



## Visual notation

Shapes are represented by boxes, with their name at the top. The constraints and qualifiers concerning that shape are shown as textual statements at the bottom.

The only exception are references to other shapes, which are shown as arrows pointing to the target shape. Thus, the following scheme:

```
:User CLOSED {  
  schema:name xsd:string;  
  schema:gender [:male :female];  
  schema:knows @:User;  
}
```

Is represented as follows:

