Visual Search Demonstrator

Stefan Velev
Semantic Web, 0MI3400521
Big Data Technologies, GATE Institute
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"







CONTENTS

- I. Introduction
- II. Technology Stack
- III. Data
- **IV. Project Steps**
- V. Results

- Visual search demonstrator built using Sparnatural, a tool that enables intuitive SPARQL query building through a natural language-inspired interface
- Accessible, user-friendly way to explore and analyse election-related data stored in GraphDB
- Elections Graph structured data about Bulgarian parliamentary and local elections from multiple years, including sections, parties, candidates, and vote counts
- Sparnatural integration can be embedded in any HTML page as a custom Web Component
- Sparnatural configuration entirely driven by SHACL files, which describe the structure and semantics
 of the underlying data

SPARNATURAL

SPARNATURAL



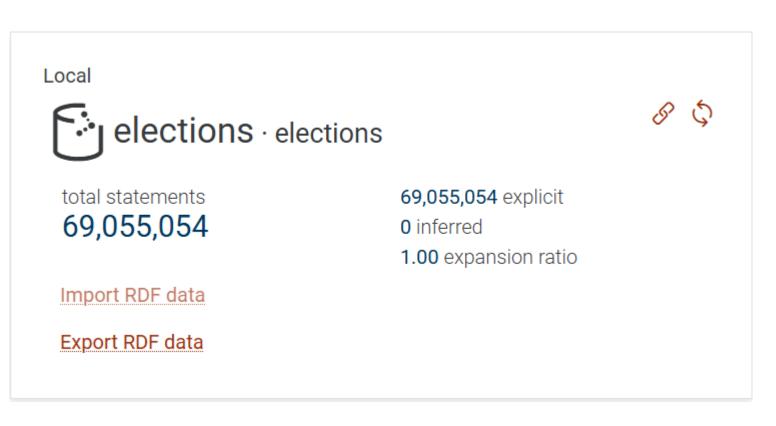






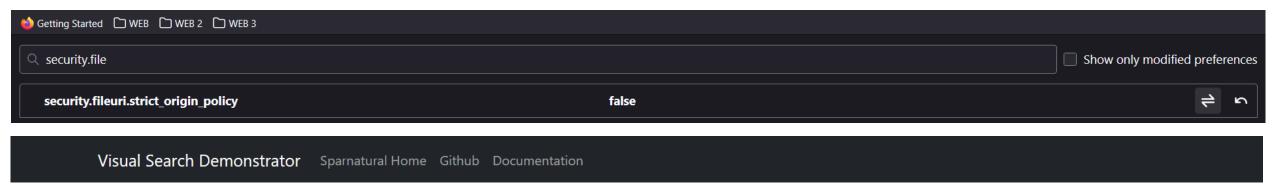
Elections Knowledge Graph

https://elections.ontotext.com/graphdb/



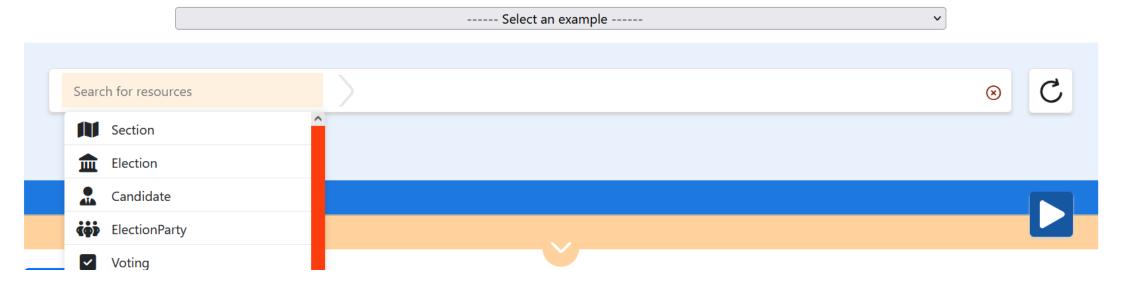


1. Enable dynamic loading of local files in Firefox Browser



Visual Search Demonstrator - Elections Graph

Queries are sent to https://elections.ontotext.com/graphdb/repositories/elections



