



# Non-standard DL Reasoning: Modularisation and Debugging

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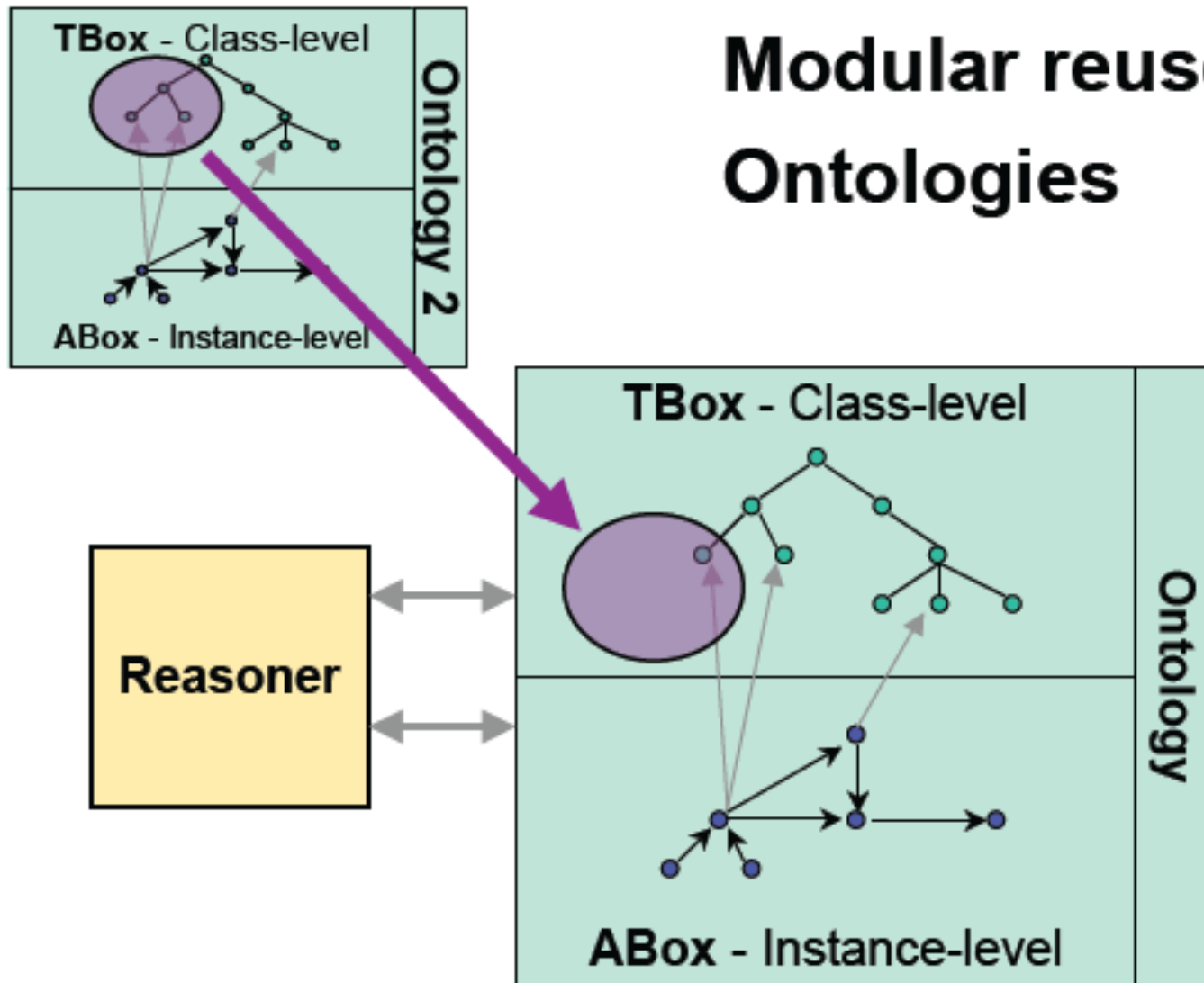
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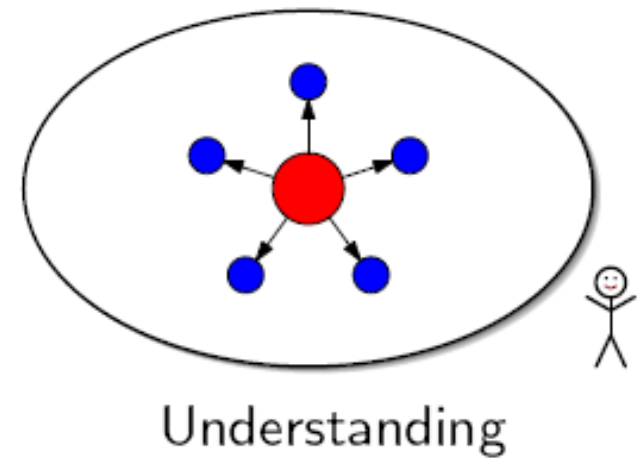
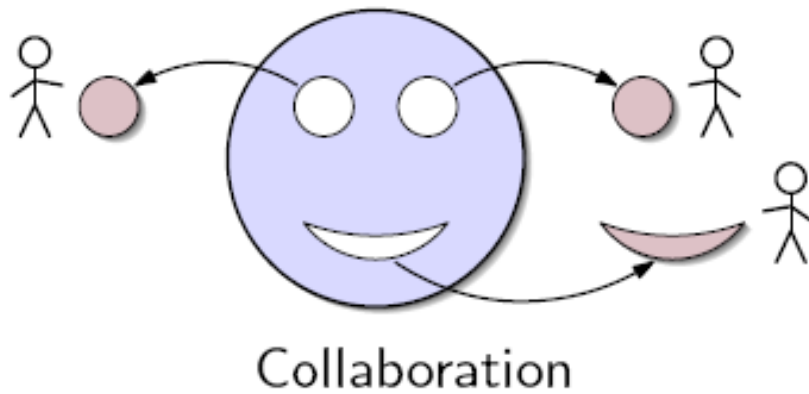
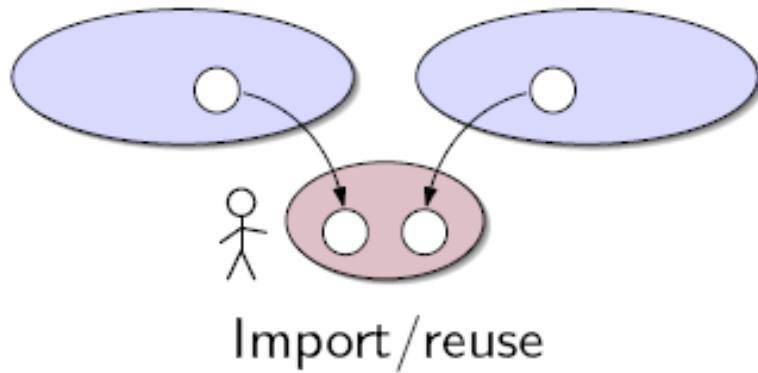
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## Modular reuse of Ontologies

