

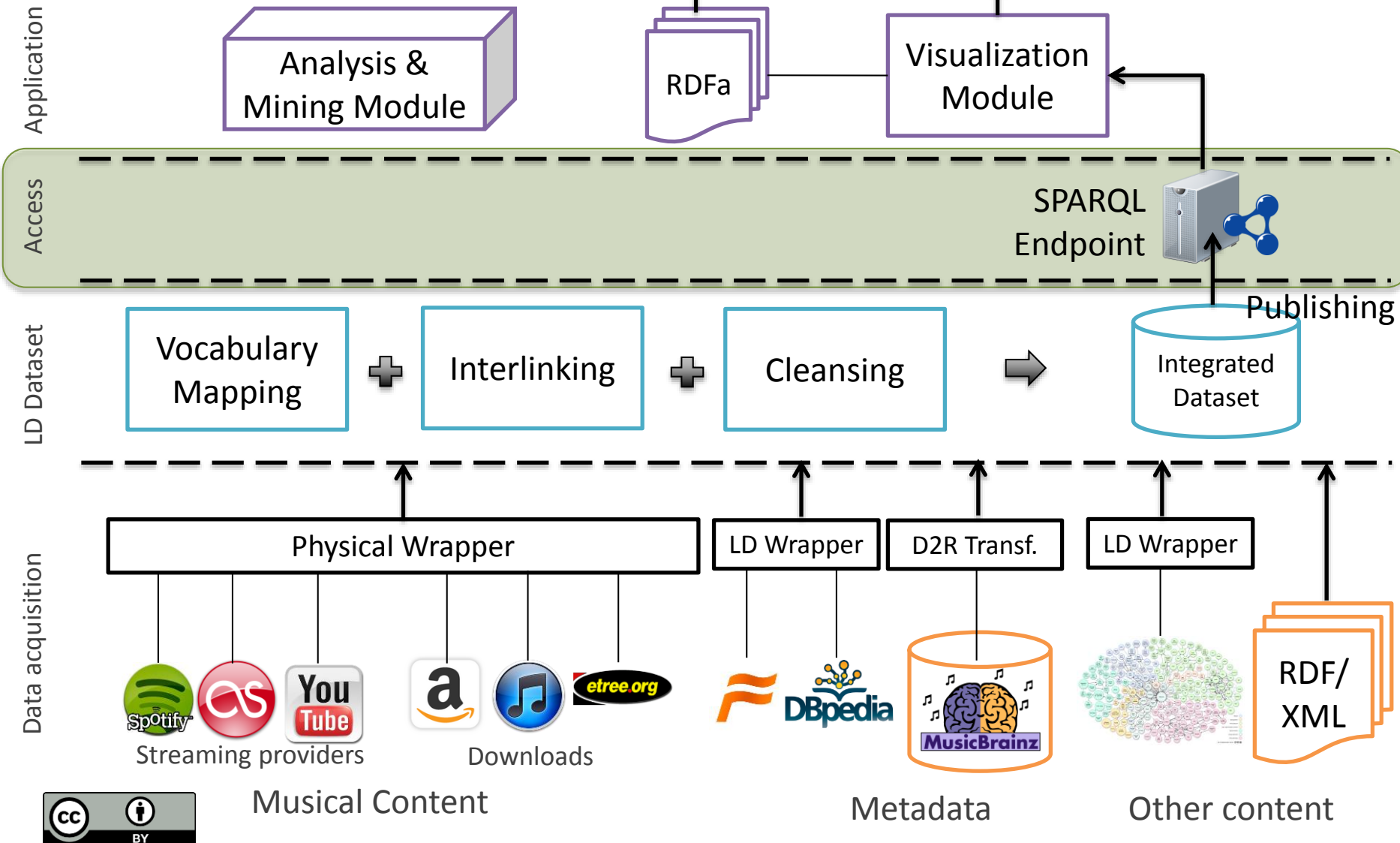
# SPARQL

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# Architecture of Semantic Web Applications

