

Aspect-Oriented Ontologies

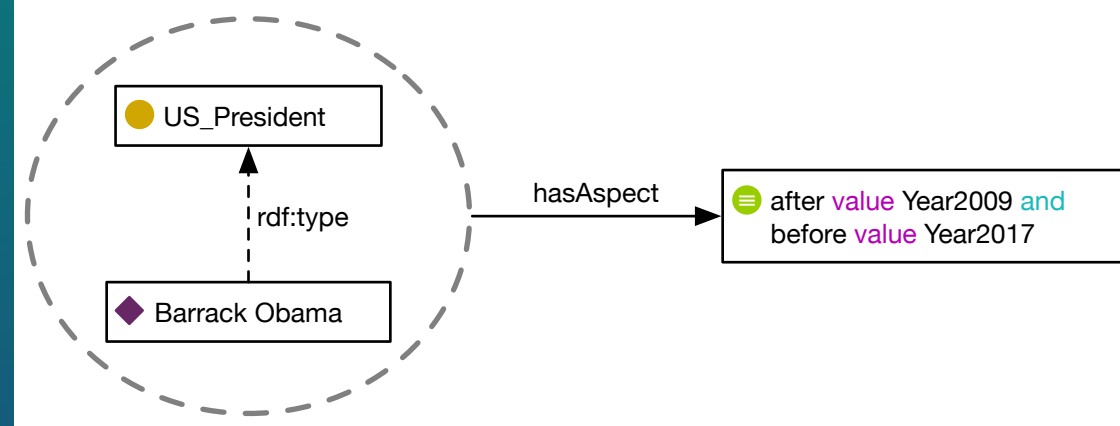
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Aspect-Oriented Ontology Development

- KR paradigm and ontology development method for
 - Modularizing ontologies and **making the module's description explicit**
 - **Representing context** in an ontology, such as
 - Temporal, spatial, topological context
 - Views
 - ✓ Aspects of interest
 - ✓ Opinion
 - ✓ Competing definitions
 - ✓ ...
 - Epistemic context
 - ✓ Agent's state of knowledge about axioms/facts
 - Deontic context
 - ✓ Permission, obligation and prohibition

AspectOWL

- AspectOWL is an extension to W3C OWL 2 DL
- New:
 - Axioms carry context information (aspects).
 - Semantics: The model-theoretic interpretation of the axiom (truth valuation) is restricted to only hold within the context.



AspectOWL Semantics

- AspectOWL Semantics are defined in terms of multi-dimensional ($\text{SROIQ}_{\text{Kripke}}$) interpretations

$$\mathcal{J} := (W, R, L, \cdot^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta, (\cdot^{\mathcal{I}_w})_{w \in W})$$

- W : set of possible worlds
- R : set of accessibility relations
- L : Kripke interpretation (assigning truth values to propositional symbols in each world)

$$(\text{hasAspect}(\alpha, A))^{\mathcal{J}} \rightarrow A^{\mathcal{J}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{J}} := \{w \in W \mid \mathcal{I}_w \models \alpha\}$$

- α : a DL (OWL) axiom
- A : a concept description (OWL class expression)

