

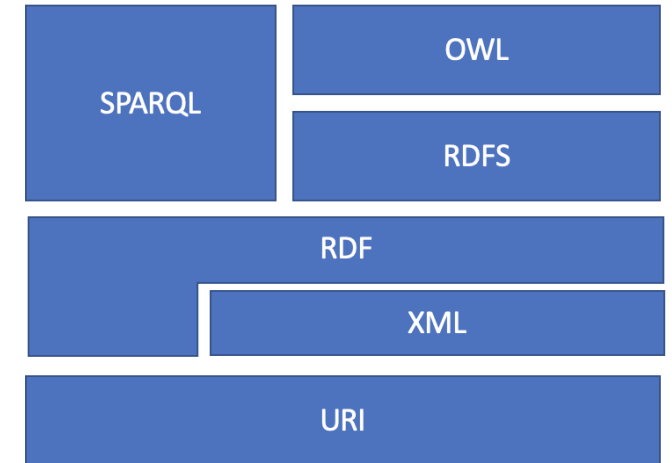
Knowledge representation

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From web of document to web of data

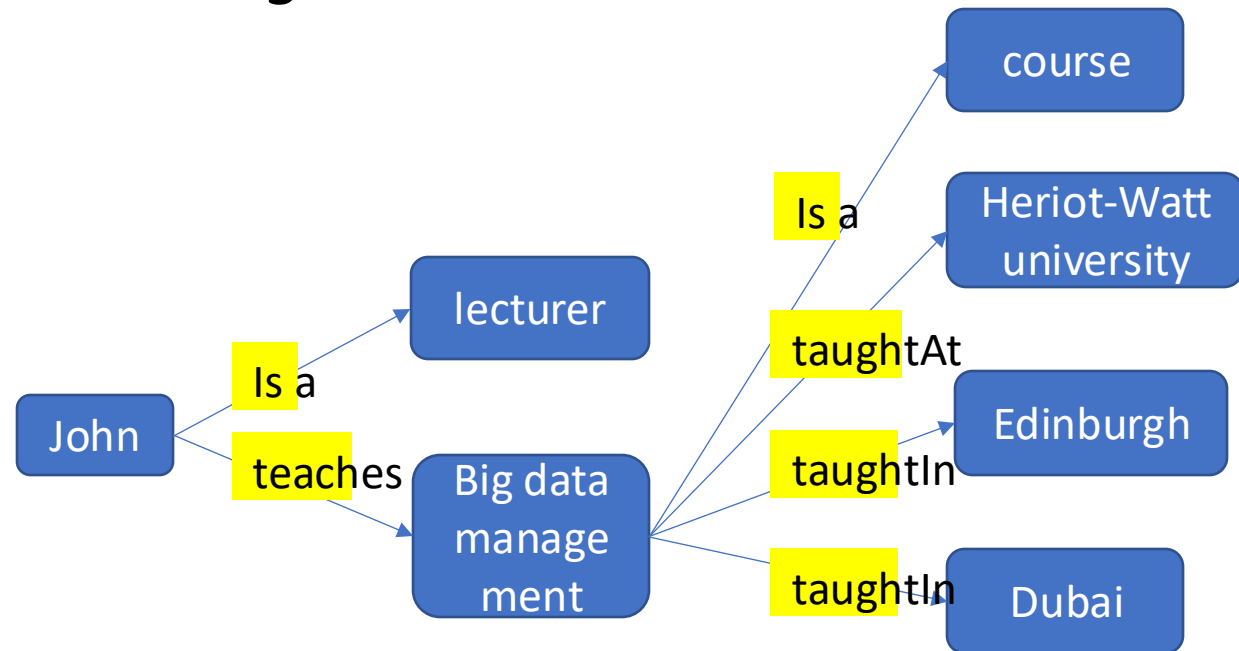
- **Web of documents** for human reading (search by words contained)
- **Web of data with** open linked data for machine understanding (search based on entities and their relationships)
- To allow for this, semantic web technologies have been created by W3C
 - Semantic annotation and retrieval: RDF, RDFS
 - Storing the Semantic Web: triple stores
 - Querying the Semantic Web: SPARQL
 - Reasoning on the Semantic Web: OWL, reasoning tools



Knowledge graphs

- Knowledge is considered as a set of relationships between things (or resources)
- A thing has properties (relationships) that links it to other things
- Any knowledge can therefore be represented as a graph, where the resources are the nodes and links are the relationships

"John is a lecturer who teaches big data management course at Heriot Watt University taught in Edinburgh and Dubai."



Characteristics of knowledge graphs

- **Scaling** – the same graph can represent many different knowledge simultaneously (geography, persons, occupation, universities...)
- **Agreement** – need to standardise the various relations in order to know what they “mean”
- **Structure** – need to know what nodes are related by a relations
- **Plurality** – the same relationship may appear several times (is_a, name...)
- **Asymmetry** – relationships are inherently directed, and very seldom symmetric

Reading a graph

- A knowledge graph can be seen
 - As a set of nodes and links
 - Nodes store information about things and links store relationships between things
 - A set of links, called predicates
 - A predicate has a subject (the source node) and an object (the destination node)
 - The graph can be written as a set of (subject, predicate, object)
 - These are called triples

RDF

- A standard language to represent knowledge graphs
- An RDF element is a **triple**
 - Subject predicate object
- Subject and predicate are resources defined by **IRI**
- object is a resource (with IRI) or a literal (a value with an xsd type such as integer, float, string, date...)
- An RDF model is an unordered collection of **statements** (triples)
- Many RDF serialisation formats
 - RDF/XML – original
 - **N-triples**, N-Quads
 - **Turtle**, Trig
 - JSON-LD
 - RDF-a
- It defines the semantics of information in machine-interpretable format

```
BASE <http://www.hw.ac.uk/courses#>
prefix tr:    <http://www.hw.ac.uk/courses#>
prefix rdf:   <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
prefix rdfs:  <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX dct:   <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
PREFIX xsd:   <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>

tr:university a rdfs:class.
tr:country a rdfs:class.
tr:professor a rdfs:class.
tr:course a rdfs:class.
tr:big_data_management rdf:type tr:course.
tr:UAE rdf:type tr:country.
tr:heriot_watt_uni rdf:type tr:university.
tr:Dubai tr:city_of tr:UAE.
tr:hadj tr:type tr:professor;
tr:livesIn tr:Dubai;
tr:worksAt tr:heriot_watt_uni;
tr:teaches tr:big_data_management.
```

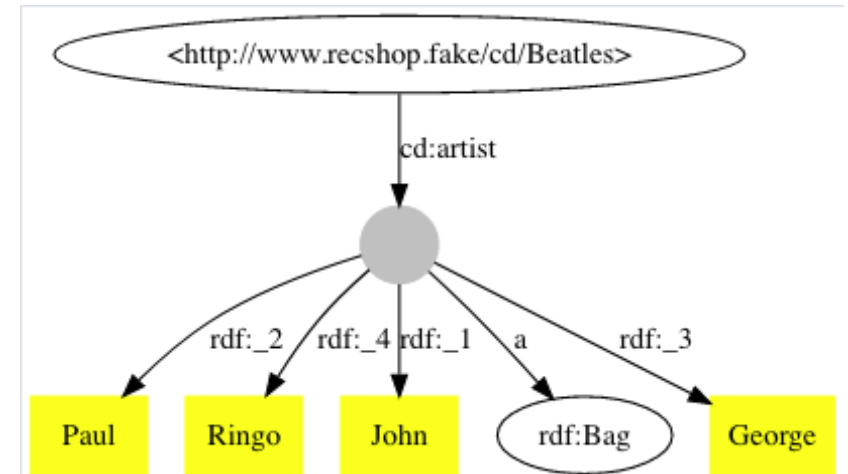
RDF- XML elements

Element	Description
rdf:RDF	root element of RDF documents, where a number of descriptions are defined. Defines the XML document to be an RDF document
rdf:Description	element contains the description of the resource identified by the rdf:about attribute.
rdf:type	instance of
rdf:Bag	an unordered container of resources
rdf:Seq	an ordered container of resources
rdf:Alt	Defines a set (container) of alternative resources (the user can select only one of the values)

Example: bag

RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:cd="http://www.recshop.fake/cd#"
>
  <rdf:Description
    rdf:about="http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles">
    <cd:artist>
      <rdf:Bag>
        <rdf:li>John</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Paul</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>George</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Ringo</rdf:li>
      </rdf:Bag>
    </cd:artist>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



