



# LinkML Tutorial

## ISMB 2024

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These slides: [bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)

# Getting Started Together!

Shared google drive for this workshop: [bit.ly/LinkML-2024-Drive](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024-Drive)



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## Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to create a new LinkML Schema Project.
- Learn the basics of LinkML model development by understanding the components of a LinkML model.
- Understand how to validate schema syntax and data conformity to a LinkML Schema.
- Understand how to generate JSONSchema and Pydantic models from a LinkML Schema.
- Understand how to automatically deploy documentation.



# Logistics

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have during the tutorial.

- Juno Q/A, chat
- [google doc for questions and answers](#)

## Our Presenters:

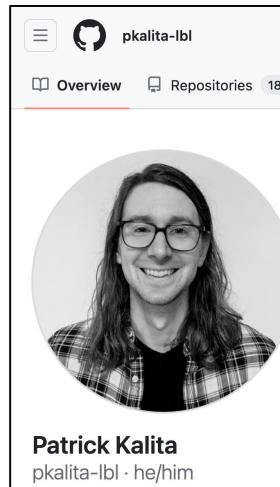
Sierra Moxon  
Patrick Kalita  
Kevin Schaper

Mark Miller will be monitoring the google doc for offline questions.



A GitHub profile card for Sierra Moxon. It features a circular profile picture of a woman with blonde hair smiling. Below the picture, her name "Sierra Moxon" is displayed, followed by her GitHub handle "sierra-moxon · she/her" and her ORCID ID "orcid: 0000-0002-8719-7760".

[github.com/sierra-moxon](https://github.com/sierra-moxon)



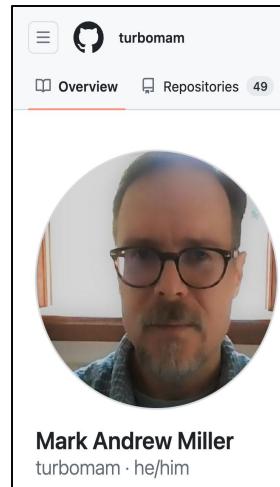
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[github.com/pkalita-lbl](https://github.com/pkalita-lbl)



A GitHub profile card for Kevin Schaper. It features a circular profile picture of a man with white hair and sunglasses smiling. Below the picture, his name "Kevin Schaper" is displayed, followed by his GitHub handle "kevinschaper".

[github.com/kevinschaper](https://github.com/kevinschaper)



A GitHub profile card for Mark Andrew Miller. It features a circular profile picture of a man with glasses and a beard looking directly at the camera. Below the picture, his name "Mark Andrew Miller" is displayed, followed by his GitHub handle "turbomam · he/him".

[github.com/turbomam](https://github.com/turbomam)

# Thank you!!

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# Code Of Conduct

## LinkML Code of Conduct:

- Use welcoming and inclusive language
- Be respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accept constructive criticism
- Focus on what is best for the community
- Show empathy towards other community members

This Code of Conduct is adapted from the [Contributor Covenant](#), version 1.4:  
<https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>



# Tutorial schedule

Time (ET)	Topic	Presenter
14:00	<b>Introduction</b>	Sierra Moxon
14:20	<b>Section 0: Set up a LinkML repository</b>	Patrick Kalita
14:50	<b>Section 1: Authoring a LinkML model</b> A. Model components B. Classes and slots C. Hierarchies	Sierra Moxon
15:10	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:25	<b>Section 2: Authoring a LinkML model (cont.)</b> C. Mappings, enumerations	Sierra Moxon
15:40	<b>Section 3: Schema best practices, including linting</b>	Patrick Kalita
15:55	<b>Section 4: Generating code from your model</b> A. Generating Documentation B. Pydantic, JSONSchema	Kevin Schaper
16:35	<b>BREAK</b>	
16:45	<b>Section 5: Validating Data</b>	Patrick Kalita
17:35	<b>Wrap up/Questions</b>	Sierra Moxon

# Software prerequisites for tutorial

- A [GitHub account](#)
- [Python 3.9](#) and higher
- [pipx](#)

# Rest stops along the way

- **We hope you follow along with us as we build up our project!**
- If you end up lost, each section of the tutorial has a corresponding tag in the [linkml-tutorial-2024 repository \(github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial-2024\)](https://github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial-2024)
- You can clone the linkml-tutorial-2024 repository and checkout the appropriate tag.

Step 0 - [basic project creation](#)

Step 1 - [modeling](#)

Step 2 - [linting](#)

```
> git checkout step_0_basic_project_creation
```

Step 3 - [documentation](#)

Step 4 - [code generation](#)

Step 5 - [validation](#)



# Introduction: Why LinkML?



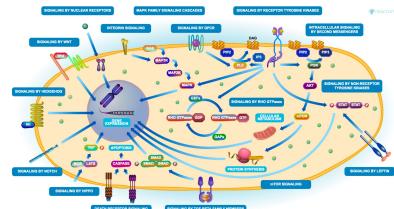
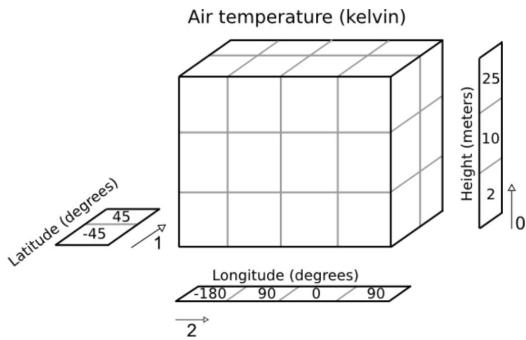
A screenshot of a GitHub user profile for "sierra-moxon". The profile picture shows a woman with short brown hair smiling. The profile name is "Sierra Moxon" and the handle is "sierra-moxon · she/her". Below the profile, the ORCID ID "0000-0002-8719-7760" is listed. The GitHub interface shows an "Overview" tab and a "Repositories" tab with 68 repositories.

Sierra Moxon

<https://github.com/sierra-moxon>



# Biological data is complex...



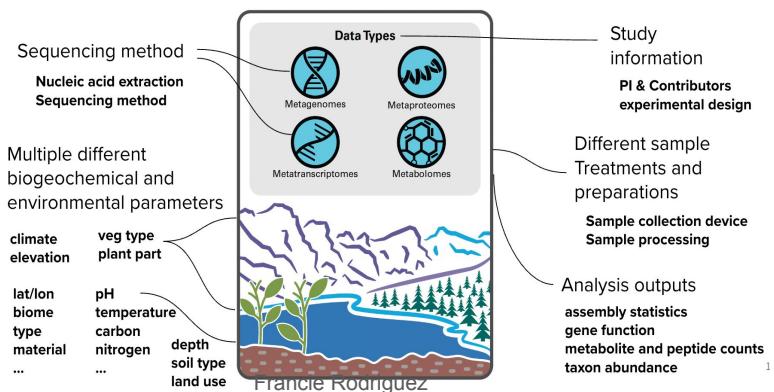
 **GENEONTOLOGY**  
Unifying Biology



<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/alliance>  
**ALLIANCE**  
of GENOME RESOURCES



- clearly labeled attributes
- whole numbers
- all integers
- harmonized units
- everyone is recording the same attributes
- easy to compare and reuse



- Complex, relational, contextual knowledge
- >100k of named entities and terms
- Most knowledge exists in unstructured form (literature, figures, lab notebooks, spreadsheets)



# Invalid and incomplete metadata

Unstandardized variables

Wide sparse tables

(100s of variables)

ID	dep	lat	lon	env	Ca	Mn	P	Zn	pH	C	K	meth	...	...
S1	5 cm			soil							220.8			
S2	2ft			sand							208.9			
S3	100			forest							169.3			
S4	0-20			island							148.1			
S5	3.149			gut							289.8			
S6	n/a			oil							300.3			
S7	1,5,8			root							153.7			

No global IDs

Free text categorical information

No units

Sparse data

depth

N40.1164\_W88.2543

25 santimeters

0 – 20 cm

3.149

30-60cm replicate6

Surface soil from deep water

Metamorph4 (19dpf) biological replicate 3

# Data Integration, Collection, and Distribution

- Start with shared standards (ontologies, etc)
  - reuse and contribute to existing efforts when possible!
- Make implicit models explicit
  - use an open, community driven approach
  - meet tool developers, subject matter experts, and organizations where they are
  - make documentation easy

# Example: biosample datasets

Lake Albert Sample Dataset

depth	species
22 cm	x
23 cm	x, y, z



Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

depth	species
22 cm	p
22 cm	g



Crater Lake Sample Dataset

depth	species
22 inches	x
15 feet	x, p



Can I compare bacterial compositions of bodies of water?  
Can I compare the bacterial compositions of samples taken from the epipelagic zones?  
Can I compare bacterial compositions from salt water samples of epipelagic zones?

# Example: biosample datasets

Lake Albert Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 cm	x	lake
23 cm	x, y, z	lake

Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 cm	p	ocean
22 cm	p	ocean

Crater Lake Sample Dataset

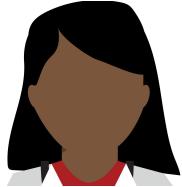
depth	species	type
22 inches	x	lake
15 feet	x, p	lake



?

- Can I compare bacterial compositions of bodies of water?
- Can I compare the bacterial compositions of samples taken from the epipelagic zones?
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# Common vocabularies are key



Can I compare bacterial compositions of bodies of water?  
Can I compare the bacterial compositions of samples taken from the epipelagic zones ? ✓  
Can I compare bacterial compositions from salt water samples?

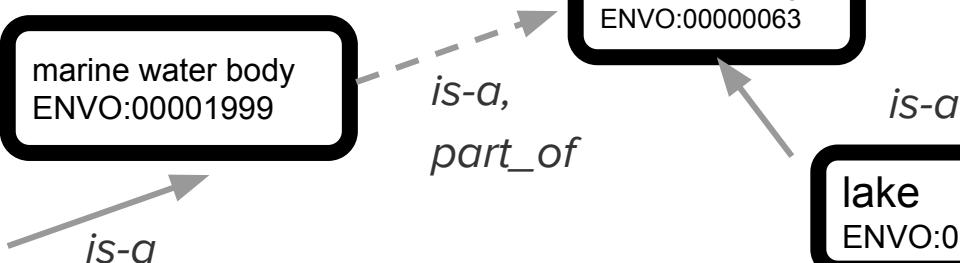


marine photic zone ENVO:00000209
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marine water body ENVO:00001999
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water body ENVO:00000063
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lake ENVO:00000020
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Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

Crater Lake Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
CL1	22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
CL2	15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

# Ontologies combined in annotations

MIxS      EnvO      GOLD

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Sample Identifiers  
Growth Facility  
Geographic Location (latitude longitude)  
Geographic Region (country and/or sea, region)  
Collection Date

Sample Material Processing  
Storage Conditions & Temperature

Broad-scale Environmental Context

Local Environmental Context

Environmental Medium

GOLD Environment Path

MIxS / EnvO		
Broad-scale environment	Local-scale environment	Environmental Medium
Freshwater lake biome	Lake Shore	Sediment

GOLD Ecosystem classification				
Ecosystem	Ecosystem Category	Ecosystem Type	Specific Ecosystem	Ecosystem Tree
Environment	Aquatic	Freshwater	Lake	Sediment
Environment	Aquatic	Freshwater	Lake	Algal bloom

Francie Rodriguez

# Are ontologies enough?

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id	depth	species	type
CL1	22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
CL2	15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

depth
N40.1164_W88.2543
25 <del>santimeters</del>
0 – 20 cm
3.149
30-60cm <del>replicate6</del>
Surface soil from deep water
Metamorph4 (19dpf) biological replicate 3

# Models hiding in plain sight

Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 cm	p	ENVO:00001999
22 cm	g	ENVO:00001999



Crater Lake Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

These are “standards” (and “models”), but they are not computable without a human.

