

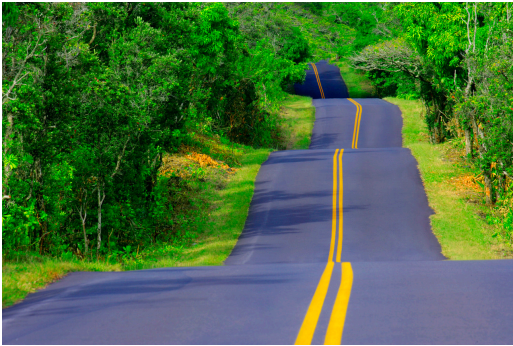
## Knowledge-Based Systems

# A Formal Introduction to Description Logic (II)

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# Roadmap



- Foundation
  - KR, ontology and rule; set theory
- Knowledge capture
- Knowledge representation
  - Ontology: Semantic Web standards RDF and OWL, Description Logics
  - Rule: Jess
- Knowledge reasoning
  - Ontology: formal semantics, tableaux algorithm
  - Rule: forward chaining, backward chaining
- Knowledge reuse and evaluation
- Meeting the real world
  - Jess and Java, Uncertainty, Invited talk

# Schema in a Knowledge Based System

1) Allow schema constraints, such as **DisjointClasses**  
(UndgStudent MastStudent)

UndgStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p001	John	csd:cs3014
<del>csd:p002</del>	Tom	csd:cs3025

MastStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p008	Yuan	csd:cs5010
<del>csd:p002</del>	Tom	csd:cs5017

# Schema in a Knowledge Based System

2) Allow some reasoning based on axioms (open world assumption), such as **SubClassOf (MastStudent Student)**

Student ID	Name	take-course
csd:p001	John	csd:cs3015
csd:p002	Tom	csd:cs3025

MastStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p008	Yuan	csd:cs5010
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**thus all the students include csd:p001, csd:p002, and csd:p008**

# rdf:range and Foreign Key: Revisit

- They are quite similar but not exactly the same,
  - due to the difference between open and closed world assumptions

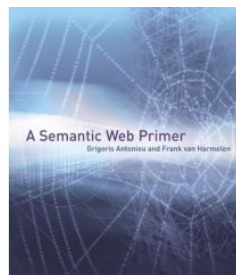
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Course ID	Title	coordinator
cs3017	AIS	AS
cs3025	KBS	JP

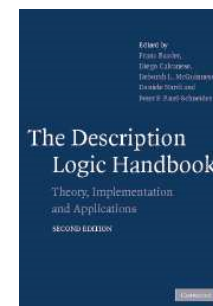
- Semantics of rdfs:range ([rdfs3])
  - $[p \text{ rdfs:range } D .] [a \text{ p } b .] \Rightarrow [b \text{ rdf:type } D .]$

# Lecture Outline

- Motivation
- Introduction to Semantics of DL axioms
- More detailed discussions on DL Semantics
- Practical



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# Motivations:



- DL representation and reasoning
  - DL syntax
  - Semantics
  - Reasoning
- The role of semantics
  - To give formal meaning for the valid sentences/axioms
  - To provide a foundation for defining reasoning problems

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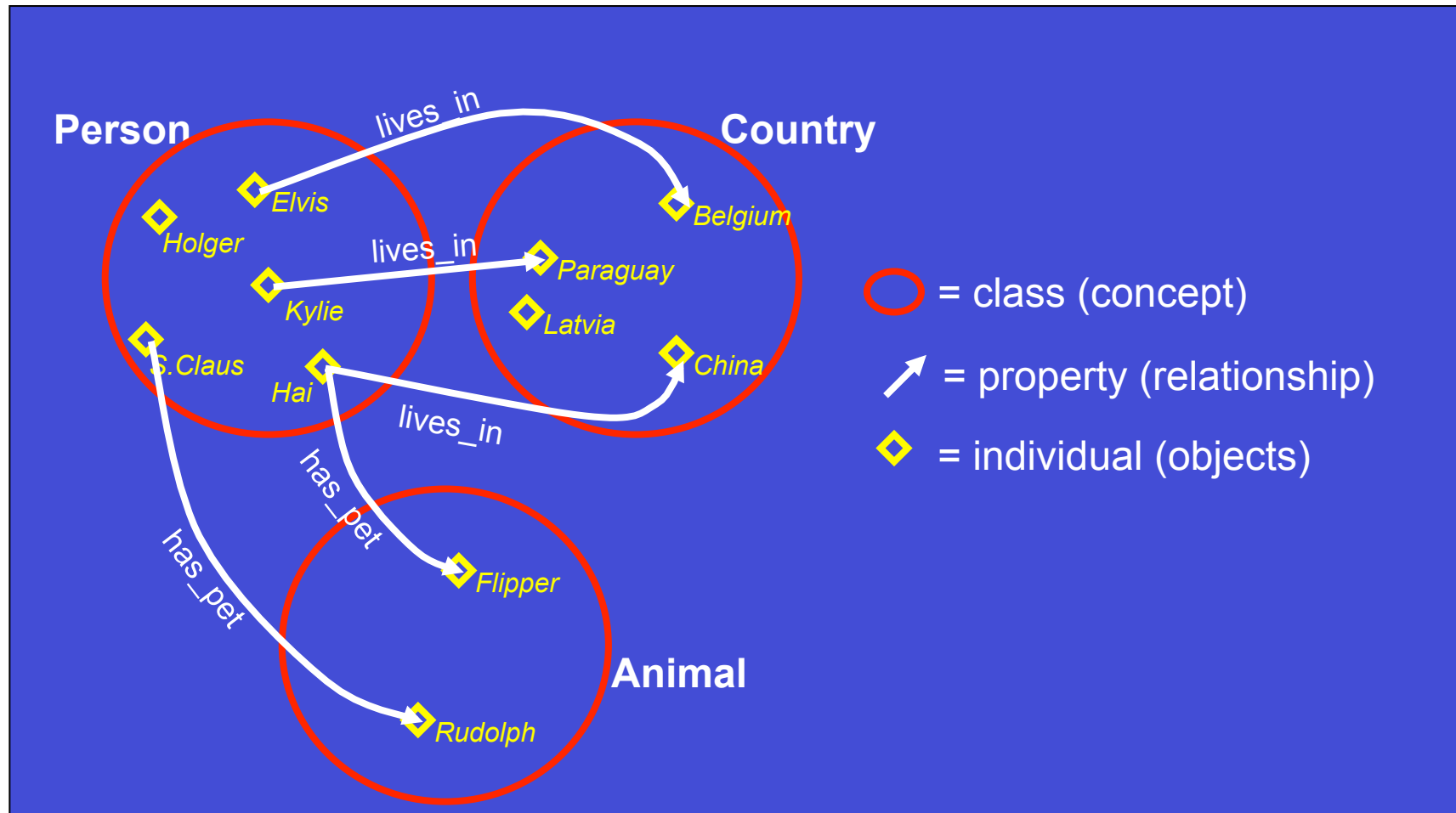
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# DL Interpretations