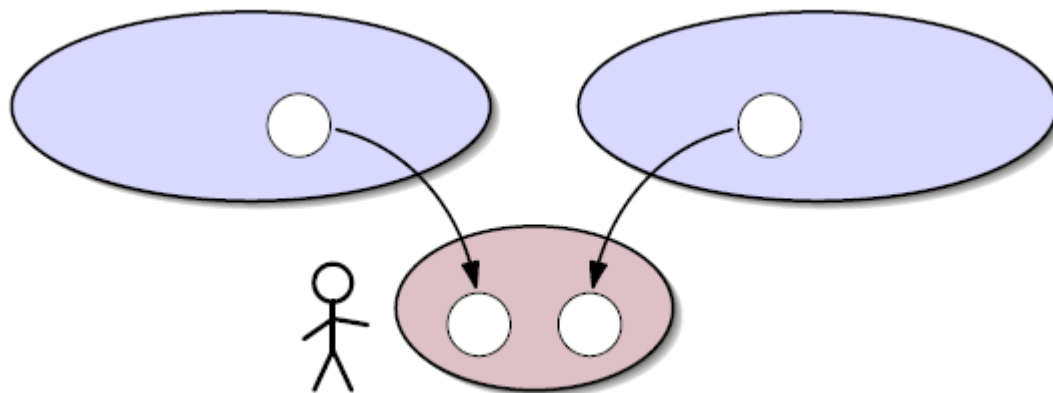


- Common practice in software engineering
  - Modular software development allows for:
    - Importing/reusing modules
    - Collaborative development
    - Understanding the code form the interaction between modules
- Common practice in knowledge engineering
  - Borrow terms from other DL knowledge bases
  - Cover topics that we aren't experts in
  - Enable collaborative development
  - To ensure common understanding
  - To gain insight into its structure & dependencies

# Scenarios for modularisation

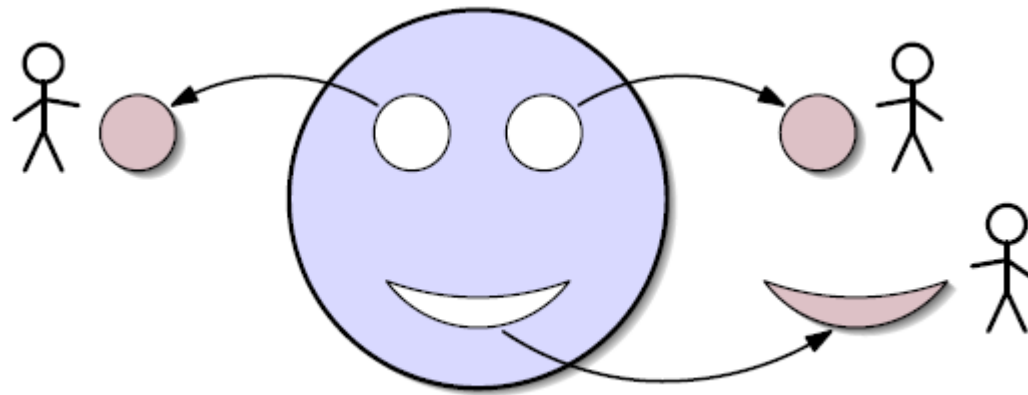


- “Borrow” knowledge about certain terms from external DL knowledge bases



- Provides access to well-established knowledge
- Doesn't require expertise in external disciplines
- This scenario is well-understood and implemented.

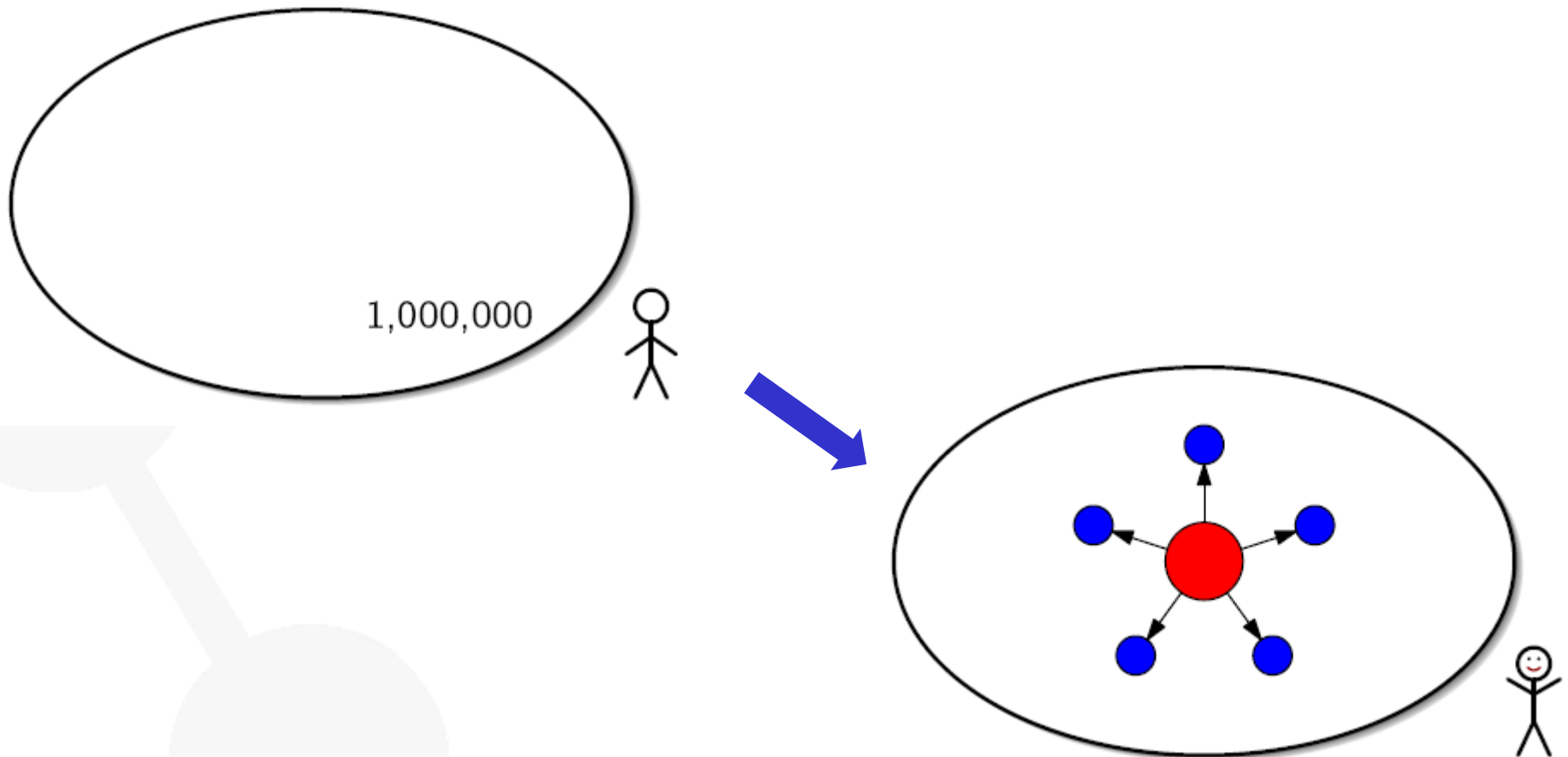
- Collective knowledge base development



- Developers work (edit, classify) locally
  - Extra care at re-combination
  - Prescriptive/analytic behaviour
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- This approach is understood, but not implemented yet.

