



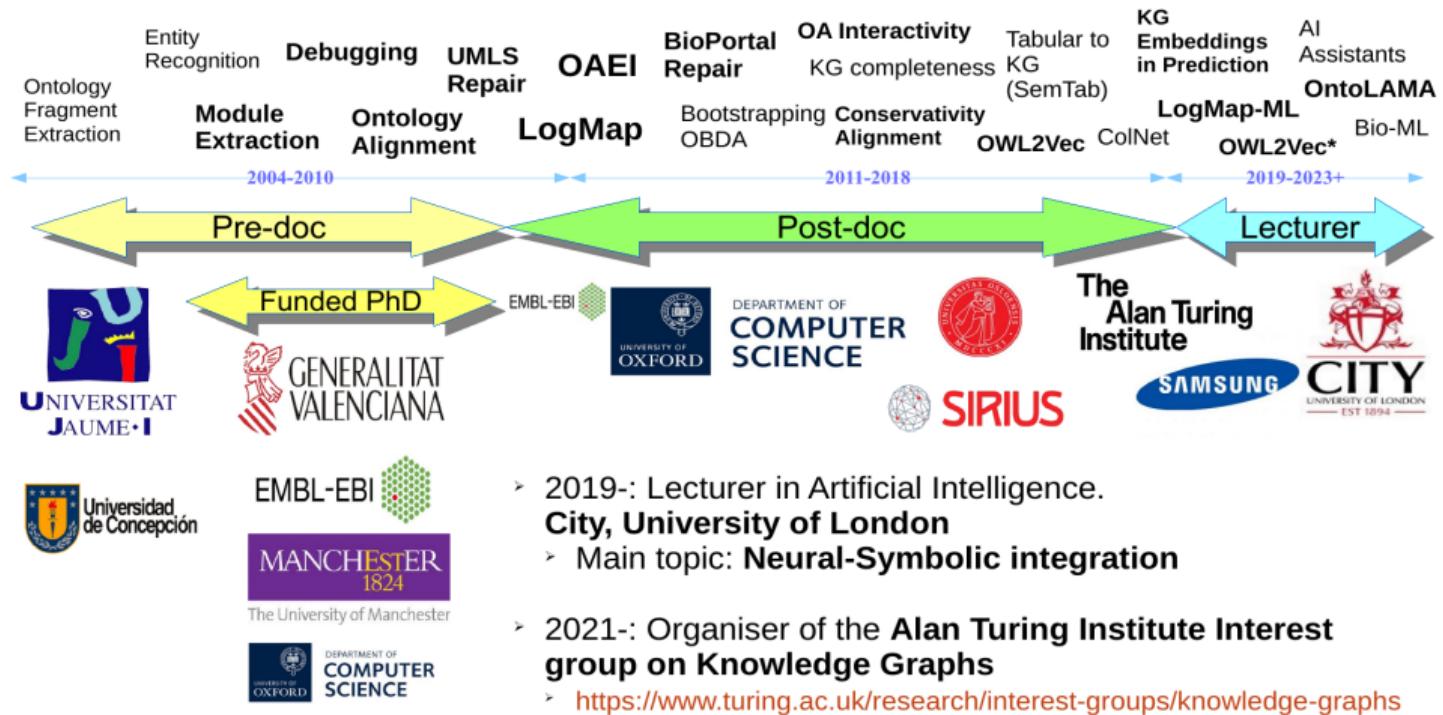
Introduction to Knowledge Graphs

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Before we start...

Research journey



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GitHub Repository

<https://github.com/city-knowledge-graphs/phd-course-uji>



Agenda

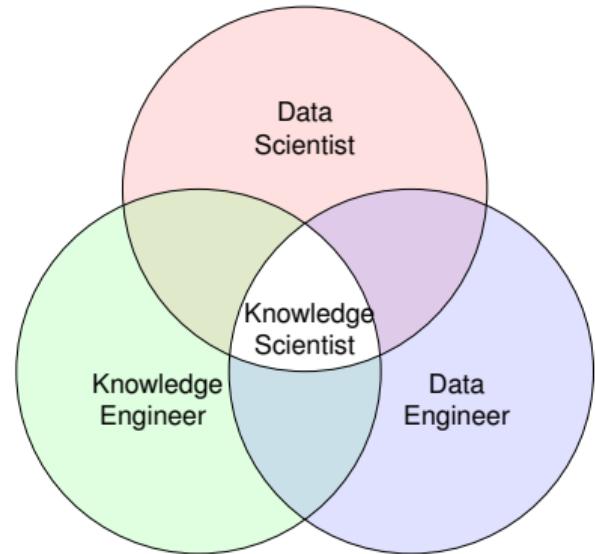
- Four sessions split into two days
- **Morning sessions:**
 - Theory: 9:30-11:00
 - Break 30 min
 - Hands-on: 11:30-13:00
- Lunch break (1hour)
- **Afternoon sessions:**
 - Theory: 14:00-15:30
 - Break 30 min
 - Hands-on: 16:00-17:30

Course Organization

1. Introduction to Knowledge Graphs
 - Lab: Creation of a small knowledge graph and ontology.
2. Reasoning and Querying with Knowledge Graphs
 - Lab: First steps with the SPARQL query language.
3. Matching: KG-to-KG and CSV-to-KG
 - Lab: Creation of a (simple) matching system.
4. Knowledge Graphs and Language Models
 - Lab: Ontology Embeddings with OWL2Vec*.

Skills to be gained

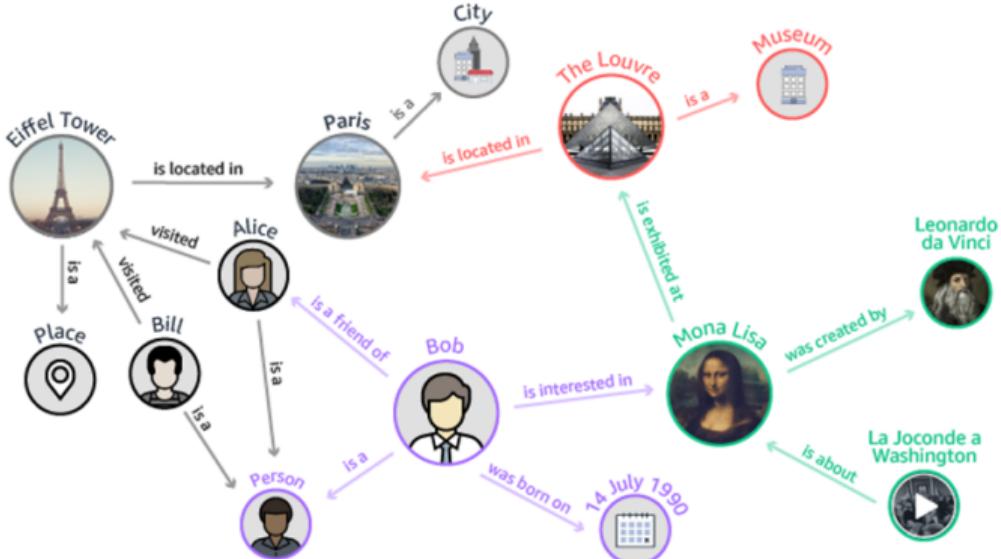
- **Data Engineer:** harnesses and collects data.
- **Data Scientist:** draws value from data.
- **Knowledge Engineer:** encodes domain expertise.
- **Knowledge Scientist:** adds context to the data to make it more useful, clean, reliable and ready to be used.



George Fletcher and others. Knowledge Scientists: Unlocking the data-driven organization. 2020

About Knowledge Graphs (i)

- **(data graph)** capture information about entities of interest (like people, places or events), and
- **(knowledge)** with an underlying formal model



Knowledge Graphs: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.02320>.

About Knowledge Graphs (ii)

- In data science and AI, knowledge graphs are commonly used to:
 - Serve as bridges between humans and systems;
 - Facilitate access to and integration of data sources;
 - Represent enterprise data to drive products and make them more “intelligent”; and
 - Add context and depth to other, more data-driven AI techniques such as machine learning (e.g., **Neurosymbolic AI**)

Interest Group @ The Alan Turing Institute: <https://www.turing.ac.uk/research/interest-groups/knowledge-graphs>

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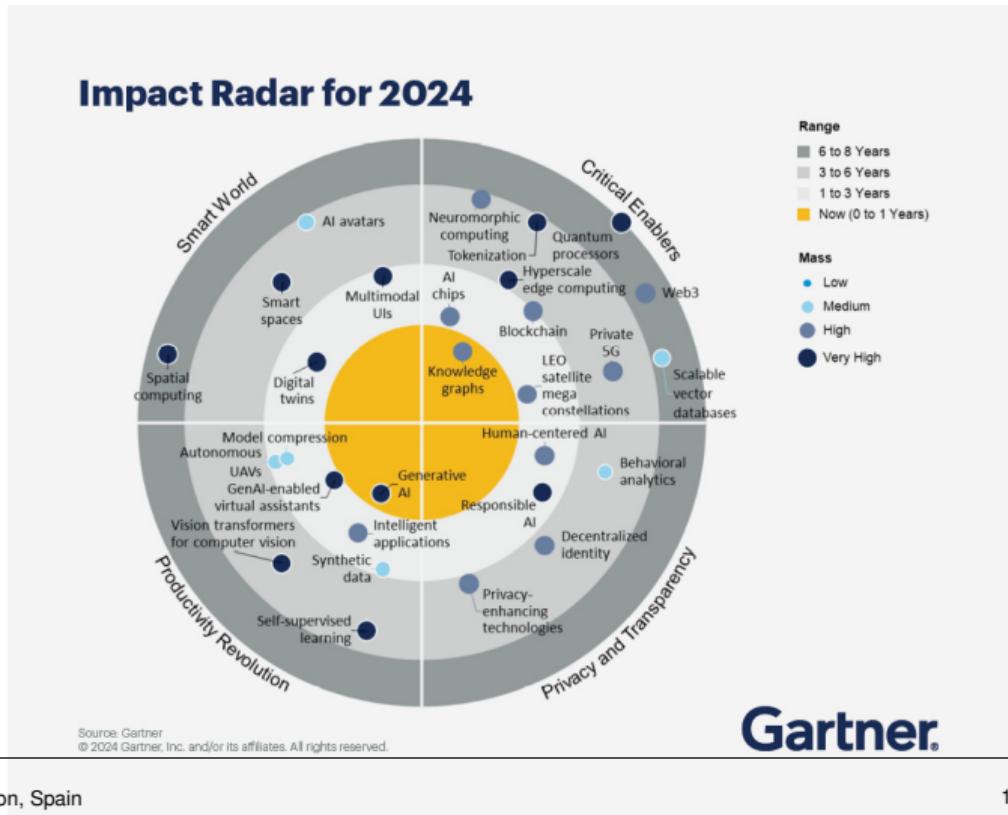
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Knowledge Graphs according to Gartner

30 Emerging Technologies That Will Guide Your Business Decisions:
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PART I: RDF-based Knowledge Graphs

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- (Potential) correspondence with **logical unary and binary predicates**.

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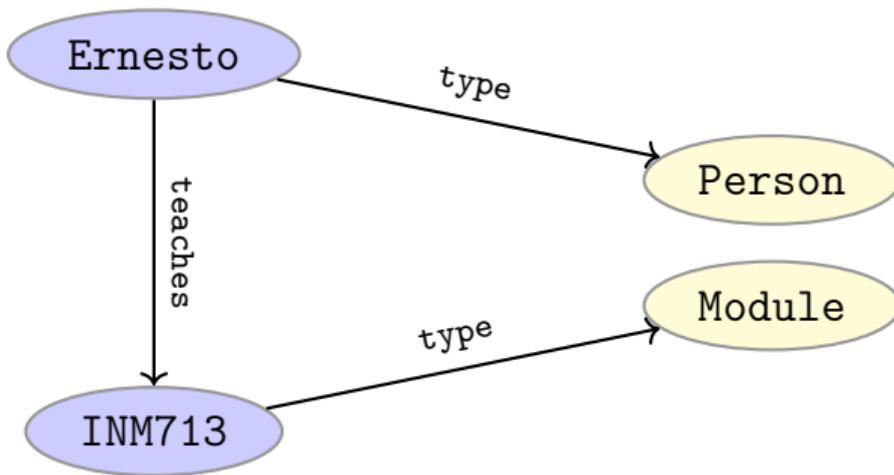
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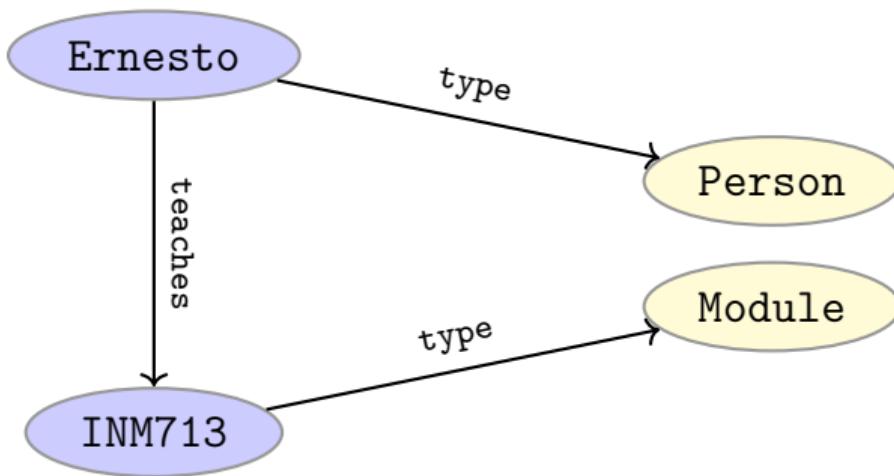
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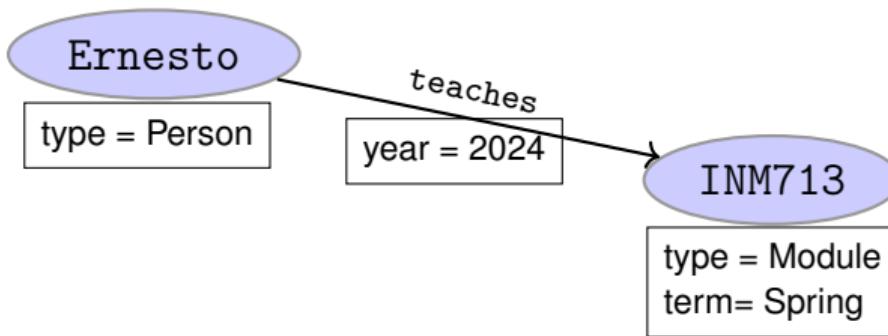
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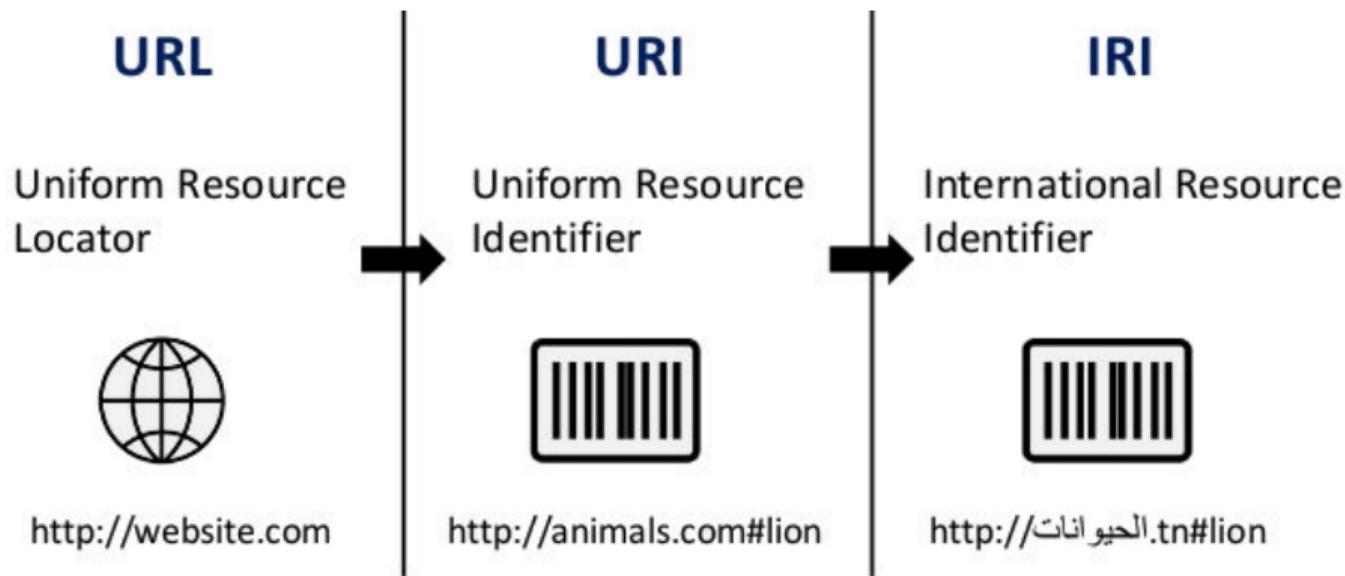
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- Another word for an RDF triple is a *statement* or *fact*.
- The elements of an RDF triple are either: *URI references*, *literals*, *blank nodes*.

