

Week 7 Graded Assignment Guide

A Practical Introduction to Ontologies and OWL

This assignment guide contains an introductory-level tutorial that is aimed at newcomers to ontologies and those using formalisms other than OWL. It will provide you with hands-on experience in the construction of ontologies as you follow the instructions in the tutorial and build an OWL ontology using the domain of Pizzas.

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Context

Ontologies are a critical piece of the Semantic Web jigsaw puzzle, and are already used in various forms to capture knowledge in a machine understandable language. The Web Ontology Language (OWL) is a W3C standard that allows the formalization of knowledge in a semantically rich model with explicit meaning.

Goals of tutorial

This introductory level tutorial is aimed at newcomers to ontologies and those using formalisms other than OWL and will provide attendees with hands-on experience in the construction of ontologies.

Participants will build an OWL ontology using the domain of Pizzas.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Understand some of the OWL language elements, and their explicit semantics
- Learn the basic principles of modeling using Description Logic based ontologies
- Use informal modeling techniques to uncover issues relating to knowledge capture
- Gain hands-on experience with ontology development using the Protégé-OWL tools
- Learn how to take advantage of inferencing capabilities to build robust, reusable models
- Learn how to query an ontology.
- Learn how to create instances of classes.

The Pizza Tutorial

The following tutorial is based on pizza ontology courses that have been run at The University of Manchester for a number of years. Pizzas have been chosen as they are fun, well-known, fairly neutral (although we wildly encourage arguing about whether the model is correct), have a relatively small scope and are highly compositional. We are building an ontology to support a menu querying system (something along the lines of the PizzaFinder application (www.co-ode.org/downloads/pizzafinder/) . While building your model, try to keep the application in mind.

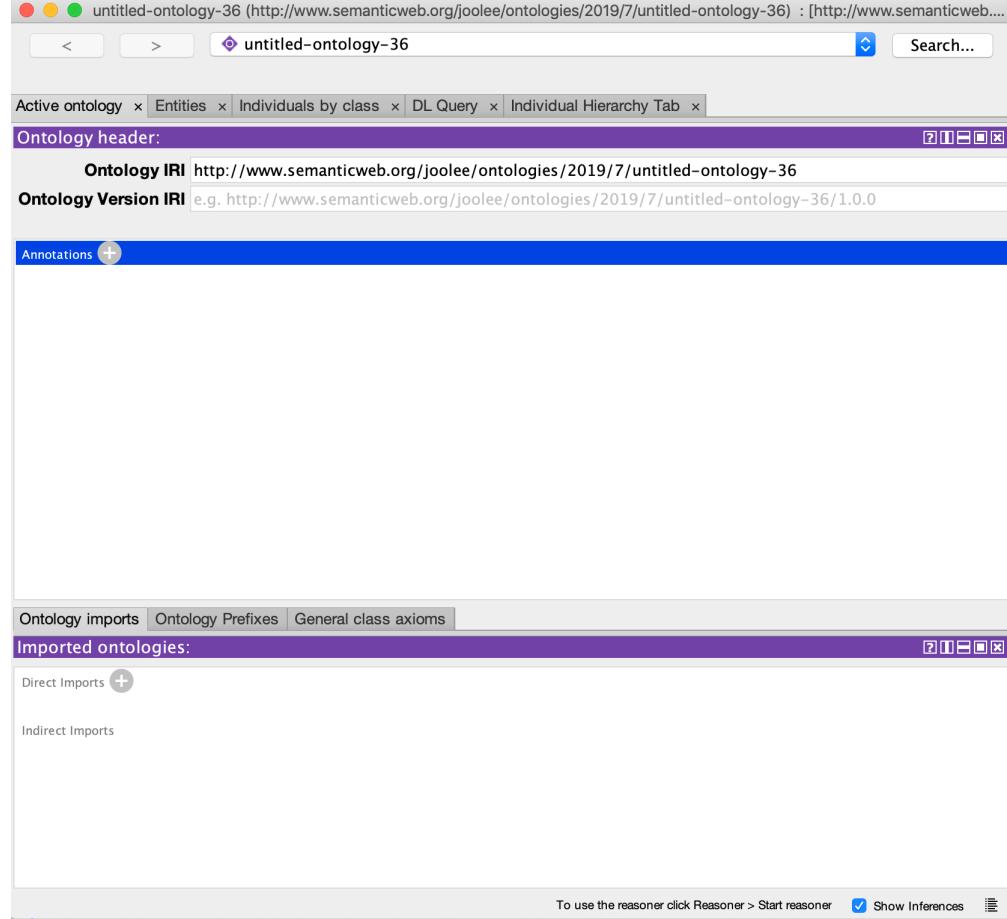
Please do a *Save* regularly to version your work – it is easy to make mistakes while modeling that are really difficult to track down - we do not want you to lose work.

Part 1: Introduction to Protégé and Primitive Classes in OWL

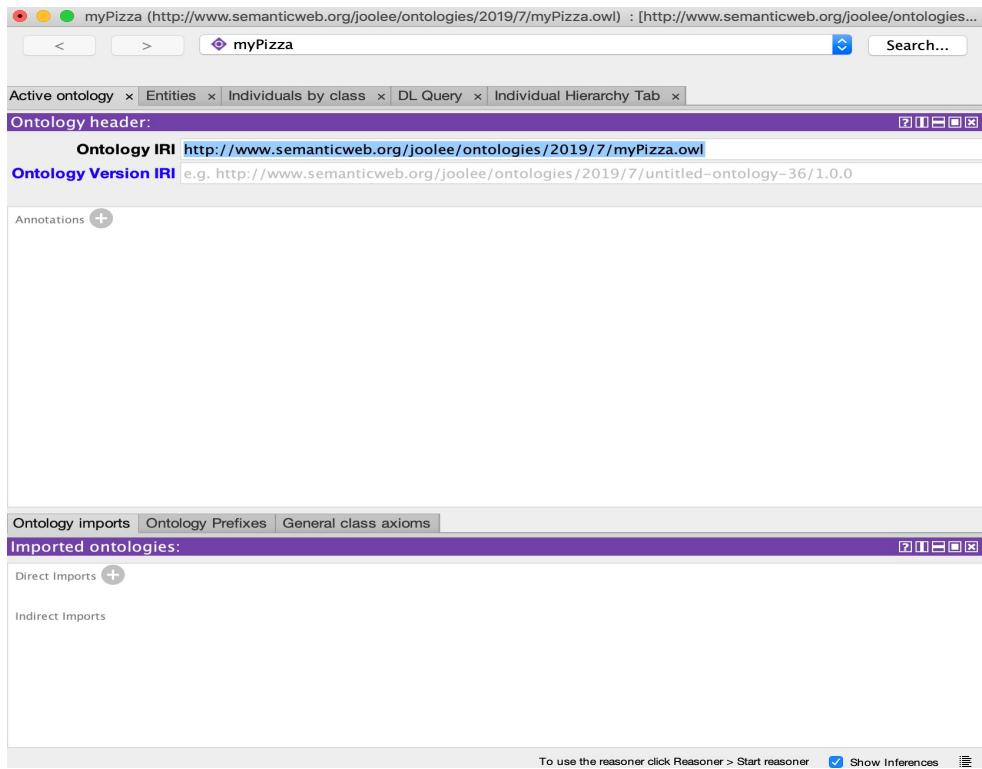
Starting Protégé and Creating a new project

