

## Introduction

# Food Recommendation Ontology

- Goal:

The project designed to personalized nutritional recommendations which effectively support healthy eating, through a food ontology.

## Expected queries to be answered:

- Recommend the user dishes based on the ingredients
- Recommend the user dishes based on the nutrition.
- Recommend the user dishes based on amount of calorie.
- Recommend the user dishes based on different categories such as, high protein dishes, vegan dishes, complex dishes, and different meals.
- Recommend the user dishes based on their allergy.
- Recommend the user dishes based on their disease.

# Top Classes



The key terms of food ontology which considered in this work:  
Dish, Ingredients, Meal, Nutrition, Level of Spicy, Side Dish, User  
and Disease.

# Dish Class

- A dish is made by mixing different ingredients.
- Named\_Dish is a subclass of Dish with 27 individuals.
- There are 15 defined class based on different features like: high calorie dish, vegan dish or dishes with balanced amount of salt.

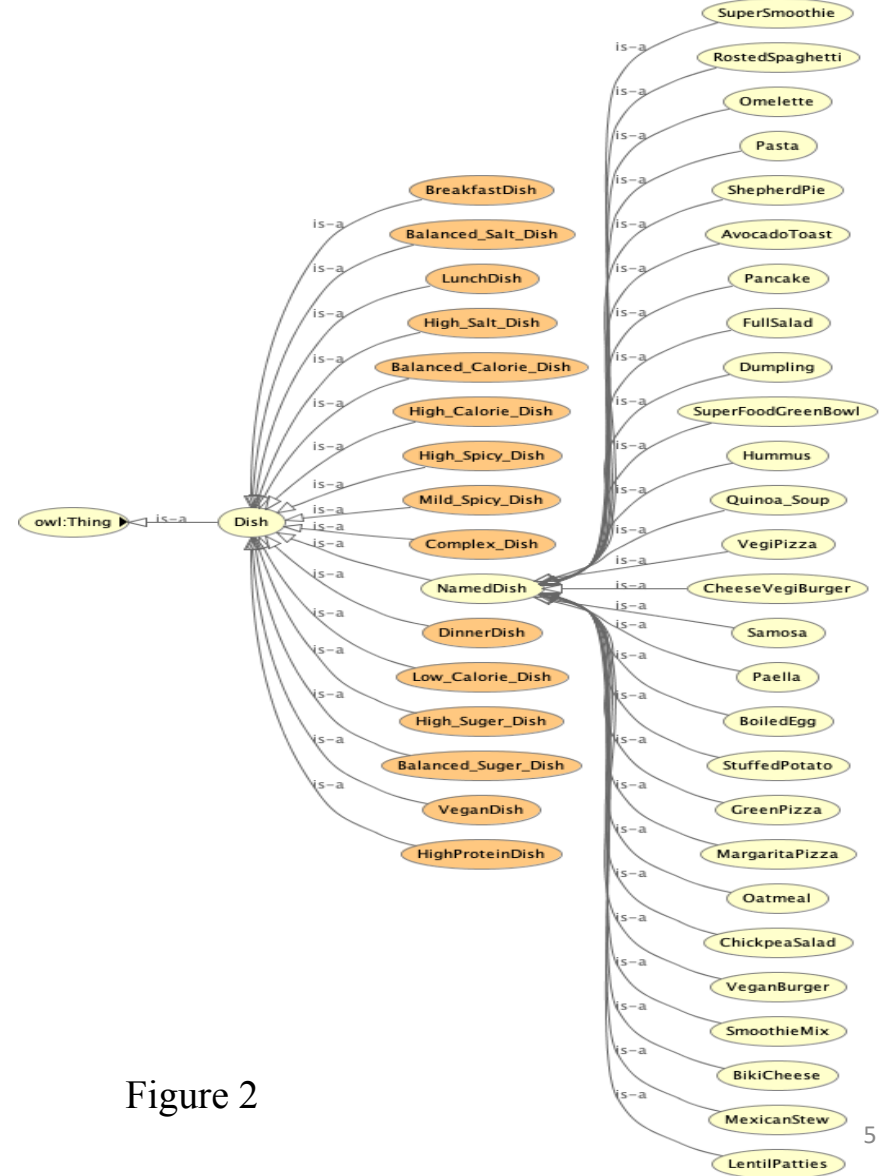


Figure 2

# Nutrition Class

- Nutrition is superclass of:
  - carbohydrates,
  - fat,
  - fiber,
  - protein,
  - minerals
  - and vitamins (vitamin A, B2, B5, B6, B12, C, D, E, K).



Figure 3

# Ingredient class

- Ingredient class is described as a substance used to prepare a dish
- Is divided in two main categories including animal-based ingredient and plant-based ingredient and they have their own subclasses.
- For instance, in plant-based ingredient, there are classes of fruit, grain, herbs and spices, nuts, oil and vinegar and vegetables.

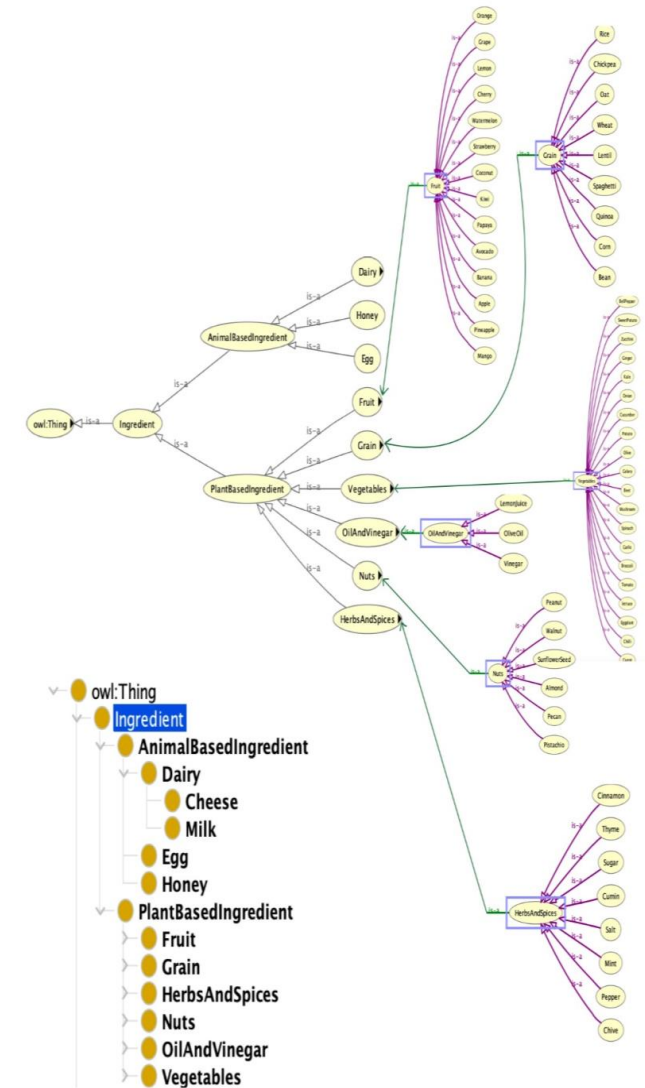
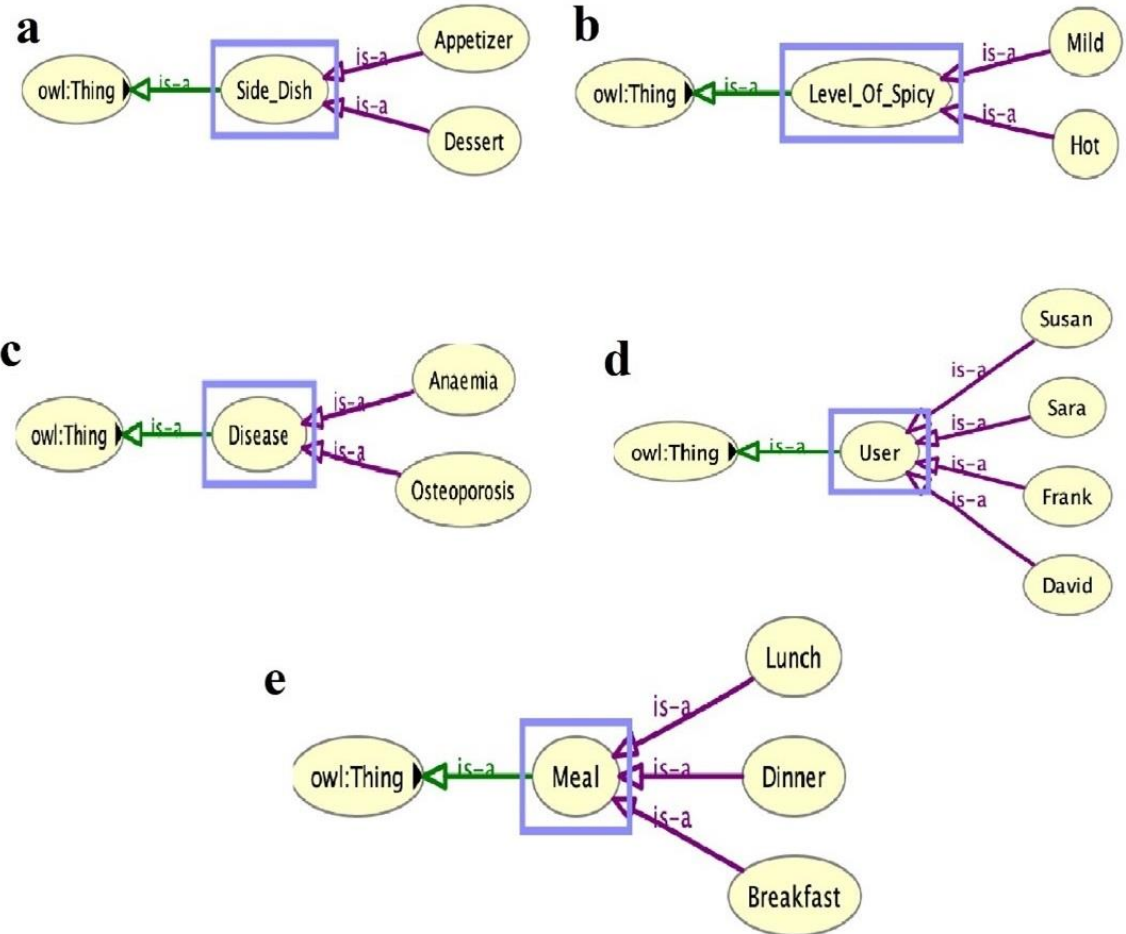


Figure 4

# Other classes

- a) Side Dish class
- b) Level of Spicy
- c) Disease class
- d) User class
- e) Meal class



Figure<sub>8</sub>5

# Applying Disjoint

- These classes are disjoint, so that an individual (or object) can not be an instance of more than one of these
- For example: Vitamin and carbohydrate are disjoint. It simply means an instance can't be at the same time vitamin and carbohydrate

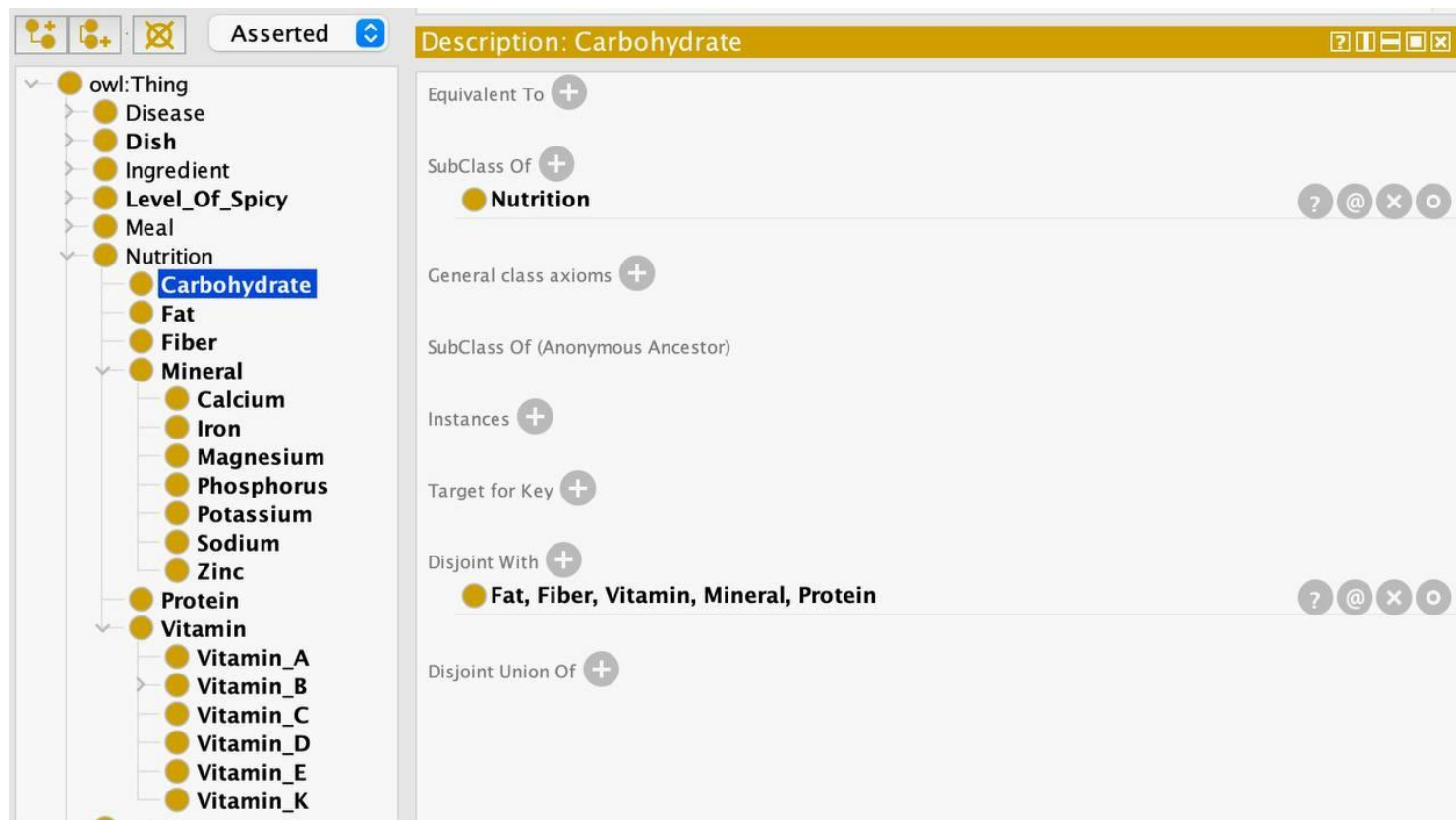


Figure 6<sup>9</sup>



## Relationship between different classes

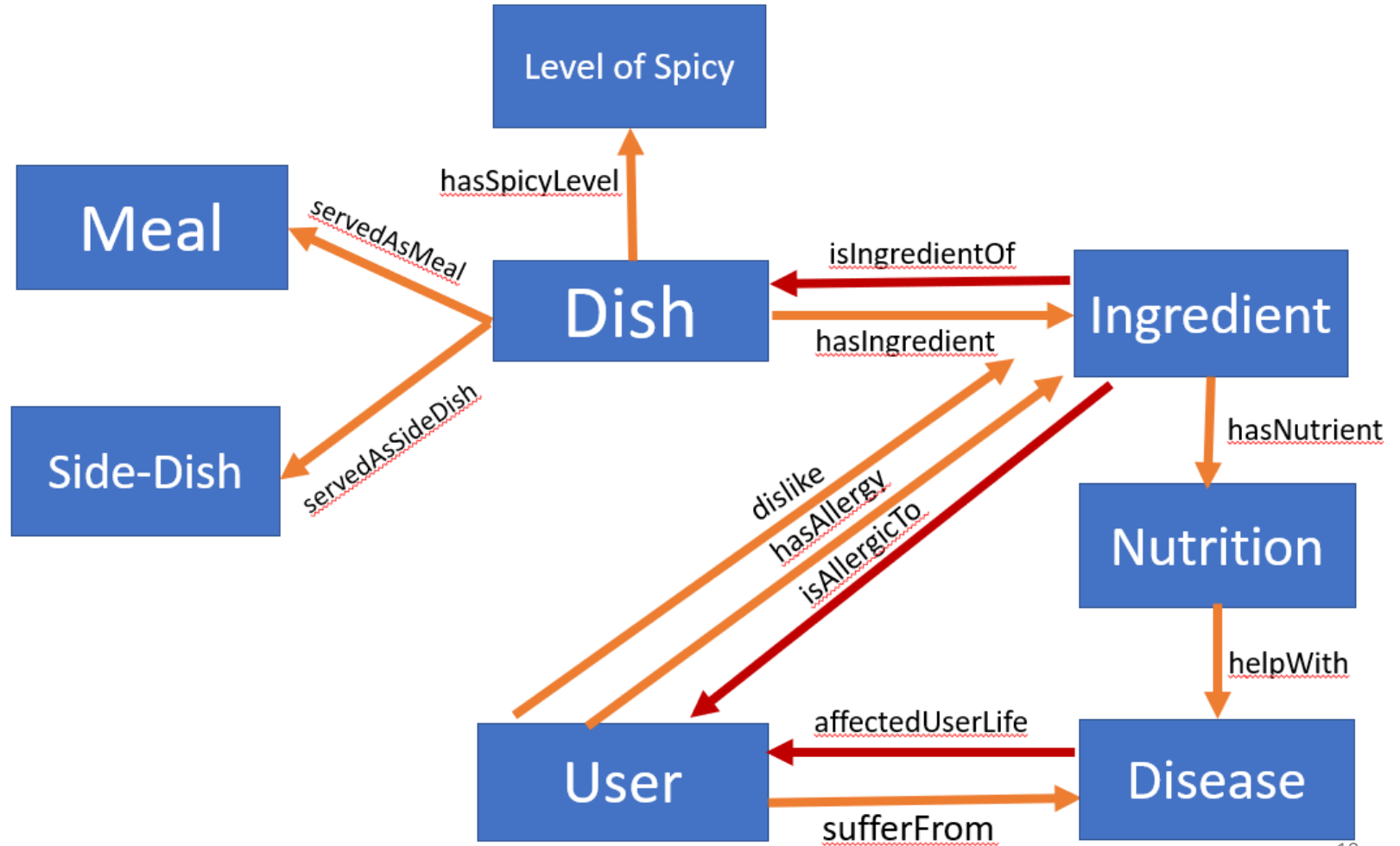


Figure 7

## Assigning domain and range to object properties

	Object property	Domains	Ranges	Inverse of	Characteristics
1	<b>hasIngredient</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>isIngredientOf</b>	-
2	<b>isIngredientOf</b>	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>hasIngredient</b>	-
To make dishes we need ingredient, so each dish has ingredient and ingredients are used to make dishes (Inverse Relationship)					
3	<b>hasNutrient</b>	<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Nutrition</b>	-	<b>Transitive</b>
Ingredients have nutrition and dishes have ingredient, therefore dishes have nutrition (Transitive Property)					
4	<b>hasSpicyLevel</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>Level_Of_Spicy</b>	-	<b>Functional</b>
In this ontology each dish has a level of spicy as hot or mild, this property is functional due to a dish can't be hot and mild at the same time(Functional Property)					
5	<b>servedAsMeal</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>Meal</b>	-	
Each main dish can be served as Breakfast or Lunch or dinner, furthermore this property isn't functional due to same dish could be served as lunch or dinner or breakfast.					
6	<b>servedAsSideDish</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>Side_Dish</b>	-	<b>Functional</b>
Dishes could serve as side dish and a side dish could be appetiser or either dessert, so it's functional property.					
7	<b>dislikeIngredient</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>	-	<b>Transitive</b>
8	<b>likeIngredient</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>isLikedBy</b>	<b>Transitive</b>
User may like or dislike ingredient and dishes have ingredient, so users may like or dislike dishes (Transitive Property)					
9	<b>hasAllergyTo</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>isAllergicTo</b>	-
10	<b>isAllergicTo</b>	<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>hasAllergyTo</b>	-
Users may have allergy to some ingredients and ingredients may are allergic to users (Inverse Relationship).					
11	<b>affectUserLife</b>	<b>Disease</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>sufferFromDisease</b>	-
12	<b>sufferFromDisease</b>	<b>User</b>	<b>Disease</b>	<b>affectUserLife</b>	-
13	<b>helpWithDisease</b>	<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>Disease</b>	-	-
User would suffer from some diseases and diseases may affect user's life (Inverse Relationship). Users need special nutrition to improve their health condition against specified disease.					

# Data properties and relation

	Top Data Properties	Characteristic	Type
1	hasCalorieValue	Functional	Integer
2	hasSaltAmountGram	Functional	Integer
3	hasSugarAmountGram	Functional	Integer

Description: Paella\_Example

Types +

Paella

Same Individual As +

Different Individuals +

Property assertions: Paella\_Example

Object property assertions +

Data property assertions +

hasSaltAmountGram 3

hasSugarAmountGram 2

hasCalorieValue 300

Figure 8. An example of using data property to one instance of class Dish

# Property Restriction

These classes are made by using property restriction such as, quantifier restriction (Existential and Universal), cardinality restriction and hasValue restriction.

- **Complex\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasIngredient **min** 10 owl:Thing)
- **VeganDish:** Dish **and** (hasIngredient **only** PlantBasedIngredient)
- **HighProteineDish:** Dish **and** ((hasIngredient **some** Bean) **or** (hasIngredient **some** Chickpea) **or** (hasIngredient **some** Lentil) **or** (hasIngredient **some** Quinoa))
- **Mild\_Spicy\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasIngredient **some** (hasSpicyLevel **some** Mild))
- **High\_Spicy\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasIngredient **some** (hasSpicyLevel **some** Hot))
- **Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish:** Dish **and** ((hasCalorieValue **some** xsd:integer[>= 250]) **and** (hasCalorieValue **some** xsd:integer[< 400]))
- **High\_Calorie\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasCalorieValue **some** xsd:integer[>= 400])
- **Low\_Calorie\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasCalorieValue **some** xsd:integer[< 250])
- **High\_Salt\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasSaltAmountGram **some** xsd:integer[> 2])
- **Balanced\_Salt\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasSaltAmountGram **some** xsd:integer[<= 2])
- **High\_Sugar\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasSugarAmountGram **some** xsd:integer[>= 4])
- **Balanced\_Sugar\_Dish:** Dish **and** (hasSugarAmountGram **some** xsd:integer[< 4])



Figure 9. Using cardinality restriction to make Complex\_Dish class

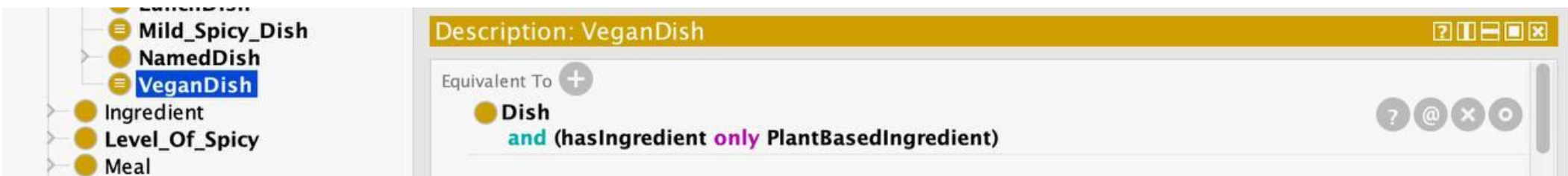


Figure 10. Using universal restriction to make VeganDish class



Figure 11. Using hasValue restriction to make Mild\_Spicy\_Dish class

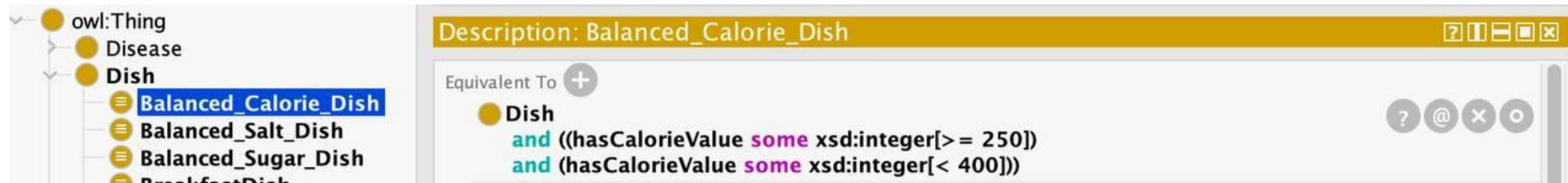


Figure 12. Using data property to make Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish class

# Applying Closure Axiom

In the figure below, the closure axiom consists of universal restriction that works with other properties to identify for example Hummus can only be made with Chickpea, Olive oil, Pepper and Salt.

The screenshot displays a Semantic Web browser interface for the ontology `http://www.semanticweb.org/mohsenrahimi/ontologies/2022/10/FoodProjectOntolog`. The left sidebar shows the class hierarchy under `Mild_Spicy_Dish` and `NamedDish`, with `Hummus` highlighted. The main panel shows the `Annotations: Hummus` and `Description: Hummus` tabs. The `Description: Hummus` tab displays the following information:

- Equivalent To:** A plus sign icon to add more equivalents.
- SubClass Of:** A list of subclasses with their descriptions:
  - `hasIngredient only (Chickpea or OliveOil or Pepper or Salt)`
  - `hasIngredient some Chickpea`
  - `hasIngredient some OliveOil`
  - `hasIngredient some Pepper`
  - `hasIngredient some Salt`
  - `NamedDish`
  - `servedAsSideDish some Appetizer`
- General class axioms:** A plus sign icon to add more axioms.
- SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor):** A list of subclasses:
  - `hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer`
- Instances:** A list of instances:
  - `Hummus_Example`

Figure 13

# Change a Primitive class to a Defined class

By adding sufficient condition to necessary condition a primitive class (Figure 14) will change to a defined class (Figure 15).  
Another example in Figure 16.

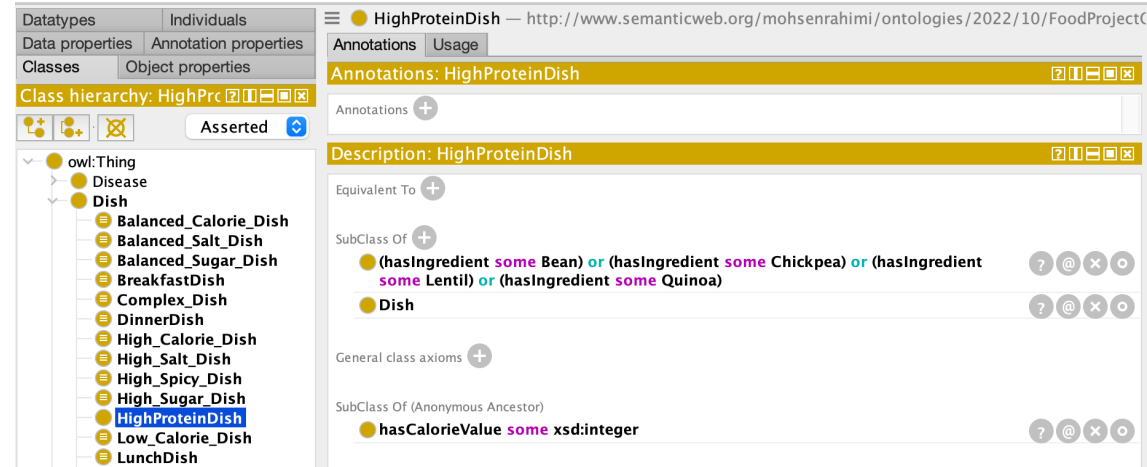
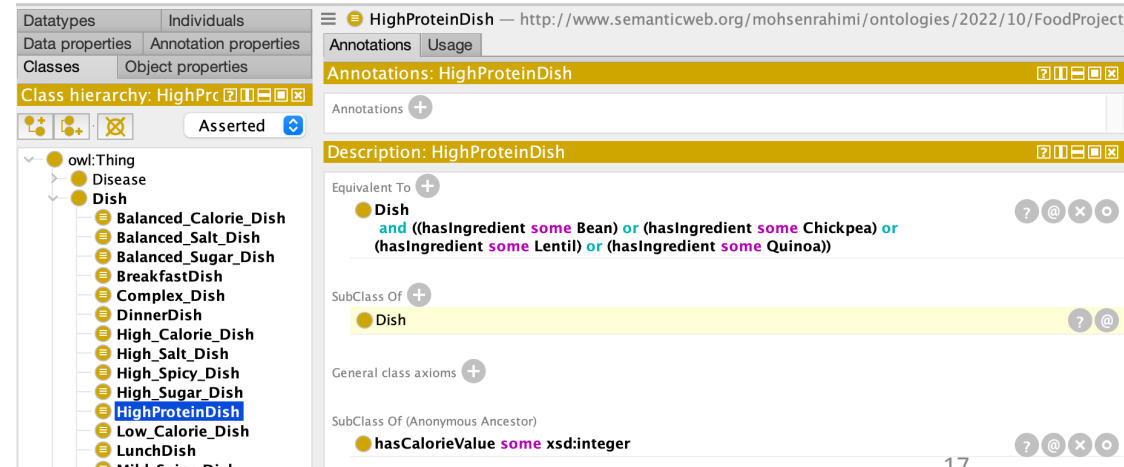


Figure 14



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Figure 15



Datatypes

Individuals

Data properties

Annotation properties

Classes

Object properties

Class hierarchy: Balance

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Asserted

owl:Thing

Disease

Dish

Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish

Balanced\_Salt\_Dish

Balanced\_Sugar\_Dish

BreakfastDish

Complex\_Dish

DinnerDish

High\_Calorie\_Dish

High\_Salt\_Dish

High\_Spicy\_Dish

High\_Sugar\_Dish

HighProteinDish

Low\_Calorie\_Dish

Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish

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Annotations

Usage

Annotations: Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish

Annotations

Description: Balanced\_Calorie\_Dish

Equivalent To

Dish

and ((hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer[>= 250]) and (hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer[< 400]))

SubClass Of

General class axioms

SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer

Figure 16

# Using the reasoner

- The reasoner can show us if all the statements and definitions in the ontology are consistent.
- It help to maintain the hierarchy by recognizing which concept fit which definitions.
- More examples in Figure 18 and 19.

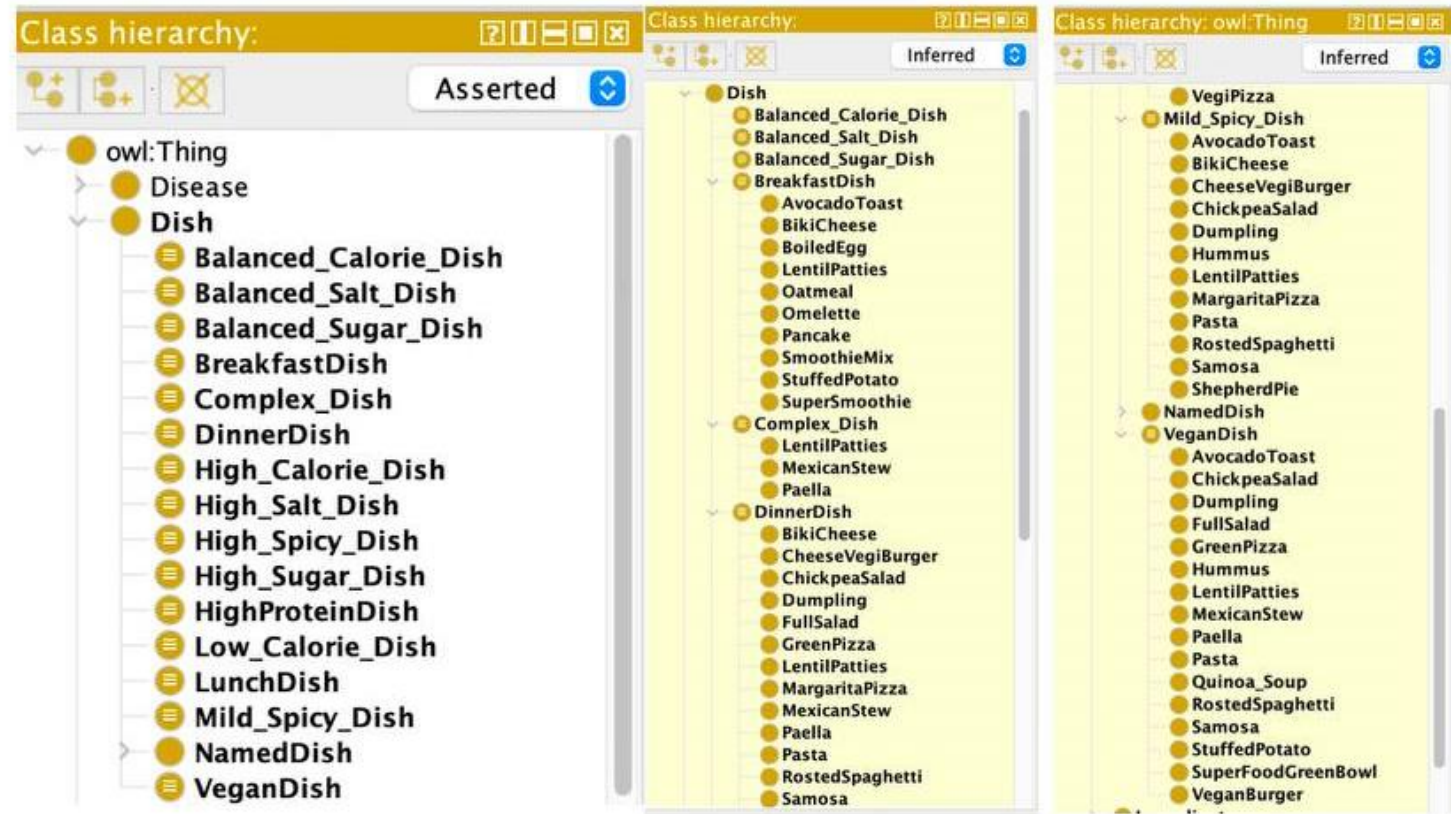


Figure 17. The different between Asserted window and Inferred window

Datatypes

Individuals

Data properties

Annotation properties

Classes

Object properties

Class hierarchy: Omelette

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Asserted

NamedDish

AvocadoToast

BikiCheese

BoiledEgg

CheeseVegiBurger

ChickpeaSalad

Dumpling

FullSalad

GreenPizza

Hummus

LentilPatties

MargaritaPizza

MexicanStew

Oatmeal

Omelette

Paella

Pancake

Pasta

Quinoa\_Soup

RostedSpaghetti

Samosa

ShepherdPie

SmoothieMix

StuffedPotato

SuperFoodGreenBow

Omelette — <http://www.semanticweb.org/mohsenrahimi/ontologies/2022/10/FoodProjectOntolog>

Annotations

Usage

Annotations: Omelette

Annotations

Description: Omelette

SubClass Of

hasIngredient only (Egg or OliveOil or Tomato)

hasIngredient some Egg

hasIngredient some OliveOil

hasIngredient some Tomato

NamedDish

servedAsMeal some Breakfast

BreakfastDish

General class axioms

SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer

Dish and (servedAsMeal some Breakfast)

Instances

Omelette\_Example

Figure 18

**Data property hierarchy: hasSaltAmountGram**

owl:topDataProperty

- hasCalorieValue
- hasSaltAmountGram**
- hasSugarAmountGram

**Individuals: CheeseVegiBurger\_Example**

- CheeseVegiBurger\_Example**
- ChickpeaSalad\_Example

**Annotations: CheeseVegiBurger\_Example**

Annotations +

**Description: CheeseVegiBurger\_Example**

Types +

- CheeseVegiBurger**
- Balanced\_Sugar\_Dish
- High\_Calorie\_Dish
- High\_Salt\_Dish

**Property assertions: CheeseVegiBurger\_Example**

Object property assertions +

Data property assertions +

- hasCalorieValue 410**
- hasSaltAmountGram 3**
- hasSugarAmountGram 3**

Figure 19

Illustrating the subclasses of diseases, minerals that are recommended to use for the specified diseases and then the food that contain those specific minerals.