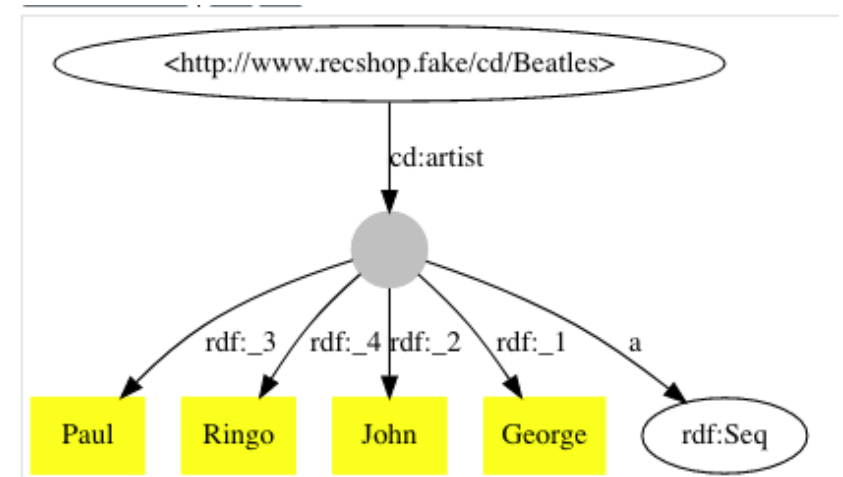
Turtle

```
@prefix cd: <http://www.recshop.fake/cd#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
<http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles>
  cd:artist [
    a rdf:Bag ;
    rdf:_1 "John" ;
    rdf:_2 "Paul" ;
    rdf:_3 "George" ;
    rdf:_4 "Ringo"
  ] .
```


Example: Seq

RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:cd="http://www.recshop.fake/cd#"
>
  <rdf:Description
    rdf:about="http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles">
    <cd:artist>
      <rdf:Seq>
        <rdf:li>John</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Paul</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>George</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Ringo</rdf:li>
      </rdf:Seq>
    </cd:artist>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



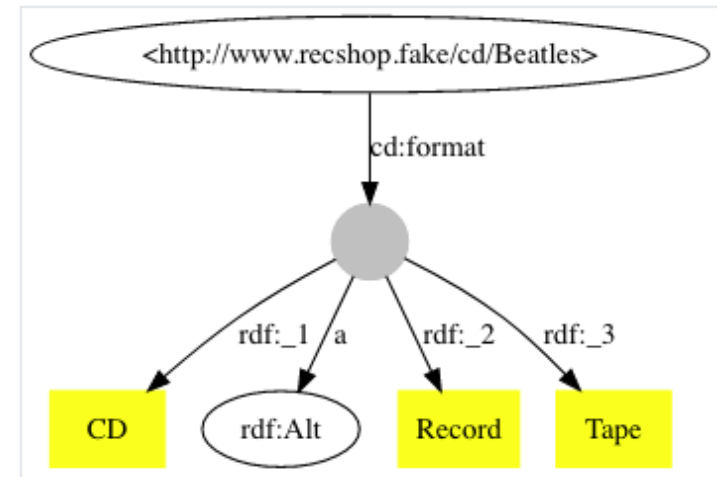
Turtle

```
@prefix cd: <http://www.recshop.fake/cd#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
<http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles>
  cd:artist [
    a rdf:Seq ;
    rdf:_1 "George" ;
    rdf:_2 "John" ;
    rdf:_3 "Paul" ;
    rdf:_4 "Ringo"
  ] .
```

Example: Alt

RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:cd="http://www.recshop.fake/cd#"
>
  <rdf:Description
    rdf:about="http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles">
    <cd:format>
      <rdf:Alt>
        <rdf:li>CD</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Record</rdf:li>
        <rdf:li>Tape</rdf:li>
      </rdf:Alt>
    </cd:format>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



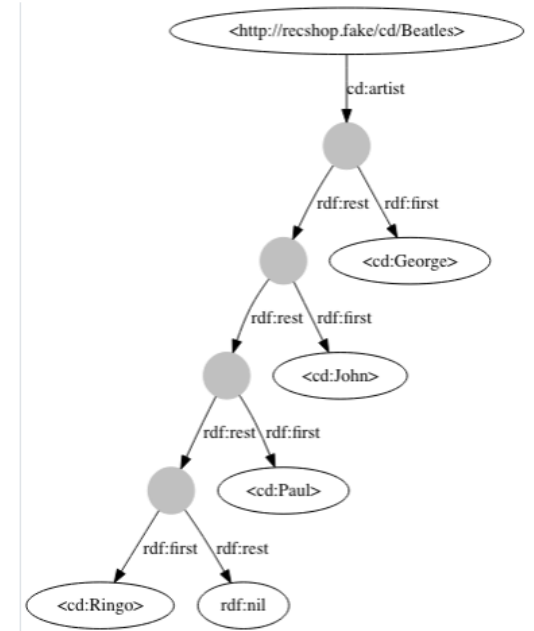
Turtle

```
@prefix cd: <http://www.recshop.fake/cd#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
<http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles>
  cd:format [
    a rdf:Alt ;
    rdf:_1 "CD" ;
    rdf:_2 "Record" ;
    rdf:_3 "Tape" ;
  ] .
```

Example: Collection

RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:cd="http://www.recshop.fake/cd#"
>
  <rdf:Description
    rdf:about="http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles">
    <cd:artist rdf:parseType="Collection">
      <rdf:Description rdf:about="cd:George"/>
      <rdf:Description rdf:about="cd:John"/>
      <rdf:Description rdf:about="cd:Paul"/>
      <rdf:Description rdf:about="cd:Ringo"/>
    </cd:artist>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



Turtle

```
@prefix cd: <http://www.recshop.fake/cd#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
<http://www.recshop.fake/cd/Beatles>
  cd:artist [
    <cd:George> ;
    <cd:John> ;
    <cd:Paul> ;
    <cd:Ringo> ;
  ] .
```

RDF collections are used to describe groups that can ONLY contain the specified members.

RDF – XML attributes

rdf:ID	Abbreviating a node IRI, e.g. http://example.org/here/#snack <rdf:Description rdf:ID="snack">
rdf:about	referencing an existing resource <rdf:Description rdf:about="#snack">
rdf:resource	allows property elements to be defined as resources <rdf:Seq rdf:about="http://example.org/favourite-fruit"> <rdf:_1 rdf:resource="http://example.org/banana"/> <rdf:_2 rdf:resource="http://example.org/apple"/> <rdf:_3 rdf:resource="http://example.org/pear"/> </rdf:Seq>

RDF Classes & Properties

Classes

- `rdf:XMLLiteral`
- `rdf:Property`
- `rdf:Alt`
- `rdf:Bag`
- `rdf:Seq`
- `rdf:List`
- `rdf:nil`
- `rdf:Statement`

Properties

- `rdf:type`
- `rdf:first`
- `rdf:rest`
- `rdf:value`
- `rdf:subject`
- `rdf:predicate`
- `rdf:object`

Blank nodes

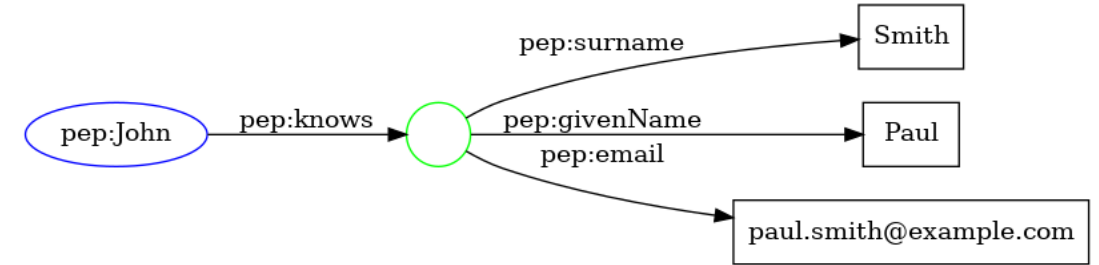
- When a node does not need to be visible outside, there is no need to assign to it an IRI
- It will be a *blank node* or *bnode*, or *anonymous node*
- Blank nodes are represented by an empty node
- Usually, an internal ID is generated to differentiate a blank node from other blank nodes
- So, an *object* in a triple (subject, predicate, object) can be
 - IRI
 - Literal
 - Blank node

Example: blank node

RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:pep="http://example.com/people#"
  xml:base="http://example.com/">

  <rdf:Description rdf:about="pep:John">
    <pep:knows>
      <rdf:Description>
        <pep:surname>Smith</pep:surname>
        <pep:givenName>Paul</pep:givenName>
        <pep:email>paul.smith@example.com</pep:email>
      </rdf:Description>
    </pep:knows>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```



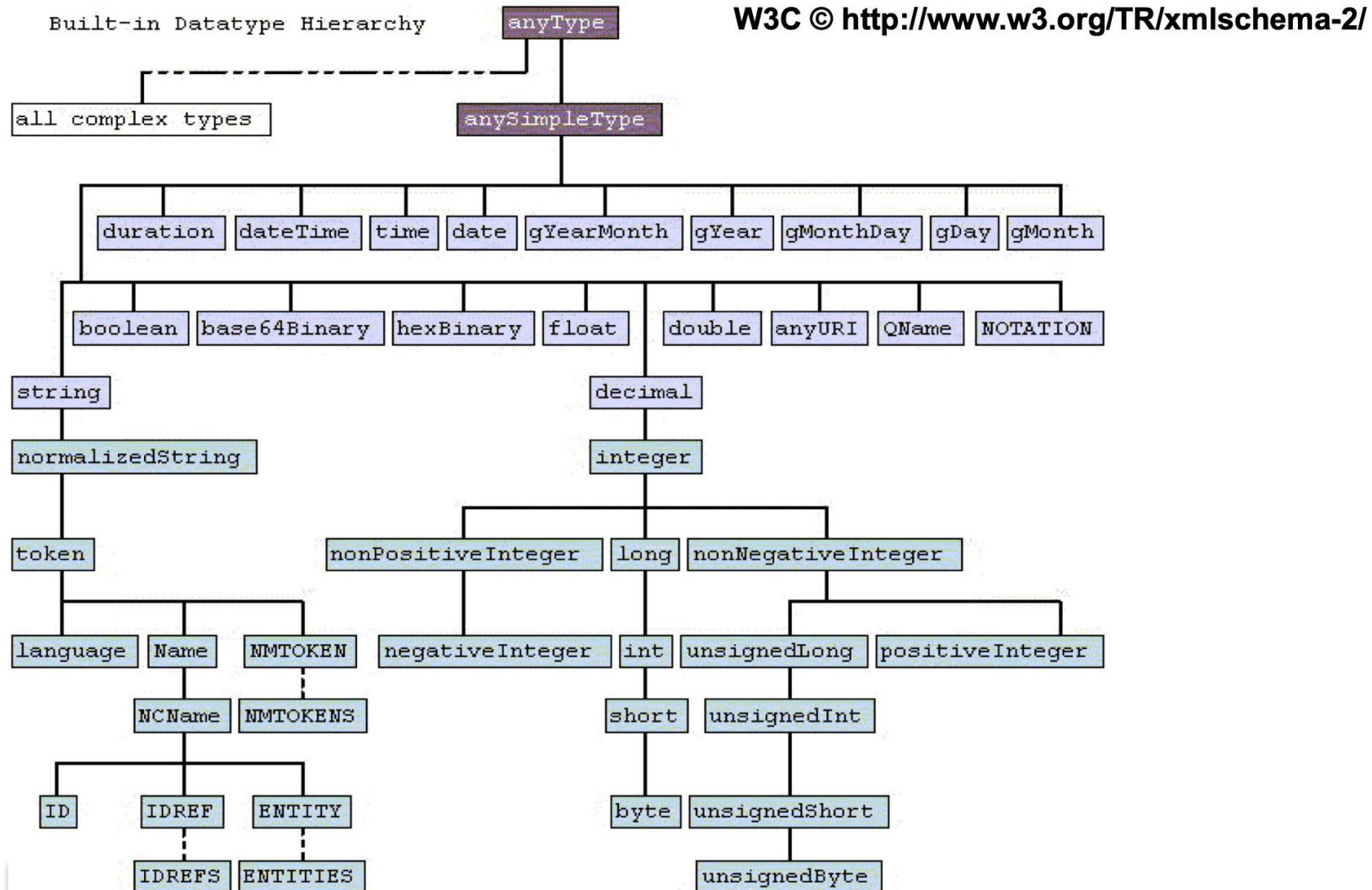
Namespaces:
rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
pep: <http://example.com/people#>

Turtle

```
@prefix pep: <http://example.com/people#> .

<pep:john>
  pep:knows [
    pep:surname "Smith" ;
    pep:givenName "Paul";
    pep:email "paul.smith@example.com"
  ] .
```

XML Schema Datatypes for Literals



RDF limitations

- RDF triples represent a knowledge graph but without much restrictions on the use of terms
 - Example, nothing prevents using the property “last name” for a car!
- This is due to the fact there is **no type mechanism** in RDF
 - We cannot specify which relation are allowed and for what type of subject and object
- This leads to two problems
 - **Interpretability**: different people understand predicates in different ways and that lead to statements that are difficult to interpret
 - **Automatization**: software applications cannot be developed to generate rigorous knowledge graphs or make accurate inference

RDFS: RDF schema

- Also known as **RDF Vocabulary Description Language**
- It is an extension of RDF
- It defines the vocabulary used in RDF models
- It defines a metamodel with
 - Concepts: **Resource, Literal, Class, Datatype**
 - Relationships: **subClassOf, subPropertyOf, domain, range**
- *“RDFS provides a means for defining the classes (concepts or entities), properties, and relationships in an RDF model and organizing these concepts and relationships into hierarchies”*
- It defines axioms (entailments or rules) for concepts and relationships. These rules allow inferring new triples from existing ones

RDFS classes

Do not confuse

: an attribute to define the object of a property

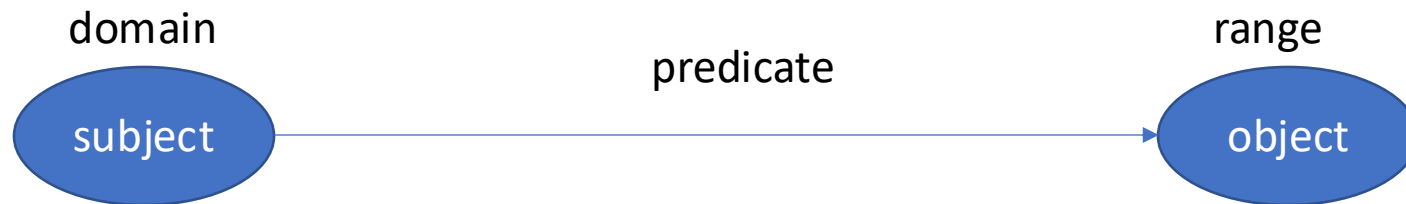
Class	Description
rdfs:Class	the class (or meta class) that defines all classes. <u>Instance</u> of rdfs:Class
rdfs:Resource	the class that defines all resources. <u>Instance</u> of rdfs:Class
rdfs:Literal	the class that defines all literal values (integers, strings...). <u>Instance</u> of rdfs:Class and <u>subclass</u> of rdfs:Resource
rdfs:Property	the class that defines all properties. <u>Instance</u> of rdfs:Class
rdfs:Datatype	the class of datatypes. <u>Instance</u> and <u>subclass</u> of rdfs:Class . Each instance of rdfs:Datatype is <u>subclass</u> of rdfs:Literal

Do not confuse

rdf:resource	an attribute to define the object of a property, example <code><rdf:Description rdf:about="http://example.org/Bob"> <foaf:address rdf:resource="http://example.org/address1"/> </rdf:Description></code>	Turtle (no rdf:resource) <code><http://example.org/Bob> foaf:address <http://example.org/address1> .</code>
rdfs:Resource	A class that defines all resources (anything is resource, and any resource is subclass of rdfs:Resource) <code><http://example.org/Bob> rdf:type <http://example.org/Person> . <http://example.org/Bob> rdf:type rdfs:Resource .</code>	

RDFS properties

property	
<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>	Relate a class to a superclass (there might be many). Allows creating a hierarchy of classes. This relation is transitive.
<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>	Relate a property to a superproperty (there might be many). This relation is transitive.
<code>rdfs:domain</code>	Declares the class of the subject for a predicate
<code>rdfs:range</code>	Declares the class or datatype of the of the object of a predicate



RDFS metadata (information about the resources)

