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# LOD - TBox (definition)

**Definition (TBox)** A TBox is a finite set of **concept inclusions**, i.e. a finite set of expressions of the type

$$C \sqsubseteq D$$

where  $C$  is a concept (an etype) and  $D$  is an atomic formula.

**Observation 1:** “T” in “TBox” stands for “Term”

**Observation 2:** TBox is a theory, according to our earlier terminology

**Observation 3:** A LOD theory is a set of constraints on the domain structure

**Observation 4:** In general  $C$  is allowed to be an atomic formula. Our constraint is motivated by our interest in modeling language (definitions and descriptions).

# LOD – acyclic TBox (definition)

**Definition (Acyclic TBox).** A TBox is **acyclic** if it satisfies the following properties:

1. any concept can appear at most once on the left side of a definition
2. it is acyclic (there are no definition cycles)

**Observation 1:** the simplest case of cycle is the subsumption

$$C \sqsubseteq C$$

**Observation 2:** Acyclicity is crucial in the definition of concepts and in the description of their properties (as etypes).

# LOD - Terminology (definition)

**Definition (Definitional TBox, Terminology )** A TBox is **definitional** (it is a **terminology**) if it satisfies the following properties:

1. It is acyclic
2. It contains only concept equivalences

**Observation:** A concept inclusion  $A \sqsubseteq C$  can always be transformed in a definition  $A \equiv C \sqcap A_C$  with a suitable  $A_C$

# LOD Terminology (example)

## *Family relations*

- $\text{Person} \equiv \exists \text{hasname.String} \sqcap \forall \text{HasJob.Organization}$
- $\text{Woman} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}$
- $\text{Man} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \neg \text{Woman}$
- $\text{Mother} \equiv \text{Woman} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- $\text{Father} \equiv \text{Man} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- $\text{Parent} \equiv \text{Father} \sqcup \text{Mother}$

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# Natural language Lexicon

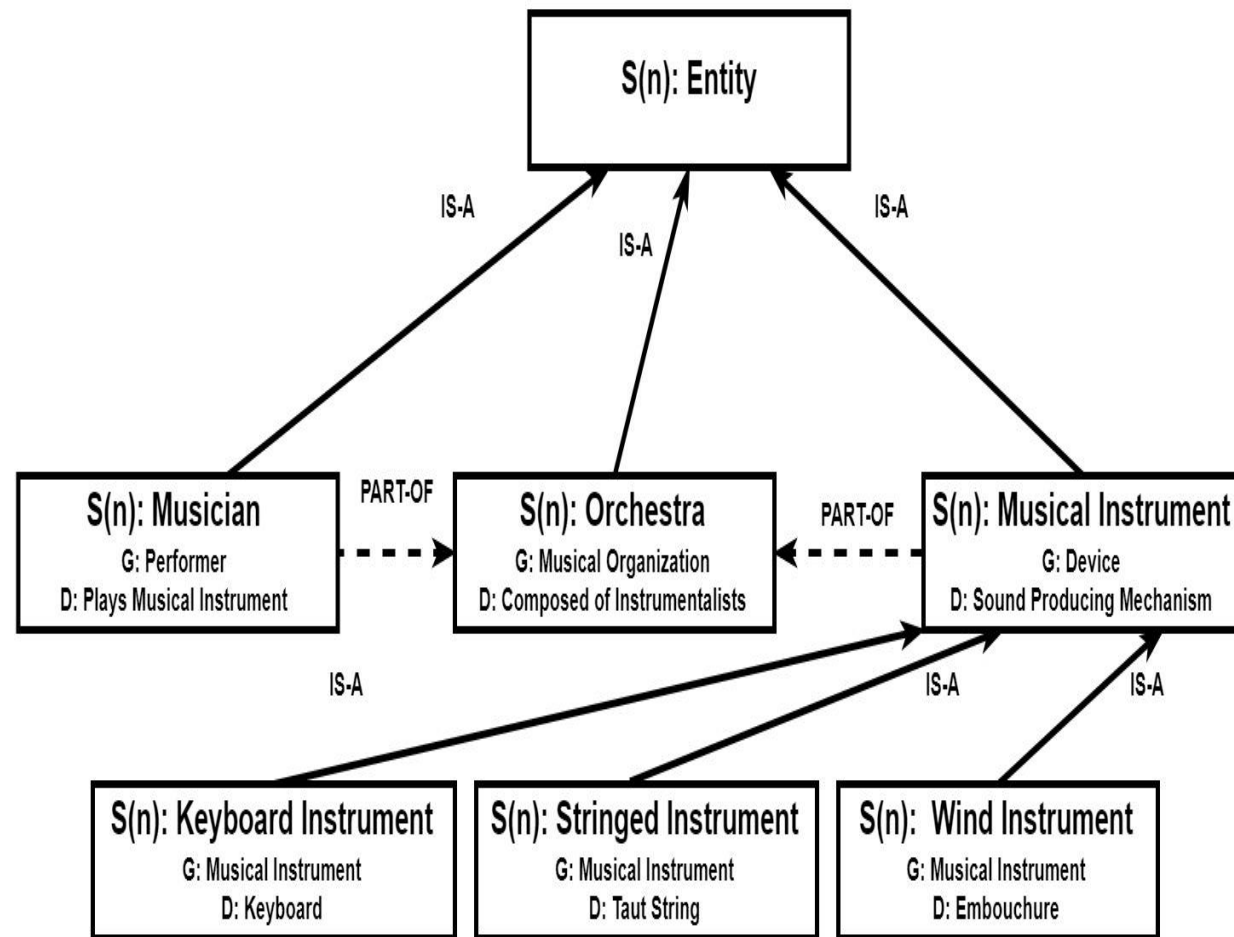
Lexicons are *informal hierarchies* which encode natural language(s) via Genus-Differentia: an ISA hierarchy of synsets.

Sense? One of the many concepts denoted by a polysemous word (e.g., *car* stands for *automobile* and *railway car*).

Synsets? sets of synonyms, e.g., words having same or similar meaning for the same sense (e.g., *car*, *automobile*)

Genus? set of properties which define the scope of a sense, e.g., *musical instrument (G)* for *stringed instrument*.

Differentia? Set of properties which qualify / differentiate senses with the same genus, e.g., *Taut String (D)* for *Stringed Instrument*.



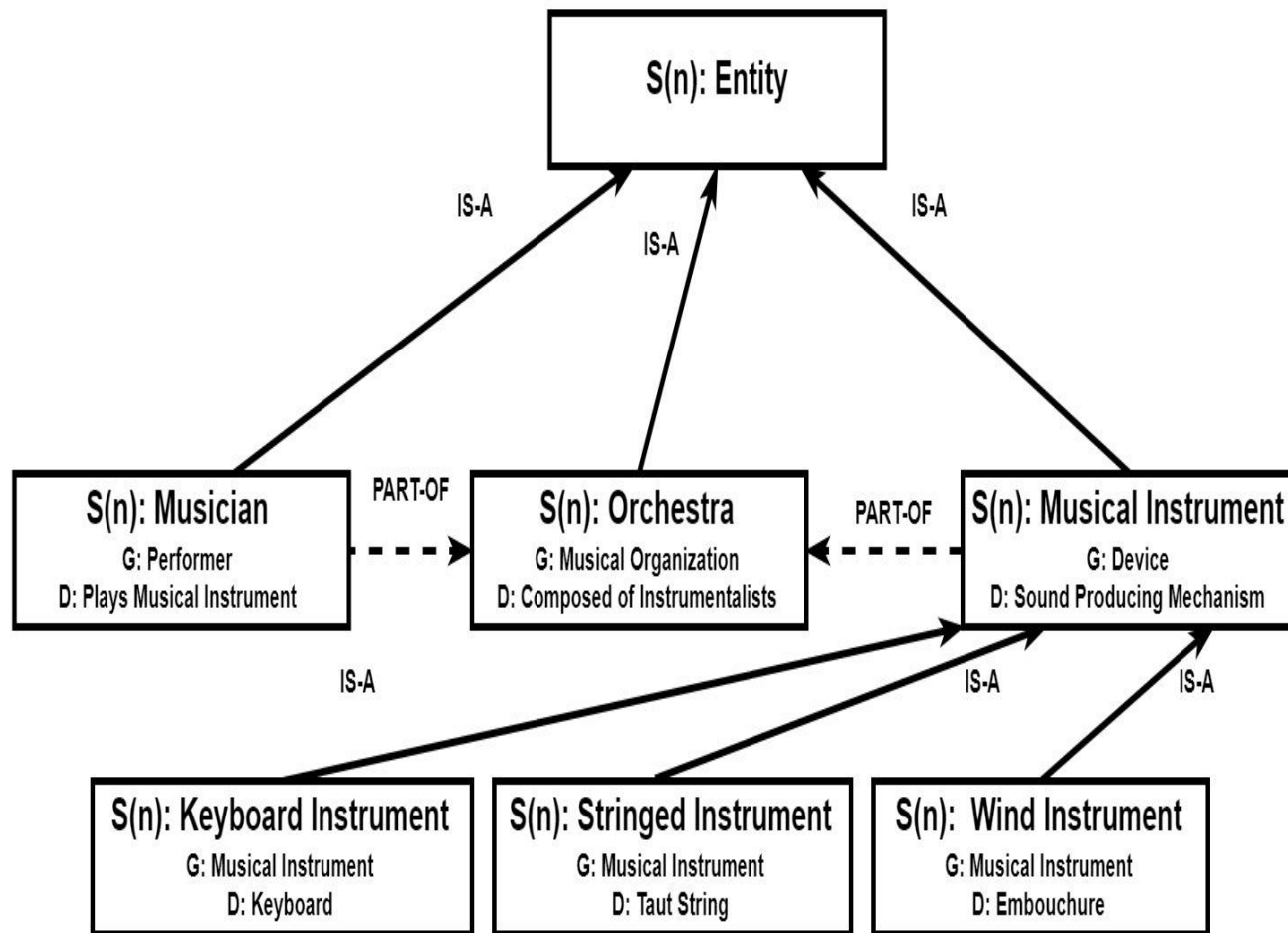
# Natural language Lexicon (continued)

The IS-A hierarchy semantically models superclass - subclass relations between senses based on genus-differentia

Each sense is identified via a unique identifier named *GID*, e.g., 588967 for *Musician* (not visible to user)

Each word is (implicitly) defined via a universal quantification over its differentia, e.g., Stringed Instrument's differentia with respect to Musical instrument is  $\forall D. TautStrings$ .

