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Knowledge Graphs

Lecture 3 – Querying Knowledge Graphs with SPARQL

3.5 SPARQL is more than a Query Language

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SPARQL Standards Overview

SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language version 1.1
is defined in 11 W3C Recommendation documents:

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SPARQL Output Formats

influencerLabel	bookLabel	authorCount
Robert Louis Stevenson	Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	20
H. P. Lovecraft	The Case of Charles Dexter Ward	17

- SPARQL Output in CSV based format:

influencerLabel,bookLabel,authorCount

"Robert Louis Stevenson"@en,"Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde"@en,"20"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#Integer>
"H. P. Lovecraft"@en,"The Case of Charles Dexter Ward"@en,"17"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#Integer>

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- SPARQL Output as well-formed XML document:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#">
  ...
</sparql>
```

- In a `<head>` element all variables of the SPARQL query are listed.

```
<head>
  <variable name="influencerLabel"/>
  <variable name="bookLabel"/>
  <variable name="authorCount"/>
</head>
```

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For each SPARQL Query result exists a `<result>` element.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#">
  <head>
    <variable name="influencerLabel"/>
    ...
  </head>
  <results>
    <result>
      <binding name="influencerLabel"> ... </binding>
      <binding name="bookLabel"> ... </binding>
      <binding name="authorCount"> ... </binding>
    </result>

    <result> ... </result>
    ...
  </results>
</sparql>
```

single SPARQL
query result

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Within a `<binding>` element a `<head>` variable is bound to a result.

```

...
<result>
  <binding name="influencerName">
    <literal xml:lang="en">
      Robert Louis Stevenson
    </literal>
  </binding>
  <binding name="bookName">
    <literal xml:lang="en">
      Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
    </literal>
  </binding>
  <binding name="authorCount">
    <literal datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">
      20
    </literal>
  </binding>
</result>
...

```

variable bound to result

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SPARQL Output as JSON document:

```
{
  "head": {
    "vars": [
      "influencerLabel",
      "bookLabel",
      "authorCount"
    ]
  },
  "results": {
    "bindings": [
      {
        "influencerLabel": {
          "xml:lang": "en",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "Robert Louis Stevenson"
        },
        "bookLabel": {
          "xml:lang": "en",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde"
        },
        "authorCount": {
          "datatype": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "20"
        }
      },
      {
        "influencerLabel": {
          "xml:lang": "en",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "H. P. Lovecraft"
        },
        "bookLabel": {
          "xml:lang": "en",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "The Case of Charles Dexter Ward"
        },
        "authorCount": {
          "datatype": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer",
          "type": "literal",
          "value": "17"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```


SPARQL Protocol

- Method to query/respond to SPARQL queries via http
- A SPARQL URI consists of 3 parts:
 - (1) URL of a SPARQL endpoint (e.g. <http://example.org/sparql>)
 - (2) RDF Graph(s) to be queried
(optional, part of the query string,
e.g. [named-graph-uri=http://example.org/testrdf.rdf](#))
 - (3) SPARQL query
(part of the query string, e.g. [query=SELECT...](#))

```
http://example.org/sparql?named-graph-uri=http%3A%2F%2Fexample.org%2Ftestrdf&
query=SELECT+%3Freview_graph+WHERE+%7B%0D%0A++GRAPH+%3Freview_graph+%7B%0D%0A++++%3Freview+rev%3Arating+10+.%0D%0A++%7D%0D%0A%7D
```

SPARQL Protocol

- Simple SPARQL query

```
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
SELECT ?author ?work
WHERE {
    ?author rdf:type dbo:Writer ;
           dbo:notableWork ?work .
} LIMIT 100
```

- HTTP Trace of the SPARQL query

```
GET
https://dbpedia.org/sparql?default-graph-uri=https%3A%2F%2Fdbpedia.org&query=PREFIX+rdf%3A+%3
Chttp%3A%2F%2Fwww.w3.org%2F1999%2F02%2F22-rdf-syntax-ns%23%3E%0D%0APREFIX+dbo%3A+%
3Chttp%3A%2F%2Fdbpedia.org%2Fontology%2F%3E%0D%0ASELECT+%3Fauthor++%3Fwork%0D%0A
WHERE+%3B%0D%0A++++++%3Fauthor+rdf%3Atype+dbo%3AWriter+%3B%0D%0A++++++d
bo%3AnotableWork+%3Fwork+.%0D%0A%7D+LIMIT+100%0D%0A
Host: dbpedia.org
User-agent: Mozilla/5.0 ...
Accept:text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml
```

SPARQL is not only a Query Language

- In addition to SELECT queries, SPARQL allows:
- **ASK**
 - Check whether there is at least one result
 - Result: true or false
 - Result is delivered as XML or JSON

ASK

```
WHERE {  
  ?author wdt:P106 wd:Q36180 ; # ?author :occupation :Writer  
          wdt:P800 ?book .      #           :notableWork ?book  
  ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q571 .       # ?book :instanceOf :Book  
}
```

- *Example: Is there an author with a notable work?*



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SPARQL is not only a Query Language

- In addition to SELECT queries, SPARQL allows:
- **DESCRIBE**
 - Result: an RDF graph with data about resources
 - Result is RDF/XML or Turtle

