Introduction to a Web of Linked Data

SPARQL Query Language

Access data sources on the Web

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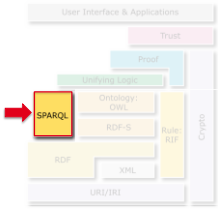
Query RDF triple stores published on the Web



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Query with SPARQL

```
SELECT   what you want
FROM     from where you want
WHERE    { as you want }
```

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- A basic graph pattern is a conjunction of triples
  ```
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  { ?x    rdf:type   ex:Person .
    ?x    ex:name    ?name . }
  ```

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- blank nodes as anonymous variables:

```
[ ex:firstname "Fabien" ]
[] ex:firstname "Fabien" .
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- declare base namespace for relative URIs

```
BASE <http://ns.inria.fr/>
```

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```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?x WHERE {
 ?x foaf:name "Fabien"@fr ;
    foaf:age "21"^^xsd:integer .
}
```

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optional pattern

when part of graph pattern is not mandatory.

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?person ?name
WHERE {
 ?person foaf:homepage <http://fabien.info> .
 OPTIONAL { ?person foaf:name ?name . }
}
```

?name variable may be « unbound » in result

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alternative patterns

union of results of graph patterns

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?person ?name
WHERE {
 ?person foaf:name ?name .
  {
   ?person foaf:homepage <http://fabien.info> .
  }
  UNION
  {
   ?person foaf:homepage <http://bafien.org> .
  }
}
```

or

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negation

remove results that match a pattern

```
PREFIX ex: <http://www.example.abc#>
SELECT ?x
WHERE {
   ?x a ex:Person
   MINUS { ?x a ex:Man }
}
```

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predefined variable values

results where part of the bindings are predefined.

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?person ?name
WHERE {
 ?person foaf:name ?name .
}
VALUES ?name  { "Peter" "Pedro" "Pierre" }
```

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variable binding

results where part of the bindings are computed.

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?person ?name
WHERE {
 ?person ex:fname ?fname ;
   ex:lname ?lname .
 BIND (concat(?fname, ?lname) AS ?name)
}
```

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property path

Regular expressions on property path between resources

```
/ : sequence          | : alternative
+ : one or several    * : zero or several
? : optional          ^ : reverse
! : negation
```

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?friend WHERE {
 ?x foaf:name "Fabien Gandon" ;
    foaf:knows+ ?friend .
}
```

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keep distinct results

keep one occurrence of similar results with same values for same variables

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?name
WHERE { ?person foaf:name ?name . }
```

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filter results by values

declare constraints on variable values

- `select` = select values to be returned
- `where` = graph pattern
- **`filter`** = constraints in the `where` clause with XPath 2.0 functions or external functions

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ex. person at least 18 years old

```
PREFIX ex: <http://inria.fr/schema#>
SELECT ?person ?name
WHERE {
 ?person    rdf:type ex:Person ;
            ex:name  ?name ;
            ex:age   ?age .
 FILTER (xsd:integer(?age) >= 18)
}
```

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test values

test and compare constants, variables and expressions

- Comparators: `<, >, =, <=, >=, !=`
- Regular expressions: `regex(?x, "A.*")`
- Test variable values: `isURI(?x), isBlank(?x), isLiteral(?x), bound(?x)`

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strings and literals

`CONTAINS(lit1,lit2),STRSTARTS(lit1,lit2),STRENDS(lit1,lit2)`	string inclusion
`STRDT(value, type)`	create literal with datatype
`STRLANG(value, lang)`	create literal with language
`CONCAT(lit1,…,litn)`	concatenate strings
`SUBSTR(lit, start [,length])`	extract substring
`ENCODE_FOR_URI(str)`	encode string for URI
`UCASE(str), LCASE(str)`	change case
`STRLEN(str)`	string length

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other functions

```
YEAR(Date), MONTH(Date), DAY(Date)
HOURS(Date), MINUTES(Date), SECONDS(Date)
NOW()

ABS(Val), CEIL(Val), FLOOR(Val), ROUND(Val)
isNumeric(Val)
RAND()

COALESCE(val1,…, valn)
IRI(str), URI(str)
BNODE(ID)
```

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boolean connectors

- And: `&&`
- Or: `||`
- Not: `!`
- `()`

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branching expression

usual test: **if… then… else…**

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT * where {
 ?x foaf:name ?name ; foaf:age ?age .
 FILTER ( if (langMatches(lang(?name), "FR"),
            ?age >= 18, ?age >= 21) )
}
```

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verify presence/absence of a pattern

exists checks whether a pattern occur in the graph

not exists checks whether a pattern do not occur in the graph

```
SELECT ?name
WHERE {
 ?x foaf:name ?name .
 FILTER NOT EXISTS { ?x foaf:age -1 }
}
```

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specify default graph

```
PREFIX mit: <http://www.mit.edu#>
SELECT ?student
FROM <http//www.mit.edu/data1.rdf>
FROM <http//www.mit.edu/data2.rdf>
WHERE { ?student mit:registeredAt ?x . }
```

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specify named graphs

```
PREFIX mit: <http://www.mit.edu#>
SELECT ?g ?student
FROM NAMED <http//www.mit.edu/data1.rdf>
FROM NAMED <http//www.mit.edu/data2.rdf>
WHERE {
 GRAPH ?g {
  ?student mit:registeredAt ?x .
 }
}
```

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query remote SPARQL endpoint

```
SELECT ?x
WHERE {
 SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql> {
   ?x rdfs:label "Auguste"@fr .
 }
}
```

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order and limit results

ex. sort results by *name* from n° 21 to n° 40

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name . }
ORDER BY ?name
LIMIT 20
OFFSET 20
```

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aggregate results

group results by variable(s) values: `group by`
aggregate values: `count, sum, min, max, avg, group_concat, sample`
filter aggregated values: `having`

```
PREFIX mit: <http://www.mit.edu#>
SELECT ?student
WHERE { ?student mit:score ?score . }
GROUP BY ?student
HAVING(AVG(?score) >= 10)
```

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nested queries

use results of subquery in embedding query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name WHERE {
 { SELECT (max(?age) as ?max)
   WHERE { ?person foaf:age ?age } }
 ?senior foaf:age ?max .
 ?senior foaf:name ?name
}
```

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select expressions

extend *select* clause with expressions

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?x (month(?date) as ?month)
WHERE { ?x foaf:birthday ?date . }
```

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check the existence of a solution

Do not enumerate all solutions, just answer *true* or *false*

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
ASK { ?person foaf:age 111 . }
```

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construct a result graph

Result of query is a fresh new RDF graph

```
PREFIX mit:  <http://www.mit.edu#>
PREFIX corp: <http://mycorp.com/schema#>
CONSTRUCT { ?student a corp:FuturExecutive . }
WHERE     { ?student a mit:Student . }
```

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describe a resource

discover unknown data

```
DESCRIBE <http://fabien.info>

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
DESCRIBE ?x WHERE { ?x foaf:name "Fabien" }
```

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SPARQL query result

- Select, Ask: XML Results format
- Construct, Describe: RDF/XML
- JSON

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XML SPARQL Query Results Format

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#">
 <head>  <variable name="student"/> </head>
 <results>
  <result>
   <binding name="student">
    <uri>http//www.mit.edu/data.rdf#ndieng</uri>
   </binding>
  </result>
  <result>
   <binding name="student">
    <uri>http//www.mit.edu/data.rdf#jdoe</uri>
   </binding>
  </result>
 </results>
</sparql>
```

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SPARQL Update

Manage the content of triple store

- **Load**
- **Delete**
- **Insert**
- **Copy**
- **Move**
- **Add**

…

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