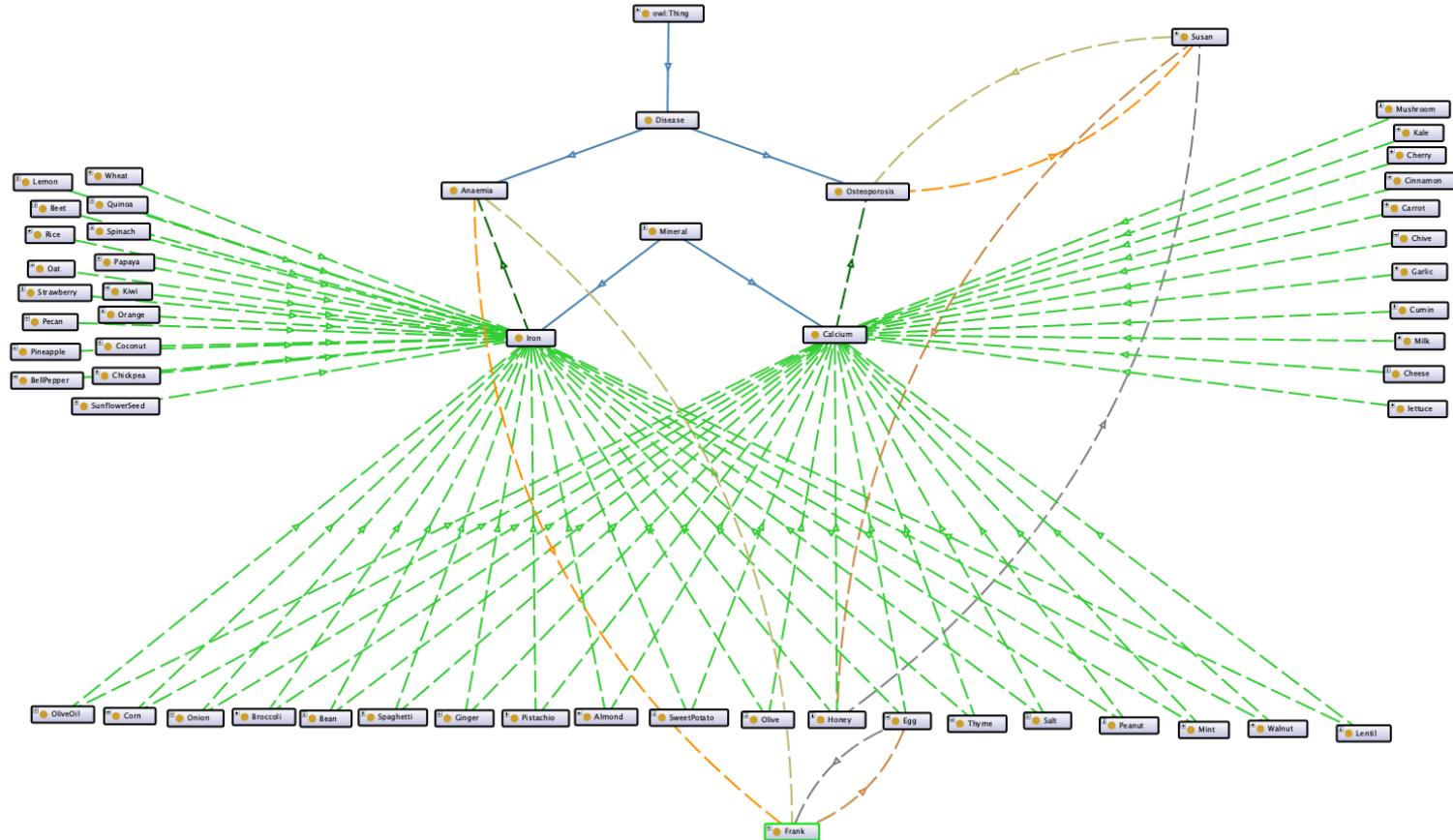


Figure 20

Representing the Meal and showing Breakfast is a subclass of Meal and BreakfastDish. Moreover, showing the ingredients and nutrients which exist in some type of breakfasts.

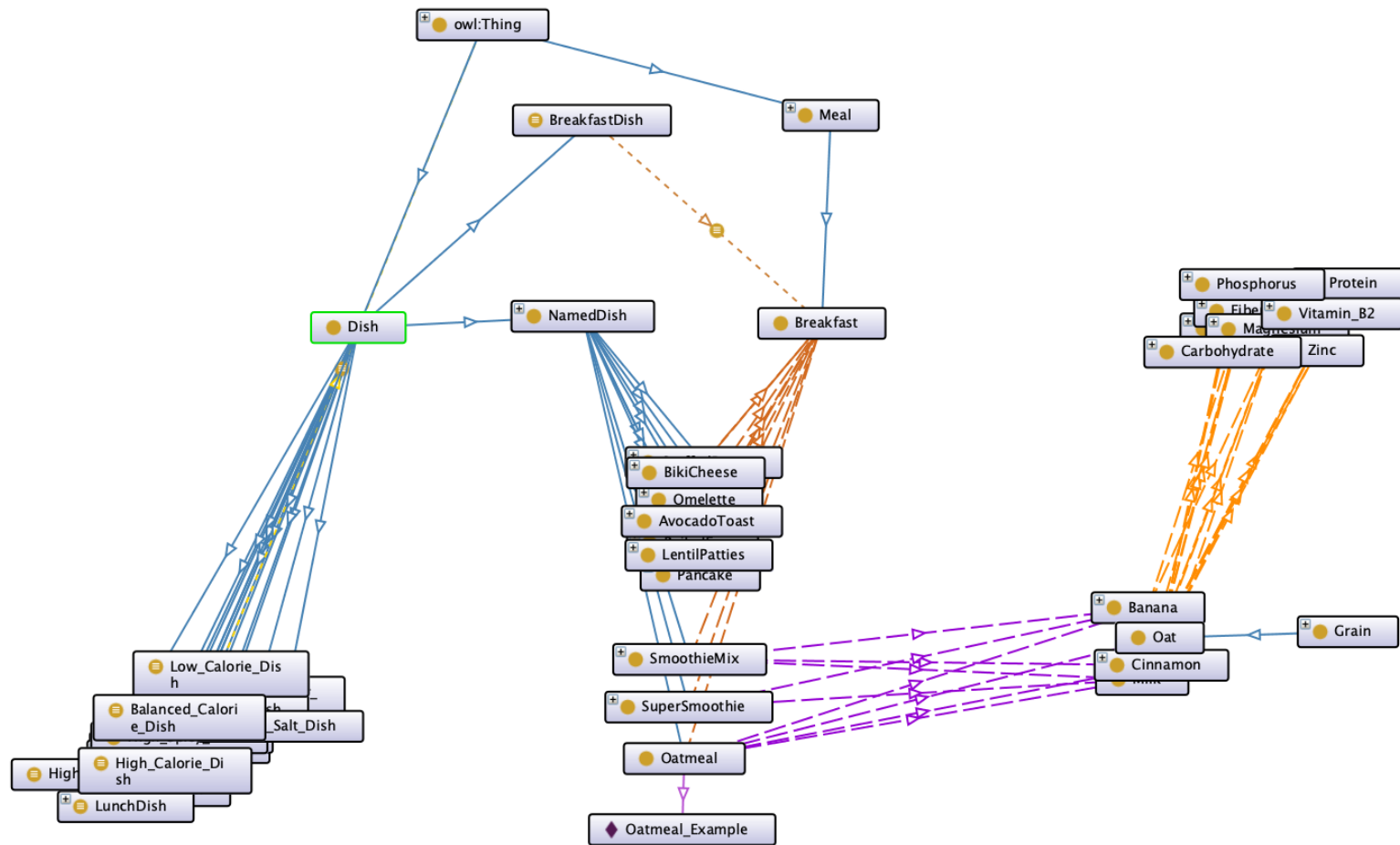


Figure 21



Representing that Phosphorous is a mineral, and the ingredients contain Phosphorous. For example, Honey has Phosphorous which is used in some Dishes and showing that Susan has allergy to Honey.

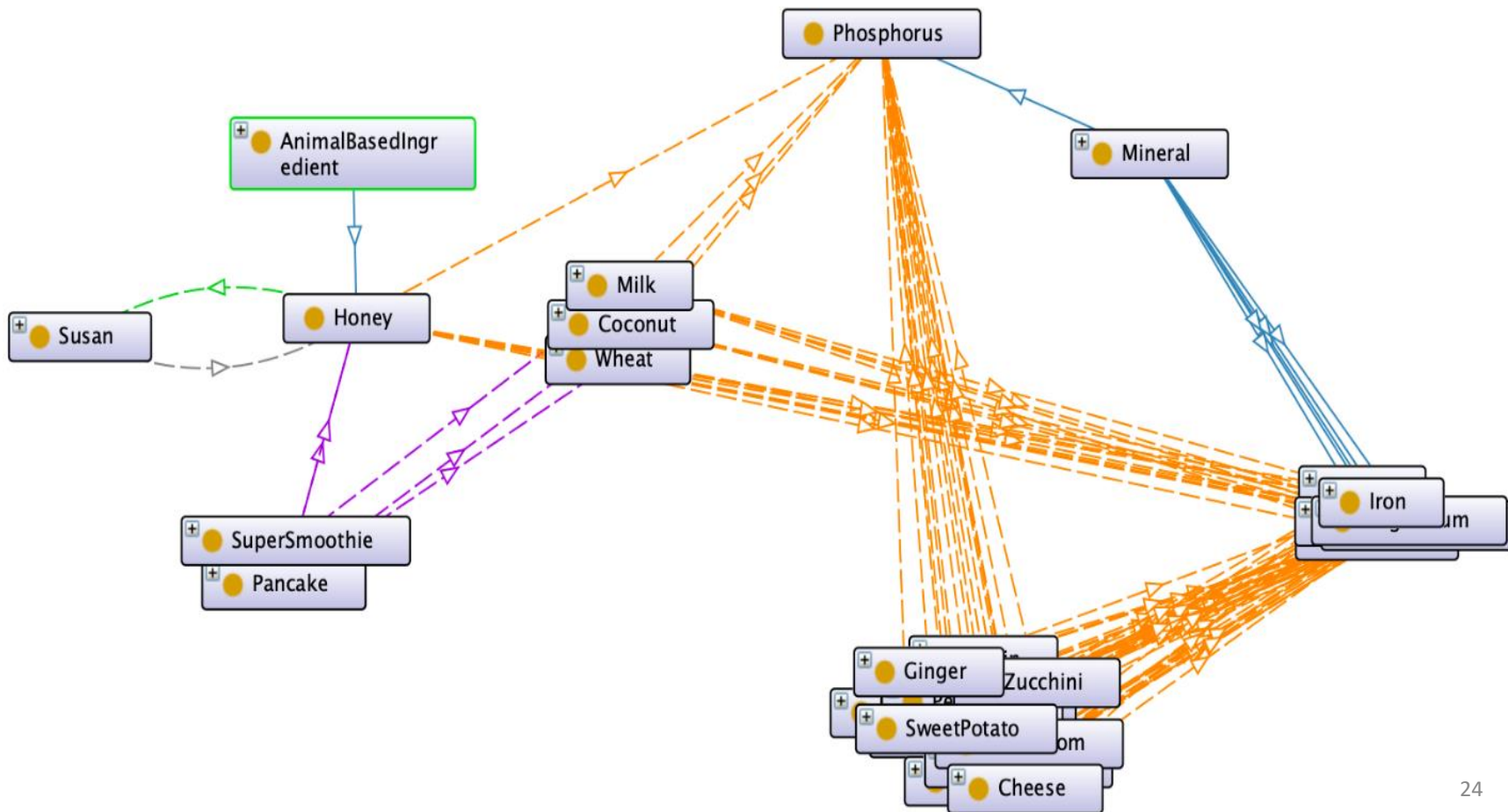


Figure 22

Representing the Level\_Of\_Spicy based on two different ingredients which have some nutrients in common. Moreover, representing the dishes in these two different categories (mild and hot).

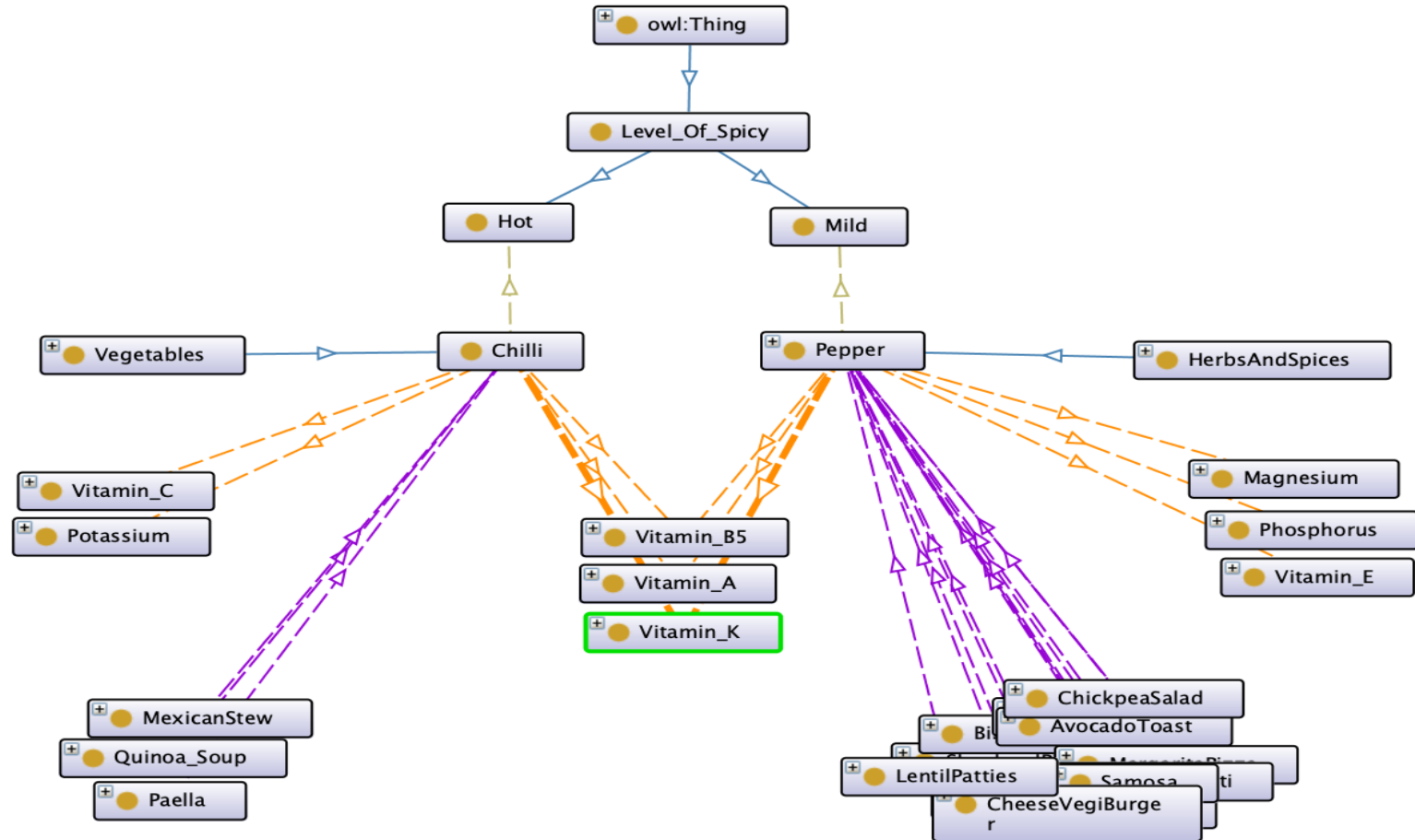


Figure 23



# Query 1 and the answer

- Recommend the user dishes which contain corn or oat or potato but without egg.
- Dish **that** hasIngredient **some** (Corn **or** Oat **or** Potato ) **and not**(hasIngredient **some** Egg)

**DL query:**

Query (class expression)

Dish **that** hasIngredient **some** (Corn **or** Oat **or** Potato ) **and not**(hasIngredient **some** Egg)

Execute

Add to ontology

**Query results**

Subclasses (7 of 7)

GreenPizza

MexicanStew

Oatmeal

Paella

Samosa

StuffedPotato

owl:Nothing

Figure 24

## Query 2 and answer

- Recommend the user a high-protein dish rich in zinc or phosphorus.
- HighProteinDish **and** hasIngredient **some** (hasNutrient **some**(Zinc **or** Phosphorus))

DL query:

Query (class expression)

HighProteinDish **and** hasIngredient **some** (hasNutrient **some**(Zinc **or** Phosphorus))

Query results

Subclasses (10 of 10)

- ChickpeaSalad
- Hummus
- LentilPatties
- MexicanStew
- Paella
- Quinoa\_Soup
- ShepherdPie
- SuperFoodGreenBowl
- VeganBurger
- owl:Nothing

Figure 25

# Query 3 and the answer

- Recommend the user dishes with the calorie value between 300 and 420, also contain kale or spinach or tomato but no peanut.
- `(hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer[ >=300,<420 ]) and (hasIngredient some( Kale or Spinach or Tomato ) and (not(hasIngredient some Peanut)))`

**DL query:**

Query (class expression)


`(hasCalorieValue some xsd:integer[ >=300,<420 ]) and (hasIngredient some( Kale or Spinach or Tomato ) and (not(hasIngredient some Peanut)))`


Execute


Add to ontology


**Query results**


Instances (6 of 6)

 CheeseVegiBurger\_Example

 ChickpeaSalad\_Example

 MargaritaPizza\_Example

 MexicanStew\_Example

 Paella\_Example


 VeganBurger\_Example

Figure 26

# Query 4 and the answer

- Recommend the user a balanced-salt vegan lunch which contains olive oil or sunflower seed.
- VeganDish and Balanced\_Salt\_Dish and (servedAsMeal some Lunch) and (hasIngredient some (SunflowerSeed or OliveOil))

**DL query:**


Query (class expression)


VeganDish and Balanced\_Salt\_Dish and (servedAsMeal some Lunch) and (hasIngredient some (SunflowerSeed or OliveOil))


Execute Add to ontology


**Query results**


Instances (6 of 6)

 Dumpling\_Example

 FruitSalad\_Example

 MexicanStew\_Example

 Pasta\_Example

 RostedSpaghetti\_Example


 superFoodGreenBowl\_Example

Figure 27

# Query 5 and the answer

- Recommend Sara a mild-spicy dinner without the ingredients which she has allergy to them.
- Dish **that not**(hasIngredient **some**(isAllergicTo **only** Sara)) **and** Mild\_Spicy\_Dish **and** servedAsMeal **some** Dinner

**DL query:**

Query (class expression)

Dish **that not**(hasIngredient **some**(isAllergicTo **only** Sara)) **and** Mild\_Spicy\_Dish **and** servedAsMeal **some** Dinner

Execute

Add to ontology

**Query results**

Subclasses (8 of 8)

● ChickpeaSalad
● Dumpling
● LentilPatties
● MexicanStew
● Pasta
● RostedSpaghetti
● Samosa
● owl:Nothing

Figure 29

# Query 6 and the answer

- Recommend a high protein dish to Frank which contains the necessary nutrient for his disease.
- HighProteinDish **that** hasIngredient **some**(hasNutrient **some** (helpWithDisease **some**(affectUserLife **some** Frank)))

DL query:

Query (class expression)

HighProteinDish **that** hasIngredient **some**(hasNutrient **some** (helpWithDisease **some**(affectUserLife **some** Frank)))

Execute Add to ontology

Query results

Subclasses (11 of 11)

- ChickpeaSalad
- Hummus
- LentilPatties
- MexicanStew
- Paella
- Quinoa\_Soup
- ShepherdPie
- StuffedPotato
- SuperFoodGreenBowl
- VeganBurger
- owl:Nothing

Figure 30

# Query 7 and the answer

- Recommend a high protein dinner to Susan and Frank which can help them with their both diseases.
- HighProteinDish and DinnerDish and (hasIngredient some((hasNutrient some (helpWithDisease some(affectUserLife some Frank)))) and (hasNutrient some(helpWithDisease some (affectUserLife some Susan))))))

**DL query:**

Query (class expression)

HighProteinDish and DinnerDish and (hasIngredient some((hasNutrient some (helpWithDisease some (affectUserLife some Frank))) and (hasNutrient some(helpWithDisease some (affectUserLife some Susan))))))

Execute

Add to ontology

**Query results**

Subclasses (7 of 7)

ChickpeaSalad

LentilPatties

MexicanStew

Paella

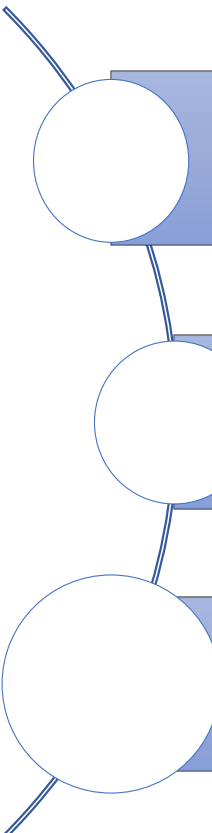
StuffedPotato

VeganBurger

owl:Nothing

Figure 31

# Conclusion



According to the current ontology, user can have their favorite food with their desired ingredients which also contains the required nutrition for their health conditions.

Moreover, this ontology can suggest different category of dishes like vegan dish, high protein dish, low salt dish.

The Food Recommendation Ontology can be applied in various domains such as restaurants, food industry and domestic uses.



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