Modal Logic Family

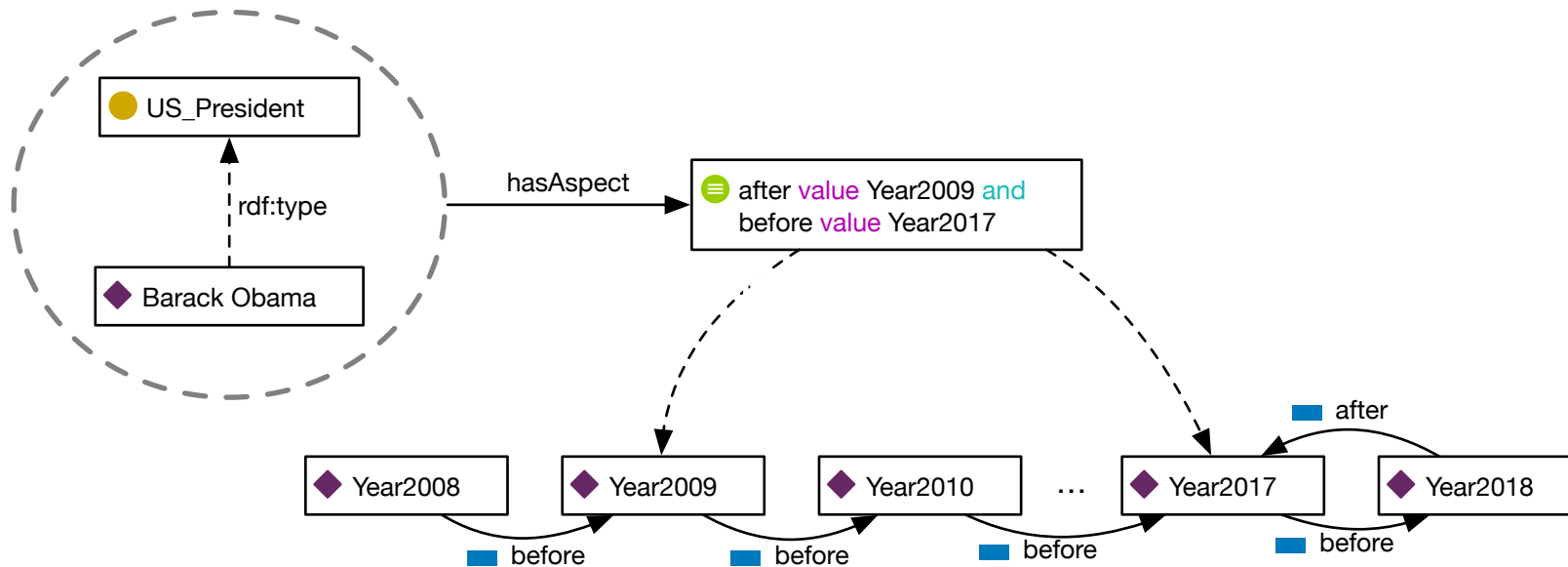
Name	Modal Axiom	Condition on Frames	R is...	DL Axiom
(D)	$\Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A$	$\forall w \exists u : wRu$	Serial	$\top \sqsubseteq \exists R. \top$
(M)	$\Box A \rightarrow A$	$\forall w : wRw$	Reflexive	$\top \sqsubseteq \exists R. \text{Self}$
(4)	$\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$	$(wRv \wedge vRu) \Rightarrow wRu$	Transitive	$\text{Trans}(R)$
(B)	$A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	$wRv \Rightarrow vRw$	Symmetric	$\text{Sym}(R)$
(5)	$\Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	$(wRv \wedge wRu) \Rightarrow vRu$	Euclidean	$R^{-1} \circ R \sqsubseteq R^a$
(CD)	$\Diamond A \rightarrow \Box A$	$(wRv \wedge wRu) \Rightarrow v = u$	Functional	$\top \sqsubseteq (\leq 1 R. \top)$
($\Box M$)	$\Box(\Box A \rightarrow A)$	$wRv \Rightarrow vRv$	Shift Reflexive	$\exists R^{-1}. \top \sqsubseteq \exists R. \text{Self}$
(C4)	$\Box \Box A \rightarrow \Box A$	$wRv \Rightarrow \exists u (wRu \wedge uRv)$	Dense	$R \circ R \sqsubseteq R \wedge \top \sqsubseteq \nexists R. \text{Self}^a$
(C)	$\Diamond \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	$wRv \wedge wRx \Rightarrow \exists u (vRu \wedge xRu)$	Convergent	—^b

^afalls under OWL 2 restriction


^bNot possible in pure DL. See Section 1.3 for a workaround involving SWRL.

