



# SPARQL

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SPARQL (April 2006) query language for RDF data

Similar to SQL, but for RDF

Based on graph patterns

It also describes a REST protocol

SPARQL = SPARQL Protocol And RDF Query Language

SPARQL 1.1 (2013, recommendation)

Updates, federated queries, etc.



# SPARQL Syntax

## Similar to Turtle

URIs between `<...>`

`<http://www.example.org/alice>`

Namespace prefixes as in Turtle

`prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>`

`dc:creator`

Blank nodes

`_:node` or between square brackets `[]`

Literals between `" "`

`"Alice" "234"^^xsd:integer`

Comments start by `#`

`# this is a comment`

Variables start by?

`?name`



# RDF

RDF = Graph model

Different syntaxes: N-Triples, Turtle, RDF/XML

data.ttl

```
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix uni: <http://uniovi.es/> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .

uni:biology dc:creator uni:bob .
uni:biology dc:creator uni:alice .
uni:chemistry dc:creator uni:alice .
uni:chemistry dc:creator uni:carol .
uni:law dc:creator uni:carol .
uni:alice rdf:type uni:Lecturer .
uni:bob rdf:type uni:Lecturer .
uni:carol rdf:type uni:Student .
```



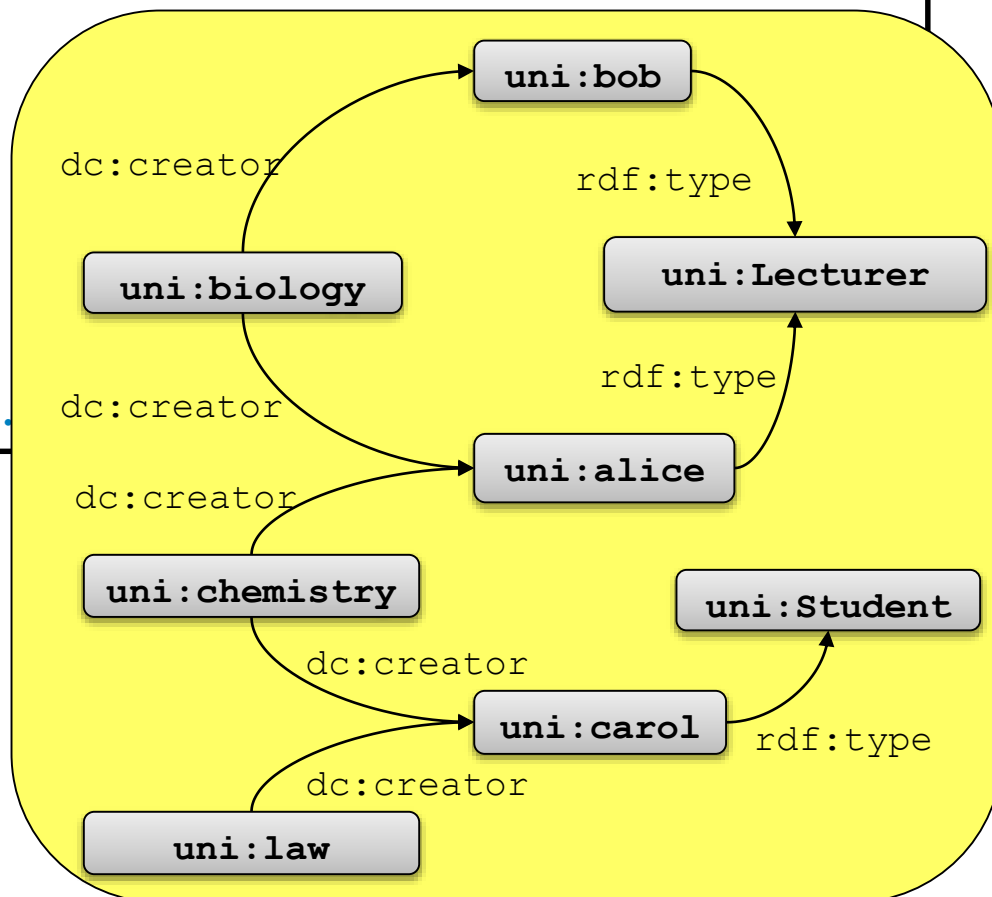
# RDF graph

## RDF data

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```

```
uni:biology    dc:creator uni:bob .  
uni:biology    dc:creator uni:alice .  
uni:chemistry  dc:creator uni:alice .  
uni:chemistry  dc:creator uni:carol .  
uni:law        dc:creator uni:carol .  
uni:alice      rdf:type   uni:Lecturer .  
uni:bob        rdf:type   uni:Lecturer .  
uni:carol      rdf:type   uni:Student .
```