# Motivation: Music!



# Basic SPARQL

# SPARQL

SELECT

Get data

ASK

Yes/No questions

CONSTRUCT

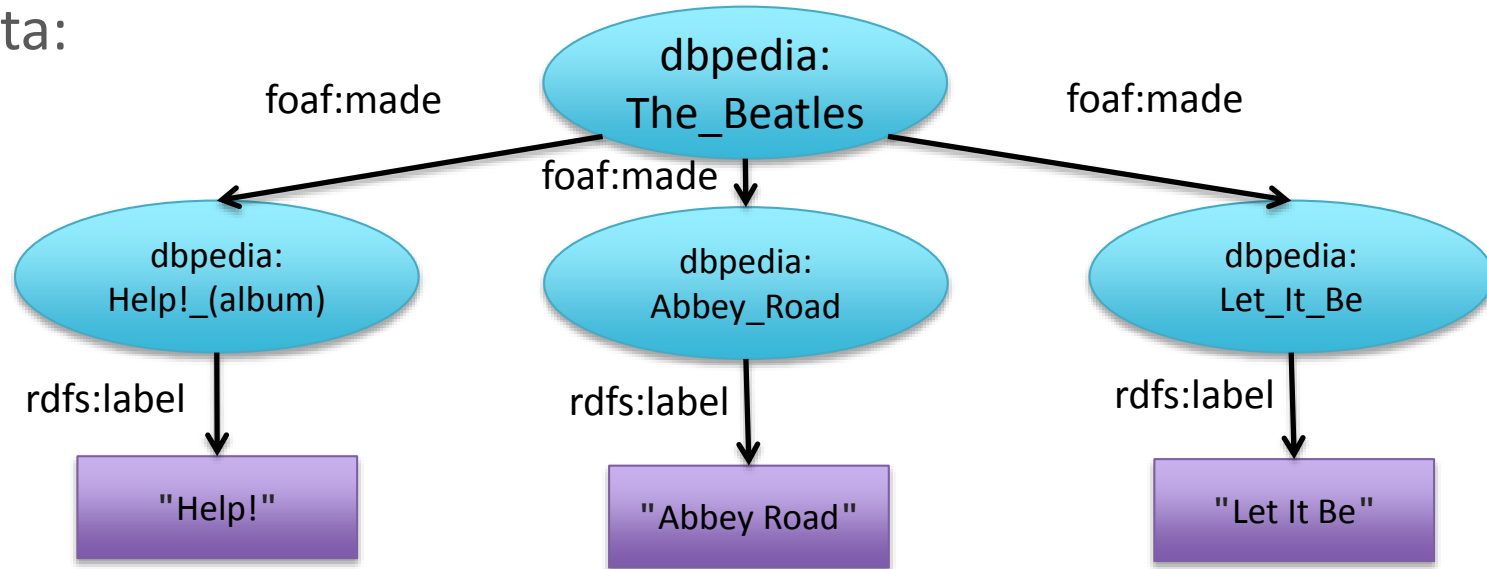
Create RDF

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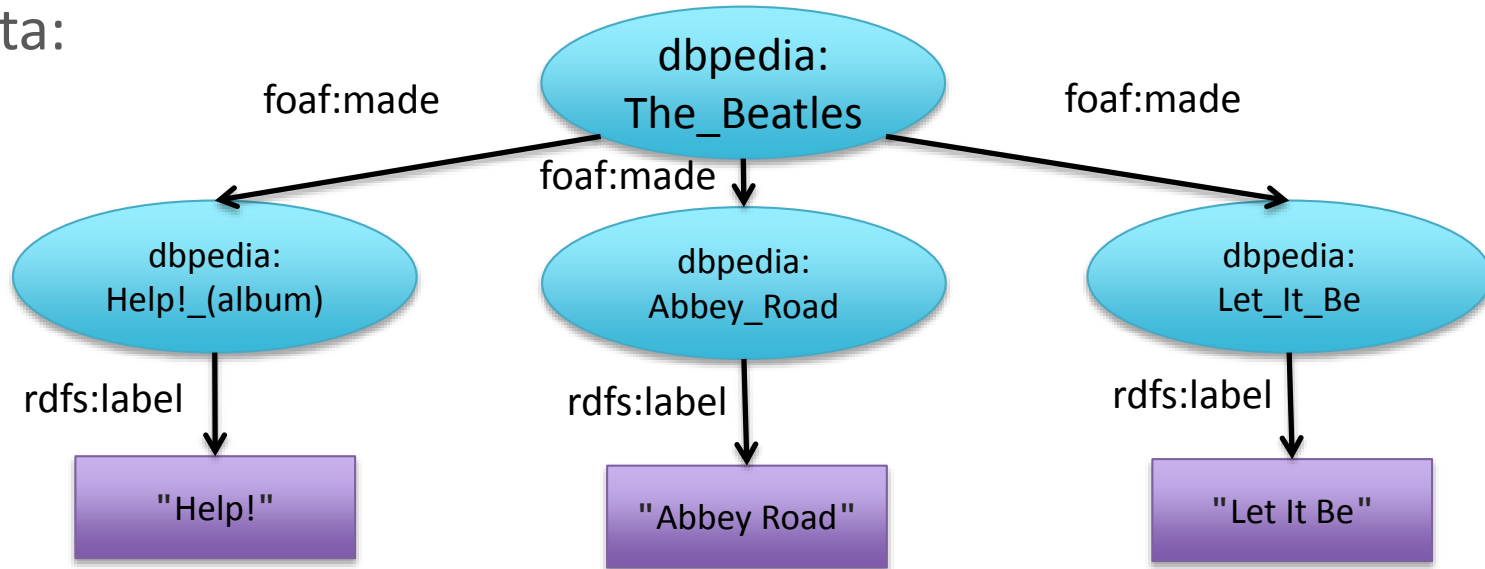
# SPARQL Query

Data:

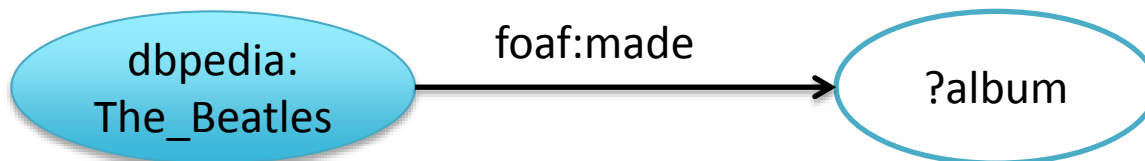


# SPARQL Query

Data:



Graph patterns:



Results:

**?album**

dbpedia:Help!\_(album)

dbpedia:Abbey\_Road

dbpedia:Let\_It\_Be

# SPARQL Query

## Main idea: **Pattern matching**

- Queries describe sub-graphs of the queried graph
- **Graph patterns** are RDF graphs specified in Turtle syntax, which contain variables (prefixed by either “?” or “\$”)



- Sub-graphs that match the graph patterns yield a **result**



# Simple Query

## Data

```
<http://example.org/book/book1>  
<http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title>  
"SPARQL Tutorial" .
```

## Query

```
SELECT ?title  
WHERE  
{  
  <http://example.org/book/book1>  
  <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title>  
  ?title .  
}
```

## Result

title

# Multiple Matches

## Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

_:a foaf:name "Johnny Lee Outlaw" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:jlow@example.com> .
_:b foaf:name "Peter Goodguy" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:peter@example.org> .
_:c foaf:mbox <mailto:carol@example.org> .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE
{
  ?x foaf:name ?name .
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox }

```

## Result

name	mbox

# Blank Nodes

## Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
```

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .  
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
SELECT ?x ?name  
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name }
```

## Result

x	name
_:c	
_:d	

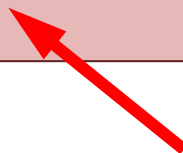
# Creating Values with Expressions

## Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:a foaf:givenName "John" .  
_:a foaf:surname "Doe" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
SELECT ?name  
WHERE {  
    ?P foaf:givenName ?G ;  
        foaf:surname ?S  
    BIND(CONCAT(?G, " ", ?S) AS ?name)  
}
```



## Result

name

# Selection: Restricting the Value of Strings


## Data

```
@prefix dc:    <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix :      <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns:    <http://example.org/ns#> .

:book1  dc:title  "SPARQL Tutorial" .
:book1  ns:price  42 .
:book2  dc:title  "The Semantic Web" .
:book2  ns:price  23 .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc:      <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?title
WHERE { ?x dc:title ?title
       FILTER regex(?title, "^SPARQL")
}
```