1. Please start Protégé if you haven't already – it should be available in your Application or Program Files folder if you have installed it correctly. You will be presented with a startup dialog.
2. Select File -> New...

3. The Ontology URI dialog will appear:



4. Edit the final part of the URI to myPizza.owl.

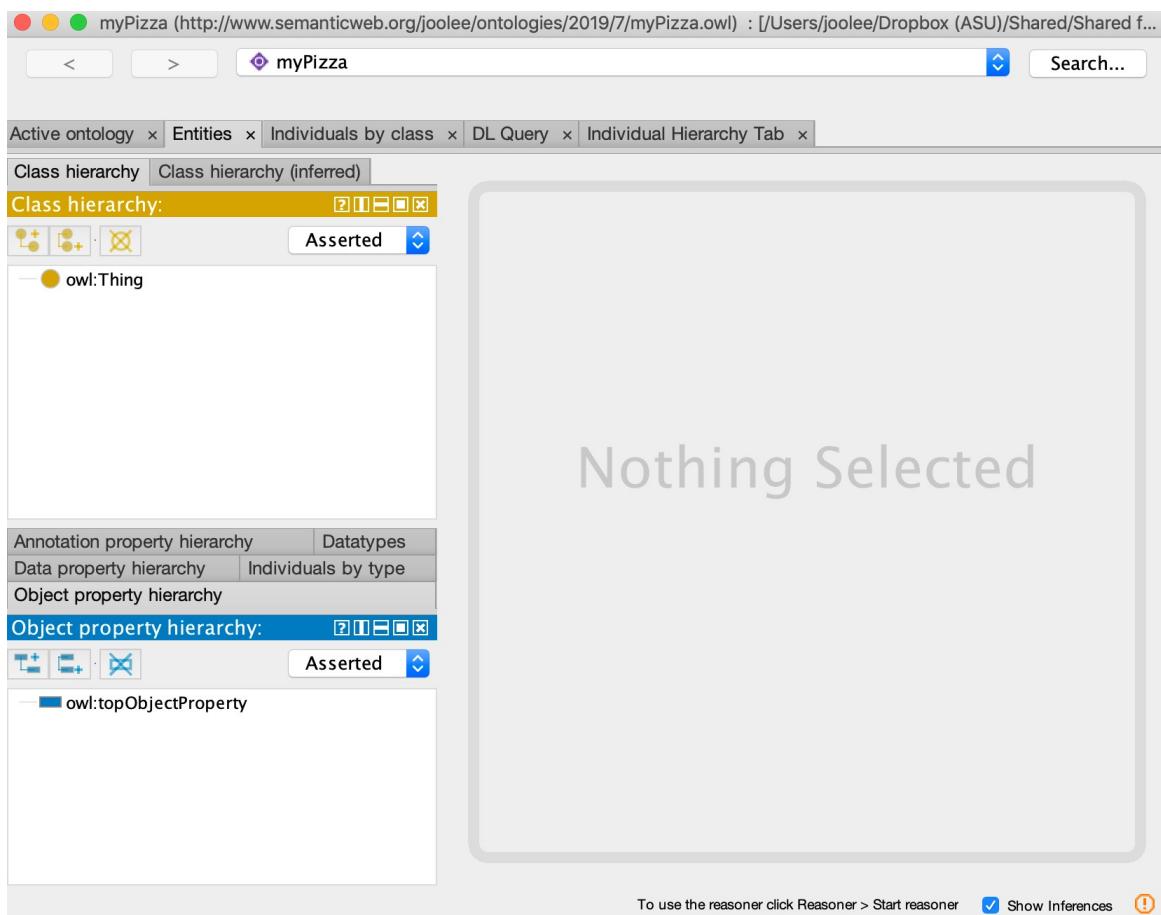


5. Select File -> Save. You have an option to save. The default is “RDF/XML Syntax”. It will prompt you to a folder to save the file. Save as “myPizza” and click the save button. You may want to save the file time to time when you make updates.

Exercise 1: Create a Primitive Class Hierarchy

You will now begin to create the primitive classes in your model. This begins with a couple of top-level concepts, including somewhere to put your toppings from the ingredient cards.

1 Select Entities tab and then Class hierarchy tab.



- 2 Choose “**owl:Thing**” and create the following subtree using the Create Subclass and Create Sibling Class buttons in the class

hierarchy tab.

The screenshot shows the Protégé ontology editor interface. The title bar says "myPizza (http://www.semanticweb.org/joolee/ontologies/2019/7/myPizza.owl) : [/Users/joolee/Dropbox (ASU)/Shared/Shared f...]" and the tabs include "Active ontology", "Entities", "Individuals by class", "DL Query", and "Individual Hierarchy Tab". The "Individual Hierarchy Tab" is selected. In the main area, the "Class hierarchy" tab is selected, showing a tree structure under "owl:Thing":
- PizzaDomainConcept
 - PizzaTopping
 - PizzaBase
 - Pizza
Below this, there are tabs for "Annotation property hierarchy", "Data property hierarchy", "Object property hierarchy", and "owl:topObjectProperty". On the right side, the "Annotations" tab for the PizzaTopping class is selected, showing an empty list. Below it, the "Description" tab for PizzaTopping is selected, showing the following axioms:

- Equivalent To
- SubClass Of: PizzaDomainConcept
- General class axioms
- SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)
- Instances
- Target for Key
- Disjoint With

At the bottom, there is a note: "To use the reasoner click Reasoner > Start reasoner" and checkboxes for "Show Inferences" and "Reasoner status".