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- URIs/IRIs are not necessarily dereferenceable; but they could be: *Web of Data*.

Building an URI

scheme: [//authority]path[?query][#fragment] (in brackets optional elements)

- scheme: http, https, ftp, file, etc.
- authority: typically the domain, //www.city.ac.uk
- path: /sst/cs/academics
- query: additional information for a Web service (not used in our URIs)
- fragment: to address a sub-part of a retrieved resource, #ernesto

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- E.g., in Turtle serialisation:

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- A **CURI** (Compact URI) or **QName** like ‘dbr:London’ stands for
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- But what if we want to state that London's population is **9,304,000**?
- We cannot have one URI for every integer, decimal number, string, etc.

All you need are triples... and URIs... and literals

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dbr:London rdfs:label "London"^^xsd:string .  
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RDF Graph = set of triples with URIs and literals (and blank nodes)

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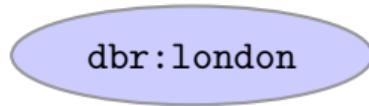
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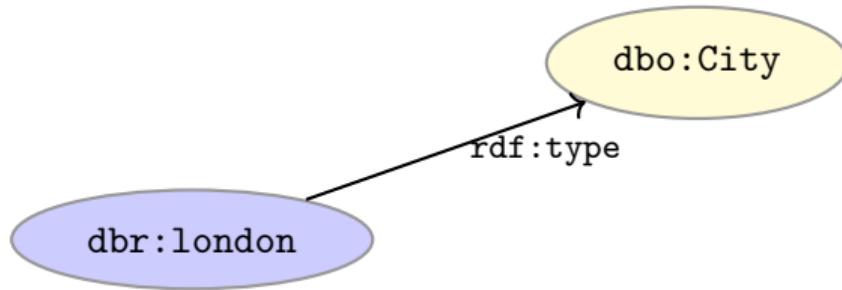
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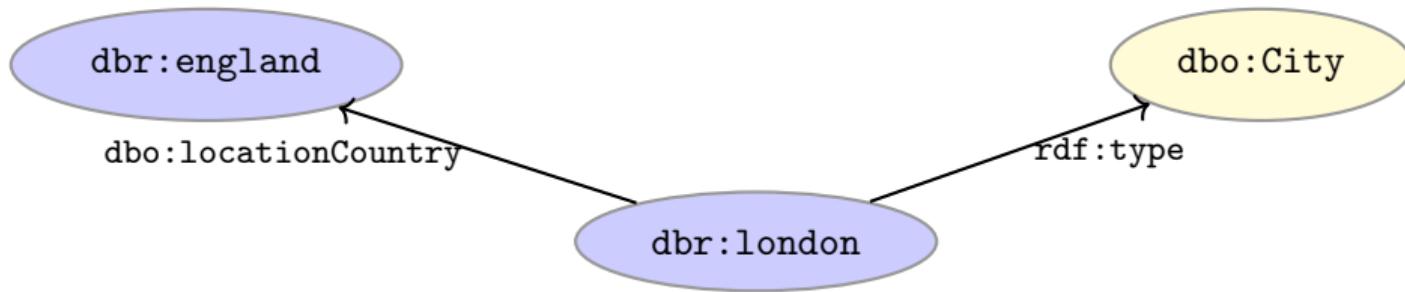
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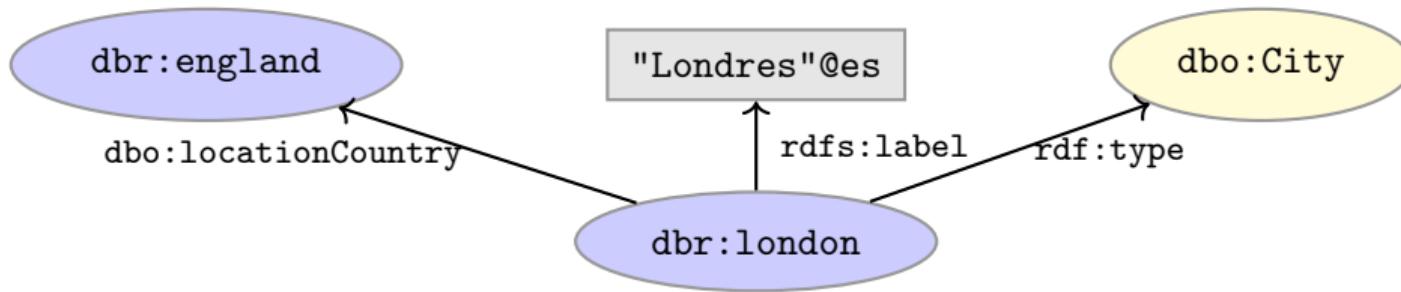
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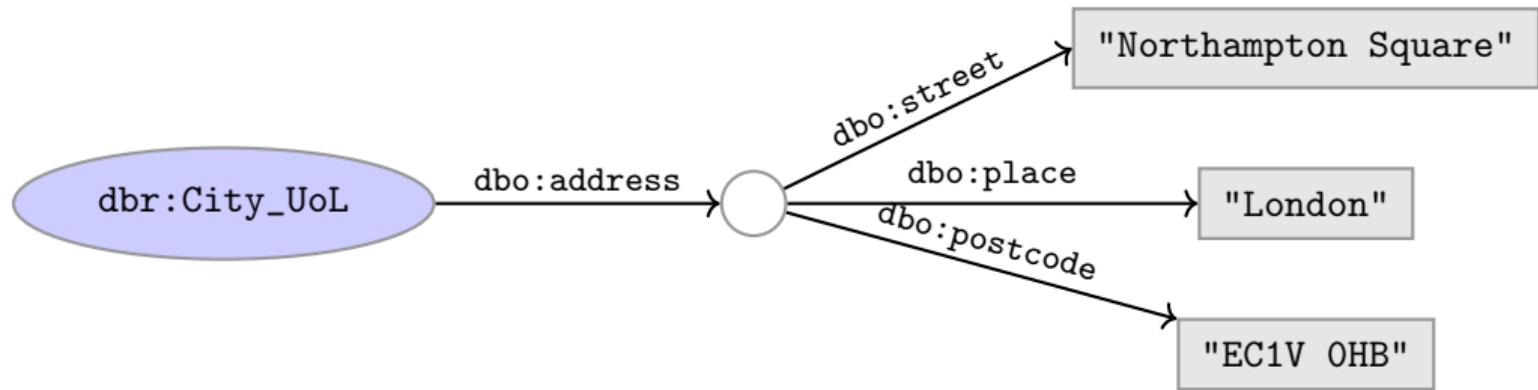


RDF Named Graphs

- We can **refer to a set of triples** with a name (*i.e.*, URI)
- Why?
 - **Independent** sources: 1 file, 1 graph.
 - Add specific **context** to a set of triples (*e.g.*, provenance).
 - Allowing to **query** a specific set of triples.
- Triples in a named graph sometimes referred as **quads**.

