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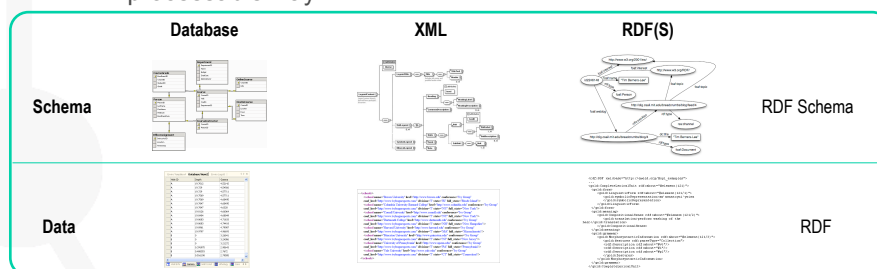
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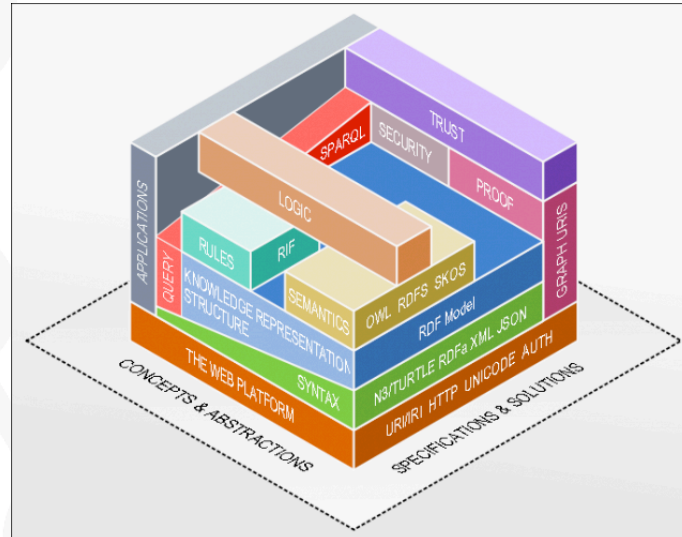
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 - **RDF primitives**
 - Reasoning with RDF
- RDF Schema
 - RDF Schema primitives
 - Reasoning with RDFS
- RDF(S) Management APIs

- RDF: Resource Description Framework
- Goal
 - To describe the semantics of information in a machine-processable way



- W3C recommendation
 - Model
 - Syntax
 - Semantics

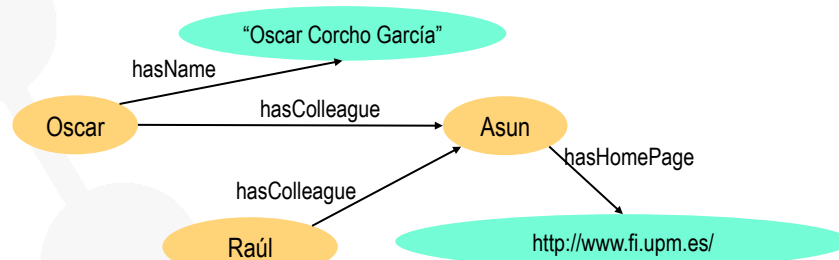
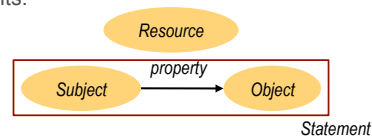
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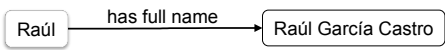
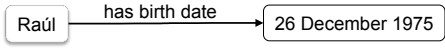
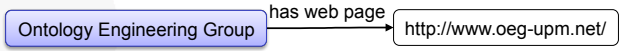
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RDF: Resource Description Framework

- RDF is a basic KR language, based on **semantic networks**
 - Useful to represent metadata and describe any type of information in a machine- accessible way (aka data model)
 - Resources are described in terms of properties and property values using RDF statements.
 - Statements are represented as triples, consisting of a subject, predicate and object. [S, P, O]



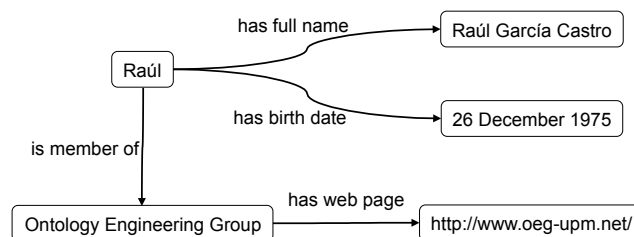
RDF statements

- Also known as “triples”
 - [Subject, Predicate, Object]
- “Raúl is a member of the Ontology Engineering Group”
 - [Raúl, is member of, Ontology Engineering Group]
- “Raúl's full name is Raúl García Castro”
 - [Raúl, has full name, Raúl García Castro]
- “Raúl was born on 26 December 1975”
 - [Raúl, was born, 26 December 1975]
- “The Ontology Engineering Group web page is http://www.oeg-upm.net/”
 - [Ontology Engineering Group, has web page, http://www.oeg-upm.net/]

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RDF graphs

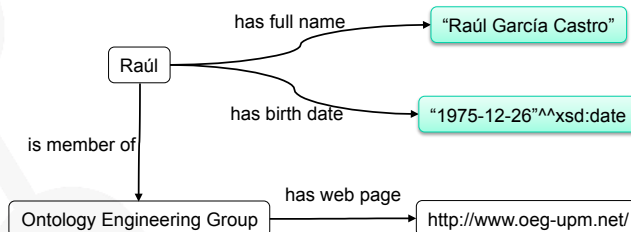
- RDF graphs are sets of triples



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RDF literals

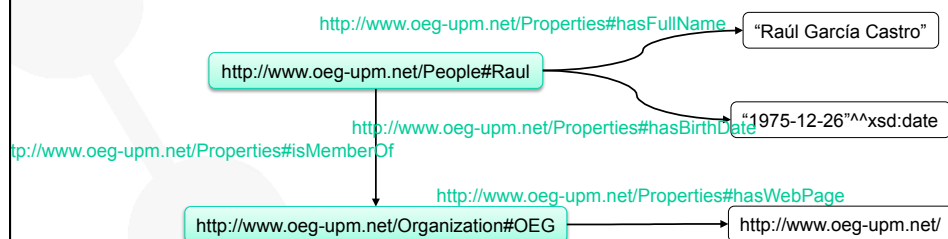
- Triple objects can be literals (character strings)
 - Subject and predicates are always resources
- Literals can be typed
 - Usually using XML Schema datatypes
 - RDF provides the ***rdf:XMLLiteral*** datatype