Lexicons are built by adhering to quality principles for modelling, e.g., how to differentiate a node into children nodes, etc.



# Natural language Lexicon (continued)

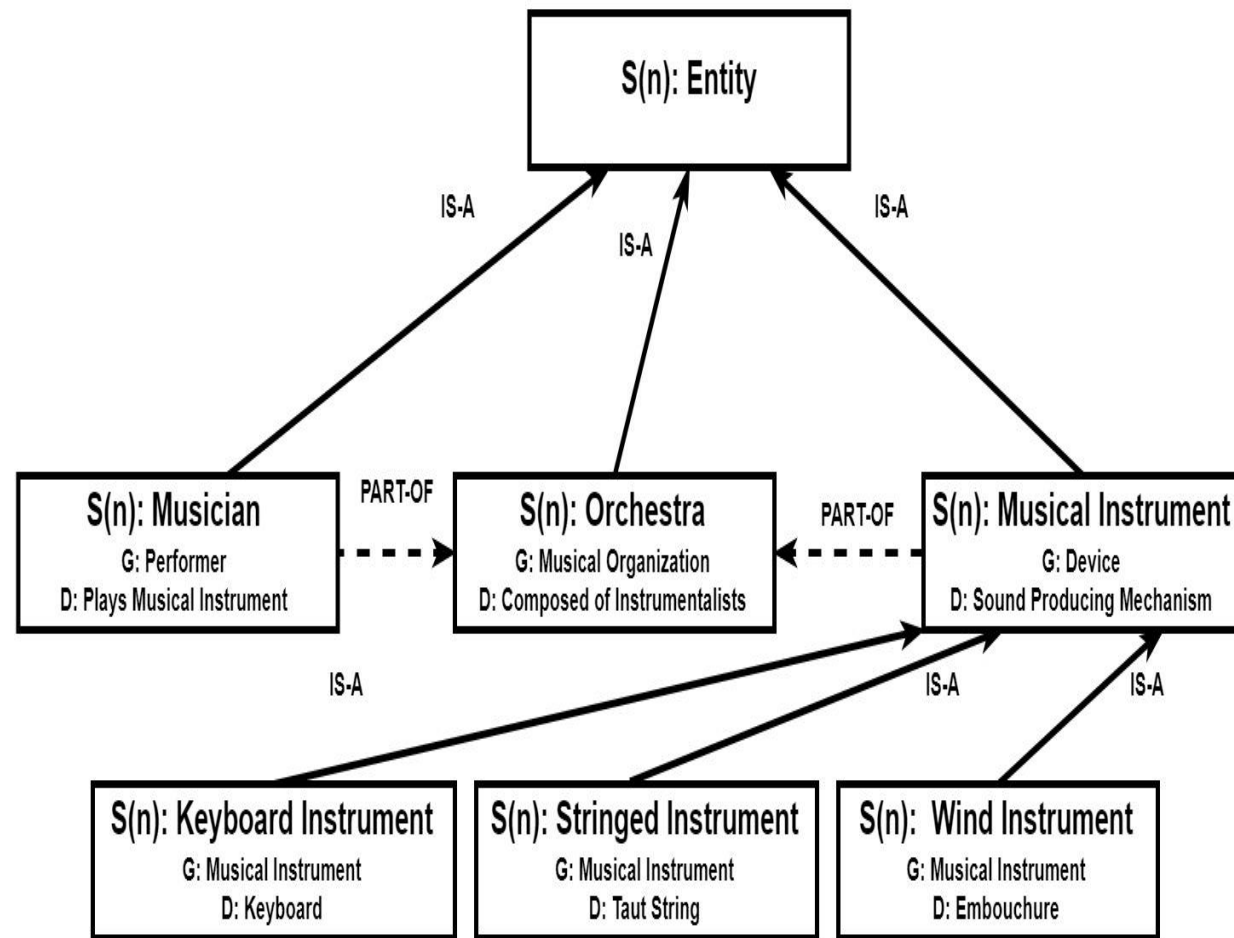
In addition to the IS-A hierarchy, lexicons are also organized according to a PART-OF hierarchy.

All concepts have *parts*. For any part there is a “bigger” *whole* which somehow “contains” it. For instance Musicians and Musical Instruments are part-of Orchestras. Musicians have parts, Musicians have parts, ..., and so on, down to materials.

Part-of links model the part-whole relation which exists between a whole (the Unity) and possibly multiple diverse parts.

The whole defines the spatial context within whose boundaries the EG is built.

The PART-OF hierarchy defines the relevant component parts of the whole, namely those which will ultimately be considered in an ETG/EG (as, e.g. selected in ER/EER models)



# Natural language Lexicon (continued)

The IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies are independent orthogonal hierarchies

The PART-OF hierarchy models containment. Space containment with objects, Time containment with events.

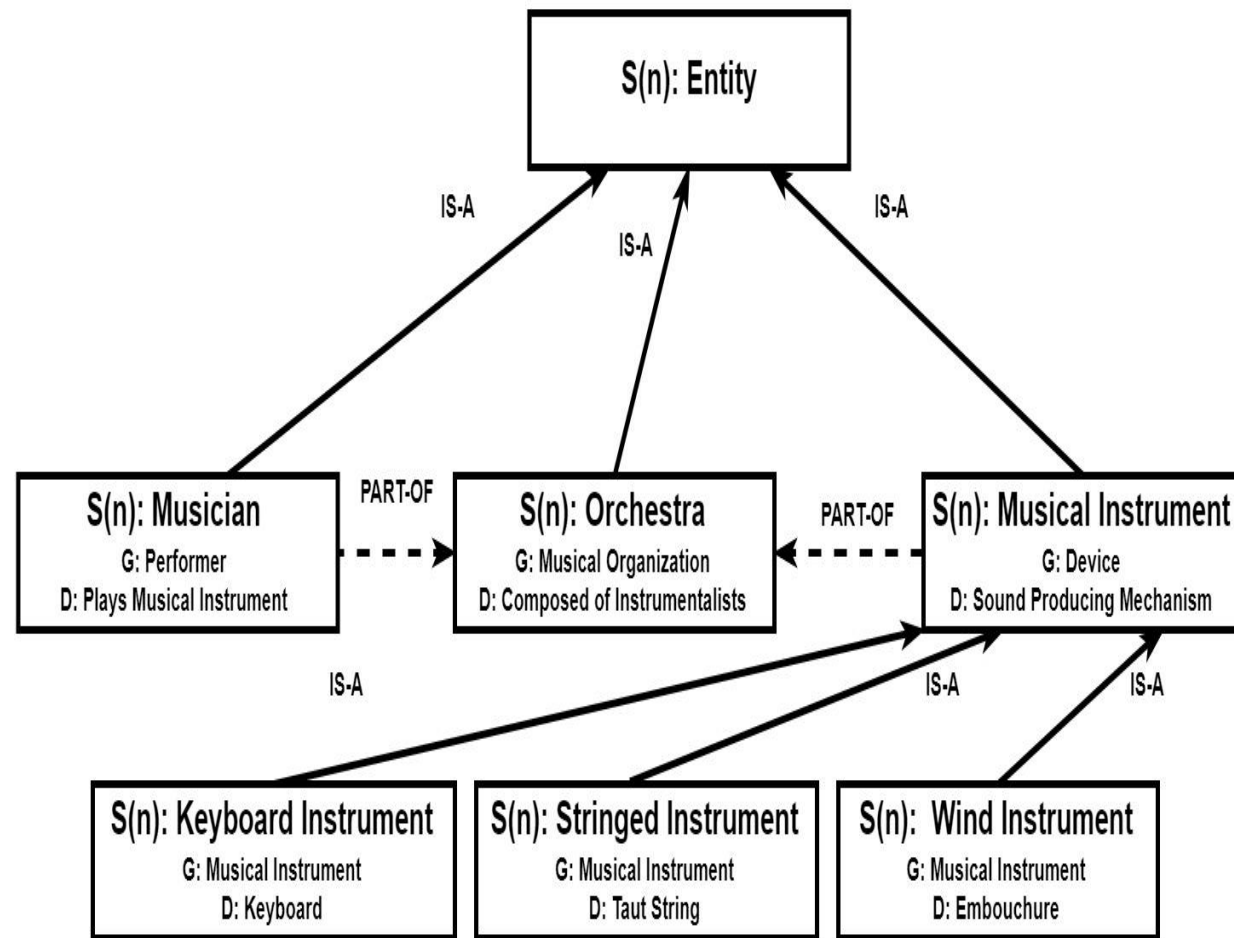
The IS-A hierarchy models the behavior of entities, that is how objects specialize in their properties (i.e., their functions and actions).

*Entity* (=anything), the top concept of the IS-A has no properties and no parts. But it is PART-OF everything.

*Everything*, the top concept of the PART-OF hierarchy contains all parts and therefore has all properties.

**If** *PART-OF*(part, whole) **then**  
*Property*(part, P)  $\equiv$  *Part-Property* (whole,P)

The IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies form a *lattice*.





