

# Resource Description Framework (RDF)

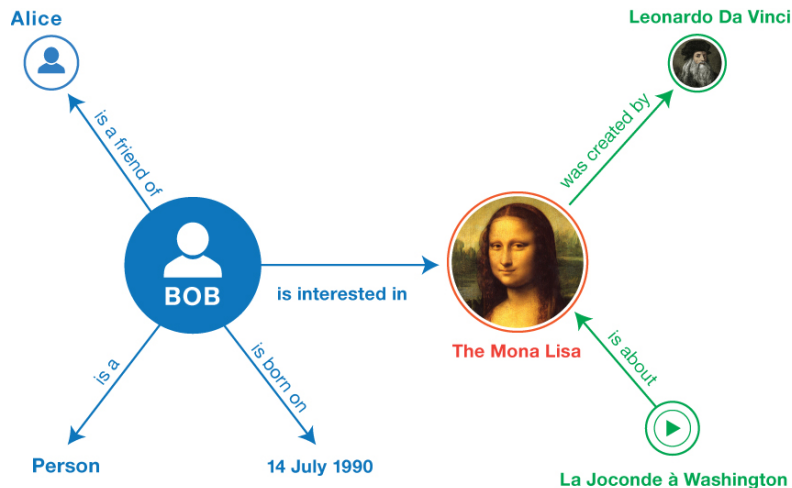
VL Semantic Technologies

Bernd Neumayr

(with contributions from Dieter Steiner)

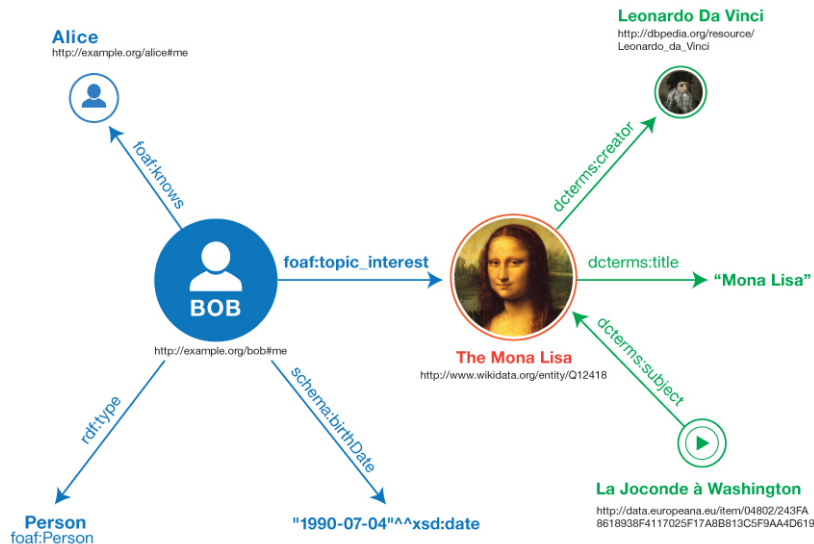
Department for Business Informatics – Data & Knowledge Engineering

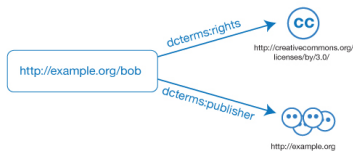
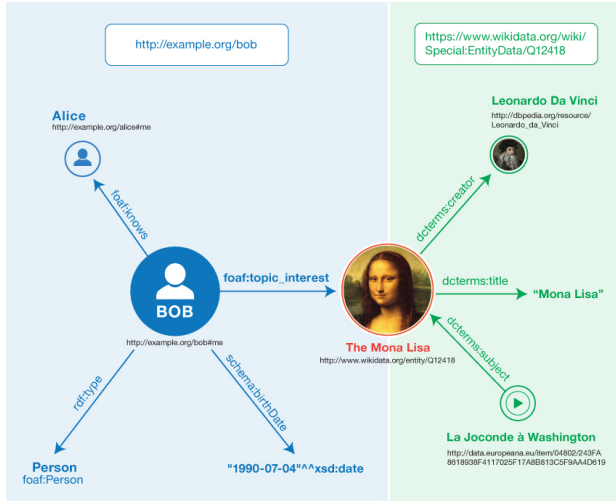
# Informal Representation of an RDF Graph



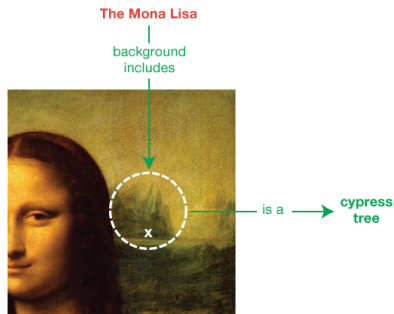
Source: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-primer/>

# RDF Graph





# Blank Nodes



Quelle: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-primer/>

# Resource Description Framework

## Data Model for the Web of Data

---



- 1 URI/IRI – Uniform / Internationalized Resource Identifiers
- 2 Resource Description Framework (RDF)
- 3 Linked Data – Web of Data
- 4 RDF Schema

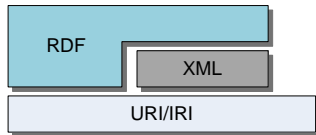
# Overview

## RDF within the Semantic Web Stack



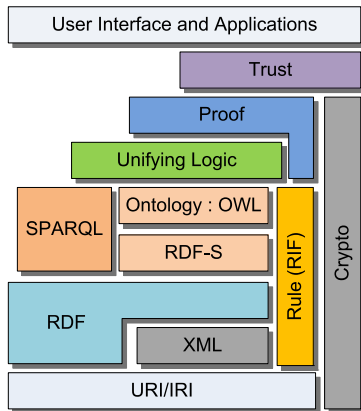
enabling technologies for the  
Semantic Web

- Identification mechanism
- Data model
- Data format



# Overview

## RDF within the Semantic Web Stack



enabling technologies for the Semantic Web

- Identification mechanism
- Data model
- Data format



# URI/IRI – Uniform / Internationalized Resource Identifiers

---

Resources and their global identification

# Everything is a Resource



- Files: documents, multimedia files, ontologies
- Things: objects, persons, products, abstract things such as countries, time periods, ...
- Concepts: classes, relations
- Services
  - Services, in the sense of SOA, independent of a concrete implementation
  - Web Services, concrete implementations of services
  - ...

# Information vs. Non-Information Resource



## Non-Information Resource

- Thing, Real-World-Entity
- e.g., the person 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob#me`

## Information Resource

- Document, file on the Web; description, picture, or representation of a Non-Information Resource
- e.g., the RDF file that describes 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob`

- Information- and Non-Information Resources are disjoint
- 'Ceci n'est pas une pipe' `http://collections.lacma.org/node/239578`

# Information vs. Non-Information Resource



## Non-Information Resource

- Thing, Real-World-Entity
- e.g., the person 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob#me`

## Information Resource

- Document, file on the Web; description, picture, or representation of a Non-Information Resource
- e.g., the RDF file that describes 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob`

- Information- and Non-Information Resources are disjoint
- 'Ceci n'est pas une pipe' <http://collections.lacma.org/node/239578>

# Information vs. Non-Information Resource



## Non-Information Resource

- Thing, Real-World-Entity
- e.g., the person 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob#me`

## Information Resource

- Document, file on the Web; description, picture, or representation of a Non-Information Resource
- e.g., the RDF file that describes 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob`

- Information- and Non-Information Resources are disjoint
- 'Ceci n'est pas une pipe' <http://collections.lacma.org/node/239578>

# Information vs. Non-Information Resource



## Non-Information Resource

- Thing, Real-World-Entity
- e.g., the person 'Bob' is identified by

`http://example.org/bob#me`

## Information Resource

- Document, file on the Web; description, picture, or representation of a Non-Information Resource
- e.g., the RDF file that describes 'Bob' is identified by