2. Connect with Elections Graph in GraphDB using proxy

```
<spar-natural
    src="myconfig.ttl"
    endpoint="https://proxy.sparnatural.eu/sparql-
proxy/sparql?endpoint=https://elections.ontotext.com/graphdb/repositories/elections"
    lang="en"
    defaultLang="en"
    distinct="true"
    limit="1000"
    debug="true">
</spar-natural>
```

SPARQL Proxy

This is a proxy for SPARQL endpoints, to avoid CORS or security issues, when an HTML page deployed on an https server wants to query a SPARQL service deployed on a http server.

The proxy simply works by issuing SPARQL query to sparql?endpoint={your-encoded-sparql-endpoint-url}. These URL are SPARQL-compliant endpoints, and in particular they expect a query URL parameter

Here is a test link: spargl?query=SELECT%20%2A%20WHERE%20%7B%3Fs%20%3Fp%20%3Fo%7D%20LIMIT%2010&endpoint=http%3A%2F%2Fdbpedia.org%2Fspargl

/!\ Warning: of course this is only a temporary workaround, you must not use this proxy in production!

3. Setup configuration

URI of the entities. This column will use the "this" prefix declared in the prefixes tab. URI	The sort order of the entity in the class dropdown list. This is an integer, e.g. "1", "2", etc. sh:order^^xsd:integer	The Fontawesome icon code for the class, e.g. "fa-duotone fa-user". Search for icon codes at https://fontawesome.com /. Fontawesome provides a limited number of icons for free, and you can buy a license to access the full set of icons. volipi:iconName	This should **always** be sh:NodeShape. rdf:type(separator=", ")	This is the identifier of the class in the OWL ontology to which the entity in the configuration corresponds. This column will use the prefix of your ontology declared in the "prefixes" tab. sh:targetClass	English label that will be displayed in Sparnatural. rdfs:label@en	French display label. Adjust the language code in the cell below to another language if needed. rdfs:label@fr	The English tooltip for the entity. sh:description@en
my:Section	1	fa-solid fa-map	sh:NodeShape	my:Section	Section		Represents a voting section or precinct where voting takes place
my:Election	2	fa-solid fa-landmark	sh:NodeShape	my:Election	Election		Denotes a specific electoral event, such as a parliamentary or local election.
my:Candidate	3	fa-solid fa-user-tie	sh:NodeShape	my:Candidate	Candidate		Represents an individual who is running for election.
my:ElectionParty	4	fa-solid fa-people-group	sh:NodeShape	my:ElectionParty	ElectionParty		Represents a political party participating in a particular election.
my:Voting	5	fa-solid fa-check-square	sh:NodeShape	my:Voting	Voting		Captures the act of casting a vote in an election.
my:Place	6	fa-solid fa-location-dot	sh:NodeShape	my:Place	Place		Denotes a geographical location, such as a city or town.
my:VotingRound	7	fa-solid fa-circle-nodes	sh:NodeShape	my:VotingRound	VotingRound		Captures the voting data specific to a particular round of an election.
my:Party	8	fa-solid fa-flag	sh:NodeShape	my:Party	Party		Represents a political party.
my:Municipality	9	fa-solid fa-city	sh:NodeShape	my:Municipality	Municipality		Denotes a local administrative division, such as a city or town.
my:VotingPlace	10	fa-solid fa-house-flag	sh:NodeShape	my:VotingPlace	VotingPlace		Represents the physical location where voting occurs.
my:LocalParty	11	fa-solid fa-person	sh:NodeShape	my:LocalParty	LocalParty		Represents a political party operating at a local level.
my:MIR		0 , ,	sh:NodeShape	my:MIR	MIR		Denotes a multi-member electoral region.
my:Province		fa-solid fa-map-location	sh:NodeShape	my:Province	Province		Represents a provincial administrative division.
my:MatchedSection		fa-solid fa-link	sh:NodeShape	my:MatchedSection	MatchedSection		Denotes a section that has been matched or aligned with another entity.
my:Neighborhood		•	sh:NodeShape	my:Neighborhood	Neighborhood		Represents a smaller administrative or residential area within a municipality.
my:District	16	fa-solid fa-border-all	sh:NodeShape	my:District	District		Denotes an electoral district or constituency.

