

# RDF: Semantic Web Scripting

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# Motivation

Websites provide semantic information about displayed content (ca. 30% of crawlable web)

**Idea:** Reify semantic information and make them programmable

**Goal:** Extract RDFa Data, Microformats – Embed UI for Publishing/Sharing

# Structured data in HTML

- **RDFa**

```
<span property="http://schema.org/addressCountry">Deutschland</span>
```

- **Microdata**

```
<span itemScope itemType="http://schema.org/addressCountry" itemprop="homeCountry">Deutschland</span>
```

- **Microformats**

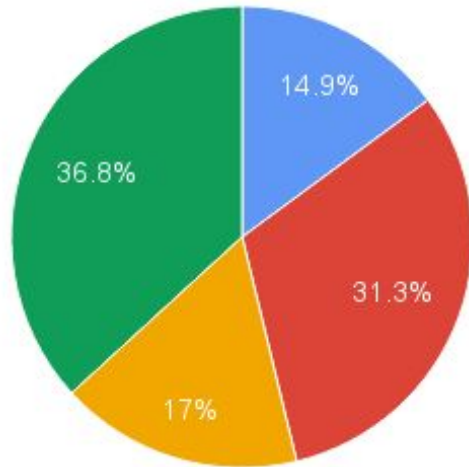
```
<span class="h-adr">  
    <span class="p-country-name">Deutschland</span>  
</span>
```

- **JSON-LD**

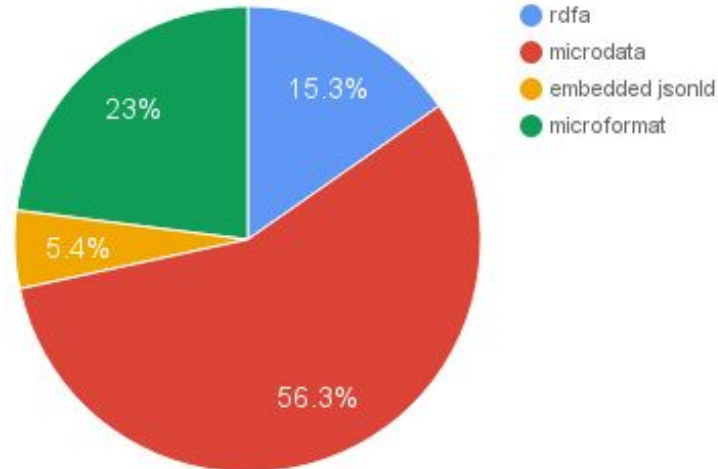
```
{ "@context": "http://schema.org",  
  "address": {  
    "@type": "PostalAddress",  
    "addressCountry": "Deutschland" } }
```

# Web Data Commons - 2015

Domains with Triples



Triples



# RDF vs. RDFa

## RDF - Resource Description Framework

- "the W3C's standard for interoperable machine-readable data"
- "An RDF graph is made up of triples consisting of a subject, predicate and object."

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## RDFa - Resource Description Framework in Attributes

- "RDFa is a way of expressing RDF-style relationships using simple attributes in existing markup languages such as HTML"

# Related Work

- <https://developers.google.com/structured-data/testing-tool/>
  - Testing tool and viewer for structured data on websites
- <https://github.com/alexmilowski/green-turtle>
  - RDFa Parser and API
  - Triples viewer (Chrome extension)
- <https://github.com/IKS/VIE>
  - Utility library for implementing decoupled Content Management systems
  - Uses RDFa to add semantic to editable content