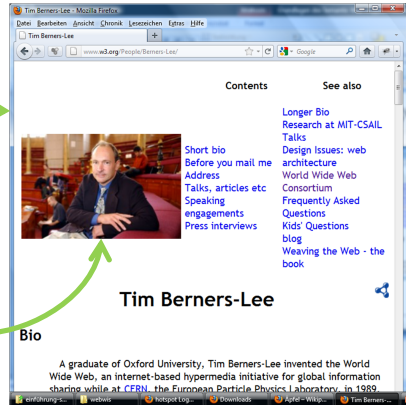
`http://example.org/bob`

- Information- and Non-Information Resources are disjoint
- 'Ceci n'est pas une pipe' `http://collections.lacma.org/node/239578`

# Information Resources

<http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/index.html>

<http://www.w3.org/Press/Stock/Berners-Lee/2001-europaeum-eighth.jpg>



# Information vs. Non-Information Resources

<http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i>



<http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card>

```
http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card - Urspr...
Datei Bearbeiten Format
48 dc:title "Tim Berners-Lee's editable FOAF"
49 foaf:maker card:i;
50 foaf:primaryTopic card:i.
51
52 ##### Stuff about me!
53
54 card:i
55 s:label "Tim Berners-Lee"; # For generic
56 a :Male;
57 foaf:based_near [geo:lat "42.361860"; geo:lon
58
59 :office [
60 :phone <tel:+1-617-253-5702>;
```



# No Unique Name Assumption



## in databases: Unique Name Assumption

- Each tuple/object is identified by exactly one ID/OID
- Different objects in the database represent different things
- Or alternatively: There are only names and no objects. (Herbrand-Universe, Datalog)

## in the Web: No Unique Name Assumption

- A single resource can be identified by multiple different IRIs.
- Every IRI identifies exactly one resource.

# No Unique Name Assumption



## in databases: Unique Name Assumption

- Each tuple/object is identified by exactly one ID/OID
- Different objects in the database represent different things
- Or alternatively: There are only names and no objects. (Herbrand-Universe, Datalog)

## in the Web: No Unique Name Assumption

- A single resource can be identified by multiple different IRIs.
- Every IRI identifies exactly one resource.

# No Unique Name Assumption in the Web

<http://identi.ca/user/45563>

<http://www4.wiwiiss.fu-berlin.de/dblp/resource/person/100007>

<http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i>



# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- Scheme

`http`

- Authority

`www.foo.com`

- Path

`/data/persons`

- Query (optional)

`?family=black`

- Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)

`john`

# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- **Scheme**

`http`

- Authority

`www.foo.com`

- Path

`/data/persons`

- Query (optional)

`?family=black`

- Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)

`john`

# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- **Scheme**

`http`

- **Authority**

`www.foo.com`

- **Path**

`/data/persons`

- **Query (optional)**

`?family=black`

- **Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)**

`john`

# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- **Scheme**

`http`

- **Authority**

`www.foo.com`

- **Path**

`/data/persons`

- **Query (optional)**

`?family=black`

- **Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)**

`john`

# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- **Scheme**

`http`

- **Authority**

`www.foo.com`

- **Path**

`/data/persons`

- **Query (optional)**

`?family=black`

- **Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)**

`john`



# Structure of HTTP-URIs



`http://www.foo.com/data/persons?family=black#john`

- **Scheme**

`http`

- **Authority**

`www.foo.com`

- **Path**

`/data/persons`

- **Query (optional)**

`?family=black`

- **Fragment (optional, not part of an HTTP-Request)**

`john`

# Abbreviations of IRIs: Namespace Prefixes



## without Namespace Prefixes

```
<http://www.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz>  
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim>
```

## with Namespace Prefixes

```
@prefix dbpedia: <http://www.dbpedia.org/resource/>.  
@prefix f: <http://example.org/famblack.rdf#>.
```

```
dbpedia:Linz  
f:Jim
```

# Types of IRIs, Standards



## Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

identification through access mechanism permits dereferencing, e.g., using HTTP or FTP

## Uniform Resource Name (URN)

no dereferencing possible, e.g., urn:ISBN

## Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI)

Internationalized URI; allows Unicode characters

# Types of IRIs, Standards



## Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

identification through access mechanism permits dereferencing, e.g., using HTTP or FTP

## Uniform Resource Name (URN)

no dereferencing possible, e.g., urn:ISBN

## Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI)

Internationalized URI; allows Unicode characters

# Types of IRIs, Standards



## Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

identification through access mechanism permits dereferencing, e.g., using HTTP or FTP

## Uniform Resource Name (URN)

no dereferencing possible, e.g., urn:ISBN

## Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI)

Internationalized URI; allows Unicode characters

# IRI/URI – Summary



- 'Everything' is a resource
- Non-Information Resource vs. Information Resource
- Every IRI identifies exactly one resource
- No Unique Name Assumption: Multiple IRIs can identify the same resource

additional information:

- <http://www.w3.org/TR/webarch/#id-resources>
- <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3986>

# Resource Description Framework (RDF)

## A Data Model for the Web of Data

- Overview
- Data Model
- Serialization
- RDF Dataset, Named Graphs
- Summary

# RDF



RDF is a data model for a

- **linked** (RDF Statement = Link),
- **decentralized** (distributed and without central control mechanism),
- **machine interpretable** (uniform and easily interpretable data model: a subject is described by a predicate and an object),
- **conceptual** (close to the mental conceptions of humans: direct representation of entities and their relations and properties)

**description** of resources.



# RDF



RDF is a data model for a

- **linked** (RDF Statement = Link),
- **decentralized** (distributed and without central control mechanism),
- **machine interpretable** (uniform and easily interpretable data model: a subject is described by a predicate and an object),
- **conceptual** (close to the mental conceptions of humans: direct representation of entities and their relations and properties)

**description** of resources.

# RDF



RDF is a data model for a

- **linked** (RDF Statement = Link),
- **decentralized** (distributed and without central control mechanism),
- **machine interpretable** (uniform and easily interpretable data model: a subject is described by a predicate and an object),
- **conceptual** (close to the mental conceptions of humans: direct representation of entities and their relations and properties)

**description** of resources.

# RDF



RDF is a data model for a

- **linked** (RDF Statement = Link),
- **decentralized** (distributed and without central control mechanism),
- **machine interpretable** (uniform and easily interpretable data model: a subject is described by a predicate and an object),
- **conceptual** (close to the mental conceptions of humans: direct representation of entities and their relations and properties)

**description** of resources.

# RDF



RDF is a data model for a

- **linked** (RDF Statement = Link),
- **decentralized** (distributed and without central control mechanism),
- **machine interpretable** (uniform and easily interpretable data model: a subject is described by a predicate and an object),
- **conceptual** (close to the mental conceptions of humans: direct representation of entities and their relations and properties)

**description** of resources.

# Related Technologies



- Frames
- Conceptual Graphs
- Topic Maps
- Metadata Frameworks
- RSS (Really Simple Syndication)
- ...

# RDF Statement (Triple)

## subject

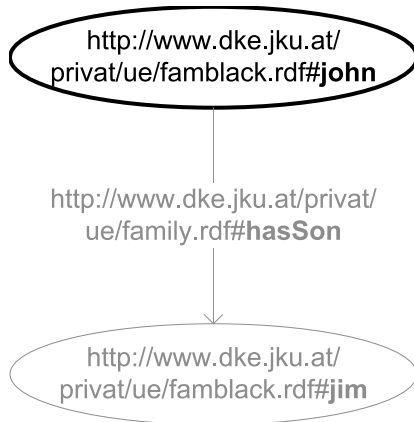
- IRI (Resource) or
- Blank Node

## predicate

- IRI (Property)

## object

- IRI (Resource),
- Blank Node or
- Literal



# RDF Statement (Triple)

## subject

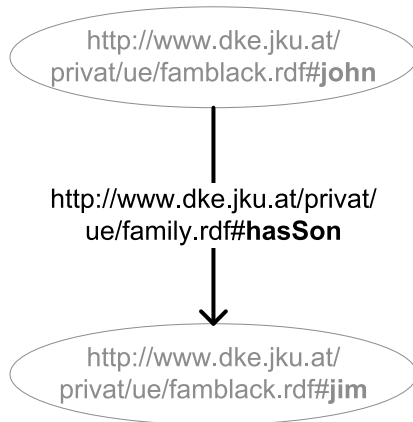
- IRI (Resource) or
- Blank Node

## predicate

- IRI (Property)

