# Web 2.0 Lecture 10: Annotations

#### doc. Ing. Tomáš Vitvar, Ph.D.

tomas@vitvar.com • @TomasVitvar • http://vitvar.com

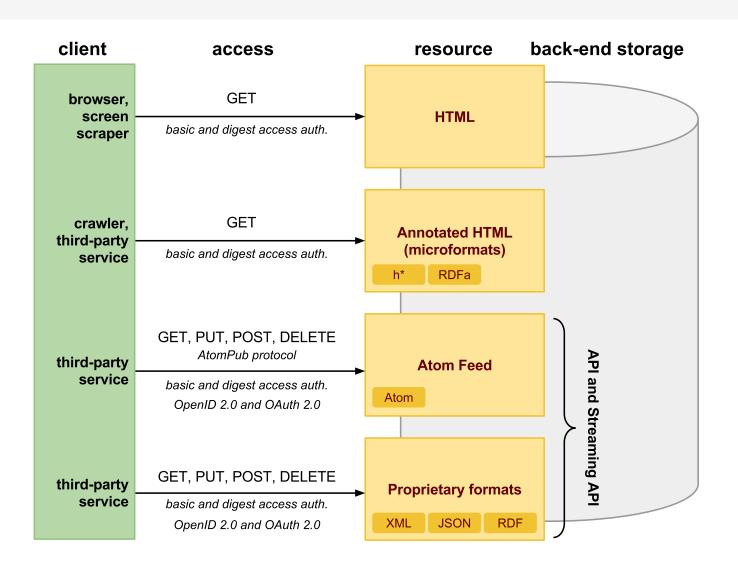


Czech Technical University in Prague
Faculty of Information Technologies • Software and Web Engineering • http://vitvar.com/courses/w20





## Data on the Web



# **Data Syntax, Structure and Semantics**

#### **Semantic Web Layered Cake**

syntax and formal semantics

#### **Web Data Formats**

syntax and semantics (structure)

sms Annotation mechanisms microformats (hCard, hResume, ...), microdata

Domain-specific semantics atom extensions, vCard, vResume, ...

| Annotation mechanisms<br>RDFa          |                   |    |                |        |  |
|--|-------------------|----|----------------|--------|--|
| Domain-specific semantics (ontologies) |                   |    |                |        |  |
| Reasoner                               | OWL Full          |    | Rule Languages |        |  |
|  | OWL DL            |    |                |        |  |
|  | OWL Lite          |    |                |        |  |
|  | RDF Schema (RDFS) |    |                |        |  |
| SPARQL                                 | RDF               |    |                |        |  |
|  | XML Schema        |    |                |        |  |
| XQuery and<br>XPath                    | XML               | N3 |                | Turtle |  |
|  | Namespaces        |    |                |        |  |
|  | URI               |    |                |        |  |
|  | UNICODE           |    |                |        |  |
| HTTP                                   |                   |    |                |        |  |

| AtomPub             | Atom extensions (e.g., GData) |             |  |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
|                     | Atom                          |             |  |  |
|                     | XML Schema                    | JSON Schema |  |  |
| XQuery and<br>XPath | XML                           | JSON        |  |  |
|                     | Namespaces                    |             |  |  |
|                     | URI                           |             |  |  |
|                     | UNICODE                       |             |  |  |
| HTTP                |                               |             |  |  |

## **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
- OpenGraph Protocol

## **Microformats**

#### • What is a microformat

- How to embed data in HTML, XHTML, Atom, and XML
  - → data: vCard, vResume, vRecipe
  - → micorformat: hCard, hResume, hRecipe
- Browsers display HTML, machines process data
- Microformat vs. POSH format
  - → POSH is same as microformat but data is not a standard format