# Existing frameworks not designed for interop



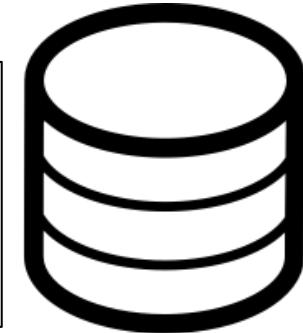
## Pacific Ocean Sample

```
CREATE TABLE biosample (
    acc varchar primary key,
    depth float,
    lat float,
    long float,
    environment varchar
    ...
)
```

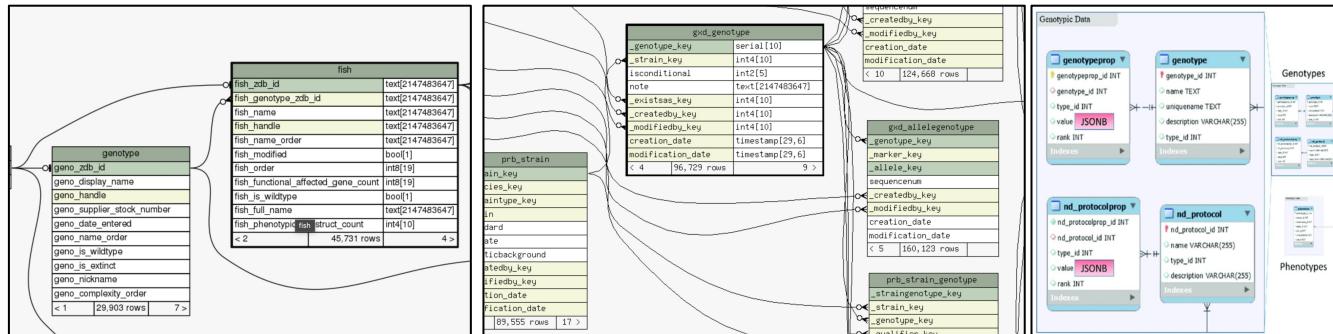


## Crater Lake Sample Dataset

```
CREATE TABLE lake_sample
  id varchar primary key,
  depth foreign key,
  location foreign key,
environment foreign key
...
)
```



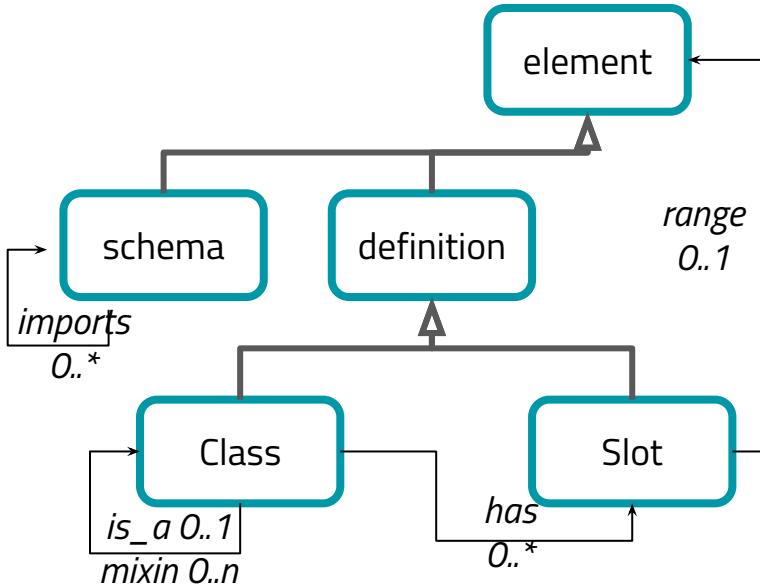
<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/dna>



# LinkML: Modeling Language & Toolkit

## THE STANDARD

A **meta-datamodel** for structuring your data



## TOOLS

Pragmatic developer and curator friendly tools for working with data

**Validators**

**Data Converters**

**Compatibility tools**

**Data entry**

**Schema inference**

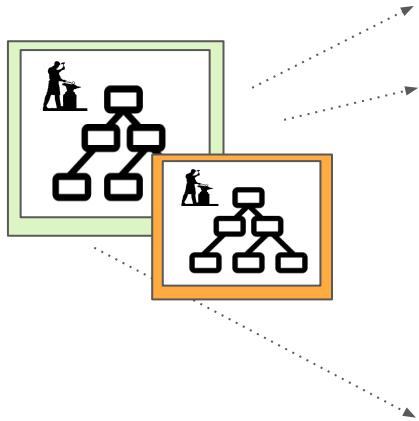


# LinkML Syntax

Pacific Ocean Sample Database

depth	salinity	bacteria	latitude	longitude	sample_type
22 cm	35	x,p	44.8084° N	24.0632° W	ENVO:00001999

LinkML ❤️'s ontologies



```
imports:  
  linkml:types  
classes:  
  Sample:  
    description: a sample of biological material.  
    attributes:  
      depth:  
        slot_uri: ENVO:3100031  
      salinity:  
        exact_mappings:  
          -PATO:0085001  
      bacteria:  
        multivalued: true  
      latitude:  
        type: string  
      longitude:  
      sample_type:  
        required: true  
        type:  
          range: SampleType  
enums:  
  SampleType:  
    reachable_from:  
      source_ontology: obo:envo
```

# Import LinkML models from other LinkML models

classes:

BioSample:

description: a sample of biological material.

attributes:

longitude:

latitude:

depth:

slot\_uri: ENVO:3100031

depth\_units:

---

imports:

- PSOD:Biosample

slot\_usage:

LakeSample:

is\_a: BioSample

depth\_units:

attributes:

equals\_string: cm

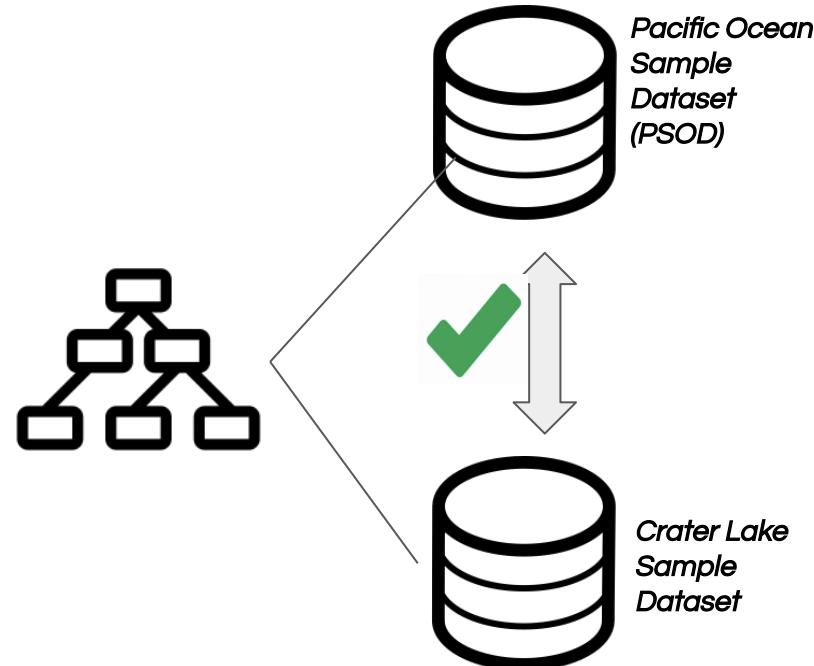
salinity:

exact\_mappings:

-PATO:0085001

Take the tutorial!

<https://github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial>  
<https://linkml.io/linkml/intro/tutorial.html>

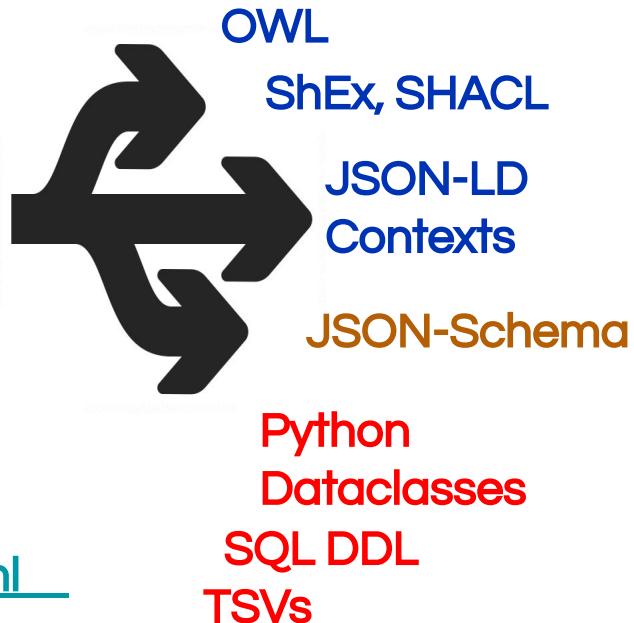
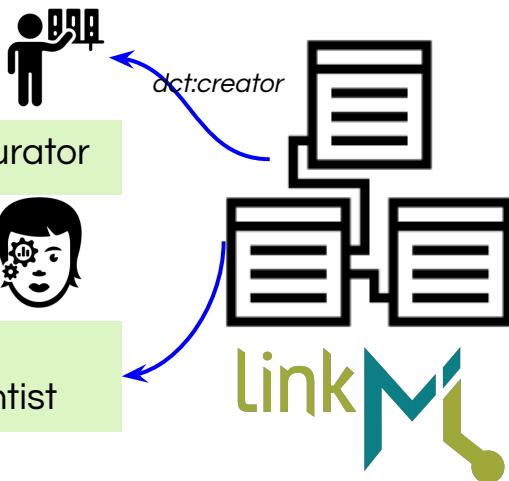


# LinkML as a universal converter box

Create data models in simple YAML files,  
optionally annotated using ontologies

Compile to other  
frameworks

Choose the right tools  
for the job; no lock-in



Semantic Web  
Applications  
and  
Infrastructure



“Traditional”  
Applications and  
Infrastructure



<https://linkml.io>

<https://github.com/linkml/linkml>

# LinkML has built in validators

classes:

BioSample:

description: a sample of biological material.