# Natural language Lexicon – example (WordNet - Koto)

- S: (n) **koto** (Japanese stringed instrument that resembles a zither; has a rectangular wooden sounding board and usually 13 silk strings that are plucked with the fingers)
  - direct hypernym / inherited hypernym / sister term
    - S: (n) stringed instrument (a musical instrument in which taut strings provide the source of sound)
      - S: (n) musical instrument, instrument (any of various devices or contrivances that can be used to produce musical tones or sounds)
        - S: (n) device (an instrumentality invented for a particular purpose) *"the device is small enough to wear on your wrist"; "a device intended to conserve water"*
          - S: (n) instrumentality, instrumentation (an artifact (or system of artifacts) that is instrumental in accomplishing some end)
            - S: (n) artifact, artefact (a man-made object taken as a whole)
              - S: (n) whole, unit (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) *"how big is that part compared to the whole?"*; *"the team is a unit"*
                - S: (n) object, physical object (a tangible and visible entity; an entity that can cast a shadow) *"it was full of rackets, balls and other objects"*
                  - S: (n) physical entity (an entity that has physical existence)
                    - S: (n) entity (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving))

On the left hand side is the WordNet lexical hierarchy generalizing the concept for Koto. See [Princeton WordNet](#)

S(n) indicates a synset associated to a word (here Koto) (one of the possibly many) of synonymous nouns. Here Koto has no synonyms

Hyponym/ Hypernym indicate subclass and superclass IS-A relationship

Meronym indicates the part-of relation.

Each synset is described by a gloss (an definition, most of the time incomplete, provided informally) and an example (between quotes in the figure on the left).

# Domain Lexicon

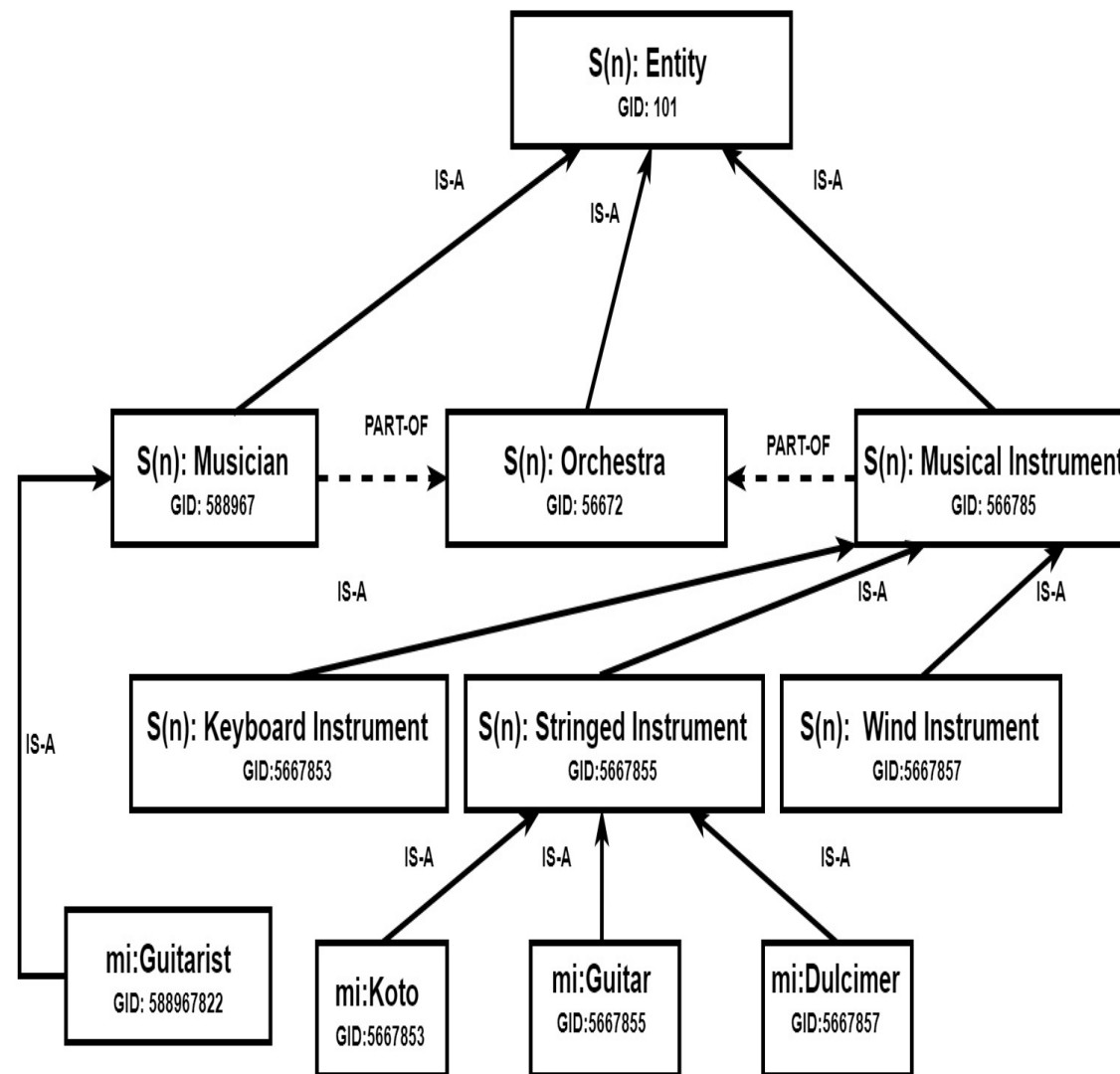
Domain Lexicons (XML name spaces) are informal hierarchies which encode domain language(s)

They extend natural language lexicons with domain-specific terminology. They are therefore language aware.

Words in domain languages follow the same rules as those in natural languages with one exception: they are NOT polysemous, i.e., they have only one sense.

Each word has a prefix, e.g., *mi:* (e.g., for musical instruments) to indicate the domain language/ name space to which the words is associated.

As with lexicons, each sense is identified via a unique identifier named *GID*, e.g., 5667853 for *mi:Koto*, denoting the single sense of that word.



# LOD – Lexicon formalization

IS-A hierarchy, a from the example above on musical instruments:

- Label  $\equiv$  Genus  $\sqcap$  Differentia
- KeyboardInstr  $\equiv$  MusicalInstr  $\sqcap$   
 $\exists \text{meansOfSoundProduction.Keyboard} \sqcap \forall \text{meansOfSoundProduction.Keyboard} \dots$
- KeyboardInstr  $\sqsubseteq$  MusicalInstr
- KeyboardInstr  $\sqcap$  StringedInstr  $\sqsubseteq \emptyset$
- KeyboardInstr  $\sqcap$  WindInstr  $\sqsubseteq \emptyset$

**Observation 1:** only data properties

**Observation 2:** exists and forall quantifiers (possibly more than one pair)

**Observation 3:** as many pairwise disjointness constraints as there are siblings

**Observation 4:** a terminology with only conjuncts and additional disjointness constraints

PART-OF hierarchy, a from the example above on musical instruments:

- Part-of(label1, label2), HasPart(label2,label1) [or HasWhole (label1,label2) Whole-of(label2,label1)]

**Observation 5:** only object properties with part/whole relation and inverse relation

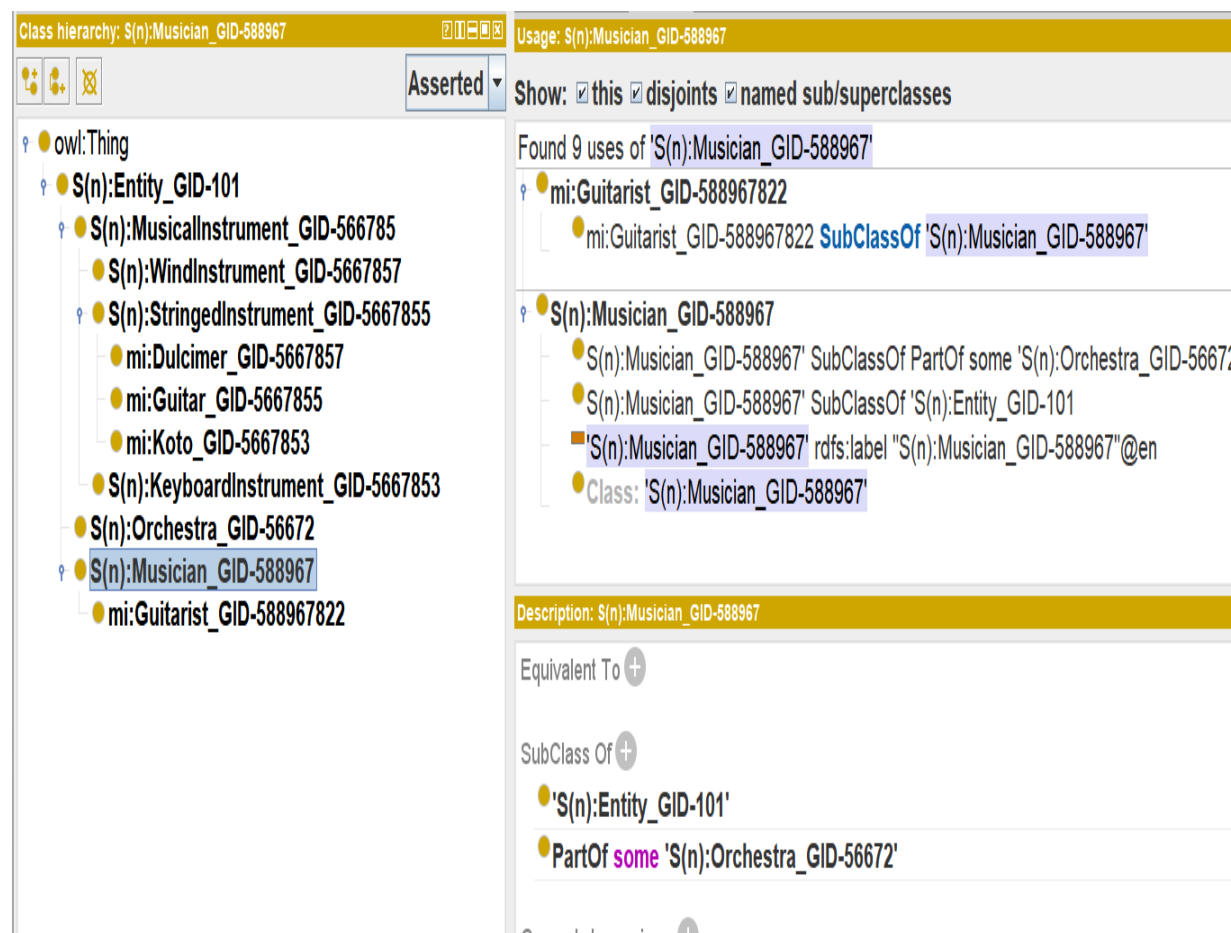
# LOD - Protégé (General Example)

Left: concept IS-A hierarchy

- owl:Thing (predefined root)

Right: concept property specification

- Class name (Class)
- IS-A hierarchy dependency (SubClassOf)
- Data property with its codomain (Domain)
- How and in which language a concept is named (rdfs:label)
- some** ~ keyword for existential quantification.



