\tuev}. This meaning is given in the certifiation ontology which we imported via the \importmodule command. The ontology can be marked up in STEX (see Figure 2), with the exception that we use the \keydef macro for the definition of the hasState relation so that it also defines the key. For the details of this see the next section.

2 User Interface

We now document the specifics of the environments and macros provided by the rdfmeta package from a user perspective.

2.1 Package Options

showmeta The rdfmeta package takes the option: showmeta. If this is set, then the metadata

Key Group Identifier	Macros	Package/Class
dcm@person	DCMPerson	dcm.sty
dcm@institution	DCMInstitution	dcm.sty
dcm@sect	section	dcm.sty
assig	assignment	hwexam.cls
inclassig	includeassignment	hwexam.cls
quizheading	quizheading	hwexam.cls
testheading	quizheading	hwexam.cls
module	module	modules.sty
termdef	termdef	modules.sty
view	view	modules.sty
omgroup	omgroup	omdoc.sty
ignore	ignore	omdoc.sty
omtext	omtext, definition, axiom,	omtext.sty,
	assertion, example, inlinedef	statements.sty
phrase	phrase	omtext.sty
problem	problem	problem.sty
inclprob	includeproblem	problem.sty
req	requirement	reqdoc.sty
spf	sproof, spfcases, spfcase,	sproof.sty
	spfstep, spfcomment	
termref	termref	statements.sty
symboldec	symboldec	statements.sty

Figure 1: Key Group Identifiers in STEX

keys are shown (see [Koh14a] for details and customization options).

sectioning

The remaining options can be used to specify metadata upgrades of standard keys. The sectioning option upgrades the \part, \chapter, \section, \subsection, \subsection, \paragraph macros (and of course their starred variants).

2.2 Extending Macros and Environments by Metadata Keys

\keydef

The main user-visible feature of the rdfmeta package is the keydef macro. It takes two arguments, a "key group identifier" and a key name. In a nutshell, every STEX command that takes metadata keys comes with a "key group identifier" that identifies the set of admissible keys; see [Koh14a] for details on this concept. Figure 1 gives an overview over the key groups and their identifiers in STEX.

Semantically, $\ensuremath{\mbox{keydef}(\ensuremath{\mbox{keygroup})}}{\ensuremath{\mbox{key}}}$ defines a symbol just like the $\ensuremath{\mbox{symdef}}$ macro from the modules package [KGA14]. But it also extends the syntax of STEX itself: it adds a key $\ensuremath{\mbox{key}}$ to $\ensuremath{\mbox{keygroup}}$, which allows to state the corresponding metadata as a key/value pair in the STEX macro or environ-

ment. Following the ideas from [LK09], the metadata is transformed to RDFa metadata [Adi+10] in OMDoc, where the identifiers of relations are exactly the symbols introduced by the corresponding \keydef.

```
\documentclass{omdoc}
\usepackage{stex,rdfmeta,amstext}
\begin{document}
\begin{module}[id=certification]
% \metalanguage[../owl2onto/owl2]{OWL2}
 \keydef{omtext}{hasState}
 \keydef{omgroup}{hasState}
 \symdef{hasState}{\text{hasState}}
 \symdef{statedocrd}[1]{rd. #1}
 \symdef{tuev}{\text{T\"UV}}
 \begin{omgroup}[id=foo,hasState=test]{Definitions}
 \begin{definition}[for=hasState]
   A document {\definiendum[hasState]{has state}} $x$, iff
   the project manager decrees it so.
 \end{definition}
 \begin{definition}[for=statedocrd,hasState=$\statedocrd\tuev$]
   A document has state \definiendum[statedocrd]{rd. $x$},
   iff it has been submitted to $x$ for certification.
 \end{definition}
 \begin{definition}[for=tuev,hasState=$\statedocrd\tuev$]
   The $\tuev$ (Technischer \"Uberwachungs Verein) is a national
   certification agency in Germany.
 \end{definition}
\end{omgroup}
\end{module}
\end{document}
```

Example 2: A simple Ontology on Certification

In our example in Figure 2 we have defined a key hasstate in the omtext key group¹ and a symbol hasstate via \addkey{omtext}{hasstate}. Furthermore, we have defined the meaning of the relation expressed by the hasstate symbol informally and specified some possible objects for the relation (that could of course have been done in other modules as well). We have made use of this metadata ontology and the new key hasState in the example in Figure 1.