RDF Graphs: Blank nodes

- Blank nodes are like resources without a URI.
- Use when resource is unknown, or has no (natural) identifier. e.g.,:



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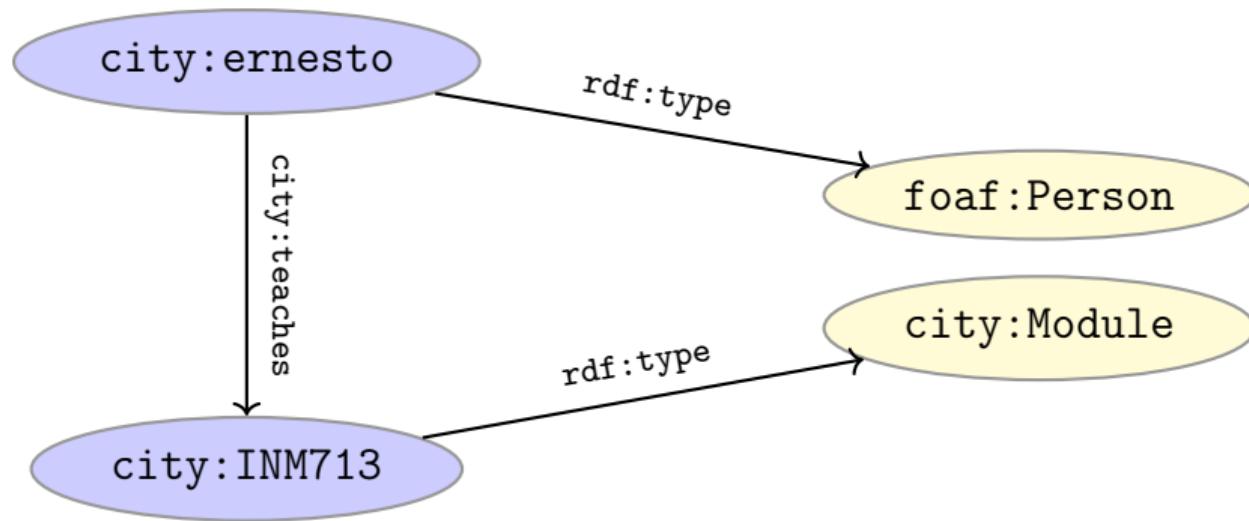
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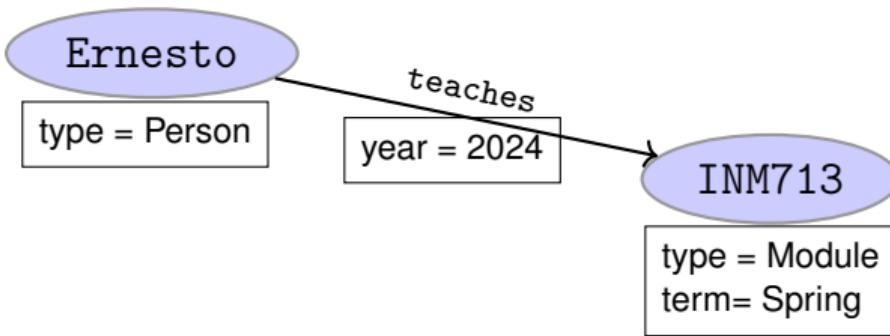
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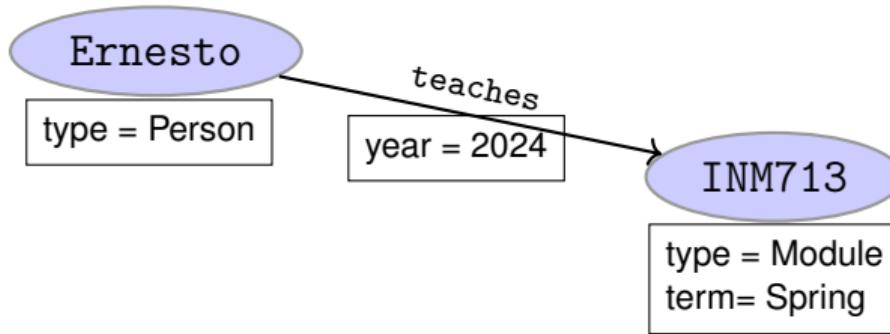
(i.e., **Metadata of a triple**: provenance, beliefs, uncertainty, creator, time, etc.)



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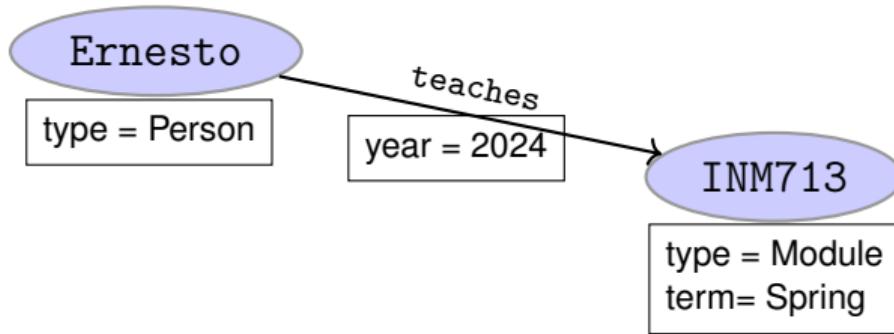


