

# Week 3 Lecture 31: Advanced OWL

## Description Logics, Restrictions & Property Characteristics

### FINAL EXAM COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

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# 1 Big Picture and Exam Strategy

## 1.1 What This Lecture Covers

This is the **MOST CRITICAL** lecture for advanced OWL reasoning. Exam questions will test:

### 1. Logic Foundations:

- Types of logic (Propositional, First-Order, Modal, Temporal, Fuzzy)
- Description Logics (DL) as a subset of First-Order Logic
- DL syntax and semantics

### 2. OWL Class Restrictions:

- Intersection (`owl:intersectionOf`)
- Union (`owl:unionOf`)
- Complement (`owl:complementOf`)
- Enumerated classes (`owl:oneOf`)

### 3. Property Restrictions:

- Existential (`owl:someValuesFrom`) - "at least one"
- Universal (`owl:allValuesFrom`) - "only"
- Value restriction (`owl:hasValue`)
- Closure (combining some and only)

### 4. Cardinality Restrictions:

- Minimum (`owl:minCardinality`, `owl:minQualifiedCardinality`)
- Maximum (`owl:maxCardinality`, `owl:maxQualifiedCardinality`)
- Exact (`owl:cardinality`, `owl:qualifiedCardinality`)
- Qualified vs. unqualified cardinality

### 5. Advanced Property Characteristics:

- Inverse (`owl:inverseOf`)
- Symmetric/Asymmetric
- Disjoint properties
- Reflexive/Irreflexive
- Functional/InverseFunctional
- Transitive
- Property chains (`owl:propertyChainAxiom`)

### 6. Individual Assertions:

- `owl:sameAs` vs. `owl:differentFrom`
- `owl:AllDifferent`

## 1.2 Critical Exam Mindset

### YOU MUST BE ABLE TO:

1. **Read** any OWL restriction and translate it to English.
2. **Write** OWL axioms given an English description.
3. **Reason** what a reasoner will infer from restrictions.
4. **Detect** inconsistencies in ontologies.
5. **Distinguish** between:
  - SubClassOf ( $\sqsubseteq$ ) vs. EquivalentTo ( $\equiv$ )
  - Existential (**some**) vs. Universal (**only**)
  - Qualified vs. Unqualified cardinality
  - Functional vs. InverseFunctional
6. **Apply** property characteristics to infer new facts.

If you master this lecture, you can handle 40-50% of the exam!

## 2 Part 1: Logic Foundations

### 2.1 What is Logic?

**Definition:** A formal way to describe a domain using:

- **Axioms:** Assumptions or rules accepted as true
- **Primitives:** Basic things we can talk about

#### Two Key Commitments:

1. **Ontological Commitment:** *What exists in the model?*
  - Facts, objects, relations, time, events, etc.
2. **Epistemological Commitment:** *What can we know about it?*
  - True/False, Possibility/Necessity, Belief/Disbelief, Certainty/Uncertainty

**Analogy:** Building a model of a city

- **Ontological:** Do we include roads, buildings, people, traffic?
- **Epistemological:** Do we model traffic as deterministic or probabilistic?

## 2.2 Types of Logic (EXAM TABLE!)

Logic	Ontological	Epistemological	Example
Propositional	Facts	True/False/Unknown	"It is raining AND streets are wet"
First-Order (FOL)	Facts, Objects, Relations	True/False/Unknown	"All cats are mammals" $\forall x (\text{Cat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Mammal}(x))$
Modal	Possibility, Necessity	True/False/Unknown	"It is <i>possible</i> rain tomorrow" $\Diamond \text{Rains\_tomorrow}$
Deontic	Obligation, Permission, Forbidden	True/False/Unknown	"It is <i>forbidden</i> to plagiarize" $F(\text{plagiarize})$
Temporal	Facts, Objects, Relations, Time	True/False/Unknown	"I am <i>always</i> hungry" (Always operator)
Probability	Facts	Certainty [0,1]	"70% chance of rain tomorrow"
Fuzzy	Partial Truth	Truth value [0,1]	"Is it cold?" Very Much / 0.9 Little / 0.25

### Key Points:

- **Propositional:** Simplest, no objects/relations (just propositions)
- **FOL:** Introduces objects, quantifiers ( $\forall, \exists$ )
- **Modal:**  $\Box$  (necessity),  $\Diamond$  (possibility)
- **Deontic:** O (obligation), P (permission), F (forbidden)
- **Question:** Is  $P(\text{plagiarize})$  equivalent to  $\neg F(\text{plagiarize})$ ? **Not necessarily!** Permission  $\neq$  not-forbidden (there might be no rule).

## 2.3 Components of a Logic

Component	Description
Syntax	Rules specifying what a well-formed sentence looks like. Tells us how to build a knowledge base.
Semantics	Rules specifying what a sentence really <i>means</i> in the world. Tells us what the knowledge base means.

