Lecture 4

Knowledge Base Queries & SPARQL

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Vocabularies

- Data integration needs agreements on
  - terms
    - “translator”, “author”
  - categories used
    - “Person”, “literature”
  - relationships among those
    - “an author is also a Person…”, “historical fiction is a narrower term than fiction”
    - ie, new relationships can be deduced

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Vocabularies

- There is a need for “languages” to define such vocabularies
  - to define those vocabularies
  - to assign clear “semantics” on how new relationships can be deduced 指定明确的"语义"，说明如何推导出新的关系。

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Classes, resources, …

- Think of well known traditional vocabularies:
  - use the term “novel”
  - “every novel is a fiction”
  - “«The Glass Palace» is a novel”
  - etc.
- RDFS defines resources and classes:
  - everything in RDF is a “resource”
  - “classes” are also resources, but…
  - …they are also a collection of possible resources (i.e., “individuals”)
    - “fiction”, “novel”, …

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Classes, resources, … (cont.)

- Relationships are defined among resources:
  - “typing”: an individual belongs to a specific class
    - “«The Glass Palace» is a novel”
    - to be more precise: “«http://.../000651409X» is a novel”
  - “subclassing”: all instances of one are also the instances of the other (“every novel is a fiction”)
- RDFS formalizes these notions in RDF

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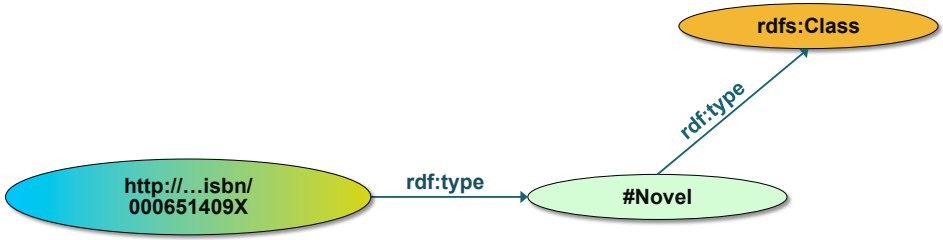
Classes, resources in RDF(S)



- RDFS defines the meaning of these terms
  - (these are all special URI-s, we just use the namespace abbreviation)

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Reuse vocabularies whenever possible

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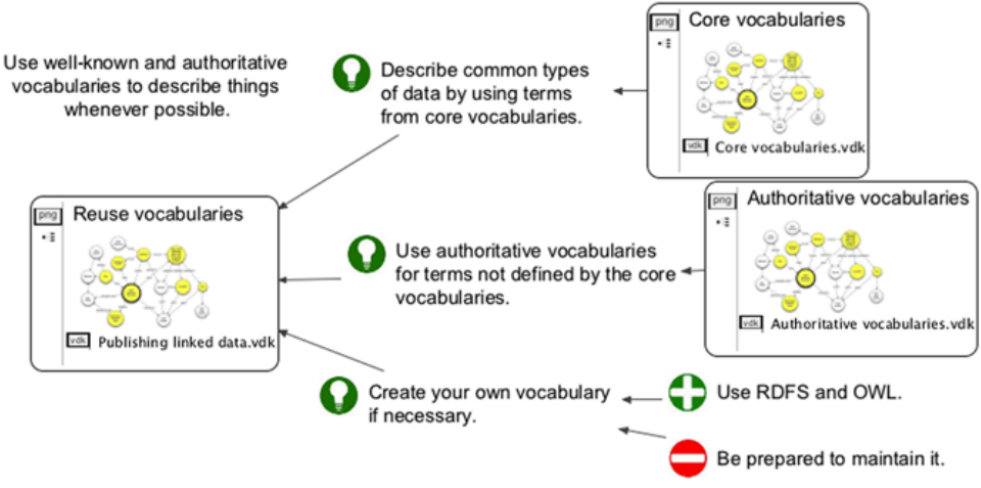

Core Vocabularies

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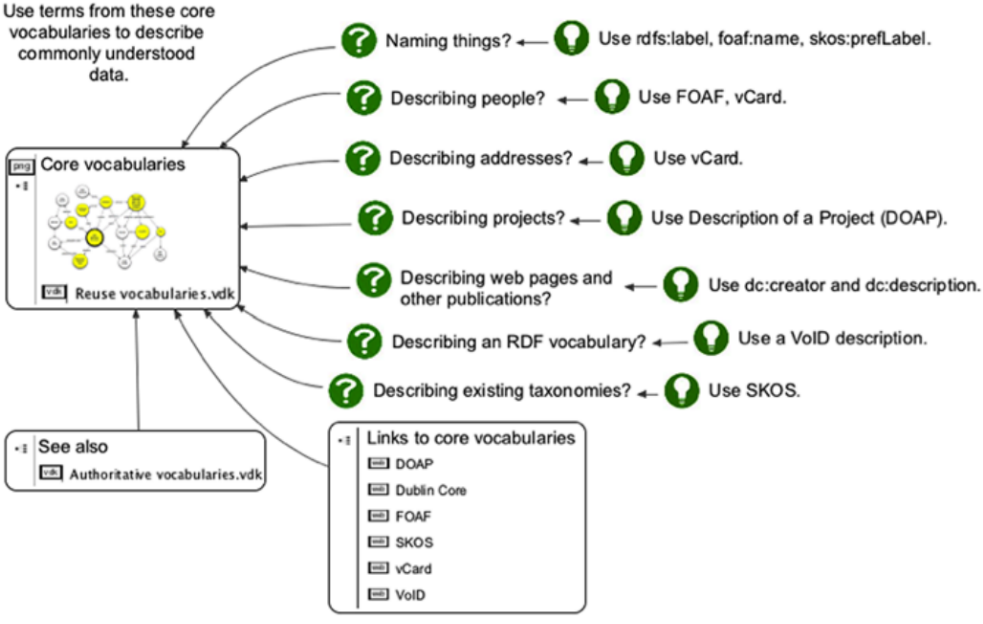
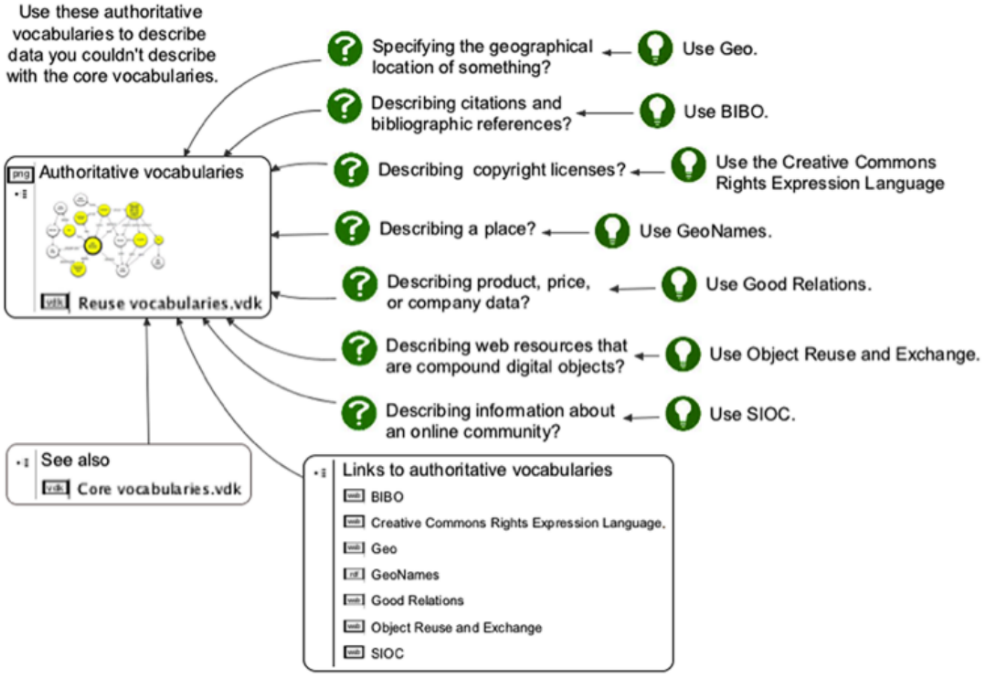