## object

- IRI (Resource),
- Blank Node or
- Literal



# RDF Statement (Triple)

## subject

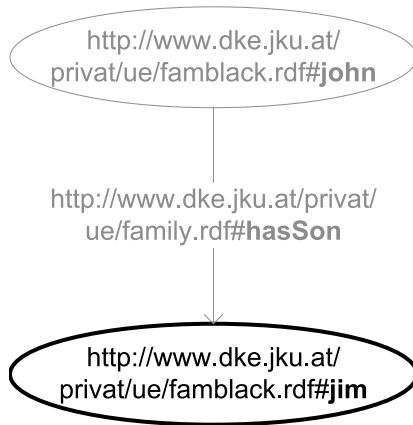
- IRI (Resource) or
- Blank Node

## predicate

- IRI (Property)

## object

- IRI (Resource),
- Blank Node or
- Literal





# RDF Statement (Triple)

## subject

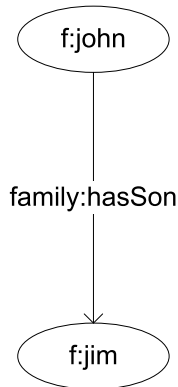
- IRI (Resource) or
- Blank Node

## predicate

- IRI (Property)

## object

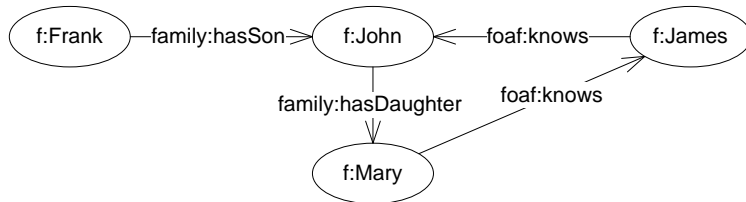
- IRI (Resource),
- Blank Node or
- Literal



# RDF Graph = Set of Statements

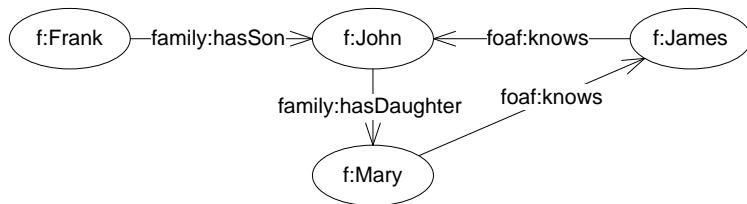


An RDF graph is a directed, labelled graph.



# RDF Graph = Set of Statements

An RDF graph is a directed, labelled graph.

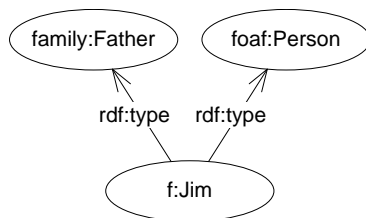


corresponds to a ternary relation (set of triples):

subject	predicate	object
-----		
f:Frank	family:hasSon	f:John
f:James	foaf:knows	f:John
f:John	family:hasDaughter	f:Mary
f:Mary	foaf:knows	f:James

# Classification

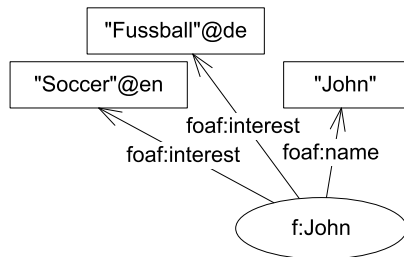
- `rdf:type`
- Multiple classifications possible
- No distinction between classes and individuals



# Literals

## Plain Literal

- Character string with optional language definition
- Represents itself
- in RDF 1.1, every literal has a type



# Literals

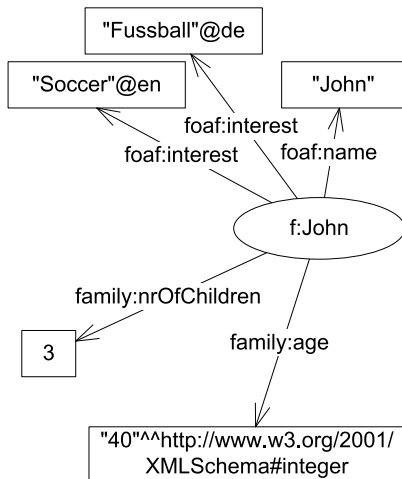


## Plain Literal

- Character string with optional language definition
- Represents itself
- in RDF 1.1, every literal has a type

## Typed Literal

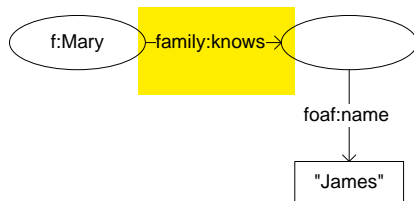
- Character string and data type URI
- Represents element from the data type's value space



# Blank Nodes – Unnamed Nodes

- Auxiliary nodes
- Specification of IRI not necessary

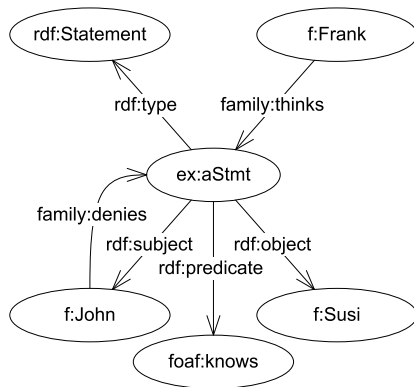
*Mary knows someone who is called James.*



# Reification: Statements about Statements

- Statements as resources
- Particular vocabulary:
  - `rdf:subject`
  - `rdf:predicate`
  - `rdf:object`
  - `rdf:Statement`

*Frank thinks that “John knows Susi”, John denies this.*





# Container and Collections

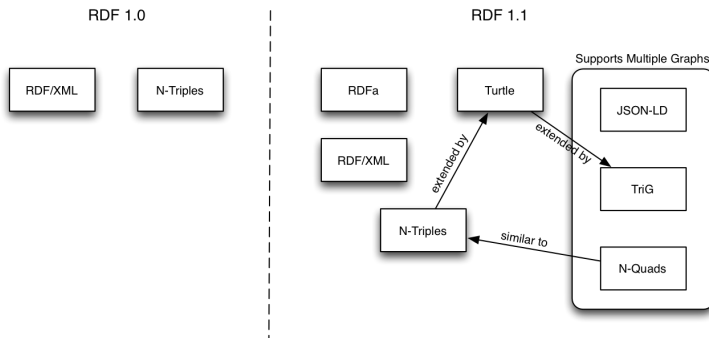
## Container

- Adding additional elements is possible.
- `rdf:Bag`, `rdf:Seq`, `rdf:Alt`

## Collection (Finalized List)

- No additional elements can be added.
- `rdf:List`, `rdf:first`, `rdf:rest`, `rdf:nil`

# Serialization of RDF



Source: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-new/>

# Serialization of RDF

## Turtle family

Turtle and TriG offer a convenient, abbreviated notation for N-Triples and N-Quads.

