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Querying using Apache Jena Fuseki server.

Learned about basic SPARQL and queried the ontology using that.

Basic SPARQL (SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language) is all about understanding the fundamental building blocks for querying RDF data and ontologies. Here's a breakdown of the key concepts:

1. RDF Triples:

- RDF data is based on the idea of triples, which are like statements with three parts:
    - **Subject:** The resource you're talking about (e.g., a specific vehicle).
    - **Predicate:** The property or relationship (e.g., hasCurrentSpeed).
    - **Object:** The value of the property (e.g., 65).

2. SPARQL Queries:

- SPARQL queries are written to retrieve specific information from RDF data. They use a combination of keywords and variables to specify what data you're interested in.

3. Basic Query Structure:

A basic SPARQL query typically follows this format:

```
SELECT ?variable1 ?variable2 ...
WHERE {
  ?subject predicate ?object .  # Basic pattern (can be repeated)
  # Optional filters or additional patterns
}
```

- **SELECT Clause:** This specifies the variables you want to retrieve from the data.
- **WHERE Clause:** This is the heart of the query, containing one or more patterns that define what data you're looking for.
    - Each pattern typically involves a subject, predicate, and object, similar to an RDF triple, but with variables representing unknown values.
- **Variables:** Represented by ? followed by a name (e.g., ?vehicleID, ?speed), variables act as placeholders for values you want to find.

4. Example Query:

Imagine you have an RDF dataset about traffic management. Here's a basic query to find all vehicles with a speed exceeding 60:

```
SELECT ?vehicleID ?speed
WHERE {
  ?vehicle hasCurrentSpeed ?speed .
```

```
  FILTER (?speed > 60)
}
```

This query:

- Selects two variables: ?vehicleID and ?speed.
- Uses a pattern to match vehicles with their current speed using the hasCurrentSpeed property.
- Filters the results to only include vehicles with a speed greater than 60.

5. Additional Operators:

SPARQL offers various operators for filtering and manipulating results. Here are a few common ones:

- **FILTER:** Used to filter results based on a condition (e.g., filtering by speed in the previous example).
- **LIMIT:** Limits the number of results returned by the query.
- **OFFSET:** Skips a certain number of results before returning the rest.

Learning More:

Here are some resources to help you learn more about SPARQL:

- **W3C SPARQL Documentation:** https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/
- **SPARQL Tutorial:** https://jena.apache.org/tutorials/sparql.html
- **SPARQL Online Demo:** https://dbpedia.org/snorql/ (Try writing and testing your own queries!)