More authoritative vocabularies



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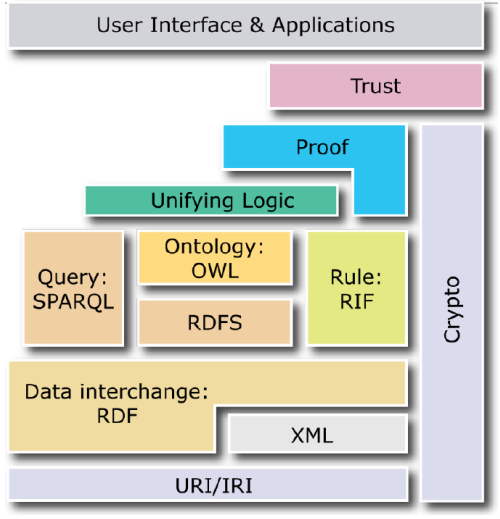
The Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- Current version OWL2 (2009)
- Different OWL2-Profiles (lite, full, etc.)
- Ontology language based on Description Logics (DL)
- Enables logic-based reasoning

DL是为了software中的自动推理特意设计的



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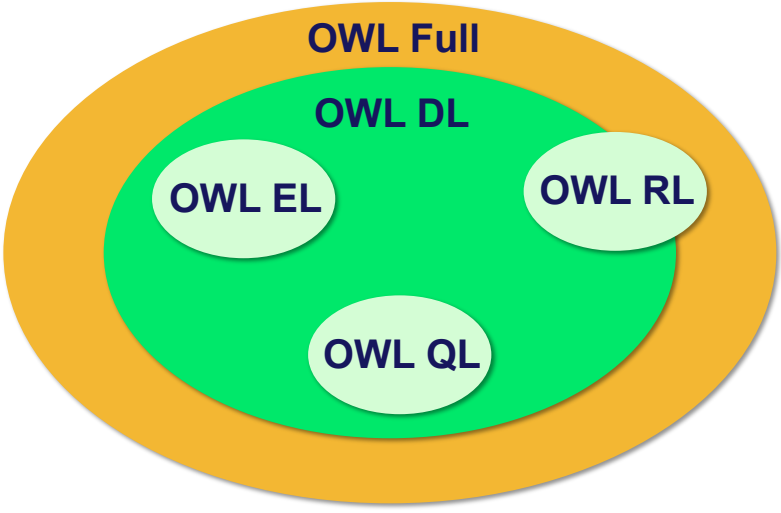
OWL Species



QL是针对知识图有很多实例，想要高效查询。

Term equivalences

- For individuals:
  - owl:sameAs: two URIs refer to the same concept (“individual”)
  - owl:differentFrom: negation of owl:sameAs

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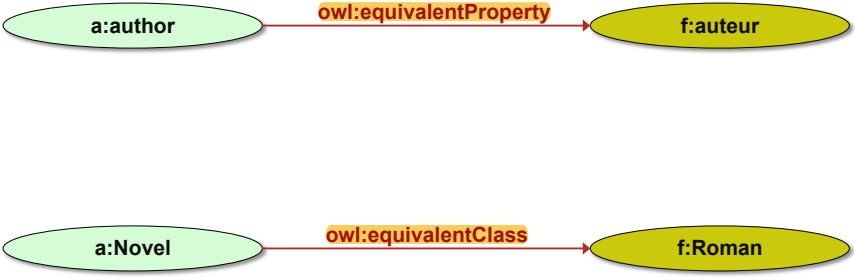
Other example: connecting to French



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Typical usage of owl:sameAs

- Linking our example of Amsterdam from one data set (DBpedia) to the other (Geonames):

```
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Amsterdam>
  owl:sameAs <http://sws.geonames.org/2759793>;
```

- This is the main mechanism of “Linking” in the Linked Open Data project

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Property characterization

在OWL中，人们可以对属性的行为进行表征（对称性、反转性、功能性、逆功能性、反身性、非反身性.....）

- In OWL, one can characterize the behavior of properties (symmetric, transitive, functional, inverse functional, reflexive, irreflexive, …)
- OWL also separates data and object properties
  - “datatype property” means that its range are typed literals

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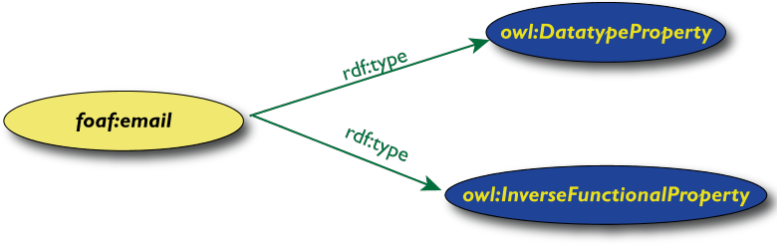
Characterization example

- “foaf:email” may be defined as “inverse functional”
  - i.e., two different subjects cannot have identical objects

即两个不同的主体不可能有相同的对象。



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then, processed through OWL, the following holds, too:

因为此处规定有inverseFunctionalProperty，但是A，B邮箱相同，因此A，B必定为同一对象

```
<A> owl:sameAs <B>.
```

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Inverse properties

- There may be an inverse relationship among properties, eg:

```
<somebook> ex:author <somebody>.
ex:author owl:inverseOf ex:authorOf.
```

yields, in OWL:

```
<somebody> ex:authorOf <somebook>.
```

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Classes in OWL

- In RDFS, you can subclass existing classes… that's all
- In OWL, you can construct classes from existing ones:
  - enumerate its content
  - through intersection, union, complement
  - etc

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OWL DL and Description Logic

- OWL DL can be interpreted as a variant of Description Logic OWL DL可以被解释为描述逻辑的变体。
  - for connoisseurs: OWL (2) DL ≈ $\mathcal{SROIQ}$(D)
- Hence the results of this particular area of logic are directly applicable

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Description Logic Formalism

- There is also a compact mathematical notation for axioms, assertions, etc:
  - Literature $\equiv$ Novel $\sqcup$ Short_Story $\sqcup$ Poetry
  - Listed_Price $\sqsubseteq \forall$ currency.Currencies
- You may see these in papers, books…

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Ontologies examples

- eClassOwl: eBusiness ontology for products and services, 75,000 classes and 5,500 properties
- National Cancer Institute's ontology: about 58,000 classes
- Open Biomedical Ontologies Foundry: a collection of ontologies, including the Gene Ontology to describe gene and gene product attributes in any organism or protein sequence and annotation terminology and data (UniProt)
- BioPAX: for biological pathway data

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Querying RDF graphs

- Remember the Python+RDFLib idiom:

```
for (s,p,o) in graph.triples((subject,None,None)) :
  do_something(p,o);
```

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Querying RDF graphs

- In practice, more complex queries into the RDF data are necessary
  - something like: “give me the (a,b) pair of resources, for which there is an x such that (x parent a) and (b brother x) holds” (ie, return the uncles)
    - these rules may become quite complex
- The goal of SPARQL (Query Language for RDF)

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Analyze the Python+RDFLib example

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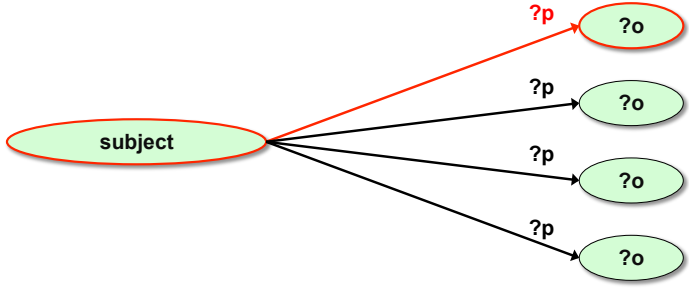