Table 1. Modal Logic axioms and corresponding conditions on frames and OWL axioms

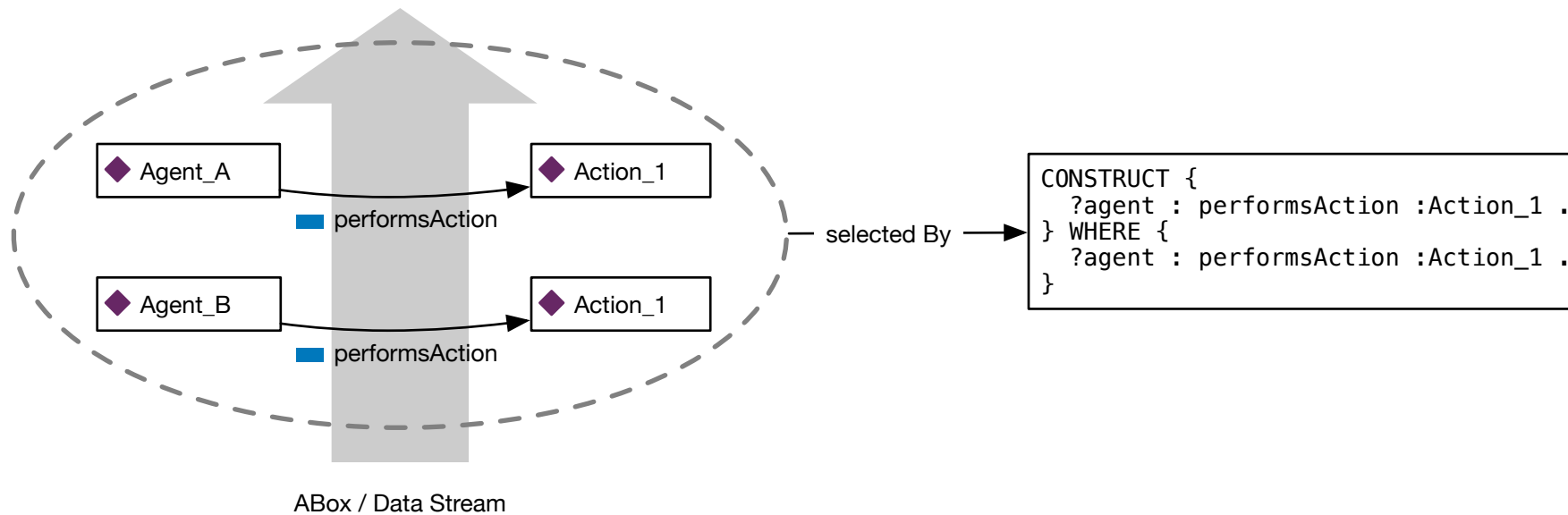
Temporal Aspect in Terms of OWL primitives