attributes:

depth:

slot\_uri: ENVO:3100031

species:

multivalued: true

salinity:

exact\_mappings:  
-PATO:0085001

longitude:

latitude:

type:

required: true

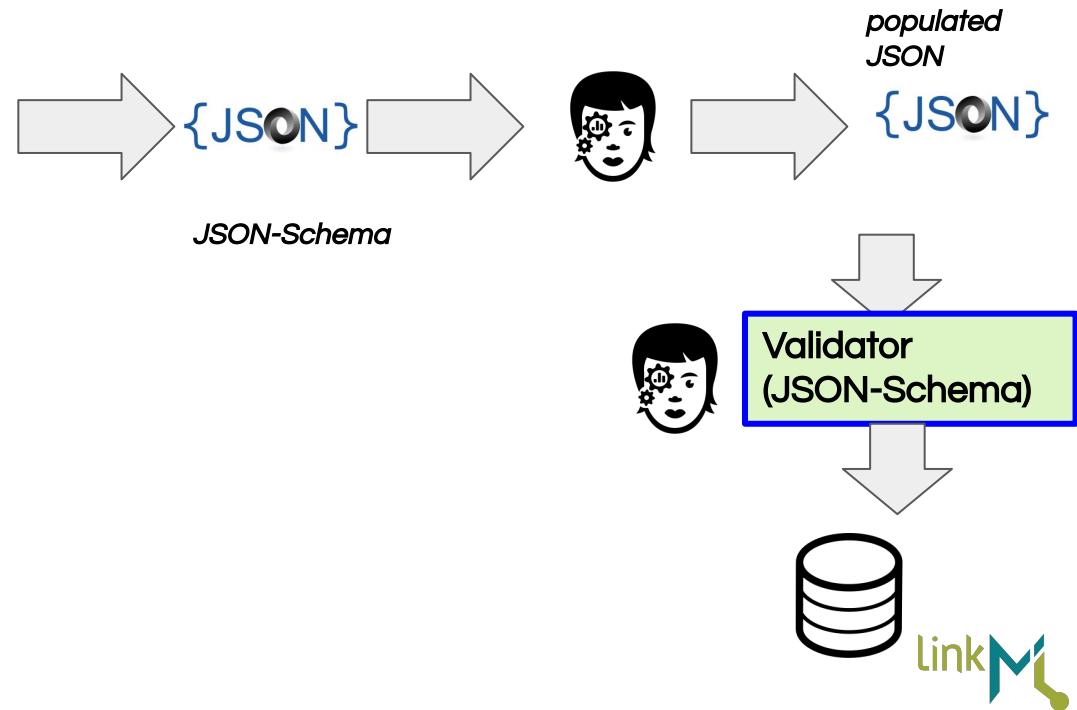
range: EnvironmentEnum

enums:

EnvironmentEnum

reachable\_from:

source\_ontology: ENVO



# Generate LinkML

Get intelligent assistance  
from auto schema tools



```
id: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world
title: Really basic LinkML model
name: hello-world
version: 0.0.1

prefixes:
  linkml: https://w3id.org/linkml/
  sdo: https://schema.org/
  ex: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world/

default_prefix: ex
default_curi_maps:
  - semweb_context

imports:
  - linkml:types

classes:
Person:
  description: Minimal information about a person
  class_uri: sdo:Person
  attributes:
    id:
      identifier: true
      slot_uri: sdo:taxID
    first_name:
      required: true
      slot_uri: sdo:givenName
      multivalued: true
    last_name:
      required: true
      slot_uri: sdo:familyName
      multivalued: true
  knows:
    range: Person
    multivalued: true
    slot_uri: foaf:knows
```

Metadata

Namespaces

Dependencies

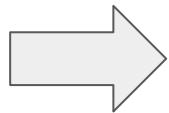
Actual Datamodel

**YAML**  
conformant to  
LinkML standard



Semi-structure  
d data sources

Schema-automator



# LinkML auto-generates documentation

Slot: id

A unique identifier for a thing. Must be either a CURIE shorthand for a URI or a complete URI

URI: [nmdc:id](#)

Applicable Classes

Name	Description	Modifies Slot
Biosample	Biological source material which can be characterized by an experiment	yes
Study	A study summarizes the overall goal of a research initiative and outlines the...	yes

Inheritance

- Activity
  - WorkflowExecutionActivity
  - MagsAnalysisActivity

Slots

Name	Cardinality and Range	Description	Inheritance
type	1..1 String	An optional string that specifies the type object	direct
input_contig_num	0..1 Integer		direct
binned_contig_num	0..1 Integer		direct

NMDC Schema Documentation

Search

Class: Material Entity (MaterialEntity)

Note: This is an abstract class and should not be instantiated directly.

URI: [nmdc:MaterialEntity](#)

```
graph BT; NamedThing --> MaterialEntity; Biosample --> MaterialEntity; ProcessedSample --> MaterialEntity; AnalyticalSample --> MaterialEntity; Site --> MaterialEntity;
```

Inheritance

- NamedThing
  - MaterialEntity

<https://microbiomedata.github.io/nmdc-schema/>

# Onwards!

Enough with the intro already!

- Let's LinkML-ize!!!



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## Step 0 - basic project creation

Step 1 - modeling

Step 2 - linting

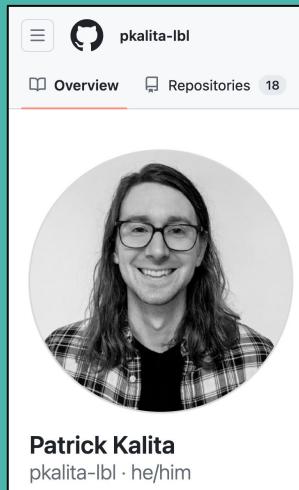
Step 3 - documentation

Step 4 - code generation

Step 5 - validation



# Section 0: Setting up a LinkML project



A screenshot of a GitHub user profile for "pkalita-lbl". The profile picture is a black and white photo of a smiling person with long hair and glasses. The GitHub interface shows the user's name, a "Overview" tab, a "Repositories" section showing 18 repositories, and a bio at the bottom stating "Patrick Kalita" and "pkalita-lbl · he/him".

Patrick Kalita  
<https://github.com/pkalita-lbl>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)



# Option A: Write your schema in LinkML YAML



Option A: Author  
YAML *directly*

Optional  
productivity tools



GitHub Copilot



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default_curi_maps:
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imports:
  - linkml:types

classes:
  Person:
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    class_uri: sdo:Person
    attributes:
      id:
        identifier: true
        slot_uri: sdo:taxID
      first_name:
        required: true
        slot_uri: sdo:givenName
        multivalued: true
      last_name:
        required: true
        slot_uri: sdo:familyName
        multivalued: true
      knows:
        range: Person
        multivalued: true
        slot_uri: foaf:knows
```

Metadata

Namespaces

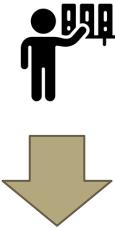
Dependencies

Actual data model

YAML  
conformant to  
LinkML standard

# Option B: Use Excel or Google Sheets

Option B: Author using  
*schemasheets*



a person,living or dead								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
record	field	key	multiplicity	range	parents	desc	schema.org	wikidata
> class	slot	identifier	cardinality	range	is_a	description	exact_mappings	exact_mappings in_
>								curie_prefix: wikida
	id	yes	1	string		any identifier	identifier	
	description	no	0..1	string		a textual description	description	: a person
Person		n/a	n/a	n/a		a person,living or dead	Person	Q215627
Person	id	yes	1	string		identifier for a person	identifier	
Person Organize	name	no	1	string		full name	name	
Person	age	no	0..1	decimal		age in years		
Person	gender	no	0..1	decimal		age in years		
Person	has medical hist	no	0..*	MedicalEvent		medical history		
Event						grouping class for events	Q1656682	a
MedicalEvent		n/a	n/a	n/a	Event	a medical encounter		b
ForProfit					Organization			
NonProfit					Organization			



```
id: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world
title: Really basic LinkML model
name: hello-world
version: 0.0.1

prefixes:
  linkml: https://w3id.org/linkml/
  sdo: https://schema.org/
  ex: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world/

default_prefix: ex
```

```
knows:
  range: Person
  multivalued: true
  slot_uri: foaf:knows
```

Metadata

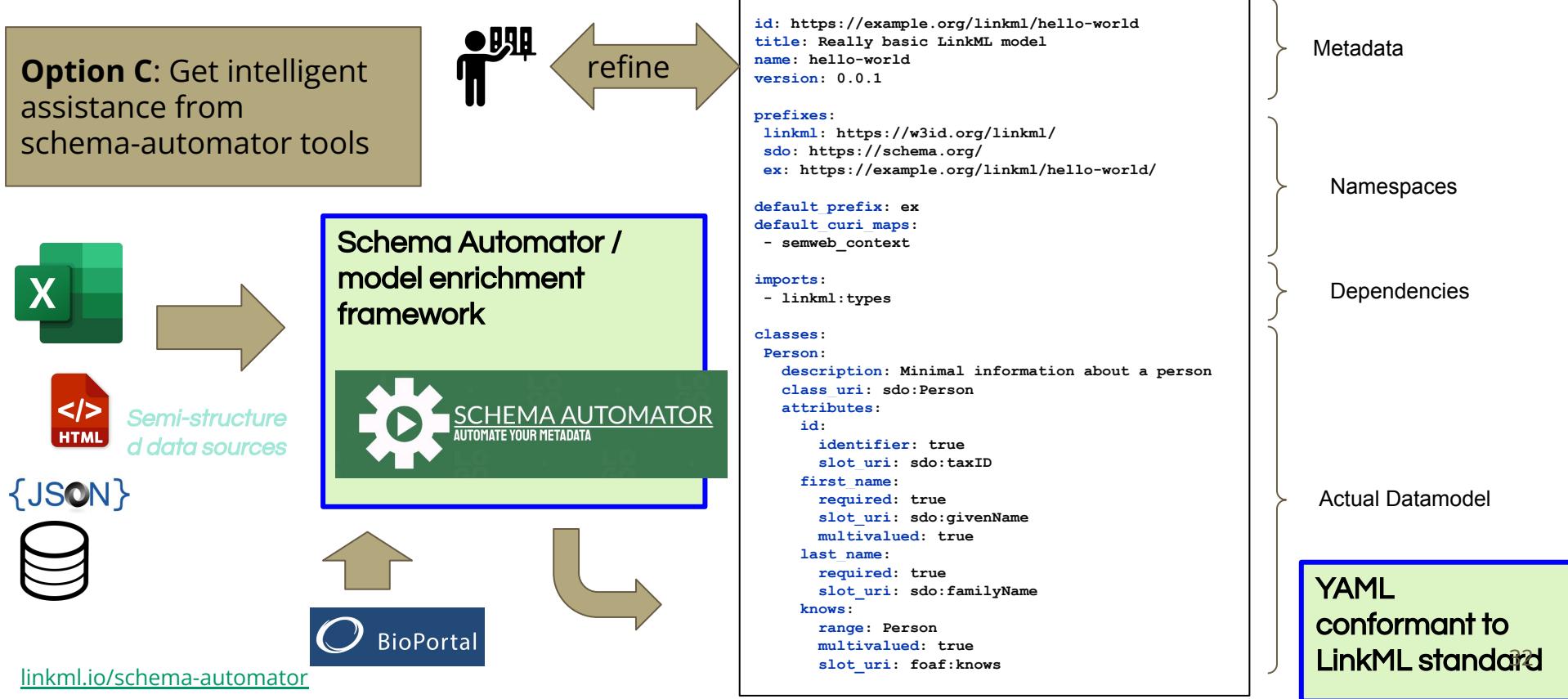
Namespaces

Dependencies

Actual Datamodel

YAML  
conformant to  
LinkML standard

# Option C: Use semi-automated approaches



# LinkML schema repositories come with best practices

- Licensing information
- Git initialization and actions
- Generated documentation
- Schema linting
- An automatic update system so that projects do not get out of date as LinkML evolves



These benefits come bundled in a template that can be customized on initialization: the [linkml-project-cookiecutter](#)

# linkml-project-cookiecutter overview

- Ensure we have the right tools installed (one-time setup)
- Create and setup the project

# A brief word about virtual environments

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`linkml==1.7.3`

`click`    `pydantic>=2.0`

`...`

# A brief word about virtual environments

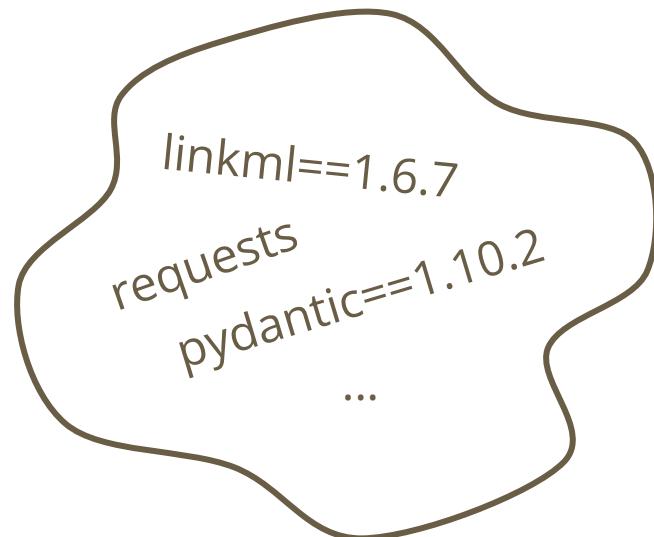
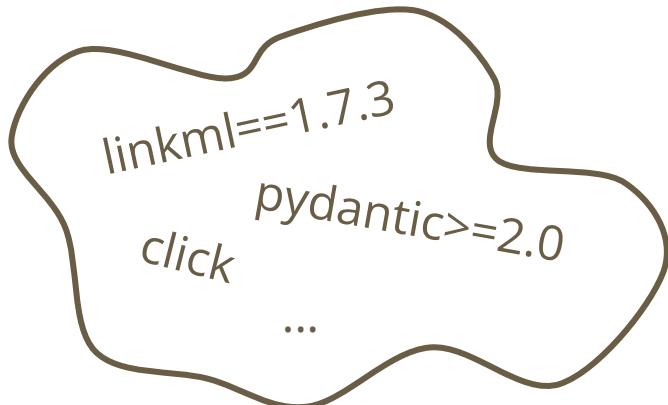
*linkml==1.7.3*

*click*    *pydantic>=2.0*

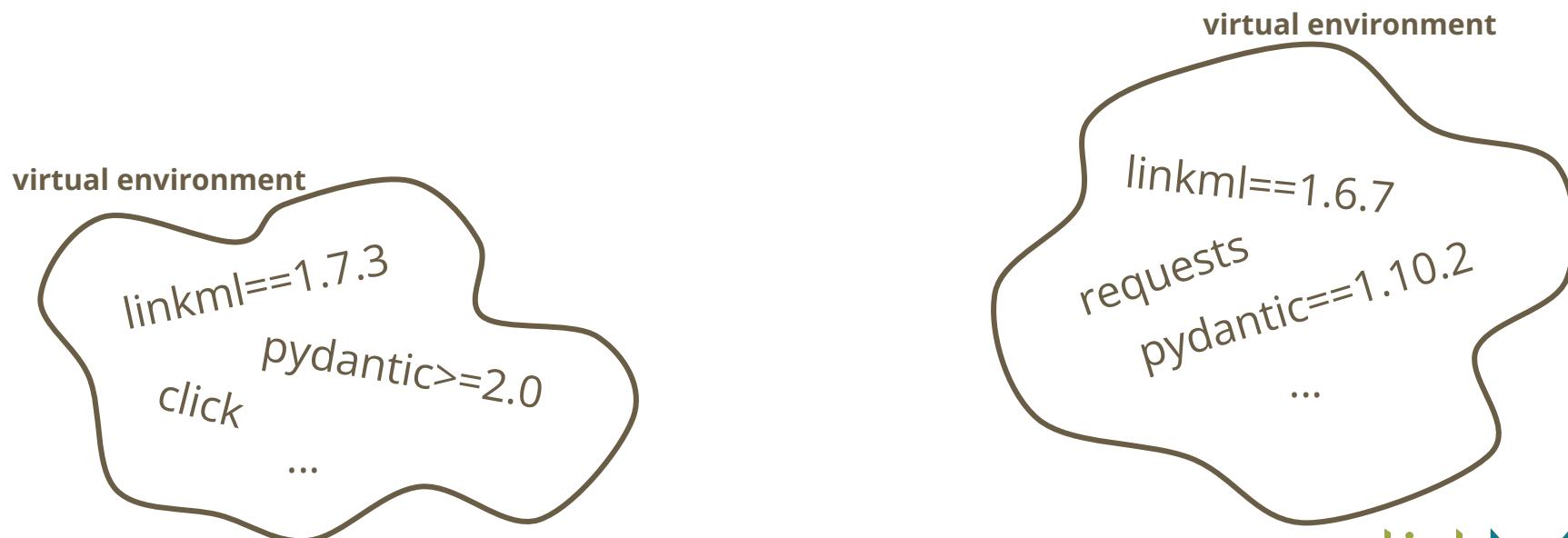
...

*linkml==1.6.7*  
*requests*  
*pydantic==1.10.2*  
...

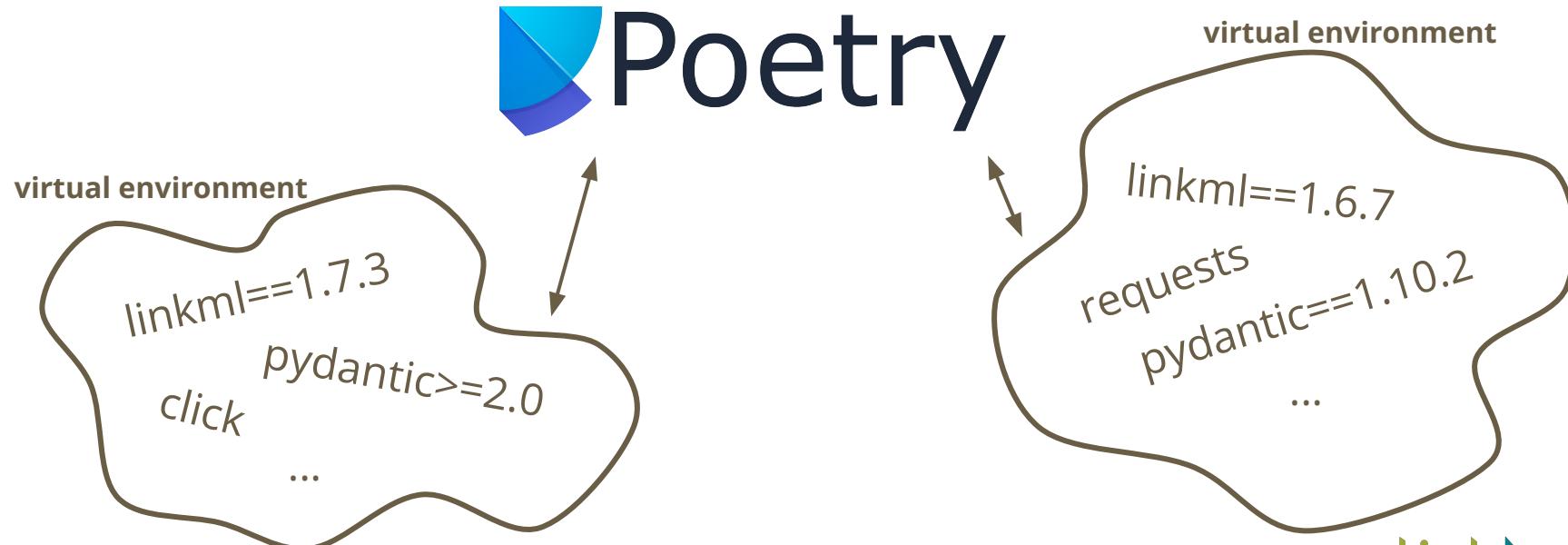
# A brief word about virtual environments



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# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if you already have Poetry installed

```
> poetry --version
```

- If you get a “command not found” error, install Poetry with pipx

```
> pipx install poetry
```

- Don’t have pipx installed? See <https://pipx.pypa.io/>
- Verify Poetry is installed

```
> poetry --version
```

# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if you already have `cruft` installed

```
> cruft --help
```

- If you get a “command not found” error, install cruft with pipx

```
> pipx install cruft
```

- Verify that cruft is installed

```
> cruft --help
```

# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if git is configured correctly

```
> git config --global user.name  
> git config --global user.email  
> git config --global init.defaultBranch
```

- If any do not return something, set the values as needed

```
> git config --global user.name "Your Name"  
> git config --global user.email "you@example.org"  
> git config --global init.defaultBranch main
```

# Cookiecutter step 2: create LinkML project

```
> cd <directory where you want to create your new project directory>  
> crufft create https://github.com/linkml/linkml-project-cookiecutter
```

- You will be prompted to enter a few values, like:
  - ***name***: linkml-tutorial-2024
  - ***github\_org***: <org-name>
  - ***description***: brief one line description of schema
  - ***full\_name***: full name of schema author
  - ***email***: email id of schema author
  - ***main\_schema\_class***: Person
  - ***create\_python\_project***: set project up as Python project with dataclasses

# Cookiecutter step 3: set up LinkML project

- The setup process takes care of 3 things for you:
  - Creation of a virtual environment and installation of listed dependencies within it
  - Generation of all artifacts by LinkML suite of generators
  - Generation of Markdown and HTML documentation
  - Initialization of schema project as Git repository

```
> cd linkml-tutorial-2024  
> make setup
```

# Cookiecutter bonus step 4: pushing to GitHub

- Go to <https://github.com/new> and follow the instructions
  - Being sure to NOT add a README., gitignore file or a LICENSE file (the cookiecutter template will take care of this for you)
- Add the remote to your local git repository

```
> git remote add origin https://github.com/<my-org>/linkml-tutorial-2024.git
> git push -u origin main
```

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**Step 1 - modeling**

Step 2 - linting

Step 3 - documentation

Step 4 - code generation

Step 5 - validation

**Feeling lost?**

```
> git clone https://github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial-2024.git
> git checkout step_0_project_setup
```



# Section 1: Developing the Model

A screenshot of a GitHub user profile for "sierra-moxon". The profile picture is a circular photo of a woman with blonde hair. The GitHub icon and the username "sierra-moxon" are at the top. Below the profile picture, there are two tabs: "Overview" and "Repositories", with "68" repositories listed. The main area shows a bio section with the name "Sierra Moxon" and a link to her GitHub repository. At the bottom, it says "she/her" and includes an ORCID ID: "0000-0002-8719-7760".

sierra-moxon

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Sierra Moxon

<https://github.com/sierra-moxon>

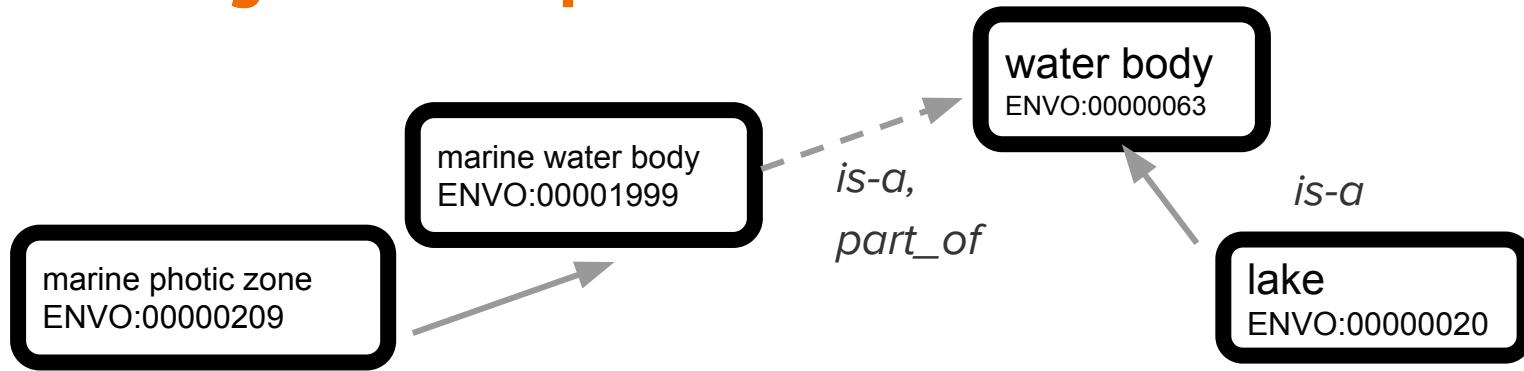
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# Describing a Biosample



Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

id	depth	species	type
CL1	22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
CL2	15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

# LinkML Metamodel Syntax

## LinkML Model (YAML)

### Classes:

Biosample:

### Slots:

latitude:

range: integer

### OWL (ttl)