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General: graph patterns

- The fundamental idea: use graph patterns
  - the pattern contains unbound symbols
  - by binding the symbols, subgraphs of the RDF graph are selected
  - if there is such a selection, the query returns the bound resources

基本思路：利用图形模式
§ 该模式包含未绑定的符号
§ 通过绑定符号，选择RDF图的子图
§ 如果有这样的选择，查询返回绑定的资源。

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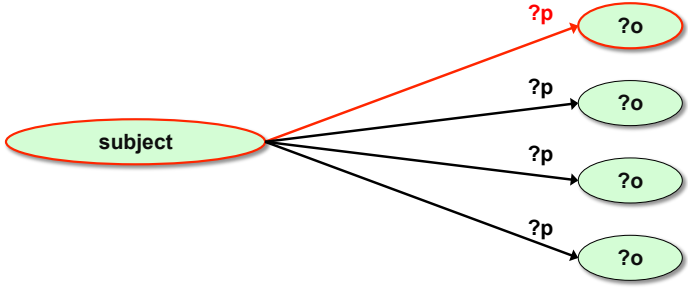
Our Python example in SPARQL

```
SELECT ?p ?o
WHERE {subject ?p ?o}
```

- The triples in WHERE define the graph pattern, with ?p and ?o “unbound” symbols
- The query returns all p,o pairs

WHERE中的三组定义了图形模式，其中?p和?o为"未绑定"符号。



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Simple SPARQL example

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```

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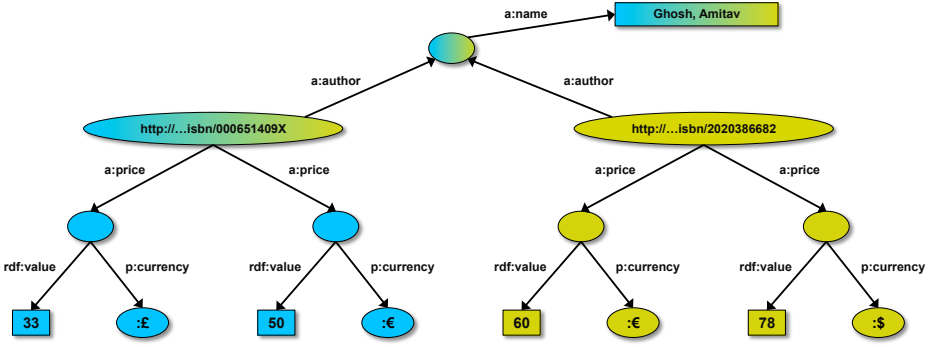

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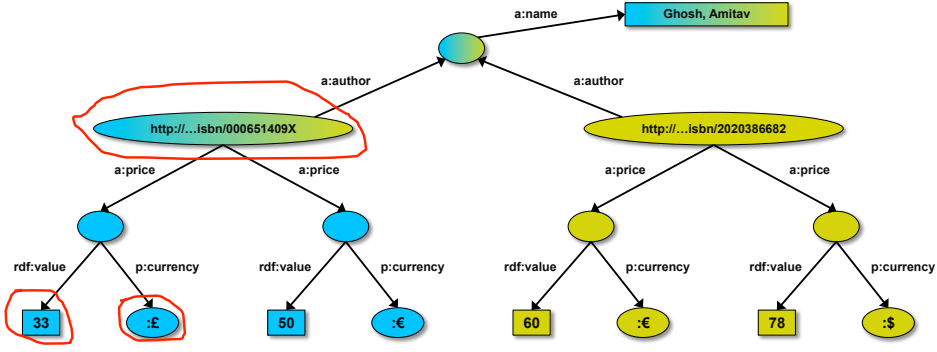

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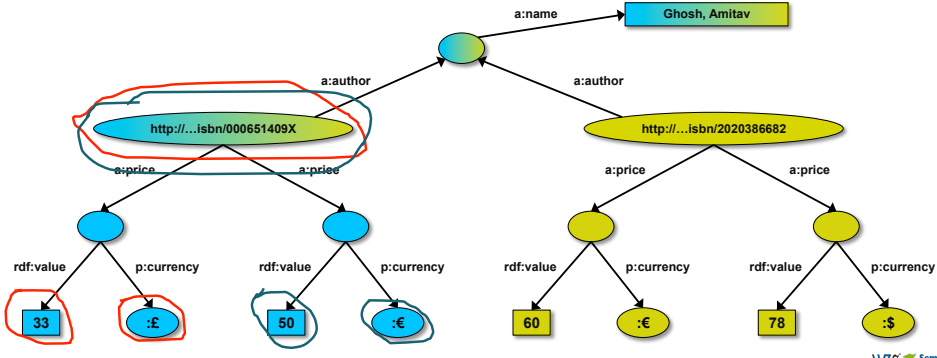

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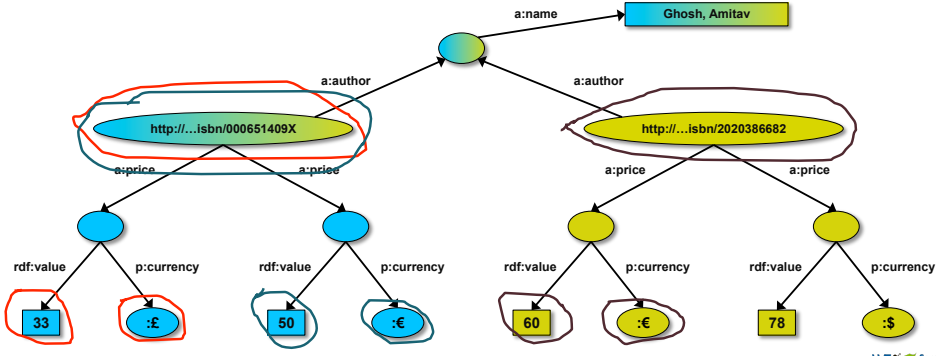

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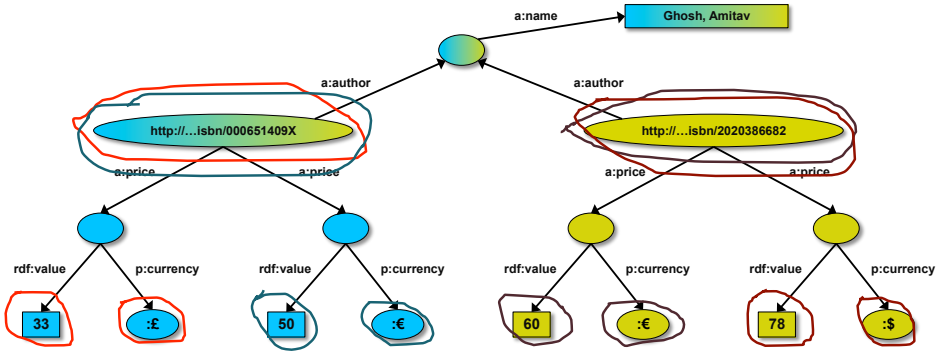

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Query RDF: (SPARQL)

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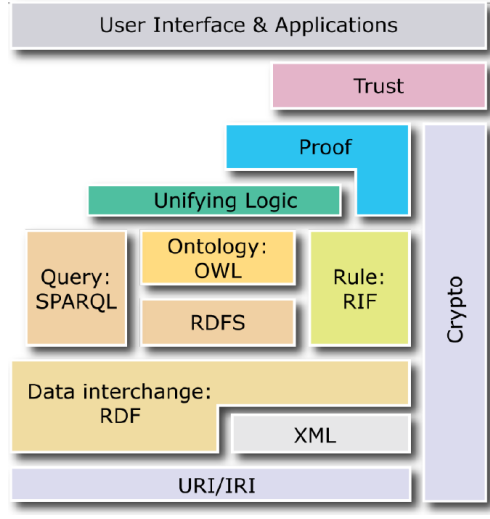
SPARQL W3C Standard

SPARQL stands for...

