

RDF, ShEx and Entity Schemas

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Overview

Why RDF, ShEx and entity schemas?

RDF data model

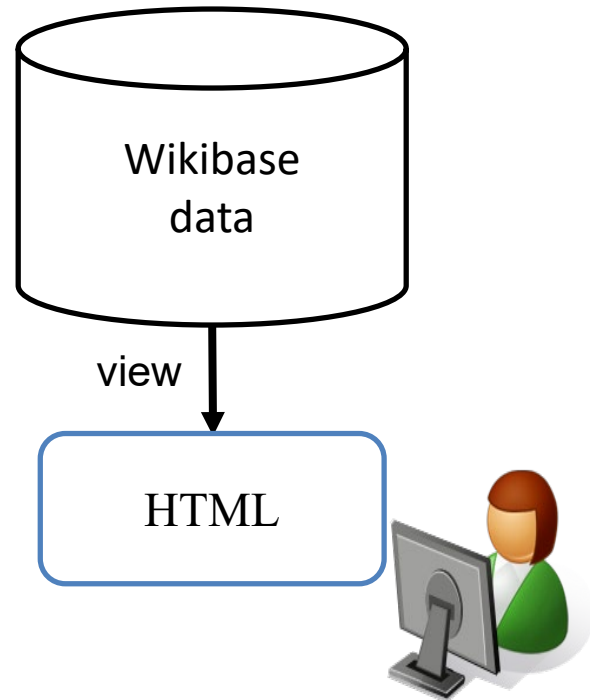
Wikibase data model and RDF

ShEx

Entity schemas

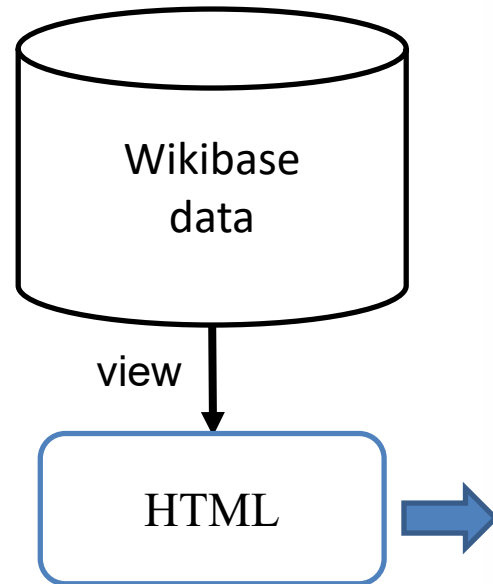
Traditional web

Provide HTML for humans to browse



Example (Q80)

Tim Berners-Lee



The screenshot shows the Wikidata page for Tim Berners-Lee (Q80). The page includes a sidebar with navigation links, a main content area with a description, a table of labels and descriptions in various languages, and a section for statements. The 'Statements' section shows a statement that Tim Berners-Lee is a human, with a reference and a photo of him.

Wikidata

Item **Discussion** **Read** **View history** **Search Wikidata**

Tim Berners-Lee (Q80)

British computer scientist, inventor of the World Wide Web **edit**

TimBL | Sir Tim Berners-Lee | Timothy John Berners-Lee | TBL | T. Berners-Lee | T Berners-Lee | Tim Berners Lee | T.J. Berners-Lee | Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee

In more languages

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Statements

human **edit**

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Sir Tim Berners-Lee (cropped).jpg **edit**

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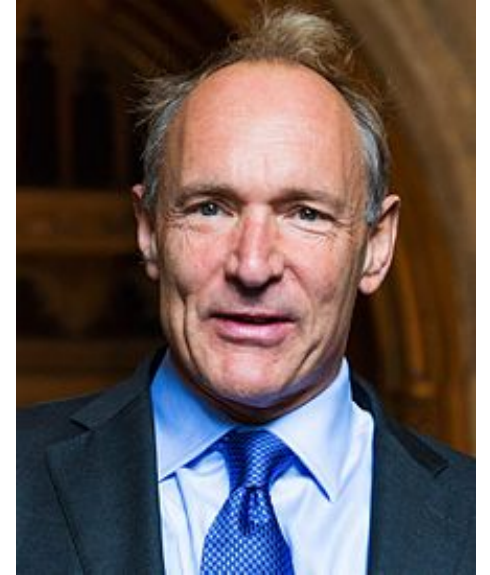
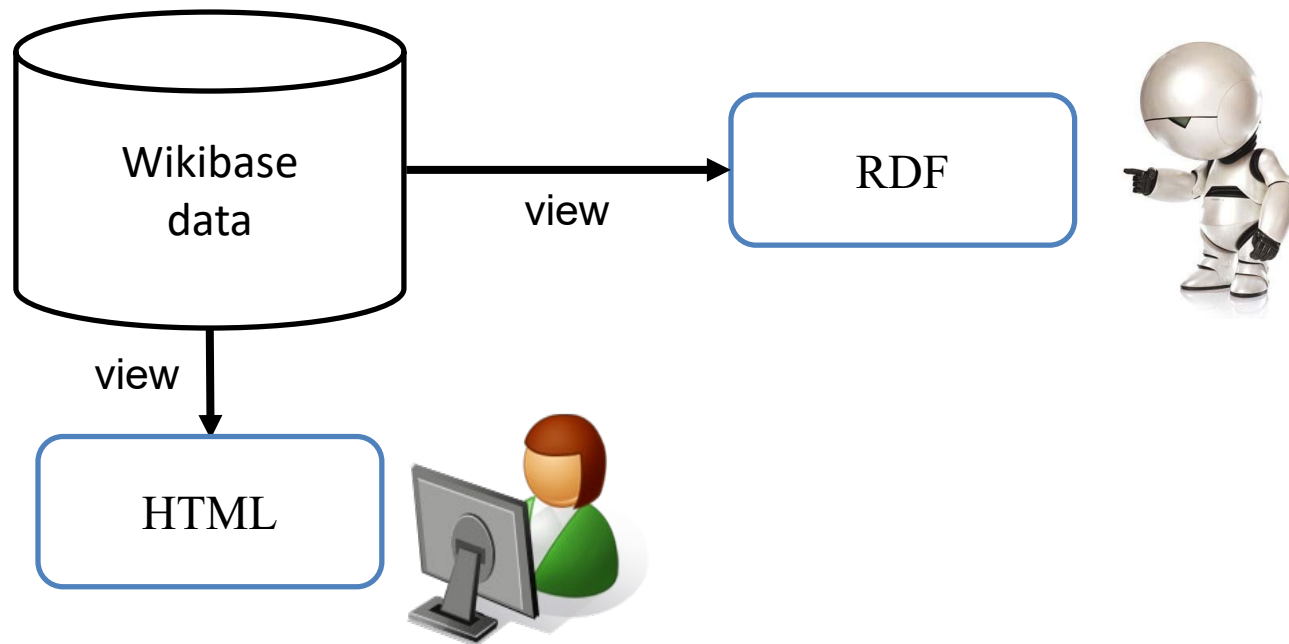
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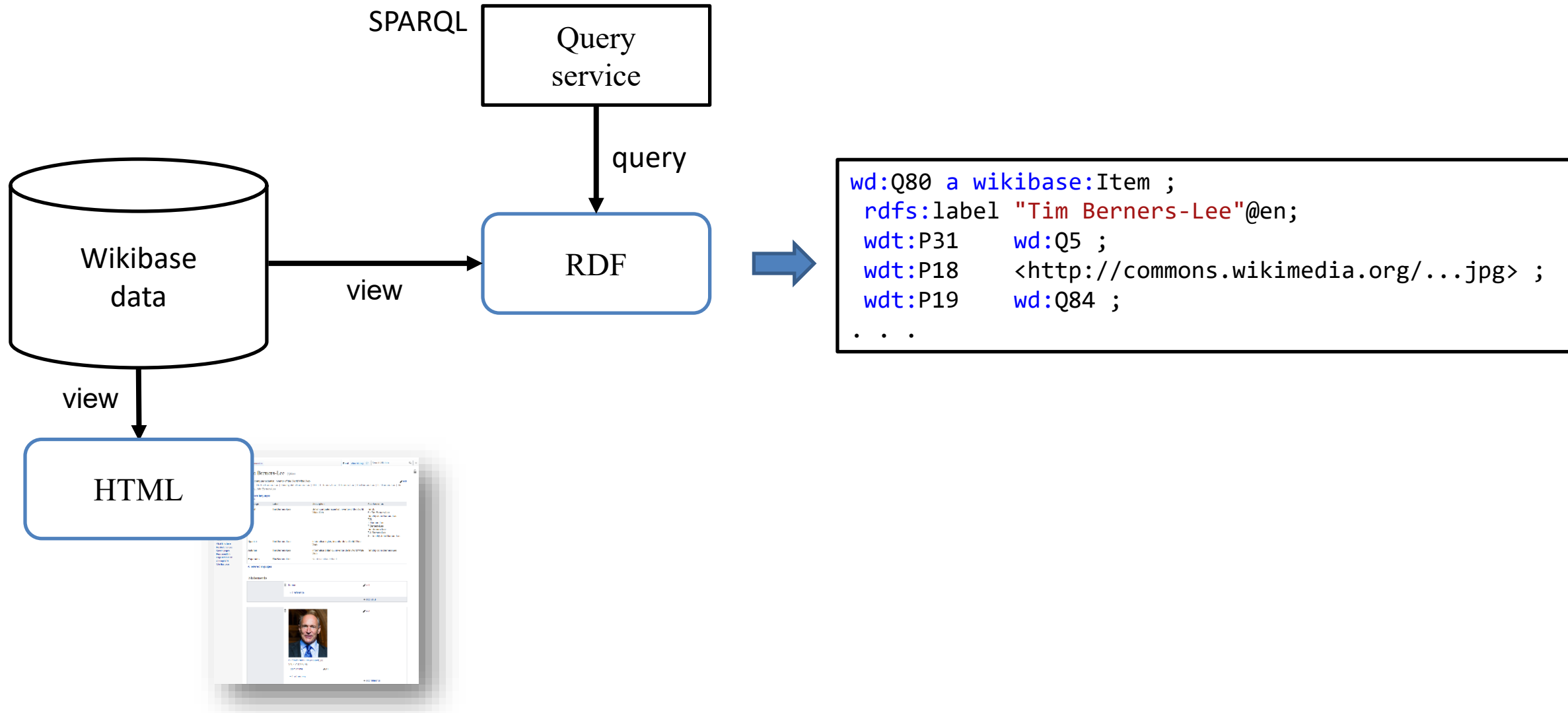
Semantic web

Data for humans (HTML) and for machines (RDF)

Web of data + web of documents



RDF view



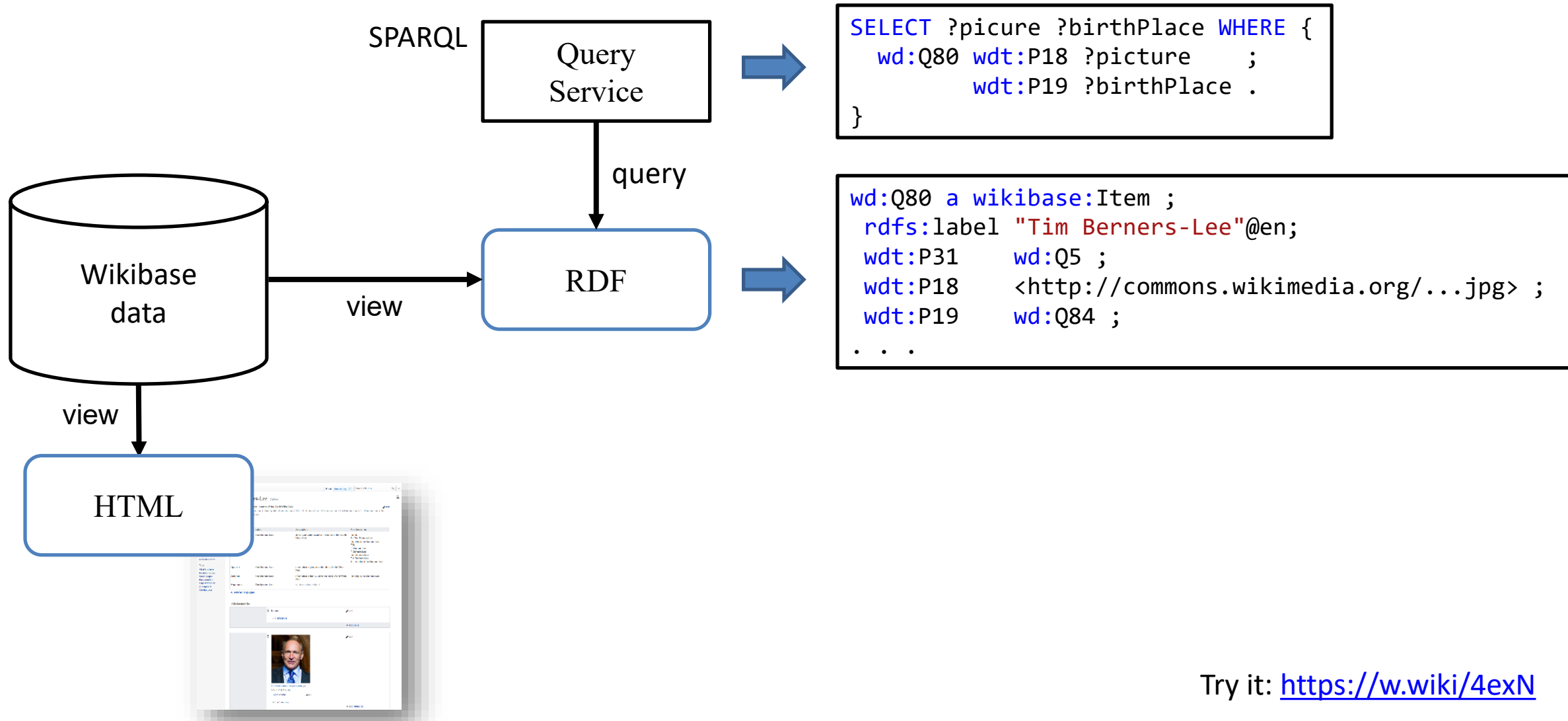
Content negotiation

Each item has a concept URI (<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q80>)

System redirects to HTML, RDF, JSON, views depending on client



SPARQL query service



Try it: <https://w.wiki/4exN>

RDF and SPARQL, the good parts

Interoperability

- RDF as a communication language

- Basis for knowledge representation

Flexibility

- Graph data can be adapted to multiple models

- No need to fix a schema before adding statements

Reusability and existing tools

- Part of the semantic web stack: existings tools and specs

- RDF data stores and SPARQL endpoints

- Wikidata query service is really great



Wikidata is one of the best showcases of semantic web

RDF and SPARQL, the other parts...

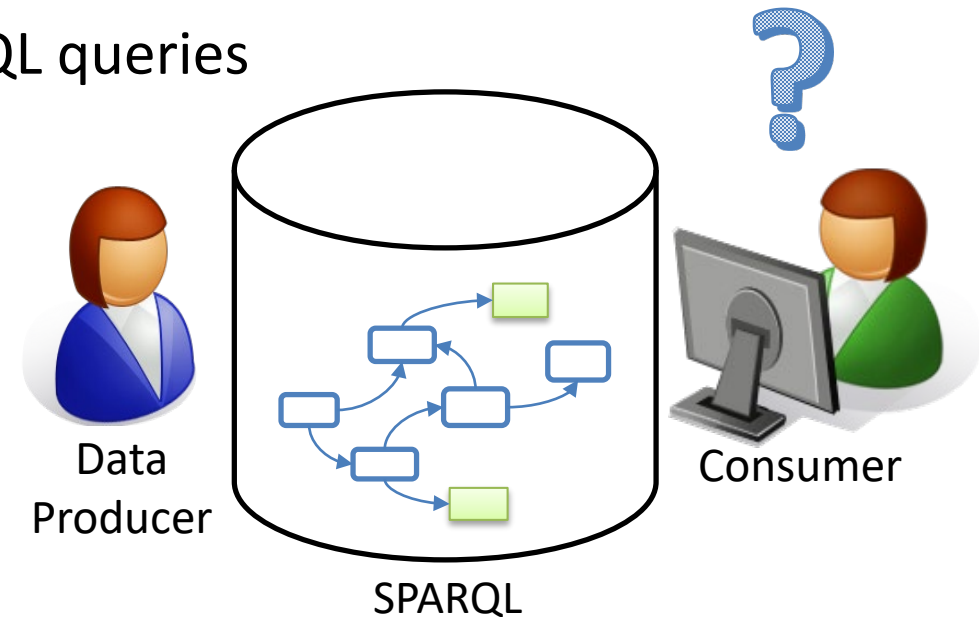
Consuming & producing RDF

Describing and validating RDF content

SPARQL endpoints can be overwhelming

Typical documentation = set of example SPARQL queries

Difficult to know where to start doing queries



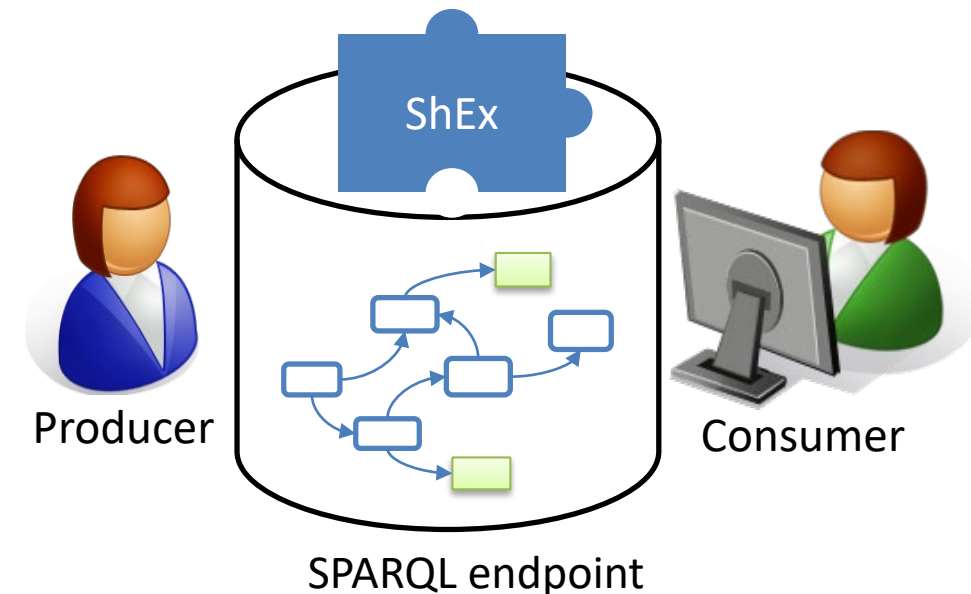
Why describe & validate RDF?

For producers

- Developers can understand the contents they are going to produce
- They can ensure they produce the expected structure
- Advertise and document that structure
- Generate interfaces

For consumers

- Understand the contents
- Verify the structure before processing it
- Query generation & optimization



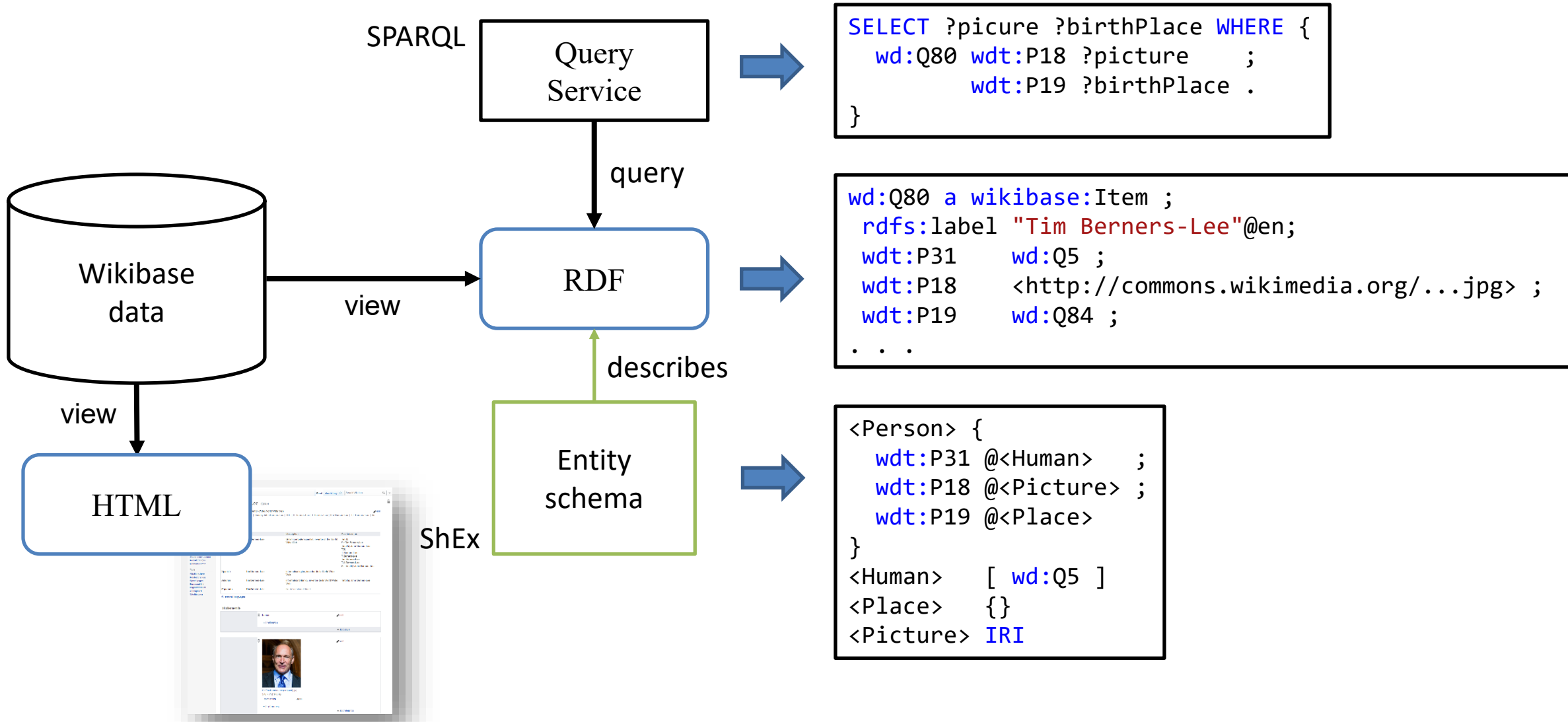
Similar technologies

Technology	Schema
Relational Databases	DDL
XML	DTD, XML Schema, RelaxNG, Schematron
Json	Json Schema
RDF	ShEx

Fill that gap



Example (Q80)



Introduction to the RDF data model

RDF

RDF = Resource description framework

Based on triples and URIs to represent properties and nodes

Short history

Around 1997 - PICS, Dublin core, Meta Content Framework

1997 1st Working draft <https://www.w3.org/TR/WD-rdf-syntax-971002/>, RDF/XML

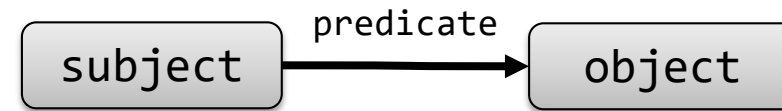
1999 1st W3C Rec <https://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-rdf-syntax-19990222/>, XML Syntax, first applications RSS, EARL