The screenshot displays the Protégé interface with two main panes. The left pane, titled 'Class hierarchy: S(n):Musician\_GID-588967', shows a tree structure of classes. The root is 'owl:Thing', followed by 'S(n):Entity\_GID-101'. Under 'S(n):Entity\_GID-101' are several subclasses: 'S(n):MusicalInstrument\_GID-566785', 'S(n):WindInstrument\_GID-5667857', 'S(n):StringedInstrument\_GID-5667855', 'S(n):KeyboardInstrument\_GID-5667853', 'S(n):Orchestra\_GID-56672', and 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'. The 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' class has a subclass 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The right pane, titled 'Usage: S(n):Musician\_GID-588967', shows the 'Show:' section with checkboxes for 'this', 'disjoints', and 'named sub/superclasses'. It indicates 'Found 9 uses of S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'. The first use is 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822 SubClassOf S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'. The second use is 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' with a list of properties: 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967 SubClassOf PartOf some S(n):Orchestra\_GID-56672', 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967 SubClassOf S(n):Entity\_GID-101', 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967 rdfs:label S(n):Musician\_GID-588967@en', and 'Class: S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'. The 'Description: S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' section shows 'Equivalent To' and 'SubClass Of' with a '+' button. The 'SubClass Of' list includes 'S(n):Entity\_GID-101' and 'PartOf some S(n):Orchestra\_GID-56672'.



# LOD – Lexicon example (Protégé)

The snippet on the right side shows the domain lexicon formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

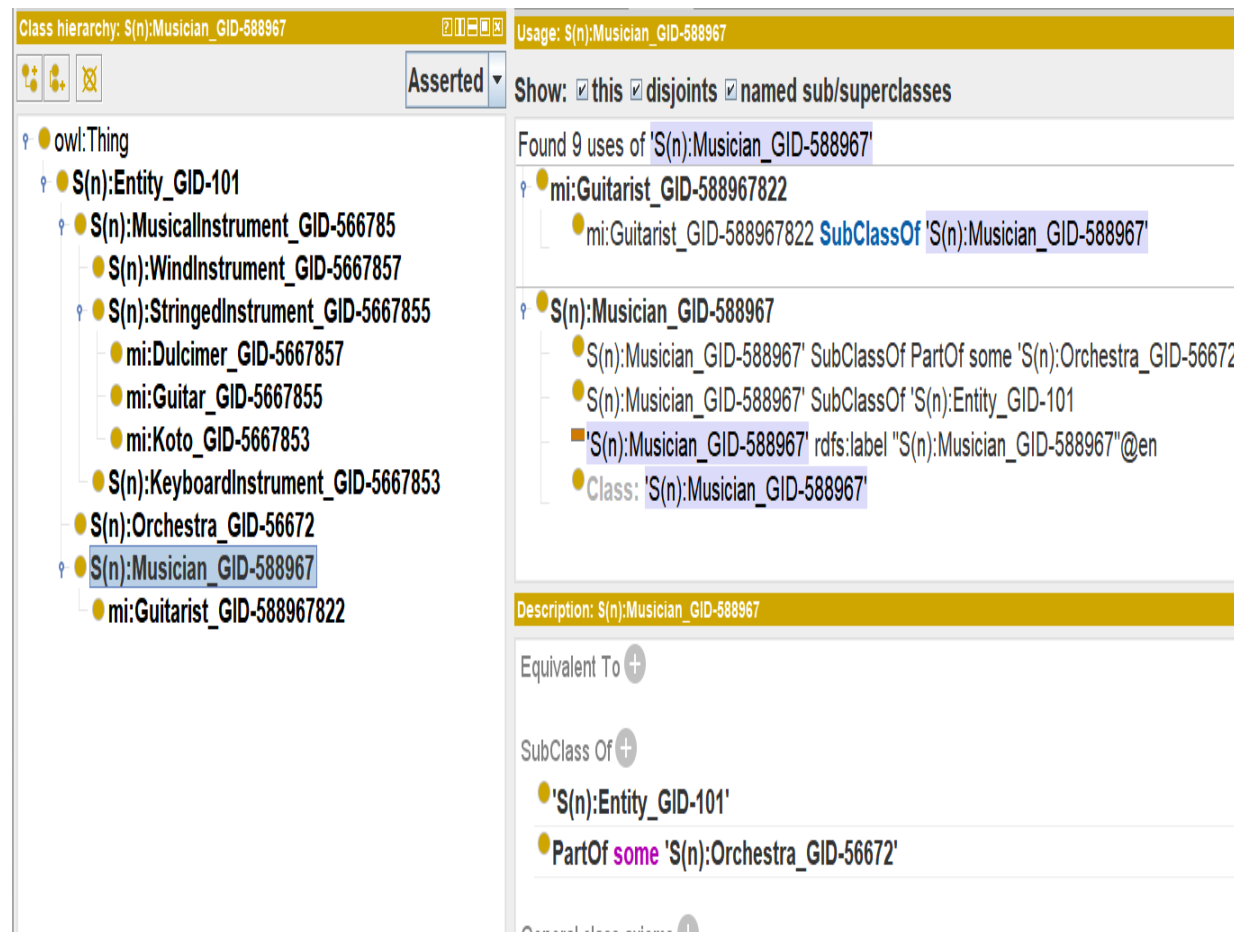
You can see the entire class hierarchy starting from Entity downwards depicting the concepts with their unique GIDs.

Notice mi:Koto, mi:Guitar etc, belong to domain lexicon and not natural language lexicon.

You can also see (partial) visualization of LOD formalization of the example domain lexicon, e.g.,

Musician is - PartOf - (some) Orchestra

**Observation:** Formalization language: OWL/  
RDF



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. On the left, the 'Class hierarchy' pane shows a tree structure starting from 'owl:Thing'. The hierarchy includes 'S(n):Entity\_GID-101', which is a subclass of 'S(n):MusicalInstrument\_GID-566785'. Under 'S(n):MusicalInstrument\_GID-566785', there are several subclasses: 'S(n):WindInstrument\_GID-566785', 'S(n):StringedInstrument\_GID-566785', 'S(n):KeyboardInstrument\_GID-566785', and 'S(n):Orchestra\_GID-56672'. The 'S(n):StringedInstrument\_GID-566785' class has three subclasses: 'mi:Dulcimer\_GID-566785', 'mi:Guitar\_GID-566785', and 'mi:Koto\_GID-566785'. The 'S(n):MusicalInstrument\_GID-566785' class also has a subclass 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'. The 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' class has a subclass 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822' class is highlighted in blue.

On the right, the 'Usage' pane shows the 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' class. It indicates that there are 9 uses of this class. The 'Show' pane shows the 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' class with its subclasses: 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' SubClassOf 'PartOf some 'S(n):Orchestra\_GID-56672'', 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' SubClassOf 'S(n):Entity\_GID-101', and 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' rdfs:label 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967'@en. The 'Description' pane shows the 'S(n):Musician\_GID-588967' class with its description: 'Equivalent To' and 'SubClass Of'.

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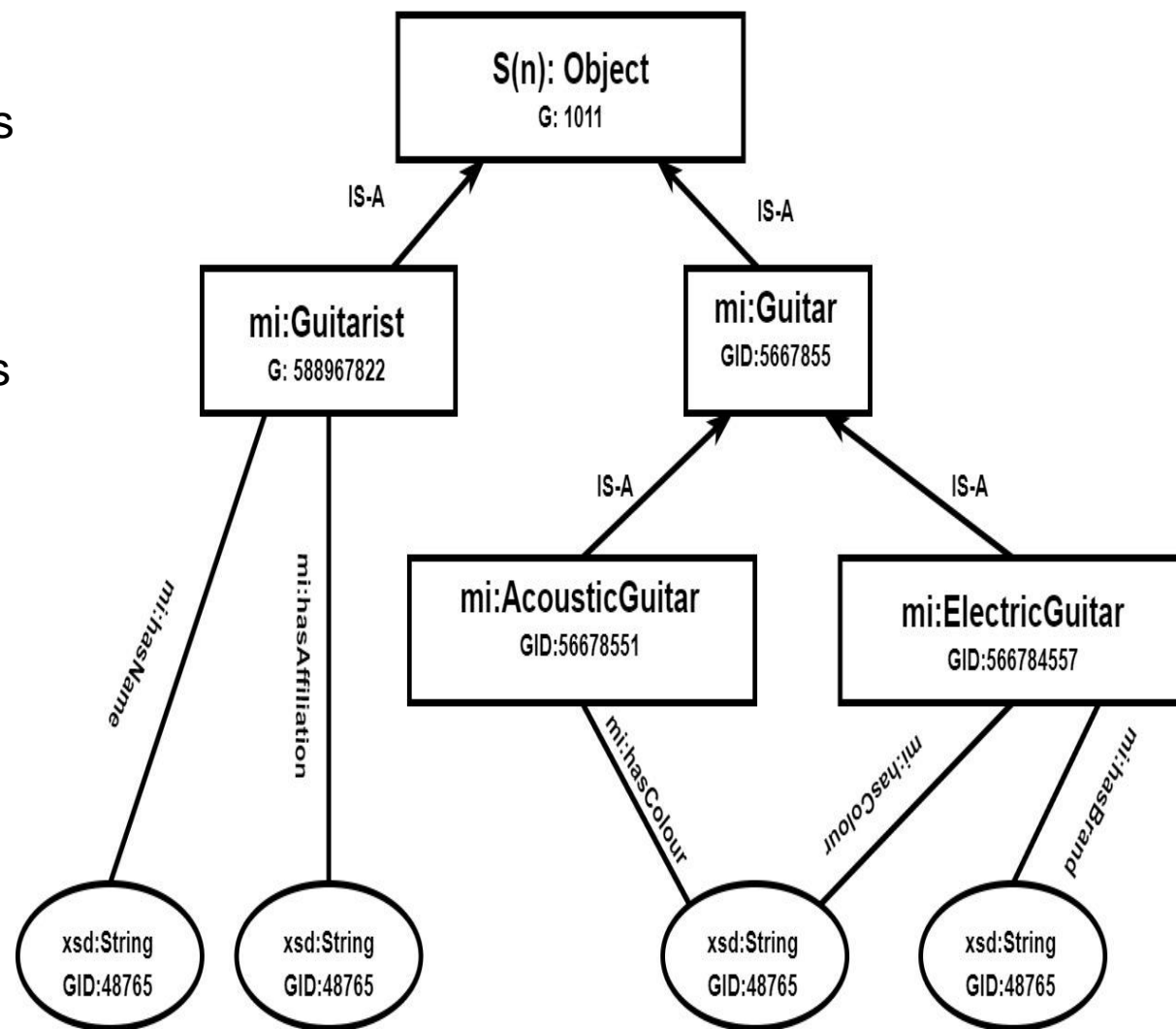
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# Lexical Teleontology

Lexical Teleontologies are specialized lexicons which focus on a purpose-specific (application dependent) part of a lexicon.