"SPARQL Protocol And RDF Query Language"

- Current version 1.1 (like RDF, RDFS, etc.)
- Language for querying graphs
- and a protocol for doing this over the web using a SPARQL endpoint
- Major difference between 1.0 and 1.1: modifying graphs via SPARQL (insert, delete etc.)



https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/

Describe

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Describing a resource

Simple query that can be used when no information about a graph's content is available.

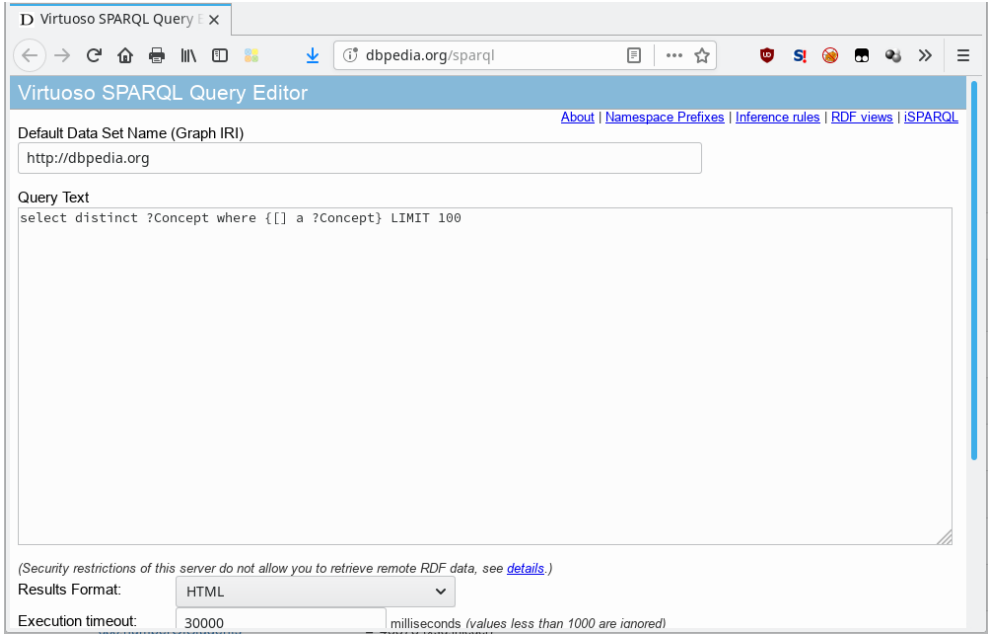
Example 1

```
DESCRIBE <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Concordia_University>
```

Example 2

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
DESCRIBE ?s
WHERE { ?s geo:lat "45.497002"^^xsd:float .
        ?s geo:long "-73.578003"^^xsd:float . }
```

Public SPARQL Endpoint



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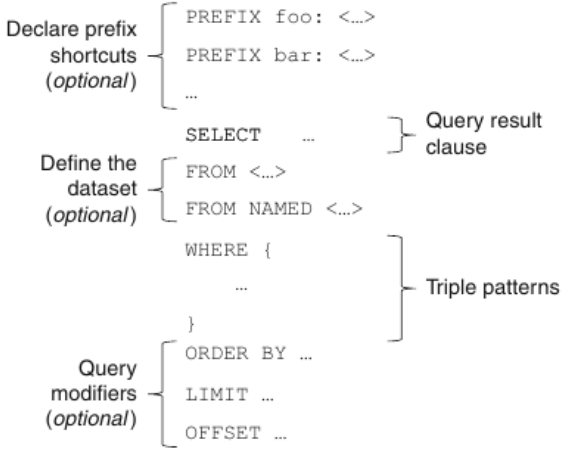
Selecting triples from a graph

Probably the most widely used type of SPARQL query

- Select triples from a graph that match a given triple pattern
- Like an RDF triple, except subject, predicate, and/or object may be a variable

从图形中选择符合给定三联模式的三联。



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Select. . . where

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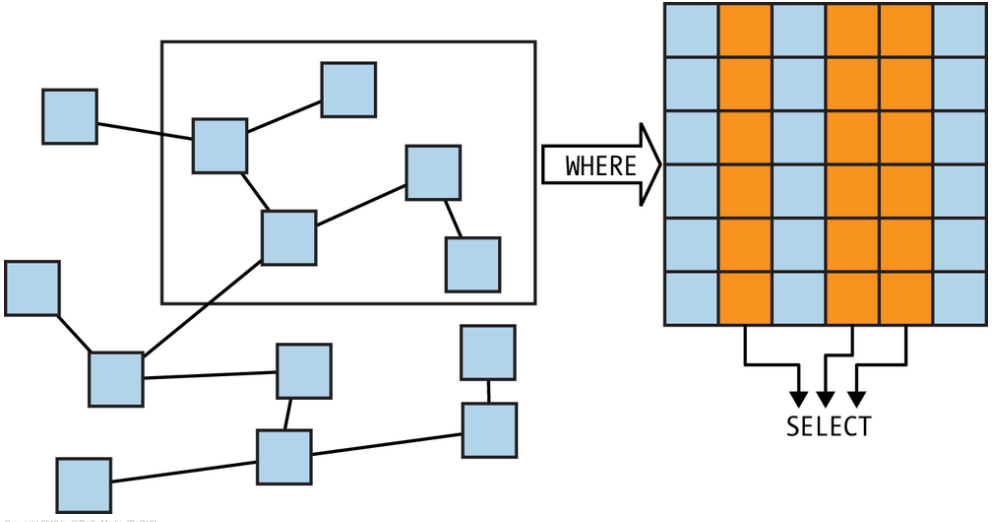

Select: some details

DISTINCT

Use `SELECT DISTINCT` to remove redundant triples

ORDER BY

Use `ORDER BY` to sort the result triples (e.g., `ORDER BY ?amount`)

LIMIT

Use `LIMIT` to restrict the number of results (e.g., `LIMIT 10`)

Functions

You can use functions like `AVG(), MIN(), MAX(), COUNT(), SUM()`, e.g.,

```
SELECT (MAX(?amount) as ?maxAmount)
WHERE { ?meal e:amount ?amount . }
```

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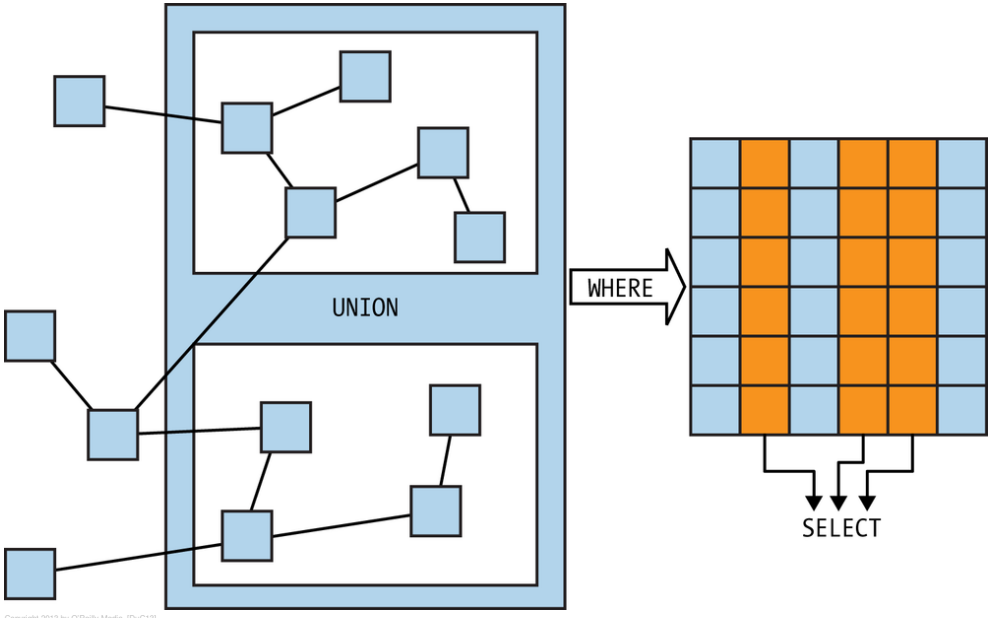
Union



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Union: Querying Alternatives

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Example (using the Gene Ontology)

"Find me the cellular processes that are either integral to or a refinement of signal transduction."

```
PREFIX go: <http://purl.org/obo/owl/GO#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX obo: <http://www.obofoundry.org/ro/ro.owl#>

SELECT DISTINCT ?label ?process
WHERE {
  { ?process obo:part_of go:GO_0007165 }      # "integral to"
      UNION
  { ?process rdfs:subClassOf go:GO_0007165 } # "refinement of"
  ?process rdfs:label ?label
}
```

Optional

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Optional Information

Use the `OPTIONAL` keyword to match optional information, e.g.,

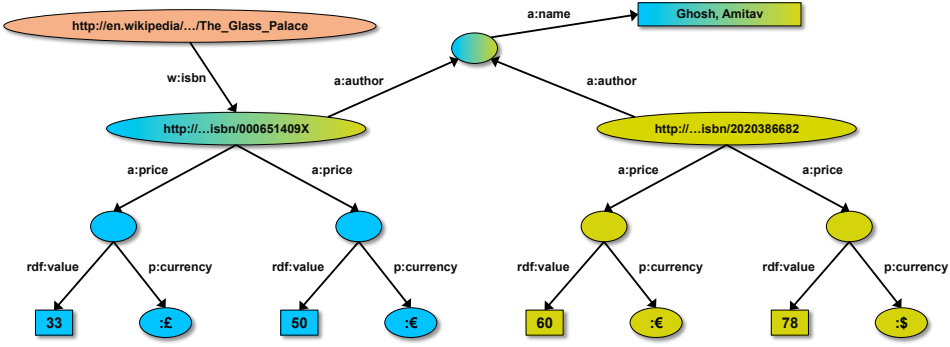
```
prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

select ?name ?url
where {
    ?person foaf:name ?name .
    OPTIONAL { ?person rdfs:seeAlso ?url }
}
```

- This will return a person's URL, if there is one
- Without the `OPTIONAL`, persons without URLs would not have been matched

Optional pattern

```
SELECT ?isbn ?price ?currency ?wiki
WHERE { ?isbn a:price ?x. ?x rdf:value ?price. ?x p:currency ?currency.
        OPTIONAL ?wiki w:isbn ?isbn. }
```



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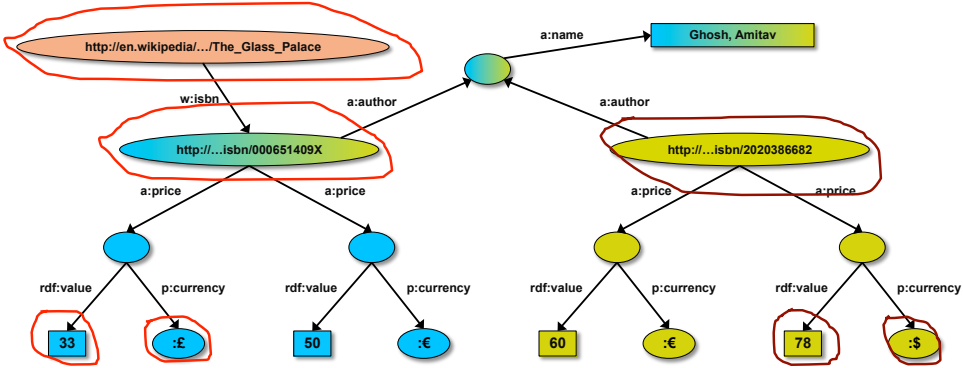

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Filter

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Filtering Information

Use a `FILTER` to remove results that were matched by `WHERE`, e.g.:

```
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
SELECT ?comment
WHERE {
    dbr:Linked_data rdfs:comment ?comment .
    FILTER (lang(?comment) = "en")
}
```

筛选language tag为English的

- Here, we restrict all matched abstracts to those with an English language tag.
- `FILTER`s can operate on numbers, strings, dates, URIs, or other data types and support regular expressions.

Pattern constraints

```
SELECT ?isbn ?price ?currency # note: not ?x!
WHERE { ?isbn a:price ?x. ?x rdf:value ?price. ?x p:currency ?currency.
        FILTER(?currency == :€) }
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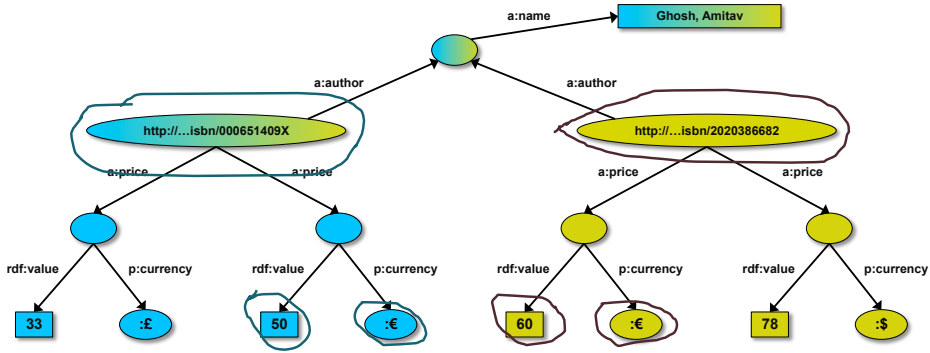

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Construct

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Constructing a new graph

Can be used to re-construct a new graph from an existing one.

- For example, re-write triples from one vocabulary into another

Construct a new graph

```
CONSTRUCT { ?isbn b:price ?price.
            ?isbn a:author ?y. ?y a:name ?name . }
WHERE { ?isbn a:price ?x. ?x rdf:value ?price. ?x p:currency ?currency.
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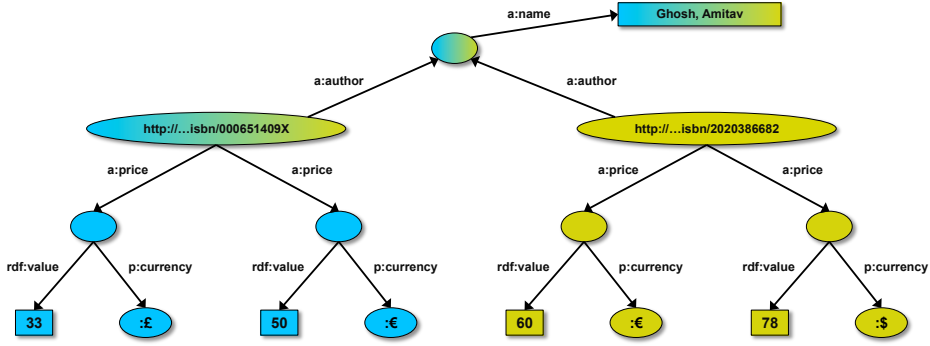

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Construct a new graph 给查询结果建立一个图

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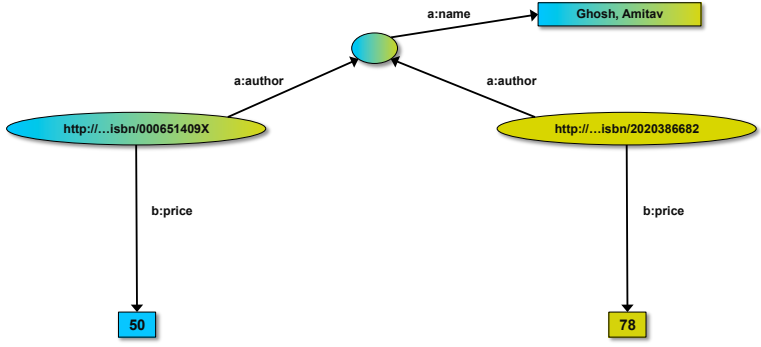

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Ask

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Asking a true/false question

ASK <graph pattern>

Returns `true` if the pattern can be matched in the graph, otherwise `false`

Example

Is Concordia University located in Mexico?

```
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>

ASK {
    dbr:Concordia_University dbo:country dbr:Mexico
}
```

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```
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
ASK {
dbr:Concordia_University
dbo:city
dbr:Montreal
}
```

Other SPARQL features

- Limit the number of returned results; remove duplicates, sort them, …
- Specify several data sources (via URI-s) within the query
- Construct a graph combining a separate pattern and the query results
- Use datatypes and/or language tags when matching a pattern
- Aggregation of the results (min, max, average, etc.)
- Path expressions (a bit like regular expressions)

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SPARQL usage in practice

- SPARQL is usually used over the network
  - http request is sent to a SPARQL endpoint
  - result is the result of the SELECT, the CONSTRUCT,…
- Separate documents define the protocol and the result format
  - SPARQL Protocol for RDF with HTTP and SOAP bindings
  - SPARQL results in XML or JSON formats
- Big datasets usually offer “SPARQL endpoints” using this protocol

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Remote query/reply example

```
GET /qps?&query=SELECT+:…+WHERE:+… HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: my-sparql-client/0.0
Host: my.example

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: my-sparql-server/0.0
Content-Type: application/sparql-results+xml

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#>
  <head>
    <variable name="a"/>
    ...
  </head>
  <results>
    <result ordered="false" distinct="false">
      <binding name="a"><uri>http:…</uri></binding>
      ...
    </result>
    <result> ... </result>
  </results>
</sparql>
```

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SPARQL 1.1 Update

- SPARQL CONSTRUCT returns a new, modified graph
  - the original data remains unchanged!
- SPARQL 1.1 Update *modifies the original dataset!*

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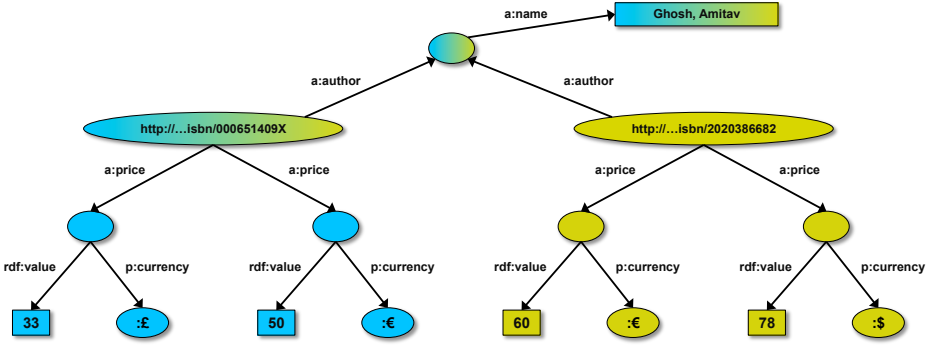
Update: insert

```
INSERT {?isbn rdf:type frbr:Work}
WHERE  {?isbn a:price ?x. ?x rdf:value ?price. ?x p:currency ?currency.}
```



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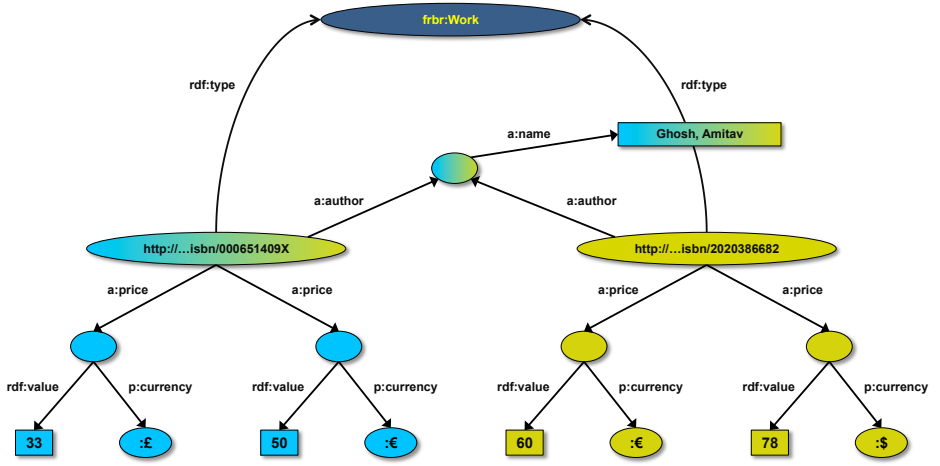

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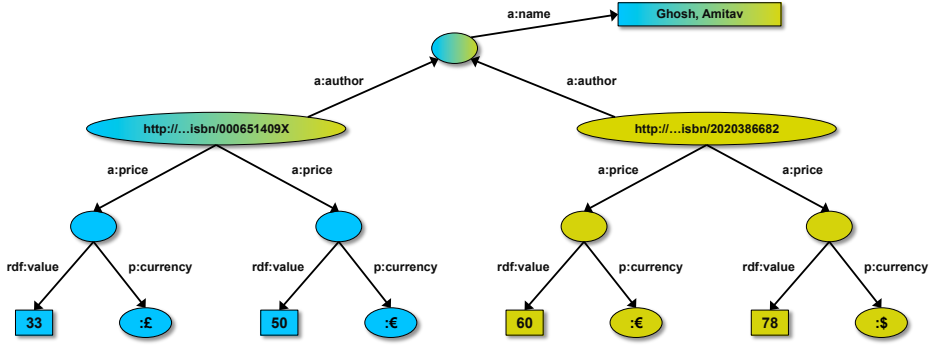
Update: delete

```
DELETE {?x p:currency ?currency}
WHERE  {?isbn a:price ?x. ?x rdf:value ?price. ?x p:currency ?currency.}
```



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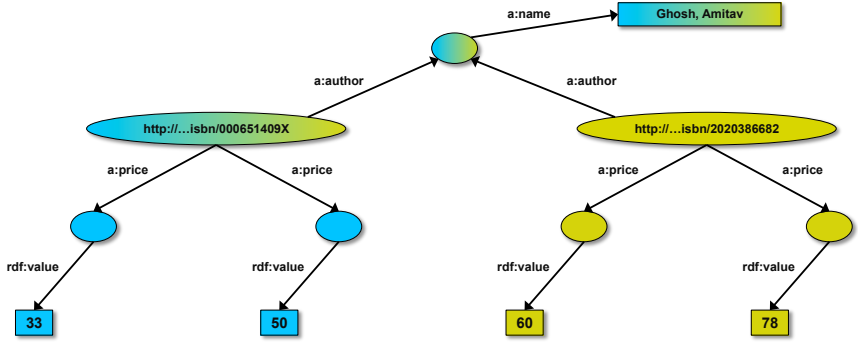

