CSCI-620

Data Integration

Data integration

- We often need to combine data from multiple sources
- There are multiple strategies for this
  - Data warehousing
  - Federation
  - Data lakes

Data Warehouse

- Where data is stored in a form suitable for analysis and reporting
- Data is often denormalized to make reports faster to generate
- Warehouses usually contain historical data (possibly from multiple sources) that is refreshed periodically

Extract Transform Load

- **Extract** data from multiple sources useful for reporting
- **Transform** the data into a format more suitable for analysis
- **Load** the data into the warehouse

Views

- Creates shortcuts for repeated or common queries
- Views may be *materialized* (stored) to make complex queries faster
- Materialized views must be manually updated or they will return old data
- Some systems will automatically rewrite queries to use materialized views

```
CREATE VIEW doctors_with_supervisor
AS SELECT d.*, supervisor, s.firstName ||
' ' || s.lastName AS supervisorName
FROM Doctor d JOIN SupervisedBy ON
d.ssn=supervisee JOIN Doctor s ON
s.ssn=supervisor;
```

CREATE VIEW

```
SELECT s.* FROM salaries_by_dept s JOIN
Department d ON d.id=s.department;
```

```
SELECT s.* FROM (SELECT Doctor.department,
MIN(Doctor.salary), MAX(Doctor.salary) FROM
Doctor GROUP BY Doctor.department) s JOIN
Department d ON d.id=s.department;
```

View expansion

```
EXPLAIN SELECT s.* FROM salaries_by_dept s JOIN
Department d ON d.id=s.department;

 Hash Join
   Hash Cond: (d.id = doctor.department)
   ->  Seq Scan on department d
   ->  Hash
       ->  HashAggregate
             Group Key: doctor.department
             ->  Seq Scan on doctor
```

View expansion

```
CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW
salaries_by_dept AS SELECT
department, MIN(salary),
MAX(salary) FROM Doctor GROUP BY
department;
```