Lexical teleontologies are obtained from lexicons by:

- Identifying the root concept, as from the purpose. This is a whole defining the reference space or time containment
- Keeping the relevant concepts among those which are part-of the root in the PART-OF hierarchy
- Keeping the relevant concepts which specialize, via the IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies, the concepts from previous step
- Keeping the part-of relations as needed
- Dropping irrelevant concepts (below/ above the whole)
- Substituting the root concept with most specific concept in the IS-A hierarchy which subsumes all the parts (e.g., from Orchestra to Object)



# LOD – Lexical teleontology formalization

A lexical teleontology is obtained from a formalized lexicon according to the process described in the previous slide, that is:

- Eliminate the irrelevant elements
- Define the root concept
- Add in the metadata information about the whole being formalized.

# LOD - Lexical teleontology Example (Protégé)

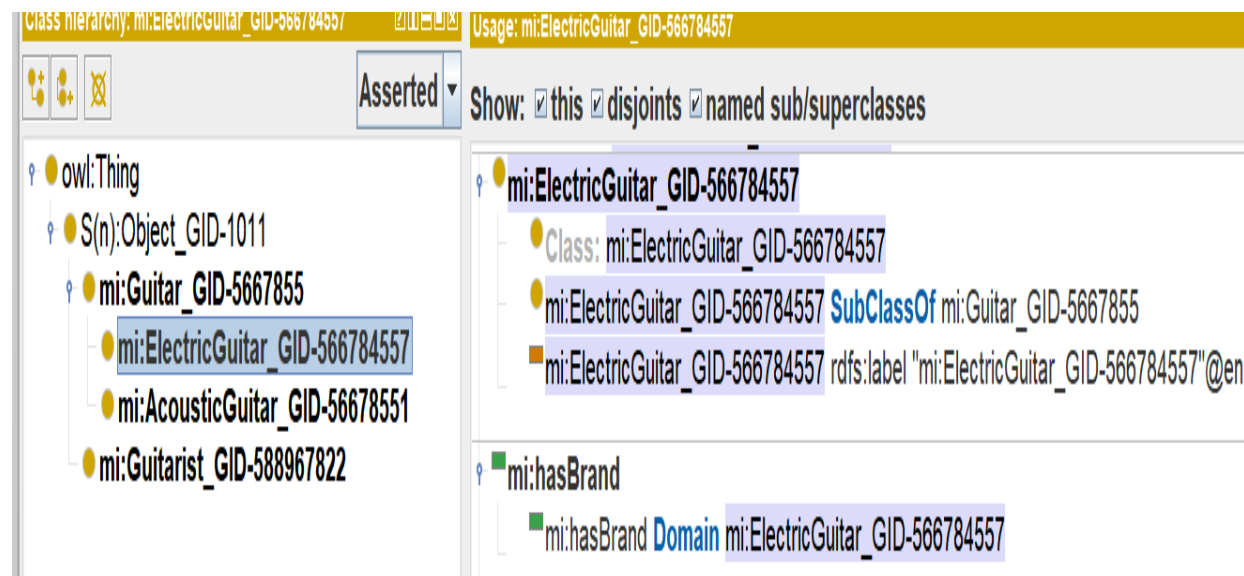
The snippet on the right side shows the lexical teleontology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

You can see the entire class hierarchy starting from Object downwards depicting the lexical teleontology concepts, with their unique GIDs. Irrelevant concepts such as Koto, Dulcimer, etc. have been eliminated.

You can see (partially) data properties, e.g., ElectricGuitar - mi:hasBrand - String

You can also see (partially) visualization of LOD formalization of lexical teleontology,

e.g., Electric Guitar is: SubClassOf Guitar.



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. On the left, the 'Class hierarchy' pane shows a tree structure starting from 'owl:Thing', followed by 'S(n):Object\_GID-1011', 'mi:Guitar\_GID-5667855', and then 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557', 'mi:AcousticGuitar\_GID-56678551', and 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557' class is selected. On the right, the 'Usage' pane for 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557' is shown, displaying its properties and relationships. The 'Show' options are checked for 'this', 'disjoints', and 'named sub/superclasses'. The usage list includes: 'Class: mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557', 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557 SubClassOf mi:Guitar\_GID-5667855', and 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557 rdfs:label "mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557"@en'. Below this, the 'mi:hasBrand' property is shown with its domain set to 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557'.

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# Knowledge teleontology

Knowledge Teleontologies extend lexical teleontologies by

- Transforming lexical teleontology concepts (of type string) into etypes by describing them with additional data and object properties
- Transforming data properties with codomain a concept transformed into an etype into an object property with codomain an etypes
- Adding additional object and data properties which describe the specific aspects which are relevant to the selected context (the whole and parts selected in the lexical teleontology)

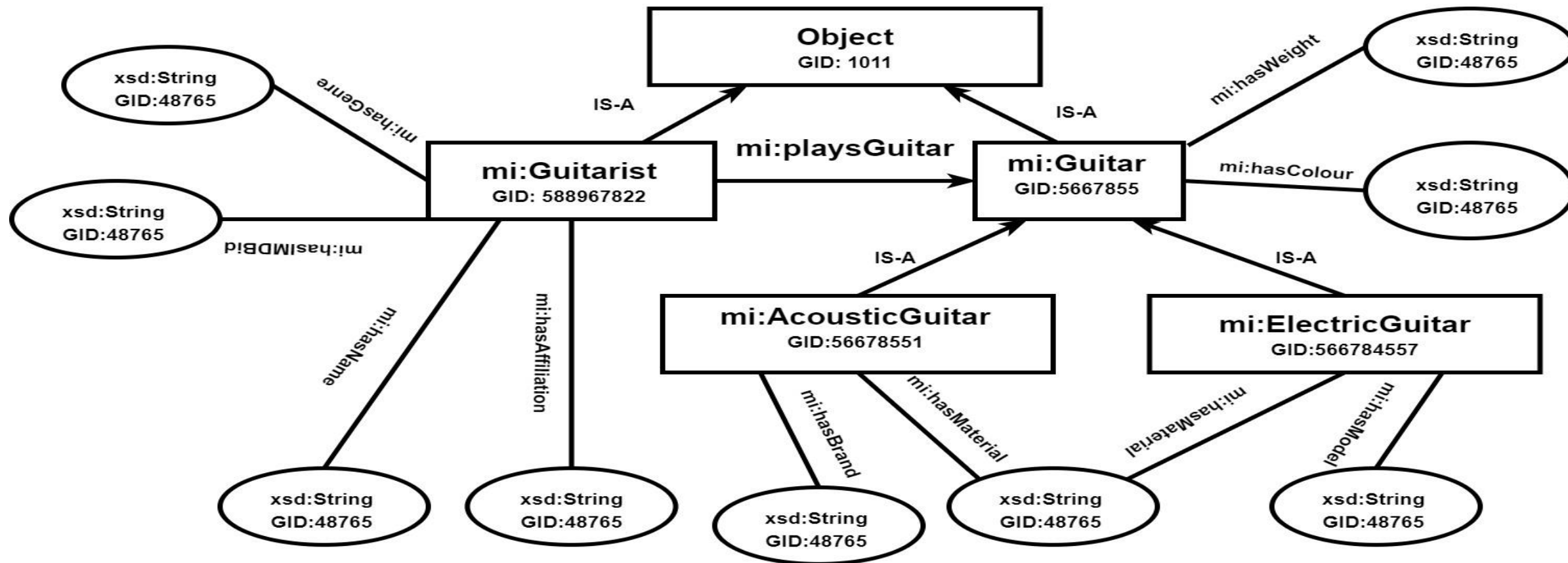
**Observation 1:** lexical teleontologies/ lexicons define concepts modeling the elements of the world.

**Observation 2:** Knowledge teleontologies describe concepts, transformed in etypes, by providing relevant local description properties

**Observation 3:** Knowledge teleontologies “are” formalized EER models

**Terminology:** We drop the attribute lexical/ knowledge when the context makes clear the meaning

# Knowledge teleontology (example)





# LOD –teleontology formalization

ISA-Hierarchy: *From the above example of musical instruments lexical teleontology:*

ElectricGuitar  $\equiv$  Guitar  $\sqcap \forall \text{hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack}$  *[definition]*

ElectricGuitar  $\sqcap$  AcousticGuitar  $\sqsubseteq \emptyset$

...

*Teleontology generation:*

ElectricGuitar#1  $\equiv$  ElectricGuitar  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasColour.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasBrand.String}$  *[description]*

ElectricGuitar#1  $\sqsubseteq$  ElectricGuitar

**Observation 1:** A description is a definition enriched with data properties (only conjuncts)

**Observation 2:** A description contains only conjuncts

**Observation 3:** when building a description no constraints (e.g., no disjointness constraints) on the selected properties

**Observation 4:** no changes to the PART-OF hierarchy

# Teleontology - Example

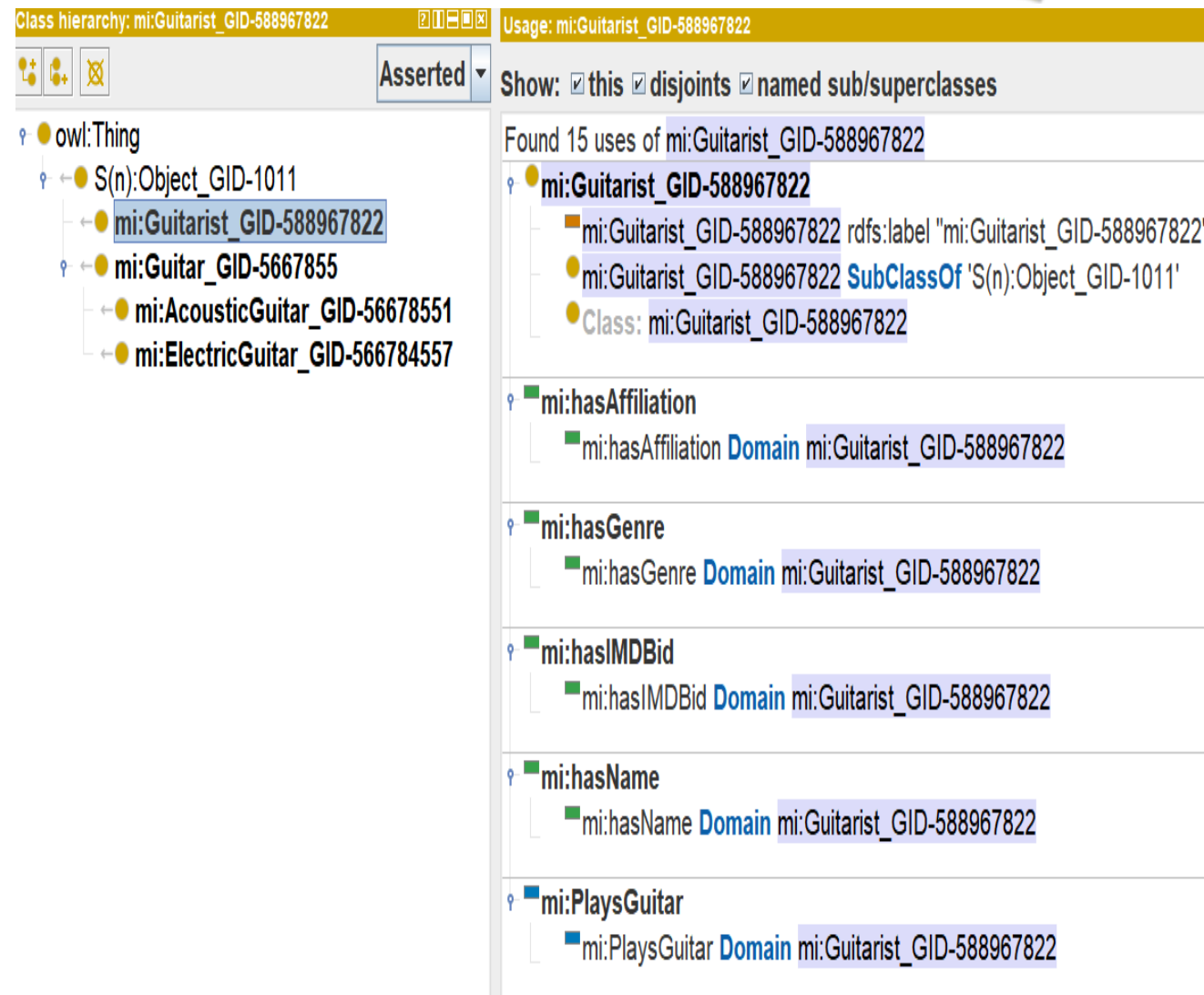
The snippets on the right hand side shows the knowledge teleontology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

We add object properties (e.g., playsGuitar) and additional data properties (e.g., hasIMDBid) here.

You can see some (partial) visualization of LOD formalization for, e.g.,

e.g., mi:Guitarist - mi:PlaysGuitar - mi:Guitar is an object property-based assertion which indicates that a guitarist plays a guitar.

mi:Guitarist - mi:hasIMDBid - xsd:String is a data property-based assertion which indicates that a guitarist has an IMDB id encoded as a string.



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. The left pane shows the 'Class hierarchy' for 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822', which is asserted as a subclass of 'S(n):Object\_GID-1011'. The hierarchy includes 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822' as a subclass of 'mi:Guitar\_GID-5667855', which is a subclass of 'mi:AcousticGuitar\_GID-56678551' and 'mi:ElectricGuitar\_GID-566784557'. The right pane shows the 'Usage' of 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822', listing 15 uses. The first use is 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822' with a label 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822' and a 'SubClassOf' relationship to 'S(n):Object\_GID-1011'. The second use is 'Class: mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The third use is 'mi:hasAffiliation' with a domain 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The fourth use is 'mi:hasGenre' with a domain 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The fifth use is 'mi:hasIMDBid' with a domain 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The sixth use is 'mi:hasName' with a domain 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'. The seventh use is 'mi:PlaysGuitar' with a domain 'mi:Guitarist\_GID-588967822'.

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# Teleology / ETG

Teleologies are flattened teleontologies.

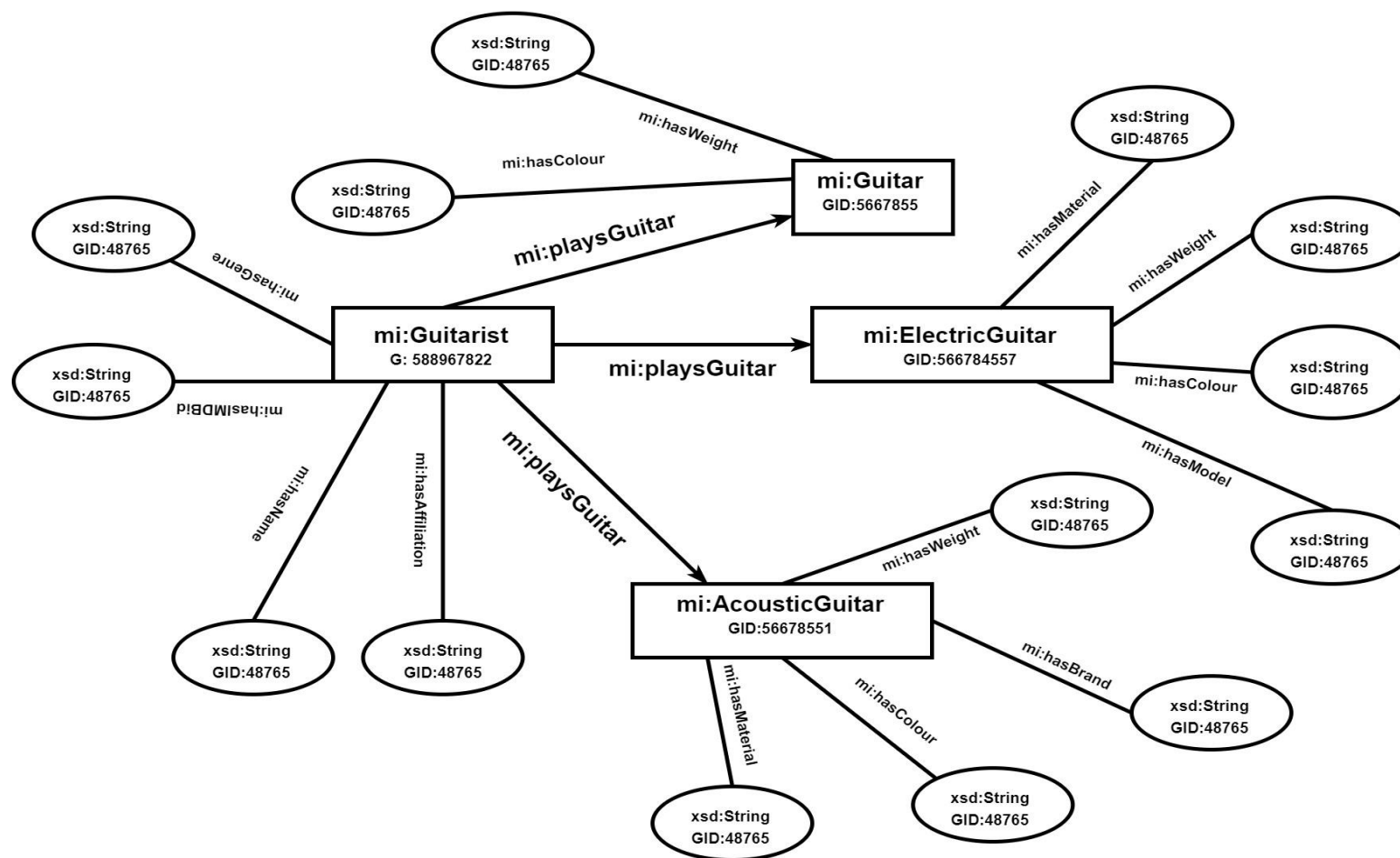
Flattening Process:

- Starting from the root, each concept is defined in terms of the concept one level above in the hierarchy
- Remove the dependence from the more general concept by expanding the definition
- Iterate the process till the leaf nodes

**Observation 1:** Teleologies are formalizations of ER models

**Observation 2:** Teleologies are formalisations of ETGs

# Teleology



# LOD – Teleology formalization

ISA-Hierarchy: From the above example of musical instruments teleontology :

ElectricGuitar#1  $\sqsubseteq$  ElectricGuitar  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasColour.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasBrand.String}$

-- [description = definition enriched with data properties]

AcousticGuitar#1  $\sqsubseteq$  AcousticGuitar  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasMaterial.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasModel.String}$

-- [description = definition enriched with data properties]