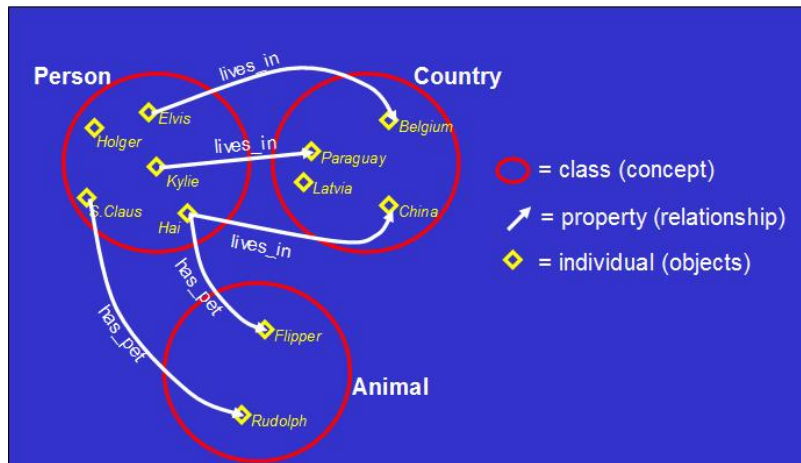
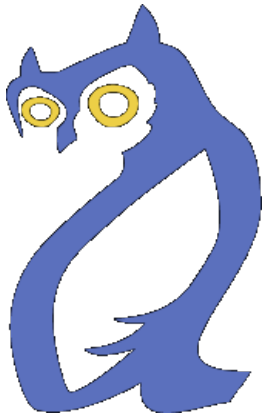
- An interpretation  $I$  is written as  $(\Delta^I, \bullet^I)$ 
  - $\Delta^I$  is the **domain** (similar to universal set)
  - $\bullet^I$  is the **interpretation function**
    - all individuals are members of the domain:  $o^I \in \Delta^I$
    - all classes are subsets of the domain  $A^I \subseteq \Delta^I$ 
      - e.g.,  $\text{Employee}^I = \{E1, E2, E3, E4\}$
    - all properties are subsets  $R^I \subseteq \Delta^I \times \Delta^I$ 
      - e.g.,  $\text{Works-for}^I = \{ \langle E1, P1 \rangle, \langle E2, P1 \rangle, \langle E2, P2 \rangle, \langle E3, P1 \rangle, \langle E3, P2 \rangle, \langle E4, P2 \rangle \}$
- Domain is a mathematical representation of the world
- Interpretation function allows us to consider all possible assignment of class and property memberships
  - all possible databases for the given schema

# Example: DL Interpretations



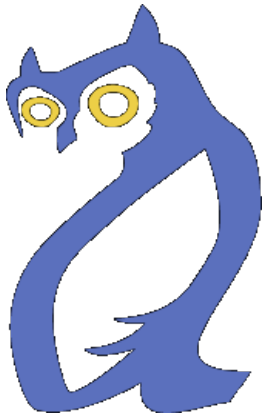
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# Example: DL Interpretations (II)



