



Knowledge Representation & Reasoning & Introduction To Knowledge Graphs

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Knowledge Is Power?

Agree/Disagree?



Knowledge Is the Key to Ultimate Success?

Agree/Disagree
If yes, to what extent?



How Would You Say?

"My dear Watson, ...I suppose that it was the gardener who has killed the butler!"



RDF Reification

**Making Statements about
Statements**



RDF Reification

- RDF also permits interleaving of statements, i.e. to make statements about statements
- Example:
 - Sherlock Holmes supposes that the gardener has killed the butler
- - **Part 1: the gardener has killed the butler**
`ex:Gardener ex:hasKilled ex:butler .`
 - **Part 2: Sherlock Holmes supposes...**
`dbpedia:Sherlock_Holmes ex:supposes ????`



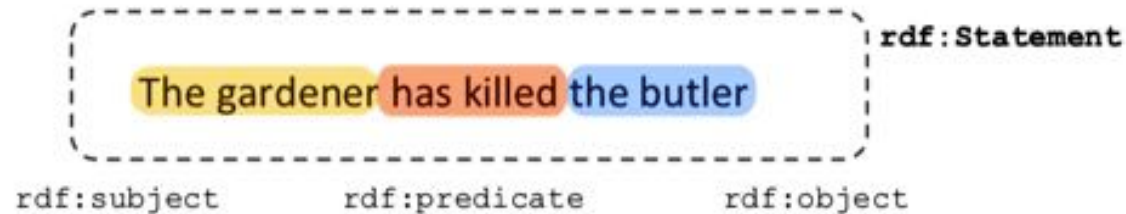
RDF Reification

- **rdf:Statement**

defines an RDF statement consisting of subject, predicate, object



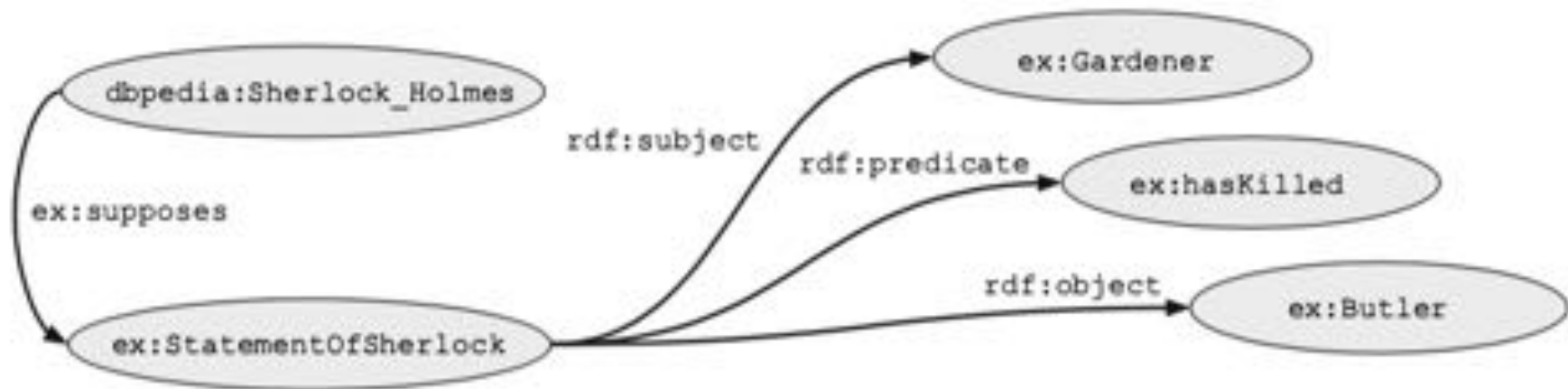
- `rdf:subject` - the described resource
- `rdf:predicate` - the original property
- `rdf:object` - the value of the property