## Scenario 3. Understanding

- Visualise the modular structure of a DL knowledge base

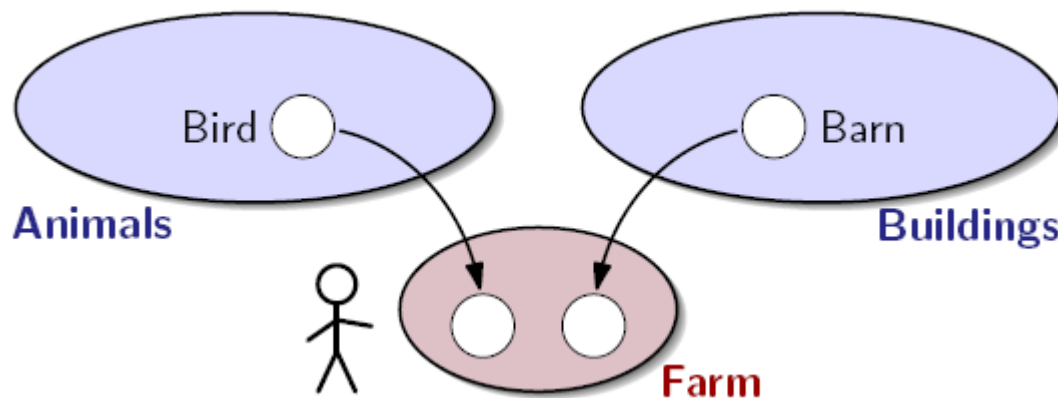




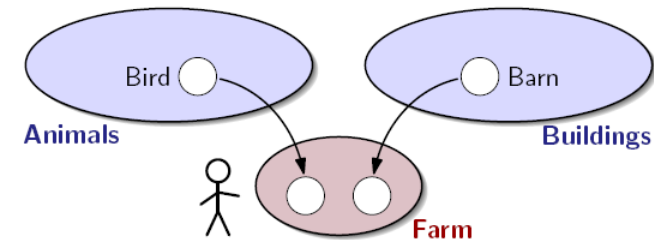
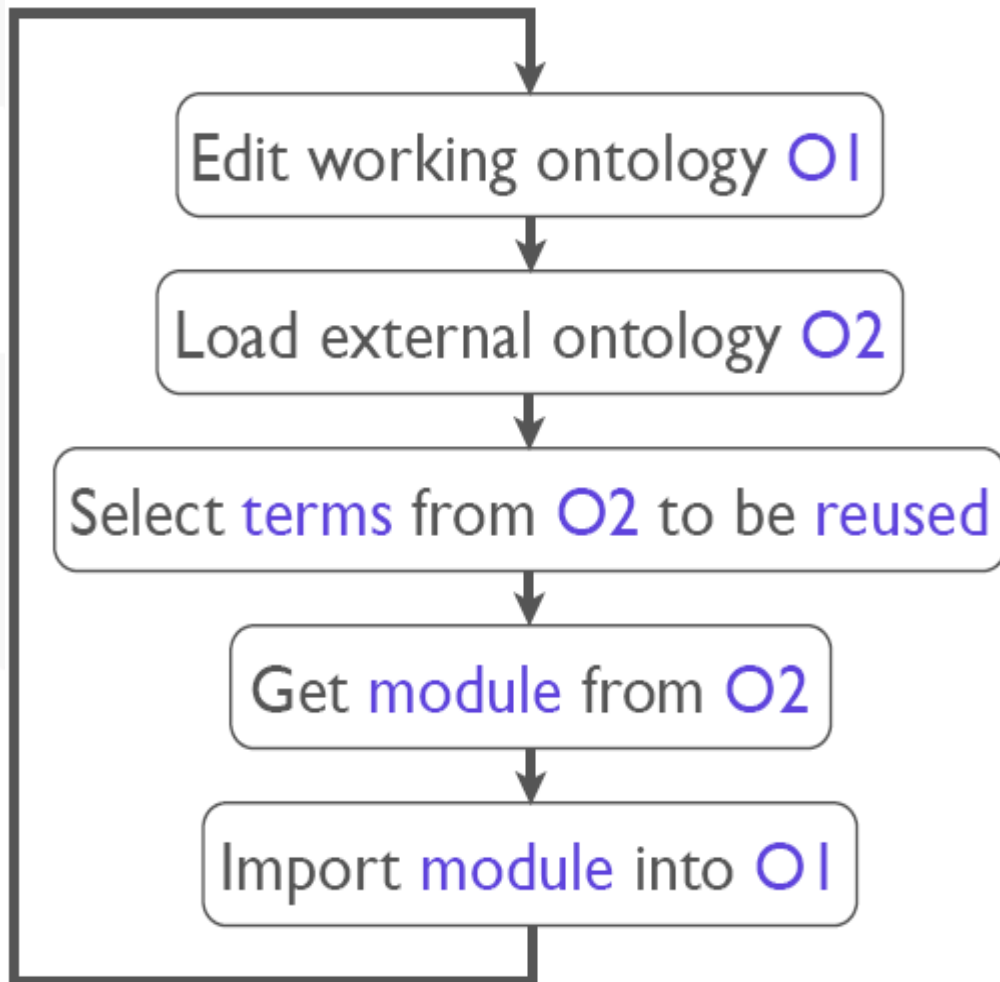
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# Scenario and main factors to be considered

- Import/reuse a part of external knowledge bases



- How much of Animals and Buildings do we need?
  - **Coverage:** Import **everything** relevant for the chosen terms.
  - **Economy:** Import **only** what's relevant for them.