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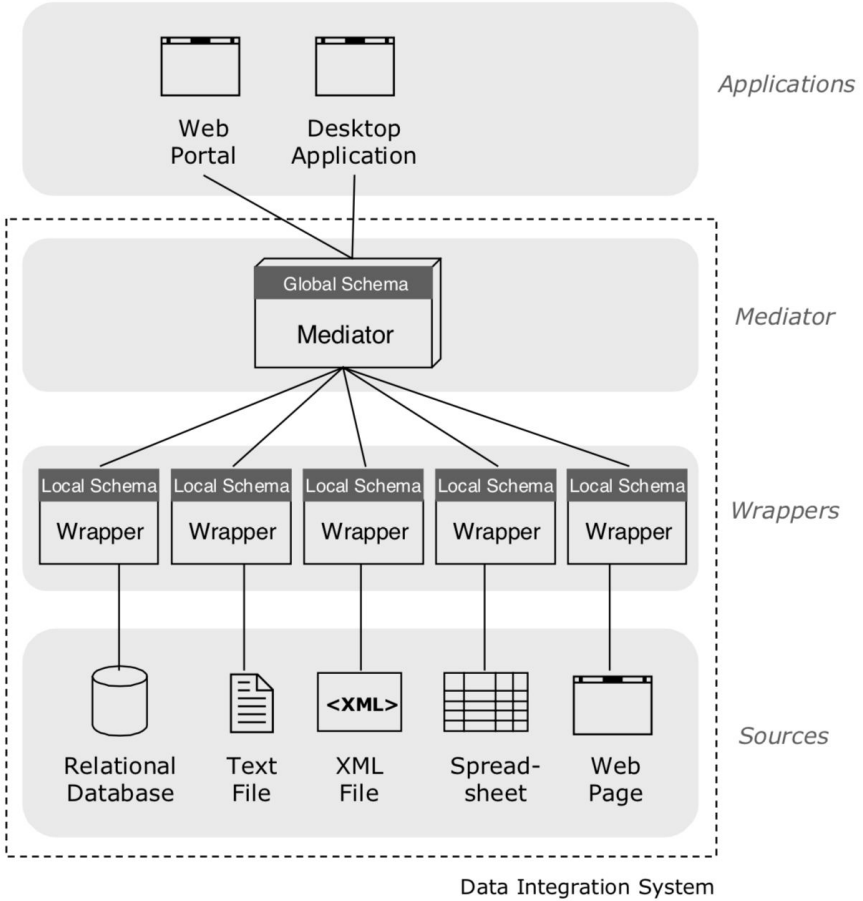
   ->  Seq Scan on salaries_by_dept s
   ->  Hash
       ->  Seq Scan on department d
```

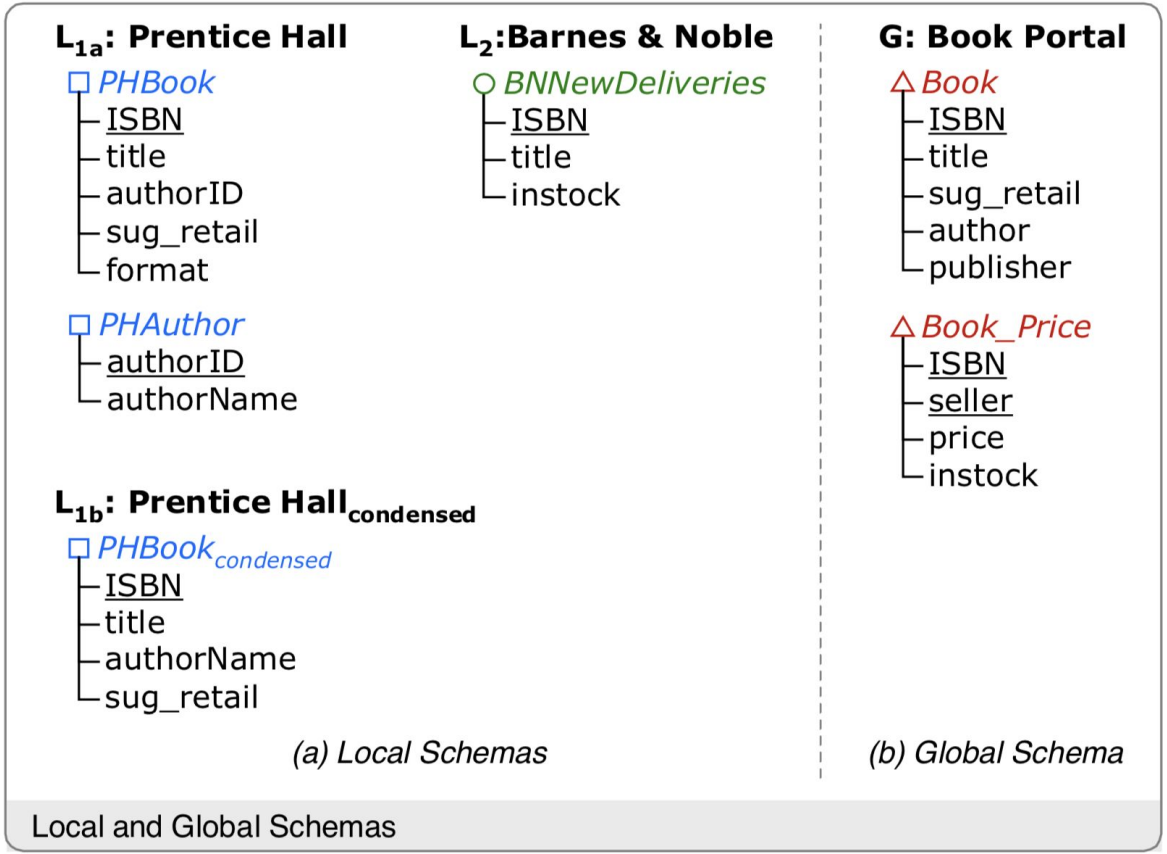
Materialized view querying

Global schema

- When integrating data, our goal is to produce a *global* or shared schema
- We can write the global schema or each of our local schemas as a view



View-based data integration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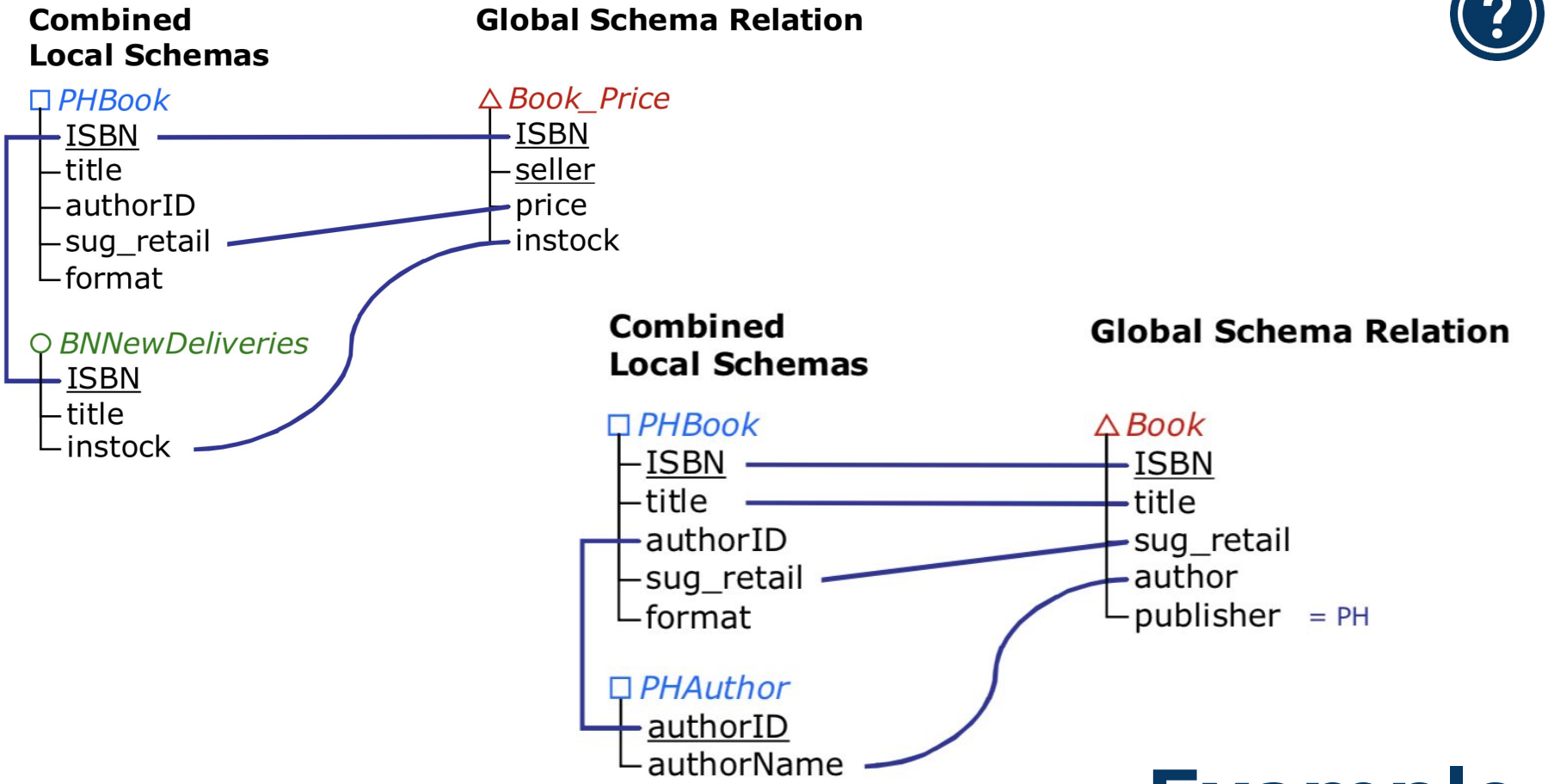
(a) Local Schemas
(b) Global Schema
Local and Global Schemas

Example

Global as view (GAV)