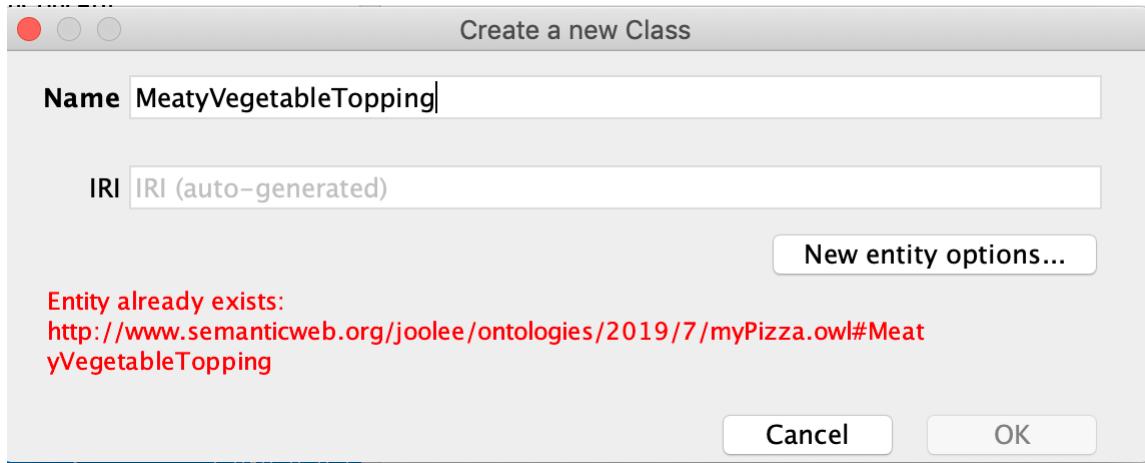
- 3 Create further subclasses of your pizza toppings under **PizzaTopping**, using the ... **Topping** for each topping. Make sure you have at least included the following as they will be used later:

- **MeatTopping**
- **CheeseTopping**
- **MozzarellaTopping**
- **TomatoTopping**
- **VegetableTopping**

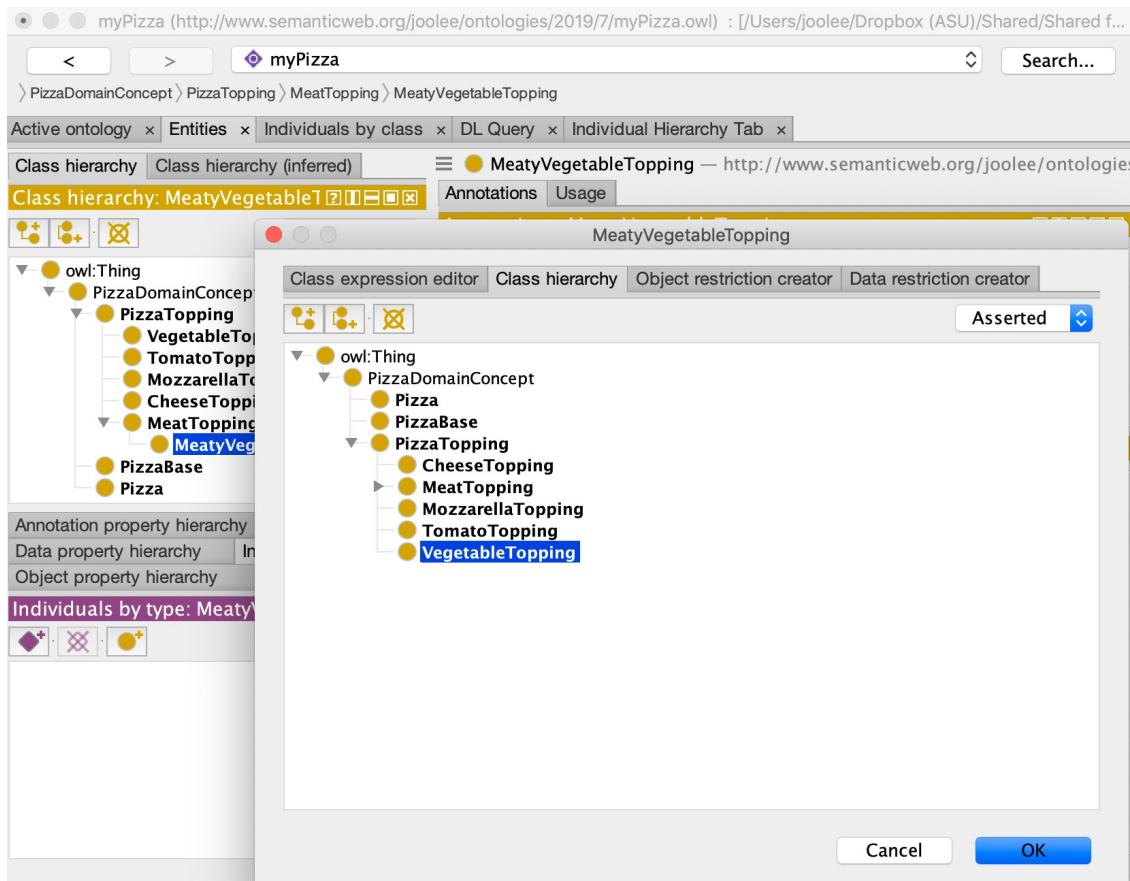
Notice that we are adding a suffix of **Topping** to all the classes – this is to allow for the later possibility of extending our ontology to talk about other types of food such as salads, where Tomato might be different from “Tomato pizza topping”

- 4 We cannot have two classes with same name to the class hierarchy using Add subclass or Add Sibling class buttons. However, using the techniques in Step 6, we can create classes with multiple parents. These classes will appear in several places in the class hierarchy.

- 5 Create a **MeatyVegetableTopping** class as a subclass of **MeatTopping** and **VegetableTopping**. You should get an error when you try to make the second version of **MeatyVegetableTopping**.