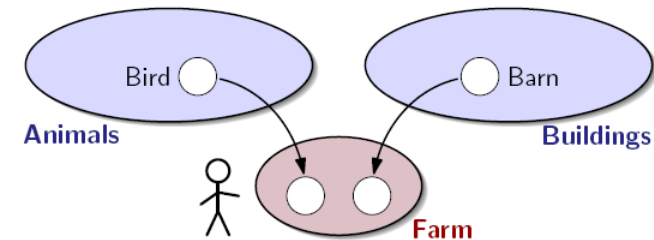
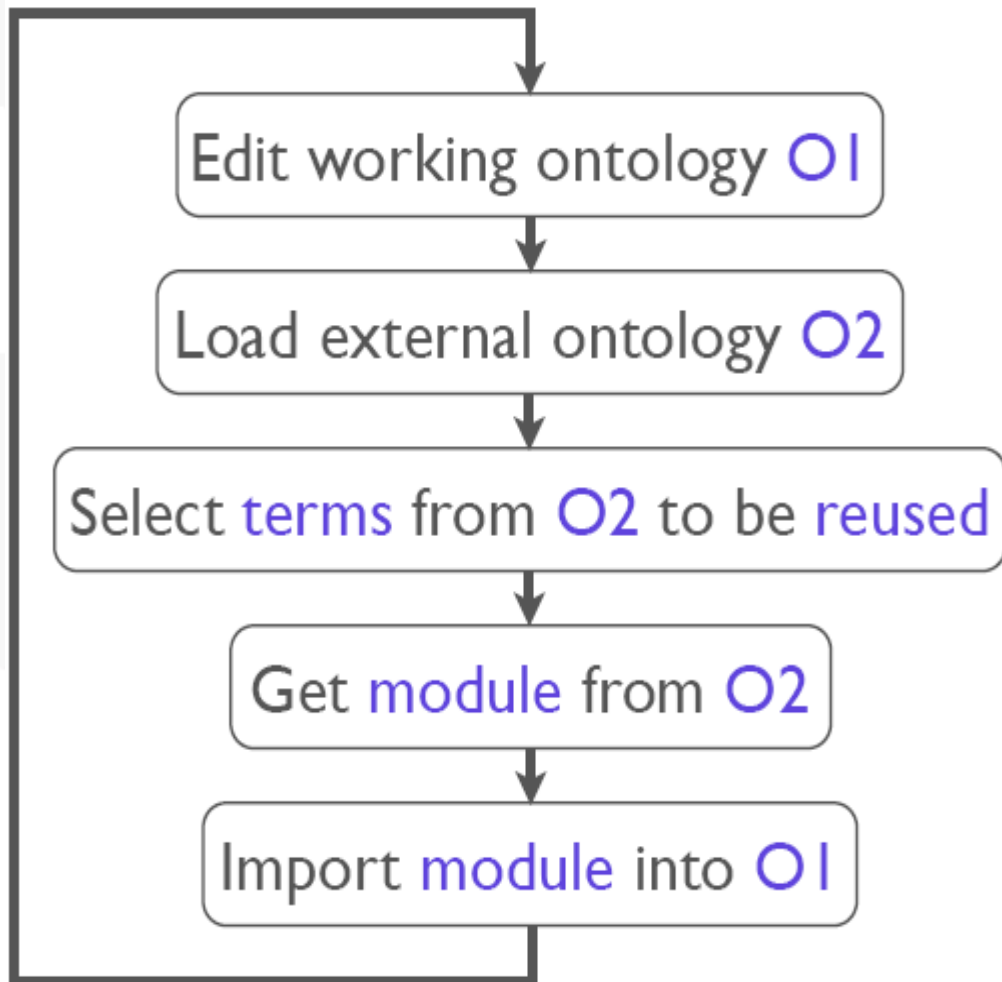
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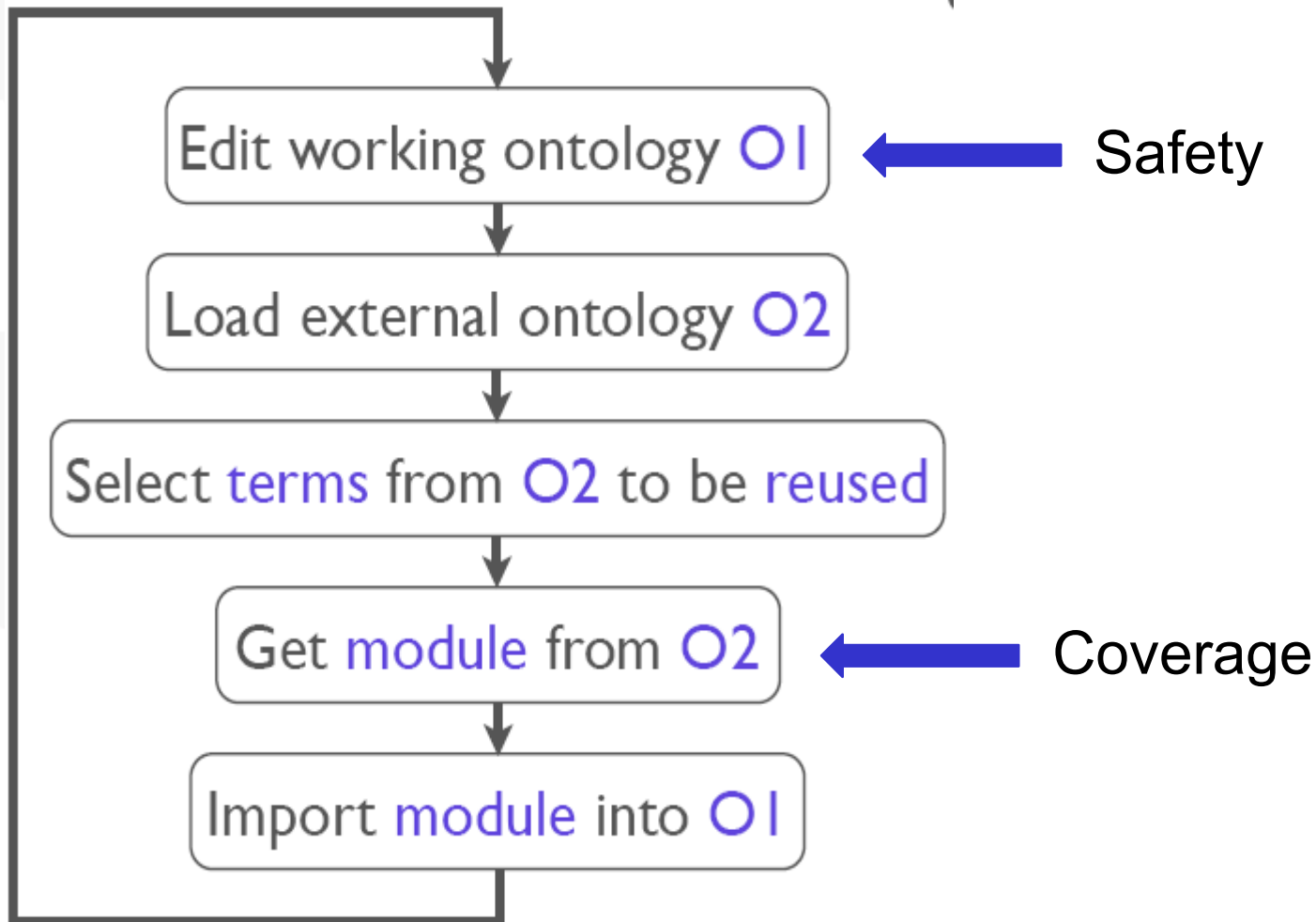
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Buildings

DuckHousing, Silo

Buildings'

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- **Goal:** Import everything the external knowledge base knows about the topic that consists of the specified terms.
- **Question:** Which DL axioms do we need to import?

Topic: Fox, Bird, feedsOn

On-topic:

$$\text{Fox} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{feedsOn}.\text{Bird}$$

$$\text{Fox} \sqcup \text{Bird} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{feedsOn}.\top$$