- If sources are unlikely to change, we can express our global schema G as a view over each data source L_i
- Queries on the global schema are easy to execute based on this mapping
- Adding a new source later is hard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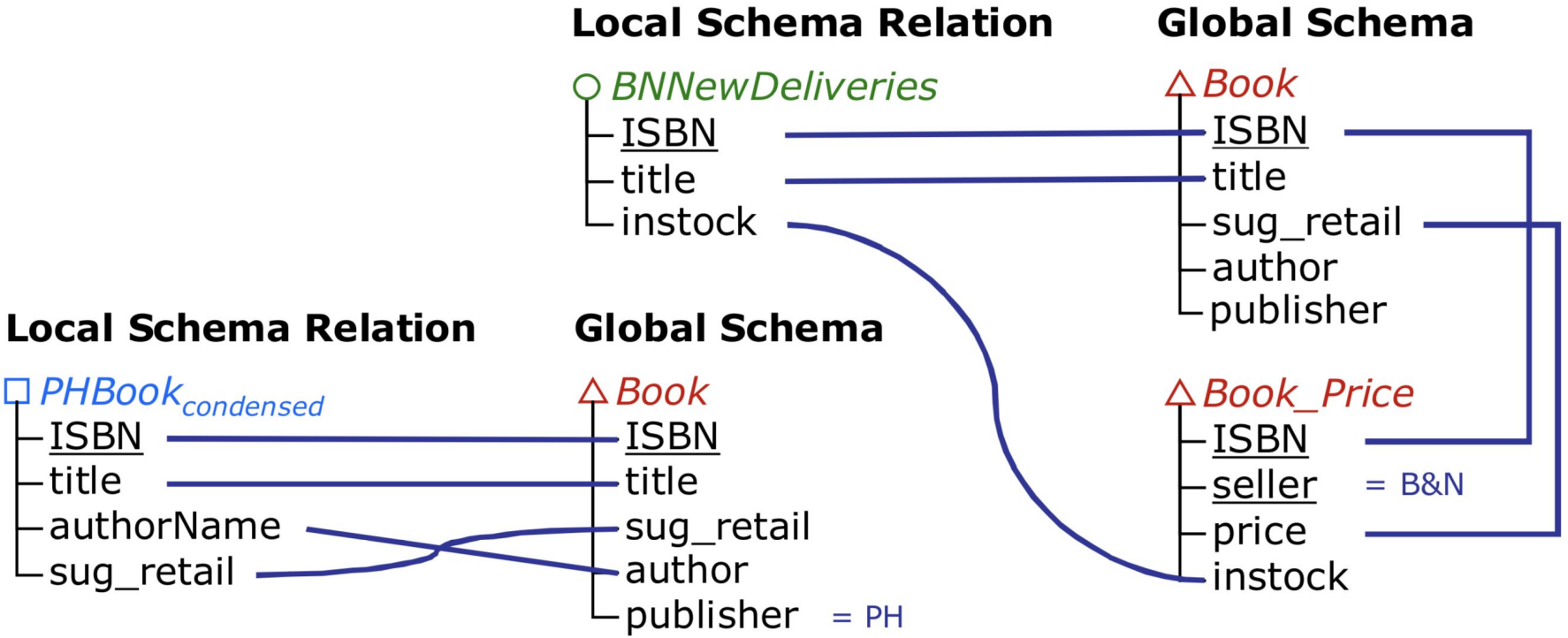
Example

Local as view (LAV)

- When sources change frequently, we can instead express each source as a view over the global schema
- Processing queries is harder
- Adding new sources is easy since we only need to write a single view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Example

Global	Cust (ID, firstName, lastName, ...) CustPhones(ID, Type, PhoneNum, ...)
Source 1	Customers (ID, firstName, lastName, homePhone, cellPhone, ...)
Source 2	Customers (ID, firstName, lastName, ...) CustomersPhones(ID, Type, PhoneNum)

Another Example

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Federation

- A *federated* database system allows one database to connect to other systems
- For example, PostgreSQL has foreign data wrappers for this purpose
- Queries can then join with data on other systems with each executing part of the query

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE employees (
    id integer,
    name text,
    address text)
SERVER mysql_svr
OPTIONS (table 'hr.employees');
```