# Simple SPARQL query

Search resources created by a Lecturer and order them by lecturer

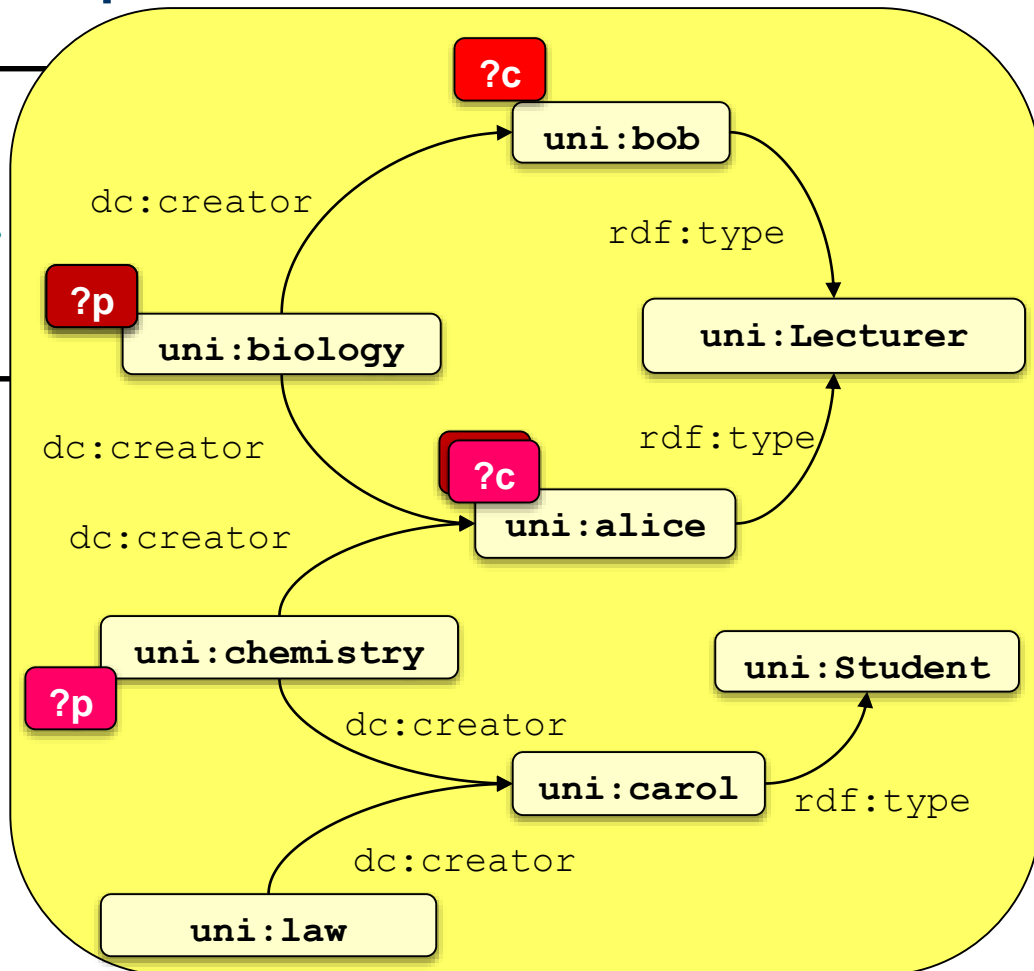
```
prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
prefix uni: <http://uniovi.es/>
prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

SELECT ?p ?c WHERE {
  ?p dc:creator ?c .
  ?c rdf:type uni:Lecturer .
}
ORDER BY ?c
```



# Graph patterns

```
SELECT ?p ?c WHERE {  
  ?p dc:creator ?c .  
  ?c rdf:type uni:Lecturer .  
}  
ORDER BY ?c
```



## Results

<code>?p</code>	<code>?c</code>
<code>uni:biology</code>	<code>uni:alice</code>
<code>uni:chemistry</code>	<code>uni:alice</code>
<code>uni:biology</code>	<code>uni:bob</code>

sorted by `?c`

Try it: <https://goo.gl/fJuUBn>



# Playing with SPARQL

## Command line tools:

Apache Jena. <https://jena.apache.org/>

## Online:

SHACLex: can be used without endpoint

<http://shaclex.herokuapp.com/>

YASGUI: can be used to query existing SPARQL endpoints

<http://yasgui.org/>

## Creating SPARQL endpoints

Apache Jena Fuseki: <https://jena.apache.org/>

Blazegraph: <https://www.blazegraph.com/>





# Some public SPARQL endpoints

Name	URL	Description
SPARQLer	<a href="http://www.sparql.org/sparql.html">http://www.sparql.org/sparql.html</a>	General purpose query endpoint
DBpedia	<a href="http://dbpedia.org/sparql">http://dbpedia.org/sparql</a>	RDF data from wikipedia
Wikidata	<a href="https://query.wikidata.org/">https://query.wikidata.org/</a>	RDF data from Wikipedia
DBLP	<a href="http://dblp.rkbexplorer.com/sparql/">http://dblp.rkbexplorer.com/sparql/</a>	Bibliographic data
LinkedMDB	<a href="http://data.linkedmdb.org/sparql">http://data.linkedmdb.org/sparql</a>	Movie database
bio2rdf	<a href="http://bio2rdf.org/sparql">http://bio2rdf.org/sparql</a>	Linked data for life sciences

List of SPARQL endpoints:

<https://www.w3.org/wiki/SparqlEndpoints>



# SPARQL query language



# Parts of a query

Prefix declarations



```
prefix dc:  <...>  
prefix uni: <...>
```

Declare type of query

SELECT, ASK, DESCRIBE, CONSTRUCT



```
SELECT ...
```

Define dataset



```
FROM <...>
```

```
FROM NAMED <...>
```

Graph Pattern



```
WHERE {
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

Query modifiers