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URIs in RDF

- URI component parts (RFC3986)
 - <http://www.oeg-upm.net:8080/Info/People?position=current#Raul>
 - Scheme
 - Authority
 - Path
 - Query
 - Fragment
- RDF URIs:
 - Are URI references: URI + Fragment
 - Can contain Unicode characters
 - Identify resources and values (e.g., <mailto:rgarcia@fi.upm.es>)

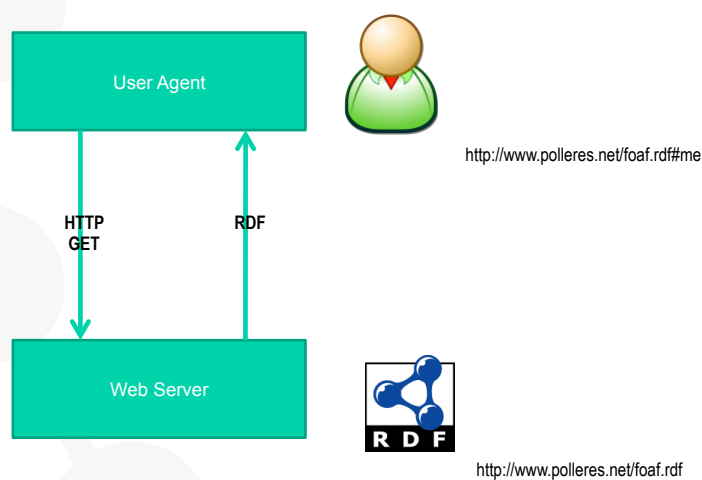


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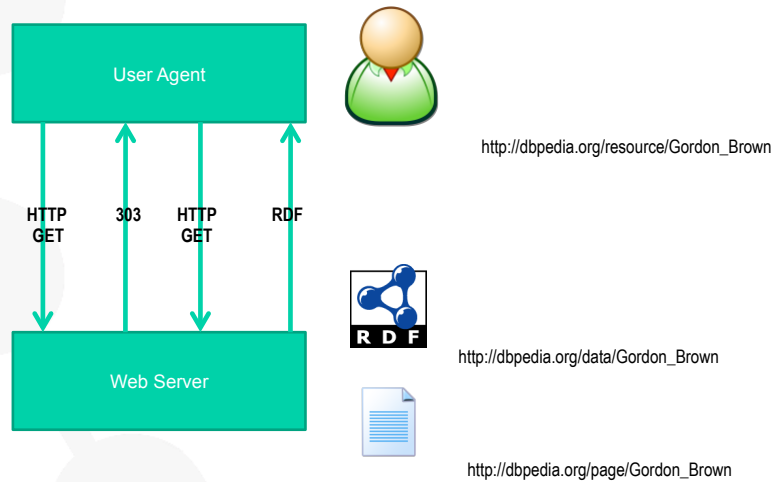
Types of URIs

- Thing-URIs, Hash URIs or URIRefs (Unique Resource Identifiers References)
 - A URI and an optional Fragment Identifier separated from the URI by the hash symbol '#'
 - <http://www.ontology.org/people#Person>
 - `people:Person`
- Source URIs or Slash URIs can also be used, as in FOAF:
 - <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/Person>

Correspondence between thing-URI and source-URI



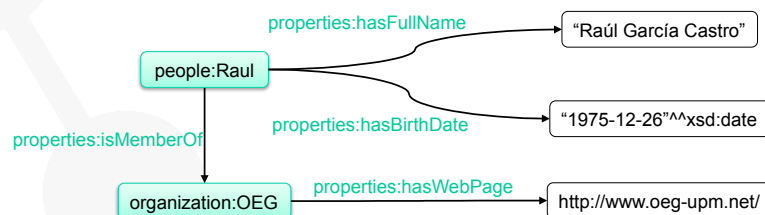
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Namespaces in RDF

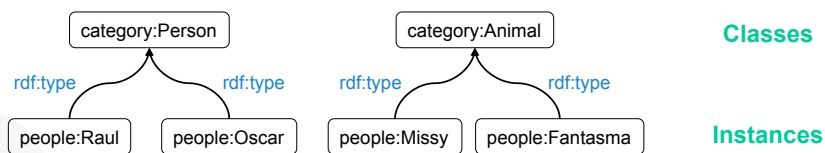
- Namespaces defined using XML qualified names
- URIs under a namespace are called vocabularies

Prefix	URI
people	http://www.oeg-upm.net/People#
organization	http://www.oeg-upm.net/Organization#
properties	http://www.oeg-upm.net/Properties#
rdf	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
rdfs	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
xsd	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#

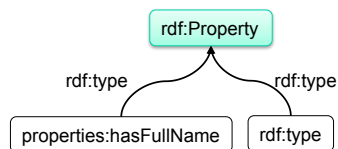


Classifying resources

- The ***rdf:type*** property is used to classify resources in categories/classes



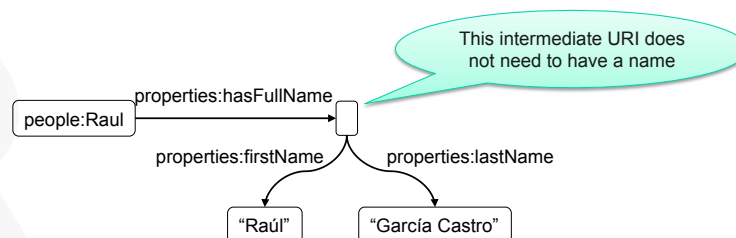
- The ***rdf:Property*** class is the class of all properties



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Blank nodes: structured property values

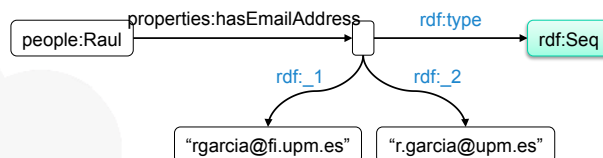
- Most real-world data involves structures that are more complicated than sets of RDF triple statements



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RDF Containers

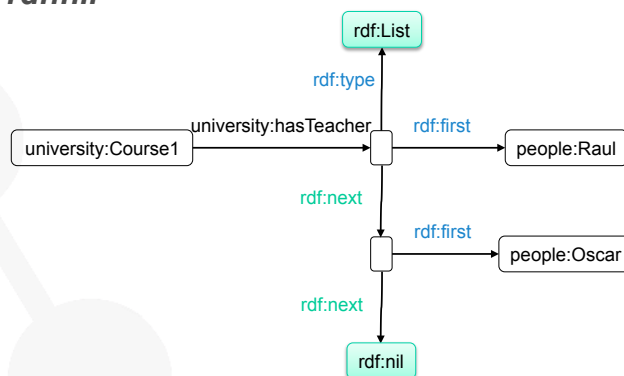
- Describe groups of things
 - A book was created by several authors
 - A lesson is taught by several persons
 - etc.
- RDF provides a container vocabulary
 - rdf:Bag***. Group of resources or literals, including duplicates, where order is not significant
 - rdf:Seq***. Group of resources or literals, including duplicates, where order is significant
 - rdf:Alt***. Group of resources or literals that are alternatives (typically for a single value of a property)



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RDF Collections

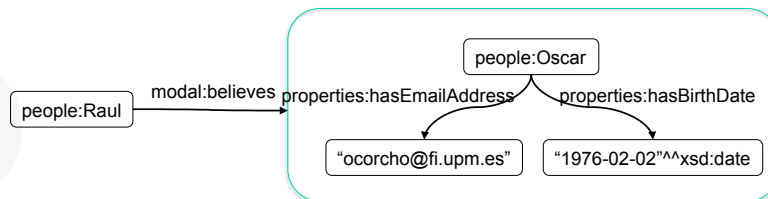
- Groups of things represented as a list structure
 - "A container with limits"
- Constructed using ***rdf:List***, ***rdf:first***, ***rdf:rest***, and ***rdf:nil***



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RDF Reification

- RDF statements about other RDF statements
 - “Raúl believes that Oscar’s birthdate is on Feb 2nd, 1976 and that his e-mail address is ocorcho@fi.upm.es”
- Expressed using ***rdf:Statement***, ***rdf:subject***, ***rdf:predicate***, and ***rdf:object***

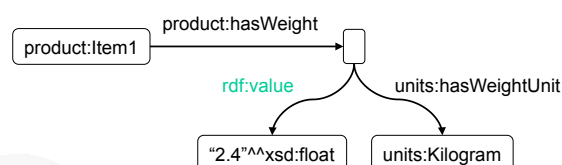


- RDF Reification
 - Allows expressing beliefs (and other modalities)
 - Allows expressing trust models, digital signatures, etc.
 - Allows expressing metadata about metadata

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Main value of a structured value

- Sometimes one of the values of a structured value is the main one
 - The weight of an item is 2.4 kilograms
 - The main value is 2.4, which is expressed with ***rdf:value***
- Scarcely used



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RDF vocabulary summary

Classes	Properties	Individuals
Classification		
<i>rdf:Property</i>	<i>rdf:type</i>	
Containers		
<i>rdf:Bag</i>	<i>rdf:_1</i> , <i>rdf:_2</i> , <i>rdf:_3...</i>	
<i>rdf:Seq</i>		
<i>rdf:Alt</i>		
Collections		
<i>rdf:List</i>	<i>rdf:first</i>	<i>rdf:nil</i>
	<i>rdf:rest</i>	
Reification		
<i>rdf:Statement</i>	<i>rdf:subject</i>	
	<i>rdf:predicate</i>	
	<i>rdf:object</i>	
Values		
<i>rdf:XMLLiteral</i>	<i>rdf:value</i>	

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RDF Serialisations

- Normative
 - **RDF/XML** (www.w3.org/TR/rdf-syntax-grammar/)
- Working Draft (9 August 2011)
 - **Turtle** (<http://www.w3.org/TR/turtle/>)
- Alternative (for human consumption)
 - **N3** (<http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/Notation3.html>)
 - **TriX** (<http://www.w3.org/2004/03/trix/>)
 - ...
- **Important:** the RDF serializations allow different syntactic variants.
 - E.g., the order of RDF statements has no meaning

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RDF Serialisations. RDF/XML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:person="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#"
  xmlns="http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people#"
  xml:base="http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people">

  <rdf:Property rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#hasHomePage"/>
  <rdf:Property rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#hasColleague"/>
  <rdf:Property rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#hasName"/>

  <rdf:Description rdf:about="#Raul"/>
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="#Asun">
    <person:hasColleague rdf:resource="#Raul"/>
    <person:hasHomePage>http://www.fi.upm.es</person:hasHomePage>
  </rdf:Description>
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="#Oscar">
    <person:hasColleague rdf:resource="#Asun"/>
    <person:hasName>Oscar Corcho García</person:hasName>
  </rdf:Description>

</rdf:RDF>
```

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RDF Serialisations. N3