- $\Delta^I = \{\text{Elvis, Holger, ...}\}$
- Named objects
  - $\text{Elvis}^I = \text{Elvis}$
  - $\text{Holger}^I = \text{Holger}$
  - ...
- Named classes
  - $\text{Animal}^I = \{\text{Flipper, Rudolph}\}$
  - $\text{Person}^I = \{\text{Elvis, Holger, Kylie, Hai, S.Claus}\}$
  - $\text{Country}^I = \{\text{Belgium, Paraguay, Latvia, China}\}$
- Named properties
  - $\text{has\_pet}^I = \{\langle \text{Hai, Flipper} \rangle, \langle \text{S.Claus, Rudolph} \rangle\}$
  - $\text{lives\_in}^I = \{\langle \text{Elvis, Belgium} \rangle, \langle \text{Kylie, Paraguay} \rangle, \langle \text{Hai, China} \rangle\}$

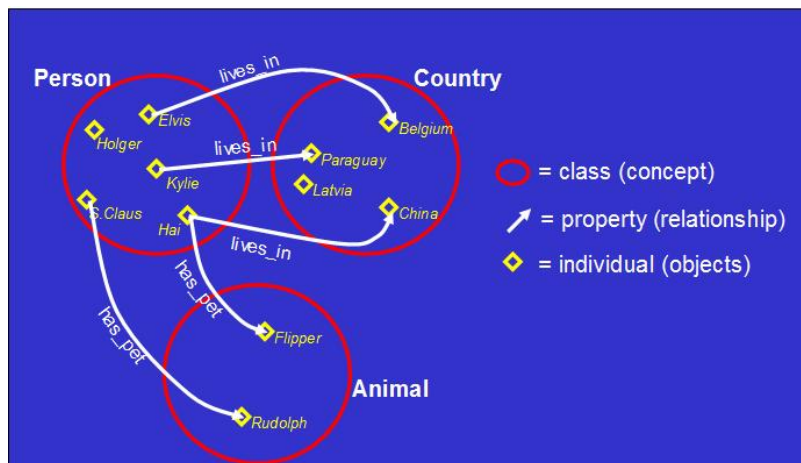
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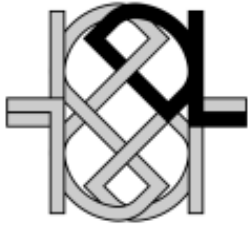
- Suppose we extend the vocabulary with
  - Young
- Given the following interpretation of Young:

- $\text{Young}^I = \{\text{Holger, Hai, Kylie, Flipper}\}$
- How about the interpretation of the OWL class description?

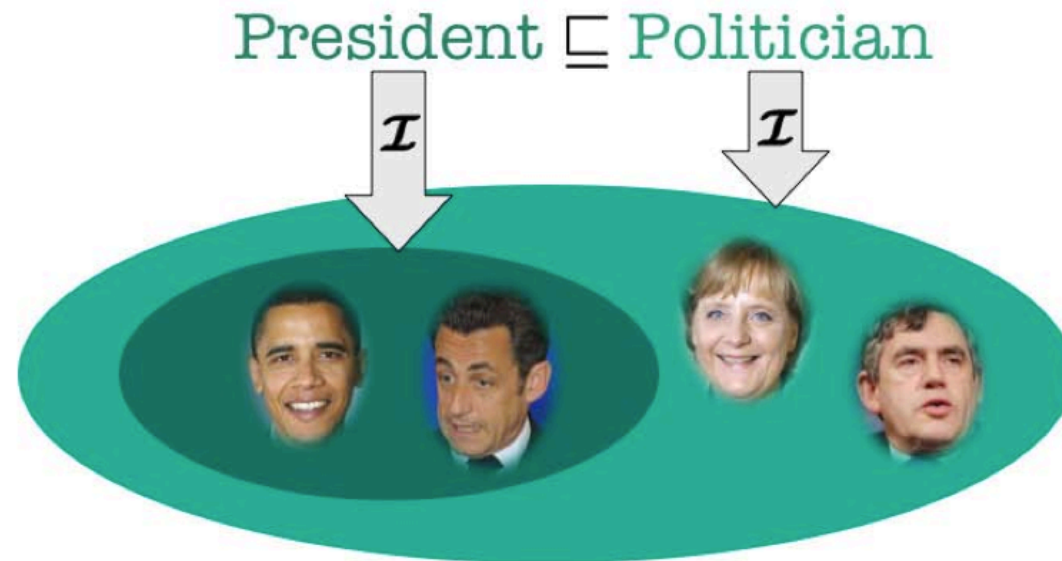
- $\text{Young} \sqcap \text{Person} = \{\text{Holger, Hai, Kylie}\}$
- $\exists \text{has\_pet. Young} = \{\text{Hai}\}$