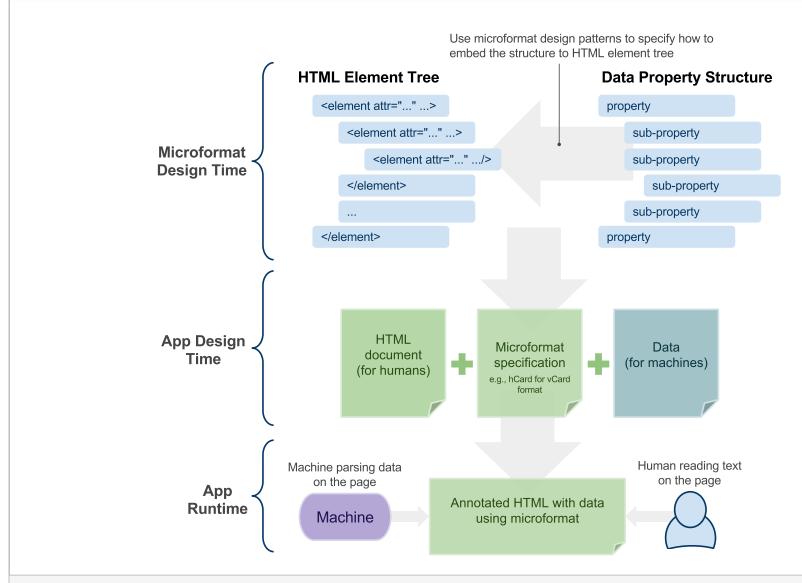
#### Difference to Atom feeds

- Microformats require only a single HTML document
  - → clients run GET to retrieve all data (human readable and machine readable)

and a la la defination details

- No significant increase of the size of document
- No requirements on data representation
  - $\rightarrow$  can be in any representation
  - $\rightarrow$  should be defined in a well-established format spec

# **Microformats Usage**



# **Principles**

- Design Patterns
  - How to embed data in HTML elements or elements' attributes
  - Applied for a particular microformat specification
- Follow semantics of (X)HTML elements
  - Use the most appropriate semantic HTML element
    - $\rightarrow$  if not available, use <span> or <div>
- XHTML Metadata Profiles (XMDP)
  - Definition of metadata of a microformat in (X)HTML page
  - Machine and human readable, not a Web standard
  - Uses profile attribute on <head> element
  - *Is deprecated in HTML5*
  - Is an analogy to a namespace but not really a namespace!

# vCard Example

#### • Describes contact information

```
PROPERTY: value1; value2; ...; valueN
     PROPERTY: SUBPROPERTY1="value";...SUBPROPERTY2="value";...
 3
     BEGIN: VCARD
     VERSION:4.0
     N:Vitvar;Tomas;Ing.;Doc.;PhD
     FN: Doc. Ing. Tomas Vitvar, Ph.D.
     ORG:Czech Technical University in Prague
     TITLE: Associate Professor
     PHOTO: http://vitvar.com/img/tomvit-portrait.jpg
     TEL; TYPE="work, voice"; VALUE=uri:tel:+420-2-334-334
     TEL; TYPE="home, voice"; VALUE=uri:tel:+420-2-443-554
     ADR; TYPE=work; LABEL="Thákurova 6, Praha 6, Czech Republic"
10
      :;;Thákurova 6;Praha 6;Czech Republic
11
     EMAIL:tomas.vitvar@fit.cvut.cz
12
13
     END: VCARD
14
```

- -N-a structured representation of the name (person/organization)
- − FN − formatted name string
- **− ORG** − name of the organization and associated units
- TITLE job title, functional position
- LABEL Addressing label

# **Design Patterns Rules**

- class-design-pattern
  - semantic meaning indicated on HTML content by class attribute

- value-class-pattern
  - embedding data structure when a property has subproperties (vCard fragment is TEL; TYPE=WORK:+43 554 556)

- sometimes value needs to be split into multiple pieces as follows (note that dialing +430554554556 is not valid)

# **Design Patterns Rules (cont.)**

- include-pattern
  - to include a subset of data from one area of a page to the other area of the same page (same data to be reused by multiple microformats)
  - cannot be used to include content from other URLs!
  - Example, a verbose hCard on a page:

- Reviews on the same page: (parser replaces the whole <a> element including its content)

# hCard Microformat Example

• hCard profile, options:

#### • Example specific rules

- vCard properties that do not make sense for hCard
  - $\rightarrow$  e.g., NAME, PROFILE, SOURCE, PRODID, VERSION
  - → publishers should not use them, parses should ignore them
- -iffn == org (i.e, class="fn org")
  - $\rightarrow$  hCard is a contact for a company, organization or a place
  - → N (person's name) property should not be used or be the empty string
- -if fn != org AND fn contains two words
  - $\rightarrow$  fn is split into given-name and last-name
  - $\rightarrow$  sub-properties of N peoperty (by a whitespace or a comma)
- see a complete specification in hCard Microformat Specification

#### **Known Issues**

- Name conflicts and scalability
  - More microformats on a page may cause naming conflicts
    - → no namespace support, microformats do not scale
    - → functionality of tools may break when data formats change
- No formal semantics, no reasoning support
  - How important is it?
  - Semantics defined in XMDP profiles
    - → no formal basis though machine processable
    - → lack of compatibility with RDF/RDFa
    - → See Microformats and RDF/RDFa compatibility & for details.

