

# The Semantically Reflected Digital Twin

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## Success stories

1. GE experienced 5–7% increase of energy production from digitizing wind farms
2. Johns Hopkins Hospital's centre for clinical logistics reported 80% reduction of operating theatre holds due to delays
3. For the Johan Sverdrup oil field, digital twin innovations have boosted earnings by \$216 million in one year

# Digital Twins: Emerging Engineering Discipline

- DTs originally conceived at NASA for the space program.
- They have emerged as an engineering discipline, based on **best practices**



## NASA's definition of a DT

*"an integrated multi-physics, multi-scale, probabilistic simulation of a vehicle or system that uses the **best available** physical models, sensor updates, fleet history, etc., to **mirror the life of its flying twin**. It is **ultra-realistic** and may consider one or more important and interdependent vehicle systems"*

NASA Modeling, Simulation, Information Tech. & Processing Roadmap, 2010

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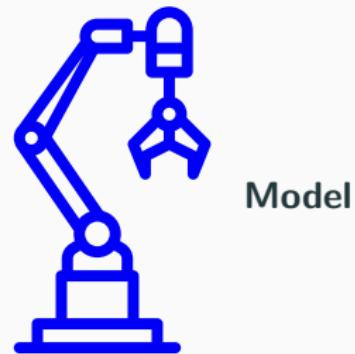
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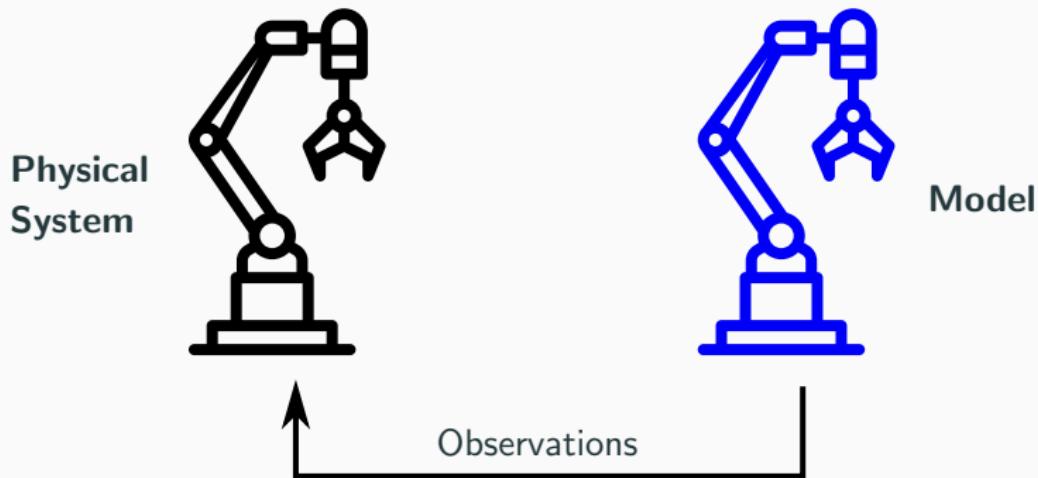
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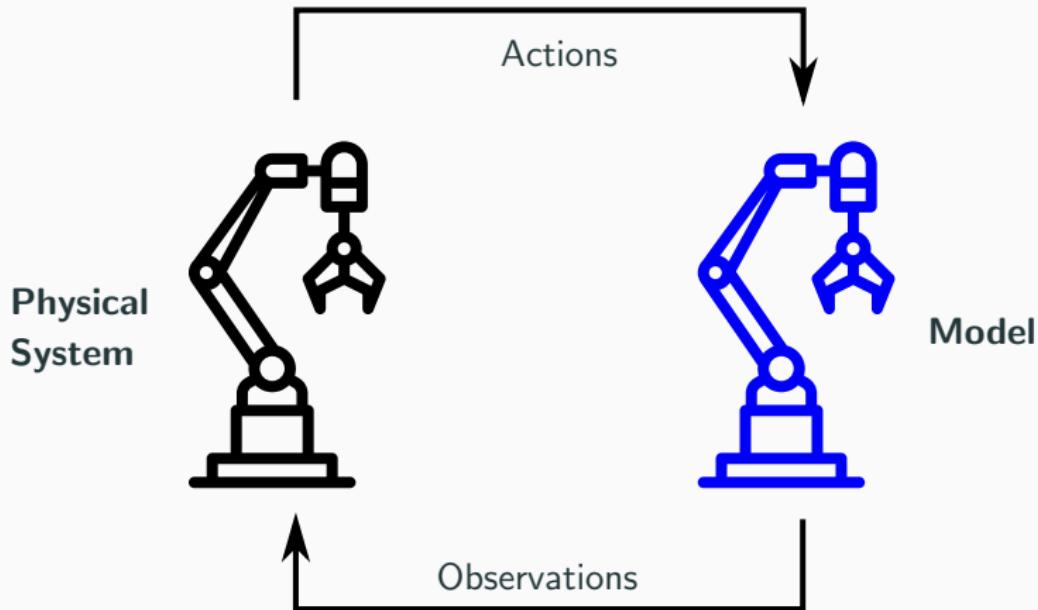
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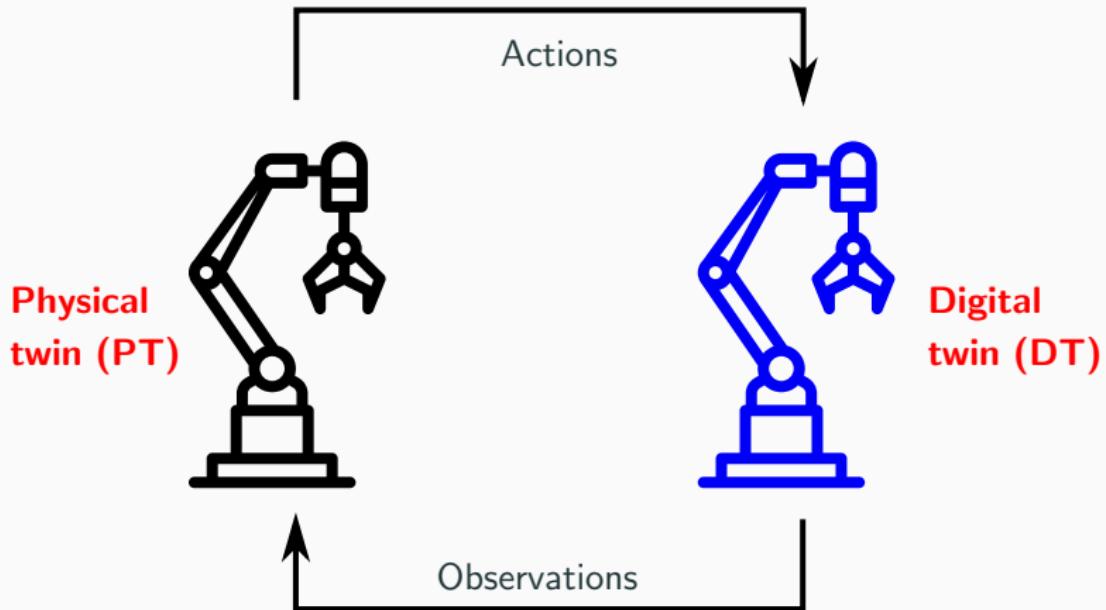
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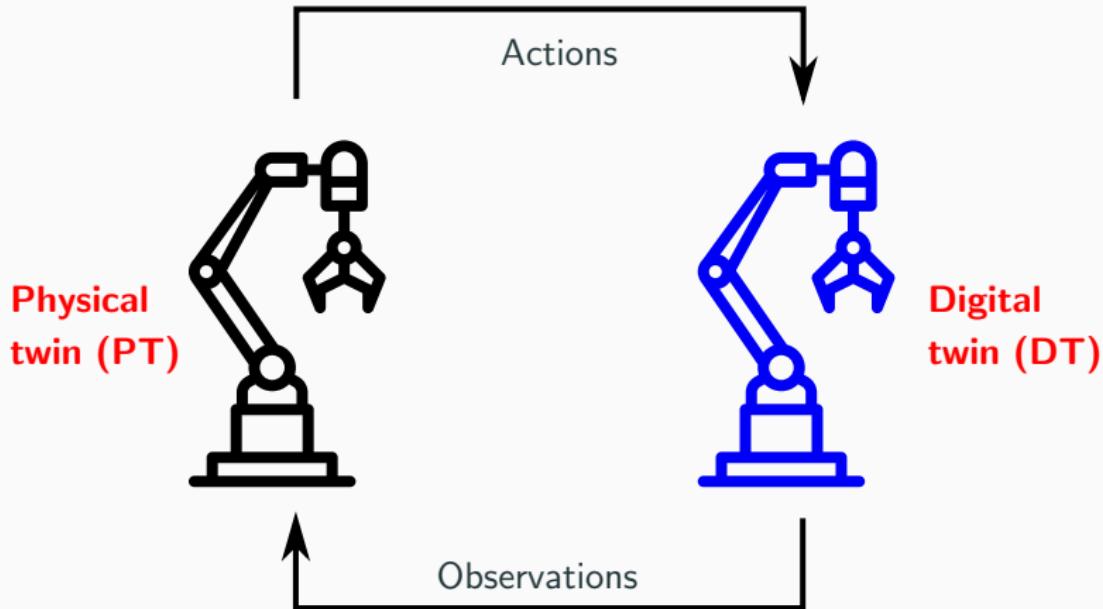
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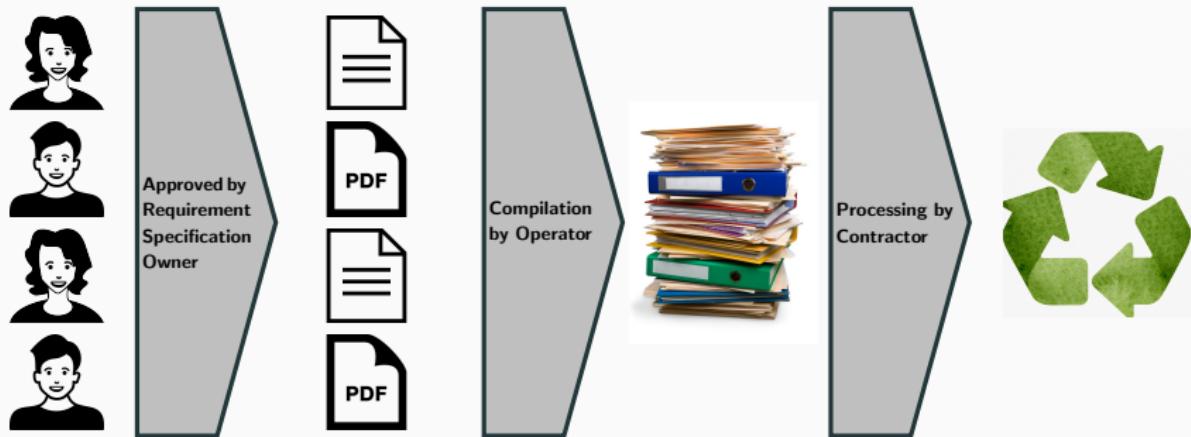
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1. DT is a live replica of a physical system (PT)
2. DT is connected to PT in near real-time via data streams