my:Voting

my:Section

my:Candidate

my:Election

my:MIR

3. Setup configuration

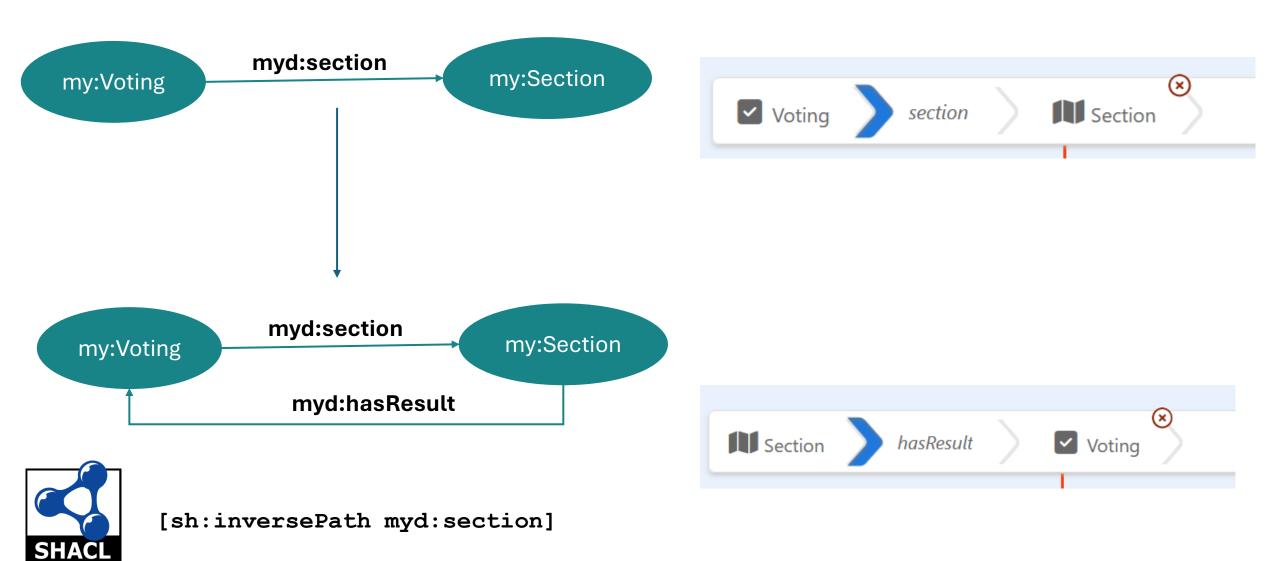
my:MIR					
wgs:hasGeometry_mi	(wgs:hasGeometry wgs	my:MIR	83	hasGeometry	Specifies the location of the given MIR.
myd:number	myd:number	my:MIR	84	number	Specifies the number of the given MIR.
myd:wdid	myd:wdid	my:MIR	85	wdid	Specifies the wikidata entity for the given MIR.
my:Neighborhood					
myd:district_str	myd:district_str	my:Neighborhood	86	district_str	Specifies the district of the given neighborhood.
myd:number	myd:number	my:Neighborhood	87	number	Specifies the number of the given neighborhood.
myd:neighborhood	myd:neighborhood	my:Section	88	neighborhood	Specifies the neighborhood for the given section.
my:District					
myd:mir	myd:mir	my:District	89	mir	Specifies the MIR of the given district.
myd:municipality	myd:municipality	my:District	90	municipality	Specifies the municipality of the given district.
myd:number	myd:number	my:District	91	number	Specifies the number of the given district.
myd:wikidata_entity	myd:wikidata_entity	my:District	92	wikidata_entity	Specifies the wikidata entity for the given district.
myd:district	myd:district	my:Section	93	district	Specifies the district for the given section.
my:VotingPlace					
myd:place	myd:place	my:VotingPlace	94	place	Specifies the place for the given voting place.
wgs:hasGeometry_vo	(wgs:hasGeometry wg	my:VotingPlace	95	hasGeometry	Specifies the location of the given voting place.
myd:address	myd:address	my:VotingPlace	96	address	Specifies the address of the given voting place.
myd:votingPlace	myd:votingPlace	my:Section	97	votingPlace	Specifies the voting place for the given section.
my:MatchedSection					
myd:section	myd:section	my:MatchedSection	98	section	Specifies the sections of the matched section.
myd:number	myd:number	my:MatchedSection	99	number	Specfies the number of the matched section.
myd:matched_section	myd:matched_section	my:Section	100	matched_section	Specifies the matched section for the given section.