## Result

title

# Selection: Restricting Numeric Values


## Data

```
@prefix dc:    <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix :      <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns:    <http://example.org/ns#> .

:book1  dc:title  "SPARQL Tutorial" .
:book1  ns:price  42 .
:book2  dc:title  "The Semantic Web" .
:book2  ns:price  23 .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX dc:    <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX ns:    <http://example.org/ns#>
SELECT ?title ?price
WHERE { ?x ns:price ?price .
        FILTER (?price < 30.5)
        ?x dc:title ?title . }
```



## Result

title	price
"The Semantic Web"	

"SPARQL Tutorial" too expensive

# Some Syntax (Prefix)

## Query

```
PREFIX  dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT  ?title
WHERE   { <http://example.org/book/book1> dc:title ?title }
```

URIs in angle brackets as `<http://...>`

## Query

```
PREFIX  dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX  : <http://example.org/book/>

SELECT  ?title
WHERE   { :book1 dc:title $title }
```

Empty prefix

## Query

```
BASE    <http://example.org/book/>
PREFIX  dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

SELECT  ?title
WHERE   { <book1> dc:title ?title }
```

Define BASE: no need to write long URIs

# More Syntax (Blank Nodes)

**Query  
Fragment**

```
?x  a  :Class1 .  
[ a  :appClass ] :p "v" .
```

Short form

**Query  
Fragment**

```
?x      rdf:type  :Class1 .  
_:b0    rdf:type  :appClass .  
_:b0    :p        "v" .
```

Long form



# Graph Patterns

- Basic Graph Patterns,
  - where a set of triple patterns must match
- Group Graph Pattern: {}
  - where a set of graph patterns must all match
- Optional Graph patterns: OPTIONAL
  - where additional patterns may extend the solution
- Alternative Graph Pattern: UNION
  - where two or more possible patterns are tried
- Patterns on Named Graphs: GRAPH
  - where patterns are matched against named graphs

# Group Graph Patterns

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
    ?x foaf:name ?name .
    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```

One basic graph pattern

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE { { ?x foaf:name ?name . } ←←
        { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox . } ←←
}
```

Two group graph patterns

# Scope of Filters

**Query  
Fragment**

```
{  
  ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
  FILTER regex(?name, "Smith")  
}
```

**Query  
Fragment**

```
{  
  FILTER regex(?name, "Smith")  
  ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
}
```

**Query  
Fragment**

```
{  
  ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  FILTER regex(?name, "Smith")  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
}
```

Scope is whole group where filter appears

# Optional Pattern Matching


## Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .

_:a  rdf:type          foaf:Person .
_:a  foaf:name         "Alice" .
_:a  foaf:mbox         <mailto:alice@example.com> .
_:a  foaf:mbox         <mailto:alice@work.example> .

_:b  rdf:type          foaf:Person .
_:b  foaf:name         "Bob" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
   OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox }
}
```

## Result

name	mbox
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@example.com>
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@work.example>

# Multiple Optional Graph Patterns



## Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

_:a  foaf:name      "Alice" .
_:a  foaf:homepage   <http://work.example.org/alice/> .

_:b  foaf:name      "Bob" .
_:b  foaf:mbox       <mailto:bob@work.example> .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox ?hpage
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
   OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox } .
   OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:homepage ?hpage }
}
```

## Result

name	mbox	hpage
"Alice"		<http://work.example.org/alice/>
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@work.example>	

# UNION

## Data

```
@prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
@prefix dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .

_:a dc10:title "SPARQL Query Language Tutorial" .
_:a dc10:creator "Alice" .
_:b dc11:title "SPARQL Protocol Tutorial" .
_:b dc11:creator "Bob" .
_:c dc10:title "SPARQL" .
_:c dc11:title "SPARQL (updated)" .
```

## Query

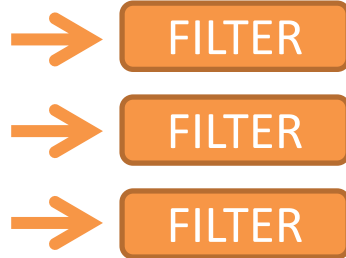
```
PREFIX dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/>
PREFIX dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?title
WHERE {
  { ?book dc10:title ?title } UNION
  { ?book dc11:title ?title }
}
```

## Result

title
"SPARQL Protocol Tutorial"
"SPARQL"
"SPARQL (updated)"
"SPARQL Query Language Tutorial"

# FILTER NOT EXISTS

?x1	?x2	?x3



testing whether a pattern exists  
in the data,  
given the bindings already  
determined by the query pattern

# MINUS

Graph Pattern MINUS Graph Pattern

?x 1	?x 2	?y 1

?x1	?x2	?z1	?z2

evaluates both its arguments,  
then calculates solutions in  
the left-hand side that are not  
compatible with the solutions  
on the right-hand side

## Data

# Negation: Absence of a Pattern


```
@prefix    :      <http://example/> .
@prefix    rdf:    <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix    foaf:   <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

:alice    rdf:type    foaf:Person .
:alice    foaf:name   "Alice" .
:bob      rdf:type    foaf:Person .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX    rdf:    <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX    foaf:   <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

SELECT ?person
WHERE
{
    ?person rdf:type    foaf:Person .
    FILTER NOT EXISTS { ?person foaf:name ?name }
}
```



## Result

person

Can also do FILTER



# Negation: Removing Possible Solutions

```
@prefix :      <http://example/> .
@prefix foaf:  <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

:alice  foaf:givenName "Alice" ;
        foaf:familyName "Smith" .

:bob     foaf:givenName "Bob" ;
        foaf:familyName "Jones" .

:carol   foaf:givenName "Carol" ;
        foaf:familyName "Smith" .
```

## Data

## Result

s

## Query

```
PREFIX :      <http://example/>
PREFIX foaf:  <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE {
  ?s ?p ?o .
  MINUS {
    ?s foaf:givenName "Bob" .
  }
}
```

<http://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/>

See section 8.3

# FILTER vs MINUS, Example 1

## Query “FILTER”

```
SELECT *  
{  
  ?s ?p ?o  
  FILTER NOT EXISTS { ?x ?y ?z }  
}
```

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://example/> .  
:a :b :c .
```

## Result “FILTER”

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# FILTER vs MINUS, Example 1

## Query “FILTER”

## Data

```
SELECT *  
{  
  ?s ?p ?o  
  FILTER NOT EXISTS { ?x ?y ?z }  
}
```

```
@prefix : <http://example/> .  
:a :b :c .
```

## Result “FILTER”

s	p	o
---	---	---

## Query “MINUS”

```
SELECT *  
{  
  ?s ?p ?o  
  MINUS  
    { ?x ?y ?z }  
}
```

No shared variables!

