:Apartment rdfs:subClassOf dbpedia:Apartment . dbpedia:Apartment rdfs:subClassOf :Apartment .

Intermezzo: Punning You may have noticed that the DBPedia apartment definition comes from the dbpedia namespace instead of from dbpedia-owl. It is not really a class, but an individual.

Compared to our ontology, DBPedia describes apartments at a higher level of abstraction. The classes in the DBPedia ontology are not intended to classify individual entities (such as apartments in Amsterdam), but rather individual *topics*. Treating individuals as classes is called *meta-modeling*.

Although the direct semantics of OWL2 do not allow for meta-modeling, OWL2 DL circumvents this limitation by a syntactic trick called *punning*, or 'word play.' This means that whenever the URI dbpedia:Apartment appears in a class axiom, it is treated as a class, and when it appears in an individual assertion, it is treated as individual.

Punning is allowed in the following situations: *class* names, *individual* names, and *property* names may be freely interchanged. However, *object* property names and *datatype* property names may not mix.

Enumerations The most straightforward (though inexpressive and computationally expensive) way to define a class is by explicitly enumerating all individuals it consists of:

:BaronWayRooms rdf:type owl:Class;
owl:oneOf (:BaronWayKitchen
:BaronWayBedroom1
:BaronWayBedroom2
:BaronWayBedroom3
:BaronWayLivingroom
:BaronWayBathroom