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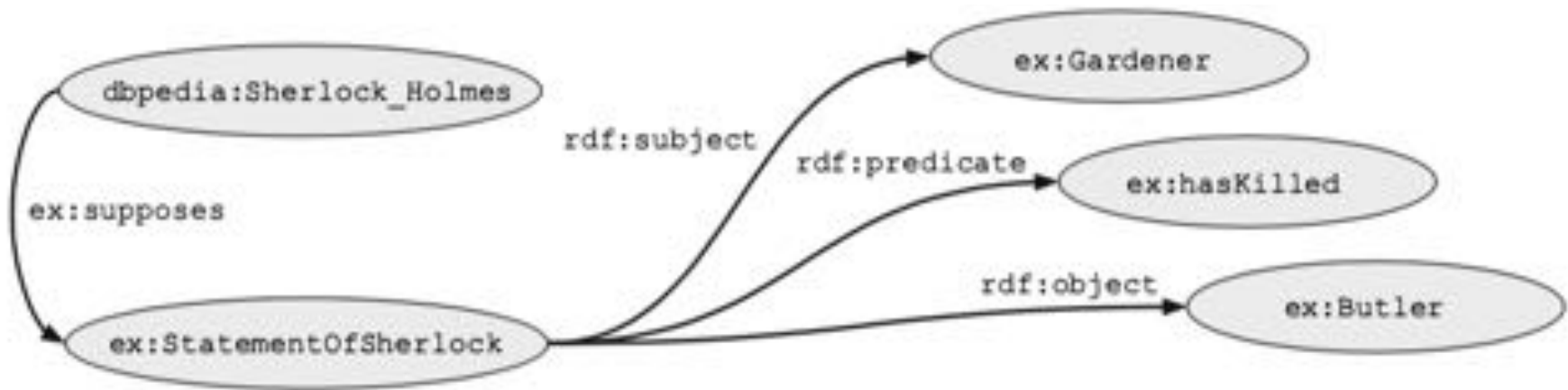
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```
dbpedia:SherlockHolmes ex:supposes ex:StatementOfSherlock .
ex:StatementOfSherlock a rdf:Statement ;
rdf:subject ex:Gardener ;
rdf:predicate ex:hasKilled ;
rdf:object ex:Butler .
```



RDF Reification

- What is the use of reification?
 - modeling data provenance
 - formalizing statements about reliability and trust
 - define metadata about statements
- But... you should be careful....
 - with reification relations can be transformed into classes/instances (type conflicts)
 - definition of infinite recursions and cycles



RDFS

Enhancing the expressivity of RDF

What does it really mean?

<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Pluto>

<http://dbpedia.org/property/satelliteOf>

[http://dbpedia.org/resource/Charon_\(moon\)](http://dbpedia.org/resource/Charon_(moon))

<http://dbpedia.org/ontology/discoverer>

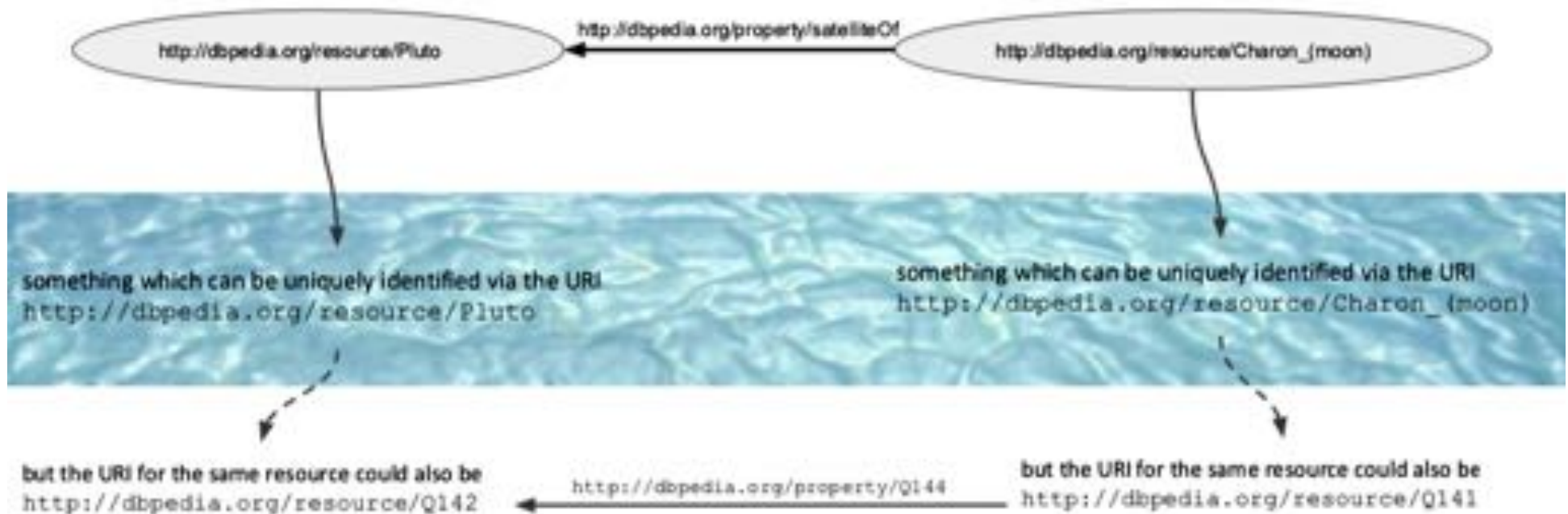
http://dbpedia.org/resource/Clyde_Tombaugh

Where does the intended meaning really come from?





What Does It Really Mean?



The Semantic Web Technology Stack (not a piece of cake...)

Most apps use only a subset of the stack

Querying allows fine-grained data access

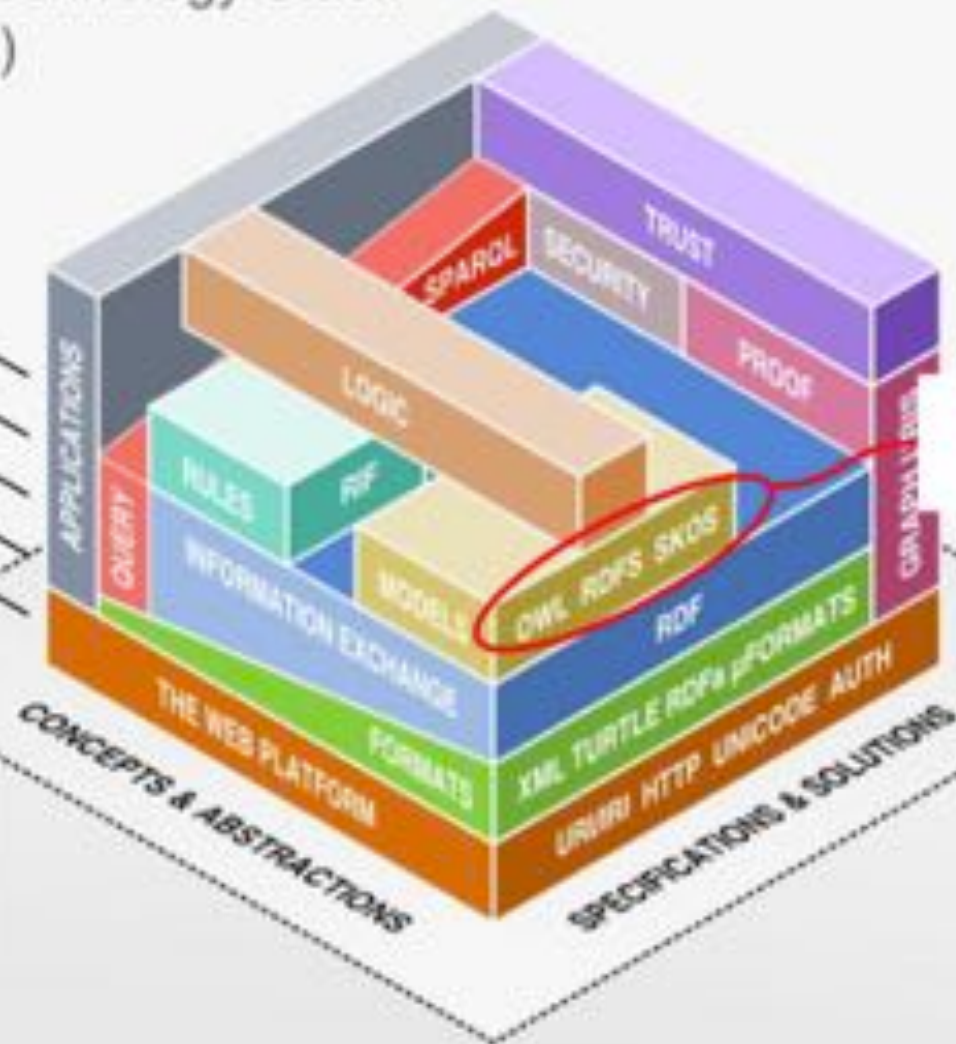
Standardized information exchange is key

Formats are necessary, but not too important

The Semantic Web is based on the Web

Linked Data uses a small
selection of technologies

LINKED DATA



RDF Schema



RDF Schema

- RDF Schema, officially called “RDF Vocabulary Description Language”
- RDF Schema allows:
 - Definition of classes via `rdfs:Class`
 - Class instantiation in RDF via `rdf:type`
- Example:
 - `:Planet rdf:type rdfs:Class .`
 - `:Earth rdf:type :Planet .`



RDF Schema

- Definition of properties via `rdf:Property`
- Definition of property restrictions on domain and range via `rdfs:domain` and `rdfs:range`
- Example
 - `:CelestialBody rdf:type rdfs:Class .`
 - `:satelliteOf rdf:type rdf:Property .`
 - `:satelliteOf rdfs:domain :CelestialBody .`
 - `:satelliteOf rdfs:range :CelestialBody .`



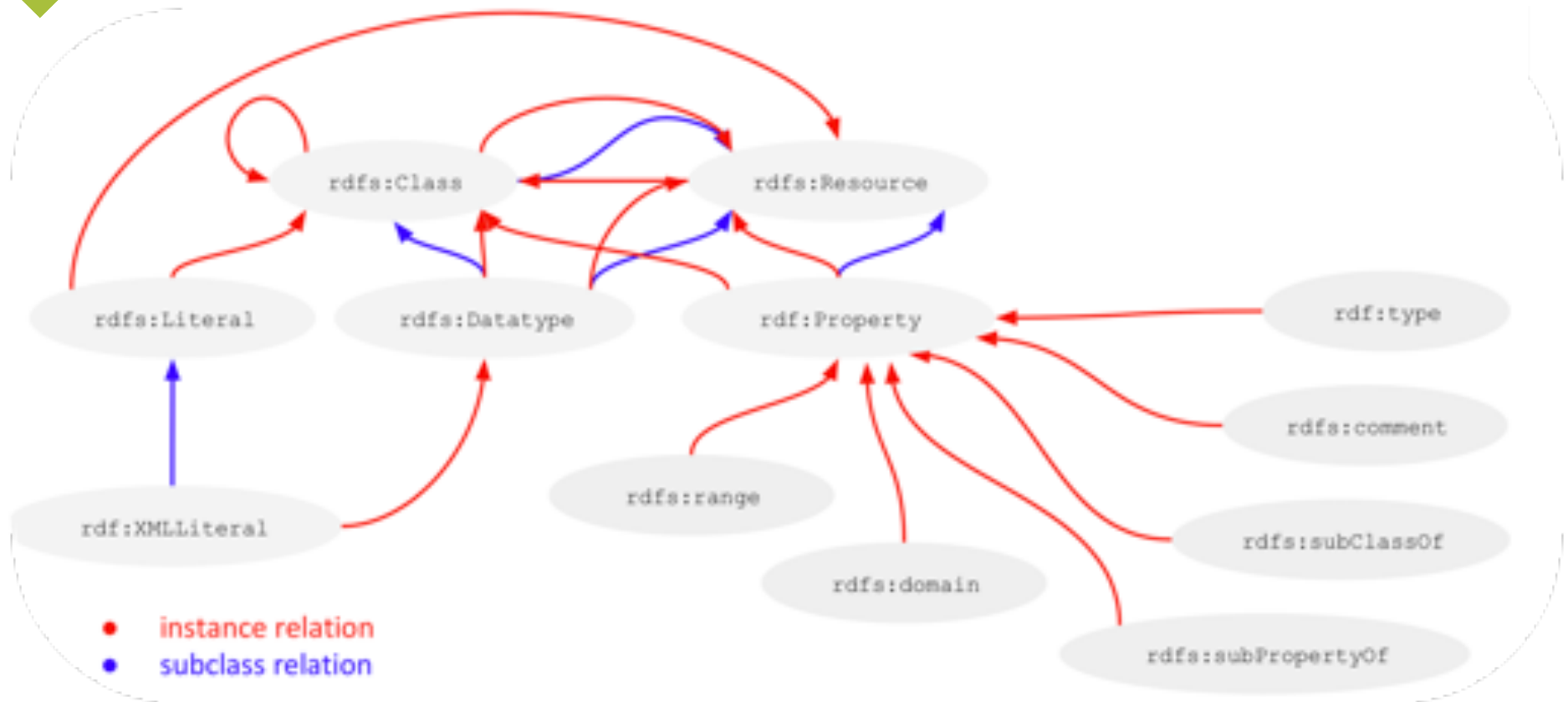
RDF Schema

- Everything in the RDF model is a resource
 - `rdfs:Class rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdf:Property rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdfs:Literal rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdfs:XMLLiteral rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdfs:Datatype rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdfs:Container rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`
 - `rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty rdf:type rdfs:Resource .`





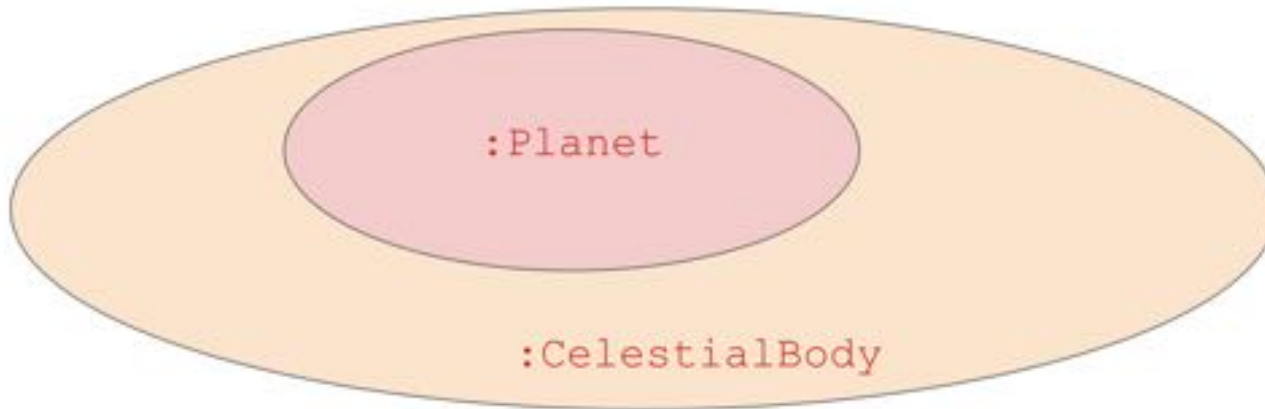
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 - Subproperties and superproperties via `subPropertyOf`
 - Example
 - `:artificialSatelliteOf rdfs:subPropertyOf :satelliteOf .`



RDF Schema

- Some more properties:
 - **rdfs:seeAlso**
defines a relation of a resource to another, which explains it
 - **rdfs:isDefinedBy**
subproperty of rdfs:seeAlso, defines the relation of a resource to its definition
 - **rdfs:comment** comment, usually as text
 - **rdfs:label**
„readable“ name of a resource (contrary to ID)
 - **rdfs:member**
super-property of all the container membership properties (e.g. rdf:_1, ...)

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

```
:Planet rdf:type      rdfs:Class ;  
        rdfs:subClassOf :CelestialBody .  
:Satellite rdf:type    rdfs:Class ;  
        rdfs:subClassOf :CelestialBody .  
:ArtificialSatellite rdf:type    rdfs:Class ;  
        rdfs:subClassOf :Satellite .
```

Class Definition

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:satelliteOf  rdf:type  rdf:Property ;  
              rdfs:domain :CelestialBody .  
              rdfs:range  :CelestialBody .
```

Property Definition

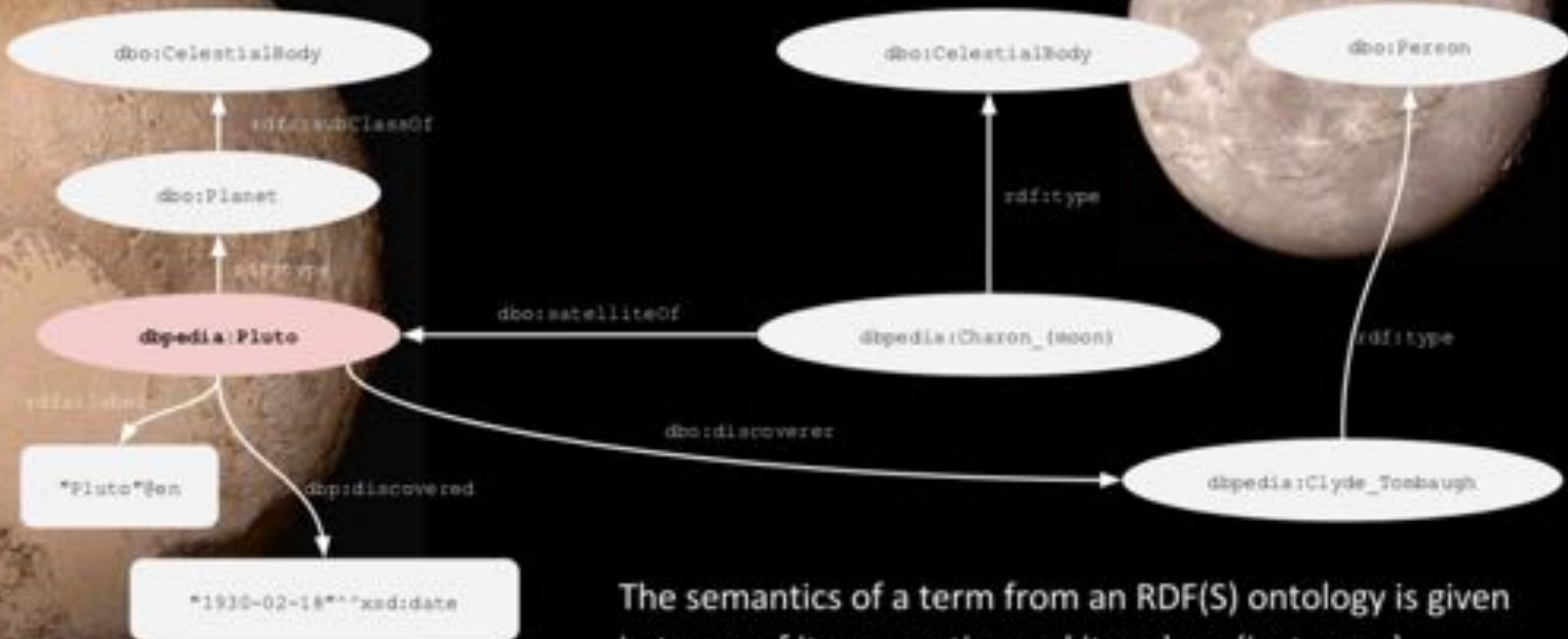
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:Earth  rdf:type    :Planet .  
:Moon   rdf:type    :Satellite ;  
        :satelliteOf :Earth .  
:Sputnik1 rdf:type  :ArtificialSatellite ;  
        :satelliteOf :Earth ;  
        rdfs:label  "Sputnik 1"@en ;  
        rdfs:comment "the first artificial Earth satellite in 1957" .
```

Instance Definition



Logical Inference With RDFS

How much knowledge (semantics) is there?



The semantics of a term from an RDF(S) ontology is given in terms of its properties and its values (instances)



RDF(S) Semantics

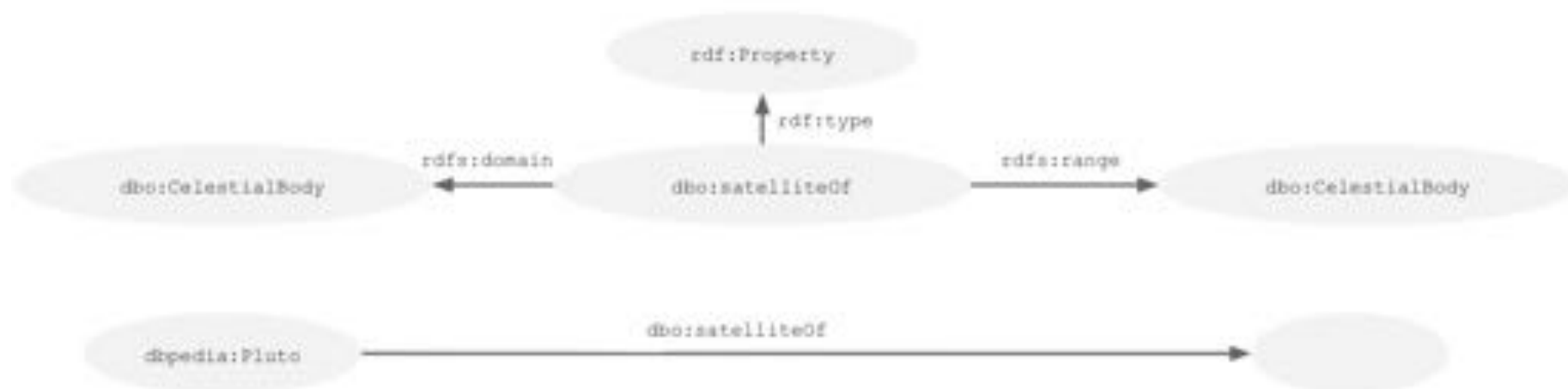
- In difference to other data definition languages, RDF(S) is based on **formal semantics**
- Formal semantics enables RDF(S) to draw **valid** and **sound logical inferences**
- Examples:
 - dbpedia:Pluto `rdf:type` dbo:Planet
 - dbo:Planet `rdfs:subClassOf` dbo:CelestialBody
 - dbo:artificialSatelliteOf `rdfs:subPropertyOf` dbo:satelliteOf

```
dbpedia:Pluto ∈ dbo:Planet  
dbo:Planet ⊆ dbo:CelestialBody  
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Model-theoretic Semantics



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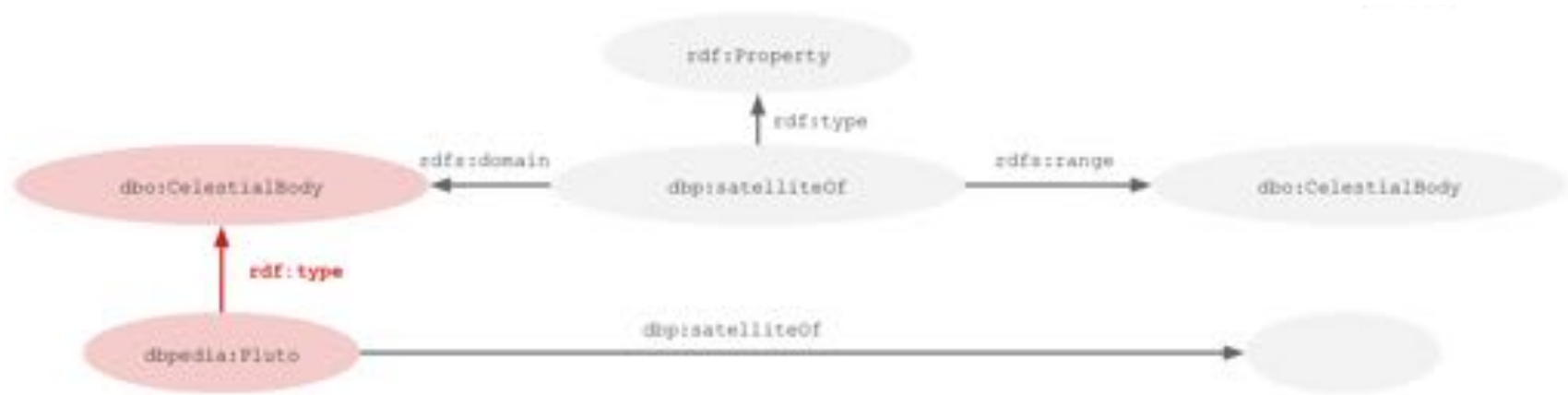


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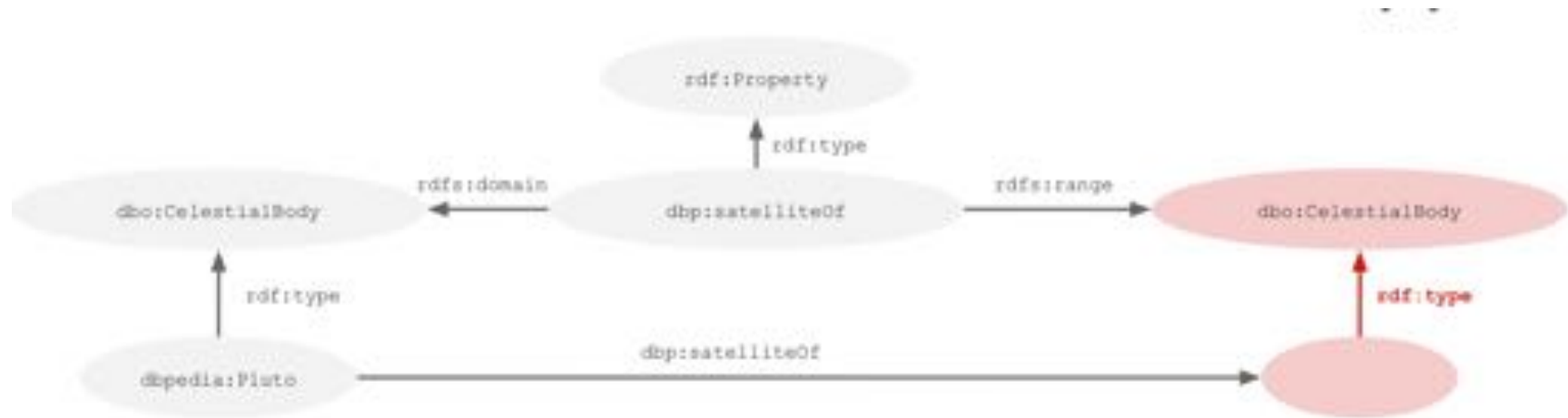
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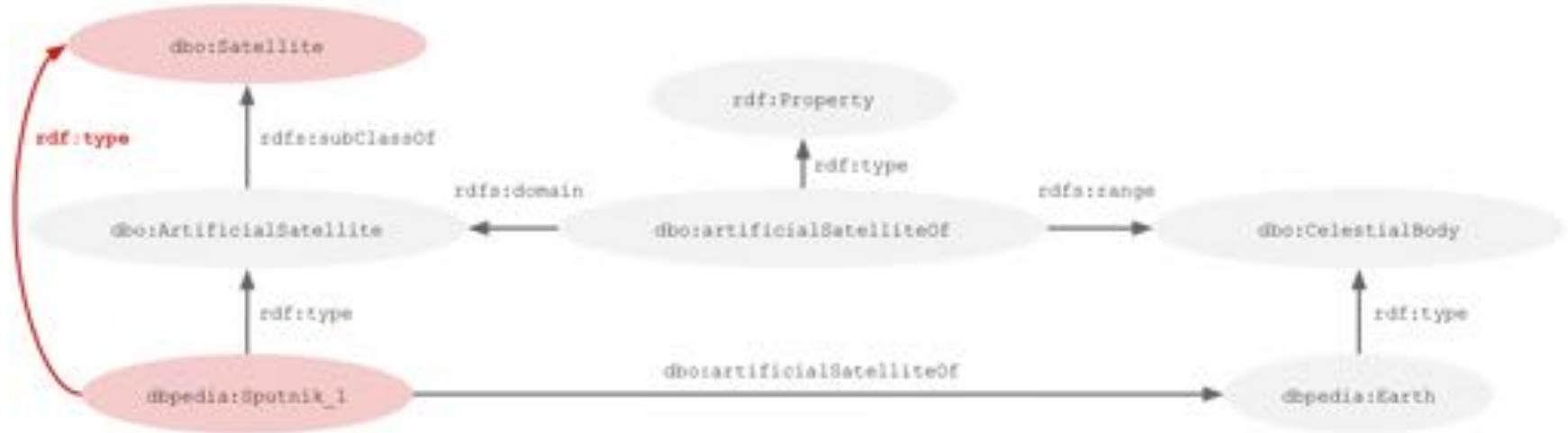


- Deduction of entity **class membership** from the **range** of one of its properties