2.3 Redefinitions of Common LaTeX Macros and Environments

The rdfmeta package redefines common IATEX commands (e.g. the sectioning macros) so that they include optional KeyVal arguments that can be extended by \keydef commands. With this extension, we can add RDFa metadata to any existing IATEX document and generate linked data (XHTML+RDFa documents) via the IATEXML translator.

¹For the \omtext environment and key group see [Koh14d]

2.4 Extending Packages with rdfmeta

The rdfameta package also exposes its internal infrastructure for extending the redefinitions. Note that the upgrade macros can only be used in LATEX packages, as the macro names contain @. Consequently, this section is only addressed at package developers who want to extend existing (i.e. not written by them) packages with flexible metadata functionality.

\rdfmeta@upgrade

\rdfmeta@upgrade*

\rdfmeta@upgrade is the basic upgrade macro. It takes an optional keyval argument an a command sequence $\langle cseq \rangle$ as a proper argument and (if that is defined), redefines $\langle cseq \rangle$ to take a keyval argument. There is a variant \rdfmeta@upgrade* that has to be used to upgrade macros that have a starred form (e.g. \section and friends). Note that \rdfmeta@upgrade* upgrades both forms (e.g. \section and \section*).

\rdfmeta@upgrade uses four keys to specify the behavior in the case the the macro to be upgraded already has an optional argument. For concreteness, we introduce them using the \section macro from standard IATEX as an example. \section has an optional argument for the "short title", which will appear in the table of contents. The optarg key can be used to specify a key for the existing optional argument. Thus, after upgrading it via \rdfmeta@upgrade*[optarg=short]{section}, we can use the updated form \section[short= $\langle toctitle \rangle$] { $\langle title \rangle$ } instead of the old \section[$\langle toctitle \rangle$] { $\langle title \rangle$ }. Actually, this still has a problem: the \section* would also be given the short key and would be passed an optional argument (which it does not accept). To remedy this we can set the optargstar key to no. In summary, the correct upgrade command for \section and \section* would be

optargstar

optarg

\rdfmeta@upgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no]{section}

The \rdfmeta@upgrade* macro also initializes a metadata key-group (a named set of keys and their handlers; see [Koh14b] for details) for the section macro with an id key for identification (see [Koh14e] for details). Often, the name of the key-group is the same as the command sequence, so we take this as the default, if we want to specify a different metadata key-group name, we can do so with the keygroup key in \rdfmeta@upgrade*.

keygroup idlabel

If idlabel is set to $\langle prefix \rangle$, then the LATEX label is set to the value $\langle prefix \rangle . \langle id \rangle$, where $\langle id \rangle$ is the value given in the RDFa id key. This allows to use the normal LATEX referencing mechanism in addition to the semantic referencing mechanism provided by the sref package [Koh14f].

2.5 Limitations

In this section we document known limitations. If you want to help alleviate them, please feel free to contact the package author. Some of them are currently discussed in the STEX TRAC [sTeX].

1. Currently the coverage of the redefinitions of standard commands in the rdfmeta package is minimal; we will extend this in the future.

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- 2. The \rdfmeta@upgrade macro only works with single arguments, this should be easy to fix with \case for the argument string.
- 3. I am not sure \rdfmeta@upgrade works with environments.
- 4. it would be convenient, if we had a macro \keydefs, which takes a list of keygroups, so that we can define keys in multiple groups in one go, e.g. \keydefs{omtext,omgroup}{hasState} in Figure 2. But the obvious "solution"

does not work for me.

3 The Implementation

The sref package generates two files: the LATEX package (all the code between $\langle *package \rangle$ and $\langle /package \rangle$) and the LATEXML bindings (between $\langle *ltxml \rangle$ and $\langle /ltxml \rangle$). We keep the corresponding code fragments together, since the documentation applies to both of them and to prevent them from getting out of sync.

