

An aerial view of a large, semi-circular assembly hall, likely the European Parliament. The room features rows of blue seats and dark desks arranged in a semi-circle. In the center, there is a raised platform with a podium and a small table. The floor is light-colored with white dashed lines.

(D)IY – Data Integration Project

Who *claps* the
most?

Raw data

MDB_STAMMDATEN.XML

- .xml file containing information about all Bundestag members (since 1949)
- [Bundestag – OpenData](#)
- name, job(s), party, birthday, birthplace,...

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Raw data




plenarsitzung_xxxx.xml

- .xml file with a transcription of a Bundestag session
- Many additional meta data available
- Available via API from [DIP](#)
- Focus on 19th election period, all sessions available

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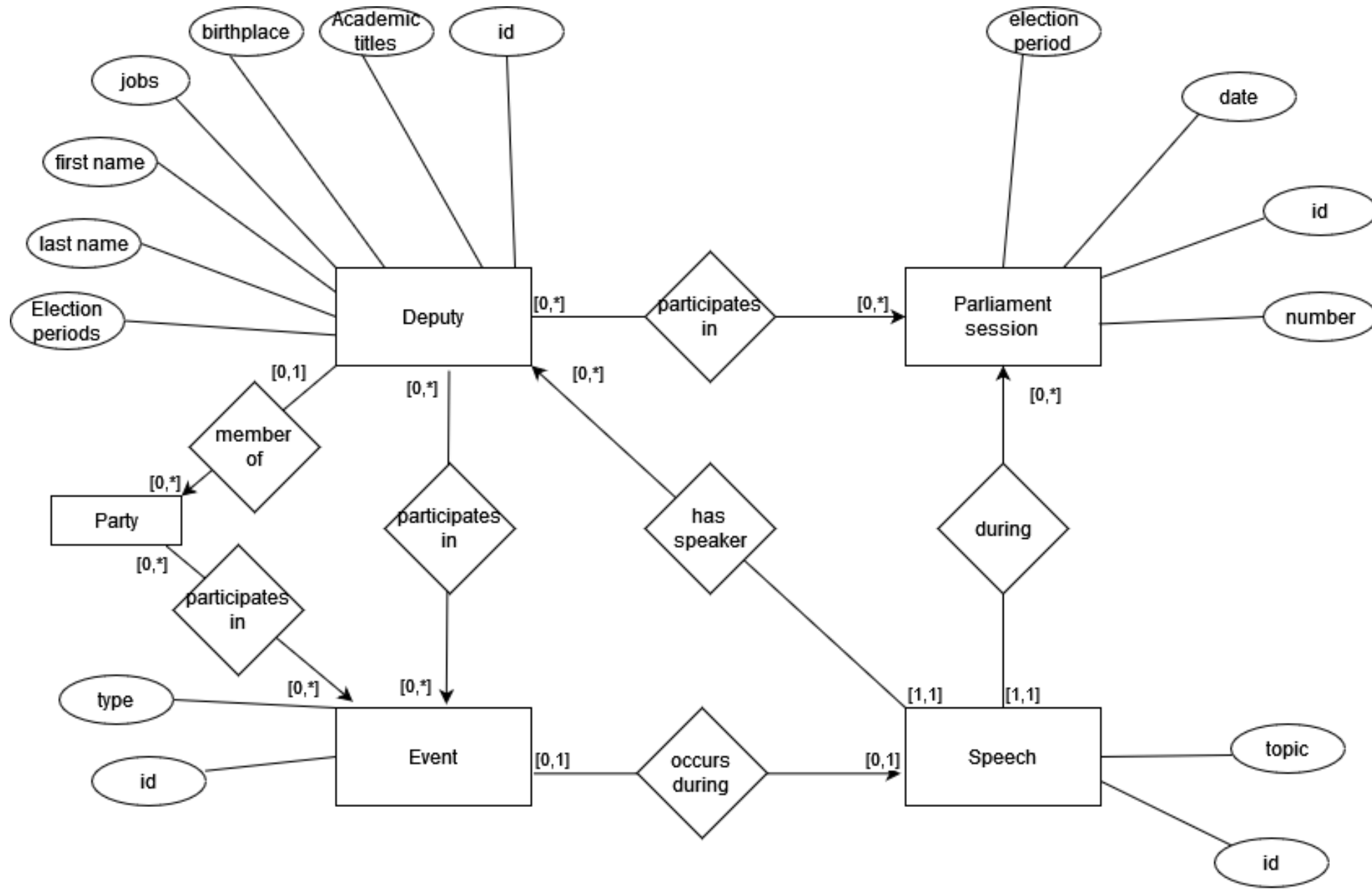
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- Green party laughs: 
- Philipp Amthor interrupts someone:   /
- ...

But who (which age/job/...) *claps* the most ..?

Data model after integration



The integration process

- The transcriptions are very structured, also not 100% machine-readable.
- Experimental observations:
 - Multiple events per comment possible. Usually divided by
„ - “ `<kommentar>` (Lachen beim BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN – Philipp Amthor [CDU/CSU]: Ach, s
 - Party names in [] must be ignored, they just describe a deputy
 - Last comment of a speech is logically related to the next speech (it is usually the applause for the next speaker)
 - Job descriptions of deputies are not standardized, e.g. „Arzt“ and „Ärztin“
- Excused deputies are mentioned in the protocols.

The integration process

- Naturally string similarities play an important role:
 - Find deputy names/party names/ event descriptions in a string
- Generally:
 - Ignore upper cases
 - remove academic titles from strings, e.g. „Dr.“, „Prof.“,...
 - Ignore stuff in brackets, as already explained
 - There exist name duplicates in the list of deputies! Need to use election period or date of death for clarification wherever possible.

The integration process

- First approach:
 - Algorithm which takes a string and converts it to a standardized „nametag“ by using , e.g.
„Dr. Philipp Amthör“ → „amthoer,philipp“
 - Then compare strings by comparing their nametags, e.g. Levenshtein. Very expensive
- Second approach:
 - Generate characteristic elements of a name, then search for each of these characteristics (similar to character-based tokenization) and calculate a score
 - E.g.: „Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer“ → ['annegret','kramp',
, 'karrenbauer', 'akk', 'ak', 'a']
 - Works pretty well, good for analyzing comments
- Third approach:
 - Use n-gram tokenization (to match jobs of the deputies) (TODO)

Problems

- Logical problems:
 - Not all missing deputies are excused:
 - Deputies could have resigned/died/... during the election period
 - → We list deputy as participant, also he or she didn't participate.
 - Could get the needed information from mdb_stammdaten.xml
 - We delete a lot information while creating our database, results might not be that relevant.
 - E.g. One party claps at an other parties speech. That could be because there was an interrogation of the second party, but this information is not represented in db
- Complexity: algorithm needs ~20min to analyze 100 plenar sessions
- Not that many data integration techniques needed