## 2.4 Propositional Logic vs. First-Order Logic

**Example Statement:** "If Jane is younger than Lisa, then Lisa is older than Jane."

**Propositional Logic:**

p: Jane is younger than Lisa  
q: Lisa is older than Jane  
p  $\Rightarrow$  q

**Problem:** No internal structure! Cannot reason about the relationship between "younger" and "older".

**First-Order Logic:**

Younger(Jane, Lisa)  $\Rightarrow$  Older(Lisa, Jane)

**Advantage:** We can now define:

$$\forall x, y (\text{Younger}(x, y) \leftrightarrow \text{Older}(y, x))$$

## 2.5 First-Order Logic (FOL) Syntax

Element	Examples
Constants	John, Richard, 2, HeriotWatt
Predicates	Brother, Father, GreaterThan ( $>$ ), Teaches
Functions	Sqrt, FatherOf, AgeOf
Variables	$x, y, a, b$
Connectives	$\neg$ (NOT), $\wedge$ (AND), $\vee$ (OR), $\rightarrow$ (IMPLIES), $\leftrightarrow$ (IFF)
Equality	$=$
Quantifiers	$\forall$ (for all), $\exists$ (there exists)

**Key Point:** A **predicate** is a property an object can have or a relationship between objects.

**FOL Examples:**

- $\neg \text{Bird}(\text{Tom})$  - "Tom is not a bird"
- $\neg \text{isMarried}(\text{Alice}, \text{Bob})$  - "Alice is not married to Bob"
- $\forall x (\text{Person}(x) \rightarrow \exists y (\text{Pet}(y) \wedge \text{Dog}(y) \wedge \text{owns}(x, y)))$   
"Every person owns at least one pet that is a dog"

## 2.6 Description Logics (DL)

**What is DL?**

Description Logics are a **family of formal knowledge representation languages** used in AI to describe and reason about concepts.

**Key Trade-off:**



- **Expressiveness:** Ability to represent complex structures and constraints
- **Decidability:** Ability to perform reasoning efficiently

**Why Not Full FOL?**

Full First-Order Logic offers:

- ✓ High expressiveness
- × Undecidable reasoning (computationally prohibitive)

**Solution:** DL uses *selected fragments* of FOL to maintain practical reasoning!

## 2.7 DL Basic Elements

Element	Description
Individuals	Specific objects (e.g., Alice, F20BD, Dubai)
Concepts (Classes)	Groups of individuals (e.g., Person, Course, City)
Roles (Properties)	Relationships between individuals (e.g., teaches, enrolledIn, livesIn)

## 2.8 Terminology Mapping (MEMORIZE THIS!)

First-Order Logic	Description Logic	OWL
Constant	Individual	Individual
Unary Predicate	Concept	Class
Binary Predicate	Role	Property

## 2.9 Description Logic Languages

### Basic DL Languages:

Language	Name	Allows
<b>AL</b>	Attributive Language	Atomic negation, intersection, restrictions, limited existential quantification
<b>FL</b>	Frame-Based	Concept intersection, restrictions, limited existential quantification, role restriction
<b>EL</b>	Existential Language	Concept intersection, existential restrictions

**Note:** **S** is used as abbreviation for **ALC**.

### 2.9.1 DL Extensions (EXAM CRITICAL!)

Symbol	Name	Feature
<b>F</b>	Functional properties	Uniqueness (at most one value)
<b>E</b>	Existential qualification	"There exists at least one individual"
<b>U</b>	Concept union	Class union ( <code>owl:unionOf</code> )
<b>H</b>	Role hierarchy	<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>
<b>C</b>	Role negation	$\neg p(x, y)$
<b>R</b>	Limited role inclusion	Reflexivity, disjointness
<b>O</b>	Nominals	<code>owl:oneOf</code> , <code>owl:hasValue</code>
<b>I</b>	Inverse property	$p(x, y) \Rightarrow q(y, x)$
<b>N</b>	Cardinality	<code>owl:cardinality</code> (counting)
<b>Q</b>	Qualified cardinality	OWL 2 qualified cardinality
<b>(D)</b>	Datatype properties	Data values, datatypes

#### Example DL Expression:

$\exists \text{hasPart.}(\text{Wheel} \sqcap \text{HasColor.Red})$

**Meaning:** "Has at least one part that is both a Wheel AND has the color Red."

## 2.10 DL Use Cases

### 1. EL (Existential Language):

- Fragment of OWL for [conceptual modeling](#).
- Example: SNOMED CT ontology (300,000+ classes in healthcare).
- Appendicitis  $\equiv$  Inflammation  $\sqcap \exists \text{findingSite.Appendix}$

### 2. RL (Rule Language):

- Rule-based OWL for [inferencing](#).
- SWRL (Semantic Web Rule Language) is used in practice.
- Example:  $\text{Person}(\text{?x}) \wedge \text{EmployedBy}(\text{?x}, \text{?company}) \wedge \text{LocatedIn}(\text{?company}, \text{London}) \rightarrow \text{LondonBasedEmployee}(\text{?x})$

### 3. QL (Query Language):

- For [ontology-based data access \(OBDA\)](#).
- Queries roles and individuals (ABox).
- SPARQL is more general (queries TBox and ABox).

## 2.11 OWL Flavors/Versions

OWL Version	DL	Characteristics
OWL Full	SROIQ(D)	Very high expressiveness, prohibitive reasoning
OWL-DL	SHOIN	Lower expressiveness, decidable
OWL 2	SROIQ	High expressiveness, very complex reasoning
OWL-Lite	SHIF	Low expressiveness, high reasoning efficiency

**Important:** Protégé supports SHOIN (OWL-DL).

## 3 Part 2: OWL Class Restrictions

### 3.1 Intersection (owl:intersectionOf) [AND]

**Definition:** A class defined as the intersection of two or more classes contains individuals belonging to *all* intersected classes.