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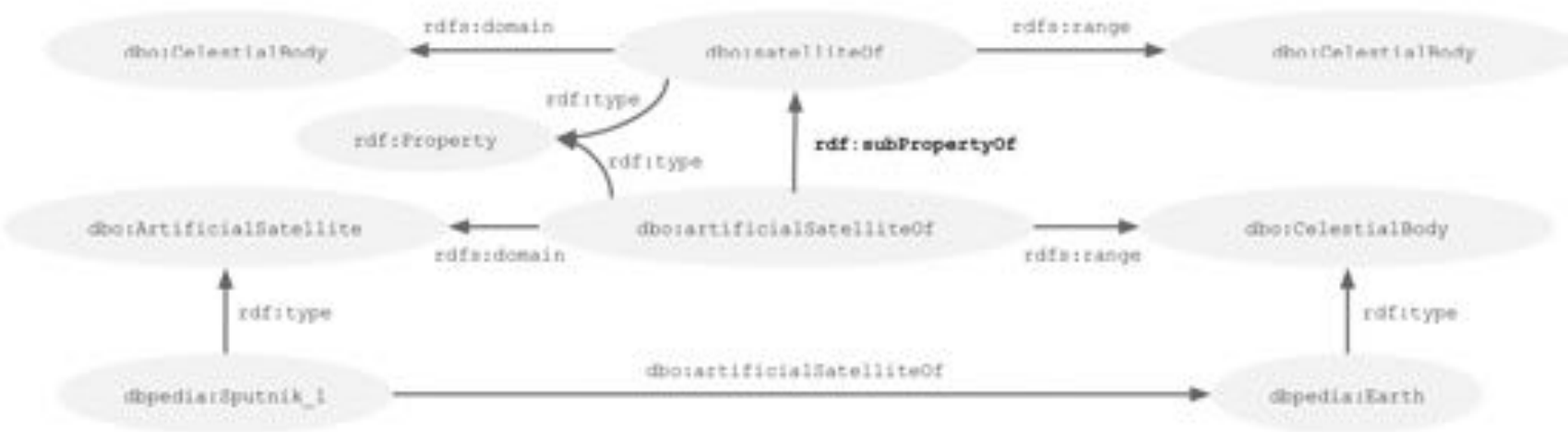
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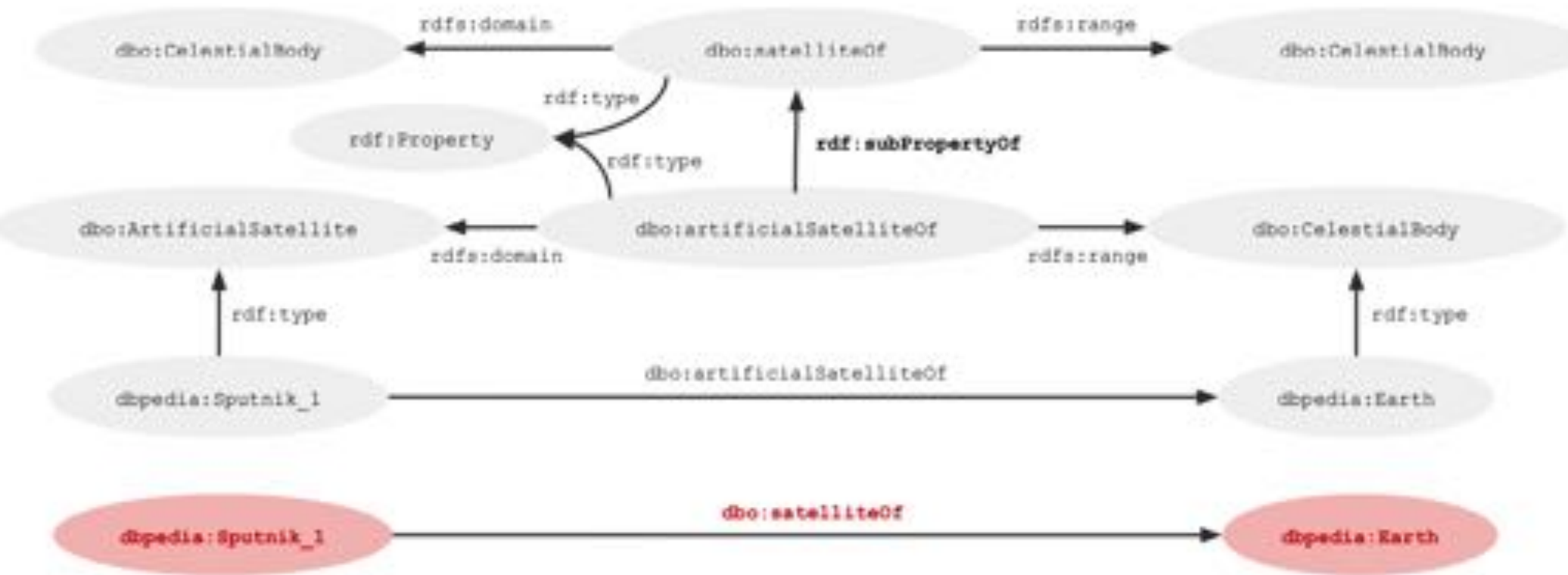
- Deduction of entity **superclass membership** from a **class hierarchy**.



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- Deduction of entity **new facts** from **subproperty** relationships.