- 6 To allow a child to have multiple parents, we will make one version of **MeatyVegetableTopping** under, say, **MeatTopping** and then make **VegetableTopping** a second parent class of the same **MeatyVegetableTopping**. We do this by selecting MeatyVegetableTopping in Class hierarchy tab and click cross \oplus of Subclass Of button. It will open Class hierarchy view.. Select **VegetableTopping** as the new additional parent of **MeatTopping**. This way of working can be summarized as follows 1) select the child that you want to have multiple parents, 2) click on SubClass Of \oplus in the Class description view, 3) navigate to the new parent class in Class hierarchy tab as below



You should now have a small hierarchy of **PizzaToppings**. Add to these whenever you have a few minutes as they will allow you to create a larger ontology of pizzas later on.

Exercise 2: Add disjoints

To make sure toppings cannot be both meat and vegetable at the same time, add disjoints in to your primitive tree. You will need to run a *reasoner* to check the consistency of your ontology. Click the reasoner menu and you'll see the list of the reasoners being supported in Protégé. Select Fact++ and run Start Reasoner. This will create an inferred class hierarchy. We will use this technique to check a set of Disjoint Classes. We first make some disjoint classes as follows.

1. Select one of your top level concepts (eg **Pizza**)

The screenshot shows the Protégé ontology editor interface for the 'myPizza' ontology. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Active ontology, Entities, Individuals by class, DL Query, and Individual Hierarchy Tab. The main area displays the Class hierarchy for the 'Pizza' class, which is asserted and has sub-classes: PizzaDomainConcept, PizzaTopping, PizzaBase, and Pizza. Below this is the Annotation property hierarchy, Data property hierarchy, and Object property hierarchy. The Individuals by type view shows the 'Pizza' class. On the right, the 'Annotations' tab for the 'Pizza' class is open, showing no annotations. The 'Description' tab for the 'Pizza' class is also open, showing options like Equivalent To, SubClass Of (with 'PizzaDomainConcept' selected), General class axioms, Instances, Target for Key, and Disjoint With. A note at the bottom says 'To use the reasoner click Reasoner > Start reasoner' with a checked 'Show Inferences' checkbox.

2. Select Disjoint with from the Description view, which will open the window below (called Pizza):

The screenshot shows the Protege interface for the ontology 'myPizza'. The main window displays the class hierarchy under the tab 'Class hierarchy: Pizza'. The tree structure shows 'owl:Thing' at the root, followed by 'PizzaDomainConcept', which includes 'PizzaTopping', 'PizzaBase', and 'Pizza'. The 'Pizza' node is selected. Below the tree, there are tabs for 'Annotation property hierarchy', 'Data property hierarchy', 'Object property hierarchy', and 'Individuals by type'. The 'Individuals by type: Pizza' tab is active, showing a list of individuals. On the right side, there are two panes: 'Annotations: Pizza' and 'Description: Pizza'. The 'Description' pane is open, showing the class definition. Under 'SubClass Of', 'PizzaDomainConcept' is listed. Under 'Disjoint With', there is a '+' button, which is highlighted with a blue border. The status bar at the bottom right says 'To use the ...'.

Hold down the Shift (or Ctrl) key and Select **PizzaBase** and **PizzaTopping**. Click OK
 This will select multiple classes as being disjoint from **Pizza**. You should see the following screen. Note the **Pizza Class description** view has two disjoint classes under the **Disjoint classes** button.

3. From the main tool bar select Start reasoner. Once your reasoner is running, you can reclassify your ontology by selecting Synchronize reasoner from the menu.
4. Using the technique in Step 2, make all the subclasses of **PizzaTopping** disjoint.
5. Run Synchronize reasoner.

Q1. Do any of your classes come out as inconsistent? (They will be shown in red in the Class hierarchy tab; you may need to expand to see the red.) Explain why and describe a way to resolve the inconsistency. [NOTE: Save your answer to this question, as you will need it to complete the assignment in Coursera.]

Exercise 3: Properties and Restrictions

In order to describe our classes we need properties, which are used to relate members of a class. We then add restrictions on the class to state logically how these properties are used. In general, we can have:

- Quantifier Restrictions:

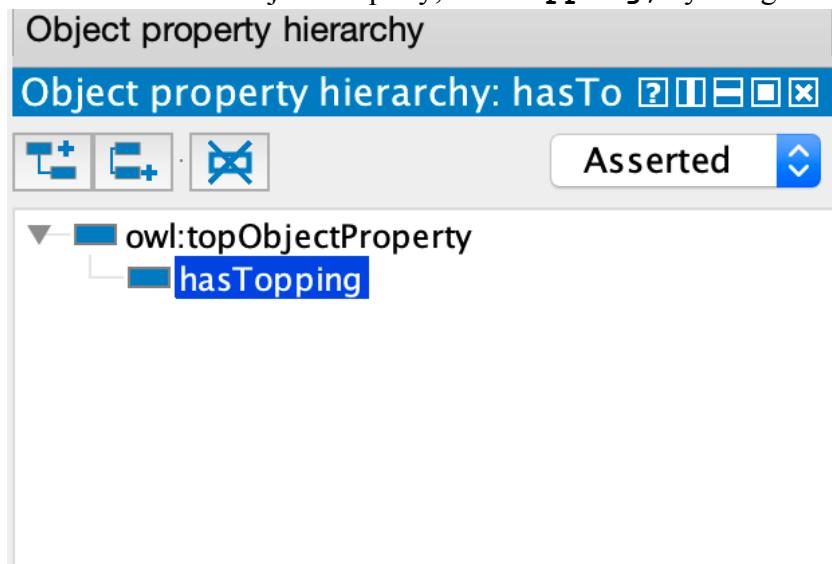
- Existential (pizzas that have vegetable toppings)
 - Universal (pizzas that only have vegetable toppings)
- Cardinality Restrictions
 - Pizzas have exactly one base
- hasValue Restrictions
 - A hasValue restriction, denoted by the symbol \exists , describes the set of individuals that have at least one relationship along a specified property to a specific individual. Pizzas that have Italy as their country of origin (similar to existential).

