



Overview of SHACL

<https://book.validatingrdf.com/bookHtml011.html>

SHACL Example

You can test the next two examples (slides) with the following data graph

```
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .  
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .  
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
```

```
ex:Donal_Trump  
  a ex:User;  
  foaf:name  
    "Donald Trump" ;  
  ex:birthdate  
    "1946-06-14"^^xsd:date;  
  foaf:knows  
    ex:Joe_Biden.
```

SHACL Example

Every **user** has exactly one birthdate and the value (birthdate) must be xsd:date.

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
@prefix sh: <http://www.w3.org/ns/shacl#> .  
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .  
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
```

```
ex:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;  
  sh:targetClass ex:User;  
  sh:property [  
    sh:path ex:birthdate;  
    sh:minCount 1;  
    sh:maxCount 1;  
    sh:datatype xsd:date;  
  ].
```



Prefix



User defined



**All nodes that are
instances of ex:User**



Predicat



Exactly one









Value String

SHACL Example

The value in a foaf:knows property has to be a URI

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
@prefix sh: <http://www.w3.org/ns/shacl#> .  
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .  
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
```

```
ex:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;  
  sh:targetClass ex:User;  
  sh:property [  
    sh:path foaf:knows;  
    sh:nodeKind sh:IRI;  
  ].
```

-  **Prefix**
-  **User defined**
-  **All nodes that are instances of ex:User**
-  **Predicat**
-  **Exactly one**
-  **Value String**

Some Concepts

General Concepts

- `sh:NodeShape`
- `sh:targetClass`
- `sh:property`
- `sh:path`

Others

- `sh:class`
- `sh:minCount`
- `sh:maxCount`
- `sh:datatype`
- `sh:or`
- `sh:and`
- `sh:hasValue`
- `sh:value`
- `sh:pattern`
- `sh:in`
- `sh:nodeKind`

Check **table 5.3** under **5.6.3 Constraint Components** in the documentation for more core concepts of SHACL

pySHACL Example

<https://pypi.org/project/pyshacl/>

```
from pyshacl import validate
```

```
results = validate(data_graph,  
                  shacl_graph=sg,  
                  ont_graph=og,  
                  inference='rdfs',  
                  abort_on_first=False,  
                  allow_infos=False,  
                  allow_warnings=False,  
                  meta_shacl=False,  
                  advanced=False,  
                  js=False,  
                  debug=False)
```

```
conforms, results_graph, results_text = results
```

data_graph – is an rdflib Graph object or file path of the graph to be validated

shacl_graph – is an rdflib Graph object or file path or Web URL of the graph containing the SHACL shapes to validate with

inference – is a Python string value to indicate whether or not to perform OWL inferencing expansion of the data_graph before validation. Options are **'rdfs'**, **'owlrl'**, **'both'**, or **'none'**. The default is **'none'**.

results – a three-component tuple containing:

- conforms – a bool value
- results_graph – graph
- results_text – string of Validation report



RDFS

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RDFS subClassOf

```
g.add((ex.Cade, RDF.type, ex.Student))
```



CADE



A (rdf type) Student

```
g.add((ex.Student, RDFS.subClassOf, FOAF.Person))
```

Every Student is also a Person

⇒ (implies)



CADE



A (rdf type) Person

RDFS subPropertyOf

```
g.add((ex.Cade, ex.studentAt, ex.UIB))
```



CADE



Student At UIB

```
g.add((ex.studentAt, RDFS.subPropertyOf, ex.attends))
```

Someone who is a student somewhere also attends that place

⇒ (implies)



CADE



Attends UIB

RDFS range & domain

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.flyTo, ex.Bergen))
```

In a “flyTo” triple, the **subject** is always a person, and the object is always a city

```
g.add((ex.flyTo, RDFS.domain, FOAF.Person))  
g.add((ex.flyTo, RDFS.range, ex.City))
```

```
g.add((ex.Emma, RDF.type, FOAF.Person))  
g.add((ex.Bergen, RDF.type, ex.City))
```

← THESE ARE ADDED!

⇒ (implies)



TIP: In a domain triple, imagine the subject is replaced with the “original” subject, and the property replaced with `rdf:type`; and the subject is replaced with the “original” object in a range triple.

RDFS Closure

RDFSClosure / DeductiveClosure

The entailments (and axioms) of your graph can be shown with closure.