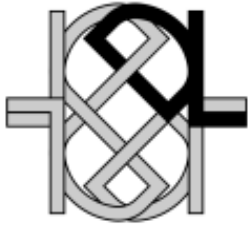
# Axioms



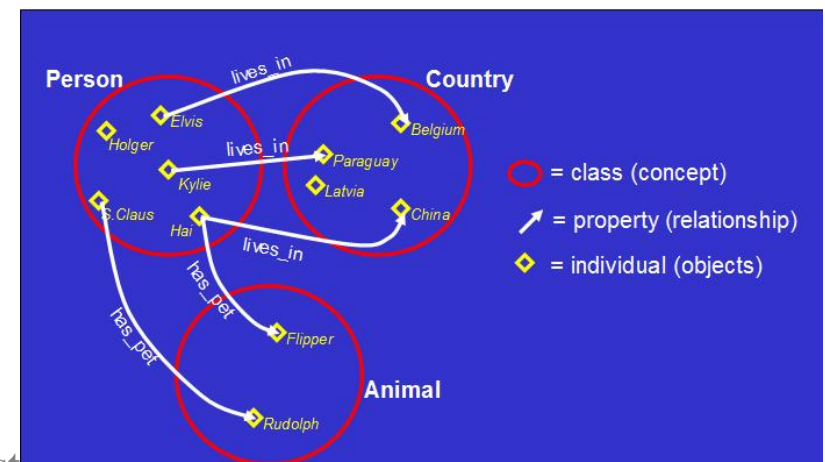
- Axioms are used to “filter out” invalid interpretations from valid ones
  - An interpretation  $I$  is a model for an ontology  $O$  if it satisfies all its axioms
  - An ontology  $O$  is consistent if it has some model (valid interpretation).



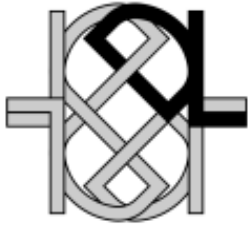
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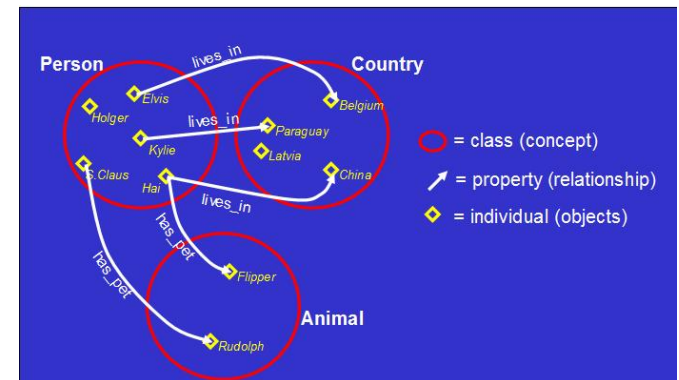
- Class inclusion axioms
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies a class inclusion axiom  $C \sqsubseteq D$  if  $C^I \subseteq D^I$
- Class equivalence axioms
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies a class equivalence axiom  $C \equiv D$  if  $C^I = D^I$
- Does the given interpretation satisfy the following class axioms?
  - $\text{Person} \sqsubseteq \text{Animal}$  **false**
  - $\text{Person} \equiv \text{Animal}$  **false**
  - $\text{Person} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Animal}$  **true**



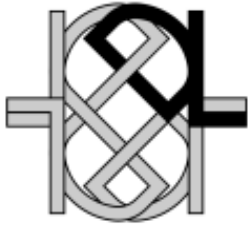
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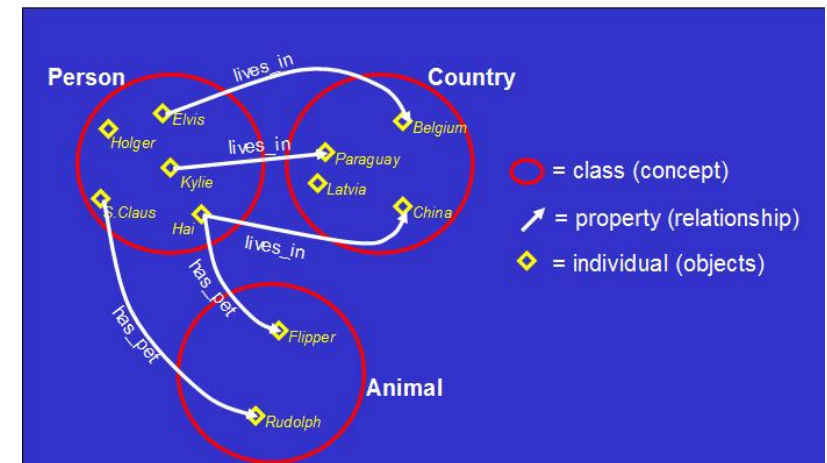
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- Property equivalence axioms
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- Does the given interpretation satisfy the following property axioms?
  - $\text{has\_pet} \sqsubseteq \text{lives\_in}$  **false**
  - $\text{has\_pet} \equiv \text{lives\_in}$  **false**
  - $\exists \text{has\_pet}. \top \sqsubseteq \text{Person}$  **true**
  - $\exists \text{has\_pet}. \top \sqsubseteq \text{Animal}$  **true**



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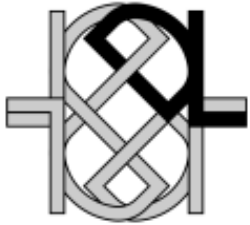