```
ORDER BY ...
```

```
HAVING ...
```

```
GROUP BY ...
```

```
LIMIT ...
```

```
OFFSET ...
```

```
BINDINGS ...
```



# Prefix declarations

## Similar to Turtle

No need to use `@prefix`, just `prefix`

No need to end prefix declarations by dot

Common aliases used in these slides:

alias...	stands for...
rdf	<code>&lt;http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#&gt;</code>
rdfs	<code>&lt;http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#&gt;</code>
owl	<code>&lt;http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#&gt;</code>
xsd	<code>&lt;http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#&gt;</code>
schema	<code>&lt;http://schema.org/&gt;</code>

Other common prefixes can be found at: <http://prefix.cc>



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# Types of SPARQL queries

**SELECT** return values of variables or expressions

Results are a table of values

Can have several serializations: XML, JSON

**ASK** return true/false

**DESCRIBE** return a description of a resource

**CONSTRUCT** queries can build RDF triples/graphs



# SELECT queries

@prefix : <<http://example.org/>>.

:alice :name "Alice" ;  
:age 31 .

:bob :name "Robert" ;  
:age 31 .

Project out specific variables or expressions

```
SELECT ?n (?age + 1 as ?newAge) WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n ; :age ?age  
}
```

n	newAge
"Alice"	32
"Robert"	32

Project out all variables

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n ; :age ?age  
}
```

x	n	age
:alice	"Alice"	31
:bob	"Robert"	31

Project out distinct combinations only

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?age WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n ; :age ?age  
}
```

age
31



# CONSTRUCT queries

## Construct an RDF result

Can be used to transform RDF data

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 31 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 31 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
CONSTRUCT {  
  ?x foaf:name ?name ;  
     foaf:age ?age  
} where {  
  ?x :name ?name ;  
     :age ?age  
}
```

## Result

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
```

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
```

```
:alice foaf:age 31 ;  
       foaf:name "Alice" .
```

```
:bob foaf:age 31 ;  
     foaf:name "Robert" .
```





# ASK queries

ASK return yes or no

Can be used to check errors

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 31 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 31 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
ASK WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age  
  FILTER (?age > 18)  
}
```

Result

Yes



# DESCRIBE

Return a description of one or more nodes

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 31 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 31 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
DESCRIBE ?x WHERE {  
    ?x :name "Alice" .  
}
```

Result

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>  
.  
  
:alice :age 31 ;  
       :name "Alice" .
```



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```

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LIMIT ...
```

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OFFSET ...
```

```
BINDINGS ...
```



# Define dataset using FROM

FROM declares the URL from which the data is queried

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?n
FROM <http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?n }
```

n
"Jose Manuel Alonso Cienfuegos"
"Ivan Herman"
"Jose Emilio Labra Gayo"

If several data graphs are declared, they are merged

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?n
FROM <http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
FROM <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card>
WHERE {
  ?x foaf:name ?n
}
```

n
"Jose Manuel Alonso Cienfuegos"
"Timothy Berners-Lee"
"Ivan Herman"
"Jose Emilio Labra Gayo"



# Named graphs

FROM NAMED assigns a name to the input graph  
GRAPH matches with the corresponding graph name

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?n ?g
FROM NAMED <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card>
FROM NAMED <http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
WHERE {
  GRAPH ?g { ?x foaf:name ?n }
}
```

n	g
"Ivan Herman"	<http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
"Jose Manuel Alonso Cienfuegos"	<http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
"Jose Emilio Labra Gayo"	<http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
"Timothy Berners-Lee"	<http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/card>



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```

```
OFFSET ...
```

```
BINDINGS ...
```



# Query patterns

Query patterns are made from triple patterns

Triple pattern = RDF triples which can contain variables

Examples of triple patterns

`uni:biology dc:creator ?c` resources that are `dc:creator`'s of `uni:biology`

`?r dc:creator :alice` resources whose `dc:creator` is `:alice`

`?r dc:creator ?c` all resources related by `dc:creator` property

`uni:biology ?p :alice` properties that relate `uni:biology` with `:alice`

`?x ?p ?y` all statements



# Basic graph patterns

Basic graph pattern = sequence of triple patterns

The matching process combines the values of variables

Example:

```
SELECT ?p ?c WHERE {  
  ?p dc:creator ?c .  
  ?c rdf:type uni:Lecturer .  
}  
ORDER BY ?c
```

The diagram illustrates the matching process for the query. It shows two triple patterns: `?p dc:creator ?c .` and `?c rdf:type uni:Lecturer .`. The variable `?c` in the first pattern is circled in red, and the variable `?c` in the second pattern is also circled in red. A line connects the two circled `?c` variables, indicating that they must refer to the same entity in the graph.

