

## **4. SPARQL (SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language)**

**SPARQL = Query Language for RDF/OWL**

Like SQL for databases, but for knowledge graphs.

# Basic SPARQL Structure

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>
```

```
SELECT ?variable  
WHERE {  
    ?subject predicate ?object .  
}
```

- **PREFIX** → Namespace shortcut
- **SELECT** → What to retrieve
- **WHERE** → Pattern to match

## Example 1: Who Eats Apple?

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>

SELECT ?person WHERE {
    ?person food:eats food:Apple .
}
```

**Result:**

```
food:Alice
```

# Variables vs Fixed Values

Variables start with ? :

- ?person → matches anyone
- ?food → matches any food

Fixed values are specific:

- food:Apple → only Apple
- food:Alice → only Alice

## Example 2: What Does Alice Eat?

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>

SELECT ?food WHERE {
    food:Alice food:eats ?food .
}
```

**Result:**

```
food:Apple
food:Pizza
```

## Example 3: Who Eats What?

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>

SELECT ?person ?food WHERE {
    ?person food:eats ?food .
}
```

Result:

?person	?food
food:Alice	food:Apple
food:Alice	food:Pizza

## Example 4: Multiple Conditions

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

SELECT ?person ?fruit WHERE {
    ?person food:eats ?fruit .
    ?fruit rdf:type food:Fruit .
}
```

Result:

```
food:Alice      food:Apple
```

## Example 5: Counting

```
PREFIX food: <http://www.semanticweb.org/.../food-ontology#>

SELECT (COUNT(?food) as ?count) WHERE {
    food:Alice food:eats ?food .
}
```

**Result:**

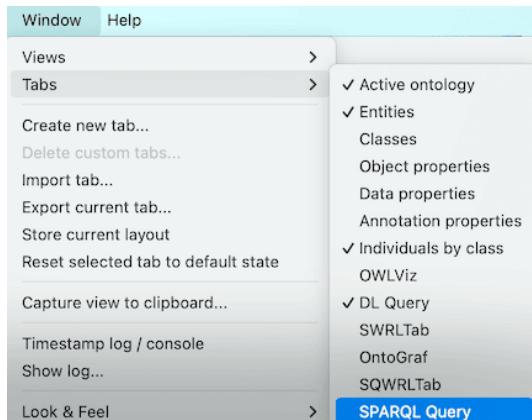
```
?count
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```

# Useful Keywords

Keyword	Purpose
SELECT	Retrieve variables
WHERE	Pattern matching
LIMIT	Limit results
DISTINCT	Remove duplicates
COUNT	Count results
ASK	Yes/no question
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SELECT	Retrieve variables
WHERE	Pattern matching

# Using SPARQL in Protege

1. SPARQL is supported via plugins in Protege.
2. To use SPARQL in Protege:
  - Install the "SPARQL Query" plugin (preinstalled in most cases).
  - Open the plugin from the "Window" menu.
  - Enter your SPARQL query and execute it.



# Using SPARQL in GraphDB

1. Open GraphDB: `http://localhost:7200`
2. Select your repository
3. Click "SPARQL" tab
4. Enter query
5. Click "Execute"

# Using SPARQL from Python

```
import requests

endpoint = "http://localhost:7200/repositories/food-repo"
query = """
PREFIX food: <http://.../food-ontology#>
SELECT ?person WHERE {
    ?person food:eats food:Apple .
}
"""

response = requests.get(
    endpoint,
    headers={"Accept": "application/sparql-results+json"},
    params={"query": query})
data = response.json()

for row in data["results"]["bindings"]:
    print(row["person"]["value"])
```

# Summary

SPARQL lets you query knowledge graphs:

- Use `?variables` to find unknown values
- Use fixed values for specific resources
- Combine patterns for complex queries
- Execute in GraphDB or via Python