2004 - RDF Revised <https://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-rdf-concepts-20040210/>, SPARQL, Turtle, Linked Data

2014 - RDF 1.1 <https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-concepts/>, SPARQL 1.1, JSON-LD

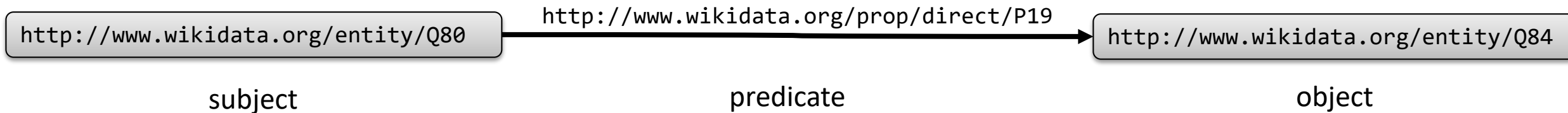
RDF Data Model

RDF is made from statements



Statement = a triple (subject, predicate, object)

Example:



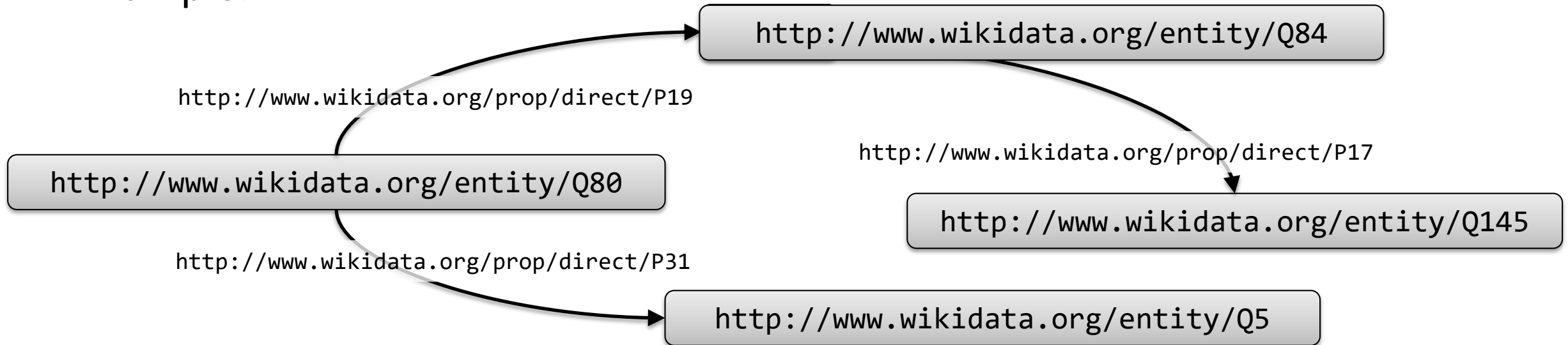
N-Triples representation

```
<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q80> <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/P19> <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q84> .
```


Set of statements = RDF graph

RDF data model = directed graph

Example:



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<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q80> <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/P31> <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q5> .
  
```

subject

predicate

object

Turtle notation

Human readable notation that simplifies N-Triples

Allows namespace declarations and some abbreviations

N-Triples

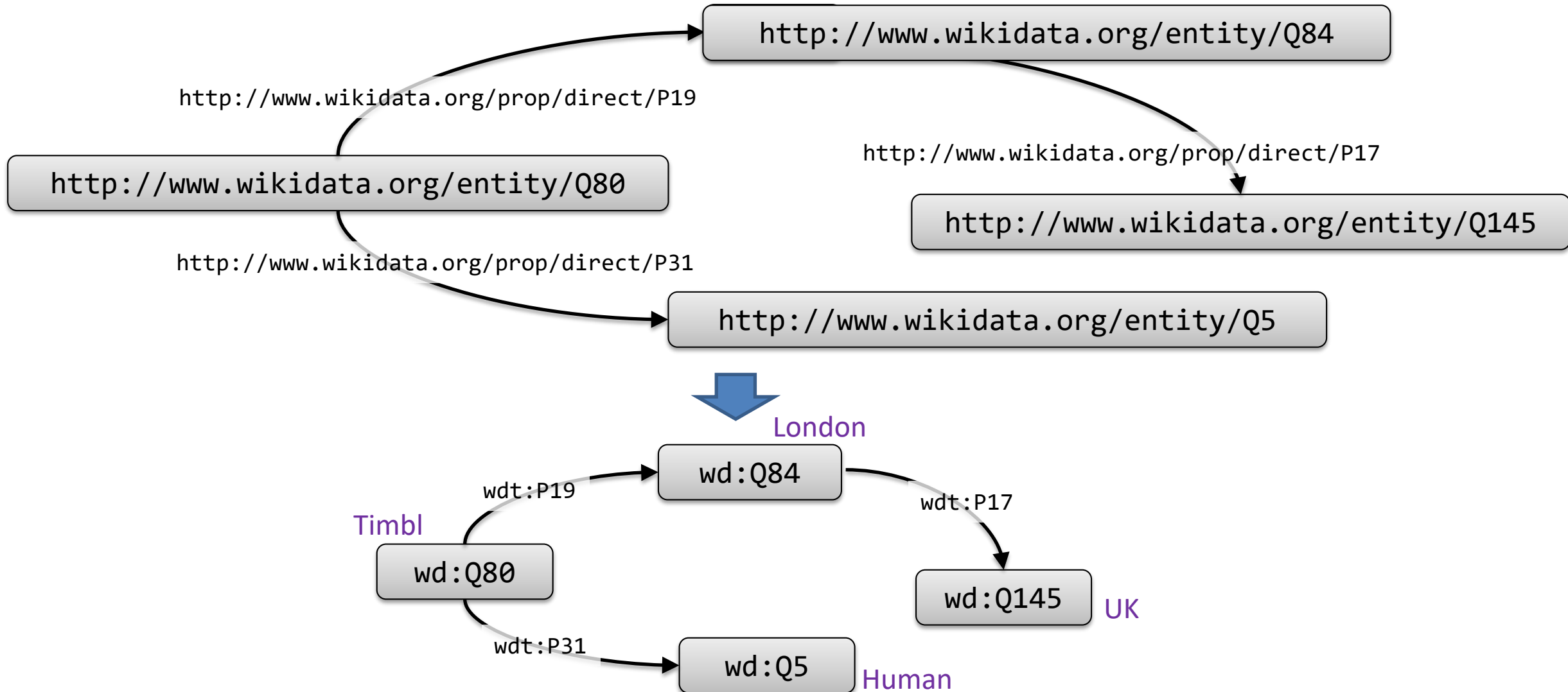
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Turtle

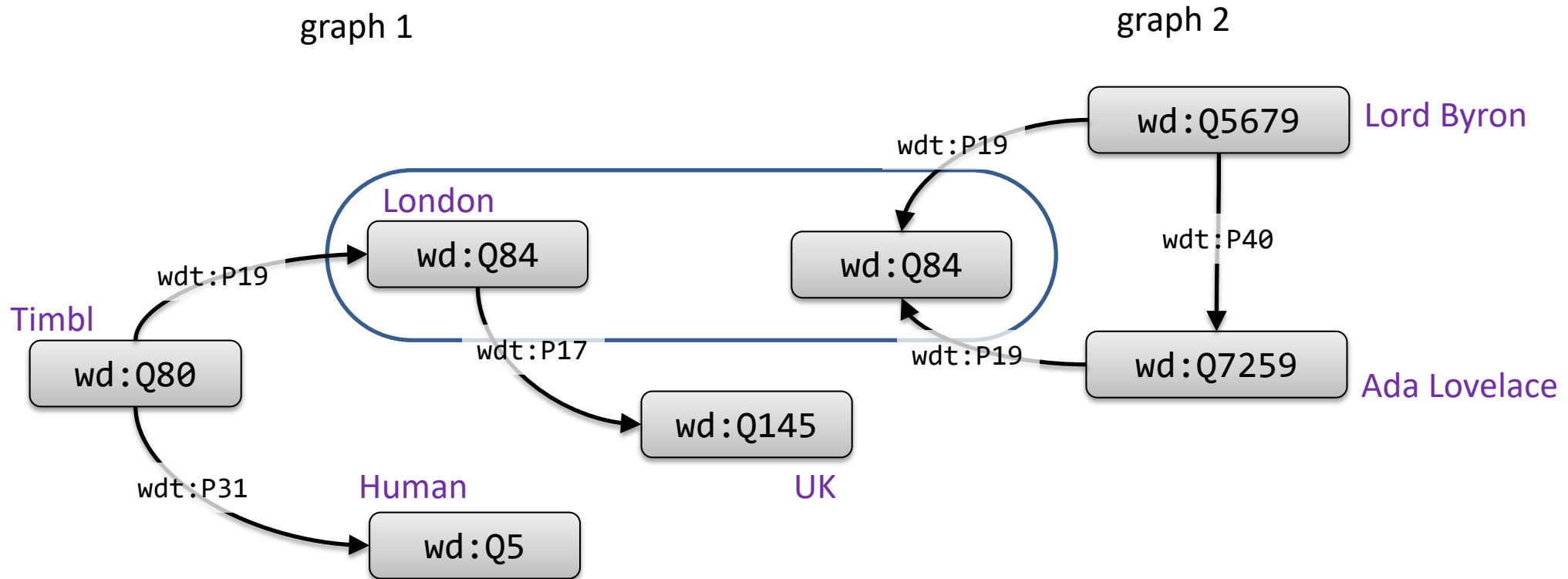
```
prefix wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>  
prefix wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>  
  
wd:Q80 wdt:P19 wd:Q84 ;  
      wdt:P31 wd:Q5 .  
wd:Q84 wdt:P17 wd:Q145 .
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Namespaces simplification



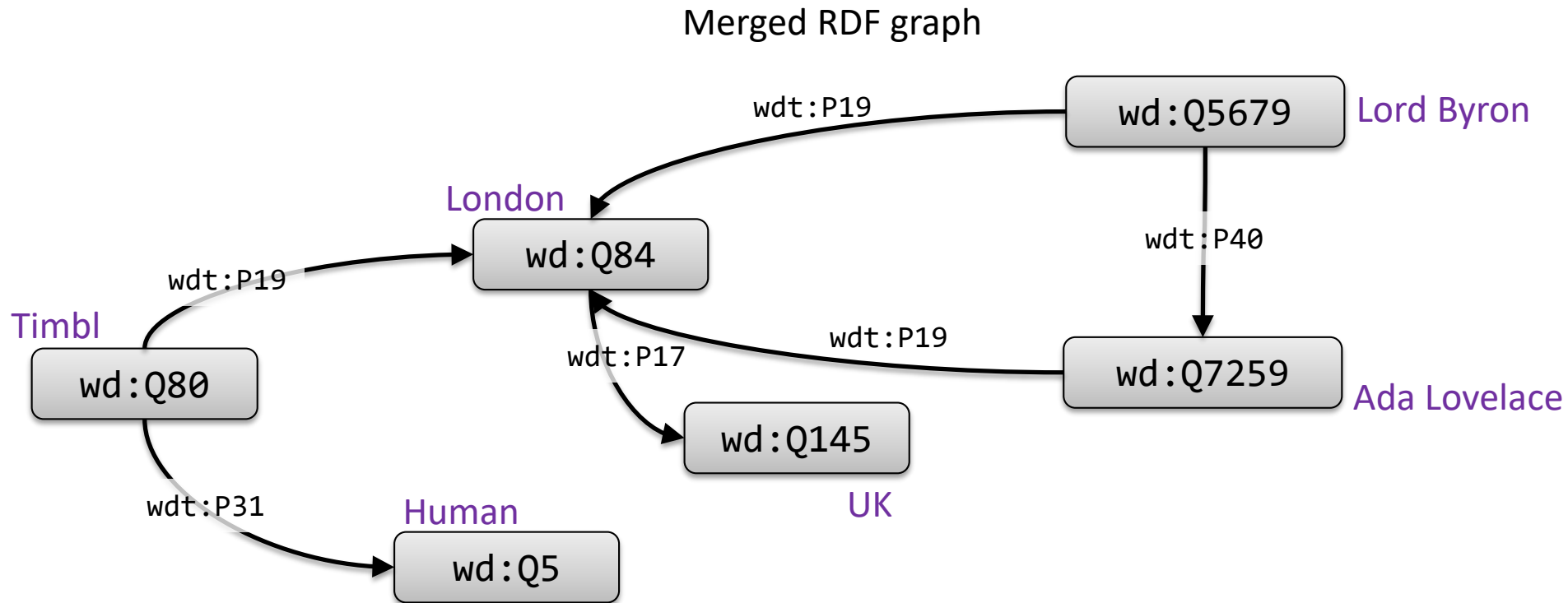
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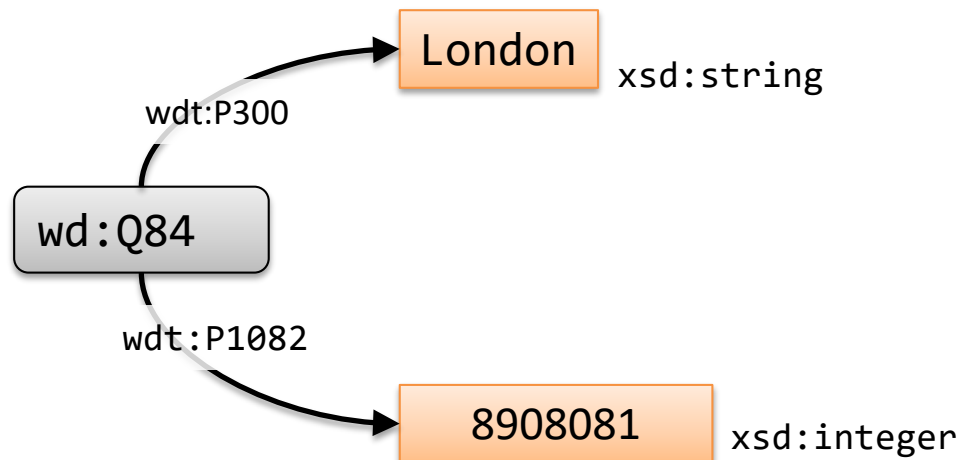
RDF Literals

Objects can also be literals

Literals contain a lexical form and a datatype

Typical datatypes = XML Schema primitive datatypes

If not specified, a literal has datatype `xsd:string`

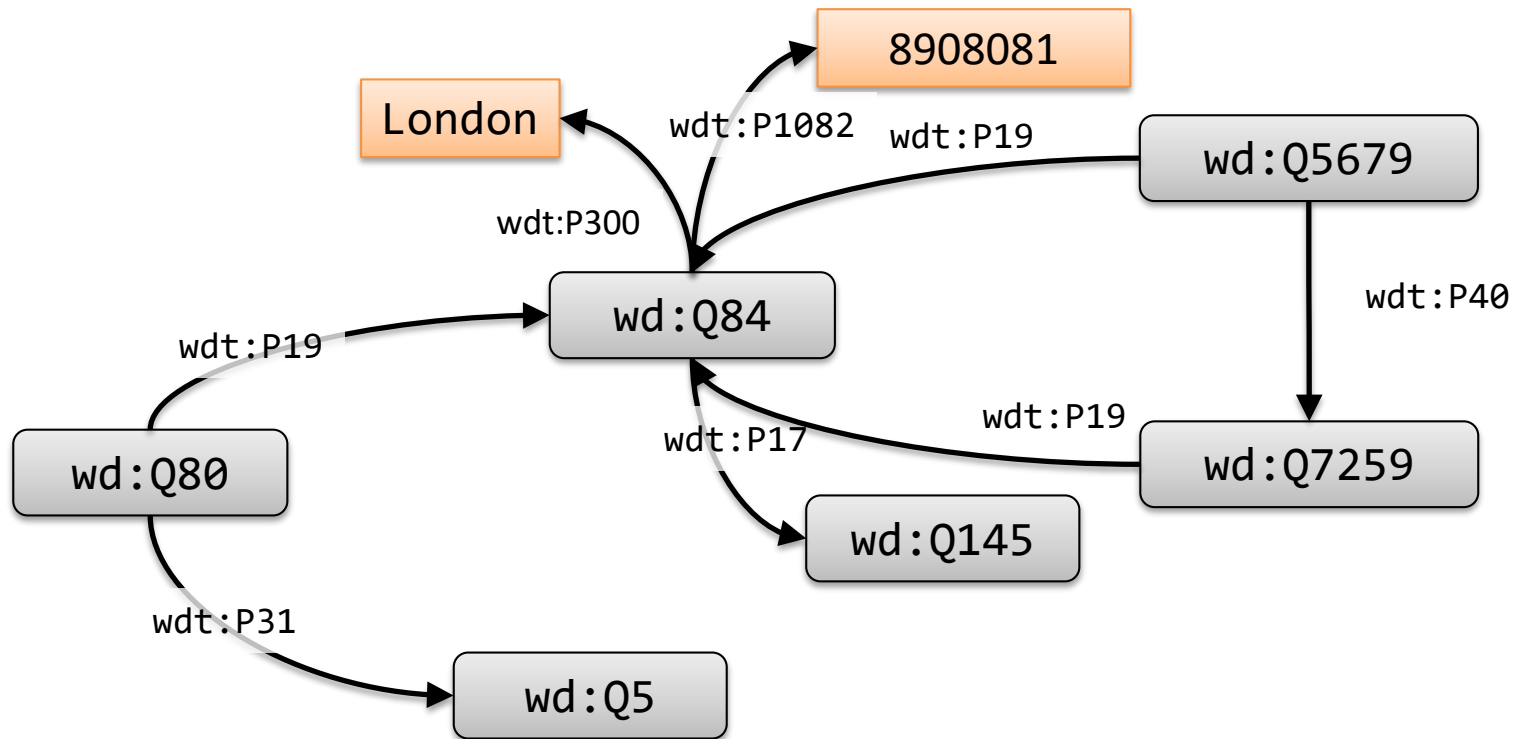


Turtle notation

```
wd:Q84 wdt:P300 "GB-LND" ;  
wd:Q84 wdt:P1082 "8908081"^^xsd:integer .
```

Remember...RDF is compositional

Merging previous data



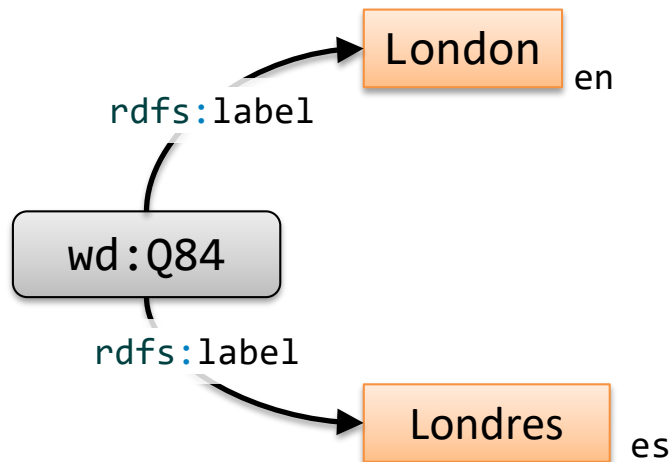
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wd:Q5679  wdt:P40 wd:Q7259 ;
          wdt:P19 wd:Q84 .
wd:Q7259  wdt:P19 wd:Q84 .
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Language tagged strings

String literals can be qualified by a language tag

They have datatype `rdfs:langString`

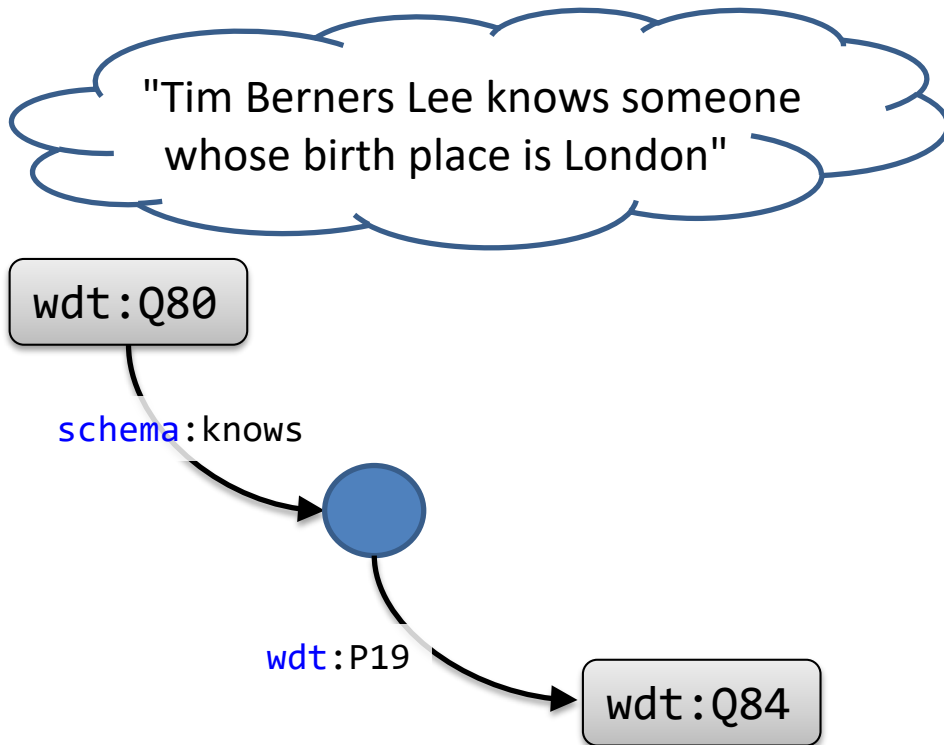


Turtle notation

```
wd:Q84 rdfs:label "London"@en ;  
      rdfs:label "Londres"@es .
```


Blank nodes

Subjects and objects can also be Blank nodes



Turtle notation with local identifier

```
wd:Q80 schema:knows _:x .
_:x wdt:P19 wd:Q84 .
```