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# Implementation

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# HPI

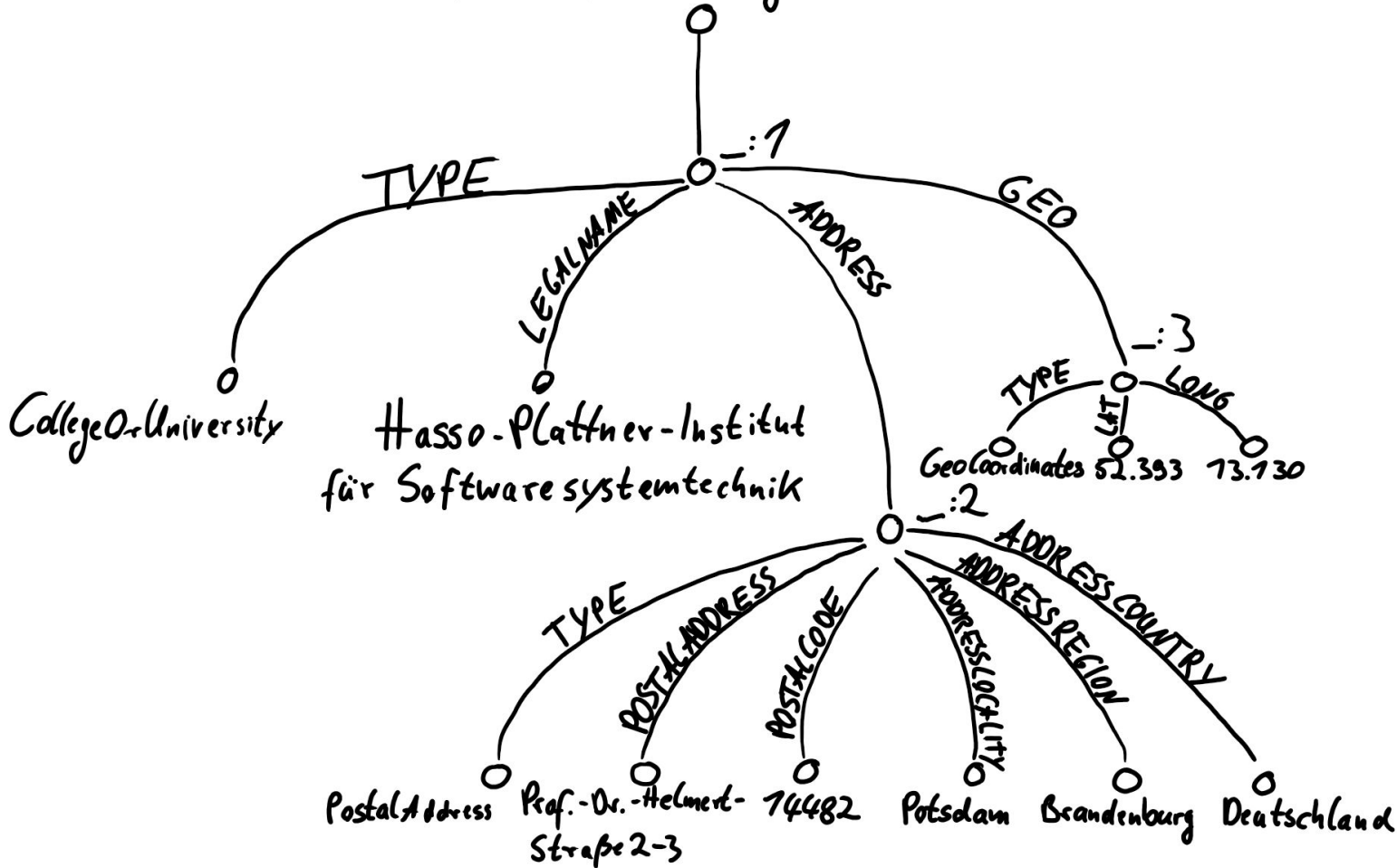
Anschrift:  
Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3 14482  
Potsdam Brandenburg Deutschland

HPI location  
52.393488, 13.1297163

```
<html>
<body>
<div vocab="http://schema.org" typeof="CollegeOrUniversity">
  <h1 property="legalName" content="Hasso-Plattner-Institut für
  Softwaresystemtechnik GmbH">HPI</h1>
  <span property="address" typeof="PostalAddress">
    Anschrift:
    <span property="streetAddress">Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3</span>
    <span property="postalCode">14482</span>
    <span property="addressLocality">Potsdam</span>
    <span property="addressRegion">Brandenburg</span>
    <span property="addressCountry">Deutschland</span>
  </span>
  <div property="geo" typeof="GeoCoordinates">
    HPI location
    <span property="latitude">52.393488</span>
    ,
    <span property="longitude">13.1297163</span>
  </div>
```

```
<_:blanknode1> <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type> <http://schema.org/CollegeOrUniversity>
<_:blanknode1> <http://schema.org/legalName> <Hasso-Plattner-Institut für Softwaresystemtechnik GmbH>
```

<https://lively-kernel.org/rdfaTest.html>



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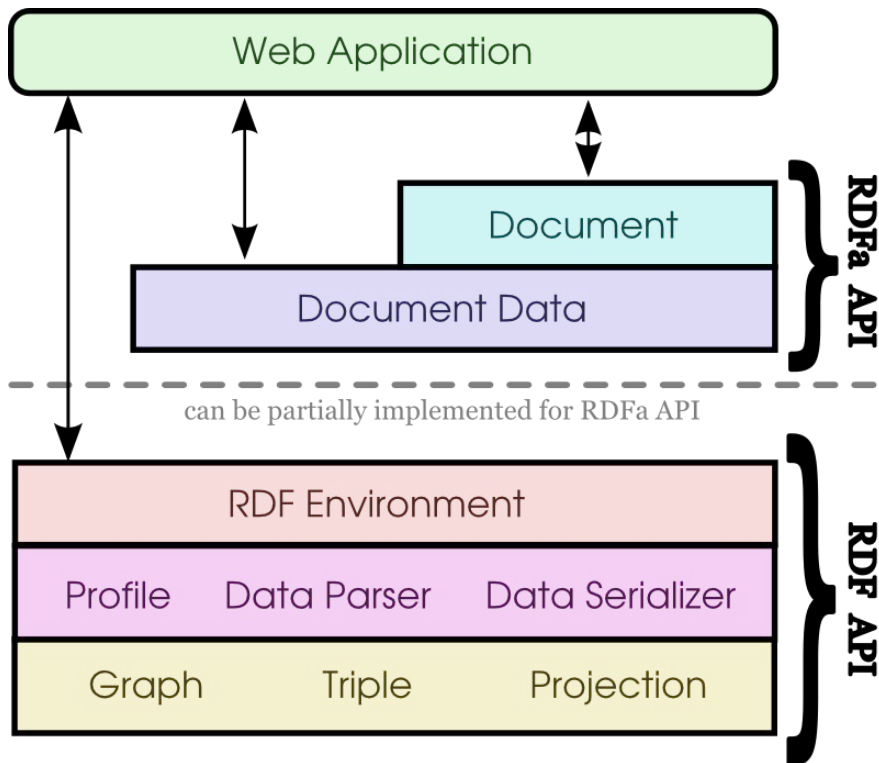
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# GreenTurtle

An RDFa 1.1  
implementation in  
JavaScript for browsers

<https://github.com/alexmilowski/green-turtle>



Concept Stack for the RDFa API and RDF API

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# First approach

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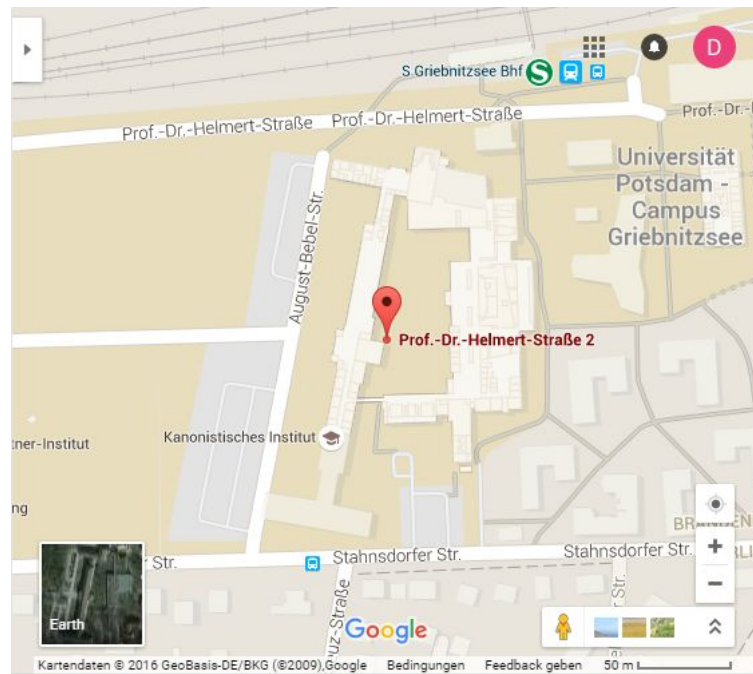
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# HPI

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```
<html>
<head>
  <meta typeof="CollegeOrUniversity" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/legalName" content="Hasso-Plattner-Institut für
Softwaresystemtechnik GmbH" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/streetAddress" content="Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/postalCode" content="14482" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/addressLocality" content="Potsdam" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/addressRegion" content="Brandenburg" />
  <meta property="http://schema.org/addressCountry" content="Deutschland" />
  <meta property="geo" typeof="GeoCoordinates" />
  <meta property="latitude" content="52.393488" />
  <meta property="longitude" content="13.1297163" />
</head>
<body>

  <div>
    <h1>HPI</h1>
    <span>
      Anschrift:
      <span>Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3</span>
      <span>14482</span>
      <span>Potsdam</span>
      <span>Brandenburg</span>
      <span>Deutschland</span>
    </span>
  </div>
  HPI location
  <span>52.393488</span>
  ,
  <span>13.1297163</span>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

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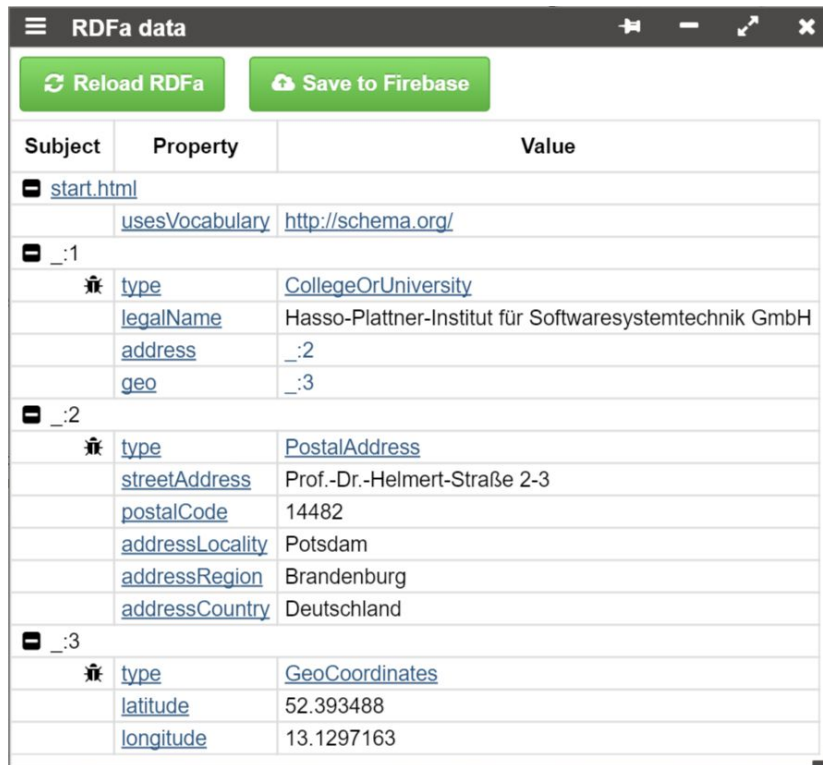
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# Second approach: RDFa-Viewer



Subject	Property	Value
 start.html		
	usesVocabulary	<a href="http://schema.org/">http://schema.org/</a>
 _:1		
 type		<a href="#">CollegeOrUniversity</a>
	legalName	Hasso-Plattner-Institut für Softwaresystemtechnik GmbH
	address	._:2
	geo	._:3
 _:2		
 type		<a href="#">PostalAddress</a>
	streetAddress	Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3
	postalCode	14482
	addressLocality	Potsdam
	addressRegion	Brandenburg
	addressCountry	Deutschland
 _:3		
 type		<a href="#">GeoCoordinates</a>
	latitude	52.393488
	longitude	13.1297163

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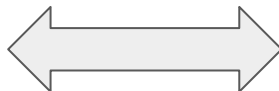
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# Sample application

**Idea:** Build personal movie-library with custom ratings bridging two different data sources



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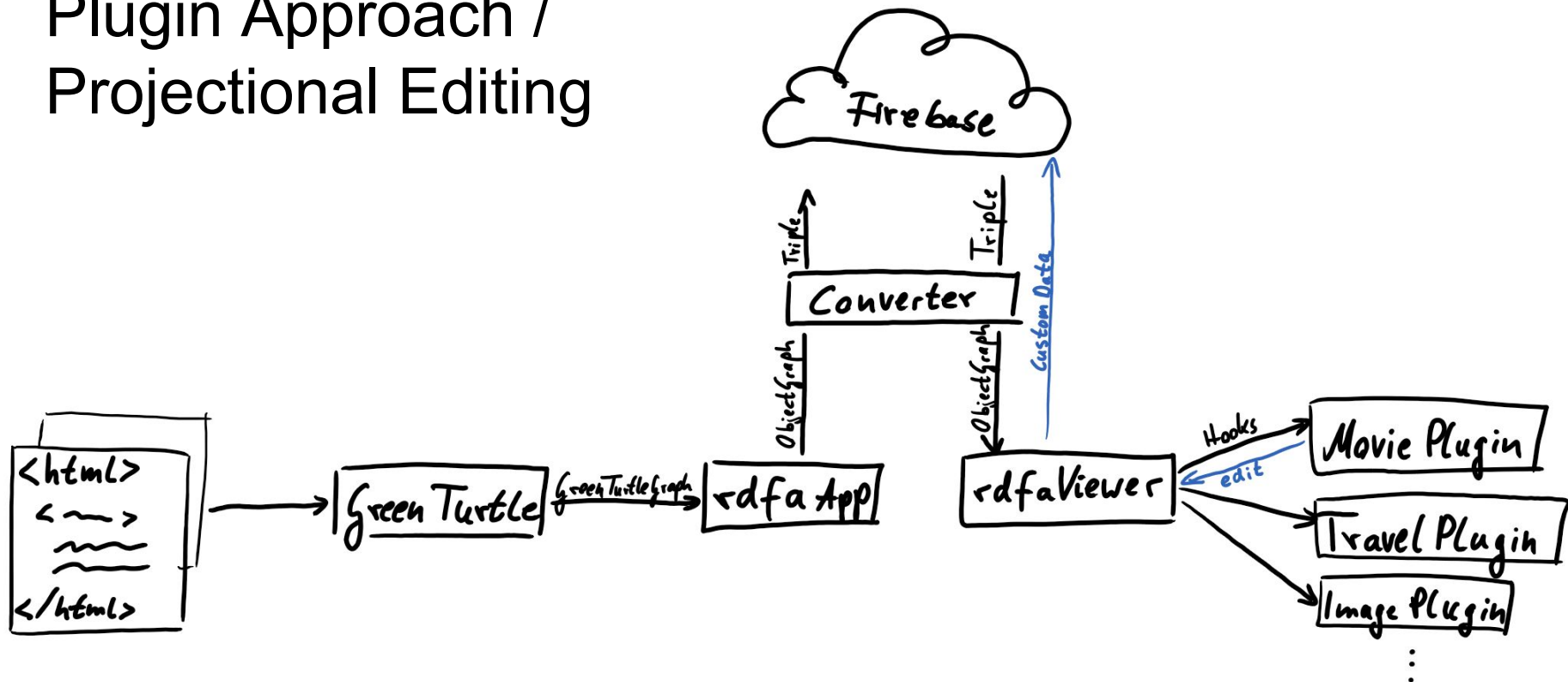
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# “Data first”