The values of variables must be the same in the results





# Basic graph patterns can have filters

FILTER limits the set of returned values

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" .
```

```
:alice :age 31 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" .
```

```
:bob :age 12 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" .
```

```
:carol :age 25 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?n ?e WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n .  
  ?x :age ?e  
  FILTER (?e > 18)  
}
```

n	e	
=====		
"Carol"	25	
"Alice"	31	



# Filter operators

FILTER uses XPath 2.0 functions and operators

Datatypes: Boolean, Integer, Float, dateTime, etc.

Typical operators: >, <, >=, <=, =, !=, ||, &&

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?n ?e WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n .  
  ?x :age ?e  
  FILTER (?e > 30 || ?e < 18)  
}
```



# Convert/create datatypes

**str**(arg): converts its argument to a string

NOTE: URIs must be converted to strings to treat them as such

**datatype**(arg): returns datatype of a literal

IF `?x = "123"^^xsd:integer`

THEN `datatype(?x) = xsd:integer`

**lang**(arg): returns the language of a literal

IF `?x = "University"@en`

THEN: `lang(?x) = "en"`

Example

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

SELECT ?label WHERE {
  ?x rdfs:label ?label .
  FILTER (lang(?label) ="en")
}
```



# Create datatypes

`uri(arg)`, `iri(arg)`: convert their argument to URI/IRI

`bnode(arg)`: generates a blank node

`strdt(literal, datatype)`: generates a literal with a datatype

`strdt("123", "xsd:integer") = "123"^^<xsd:integer>`

`strlang(literal, lang)`: generates a literal with some language

`strlang("University", "en") = "University"@en`



# Check datatypes

`isNumeric(arg)` = true if the argument is a number

`isBlank(arg)` = true if the argument is a blank node

`isLiteral(arg)` = true if the argument is a literal

`isIRI(arg)` = true if the argument is an IRI



# Conditions

**bound**(arg) = true if the argument has a value

**exists**(pattern) = true if the pattern is satisfied

**not exists**(pattern) = true si if the pattern is not satisfied

**if**(cond, expr1, expr2) = if cond = true, returns expr1,  
otherwise, returns expr2

**coalesce**(e1, e2, ...) = returns the first expression that is  
evaluated without error



# Examples

## Filter numeric values

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
```

```
:carol :age 34 ;  
       :name "Carol" .
```

```
:alice :age 23 ;  
       :name "Alice" .
```

```
:bob :age "Unknown" ;  
     :name "Robert" .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?age WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
  FILTER (isNumeric(?age))  
}
```

-----
age
=====
34
23
-----



# Functions with strings

`strlen(str)` = length of str

`ucase(str)` converts to uppercase

`lcase(str)` converts to lowercase

`substr(str, start, size?)` = substring from start with some size

`substr('camino', 3, 2) = 'mi'`

`strstarts(str1, str2)` = true if str1 starts with str2

`strends(str1, str2)` = true if str1 ends with str2

`contains(str1, str2)` = true if str1 contains str2

`encode_for_uri(str)` = result of encoding str as a uri

`concat(str1, ...strN)` = concatenates strings

`langMatches(str, lang)` = true if a string matches some language lang

`regex(str, p, flags)` = true if string matches regular expression p with flags





# Examples with strings

@prefix : <http://example.org/> .

:alice :firstName "Alice" ;  
:lastName "Cooper" .

:bob :firstName "Robert" ;  
:lastName "Smith" .

:carol :firstName "Carol" ;  
:lastName "King" .

PREFIX : <http://example.org/>

```
SELECT (concat(?firstName, ' ', ?lastName) AS ?name)
WHERE
{
  ?x :firstName ?firstName .
  ?x :lastName ?lastName .
  FILTER (contains(ucase(?firstName), 'A'))
}
```

```
-----
| name                               |
=====
| "Alice Cooper"                     |
| "Carol King"                       |
-----
```

Try it: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3p2l43>



# Regex

REGEX invokes regular expression matching

It is based on XPath 2.0 functions

`regex(?Expr, ?Pattern [, ?Flags])`

?Expr = expression to match

?Pattern = regular expression pattern

?Flags = matching options

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :firstName "Alice" ;  
       :lastName  "Cooper" .
```

```
:bob   :firstName "Robert" ;  
       :lastName  "Smith" .
```

```
:carol :firstName "Carol" ;  
       :lastName  "King" .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?firstName WHERE {  
  ?x :firstName ?firstName .  
  FILTER (regex(?firstName, "^[ABC](.*)"))  
}
```

```
-----  
| firstName |  
=====
```

"Alice"
"Carol"

```
-----
```



# Regex

## Regular expressions

$\wedge$  = start of string  
\$ = end of string  
. = any character  
\d = dígit  
? = optional, \* = 0 or more, + = 1 or more  
X{n} = matches X n times  
X{m,n} = matches X from m to n times

### Flags:

i = ignore case  
m = multiple lines  
s = simple line  
x = removes white spaces



# Numeric functions

**abs**(n) = absolute value

**round**(n) = rounds a number n

**floor**(n) = rounds n down

**ceil**(n) = rounds n up

**rand**() = random number between 0 y 1



# Functions with dates

`now()` = returns current instant

`year(i)` = returns the year of some instant `i`

`year("2011-01-10T14:45:13.815-05:00"^^xsd:dateTime) = 2011`

`month(i)`, `day(i)`, `hours(i)`, `minutes(i)`, `seconds(i)`, `timezone(i)`, `tz(i)` = similar but return other components

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
```

```
:alice    :age      23 ;  
          :name     "Alice" .
```

```
:bob      :age      20 ;  
          :name     "Robert" .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (year(now()) - ?age as ?birthYear) WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
}
```

birthYear
1994
1997



# HASH functions

md5(str) = applies MD5 algorithm to a str  
sha1(str), sha224(str), sha256(str), sha384(str),  
sha512(str) = compute hash of str using the  
corresponding variations of SHA algorithm

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/> .
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
:email "alice@email.com" .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
:email "bob@example.com" .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?name  
      (SHA1(?email) AS ?sha1Email)  
WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name .  
  ?x :email ?email .  
}
```

name	sha1Email
"Alice"	"14bf670833d4d7daca31afce1011752c80691459"
"Robert"	"a460e37bf4d8e893f8fd39536997d5da8d21eebe"



# Graph union

UNION combines results from several graphs

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
:age 23 .
```

```
:bob :firstName "Robert" ;  
:age 20 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?n WHERE {  
  { ?x :name ?n }  
  UNION  
  { ?y :firstName ?n }  
}
```

-----	
n	
=====	
"Alice"	
"Robert"	
-----	



# Optional

OPTIONAL allows to define triples which match information if exists, but don't fail if it doesn't exist

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
:age 23 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
:age 33 .
```

without optional

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>  
  
SELECT ?name ?age WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name .  
  ?x :age ?age  
}
```



-----		
name	age	
=====		
"Alice"	23	
"Carol"	33	
-----		

with optional

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>  
  
SELECT ?name ?age WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name  
  OPTIONAL { ?x :age ?age }  
}
```



-----		
name	age	
=====		
"Alice"	23	
"Robert"		
"Carol"	33	
-----		





# Minus

Removes solutions that are compatible with a pattern

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
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:age 23 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
:age 33 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?name WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name  
  MINUS {  
    ?x :age 33  
  }  
}
```

-----	
name	
=====	
"Alice"	
"Robert"	
-----	



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BINDINGS ...
```



# Query modifiers

DISTINCT removes duplicate results

ORDER BY specifies the order of results (ASC, DESC...)

LIMIT n limits the number of results

OFFSET m declares from which result to start

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

SELECT DISTINCT ?n
WHERE {
  ?x foaf:knows ?y .
  ?y foaf:name ?n .
}
ORDER BY ASC(?n)
LIMIT 5
OFFSET 2
```



# Bindings

**BIND** *expr* **AS** *v* = Assigns value of *expr* to variable *v*

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:apples :name "Apples" ;  
         :amount 3 ;  
         :price 3 .
```

```
:oranges :name "Oranges" ;  
         :amount 4 ;  
         :price 2 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?name ?totalPrice  
WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name ;  
      :amount ?amount ;  
      :price ?price .  
  BIND ((?amount * ?price) AS ?totalPrice)  
}
```

name	totalPrice
"Oranges"	8
"Apples"	9



# Bindings in SELECT clause

It is possible to do the binding directly in the SELECT

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:apples :name "Apples" ;  
         :amount 3 ;  
         :price 3 .
```

```
:oranges :name "Oranges" ;  
         :amount 4 ;  
         :price 2 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?name  
       ((?amount * ?price) AS ?totalPrice)  
WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name ;  
     :amount ?amount ;  
     :price ?price .  
}
```

name	totalPrice
"Oranges"	8
"Apples"	9



# Aggregation functions: AVG, SUM, COUNT, SAMPLE

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 .
```

```
:bob   :name "Robert" ;  
       :age 25 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 33 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (AVG(?age) AS ?average)  
       (SUM(?age) AS ?sum)  
       (COUNT(?age) AS ?count)  
       (SAMPLE(?age) AS ?sample)  
WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
}
```

average	sum	count	sample
27.0	81	3	23



# Aggregation functions: MAX, MIN

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 .
```

```
:bob   :name "Robert" ;  
       :age 25 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 33 .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (MAX(?age) AS ?max)  
       (MIN(?age) AS ?min)  
WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
}
```

-----	
max	min
=====	
33	23
-----	



# Aggregation functions

## GROUP\_CONCAT

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 .
```

```
:bob   :name "Robert" ;  
       :age 25 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 33 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (GROUP_CONCAT(?age;  
                     SEPARATOR=',')  
        as ?ages) where  
{  
  ?x :age ?age .  
}
```

```
-----  
| ages          |  
=====
```

"23,33,25"
------------

```
-----
```





# Groupings: GROUP\_BY

GROUP BY groups sets of results

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 1200 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 25 ;  
     :salary 1500 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 2000 .
```

```
:dave :name "Dave" ;  
      :age 25 ;  
      :salary 2500 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (AVG(?salary) AS ?avgSalary) ?age  
WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age ;  
     :salary ?salary .  
}  
GROUP BY ?age
```

-----		
avgSalary	age	
=====		
1600.0	23	
2000.0	25	
-----		



# Groupings: HAVING

HAVING filters the groups that pass some condition

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 1200 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 25 ;  
     :salary 1500 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 2000 .
```

```
:dave :name "Dave" ;  
      :age 25 ;  
      :salary 2500 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT (AVG(?salary) AS ?avgSalary) ?age  
WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age ;  
      :salary ?salary .  
}  
GROUP BY ?age  
HAVING (?avgSalary > 1800)
```

```
-----  
| avgSalary | age |  
=====
```

2000.0	25	
--------	----	--

```
-----
```



# Subqueries

It is possible to define queries inside queries

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 1200 .
```

```
:bob :name "Robert" ;  
     :age 25 ;  
     :salary 1500 .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" ;  
       :age 23 ;  
       :salary 2000 .
```

```
:dave :name "Dave" ;  
      :age 25 ;  
      :salary 2500 .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?name ?salary  
       (?salary - ?avgSalary AS ?deviation)  
WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?name .  
  ?x :salary ?salary .  
  {  
    SELECT (AVG(?salary) AS ?avgSalary) WHERE {  
      ?x :salary ?salary .  
    }  
  }  
}
```

name	salary	deviation
"Carol"	2000	200.0
"Alice"	1200	-600.0
"Dave"	2500	700.0
"Robert"	1500	-300.0



# Property paths

Properties can use a path (similar to regular expressions)

p	Match property p
(e)	Path grouped in parenthesis
$\wedge e$	Inverse path e
!p	Doesn't match property p
e1 / e2	Path e1 followed by e2
e1   e2	Path e1 or e2
e*	0 or more e
e+	1 or more e
e?	0 or 1 e



# Property paths

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
```

```
:alice :name "Alice" ;  
      foaf:knows :bob, :carol .
```

```
:bob   foaf:name "Robert";  
      foaf:knows :carol .
```

```
:carol foaf:name "Carol" ;  
      foaf:knows :alice .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>  
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
SELECT ?name ?friend  
WHERE {  
  ?x (foaf:name | :name) ?name ;  
     foaf:knows / (foaf:name | :name) ?friend  
}
```

-----		
name	friend	
=====		
"Alice"	"Carol"	
"Alice"	"Robert"	
"Robert"	"Carol"	
"Carol"	"Alice"	
-----		

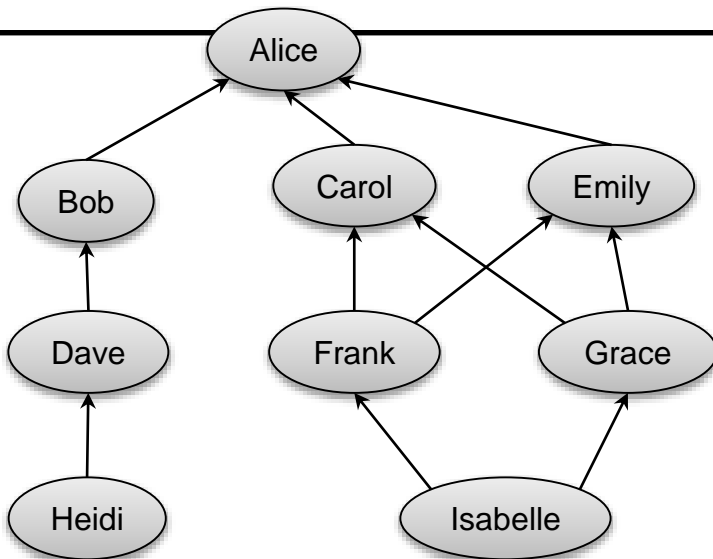


# Property paths

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
```

```
:isabelle foaf:knows :frank, :grace .  
:frank foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:grace foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:carol foaf:knows :alice .  
:emily foaf:knows :alice .  
:heidi foaf:knows :dave .  
:dave foaf:knows :bob .  
:bob foaf:knows :alice .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>  
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
  
SELECT ?p {  
  ?p foaf:knows+ :alice .  
}
```