```
DESCRIBE ?author ?book
WHERE {
  ?author wdt:P106 wd:Q36180 ; # ?author :occupation :Writer
          wd:P800 ?book .      #           :notableWork ?book
  ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q571 .      # ?book :instanceOf :Book
} LIMIT 1000
```

- *Example: Show all available data about authors and their notable works?*

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SPARQL is not only a Query Language

- In addition to SELECT queries, SPARQL allows:
- **CONSTRUCT**
 - Result: an RDF graph constructed from a template
 - Template: graph pattern with variables from the query pattern
 - Result is RDF/XML or Turtle

```
CONSTRUCT { ?author <http://example.org/hasWritten> ?book .}  
WHERE {  
  ?author wdt:P106 wd:Q36180 ;  
          wdt:P800 ?book .  
  ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q571 .  
} LIMIT 10
```

- *Example: Create new RDF triples for authors and their notable works?*

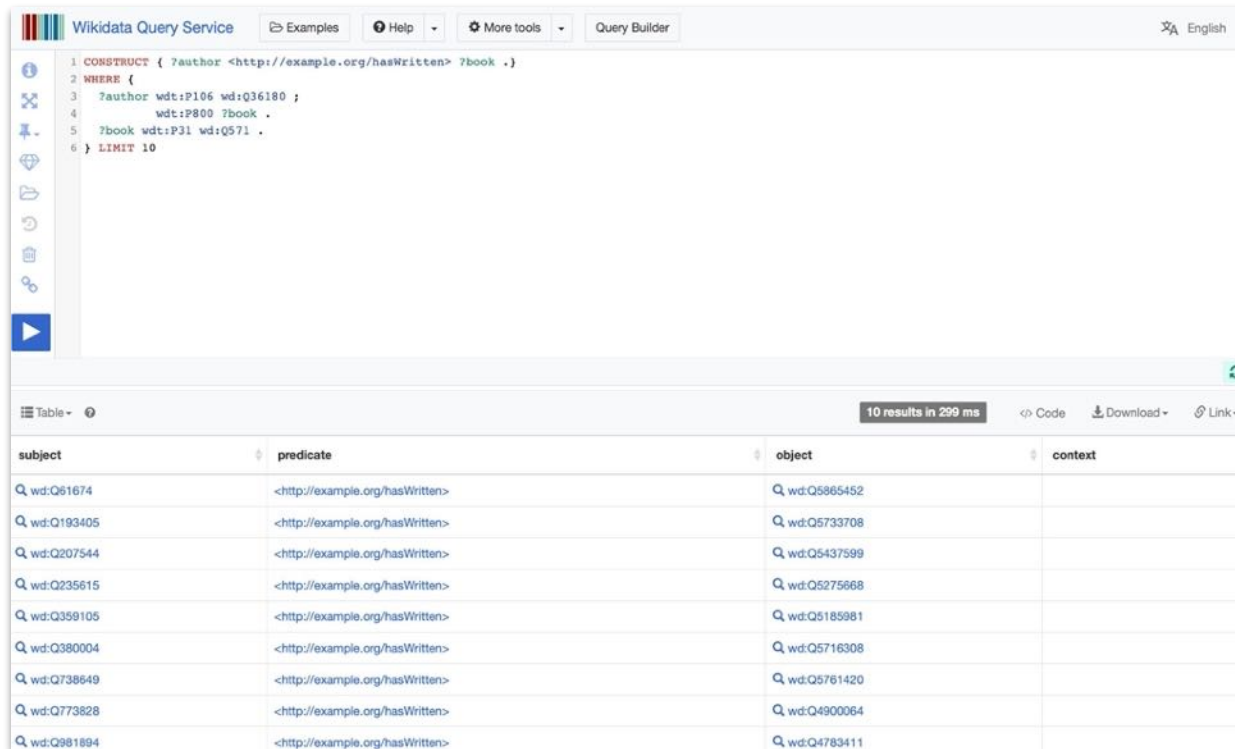


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SPARQL is not only a Query Language

Example: Create new RDF triples for authors and their notable works?



The screenshot shows the Wikidata Query Service interface. At the top, there's a header with the Wikidata logo, 'Wikidata Query Service', and navigation links like 'Examples', 'Help', 'More tools', and 'Query Builder'. A language selector is set to 'English'.

The main area contains a SPARQL query:

```
1 CONSTRUCT { ?author <http://example.org/hasWritten> ?book . }
2 WHERE {
3   ?author wdt:P106 wd:Q36180 ;
4           wdt:P800 ?book .
5   ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q571 .
6 } LIMIT 10
```

Below the query, there's a table of results. The table has four columns: 'subject', 'predicate', 'object', and 'context'. The results show 10 rows of data, each representing a new RDF triple created by the query.

subject	predicate	object	context
Q wd:Q61674	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5865452	
Q wd:Q193405	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5733708	
Q wd:Q207544	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5437599	
Q wd:Q235615	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5275668	
Q wd:Q359105	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5185981	
Q wd:Q380004	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5716308	
Q wd:Q738649	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q5761420	
Q wd:Q773828	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q4900064	
Q wd:Q981894	<http://example.org/hasWritten>	Q wd:Q4783411	

At the bottom right of the results area, there's a status bar indicating '10 results in 299 ms' and links for 'Code', 'Download', and 'Link'.

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