```
owl:Person a owl:Class  
  
person:age_in_years a  
owl:ObjectProperty;  
rdfs:label "age in years";  
rdfs:range int;
```

## Java

```
package org.biosample.model  
  
import java.util.List;  
import lombok.*;  
  
@Data  
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper=false)  
public class Biosample {private Integer latitude}
```

## Pydantic Classes

```
class Biosample(NamedThing):  
    latitude: Optional[int] = Field(None,  
        description="""the latitude of the sample""")
```

### SQLDDL

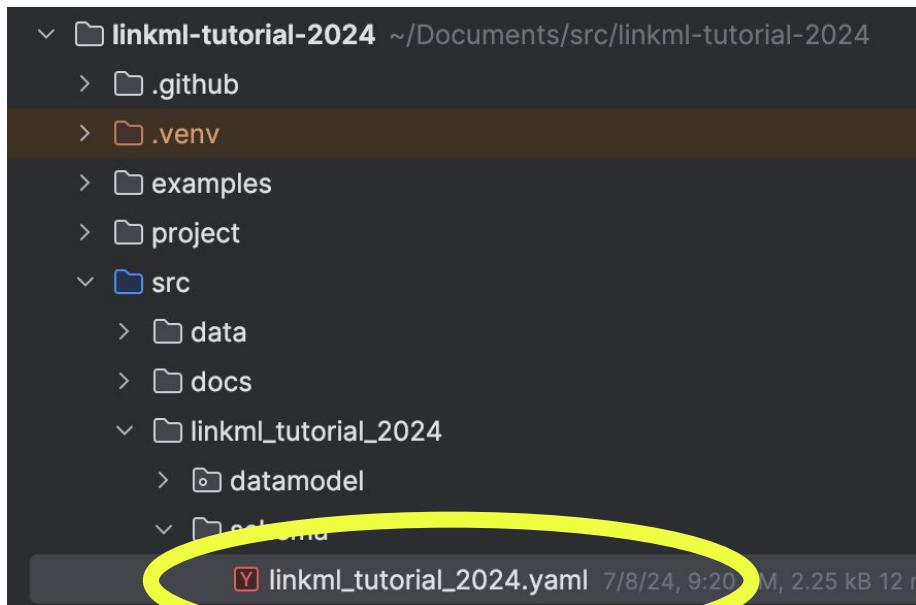
```
CREATE TABLE "Biosample"  
(latitude INTEGER)
```

### JSONSchema

```
"Biosample": {  
    "properties": {  
        "latitude": {  
            "type": "integer"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Step 1: Model Components

Documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/models.html>



# Assignment: Add a class with attributes

**Problem statement 1:** A researcher is collecting data on microbial content of water samples and they want to ensure that each sample has the same set of collection metrics.

The researcher wants to collect information about the sample site, including depth, latitude, longitude, the species of microbe(s) found, and a consistent way of representing the biome of the sample site.

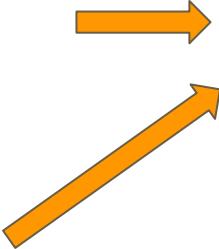
# LinkML Classes and Slots



id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

LinkML modeling language:

- description
- aliases
- identifier
- range
- multivalued
- required



## LinkML

Sample:

aliases: ["Biosample", "Environmental Sample"]  
description: >-

A sample is a limited quantity of something (e.g. an individual or set of individuals from a population, or a portion of a substance) to be used for testing, analysis, inspection, investigation, demonstration, or trial use.

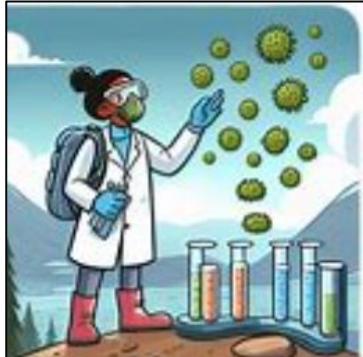
slots:

- id
- latitude
- longitude
- species
- sample\_biome

# Assignment: Establish a hierarchy of classes

**Problem statement 2:** Researcher establishes a collaboration with another PI who wants to collect samples from the air. Air has different attributes than water samples, but many are the same. The second researcher would like to analyze data from both collected datasets.

Extend the model to allow collection of both kinds of data.



# Hierarchies

- Hierarchical classes

**depth**  
latitude  
longitude  
biome



shared characteristics

*latitude*  
*longitude*  
*biome*



**altitude**  
latitude  
longitude  
biome

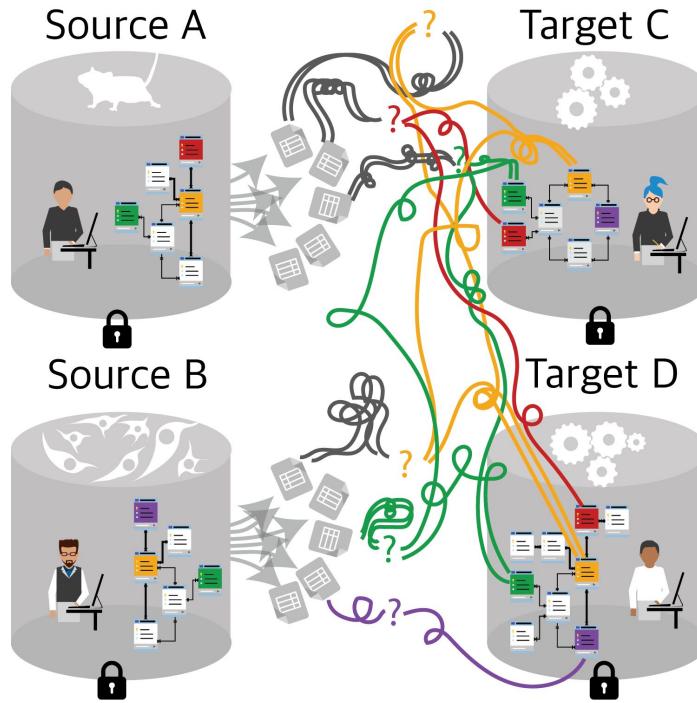
- Helpful testing infrastructure
  - Sample\_Collection
    - tree\_root

# Assignment: Make sure model is interoperable

**Problem statement:** After publication, other researchers start reaching out and making Researcher 1 and 2 aware of alternative models for capturing Sample metadata. They ask the data producers to give them a translation table to map collected samples to the National Microbiome Data Collaborative model. Then they ask how the new model relates to the work done at SIO ontology.

Ensure there is a computable way to map a class in the model to other models.

# Definition refinement, mappings, and URIs



LinkML To The  
Rescue!

- mappings
- URIs

# Assignment: Constrain and Train

**Problem statement:** The schema Researcher 1 and 2 have put together has become widely used for several groups collecting sample data. So much so that research 1 and 2 have had to delegate maintenance of the schema and datasets to their staff. Over time, it's apparent that training helps with consistency of data entry. But neither researcher 1 nor 2 have time each semester to train their students. They need the model to do the heavy lifting in terms of keeping the data harmonized.



**beach** biome?

Beach  
Sandbox  
Desert  
Freshwater lake sand

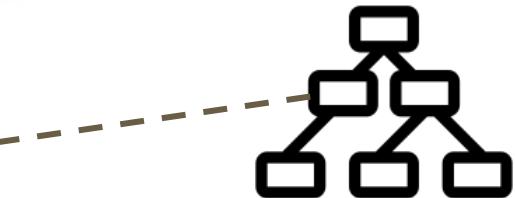
# Ontology support via value sets (enums)

prefixes:

COB: [http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/COB\\_](http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/COB_)  
BFO: [http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/BFO\\_](http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/BFO_)  
RO: [http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/RO\\_](http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/RO_)  
CHEBI: [http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/CHEBI\\_](http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/CHEBI_)  
CHEMINF: [http://semanticscience.org/resource/CHEMINF\\_](http://semanticscience.org/resource/CHEMINF_)  
SIO: [http://semanticscience.org/resource/SIO\\_](http://semanticscience.org/resource/SIO_)  
PUBCHEM.ELEMENT: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/element/>  
LANL.ELEMENT: <https://periodic.lanl.gov/>

enums:

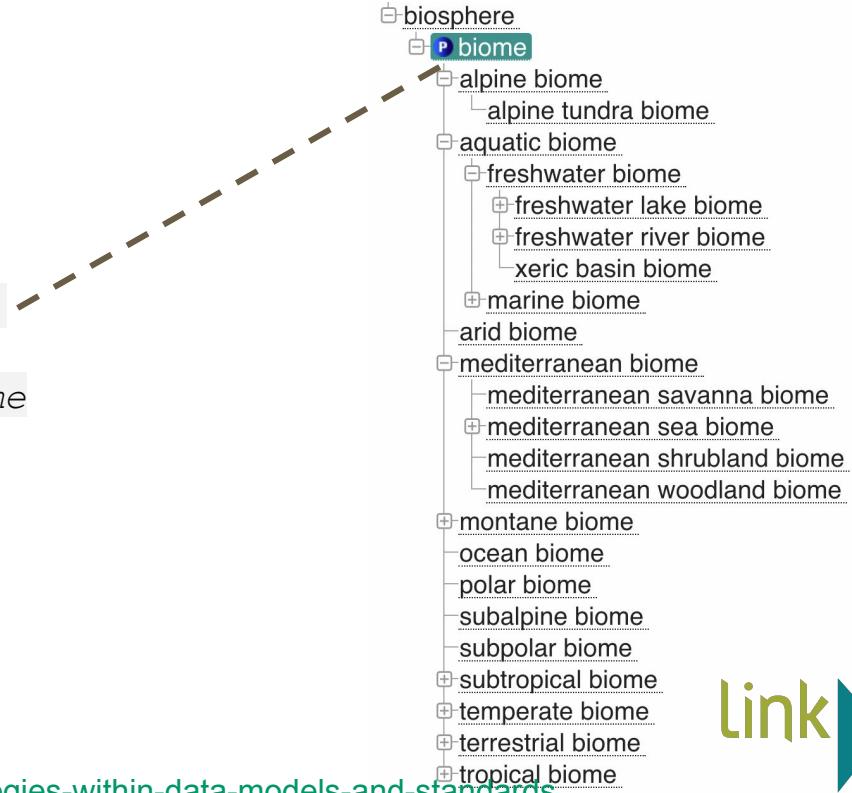
```
nanostructure_morphology_enum:  
permissible_values:  
nanotube:  
    meaning: CHEBI:50796  
nanoparticle:  
    meaning: CHEBI:50803  
nanorod:  
    meaning: CHEBI:50805  
nanotubosome:  
    meaning: CHEBI:50806  
quantum dot:  
    meaning: CHEBI:50853  
nanofibre:  
    meaning: CHEBI:52518  
nanocrystal:  
    meaning: CHEBI:52529  
nanoribbon:  
    meaning: CHEBI:52530  
nanosheet:  
    meaning: CHEBI:52531  
nanowire:  
    meaning: CHEBI:52593
```