## Result “MINUS”

--	--	--

# FILTER vs MINUS, Example 2

## Query “FILTER”

```
PREFIX : <http://example/>
SELECT *
{
  ?s ?p ?o
  FILTER NOT EXISTS { :a :b :c }
}
```

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://example/> .
:a :b :c .
```

## Result “FILTER”

--	--	--

# FILTER vs MINUS, Example 2

## Query “FILTER”

Data

```
PREFIX : <http://example/>
SELECT *
{
  ?s ?p ?o
  FILTER NOT EXISTS { :a :b :c }
}
```

```
@prefix : <http://example/> .
:a :b :c .
```

## Result “FILTER”

s	p	o

## Query “MINUS”

```
PREFIX : <http://example/>
SELECT *
{
  ?s ?p ?o
  MINUS { :a :b :c }
}
```

No shared variables!

## Result “MINUS”

--	--	--

# Brain Teaser: Inner Filter

## Data

```
@prefix : <...>
:a :p 1 .
:a :q 1 .
:a :q 2 .

:b :p 3.0 .
:b :q 4.0 .
:b :q 5.0 .
```

## Query “FILTER”

```
PREFIX : <http://example.com/>
SELECT * WHERE {
  ?x :p ?n
  FILTER NOT EXISTS {
    ?x :q ?m .
    FILTER(?n = ?m)
  }
}
```

## Result “FILTER”

x	n

# Brain Teaser: Inner Filter

Data

```
@prefix : <...>
:a :p 1 .
:a :q 1 .
:a :q 2 .

:b :p 3.0 .
:b :q 4.0 .
:b :q 5.0 .
```

## Query “FILTER”

```
PREFIX : <http://example.com/>
SELECT * WHERE {
  ?x :p ?n
  FILTER NOT EXISTS {
    ?x :q ?m .
    FILTER(?n = ?m)
  }
}
```

## Result “FILTER”

x	n
<http://example.com/b>	3.0

## Query “MINUS”

```
PREFIX : <http://example/>
SELECT * WHERE {
  ?x :p ?n
  MINUS {
    ?x :q ?m .
    FILTER(?n = ?m)
  }
}
```

## Result “MINUS”

x	n

# Property Paths

## Query Fragment

```
{ :book1 dc:title|rdfs:label ?displayString }
```

Alternatives: Match one or both possibilities

## Query Fragment

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows/foaf:name ?name .  
}
```

Sequence: Find the name of any people that Alice knows.

## Query Fragment

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows/foaf:knows/foaf:name ?name .  
}
```

Sequence: Find the names of people 2 "foaf:knows" links away.

## Query Fragment

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows+/foaf:name ?name .  
}
```

Arbitrary length match:

Find the names of all the people that can be reached from Alice by "foaf:knows":





# Property Path Semantics

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows/foaf:knows/foaf:name ?name .  
}
```

=

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows ?a1 .  
  ?a1 foaf:knows ?a2 .  
  ?a2 foaf:name ?name .  
}
```

=

```
{  
  ?x foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@example> .  
  ?x foaf:knows [ foaf:knows [ foaf:name ?name ] ] .  
}
```

# BIND: Assigning to Variables

## Data

```
@prefix dc:      <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix :        <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns:      <http://example.org/ns#> .

:book1 dc:title      "SPARQL Tutorial" .
:book1 ns:price       42 .
:book1 ns:discount    0.2 .

:book2 dc:title      "The Semantic Web" .
:book2 ns:price       23 .
:book2 ns:discount    0.25 .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX dc:      <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX ns:      <http://example.org/ns#>

SELECT  ?title ?price
{
  ?x ns:price ?p .
  ?x ns:discount ?discount
  BIND (?p*(1-?discount) AS ?price)
  FILTER(?price < 20)
  ?x dc:title ?title .
}
```

## Result

title	price
"The Semantic Web"	17.25



# Aggregation

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://books.example/> .  
  
:org1 :affiliates :auth1, :auth2 .  
:auth1 :writesBook :book1, :book2 .  
:book1 :price 9 .  
:book2 :price 5 .  
:auth2 :writesBook :book3 .  
:book3 :price 7 .  
:org2 :affiliates :auth3 .  
:auth3 :writesBook :book4 .  
:book4 :price 7 .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://books.example/>  
SELECT (SUM(?lprice) AS ?totalPrice)  
WHERE {  
    ?org :affiliates ?auth .  
    ?auth :writesBook ?book .  
    ?book :price ?lprice .  
}  
GROUP BY ?org  
HAVING (SUM(?lprice) > 10)
```

## Bindings

?org	?auth	?book	?lprice
:org1	:auth1	:book1	9
:org1	:auth1	:book2	5
:org1	:auth2	:book3	7
:org2	:auth3	:book4	7

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# Aggregation

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://books.example/>
SELECT (SUM(?lprice) AS ?totalPrice)
WHERE {
    ?org :affiliates ?auth .
    ?auth :writesBook ?book .
    ?book :price ?lprice .
}
GROUP BY ?org
HAVING (SUM(?lprice) > 10)
```

## Bindings

?org	?auth	?book	?lprice
:org1	:auth1	:book1	9
:org1	:auth1	:book2	5
:org1	:auth2	:book3	7
:org2	:auth3	:book4	7

21

7

## Result

totalPrice
21

# Aggregation

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://books.example/> .  
:org1 :affiliates :auth1, :auth2 .  
:auth1 :writesBook :book1, :book2 .  
:book1 :price 9 .  
:book2 :price 5 .  
:auth2 :writesBook :book3 .  
:book3 :price 7 .  
:org2 :affiliates :auth3 .  
:auth3 :writesBook :book4 .  
:book4 :price 7 .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://books.example/>  
SELECT (SUM(?lprice) AS ?totalPrice)  
WHERE {  
  ?org :affiliates ?auth .  
  ?auth :writesBook ?book .  
  ?book :price ?lprice .  
}  
GROUP BY ?org  
HAVING (SUM(?lprice) > 10)
```

## Result

totalPrice
21



# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .

:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?y ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

## Result

y	minName
???	???
???	???
???	???

# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .

:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?y ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .  
  
:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .  
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .  
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .  
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)  
WHERE {  
  ?y :name ?name .  
} GROUP BY ?y
```

## Result

y	minName
:alice	"A. Foo"
:bob	"B. Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

## Bindings

?y	?name
:alice	"Alice"
:alice	"Alice Foo"
:alice	"A. Foo"
:bob	"Bob"
:bob	"Bob Bar"
:bob	"B. Bar"
:carol	"Carol"
:carol	"Carol Baz"
:carol	"C. Baz"



# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .

:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?y ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

## Subquery Result

y	minName
:alice	"A. Foo"
:bob	"Bob Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .

:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?v ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

y	Subquery Result
:bob	
:carol	

## Subquery Result

y	minName
:alice	"A. Foo"
:bob	"Bob Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

# Subqueries

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?y ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

Return a name (the one with the lowest sort order) for all the people that know Alice and have a name.

## Subquery Result

y
:bob
:carol

JOIN

## Subquery Result

y	minName
:alice	"A. Foo"
:bob	"Bob Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

=

## Result

y	minName
:bob	"B. Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

# Subqueries

## Data

```
@prefix : <http://people.example/> .

:alice :name "Alice", "Alice Foo", "A. Foo" .
:alice :knows :bob, :carol .
:bob :name "Bob", "Bob Bar", "B. Bar" .
:carol :name "Carol", "Carol Baz", "C. Baz" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX : <http://people.example/>
SELECT ?y ?minName
WHERE {
  :alice :knows ?y .
  {
    SELECT ?y (MIN(?name) AS ?minName)
    WHERE {
      ?y :name ?name .
    } GROUP BY ?y
  }
}
```

## Result

y	minName
:bob	"B. Bar"
:carol	"C. Baz"

RDF Dataset =

default graph

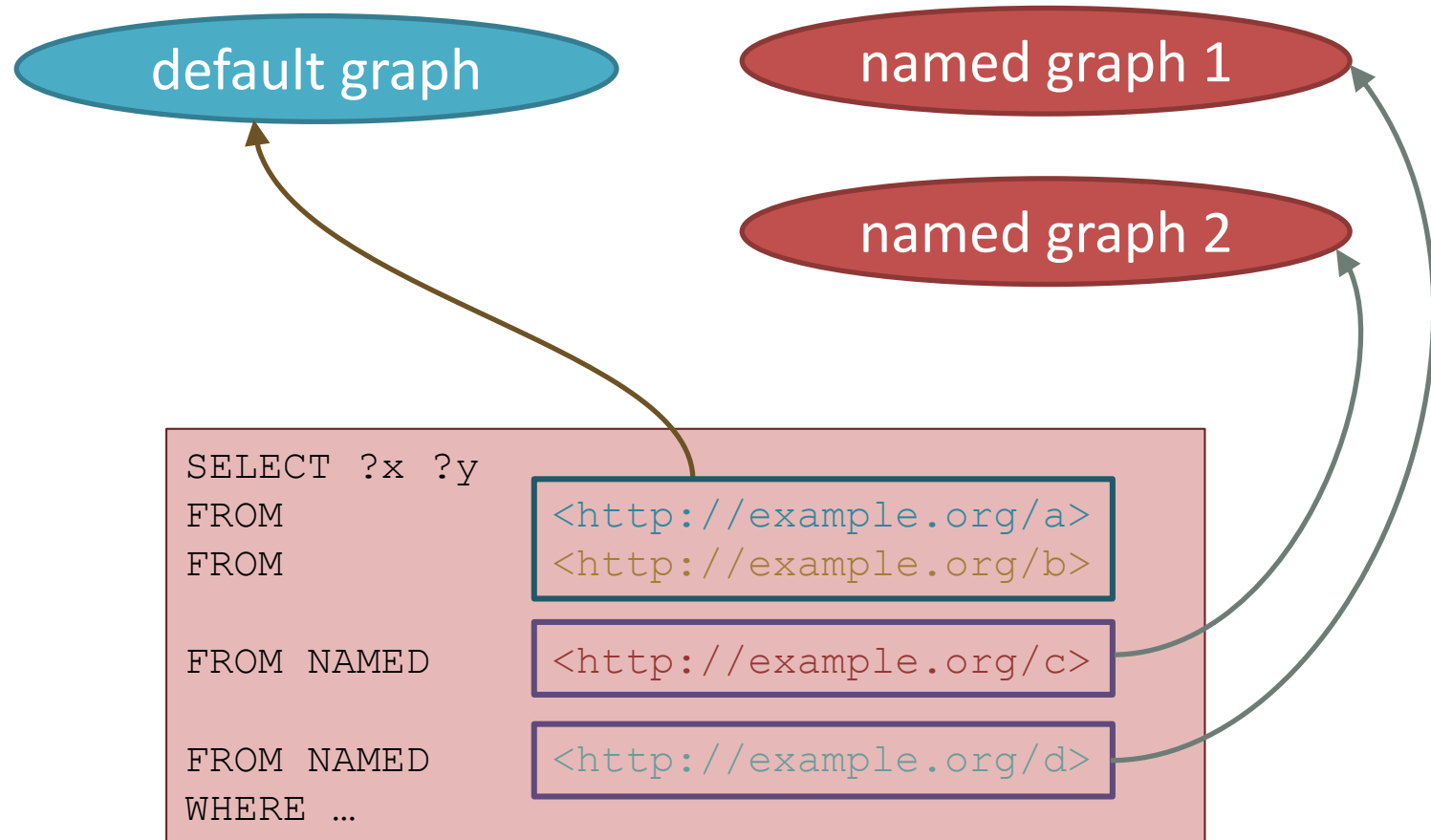
+ named graph 1

+ named graph 2

+ ...