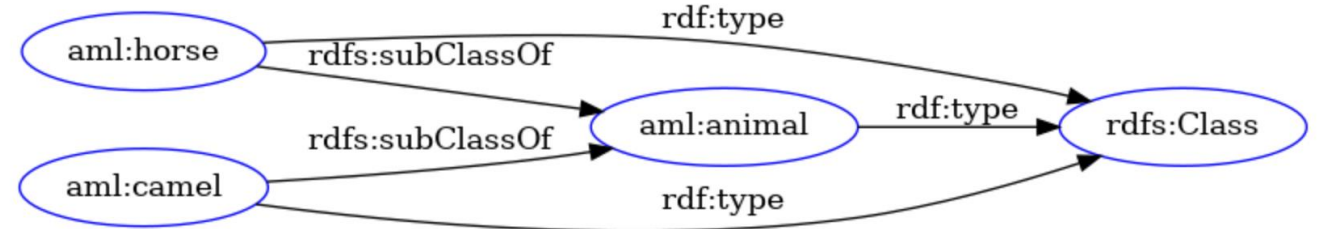
property	description
<code>rdfs:comment</code>	typically provides a longer text description of the resource
<code>rdfs:label</code>	associates the resource with a human-friendly name
<code>rdfs:isDefinedBy</code>	relates a resource to the place where its definition, typically an RDF schema
<code>rdfs:seeAlso</code>	relates a resource to another resource that explains it

RDFS, Example1

Note, it is an RDF document

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"
  xmlns:aml="http://www.animals.fake/animals#"
  xml:base="http://www.animals.fake/animals">

  <rdfs:Class rdf:ID="animal"/>
  <rdfs:Class rdf:ID="horse">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="aml:animal"/>
  </rdfs:Class>
  <rdfs:Class rdf:ID="camel">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="aml:animal"/>
  </rdfs:Class>
</rdf:RDF>
```



Namespaces:
rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
aml: <http://www.animals.fake/animals#>

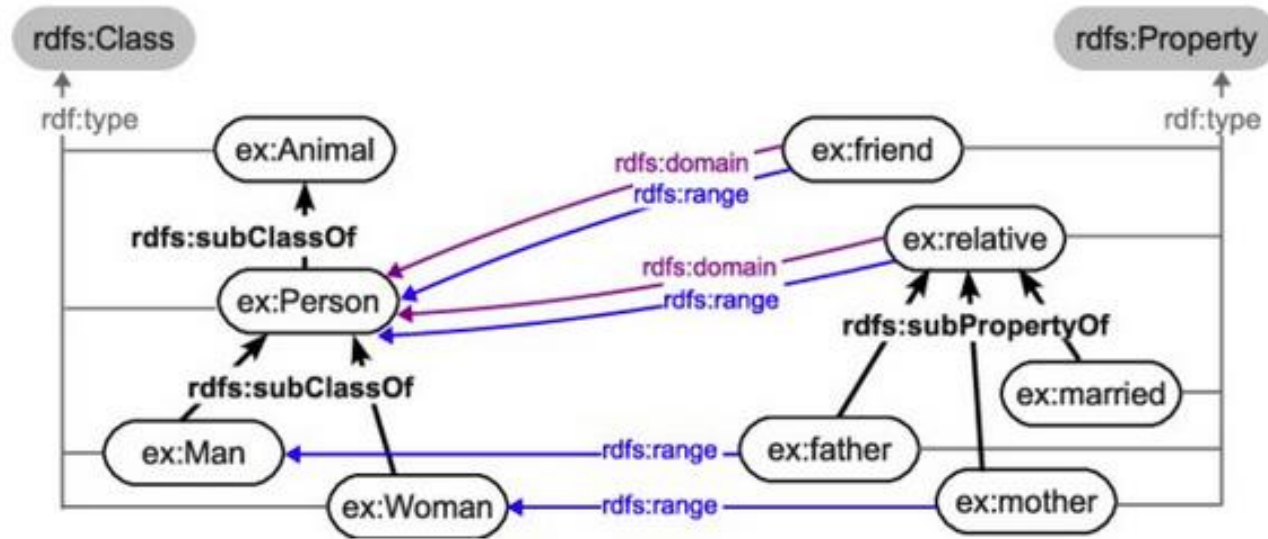
Turtle

```
@base <http://www.animals.fake/animals> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix aml: <http://www.animals.fake/animals#> .

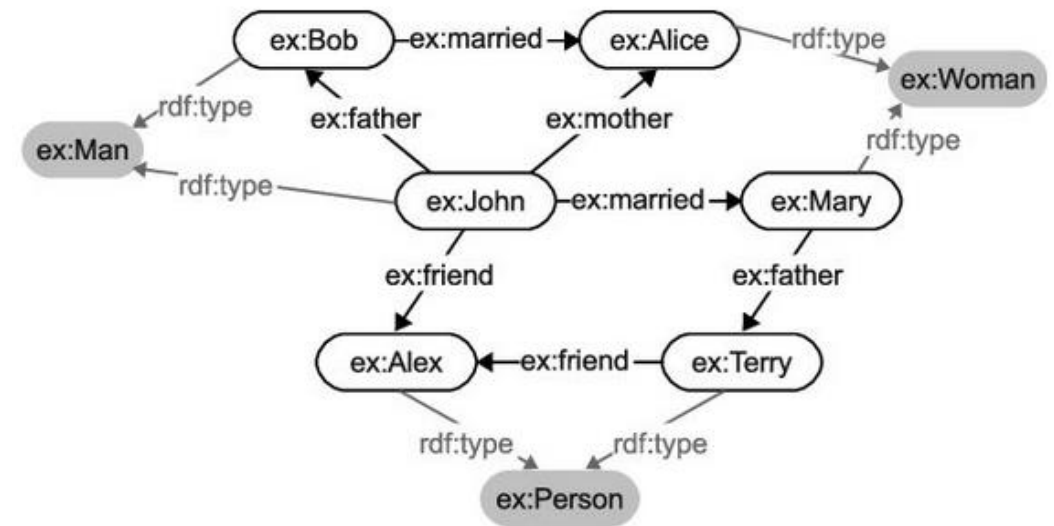
<aml#animal> a rdfs:Class .
<aml#horse> a rdfs:Class ;
    rdfs:subClassOf <aml#animal> .
<aml#camel> a rdfs:Class ;
    rdfs:subClassOf <aml#animal> .
```

RDFS, Example 2

RDFS



RDF



RDFS example serialised (RDF/XML)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"

  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:animal">
  </rdfs:Class>

  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:person">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="pep:animal"/>
  </rdfs:Class>

  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:man">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
  </rdfs:Class>

  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:woman">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
  </rdfs:Class>

  <rdfs:Property rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:friend">
    <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
    <rdfs:range rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
  </rdfs:Property>
```

```
    <rdfs:Property rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:relative">
      <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
      <rdfs:range rdf:resource="pep:person"/>
    </rdfs:Property>

    <rdfs:Property rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:father">
      <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="pep:relative"/>
      <rdfs:range rdf:resource="pep:man"/>
    </rdfs:Property>

    <rdfs:Property rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:mother">
      <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="pep:relative"/>
      <rdfs:range rdf:resource="pep:woman"/>
    </rdfs:Property>

    <rdfs:Property rdf:about="http://www.people.fake/people#pep:married">
      <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="pep:relative"/>
    </rdfs:Property>

  </rdf:RDF>
```


RDFS example serialised (Turtle)

```
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:animal> a rdfs:Class .
<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:person>
  a rdfs:Class ;
  rdfs:subClassOf <pep:animal> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:man>
  a rdfs:Class ;
  rdfs:subClassOf <pep:person> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:woman>
  a rdfs:Class ;
  rdfs:subClassOf <pep:person> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:friend>
  a rdfs:Property ;
  rdfs:domain <pep:person> ;
  rdfs:range <pep:person> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:relative>
  a rdfs:Property ;
  rdfs:domain <pep:person> ;
  rdfs:range <pep:person> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:father>
  a rdfs:Property ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf <pep:relative> ;
  rdfs:range <pep:man> .

<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:mother>
  a rdfs:Property ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf <pep:relative> ;
  rdfs:range <pep:woman> .

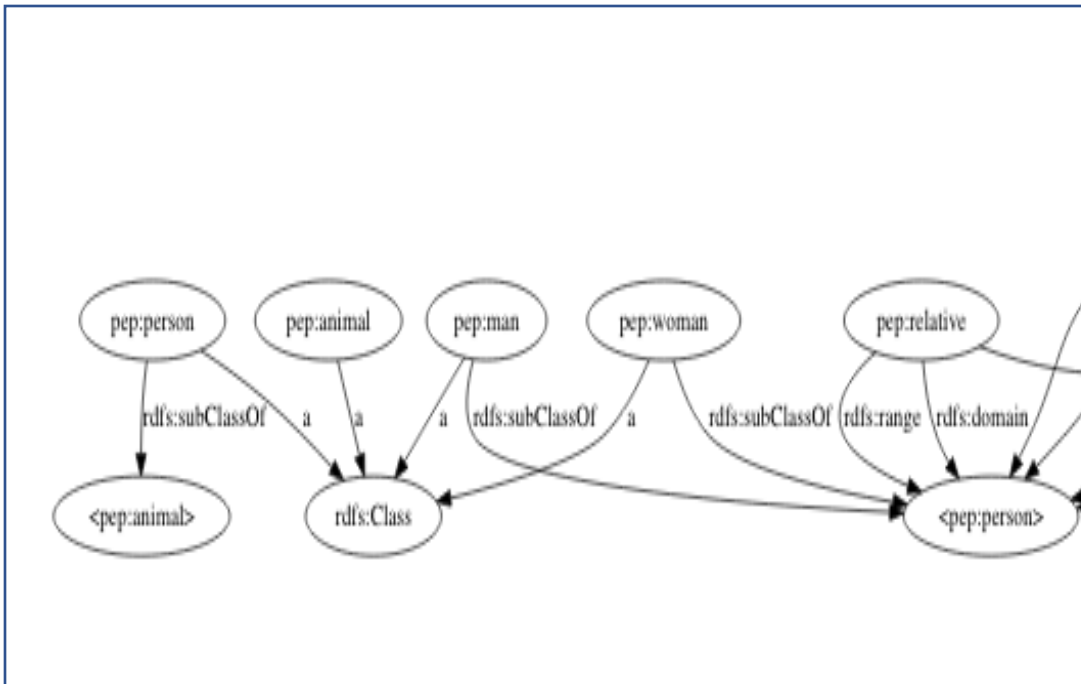
<http://www.people.fake/people#pep:married>
  a rdfs:Property ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf <pep:relative> .
```

RDF in Turtle format

```
<pep:John>
  rdf:type <pep:man>;
  <pep:father> <pep:Bob>;
  <pep:mother> <pep:Alice>;
  <pep:married> <pep:Mary>;
  <pep:friend> <pep:Alex>.
<pep:Bob>
  rdf:type <pep:man>
  <pep:married> <pep:Alice>.
<pep:Alice>
  rdf:type <pep:woman>.
<pep:Mary>
  <pep:father> <pep:Terry>.
<pep:Terry>
  rdf:type <pep:person>.
<pep:Alex>
  rdf:type <pep:person>.
```

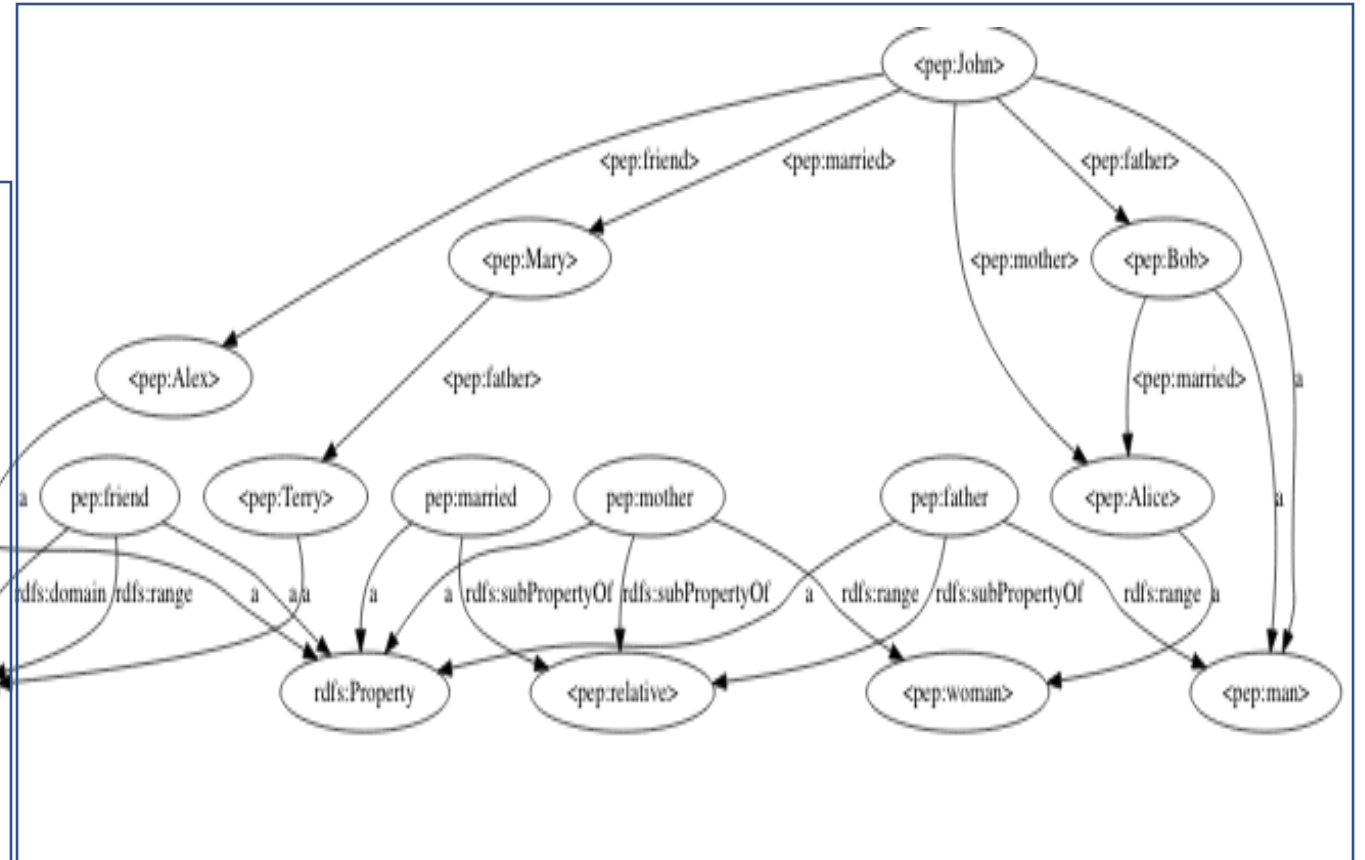
The whole graph together

RDFS



Schema

RDF



Instances

Schema vs. instance

- Schema

- The **types of things** we can talk about (Classes)
- What we can say about those things (Properties)
- With RDFS, it is a shared terminology (vocabulary)

- Instance

- The **actual things** we are describing
- It is the actual data
- It must respect the principles of open linked data
 - Use of IRI to identify things
 - resolvable HTTP IRIs
 - machine understandable format (RDF)
 - Data linked with external data (HTTPS IRIs)

Inference with RDFS

- Inference means discovering facts that are not explicitly stated by applying logical rules and properties (transitivity, symmetry ...)
- With RDFS, we can do two basic types of inference:
 - **Type inheritance** (discover the class of an entity by following the inheritance tree)

```
:alice rdf:type foaf:Person  
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Agent
```

⇒

```
:alice rdf:type foaf:Agent
```

- **Type inference** (discover the class of an entity by applying constraints)

```
foaf:Person rdf:knows foaf:Person  
:alice rdfs:knows :bob
```

⇒

```
:alice rdf:type foaf:Person  
:bob rdf:type foaf:Person
```

Characteristics of RDFS/RDF

- No distinction between classes and instances (individuals)
 - <Species, type, Class>
 - <Lion, type, Species>
 - <Leo, type, Lion>
- Properties can themselves have properties
 - <hasDaughter, subPropertyOf, hasChild>
 - <hasDaughter, type, familyProperty>
- No distinction between language constructors and ontology vocabulary, so constructors can be applied to themselves/ each other
 - <type, range, Class>
 - <Property, type, Class>
 - <type, subPropertyOf, subClassOf>