We first set up header information for the LATEXML binding file.

```
1 (*Itxml)
2 package LaTeXML::Package::Pool;
3 use strict;
4 use LaTeXML::Package;
5 (/Itxml)
```

3.1 Package Options

We declare some switches which will modify the behavior according to the package options. Generally, an option xxx will just set the appropriate switches to true (otherwise they stay false).¹

```
6 \ *package \\
7 \DeclareOption{showmeta}{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{metakeys}}\\
8 \newif\if@rdfmeta@sectioning\@rdfmeta@sectioningfalse\\
9 \DeclareOption{sectioning}{\@rdfmeta@sectioningtrue}\\
10 \ProcessOptions\\
11 \langle/package \\
12 \langle*!txml \\
13 \DeclareOption('showmeta','');\\
14 \DeclareOption('sectioning','');\\
15 \langle /|txml \\
\end{align*}
```

The first measure is to ensure that the right packages are loaded. From the from STEX collection, we need the sref package (see [Koh14f]) for handling keys, the modules package for exporting the \keydef (see [KGA14]).

```
\begin{array}{c} 16 \; \langle *\texttt{package} \rangle \\ 17 \; \texttt{NequirePackage\{sref,modules\}} \end{array}
```

¹EdNote: need an implementation for LATEXML

\rdfmeta@loaded

and we define a macro rdfmeta@loaded just for the purpose of determining whether the rdfmeta package is loaded.

\rdfmeta@loaded

18 \newcommand\rdfmeta@loaded{yes}

\rdfmeta@sectioning

And another macro rdfmeta@sectioning to determine wether the sectioning macros have been redefined.

\rdfmeta@loaded

```
19 \if@rdfmeta@sectioning\newcommand\rdfmeta@sectioning{yes}\fi 20 \langlepackage\rangle
```

3.2 Key Definitions

\keydef

The \keydef macro is rather simple, we just add a key to the respective environment and extend the export token register for the current module by an \addmetakey instruction.

```
21 \( *package \)
22 \newcommand\keydef [2] {\addmetakey{#1}{#2}}\)
23 \( \expandafter\g@addto@macro\this@module{\addmetakey{#1}{#2}}\)
24 \( /package \)
25 \( \ext{*ltxml} \)
26 \( \text{DefConstructor('\keydef','')}; \)
27 \( \ext{/ltxml} \)

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\listkeydef

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```
28 \( \) *package \\
29 \newcommand\listkeydef[2] \{\addmetalistkey\{\#1\}\{\#2\}\\}
30 \expandafter\g@addto@macro\this@module\{\addmetalistkey\{\#1\}\{\#2\}\}
31 \( /\package \)
32 \( \*\txml \)
33 \( DefConstructor('\listkeydef','');
34 \( /\txml \)
```

3.3 RDFa upgrade Facilities

We first define the keys for the \rdfmeta@upgrade macro.

```
35 \ \*package \\ 36 \ def \@yes@{yes} \\ 37 \ addmetakey*{upgrade}{idlabel} \\ 38 \ addmetakey*{upgrade}{optarg} \\ 39 \ addmetakey*[yes]{upgrade}{optargstar} \\ 40 \ addmetakey*{upgrade}{keygroup}
```

\rdfmeta@upgrade

This upgrade macro gives extended functionality according to the optional keys. The top-level invocation just differentiates on whether a star is following:

 $41 \ def\ rdfmeta@upgrade(\ upgrade) \ ar\ rdfmeta@upgrade(\ upgrade) \ ar\ rdfmeta@upgrade(\ upgrade) \ ar\ rdfmeta@upgrade(\ upgrade) \ ar\ rdfmeta(\ upgrade) \ ar\ rd$

Both cases are almost the same, they only differ in the third line where they call \rdfmeta@upgrade@base or \rdfmeta@upgrade@base@star defined above. In particular, both take the arguments originally intended for \rdfmeta@upgrade.

- 42 \newcommand\rdfmeta@upgrade@nostar[2][]{\metasetkeys{upgrade}{#1}%
- 43 \ifx\upgrade@keygroup\@empty\def\@@group{#2}\else\def\@@group{\upgrade@keygroup}\fi
- $44 \t equal (\c ward of the content of the conten$

They set the metakeys from the second argument, then set \@@group to be the intended group (if the keygroup key was specified, it takes precedence over the default #2).

- 45 \newcommand\rdfmeta@upgrade@star[2][]{\metasetkeys{upgrade}{#1}%
- 46 \ifx\upgrade@keygroup\@empty\def\@@group{#2}\else\def\@@group{\upgrade@keygroup}\fi
- 47 \rdfmeta@upgrade@base@star{#2}{\@nameuse{\@@group @\upgrade@optarg}}}
- 48 (/package)
- 49 (*ltxml)
- 50 (/ltxml)

\rdfmeta@upgrade@base

This auxiliary macro and is invoked as \rdfmeta@upgrade@base{ $\langle cseq \rangle$ }{ $\langle optarg \rangle$ }, where $\langle cseq \rangle$ is a command sequence name. It checks if $\langle cseq \rangle$ is defined (if not it does nothing), saves the old behavior of $\langle cseq \rangle$ as \rdfmeta@ $\langle cseq \rangle$ @old, and then redefines $\langle cseq \rangle$ to take a keyval argument and passes $\langle optarg \rangle$ as the optional argument.