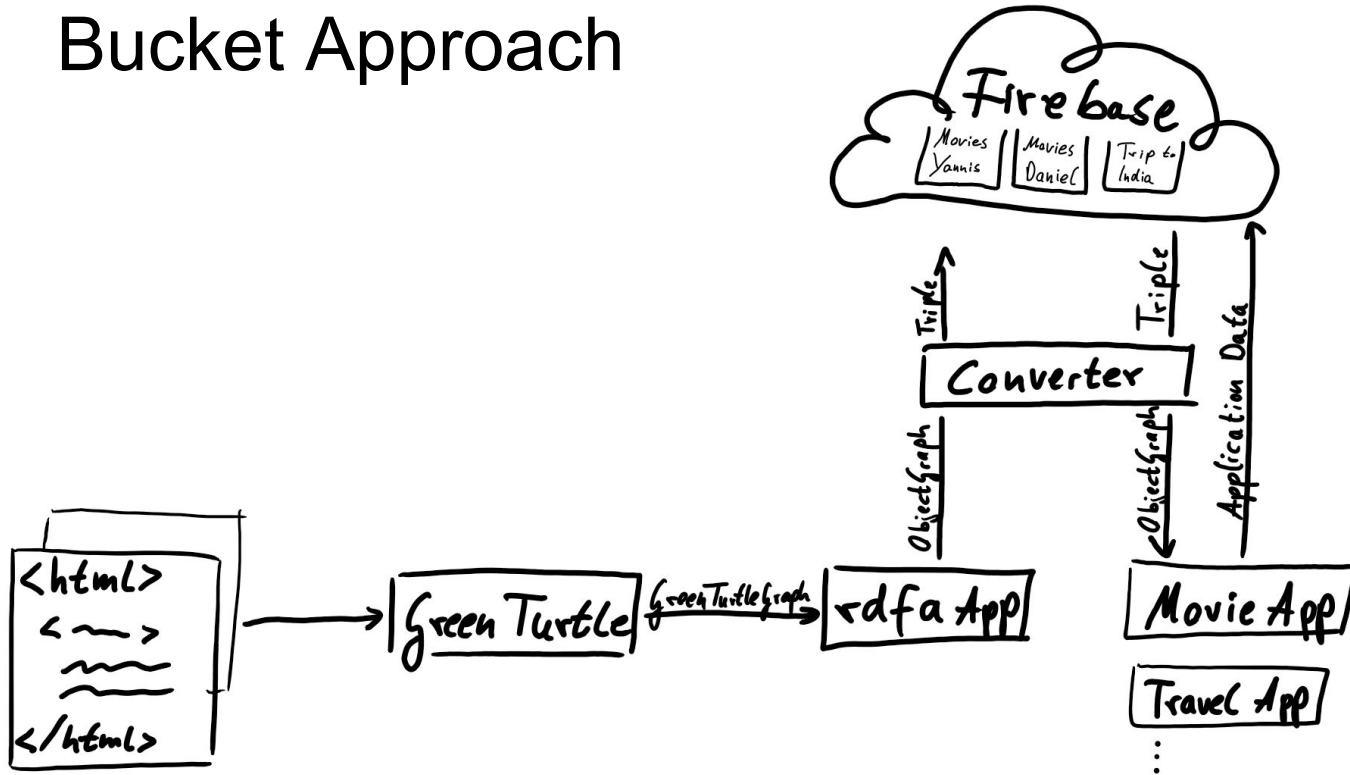
- Collect data before coding an application
- RDF-Triple as common data



# Plugin Approach / Projectional Editing



# Bucket Approach



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# Evaluation

Pro	Contra
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Lightweight</li><li>+ Object-oriented graph</li><li>+ Conversion from/to triples</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of querying API =&gt; GreenTurtle already has one</li><li>- Code duplication</li></ul>

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Next step: Convert our triples to GreenTurtle graph to get access to querying API

# Future Work

- Support other formats (Microdata etc.)
- Firebase - account config / abstraction from storage backend
- Chrome-loader fix (keep load.js in snyc with lively-init-code)
- Concept for non-lively-core-applications (Einbindung, Modifikation) #64
- Projectional Editing für Tripel

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# Conclusion

- RDFa often times only used to improve search results, not as navigatable graph data
- Bucket approach: collecting data first without thinking about data model



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# Obstacles during the project

- In the beginning: local development with local server -> HTTPS problems
- Shadow DOM problems with RDFa (content of lively-container invisible)
- Problem chrome-loader load.js != lively4 load.js (how to keep them in sync?)
- Working without internet connection
- Problems when working in parallel with “outdated” files (accidentally overwrite files with changes from other people)

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# Design decision: RDFa event listener

```
RdfaManager.addRdfaEventListener(mappings, callback)
```

Get notified, when RDFa data with a certain mapping is detected on the page, e.g. instances of type “schema.org/movie”

DEMO?

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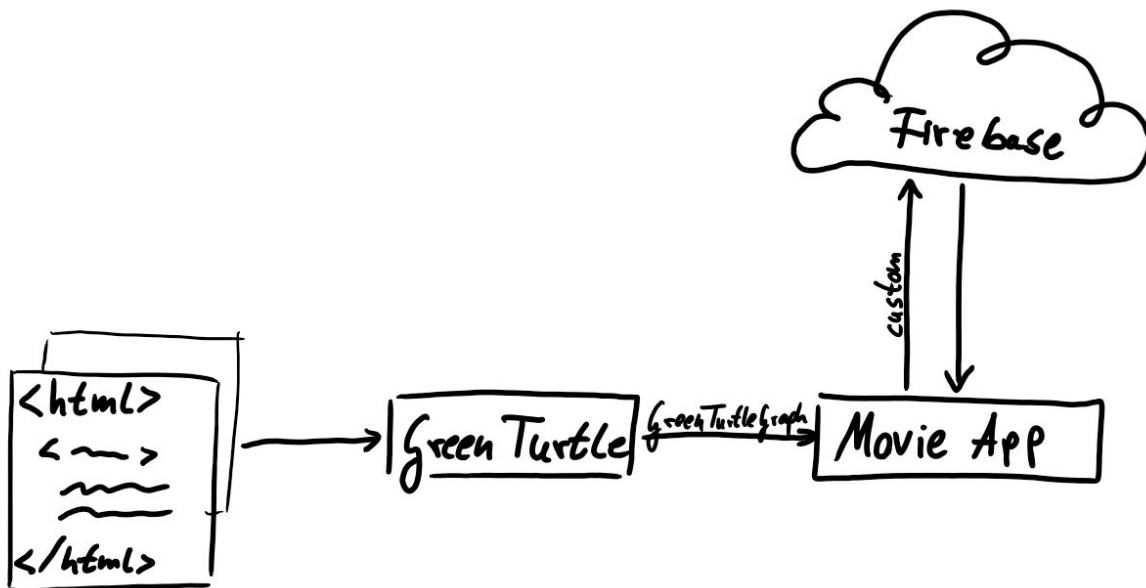
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```
@prefix rdfa: <http://www.w3.org/ns/rdfa#> .
@prefix schema: <http://schema.org/> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
```

```
<https://rdfa.info/play/>
  rdfa:usesVocabulary schema: .
_:1
  rdf:type schema:CollegeOrUniversity;
  schema:legalName "Hasso-Plattner-Institut für Softwaresystemtechnik GmbH";
  schema:address _:2;
  schema:geo _:3 .
_:2
  rdf:type schema:PostalAddress;
  schema:streetAddress "Prof.-Dr.-Helmert-Straße 2-3";
  schema:postalCode "14482";
  schema:addressLocality "Potsdam";
  schema:addressRegion "Brandenburg";
  schema:addressCountry "Deutschland" .
_:3
  rdf:type schema:GeoCoordinates;
  schema:latitude "52.393488";
  schema:longitude "13.1297163" .
```

# “App first”



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