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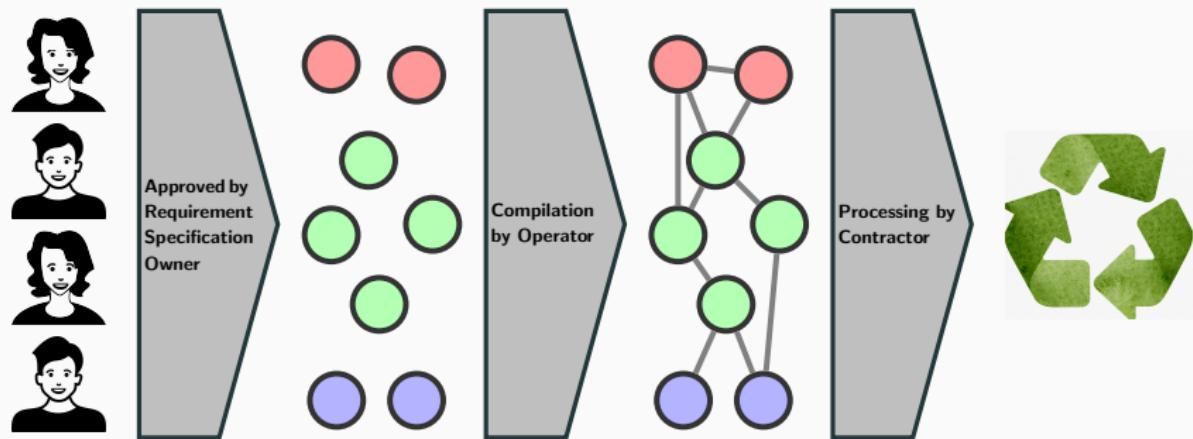
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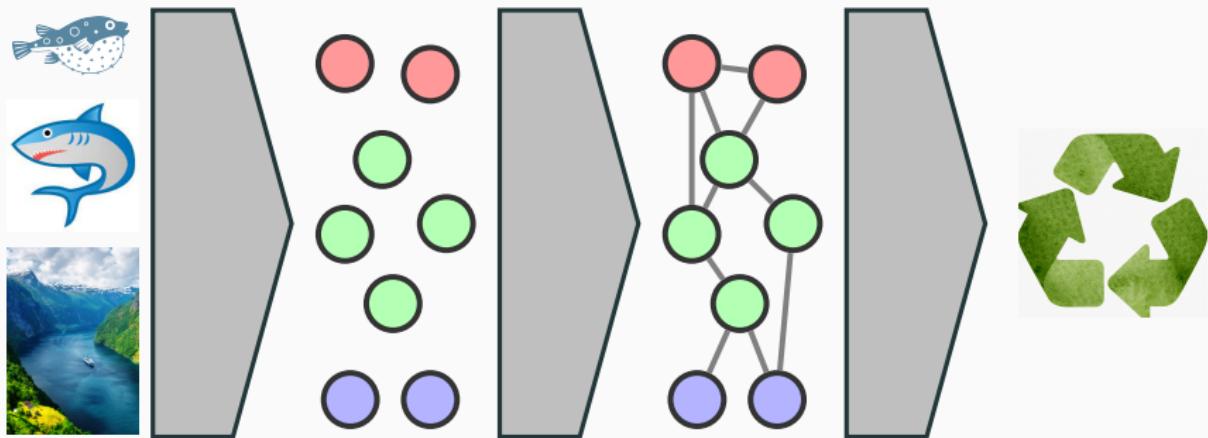
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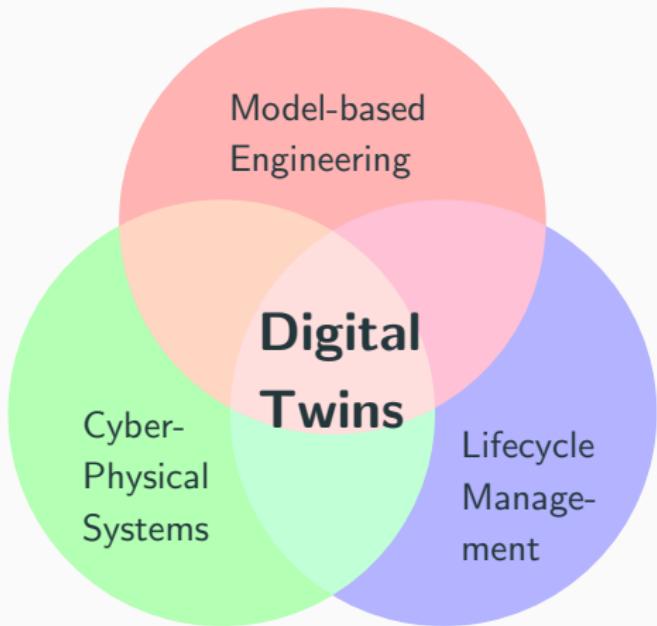
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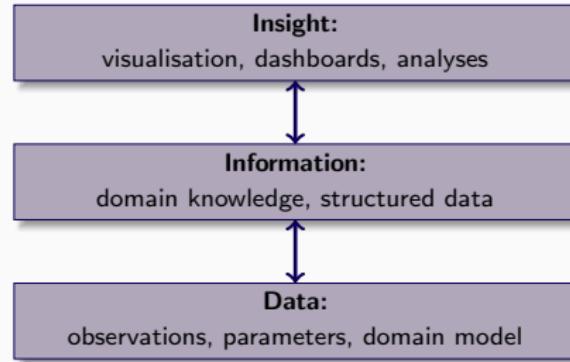
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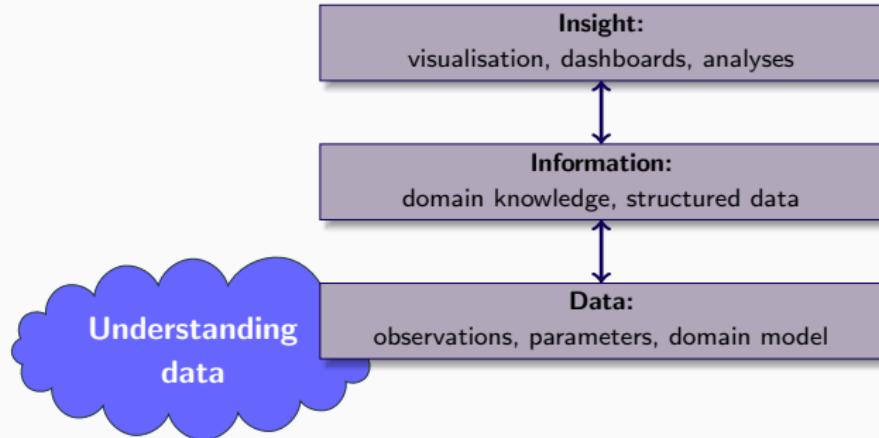
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- Models go beyond the system design phase
- **Model-centric systems**  
the purpose is not models to build software, but software to maintain models
- **Model evolution:**  
reflect changes to the asset (automatically) throughout its lifetime
- **CPS in-the-large:**  
distributed, heterogeneous