- Used to constrain categorical values
- Better than free text strings
- Can drive drop-downs

# Ontology support via value sets (enums)

```
enums :  
  Biome:  
    reachable_from:  
      source_ontology: obo:envo  
      source_nodes:  
        - ENVO:00000428 ## biome  
    include_self: false  
    is_direct: false  
    relationship_types:  
      - rdfs:subClassOf
```



<http://environmentontology.org>

<https://douroucouli.wordpress.com/2022/07/15/using-ontologies-within-data-models-and-standards>



# Boolean combinations supported

enums:

```
NonAquaticBiome:  
  reachable_from:  
    source_ontology: obo:envo  
  source_nodes:  
    - ENVO:00000428 ## biome
```

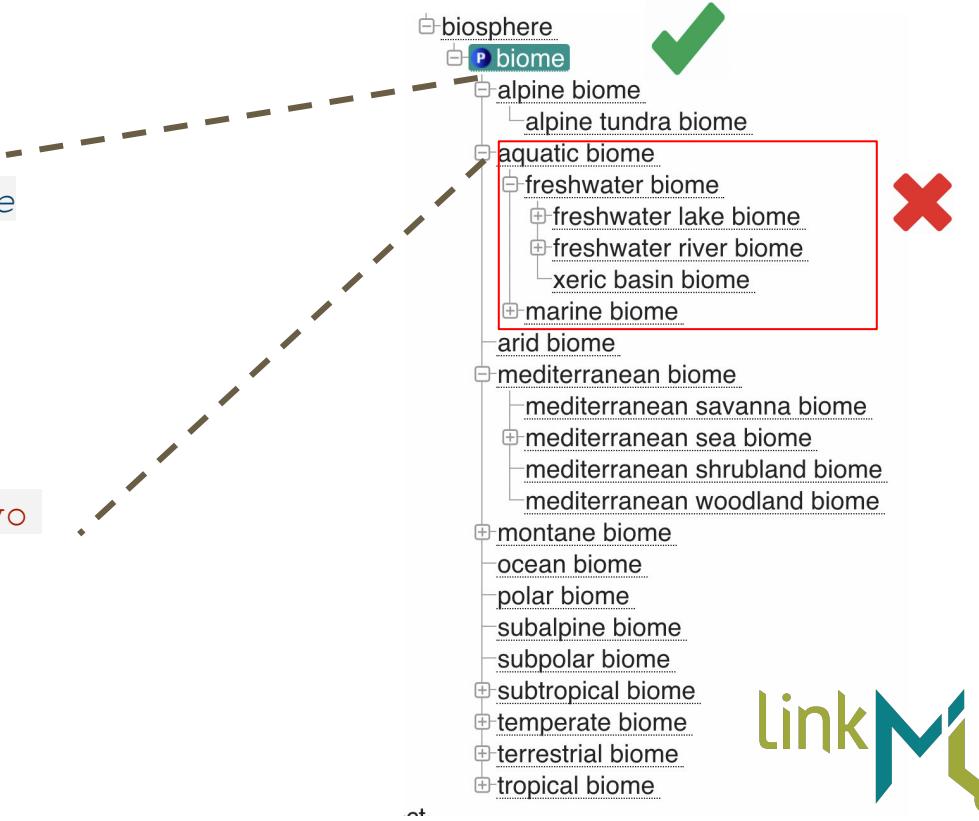
```
include_self: false  
is_direct: false  
relationship_types:  
  - rdfs:subClassOf
```

minus:

```
  reachable_from:  
    source_ontology: obo:envo  
  source_nodes:  
    - ENVO:00002030 ##
```

aquatic

```
  include_self: true  
  is_direct: false  
  relationship_types:  
    - rdfs:subClassOf
```



# Enumerations

- Basic enumerations annotated with ontologies
  - meaning
  - reachable\_from

# Other constraints

- Validating slot values with patterns
  - slot\_usage
  - pattern constraints
  - id\_prefixes

Rules syntax: <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/advanced.html#rules>

# Assignment: Deprecation

**Problem statement:** Latitude and longitude are becoming less prevalent in the data as more advanced technology becomes accessible. Instead, researchers are starting use GPS coordinates. Refactor the schema so that “GPS location” replaces latitude and longitude. Be sure to think about all the labs using the model and how they will programmatically migrate their existing data and tools to use the new model



# Why not delete elements?

- Give notice to downstream consumers.
- Be backward compatible with earlier versions of the schema that might be used to validate data in the wild.
- Preserve links to schema elements that may have already been published, referred to by other pages or otherwise publicly available previously.
- Reminder of the decisions that have been made.

# Modeling step 7: Deprecation

- Use “deprecated” metamodel values
- Track provenance of deprecation
- Track date/time of deprecation

LinkML Metamodel components

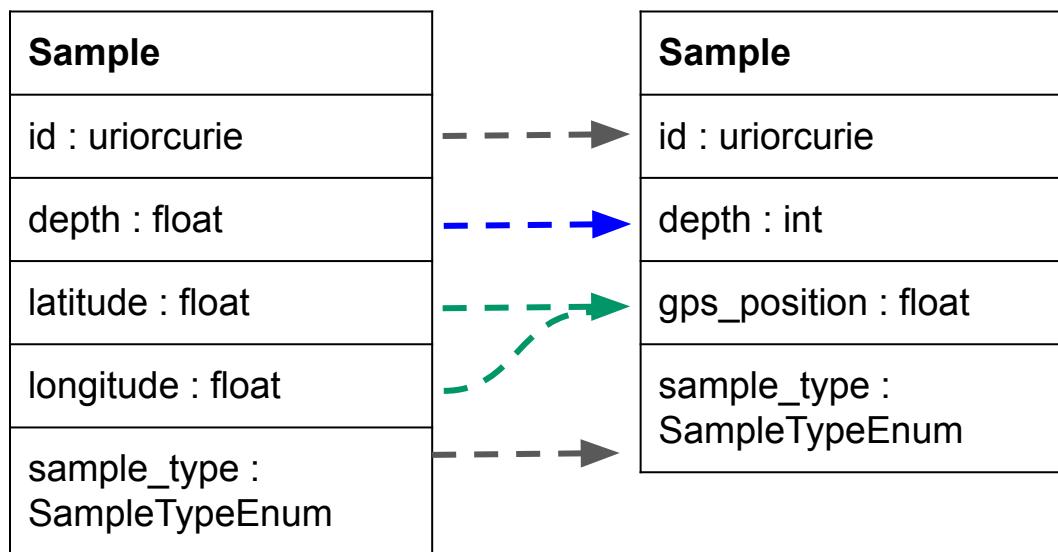
```
> poetry run gen-doc --include  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/deprecated.yaml  
src/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024/linkml-tutorial-2024.yaml
```

1. deprecated
2. deprecated\_element\_has\_exact\_replacement
3. last\_updated\_on
4. modified\_by

# Declarative Transformations (Beta)

```
> poetry add linkml-map
```

<https://linkml.io/linkml-map/#examples/Tutorial/>



```
> poetry run map-data -T  
transformation.yaml -s  
linkml-tutorial-2024.yaml  
src/data/examples/Sample-001.yaml
```

# LinkML & LLMs

- Use free versions of LLM tools (e.g. Gemini, ChatGPT, etc. )
- Don't be afraid to ask direct questions - LLMs are like teenagers, they "know" everything but they need some redirection to give the answers you're looking for.
- LLMs can generate LinkML schemas.
- LLMs love to hallucinate ontology ids.
- LLMs make syntax mistakes sometimes.

Use LLMs as a tool to help you bootstrap your knowledge of schema development with LinkML.

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## Section 2: Linting



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pkalita-lbl

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Patrick Kalita  
<https://github.com/pkalita-lbl>

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# Motivating Example

schema.yaml

```
id: https://example.org/my-schema
name: my-schema

classes:
  latitude longitude:
    slots:
      ...
      ...
```

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schema.yaml → Generate Python → schema.py

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      ...
```

```
...
class latitude longitude:
  pass
...
...
```

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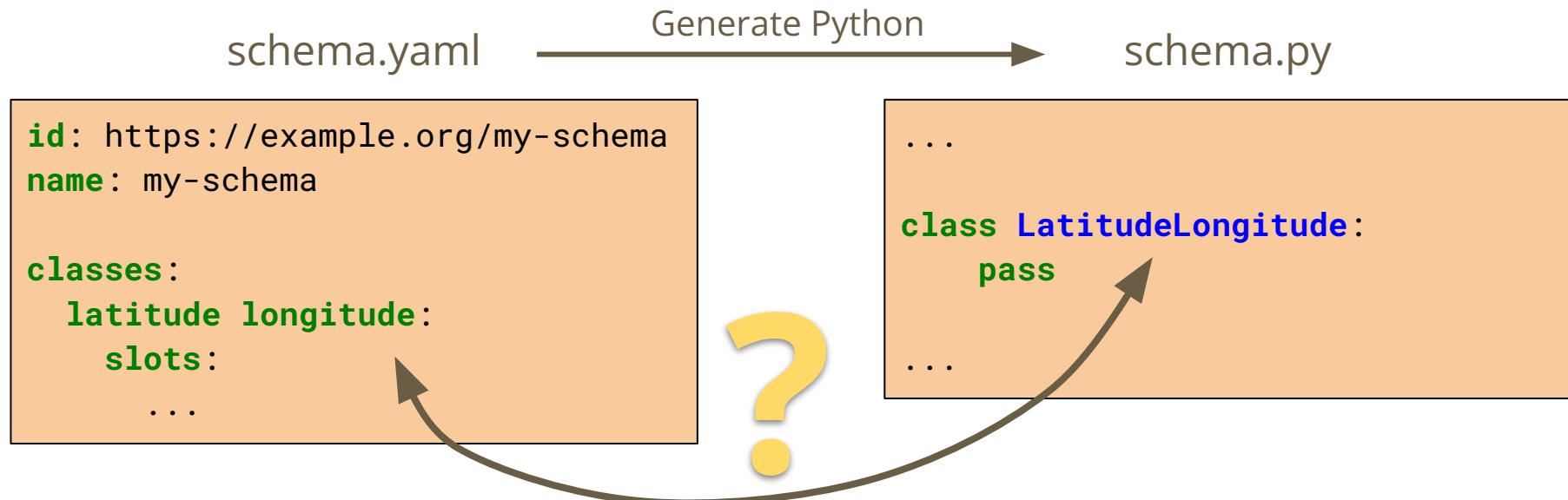
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```
id: https://example.org/my-schema
name: my-schema

classes:
  latitude_longitude:
    slots:
      ...
      ...
```

```
...
class LatitudeLongitude:
  pass
...
...
```

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      ...
      ...
```



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  pass
...
```

# LinkML Linter

The Linter is a rule-based, configurable command line utility to help enforce best practices and identify suspicious patterns in your schema.