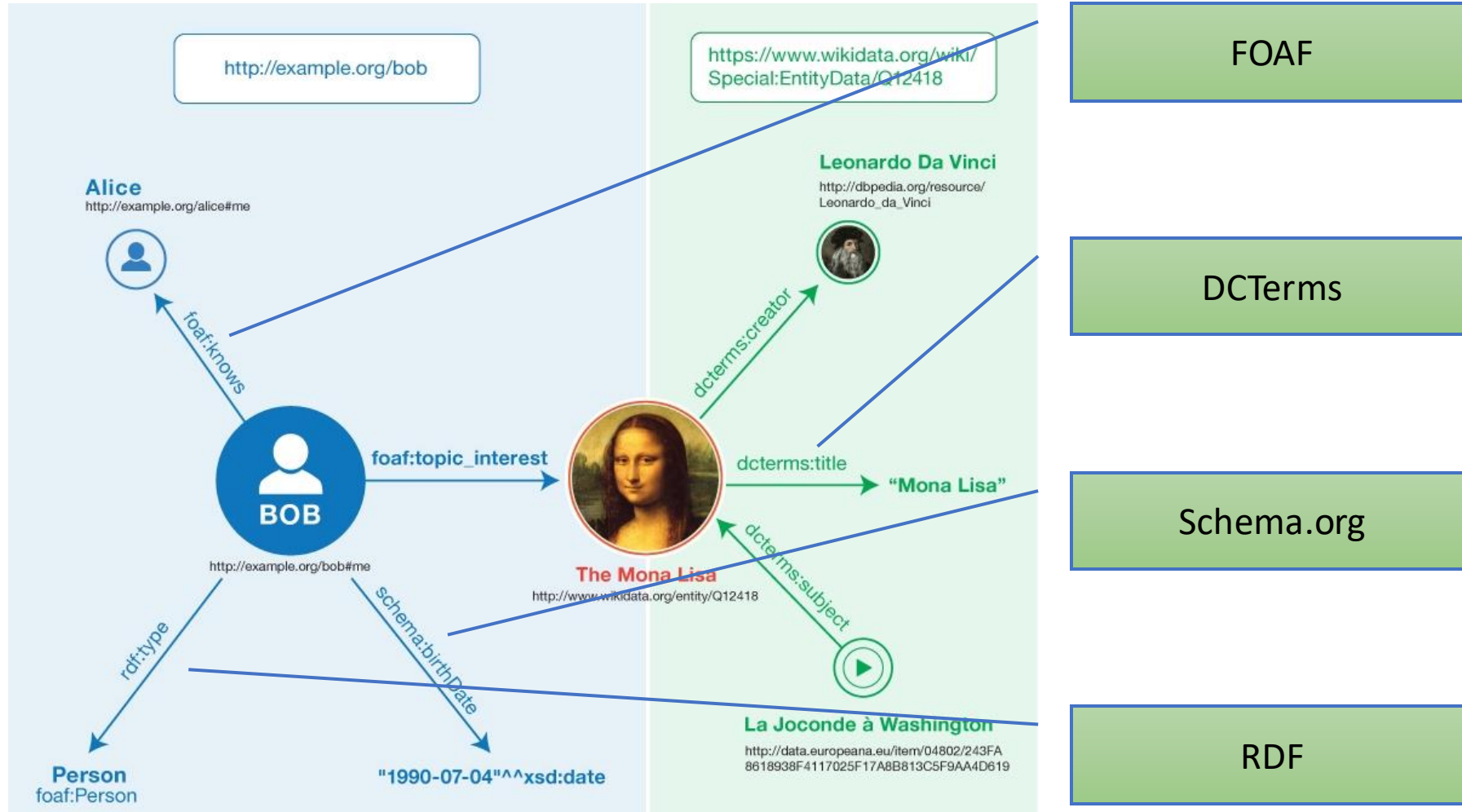
RDFS vocabulary

- RDFS allows defining vocabularies. A vocabulary is a data model
- A vocabulary sets of *terms* used to describe things, defined using **classes**, **relationships** and **attributes**
- **Class**: Represents things in the real world
 - a person, an organisation, concepts such as “health”, “freedom”...
- **Relationship**: A link between two classes
 - link between a document and the organisation that published it (i.e. organisation publishes document),
 - link between a map and the geographic region it depicts (i.e. map depicts geographic region)
- **Attribute**: A characteristic of a class in a particular dimension
 - the legal name of an organisation or the date and time that an observation was made

Vocabularies used with RDF/RDFS

- RDF uses various existing namespaces (vocabularies)
 - RDF: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
 - Elements and properties of RDF
 - DublinCore: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
 - Document metadata, such as author, title...
 - SKOS: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
 - Structing vocabularies (taxonomy, thesauri...)
 - FOAF: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
 - Persons, their activities and their relations to objects

Example of RDF and external terms



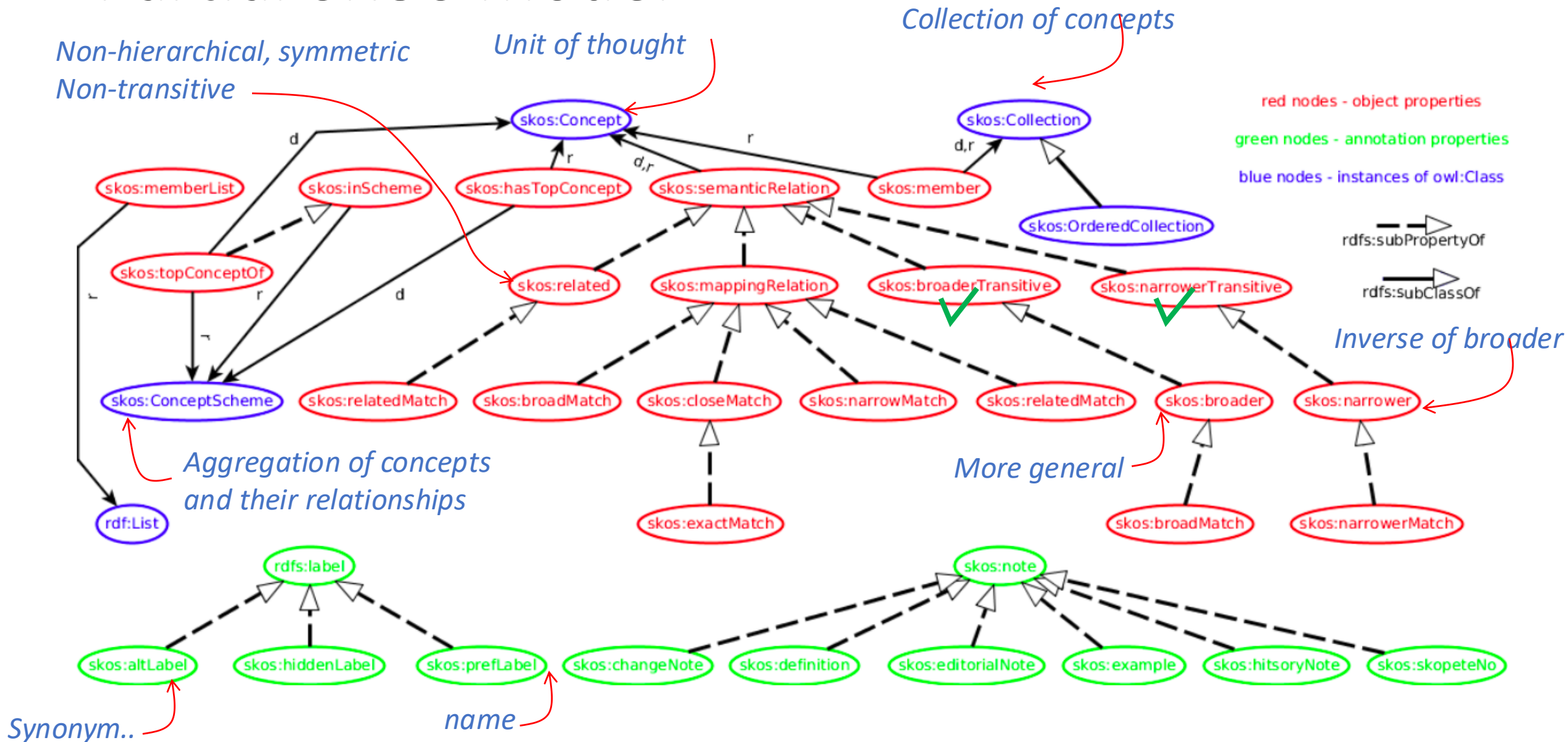
Dublin core

- Defines basic metadata that can be used to briefly describe most resources (files, data, services ...)
 - E.g.
 - The **title** of the resource: **dc:title**
 - The **creator/author** of the resource: **dc:creator**
 - A human-readable **description**: **dc:description**
 - **Date** of creation: **dc:date**
- Complete list on <http://dublincore.org>

SKOS: Simple Knowledge Organization System

- A standard RDF vocabulary (2009)
- It defines knowledge organisation systems
- It allows to express thesauri, classification systems, subject headings, lists ..
- Controlled vocabularies do not have relationships
- SKOS allows defining thesauri and taxonomies that have relationships

Partial SKOS model



SKOS: Simple Knowledge Organization System

The fundamental element of the SKOS vocabulary is the *concept*.

@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .

@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .

@prefix ex: <http://www.example.com/> .

ex:cat rdf:type skos:Concept.

The Concept is defined by a label in natural language.

ex:cat rdf:type skos:Concept;
 skos:prefLabel "cat"@en;

SKOS: Simple Knowledge Organization System

Semantic relationships:

- Hierarchical via properties `skos:broader`, `skos:narrower`
For explicit transitivity use
`skos:broaderTransitive`
`skos:narrowerTransitive`
- Associative via property `skos:related`
 - is not defined as a transitive property

SKOS and transitivity

- Relationship p is transitive if

```
:r1 :p :r2  
:r2 :p :r3
```

⇒

```
:r1 :p :r3
```

- Relationship p is intransitive if

```
:r1 :p :r2  
:r2 :p :r3
```

⇒

```
Not(:r1 :p :r3)
```

- Relationship p is neither transitive nor intransitive

```
:r1 :p :r2  
:r2 :p :r3
```

⇒

```
Nothing is known on p(r1,r3)
```

- SKOS relationships are neither transitive nor intransitive

SKOS Transitive relationships

- SKOS defines explicit transitive relationships
 - `skos:broaderTransitive`, `skos:tnarrowerTransitive`
- Example

```
:animal rdf:type skos:Concept.  
:mammal rdf:type skos:Concept;  
         skos:broaderTransitive :animal.  
:cat rdf:type skos:Concept;  
     skos:broaderTransitive :mammal.
```

⇒

```
:cat skos:broader :animal.
```

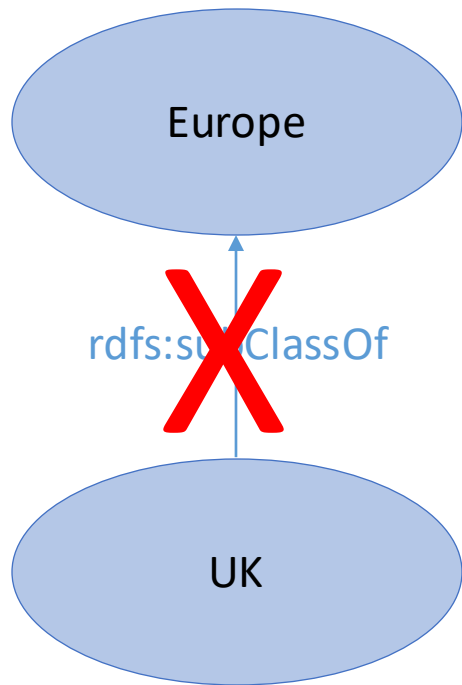

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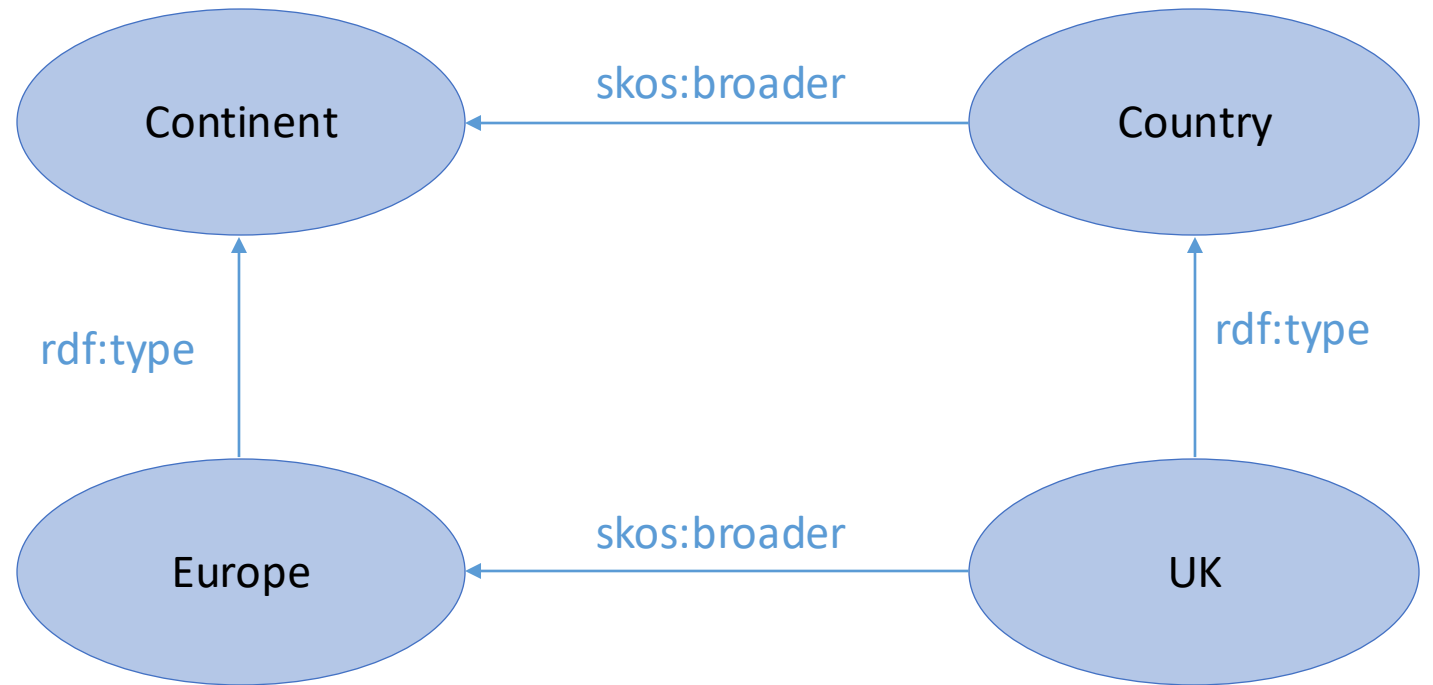
ex:cat rdf:type skos:Concept;
      skos:prefLabel "cat"@en;
      skos:prefLabel "Katze"@de;
      skos:altLabel "kitten"@en;
      skos:narrower ex:wildcat.

ex:wildcat rdf:type skos:Concept;
          skos:prefLabel "wildcat"@en;
          skos:broader ex:cat.
```

Typical mistake



It should be



Disjoint properties

- Two properties are disjoint if they cannot occur at the same time
- In SKOS, `skos:related` is disjoint with both `skos:broader` and `skos:narrower`
- The following is inconsistent

```
:r1 rdf:type skos:Concept;  
    skos:related :r3.  
:r2 rdf:type skos:Concept;  
    skos:narrowerTransitive :r1.  
:r3 rdf:type skos:Concept;  
    skos:narrowerTransitive :r2.
```

Because by transitivity