At this stage we are creating *Primitive Classes*, which only have *Necessary Conditions* on them – these are conditions that must be satisfied by all members of this class. The following steps assert the two restrictions:

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MargheritaPizza hasTopping MozzarellaTopping
MargheritaPizza hasTopping TomatoTopping
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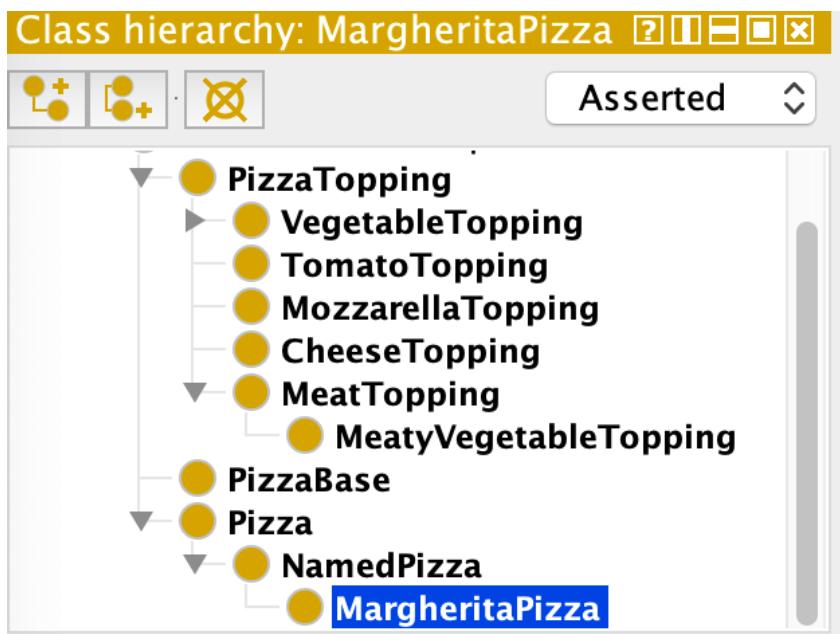
Step 1. Create Properties

1. Select the Object Property hierarchy Tab. It already contains **owl:topObjectProperty**.
2. Create a new Object Property, **hasTopping**, by using the leftmost button.



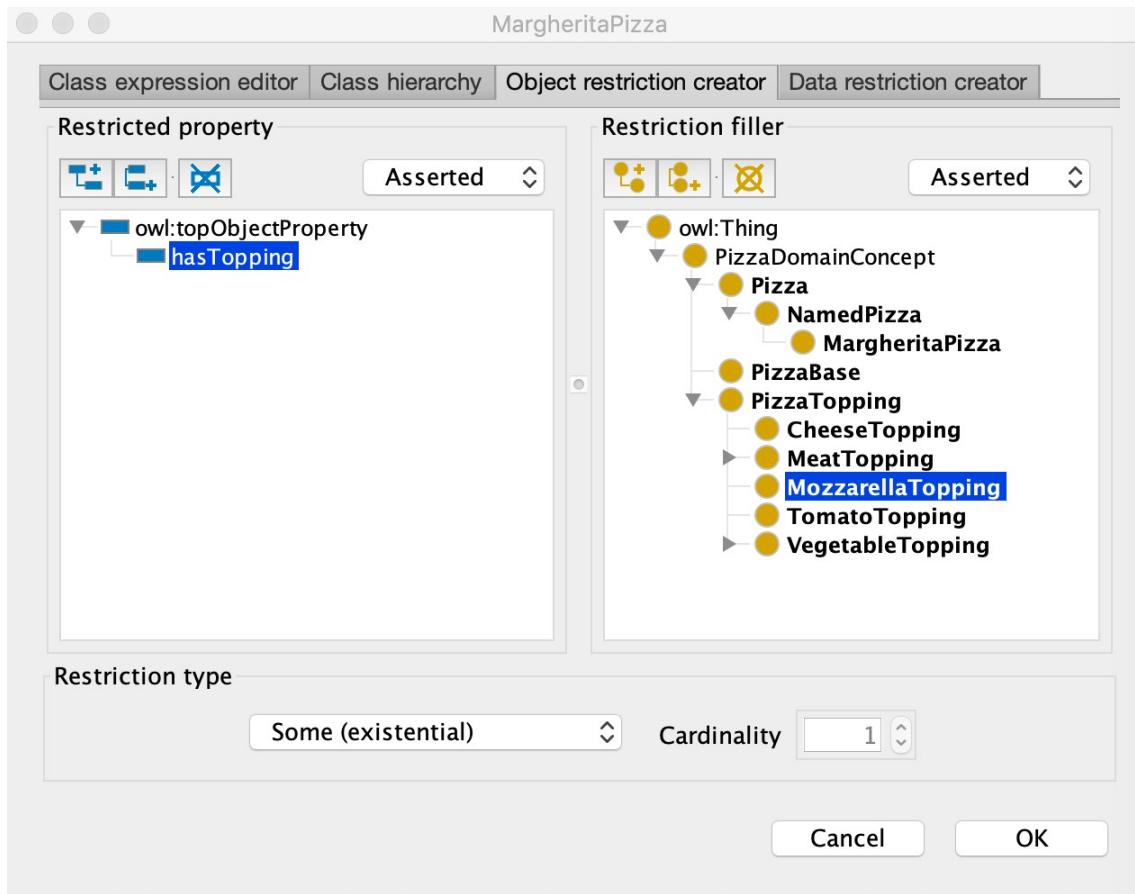
Step 2. Create a Named Pizza

- 1 In the Class Hierarchy tab, create a new subclass of **Pizza** called **NamedPizza**
- 2 Create a subclass of **NamedPizza** called **MargheritaPizza**. The hierarchy should be as follows:

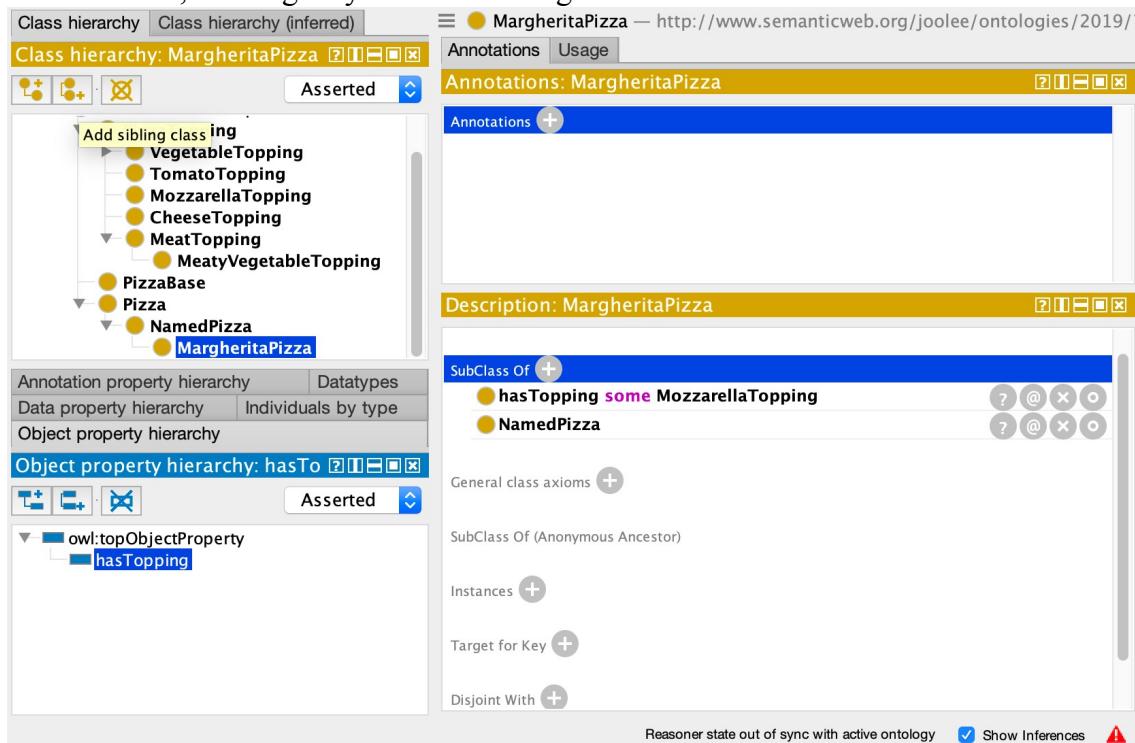


Step 3. Create restrictions on MargheritaPizza

1. Select the Class Hierarchy tab
2. Select **MargheritaPizza**
3. Select subclass Of \oplus from the Class Description view, and select Object restriction creator.
4. Create a Some (Existential) restriction along the **hasTopping** property for **MargheritaPizza**, which relates it to **MozzarellaTopping**. Navigate to **MozzarellaTopping**.



5. Click OK, which give you the following:



Which says “*A margherita pizza has at least one mozzarella topping*”. Note that by default, restrictions are created as *Necessary Conditions* unless the *Necessary & Sufficient* heading is selected – for creating *primitive classes*, only create Necessary Conditions.

6. Add a further existential restriction on **MargheritaPizza** to state that it must have at least one topping from **TomatoTopping** .

7. Create a restriction on **Pizza** to state that:

”*All pizzas must have at least one base from PizzaBase*” You will first need to create the property **hasBase**. The result should be:

The screenshot shows a class editor interface with the following details:

- Description:** MargheritaPizza
- SubClass Of**: +
- General class axioms**: +
- SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)**
- Instances**: +
- Target for Key**: +

In the **SubClass Of** section, there are three entries:

- hasTopping some MozzarellaTopping
- hasTopping some TomatoTopping
- NamedPizza

Each entry has a set of four icons to its right: ?, @, X, O.

Active ontology x Entities x Individuals by class x DL Query x Individual Hierarchy Tab x

Class hierarchy Class hierarchy (inferred)

Class hierarchy: Pizza

Annotations Usage

Annotations: Pizza

Description: Pizza

SubClass Of +

- hasBase some PizzaBase
- PizzaDomainConcept

General class axioms +

SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

Instances +

Target for Key +

Disjoint With +

Reasoner state out of sync with active ontology Show Inferences !

8. Create some other pizzas and add toppings (ingredients) in the same fashion – one restriction per topping. Make sure you create at least one pizza that has some meat on it. Such as:

Active ontology x Entities x Individuals by class x DL Query x Individual Hierarchy Tab x

Class hierarchy Class hierarchy (inferred)

Class hierarchy: MargheritaPizza

Annotations Usage

Annotations: MargheritaPizza

Description: MargheritaPizza

SubClass Of +

- hasTopping some MozzarellaTopping
- hasTopping some TomatoTopping
- NamedPizza

General class axioms +

SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

Instances +

Target for Key +

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An **AmericanPizza** is similar to a **MargheritaPizza** but with an extra topping of pepperoni (**PepperoniTopping**), which is a meat. A **SohoPizza** is similar to a **MargheritaPizza** but has additional toppings of olives (**OliveTopping**) and parmezan (sic) cheese (**ParmezanTopping**).

Note that all subclasses of **NamedPizza** inherit the properties of **Pizza**. Which, at the moment, means that they have at least one base.

Part 2: Defined Classes and Additional Modelling Constructs in OWL

Exercise 4: Define a MeatyPizza

Creating a defined class is similar to creating a primitive class, but a defined class has one or more *Necessary & Sufficient Conditions*. Classes can easily be migrated between primitive and defined. Using a defined class we can identify the class of an object. In English we might say:

“*I know it’s a Cheesy Pizza because it has cheese on it*”.

Note that this is different from the rule “*A Cheesy Pizza must have cheese on it*”

In a Protégé (OWL) class hierarchy we say subsumption means necessary implication. With Protégé we can use subsumption reasoning where an asserted instance A (sub-class) related to B (super-class) through the subtype tree. We can infer the more general class. Subclasses are subsumed by their superclasses (e.g. All cats are animals). In relation to our hierarchy this means that “All PepperoniTopping is MeatTopping”, that “All MeatTopping is a PizzaTopping”, etc. Using Protégé it is possible to automatically compute a classification hierarchy and check for inconsistencies.

