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RDF

Exercises

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Alan Turing was born on 23 June 1912 in Maida Vale, London.

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@prefix : <a href="http://example.org/">http://example.org/">...
@prefix dbo: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>...
@prefix foaf: <a href="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/">http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/">.
@prefix rdfs: <a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>.
@prefix xsd: <a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>...
:Alan Turing
               foaf:name "Alan Turing";
               dbo:birthDate "1912-06-23"^^xsd:date:
               dbo:birthPlace:Maida Vale.
:Maida Vale
               rdfs:label "Maida Vale"@en;
               dbo:isPartOf:London.
:London
               rdfs:label "London"@en .
```



Can we represent in RDF alone that «Tony Hoare was not born in Rome»? (assuming the use of dbo:birthPlace to represent one's birthplace) We can't simply write the following, because RDF doesn't support negation:

NOT: Tony_Hoare dbo:birthPlace:Rome

We might be tempted to write the following triple:

:Tony_Hoare mySchema:notBornIn :Rome

However, the triple above doesn't solve our problem, because the predicate *mySchema:notBornIn* is completely unrelated to *dbo:birthPlace* (remember that the formal semantics of RDF considers IRI as opaque strings).

Exercise #2 (cont'd)



- To achieve our goal (represent the fact that a resource doesn't have a given value for a property) we have to move up one level
- Utilizing OWL 2, we can write:

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_:x rdf:type owl:NegativePropertyAssertion .
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_:x owl:sourceIndividual :Tony_Hoare .

_:x owl:assertionProperty dbo:birthPlace .

_:x owl:targetIndividual :Rome .

The semantics of OWL 2 allows us to understand the triples above as stating that :Tony_Hoare is not connected by the property dbo:birthPlace to :Rome, i.e. the fact represented by the triple :Tony_Hoare dbo:birthPlace :Rome doesn't hold



Albert Einstein married Mileva Marić.

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
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@prefix dbo: http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>.

```
:Albert Einstein
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dbo:spouse :Mileva_Marić

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Albert Einstein married Mileva Marić and Elsa Löwenthal.

```
@prefix: <http://example.org/>.
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@prefix dbo: http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>...

```
:Albert Einstein
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dbo:spouse:Mileva_Marić;

dbo:spouse :Elsa_Löwenthal

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Exercise #4 (cont'd)



Albert Einstein married Mileva Marić and Elsa Löwenthal.

@prefix: <http://example.org/>.

@prefix dbo: http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>.

:Albert_Einstein

dbo:spouse:Mileva_Marić,:Elsa_Löwenthal

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Note the use of the comma to separate the objects of a given subject-predicate pair



Albert Einstein married Mileva Marić in 1903 and Elsa Löwenthal in 1919

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
```

```
@prefix dbo: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>...
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@prefix mySchema: http://example.org/myschema.

:Albert_Einstein

```
dbo:spouse :Mileva_Marić;
mySchema:marriageDate "1903";
dbo:spouse :Elsa_Löwenthal;
mySchema:marriageDate "1919"
```

This representation is flawed.

Exercise #5 (cont'd)



- The description in the previous slide is flawed:
 - it doesn't represent unambiguously when Albert Einstein married each woman
- Note that the following fragments serialize the same graph (because the RDF data model ignores order and multiplicity)

```
:Albert_Einstein

dbo:spouse :Mileva_Marić;

mySchema:marriageDate "1903";

dbo:spouse :Elsa_Löwenthal;

mySchema:marriageDate "1919"

mySchema:marriageDate "1919"

mySchema:marriageDate "1903"
```

Exercise #6 (solution to #5)



Albert Einstein married Mileva Marić in 1903 and Elsa

Löwenthal in 1919

@prefix : <http://example.org/> .

@prefix bio: http://purl.org/vocab/bio/0.1/>.

@prefix rdf: http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#

@prefix dc: http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>.

:marriage | rdf:type bio:Marriage

bio:partner: Albert Einstein;

bio:partener: Mileva_Marić;

dc:date «1903».

:marriage2 rdf:type bio:Marriage

bio:partner:Albert_Einstein;

bio:partener : Elsa_Löwenthal ;

dc:date «1919».

The marriage event is modeled as a resource, the properties of which hold the partners and the date

This approach allows us to represent unambiguously when Albert Einstein married each woman