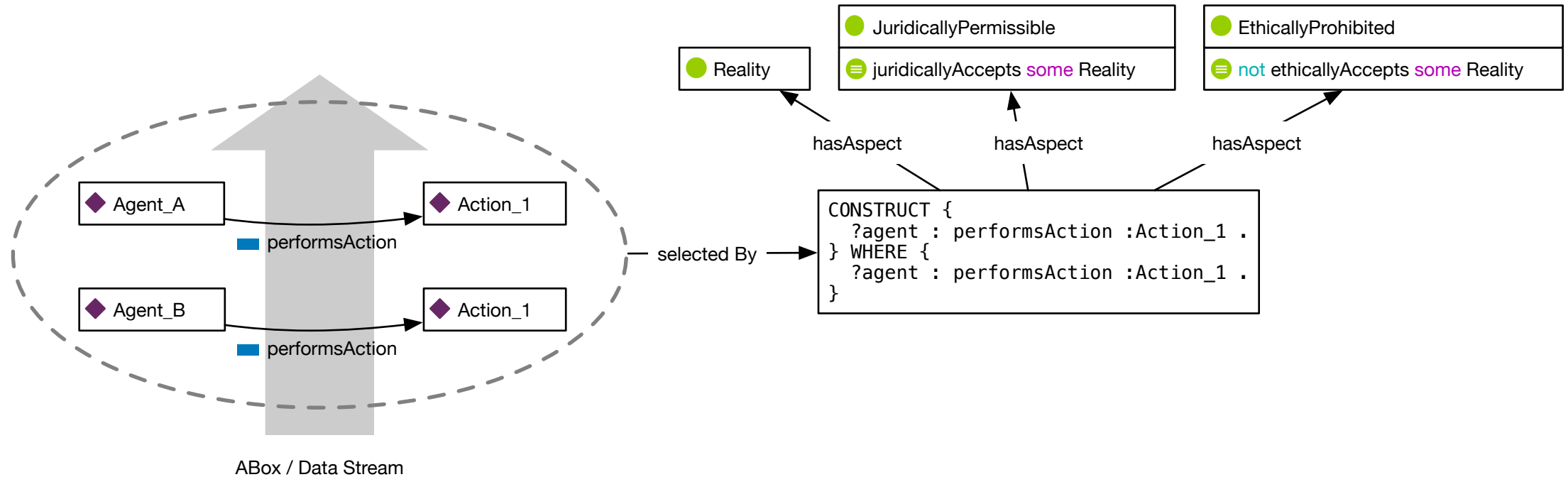
Axiom Selection Options

- Aspect target axioms may be selected
 - Explicitly, like in the preceding examples: **Join points**
 - By some sort of query: **Pointcut model**
 - SPARQL CONSTRUCT
 - Signature-based
 - DL Query
- AOP terminology
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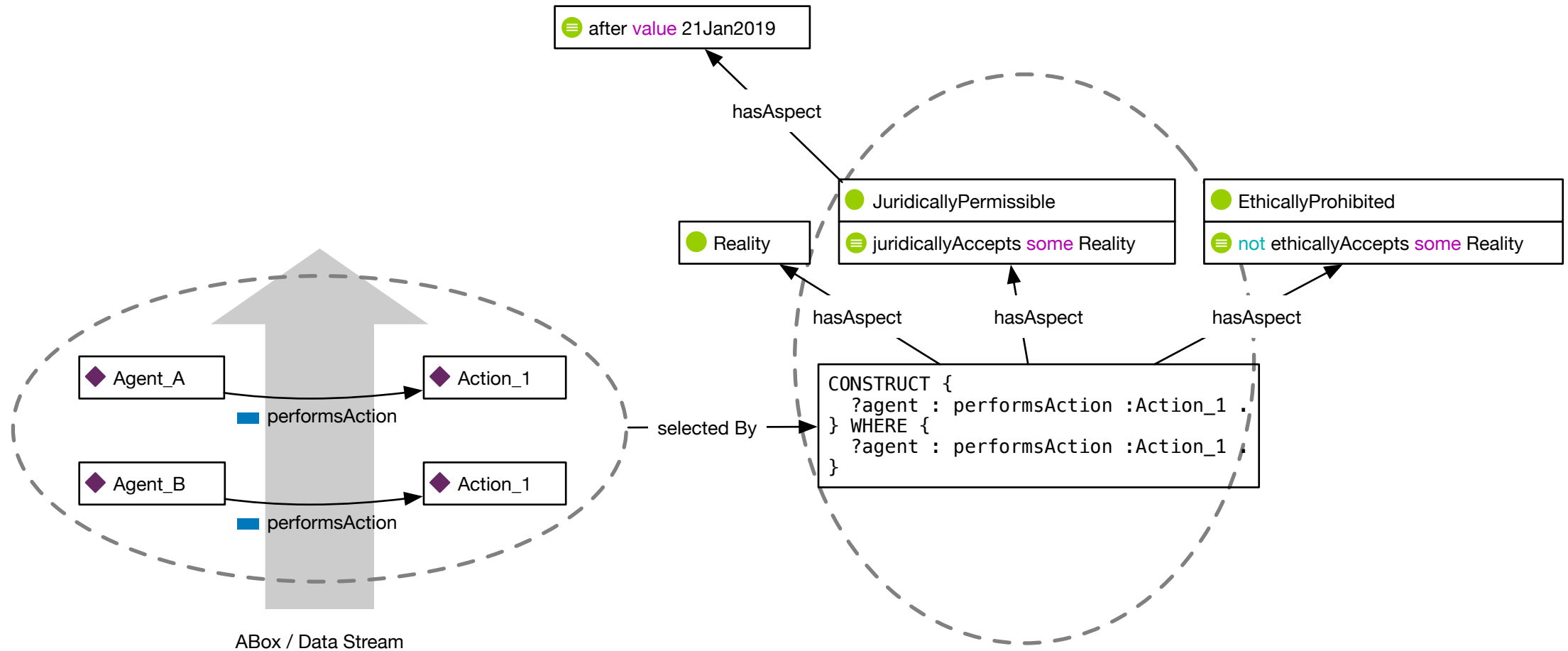
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Example in extended OWL Functional Syntax