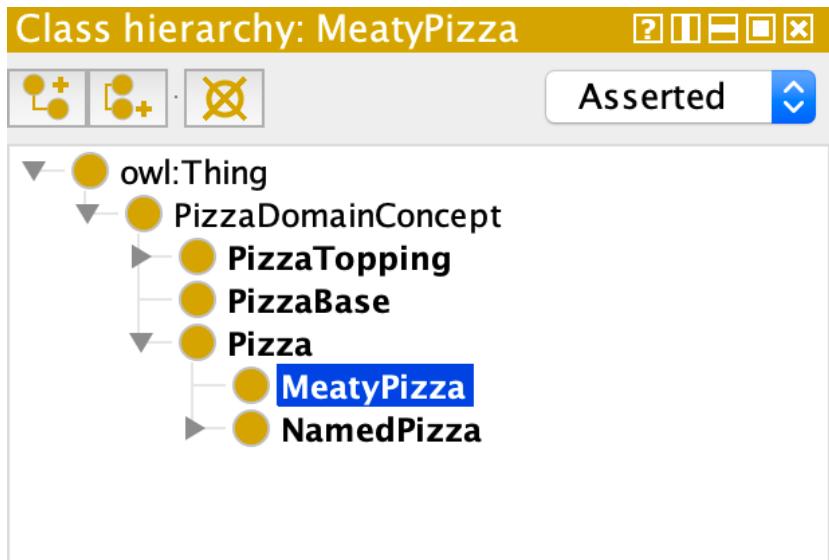
Say we wish to model the statement:

*Any **Pizza** that has at least one topping from **MeatTopping** is a **MeatyPizza***

or

*A **MeatyPizza** is any pizza which, amongst other things, has only toppings that are **MeatTopping**.*

1. Create a new subclass of **Pizza** called **MeatyPizza**. In general, defined classes are **not** disjoint from their siblings, giving:



2. Create a restriction on **MeatyPizza** to state that it has at least one topping from **MeatTopping**, giving.

Annotations: MeatyPizza

Description: MeatyPizza

SubClass Of +

- hasTopping some MeatTopping
- Pizza

General class axioms +

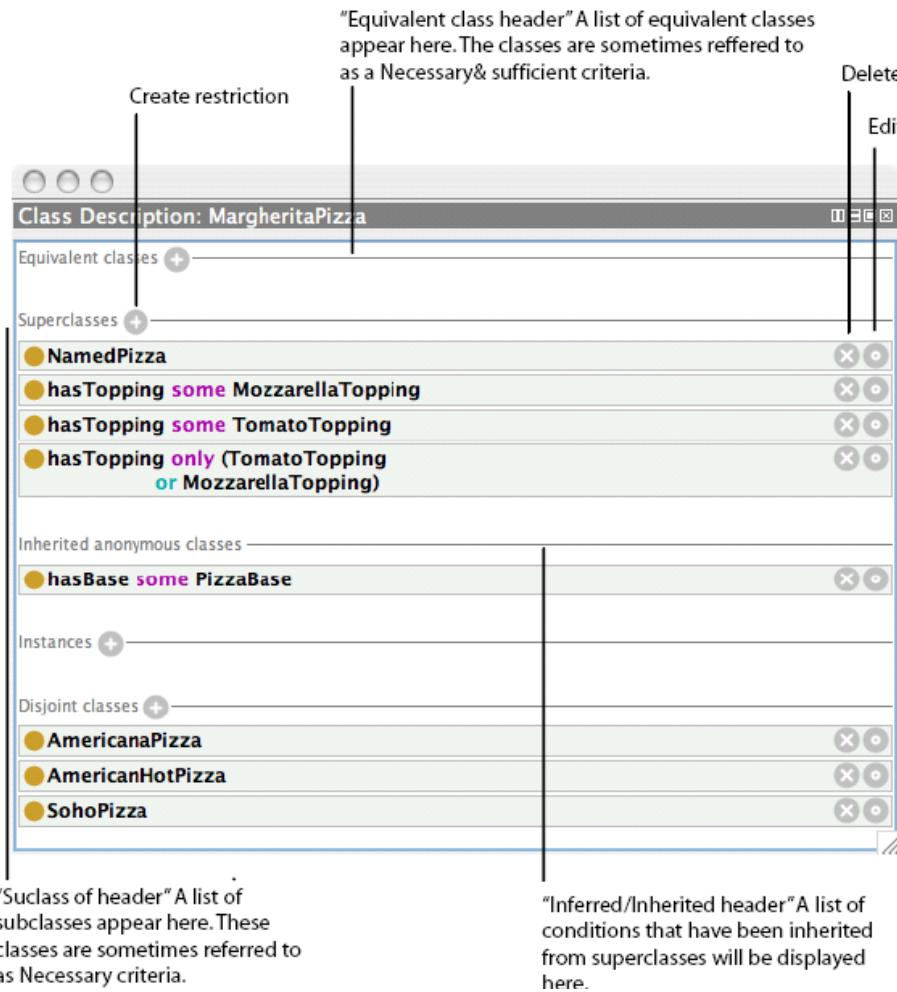
SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

- hasBase some PizzaBase

Instances +

Target for Key +

3. The Equivalent To section of the Class description view contains a list of equivalent classes, which are sometimes referred to as a Necessary & Sufficient criteria. Please study the following screen.



"Subclass of header" A list of subclasses appear here. These classes are sometimes referred to as Necessary criteria.

"Inferred/Inherited header" A list of conditions that have been inherited from superclasses will be displayed here.

4. We are now going convert the necessary condition for **MeatyPizza** into necessary & sufficient conditions. In the Class description view for **MeatyPizza** we will move both conditions (the new restriction and the superclass, **Pizza**) up to the Equivalent Classes section. To do this highlight both **Pizza** and **hasTopping some MeatTopping** as below by selecting with Shift key on. Then right-click and select Convert selected rows to defined class.

The screenshot shows the Protégé interface with the following panels:

- Class hierarchy:** Shows the class hierarchy for **MeatyPizza**. It includes **Thing**, **PizzaDomainConcept**, **Pizza**, **MeatyPizza**, **NamedPizza**, **SohoPizza**, **AmericanPizza**, **MargheritaPizza**, **PizzaBase**, and **PizzaTopping**.
- Annotations:** Shows annotations for **MeatyPizza**. A context menu is open over the **MeatyPizza** row, with options like "Convert selected rows to defined class".
- Description:** Shows the description for **MeatyPizza**. It includes "Equivalent To" (set to **Pizza**) and "SubClass Of" (set to **hasTopping some MeatTopping**).
- Object property hierarchy:** Shows the object property hierarchy for **hasToppings**. It includes **topObjectProperty**, **hasBase**, and **hasTopping**.

