

the inverse property: `:isRentedBy` has `:Person` as range and `:Apartment` as domain. In OWL2 DL, only object properties can have an inverse.

Equivalent Properties Properties can also be defined as equivalent. That is, every two individuals related via a property will always be related via its equivalent, and vice versa. Equivalence is a convenient mechanism for *mapping* elements of different ontologies to each other. For instance:

```
:isPartOf rdfs:type          owl:ObjectProperty ;  
          owl:equivalentProperty dbpedia:partOf .
```

Disjoint Properties For some properties we know that no two individuals related via one property can be related via the other: the sets of pairs of individuals for which the properties can hold are *disjoint*. Examples are the `:rents` and `:owns` properties:

```
:rents rdfs:type          owl:ObjectProperty ;  
       rdfs:domain        :Person ;  
       rdfs:range         :Apartment ;  
       owl:disjointProperty :owns .
```

Clearly, you cannot rent something you own. Note that under the direct semantics of OWL2 DL, the `owl:ObjectProperty` and `owl:DatatypeProperty` are disjoint as well.

Property Chains A more complex feature of OWL2 is the ability to define *chains* of properties. Sometimes it is useful to specify shortcuts along the graph of properties relating various individuals. For instance, if we know that `:Paul` `:rents` the `:BaronWayApartment`, and that the `:BaronWayApartment` `:isPartOf` the `:BaronWayBuilding`, for which the `dbpedia:location` is `dbpedia:Amsterdam`, we know that `:Paul` must have a `:livesIn` relation with `:Amsterdam`. In OWL2 we can specify this using a property chain axiom: