

# Knowledge Graphs

Lecture 5 – Ontological Engineering for smarter Knowledge Graphs

**5.1 Beyond the Limits of OWL**

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### 5.1 Beyond the Limits of OWL

Excursion 7: The Semantic Web Rule Language SWRL

5.2 How to design your own Ontology

5.3 How to design better Ontologies

5.4 Ontological Engineering

5.5 Knowledge Graph Construction

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# The Semantic Web Technology Stack (not a piece of cake...)

Most apps use only a subset of the stack

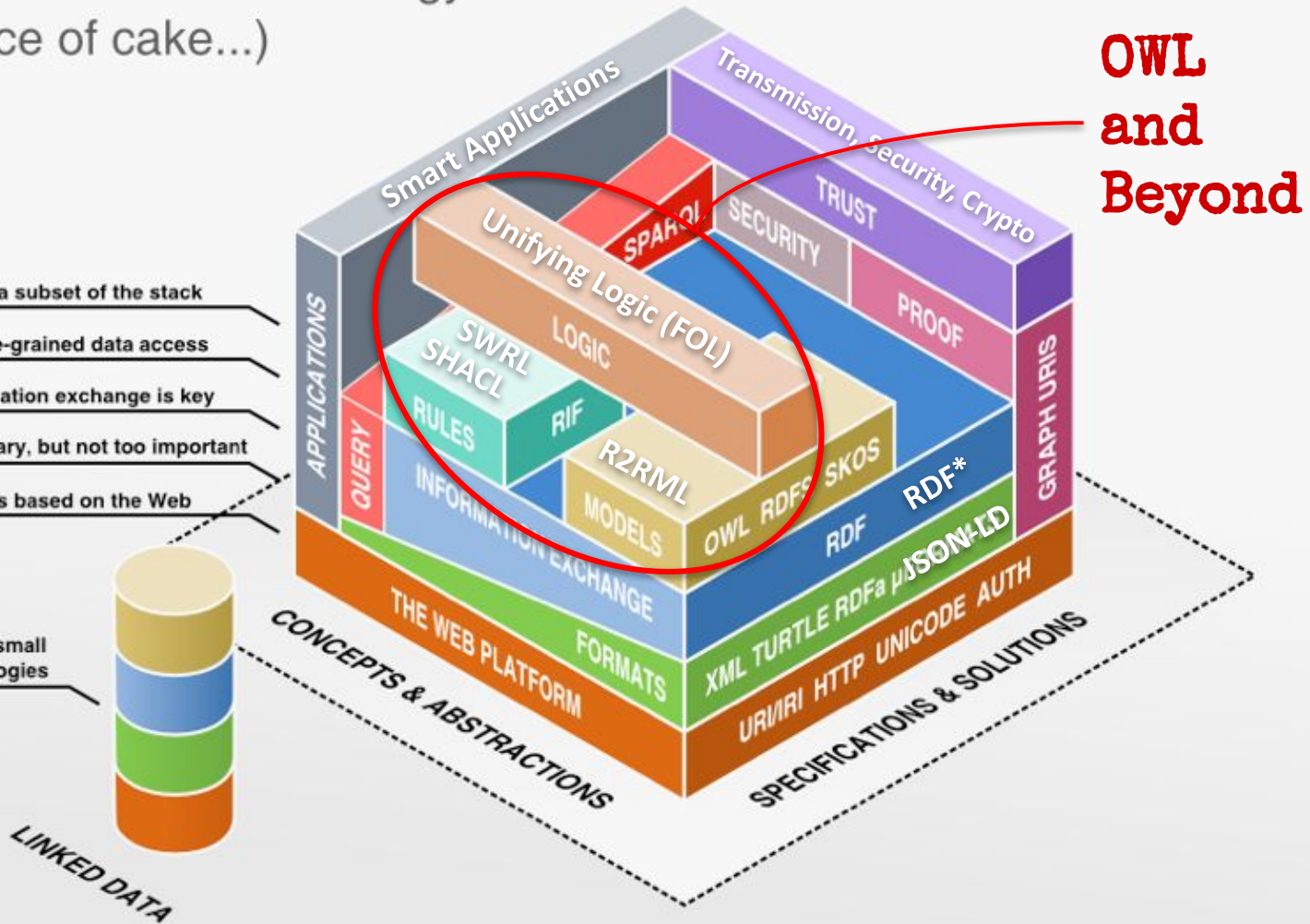
Querying allows fine-grained data access

Standardized information exchange is key

Formats are necessary, but not too important

The Semantic Web is based on the Web

Linked Data uses a small selection of technologies



# Beyond OWL

- Consider the following example:

*"A younger sibling of x is a sibling that is younger than x."*

- `:Paul :youngerThan :Mary .`
- `:Paul :siblingOf :Mary .`
- `youngerSiblingOf a owl:ObjectProperty; ??`

- We need a constructor to create an intersection of Properties.
- **Problem:** OWL does not provide any way to entail a property intersection.

# Beyond OWL

- More **expressivity** also means more **complexity**.

This might lead to **undecidability** (as for FOL).

- Do we really need more expressivity than OWL DL offers?
- Consider the following example:

*"A squanderer is a person whose expenses are higher than their income."*

- Squanderer  $\sqsubseteq$  Person
- Squanderer  $\sqsubseteq$  hasExpenses. $\top$
- Squanderer  $\sqsubseteq$  hasIncome. $\top$

?

- We need a constructor to combine Classes and Properties.
- **Problem:** Mixing of TBox and ABox.



# Rules Beyond OWL

- The following example can be expressed via a **FOL-Rule**:  
*"A squanderer is a person whose expenses are higher than their income."*

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Person(x) ∧ hasIncome(x,y)
           ∧ hasExpenses(x,z)
           ∧ (z > y)
           → Squanderer(x)
```

- Arithmetics can be part of rules and modeled like a predicate:  
 $(z > y) \hat{=}$  greaterThan(z,y)

# Rules and the Semantic Web

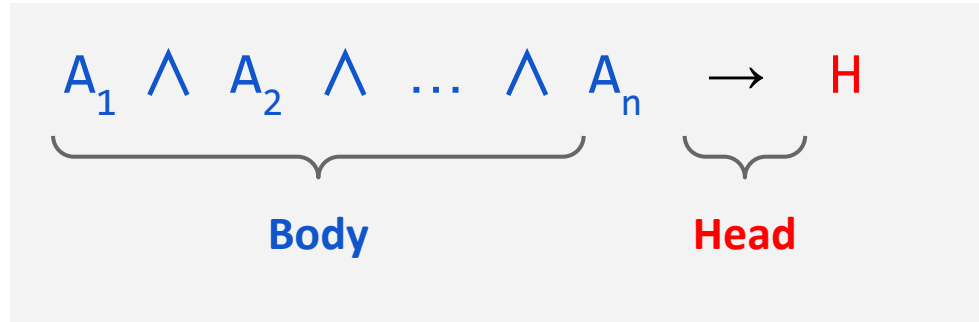
- The **Semantic Web** focuses on **declarative** forms of knowledge representation  
Description Logics, OWL, RDFS
- **Rules** are a common form of **procedural** knowledge representation in Knowledge Engineering  
Expert Systems, Prolog, etc.
- Rules:

IF    A    ... THEN B    ...  
A            →            B

Premise → Conclusion

# FOL as Rule Language

- Rules as FOL implications (Horn Clause)

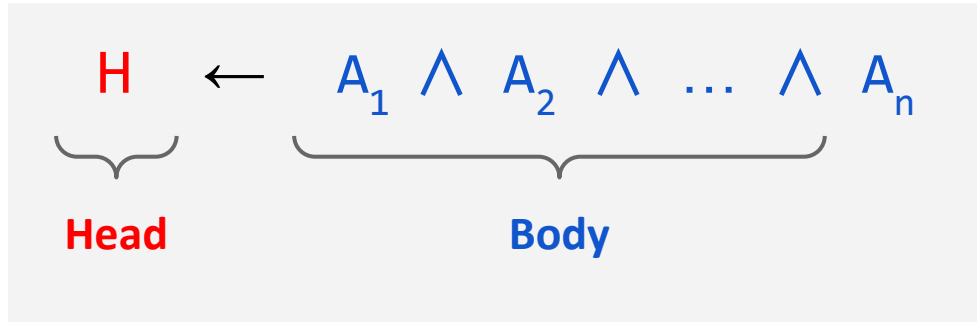


- semantically equivalent with  $\neg A_1 \vee \neg A_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg A_n \vee H$
- where  $A_i, H$  are atomic formulas
- Quantification most times omitted,  
free variables are considered to be universally quantified  
i.e. the rule holds for all possible assignments



# FOL as Rule Language

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- often written also from right to left ( $\leftarrow$  or  $: -$ )*

# Example Revisited

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# DL and Rules

- Rules are usually considered to apply only to **known** constants.
- No possibility to “create” new things “on the fly”  
by using existential quantification  $\exists$

Human  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasParent. Human}$

- If rules are considered FOL formulas,  
then combining rules with  $\mathcal{ALC}$  leads to **undecidability**.
- What about decidable FOL-Rules....?

► **DATALOG**

# DATALOG

- is a **logical rule language** that consists of
  - **horn clauses without function symbols**
  - conjunction, constants, universally quantified variables, predicate symbols
  - no disjunction, no negation, no existential quantification, no function symbols
- originally developed as foundation of deductive databases (Gallaire, Minkers, 1978)
- Knowledge Bases (Datalog Programs)  
are sets of horn clauses (without function symbols)
- DATALOG is decidable and computationally efficient, ExpTime

# DATALOG Syntax

- **DATALOG Term:** constant **c** or variable **v**
- **DATALOG Atom:**  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$   
with predicate  $p$ , and terms  $t_1, \dots, t_n$
- **DATALOG Rule:**  $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n (B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n \rightarrow H)$   
with  $B_1, \dots, B_n, H$  atoms and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  variables
- **DATALOG Program:** set of DATALOG rules

# DATALOG Examples

- $\text{Vegetarian}(x) \wedge \text{FishProduct}(y) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x, y)$
  - $\text{orderedDish}(x, y) \wedge \text{dislikes}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Unhappy}(x)$
  - $\text{orderedDish}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Dish}(y)$
  - $\text{dislikes}(x, z) \wedge \text{Dish}(y) \wedge \text{contains}(y, z) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x, y)$
  - $\rightarrow \text{Vegetarian}(\text{Matthias})$
  - $\text{Happy}(x) \wedge \text{Unhappy}(x) \rightarrow$
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- DATALOG Rules allow mixing classes and relations (i.e. unary and binary predicates). Therefore, it can be **more expressive than DL**.
  - A combination of DATALOG and OWL is the **SWRL Language**.

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## Excursion 7: The Semantic Web Rule Language SWRL



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