$$\text{Bird} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Fox}$$

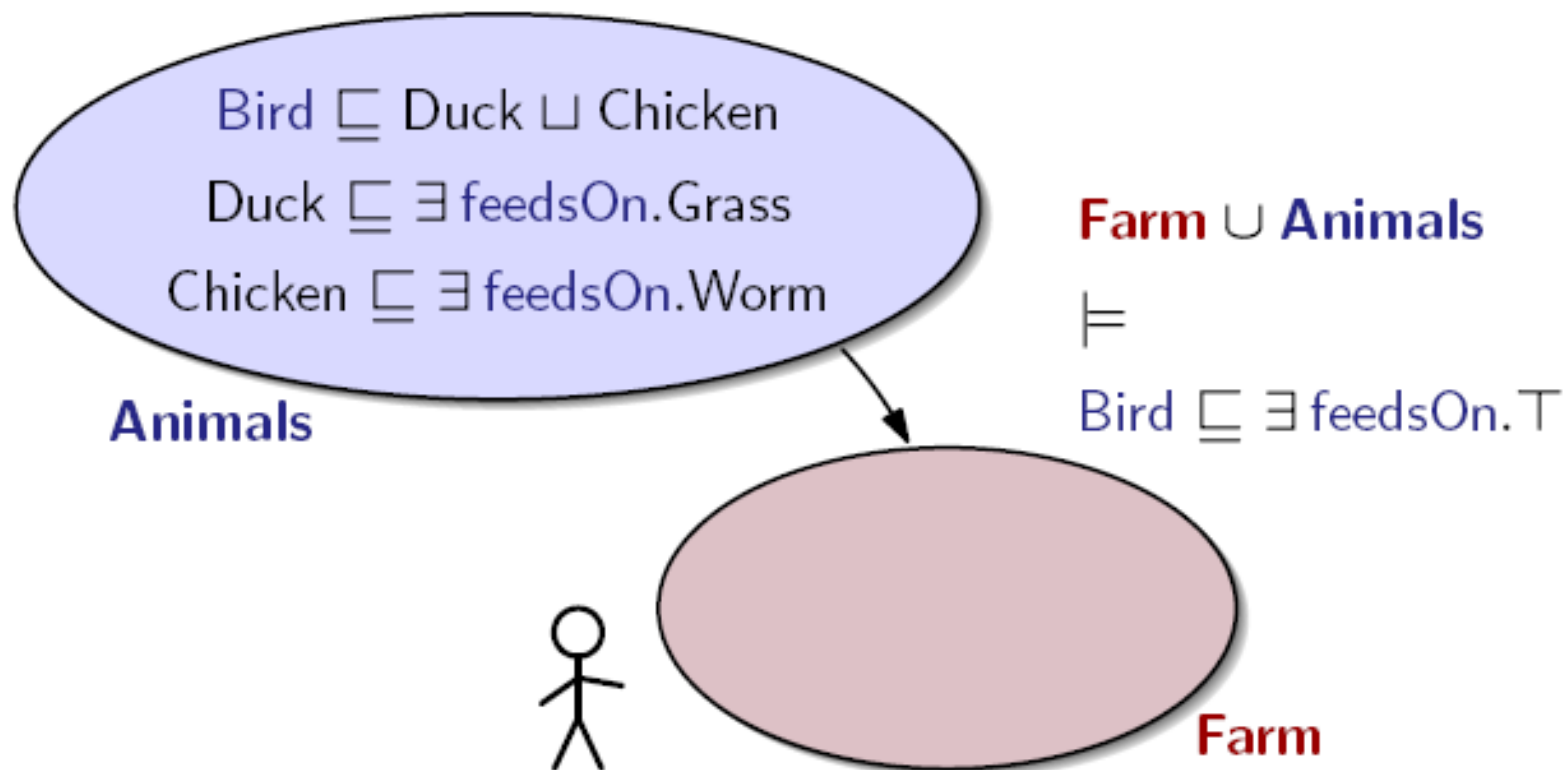
$$\text{Bird} \sqsubseteq \text{Bird} \sqcup \text{Fox}$$

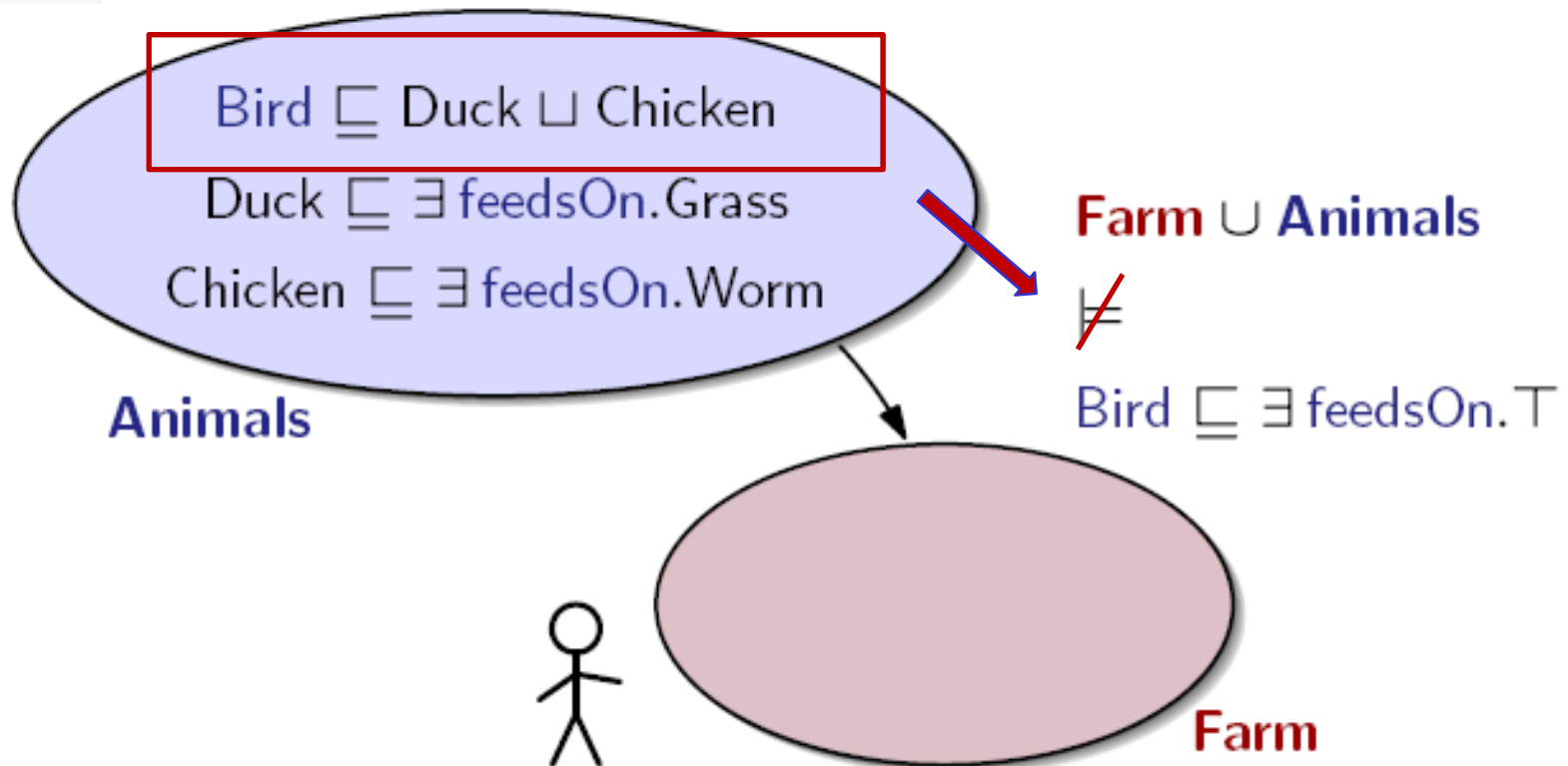
Off-topic:

$$\text{Duck} \sqsubseteq \text{Bird}$$

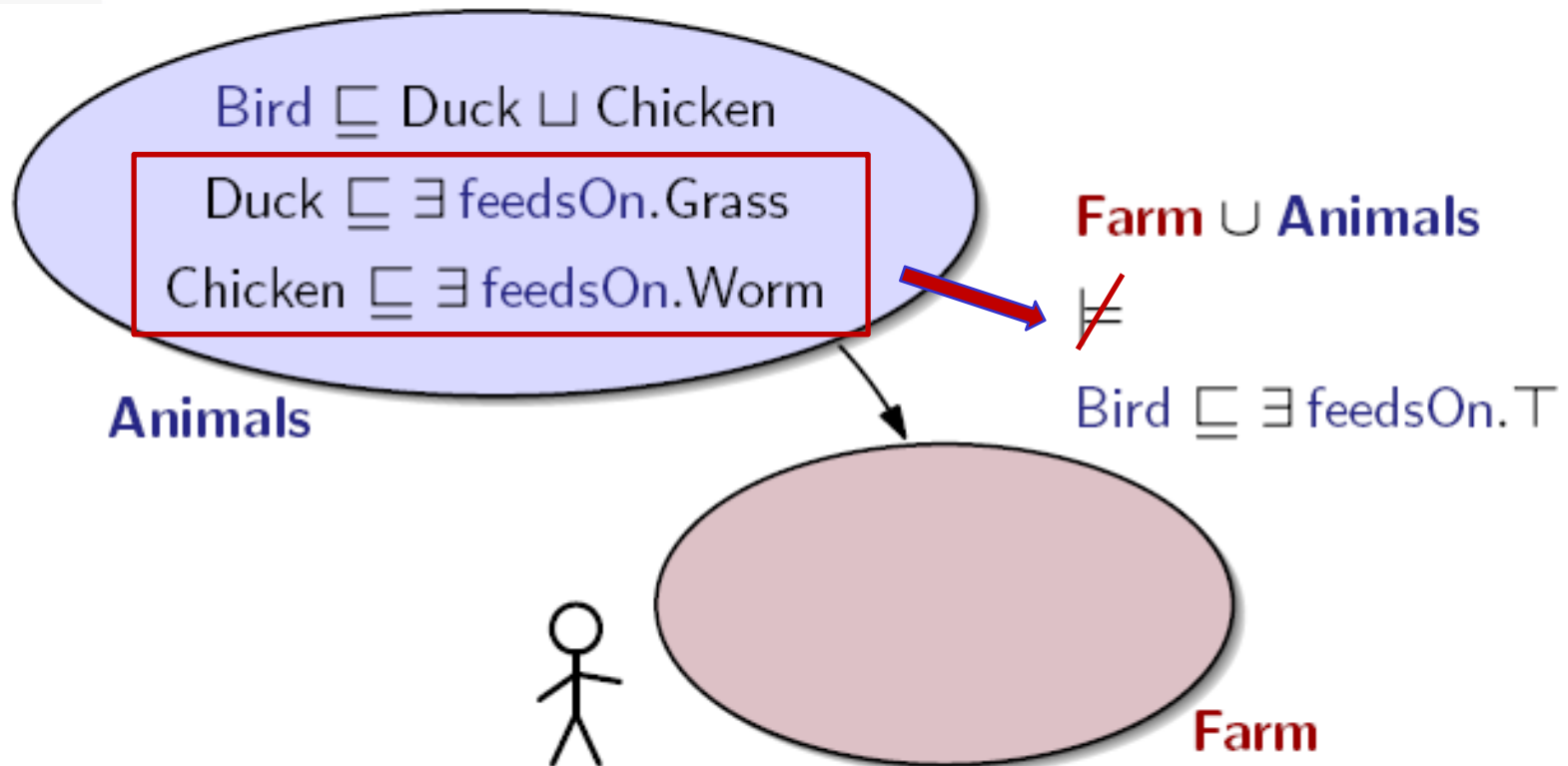
Goal = preserve all on-topic knowledge

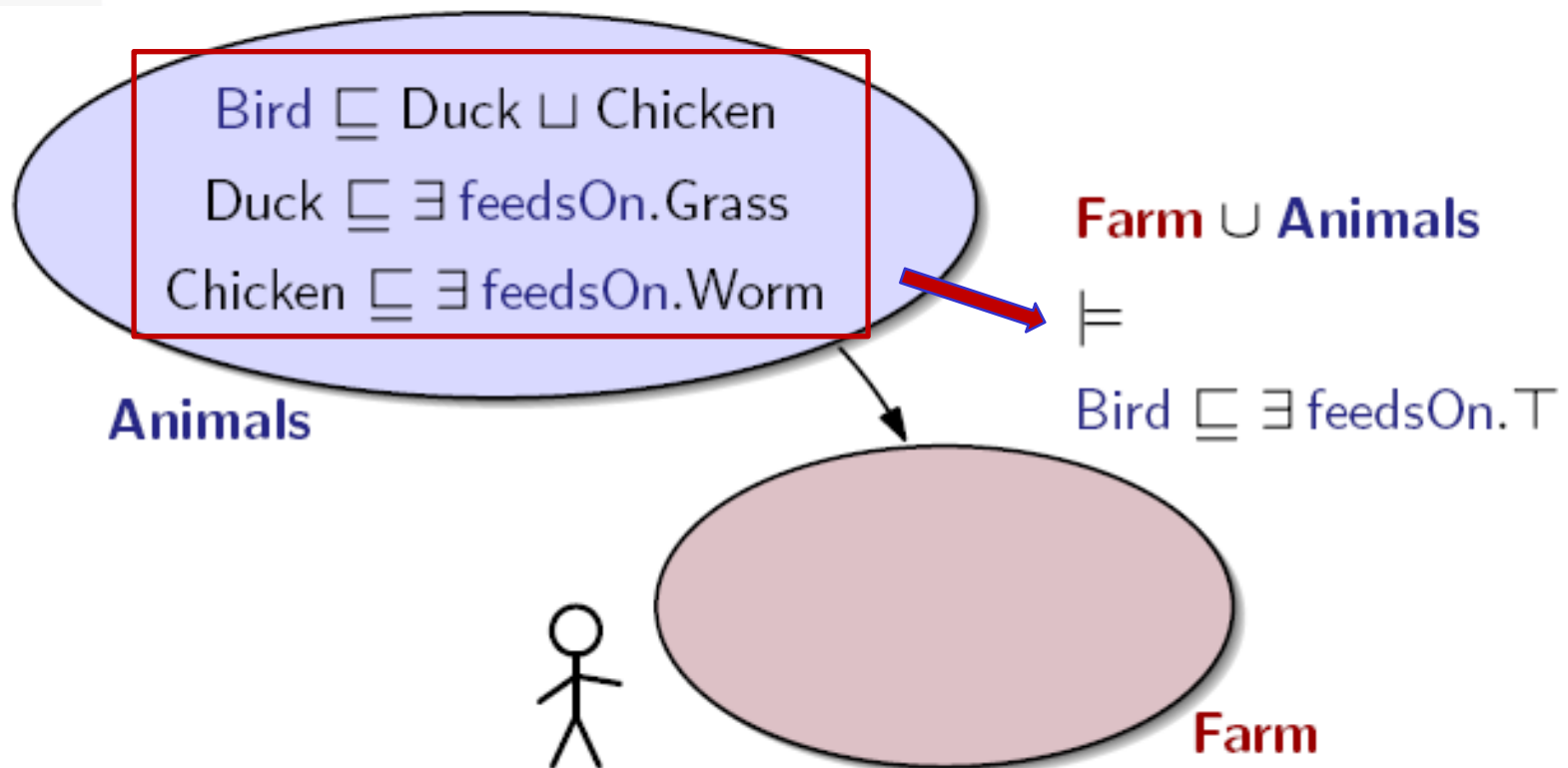
- Let's imagine that we want to import the Animals KB, which contains three axioms, and we want to derive that a bird has to eat something.







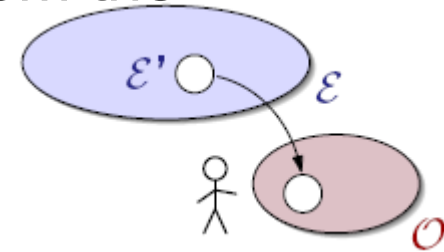




# Coverage. Formal definition and algorithm

- The module  $\mathcal{E}'$  covers the knowledge base  $\mathcal{E}$  for the specified topic if for all classes  $A, B$  built from the specified terms:

if  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E} \models A \subseteq B$ ,  
then  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}' \models A \subseteq B$ .



