

# COMP474-6741 Project Assignment #1

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## 1 Competency Questions

The competency questions focused on how the agent would be able to assess relations between the student class and the university class as well as testing various types of SPARQL queries. Including the first 3 that were mentioned in the handout, they are as follows:

1. What is course [COURSE NAME][COURSE NUMBER] about?
2. Which topics is [STUDENT FIRSTNAME] [STUDENT LASTNAME] competent in?
3. Which courses at [UNIVERSITY] teaches [TOPIC].
4. What are all the courses for [COURSE NAME].
5. How many students are registered for [COURSE ID]
6. What courses are worth [CREDITS] credits?
7. What are the topics of [COURSE NAME][COURSE NUMBER]
8. Which students have retaken the same course at least twice?
9. Which students failed [COURSE NAME][COURSE NUMBER] and did not retake it?
10. What are the [REQUIREMENT STATUS] readings' [TITLE] and [URL] in [COURSE SUBJECT AREA] [COURSE CATALOG] offered by [UNIVERSITY] in lecture [NUMBER]?

## 2 Vocabulary

The vocabulary and schema of the knowledge base were modeled by following standard W3C technologies: RDF and RDFS, by utilizing existing vocabularies <sup>1</sup>: Dublin Core, DBpedia, foaf, owl, vcard, wikidata, xsd, and vivo and were extended using developed classes and properties [1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10]. Table 1 highlights the classes and properties used to model the information <sup>2</sup>. Existing vocabularies were utilized in the modeling of the schema for properties and classes wherever possible as they're well maintained, updated regularly, commonly used, and link the data to existing knowledge graphs.

<sup>1</sup>For more details regarding classes and properties used from existing vocabularies refer to figure 1 in the appendix.

<sup>2</sup>For more details regarding developed classes and properties refer to the schema.

Information	Class/Property
Universities	vivo:University
University name	rdfs:label
Link	owl:sameAs
Courses	vivo:Course
Course name	vivo:Title
Course subject	vivo:hasSubjectArea
Course number	vivo:identification
Course credits	vivo:CourseCredits
Course description	vivo:description
Course outline	focu:outline
Lectures	focu:lecture
Lecture number	bibo:number
Lecture name	vivo:Title
Lecture content	vivo:contains
Slides	focu:slide
Worksheets	focu:worksheet
Readings	focu:readings
Other material	focu:otherMaterial
Topics	focu:topic
Provenance information	focu:source
Students	focu:vivoStudent
Student name(first, last)	foaf:givenName, foaf:familyName
Student ID number	vivo:identification
Student email	foaf:mbox
Student completed courses	focu:completedCourse
Student competencies	focu:hasExpertise

Table 1: Information and Vocabulary

## 3 Knowledge Base Construction

The data for courses was taken from Concordia open data website [11] and the data for universities was taken from DBpedia. As for other files (e.g., outline, slides, worksheets, ... of previous courses) local copies attained from course website and Moodle were used. To populate the knowledge base, for each information class: universities, courses, lectures, topics, and students a getRDF script was developed to generate related triples. The getRDF script for universities, courses, lectures, and students generates the triples automatically while the getRDF script for topics is hard coded to generate triples for topics covered in COMP 474 and COMP 6721 courses <sup>3</sup>.

## 4 Queries

For translating the competency questions into queries, the values that are surrounded by square braces are given values for the queries. These would be used as starting points for the queries, eventually these will be part of the user's input which will change

<sup>3</sup>The triples are hard coded for phase 1 as mentioned in the instructions extracting information about topics requires NLP techniques that will be part of phase 2

depending on the request without having to rewrite the entire query. As for the return values, these depended on what the question was. In general, the question was analyzed to see which class would contain the desired values then using the input values to form a series of triples that would link to them. Example outputs of the queries are as follows, note that for some of the queries only a small sample of their output is shown and due to the random generated nature of the knowledge base, the outputs shown are for a certain instance of the knowledge base:

courseName	courseNumber	title	courseDesc
COMP	474	Intelligent Systems	Rule-based expert systems...

Table 2: What is COMP 474 about?

label	expertises
State Space Search	...courseID_040353_topic_1
Alpha-Beta Pruning	...courseID_040353_topic_2
Artificial Neural Networks	...courseID_040353_topic_7
...	...

Table 3: Which topics is Karra Walton competent in?

title	subjectArea
Theoretical Problems in Religion and Culture	RELI
The New Imperialism	SOCI
Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa	ANTH
...	...

Table 4: Which courses at Concordia teaches anthropology?

course	subjectCode	courseNumber
SELECTED TOPICS IN SOFTWARE	COMP	749
Techniques in Symbolic Computation	COMP	367
Design and Analysis of Algorithms	COMP	465
...	...	...

Table 5: What are all the courses for COMP

?id	?title	?count
47892	Promote your Research using Open Access	4

Table 6: How many students are registered for courseID 47892?

title	subjectCode	courseNumber	credit
NONLINEAR SYSTEMS	ENGR	6141	4
TUTORIAL IN INF SYS/INT.CONT	ACCO	603	4
CAPSTONE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING DESIGN PROJECT	AERO	490	4
...	...	...	...

Table 7: What courses are worth 4.0 credits?

label
Artificial Neural Network
Intelligent Agent
SPARQL
...

Table 8: What are the topics of COMP 474?

subjectArea	catalog	studentID	nbTimesTaken
CEPS	1012EO	49182836	2
CECR	1102	47266970	2
CEBD	1300	49237110	2
...	...	...	...

Table 9: Which students have retaken the same course at least twice?

studentID	courseName	courseNumber	grade
44067924	CERA	452	F

Table 10: Which students has failed CERA 452 and did not retake it?

uniName	subjectArea	catalog	lecNum
Concordia University	COMP	474	2
Concordia University	COMP	474	2
Concordia University	COMP	474	2
Concordia University	COMP	474	2

Table 11: What are the required readings for COMP 474 offered by Concordia in lecture 2?

requirement	title	website
...data#required	[Yu14,Chapters1,2]...	<a href="https://concordia...">https://concordia...</a>
...data#supplemental	[Wor14](RDFPrimer)...	<a href="http://www.w3.org...">http://www.w3.org...</a>
...data#supplemental	[RN10,Chapter12]...	<a href="https://concordia...">https://concordia...</a>
...data#supplemental	Graphdatabases...	<a href="https://www.youtube...">https://www.youtube...</a>

Table 12: What are the readings for COMP 474 offered by Concordia in lecture 2? (Cont.)

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