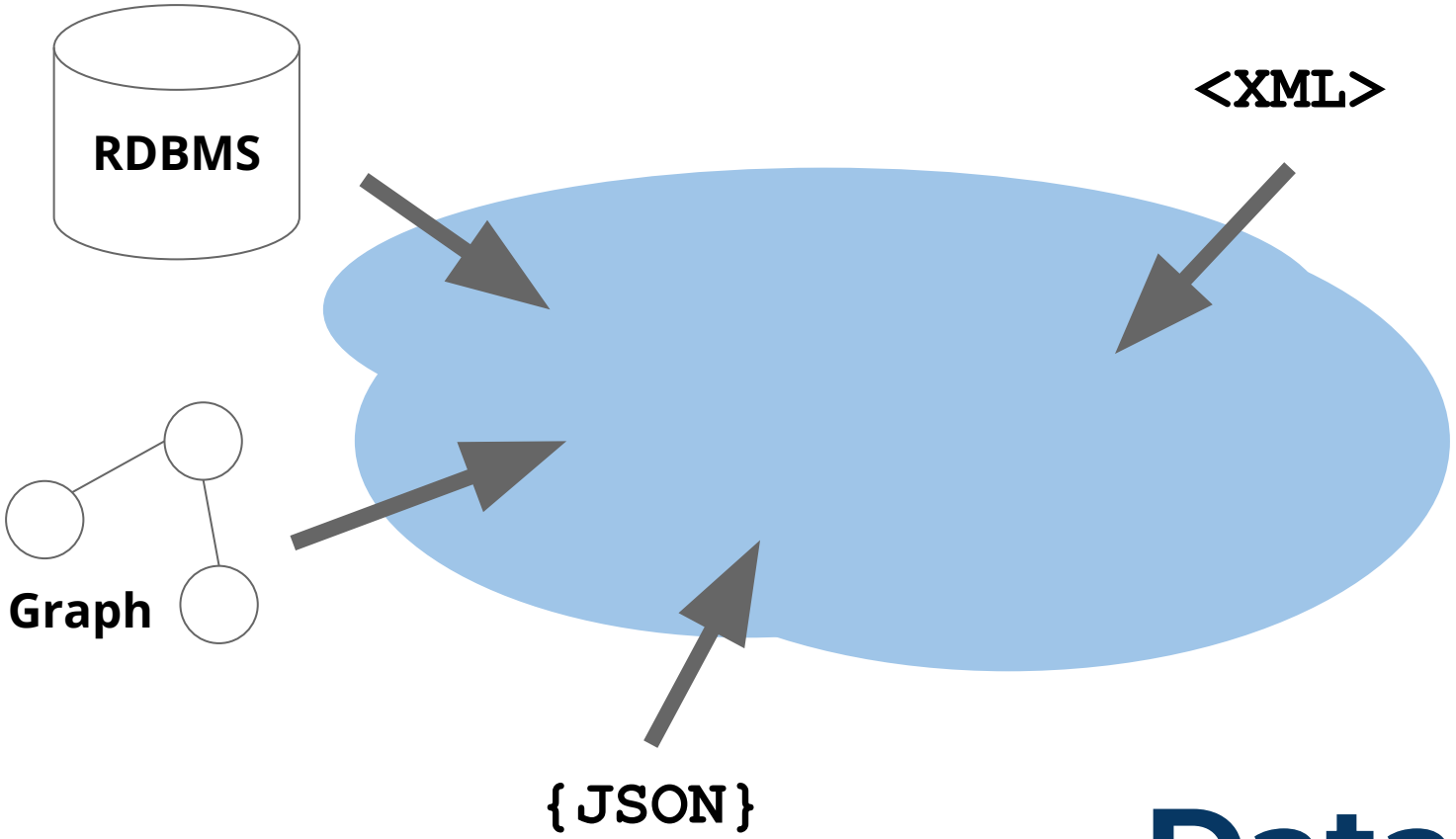
Foreign data wrapper

Data lakes

- One problem with data warehousing is that ETL can be time-consuming
- If we have a lot of data, then it may not be possible to keep up
- Instead, a data lake just collects large amounts of data without any transformation step

Data lakes

- Skipping the transform steps solves the velocity problem
- However, data is now in many different formats making queries challenging
- We need to make sure we maintain appropriate *metadata* for the data



Data lake

Other integration problems

- **Schema matching**
  Aligning schemas from different sources
- **Entity resolution**
  Identifying the same real world thing across sources

Schema matching

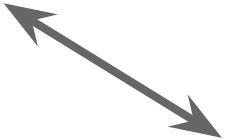
- Data may come from different systems but we want to connect them together
- This has several challenges
  - Syntax - languages used by the DBs
  - Structure - layout of records
  - Semantics - description used

```
CREATE TABLE users(
  id INT PRIMARY KEY,
  username VARCHAR(50));
```

```
db.createCollection("users", {
  validator: {$jsonSchema: {
    bsonType: "object",
    required: ["username"],
    properties: {username: {bsonType: "string"}}
}})
```

Syntactic heterogeneity

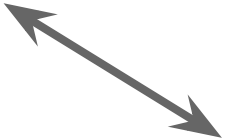
Customer			
id	street	city	zip
3	One Lomb Memorial Drive	Rochester	14623



Customer	
id	address
3	One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, 14623