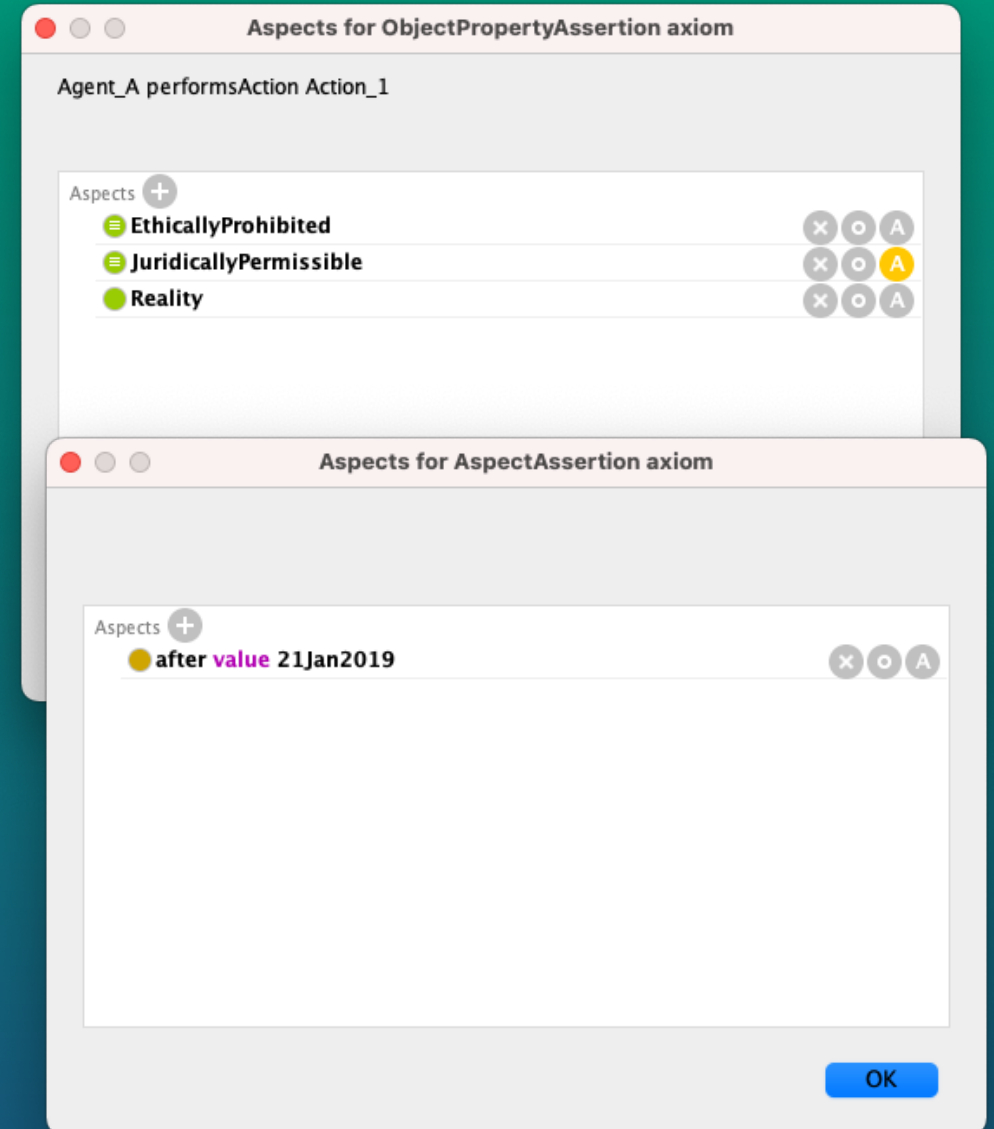
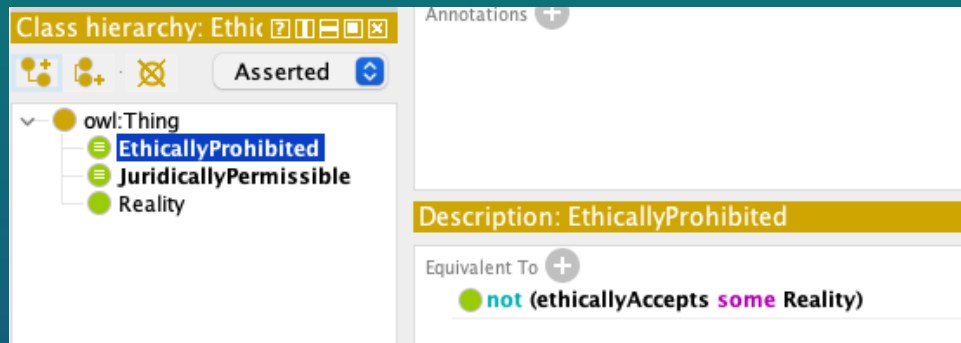
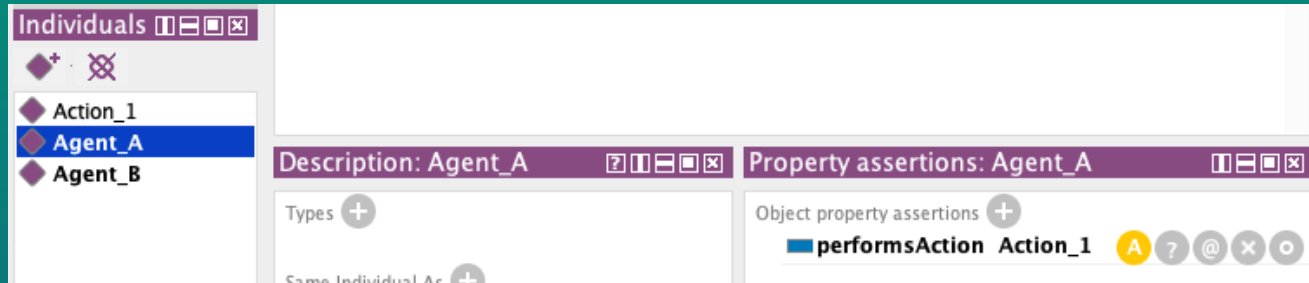
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Ontology(<http://ontology.aspectowl.xyz/example/deontic>
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1. TransitiveObjectProperty(juridicallyAccepts)
2. ReflexiveObjectProperty(juridicallyAccepts)
3. TransitiveObjectProperty(ethicallyAccepts)
4. ReflexiveObjectProperty(ethicallyAccepts)
5. TransitiveObjectProperty(after)
6. EquivalentClasses(EthicallyProhibited
ObjectComplementOf(ObjectSomeValuesFrom(ethicallyAccepts Reality)))
7. EquivalentClasses(JuridicallyPermissible ObjectSomeValuesFrom(juridicallyAccepts Reality))
8. ObjectPropertyAssertion(Aspect(EthicallyProhibited) Aspect(Aspect(ObjectHasValue(after
21Jan2019))) JuridicallyPermissible) Aspect(Reality) performsAction Agent_A Action_1
)