- Coverage = preserving entailments (that is, no difference between using  $\mathcal{E}$  or  $\mathcal{E}'$ )
  - In general, undecidable
- Use a syntactic approximation
  - Fast!
  - Modules are not minimal in size, but guarantee coverage

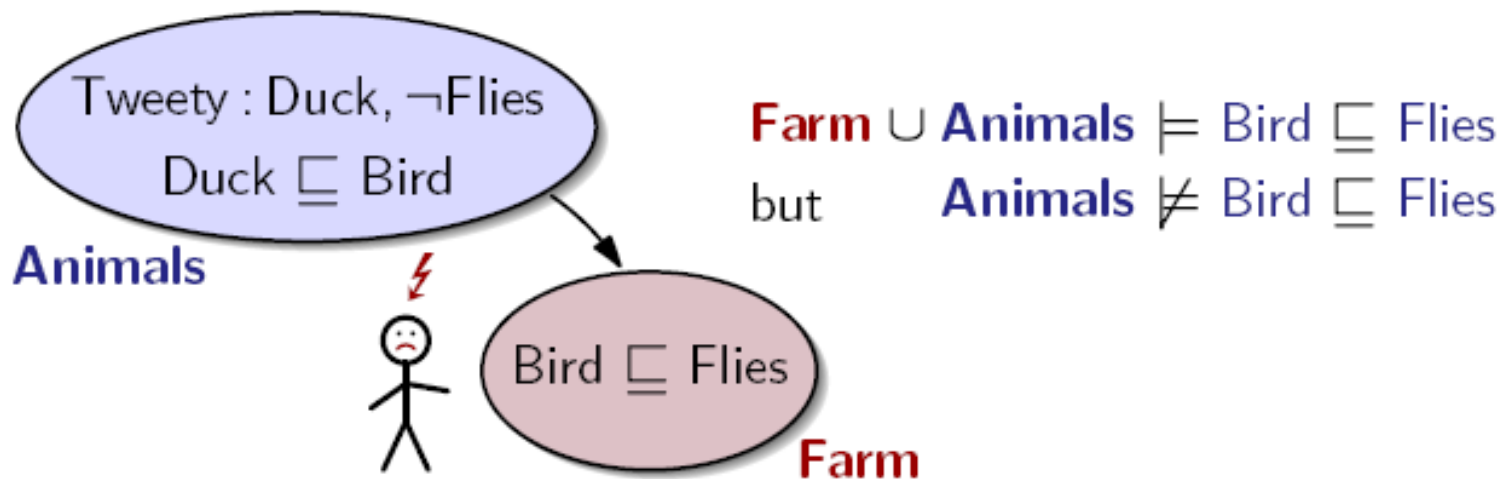
$T \leftarrow \text{topic}; \quad M \leftarrow \emptyset$

While there is non-local axiom  $\alpha$  w.r.t.  $\underline{T \cup \text{sig}(M)}$  do:

$M \leftarrow M \cup \{\alpha\}$

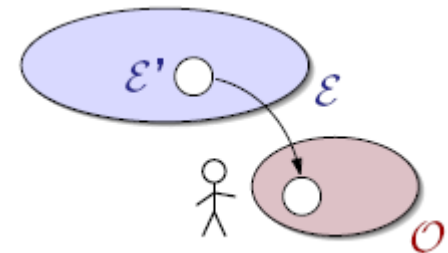
*extended topic*

- **Goal:** Don't change the meaning of imported terms.
  - That is, don't add new knowledge about the imported topic.
  - e.g., because you are not an expert in this topic
- **Question:** Which axioms are we allowed to write?



- Our knowledge base  $O$  uses the imported terms safely if for all classes  $A, B$  built from the imported terms:

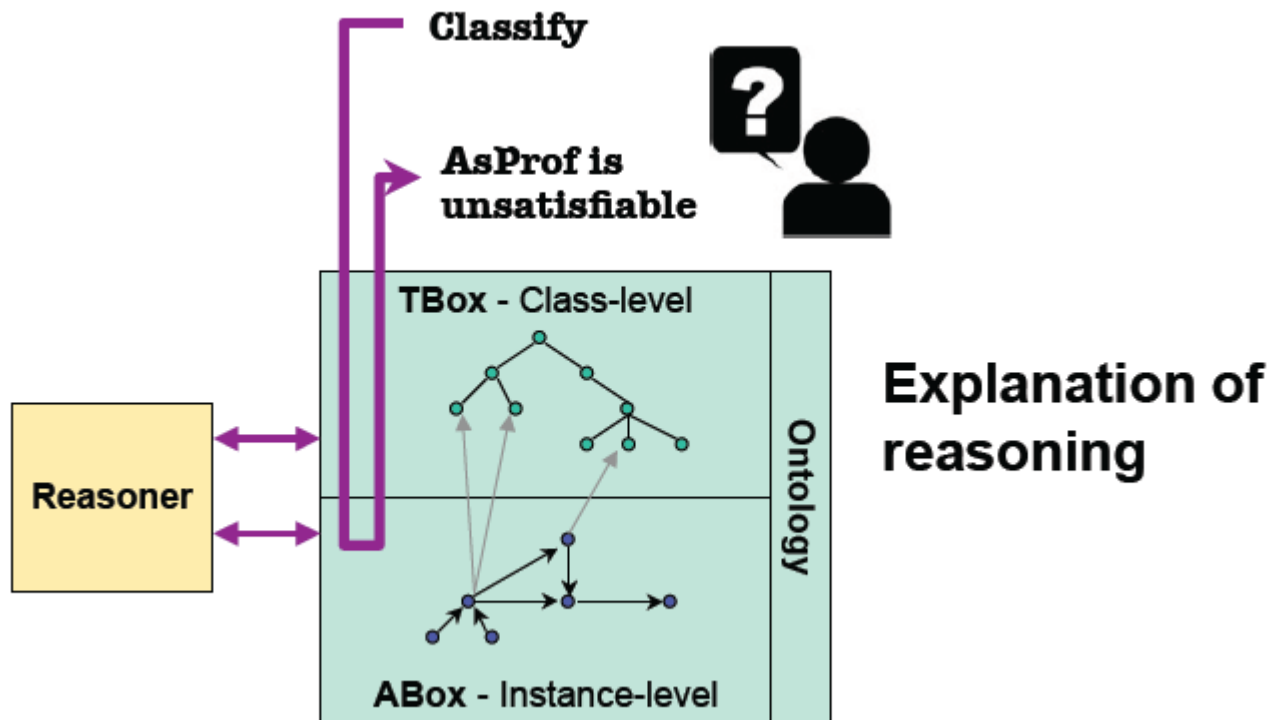
If  $\varepsilon' \not\models A \subseteq B$ ,  
 then  $O \cup \varepsilon' \not\models A \subseteq B$



- Safety = preserving non-entailments
- Safety is also provided by locality (= sufficient condition).

