Web 2.0 Lecture 10: Annotations

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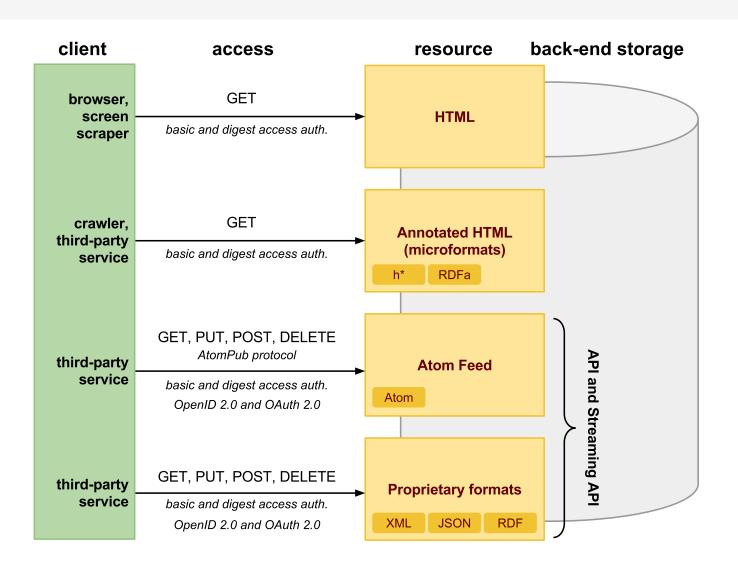


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Data on the Web



Data Syntax, Structure and Semantics

Semantic Web Layered Cake

syntax and formal semantics

Web Data Formats

syntax and semantics (structure)

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

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

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

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

Overview

- Microformats
- Microdata
- RDF and RDFa
- OpenGraph Protocol

Microformats

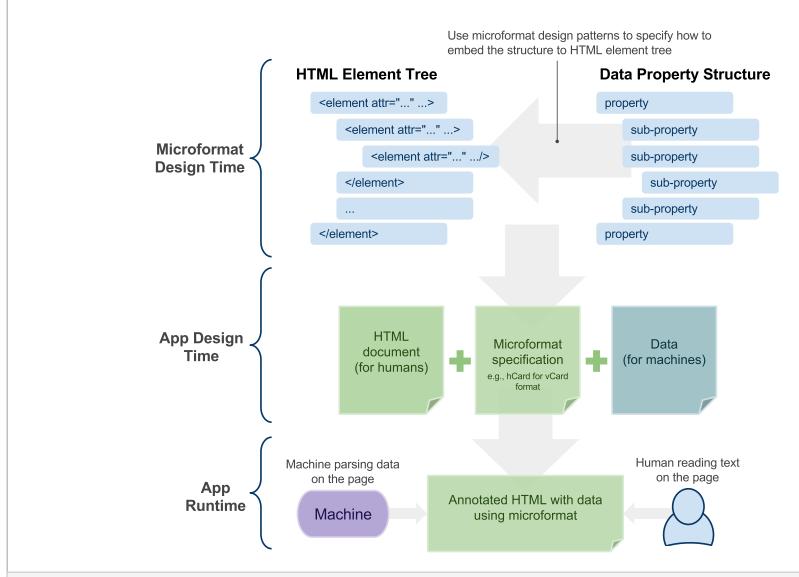
• What is a microformat

- 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)
- No significant increase of the size of document
- No requirements on data representation
 - \rightarrow can be in any representation
 - → should be defined in a well-established format spec
 - → a microformat spec needs to be defined for every data