3. Setup configuration

my:MIR					
wgs:hasGeometry_mi	sh:Literal	geo:wktLiteral		core:MapProperty	
myd:number	sh:Literal	xsd:integer		core:NumberProperty	
myd:wdid	sh:IRI			core:ListProperty	
my:Neighborhood					
myd:district_str	sh:Literal	xsd:string		core:ListProperty	
myd:number	sh:Literal	xsd:integer		core:NumberProperty	
myd:neighborhood	sh:IRI		my:Neighborhood	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
my:District					
myd:mir	sh:IRI		my:MIR	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
myd:municipality	sh:IRI		my:Municipality	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
myd:number	sh:Literal	xsd:string		core:ListProperty	
myd:wikidata_entity	sh:IRI			core:ListProperty	
myd:district	sh:IRI		my:District	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
my:VotingPlace					
myd:place	sh:IRI		my:Place	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
wgs:hasGeometry_vo	sh:Literal	geo:wktLiteral		core:MapProperty	
myd:address	sh:Literal	xsd:string		core:ListProperty	
myd:votingPlace	sh:IRI		my:VotingPlace	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom
my:MatchedSection					
myd:section	sh:IRI		my:Section	core:ListProperty	
myd:number	sh:Literal	xsd:string		core:ListProperty	
myd:matched_section	sh:IRI		my:MatchedSection	core:ListProperty	datasources:list_rdfslabel_alpha_with_count_custom