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- How do we know which unsatisfiable classes to focus on?
- Example: the TAMBIS ontology contains **144** unsatisfiable classes



- How do we know where to start?
  - The satisfiability of one class may depend on the satisfiability of another class
  - The tools show unsatisfiable class names in red

- A class whose satisfiability depends on another class is known as a derived unsatisfiable class
- An unsatisfiable class that is not a derived unsatisfiable class is a root unsatisfiable class
- Root unsatisfiable classes should be examined and fixed first

- Justifications are a kind of explanation
  - Justifications are minimal subsets of an ontology that are sufficient for a given entailment to hold
  - Also known as MUPS (Minimal Unsatisfiability-Preserving Sub-TBox), MinAs

$$\mathcal{O} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n\} \quad \mathcal{O} \models \eta$$

$$J \subseteq \mathcal{O} \quad J \models \eta$$

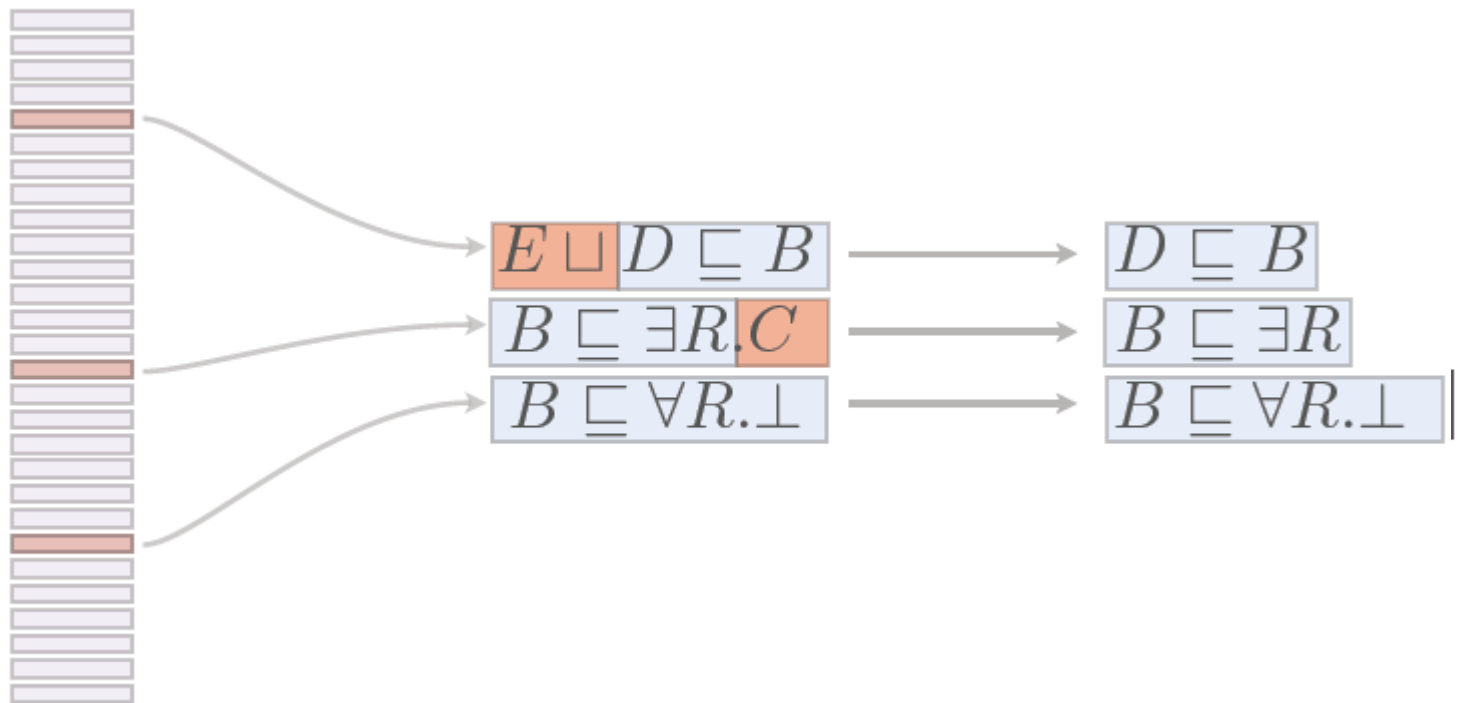
$$\forall J' \subset J \quad J' \not\models \eta$$

# Justifications and root unsatisfiable classes

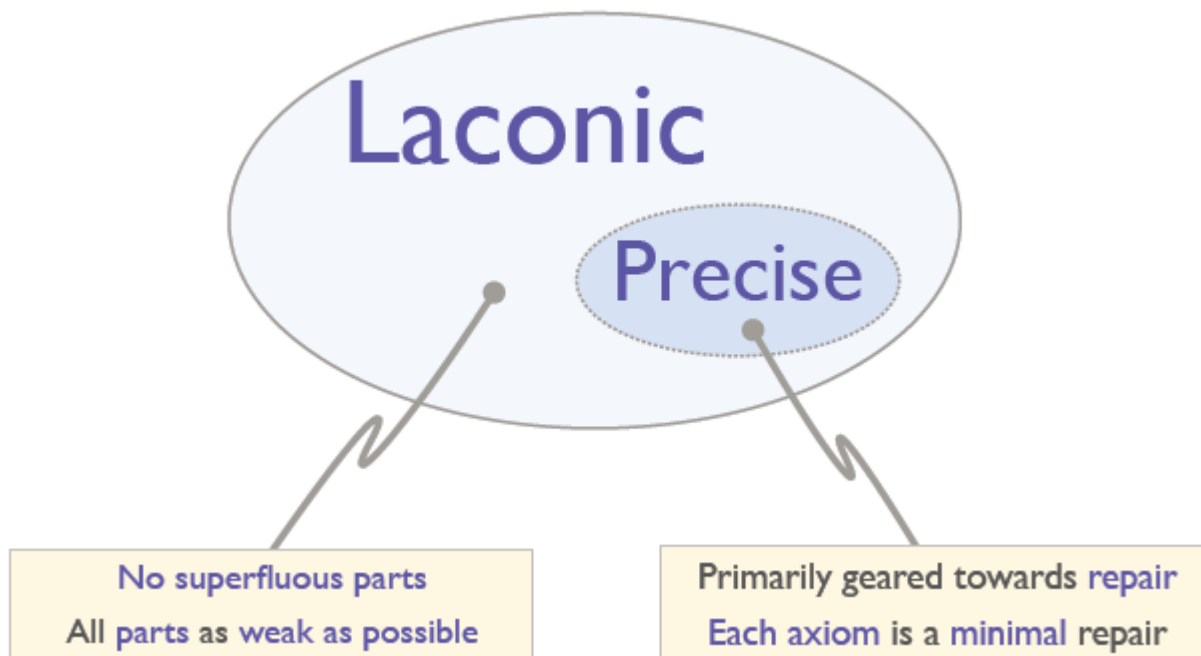
- There may be multiple justifications for an entailment
- For a given entailment, if there are multiple justifications they may overlap
- Removing one axiom from each justification breaks the justifications so that the entailment is no longer supported by the remaining axioms.
- A class is a **derived unsatisfiable class** if it has a justification that is a superset of a justification for some other unsatisfiable class.
- An unsatisfiable class that is not derived is a **root unsatisfiable class**, i.e., none of its justifications contains a justification of another unsatisfiable class.

# Protégé approach to finding justifications

- Black box approach (expand-contract strategy)
  - Create an empty ontology
  - Expand until expression is unsatisfiable
  - Prune until the expression is satisfiable
  - Several optimisations, including the use of modularity
  - Aiming at removing superfluous axioms



# Regular, Laconic and Precise Justifications



$$\mathcal{O} = \{ A \sqsubseteq D \sqcap \textcircled{= 1R.C \sqcap B} \\ D \sqsubseteq \forall R.C \sqcap F' \\ E \equiv \exists R.C \sqcap \forall R.C \} \models A \sqsubseteq E$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & A \sqsubseteq D \sqcap \textcircled{\geq 1R} \\ & D \sqsubseteq \forall R.C \\ & \exists R.C \sqcap \forall R.C \sqsubseteq E \end{aligned}$$

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