```
@base <http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people >
@prefix person: <http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#>
:Asun  person:hasColleague :Raul ;
       person:hasHomePage "http://www.fi.upm.es".
:Oscar person:hasColleague :Asun ;
       person:hasName "Óscar Corcho García".
```

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Exercise



- **Objective**
 - Get used to the different syntaxes of RDF
- **Tasks**
 - Take the text of an RDF file and create its corresponding graph
 - Take an RDF graph and create its corresponding RDF/XML and N3 files

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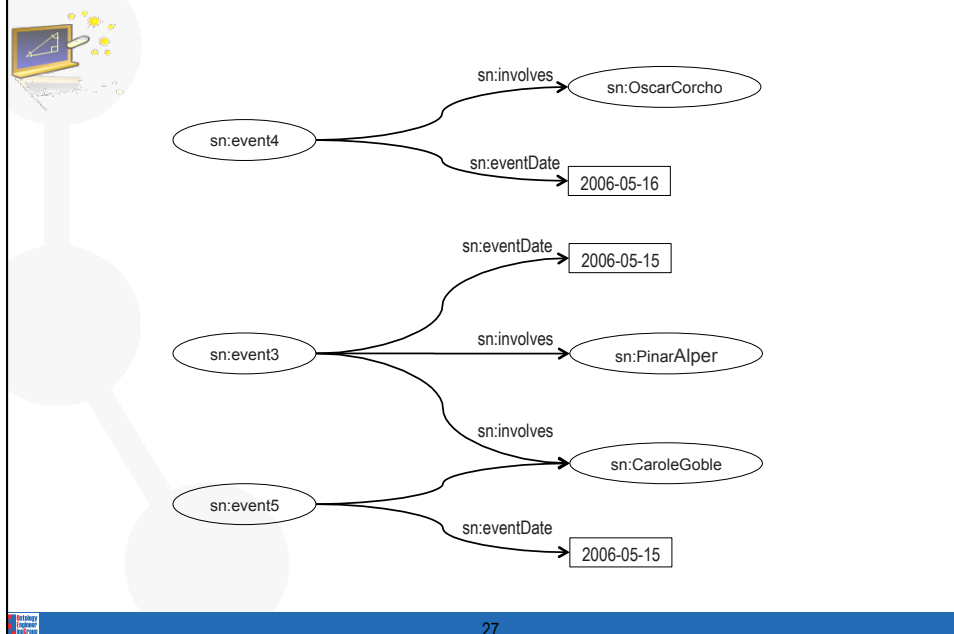
Exercise 1.a. Create a graph from a file



- Open the file `StickyNote_PureRDF.rdf`
 - Create the corresponding graph from it
 - Compare your graph with those of your colleagues

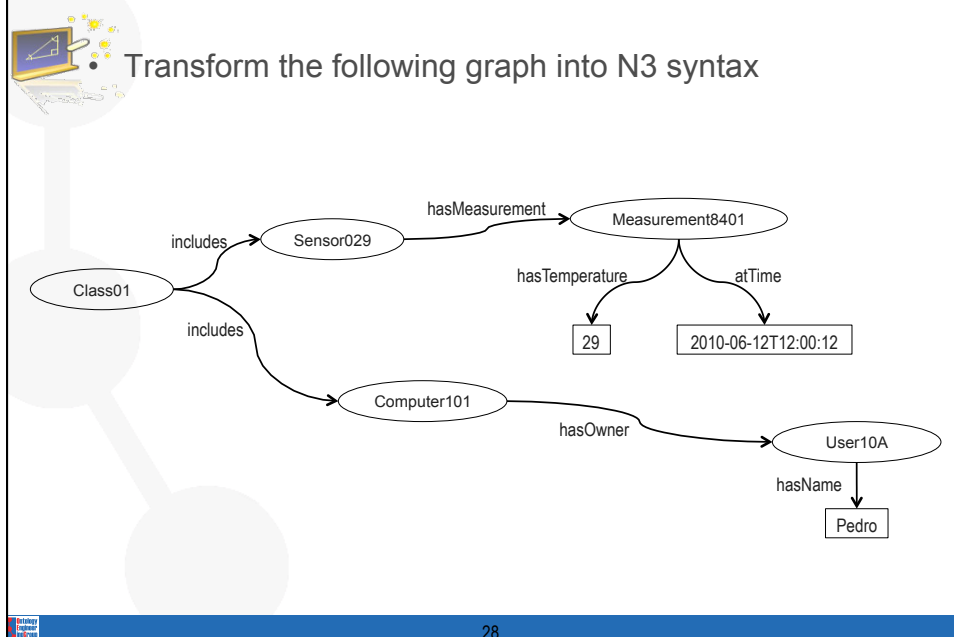
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Exercise 1.a. StickyNote_PureRDF.rdf



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Exercise 1.b. Create files from a graph



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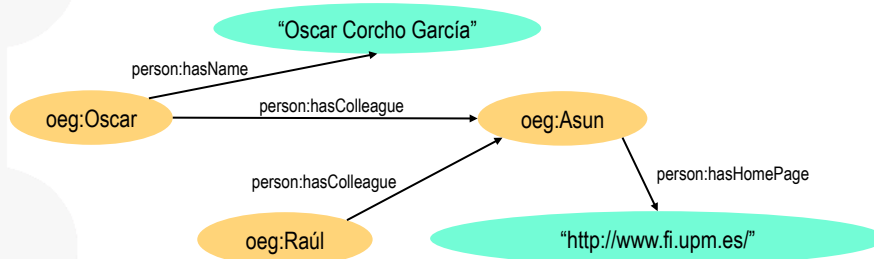
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RDF inference. Graph matching techniques

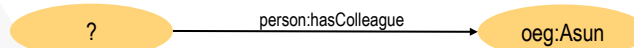
- RDF inference is based on graph matching techniques
- Basically, the RDF inference process consists of the following steps:
 - Transform an RDF query into a template graph that has to be matched against the RDF graph
 - It contains constant and variable nodes, and constant and variable edges between nodes
 - Match against the RDF graph, taking into account constant nodes and edges
 - Provide a solution for variable nodes and edges

RDF inference. Examples (I)

- Sample RDF graph



- **Query:** "Tell me who are the persons who have Asun as a colleague"

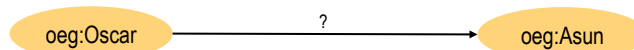


- **Result:** oeg:Oscar and oeg:Raúl

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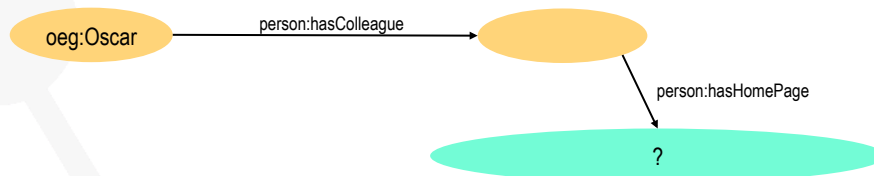
RDF inference. Examples (II)

- **Query:** "Tell me which are the relationships between Oscar and Asun"



- **Result:** oeg:hasColleague

- **Query:** "Tell me the homepage of Oscar colleagues"



- **Result:** "http://www.fi.upm.es/"

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RDF inference. Entailment rules

Rule Name	if E contains	then add
rdf1	uuu aaa yyy .	aaa rdf:type rdf:Property .
rdf2	uuu aaa lll .	_:nnn rdf:type rdf:XMLLiteral .
	where lll is a well-typed XML literal .	where _:nnn identifies a blank node allocated to lll by rule lg.

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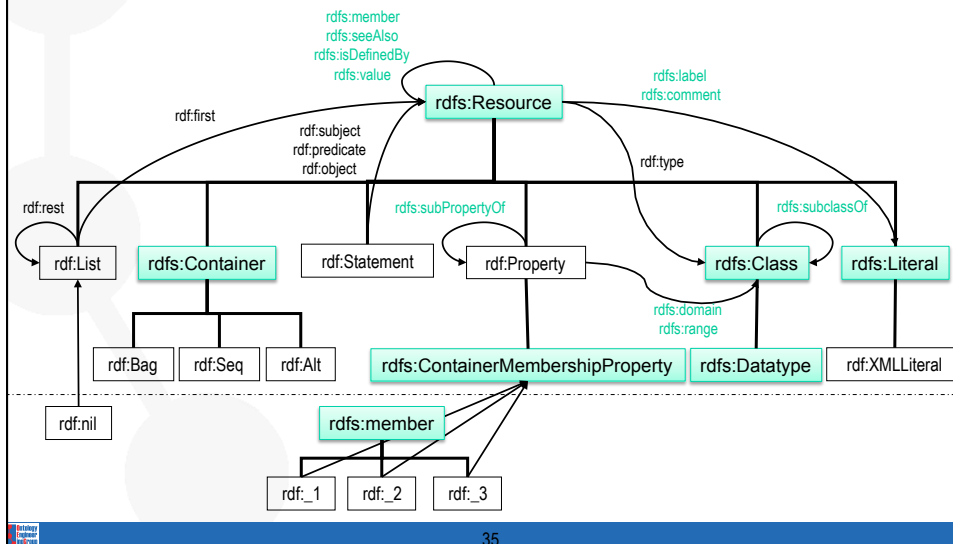
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RDF Schema

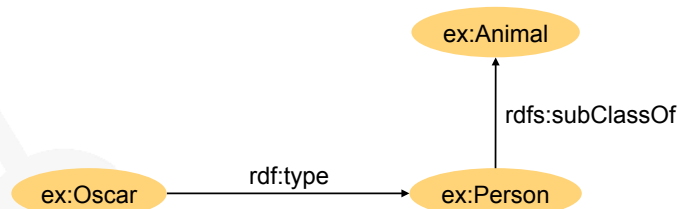
- Extends RDF
- Allows describing classes of resources and their properties



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RDFS: RDF Schema

- W3C Recommendation
- RDF Schema extends RDF to enable talking about classes of resources, and the properties to be used with them
 - Class definition: `rdfs:Class`, `rdfs:subClassOf`
 - Property definition: `rdfs:subPropertyOf`, `rdfs:range`, `rdfs:domain`
 - Other primitives: `rdfs:comment`, `rdfs:label`, `rdfs:seeAlso`, `rdfs:isDefinedBy`
- RDFS vocabulary adds constraints on models, e.g.:
 - $\forall x,y,z \text{ type}(x,y) \text{ and } \text{subClassOf}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{type}(x,z)$



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RDF(S) Serialisations. RDF/XML syntax

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  xmlns:person="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"
  xmlns="http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people#"
  xml:base="http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people">

  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Professor">
    <rdfs:subClassOf>
      <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Person"/>
    </rdfs:subClassOf>
  </rdfs:Class>
  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Lecturer">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Person"/>
  </rdfs:Class>
  <rdfs:Class rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#PhD">
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Person"/>
  </rdfs:Class>
  ...