Turtle notation with square brackets

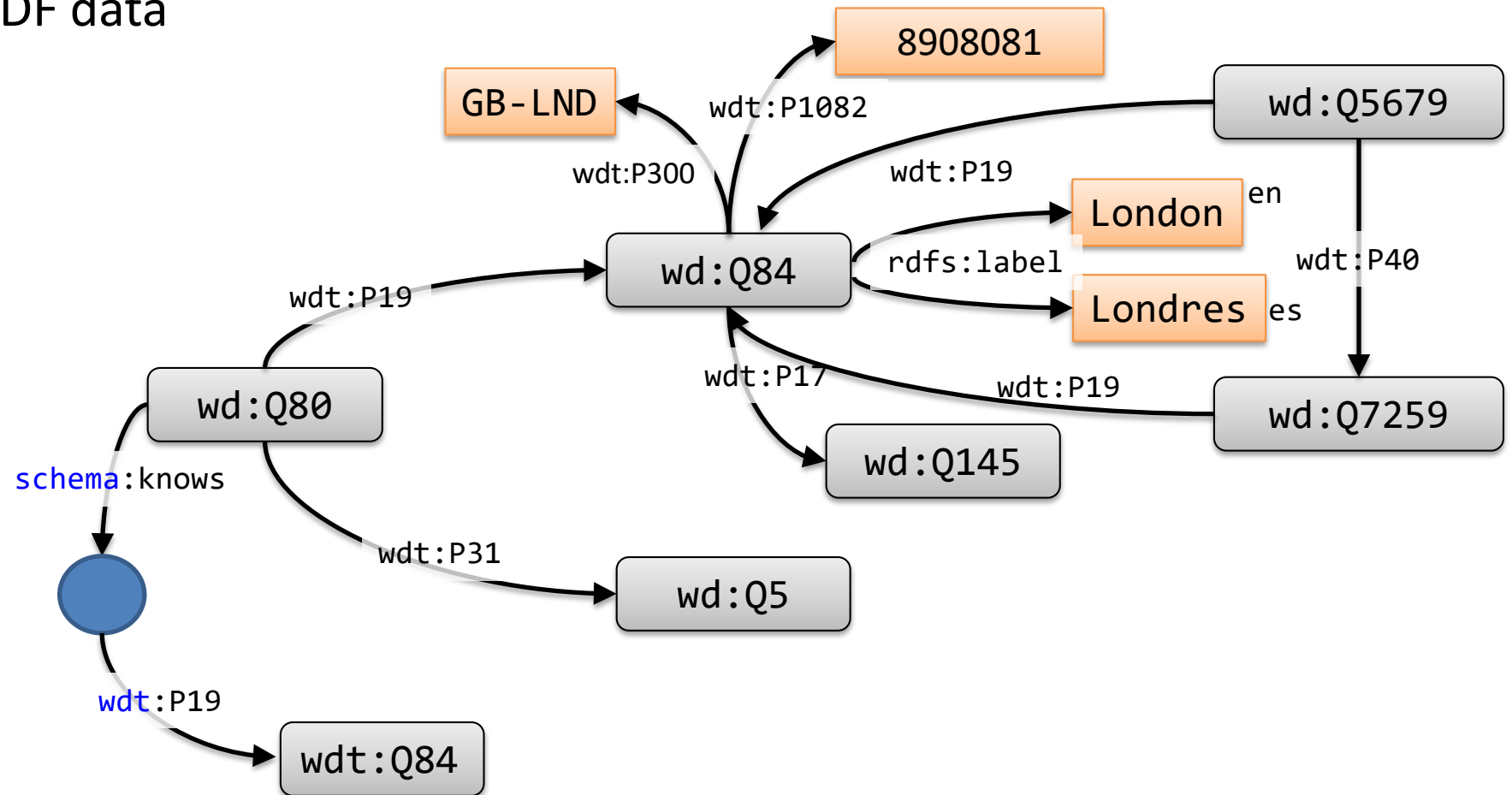
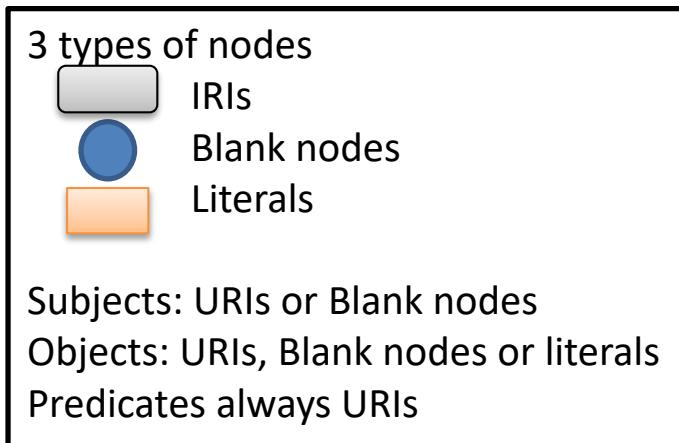
```
wd:Q80 schema:knows [ wdt:P19 wd:Q84 ] .
```

Mathematical meaning:

$$\exists x(\text{schema:knows}(\text{wd:Q80}, x) \wedge \text{wdt:P19}(x, \text{wdt:Q84}))$$

RDF data model

Example of RDF data



Formal definition of RDF data model

Given a set of IRIs \mathcal{I} ,
 a set of blank nodes \mathcal{B}
 and a set of literals Lit
 an *RDF graph* is a tuple $\mathcal{G} = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{O}, \rho \rangle$

where

$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{B}$,

$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{I}$,

$\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{B} \cup Lit$

$\rho \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{O}$

3 types of nodes



IRIs



Blank nodes

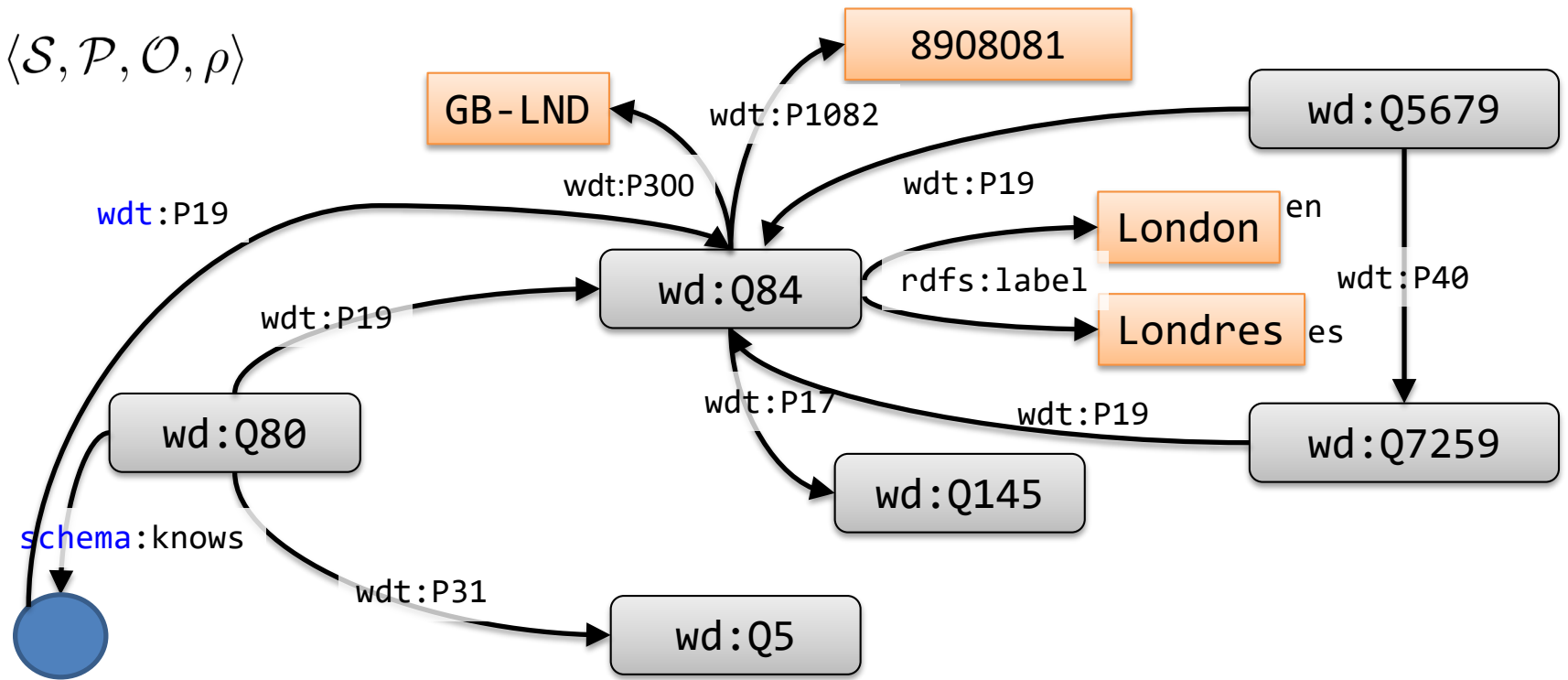


Literals

Subjects: URIs or Blank nodes

Objects: URIs, Blank nodes or literals

Predicates always URIs



...and that's all about the RDF data model

The RDF Data model is very simple



Simple
is
better

Wikibase data model and RDF

2 different data models

Wikibase

Initial goal: support Wikipedia
Collaborative model based on
MediaWiki

Combines 2 models

Document centric (MediaWiki)

Graph model (statements)

Statements can have qualifiers & references

RDF

Initial goal: Knowledge representation
Basis for Semantic Web

Resources = URIs

Graph based model

Graph = Set of triples



Wikibase data model

Described in <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Wikibase/DataModel>

Entities

Items (Q..), Properties (P..), Lexemes (L..)

Each entity has:

- Labels, descriptions, aliases
- List of statements (Property-values)
- Each statement can have qualifiers and references

Built-in data values

Examples: strings, numbers, dates, time-values, geo-coordinates, ...

Example

Multilingual labels, descriptions and aliases

Concept URI

<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q80>

Rank

Hidden reference

Qualifier

WIKIDATA

Main page

Community portal

Project chat

Create a new Item

Recent changes

Random Item

Query Service

Nearby

Help

Donate

Lexicographical data

Create a new Lexeme

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▼ In more languages

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All entered languages


Statements

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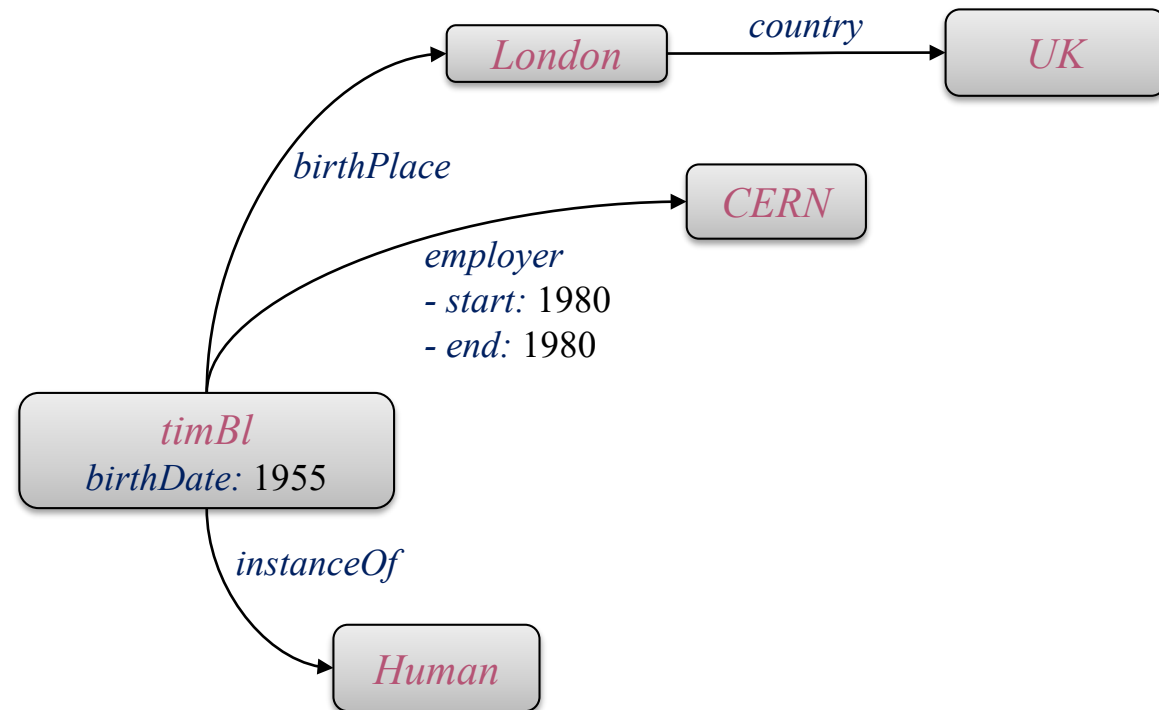
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Wikibase graphs

Wikibase graph model similar to Property Graphs

Nodes can have a list of property-values

Statements can also have a list of property-values



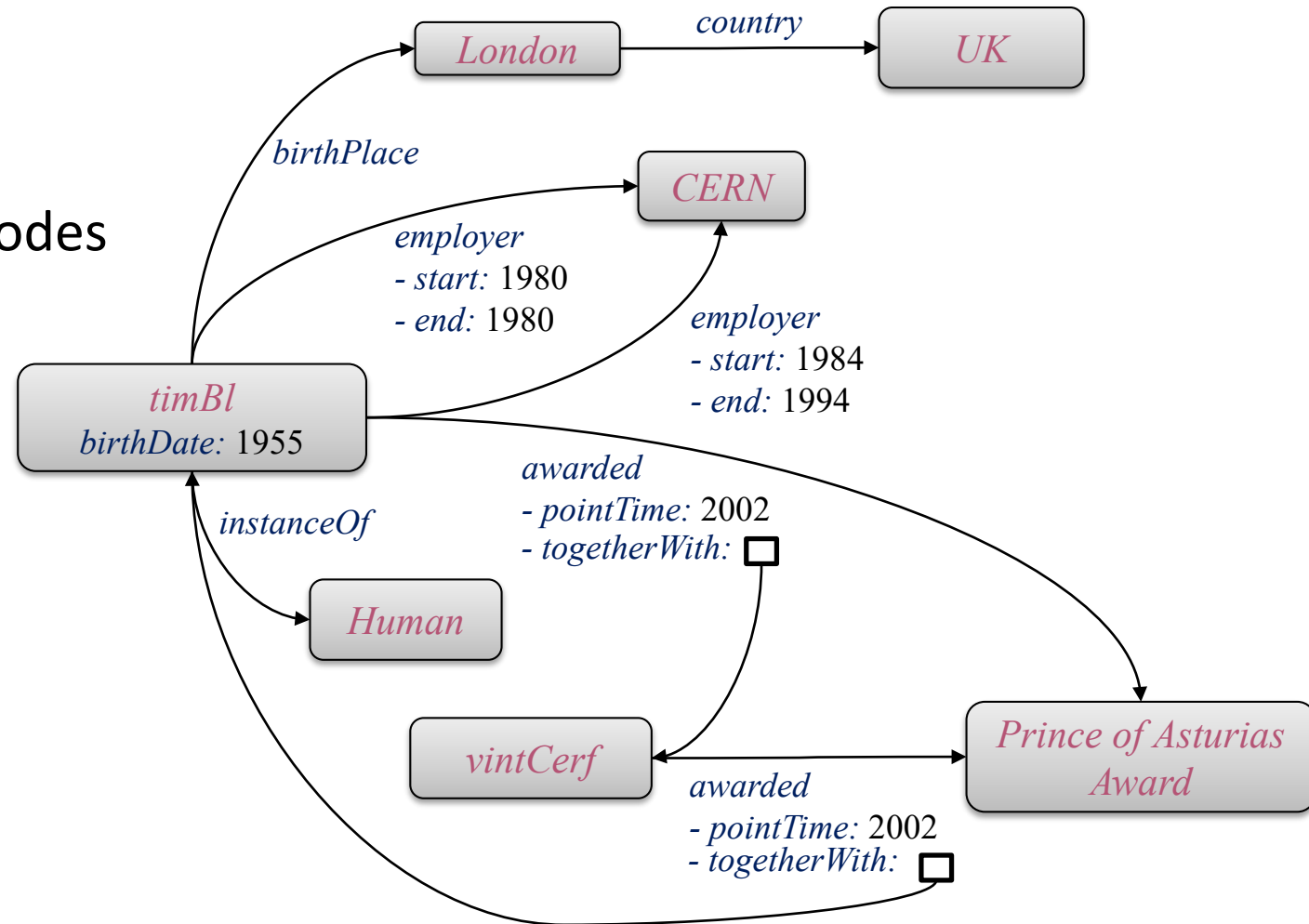
Wikibase graphs

Wikibase graphs = Multigraphs

It is possible to have more than one statement between the same 2 nodes

Generalize property graphs

The values can also be nodes



Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: prefixes

New namespaces created for Wikidata: wd, wdt, p, ps, pr, psv ...

Reuse popular namespaces: rdf, rdfs, dct, owl, prov, skos, ...

Some popular prefix declarations

wd	http://www.wikidata.org/entity/
wdt	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/
p	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/
ps	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/statement/
pq	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/qualifier/
pr	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/reference/
psv, pqv, prv	http://www.wikidata.org/prop/{statement qualifier reference}/value/
rdf	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
rdfs	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
...	...

Wikidata query service assumes those prefix declarations

Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: entities

Entity nodes (ex. `wd:Q80`) have type `wikibase:Item`

Labels declared using `rdfs:label`, `skos:prefLabel`, `schema:name`

Descriptions declared using `schema:description`

Aliases declared using `skos:altLabel`

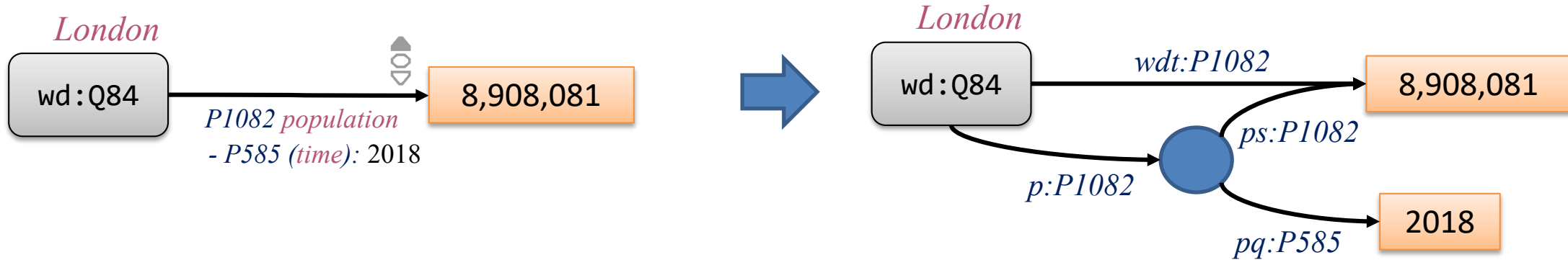
```
wd:Q80  rdf:type          wikibase:Item ;
        rdfs:label        "Tim Berners-Lee"@en , "Tim Berners-Lee"@es ;
        schema:description "British computer scientist, inventor of the World Wide Web"@en ,
                           "informático inglés, inventor de la World Wide Web"@es ;
        schema:name       "Tim Berners-Lee"@en , "Tim Berners-Lee"@es ;
        skos:altLabel      "T Berners-Lee"@en , "Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee"@en ;
        skos:prefLabel     "Tim Berners-Lee"@en , "Tim Berners-Lee"@es
        ...
```

Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: statements

Statements have 2 possibilities

Truthy statements: best non-deprecated rank for a property

Full statements: contain all data about a statement

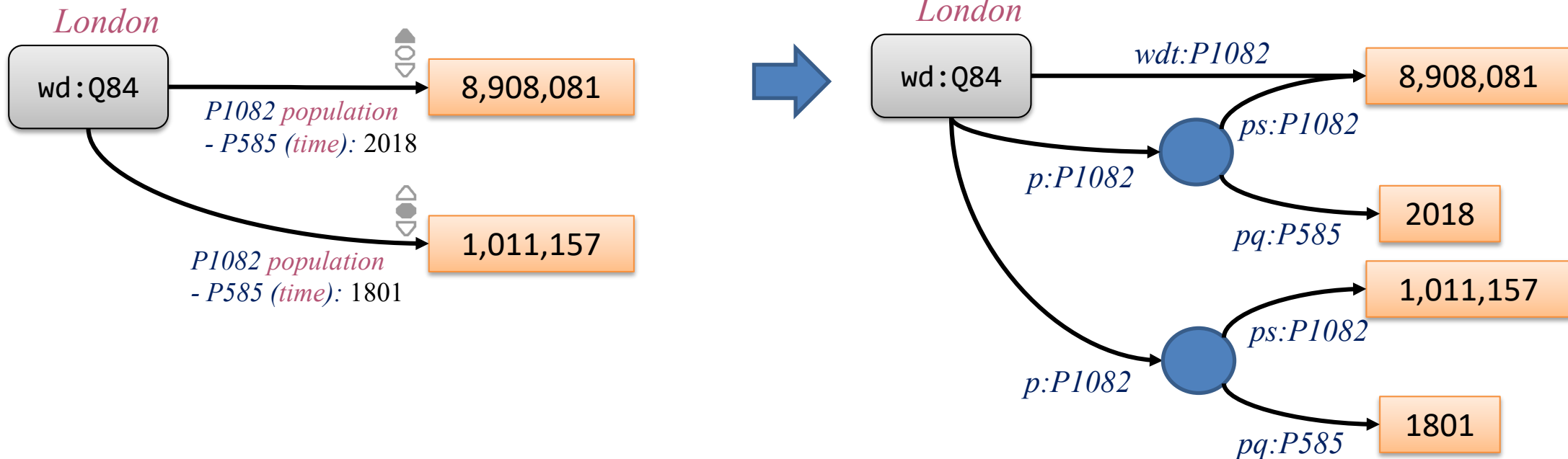


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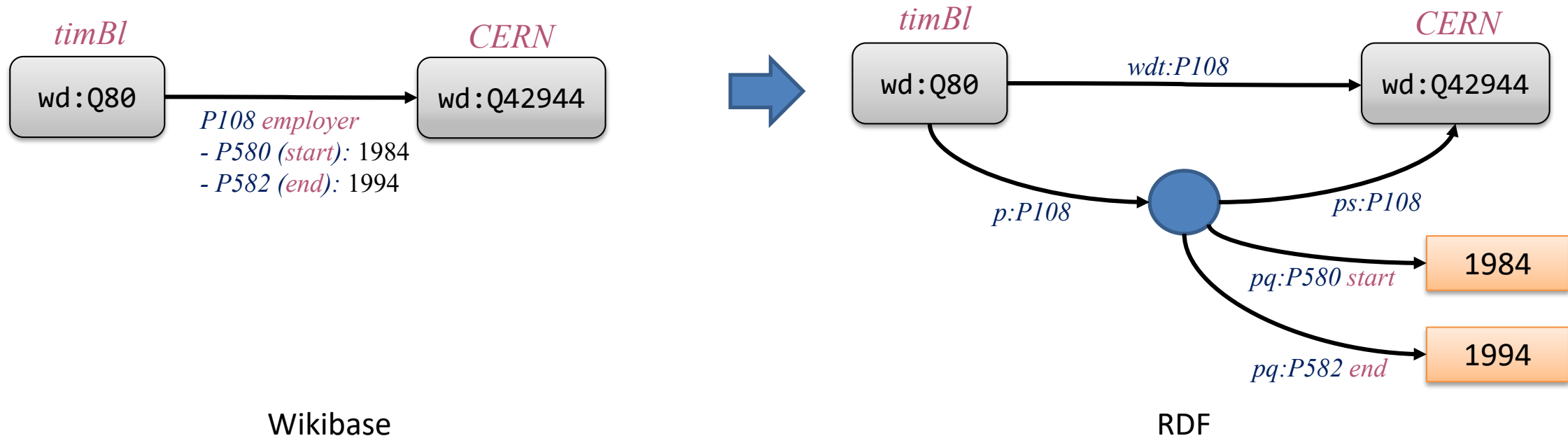
Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: qualifiers