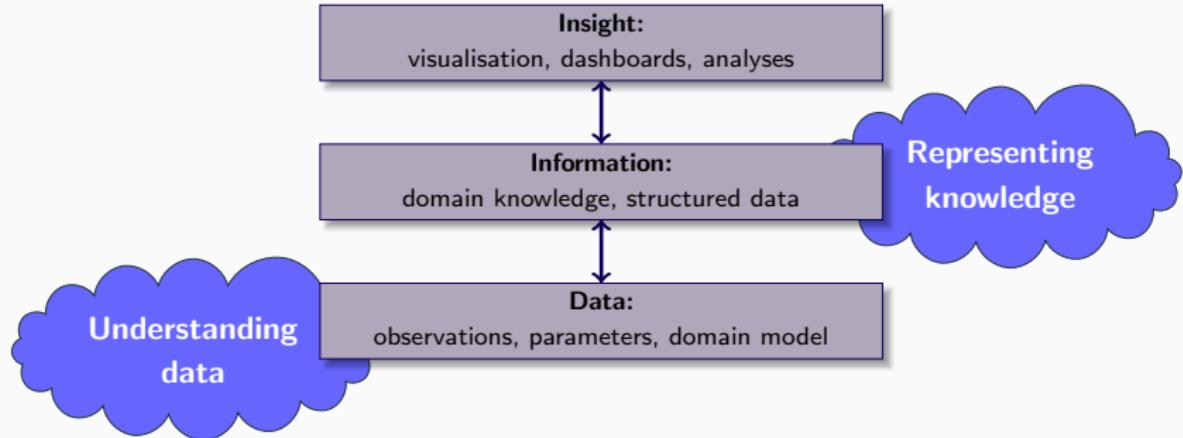
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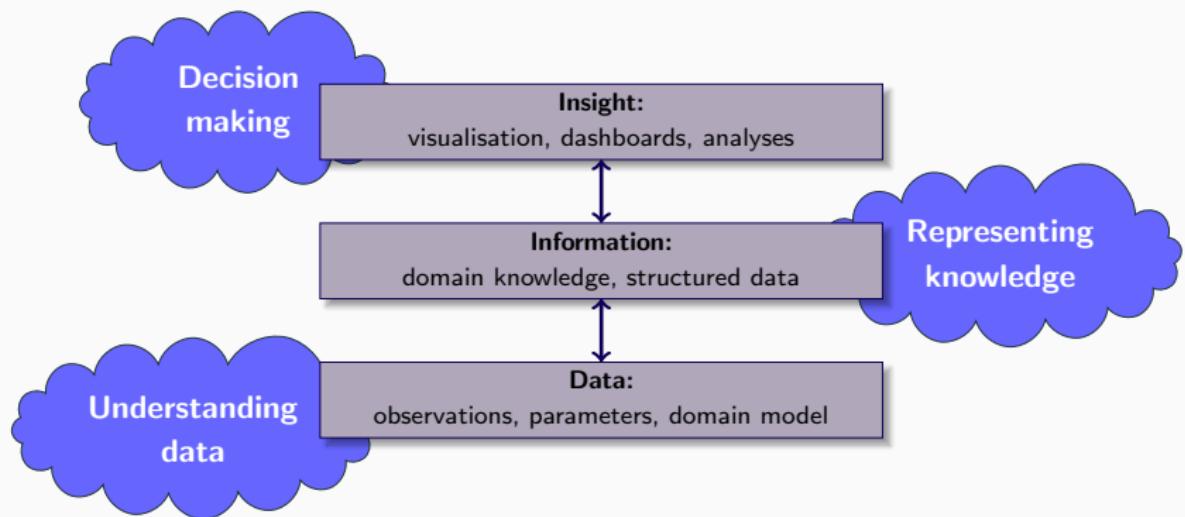
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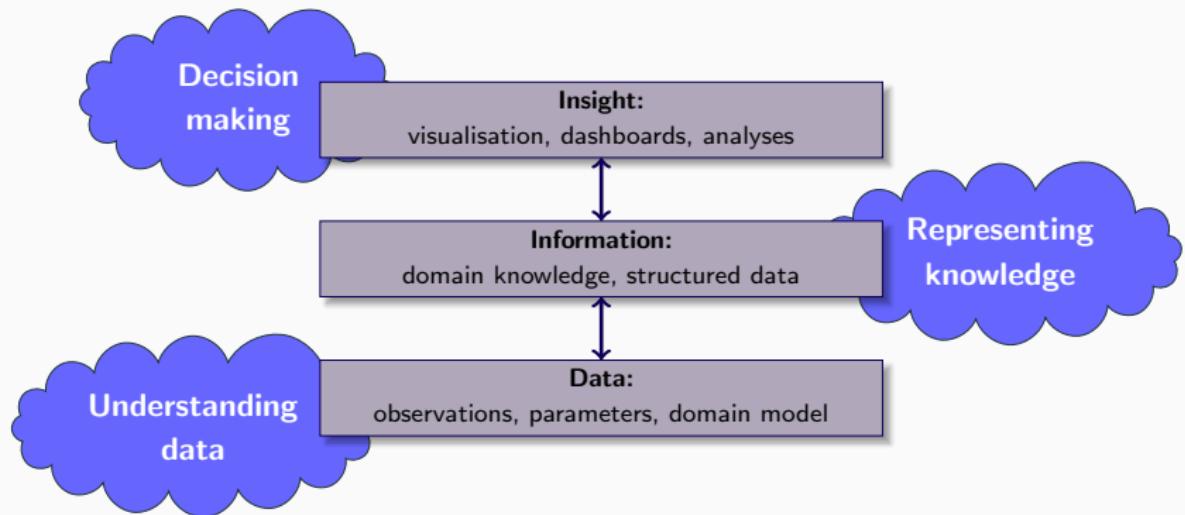
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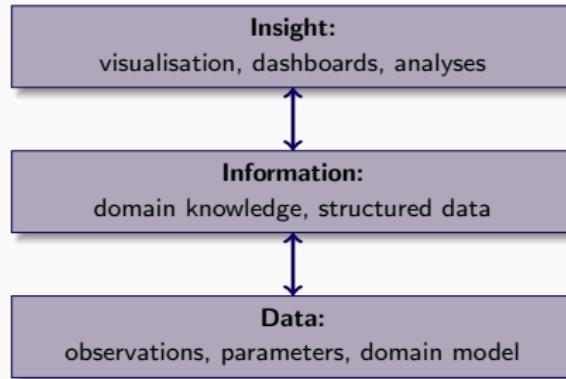