## RDF/XML

widespread; good tool support

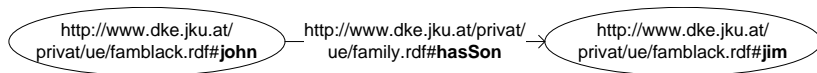
## JSON-LD

JSON for Linked Data

## RDFa

Embedding of RDF in HTML, Google Rich Snippets;  
alternative: Microdata (schema.org), Microformats

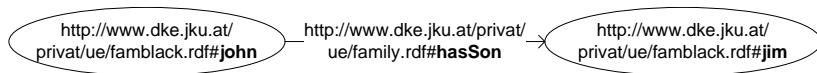
# Turtle



```
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John>  
<http://example.org/family.rdf#hasSon>  
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim>.
```

abbreviated notation using prefixes:

# Turtle

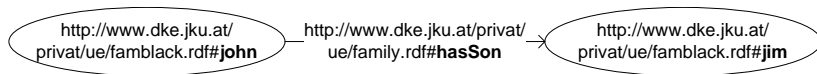


```
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John>
  <http://example.org/family.rdf#hasSon>
    <http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim>.
```

abbreviated notation using prefixes:

```
@prefix family: <http://example.org/family.rdf#>.
@prefix f: <http://example.org/famblack.rdf#>.
```

# Turtle



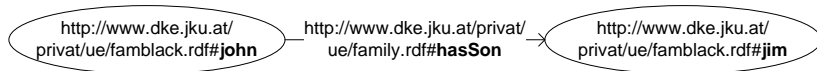
```
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John>  
<http://example.org/family.rdf#hasSon>  
<http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim>.
```

abbreviated notation using prefixes:

```
@prefix family: <http://example.org/family.rdf#>.  
@prefix f: <http://example.org/famblack.rdf#>.
```

```
f:John family:hasSon f:Jim.
```

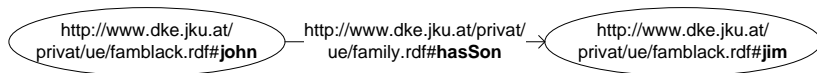
# RDF/XML



```
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:f="http://example.org/famblack.rdf#"
  xmlns:family="http://example.org/family.rdf#">
```

```
</rdf:RDF>
```

# RDF/XML

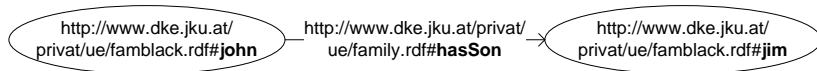


```
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:f="http://example.org/famblack.rdf#"
  xmlns:family="http://example.org/family.rdf#"
  <rdf:Description rdf:about=
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John">

    </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



# RDF/XML

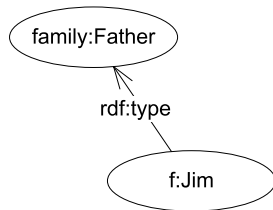


```
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:f="http://example.org/famblack.rdf#"
  xmlns:family="http://example.org/family.rdf#"
  <rdf:Description rdf:about=
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John">
    <family:hasSon rdf:resource=
      "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim"/>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

# Classification

## Turtle:

```
f:Jim a          family:Father.
```



## RDF/XML:

```
<family:Father rdf:about=  
  "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim">
```

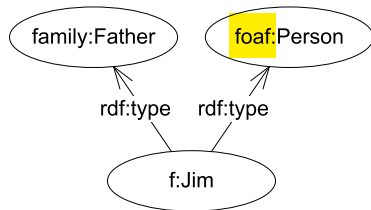
```
</family:Father>
```

# Classification



## Turtle:

```
f:Jim a foaf:Person, family:Father.
```



## RDF/XML:

```
<family:Father rdf:about=  
  "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Jim">  
  <rdf:type rdf:resource=  
    "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person"/>  
</family:Father>
```

# Literals (Turtle)



```
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>.
```

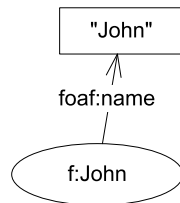
.

# Literals (Turtle)

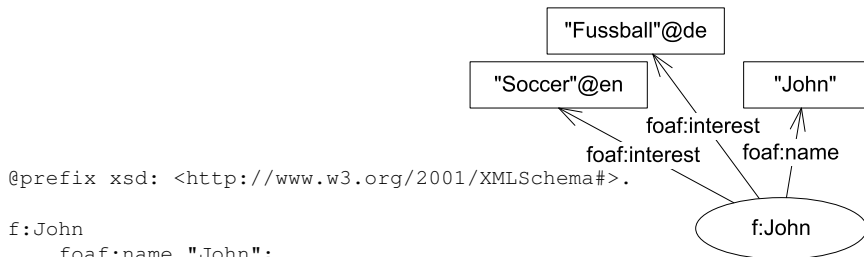


```
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>.
```

```
f:John
  foaf:name "John";
```



# Literals (Turtle)

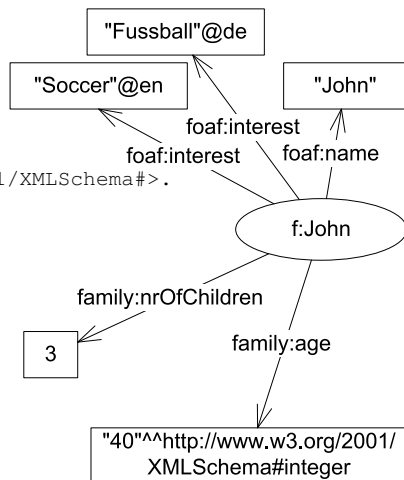


# Literals (Turtle)



```
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>.
```

```
f:John
  foaf:name "John";
  foaf:interest "Soccer"@en,
               "Fussball"@de;
  family:age "40"^^xsd:integer;
  family:nrOfChildren 3.
```



# Literals (RDF/XML)



```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John">
    <foaf:name>John<foaf:name>
```

```
</foaf:Person>
```



# Literals (RDF/XML)



```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John">
  <foaf:name>John<foaf:name>
  <foaf:interest xml:lang="de">
    Fussball
  </foaf:interest>
  <foaf:interest xml:lang="en">
    Soccer
  </foaf:interest>
```

```
</foaf:Person>
```

# Literals (RDF/XML)



```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#John">
  <foaf:name>John</foaf:name>
  <foaf:interest xml:lang="de">
    Fussball
  </foaf:interest>
  <foaf:interest xml:lang="en">
    Soccer
  </foaf:interest>
  <family:nrOfChildren rdf:datatype=
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">
    3
  </family:nrOfChildren>
  <family:age rdf:datatype=
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">
    40
  </family:age>
</foaf:Person>
```

# Blank Nodes

Turtle:

f:Mary

.



RDF/XML:

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=
  "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Mary">
```

```
</rdf:Description>
```

# Blank Nodes

Turtle:

```
f:Mary family:knows [  
    ].
```



RDF/XML:

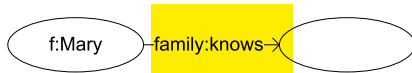
```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=  
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Mary">
```

```
</rdf:Description>
```

# Blank Nodes

Turtle:

```
f:Mary family:knows [  
    ].
```



RDF/XML:

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=  
    "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Mary">  
    <foaf:knows rdf:parseType="Resource">  
    </foaf:knows>  
</rdf:Description>
```

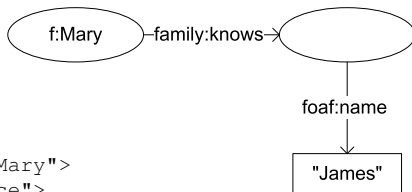
# Blank Nodes

## Turtle:

```
f:Mary family:knows [  
    foaf:name "James"  
].
```

## RDF/XML:

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=  
  "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Mary">  
  <foaf:knows rdf:parseType="Resource">  
  
    </foaf:knows>  
</rdf:Description>
```



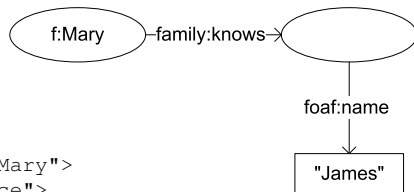
# Blank Nodes

## Turtle:

```
f:Mary family:knows [  
    foaf:name "James"  
].
```

## RDF/XML:

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about=  
  "http://example.org/famblack.rdf#Mary">  
  <foaf:knows rdf:parseType="Resource">  
    <foaf:name>James</foaf:name>  
  </foaf:knows>  
</rdf:Description>
```



