Last.fm Events MI-SWE Project

last.fm

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Purpose

- Get XML data from Last.fm API
- Parse XML data to suitable format
- Serialize data to RDF/N3 ontology
- Execute some queries on RDF
- Implementation in Ruby
- Sources: https://github.com/chervand/LastEvents

Last.fm API

- http://www.last.fm/api/
- Allows to call methods that respond in REST style xml
- Authenticating with the API key
- Request example:

http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/?method=artist.getSimilar&api_key=xxx...

geo.getEvents method

- http://www.last.fm/api/show?service=270
- Get all events in a specific location by country or city name
- Params: location, lat, long, distance, limit, page, api_key
- Request example:

http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/?
method=geo.getevents&location=prague&api key=xxx

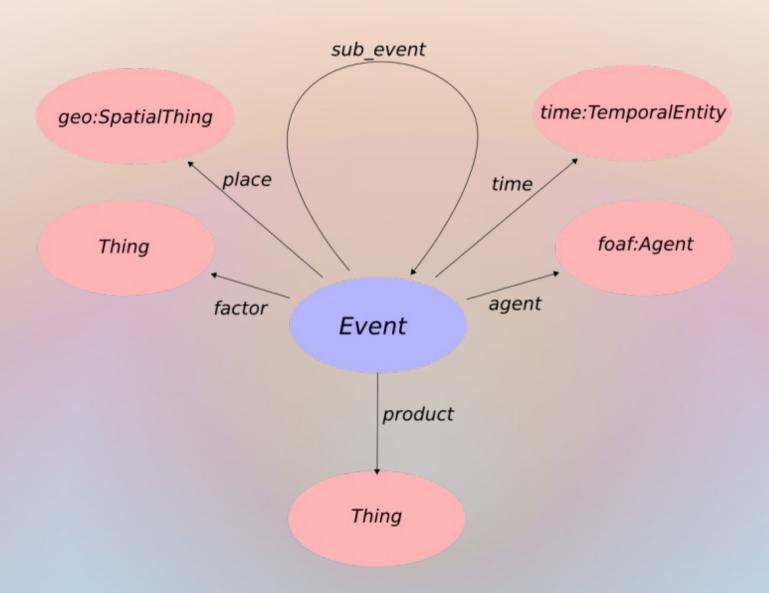
geo.getEvents Sample Response

Link

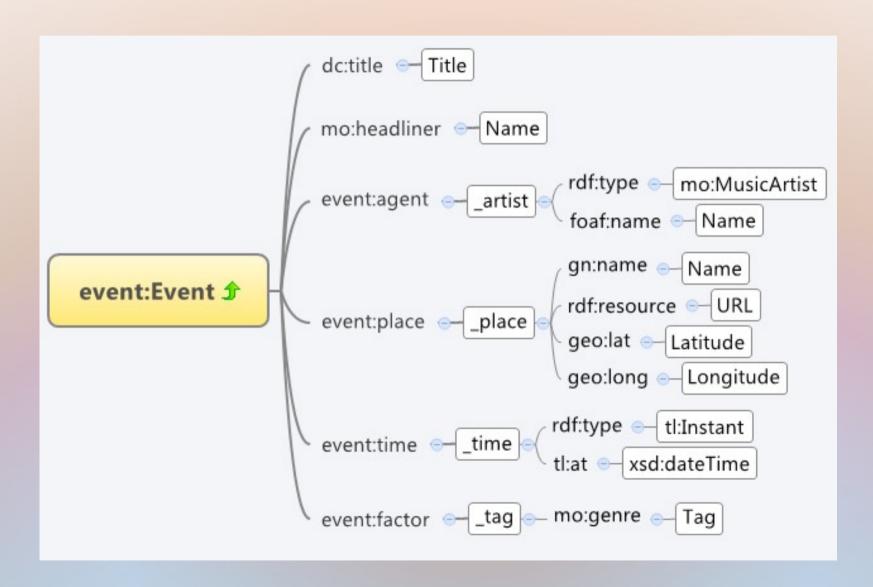
Event Ontology

- http://motools.sourceforge.net/event/event.html
- Notion of event
- An event may have a location, a time, active agents, factors and products
- Agent a person, a computer, ...
- Factor a tool, an instrument, an abstract cause...
- Product something produced during the event

Event Ontology



Final ontology



RDF/N3 Example

more at: https://github.com/chervand/LastEvents/tree/master/data/rdf

```
<http://www.last.fm/event/1962280> a event:Event;
   dc:title "Metronomy";
   event:agent [ a mo:MusicArtist;
     foaf:name "Metronomy"],
     [ a mo:MusicArtist;
     foaf:name "Gross Magic"];
   event:factor [ mo:genre "new rave"],
     [ mo:genre "indie"],
     [ mo:genre "electronic"],
     [ mo:genre "experimental"],
     [ mo:genre "electro"],
     [ mo:genre "british"],
     [ mo:genre "indie rock"],
     [ mo:genre "indie pop"];
   event:place [ gn:name "Lucerna Music Bar";
     rdf:resource "http://www.musicbar.cz";
     geo:lat "50.081417";
     geo:long "14.425301"];
   event:time [ a tl:Instant;
     tl:at "2011-12-05T20:00:00"^^xsd:dateTimel;
  mo:headliner "Metronomy" .
```

- Command line executing
- Run LastEvents ruby script from /bin folder

```
ruby LastEvents -h
Usage: LastEvents [options]
-l, --location Location name (ex.'-l Prague')
-t, --titles
-h, --help
Show this message
```

- Getting today's events in Prague
- XML data saved in data/xml/<location>-yyyy-mm-dd.xml file
- RDF/N3 data saved in data/rdf/<location>-yyyy-mm-dd.n3 file

```
ruby LastEvents -l Prague
Requesting Last.FM for events in Prague
Saving XML data
XML data saved to Prague-2011-12-5.xml
Serializing RDF/N3 data
RDF/N3 data saved to Prague-2011-12-5.n3
```

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RDF::Query

- RDF.rb Class
- Usage example:

```
query = RDF::Query.new do
    pattern [:subject, RDF::DC.title, :object]
end
```

Used gems

- Nokogiri XML Parser
- RDF.rb