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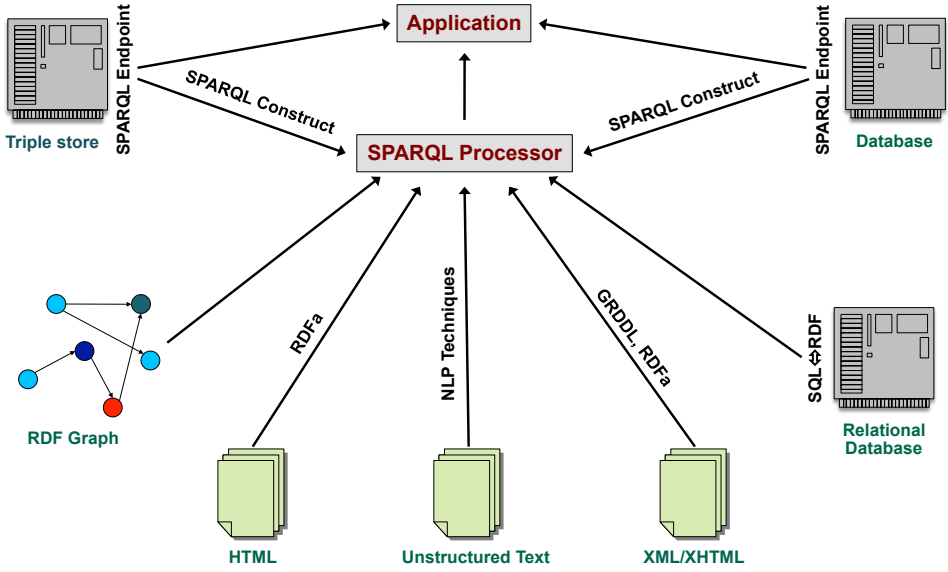
SPARQL as a unifying point



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Named Graphs

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RDF Dataset

An RDF dataset may have multiple named graphs and at most one unnamed ("default") graph.

Serialization

TriG:	Extension of Turtle for named graphs See https://www.w3.org/TR/trig/
N-Quads:	Extension of N-Triples for named graphs See https://www.w3.org/TR/n-quads/

TriG Example

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

GRAPH <http://example.org/bob>
  {
    <bob#me>
        a foaf:Person ;
        foaf:knows <alice#me> ;
        schema:birthDate "1990-07-04"^^xsd:date ;
        foaf:topic_interest wd:Q12418 .
  }

GRAPH <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntityData/Q12418>
  {
    wd:Q12418
        dcterms:title "Mona Lisa" ;
        dcterms:creator <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Leonardo_da_Vinci> .

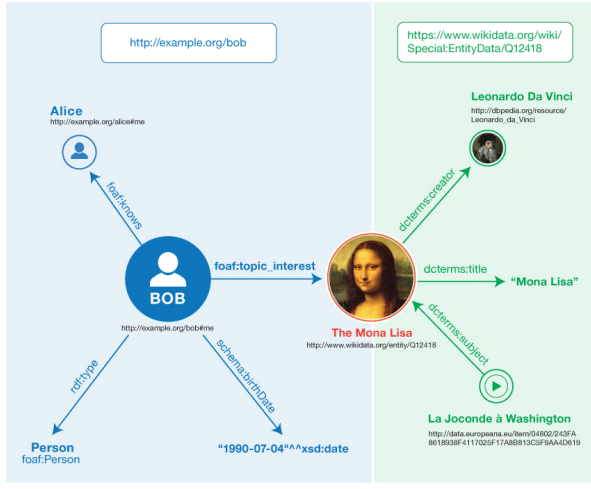
    <http://data.europeana.eu/item/04802/243FA8618938F4117025F17A8B813C5F9AA4D619>
       dcterms:subject wd:Q12418 .
  }

<http://example.org/bob>
    dcterms:publisher <http://example.org> ;
    dcterms:rights <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/> .
```

此处有两个named graph

See https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-primer/

Named Graphs Example



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Named Graphs: N-Quads

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N-Quads

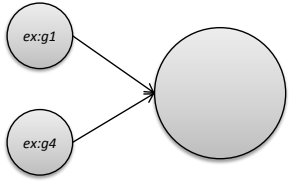
N-Quads add a fourth element to a line, capturing the graph IRI of the triple described on that line

Example

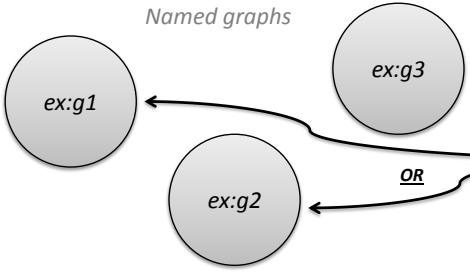
```
<http://example.org/bob#me> ↩
      <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type> ↩
         <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person> <http://example.org/bob> .
...
<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q12418> <http://purl.org/dc/terms/title> ↩
      "Mona Lisa" <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntityData/Q12418> .
...
<http://example.org/bob> <http://purl.org/dc/terms/rights> ↩
      <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/> .
```

A SPARQL queries a *default graph* (normally) and zero or more *named graphs* (when inside a **GRAPH** clause).

Default graph
(the merge of zero or more graphs)



Named graphs




```
PREFIX ex: <…>
SELECT …
FROM ex:g1
FROM ex:g4
FROM NAMED ex:g1
FROM NAMED ex:g2
FROM NAMED ex:g3
WHERE {
   … A …
   GRAPH ex:g3 {
      … B …
   }
   GRAPH ?g {
      … C …
   }
}
```

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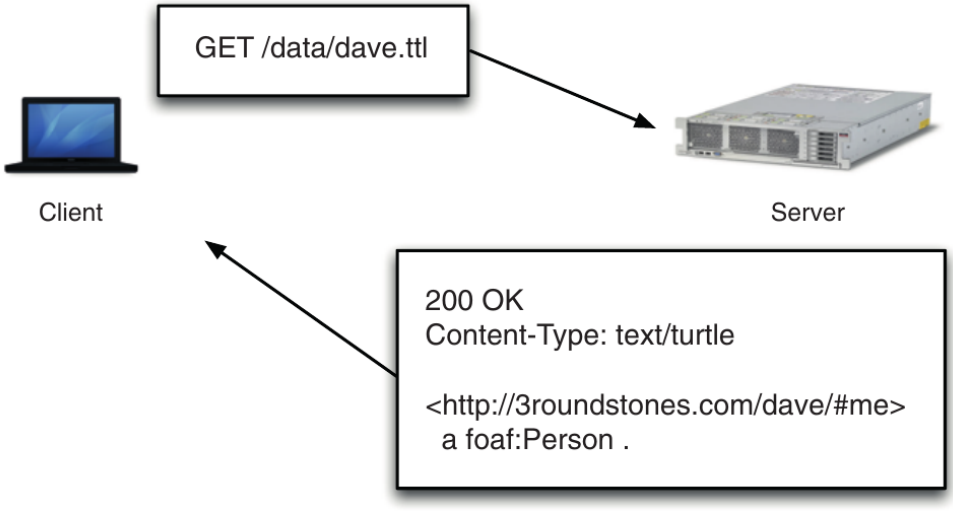
Simple HTTP Request



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SPARQL Over HTTP (the SPARQL Protocol)

`http://host.domain.com/sparql/endpoint?`*<parameters>*

where *<parameters>* can include:

`query=`*<encoded query string>*

e.g. `SELECT+*%0DWHERE+{…`

`default-graph-uri=`*<encoded graph URI>*

e.g. `http%3A%2F%2Fexmaple.com%2Ffoo…`

n.b. zero of more occurrences of `default-graph-uri`

`named-graph-uri=`*<encoded graph URI>*

e.g. `http%3A%2F%2Fexmaple.com%2Fbar…`

n.b. zero of more occurrences of `named-graph-uri`

HTTP `GET` or `POST`. Graphs given in the protocol override graphs given in the query.

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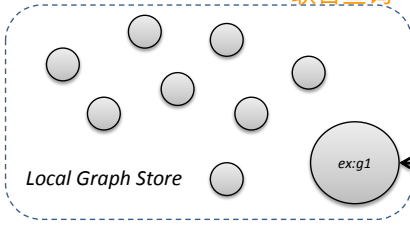
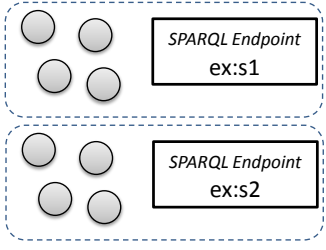
Federated Query *(SPARQL 1.1)*

联合查询