```

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RDF(S) Serialisations. RDF/XML syntax

```
...
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<rdf:Property rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#hasColleague">
  <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Person"/>
  <rdfs:range rdf:resource="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#Person"/>
</rdf:Property>
<rdf:Property rdf:about="http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#hasName">
  <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#Thing"/>
</rdf:Property>

<person:PhD rdf:ID="Raul"/>
<person:Professor rdf:ID="Asun">
  <person:hasColleague rdf:resource="#Raul"/>
  <person:hasHomePage>http://www.fi.upm.es</person:hasHomePage>
</person:Professor>
<person:Lecturer rdf:ID="Oscar">
  <person:hasColleague rdf:resource="#Asun"/>
  <person:hasName>Óscar Corcho García</person:hasName>
</person:Lecturer>
</rdf:RDF>

```

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RDF(S) Serialisations. N3

```

@base <http://www.oeg-upm.net/ontologies/people >
@prefix person: <http://www.ontologies.org/ontologies/people#>
person:hasColleague      a rdf:Property;
                        rdfs:domain person:Person;
                        rdfs:range person:Person.

person:Professor rdfs:subClassOf person:Person.
person:Lecturer  rdfs:subClassOf person:Person.
person:PhD       rdfs:subClassOf person:Person.

:Asun  a person:Professor;
      person:hasColleague :Raul ;
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      person:hasColleague :Asun ;
      person:hasName "Óscar Corcho García".

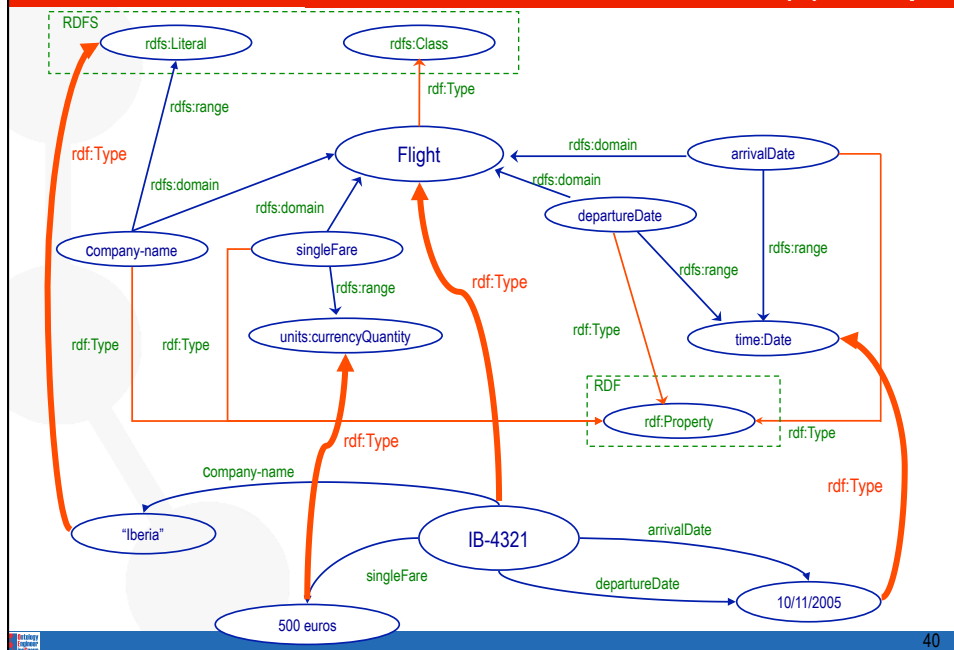
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a is equivalent to rdf:type

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RDF(S) Example



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Exercise



•Objective

- Get used to the different syntaxes of RDF(S)

•Tasks

- Take the text of an RDF(S) file and create its corresponding graph
- Take an RDF(S) graph and create its corresponding RDF/XML and N3 files

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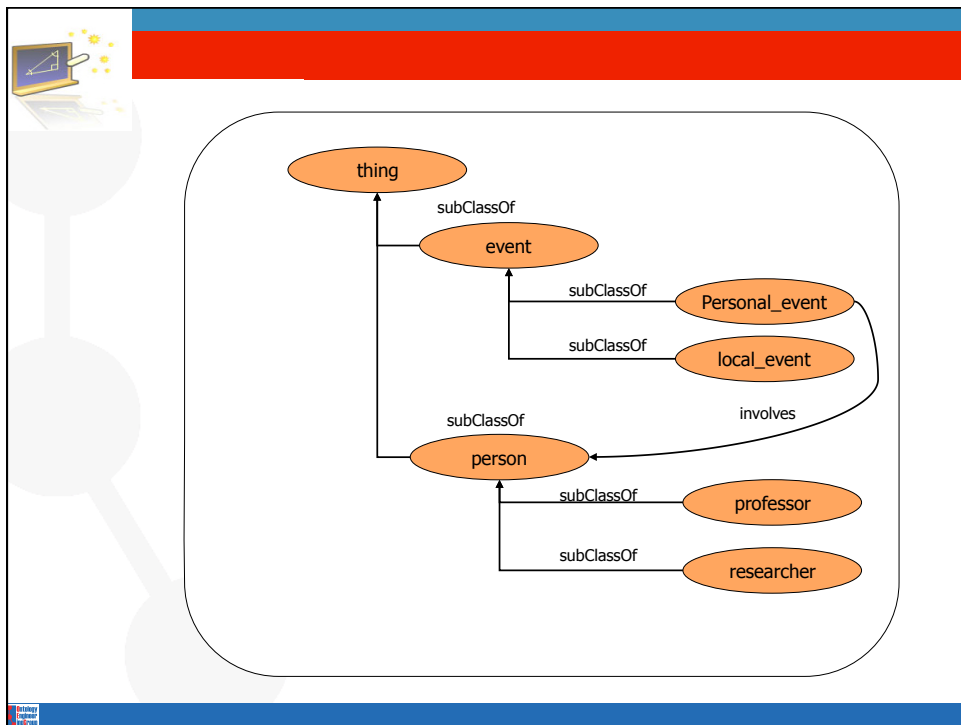
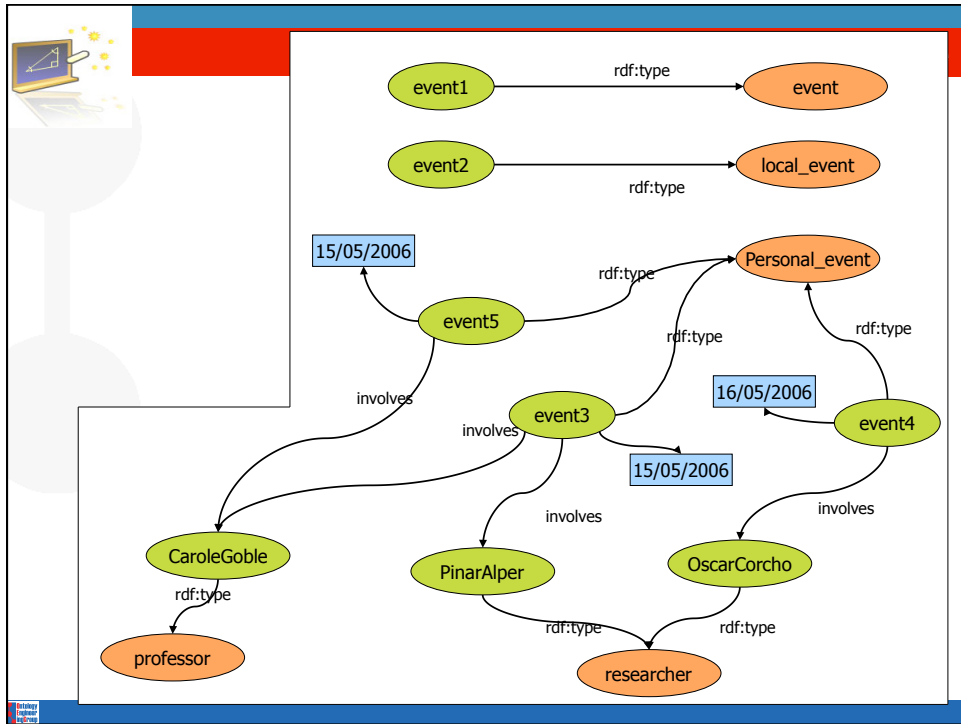
Exercise 2.a. Create a graph from a file



• Open the files StickyNote.rdf and StickyNote.rdfs

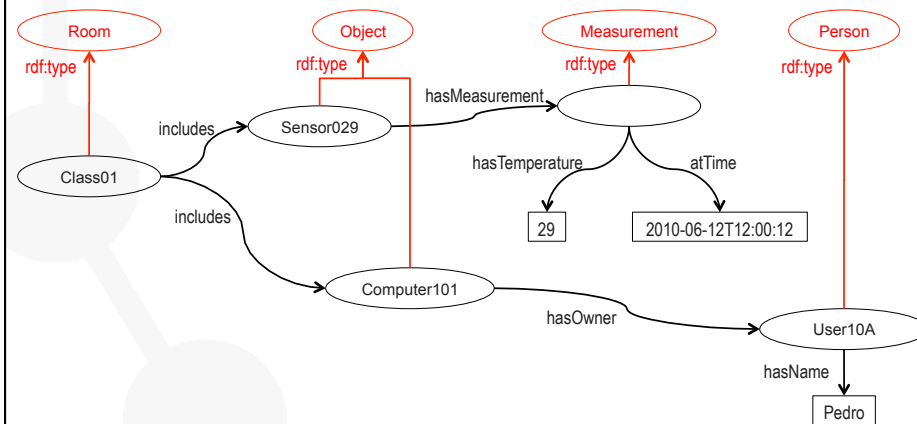
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Exercise 2.b. Create files from a graph

- Transform the following graph into RDF/XML and N3 syntaxes



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rdfs2	aaa rdfs:domain XXX . UUU aaa yyy .	UUU rdf:type XXX .
rdfs3	aaa rdfs:range XXX . UUU aaa VV .	VV rdf:type XXX .
rdfs4a	UUU aaa XXX .	UUU rdf:type rdfs:Resource .
rdfs4b	UUU aaa VV .	VV rdf:type rdfs:Resource .