Qualifiers = statements about statements

RDF reification can be used for that

Different RDF reification alternatives

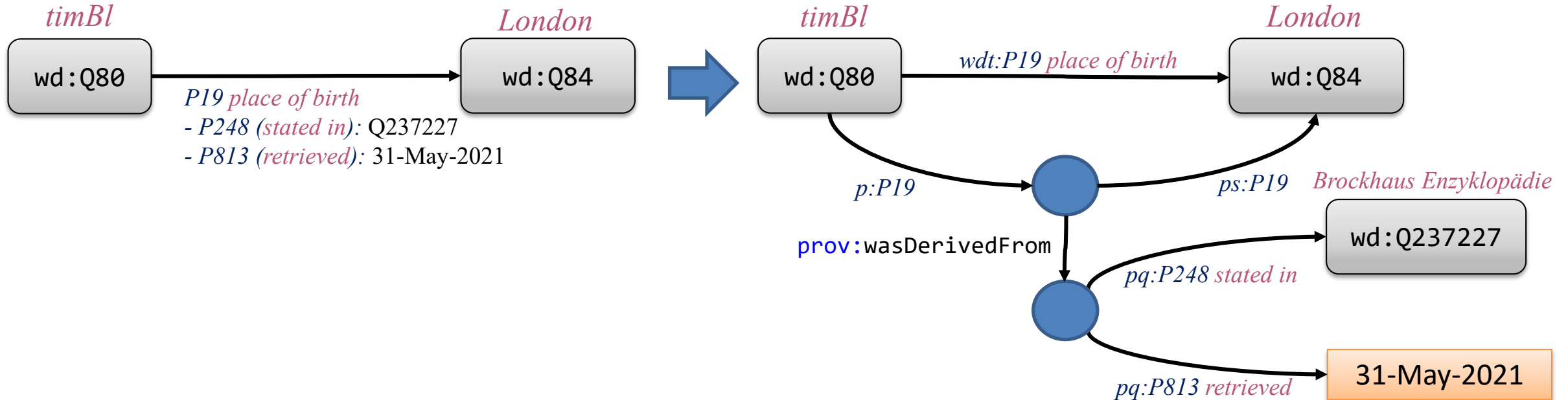
Wikibase approach to reification uses auxiliary nodes



Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: references

References = similar to qualifiers

Adds a new node that represents the provenance information



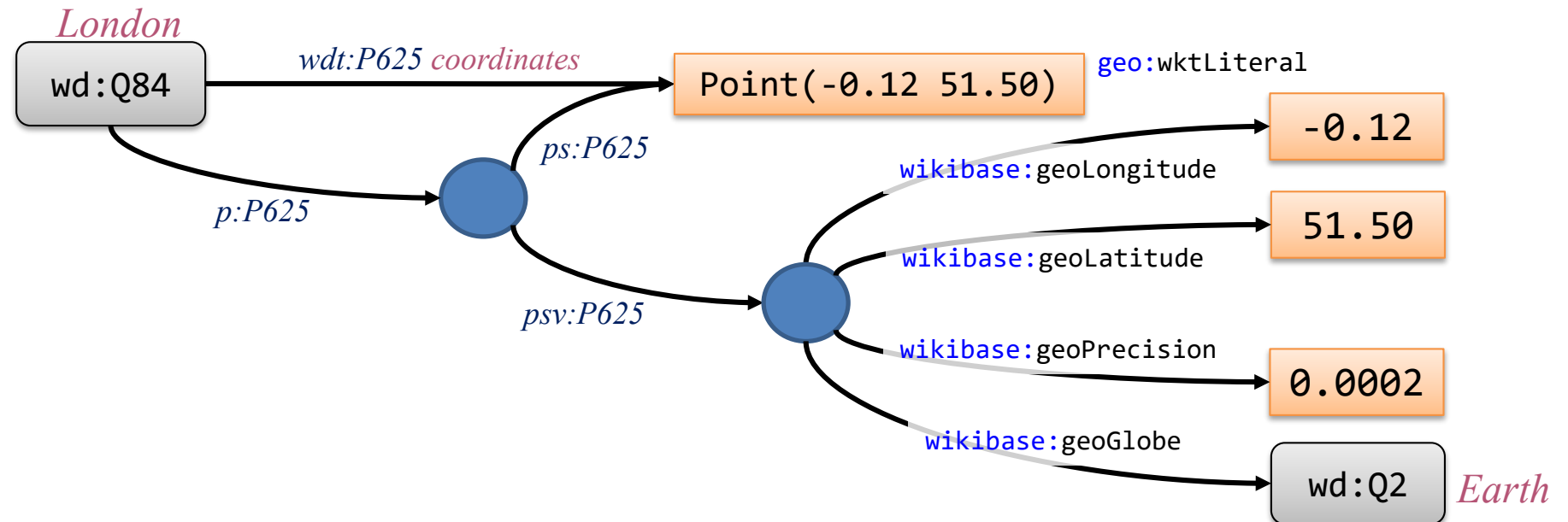
Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: values

Values represented as simple and full values

Simple values = literals or URIs

Full values include more information

Example London's coordinates:



Wikibase \rightsquigarrow RDF: other features

Normalized values

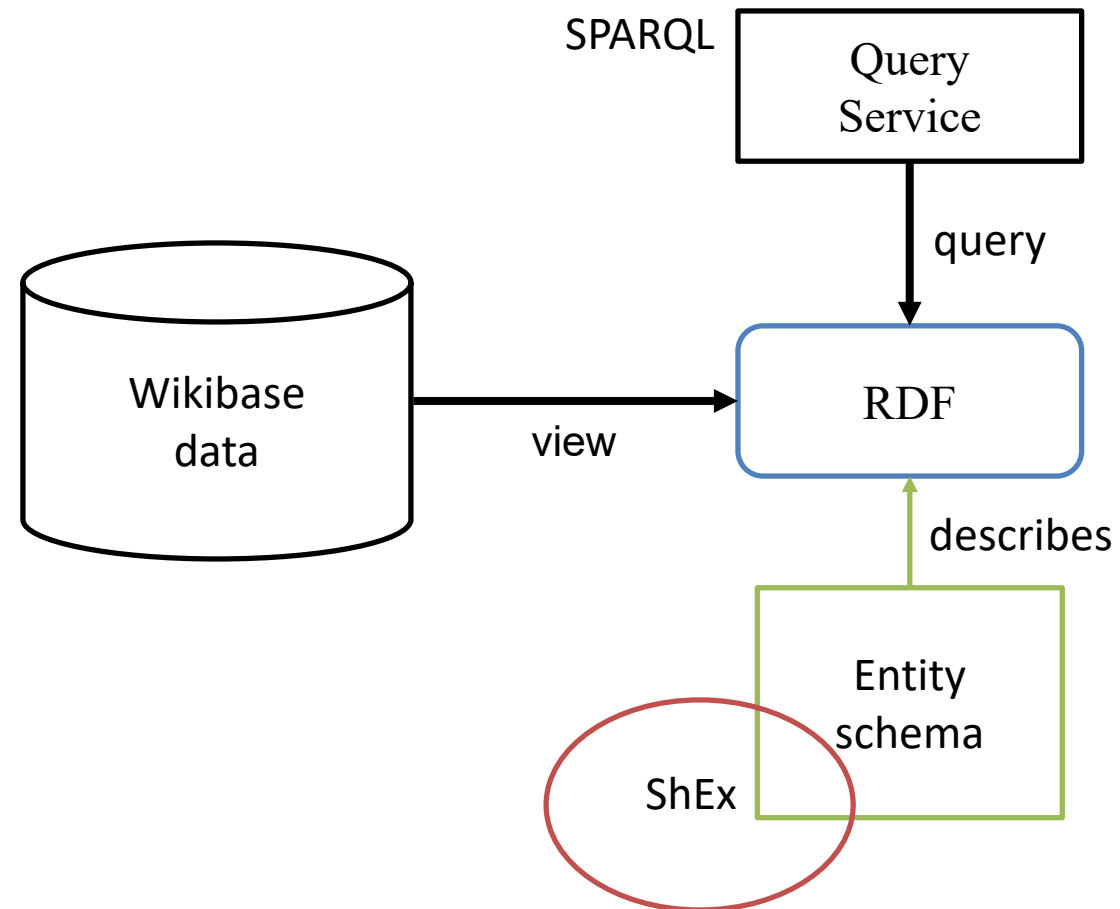
Special values: Some values, NoValues

Sitelinks

Redirects

Wikibase, RDF and ShEx

Overview



Introduction to Shape Expressions

ShEx

ShEx (Shape Expressions Language)

Goal: RDF validation & description

Design objectives: High level, concise, human-readable, machine processable language

Syntax inspired by SPARQL, Turtle

Semantics inspired by RelaxNG

Official info: <http://shex.io>

ShEx as a language

Language based approach

ShEx = domain specific language for RDF validation

Specification: <http://shex.io/shex-semantic/>

Primer: <http://shex.io/shex-primer>

Different serializations:

- ShExC (Compact syntax)

- JSON-LD (ShExJ)

- RDF obtained from JSON-LD (ShExR)

Short history of ShEx

2013 - RDF Validation Workshop

Conclusions: "*SPARQL queries cannot easily be inspected and understood...*"

Need of a higher level, concise language

Agreement on the term "Shape"

2014 First proposal of Shape Expressions (ShEx 1.0)

2014 - Data Shapes Working Group chartered

Mutual influence between SHACL & ShEx

2017 - ShEx Community Group - ShEx 2.0

2018 - ShEx 2.1

ShEx implementations and demos

Implementations:

[shex.js](#): Javascript

[Apache Jena ShEx](#): Java

[shex-s](#): Scala (Jena/RDF4j)

[PyShEx](#): Python

[shex-java](#): Java

[Ruby-ShEx](#): Ruby

[ShEx-ex](#): Elixir

Online demos & playgrounds

[ShEx-simple](#)

[RDFShape](#)

[ShEx-Java](#)

[ShExValidata](#)

[Wikishape](#)

Simple example

Prefix declarations
as in
Turtle/SPARQL

```
prefix schema: <http://schema.org/>
prefix xsd:    <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>

<User> IRI {
  schema:name  xsd:string  ;
  schema:knows @<User>    *
}
```

Nodes conforming to **<User>** shape must:

- Be IRIs
- Have exactly one `schema:name` with a value of type `xsd:string`
- Have zero or more `schema:knows` whose values conform to **<User>**

RDF Validation using ShEx

Data

Schema

```
<User> IRI {
  schema:name xsd:string ;
  schema:knows @<User> *
}
```

Shape map

```
:alice@<User> ✓
:bob @<User> ✓
:carol@<User> ✗
:dave @<User> ✗
:emily@<User> ✗
:frank@<User> ✓
:grace@<User> ✗
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice" ;
      schema:knows :alice .

:bob   schema:knows :alice ;
      schema:name  "Robert".

:carol schema:name  "Carol", "Carole" .

:dave  schema:name  234 .

:emily foaf:name    "Emily" .

:frank schema:name  "Frank" ;
      schema:email  <mailto:frank@example.org> ;
      schema:knows  :alice, :bob .

:grace schema:name  "Grace" ;
      schema:knows  :alice, _:1 .

_:1    schema:name  "Unknown" .
```

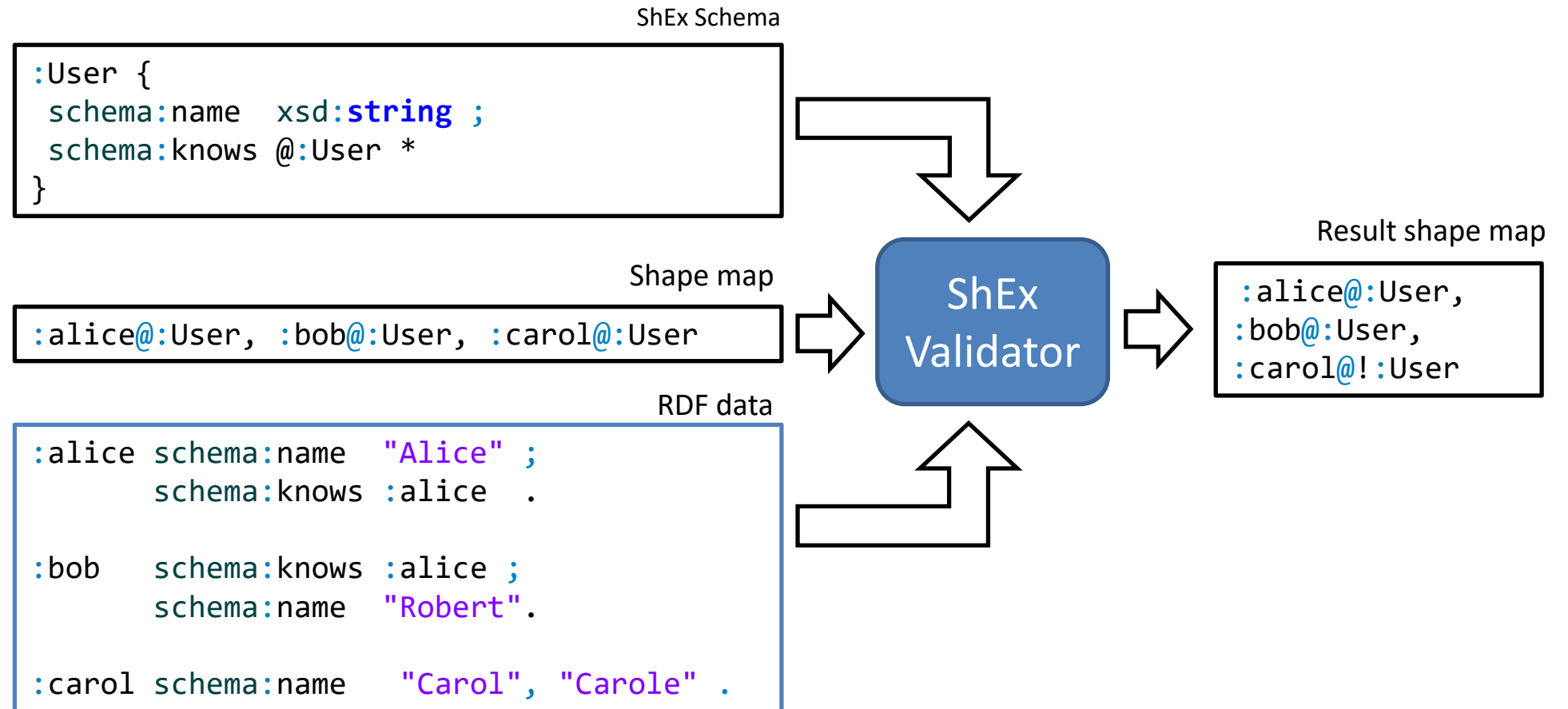
Try it (RDFShape): <https://goo.gl/97bYdv>

Try it (ShExDemo): <https://goo.gl/Y8hBsw>

Validation process

Input: RDF data, ShEx schema, Shape map

Output: Result shape map



Example with more ShEx features

```

:AdultPerson EXTRA rdf:type {
  rdf:type [ schema:Person ] ;
  :name xsd:string ;
  :age MinInclusive 18 ;
  :gender [ :Male :Female ] OR xsd:string ;
  :address @:Address ? ;
  :worksFor @:Company +
}

```

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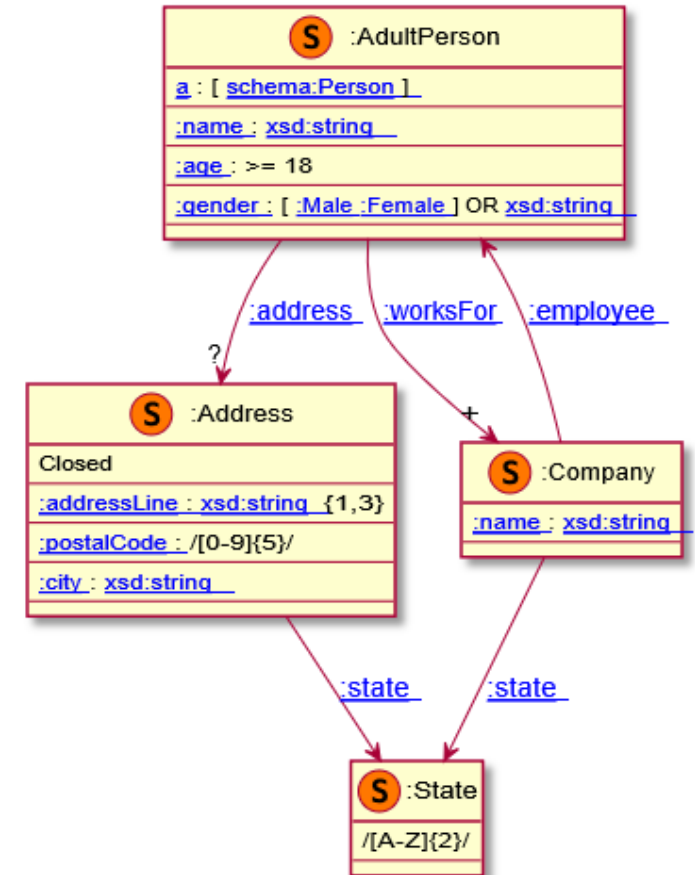
:Address CLOSED {
  :addressLine xsd:string {1,3}
  :postalCode /[0-9]{5}/
  :state @:State
  :city xsd:string
}
:Company {
  :name xsd:string
  :state @:State
  :employee @:AdultPerson *
}
:State /[A-Z]{2}/

```

```

:alice rdf:type :Student, schema:Person ;
:name "Alice" ;
:age 20 ;
:gender :Male ;
:address [
  :addressLine "Bancroft Way" ;
  :city "Berkeley" ;
  :postalCode "55123" ;
  :state "CA"
] ;
:worksFor [
  :name "Company" ;
  :state "CA" ;
  :employee :alice
] .

```



Try it: <https://tinyurl.com/yd5hp9z4>

ShExC - Compact syntax

BNF Grammar: <http://shex.io/shex-semantic/#shexc>

Shares terms with Turtle and SPARQL

- Prefix declarations

- Comments starting by #

- a keyword = rdf:type

- Keywords aren't case sensitive (MinInclusive = MININCLUSIVE)

Shape Labels can be URIs or BlankNodes

ShEx-Json

JSON-LD serialization for Shape Expressions and validation results

```

prefix schema: <http://schema.org/>
prefix xsd:    <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
base          <http://example.com/>

<User> {
  schema:name xsd:string ;
}

```

↕ equivalent

```

{ "type" : "Schema",
  "@context" : "http://www.w3.org/ns/shex.jsonld",
  "shapes" : [{ "type" : "Shape",
    "id" : "http://a.example/UserShape",
    "expression" : {
      "type" : "TripleConstraint",
      "predicate" : "http://schema.org/name",
      "valueExpr" : { "type" : "NodeConstraint",
        "datatype" : "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"
      }
    }
  }
}]
}

```

Some definitions

Schema = set of Shape Expressions

Shape Expression = labeled pattern

```
<label> {  
  ...pattern...  
}
```

Shape
Label

Shape
Expression

```
<UserShape> {  
  schema:name xsd:string  
}
```

Focus Node and Neighborhood

Focus Node
validated

= node that is being

```

:alice      schema:name      "Alice";
           schema:follows    :bob;
           schema:worksFor    :OurCompany .

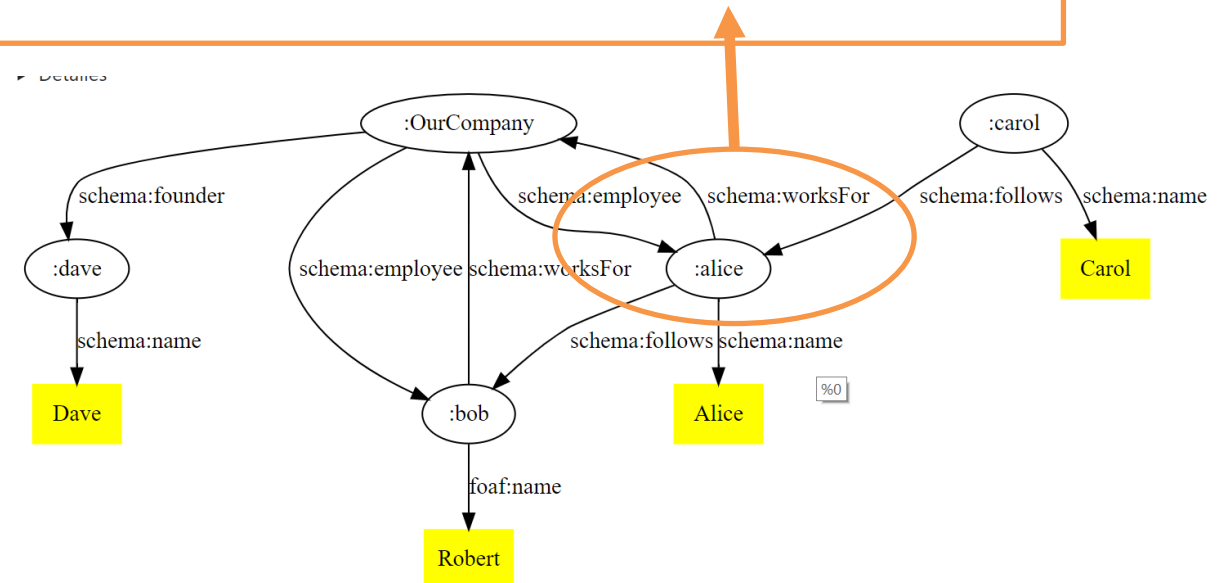
:bob        foaf:name        "Robert" ;
           schema:worksFor    :OurCompany .

:carol      schema:name      "Carol" ;
           schema:follows     :alice .

:dave       schema:name      "Dave" .

:OurCompany schema:founder    :dave ;
           schema:employee    :alice, :bob .
  
```

Neighbourhood of :alice = {
 (:alice, schema:name, "Alice")
 (:alice, schema:follows, :bob),
 (:alice, schema:worksFor, :OurCompany),
 (:carol, schema:follows, :alice),
 (:OurCompany, schema:employee, :alice)
}



Shape maps

Shape maps declare which node/shape pairs are selected

They declare the queries that ShEx engines solve

Example: Does `:alice` conform to `<User>` ?

`:alice@<User>`

Example: Do all subjects of `schema:knows` conform to `<User>` ?

`{ FOCUS schema:knows _ }@<User>`

3 types of shape maps:

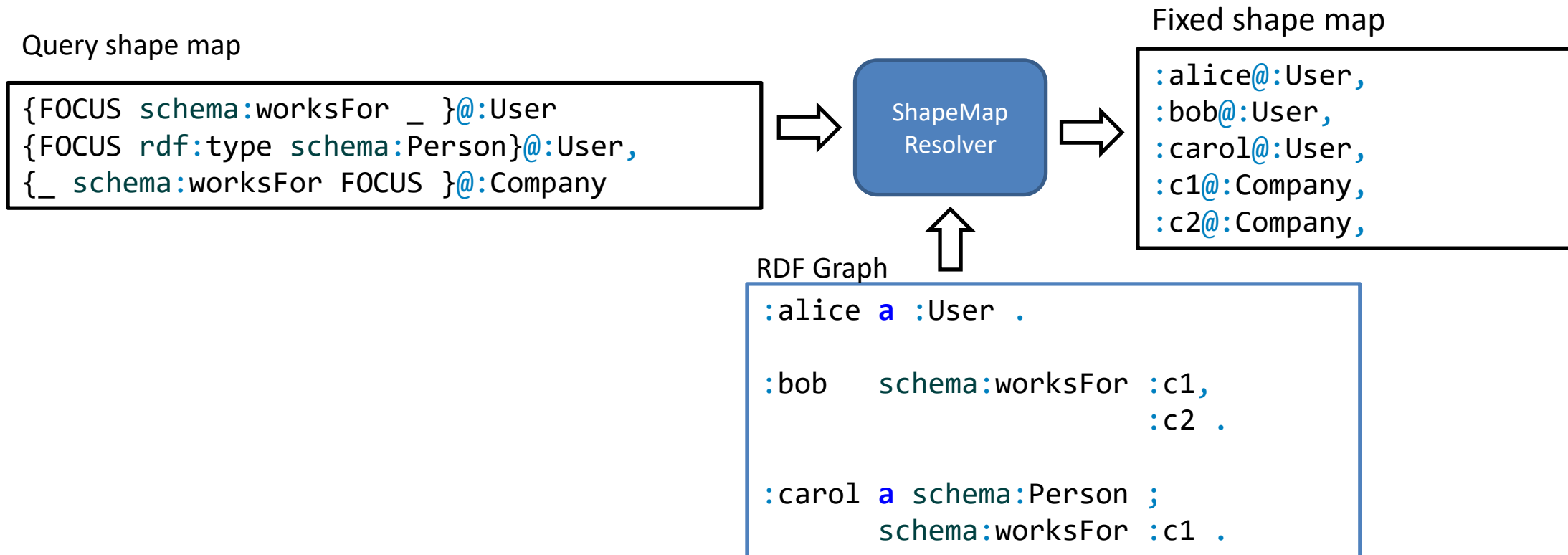
Query shape maps: Input shape maps

Fixed shape maps: Simple pairs of node/shape

Result shape maps: Shape maps generated by the validation process

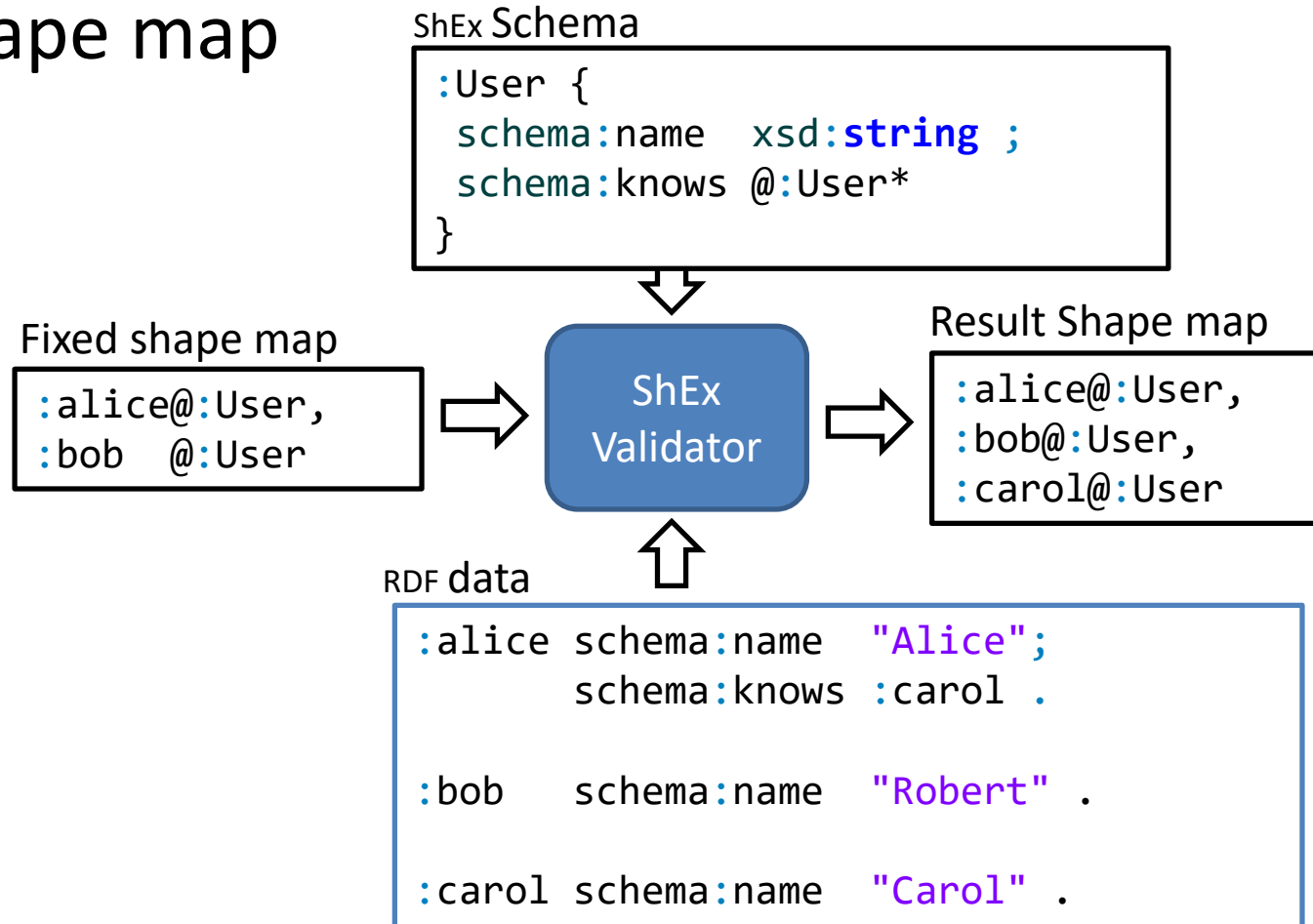
Shape map resolver

Converts query shape maps to fixed shape maps



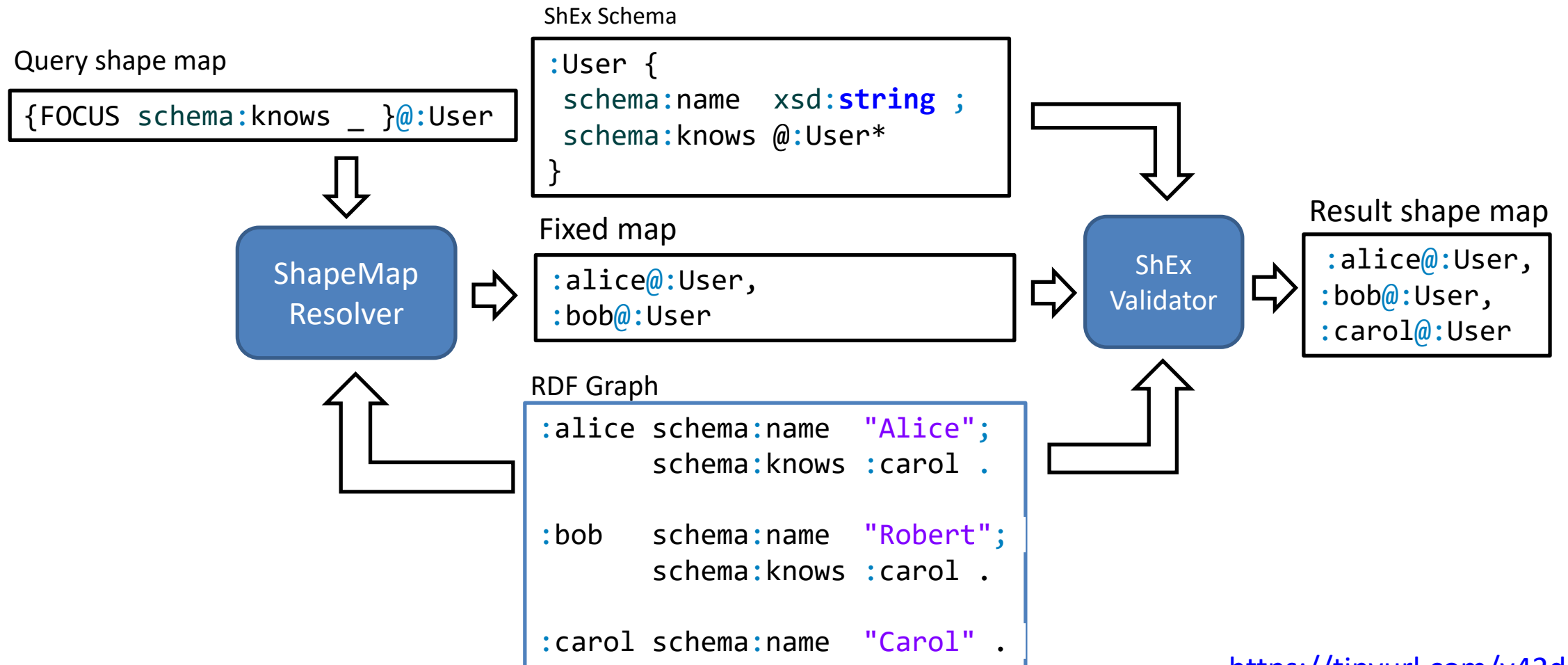
ShEx validator

Input: schema, rdf data and fixed shape map, Output:
result shape map



Validation process

- 2 stages: 1) ShapeMap resolver
2) ShEx validator



Query maps

A simple language that can be used to generate fixed shape maps

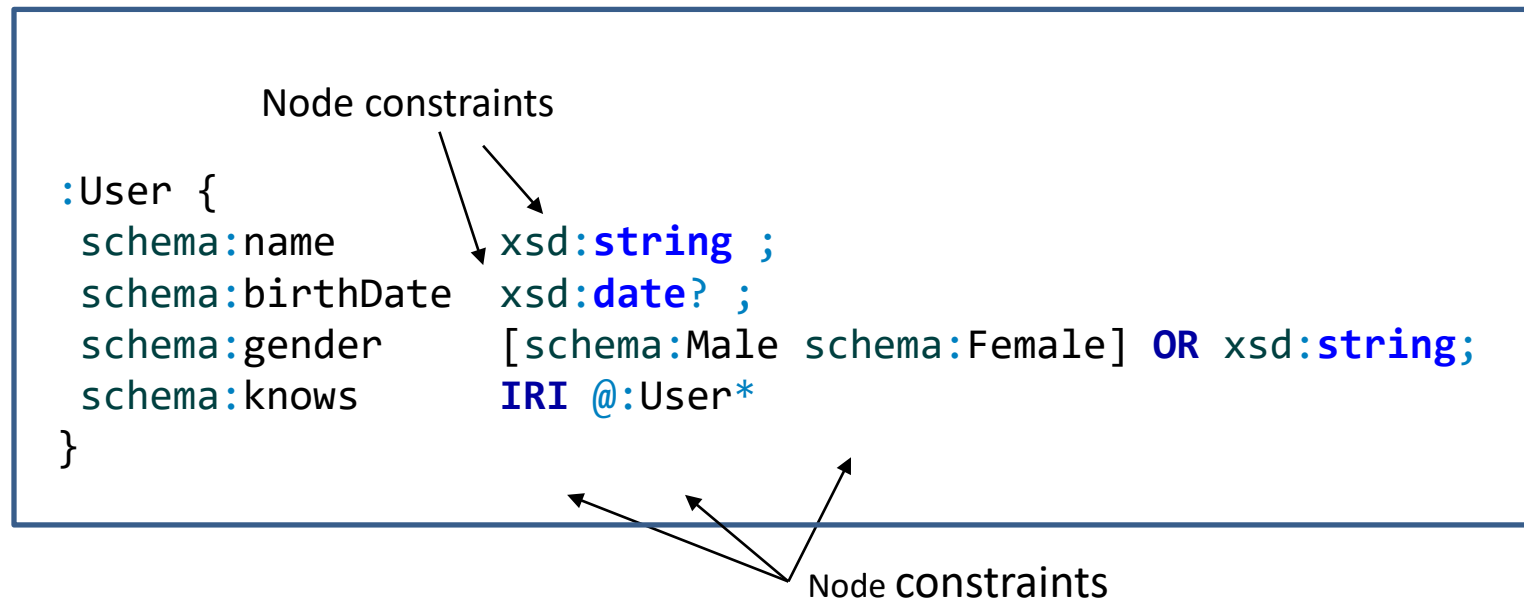
Specification: <http://shex.io/shape-map/>

Examples:

<code>:alice@:User</code>	Checks <code>:alice</code> as <code>:User</code>
<code>:alice@:User, :cmp@:Company</code>	Checks <code>:alice</code> as <code>:User</code> and <code>:cmp</code> as <code>:Company</code>
<code>{_ schema:knows FOCUS }@:User</code>	Checks nodes who <code>schema:know</code> some node
<code>{FOCUS schema:knows _ }@:User</code>	Checks nodes who are <code>schema:known</code> by some node
SPARQL <code>""</code> <code>prefix schema: <http://schema.org/></code> <code>select ?node where { ?node schema:knows ?someone }</code> <code>""@:User</code>	The same as before Any SPARQL query can be used to obtain focus nodes

Node constraints

Constraints over an RDF node



Triple constraints

Constraints about the incoming/outgoing arcs of a node

```
:User {
```

```
  schema:name      xsd:string ;
```

```
  schema:birthDate xsd:date ? ;
```

```
  schema:gender    [schema:Male schema:Female] OR xsd:string;
```

```
  schema:knows     IRI @:User *
```

```
}
```

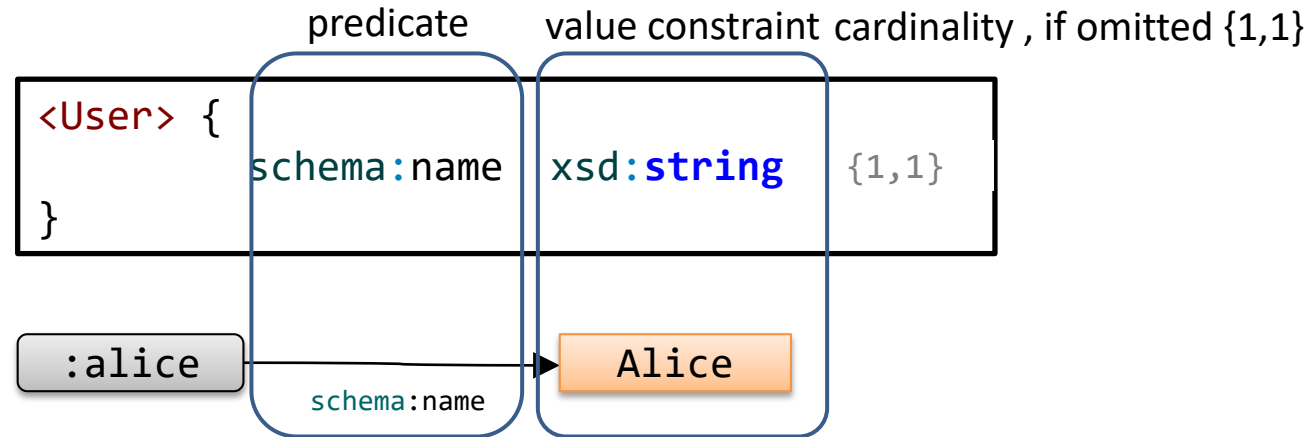


Triple
constraints

Triple constraints

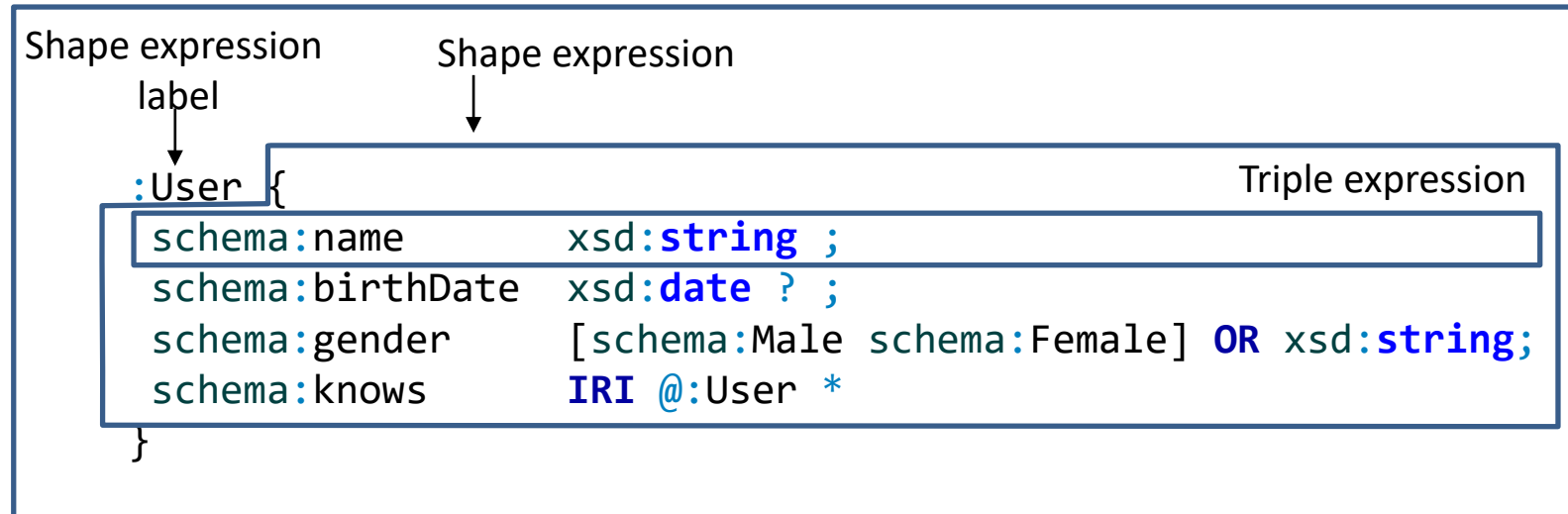
A basic expression consists of a Triple Constraint

Triple constraint \approx predicate + value constraint + cardinality

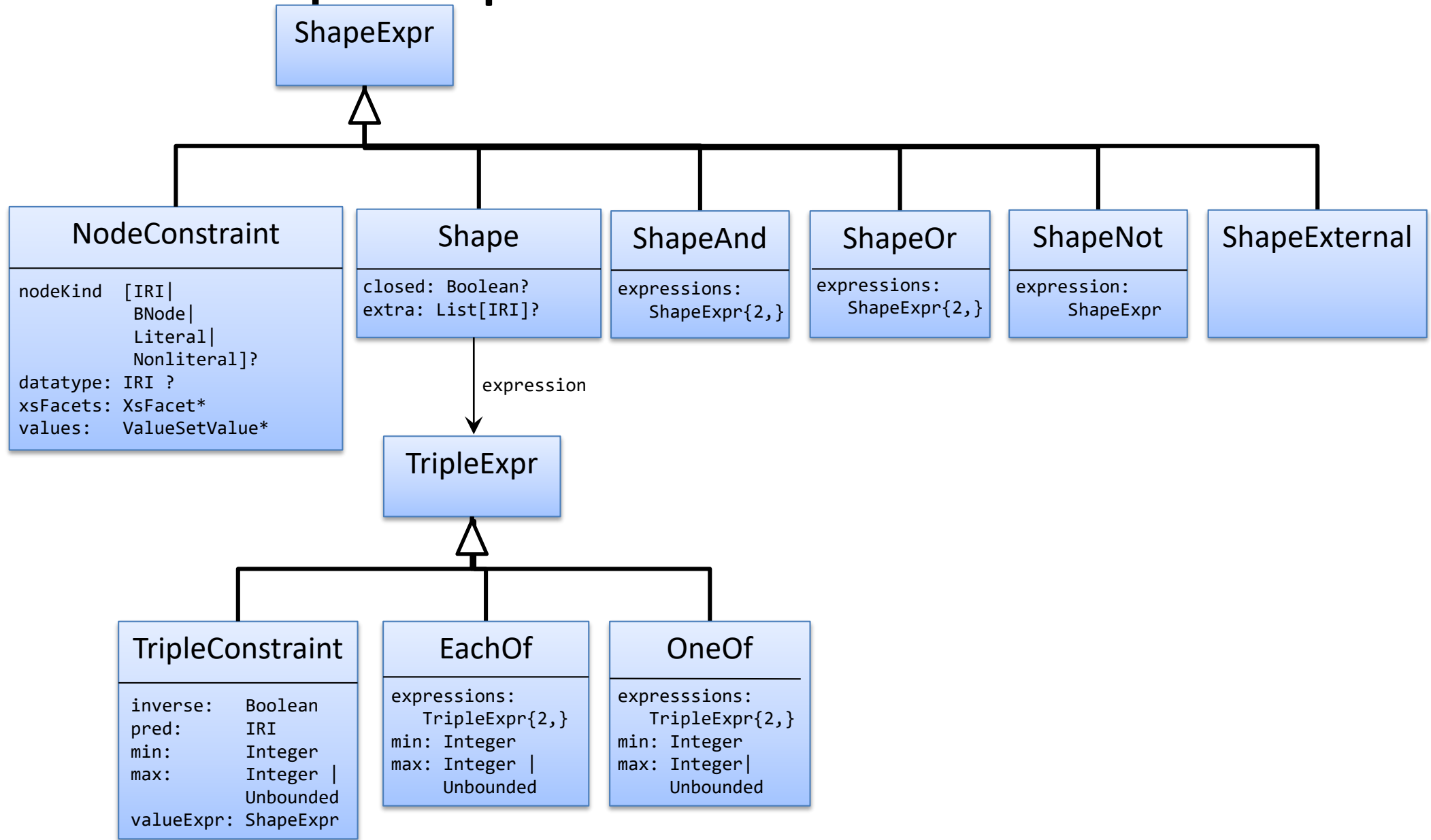


Shape expressions

Labelled rules



Structure of Shape Expressions



Simple expressions and grouping

The each-of operator `;` combines triple expressions

Unordered sequence

```
:User {  
  schema:name   xsd:string ;  
  foaf:age      xsd:integer ;  
  schema:email  xsd:string ;  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name   "Alice";  
        foaf:age      10 ;  
        schema:email  "alice@example.org" .  
  
:bob    schema:name   "Robert Smith" ;  
        foaf:age      45 ;  
        schema:email  <mailto:bob@example.org> .  
  
:carol  schema:name   "Carol" ;  
        foaf:age      56, 66 ;  
        schema:email  "carol@example.org" .
```



Repeated properties

A repeated property indicates that **each of** the expressions must be satisfied

```
<User> {  
  schema:name    xsd:string;  
  schema:parent  @<Male>;  
  schema:parent  @<Female>  
}  
  
<Male> {  
  schema:gender [schema:Male ]  
}  
  
<Female> {  
  schema:gender [schema:Female]  
}
```



Means that **<User>** must have two parents, one male and another female

```
:alice schema:name    "Alice" ;  
      schema:parent  :bob, :carol .  
  
:bob   schema:name    "Bob" ;  
      schema:gender  schema:Male .  
  
:carol schema:name    "Carol" ;  
      schema:gender  schema:Female .
```

Try it (RDFShape): <https://goo.gl/d3KWPJ>

Cardinalities

Inspired by regular expressions

Traditional operators: *, +, ?

...plus cardinalities {m, n}

If omitted {1,1} = default cardinality

*	0 or more
+	1 or more
?	0 or 1
{m}	m repetitions
{m, n}	Between m and n repetitions
{m, }	m or more repetitions

Example with cardinalities

```
<User> {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor @<Company> ? ;  
  schema:follows @<User> *  
}  
  
<Company> {  
  schema:founder @<User> ? ;  
  schema:employee @<User> {1,100}  
}
```

```
:alice      schema:name      "Alice";  
            schema:follows   :bob;  
            schema:worksFor   :OurCompany .  
  
:bob        schema:name      "Robert" ;  
            schema:worksFor   :OurCompany .  
  
:carol      schema:name      "Carol" ;  
            schema:follows    :alice .  
  
:dave       schema:name      "Dave" .  
  
:OurCompany schema:founder :dave ;  
            schema:employee :alice, :bob .
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/ddQHPO>

Choices - OneOf

The one-of operator `|` represents alternatives (either one or the other)

```
:User {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  | schema:givenName xsd:string + ;  
  schema:lastName xsd:string  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name      "Alice Cooper" .  
  
:bob   schema:givenName "Bob", "Robert" ;  
       schema:lastName  "Smith" .  
  
:carol schema:name      "Carol King" ; ☹️  
       schema:givenName "Carol" ;  
       schema:lastName  "King" .  
  
:dave  foaf:name        "Dave" . ☹️
```

Node constraints

Type	Example	Description
Anything	.	The value can be anything
Datatype	xsd:string	Matches a literal with datatype xsd:string
Kind	IRI BNode Literal NonLiteral	The object must have that kind
Value set	[:Male :Female]	The value must be :Male or :Female
Reference	@<User>	The value must have shape <User>
Composed with OR AND NOT	xsd:string OR IRI	The value must have datatype xsd:string or be an IRI
IRI Range	foaf:~	The value must start with the IRI associated with foaf
Any except...	- :Checked	Any value except :Checked

No constraint

A dot (.) matches anything \Rightarrow no constraint on values

```
:User {  
  schema:name      . ;  
  schema:affiliation . ;  
  schema:email      . ;  
  schema:birthDate  .  
}
```

```
:alice  
  schema:name      "Alice";  
  schema:affiliation [ schema:name "OurCompany" ] ;  
  schema:email      <mailto:alice@example.org> ;  
  schema:birthDate  "2010-08-23"^^xsd:date .
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/LNVg4p>

Datatypes

Datatypes are directly declared by their URIs

Predefined datatypes from XML Schema:

`xsd:string` `xsd:integer` `xsd:date` ...

```
:User {  
  schema:name      xsd:string;  
  schema:birthDate xsd:date  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name      "Alice";  
       schema:birthDate "2010-08-23"^^xsd:date.  
  
:bob   schema:name      "Robert" ;  
       schema:birthDate "Unknown" .  
  
:carol schema:name      _:unknown ;  
       schema:birthDate 2012 .
```

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Facets on Datatypes

It is possible to qualify the datatype with XML Schema facets

See: <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/#rf-facets>

Facet	Description
MinInclusive, MaxInclusive MinExclusive, MaxExclusive	Constraints on numeric values which declare the min/max value allowed (either included or excluded)
TotalDigits, FractionDigits	Constraints on numeric values which declare the total digits and fraction digits allowed
Length, MinLength, MaxLength	Constraints on string values which declare the length allowed, or the min/max length allowed
/... /	Regular expression pattern

Facets on Datatypes

```
:User {  
  schema:name   xsd:string   MaxLength 10 ;  
  foaf:age      xsd:integer  MinInclusive 1 MaxInclusive 99 ;  
  schema:phone  xsd:string   /\d{3}-\d{3}-\d{3}/  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice";  
       foaf:age    10 ;  
       schema:phone "123-456-555" .  
  
:bob   schema:name "Robert Smith" ;  
       foaf:age    45 ;  
       schema:phone "333-444-555" .  
  
:carol schema:name "Carol" ;  
       foaf:age    23 ;  
       schema:phone "23-456-555" .
```

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Node Kinds

Define the kind of RDF nodes: Literal, IRI, BNode, ...

Value	Description	Examples
Literal	Literal values	"Alice" "Spain"@en 23 true
IRI	IRIs	<http://example.org/alice> ex:alice
BNode	Blank nodes	_:1
NonLiteral	Blank nodes or IRIs	_:1 <http://example.org/alice> ex:alice

Example with node kinds

```
:User {  
  schema:name      Literal ;  
  schema:follows IRI  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name      "Alice" ;  
        schema:follows :bob .  
  
:bob    schema:name      :Robert ; ☹  
        schema:follows :carol .  
  
:carol  schema:name      "Carol" ; ☹  
        schema:follows "Dave" .
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/B6x2rE>

Value sets

The value must be one of the values of a given set

Denoted by [and]

```
:Product {  
  schema:color      [ "Red" "Green" "Blue" ] ;  
  schema:manufacturer [ :OurCompany :AnotherCompany ]  
}
```

```
:x1 schema:color "Red";  
    schema:manufacturer :OurCompany .
```

```
:x2 schema:color "Cyan" ;  
    schema:manufacturer :OurCompany . ☹️
```

```
:x3 schema:color "Green" ;  
    schema:manufacturer :Unknown . ☹️
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/AJ1eQX>

Single value sets

Value sets with a single element

A very common pattern

```
<SpanishProduct> {  
  schema:country [ :Spain ]  
}  
  
<FrenchProduct> {  
  schema:country [ :France ]  
}  
  
<VideoGame> {  
  a [ :VideoGame ]  
}
```

```
:product1 schema:country :Spain .  
:product2 schema:country :France .  
:product3 a :VideoGame ;  
          schema:country :Spain .
```

Note: ShEx doesn't interact with inference
It just checks if there is an **rdf:type** arc
Inference can be done before/after validating
It can even be used to validate inference systems

Language tagged literals

```
:FrenchProduct {  
  schema:label [ @fr ]  
}  
  
:SpanishProduct {  
  schema:label [ @es @es-AR @es-ES ]  
}
```

```
:car1 schema:label "Voiture"@fr .      # Passes as :FrenchProduct  
:car2 schema:label "Auto"@es .          # Passes as :SpanishProduct  
:car3 schema:label "Carro"@es-AR .      # Passes as :SpanishProduct  
:car4 schema:label "Coche"@es-ES .      # Passes as :SpanishProduct
```

Shape references

Defines that the value must match another shape

References are marked as @

```
:User {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor @:Company  
}  
  
:Company {  
  schema:founder xsd:string  
}
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/Q3SriH>

```
:alice a :User;  
      schema:worksFor :OurCompany .  
  
:bob   a :User;  
      schema:worksFor :Another .  
  
:OurCompany  
      schema:name      "OurCompany" .  
  
:Another  
      schema:name      23 .
```

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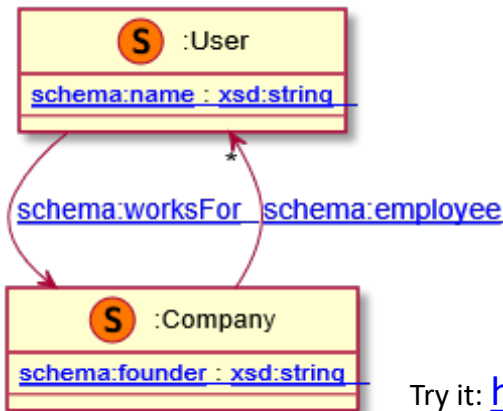
Recursion and cyclic data models

```

:User {
  schema:name      xsd:string ;
  schema:worksFor @:Company ;
}

:Company {
  schema:founder  xsd:string ;
  schema:employee @:User *
}

```



Try it: <https://goo.gl/eMNiyR>

```

:alice      schema:name      "Alice";;
            schema:worksFor  :OurCompany .

:bob        schema:name      "Robert";      ☹️
            schema:worksFor  :Another .

:companyA   schema:founder    "Carol";
            schema:employee   :alice .

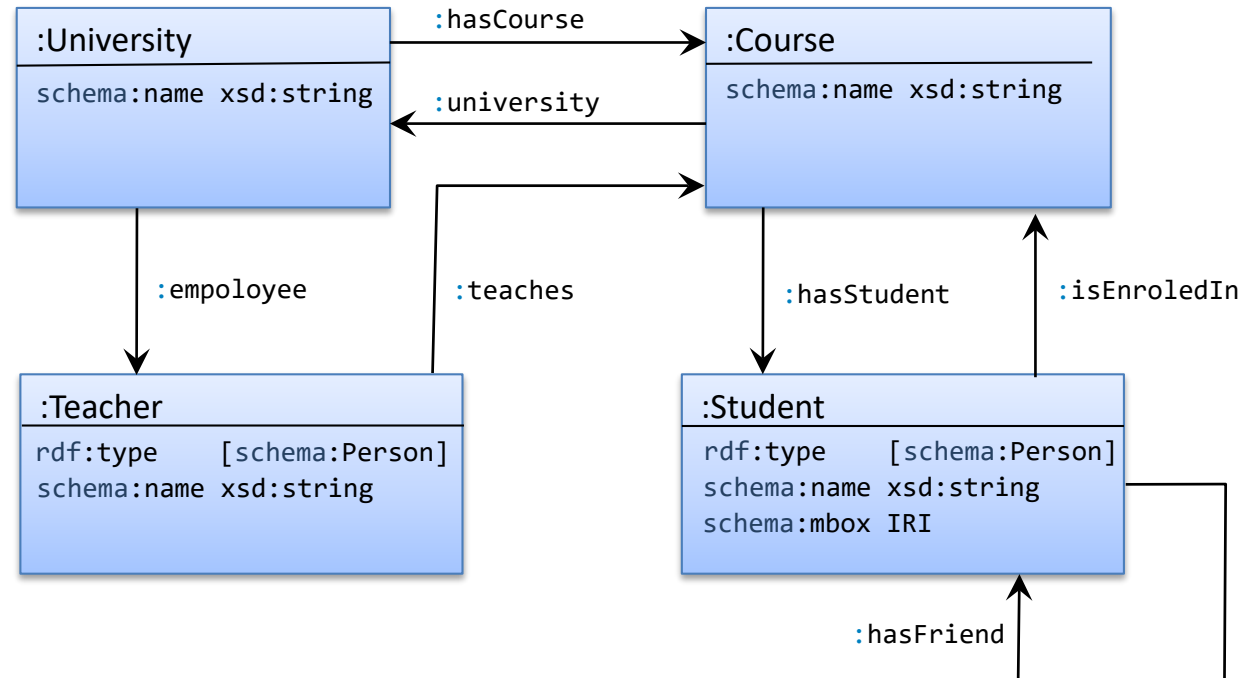
:companyB   schema:founder    "Another" .    ☹️
            schema:employee   :unknown .

```



Exercise

Define a Schema for the following domain model



IRI ranges

`uri:~` represents the set of all URIs that start with stem `uri`

```
prefix codes: <http://example.codes/>

:User {
  :status [ codes:~ ]
}
```

```
prefix codes: <http://example.codes/>
prefix other: <http://other.codes/>

:x1 :status codes:resolved .

:x2 :status other:done .

:x3 :status <http://example.codes/pending> .
```



IRI Range exclusions

The operator - excludes IRIs or IRI ranges from an IRI range

```
prefix codes: <http://example.codes/>

:User {
  :status [
    codes:~ - codes:deleted
  ]
}
```

```
:x1 :status codes:resolved .
:x2 :status other:done. ☹️
:x3 :status <http://example.codes/pending> .
:x4 :status codes:deleted . ☹️
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/pU8u4b>

Nested shapes

Syntax simplification to avoid defining two shapes

Internally, the inner shape is identified using a blank node

```
User {
  schema:name      xsd:string ;
  schema:worksFor _:1
}

_:1 a [ schema:Company ] .
```

≡

```
:User {
  schema:name      xsd:string ;
  schema:worksFor {
    a [ schema:Company ]
  }
}
```

```
:alice schema:name      "Alice" ;
        schema:worksFor :OurCompany .

:OurCompany a schema:Company .
```


Try it (RDFShape): <https://goo.gl/2Eoehi>

Labeled constraints

`$label <constraint>` associates a constraint to a label

It can later be used as `&label`

```
:User {  
  $:name ( schema:name .  
           | schema:givenName . ;  
           schema:familyName .  
         ) ;  
  schema:email IRI  
}  
:Employee {  
  &:name ;  
  :employeeId .  
}
```



```
:Employee {  
  ( schema:name .  
    | schema:givenName . ;  
    schema:familyName . ) ;  
  :employeeId .  
}
```


Inverse triple constraints

^ reverses the order of the triple constraint

```
:User {  
  schema:name      xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor @:Company  
}  
  
:Company {  
  a [schema:Company] ;  
  ^schema:worksFor @:User+  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice";  
          schema:worksFor :OurCompany .  
  
:bob schema:name "Bob" ;  
          schema:worksFor :OurCompany .  
  
:OurCompany a schema:Company .
```

Try it (RDFShape): <https://goo.gl/9FbHi3>


Allowing other triples

Triple constraints limit all triples with a given predicate to match one of the constraints

This is called *closing a property*

Example:

```
<Company> {  
  a [ schema:Organization ] ;  
  a [ org:Organization ]  
}
```

```
:OurCompany a org:Organization,  
             schema:Organization .  
  
:OurUniversity a org:Organization,   
               schema:Organization,  
               schema:CollegeOrUniversity .
```

Sometimes we would like to permit other triples (open the property)

Allowing other triples

EXTRA <listOfProperties> declares that a list of properties can contain extra values

```
<Company> EXTRA a {  
  a [ schema:Organization ] ;  
  a [ org:Organization ]  
}
```

```
:OurCompany a org:Organization,  
              schema:Organization .  
  
:OurUniversity a org:Organization,  
                 schema:Organization,  
                 schema:CollegeOrUniversity .
```

Try it: <https://goo.gl/MxZVts>

Closed Shapes

CLOSED can be used to limit the appearance of any predicate not mentioned in the shape expression

```
<User> {
  schema:name IRI;
  schema:knows @<User>*
}
```

By default open, so all match
<User>

```
:alice schema:name "Alice" ;
      schema:knows :bob .

:bob schema:name "Bob" ;
      schema:knows :alice .

:dave schema:name "Dave" ;
      schema:knows :emily ;
      :link2virus <virus> .

:emily schema:name "Emily" ;
      schema:knows :dave .
```

```
<User> CLOSED {
  schema:name IRI;
  schema:knows @<User>*
}
```

With closed, only :alice and
:bob match <User>

Node constraints

Constraints on the focus node

```
<User> IRI {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor IRI  
}
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice";  
  :worksFor :OurCompany .  
  
_:1 schema:name "Unknown";  
  :worksFor :OurCompany .
```



Composing Shape Expressions

It is possible to use **AND** , **OR** and **NOT** to compose shapes

```
:User {
  schema:name      xsd:string ;
  schema:worksFor  IRI AND @:Company ?;
  schema:follows   IRI OR BNode *
}


:Company {
  schema:founder  IRI ?;
  schema:employee IRI {1,100}
}
```

```
:alice      schema:name      "Alice";
            schema:follows   :bob;
            schema:worksFor  :OurCompany .

:bob        schema:name      "Robert" ;
            schema:worksFor  [
              schema:Founder "Frank" ;
              schema:employee :carol ;
            ] .

:carol      schema:name      "Carol" ;
            schema:follows   [
              schema:name "Emily" ;
            ] .

:OurCompany schema:founder   :dave ;
            schema:employee :alice, :bob .
```



Implicit AND

AND can be omitted between a node constraint
and a shape

```
:User {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor IRI AND @:Company  
}
```



```
:User {  
  schema:name xsd:string ;  
  schema:worksFor IRI @:Company  
}
```

Conjunction of Shape Expressions

AND can be used to define conjunction on Shape Expressions

```
<User> { schema:name xsd:string ;  
          schema:worksFor IRI  
        }  
        AND {  
          schema:worksFor @<Company>  
        }
```


Using AND to extend shapes

AND can be used as a basic form of inheritance

```
:Person {
  a          [ schema:Person ] ;
  schema:name xsd:string ;
}

:User @:Person AND {
  schema:name      MaxLength 20 ;
  schema:email      IRI
}

:Student @:User AND {
  :course          IRI *;
}
```

```
:alice a          schema:Person ;
       schema:name "Alice" .

:bob schema:name   "Robert";
     schema:email  <bob@example.org> .

:carol a          schema:Person;
       schema:name "Carol" ;
       schema:email <carol@example.org> .

:dave a          schema:Person;
      schema:name "Carol" ;
      schema:email <carol@example.org>;
      :course      :algebra .
```

Disjunction of Shape Expressions

OR can be used to define disjunction of Shape Expressions

```
:User { schema:name xsd:string }  
  OR { schema:givenName xsd:string ;  
        schema:familyName xsd:string  
    }
```

Inclusive-or

```
:User { schema:name xsd:string  
  | schema:givenName xsd:string ;  
  schema:familyName xsd:string  
}
```

Exclusive-or

Disjunction of datatypes

```
:Product {  
  rdfs:label      xsd:string OR rdf:langString;  
  schema:releaseDate xsd:date OR xsd:gYear OR  
                  [ "unknown-past" "unknown-future" ]  
}
```

```
:p1 a :Product ;                               #Passes as a :Product  
    rdfs:label "Laptop";  
    schema:releaseDate "1990"^^xsd:gYear .  
  
:p2 a :Product ;                               #Passes as a :Product  
    rdfs:label "Car"@en ;  
    schema:releaseDate "unknown-future" .  
  
:p3 a :Product ;                               #Fails as a :Product  
    rdfs:label :House ;  
    schema:releaseDate "2020"^^xsd:integer .
```



Exercise

Emulate recursive property paths in ShEx

A node conforms to `:Person` if it has `rdf:type schema:Person` or if it has a type that is a `rdfs:subClassOf` some type that has `rdf:type schema:Person`.

```
:alice      a schema:Person .                #Passes as :Person
:bob        a :Teacher .                      #Passes as :Person
:carol      a :Assistant .                    #Passes as :Person

:Teacher    rdfs:subClassOf schema:Person .
:Assistant  rdfs:subClassOf :Teacher .
```

Negation

NOT s creates a new shape expression from a shape s.

Nodes conform to NOT s when they do not conform to s.

```
:NoName Not {  
  schema:name .  
}
```

```
:alice schema:givenName "Alice" ;  
      schema:familyName "Cooper" .
```

```
:bob   schema:name       "Robert" .
```



```
:carol schema:givenName "Carol" ;  
      schema:name       "Carol" .
```



Try it: <https://goo.gl/GMvXy7>



IF-THEN pattern

All products must have a `schema:productID` and if a product has type `schema:Vehicle`, then it must have the properties `schema:vehicleEngine` and `schema:fuelType`.

```
:kitt schema:productID "C21";      # Passes as :Product
      a schema:Vehicle;
      schema:vehicleEngine :x42 ;
      schema:fuelType :electric .

:bad  schema:productID "C22";      # Fails as :Product
      a schema:Vehicle;
      schema:fuelType :electric .

:c23  schema:productID "C23" ;     # Passes as :Product
      a schema:Computer .
```



IF-THEN-ELSE pattern

If a product has type `schema:Vehicle`, then it must have the properties `schema:vehicleEngine` and `schema:fuelType`, otherwise it must have the property `schema:category` with a

xsd:s

```
:kitt a schema:Vehicle;           # Passes as :Product
      schema:vehicleEngine :x42 ;
      schema:fuelType :electric .

:c23  a schema:Computer ;           # Passes as :Product
      schema:category "Laptop" .

:bad1 a schema:Vehicle;             # Fails as :Product
      schema:fuelType :electric .

:bad2 a schema:Computer .           # Fails as :Product
```

Cyclic dependencies with negation

One problem of combining NOT and recursion is the possibility of declaring ill-defined shapes

```
:Barber {                                # Violates the negation requirement
  :shaves    @:Person
} AND NOT {
  :shaves    @:Barber
}
```

```
:Person {
  schema:name xsd:string
}
```

```
:albert :shaves :dave .                # Passes as a :Barber

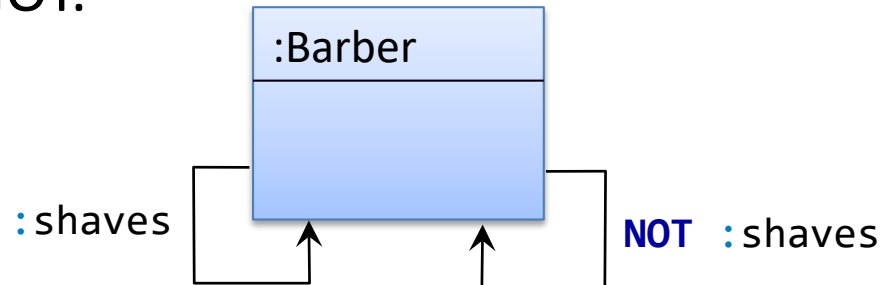
:bob schema:name "Robert" ;            # Passes as a :Person
    :shaves :bob .                      # Passes :Barber?

:dave schema:name "Dave" .              # Passes as a :Person
```


Restriction on cyclic dependencies and negation

Requirement to avoid ill formed data models:

Whenever a shape refers to itself either directly or indirectly, the chain of references cannot traverse an occurrence of the negation operation NOT.



:Barber shape is rejected

Semantic Actions

Arbitrary code attached to shapes

Can be used to perform operations with side effects

Independent of any language/technology

Several extension languages: GenX, GenJ

(<http://shex.io/extensions/>)

```
<Person> {
  schema:name xsd:string,
  schema:birthDate xsd:dateTime
  %js:{ report = _.o; return true; %},
  schema:deathDate xsd:dateTime
  %js:{ return _[1].triple.o.lex > report.lex; %}
  %sparql:{
    ?s schema:birthDate ?bd . FILTER (?o > ?bd) %}
}
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice" ;
  schema:birthDate "1980-01-23"^^xsd:date ;
  schema:deathDate "2013-01-23"^^xsd:date .