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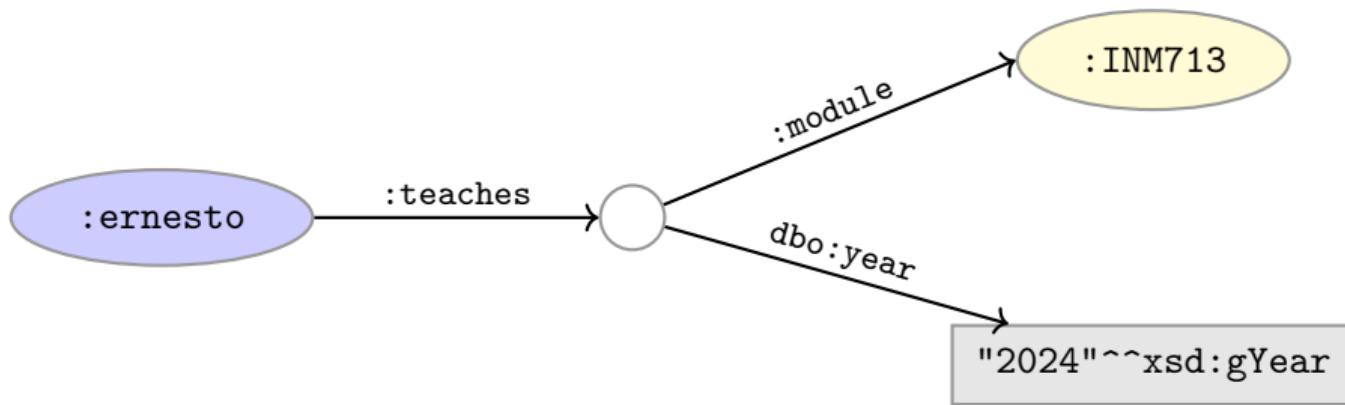
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:AcademicYear2024 {  
    :ernesto :teaches :INM713 .  
    :INM713 rdf:type :Module .  
    :INM713 :module_type "Elective"  
}  
:AcademicYear2024 dbo:year "2024"^^xsd:gYear .
```

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RDF Solution 2: **n-ary relationships** (and blank-nodes)



Annotating statements/triples in RDF (iii)

RDF Solution 3: Reification

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RDF Solution 4: **RDF*** or **RDF-Star** (soon a W3C recommendation)

- Uses triple operator « »
- Compact solution: less triples, less space, faster to load
- Closer to Property Graphs

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Latest information: <https://w3c.github.io/rdf-star/>

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PART II: OWL-based Knowledge Graphs

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 - OWL-layered RDF-based knowledge graphs or just **OWL-based KGs**



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 - OWL is based on DL

OWL 1, OWL 2 (profiles) and RDFS

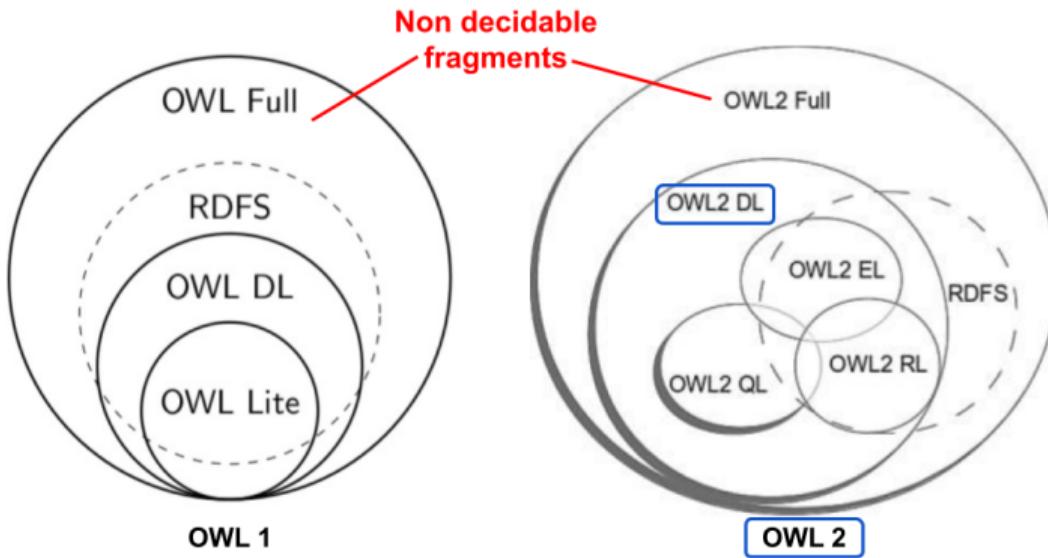
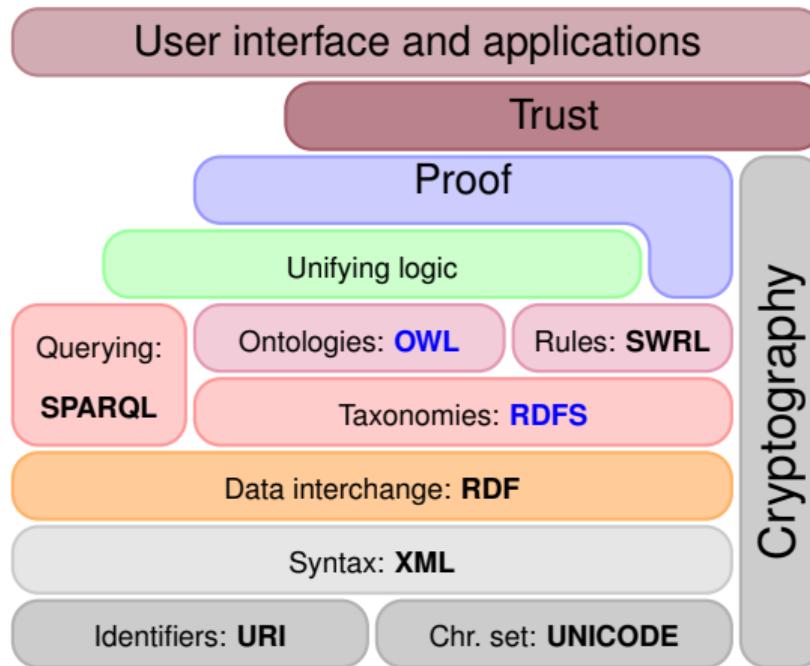


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Semantic Web Technology Stack



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- RDFS was the first attempt of a language to formalize simple taxonomic ontologies. OWL builds on top of RDFS and provide means to **validate RDF data**.

Modelling with OWL 2: What is an Ontology?

Ontologies (information sciences)

- Core idea of **knowledge graphs** is the **enhancement of the graph data model** with...
 - “...a **formal specifications** of a shared domain conceptualization”
 - “...an **abstract symbolic representations** of a domain expressed in a formal language”
 - ...or at least **some sort of schema** specifying how things in the graph are expected to connect to each other.

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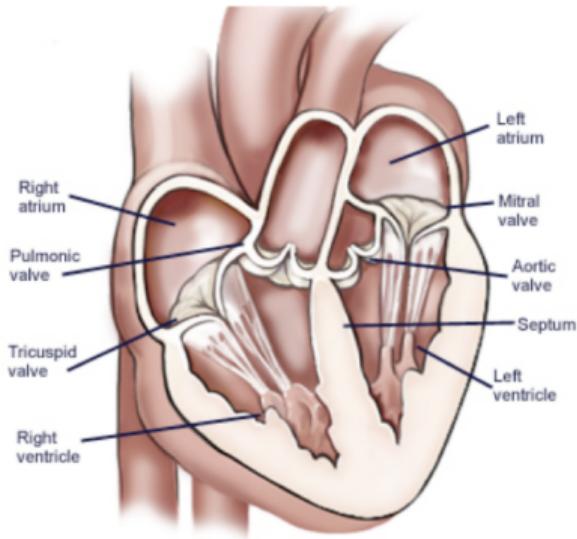
Ontologies as domain models (i)

- A model is a **simplified** (abstract) **representation** of certain aspects of the real world.
- Models help people **communicate**.
- Models explain and **make predictions**.
- Models **mediate** among multiple viewpoints.

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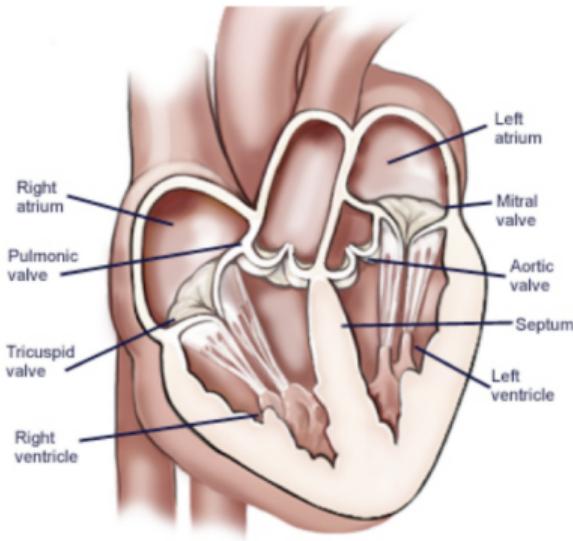
