



A Simple API to the KnowledgeStore

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Background / Motivation

- NewsReader: : the "History" Recorder
- KnowledgeStore: interlinked storage of news and SW content
- Goals:
 - ease web developers access to KS SPARQL +
 CRUD endpoints
 - limit "creativity" in query formulation





Implementation

- Python Flask App
- Modular queries
 - New queries need relatively little code
- Self-documenting
 - Bootstrap CSS to make things look nice
- Testing





Lessons Learned

- Learning SPARQL on toy datasets vs. real datasets
- A URI is not (necessarily) an answer...
- Web developers expect paged results
- SPARQL Query optimization may lead to big performance improvement





In use

- London Hackathon (June 2014)
 - Focused on FIFA World Cup
 - 40 developers
 - 30K queries, 20 queries/s
 - 10 projects





Pointers

Simple API

http://newsreader.scraperwiki.com

Simple API code

https://bitbucket.org/scraperwikids/newsreader_api_flask_app



http://www.newsreader-project.eu

KnowledgeStore

https://knowledgestore.fbk.eu