- 51 (*package)
- 52 \newcommand\rdfmeta@upgrade@base[2]{\@ifundefined{#1}{}%
- 53 {\message{redefining macro #1,}
- $54 \ \texttt{$1$} else\ \texttt{$prefix=\period} id label \ \texttt{1} fi\% and the support of t$
- 55 \expandafter\let\csname rdfmeta@#1@old\expandafter\endcsname\csname #1\endcsname%
- 56 \expandafter\renewcommand\csname #1\endcsname[2][]%
- $57 {\mbox{\mbox{$1$}{\#1}}\mbox{\mbox{$metagetkeys}${\#1}$} \label{lem:cold} [\#2] {\#2}} \\$
- 58 \addmetakey*\@@group{\upgrade@optarg}}}

\rdfmeta@upgrade@base@star

This is a variant of \rdfmeta@upgrade@base, which also takes care of the starred variants of a macro.

- $59 \end{area} $$ \end{area} $$ inewcommand\rdfmeta@upgrade@base@star[2]{\cifundefined{#1}{}}, $$$
- 60 {\message{redefining macros #1 and #1*,}
- $61 \ \texttt{ifx} \ \texttt{prefix=\upgrade@idlabel} \ \texttt{\#1} \ \texttt{lse} \ \texttt{prefix=\upgrade@idlabel} \ \texttt{\#1} \ \texttt{fiii} \ \texttt{\#1} \ \texttt{fiii} \ \texttt{\#1} \$
- 62 \expandafter\let\csname rdfmeta@#1@old\expandafter\endcsname\csname #1\endcsname%

In this case, we cannot just use \newcommand for dealing with the optional argument because the star is between the command sequence and the arguments. So we make a case distinction on the presence of the star. $\rdfmeta@(cseq)@old$.

- 63 \expandafter\renewcommand\csname #1\endcsname%
- $64 {\tt @ifstar{\tt @nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@star}}{\tt @nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@nostar}}} \% \\$

the macros $\rdfmeta@(cseq)@star$ and $\rdfmeta@(cseq)@nostar$ that are defined in terms of $\rdfmeta@(cseq)@old$ handle the necessary cases. The second one is simple:

- 65 \expandafter\newcommand\csname rdfmeta@#1@nostar\endcsname[2][]%
- 66 {\metasetkeys{#1}{##1}\edef\@test{#2}%

```
67 \ifx\@test\@empty\@nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@old}{##2}% 68 \else\@nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@old}[#2]{##2}\fi}%
```

For $\rdfmeta@(cseq)@star$ we have to take care of the optional argument of the old macro: if the optargstar key was set, then we pass the second argument of $\rdfmeta@upgrade@base$ as an optional argument to it as above.

```
69 \ifx\upgrade@optargstar\@yes@%
70 \expandafter\newcommand\csname rdfmeta@#1@star\endcsname[2][]%
71 {\metasetkeys{#1}{##1}\@nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@old}*[#2]{##2}}%
72 \else%
73 \expandafter\newcommand\csname rdfmeta@#1@star\endcsname[2][]%
74 {\metasetkeys{#1}{##1}\@nameuse{rdfmeta@#1@old}*{##2}}%
75 \fi%
76 \addmetakey*\@@group{\upgrade@optarg}}}
77 \/package\
```

3.4 Redefinitions

If the sectioning macro is set, we redefine the respective commands

```
78 \( \*\package \)
79 \( \) if OrdfmetaOsectioning
80 \( \) message{redefining sectioning commands!}
81 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ part \}
82 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ chapter \}
83 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ section \}
84 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ subsection \}
85 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ subsubsection \}
86 \( \) rdfmetaOupgrade*[optarg=short,optargstar=no] \{ paragraph \}
87 \( \) fi
88 \( \) / package \( \)
89 \( \*\text{lxml} \)
90 \( \) / |txml \( \)
```

3.5 Finale

Finally, we need to terminate the file with a success mark for perl. 91 (ltxml)1;

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