```
PREFIX ex: <…>
SELECT …
FROM ex:g1
WHERE {
    … A …
    SERVICE ex:s1 {
        … B …
    }
    SERVICE ex:s2 {
        … C …
    }
}
```



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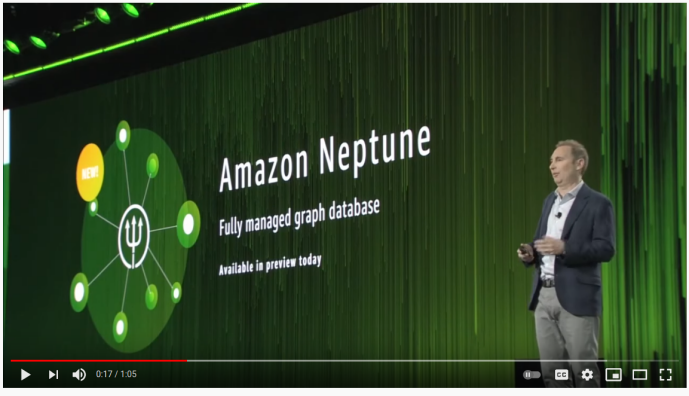
SPARQL Server Engines

Examples

Commercial: Virtuoso (OpenLink Software); has “open source edition” at https://github.com/openlink/virtuoso-opensource

Cloud: Amazon AWS Neptune, see https://aws.amazon.com/neptune/

Open Source: Apache Jena, see https://jena.apache.org/



AWS re:Invent 2017 - Amazon Neptune: Fast, Reliable Graph Database Built for the Cloud

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rl6UwE7kLio

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Apache Jena Fuseki

Apache Jena Fuseki is a SPARQL server. It can run as a operating system service, as a Java web application (WAR file), and as a standalone server. It provides security (using Apache Shiro) and has a user interface for server monitoring and administration.

It provides the SPARQL 1.1 protocols for query and update as well as the SPARQL Graph Store protocol.

Fuseki is tightly integrated with TDB to provide a robust, transactional persistent storage layer, and incorporates Jena text query. It can be used to provide the protocol engine for other RDF query and storage systems.

Contents

The Jena users mailing is the place to get help with Fuseki.

See https://jena.apache.org/documentation/fuseki2/index.html

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Apache Fuseki (Standalone Server Mode)

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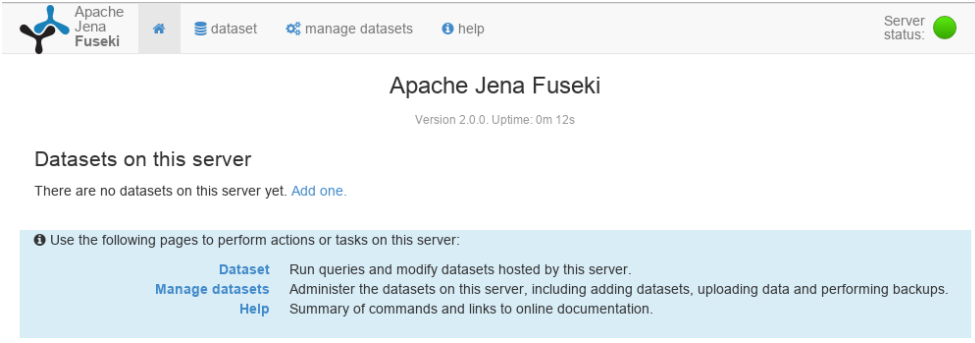

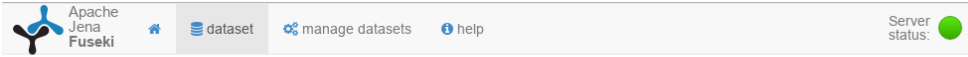

Dataset: /foo

query | upload files | edit | info

SPARQL query

To try out some SPARQL queries against the selected dataset, enter your query here.

EXAMPLE QUERIES

Selection of triples | Selection of classes

PREFIXES

rdf | rdfs | owl | xsd

SPARQL ENDPOINT	CONTENT TYPE (SELECT)	CONTENT TYPE (GRAPH)
http://localhost:3030/foo/sparql	JSON	Turtle

```
1
2
3  SELECT ?subject ?predicate ?object
4  WHERE {
5    ?subject ?predicate ?object
6  }
7  LIMIT 25
```

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Inferencing

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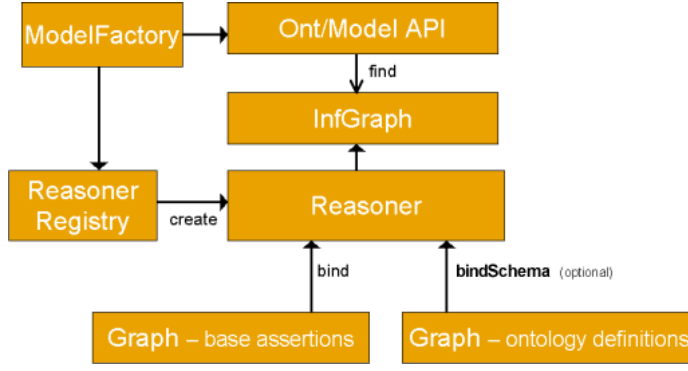
Remember these...

```
ex:Student rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Person
ex:Joe a ex:Student
```

What happens when you query for all `foaf:Person`s?

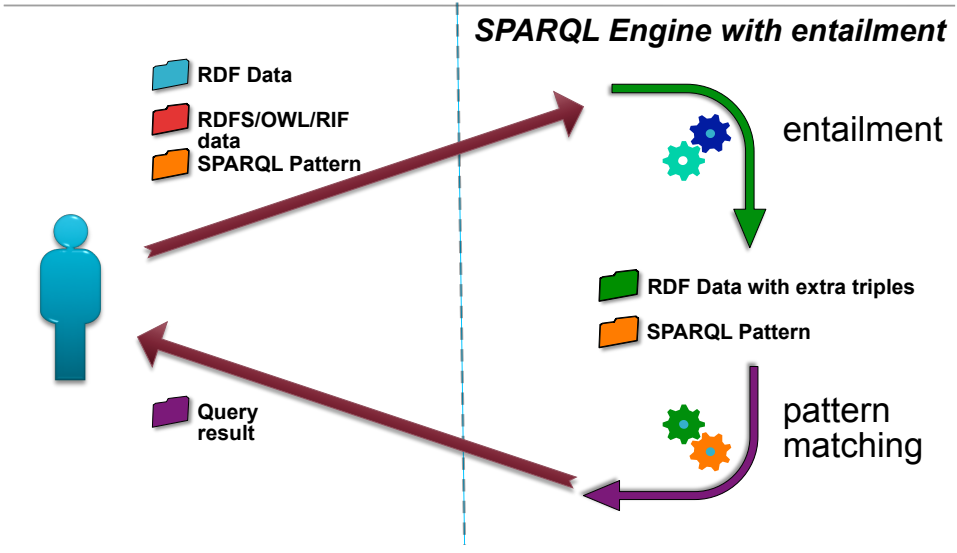
Reasoning Engine

- RDFlib will return empty result
- Requires inference support (e.g., RDFS reasoner, OWL reasoner)



See https://jena.apache.org/documentation/inference/

SPARQL 1.1 and RDFS/OWL/RIF



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Reading Material

Required

- [Yu14, Chapter 6] (SPARQL)

Supplemental

- [DuC13] (Learning SPARQL)
- [WZRH14, Chapter 5] (SPARQL)
- SPARQL 1.1 Overview, https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-overview/

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