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- **Descriptive:** Insight into the past ("what happened" scenarios)
- **Predictive:** Understanding the future ("what may happen" scenarios)
- **Prescriptive:** Advise on possible outcomes ("what if" scenarios)
- **Reactive:** Automated decision making

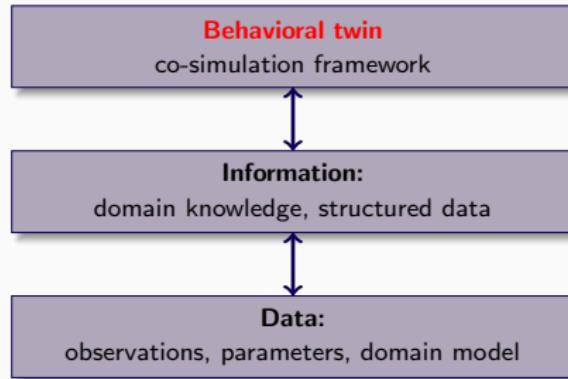
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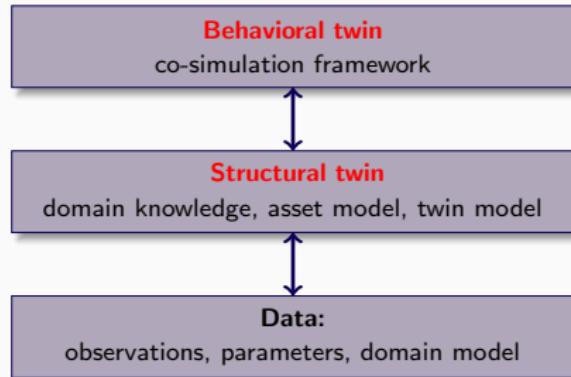
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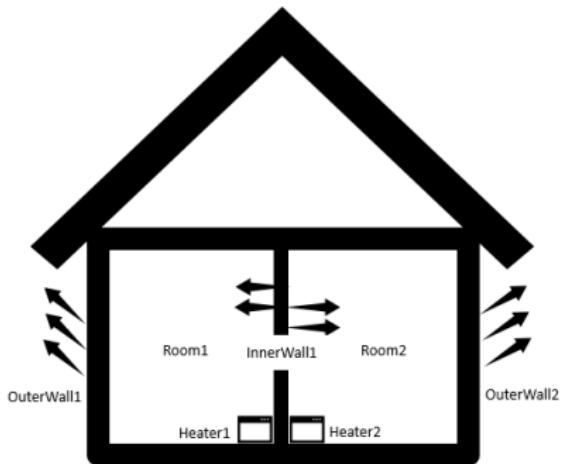
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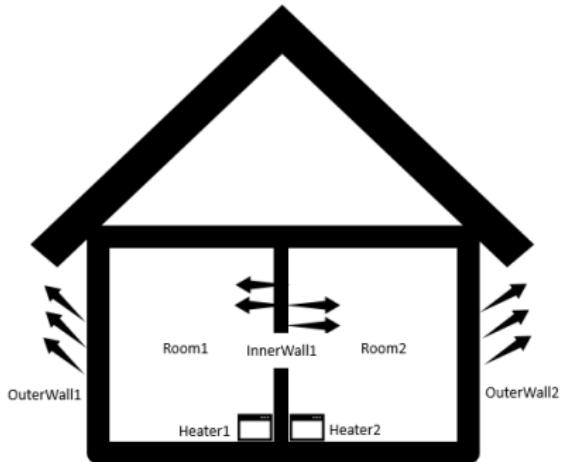
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- Structural twin: uniformly represent knowledge about PT and DT
- Reasoning support that can exploit this knowledge
- Allows correctness properties to be expressed as relations between DT and PT

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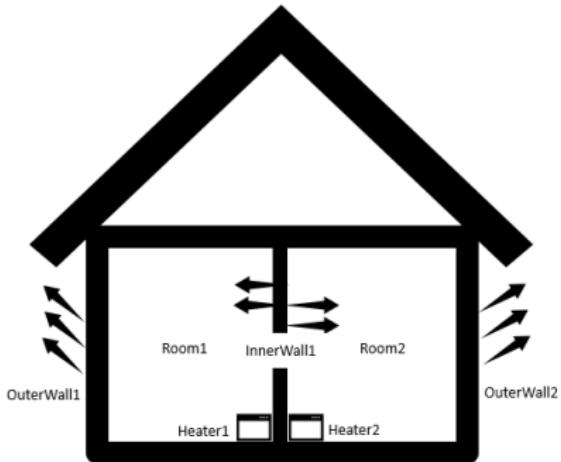
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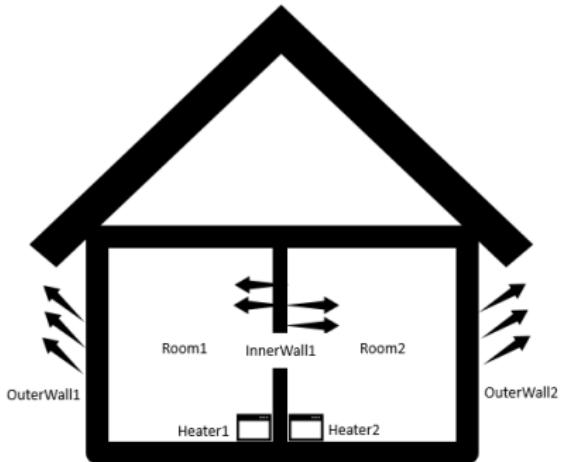
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## Tool Installation