# Blank Nodes - Alternative Turtle Notation

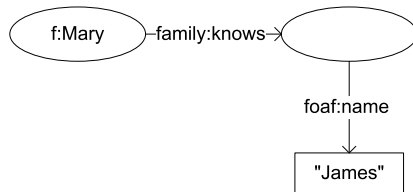


## Turtle:

```
f:Mary family:knows [
    foaf:name "James"].
```

## alternative Turtle notation:

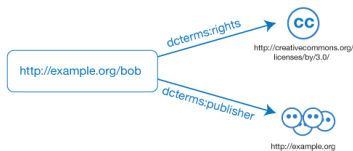
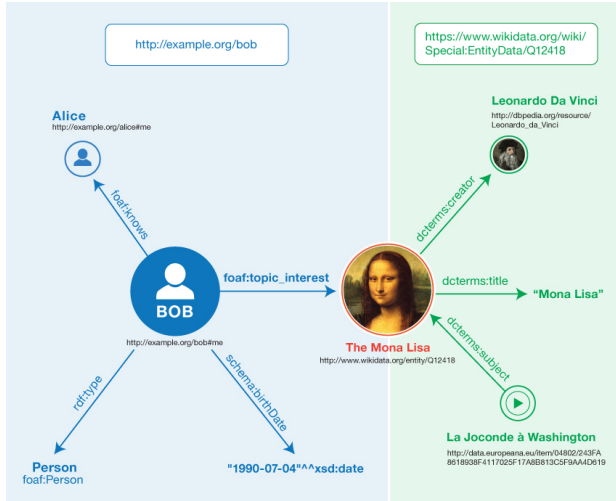
```
f:Mary family:knows _:1.
_:1 foaf:name "James".
```





# RDF Dataset, Named Graphs

- An RDF dataset consists of one or more RDF graphs.
  - one unnamed Default Graph
  - any number of Named Graphs
- Named Graphs are identified by an IRI or a Blank Node.
- Graphs can be linked.
- Statements can be made about graphs.
- A dataset can be serialized using N-Quads, TriG, or JSON-LD.



# Serialization of an RDF Dataset using TriG



```
01  BASE    <http://example.org/>
02  PREFIX  foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
03  PREFIX  xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
04  PREFIX  schema: <http://schema.org/>
05  PREFIX  dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
06  PREFIX  wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
07
08  GRAPH <http://example.org/bob>
09  {
10      <bob#me>
11          a foaf:Person ;
12          foaf:knows <alice#me> ;
13          schema:birthDate "1990-07-04"^^xsd:date ;
14          foaf:topic_interest wd:Q12418 .
15  }
16
17  GRAPH <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntityData/Q12418>
18  {
19      wd:Q12418
20          dcterms:title "Mona Lisa" ;
21          dcterms:creator <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Leonardo_da_Vinci> .
22
23      <http://data.europeana.eu/item/04802/243FA8618938F4117025F17A8B813C5F9AA4D619>
24          dcterms:subject wd:Q12418 .
25  }
26
27  <http://example.org/bob>
28      dcterms:publisher <http://example.org> ;
29      dcterms:rights <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/> .
```

Source: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-primer/>

# RDF – Summary



- RDF is a data model for the linked, decentralized, machine interpretable, conceptual description of resources.
- Every statement is a triple in the form of a subject-predicate-object expression.
- Sets of RDF statements form a graph.
- There are multiple formats for serializing RDF, e.g., Turtle, RDF/XML.
- To be continued . . .

## Further Information



- RDF 1.1 Primer

<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-primer/>

- Current Recommendations: RDF 1.1

<http://www.w3.org/standards/techs/rdf>

- List of tools for working with RDF

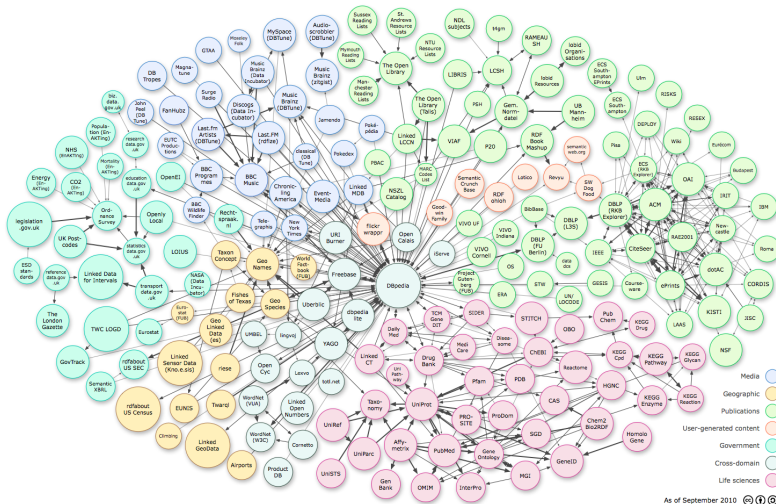
<http://www.w3.org/RDF/>

# Linked Data – Web of Data

---

## The Web as *Decentralized* Database

# Linked Data Cloud



Linking Open Data cloud diagram, by Richard Cyganiak and Anja Jentzsch. <http://lod-cloud.net/>

# Linked Data – Data Sources



- **DBPedia** <http://dbpedia.org>
- **Wikidata** <http://www.wikidata.org/>
- **Google Knowledge Graph Search API** <https://developers.google.com/knowledge-graph/>
- **GeoNames** <http://www.geonames.org/>
- **data.gov.uk** [http://data.gov.uk/data/search?res\\_format=RDF](http://data.gov.uk/data/search?res_format=RDF)
- **datahub** <http://datahub.io/dataset>
- **Freebase; foundation for Google Knowledge Graph**  
<http://www.freebase.com>,  
<https://developers.google.com/freebase/>



# Web of Documents → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of unstructured data and knowledge in the Web represented as hypertext
- Problem: Knowledge and data extraction is difficult and only partially supported by machines. Document Retrieval (search engines), Browsing, reading
- Goal: Query (analogous to database)

# Web of Documents → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of unstructured data and knowledge in the Web represented as hypertext
- Problem: Knowledge and data extraction is difficult and only partially supported by machines. Document Retrieval (search engines), Browsing, reading
- Goal: Query (analogous to database)

# Web of Documents → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of unstructured data and knowledge in the Web represented as hypertext
- Problem: Knowledge and data extraction is difficult and only partially supported by machines. Document Retrieval (search engines), Browsing, reading
- Goal: Query (analogous to database)

# Databases → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of structured data in databases
- Problem: Data integration
  - heterogeneous data models
  - heterogeneous conceptualizations
  - heterogeneous database schemas
  - instance level: duplicates, referencing
- Goal: simple, inter-organizational integration of databases
- First steps (Web of Data):
  - RDF as data model for integration (DB→RDF Mappings)
  - Ontologies, Ontology Mappings
  - Schema-Mappings, Schema-Ontology-Mappings
  - IRIs as global IDs, linking, sameAs

# Databases → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of structured data in databases
- Problem: Data integration
  - heterogeneous data models
  - heterogeneous conceptualizations
  - heterogeneous database schemas
  - instance level: duplicates, referencing
- Goal: simple, inter-organizational integration of databases
- First steps (Web of Data):
  - RDF as data model for integration (DB→RDF Mappings)
  - Ontologies, Ontology Mappings
  - Schema-Mappings, Schema-Ontology-Mappings
  - IRIs as global IDs, linking, sameAs

# Databases → Web of Data



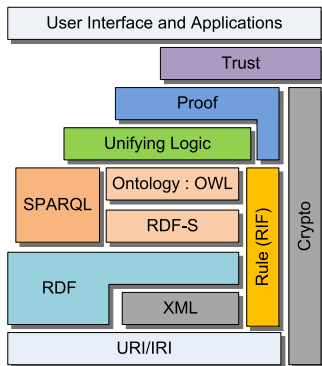
- Starting point: Vast amount of structured data in databases
- Problem: Data integration
  - heterogeneous data models
  - heterogeneous conceptualizations
  - heterogeneous database schemas
  - instance level: duplicates, referencing
- Goal: simple, inter-organizational integration of databases
- First steps (Web of Data):
  - RDF as data model for integration (DB→RDF Mappings)
  - Ontologies, Ontology Mappings
  - Schema-Mappings, Schema-Ontology-Mappings
  - IRIs as global IDs, linking, sameAs