... the SPARQL queries seen so far target the default graph

# Specifying Datasets Explicitly



Default graph = “RDF merged” graphs in FROM clauses

RDF merge = union N-triples, renaming blank nodes to not conflict

# RDF Datasets

## Default Graph

```
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .  
  
<http://example.org/bob>    dc:publisher    "Bob" .  
<http://example.org/alice>  dc:publisher    "Alice" .
```

Provenance

## Named Graph 1: `http://example.org/bob`

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:a foaf:name "Bob" .  
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 2: `http://example.org/alice`

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .  
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org> .
```

Graphs  
can be  
merged

[Note that blank nodes `_:a` represent different objects in each of the named graphs!]

Separate graphs enable you to reason  
about who said what and when  
(provenance)



# Provenance Reasoning


## Default Graph

prefixes omitted to save space

```
g:graph1 dc:publisher "Bob" .  
g:graph1 dc:date "2004-12-06"^^xsd:date .  
  
g:graph2 dc:publisher "Bob" .  
g:graph2 dc:date "2005-01-10"^^xsd:date .
```


## Named Graph 1 **RDF collected on 2004-12-06**

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .  
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .  
  
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .  
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .
```



## Named Graph 2 **RDF collected on 2005-01-10**

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .  
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .  
  
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .  
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org> .
```



```
g:graph1 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph1 dc:date "2004-12-06"^^xsd:date .

g:graph2 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph2 dc:date "2005-01-10"^^xsd:date .
```

## Default Graph

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .

_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 1

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .

_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 2

?

## Result

name	mbox	date
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org>	"2004-12-06"^^xsd:date
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org>	"2005-01-10"^^xsd:date

```
g:graph1 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph1 dc:date "2004-12-06"^^xsd:date .
g:graph2 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph2 dc:date "2005-01-10"^^xsd:date .
```

## Default Graph

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 1

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 2

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc:   <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox ?date
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/alice>
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/bob>
WHERE
  { ?g dc:publisher ?name ;
      dc:date ?date .
    GRAPH ?g
      { ?person foaf:name ?name ; foaf:mbox ?mbox }
  }
```

from Default Graph

from  
Named Graphs

```
g:graph1 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph1 dc:date "2004-12-06"^^xsd:date .
g:graph2 dc:publisher "Bob" .
g:graph2 dc:date "2005-01-10"^^xsd:date .
```

## Default Graph

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 1

```
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org> .
```

## Named Graph 2

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc:   <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox ?date
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/alice>
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/bob>
WHERE
  { ?g dc:publisher ?name ; dc:date ?date .
    GRAPH ?g
      { ?person foaf:name ?name ; foaf:mbox ?mbox }
  }
```

from Default Graph

from  
Named Graphs

name	mbox	date
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org>	"2004-12-06"^^xsd:date
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@newcorp.example.org>	"2005-01-10"^^xsd:date

Take the following four named graphs...

<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }  
<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }  
<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }  
<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }

**SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }**

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

Take the following four named graphs...

<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }

<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }

<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }

<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

FROM <http://grapha.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give <a1>.

Take the following four named graphs...

<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }

<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }

<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }

<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

FROM <http://grapha.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give <a1>.

FROM NAMED <http://grapha.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give nothing.

Take the following four named graphs...

<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }  
<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }  
<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }  
<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

FROM <http://grapha.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give <a1>.

FROM NAMED <http://grapha.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give nothing.

FROM <http://grapha.com>

FROM <http://graphb.com>

FROM NAMED <http://graphc.com>

FROM NAMED <http://graphd.com>

SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }

should give <a1>, <b1>.



Take the following four named graphs...

```
<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }  
<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }  
<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }  
<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give <a1>.

```
FROM NAMED <http://grapha.com>
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give nothing.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>
```

```
FROM <http://graphb.com>
```

```
FROM NAMED <http://graphc.com>
```

```
FROM NAMED <http://graphd.com>
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give <a1>, <b1>.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>
```

```
FROM <http://graphb.com>
```

```
FROM NAMED <http://graphc.com>
```

```
FROM NAMED <http://graphd.com>
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { GRAPH ?g { ?s <p> ?o } }
```

should give <c1>, <d1>.

Take the following four named graphs...

```
<http://grapha.com> = { <a1> <p> <a2> . }  
<http://graphb.com> = { <b1> <p> <b2> . }  
<http://graphc.com> = { <c1> <p> <c2> . }  
<http://graphd.com> = { <d1> <p> <d2> . }
```

```
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

will often give <a1>, <b1>, <c1>, <d1>, but this depends on what the default graph is implicitly defined as.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>  
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give <a1>.

```
FROM NAMED <http://grapha.com>  
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give nothing.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>  
FROM <http://graphb.com>  
FROM NAMED <http://graphc.com>  
FROM NAMED <http://graphd.com>  
SELECT ?s WHERE { ?s <p> ?o }
```

should give <a1>, <b1>.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>  
FROM <http://graphb.com>  
FROM NAMED <http://graphc.com>  
FROM NAMED <http://graphd.com>  
SELECT ?s WHERE { GRAPH ?g { ?s <p> ?o } }
```

should give <c1>, <d1>.

```
FROM <http://grapha.com>  
FROM NAMED <http://graphb.com>  
SELECT ?s WHERE {  
  GRAPH <http://grapha.com> { ?s <p> ?o } }
```

should give nothing. ...etc.

# Controlling the Output

```
SELECT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name ; :empId ?emp }
ORDER BY ?name DESC(?emp)
```

Ordering the  
solutions

```
PREFIX foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name }
```

Eliminating  
duplicates

```
SELECT    ?name
WHERE     { ?x foaf:name ?name }
LIMIT    5
OFFSET   10
```