# Uptake and some statistics

- Two billion pages annotated with hCard
- Google Rich Snippets
  - Content indexing with microformats, microdata, RDFa
    - → see Google Rich Snippets 🗗
    - → 94% of the rich snippets data uses microformats

# Pizza Pizzas Recipe : Alton Brown : Food Network www.foodnetwork.com → Recipes → Italian ★★★★★ 229 reviews - 24 hrs 45 mins Food Network invites you to try this Pizza Pizzas recipe from Alton Brown.

- Firefox 3
  - Native API to parse and process microformats in JavaScript
  - see Microformats support in Firefox 3 ➡
- Facebook
  - hCalendar and hCard for events
  - see Microformats in Facebook №

## **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
- OpenGraph Protocol

#### Microdata

- Part of HTML5 specification
  - Google is the main driver (rich snippets support)
  - spec includes:
    - $\rightarrow$  Microdata vocabularies
    - → Microdata Global Attributes
  - see W3C working draft
- Idea similar to microformats, but
  - items (collection of properties) have ids (URIs)
  - Microdata vocabulary, a formal description of terms
    - → http://schema.org is becoming a standard
    - → e.g., Event, Organization, Person, Product, Review
    - → Created and supported by Google, Microsoft, Yahoo!
    - → have RDF representation too
  - data formats not directly based on formats such as vCard, vCalendar, they define its own "simple" vocabulary

#### **Global Attributes**

- Attributes on any HTML element
- Itemscope
  - identifies an element which descendants contain some properties

```
1 | <div itemscope>...<div>
```

#### Itemtype

- pointer to a vocabulary that describes the item and its properties
http://www.data-vocabulary.org/Person/

#### Itemid

- global identifier of the item (URI)
- such as a book's ISBN in urn schema, urn:isbn:0-330-34032-8

#### Itemprop

- a term from the vocabulary which value is in the element's content

```
1 | <span itemprop="nickname">Johny<span>
```

#### Itemref

- a reference to other item within the same document
  - 1 | <div itemscope itemref="myprofile"/>

## Example

#### Non-annotated HTML text

#### Annotated HTML text with microdata

```
<section itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
      My name is span itemprop="name">Peter Brown and I work as a
 2
      <span itemprop="title">post-doc</span> at the
 4
      <span itemprop="affiliation">Innsbruck University</span>.
      My friends often call me <span itemprop="nickname">Pete</span>.
      <section itemprop="address" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Address">
        My office address is span itemprop="street-address">Tchnikestrasse 21a
        <span itemprop="postal-code">6020<span>,
8
9
        <span itemprop="locality">Innsbruck</span>
10
      <section>
      and you can also visit my homepage at
11
12
      <a href="http://peter-brown.org" itemprop="url">http://peter-brown.org</a>
13
     </section>
14
```

## Microformats vs. Microdata

## Scalability

- Microformats specs are complicated because of specific rules tailored for vCard, vResume, etc.
- Microdata can be easily extensible, when new property occur they can be added witout breaking conformance of tools

#### Standards-based

- Microdata is a standard part of HTML5 effort
- Microformats is an "ad-hoc" group of ethusiastic people, though widely supported
  - → Strength is in underyling well-established formats
- Microdata have links to Semantic Web efforts and Linked Data (via RDF), microformats not

#### **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
  - Structured Property Values
  - Encoding RDF in XML (RDF/XML)
  - RDF-in attributes (RDFa)
- OpenGraph Protocol

#### **RDF**

# • Resource Description Framework (RDF)

- Resource as defined in Web architecture
  - → usually anything that can be conveyed electronically
  - → plus abstract concepts that have no representation
- RDF is at the bottom of Semantic Web stack of languages

#### References

- W3C Recommendations:
  - → RDF Suite of W3C Recommendations &,
  - $\rightarrow RDF$  Primer

# Meaning of Data in XML

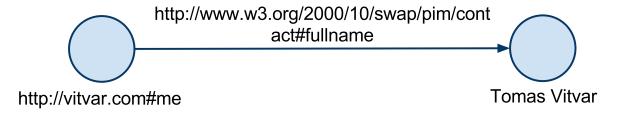
A resource with URI http://www.vitvar.com/data-about-me

```
<person xmlns="http://example.org/people">
    <name>Tomas Vitvar</name>
    <mailbox>tomas@vitvar.com</mailbox>
    <city>Innsbruck</city>
</person>
```