Guitarist (leaf in teleology)  $\sqsubseteq$

Musician (implicit in teleology)  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasName.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasAffiliation.String}$

PART-OF-Hierarchy: From the above example of musical instruments teleontology



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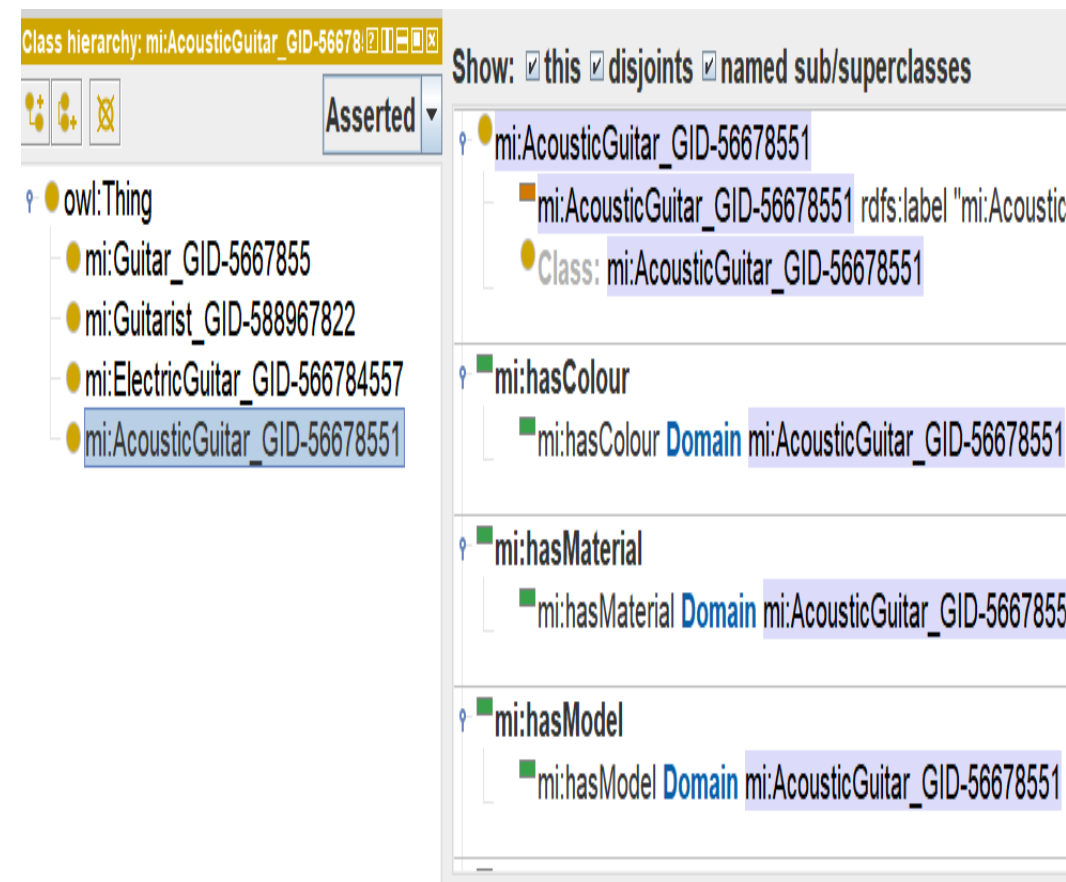
The snippet on the right hand side shows (partially) the teleology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

Notice that the class hierarchy is completely flattened, i.e., there are no IS-A links asserting superclass-subclass subsumption relationships.

You can see some (partial) visualization of LOD formalization for, e.g.,

e.g., *mi:AcousticGuitar* - *mi:hasColour* - *xsd:String* is a data property-based assertion which indicates that an acoustic guitar has a color which is encoded as a String.

e.g., *mi:AcousticGuitar* - *mi:hasModel* - *xsd:String* is a data property-based assertion which indicates that an acoustic guitar is of a specific model specification encoded as a String.



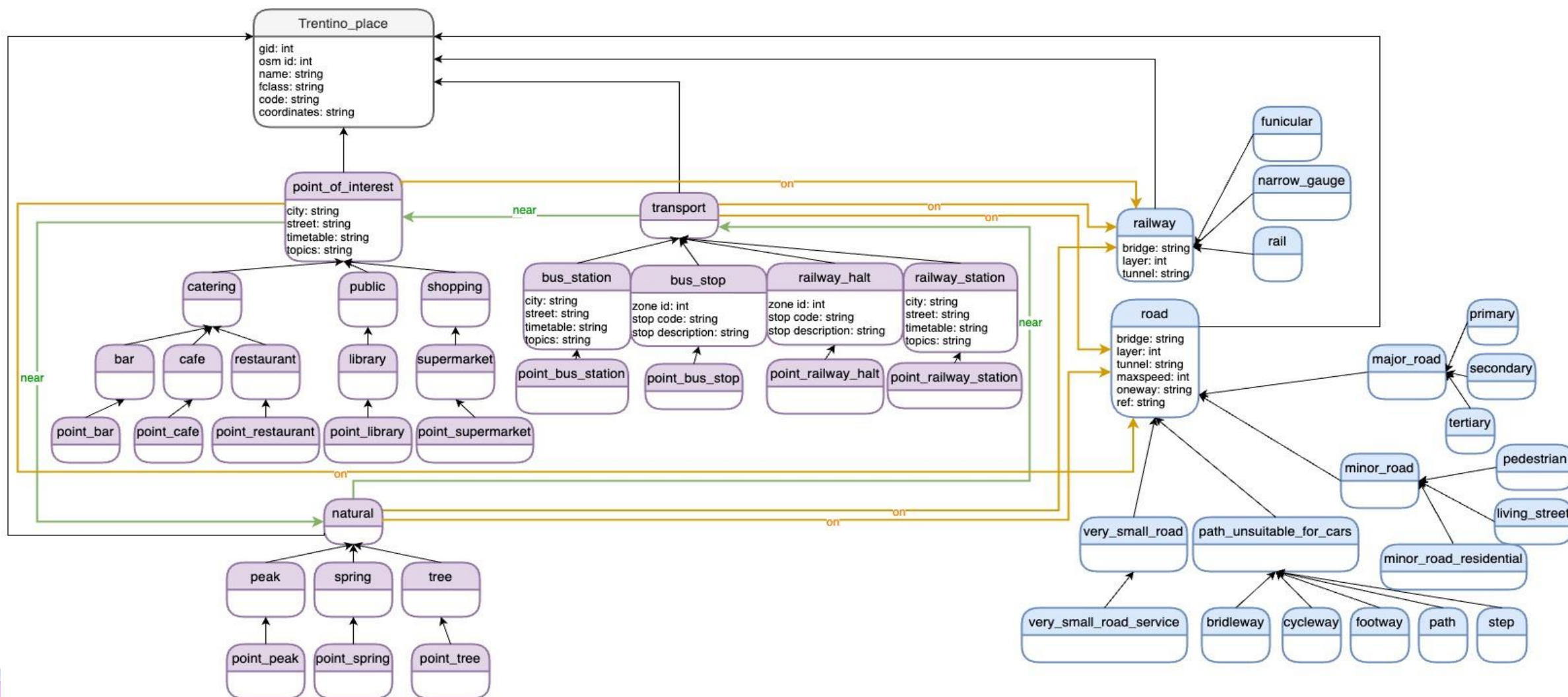
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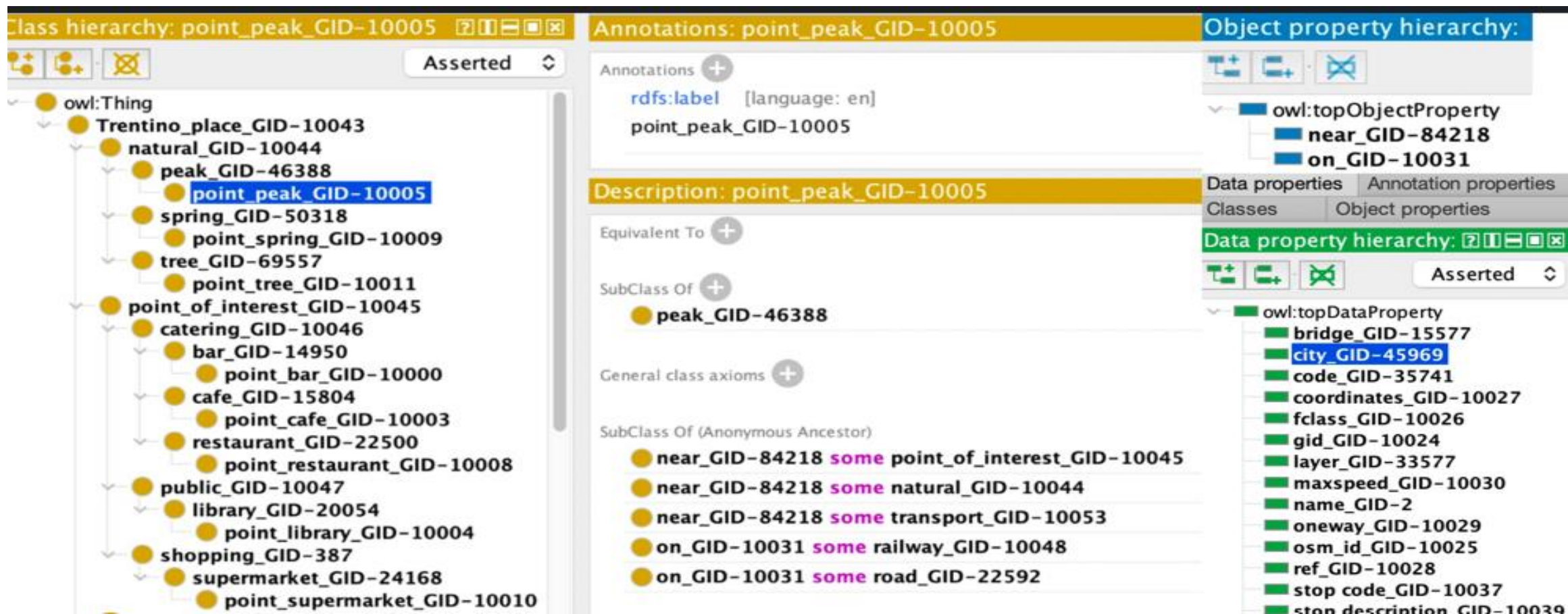
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# EER diagram of Open Street Maps data