rdfs5	UUU rdfs:subPropertyOf VV . VV rdfs:subPropertyOf XXX .	UUU rdfs:subPropertyOf XXX .
rdfs6	UUU rdf:type rdf:Property .	UUU rdfs:subPropertyOf UUU .
rdfs7	aaa rdfs:subPropertyOf bbb . UUU aaa yyy .	uuu bbb yyy .
rdfs8	UUU rdf:type rdfs:Class .	UUU rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Resource .
rdfs9	UUU rdfs:subClassOf XXX . VV rdf:type UUU .	VV rdf:type XXX .
rdfs10	UUU rdf:type rdfs:Class .	UUU rdfs:subClassOf UUU .
rdfs11	UUU rdfs:subClassOf VV . VV rdfs:subClassOf XXX .	UUU rdfs:subClassOf XXX .
rdfs12	UUU rdf:type rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .	UUU rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:member .
rdfs13	UUU rdf:type rdfs:Datatype .	UUU rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Literal .

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RDF(S) inference. Additional inferences

ext1	UUU rdfs:domain VV . VV rdfs:subClassOf ZZZ .	UUU rdfs:domain ZZZ .
ext2	UUU rdfs:range VV . VV rdfs:subClassOf ZZZ .	UUU rdfs:range ZZZ .
ext3	UUU rdfs:domain VV . WWW rdfs:subPropertyOf UUU .	WWW rdfs:domain VV .
ext4	UUU rdfs:range VV . WWW rdfs:subPropertyOf UUU .	WWW rdfs:range VV .
ext5	rdfs:type rdfs:subPropertyOf WWW . WWW rdfs:domain VV .	rdfs:Resource rdfs:subClassOf VV .
ext6	rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:subPropertyOf WWW . WWW rdfs:domain VV .	rdfs:Class rdfs:subClassOf VV .
ext7	rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:subPropertyOf WWW . WWW rdfs:domain VV .	rdf:Property rdfs:subClassOf VV .
ext8	rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:subPropertyOf WWW . WWW rdfs:range VV .	rdfs:Class rdfs:subClassOf VV .
ext9	rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:subPropertyOf WWW . WWW rdfs:range VV .	rdf:Property rdfs:subClassOf VV .

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RDF(S) limitations

- RDFS **too weak** to describe resources in sufficient detail
 - No **localised range and domain** constraints
 - Can't say that the range of hasChild is person when applied to persons and elephant when applied to elephants
 - No **existence/cardinality** constraints
 - Can't say that all *instances* of person have a mother that is also a person, or that persons have exactly 2 parents
 - No **boolean** operators
 - Can't say or, not, etc.
 - No **transitive, inverse or symmetrical** properties
 - Can't say that isPartOf is a transitive property, that hasPart is the inverse of isPartOf or that touches is symmetrical
- Difficult to provide **reasoning support**
 - No "native" reasoners for non-standard semantics
 - May be possible to reason via FOL axiomatisation

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Exercise



•Objective

- Understand the features of RDF(S) for implementing ontologies, including its limitations

•Tasks

- From a domain description, create the RDF(S) graph
 - First only include the vocabulary from the domain
 - Then include references to the RDF and RDFS vocabularies

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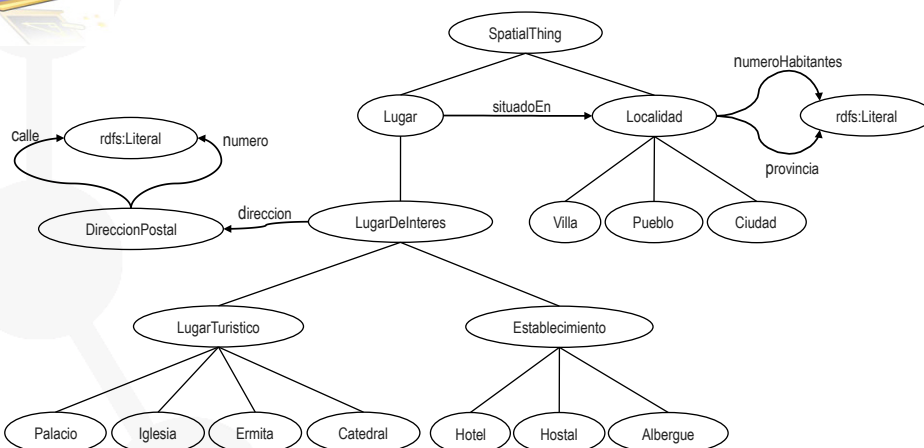
Exercise 3. Domain description



- Un lugar puede ser un lugar de interés.
- Los lugares de interés pueden ser lugares turísticos o establecimientos, pero no las dos cosas a la vez.
- Los lugares turísticos pueden ser palacios, iglesias, ermitas y catedrales.
- Los establecimientos pueden ser hoteles, hostales o albergues.
- Un lugar está situado en una localidad, la cual a su vez puede ser una villa, un pueblo o una ciudad.
- Un lugar de interés tiene una dirección postal que incluye su calle y su número.
- Las localidades tienen un número de habitantes.
- Las localidades se encuentran situadas en provincias.
- Covarrubias es un pueblo con 634 habitantes de la provincia de Burgos.
- El restaurante “El Galo” está situado en Covarrubias, en la calle Mayor, número 5.
- Una de las iglesias de Covarrubias está en la calle de Santo Tomás.

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Exercise 3. Sample resulting ontology



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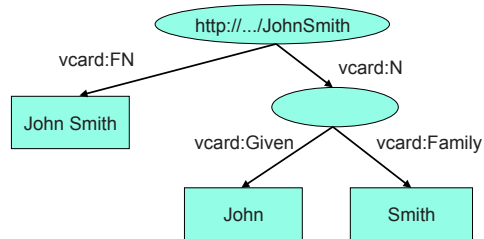
- Resource Description Framework (RDF)
 - RDF primitives
 - Reasoning with RDF
- RDF Schema
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 - Reasoning with RDFS
- **RDF(S) Management APIs**

- RDF libraries for different languages:
 - Java, Python, C, C++, C#, .Net, Javascript, Tcl/Tk, PHP, Lisp, Obj-C, Prolog, Perl, Ruby, Haskell
 - List in
- Usually related to a RDF repository
- Multilanguage:
 - Redland RDF Application Framework (C, Perl, PHP, Python and Ruby):
<http://www.redland.opensource.ac.uk/>
- Java:
 - Jena: <http://jena.sourceforge.net/>
 - Sesame: <http://www.openrdf.org/>
- PHP:
 - RAP - RDF API for PHP: <http://www4.wiwiiss.fu-berlin.de/bizer/rdfapi/>
- Python:
 - RDFLib: <http://rdflib.net/>
 - Pyrple: <http://infomesh.net/pyrple/>

- Java framework for building Semantic Web applications
- Open source software from HP Labs
- The Jena framework includes:
 - A RDF API
 - An OWL API
 - Reading and writing RDF in RDF/XML, N3 and N-Triples
 - In-memory and persistent storage
 - A rule based inference engine
 - SPARQL query engine

- A framework for storage, querying and inferencing of RDF and RDF Schema
- A Java Library for handling RDF
- A Database Server for (remote) access to repositories of RDF data
- Highly expressive query and transformation languages
 - SeRQL, SPARQL
- Various backends
 - Native Store
 - RDBMS (MySQL, Oracle 10, DB2, PostgreSQL)
 - main memory
- Reasoning support
 - RDF Schema reasoner
 - OWL DLP (OWLIM)
 - domain reasoning (custom rule engine)

Jena example. Graph creation