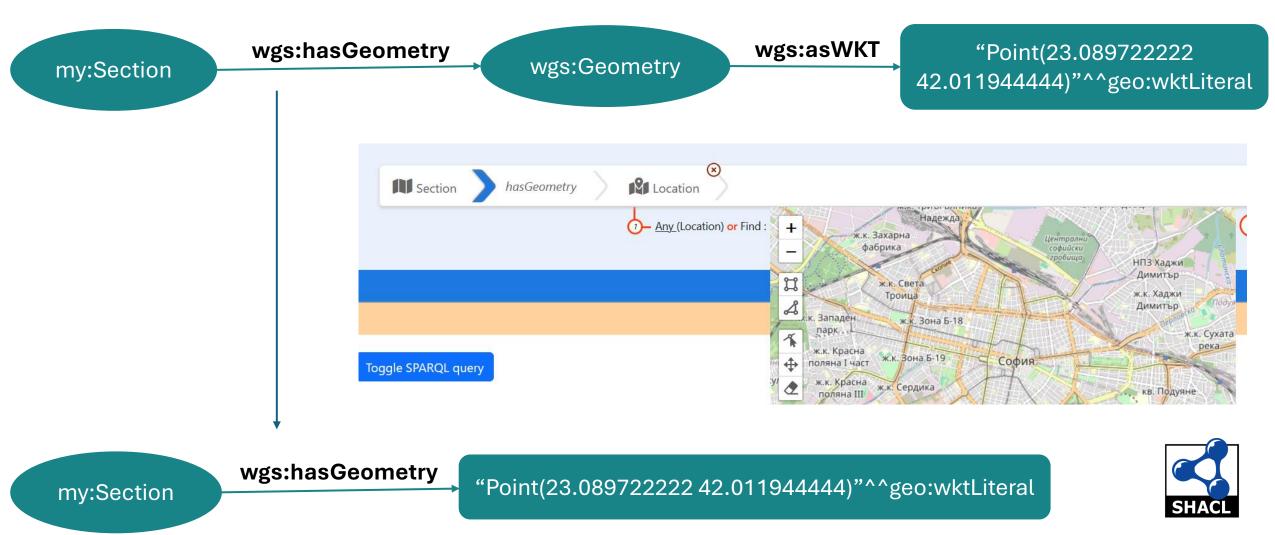


3.1 Querying inverse properties



02/07/2025 Semantic Web 11

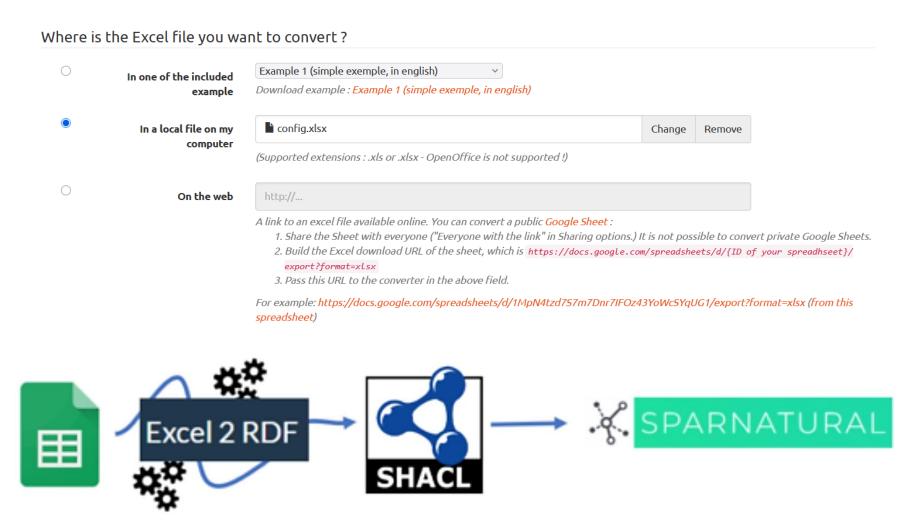
3.2 Querying a sequence of properties



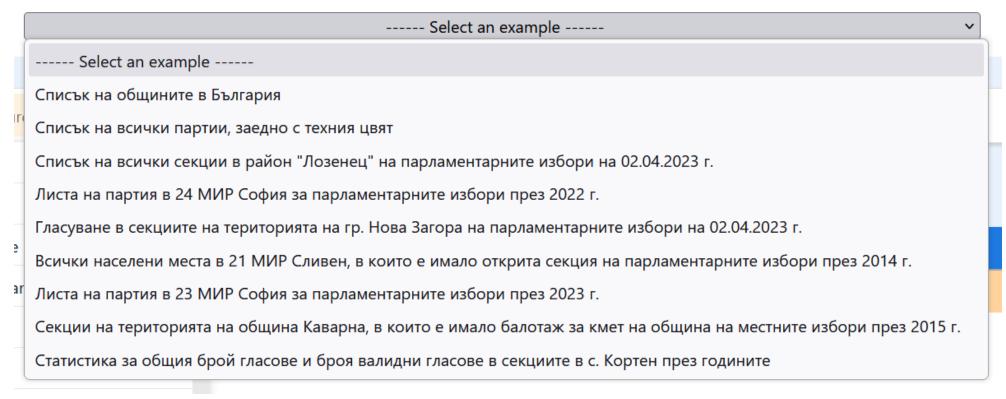
(wgs:hasGeometry wgs:asWKT)