**DL Notation:**  $A \sqcap B$

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

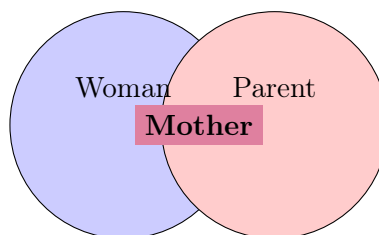
**Class:** Mother

EquivalentTo: Woman and Parent

**Turtle:**

```
:Mother owl:equivalentClass [  
  rdf:type owl:Class ;  
  owl:intersectionOf ( :Woman :Parent )  
] .
```

**Visual Representation:**



**Reasoning:**

- ✓ If Alice is a Mother  $\rightarrow$  Alice is a Woman AND Alice is a Parent
- ✓ If Alice is a Woman AND Alice is a Parent  $\rightarrow$  Alice is a Mother (only if using **EquivalentTo**)

**Exam Trap:** If using **SubClassOf** instead of **EquivalentTo**:

Mother SubClassOf: Woman and Parent

Then:

- ✓ Mother  $\rightarrow$  Woman AND Parent
- × Woman AND Parent  $\not\rightarrow$  Mother



### 3.2 One-Way vs. Two-Way Statements ( $\sqsubseteq$ vs. $\equiv$ )

CRITICAL DISTINCTION:

One-Way (SubClassOf) $\sqsubseteq$	Two-Way (EquivalentTo) $\equiv$
$A \sqsubseteq B$ means: If $x$ is $A \rightarrow x$ must be $B$	$A \equiv B$ means: $A \sqsubseteq B$ AND $B \sqsubseteq A$
✓ From $x : A$ infer $x : B$ × From $x : B$ cannot infer $x : A$	✓ From $x : A$ infer $x : B$ ✓ From $x : B$ infer $x : A$
Constraint/Implication	Definition/Equivalence

Protégé Syntax:

- $A \sqsubseteq B \rightarrow$  Class: A SubClassOf: B
- $A \equiv B \rightarrow$  Class: A EquivalentTo: B

### 3.3 Union (owl:unionOf) [OR]

**Definition:** A union class contains individuals belonging to *at least one* of the union classes.

**DL Notation:**  $A \sqcup B$

**Example:** Parent is Mother OR Father

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

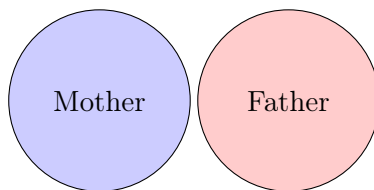
Class: Parent

EquivalentTo: Mother or Father

**Turtle:**

```
:Parent owl:equivalentClass [  
  rdf:type owl:Class ;  
  owl:unionOf ( :Mother :Father )  
] .
```

**Visual Representation:**



$$\text{Parent} = \text{Mother} \cup \text{Father}$$

**Reasoning:**

- ✓ If Alice is Mother  $\rightarrow$  Alice is Parent
- ✓ If Bob is Father  $\rightarrow$  Bob is Parent
- ✓ If Alice is Parent  $\rightarrow$  Alice is (Mother OR Father)

### 3.4 Complement (owl:complementOf) [NOT]

**Definition:** A complement class contains individuals that belong to one class but *NOT* to another.

**DL Notation:**  $\neg A$

**Example:** ChildlessPerson = Person AND NOT Parent

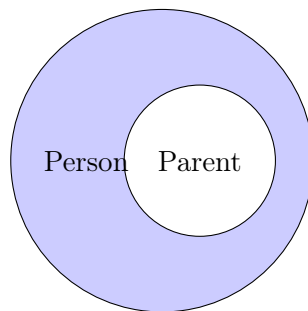
**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

```
Class: ChildlessPerson
  EquivalentTo: Person and not Parent
```

**Turtle:**

```
:ChildlessPerson owl:equivalentClass [
  rdf:type owl:Class ;
  owl:intersectionOf (
    :Person
    [ owl:complementOf :Parent ]
  )
] .
```

**Visual Representation:**



Shaded area = ChildlessPerson

### 3.5 SubClassOf Complex Class

**Definition:** A class can be a subclass of an intersection (necessary but NOT sufficient condition).

**Example:** GrandFather is a subclass of Man AND Parent

**OWL Syntax:**

```
Class: GrandFather
  SubClassOf: Man and Parent
```

**Reasoning:**

- ✓ If John is GrandFather  $\rightarrow$  John is Man AND John is Parent
- × If John is Man AND John is Parent  $\rightarrow$  John is **NOT necessarily** GrandFather (could just be Father!)