# Databases → Web of Data



- Starting point: Vast amount of structured data in databases
- Problem: Data integration
  - heterogeneous data models
  - heterogeneous conceptualizations
  - heterogeneous database schemas
  - instance level: duplicates, referencing
- Goal: simple, inter-organizational integration of databases
- First steps (Web of Data):
  - **RDF as data model for integration (DB→RDF Mappings)**
  - Ontologies, Ontology Mappings
  - Schema-Mappings, Schema-Ontology-Mappings
  - **IRIs as global IDs, linking, sameAs**

# Semantic Web Stack



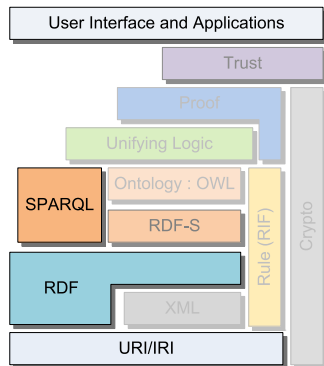
Semantic Web is more difficult than initially thought.

Technologies are in part still

- **not mature:**  
Unifying Logic, Proof, Trust
- **too complex** for efficient computation:  
Reasoning, ...
- **too difficult** in their application:  
Ontology Engineering, ...



# Semantic Web Stack



Semantic Web is more difficult than initially thought.

Technologies are in part still

- **not mature:**  
Unifying Logic, Proof, Trust
- **too complex** for efficient computation:  
Reasoning, ...
- **too difficult** in their application:  
Ontology Engineering, ...

**Keep it Simple!**

# Related Approaches and Technologies



- Mashups (ad-hoc, not generic)
- Semantic Search (automatic identification of entities and relationships in hypertext; very complex)
- Web Data Extraction, Lixto
- Database integration
- Distributed databases
- ...

# Linked Data on the Web



- Distributed and linked RDF data
- Non-local IRIs in RDF documents as links to other documents
- RDF Statements as typed links

Four rules:

- Use IRIs as names for things.
- Use HTTP IRIs so that people can look up those names.
- When someone looks up a IRI, provide useful information.
- Include links to other IRIs. so that they can discover more things.

(Berners-Lee, <http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html>)

# Linked Data on the Web



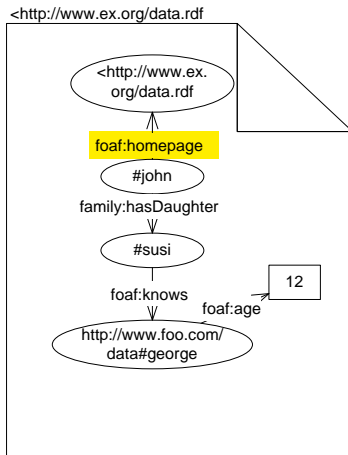
- Distributed and linked RDF data
- Non-local IRIs in RDF documents as links to other documents
- RDF Statements as typed links

Four rules:

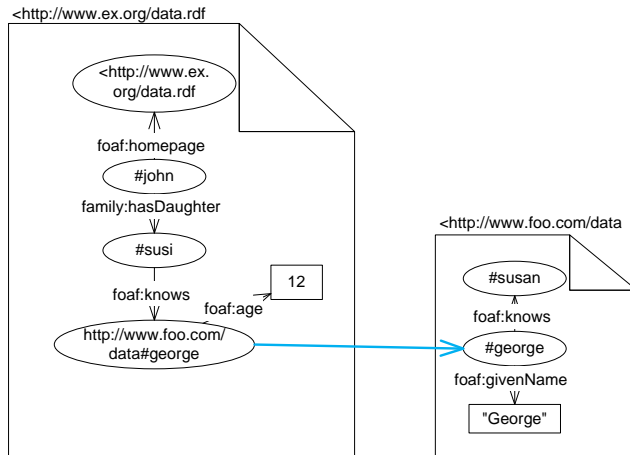
- Use IRIs as names for things.
- Use HTTP IRIs so that people can look up those names.
- When someone looks up a IRI, provide useful information.
- Include links to other IRIs. so that they can discover more things.

(Berners-Lee, <http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html>)

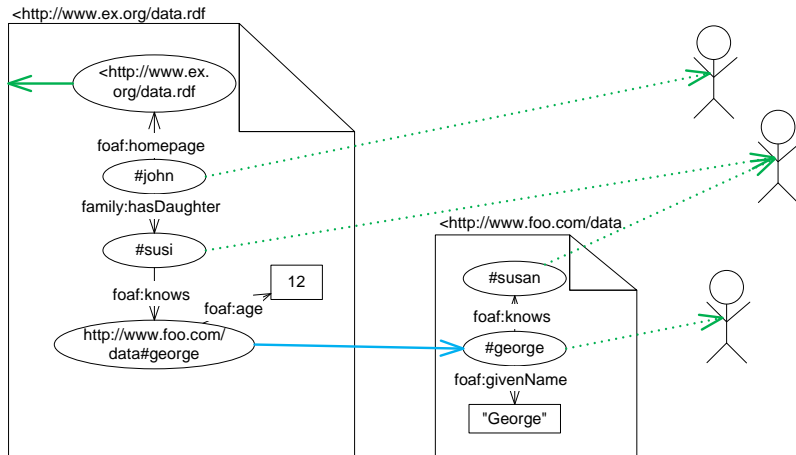
# Distributed RDF



# Distributed RDF



# Distributed RDF



# URIs for Non-Information Resources



- How to name things and concepts and how to access their description?
- Variant 1: Hash-URIs
- Variant 2: 303 Response



# URIs for Non-Information Resources



- How to name things and concepts and how to access their description?
- Variant 1: Hash-URIs
- Variant 2: 303 Response

# Variant 1: Hash-URIs



- Tim Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i`

- Description of Tim-Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card`

# Variant 1: Hash-URIs



- Tim Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i`

- Description of Tim-Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card`

## Dereferencing of

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i?`

# Variant 1: Hash-URIs



- Tim Berners-Lee

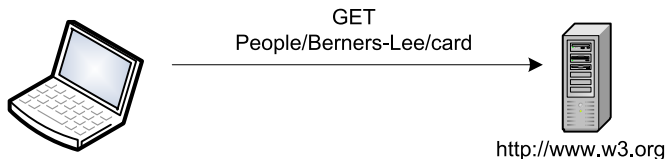
`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i`

- Description of Tim-Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card`

## Dereferencing of

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i?`



# Variant 1: Hash-URIs

- Tim Berners-Lee

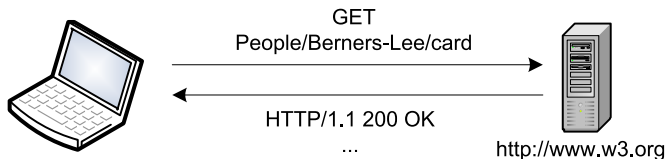
`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i`

- Description of Tim-Berners-Lee

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card`

## Dereferencing of

`http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card#i?`



## Variant 2: 303 Response



- Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

## Variant 2: 303 Response



- Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

### Dereferencing of

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz?`

## Variant 2: 303 Response

- Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

### Dereferencing of

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz?`

GET resource/Linz  
ACCEPT application/rdf+xml



de.dbpedia.org



## Variant 2: 303 Response

- Linz

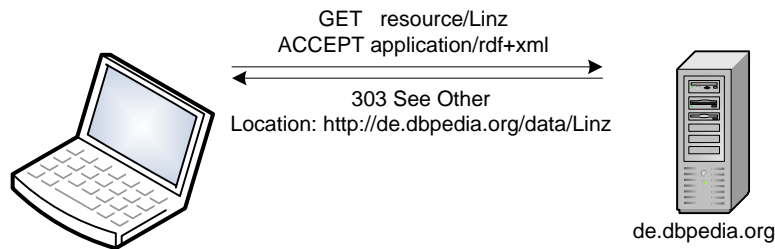
`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

