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@base      <http://www.semanticwebprimer.org/ontologies/apartments.ttl> .

<http://www.semanticwebprimer.org/ontologies/apartments.ttl>
  rdf:type      owl:Ontology ;
  rdfs:label    "Apartments Ontology"^^xsd:string ;
  rdfs:comment  "An example OWL2 ontology"^^xsd:string ;
  owl:versionIRI <http://www.semanticwebprimer.org/ontologies/apartments.ttl#1.0> ;
  owl:imports <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/> ;
  owl:imports <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .
```

**Imports** Only one of these assertions has any consequences for the logical meaning of the ontology: `owl:imports`, which points to other ontologies whose axioms are to be part of the current ontology. Our apartments ontology imports all axioms defined in the DBPedia ontology, as well as *everything* in DBPedia itself. This immediately highlights one of the problems with the `owl:imports`: in order to be able to use *some* of the information in DBPedia, we have to import all 672 million triples described in it.<sup>4</sup>

While namespaces are used only for disambiguation, imported ontologies provide definitions that can be used. Typically an ontology contains an import statement for every namespace it uses, but it is possible to import additional ontologies – for example, ontologies that provide definitions without introducing any new names. The `owl:imports` property is *transitive*; that is, if ontology  $O_i$  imports ontology  $O_j$ , and ontology  $O_j$  imports ontology  $O_k$ , then ontology  $O_i$  also imports ontology  $O_k$ .

### 4.4.3 Property Types

We discussed in section 4.3.1 that OWL2 distinguishes two types of properties: *object* properties and *datatype* properties. In fact, there are a number of characteristics of properties for which additional types are provided by OWL2. In this section we briefly

<sup>4</sup>See <http://dbpedia.org/About> for the current status.