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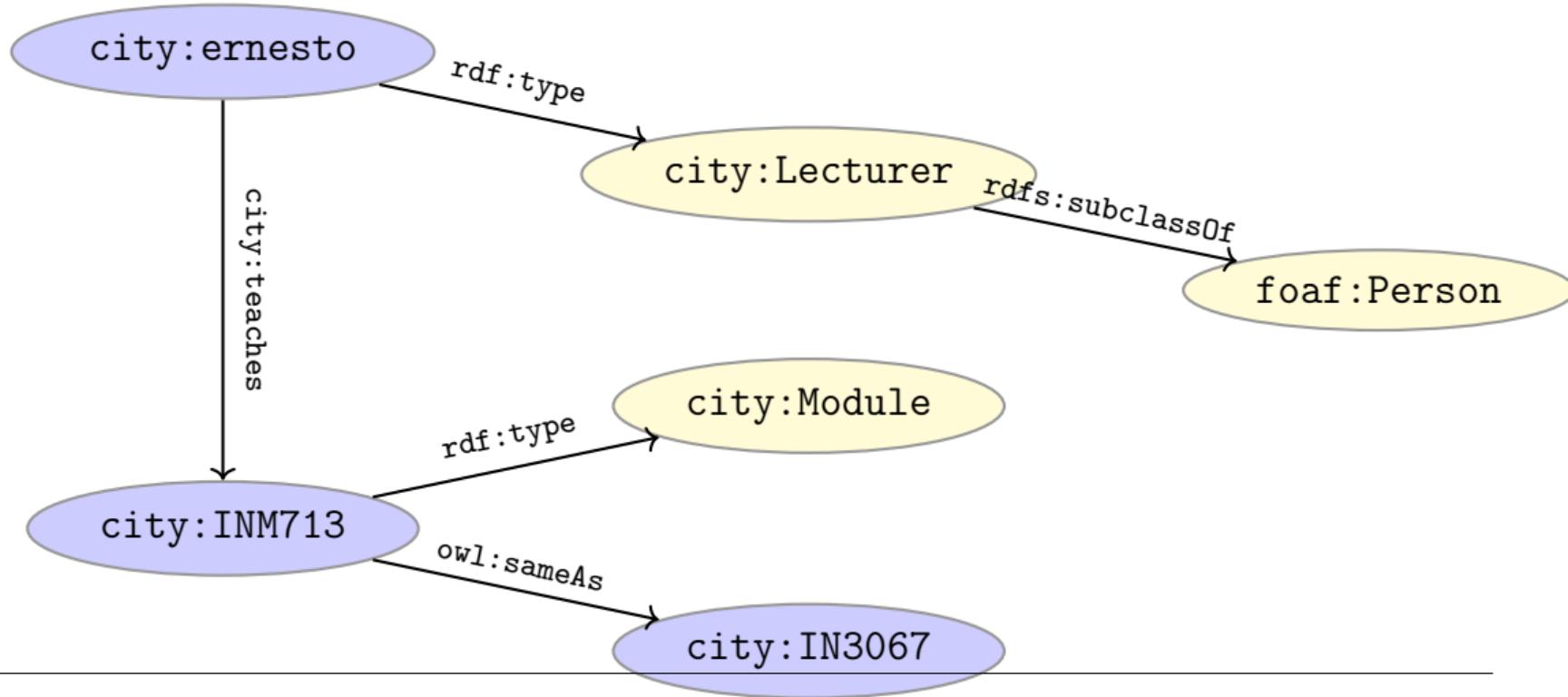
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city:ernesto city:teaches city:INM713 .
city:IN3067 owl:sameAs city:INM713 .
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#Linking data to ontology
city:INM713 rdf:type city:Module .
city:ernesto rdf:type city:Lecturer .
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```
#Ontology
city:Lecturer rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Person .
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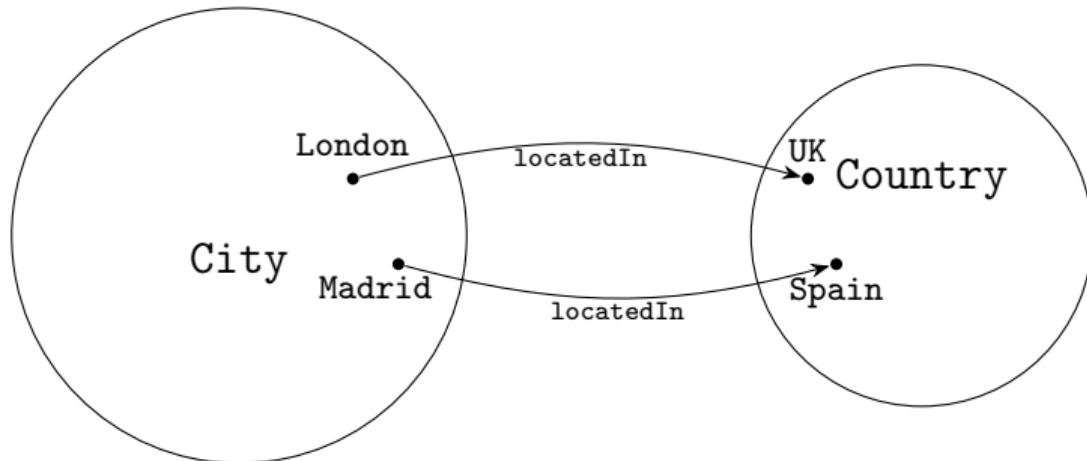


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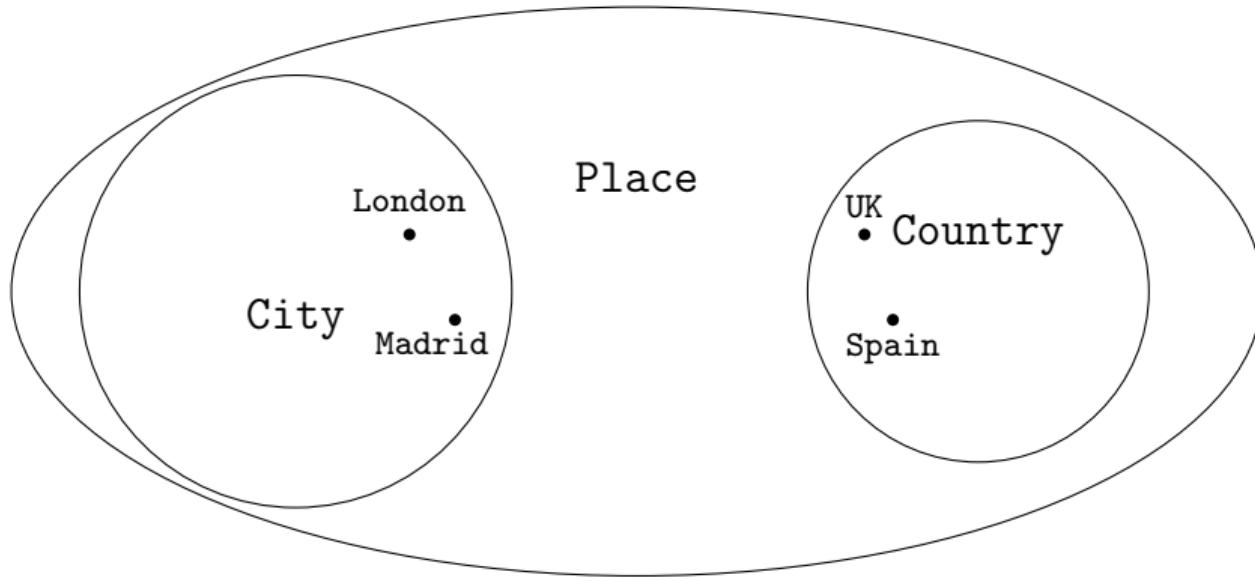
Classes interpreted as sets.

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OWL Ontologies: Basic intuitions (ii)

City and Country are subsets of the set Place



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Predicates can also be seen as sets (of pairs)

- locatedIn = { <London, UK>, <Madrid, Spain>, ... }
- teaches = {<ernesto, INM713>, <horrocks, KRR123>, ... }



OWL Ontologies: Basic intuitions (iv)

From KG triples to the underlying Semantics

Interpretations (\mathcal{I}) can be seen as functions that bridge OWL entities to their representation within set theory.

KG Triples	DL Syntax	Semantics
<code>:london :location :england .</code>	$location(london, england)$	$\langle london^{\mathcal{I}}, england^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in location^{\mathcal{I}}$
<code>:london rdf:type :City .</code>	$City(london)$	$london^{\mathcal{I}} \in City^{\mathcal{I}}$
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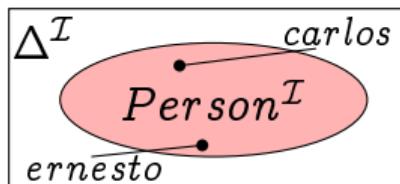
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OWL 2 entities: properties

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The set of classes, named individuals, annotation, data and object properties are **mutually disjoint**.

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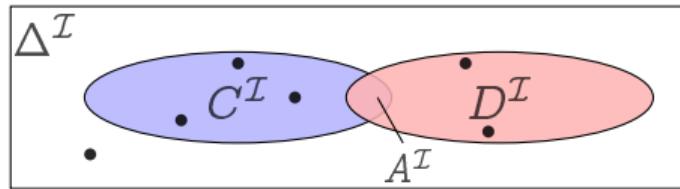
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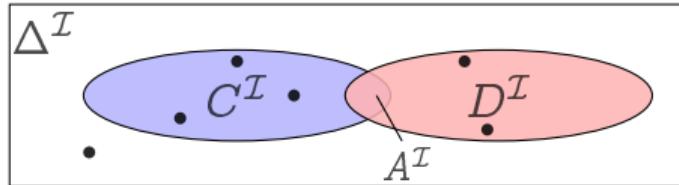
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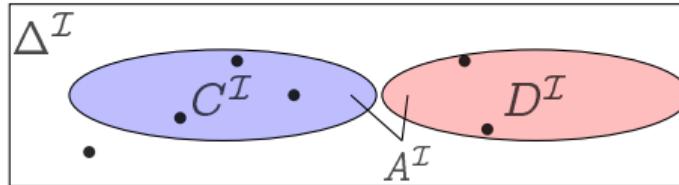


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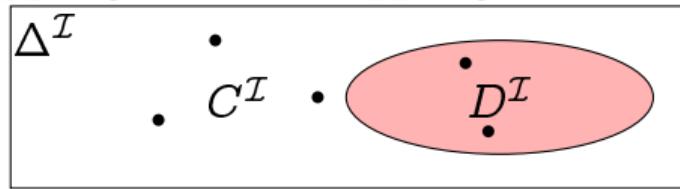


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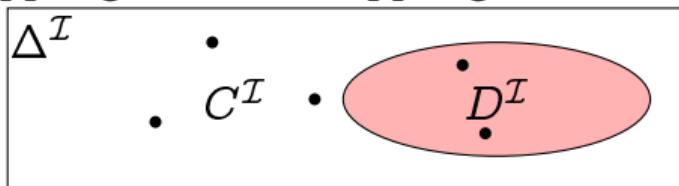
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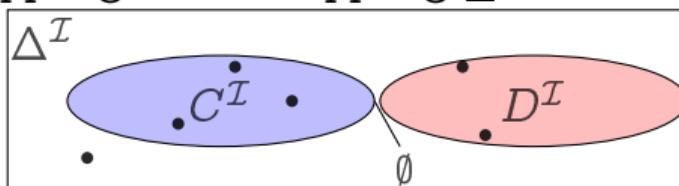