**Key Point:** This expresses a **necessary condition** (one-way rule), not sufficient.

### 3.6 Enumerated Class (owl:oneOf)

**Definition:** Define a class by listing its exact members (closed list).

**Example:** PartyGuests contains exactly Bill, John, and Mary

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

```
Class: PartyGuests
  EquivalentTo: {Bill, John, Mary}
```

**Turtle:**

```
:PartyGuests owl:equivalentClass [
  rdf:type owl:Class ;
  owl:oneOf ( :Bill :John :Mary )
] .
```

### Use Cases:

- Days of the week: {Monday, Tuesday, ..., Sunday}
- Card suits: {Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades}

## 4 Part 3: Individual Assertions

### 4.1 owl:differentFrom

**Problem:** OWL does **NOT** assume different names = different entities (no "Unique Name Assumption").

**Example:** Without explicit statement, Alex and John might be considered the same individual!

**Solution:** Assert they are different.

**OWL Syntax:**

Individual: Alex  
DifferentFrom: John, Bill

**Turtle:**

```
:Alex owl:differentFrom :John, :Bill .
```

**For multiple individuals:**

```
[ rdf:type owl:AllDifferent ;  
  owl:distinctMembers ( :Alex :John :Bill :Mary )  
] .
```

### 4.2 owl:sameAs

**Definition:** Assert that two individuals are the same.

**Example:** Alex and Alexander are the same person.

**OWL Syntax:**

Individual: Alex  
SameAs: Alexander

**Turtle:**

```
:Alex owl:sameAs :Alexander .
```

**Effect:** The two become *indistinguishable*. All properties are combined.

**Alternative (if you don't want full merge):**

- skos:exactMatch - concepts are essentially identical
- skos:closeMatch - concepts are similar but not quite identical

## 5 Part 4: Property Restrictions (THE CORE!)

### 5.1 Existential Restriction (owl:someValuesFrom) [∃]

**Definition:** "There exists at least ONE value of property P that is in class C"

**DL Notation:**  $\exists P.C$

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

P some C

**Example:** Every Parent has at least one child who is a Person.

**OWL:**

```
Class: Parent
  SubClassOf: hasChild some Person
```

**Turtle:**

```
:Parent rdfs:subClassOf [
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;
  owl:someValuesFrom :Person
] .
```

**FOL Translation:**

$$\text{Parent}(x) \rightarrow \exists y (\text{hasChild}(x, y) \wedge \text{Person}(y))$$

**Read as:** "If x is a Parent, then there exists at least one y such that x hasChild y AND y is a Person."

**Critical Note:** some guarantees **existence!**

## 5.2 Universal Restriction (owl:allValuesFrom) [∀]

**Definition:** "ALL values of property P (if any) must be in class C"

**DL Notation:**  $\forall P.C$

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

P only C

**Example:** A HappyPerson's children (if any) must all be HappyPerson.

**OWL:**

```
Class: HappyPerson
  SubClassOf: hasChild only HappyPerson
```

**Turtle:**

```
:HappyPerson rdfs:subClassOf [
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;
  owl:allValuesFrom :HappyPerson
] .
```

**FOL Translation:**

$$\text{HappyPerson}(x) \rightarrow \forall y (\text{hasChild}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{HappyPerson}(y))$$

**Read as:** "If x is a HappyPerson, then for all y, if x hasChild y, then y must be HappyPerson."

**CRITICAL WARNING:** only does **NOT** guarantee existence!

**Example:** A HappyPerson with NO children still satisfies **hasChild only HappyPerson**.

**Think:** "I don't care how many there are (0, 1, or 100), but IF they exist, they must ALL be of class C."

## 5.3 Closure (Combining some and only)

**Problem:** Using **ONLY** only can lead to unintended consequences.

**Bad Example:** MeatLoversPizza

```
Class: MeatLoversPizza
  SubClassOf: hasTopping only Meat
```

**Problem:** A plain crust (NO toppings) technically satisfies this! (vacuous truth)

**Solution:** Combine **some** and **only**!

Class: MeatLoversPizza  
 SubClassOf: (hasTopping some Meat) and (hasTopping only Meat)

#### Meaning:

- some Meat: You **must have** at least one meat topping (existence)
- only Meat: You are **forbidden** from having anything other than meat

#### Turtle:

```
:MeatLoversPizza rdfs:subClassOf [
  rdf:type owl:Class ;
  owl:intersectionOf (
    [ owl:onProperty :hasTopping ; owl:someValuesFrom :Meat ]
    [ owl:onProperty :hasTopping ; owl:allValuesFrom :Meat ]
  )
] .
```

#### General Pattern:

$$P \text{ some } X \sqcap P \text{ only } X$$

= "At least one P-value is in X, AND all P-values (if any) are in X."

### 5.4 Value Restriction (owl:hasValue)

**Definition:** "To be in this class, you **MUST** be connected to specific individual 'a'."

**DL Notation:**  $\exists P.\{a\}$  (existential restriction to a singleton)

**OWL Syntax (Manchester):**

P value a

**Example 1:** JohnChildren = people whose parent is John

**OWL:**

```
Class: JohnChildren
  EquivalentTo: hasParent value John
```

#### Turtle:

```
:JohnChildren owl:equivalentClass [
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;
  owl:onProperty :hasParent ;
  owl:hasValue :John
] .
```

#### Reasoning (if using EquivalentTo):

- ✓ If Mary hasParent John  $\rightarrow$  Mary is JohnChildren
- ✓ If Mary is JohnChildren  $\rightarrow$  Mary hasParent John (reasoner infers this!)