**CLI:** > `linkml-lint [--config myconfig.yaml] [schema file or directory]`

**Documentation:** <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/linter.html>

# Lint Our Schema

Run the Linter on our schema using the default configuration

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Severity (warning or error)

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Rule name (see documentation for details)



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## Detailed description

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- Change the canonical\_prefixes rule with a configuration file

```
# .linkmlint.yaml
extends: recommended      # Start with the recommended configuration
rules:                      # Customize rules here
    canonical_prefixes:
        prefixmaps_contexts:
            - obo
```

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Not required when using the conventional  
.linkmlint.yaml filename

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# Let's be More Strict

- Enabling the tree\_root\_class rule in the configuration file

```
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rules:                      # Customize rules here
    canonical_prefixes:
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        - obo
tree_root_class:
    level: error
root_class_name: SampleCollection
validate_existing_class_name: true
```

# Let's be More Strict

- Enabling the tree\_root\_class rule in the configuration file
- Add the --validate command line flag

```
> poetry run linkml-lint --validate src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema
```

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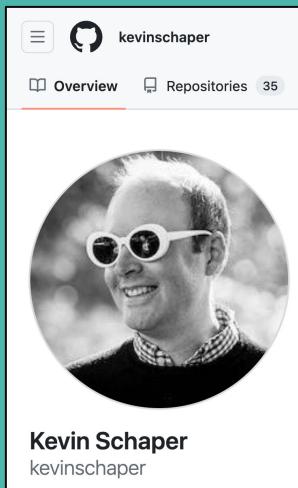
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**Feeling lost?**

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## Section 3: Generating documentation



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Kevin Schaper  
<https://github.com/kevinschaper>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)



# Documentation

- Critical and undervalued (until it's needed) resource for any schema.
- Keeping documentation close to the “code” is important.
  - onboarding new members is faster
  - small, iterative changes are easier
- Not all users navigate YAML easily.
- Socializing a model is almost as important as writing one.

LinkML can generate nice documentation websites while still allowing developers to keep documentation for specific components close to the code.

# Generate and deploy documentation

- LinkML has an automatic Markdown and HTML documentation [generator](#)
- There are [GitHub Actions](#) workflows that are available for you to use when you create a LinkML cookiecutter project
  - [`deploy-docs.yaml`](#): automatically build and publish mkdocs style web documentation pages to GitHub Pages, accessible on the **gh-pages** branch of your project repo
- Running the following commands will allow you to preview the HTML documentation locally before deploying it to [GitHub Pages](#)

```
> make testdoc
```

```
http://127.0.0.1:8000/my-project/
```

# Documentation customization

Biolink Model

A high level datamodel of biological entities ([genes](#), [diseases](#), [phenotypes](#), [pathways](#), [individuals](#), [substances](#), etc) and their [associations](#).

The schema is exp...  
Individual page  
An OWL ontology  
Python dataclass  
ShEx (RDF sha...

Just The Docs:  
<https://biolink.github.io/biolink-model/>

Mkdocs Material:  
<https://microbiomedata.github.io/nmdc-schema/>

ReadTheDocs:  
<https://github.com/biodatamodels/gff-schema>

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Credits

NMDC

Schema for National Microbiome Data Collaborative (NMDC). This schema is organized into distinct modules:

- a set of core types for representing data values
- the mixs schema (auto-translated from mixs excel)
- annotation schema
- the NMDC schema itself

URI: <https://microbiomedata/schema>

Classes

Class	Description
Activity	a provence-generating activity
WorkflowExecutionActivity	Represents an instance of an execution of a particular workflow
MagAnalysisActivity	A workflow execution activity that uses computational binning tools to group ...
MetabolomicsAnalysisActivity	

GFF Schema (DRAFT, pre-alpha)

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Gff schema

Playing around with GFF spec

Classes

- GenomeFeature - A feature localized to an interval along a genome
- GenomeFeatureAttributeSet - Holds a collection of attributes that can be used by a feature
- GffDocument - Collection of GFF features and metadata
- Metadata - A piece of metadata for a GFF document
  - GenomeBuildValue - Used for genome-build pragmas
  - SequenceRegionValue - Used for sequence-region pragmas
- Seq - A biological sequence
- TargetLocation

Mixins

Slots

- name
- source
- species
- gff attribute
  - Aliases
  - Dbxref

# Documentation customization (themes)

The image shows three screenshots of documentation websites, illustrating how different themes can be applied to the same underlying schema definition language (LinkML).

**LinkML Model Documentation** (Left): This page uses a dark teal header with white text. It includes a navigation bar with links like "alliance", "bbop", "zfin", "translator", "GO", "slack", "linkml", and "mona". The main content area has a dark background with light-colored text, showing sections like "LinkML Model", "About", "Specification", "Appendix", "Metamodel Index", and "Profiles". A sidebar on the right lists "FAQ", "Visualizations", and "Inforcs Identifier Registry".

**Biolink Model Documentation** (Middle): This page uses a white header with dark text. It includes a GitHub icon and a search bar. The main content area has a white background with dark text, showing the "Biolink Model Documentation Overview" and a detailed description of the Biolink Model's purpose and features. A sidebar on the right lists various topics under "Table of contents".

**NMDC Schema Documentation** (Right): This page uses a blue header with white text. It includes a GitHub icon and a search bar. The main content area has a white background with dark text, showing the "NMDC Schema Documentation" and a description of the National Microbiome Data Collaborative (NMDC) schema. A sidebar on the right lists various topics under "Table of contents".

# Documentation customization (templates)

NMDC Schema Documentation

Slot: omics\_type (**DEPRECATED**)

The type of omics data

URI: [nmdc:omics\\_type](#)

Properties

- Range: [String](#)

Examples

Value
metatranscriptome
metagenome

Biolink Model Documentation

Slot: severity\_qualifier (**DEPRECATED**)

Description: a qualifier used in a phenotypic association to state how severe the phenotype is in the subject

Domain: [Association](#)  
Range: [SeverityValue](#)

Inheritance

- [association\\_slot](#)
- [qualifier](#)
- severity\_qualifier**

LinkML Source

▼ Details

```
name: severity_qualifier
description: a qualifier used in a phenotypic association to state how severe the phenotype is in the subject
```

# Assignment: Customizing Automatic Documentation

**Problem statement:** Researcher 1 asks her postdoc to show deprecated elements are shown documentations pages.

Modify the existing jinja template for class and slot pages, to include “deprecated” metadata when an element is deprecated.

# Documentation customization (jinja templates)

- Jinja is a templating system that allows pages to be displayed dynamically via makedocs.
- Customizing elements on the page requires some understanding of LinkML's metamodel (which is also a LinkML model)

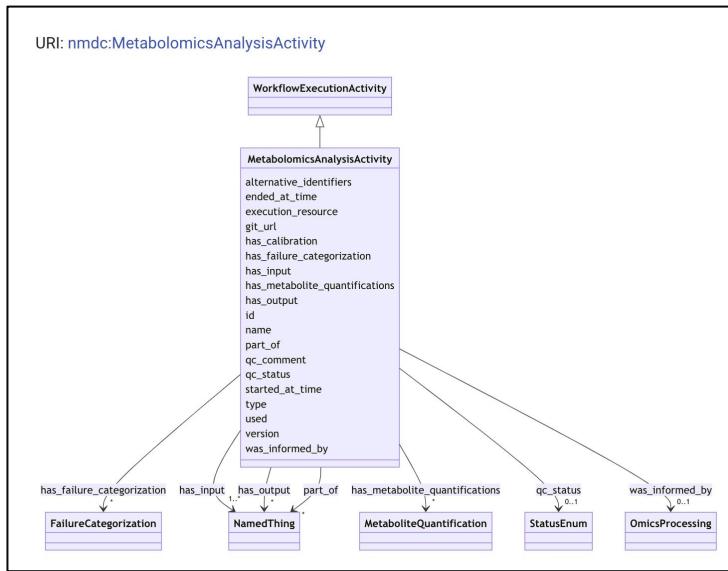
```
edit: src/doc-templates/class.md.jinja2
```

```
> make doctest
```

```
https://linkml.io/linkml-model/latest/docs/
```

# Documentation: schema diagrams

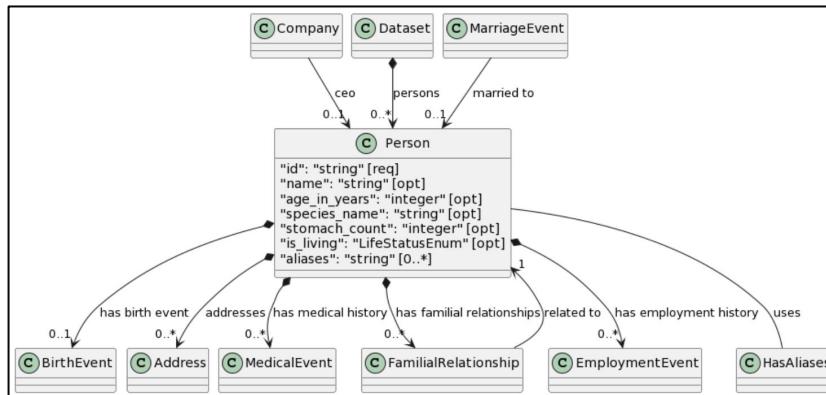
- By default, each generated LinkML class documentation page, has a narrowly scoped schema diagram for the class included.



- parent classes
- child classes
- slot names for the class of interest
- cardinality and identification of the slot that relates parent to child

# Documentation: schema diagrams

- Customization is possible, and more kinds of diagrams are possible including: PlantUML diagrams and ER-diagrams



PlantUML rendering

- Similar features to the default mermaid diagrams
- Includes slot types as well as slot names.
- More feature-rich UML implementation

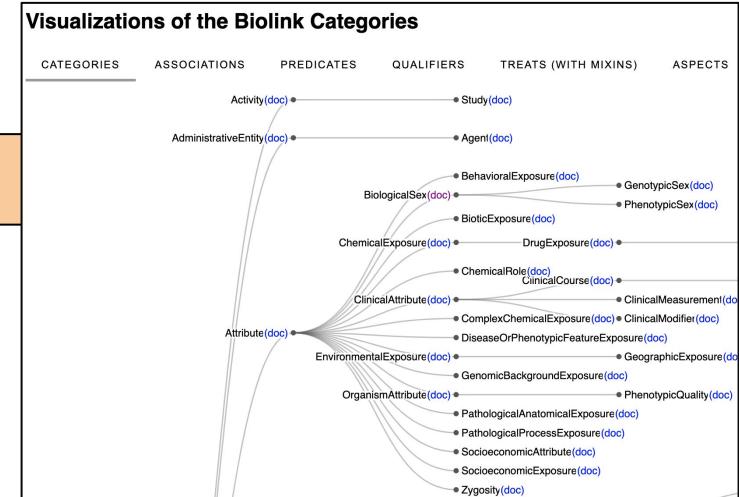
# Documentation: full model diagrams

```
> poetry run gen-plantuml > out.puml
```

<https://www.plantuml.com/plantuml/> (test viewer)

```
> poetry run gen-erdiagram > out.er
```

- Useful for looking at more than a single family of classes at once.
- Can be overwhelming for larger models
- Some models develop custom javascript
- Consult the LinkML registry for different implementations



# Documentation: Auto-deployment to GH pages

\*Note: our tutorial site has been building and deploying a GH pages site on every push to the “main” branch by default.

<https://linkml.io/linkml-tutorial-2024/>

Gotcha:

Make sure you configure GitHub project to use the gh-pages branch to display the doc.

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**Section 4 - code generation**

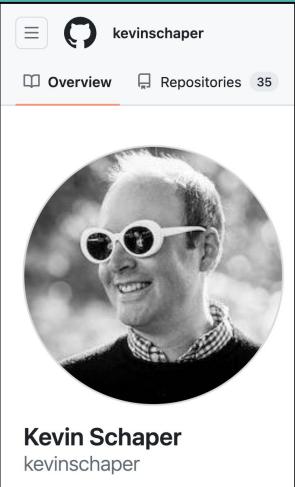
Section 5 - validation

**Feeling lost?**

> `git checkout step_3_documentation`



## Section 4: Code Generation



A screenshot of a GitHub user profile for "kevinschaper". The profile picture is a black and white photo of a man wearing sunglasses and a dark sweater. The GitHub icon and the username "kevinschaper" are at the top. Below the picture, there are two navigation links: "Overview" and "Repositories 35". A horizontal red line separates this from the main content area. In the main area, there is a large circular image of the same man, and below it, the name "Kevin Schaper" and the GitHub URL "<https://github.com/kevinschaper>". At the bottom of the profile card, it says "Kevin Schaper" again and "kevinschaper".

Kevin Schaper  
<https://github.com/kevinschaper>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)



# Why distribute your model in many serializations?

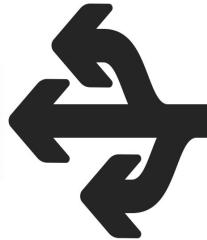
**Case Study:** Alliance of Genome Resources and National Microbiome Data Collaborative use of LinkML



{JSON}



PostgreSQL



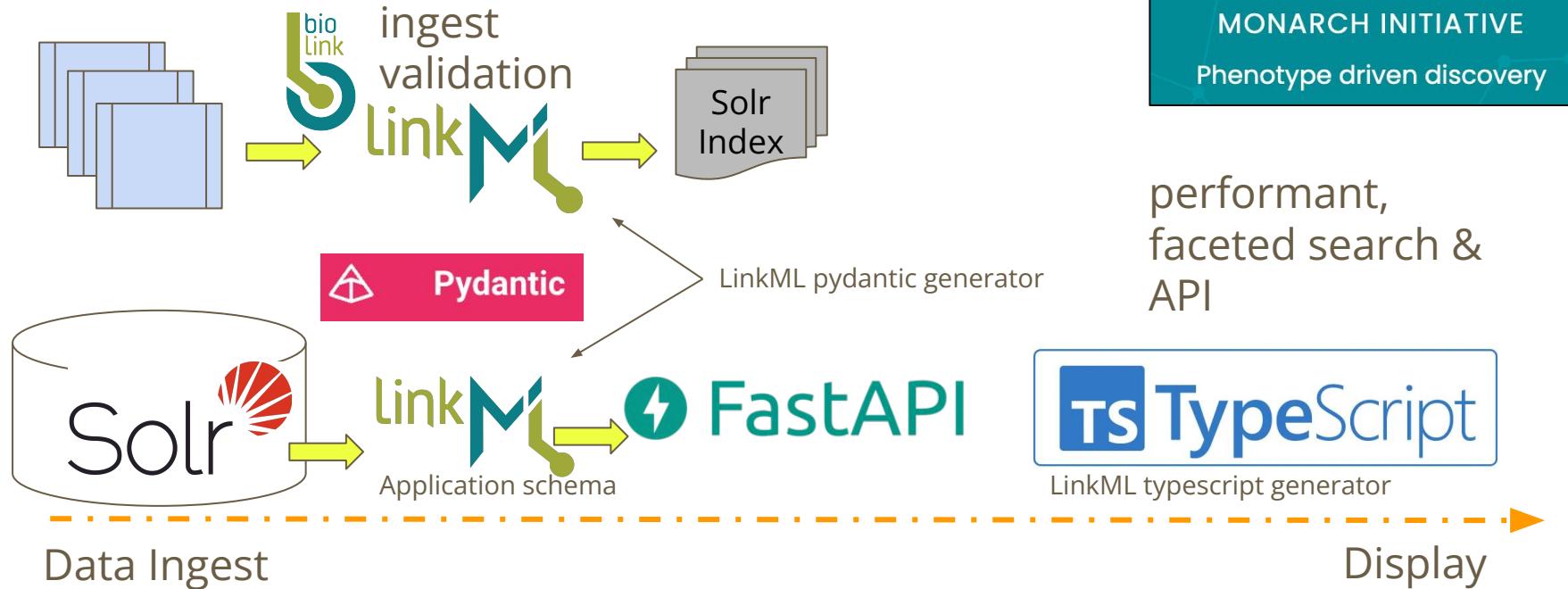
Data Ingest

Serialize LinkML Model as JSONSchema and/or PostgreSQL DDL in order to constrain data submission

Display

# Why distribute your model in many serializations?

**Case Study:** Monarch Initiative's use of LinkML



# Assignment: Generate and push pydantic models to PyPi

**Problem statement:** Working with a group of bioinformaticians, you're given the requirement that they would like to write tools to display the sample data on a webpage. They use python, they want a code-based representation of the model.

Generate python and/or pydantic data models from your LinkML YAML model and distribute them on pypi for use in python applications

# Step 5: Run a generator directly

```
> poetry run gen-pydantic  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml >  
linkml_tutorial_2024_pydantic_model.py
```

Optional experiment, generate a typescript model:

```
> poetry run gen-typescript  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml >  
linkml_tutorial_2024_typescript_model.ts
```

# Step 5: gen-project

```
> make gen-project
```

- We can configure this builder on the command line (see Makefile).
  - The LinkML cookiecutter generates a Makefile target to run gen-project out of the box with some default serializations.
- Configured with a config.yaml file.

```
edit: config.yaml
```

# Step 5: gen-project

Configuring with a `config.yaml` file.

`edit: config.yaml`



`config.yaml` is a simple YAML dictionary

- Pass custom generator parameters via **generator\_args**
- “includes” are the serializations to **include** in gen-project
- “excludes” are the serializations to **exclude** in gen-project
- **merge\_imports** controls whether you want to include imported LinkML schemas in the resulting serialization (default here is “true”)

```
generator_args:  
  jsonschema:  
  
  includes:  
    - jsonschema  
    - python  
  excludes:  
    - graphql  
    - owl  
    - shex  
    - shacl  
    - sqllschema  
    - protobuf  
    - prefixmap  
  mergeimports: true
```

# Step 5: Generate and deploy model serializations

- make is a wrapper around poetry
- gen-project is a grouping of many popular model serialization generators (JSONSchema, python dataclasses, pydantic classes, doc, OWL, etc.)
- we can always run individual generators via poetry

```
> make gen-project
```

# Deployment to PyPI

- LinkML cookiecutter does most of the work for you.
  - Creates a project structure that automatically makes python serializations available in the correct directory to be bundled into a pypi package
  - Creates a GitHub action that will run “on release” and push your “main” branch to PyPI
- Two additional steps:
  - Create a pending publisher:  
<https://docs.pypi.org/trusted-publishers/creating-a-project-through-oidc/#github-actions>
  - Make the GH action use that pending publisher (official docs have more information, this is the TL;DR recipe that can provide a nice summary of the effort):  
<https://pjones.dev/blog/trusted-publishing-2023/> (on first use, the pending publisher becomes a trusted publisher)

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**Step 5 - validation**

**Feeling lost?**

> `git checkout step_4_code_generation`



# Section 5: Validating Data

A screenshot of a GitHub profile page for the user "pkalita-lbl". The page shows a profile picture of a man with long hair and glasses, a "Overview" section, and a "Repositories" section showing 18 repositories.

pkalita-lbl

Overview    Repositories 18



Patrick Kalita  
<https://github.com/pkalita-lbl>

pkalita-lbl · he/him

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)



# Motivating Scenario

- A soil researcher wants to submit data to us
- We want to verify that their data conform to our schema before accepting it

# Validating an Example Data File

The linkml-validate command is a configurable command line utility for validating data instances against a schema.

**CLI:** > `linkml-validate --schema [schema file] [data source...]`

**Documentation:** <https://linkml.io/linkml/data/validating-data.html>

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
id: "soilsample:002"
latitude: 40.7128
longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBI Taxon:1423
sample_biome: desert
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

No issues found

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
id: "soilsample:002"
latitude: 40.7128
longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBI Taxon:1423
sample_biome: backyard
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
```

Not a permissible value  
in BiomeTypeEnum

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
 'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
take , 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample\_biome

Severity (info, warning, error, fatal)

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
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  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in sample biome
```

Location of the invalid data instance

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
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  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
 'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

Pointer within the data instance  
where the issue occurred

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
 'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

Detailed description of the issue

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
id: "soilsample:002"
latitude: 40.7128
longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBITaxon:1423
sample_biome: desert
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
---
id: "soilsample:003"
latitude: 123.456
longitude: -0.1278
species:
  - NCBITaxon:287
sample_biome: forest
depth: 30
sample_type: SoilSample
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

No issues found

# Validating an Example Data File

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longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBITaxon:1423
sample_biome: desert
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
---
id: "soilsample:003"
latitude: 123.456
longitude: -0.1270
species:
  - NCBITaxon:287
sample_biome: forest
depth: 30
sample_type: SoilSample
```



# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml
```

```
slots:
```

```
...
```

```
latitude:
```

```
    description: >-
```

Latitude is a geographic coordinate which refers to the angle from a point on the Earth's surface to the equatorial plane.

```
    range: float
```

```
    slot_uri: schema:latitude
```

```
...
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml
```

```
slots:
```

```
...
```

```
latitude:
```

```
    description: >-
```

Latitude is a geographic coordinate which refers to the angle from a point on the Earth's surface to the equatorial plane.

```
    range: float
```

```
    minimum_value: -90
```

```
    maximum_value: 90
```

```
    slot_uri: schema:latitude
```

```
...
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkmlTutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/1] 123.456 is greater than the maximum of  
90 in /latitude
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

The linkml-run-examples command ensures that all data files in a examples directory pass validation and that all data files in a counter-examples directory do not pass validation.

CLI:

```
> poetry run linkml-run-examples --help
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/
└── data/
    └── examples/
        ├── invalid/
        │   └── SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml
        └── valid/
            └── SoilSample.yaml
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/
└── data/
    └── examples/
        ├── invalid/
        │   └── SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml
        └── valid/
            └── SoilSample.yaml
```

```
> poetry run linkml-run-examples \
    --output-formats yaml \
    --counter-example-input-directory src/data/examples/invalid \
    --input-directory src/data/examples/valid \
    --output-directory examples/output \
    --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/
└── data/
    └── examples/
        ├── invalid/
        │   └── SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml
        └── valid/
            └── SoilSample.yaml
```

See also: the `test-examples` target in Makefile.

# Going Further with Validation

- Programmatic validation in Python code
- Advanced command line configuration
- See: <https://linkml.io/linkml/data/validating-data.html>

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**Feeling lost?**

> `git checkout step_5_validation`

# Questions? Discussion?

# Learning more and staying connected

- Our website: <https://linkml.io>
- GitHub:
  - Issues: <https://github.com/linkml/linkml/issues>
  - All feature requests, comments, questions are welcome!
  - We ❤️ pull requests!
- Connecting directly
  - Developers currently meet on OBO Workspace slack
    - <https://obo-communitygroup.slack.com/archives/C04EU7JL1NF>

# Join the LinkML community!

- LinkML documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml>
- Issue Tracker: <https://github.com/linkml/linkml/issues> (Feature voting)
- Mailing list: <https://groups.google.com/g/linkml-community>
- LinkML Community Slack channel:  
<https://obo-communitygroup.slack.com/archives/C04EU7JL1NF>
- LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14303246/>
- Mastodon: <https://qoto.org/@linkml>

# ISMB tutorial survey

Please fill out this survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrjbxGdE45OFPQgM58JDt59B--gonwjuKw1HkHrR4FLvhhw/viewform>