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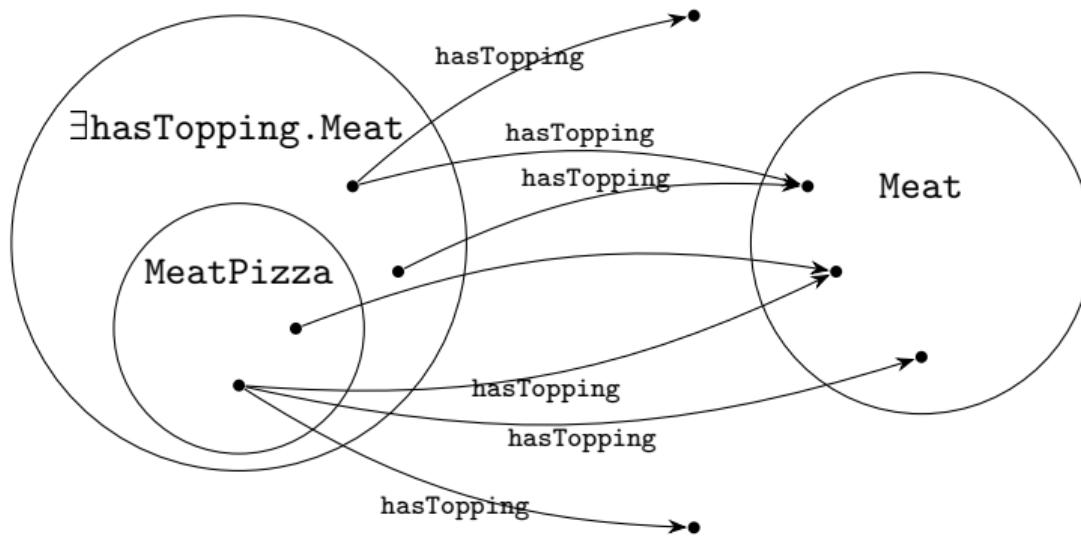


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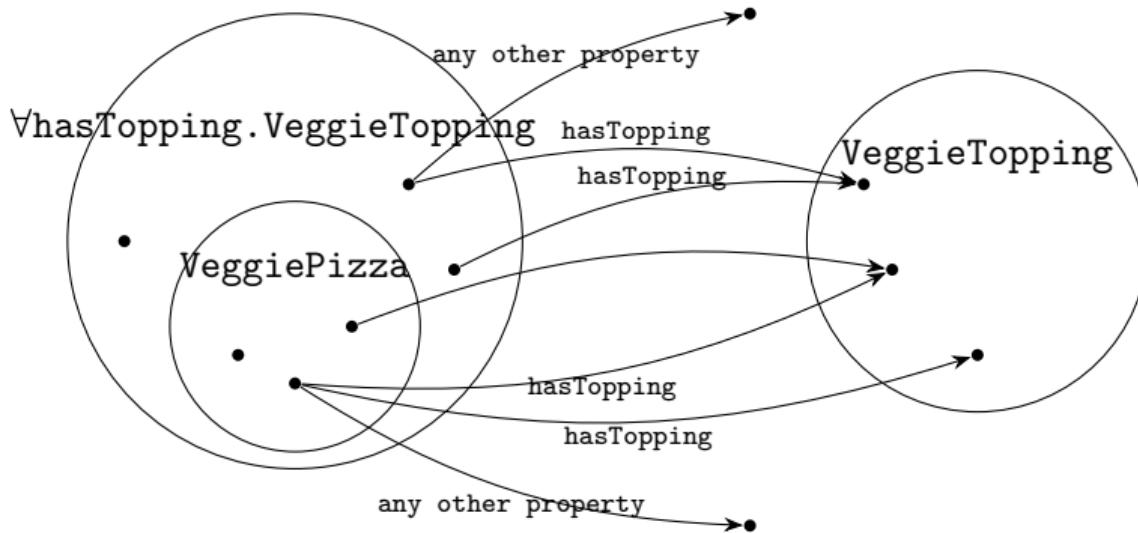
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 - \geq : *at least*
 - $=$: *exactly*
- e.g., SuperMeatPizza $\sqsubseteq \geq_5 \text{hasTopping}.\text{Meat}$

Modeling with OWL 2: RBox

Property axioms

- subsumption:

$\text{hasBrother} \sqsubseteq \text{hasSibling}$

- equivalence:

$\text{hasLocation} \equiv \text{locatedIn}$

- inverse roles (only object properties):

$\text{hasParent} \equiv \text{hasChild}^{-1}$

- role chains (only object properties):

$\text{hasParent} \circ \text{hasBrother} \sqsubseteq \text{hasUncle}$

$$(R \circ S)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{ \langle a^{\mathcal{I}}, c^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \mid \langle a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}, \langle b^{\mathcal{I}}, c^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in S^{\mathcal{I}} \}$$

Common characteristics for (object) properties

A relation R over the set $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ ($R \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$) is

Characteristic	Semantics	Example
Reflexive:	if $\langle a, a \rangle \in R$ for all $a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$	part_of
Irreflexive:	if $\langle a, a \rangle \notin R$ for all $a \in X$	hasParent
Symmetric:	if $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ implies $\langle b, a \rangle \in R$	hasSibling
Asymmetric:	if $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ implies $\langle b, a \rangle \notin R$	memberOf/hasParent
Transitive:	if $\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle \in R$ implies $\langle a, c \rangle \in R$	locatedIn
Functional:	if $\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle \in R$ implies $b = c$	hasBiologicalMother
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 - Teenager is equivalent to:
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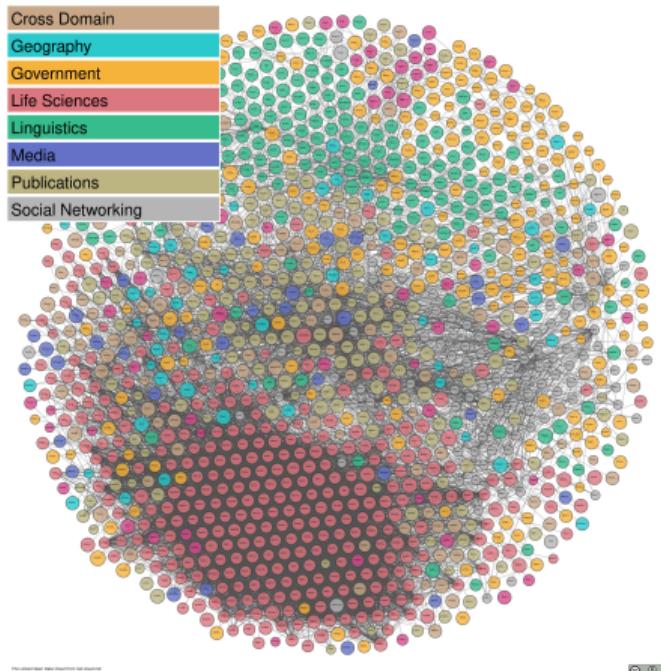
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Knowledge Graphs on the Web and beyond

Open KGs

- Linked Open Datasets:
<https://lod-cloud.net/>
- Diverse domains: media, government, geography, tourism, life sciences, ecotoxicology, etc.
- General purpose KGs: DBpedia, Freebase, Wikidata, YAGO
 - <https://www.wikidata.org/>
 - <https://dbpedia.org/>