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## Software for today

- Download <https://github.com/smolang/SemanticObjects/blob/master/examples/tutorialfiles.zip>
- Download and install Protegé from  
<https://protege.stanford.edu/products.php>

- Download and install docker from  
<https://www.docker.com/get-started/> (or from your favorite Linux distribution)
- Run `docker pull ghcr.io/smolang/smol:latest`
- Run `docker pull openmodelica/openmodelica:v1.19.2-minimal`

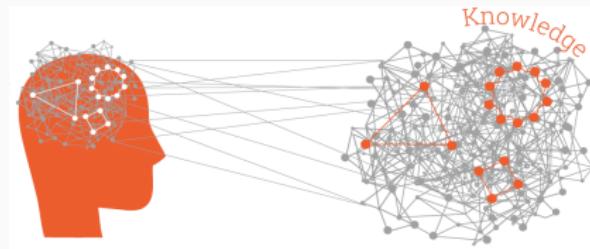
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# Semantic Technologies



- Knowledge can be described ad hoc or in a structural manner
- Semantic Technologies facilitate the description of structured knowledge, consistency checking and reasoning
- W3C standards and well known technologies:
  - For data: RDF (Resource description framework)
  - For knowledge: OWL (Web Ontology language)
  - For queries: SPARQL(an RDF query language)

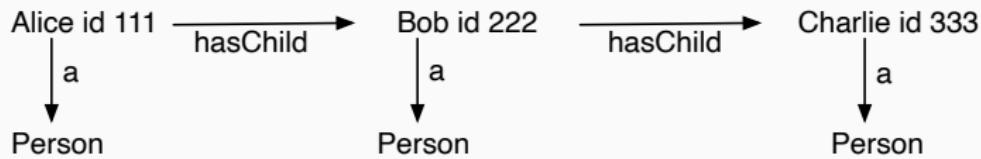
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Example:



Here 'Alice' is subject, 'a' is predicate, 'Person' is object,  
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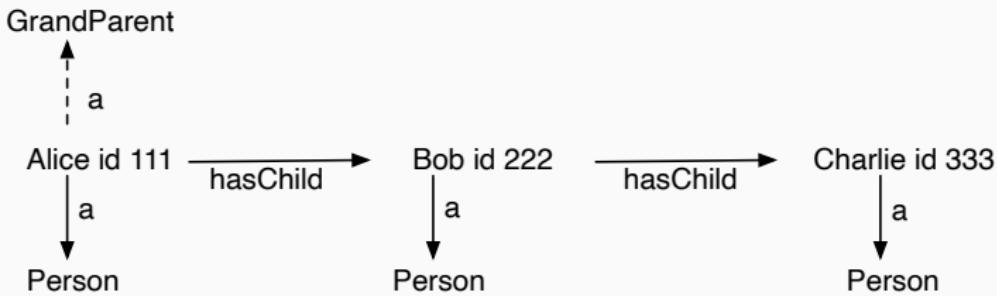
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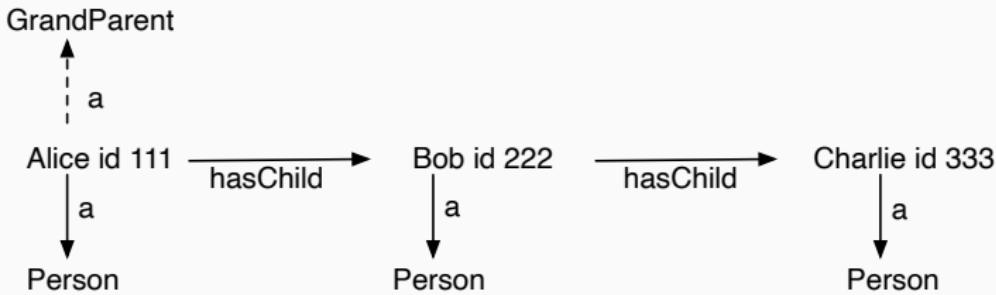
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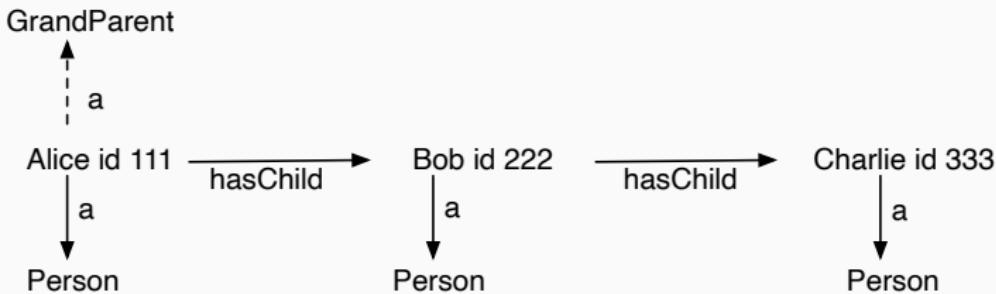
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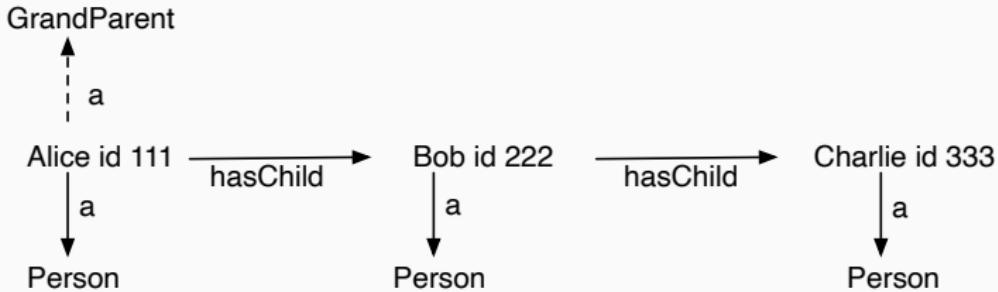
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- Ontologies represent knowledge that is incrementing over time