- Transitive Property axioms
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies a transitive property axiom  $\text{Trans}(R)$  if, for any  $a, b, c$ ,  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R^I$  and  $\langle b, c \rangle \in R^I$  implies  $\langle a, c \rangle \in R^I$
- Functional Property axioms
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies a functional property axiom  $\text{Func}(R)$  if, for all  $x$ ,  $\#\{y | \langle x, y \rangle \in R^I\} \leq 1$
- Does the given interpretation satisfy the following axioms?
  - $\text{Func}(\text{lives\_in})$  **true**

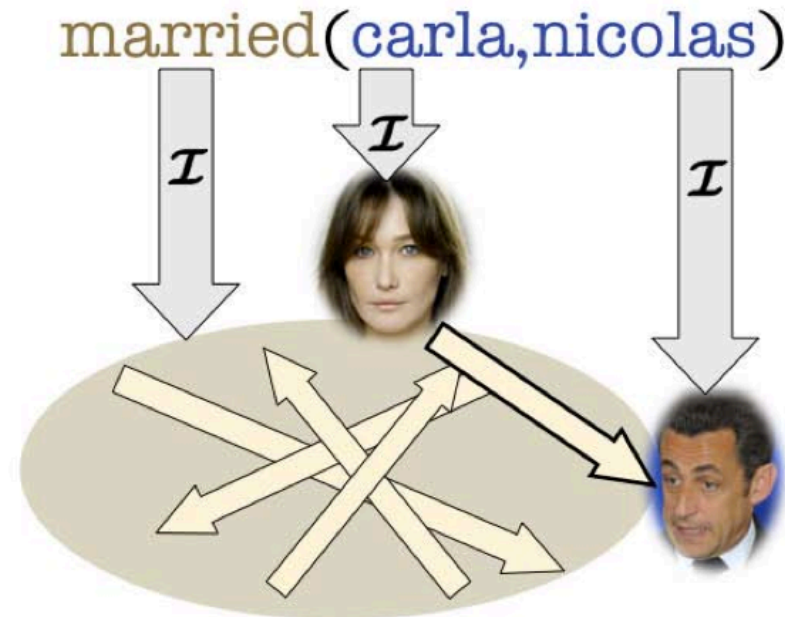
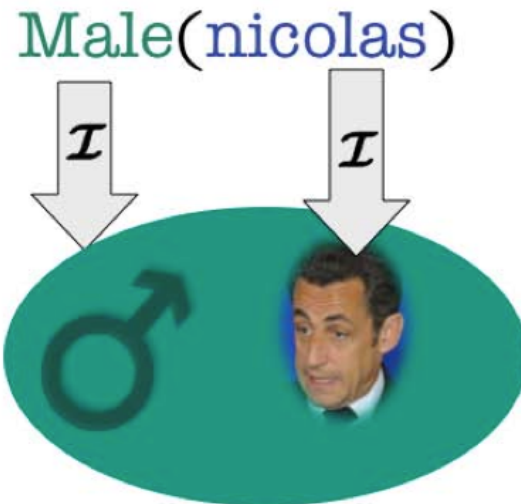




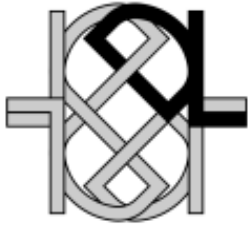
# Interpretations of Individual Axioms



- Class assertions
  - An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies a class assertion  $a:C$  if  $a^{\mathcal{I}} \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$
- Property assertions
  - An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies a property assertion  $\langle a, b \rangle : R$  if  $\langle a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$