p
:carol
:grace
:isabelle
:frank
:emily
:bob
:dave
:heidi



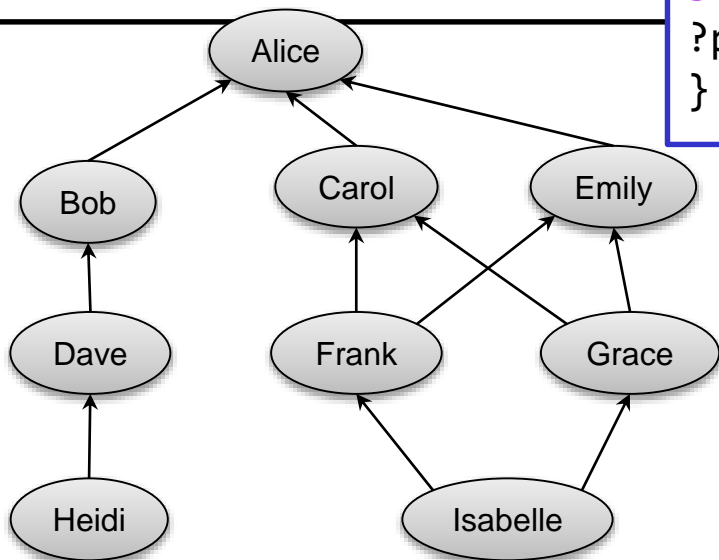
# Property paths

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
```

```
:isabelle foaf:knows :frank, :grace .  
:frank foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:grace foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:carol foaf:knows :alice .  
:emily foaf:knows :alice .  
:heidi foaf:knows :dave .  
:dave foaf:knows :bob .  
:bob foaf:knows :alice .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>  
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
SELECT ?p {  
  ?p foaf:knows/foaf:knows :alice .  
}
```



p
:grace
:frank
:grace
:frank
:dave



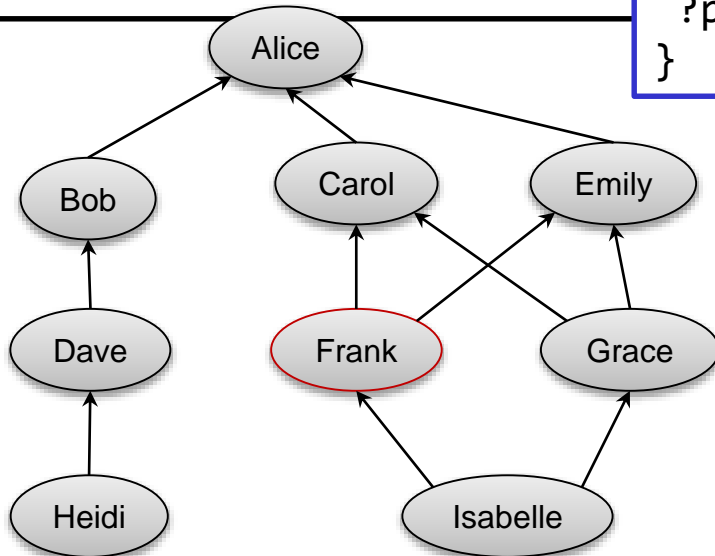
# Property paths

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.  
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
```

```
:isabelle foaf:knows :frank, :grace .  
:frank foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:grace foaf:knows :carol, :emily .  
:carol foaf:knows :alice .  
:emily foaf:knows :alice .  
:heidi foaf:knows :dave .  
:dave foaf:knows :bob .  
:bob foaf:knows :alice .
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>  
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
SELECT ?p {  
  ?p foaf:knows/^foaf:knows :frank .  
}
```



p
:grace
:frank
:grace
:frank





# SPARQL Update



# Graph operations

## Update

INSERT DATA	= insert triples
DELETE/INSERT...	= delete/insert triples conditionally
DELETE DATA	= delete triples
LOAD	= load triples from a uri
CLEAR	= delete all triples from a graph

## Graph management

CREATE	= create named graph
DROP	= drop graph
COPY...TO...	= copy graph
MOVE...TO...	= move graph
ADD	= insert all elements from a graph in another one



# Insert

INSERT DATA can be used to insert triples

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>.
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.

INSERT DATA {

  :ana foaf:name "Ana" ;
      foaf:age 18 ;
      :salary 1500 .

  :bob foaf:name "Robert" ;
      foaf:age 20 ;
      :salary 2000 .

}
```



# Insert in a graph

## INSERT DATA into a named graph

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

INSERT DATA {
  GRAPH <http://example.org/graph1> {
    :alice foaf:name "Alice" ;
           foaf:age 18 ;
           :salary 1500 .
  }
}
```



# Insert

**INSERT** can insert triples in a graph

Requires the **WHERE** clause

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
INSERT {  
  ?p :value "GoodSalary".  
} WHERE {  
  ?p :salary ?salary .  
  FILTER (?salary >= 4000)  
}
```



# Graph load

**LOAD** uri = loads all triples from a graph available at uri

```
LOAD <http://www.di.uniovi.es/~labra/labraFoaf.rdf>
```



# Delete data

DELETE DATA removes all triples in a graph

```
PREFIX : <http://example/org/>

DELETE DATA {
  :alice :age 18 .
}
```

**NOTA:** DELETE DATA does not allow variables



# Delete...where

DELETE WHERE removes triples in a graph specifying a condition

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
DELETE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
} WHERE {  
  ?x :age ?age .  
  FILTER (?age >= 60)  
}
```





# Updating information

DELETE/INSERT pattern can be used to update triples in a graph

Example: increment age

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>

DELETE { ?x :age ?age }
INSERT { ?x :age ?newAge }
WHERE {
    ?x :age ?age .
    BIND((?age + 1) AS ?newAge)
}
```



# Deleting

CLEAR deletes all triples

It is possible to declare datasets

CLEAR g = Deletes graph g

CLEAR DEFAULT = Deletes default graph

CLEAR ALL = Deletes all graphs



# Universal query

Obtain all triples in all graphs

```
PREFIX e: <http://ejemplo.org#>
```

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  { ?x ?p ?y . }  
  UNION  
  { GRAPH ?g {  
    ?x ?p ?y .  
  }  
}  
}
```



# Remote services

SERVICE uri = Runs query from a SPARQL endpoint uri

```
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>

SELECT ?name WHERE {
  SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql> {
    SELECT ?name WHERE {
      ?pais rdf:type dbo:Country .
      ?pais rdfs:label ?name .
      FILTER (lang(?name)='es')
    }
  }
}
```