If you click on the **MeatyPizza** icon it should change to an *equivalent* icon . The result should be as below:

The screenshot shows the Protégé interface with the following panels:

- Class hierarchy:** Shows the asserted class hierarchy for **MeatyPizza**. It includes **owl:Thing**, **PizzaDomainConcept**, **PizzaTopping**, **PizzaBase**, **Pizza**, **MeatyPizza** (selected), and **NamedPizza**.
- Annotations:** Shows annotations for **MeatyPizza**.
- Description:** Shows the asserted description for **MeatyPizza**. It includes "Equivalent To" (set to **Pizza**) and "SubClass Of" (set to **and (hasTopping some MeatTopping)**).
- Object property hierarchy:** Shows the asserted object property hierarchy for **hasBase**.

The above screen asserts:

MeatyPizza = **Pizza** and **(hasTopping some MeatTopping)**

5. Classify your ontology and check the Inferred Hierarchy. Select “Class hierarchy (inferred)” tab. You should find that the reasoner correctly inferred that an **AmericanPizza** is a **MeatyPizza**, as below.

The screenshot shows the JBoss Seamstress interface with the following tabs selected:

- Active ontology
- Entities
- Individuals by class
- DL Query
- Individual Hierarchy Tab

The "Class hierarchy" tab is active, showing the inferred class hierarchy for **AmericanPizza**. The tree structure includes:

- AmericanPizza** — http://www.semanticweb.org/joolee/ontologies/2019/7/myPizza
 - MozzarellaTopping
 - CheeseTopping
 - MeatTopping
 - PepperoniTopping
 - MeatyVegetableTopping
 - PizzaBase
 - Pizza
 - MeatyPizza
 - NamedPizza
 - SohoPizza
 - AmericanPizza
 - MargaritaPizza

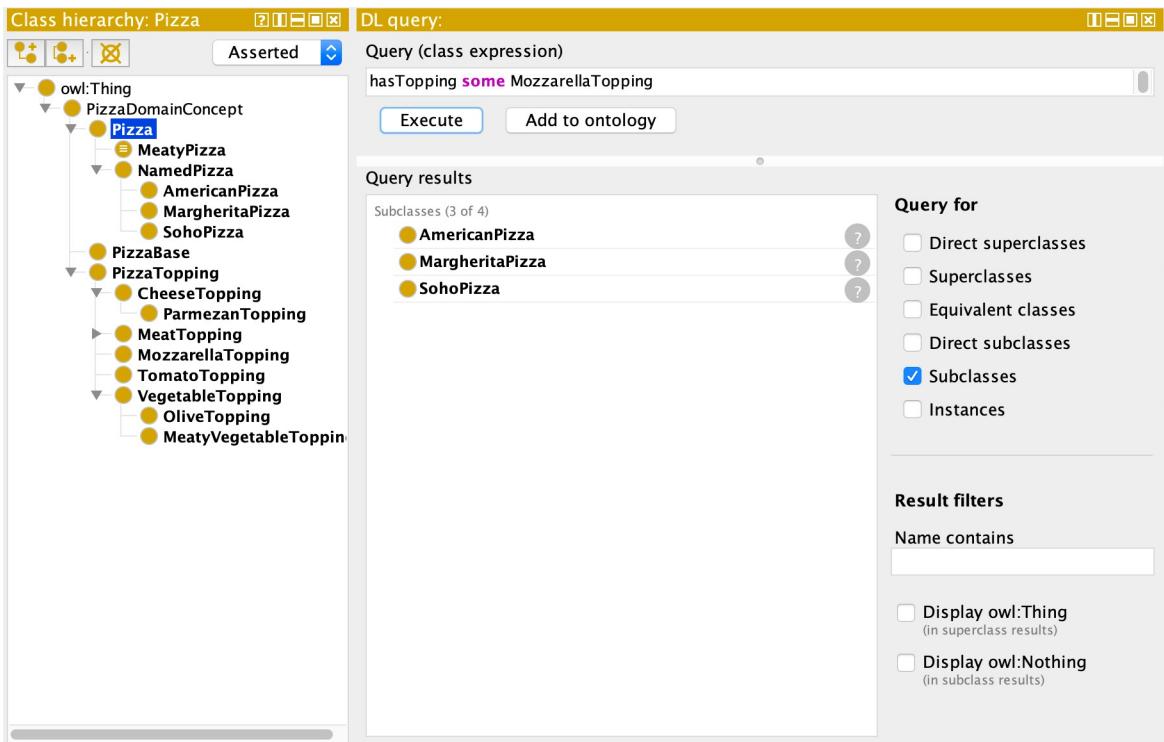
Annotations, Usage, and Description tabs are also visible, along with various property and datatype tabs.

Part 3: Querying and creating individuals

- In the DL Query tab, type the following queries, pressing *Execute* each to see each result.

Pizza

hasTopping some MozzarellaTopping



For more examples see

<http://protegewiki.stanford.edu/index.php/DLQueryTab>

- 2 Create an individual in the Individuals by class Tab. Select Types and then choose **AmericanPizza**.

3 Now query the **AmericanPizza** in the DL query.

4 You may also query the nominal {**ThisPizza**}.

After you follow every step,

1. Add two more **Pizzas**, two more **PizzaBases**, two more **PizzaToppings**, and add at least four more properties. (It would be fun to use ingredients from your home countries.) Explain in English what classes and properties are added.
2. Add **Nationality** as a concept to the ontology and introduce necessary relations. **AmericanPizza** and **SohoPizza** must have **America** as nationality. **MargheritaPizza** is from **Italy**.
3. Execute at least two (non-trivial) DL queries of your own choice. [NOTE: Take a screen shot of the results, as you will need to submit it to complete the assignment in Coursera.]
4. Save your OWL file. [NOTE: You will need it to complete the assignment in Coursera.]

If you're interested, a more complete tutorial (with an old version of Protégé) is available at

http://mowl-power.cs.man.ac.uk/protegeowltutorial/resources/ProtegeOWLTutorialP4_v1_3.pdf