**Example 2:** ItalianMade = things made in Italy

```
Class: ItalianMade
  EquivalentTo: madeIn value Italy
```

## 6 Part 5: Cardinality Restrictions (EXAM HEAVY!)

### 6.1 Overview of Cardinality

**Purpose:** Count how many DISTINCT individuals are related via a property.

Type	Meaning
min $n$	At least $n$ distinct values
max $n$	At most $n$ distinct values
exactly $n$	Exactly $n$ distinct values (= min + max)

**Qualified vs. Unqualified:**

Qualified (type matters)	Unqualified (any type)
P min $n$ C At least $n$ values of P that are in class C	P min $n$ At least $n$ values of P (any type)
Example: hasChild min 2 Parent "At least 2 children who are Parents"	Example: hasChild min 2 "At least 2 children (any type)"

### 6.2 Minimum Cardinality (owl:minCardinality)

**Qualified Minimum:**

**OWL Syntax:**

P min  $n$  C

**Example:** John has at least 2 children who are Parents.

**Manchester:**

Individual: John

Types: hasChild min 2 Parent

**Turtle:**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:minQualifiedCardinality "2"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger ;  
  owl:onClass :Parent  
] .
```

**Unqualified Minimum:**

Individual: John

Types: hasChild min 2

**Turtle:**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:minCardinality "2"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger  
] .
```

### 6.3 Maximum Cardinality (owl:maxCardinality)

**Definition:** At most  $n$  DISTINCT values.

**Example:** John has at most 4 children who are Parents.

**Manchester:**

Individual: John

Types: hasChild max 4 Parent

**Turtle (Qualified):**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:maxQualifiedCardinality "4"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger ;  
  owl:onClass :Parent  
] .
```

**Turtle (Unqualified):**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:maxCardinality "4"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger  
] .
```

### 6.4 Exact Cardinality (owl:cardinality)

**Definition:**  $P$  exactly  $n$   $C = (P \text{ min } n \text{ } C) \text{ AND } (P \text{ max } n \text{ } C)$

**Example:** John has exactly 3 children who are Parents.

**Manchester:**

Individual: John

Types: hasChild exactly 3 Parent

**Turtle (Qualified):**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:qualifiedCardinality "3"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger ;  
  owl:onClass :Parent  
] .
```

**Turtle (Unqualified):**

```
:John rdf:type [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasChild ;  
  owl:cardinality "3"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger  
] .
```

**WARNING:** Using exactly, min, and max in an ontology **increases its complexity!**

## 6.5 Cardinality Reasoning Under OWA

**Open World Assumption (OWA):** We cannot assume information is complete!

**Example Scenario:**

**Data:**

John hasChild ChildA .

John hasChild ChildB .

John hasChild Child3 .

**Question:** Does John have 4 children?

**Answer Under OWA: We don't know!**

- We only know John has **at least 3** children.
- There might be a 4th child not stated in the data.
- OWL/Semantic Web operates under OWA.

**Contrast with Closed World Assumption (CWA):**

- Relational databases use CWA.
- If not stated, it's assumed false.
- Under CWA: John has exactly 3 children (no more).

## 6.6 Qualified vs. Unqualified Cardinality (Visual Comparison)

**Qualified:**

Person SubClassOf: hasPet min 1 Cat

= "Every person has at least 1 pet that is specifically a Cat."

**Unqualified:**

Person SubClassOf: hasPet min 1

= "Every person has at least 1 pet (of any type: Cat, Dog, Bird, etc.)."

**Summary Table:**

Feature	Qualified	Unqualified
Counts specific type?	Yes	No
Example	hasChild min 2 Parent	hasChild min 2
OWL Property	owl:minQualifiedCardinality	owl:minCardinality
Requires owl:onClass?	Yes	No

## 7 Part 6: Advanced Property Characteristics

### 7.1 Inverse Property (owl:inverseOf)

**Definition:** Edge reversal in a graph. If  $p$  is the inverse of  $q$ , then:

$$p(x, y) \leftrightarrow q(y, x)$$

**Example:** hasParent is inverse of hasChild

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasParent

InverseOf: hasChild



**Turtle:**

```
:hasParent owl:inverseOf :hasChild .
```

**Reasoning:**

Data: Alice hasParent Bob .

Inference: Bob hasChild Alice .

**Reverse also holds:**

Data: Bob hasChild Alice .

Inference: Alice hasParent Bob .

## 7.2 Symmetric Property (owl:SymmetricProperty)

**Definition:** If  $P(x, y)$  then  $P(y, x)$  (relationship holds in both directions).

**Example:** hasSpouse is symmetric.

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasSpouse

Characteristics: Symmetric

**Turtle:**

```
:hasSpouse rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .
```

**Reasoning:**

Data: John hasSpouse Mary .

Inference: Mary hasSpouse John .

**Key Question:** If hasWife inverseOf hasHusband, and we have:

John hasWife Mary

What can we infer?

**Answer:**

Mary hasHusband John

## 7.3 Asymmetric Property (owl:AsymmetricProperty)

**Definition:** If  $P(x, y)$ , then NOT  $P(y, x)$ .

**Example:** hasChild is asymmetric.

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasChild

Characteristics: Asymmetric

**Turtle:**

```
:hasChild rdf:type owl:AsymmetricProperty .
```

**Inconsistency Detection:**

Data: John hasChild Mary .

Mary hasChild John .

Result: INCONSISTENT! (violates asymmetry)

## 7.4 Disjoint Properties (owl:propertyDisjointWith)

**Definition:** Two properties P and Q are disjoint if they can NEVER hold for the same pair  $(x, y)$ .

**Formal:** NOT  $(P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y))$

**Example:** hasChild disjoint with hasSpouse

**OWL:**

```
ObjectProperty: hasChild
  DisjointWith: hasSpouse
```

**Turtle:**

```
:hasChild owl:propertyDisjointWith :hasSpouse .
```

**Inconsistency:**

```
Data: John hasChild Mary .
      John hasSpouse Mary .
Result: INCONSISTENT!
```

**Valid:**

```
Data: John hasChild Mary .
      John hasSpouse Anna .
Result: CONSISTENT (different objects)
```

## 7.5 Reflexive Property (owl:ReflexiveProperty)

**Definition:** A property is reflexive if it can be applied to yourself. For every individual  $x$ :  $P(x, x)$ .

**Example:** knows, isSameNationalityAs

**OWL:**

```
ObjectProperty: knows
  Characteristics: Reflexive
```

**Turtle:**

```
:knows rdf:type owl:ReflexiveProperty .
```

**Valid Examples:**

- John knows John
- John isSameNationalityAs John

## 7.6 Irreflexive Property (owl:IrreflexiveProperty)

**Definition:** The domain and range **cannot** be the same.

**Example:** hasChild, isTallerThan

**OWL:**

```
ObjectProperty: hasChild
  Characteristics: Irreflexive
```

**Turtle:**

```
:hasChild rdf:type owl:IrreflexiveProperty .
```

**Inconsistency:**

```
Data: John hasChild John .
Result: INCONSISTENT! (violates irreflexivity)
```

## 7.7 Functional Property (owl:FunctionalProperty)

**Definition:** One individual from the domain can only be related to **ONE** individual from the range.

**Visual:** "Source" (tail of arrow) can only have ONE arrow coming out.

**Example:** hasHusband is functional (in monogamous model).

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasHusband

Characteristics: Functional

**Turtle:**

```
:hasHusband rdf:type owl:FunctionalProperty .
```

**Reasoning:**

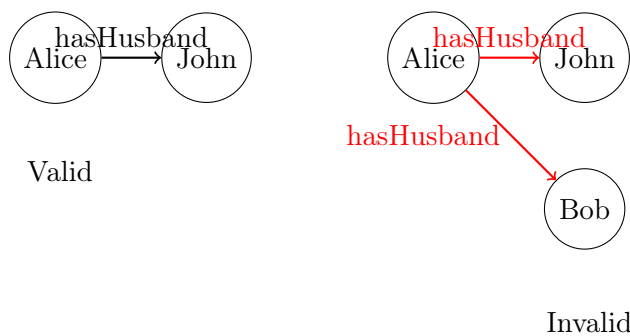
Data: Alice hasHusband John .

Alice hasHusband Bob .

Inference: John owl:sameAs Bob .

(If they're different individuals → INCONSISTENT!)

**Diagram:**



## 7.8 Inverse Functional Property (owl:InverseFunctionalProperty)

**Definition:** One individual in the range can only be related to from **ONE** individual in the domain.

**Visual:** "Target" (head of arrow) can only have ONE arrow pointing into it.

**Example:** hasWife is inverse functional (in monogamous model).

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasWife

Characteristics: InverseFunctional

**Turtle:**

```
:hasWife rdf:type owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .
```

**Reasoning:**

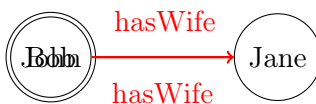
Data: John hasWife Jane .

Bob hasWife Jane .

Inference: John owl:sameAs Bob .

(If they're different → INCONSISTENT!)

**Diagram:**



Invalid (InverseFunctional)

## 7.9 Functional vs. Inverse Functional (Deep Dive)

**Example 1:** hasBirthCity

- **Functional?** Yes! A person has only one birth city. (Source  $\rightarrow$  1 Target)
- **Inverse Functional?** No! Millions of people can be born in the same city.

**Example 2:** ownsCarWithPlate

- **Inverse Functional?** Yes! A specific license plate belongs to only one owner. (1 Source  $\leftarrow$  Target)
- **Functional?** No! One person can own multiple cars with different plates.

**Can Both Be True?** YES! 1:1 relationship.

**Example:** hasHusband (strict monogamy)

- **Functional:** A wife has only one husband.
- **Inverse Functional:** A husband has only one wife.
- **Result:** Perfect 1:1 "marriage" of rules!

## 7.10 Transitive Property (owl:TransitiveProperty)

**Definition:** If  $x$  is related to  $y$ , and  $y$  is related to  $z$ , then  $x$  is related to  $z$ .

**Formal:**  $P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$

**Example:** isOlderThan

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: isOlderThan

Characteristics: Transitive

**Turtle:**

```
:isOlderThan rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .
```

**Reasoning:**

Data: John isOlderThan Charlie .

Charlie isOlderThan Bob .

Inference: John isOlderThan Bob .

## 7.11 Property Chain (owl:propertyChainAxiom)

**Definition:** Define a property as a chain (sequence) of other properties. If  $p(x, y)$  AND  $q(y, z)$ , then  $r(x, z)$ .

**Example:** hasGrandparent = chain of hasParent and hasParent

**OWL:**

ObjectProperty: hasGrandparent

SubPropertyChain: hasParent o hasParent

**Turtle:**

```
:hasGrandparent owl:propertyChainAxiom ( :hasParent :hasParent ) .
```

**Reasoning:**

Data: Alice hasParent Bob .

Bob hasParent Carol .

Inference: Alice hasGrandparent Carol .

**Note:** Property chain is **NOT** "transitive"! It creates a **NEW** property!

## 8 Part 7: Data Properties and Restrictions

### 8.1 Data Property Restrictions

Data properties connect individuals to **literal values** (not other individuals).

**Common Datatypes:**

- xsd:int, xsd:float, xsd:double
- xsd:string, xsd:boolean
- xsd:date, xsd:dateTime

**Example 1:** Age must be an integer

DataProperty: hasAge

Range: xsd:int

**Example 2:** Adults have age at least 18

Class: Adult

SubClassOf: hasAge some xsd:int[>= 18]

**Turtle:**