### Dereferencing of

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz?`



## Variant 2: 303 Response

- Linz

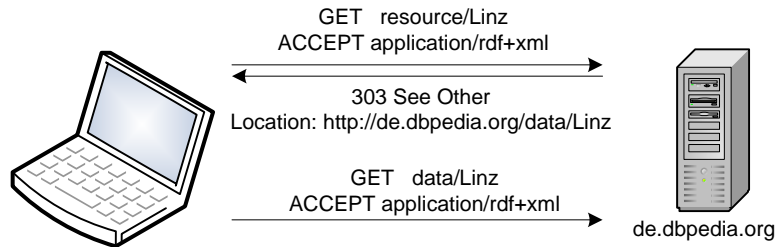
`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

### Dereferencing of

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz?`



## Variant 2: 303 Response

- Linz

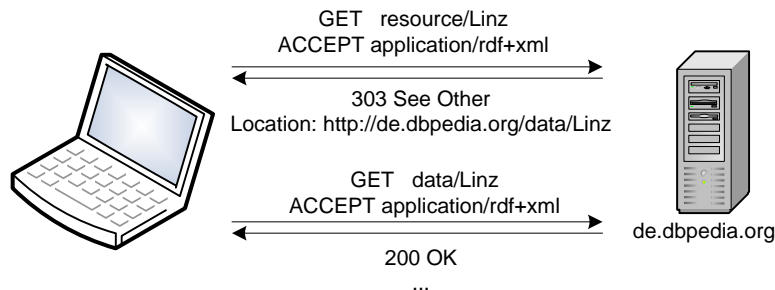
`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz`

- Description of Linz

`http://de.dbpedia.org/data/Linz`

### Dereferencing of

`http://de.dbpedia.org/resource/Linz?`



# rdfs:seeAlso

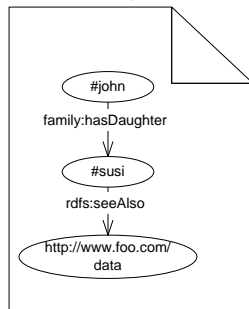


`rdfs:seeAlso` is used to indicate that additional information can be found at the referenced location.

# rdfs:seeAlso

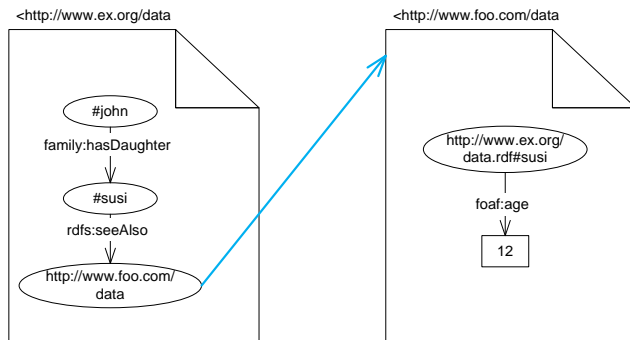
`rdfs:seeAlso` is used to indicate that additional information can be found at the referenced location.

<<http://www.ex.org/data>



# rdfs:seeAlso

`rdfs:seeAlso` is used to indicate that additional information can be found at the referenced location.



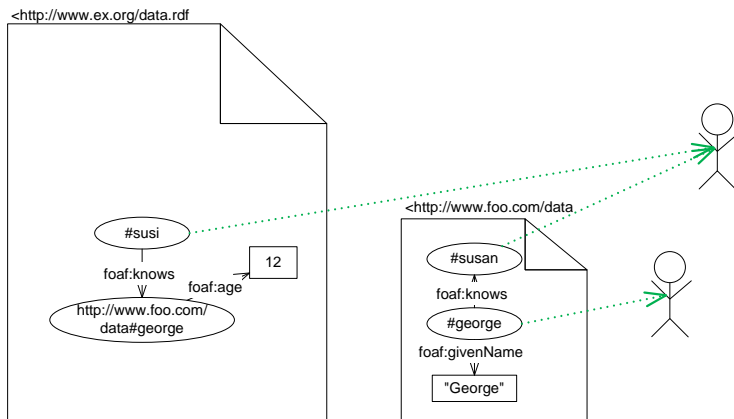
# owl:sameAs



`owl:sameAs` is used to indicate that two IRIs identify the same Resource.

# owl:sameAs

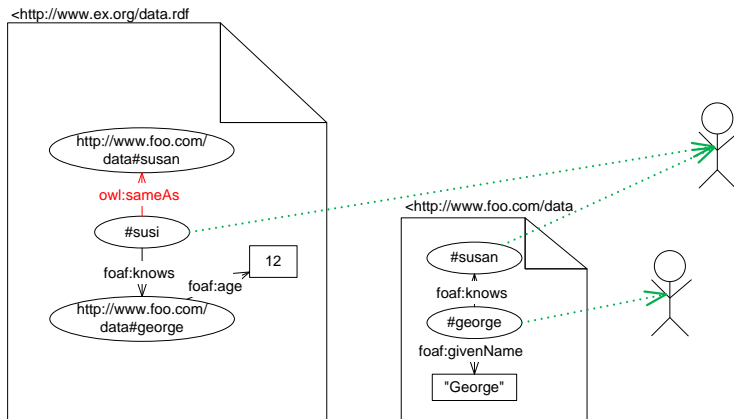
`owl:sameAs` is used to indicate that two IRIs identify the same Resource.





# owl:sameAs

`owl:sameAs` is used to indicate that two IRIs identify the same Resource.



# Summary

## Linked Data on the Web

---



- Linked data are distributed, linked RDF data.
- HTTP-URLs are used as identifiers and locators of Information and Non-Information Resources.

# Further Reading



- How to Publish Linked Data on the Web

<http://wifo5-03.informatik.uni-mannheim.de/bizer/pub/LinkedDataTutorial/>

- Christian Bizer, Tom Heath, Tim Berners-Lee: Linked Data - The Story So Far. Int. J. Semantic Web Inf. Syst. 5(3): 1-22 (2009)
- Nigel Shadbolt, Kieron O'Hara, Tim Berners-Lee, Nicholas Gibbins, Hugh Glaser, Wendy Hall, m. c. schraefel: Linked Open Government Data: Lessons from Data.gov.uk. IEEE Intelligent Systems 27(3): 16-24 (2012)

# RDF Schema

## RDF Vocabulary Description Language

- Selected Language Elements
- RDFS Examples

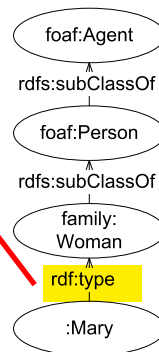
# Class Hierarchies

"a" und "rdf:type" können beide dafür verwendet werden

Given:

```
:Mary a family:Woman.  
family:Woman rdfs:subClassOf  
              foaf:Person.  
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf  
            foaf:Agent.
```

Deduced:



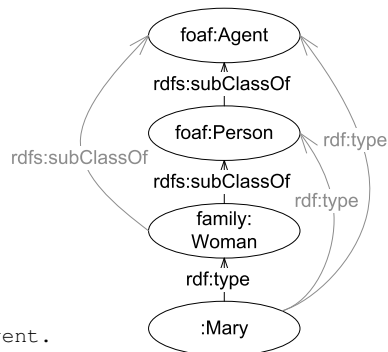
# Class Hierarchies

## Given:

```
:Mary a family:Woman.  
family:Woman rdfs:subClassOf  
                foaf:Person.  
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf  
                foaf:Agent.
```

## Deduced:

```
:Mary a foaf:Person.  
:Mary a foaf:Agent.  
family:Woman rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Agent.
```