```
:r3 skos:narrower :r1.
```

Therefore, we have at the same time

```
:r1 rdf:type skos:Concept;  
    skos:related :r3.  
:r3 skos:narrower :r1.
```

Where narrower and related are disjoint

SKOS and similarity between concepts

property	description
:c1 skos:exactMatch :c2	c1 and c2 similar concepts, can be used interchangeably
:c1 skos:closeMatch :c2	c1 and c2 almost similar concepts, can be used interchangeably in some situations
:c1 owl:sameAs :c2	c1 and c2 are one and the same thing

This relationships can be used to align (or integrate) two ontologies (to be seen later)

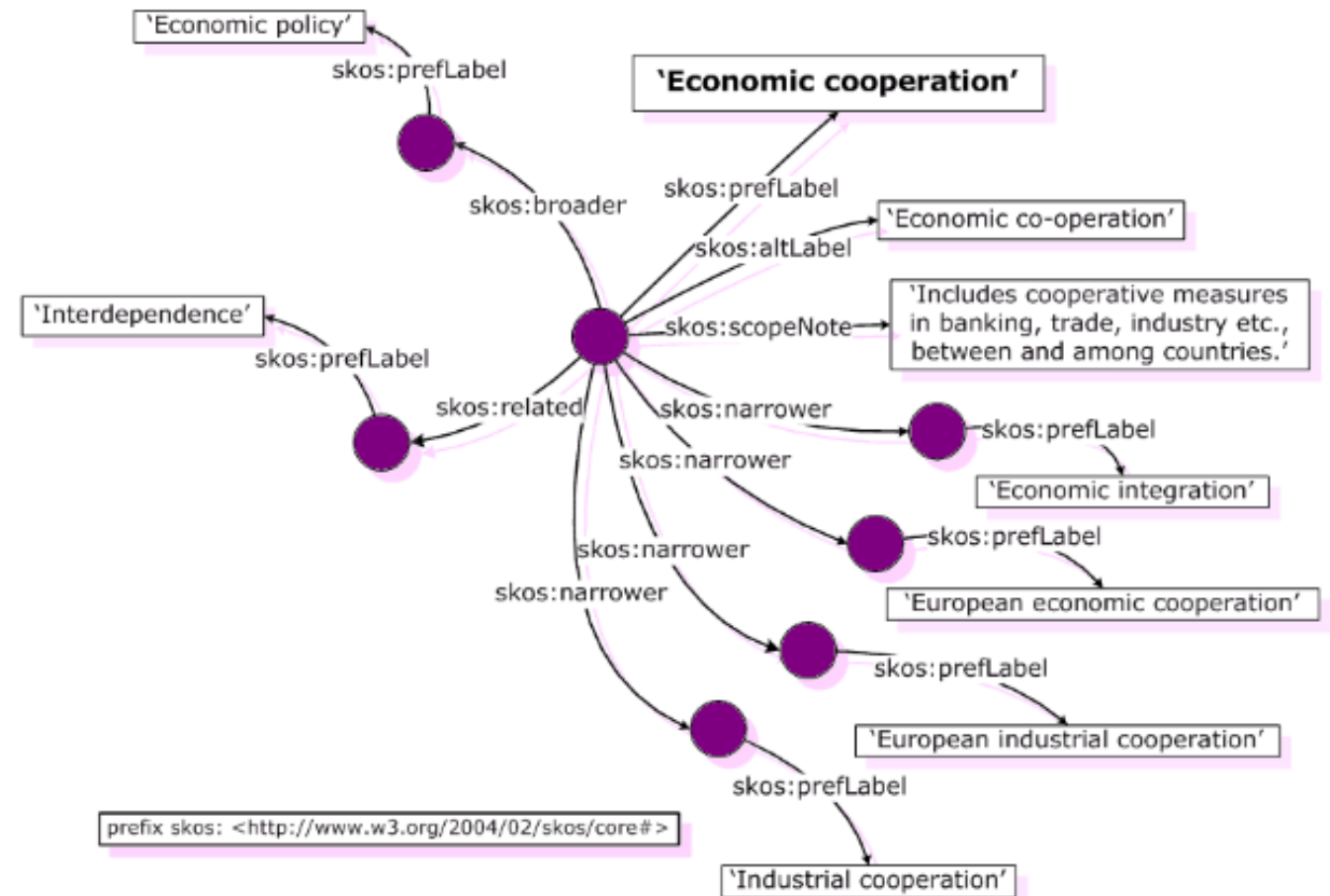
Skos example

Part of the UK Archival Thesaurus (UKAT)

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Associated RDF/SKOS

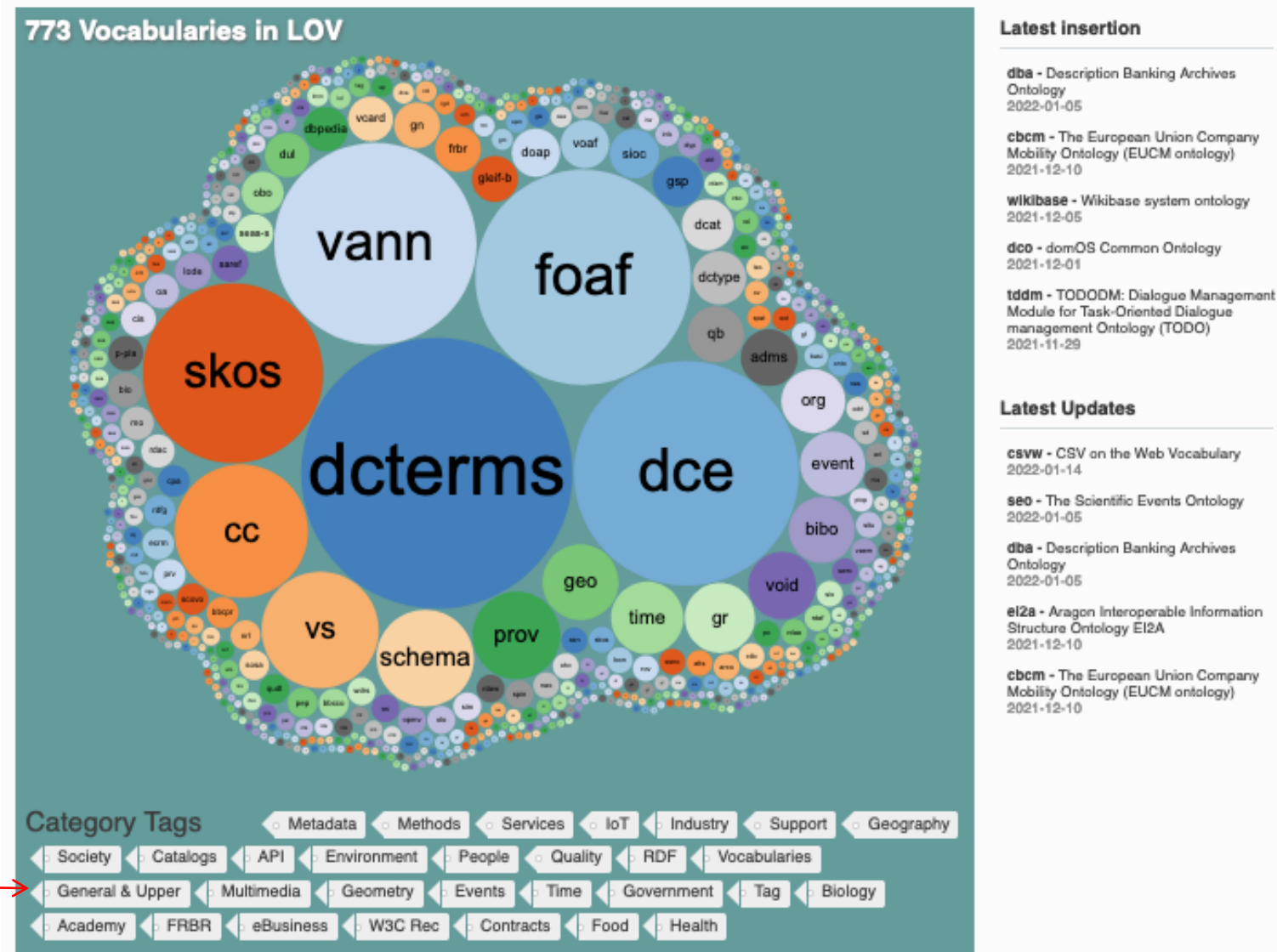


SKOS reasoning

- With SKOS, we can do the following reasoning
- Check consistency
 - Example, x broader than y, and y broader than x
- Trivial entailments
 - Example, x broader than y, then y narrower than x
- Transitivity
 - Example, x narrowerTransitive than y, y narrowerTransitive than z, then x narrower than z

Linked open vocabularies

Repository of vocabularies (a European project): <https://lov.linkeddata.es/dataset/lov/>



Searchable by category

Limitations of RDFS

- RDFS cannot describe resources with sufficient details
 - *cannot express that the range of hasChild is person when applied to persons and elephant when applied to elephants*
 - Requires **localised range and domain** constraints
 - *cannot express that all instances of person have a mother that is also a person, or that persons have exactly 2 parents*
 - Requires **existence/cardinality** constraints
 - *cannot express that isPartOf is a transitive property, that hasPart is the inverse of isPartOf or that touches is symmetrical*
 - Requires **transitive, inverse or symmetrical** properties
- Difficult to provide reasoning support
 - No “native” reasoners

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