# Web 2.0 Lecture 10: Annotations

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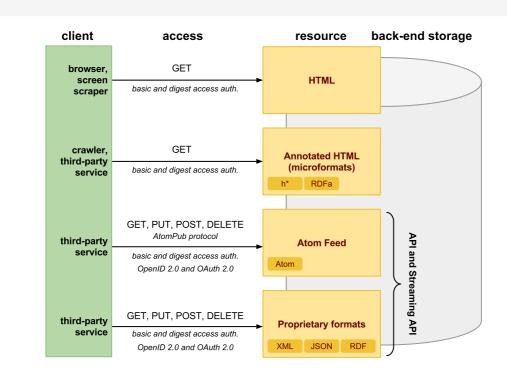




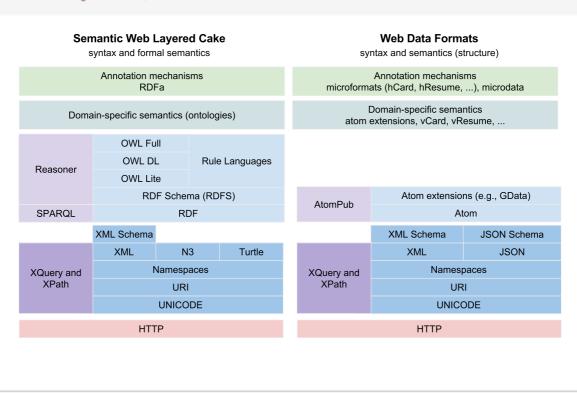


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## Data on the Web



# **Data Syntax, Structure and Semantics**



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## **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

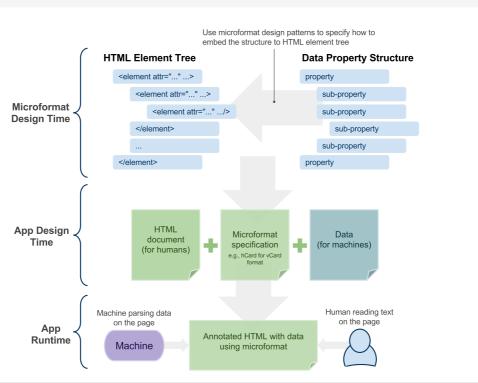
#### Difference to Atom feeds

- 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
  - → can be in any representation
  - → should be defined in a well-established format spec
  - $\rightarrow$  a microformat spec needs to be defined for every data

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# **Microformats Usage**



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## **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 <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!

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# vCard Example

• Describes contact information

```
PROPERTY:value1;value2;...;valueN
PROPERTY:SUBPROPERTY1="value";...SUBPROPERTY2="value";...

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="work,voice";VALUE=uri:tel:+420-2-443-554
ADR;TYPE=work;LABEL="Thákurova 6, Praha 6, Czech Republic"
:;;Thákurova 6;Praha 6;Czech Republic
EMAIL:tomas.vitvar@fit.cvut.cz
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

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## **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)

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## **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
    - $\rightarrow$  N (person's name) property should not be used or be the empty string
  - if fn != org AND fn contains two words
    - → 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 №

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#### **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
    - $\rightarrow$  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 🗗
    - $\rightarrow$  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 母

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#### Microdata

- Part of HTML5 specification
  - Google is the main driver (rich snippets support)
  - spec includes:
    - → *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
    - $\rightarrow$  e.g., Event, Organization, Person, Product, Review
    - → Created and supported by Google, Microsoft, Yahoo!
    - $\rightarrow$  have RDF representation too
  - data formats not directly based on formats such as vCard, vCalendar, they define its own "simple" vocabulary

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#### **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

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#### 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 underlying 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  $\[ \]$ ,
    - $\rightarrow RDF$  Primer

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## Meaning of Data in XML

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

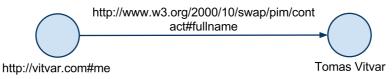
- No explicit meaning of terms
  - person, name, mailbox, ... are terms defined in namespace
    http://example.org/people but there is no URI assigned to them
    this does not work here: http://example.org/people#name
- No explicit meaning of relationships
  - a person <u>has</u> name <u>with value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

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#### **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)

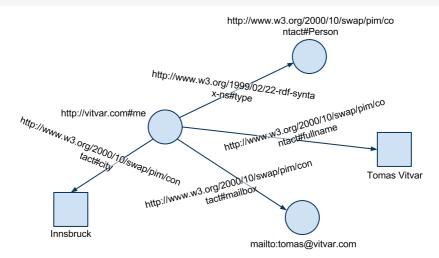


- Representation of statements
  - using a graph notation
    - ightarrow nodes are subject and objects (rectangles are literals)
    - $\rightarrow$  arcs are predicates
  - identifiers to identify subject, predicate, object
    - → URI references (URIrefs)
  - machine processable language
    - → RDF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

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## 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.

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## **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)
    - $\rightarrow$  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>
- 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

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

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# **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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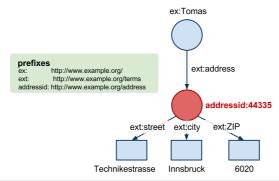
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# **Structured Property Values**

- 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

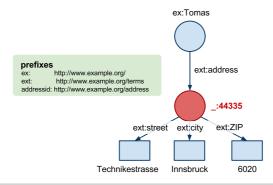


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#### **Blank Nodes**

- 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!



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# **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 a person 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

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# **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#"
    xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"</pre>
4
        xmlns:ext="http://www.example.org/terms/">
5
        8
            <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"/>
        </rdf:Description>
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    </rdf:RDF>
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```

 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)

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#### **Blank Nodes**

Example RDF triples

```
1    ex:index.html    ext:editor    _:editor332 .
2    _editor332    ext:name    "Tomas Vitvar" .
3    _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#"
3
       xmlns:ext="http://www.example.org/terms/">
       6
       </rdf:Description>
9
       <rdf:Description rdf:nodeId="editor332">
10
          <ext:name>Tomas Vitvar<ext:name>
11
          <ext:homepage rdf:resource="http://www.vitvar.com"/>
12
       </rdf:Description>
13
   </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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#### **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 Specification ₫
  - RDFa Primer ☑

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# **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

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## **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
    - $\rightarrow$  replaces the object value that is in the element's value

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# 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

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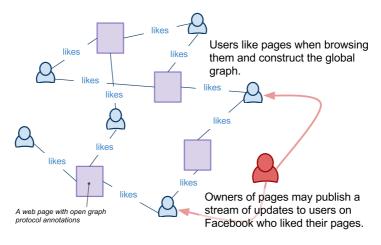
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# **OpenGraph Protocol**

- 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)



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# **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

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# **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

Publishing updates

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

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