- No explicit meaning of terms
  - person, name, mailbox, ... are terms defined in namespace http://example.org/people but there is no URI assigned to them this does not work here: http://example.org/people#name
- No explicit meaning of relationships
  - a person <u>has</u> name <u>with value</u> Tomas Vitvar ( $\rightarrow$  Tomas Vitvar <u>is a</u> person), this person <u>has</u> mailbox <u>with value</u> tomas@vitvar.com (\rightarrow tomas@vitvar.com is a mailbox), etc.
    - BUT this person lives?, works?, was born?, ... in a city Innsbruck
- Need for a language to describe statements
  - → Resource Description Framework

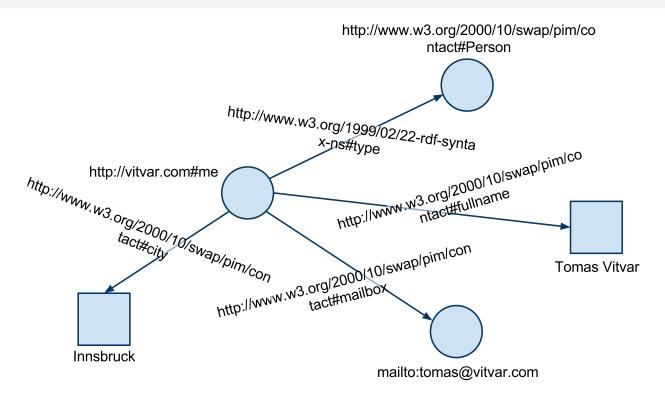
## **RDF Statement**

- RDF Tripple: subject predicate object
  - a thing the statement describes (subject)
  - a specific property of the object (predicate)
  - a value of the property (subject)



- Representation of statements
  - using a graph notation
    - → nodes are subject and objects (rectangles are literals)
    - $\rightarrow$  arcs are predicates
  - identifiers to identify subject, predicate, object
    - → URI references (URIrefs)
  - machine processable language
    - → RDF serializations in triples, RDF/XML, N3, Turtle notations

# Meaning of Data in RDF



- individuals: Tomas Vitvar identified by http://vitvar.com#me
- **kinds of things:** Person identified by **#Person** 
  - properties of those things, e.g., mailbox, identified by #mailbox
  - values of those properties, e.g. mailto:tomas@vitvar.com
    - + values of other data types such as strings, integers, dates, etc.

#### References in statements

#### URI identifies

- network-accessible things (electronic documents)  $\rightarrow$  URL
- things that are not network-accessible, such as human beings
- abstract concepts that do not physically exist, such as "fullname"
- RDF uses <u>URI references</u> to identify subjects, predicates, objects
- URI references (or URIref in short)
  - URI with an optional fragment identifier
  - http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/pim/contact#fullname
  - RDF resource is anything that can be identified with URIref
  - a set of URIrefs is called a **RDF vocabulary**

#### • Literals

- character strings to represent property values
- can only be assigned to objects in RDF (in other words, objects can be either URIrefs or literals)
  - → they cannot be assigned to subjects or properties
- two kinds: plain literals and typed literals

# **RDF Serializations – Triples Notation**

- Triples notation
  - list of all triples from RDF graph
  - the full triples notation requires that URI references be written out completely (in angled brackets)
  - very long documents, some URIrefs need to be repeated
    - 1 <http://www.example.org/index.html> <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator> "Toma
- Simplicity for examples
  - *QNames* without angle brackets
  - Common prefixes and namespaces:

```
rdf: http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
rdfs: http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
dc: http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/
ex: http://www.example.org/
ext: http://www.example.org/terms
xsd: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#
```

example

```
ex:index.html dc:creator "Tomas" .
ex:index.html dc:language "en" .
```

# **Kinds of Things**

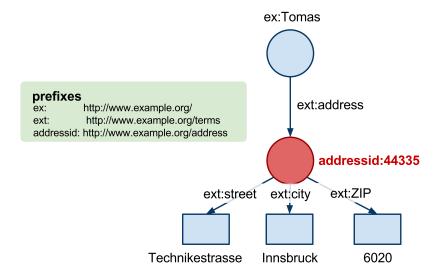
- Property rdf:type
  - defines a type of a resource
    - 1 | ex:me rdf:type ext:Person .
  - corresponds to "is a member of" relationship
  - ext:Person understood as a class
    - → however, RDF language does not define its semantics
    - → RDF Schema language provides additional vocabulary for class semantics

