This introduces :BaronWayApartment as an instance of the class :Apartment. It has four rooms and is rented by :Paul. Remember that under the direct semantics of OWL2 DL, the rdf:type relations may hold only between two strictly separated levels: that of classes, and that of individuals.<sup>8</sup>

**Identity Assertions** Because OWL2 has the open world assumption, we can never assume that two individuals with different URIs must be different entities. We might be dealing with a single individual that has multiple names. Although we have seen that in some cases we can infer identity relations automatically, it is often more convenient to state them explicitly:

```
:BaronWayApartment owl:sameAs :PaulsApartment ;
owl:differentFrom :FranksApartment .
```

The list of different individuals can easily grow quite long. For instance, a small city will already contain hundreds of apartments for which we would need to assert pairwise owl:differentFrom relations. Fortunately, we can state this a bit more elegantly using the owl:AllDifferent construct:

```
_:x rdf:type owl:AllDifferent;
owl:members (:FranksApartment:PaulsApartment).
```

**Negative Assertions** Sometimes we know something *not* to be the case. Making this knowledge explicit can be very valuable in an open world: ruling out possibilities often allows us to infer new knowledge. For instance, the knowledge that :BaronWayApartment is not rented by :Frank may allow us to infer that it is not :FranksApartment:

```
_:x rdf:type owl:NegativePropertyAssertion;
owl:sourceIndividual :BaronWayApartment;
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See also the discussion on punning in section 4.4.5.