```
engine = owlrl.RDFSClosure.RDFS_Semantics(graph, False, False, False)
engine.closure()
engine.flush_stored_triples()
```

OR

```
owlrl.DeductiveClosure(owlrl.RDFS_Semantics).expand(g)
```



Axioms (non-datatype)



Daxioms (datatype)



RDFS

Closure Showcase in VSCode

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZirgVmG35LnQAIVsKwZF6DYMB4nKYUB/>

```
INFO216_Coding > 2023 > Labs > lab7 > lab7_example.py > ...
1  from rdflib import Graph, RDFS, Namespace, RDF, FOAF, Literal, XSD
2  import owlrl
3
4  g = Graph()
5  ex = Namespace('http://example.org/')
6
7  g.bind("ex", ex)
8  g.bind("foaf", FOAF)
9
10 #populate the graph
11 g.add((ex.Cade, RDF.type, ex.Student))
12 g.add((ex.Cade, ex.studentAt, ex.UIB))
13
14 g.add((ex.Emma, ex.flyTo, ex.Bergen))
15
16 #rules
17 g.add((ex.Student, RDFS.subClassOf, FOAF.Person))
18 g.add((ex.studentAt, RDFS.subPropertyOf, ex.attends))
19
20 g.add((ex.flyTo, RDFS.domain, FOAF.Person))
21 g.add((ex.flyTo, RDFS.range, ex.City))
22
23
24 print(g.serialize())
25
```



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[Python Example On GitHub](#)

(A)Symmetric Properties

https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/#Advanced_Use_of_Properties

Symmetric

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.neighborTo, ex.Cade))
```



Emma



Cade

```
g.add((ex.neighborTo, RDF.type,  
      OWL.SymmetricProperty))
```

“You can swap the subject and object with each other”

Asymmetric

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.hasFather, ex.Tom))
```



Emma



Tom

```
g.add((ex.hasFather, RDF.type,  
      OWL.AsymmetricProperty))
```

“You cannot swap the subject and object with each other”

(Ir)Reflexive Properties

https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/#Advanced_Use_of_Properties

Reflexive



```
g.add((ex.livesWith, RDF.type,  
      OWL.ReflexiveProperty))
```

“You are related to yourself”

Irreflexive

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.hasFather, ex.Tom))
```



```
g.add((ex.hasFather, RDF.type,  
      OWL.IrreflexiveProperty))
```

“You cannot be related to yourself”

Transitive Properties

https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/#Advanced_Use_of_Properties

*"Everything you can do
in **two steps**,
you can do **in one**"*

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.groupPartner, ex.Cade))  
g.add((ex.Cade, ex.groupPartner, ex.Jerry))
```



```
g.add((ex.groupPartner, RDF.type, OWL.TransitiveProperty))
```

This gets added!

```
ex:Emma ex:groupPartner ex:Jerry
```




Functional Properties

[https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/#Advanced Use of Properties](https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/#Advanced_Use_of_Properties)

Functional

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.birthdate,  
Literal("1996-10-22", datatype=XSD.date)))
```

```
g.add((ex.birthdate, RDF.type,  
OWL.FunctionalProperty))
```

*“YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE INSTANCE OF IT, HOWEVER IT IS NOT
UNIQUE. LIKE A BIRTHDATE, YOU ONLY HAVE ONE, BUT SEVERAL
PEOPLE SHARE YOUR BIRTHDATE.”*

InverseFunctional

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.socialSecurityNumber,  
Literal("123456789", datatype=XSD.integer)))
```

```
g.add((ex.socialSecurityNumber, RDF.type,  
OWL.InverseFunctionalProperty))
```

*“YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WITH THIS PARTICULAR OBJECT, NO OTHER
SUBJECT SHARES THIS OBJECT WITH YOU. LIKE A SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER THAT ONLY YOU HAVE, AND NO ONE SHARES IT.”*

Inverse Of

```
g.add((ex.Emma, ex.hasFather, ex.Tom))
```

TIP:

You can use the [^] to specify the inverse of in SPARQL



```
g.add((ex.hasFather, OWL.inverseOf, ex.fatherOf))
```



This gets added!

```
ex:Tom ex:fatherOf ex:Emma
```

Differences & Equivalences

Individual

OWL.sameAs
OWL.differentFrom

GROUPWISE

OWL.AllDifferent
OWL.distinctMembers

g.add((ex.Emma,
OWL.differentFrom,
ex.Cade))

Predicate

OWL.equivalentProperty
OWL.propertyDisjointWith

GROUPWISE

OWL.AllDisjointProperties
OWL.members

g.add((FOAF.knows,
OWL.equivalentProperty,
schema.knows))

Class

OWL.equivalentClass
OWL.disjointWith

GROUPWISE

OWL.AllDisjointClasses
OWL.members

g.add((ex.Student,
OWL.equivalentClass,
dbpedia.Student))



OWL 2 Protégé

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[Protégé Example on GitHub](#)


Protégé Installation

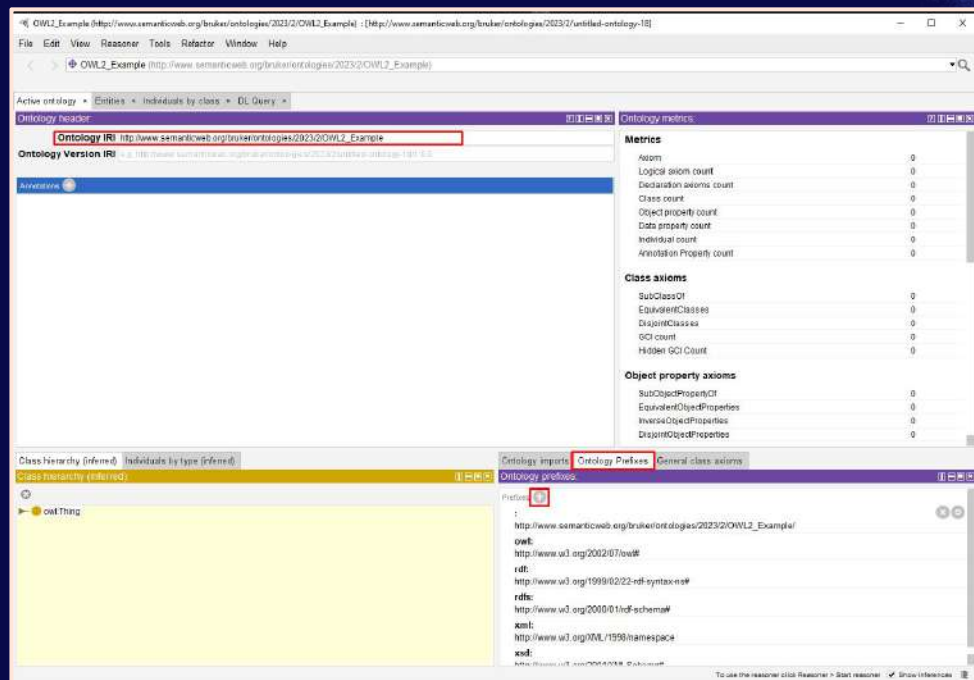
Go to Protégé's [website](#), and follow the instructions for your operating system



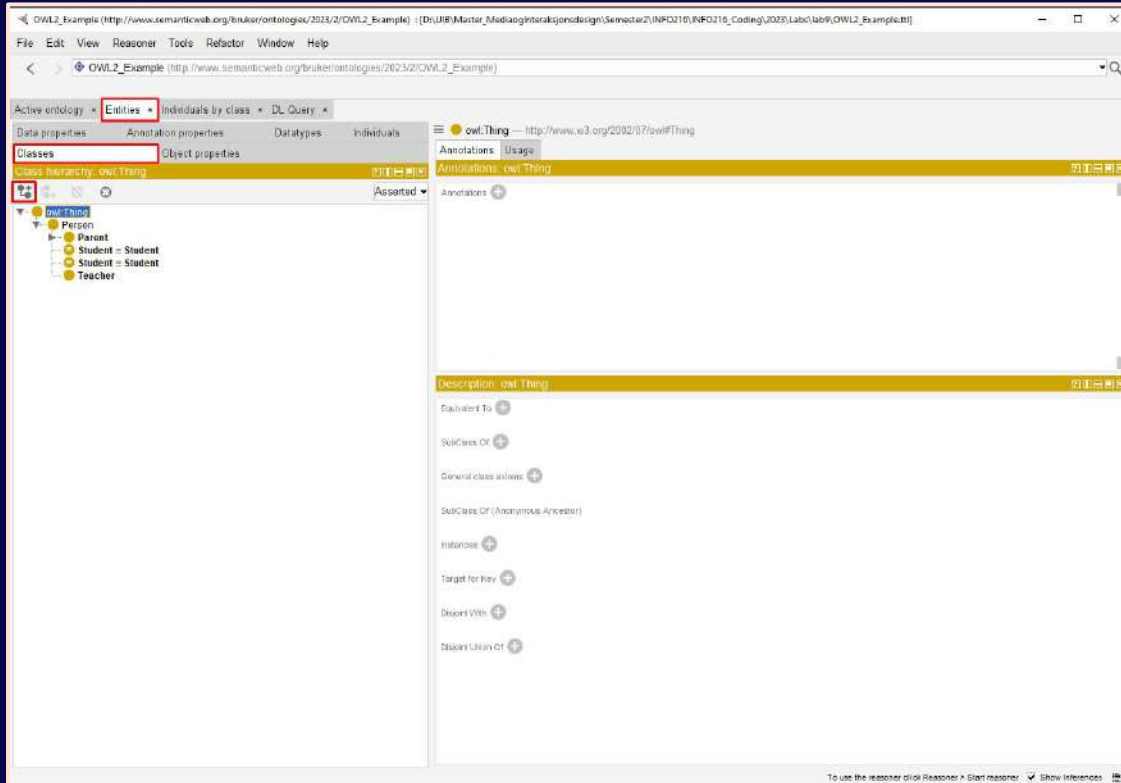
Protégé Name & Prefixes


Under “Active ontology”, you can find the “Ontology IRI” where you can change the name of the ontology by replacing “untitled-ontology-x”; where x is a number.


Under “Ontology Prefixes” you can add new prefixes (e.g. dbpedia / FOAF) by clicking the plus  icon



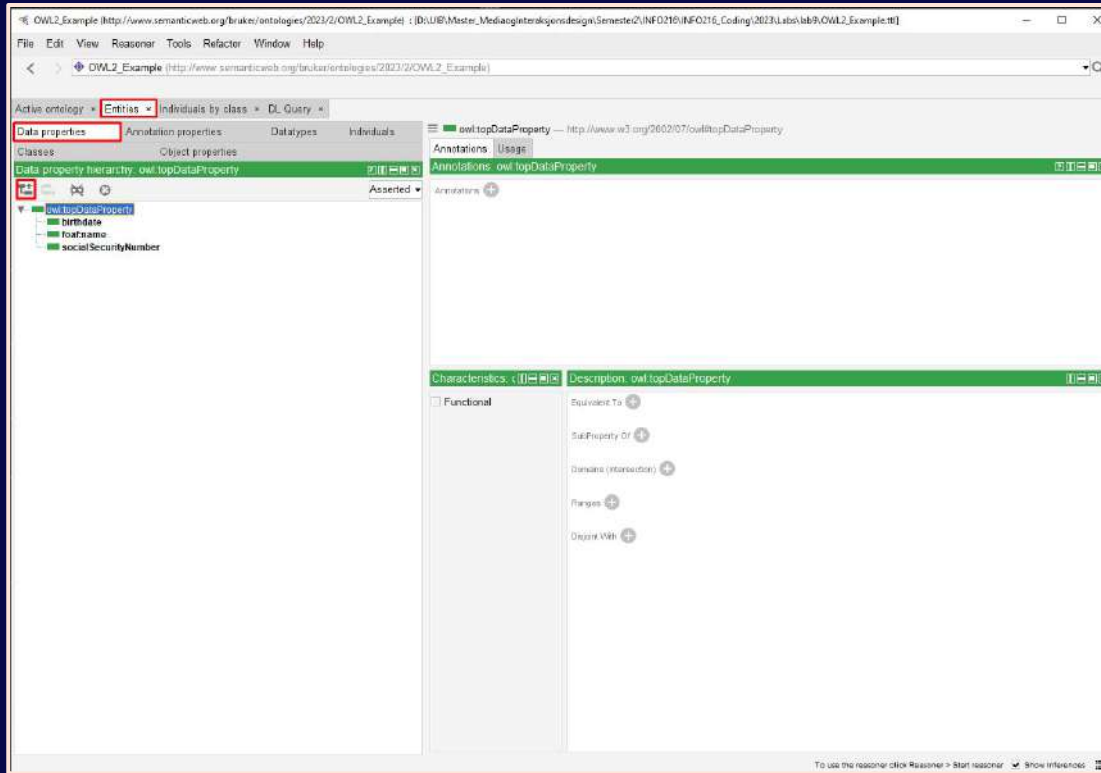
Protégé Classes




Under “Entities” then “Classes” you can create classes and subclasses under “owl:Thing”. To *create* a class click this  icon.

To *delete* a class *highlight* the class & click the following  icon

When *selecting* a Class, you can see options to specify *characteristics*; e.g. is the class disjoint with another class?

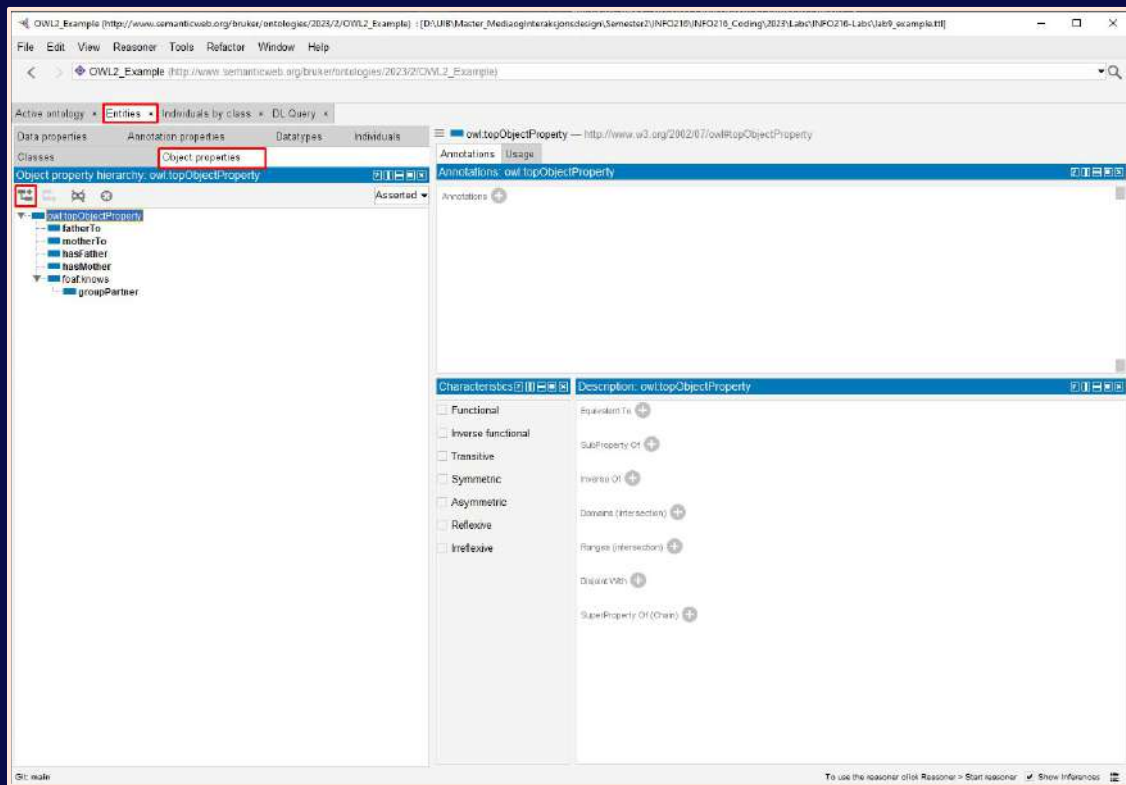



Under “Entities” then “Data properties” you can create properties under “owl:topDataProperty”. To create a property click this  icon.


To delete a property highlight the property & click the following  icon

When selecting a Property, you can see options to specify characteristics; e.g. what are the domain (subject) and range (object) of triples with that property?

Protégé Data Properties



Under “Entities” then “Object properties” you can create properties under “owl:topObjectProperty”. To create a property click this  icon.

To delete a property highlight the property & click the following  icon

When selecting a Property, you can see options to specify characteristics; e.g. what are the domain (subject) and range (object) of triples with that property?

Protégé Object Properties

Data VS Object Properties

Data Properties

Describes the **relation** between instances and **datavalues**.

For instance:

```
foaf:name rdfs:domain foaf:Person  
foaf:name rdfs:range xsd:string
```

ex:Emma foaf:name "Emma"

Object Properties


Describes the **relation** between two **instances/individuals**.

For instance:

```
ex:teaches rdfs:domain ex:Lecturer  
ex:teaches rdfs:range ex:Student
```

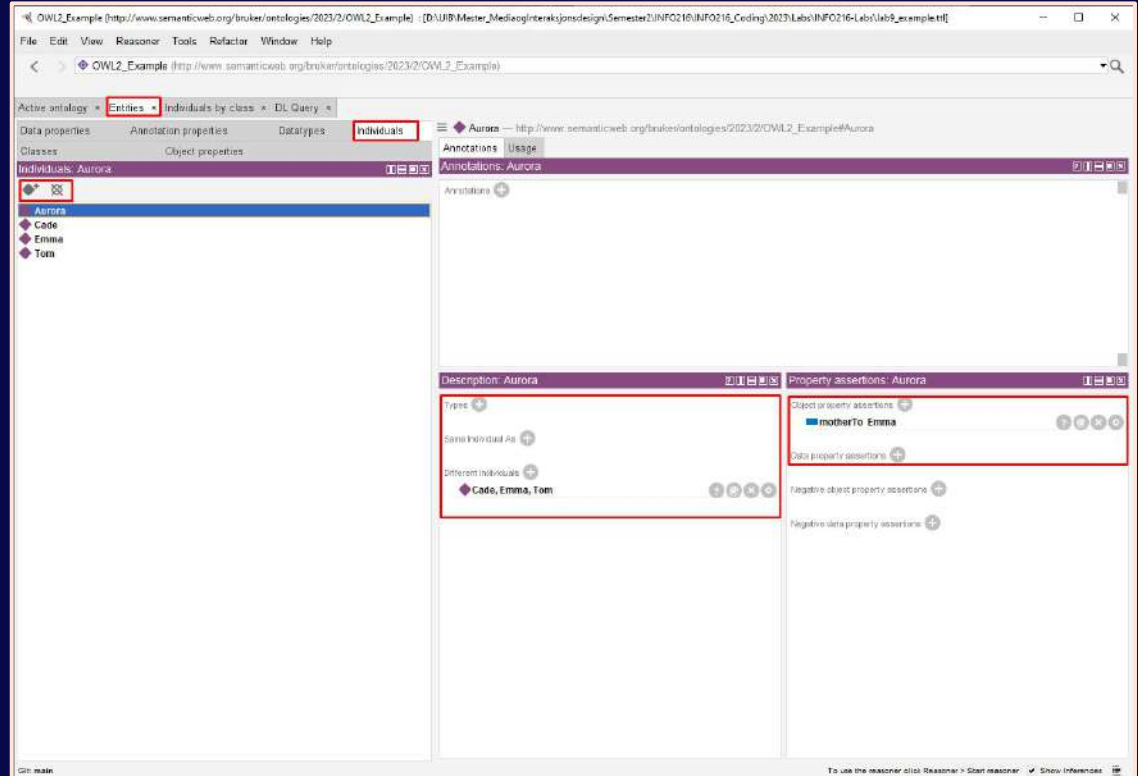
ex:Jeff ex:teaches ex:Emma

Protégé Individuals

Under “Entities” then “Individuals” you can create individuals. To *create* an individual click this  icon.

To *delete* an individual *highlight* it & click the following  icon

When *selecting* an individual you can specify characteristics for that individual; for example using the specified object and data properties in your ontology.

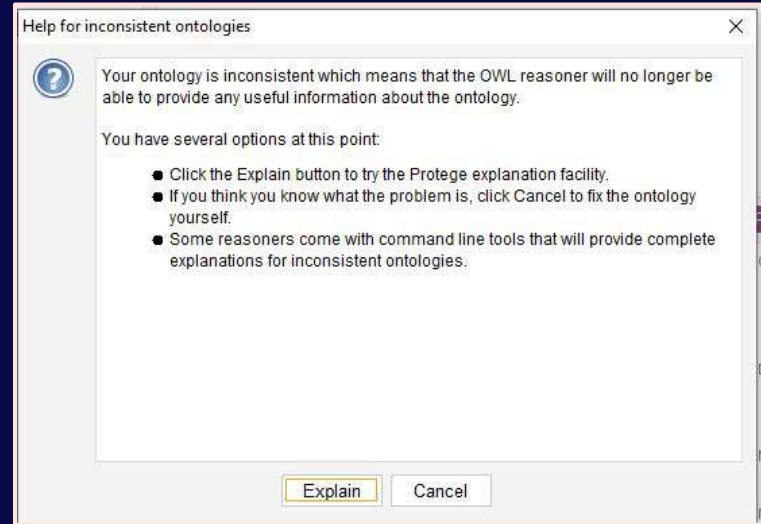




Protégé Reasoner Inconsistencies

If you have any *inconsistencies* in your ontology the following warning (see image) will appear when running the reasoner.

The inconsistency will also be highlighted in red within Protégé



Tip to understand Protégé

- Open the turtle file I provided in your IDE (e.g. VSCode)
- Pick a random Class, Data Property, Object Property and Individual. E.g. you could look at:
 - Father (Class)
 - foaf:name (Data Property)
 - fatherTo (Object Property)
 - Emma (Individual)
- Try to get an understanding of how they are defined. For example are they a subClassOf/subPropertyOf anything?
- Then browse Protégé and observe how the Class, Properties and Individual are defined in Protégé. For example: how does a Class become a subClassOf something?