## **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
  - Structured Property Values
  - Encoding RDF in XML (RDF/XML)
  - RDF-in attributes (RDFa)
- OpenGraph Protocol

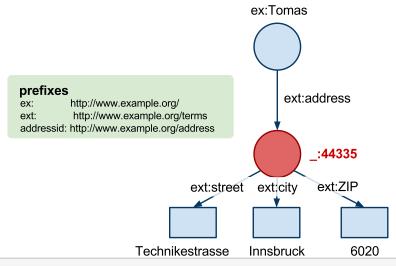
# **Structured Property Values**

- Consider real-world complex structures
  - Tomas works at Technikestrasse 21a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria
  - One option to describe this using RDF:
    - 1 ex:Tomas ext:works "Technikestrasse 21a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria" .
  - But this is not often sufficient, such statements usually need to be recored as a structure, i.e. a street, a city, ZIP, ...
    - → describe Tomas's address as a resource that has a URIref



## **Blank Nodes**

- Does every structure need to have a URIref?
  - When referenced from outside of the graphs yes, otherwise not
- Blank nodes
  - Nodes that do not need to be referenced from outside of the graph
  - No need for URIref, they are only used within the graph
- Blank node identifier
  - local within a graph: \_:LocalID, must be unique within the graph
  - two blank nodes in two graphs with the same IDs are not the same!



# **Modeling with Blank Nodes**

#### • N-ary relationships

- In fact, a blank node is a way to model an n-ary relationships
- A blank node breaks down an n-ary to binary relationships
- 3-ary relationship between Tomas and (Technikestr, Innsbruck, 6020) Tomas - Technikestr, Tomas - Innsbruck, Tomas - 6020

#### Unidentified things

- not always good to use URIs such as e-mails to identify people
  - $\rightarrow$  e-mails may change, disappear, ...
  - → sometimes no need to assign unique ids to people
- Example
  - → the author of the book is mailto:tomas@vitvar.com, as oposed to it is <u>a person</u> with e-mail mailto:tomas@vitvar.com
- A person is an abstract concept that can be modeled using a blank node

```
ex:book23 ext:author _:author1 .
    _:author1 ext:email <mailto:tomas@vitvar.com .
    _:author1 ext:name "Tomas Vitvar" .
    _:author1 rdf:type ex:person .</pre>
```

# **Untyped and Typed Literals**

#### Untyped Literals

- No information about how to interpret a value of the plain literal
- a programme must have a knowledge how to interpret the value
  - 1 ex:person1 ext:age "24" .

#### Typed literals

- pairing a string with a URIref that identifies a particular datatype
   (xsd: refers to http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#)
  - 1 | ex:person1 ext:age "24"^^xsd:integer
- RDF does not define its own data types (except rdf:XMLLiteral)
  - → no need to map external to native ones
- RDF uses external data types defined in XML Schema
  - → not all are suitable, only basic ones such as string, integer, date

## **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
  - Structured Property Values
  - Encoding RDF in XML (RDF/XML)
  - RDF-in attributes (RDFa)
- OpenGraph Protocol

#### **Basic Rules**

- Representation of RDF in XML language
- Example RDF triple
  - a page index.html was created on August 16, 1999

    1 ex:index.html ext:creation-date "Aug 16, 1999".
- RDF/XML representation
  - We can interpret a RDF statement as:
     a description that is about a <u>subject</u> of the statement
  - XML element (QName) of the description is the **predicate**
  - a value of the element is the **object**

- URIrefs must be written out when in attribute values

# **Multiple Statements and Typed Literals**

• Example RDF triples

```
ex:index.html ext:creation-date "Aug 16, 1999".
ex:index.html dc:language "en".
ex:index.html ext:rank "3"^^xsd:decimal.
ex:index.html dc:creator <http://www.vitvar.com#me>.
```

RDF/XML representation

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
     <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"</pre>
         xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
         xmlns:ext="http://www.example.org/terms/">
4
 5
         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.example.org/index.html">
 6
             <ext:creation-date>August 16, 1999</ext:creation-date>
8
             <dc:language>en</dc:language>
9
             <ext:rank</pre>
                rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#decimal">
10
11
                    3</ext:rank>
             <dc:creator rdf:resource="http://www.vitvar.com#me"/>
12
13
         </rdf:Description>
14
     </rdf:RDF>
15
```

- a description may combine all properties for a single subject but there also can be a description for every subject (such representations are the same)

#### **Blank Nodes**

• Example RDF triples