```
:Adult rdfs:subClassOf [  
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasAge ;  
  owl:someValuesFrom [  
    rdf:type rdfs:Datatype ;  
    owl:onDatatype xsd:int ;  
    owl:withRestrictions ( [ xsd:minInclusive "18"^^xsd:int ] )  
  ]  
]
```

## 9 Part 8: SWRL (Semantic Web Rule Language)

### 9.1 What is SWRL?

**SWRL = Semantic Web Rule Language**

Used to express rules that OWL alone cannot express.

**Syntax:**

Body → Head

If the conditions in the Body are true, then infer the Head.

### 9.2 SWRL Example: Inherited Hobby

**Rule Name:** S2 – Inherited Hobby

**Human-Readable:**

- **If:**
  - ?x is a child of ?y
  - ?y likes sport ?s
- **Then:**

– ?x also likes sport ?s

### SWRL Syntax:

`childOf(?x, ?y) ^ likeSport(?y, ?s) -> likeSport(?x, ?s)`

### Reasoning Example:

Data: Alice childOf Bob .

Bob likeSport Football .

Inference: Alice likeSport Football .

## 10 Part 9: Complete Worked Examples

### 10.1 Example 1: Pizza Ontology

**Scenario:** Define different types of pizzas based on toppings.

#### Classes:

- Pizza
- Topping (subclasses: Meat, Vegetable, Cheese)

#### Property:

- hasTopping (Pizza  $\rightarrow$  Topping)

#### 1. VegetarianPizza:

Class: VegetarianPizza

EquivalentTo: Pizza and (hasTopping only Vegetable)

**Problem:** Plain crust with NO toppings would be vegetarian!

**Correct:**

Class: VegetarianPizza

EquivalentTo: Pizza

and (hasTopping some Vegetable)

and (hasTopping only Vegetable)

#### 2. MargheritaPizza:

Class: MargheritaPizza

EquivalentTo: Pizza

and (hasTopping some TomatoTopping)

and (hasTopping some MozzarellaTopping)

and (hasTopping only (TomatoTopping or MozzarellaTopping))

**Meaning:** Has at least one tomato, at least one mozzarella, and ONLY those two types.

### 10.2 Example 2: Family Ontology

**Scenario:** Model family relationships.

**Classes:** Person, Man, Woman, Parent

**Properties:** hasParent, hasChild, hasSibling

**Axioms:**

#### 1. Parent Definition:

Class: Parent

EquivalentTo: Person and (hasChild some Person)

## 2. Mother:

Class: Mother

EquivalentTo: Woman and Parent

## 3. Father:

Class: Father

EquivalentTo: Man and Parent

## 4. Property Characteristics:

ObjectProperty: hasParent

InverseOf: hasChild

ObjectProperty: hasSibling

Characteristics: Symmetric

ObjectProperty: hasChild

Characteristics: Asymmetric, Irreflexive

## 5. Cardinality:

Class: Person

SubClassOf: hasParent exactly 2 Person

(Every person has exactly 2 biological parents)

### Reasoning Example:

Data: Alice hasParent Bob .

Alice hasParent Carol .

Bob hasChild Mary .

Inferences:

1. Bob hasChild Alice (inverse of hasParent)
2. Carol hasChild Alice (inverse)
3. Bob rdf:type Parent (has at least one child)
4. Carol rdf:type Parent
5. If Bob rdf:type Man  $\rightarrow$  Bob rdf:type Father

## 10.3 Example 3: Detecting Inconsistencies

Ontology:

Class: Man

DisjointWith: Woman

ObjectProperty: hasChild

Characteristics: Asymmetric, Irreflexive

DisjointWith: hasSpouse

Class: Parent

EquivalentTo: Person and (hasChild some Person)

### Test Case 1: Gender Inconsistency

Individual: John

Types: Man, Woman

Result: INCONSISTENT! (Man and Woman are disjoint)

## Test Case 2: Asymmetry Violation

John hasChild Mary .

Mary hasChild John .

Result: INCONSISTENT! (hasChild is asymmetric)

## Test Case 3: Disjoint Properties

John hasChild Mary .

John hasSpouse Mary .

Result: INCONSISTENT! (hasChild and hasSpouse are disjoint)

## Test Case 4: Valid

John hasChild Mary .

John hasSpouse Anna .

Mary hasSibling Tom .

Result: CONSISTENT

# 11 Part 10: Exam Strategy and Checklists

## 11.1 Property Characteristics Quick Reference

Characteristic	Formal	Example
Inverse	$p(x, y) \leftrightarrow q(y, x)$	hasParent hasChild
Symmetric	$p(x, y) \rightarrow p(y, x)$	hasSpouse, hasSibling
Asymmetric	$p(x, y) \rightarrow \neg p(y, x)$	hasChild, isOlderThan
Transitive	$p(x, y) \wedge p(y, z) \rightarrow p(x, z)$	isAncestorOf, isPartOf
Functional	Each x has 1 y	hasHusband, hasBirthdate
InverseFunctional	Each y from 1 x	hasWife, hasSSN
Reflexive	$\forall x p(x, x)$	knows, isSameNationalityAs
Irreflexive	$\forall x \neg p(x, x)$	hasChild, isTallerThan

## 11.2 Restriction Types Summary

Restriction	Syntax	Meaning
Existential	P some C	At least one P-value is in C
Universal	P only C	All P-values (if any) are in C
Value	P value a	Must be connected to individual a
Min Cardinality	P min n C	At least n distinct values in C
Max Cardinality	P max n C	At most n distinct values in C
Exact Cardinality	P exactly n C	Exactly n distinct values in C

## 11.3 Common Exam Mistakes

### 1. Confusing some and only:

- some = existence guaranteed
- only = restriction on all (if any exist)

### 2. Forgetting closure:

- Using only only without some allows empty sets!

### 3. Mixing up Functional vs. InverseFunctional:

- Functional: Source  $\rightarrow$  1 Target



- InverseFunctional: 1 Source  $\leftarrow$  Target

#### 4. Ignoring Open World Assumption:

- Cannot assume data is complete!

#### 5. Confusing SubClassOf and EquivalentTo:

- SubClassOf: one-way implication
- EquivalentTo: two-way equivalence

### 11.4 Final Exam Checklist

Before the exam, you **MUST** be able to:

1. Translate between English, DL notation, Manchester syntax, and Turtle.
2. Apply all 8 property characteristics and predict inferences.
3. Write restrictions using **some**, **only**, **value**.
4. Use qualified and unqualified cardinality correctly.
5. Combine intersection, union, complement for complex class definitions.
6. Detect inconsistencies from:
  - Disjoint classes
  - Property characteristics (asymmetric, functional, etc.)
  - Cardinality violations
7. Distinguish between:
  - Existential vs. Universal quantification
  - SubClassOf vs. EquivalentTo
  - Functional vs. InverseFunctional
  - Reflexive vs. Irreflexive
8. Explain why property chains are not transitive.
9. Understand Open World Assumption in reasoning.

## 12 Ultra-Short Revision (Last-Minute Study)

### 12.1 Class Restrictions

- **Intersection:** A and B - must be in both
- **Union:** A or B - must be in at least one
- **Complement:** not A - must not be in A
- **Enumeration:** {a, b, c} - exact members

## 12.2 Property Restrictions

- **some:** at least one (existence guaranteed)
- **only:** all (if any) must be
- **value:** connected to specific individual
- **min n:** n distinct values
- **max n:** n distinct values
- **exactly n:** = n distinct values

## 12.3 8 Key Characteristics

1. **Inverse:**  $p(x,y) \rightarrow q(y,x)$
2. **Symmetric:**  $p(x,y) \rightarrow p(y,x)$
3. **Asymmetric:**  $p(x,y) \rightarrow \neg p(y,x)$
4. **Transitive:**  $p(x,y) \wedge p(y,z) \rightarrow p(x,z)$
5. **Functional:**  $x \rightarrow \max 1 y$
6. **InverseFunctional:**  $y \leftarrow \max 1 x$
7. **Reflexive:**  $x \wedge p(x,x)$
8. **Irreflexive:**  $x \wedge \neg p(x,x)$

## 12.4 Critical Distinctions

- **SubClassOf ( $\sqsubseteq$ ):**  $A \rightarrow B$  (one-way)
- **EquivalentTo ( $\equiv$ ):**  $A \leftrightarrow B$  (two-way)
- **Qualified:** counts specific type
- **Unqualified:** counts any type
- **OWA:** cannot assume completeness
- **CWA:** assumes completeness (databases)

## 13 Conclusion

**You've now covered:**

1. Logic foundations (Propositional, FOL, DL)
2. Class restrictions (intersection, union, complement, enumeration)
3. Property restrictions (existential, universal, value)
4. Cardinality (min, max, exactly; qualified vs. unqualified)
5. All 8 property characteristics
6. Individual assertions (sameAs, differentFrom)
7. SWRL rules

8. Complete worked examples

**MASTER THIS LECTURE = EXAM SUCCESS!**

**Practice:** Write axioms, perform reasoning, detect inconsistencies!