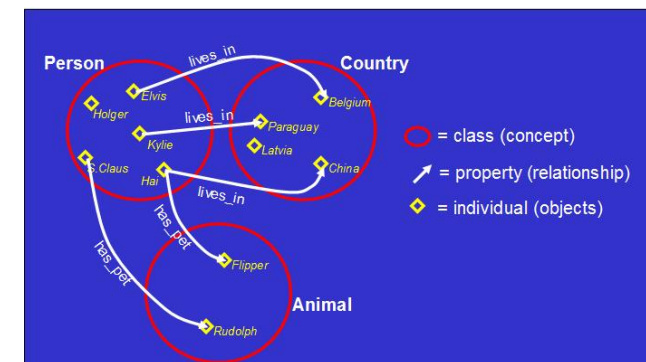


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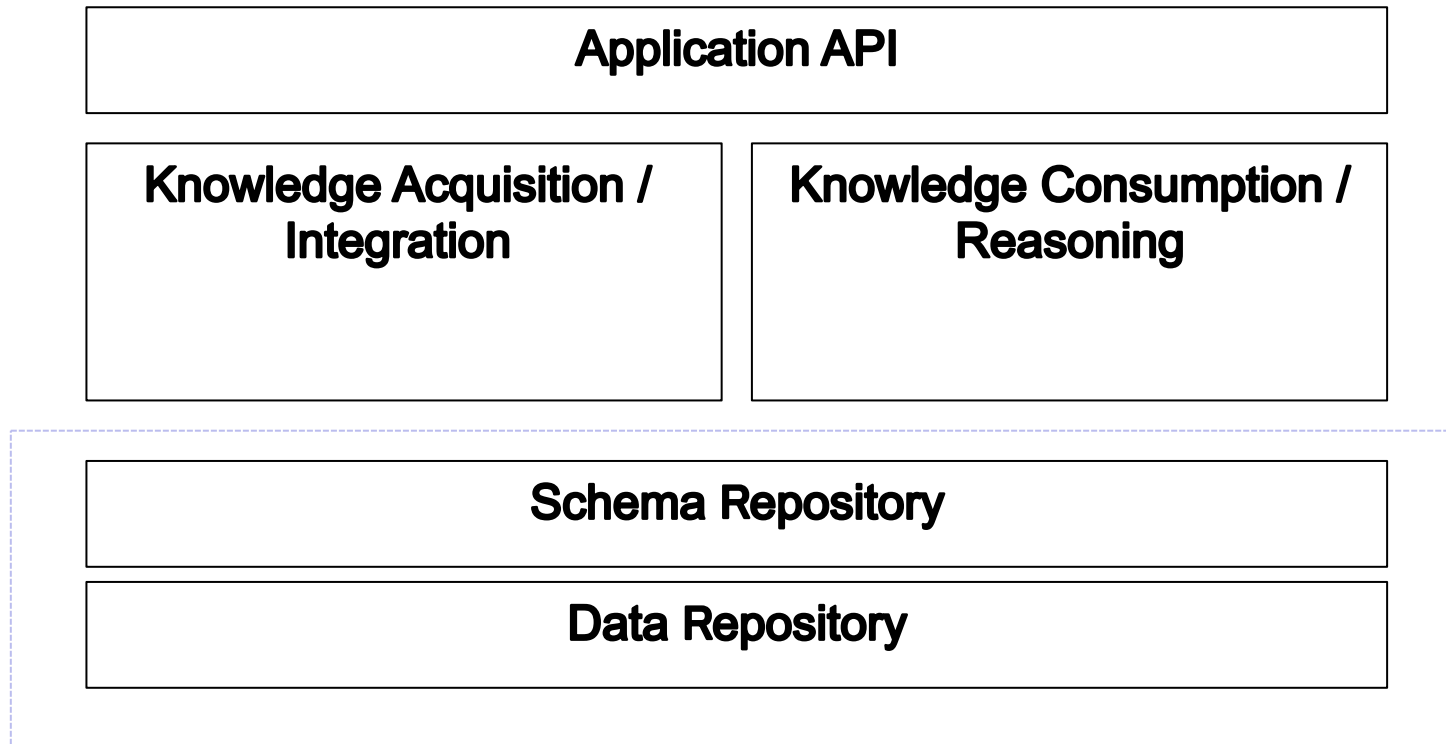


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- Equality assertions
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies an equality assertion  $a=b$  if  $a^I = b^I$
- Inequality assertions
  - An interpretation  $I$  satisfies an inequality assertion  $a \neq b$  if  $a^I \neq b^I$
- Does the given interpretation satisfy the following individual axioms
 

– UK:Country	false
– $\langle \text{Hai}, \text{Flipper} \rangle : \text{has\_pet}$	true
– Hai=Flipper	false
– Hai $\neq$ Flipper	true



# Architecture of Knowledge Based Systems

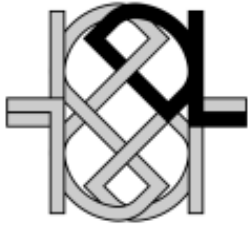


# Ontology and Reasoning



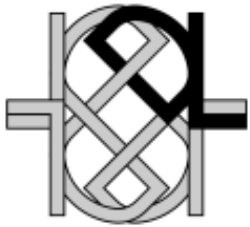
- Ontology contains
  - knowledge and data that
  - we know that we know
  - we know that we don't know or partially know
- Reasoning helps to find out
  - things that we might not know that we know