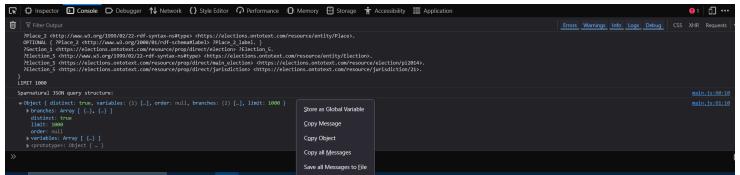
4. Convert the spreadsheet in RDF

https://skos-play.sparna.fr/play/convert?lang=en



5. Create example queries

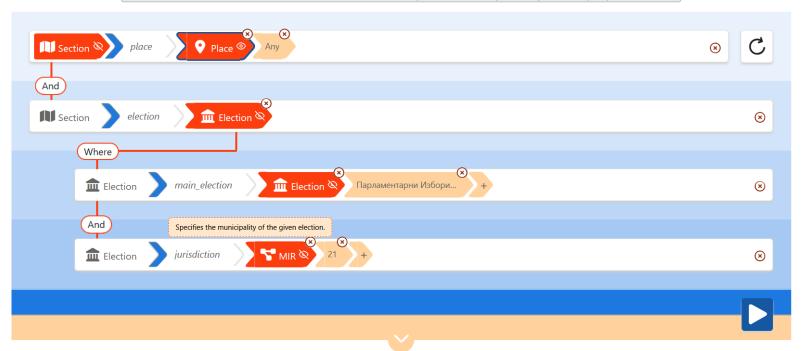




Visual Search Demonstrator - Elections Graph

Queries are sent to https://proxy.sparnatural.eu/spargl-proxy/spargl?endpoint=https://elections.ontotext.com/graphdb/repositories/elections

Всички населени места в 21 МИР Сливен, в които е имало открита секция на парламентарните избори през 2014 г. 🔻



П Секция 234609001 в гр.София

- main_election : Парламентарни Избори 2023
 (Election)
- municipality : Столична община (Municipality)
- neighborhood : м. Лозенец част 3 (Neighborhood)
- isMobile : false
- streetAddress : 120 ОУ Г.С.Раковски ,пл. Папа Йоан Павел . 7
- district : Лозенец (District)
- countMachines: 1
- date: 2023-04-02

П Секция 234609002 в гр.София

- main_election : Парламентарни Избори 2023
 (Election)
- municipality: Столична община (Municipality)
- neighborhood : м. Лозенец част 3 (Neighborhood)
- isMobile : false
- streetAddress : 120 ОУ Г.С.Раковски ,пл. Папа Йоан П��вел , 7
- district : Лозенец (District)
- countMachines: 1
- date: 2023-04-02

Ш Секция 234609003 в гр.София

- main_election: Парламентарни Избори 2023 (Election)
- municipality : Столична община (Municipality)
- neighborhood : м. Лозенец част 3 (Neighborhood)
- isMobile : false
- streetAddress: 120 ОУ Г.С.Раковски ,пл. Папа Йоан Павел . 7
- district : Лозенец (District)
- countMachines: 1
- date: 2023-04-02

П Секция 234609004 в гр.София

- main_election : Парламентарни Избори 2023
 (Election)
- municipality : Столична община (Municipality)
- neighborhood : м. Лозенец част 3 (Neighborhood)
- isMobile : false
- streetAddress : 120 ОУ Г.С.Раковски ,пл. Папа Йоан Павел , 7
- district : Лозенец (District)
- countMachines: 1
- date: 2023-04-02

Ш Секция 234609005 в гр.София

- main_election : Парламентарни Избори 2023
 (Election)
- municipality : Столична община (Municipality)
- neighborhood : м. Лозенец част 3 (Neighborhood)
- isMobile : false
- streetAddress : 35 СУ ул. Добри Войников , 16
- district : Лозенец (District)
- countMachines: 1
- date: 2023-04-02