# Teleontology of Open Street Maps data

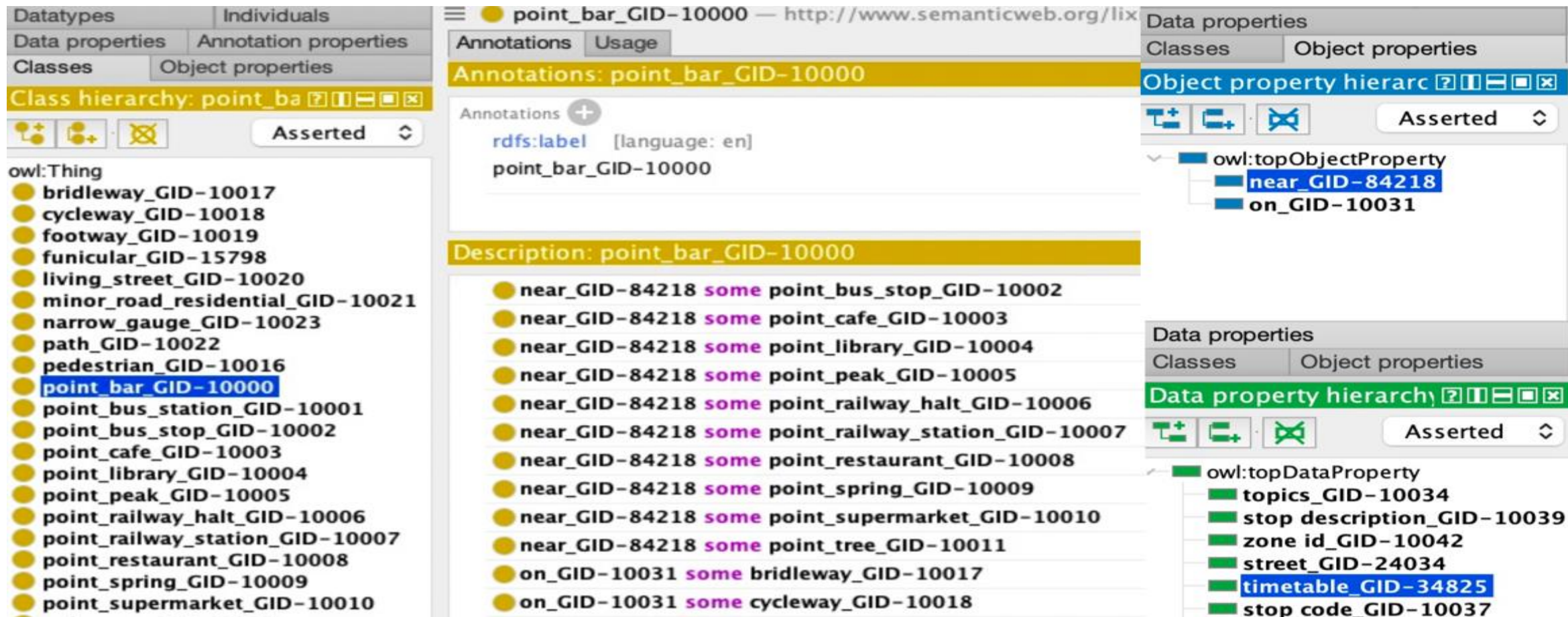


The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface, showing the teleontology of Open Street Maps data. The interface is divided into four main panels:

- Class hierarchy: point\_peak\_GID-10005**: A tree view showing the hierarchy of classes. The selected class is **point\_peak\_GID-10005**, which is a subclass of **peak\_GID-46388**. The hierarchy includes **owl:Thing**, **Trentino\_place\_GID-10043**, **natural\_GID-10044**, **peak\_GID-46388**, **point\_peak\_GID-10005**, **spring\_GID-50318**, **point\_spring\_GID-10009**, **tree\_GID-69557**, **point\_tree\_GID-10011**, **point\_of\_interest\_GID-10045**, **catering\_GID-10046**, **bar\_GID-14950**, **point\_bar\_GID-10000**, **cafe\_GID-15804**, **point\_cafe\_GID-10003**, **restaurant\_GID-22500**, **point\_restaurant\_GID-10008**, **public\_GID-10047**, **library\_GID-20054**, **point\_library\_GID-10004**, **shopping\_GID-387**, **supermarket\_GID-24168**, and **point\_supermarket\_GID-10010**.
- Annotations: point\_peak\_GID-10005**: A list of annotations for the selected class. It includes **rdfs:label** [language: en] with the value **point\_peak\_GID-10005**.
- Object property hierarchy:** A tree view showing the hierarchy of object properties. The selected property is **near\_GID-84218**, which is a subclass of **owl:topObjectProperty**. The hierarchy includes **owl:topObjectProperty**, **near\_GID-84218**, and **on\_GID-10031**.
- Data property hierarchy:** A tree view showing the hierarchy of data properties. The selected property is **city\_GID-45969**, which is a subclass of **owl:topDataProperty**. The hierarchy includes **owl:topDataProperty**, **bridge\_GID-15577**, **city\_GID-45969**, **code\_GID-35741**, **coordinates\_GID-10027**, **fclass\_GID-10026**, **gid\_GID-10024**, **layer\_GID-33577**, **maxspeed\_GID-10030**, **name\_GID-2**, **oneway\_GID-10029**, **osm\_id\_GID-10025**, **ref\_GID-10028**, **stop code\_GID-10037**, and **stop description\_GID-10039**.



# Teleology of Open Street Maps data



The screenshot displays a Semantic Web browser interface showing the teleology of Open Street Maps data. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Left Panel (Class Hierarchy):** Lists various classes under the `owl:Thing` root. The class `point_bar_GID-10000` is highlighted in blue.
- Top Panel (Annotations):** Shows the URI `point_bar_GID-10000` and its annotations. The annotation `rdfs:label` with the value `point_bar_GID-10000` is displayed.
- Right Panel (Object Property Hierarchy):** Shows the hierarchy of object properties. The property `near_GID-84218` is highlighted in blue.
- Bottom Panel (Data Property Hierarchy):** Shows the hierarchy of data properties. The property `timetable_GID-34825` is highlighted in blue.

The central panel displays the description of the class `point_bar_GID-10000`, listing its instances and their associated properties:

- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_bus_stop_GID-10002`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_cafe_GID-10003`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_library_GID-10004`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_peak_GID-10005`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_railway_halt_GID-10006`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_railway_station_GID-10007`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_restaurant_GID-10008`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_spring_GID-10009`
- `near_GID-84218` *some* `point_supermarket_GID-10010`
- `on_GID-10031` *some* `bridleway_GID-10017`
- `on_GID-10031` *some* `cycleway_GID-10018`

# LOD - The logic of Descriptions

- TBoxes and terminologies
- LOD theories
- **Unfolding**

# Unfolding a Concept (notion)

**Definition (Concept unfolding)** A defined concept is unfolded if all the defined concepts occurring in its definiendum are substituted with their definition

**Example. From:**

ElectricGuitar  $\equiv$  Guitar  $\sqcap$   $\forall$ hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack

ElectricGuitar#1 = ElectricGuitar  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasColour.String  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasBrand.String

**To:**

ElectricGuitar#1 = Guitar  $\sqcap$   $\forall$ hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack  $\sqcap$   
 $\exists$ hasColour.String  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasBrand.String

**Remark:** In an acyclic terminology the process of concept unfolding can be applied recursively up to any level, with the possibility to primitive concepts (etypes).

# Unfolding a TBox (notion)

**Definition (TBox unfolding).** A definitional TBox  $T$  can be unfolded into a Tbox  $T'$  by (recursively) unfolding all its defined concepts.

**Observation 1:** Let  $T$  be an acyclic terminology. Let  $T'$  the result of unfolding  $T$ . Then  $M$  is a model of  $T$  if and only if it is a model of  $T'$ .

**Observation 2:** All the reasoning problems for a TBox can be solved in a TBox with only primitive concepts

**Observation 3:** Teleontologies are nested subsumption hierarchies. Teleologies / ETGs are constructed from teleontologies via unfolding

# Unfolding a TBox (example)

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{Person} \equiv \exists \textit{hasname}.String \sqcap \forall \textit{HasJob}.Organization \\ \textit{Woman} \equiv \textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female} \\ \textit{Man} \equiv \textit{Person} \sqcap \neg \textit{Woman} \\ \textit{Mother} \equiv \textit{Woman} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild}.Person \\ \textit{Father} \equiv \textit{Man} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild}.Person \\ \textit{Parent} \equiv \textit{Father} \sqcup \textit{Mother} \end{array} \right.$$

**NOTE:** Partial (lazy) or full unfolding, depending on the need. Above a partial unfolding

# Unfolding a TBox (example)

$$\mathcal{T}' = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Woman} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female} \\ \text{Man} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}) \\ \text{Mother} \equiv (\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person} \\ \text{Father} \equiv (\text{Person} \sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person} \\ \text{Parent} \equiv (\text{Person} \sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})) \sqcap \\ \quad \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person} \sqcup (\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person} \end{array} \right.$$



# Complexity of unfolding

TBox definitions are like macros that can be expanded into primitive concepts

The size of the unfolded TBox grows polynomially with the depth of the TBox induced subsumption hierarchy. For instance, from

$$A_0 \equiv \exists A_1 \sqcup \forall A_1$$

$$A_1 \equiv \exists A_2 \sqcup \forall A_2$$

$$A_2 \equiv \exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3$$

We obtain

$$A_0 \equiv \exists (\exists (\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \sqcup \forall (\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) (\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3)) \quad (\text{times } 3)$$

$$A_1 \equiv \exists (\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \sqcup \forall (\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \quad (\text{times } 2)$$



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# LOD – Modeling

## Some key applications