# Interpretations of Ontologies

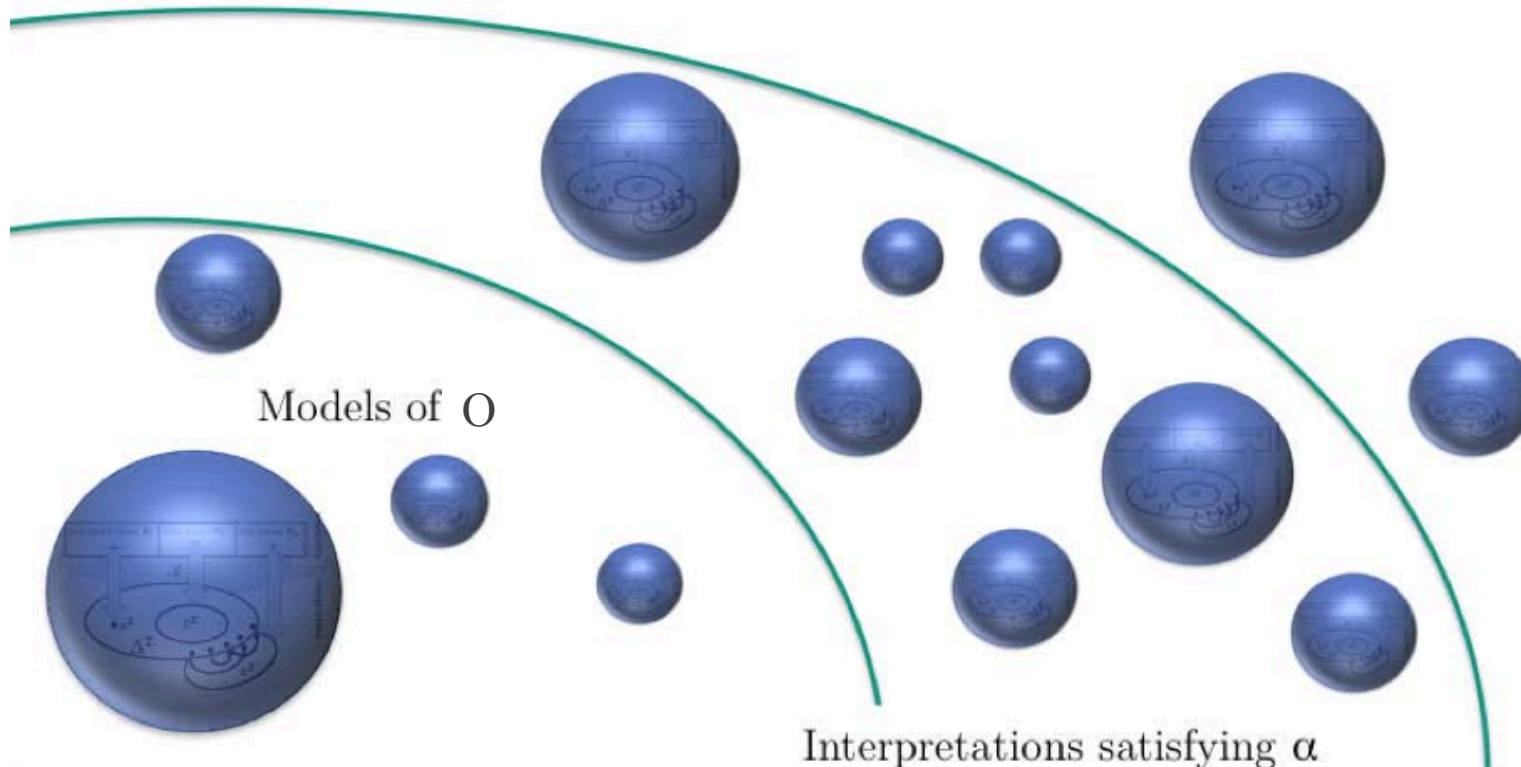


- An interpretation  $I$  satisfies an ontology  $O$  if  $I$  satisfies **all** axioms in  $O$ 
  - $I$  is called an interpretation of  $O$
- An ontology  $O$  is called **consistent** if there exists (at least) **one** interpretation that satisfies  $O$
- A class  $C$  is **satisfiable** (w.r.t an ontology  $O$ ) if there exists **one** interpretation  $I$  of  $O$ , such that  $C^I$  is not empty
- **Entailment ( $\models$ )**: given an axiom  $\alpha$ , we say an ontology  $O$  entails the axiom  $\alpha$  if and only if **all** interpretation  $I$  of  $O$  satisfy  $\alpha$ .

# Entailments of Axioms



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# Standards DL Reasoning Services



- “Easier” reasoning services
  - whether  $O$  is consistent
  - whether a given class is satisfiable
- “Harder” reasoning services
  - whether  $O$  entails a class inclusion axiom
    - such as **Class** (English **partial** People)
  - whether  $O$  entails an individual axiom
    - such as **Individual** (Bill **type** (English))

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# “Harder” Reasoning Services

How to support the “harder” reasoning services



- by proofs
  - with the help of class equivalence (next slide)
- by reduction to the “easier” reasoning services

# Class Equivalence



Two class descriptions are called “**equivalent**” (written as  $C \equiv D$ ) if for every single interpretation  $I$  we have  $C^I = D^I$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} C \sqcap D \equiv D \sqcap C & C \sqcup D \equiv D \sqcup C \\ (C \sqcap D) \sqcap E \equiv C \sqcap (D \sqcap E) & (C \sqcup D) \sqcup E \equiv C \sqcup (D \sqcup E) \\ C \sqcap C \equiv C & C \sqcup C \equiv C \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} (C \sqcup D) \sqcap E \equiv (C \sqcap E) \sqcup (D \sqcap E) & (C \sqcup D) \sqcap C \equiv C \\ (C \sqcap D) \sqcup E \equiv (C \sqcup E) \sqcap (D \sqcup E) & (C \sqcap D) \sqcup C \equiv C \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \neg\neg C \equiv C & \neg\exists r.C \equiv \forall r.\neg C & \geq 0r.C \equiv \top \\ \neg(C \sqcap D) \equiv \neg D \sqcup \neg C & \neg\forall r.C \equiv \exists r.\neg C & \geq 1r.C \equiv \exists r.C \\ \neg(C \sqcup D) \equiv \neg D \sqcap \neg C & \neg\leq nr.C \equiv \geq (n+1)r.C & \leq 0r.C \equiv \forall r.\neg C \\ & \neg\geq (n+1)r.C \equiv \leq nr.C & \end{array}$$

# Prove it!

Prove if the following equivalences hold



$$C \sqcap D \equiv D \sqcap C$$

$$(C \sqcap D)^I = C^I \cap D^I$$

$$(D \sqcap C)^I = D^I \cap C^I = C^I \cap D^I$$

$$(C \sqcap D) \sqcap E \equiv C \sqcap (D \sqcap E)$$

$$C \sqcap (D \sqcup E) \equiv (C \sqcap D) \sqcup E$$

# Class Subsumption Checking

- Given an ontology  $O$ , check if, for every interpretation  $I$  of  $O$ ,  $I \models C^I \subseteq D^I$



- **Question:** Given the following ontology  $O$ ,
  - Class (C complete complementOf (restriction (eats someValuesFrom (Plant))))
  - Class (D complete restriction (eats allValuesFrom (complementOf (Plant))))

Does  $O$  entail  $\text{Class}(C \text{ partial } D)$ ?

Does  $O$  entails  $\neg \exists \text{eats.Plant} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{eats}.(\neg \text{Plant})$  ? **true**

# Class Instance Checking



- Given an ontology  $O$ , a class  $C$  and an individual  $x$ , check if for every interpretation  $I$  of  $O$ ,  $x^I$  is in  $C^I$
- **Question:** given the following ontology  $O$ ,
  - Class (OldLady **partial restriction** (hasPet **allValuesFrom** (Cat)))
  - Individual (Minnie **type** (OldLady) **value** (hasPet Tom))
- Does  $O$  entail **Individual** (Tom **type** (Cat)) ?

# Class Instance Checking



- Can we reduce class instance checking to another reasoning task?
- How about Ontology Consistency Checking
  - If  $O$  entails  $C(x)$ , then in every interpretation  $I$  of  $O$ , we have  $x^I$  is in  $C^I$
  - It means  $O \cup O\{\neg C(x)\}$  is inconsistent

# Class Instance Checking



- **Question:** given the following ontology  $O$ ,
  - $\text{OldLady} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasPet.Cat}$
  - $\text{OldLady}(\text{Minnie})$
  - $\text{hasPet}(\text{Minnie}, \text{Tom})$
  - **$\neg \text{Cat}(\text{Tom})$**
- Does  $O$  entail **Individual** (Tom **type** (Cat)) ?

# Practical



- Interpretations in DL
- Reasoning based on understanding of DL interpretations



# After-Lecture Exercise

Class(Animal partial)

Class(Plant partial)

DisjointClasses(Animal Plant)

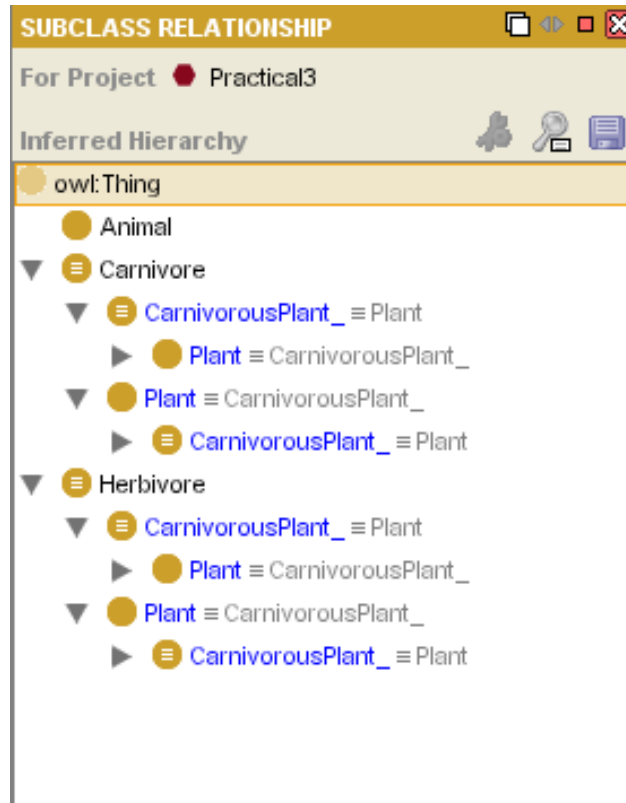
ObjectProperty(eats domain(Animal))

Class(Herbivore complete restriction(eats  
allValuesFrom(Plant)))

Class(Carnivore complete restriction(eats  
allValuesFrom(Animal)))

Class(CarnivorousPlant complete  
intersectionOf(Plant Carnivore))

# After-Lecture Exercise



- Input the above ontology in Protégé
- Feel free to send me an email on:
  - Why Plant is a subclass of Herbivore and Carnivore?
  - How to solve the problem?
  - Are there any other problems in your revised ontology?

# Summary



- DL semantics
  - Interpretation
  - Interpretations of descriptions
  - Interpretations of axioms
  - Interpretations of ontologies
- Reasoning is based on semantics



"Billy, I'm not going to argue the semantics of biting. Whether or not you penetrated skin, I'm calling your mother."