

# Knowledge Graphs

## Lecture 3 – Querying Knowledge Graphs with SPARQL

### 3.2 Complex Queries with SPARQL

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### 3.1 How to Query RDF(S)

Excursion 3: DBpedia Knowledge Graph

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### 3.2 Complex Queries with SPARQL

### 3.3 More Complex SPARQL Queries

### 3.4 SPARQL Sub-Select and Property Paths

### 3.5 SPARQL is more than a Query Language

### 3.6 Quality Assurance with SHACL Constraints

# SPARQL Filter Constraints

```

PREFIX : <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
PREFIX dbc: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Category:>

```

```

SELECT ?author_name ?title
FROM <http://dbpedia.org/>
WHERE {
    ?author rdf:type dbo:Writer .
    ?author rdfs:label ?author_name
    FILTER (LANG(?author_name)="en").
    ?work dbo:author ?author .
    ?work rdfs:label ?title .
    FILTER (LANG(?title)="en")
    ?work dct:subject dbc:Dystopian_novel .
} LIMIT 100

```

Example:

Search for **authors**  
and their **books**, filter  
results for **English**  
**labels** and

**Dystopian novels** and  
limit the results to  
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# SPARQL Filter Constraints

```
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PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX wikibase: <http://wikiba.se/ontology#>
PREFIX bd: <http://www.bigdata.com/rdf#>

SELECT ?authorLabel ?bookLabel ?date
WHERE {
    ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q7725634 .    # ?book :instanceOf :LiteraryWork
    ?book wdt:P50 ?author .        # ?book :author ?author
    ?book wdt:P136 wd:Q15062348 .  # ?book :genre :DystopianFiction
    ?book wdt:P577 ?date .         # ?book :publicationDate -?date
    SERVICE wikibase:label
    { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en" }
} LIMIT 100
```

Example:

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```

wikidata specific  
label service

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6   ?book wdt:P577 ?date .       # ?book :publicationDate -?date
7   SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en" }
8 } LIMIT 100
9
```

100 results in 430 msCodeDownloadLink

authorLabel	bookLabel	date
Tim Powers	Dinner at Deviant's Palace	1 January 1985
Ernest Cline	Ready Player One	16 August 2011
Philip K. Dick	The Man Who Japed	1 January 1956
J. G. Ballard	The Wind from Nowhere	1 January 1961
Robert Sheckley	The Prize of Peril	1 May 1958
J. Neil Schulman	Alongside Night	16 October 1979

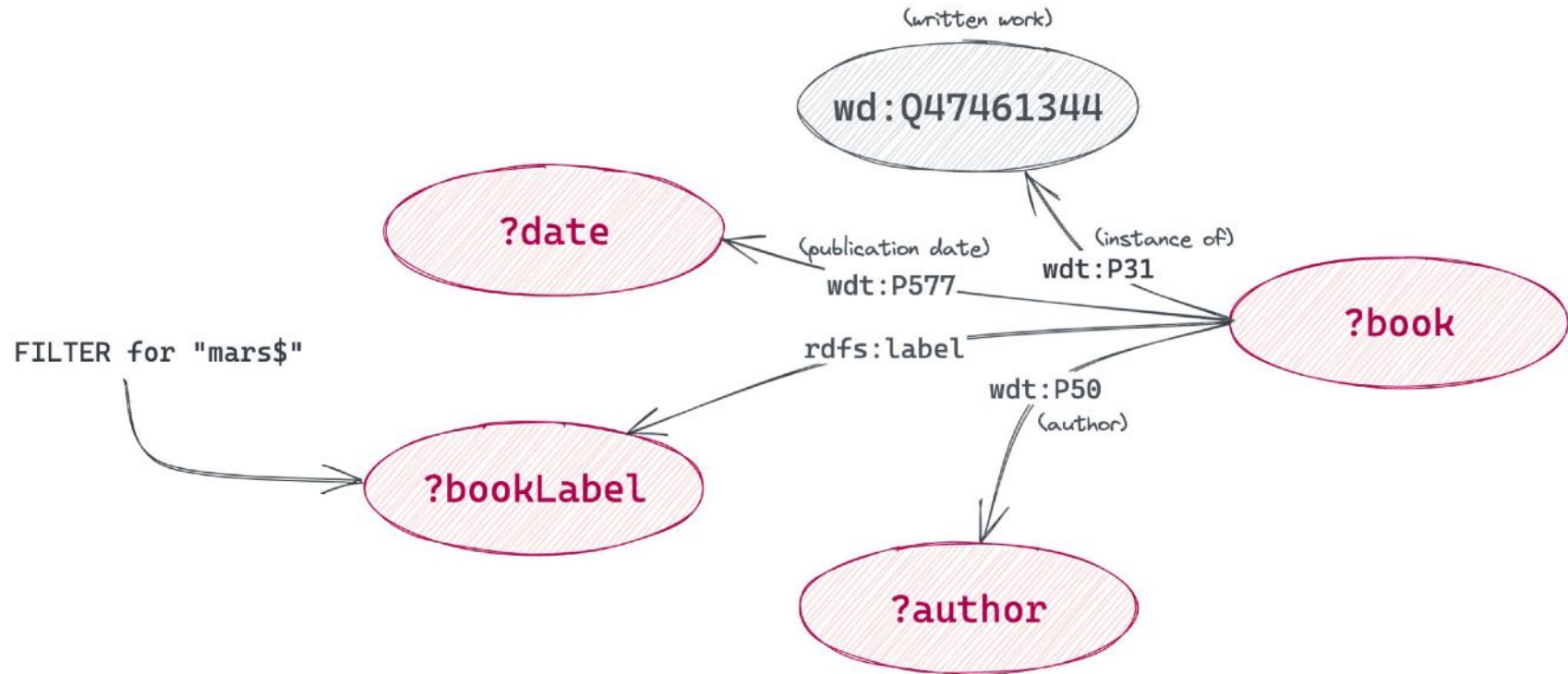
# More SPARQL Operators

- Logical connectives **&&** (**AND**) and **||** (**OR**) for xsd:boolean
- Comparison operators **=**, **!=**, **<**, **>**, **<=**, and **>=** for numeric data types, xsd:dateTime, xsd:string, and xsd:boolean
- Comparison operators **=** and **!=** for other data types
- Arithmetic operators **+**, **-**, **\***, and **/** for numeric data types
- And in addition:
  - **REGEX(String,Pattern)** or **REGEX(String,Pattern,Flags)**
  - **sameTERM(A,B)**
  - **langMATCHES(A,B)**



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SELECT ?authorLabel ?bookLabel ?date
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  ?book wdt:P50 ?author .
  ?book wdt:P577 ?date .
  ?book rdfs:label ?bookLabel
  FILTER (LANG(?bookLabel)="en")
  FILTER REGEX (?bookLabel,"mars$","i") .
  ?author rdfs:label ?authorLabel
  FILTER (LANG(?authorLabel)="en") .
} ORDER BY ?date
```

*string*

*regular expression*


*flags*

With **FILTER**  
**REGEX**, regular  
expressions can  
be filtered.

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9   ?book wdt:P577 ?date .
10  ?book rdfs:label ?bookLabel
11  FILTER (LANG(?bookLabel)="en")
12  FILTER REGEX (?bookLabel,"mars$","i") .
13  ?author rdfs:label ?authorLabel .
14  FILTER (LANG(?authorLabel)="en")
15 } ORDER BY ?date
16

```

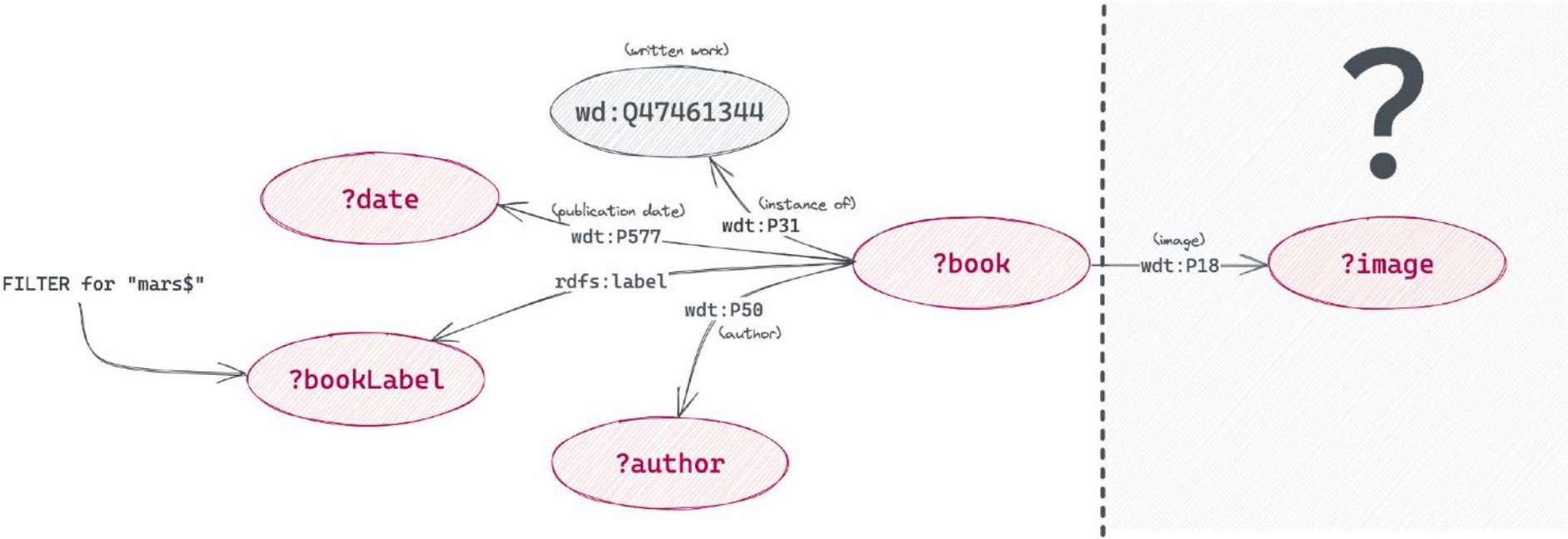
18 results in 5470 ms
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authorLabel	bookLabel	date
Alfred de Vigny	Cinq-Mars	25 April 1826
Edgar Rice Burroughs	Thuvia, Maid of Mars	1 January 1920
Edgar Rice Burroughs	A Fighting Man of Mars	1 January 1930
Edgar Rice Burroughs	Synthetic Men of Mars	1 January 1940
Garrett P. Serviss	Edison's Conquest of Mars	1 January 1947
Robert A. Heinlein	Podkayne of Mars	1 January 1963
Edgar Rice Burroughs	John Carter of Mars	1 January 1964

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```



```
SELECT ?authorLabel ?bookLabel ?date ?image
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
  ?book wdt:P31 wd:Q47461344 .
```

```
  ?book wdt:P50 ?author .
```

```
  ?book wdt:P577 ?date .
```

```
  ?book rdfs:label ?bookLabel
```

```
  FILTER (LANG(?bookLabel)="en")
```

```
  FILTER regex (?bookLabel,"mars$","i") .
```

```
  ?author rdfs:label ?authorLabel
```

```
  FILTER (LANG(?authorLabel)="en") .
```

```
  OPTIONAL {?book wdt:P18 ?image}
```

```
} ORDER BY ?date
```

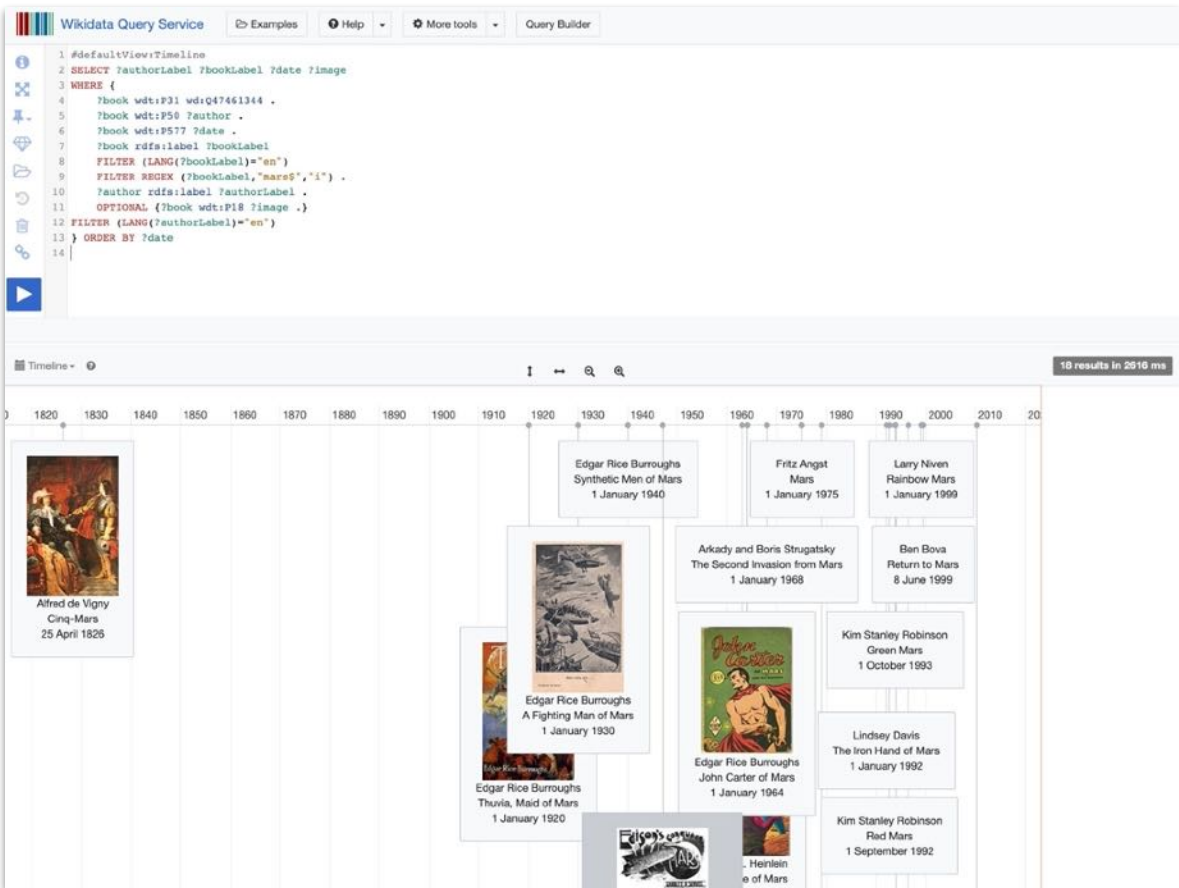
*optional  
constraint*

Optional selection  
of graph pattern  
via **OPTIONAL**.

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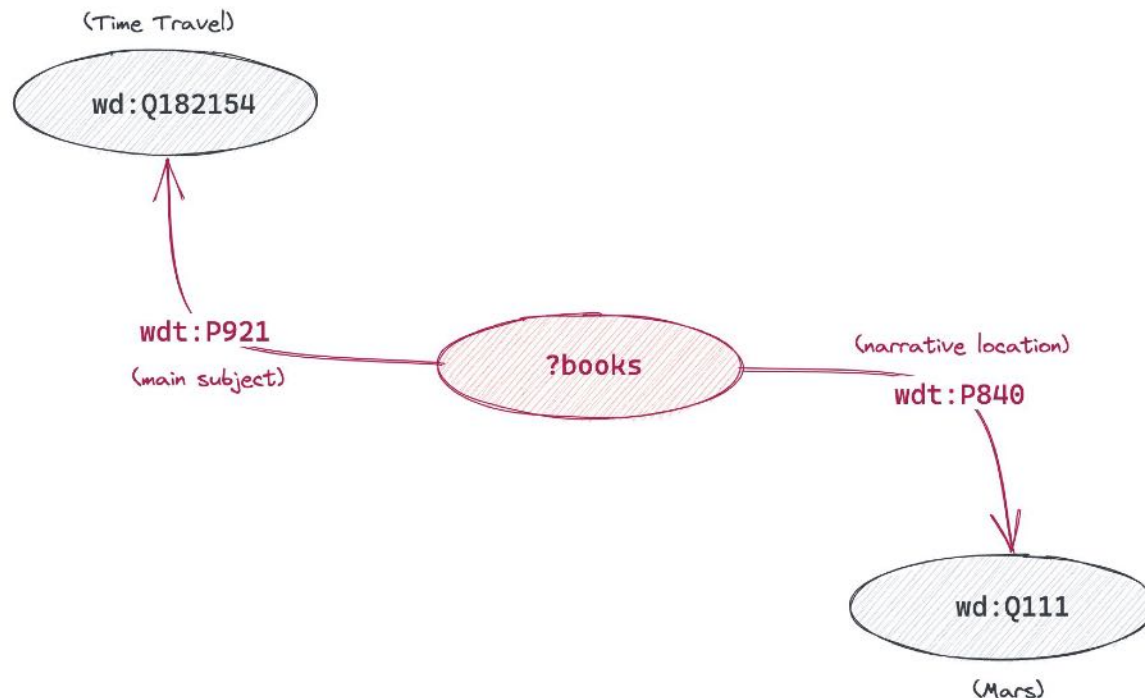
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        wdt:P50 ?author ;                 # :author ?author
        wdt:P577 ?date .                  # :publicationDate ?date
    { ?book wdt:P921 wd:Q182154 . }        # ?book :mainSubject :TimeTravel
  UNION
    { ?book wdt:P840 wd:Q111 . }          # ?book :narrativeLocation :Mars
  SERVICE wikibase:label
  { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en,fr,it" } # labeling service
} ORDER by ?date


```

*logical disjunction*

The keyword **UNION**  
allows for  
alternatives  
(logical disjunction).

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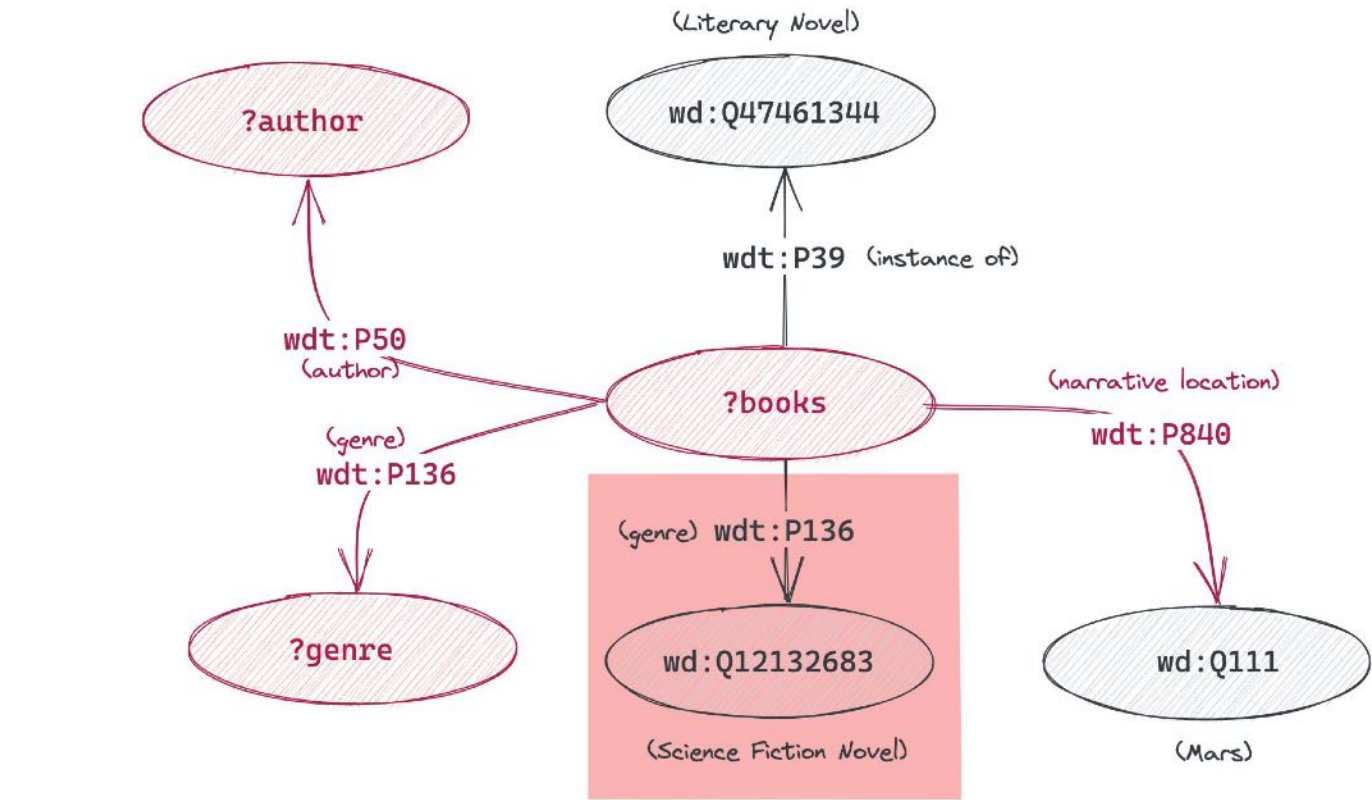
```

Table -
30 results in 349 ms
Code

authorLabel	bookLabel	date
Emilio Salgari	Le meraviglie del Duemila	1 January 1907
Edgar Rice Burroughs	A Fighting Man of Mars	1 January 1930
Wilson Tucker	The Lincoln Hunters	1 January 1958
Robert A. Heinlein	Podkayne of Mars	1 January 1963
Robert A. Heinlein	Farnham's Freehold	1 January 1964
Robert Silverberg	The Time Hoppers	1 January 1967
Jack Finney	The Woodrow Wilson Dime	1 January 1968
Robert Silverberg	The Masks of Time	1 May 1968

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        wdt:P50 ?author ;        # :author ?author
        wdt:P840 wd:Q111 ;        # :narrativeLocation :Mars
        wdt:P136 ?genre .         # :genre ?Genre
    FILTER NOT EXISTS {?book wdt:P136 wd:Q12132683 }.
                          # ?book :genre :ScienceFictionNovel
SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en" }
}
  
```


SPARQL 1.1 offers several variants for negation:

- **FILTER NOT EXISTS**
- **MINUS**
- **! BOUND ( )**

filter query  
result for  
existence

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11    wdt:P136 ?genre .         # :genre ?Genre
12    FILTER NOT EXISTS {?book wdt:P136 wd:Q12132683 }. # ?book :genre :ScienceFictionNovel
13    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en" } # labeling service
14 }
15
16

```

Table
4 results in 286 ms

authorLabel	bookLabel	genreLabel
Robert A. Heinlein	Podkayne of Mars	science fiction
Diane Duane	A Wizard of Mars	speculative/fantastic fiction novel
Larry Niven	Rainbow Mars	horror literature
Larry Niven	Rainbow Mars	crossover fiction

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