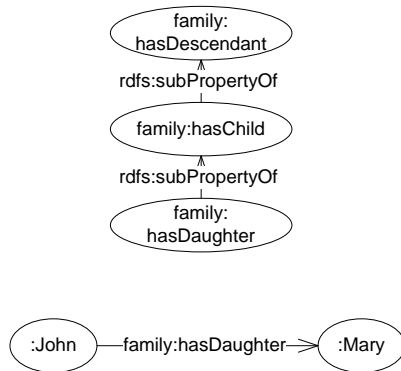


# Property Hierarchies

## Given:

```
family:hasDaughter
  rdfs:subPropertyOf
    family:hasChild.
family:hasChild
  rdfs:subPropertyOf
    family:hasDescendant.
:John family:hasDaughter :Mary.
```

## Deduced:



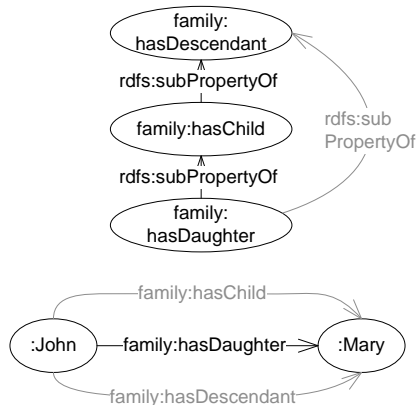
# Property Hierarchies

## Given:

```
family:hasDaughter
  rdfs:subPropertyOf
    family:hasChild.
family:hasChild
  rdfs:subPropertyOf
    family:hasDescendant.
:John family:hasDaughter :Mary.
```

## Deduced:

```
family:hasDaughter
  rdfs:subPropertyOf
    family:hasDescendant.
:John family:hasChild :Mary.
:John family:hasDescendant :Mary.
```

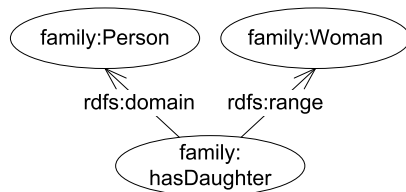




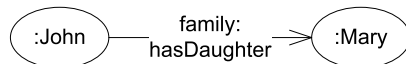
# Domain and Range of Properties

## Given:

```
family:hasDaughter  
  rdfs:domain family:Person;  
  rdfs:range family:Woman.  
:John family:hasDaughter :Mary.
```



## Deduced:



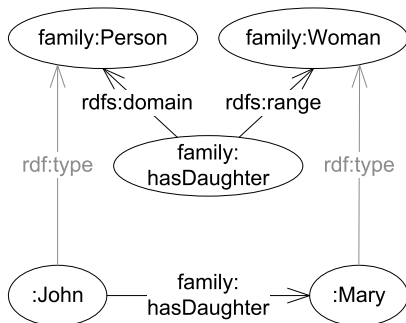
# Domain and Range of Properties

## Given:

```
family:hasDaughter
  rdfs:domain family:Person;
  rdfs:range family:Woman.
:John family:hasDaughter :Mary.
```

## Deduced:

```
:John a family:Person.
:Mary a family:Woman.
```

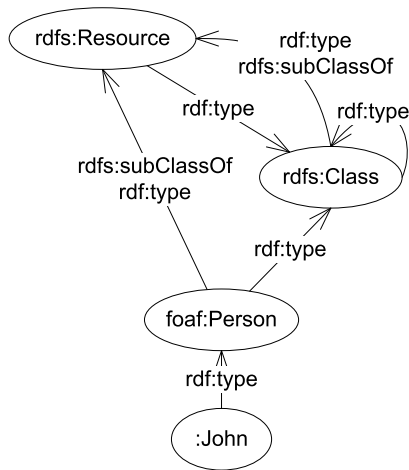


# Metamodeling

No separation between model levels:

- Individuals, such as `:John`
- Classes, such as `family:Person`
- Metaclasses, such as `rdfs:Class`

A class can be a member of itself. Attention, this is not compatible with OWL DL!



# RDF Schema – Summary

- RDF Schema is a semantic extension of RDF
- It is used to define simple vocabularies (Concepts/Classes and Properties)
- Further Reading:  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-schema/>

# RDFS Examples

# RDF Schema (1)



The following sample document is given:

```
...  
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.  
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.  
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;  
             rdfs:domain :Person.  
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.  
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- :Maria a :Person
- :Maria :hasChild :Susi
- :Susi a :Women
- :Susi a :Person
- :Maria :hasDaughter :Susi

# RDF Schema (1)

The following sample document is given:

```
...  
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.  
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.  
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;  
             rdfs:domain :Person.  
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.  
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- :Maria a :Person no
- :Maria :hasChild :Susi
- :Susi a :Women
- :Susi a :Person
- :Maria :hasDaughter :Susi

## RDF Schema (1)



The following sample document is given:

```
...
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;
           rdfs:domain :Person.
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- `:Maria a :Person` no
- `:Maria :hasChild :Susi` no
- `:Susi a :Women`
- `:Susi a :Person`
- `:Maria :hasDaughter :Susi`





The following sample document is given:

```
...
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;
           rdfs:domain :Person.
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- `:Maria a :Person` **no**
- `:Maria :hasChild :Susi` **no**
- `:Susi a :Women` **yes**
- `:Susi a :Person`
- `:Maria :hasDaughter :Susi`

# RDF Schema (1)

The following sample document is given:

```
...  
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.  
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.  
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;  
             rdfs:domain :Person.  
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.  
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- :Maria a :Person                      no
- :Maria :hasChild :Susi                no
- :Susi a :Women                        yes
- :Susi a :Person                        yes
- :Maria :hasDaughter :Susi

# RDF Schema (1)

The following sample document is given:

```
...  
:hasYoungDaughter rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasDaughter.  
:hasDaughter rdfs:range :Women.  
:hasChild rdfs:range :Person;  
             rdfs:domain :Person.  
:Women rdfs:subClassOf :Person.  
:Maria :hasYoungDaughter :Susi.
```

Can the following statements be deduced?

- |                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| ● :Maria a :Person          | no  |
| ● :Maria :hasChild :Susi    | no  |
| ● :Susi a :Women            | yes |
| ● :Susi a :Person           | yes |
| ● :Maria :hasDaughter :Susi | yes |

## RDF Schema (2)



Can the following information be modeled using RDF(S)? If so, provide a solution:

- Each person knows its children.
- Each car is a vehicle.
- Only persons can own things; everyone who owns something is a person.
- Every father has at least one child.

## RDF Schema (2)



Can the following information be modeled using RDF(S)? If so, provide a solution:

- Each person knows its children.

```
:hasChild rdfs:subPropertyOf foaf:knows.
```

- Each car is a vehicle.
- Only persons can own things; everyone who owns something is a person.
- Every father has at least one child.

## RDF Schema (2)



Can the following information be modeled using RDF(S)? If so, provide a solution:

- Each person knows its children.

```
:hasChild rdfs:subPropertyOf foaf:knows.
```

- Each car is a vehicle.

```
:Car rdfs:subClassOf :Vehicle.
```

- Only persons can own things; everyone who owns something is a person.

- Every father has at least one child.

## RDF Schema (2)



Can the following information be modeled using RDF(S)? If so, provide a solution:

- Each person knows its children.

```
:hasChild rdfs:subPropertyOf foaf:knows.
```

- Each car is a vehicle.

```
:Car rdfs:subClassOf :Vehicle.
```

- Only persons can own things; everyone who owns something is a person.

```
:owns rdfs:domain :Person.
```

- Every father has at least one child.

## RDF Schema (2)

Can the following information be modeled using RDF(S)? If so, provide a solution:

- Each person knows its children.

```
:hasChild rdfs:subPropertyOf foaf:knows.
```

- Each car is a vehicle.

```
:Car rdfs:subClassOf :Vehicle.
```

- Only persons can own things; everyone who owns something is a person.

```
:owns rdfs:domain :Person.
```

- Every father has at least one child.

no solution

extra hint:  
für typenbeschreibung funktioniert Bsp "Mary is a Person"  
:Mary a :Person . ODER :Mary rdfs:type :Person .

extra hint 2:  
für Integer funktioniert Bsp "Mary ist 27 Jahre alt"  
:Mary foaf:age 27 . ODER :Mary foaf:age "27"^^xsd:integer .