```
// some definitions
String personURI = "http://somewhere/JohnSmith";
String givenName = "John";
String familyName = "Smith";
String fullName = givenName + " " + familyName;
// create an empty
Model model = ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();
// create the resource
// and add the properties cascading style
Resource johnSmith = model.createResource(personURI)
    .addProperty(VCARD.FN, fullName)
    .addProperty(VCARD.N, model.createResource())
    .addProperty(VCARD.Given, givenName)
    .addProperty(VCARD.Family, familyName));
```

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Jena example. Read and write

```
// create an empty model
Model model = ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();

// use the FileManager to find the input file
InputStream in = FileManager.get().open( inputFileName );
if (in == null) {
    throw new IllegalArgumentException("File not found");
}

// read the RDF/XML file
model.read(in, "");

// write it to standard out
model.write(System.out);
```

```
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf='http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#'
  xmlns:vcard='http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#'
>
  <rdf:Description rdf:nodeID="A0">
    <vcard:Family>Smith</vcard:Family>
    <vcard:Given>John</vcard:Given>
  </rdf:Description>
  <rdf:Description rdf:about='http://somewhere/JohnSmith/'>
    <vcard:FN>John Smith</vcard:FN>
    <vcard:N rdf:nodeID="A0"/>
  </rdf:Description>
  ...
</rdf:RDF>
```

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Some RDF editors

- IsaViz
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/11/IsaViz/>
- Morla
 - <http://www.morlardf.net/>
- RDFAuthor
 - <http://rdfweb.org/people/damian/RDFAuthor/>
- RdfGravity
 - <http://semweb.salzburgresearch.at/apps/rdf-gravity/>
- Rhodonite
 - <http://rhodonite.angelite.nl/>

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<http://www.w3.org/TR/PR-rdf-schema/>
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<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-rdf-syntax/>
- RDF validator:
<http://www.w3.org/RDF/Validator/>
- RDF resources:
<http://planetrdf.com/guide/>

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Exercise



•Objective

- Understand how to use an RDF(S) management API

•Tasks




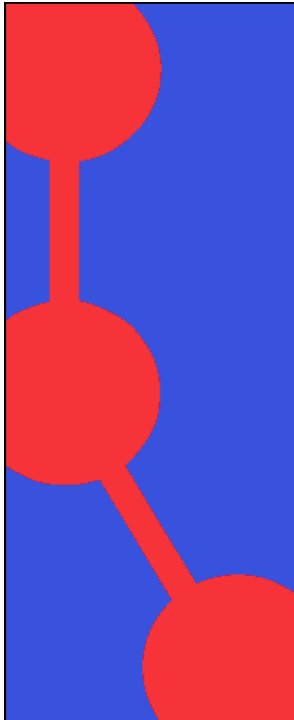
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- Write the class hierarchy of the ontology, including the instances of each class



Hands-on

- Read an ontology in RDF(S) from two files:
 - GP_Santiago.rdf (conceptualization)
 - GP_Santiago.rdfs (instances)
- Write the class hierarchy of the ontology, including the instances of each class:

```
Class Practica2:MedioTransporte
  Class Practica2:Tren
  Class Practica2:Bicicleta
    Instance Practica2:GP_Santiago_Instance_70
  Class Practica2:Automovil
  Class Practica2:AutoBus
  Class Practica2:APie
Class Practica2:InfraEstructuraTransporte
  Class Practica2:ViaFerreia
  Class Practica2:Sendero
  Class Practica2:Carretera
    Instance Practica2:A6
...
```



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