



# #ontologies

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<https://github.com/shauryashaurya/The-Silmaril>



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thank you tons!

what do you mean

**ontology?**

ontology

...lmgtfy...



ontology

...ummm...

a set of concepts and  
categories in a subject  
area or domain that  
shows their properties  
and the relations  
between them.

ontology

...uh...

the branch of  
metaphysics dealing  
with the nature of being.

...you already know

let's try to understand by building one



...you already know

**m**ovies

we all know a bit about ‘em

*i even made one... like legit bollywood*

*“now-in-theatres” type of deal...*



what words come to mind?

**m**ovies

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**movies**

**“director”**

**“actor”**

classes in the  
*movies ontology*

**“awards”**

**“genre”**

we kinda knew it right?

**movies**

**“director”**

**“actor”**

**“awards”**

**“genre”**

## Core Concepts (Classes):

1. **Movie:** A cinematic film.
2. **Person:** Any individual involved in the movie. This can be specialized into:
  - **Actor:** A person who acts in movies.
  - **Director:** A person who directs movies.
3. **Character:** A fictional or real role portrayed in a movie.
4. **Genre:** A type/category of movies (e.g., Action, Drama, Comedy).

## Data Properties (attributes):

- **Movie:** title (string), releaseYear (integer), duration (integer, in minutes), rating (float, e.g., IMDB rating).
- **Person:** name (string), birthDate (date).
- **Character:** name (string).
- **Genre:** name (string).

## Relationships (Object Properties):

1. hasActor (Movie -> Person) : indicates who acted in the movie.
2. hasDirector (Movie -> Person) : indicates who directed the movie.
3. playsCharacter (Actor -> Character) : indicates which character an actor portrayed.
4. belongsToGenre (Movie -> Genre) : indicates which genre(s) the movie belongs to.

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OBJECT oriented?  
*relational* databases?

**“awards”**

**“genre”**

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**“actor”**

YES,

*kinda, and* no (kinda)

**“awards”**

**“genre”**

we just built one

what do you mean

**ontology?**



we just built one

...& we still don't know  
what it is...

what do you mean

**ontology?**

declarative

...& vocabularies

2 words are going to be  
key

**ontology**

declarative  
is not imperative

...& vocabularies one word for one thing  
and a collection of all the unique words

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**ontology**

*...tell them about that PhD thing...*

e·pis·te·mol·o·gy

/əˌpɪstəˈmäləjē, eˌpɪstəˈmäləjē/

*and*

declarative  
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**ontology** *WHAT DO WE KNOW?*

*...tell them about that PhD thing...*

e·pis·te·mol·o·gy

/əˌpɪstəˈmäləjē, eˌpɪstəˈmäləjē/

*knowing about knowing*

*HOW DO WE KNOW?*

WHAT  
*not HOW*

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**ontology**

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*not HOW*

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WHAT ==

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WHAT ==

**ontology**

*whoa!*



i blame the name

then why is the idea not more  
commonly understood?

**ontology?**

harry potter

the marauder's map?

...we can do better

**ontology?**

douglas adams

hhgttg?

...too long..

**ontology?**

lotr

ah! how about...

...

**ontology?**



...vocab

clearly state the concept

clearly

one world, one word, one concept

...declarative

SQL - you say WHAT, the database engine figures out HOW

Pandas - you say WHAT, the pandas engine figures out HOW

separating WHAT and HOW helps

... a lot of 'reasoning' and 'logic' becomes *imperative* and ontologies help us drag it back to being **declarative**

comparing apples to oranges and other different animals



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Abstract Syntax Trees

TAXONOMIES

THESAURUS

ONTOLOGIES

KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS

comparing apples to oranges and other different animals

Abstract Syntax Trees - Syntactic structure without domain meaning, just grammar

TAXONOMIES- Simple semantic organization

THESAURUS- TAXONOMY + Synonyms and Antonyms

ONTOLOGIES- Rich semantic definitions (Rules, Restrictions etc.) over Taxonomies and Thesauri

KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS- Applied semantics with real-world entities

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	<b>AST</b>	<b>Ontology</b>	<b>Knowledge Graph</b>	<b>Taxonomy</b>
<i>Structure</i>	Tree	Graph	Graph	Hierarchy
<i>Focus</i>	Syntax	Semantics	Instances	Classification
<i>Relationship types</i>	Grammar-based	Multiple semantic types	Multiple semantic types	Mainly "is-a"
<i>Purpose</i>	Code processing	Knowledge representation	Data integration	Organization
<i>Flexibility</i>	Fixed grammar	Extensible	Highly extensible	Limited

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Taxonomies and ontologies  
provide *schemas* (*rules*,  
*structure*)

Knowledge graphs populate  
these schemas with actual  
data instances

## The Library Analogy

**AST** is like the grammatical structure of sentences in books

**Taxonomy** is like the Dewey Decimal System organizing books by subject

**Ontology** is like a detailed catalog that includes cross-references, related topics, and subject interconnections

**Knowledge Graph** is like the entire library with all its books, connections, and references implemented

# The City Analogy

**AST** is like the blueprint of a building, showing its structural components

**Taxonomy** is like organizing city areas into districts, neighborhoods, and blocks

**Ontology** is like a city planning document defining what constitutes residential zones, commercial areas, how they relate, and rules governing them

**Knowledge Graph** is like the actual city with specific buildings, streets, and the relationships between them

‘nuff said...

let's build

# Installation and Setup instructions for **The Silmaril**

The easiest thing is to get the latest Anaconda distribution.

We will largely be using:

- `rdflib` Use `conda`
- `owlready2` or `pip` or
- `pandas` `ruff` or
- `numpy` whatever
- `jupyter lab` you like to
- `vs code` get these.

So kinda simple.

The code is at:

<https://github.com/shauryashaurya/The-Silmaril>