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SELECT ?x ?y WHERE { ?x a :Person. ?x :hasChild ?y }
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```
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# Example in Protégé

The screenshot shows the Protégé ontology editor interface with two main panels: 'Object properties' and 'Classes'.

**Object properties Panel:**

- Selected class: **Object prop**
- Properties:
  - hasChild** (selected)
  - owl:topObjectProperty**

**Annotations Panel (for hasChild):**

- Equivalent To
- SubProperty Of **owl:topObjectProperty**
- Inverse Of
- Domains (intersection)
  - Person**
- Ranges (intersection)
  - Person**
- Disjoint With

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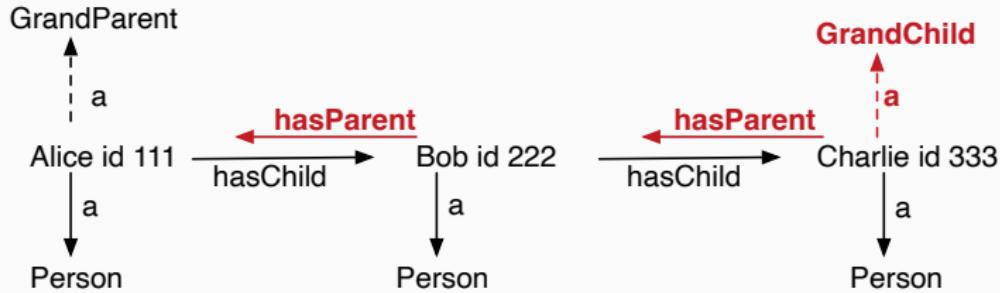
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- SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)

**Instances Panel:**

- Maria**
- Paul**
- Peter**

# Exercise

Add the GrandChild Class and the hasParent property.



**Hint:**

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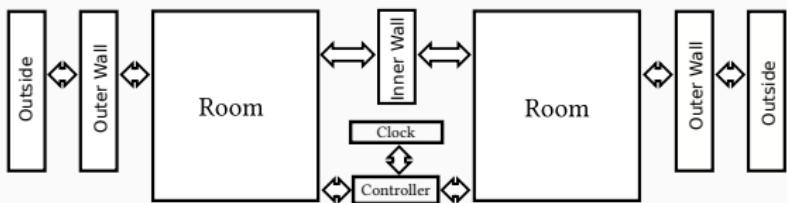
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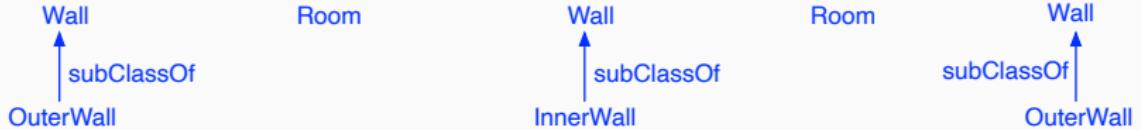
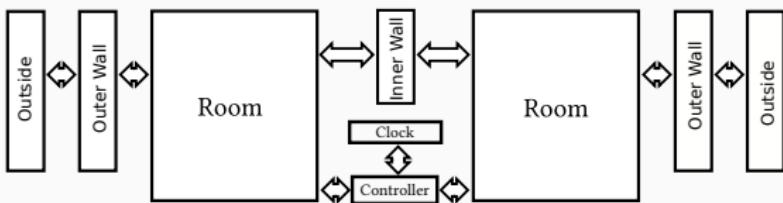
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They provide the twin with knowledge about the static structure that can be used for the twin's simulation model