Some SPARQL endpoints:  
<http://esw.w3.org/topic/SparqlEndpoints>



# Federated queries

Combine results  
from several  
endpoints

DBPedia: <http://dbpedia.org>  
IMDB: <http://data.linkedmdb.org>

```
PREFIX imdb: <http://data.linkedmdb.org/resource/movie/>
PREFIX dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>

SELECT * {
  { SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql> {
    SELECT ?spouseName WHERE {
      ?actor rdfs:label "Javier Bardem"@en ;
      dbo:spouse ?spouse .
      ?spouse rdfs:label ?spouseName .
      FILTER ( lang(?spouseName) = "en" )
    }
  }
}
{ SERVICE <http://data.linkedmdb.org/sparql> {
  SELECT ?movieName ?movieDate WHERE {
    ?actor imdb:actor_name "Javier Bardem".
    ?movie imdb:actor ?actor ;
    dcterms:title ?movieName ;
    dcterms:date ?movieDate .
  }
}
}
```



# SPARQL Protocol



# SPARQL Protocol

Defines the actions: **query** and **update** and their parameters and their formats

## **query** action

2 verbs: GET, POST

Parameters:

query: Encoded query

default-graph-uri: Default graph (optional)

named-graph-uri: Named graph (optional)

## **update** action

Only POST with 3 parameters

update: Update query

using-graph-uri: Default graph (optional)

using-named-graph-uri: Named graph (optional)



# Validating RDF using SPARQL?





# Negation by failure pattern in SPARQL

Combining FILTER, OPTIONAL and !BOUND

Example: Search people not married

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/>.
```

```
:alice :isMarriedWith :Bob ;  
       :name "Alice" .
```

```
:bob :isMarriedWith :alice ;  
     :name "Robert" .
```

```
:carol :name "Carol" .
```

```
:dave :isMarriedWith :emily ;  
      :name "Dave" .
```

```
PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
```

```
SELECT ?n WHERE {  
  ?x :name ?n  
  OPTIONAL {?x :isMarriedWith ?y }  
  FILTER ( !BOUND(?y) )  
}
```

-----
n
=====
"Carol"
-----

Does it really return people not married?



# Validating RDF with SPARQL

## Example:

*A person has age (integer) and one or more names (string)*

<u>Person</u>
foaf:age xsd:integer
foaf:name xsd:string+

RDF examples

```
:john foaf:age 23;  
      foaf:name "John" .
```



```
:bob foaf:age 34;  
     foaf:name "Bob", "Robert" .
```

```
:mary foaf:age 50, 65 .
```





# Example of SPARQL query

Person

foaf:age xsd:integer

foaf:name xsd:string+

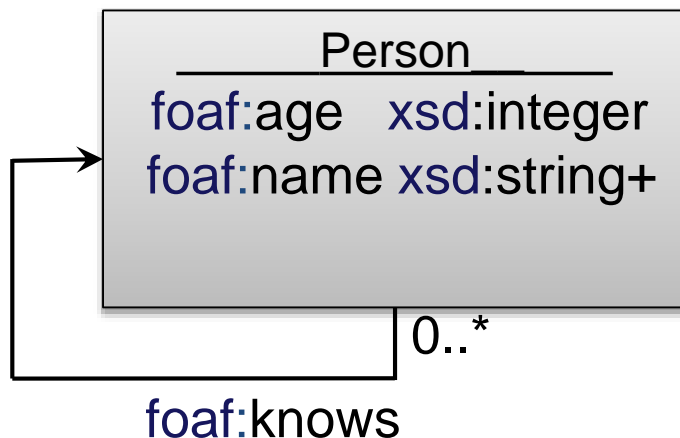
```
1  ASK {
2    { SELECT ?Person {
3      ?Person foaf:age ?o .
4    } GROUP BY ?Person HAVING (COUNT(*)=1)
5  }
6  { SELECT ?Person {
7    ?Person foaf:age ?o .
8    FILTER ( isLiteral(?o) &&
9             datatype(?o) = xsd:integer )
10   } GROUP BY ?Person HAVING (COUNT(*)=1)
11 }
12 { SELECT ?Person (COUNT(*) AS ?Person_c0) {
13   ?Person foaf:name ?o .
14 } GROUP BY ?Person HAVING (COUNT(*)>=1)
15 }
16 { SELECT ?Person (COUNT(*) AS ?Person_c1) {
17   ?Person foaf:name ?o .
18   FILTER (isLiteral(?o) &&
19           datatype(?o) = xsd:string)
20 } GROUP BY ?Person HAVING (COUNT(*)>=1)
21 } FILTER (?Person_c0 = ?Person_c1)
22 }
```



# Is it possible to add recursión to the model?

Example:

*A person has age (integer), one or more names (string)  
and knows 0 or more values which conform to person*





# Validating RDF technologies

ShEx and SHACL can be used to validate RDF

```
<Person> {  
  foaf:age xsd:integer ;  
  foaf:name xsd:string+  
  foaf:knows @<Person>  
}
```

Example in ShEx (see <http://shex.io>)



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