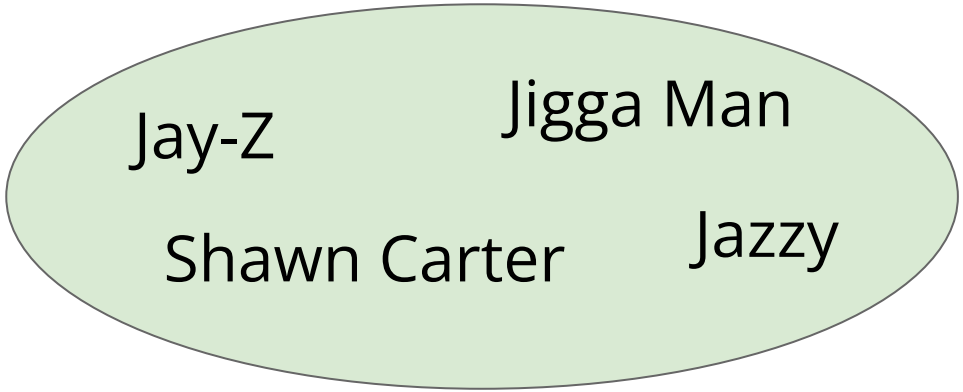
Structural heterogeneity

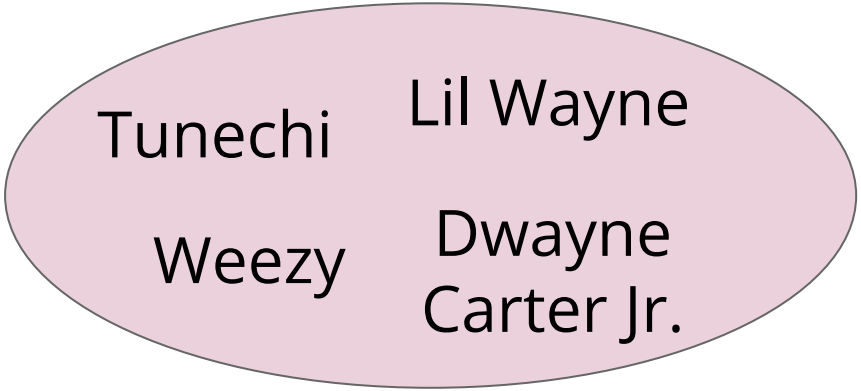
Customer			
id	company	balance	username
3	RIT	37000	rit

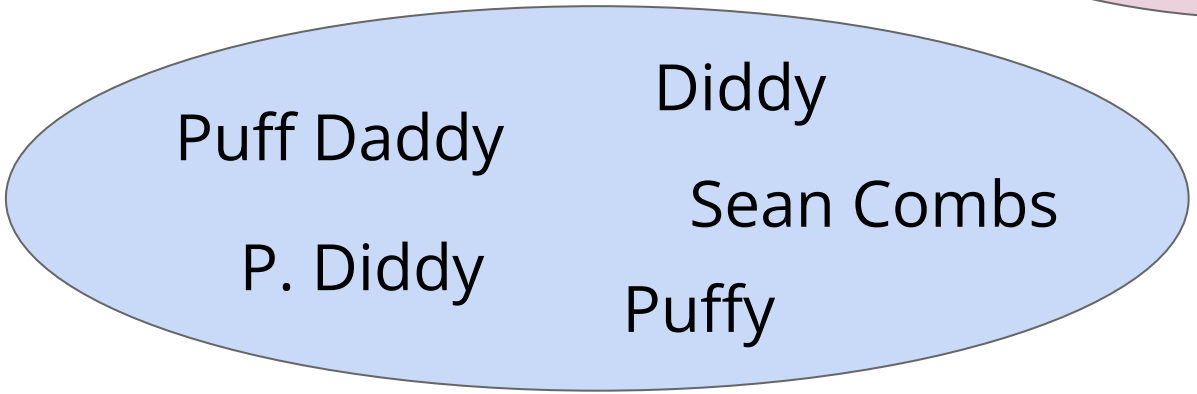


Client			
account	business	amount	login
3	RIT	37000	rit

Semantic heterogeneity







Entity Resolution

Ontologies

- Ontologies provide a standardized representation of semantics that can be shared across data sources

- Several large scale instances exist:
  - Google Knowledge Graph
  - DBpedia
  - Schema.org