Domain specific KGs: Life Sciences

- **UMLS** (Unified Medical Language System) Metathesaurus
 - Integrates more than two hundred thesauri and ontologies
 - Contains more than 15 million concept names
- **BioPortal**
 - Contains more than 1,000 ontologies
 - Represent a network of ontologies
 - More than 79 million mappings are available
 - Also includes user-submitted alignments

Enterprise KGs (i)

- Websearch (*e.g.*, Bing, Google),
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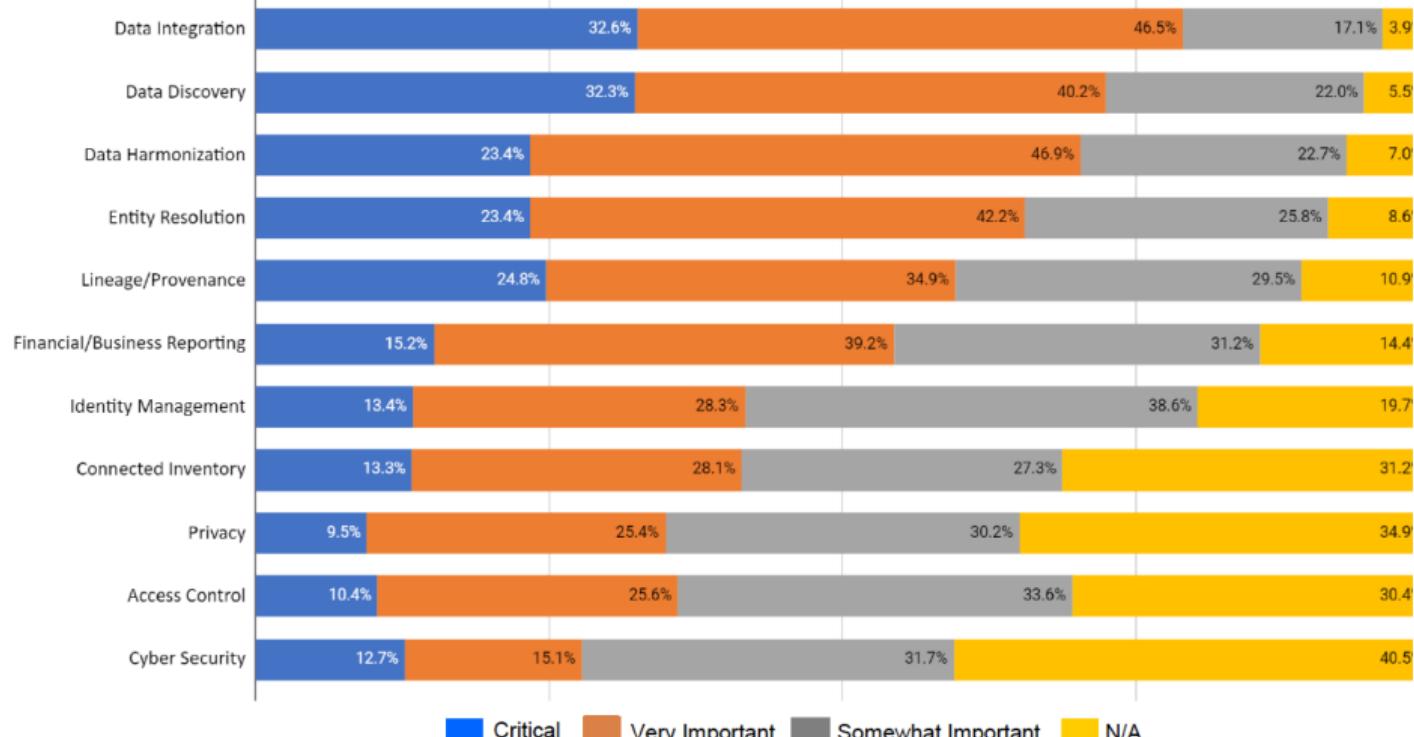
Aidan Hogan et al. Knowledge Graphs. Morgan & Claypool 2021.

Enterprise KGs (ii)

	Data model	Size of the graph	Development stage
Microsoft	The types of entities, relations, and attributes in the graph are defined in an ontology.	~2 billion primary entities, ~55 billion facts	Actively used in products
Google	Strongly typed entities, relations with domain and range inference	1 billion entities, 70 billion assertions	Actively used in products
Facebook	All of the attributes and relations are structured and strongly typed, and optionally indexed to enable efficient retrieval, search, and traversal.	~50 million primary entities, ~500 million assertions	Actively used in products
eBay	Entities and relation, well-structured and strongly typed	Expect around 100 million products, >1 billion triples	Early stages of development and deployment
IBM	Entities and relations with evidence information associated with them.	Various sizes. Proven on scales documents >100 million, relationships >5 billion, entities >100 million	Actively used in products and by clients

Natasha Noy et al. Industry-scale Knowledge Graphs: Lessons and Challenges. Communications of the ACM (2019).

Enterprise KGs (iii): Use cases



■ Critical ■ Very Important ■ Somewhat Important ■ N/A

Enterprise Knowledge Graph Foundation: <https://www.ekgf.org>

How can we access the KGs?

- RDF dumps.
- From *SPARQL endpoints*:
 - Data kept in a *triple store*
 - Exposes data (in different formats)
 - with endpoint frontends, e.g.,
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/London>,
https://dbpedia.org/page/City,_University_of_London or
 - by direct SPARQL query endpoint: e.g.,
<http://dbpedia.org/sparql>
<https://query.wikidata.org/>
<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/rdf/datasets/>

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Laboratory Session

Hands-on with RDF and OWL

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