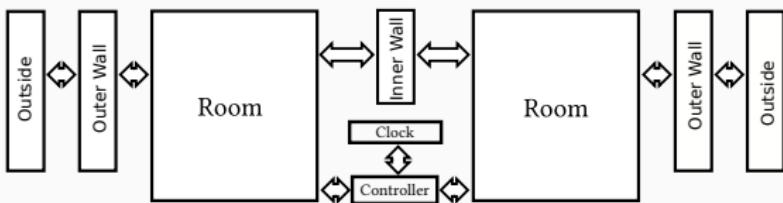
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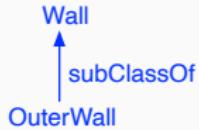
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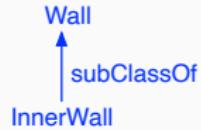
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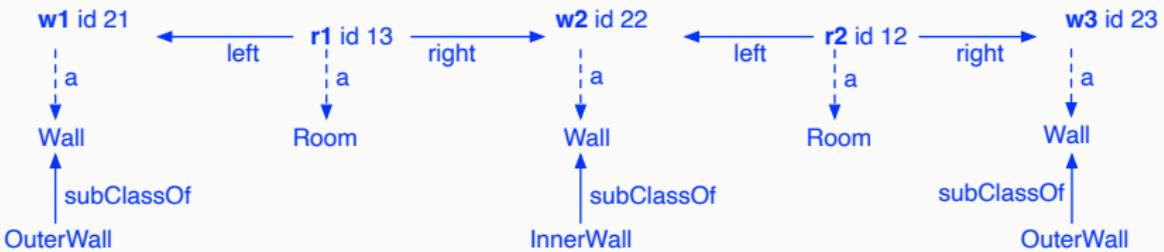
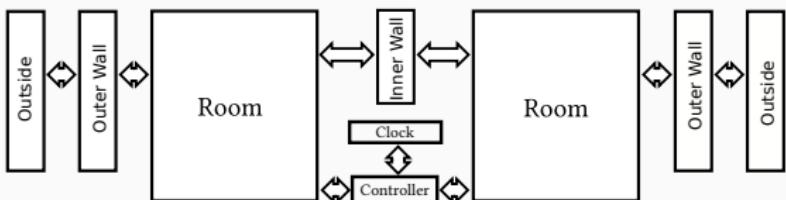
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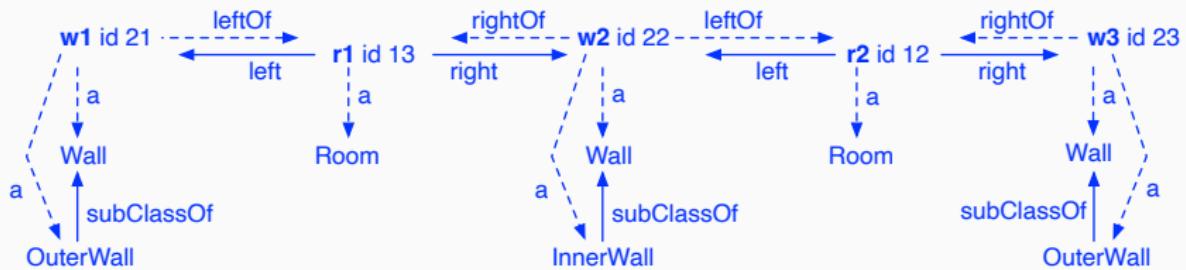
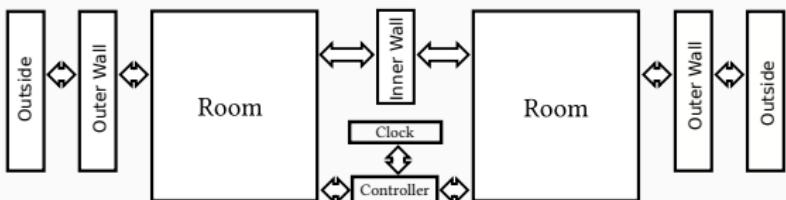
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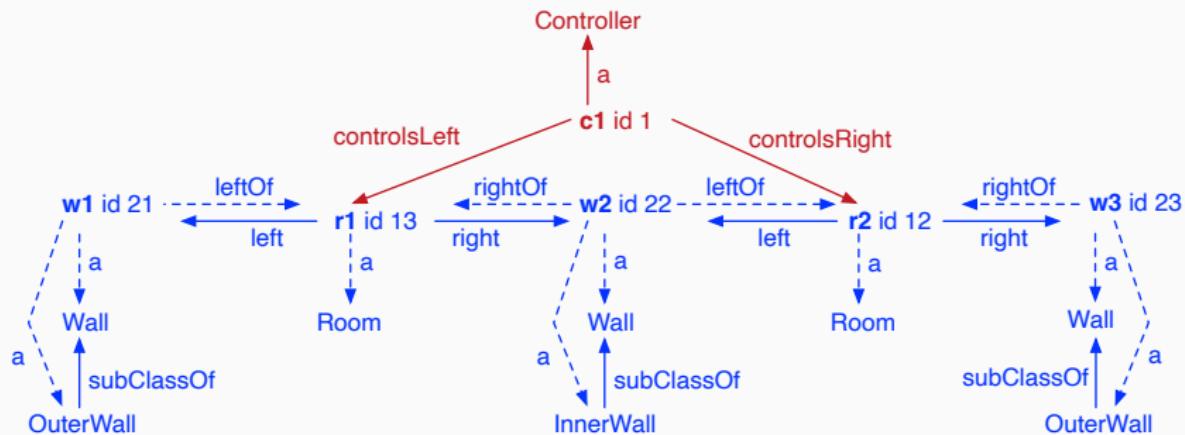
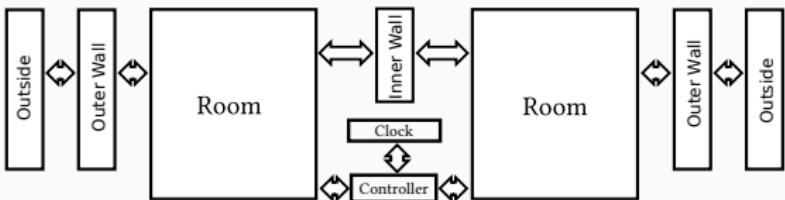
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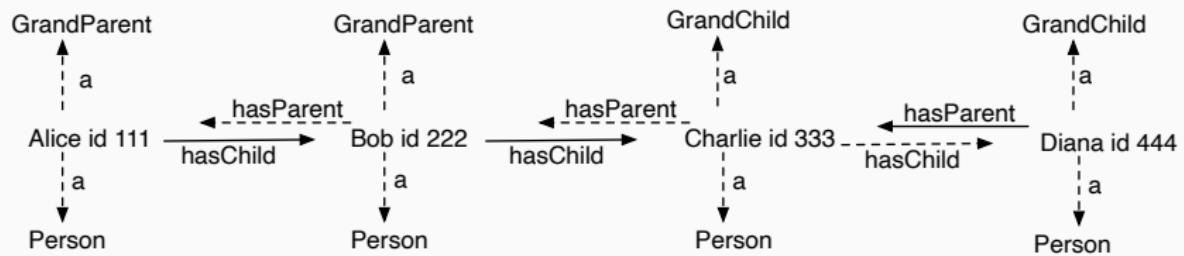


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# Homework: The Family Tree



# SPARQL in SMOL

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main
    List<Int> results = access(
        "SELECT ?obj {?a a asset:Room.
                      ?a asset:id ?obj}");
    while results != null do
        Int current = results.content;
        results = results.next;
        print(current);
    end
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