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
 - - \rightarrow if not available, use 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
12
     EMAIL:tomas.vitvar@fit.cvut.cz
13
     END: VCARD
```

- -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:+43 554 554 556)

- 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
- -if fn == 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 №

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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
      <span itemprop="title">post-doc</span> at the
      <span itemprop="affiliation">Innsbruck University</span>.
 4
      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
         <span itemprop="locality">Innsbruck</span>
9
      <section>
10
11
      and you can also visit my homepage at
       <a href="http://peter-brown.org" itemprop="url">http://peter-brown.org</a>
12
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

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

Meaning of Data in XML

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

- 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 (→ Tomas Vitvar <u>is a</u> person), this person <u>has</u> mailbox <u>with value</u> tomas@vitvar.com (→ tomas@vitvar.com <u>is a</u> mailbox), etc.
 - BUT this person lives?, works?, was born?, ... in a city Innsbruck
- Need for a language to describe statements
 - → Resource Description Framework

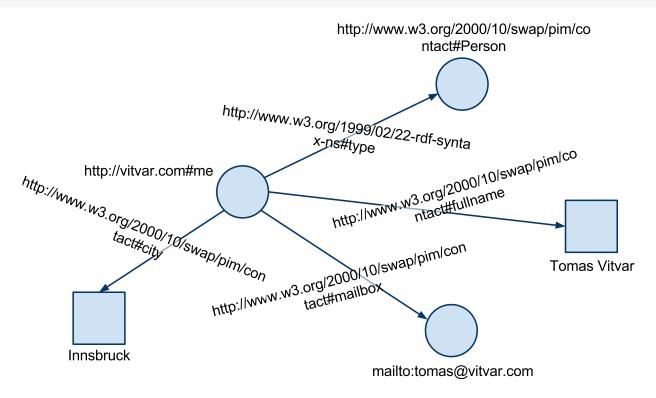
RDF Statement

- 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
 - \rightarrow 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

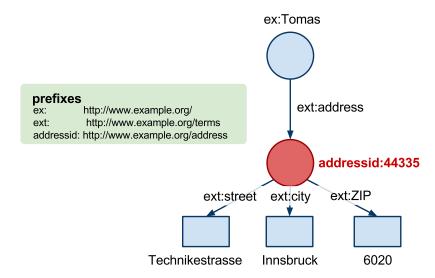
- Property rdf:type
 - defines a type of a resource
 - 1 ex:me rdf:type ext:Person .
 - corresponds to "is a member of" relationship
 - ext:Person understood as a class
 - → however, RDF language does not define its semantics
 - → RDF Schema language provides additional vocabulary for class semantics

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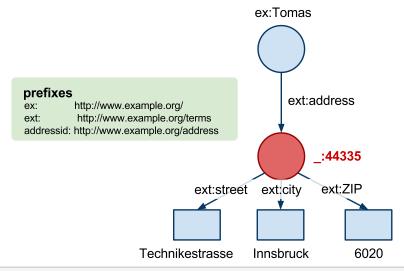
Structured Property Values

- 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

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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
         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.example.org/index.html">
6
             <ext:creation-date>August 16, 1999</ext:creation-date>
             <dc:language>en</dc:language>
9
             <ext:rank
10
                rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#decimal">
11
                   3</ext:rank>
12
             <dc:creator rdf:resource="http://www.vitvar.com#me"/>
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
         <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.example.org/index.html">
             <ext:editor rdf:nodeId="editor332"/>
6
         </rdf:Description>
8
         <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

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RDFa

- 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 Specification ☑
 - 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
 - → blank node, that is, a node without a subject

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

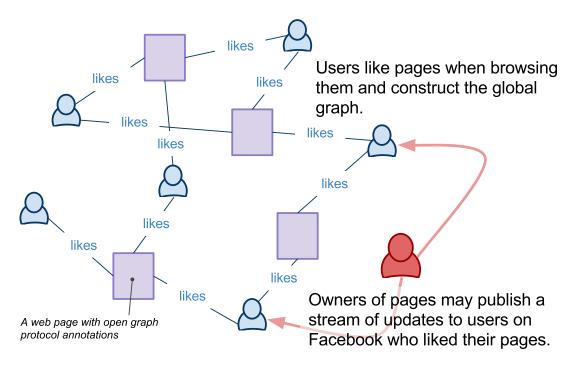
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OpenGraph Protocol

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
```