Example as First-Order Theory

1. $\forall x, y, z : (juridicallyAccepts(x, y) \wedge (juridicallyAccepts(y, z) \rightarrow (juridicallyAccepts(x, z)))$
2. $\forall x : juridicallyAccepts(x, x)$
3. $\forall x, y, z : (ethicallyAccepts(x, y) \wedge (ethicallyAccepts(y, z) \rightarrow (ethicallyAccepts(x, z)))$
4. $\forall x : ethicallyAccepts(x, x)$
5. $\forall x, y, z : (after(x, y) \wedge (after(y, z) \rightarrow (after(x, z)))$
6. $\forall x : (JuridicallyPermissible(x) \leftrightarrow \exists y : juridicallyAccepts(x, y) \wedge Reality(y))$
7. $\forall x : (EthicallyProhibited(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y : \sim (ethicallyAccepts(x, y) \wedge Reality(y)))$
8. $\forall x : (EthicallyProhibited(x) \wedge temp_JuridicallyPermissible(x) \wedge Reality(x) \leftrightarrow performsAction(Agent_A, Action_1))$
9. $\forall x, y : (after(x, 21Jan2019) \leftrightarrow temp_JuridicallyPermissible(y))$

Tool Support: AspectOWL Protégé Plug-in



<https://github.com/ag-csw/aspect-owl-protege>

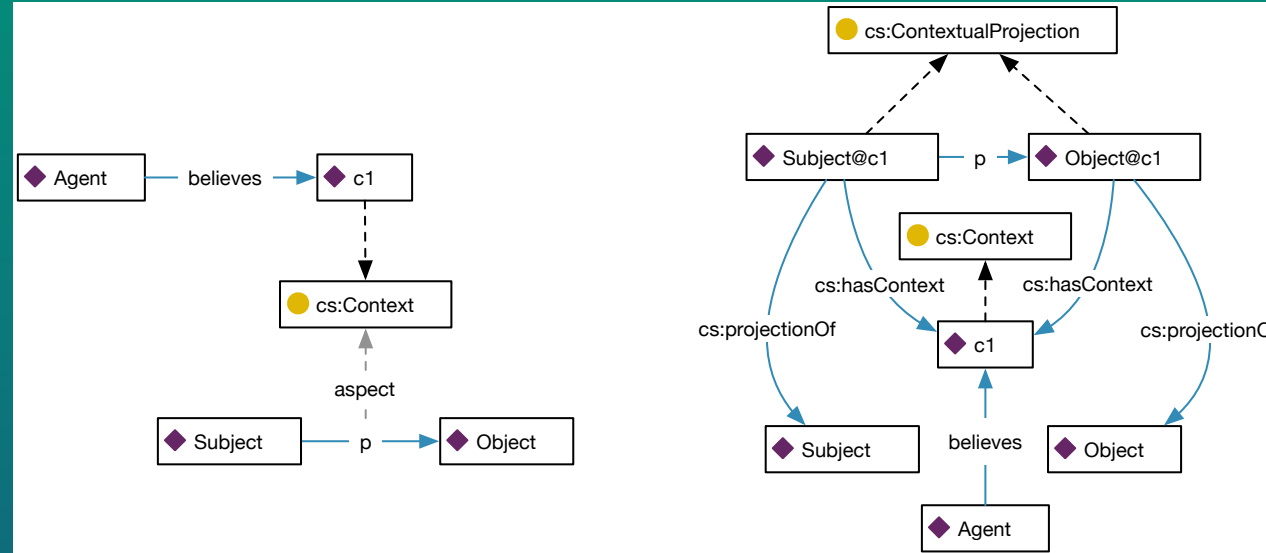
Tool Support: Aspect-Oriented OWLAPI Extension

```
@OWLAspect("http://www.fu-berlin.de/csw/ontologies/aood/ontologies/aspect123")
public void doSomething () {
    Set<OWLAxiom> allAxioms = myOntology.getAxioms();
    ...}
```

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<https://github.com/ag-csw/aspect-owlapi-java>

Tool Support: OWL Aspect Weaver



Ralph Schäfermeier and Adrian Paschke. Weaving Ontology Aspects Using a Catalog of Structural Ontology Design Patterns. In Maurizio Lenzerini and Rafael Peñaloza, editors, Proceedings of the 29th International Workshop on Description Logics, Cape Town, South Africa, April 22-25, 2016., volume 1577 of CEUR Workshop Proceedings. CEUR-WS.org, 2016.

Tool Support: OntoMaven

```
<build> <plugins> <plugin>
  <groupId>de.csw.ontomaven</groupId>
  <artifactId>OntoMvnApplyAspects</artifactId>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <configuration>
    <userAspects>
      <aspect>http://example.org/reputation#Reputation123</aspect>
      <aspect>http://example.org/provenance#prov_789</aspect>
    </userAspects>
    <aspectsIRI>http://corporate-semantic-web.de/aspectOWL#hasAspect</aspectsIRI>
    <includeOriginalAxioms>true</includeOriginalAxioms>
  </configuration>
  ...
```

Adrian Paschke and Ralph Schäfermeier. Aspect OntoMaven — Aspect-Oriented Ontology Development and Configuration With OntoMaven. In Witold Abramowicz, editor, 3rd Workshop on Formal Semantics for the Future Enterprise (FSFE 2015), Business Information Systems Workshops, volume 228. Springer, 2015.

<https://github.com/ag-csw/OntoMaven>

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