Selecting a  
range of results

# SPARQL

SELECT

Get data

ASK

Yes/No questions



CONSTRUCT

Create RDF

DESCRIBE

Get some information

# SELECT vs CONSTRUCT

SELECT



**Result: table of bindings**

x	n
<http://example.com/b>	3.0
<http://example.com/a>	1

CONSTRUCT



**Result: RDF**

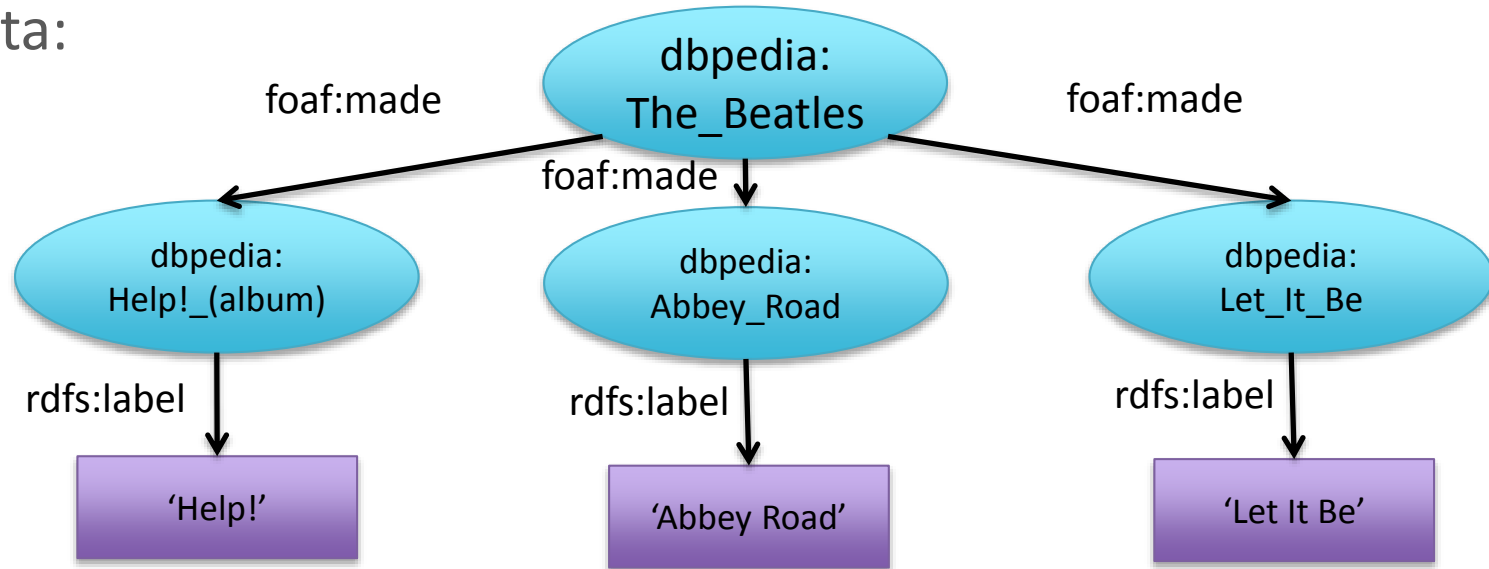
```
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .

_:v1 vcard:N          _:x .
_:x vcard:givenName   "Alice" .
_:x vcard:familyName  "Hacker" .

_:v2 vcard:N          _:z .
_:z vcard:givenName   "Bob" .
_:z vcard:familyName  "Hacker" .
```

# Query Form: CONSTRUCT

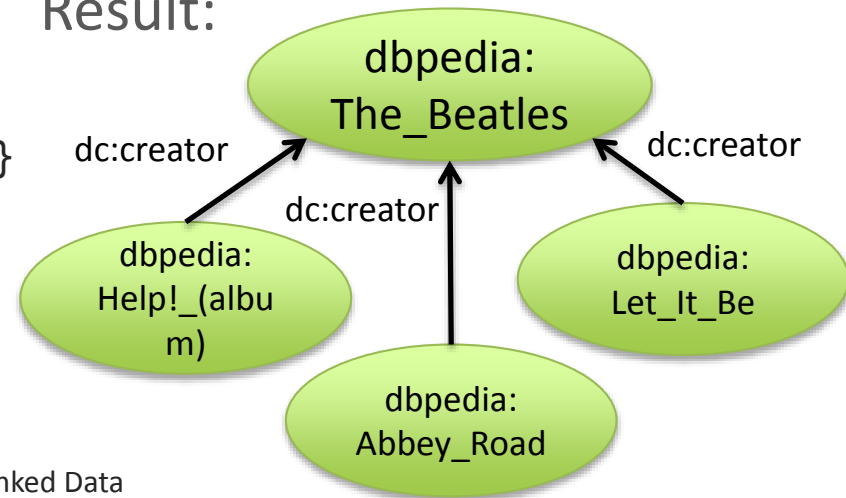
Data:



Query:

```
CONSTRUCT {  
  ?album dc:creator dbpedia:The_Beatles .}  
WHERE {  
  dbpedia:The_Beatles foaf:made ?album .}
```

Result:



# Query Form: CONSTRUCT

## Subsets of results

- It is possible to combine the query with **solution modifiers** (ORDER BY, LIMIT, OFFSET)

Query: *Create the dc:creator descriptions for the 10 most recent albums and their tracks recorded by 'The Beatles'.*

```
PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX music-ont: <http://purl.org/ontology/mo/>
PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
CONSTRUCT {
    ?album dc:creator dbpedia:The_Beatles .
    ?track dc:creator dbpedia:The_Beatles .}
WHERE {
    dbpedia:The_Beatles foaf:made ?album .
    ?album music-ont:track ?track ;
        dc:date ?date .
} ORDER BY DESC(?date)
LIMIT 10
```

# Query Form: CONSTRUCT

## Assigning Variables

- The value of an expression can be added to a solution mapping by binding a new variable (which can be further used and returned)
- The BIND form allows to assign a value to a variable from a BGP

**Query:** *Calculate the duration of the tracks from ms to s, and store the value using the dbpedia-ont:runtime property .*

```
PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX music-ont: <http://purl.org/ontology/mo/>
PREFIX dbpedia-ont: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
CONSTRUCT { ?track dbpedia-ont:runtime ?secs .}
WHERE {
    dbpedia:The_Beatles foaf:made ?album .
    ?album music-ont:track ?track .
    ?track music-ont:duration ?duration .
    BIND((?duration/1000) AS ?secs) .}
```



# CONSTRUCTing a Graph

## Data

```
_:a      foaf:givenname      "Alice" .
_:a      foaf:family_name    "Hacker" .
_:b      foaf:firstname      "Bob" .
_:b      foaf:surname        "Hacker" .
```

## Query

```
PREFIX foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX vcard:     <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
CONSTRUCT { ?x vcard:N _:v .
             _:v vcard:givenName ?gname .
             _:v vcard:familyName ?fname }
WHERE {
  { ?x foaf:firstname ?gname } UNION { ?x foaf:givenname      ?gname } .
  { ?x foaf:surname      ?fname } UNION { ?x foaf:family_name ?fname } .
}
```

## Result Data

```
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .

_:v1 vcard:N          _:x .
_:x vcard:givenName    "Alice" .
_:x vcard:familyName   "Hacker" .

_:v2 vcard:N          _:z .
_:z vcard:givenName    "Bob" .
_:z vcard:familyName   "Hacker" .
```

Convert from  
“foaf”  
to  
“vcard”



# Query Form: ASK

- Namespaces are added with the 'PREFIX' directive
- Statement patterns that make up the graph are specified between brackets (“{ }”)

Query: *Is Paul McCartney member of 'The Beatles'?*

```
PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>  
PREFIX dbpedia-ont: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>  
ASK WHERE { dbpedia:The_Beatles dbpedia-ont:bandMember  
            dbpedia:Paul_McCartney.}
```

Results:

---

true

---

Query: *Is Elvis Presley member of 'The Beatles'?*

```
PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>  
PREFIX dbpedia-ont: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>  
ASK WHERE { dbpedia:The_Beatles dbpedia-ont:bandMember  
            dbpedia:Elvis_Presley.}
```

Results:

---

false

---

# Executing SPARQL Queries

# http://yasgui.laurensrietveld.nl

The screenshot shows the YASGUI web application in a browser window. The browser's address bar displays `http://yasgui.laurensrietveld.nl`. The application interface includes a top navigation bar with links to various services like Evernote, EverClip, The Milk, Blackboard, myUSC, myViterbi, Blogger, Karma, lod.isi, fusion.isi, and Fusion Aps. The main header features the YASGUI logo and a 'Query' button. Below the header, there's an 'Endpoint' input field containing `http://dbpedia.org/sparql` and an 'Output' dropdown menu set to 'Table'. The main area displays a SPARQL query:

```
1 PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
2 PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
3
4 SELECT * WHERE {
5   ?sub ?pred ?obj
6 } LIMIT 10
7
```

Several callout boxes provide additional information:

- Configuration:** A box at the top right lists features: 'Update prefixes or endpoints (CKAN) list', 'Supported YASGUI features', and 'Login using OpenID'. It also includes a 'Configure YASGUI (not logged in)' button.
- Search for endpoints:** A button labeled 'Search for endpoints' is located near the endpoint input field.
- Share queries:** A box on the right explains how to 'Share your queries with others by generating a YASGUI link for them'.
- Advanced options:** A box on the right lists 'Advanced options which you normally wont need including: Change request method (POST / GET), Add more query arguments, and Change requested content (XML/JSON/Turtle)'.
- Keyboard shortcuts:** A box at the bottom right lists shortcuts: CTRL-D (Delete line), CTRL-ALT-down (Copy line below), CTRL-ALT-up (Copy line up), CTRL-/ (Comment line(s)), CTRL-Enter (Execute query), and ESC (Cancel query).
- Autocompletion:** A box on the left explains that 'Start typing the PREFIX definition to get an autocompletion list of prefixes. Prefix missing? Add your prefix to [prefix.cc](http://prefix.cc), and refresh autocompletion list (via config menu)'.

# Example Query

PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>

PREFIX dbpediaowl: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>

PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>

# People born in Bogota

SELECT \* WHERE {

  ?sub a dbpediaowl:Person .

  ?sub dbpediaowl:birthPlace <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Bogot%C3%A1>

} LIMIT 100

# YASGUI

Configure YASGUI (Pedro Szekely)



Query

Query(1)

Query(2)



Endpoint :

http://dbpedia.org/sparql

Output :

Simple Table

Configure request

```
1 PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
2 PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
3 PREFIX dbpediaowl: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
4 PREFIX dbpedia: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
5
6 # People born in Bogota
7 SELECT * WHERE {
8   ?sub a dbpediaowl:Person .
9   ?sub dbpediaowl:birthPlace <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Bogotá%3%A1>
10 } LIMIT 100
11
```

#	sub
1	<a href="#">dbpedia:Andr%C3%A9s_Pastrana_Arango</a>
2	<a href="#">dbpedia:Antanas_Mockus</a>
3	<a href="#">dbpedia:Clara_Rojas</a>
4	<a href="#">dbpedia:Julio_C%C3%A9sar_Turbay_Ayala</a>
5	<a href="#">dbpedia:Laura_Restrepo</a>
6	<a href="#">dbpedia:Juan_Pablo_Montoya</a>
7	<a href="#">dbpedia:Mart%C3%ADn_Ram%C3%ADrez_(cyclist)</a>
8	<a href="#">dbpedia:Eliot_Halverson</a>
9	<a href="#">dbpedia:Per-Olov_Kindgren</a>
10	<a href="#">dbpedia:Daniel_Samper_Ospina</a>
11	<a href="#">dbpedia:Fernando_Cepeda_Ulloa</a>
12	<a href="#">dbpedia:Jos%C3%A9_Fernando_Bautista_Quintero</a>
13	<a href="#">dbpedia:Patricio_Samper_Gnecco</a>

# How can I access CORS-disabled endpoints which are installed locally?

Using this proxy is a great solution in accessing all **public** SPARQL endpoints. However, when you have a CORS-disabled endpoint installed locally on your computer, the YASGUI server is not able to access this endpoint from the outside. To access these endpoints, choose one of the options below

Enable CORS for your endpoint

Install a simple CORS proxy

Use a browser extension

Possible the easiest way of accessing CORS-disabled endpoints is by installing a browser extension. Such browser extensions can modify the response headers, and add the CORS headers automatically for all responses the browser receives.

## Firefox

Download and install the firefox browser addon [here](#). After restarting the browser, make sure you have the addons bar enabled (via **View → Toolbars → Add-on Bar**). To enable cross-domain access to all endpoints, click on the *CORS* button in the bottom-right of your screen.

## Chrome

Download and install the chrome browser extension [here](#). To enable cross-domain access to all endpoints, click on the *CORS* button in the top-right of your screen.

**Forcing cross-domain access for all responses, reduces your browser security. Only enable these plugins during the period you use the CORS-disable endpoints**

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/allow-control-allow-origi/nlfbmbojpeacfghkpbjhddihlkkiljbi>