```
ex:index.html ext:editor _:editor332 .
  _editor332 ext:name "Tomas Vitvar" .
  _editor332 ext:homepage <http://www.vitvar.com> .
```

RDF/XML representation

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
     <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"</pre>
         xmlns:ext="http://www.example.org/terms/">
4
 5
         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.example.org/index.html">
             <ext:editor rdf:nodeId="editor332"/>
 6
         </rdf:Description>
         <rdf:Description rdf:nodeId="editor332">
9
             <ext:name>Tomas Vitvar<ext:name>
10
             <ext:homepage rdf:resource="http://www.vitvar.com"/>
11
12
         </rdf:Description>
13
14
     </rdf:RDF>
```

- A node with id editor332 can be referenced from within the RDF graph, not outside of the RDF graph

#### **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
  - Structured Property Values
  - Encoding RDF in XML (RDF/XML)
  - RDF-in attributes (RDFa)
- OpenGraph Protocol

#### **RDF**a

- Embedding RDF data in XHTML
  - XHTML only, is extensible, HTML not
    - → RDFa defines a number of extension attributes
  - Parses may recognize RDFa annotations in HTML too
  - RDFa is generic to embed arbitrary RDF data
    - → however, only standard (commonly agreed) vocabularies make sense
- W3C Recommendations:

  - RDFa Primer ☑

# **Property and Object Values as Resources**

- Creating a property using rel attribute
  - assume, following text is at http://blog.vitvar.com/?p=107

- This corresponds to the RDF triple

→ When the subject is not explicitly stated, then the subject is the URL of the XHTML page being described

# **Property and Object Values as Literals**

- Creating a property using property attribute
  - RDFa defines a property extension attribute
  - assume, following text is at http://blog.vitvar.com/?p=107

- This corresponds to the RDF triple
  - 1 | <http://blog.vitvar.com/?p=107> dc:creator "Tomas" .
- Typed literals
  - RDFa defines a datatype extension attribute

- Alternative content
  - RDFa defines content extension attribute
    - → replaces the object value that is in the element's value

# Subject

- Creating a subject using about attribute
  - RDFa defines about extension attribute
  - Let the following text is at http://blog.vitvar.com/?p=107

- This corresponds to the RDF triple
  - 1 <http://blog.vitvar.com/p/107> dc:creator "Tomas".
- Also possible to use multiple subjects on a single page

# **Types and Blank Nodes**

- Types
  - RDFa defines typeof extension attribute
    - → corresponds to rdf:type property
- Blank node
  - When annotation has typeof but not about
    - $\rightarrow$  blank node, that is, a node without a subject

- I know Peter who has e-mail petr@novak.cz

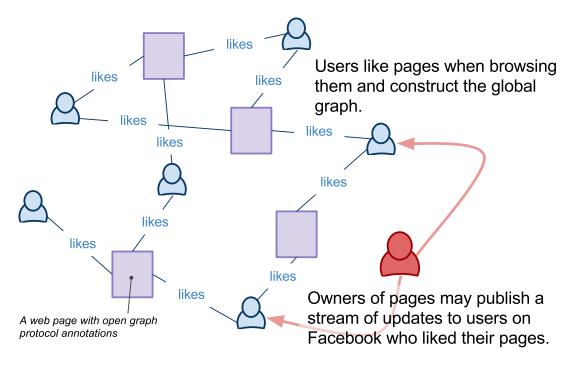
## **Overview**

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
- OpenGraph Protocol

# **OpenGraph Protocol**

## Global Social Graph

- important adoption of RDFa, see Open Graph Protocol ₫
- defines meta-data for pages' description so that it can be easily included in a global graph connecting people and pages through "likes" (a person likes a page)



# **Page Annotations**

- Open Graph protocol main properties
  - a page is the subject in the RDF triple
  - − og:title − title of the page
  - og:type type of the content (e.g., movie)
  - og:image URL of the image for the page
  - og:url a canonical URL of the page to be used as its permanent ID in the graph
- HTML page annotation RDFa example

# **Publishing updates**

## Ownership

- Page must be associated with a Facebook application
  - → using fb:app\_id meta tag
- Owners can publish a stream of updates using the Facebook Graph API ☑
- Getting access

```
curl -F type=client_cred \
curl -F client_id=app_id \
F client_secret=app_secret \
https://graph.facebook.com/oauth/access_token
```

## Publishing updates

```
curl -F 'access_token=...' \
    -F 'message=Hello Likers' \
    -F 'id=http://www.mydomain.com/great_page.html' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/feed
```