:bob schema:name "Robert" ;
  schema:birthDate "2013-08-12"^^xsd:date ;
  schema:deathDate "1990-01-23"^^xsd:date .
```

Importing schemas

The import statement allows to import schemas

<http://example.org/Person.shex>

```
:Person {
  $:name ( schema:name .
           | schema:givenName . ; schema:familyName .
           ) ;
  schema:email .
}
```

```
import <http://example.org/Person.shex>

:Employee {
  &:name ;
  schema:worksFor <CompanyShape>
}

:Company {
  schema:employee @:Employee ;
  schema:founder @:Person ;
}
```

```
:alice schema:name "Alice";
      schema:worksFor :OurCompany .

:OurCompany schema:employee :alice ;
            schema:founder :bob .

:bob schema:name "Robert" ;
     schema:email <mailto:bob@example.com> .
```

Annotations

Annotations are lists (predicate, object) that can be associated to an element

Specific annotations can be defined for special purposes, e.g. forms, UI, etc.

```
:Person {  
  schema:name          xsd:string  
  // rdfs:label        "Name"  
  // rdfs:comment      "Name of person" ;  
  
  schema:birthDate xsd:date  
  // rdfs:label        "birthDate"  
  // rdfs:comment      "Birth of date" ;  
}
```

Other features

Current ShEx version: 2.1

Some features postponed for next version

- Inheritance (extends/abstract)

- UNIQUE

Future work & contributions

More info <http://shex.io>

ShEx currently under active development

Current work

- Improve error messages

- Inheritance of shape expressions

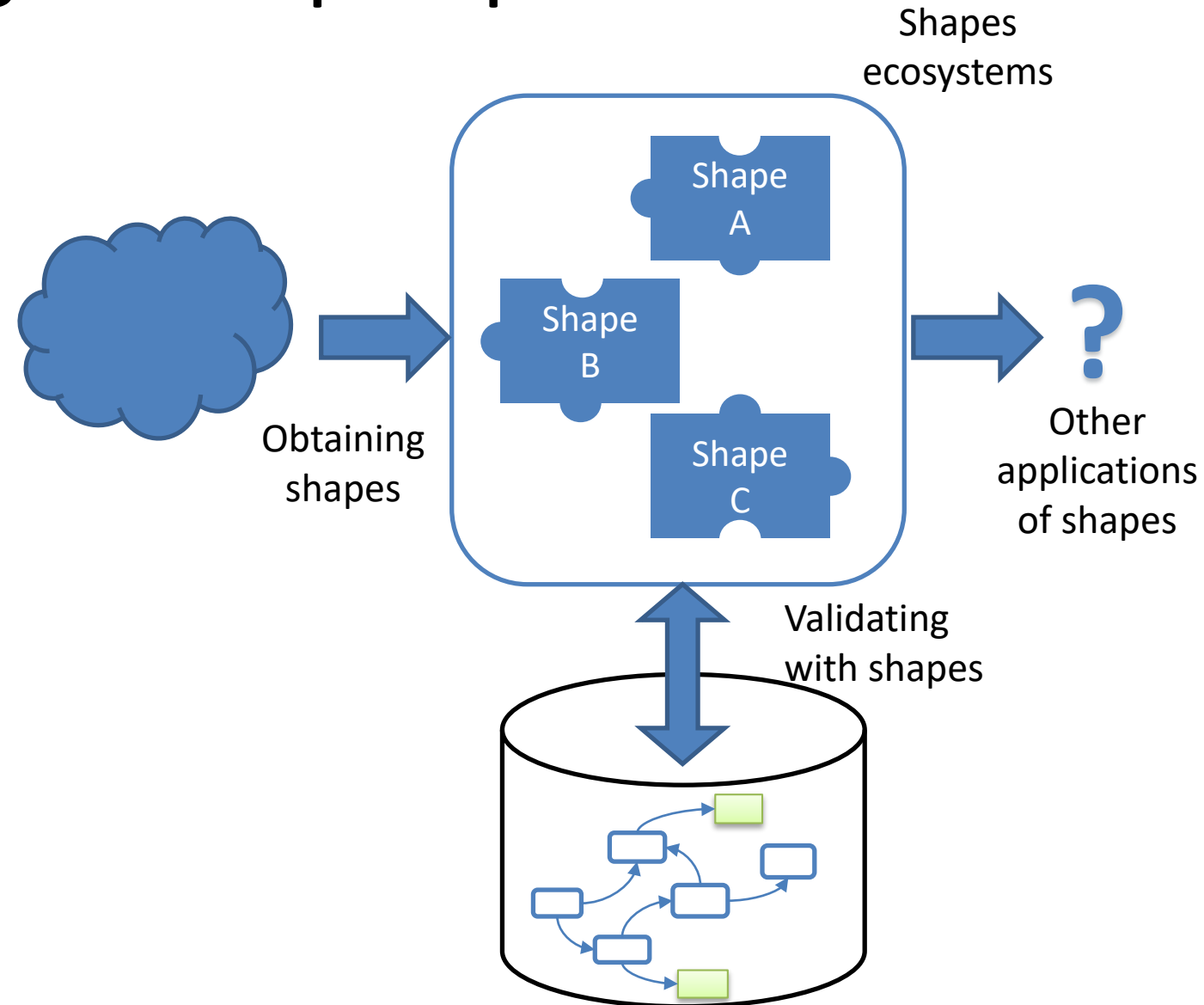
If you are interested, you can help

List of issues: <https://github.com/shexSpec/shex/issues>

Shapes tools

Tools: challenges and perspectives

Validating with shapes
Obtaining shapes
Other applications of shapes
Shapes ecosystems



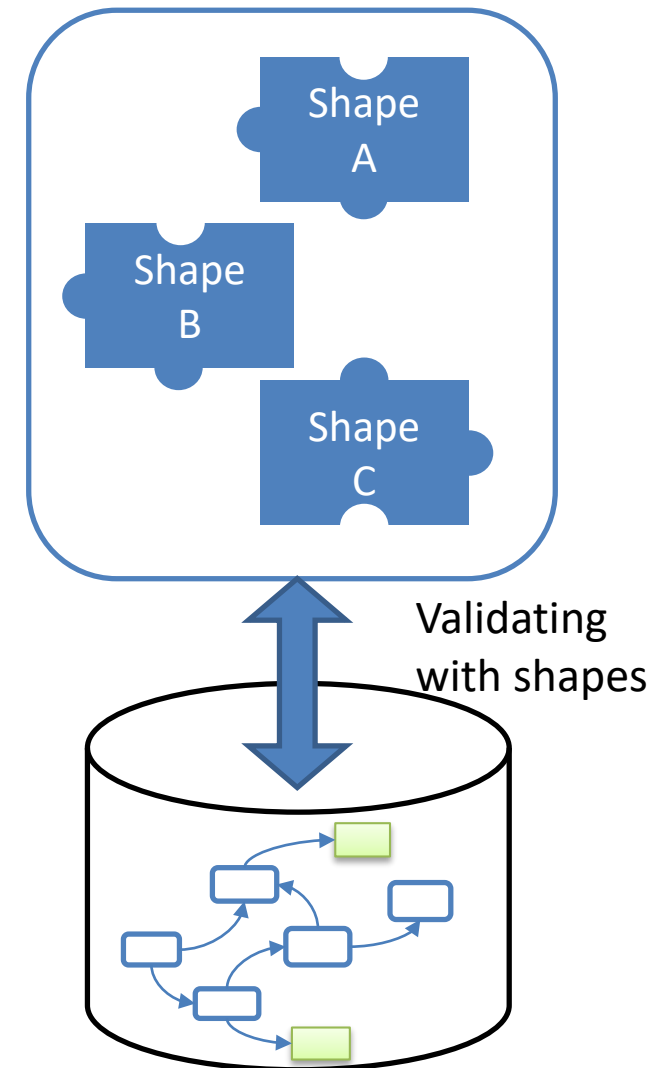
Validating with shapes

Libraries and command line validators

Online demos

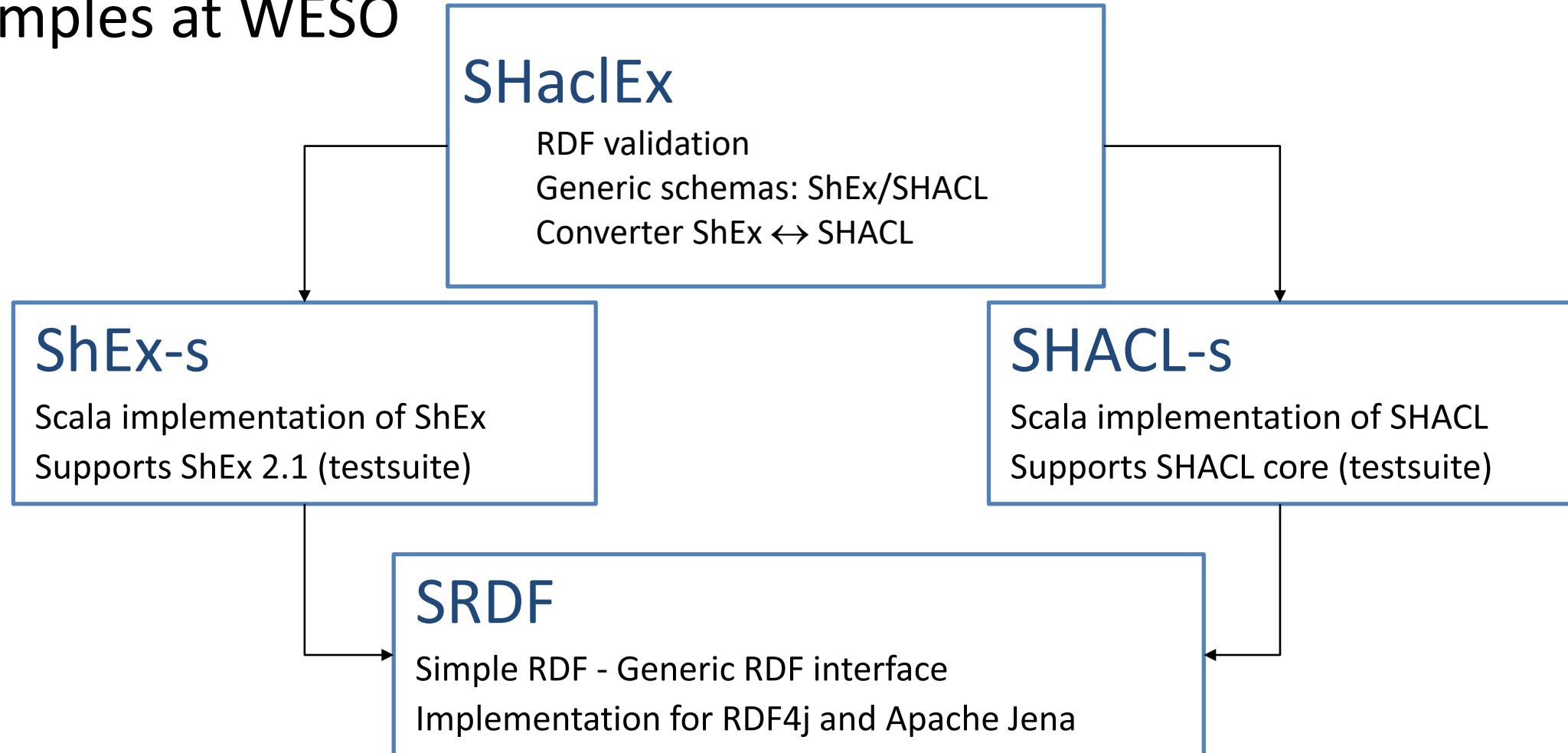
Integrated in ontology editors

Continuous integration with Shapes



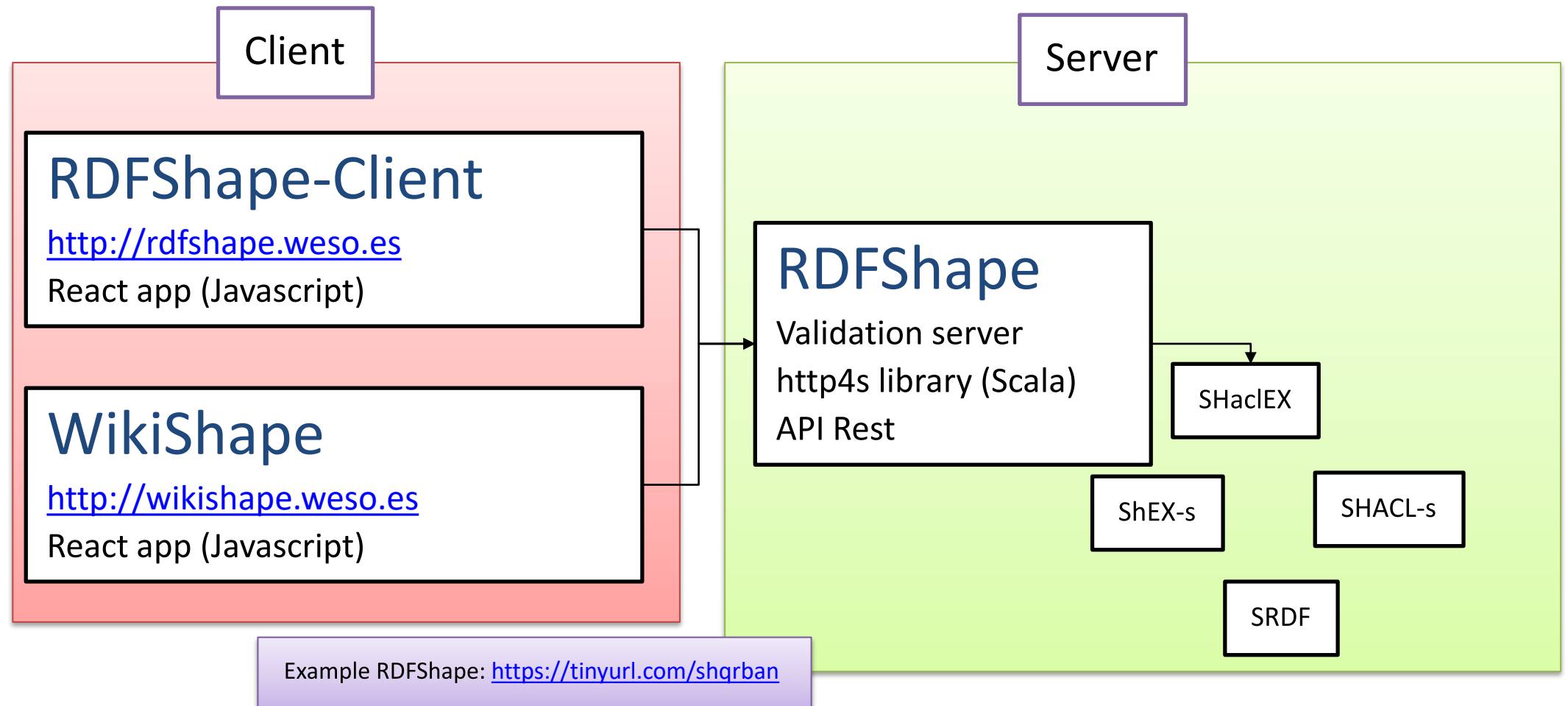
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Examples at WESO



Online demos

Web Demos and playgrounds



Continuous integration with Shapes

Coexistence between ontologies/shapes

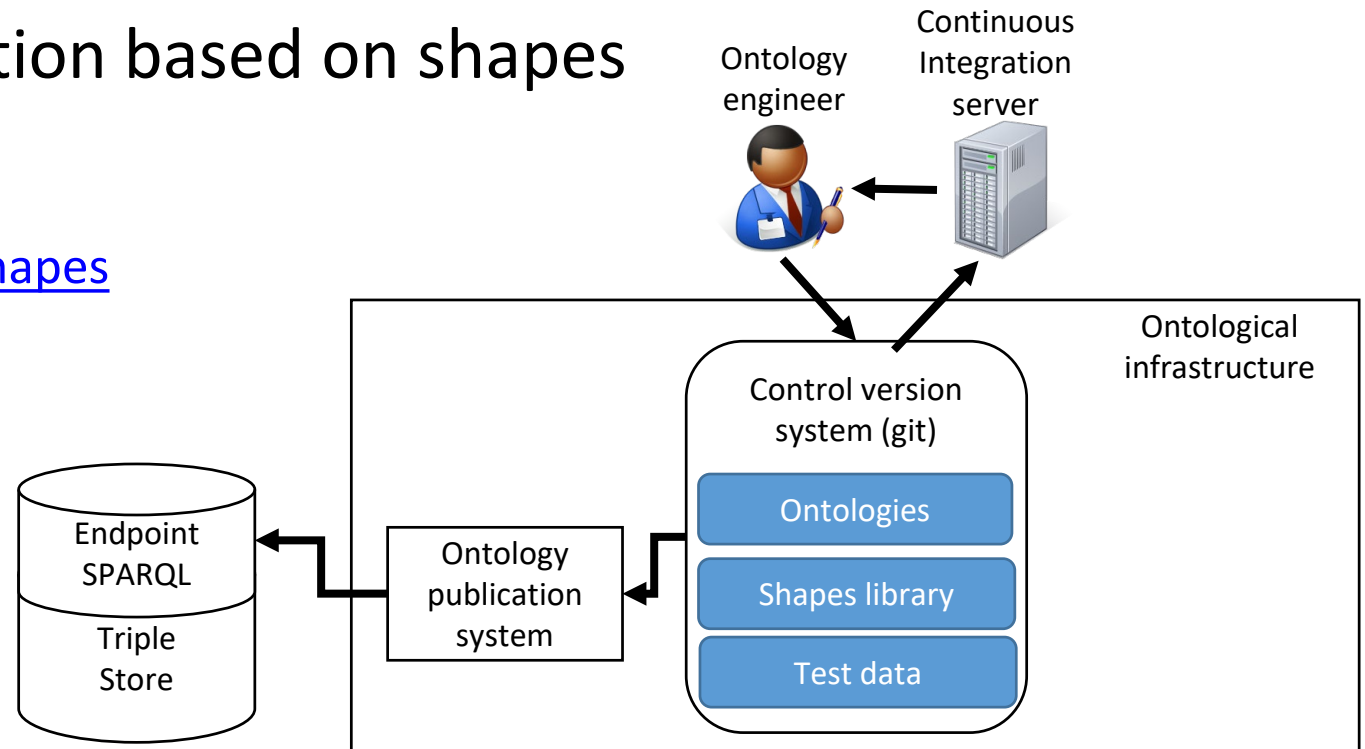
Shapes can validate the behaviour of inference systems

Shapes pre- and post- inference

TDD and continuous integration based on shapes

Gene Ontology Shapes:

<https://github.com/geneontology/go-shapes>

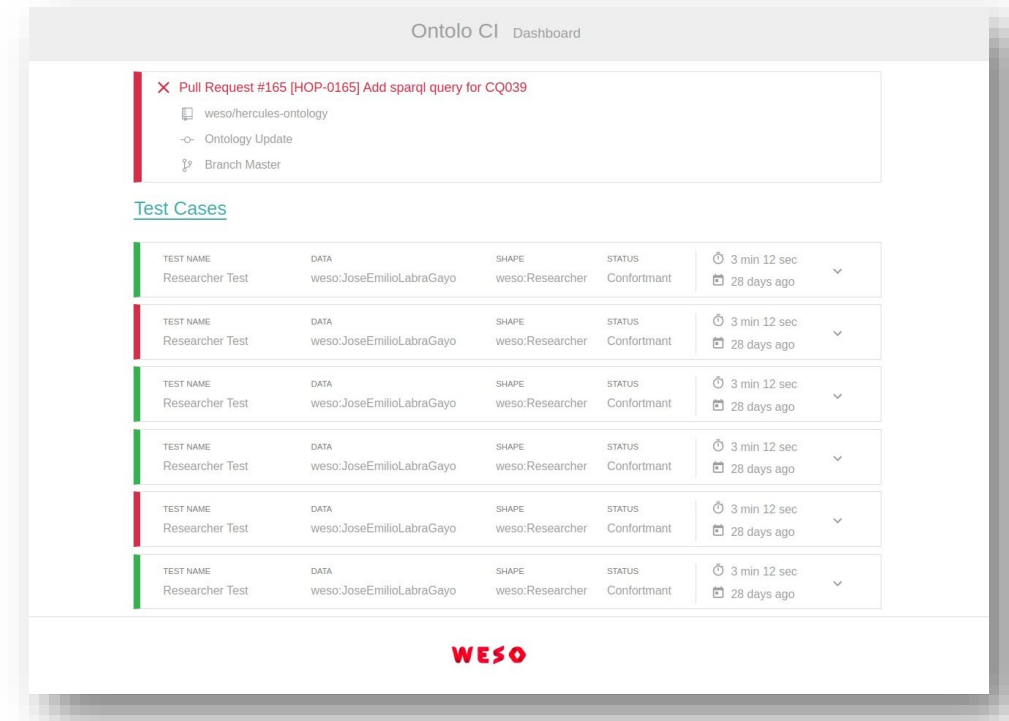


Developed as part of HERCULES-Ontology

Test-Driven-Development applied to Ontologies

Input:

- Ontologies
- Shapes
- Test data
- Input shape map (SPARQL competency question)
- Expected result shape map



Obtaining shapes

Shapes editors

- Text-based editors

- Visual editors and visualizers

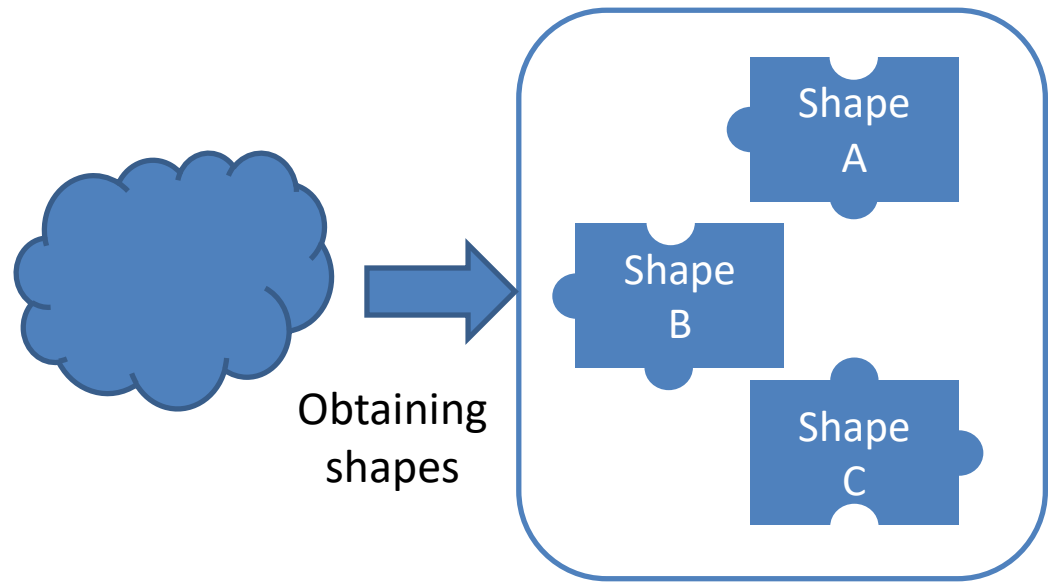
Obtaining shapes from...

- Spreadsheets

- RDF data

- Ontologies

- Other schemas (XML Schema)

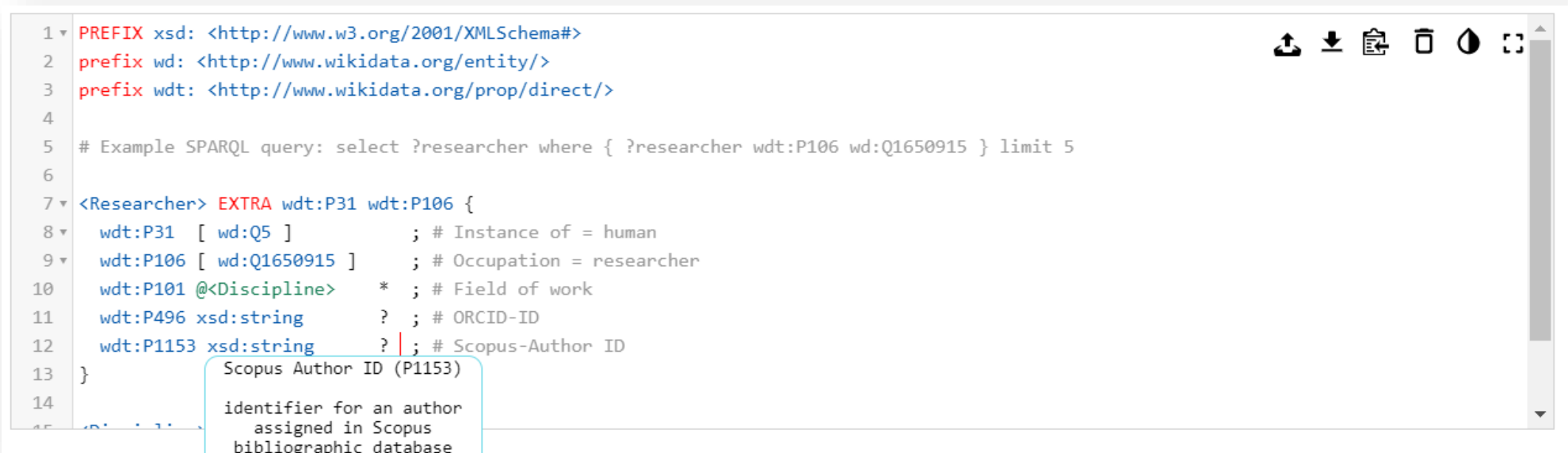


Text-based editors

YaSHE: Forked from YASGUI: <http://www.weso.es/YASHE/>

Syntax highlighting

Auto-completion



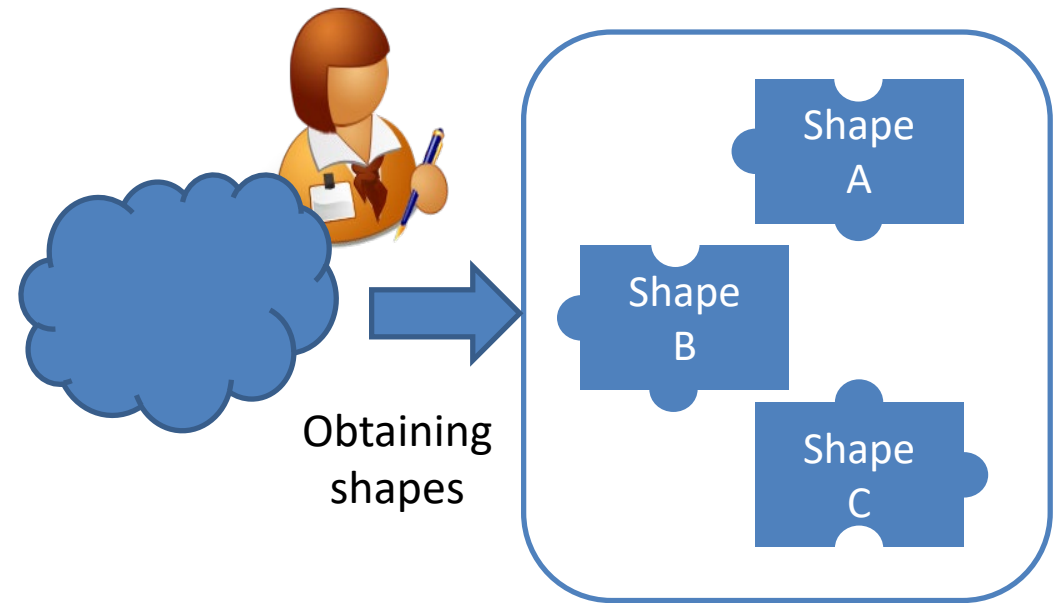
The screenshot displays the YaSHE text-based editor interface. The editor window shows a SPARQL query with syntax highlighting. The query is as follows:

```
1 PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
2 prefix wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
3 prefix wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
4
5 # Example SPARQL query: select ?researcher where { ?researcher wdt:P106 wd:Q1650915 } limit 5
6
7 <Researcher> EXTRA wdt:P31 wdt:P106 {
8   wdt:P31 [ wd:Q5 ] ; # Instance of = human
9   wdt:P106 [ wd:Q1650915 ] ; # Occupation = researcher
10  wdt:P101 @<Discipline> * ; # Field of work
11  wdt:P496 xsd:string ? ; # ORCID-ID
12  wdt:P1153 xsd:string ? ; # Scopus-Author ID
13 }
14
```

An auto-completion tooltip is visible for the property `wdt:P1153`, showing the text: "Scopus Author ID (P1153) identifier for an author assigned in Scopus bibliographic database". The editor also features a toolbar with icons for undo, redo, save, and other standard text editor functions.

Shapes author tools

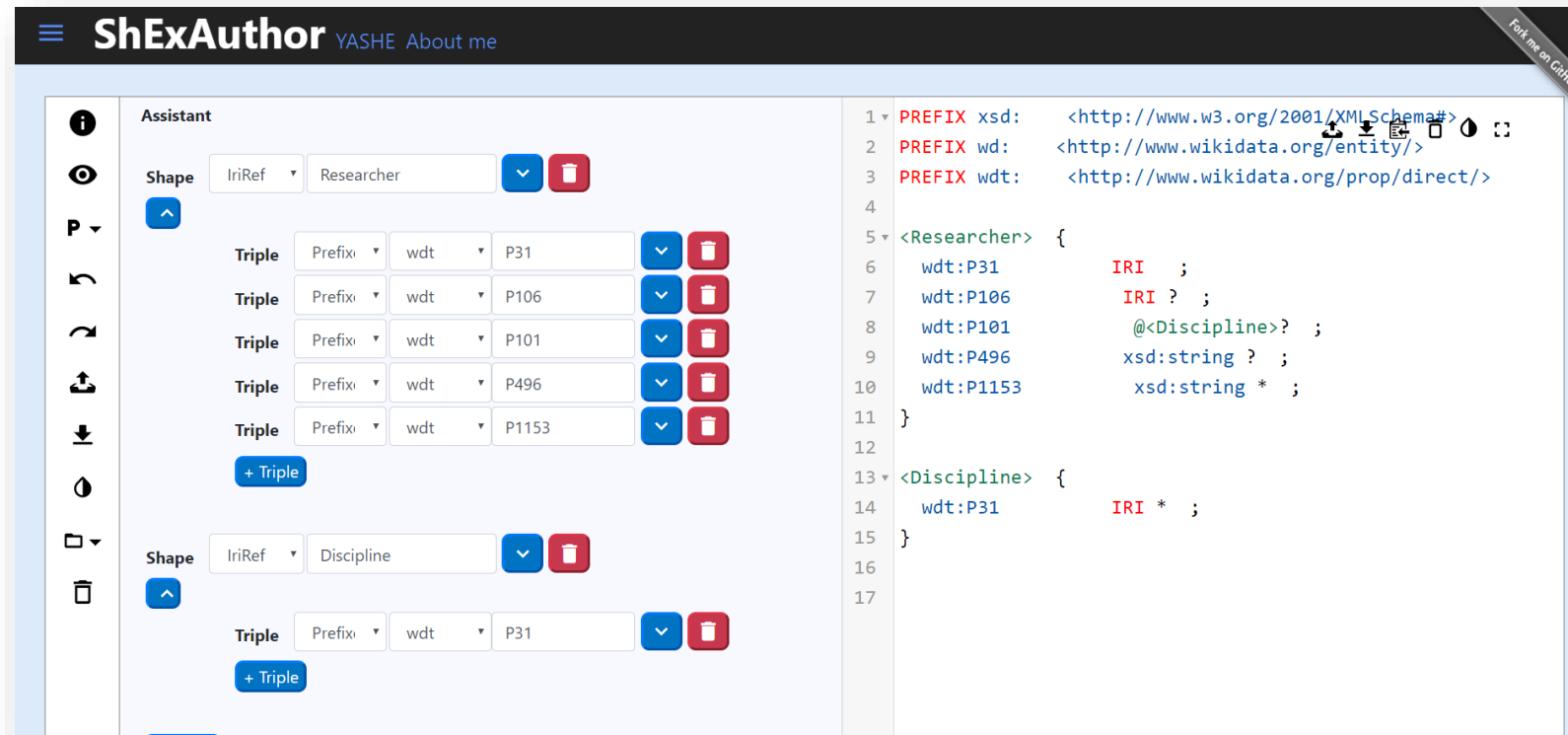
ShEx-Author



Shapes author tools: ShEx Author

ShEx-Author: Inspired by Wikidata Query Service

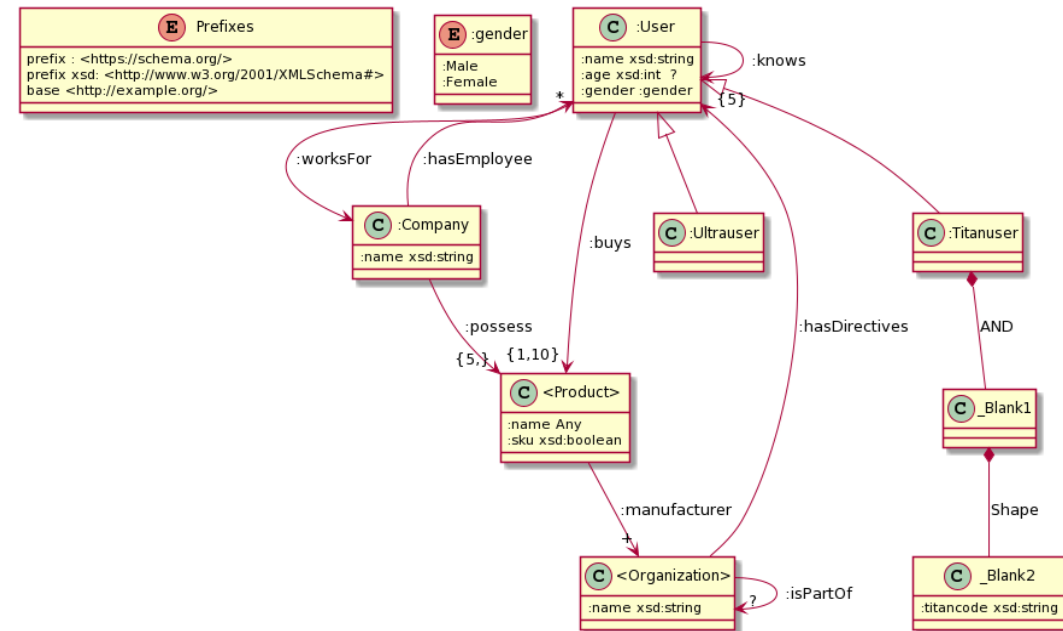
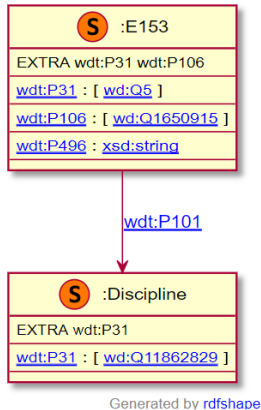
2 column: Visual one synchronized with text based



Shapes visualization

Integrated in RDFShape/Wikishape

- [UMLSHacLEX](#) UML diagrams for ShEx
- [ShUMLex](#): Conversion to UML through XMI

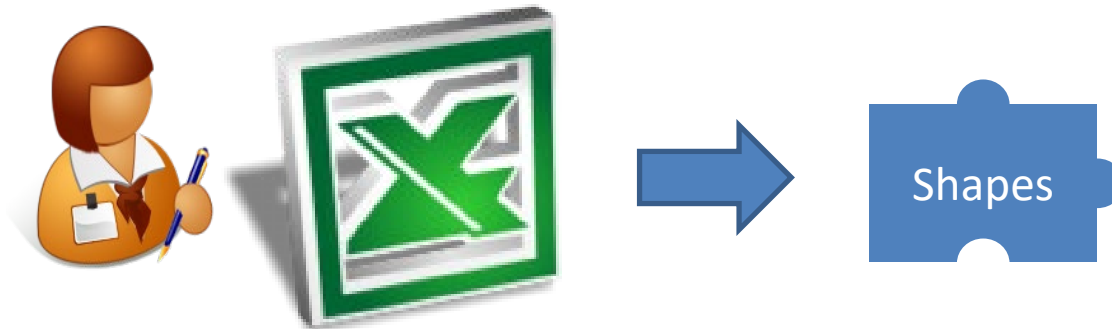


Shapes from spreadsheets

ShExstatements: <https://shexstatements.toolforge.org/>

ShExCSV: CSV representation of Shapes

Hermes: ShExCSV processor, <https://github.com/weso/hermes>



Generating Shapes from RDF data

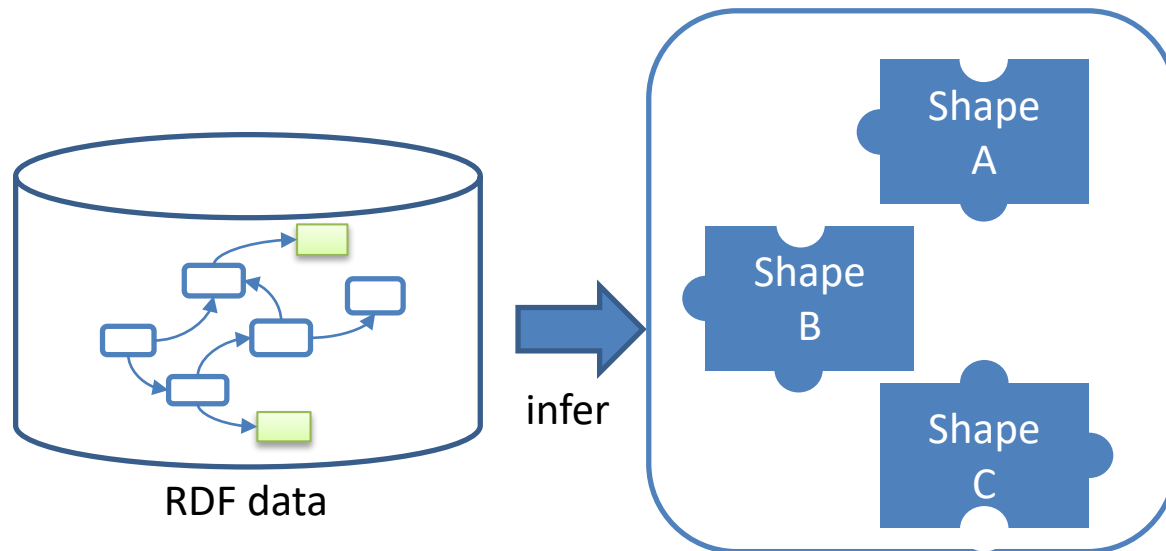
Useful use case in practice

Some prototypes

sheXer: <http://shexer.weso.es/>

RDFShape: <http://rdfshape.weso.es>

ShapeDesigner: <https://gitlab.inria.fr/jdusart/shexjapp>

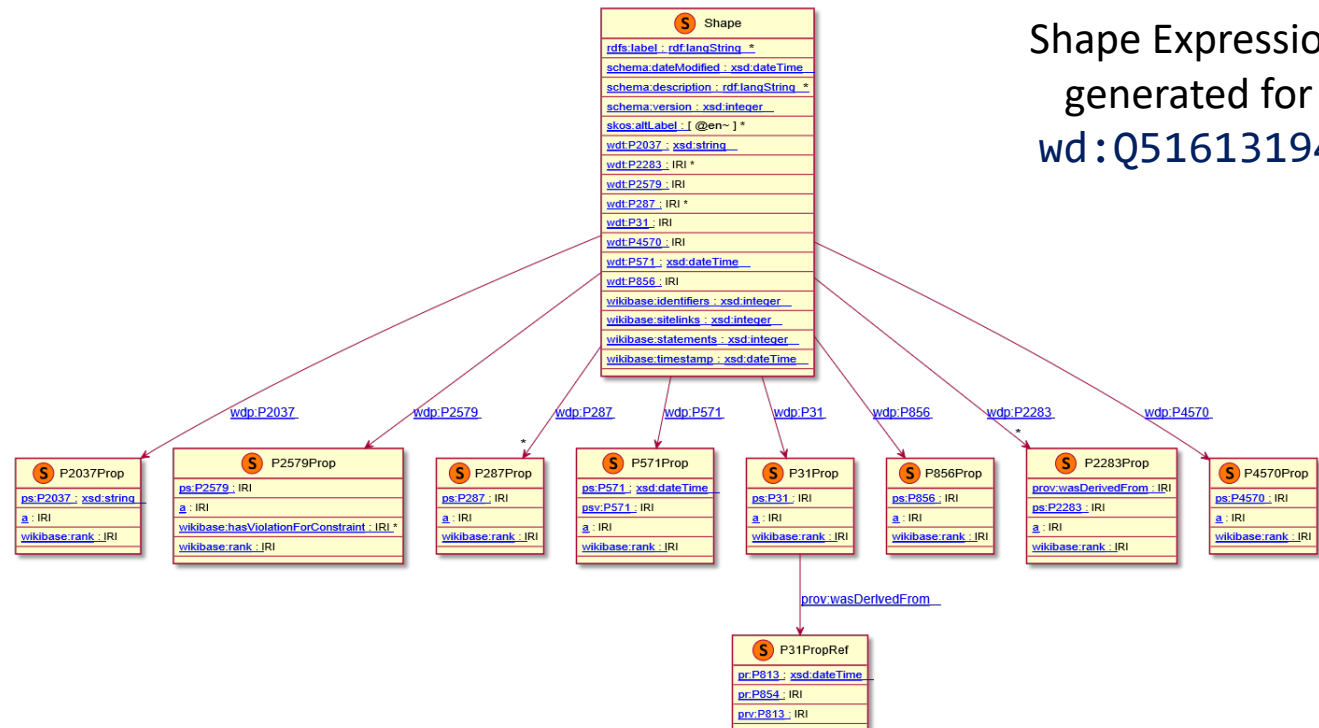


Try it with RDFShape:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8picbyf>

Shapes from data: RDFShape

RDFShape/Wikishape implement a basic prototype to derive Shapes from RDF data



Shapes from data: sheXer

sheXer: <http://shexer.weso.es/>

Implemented in Python
Configuration options

sheXer

Welcome to an online demo of sheXer, a library to perform automatic extraction of ShEx schemata in RDF graphs

Introduction

sheXer receives an RDF graph, a bunch of configurations params and it gives back ShEx schemata associated to groupings of nodes within the graph.

This webapp is an online demo of **sheXer**. You can provide an RDF graph in several ways, select your target individuals to build shapes, tune some config values and then get the inferred shapes. This demo does not allow you to compute huge graphs nor to configure every option of **sheXer**. To reach the full potential of the tool you may prefer to install the library **sheXer**, which is available for Python. This webapp and the library itself are prototypes under development. You can follow its updates, report bugs or make any suggestion at [the sheXer github repository](#).

The way to use the code and the meaning of each config param is documented in [the repository of sheXer](#). Installation instructions are available in the repository as well.

Instructions about how to configure each field of this online demo are available at [the bottom of this page](#).

In case you want to work against the Wikidata endpoint, press the following button to fill the configuration params with some recommended values:

Wikidata mode!

Input

Raw input Remote input

Choose a way to provide a remote graph:

☐ Remote Graph

Shapes from data: ShapeDesigner

<https://gitlab.inria.fr/jdusart/shexjapp>

The screenshot displays the ShapeDesigner application interface. The top menu bar includes File, Schema, Graph, Pattern, Query, and Help. Below the menu, there are tabs for Conception and ShEx Validation. The main workspace is divided into three sections: Patterns, Queries, and Schema.

Patterns Section:

Name	Description
Wikidata direct properties	{ wdt:~ __; }
Wikidata properties and their qualifiers	{ p:P~ {ps:~ __; psn:~ __; a[__]; } };
All properties	{ p:P~ {ps:~ __; psn:~ __; a[__]; } wdt:~ __; ~ __ }
provenance for population	{ p:P1082 {ps:~ __; pq:~ __; prov:~ __ } }

Buttons: Delete, Duplicate, Add, Edit

Queries Section:

Name	Description
Select all nodes with given type	SELECT ?x WHERE { ?x wdt:P31 <replace-this-by-iri-of-...
Select 10 big city	SELECT ?x WHERE { ?x wdt:P31 wd:Q1549591. } LIMIT 10

Buttons: Delete, Duplicate, Add, Edit

Schema Section:

```
Schema:
1 PREFIX wds: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/statement/>
2 PREFIX ontolex: <http://www.w3.org/ns/lemon/ontolex#>
3 PREFIX wdata: <http://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntityData/>
4 PREFIX p: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/>
5 PREFIX wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
6 PREFIX wdno: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/novalue/>
7 PREFIX wdref: <http://www.wikidata.org/reference/>
8 PREFIX ps: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/statement/>
9 PREFIX pq: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/qualifier/>
10 PREFIX cc: <http://creativecommons.org/ns#>
11 PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
12 PREFIX wdv: <http://www.wikidata.org/value/>
13 PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
14 PREFIX dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
15 PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
16 PREFIX prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#>
17 PREFIX wdtn: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct-normalized/>
18 PREFIX pqv: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/qualifier/value/>
19 PREFIX prv: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/reference/value/>
20 PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
21 PREFIX psv: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/statement/value/>
22 PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
23 PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
24 PREFIX bd: <http://www.bigdata.com/rdf#>
25 PREFIX pqn: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/qualifier/value-normalized/>
26 PREFIX pr: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/reference/>
27 PREFIX prn: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/reference/value-normalized/>
28 PREFIX psn: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/statement/value-normalized/>
29 PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
30 PREFIX wikibase: <http://wikiba.se/ontology#>
31 PREFIX demo: <http://inria.fr/ShapeDesigner/demo>
32
33 # Result for pattern { p:P1082 {ps:~ __; pq:~ __; prov:~ __ } } and query SELECT ?x WHERE { ?x wdt:P31 wd:Q1549591. } LIMIT 10
34 demo:BigCityPopulation {
35   # population; frequency: {10/10}
36   p:P1082 {
37     # population; frequency: {99/99}
38     psv:P1082 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/value~> ] ;
39     # population; frequency: {99/99}
40     ps:P1082 xsd:decimal ;
41     # point in time; frequency: {99/99}
42     pqv:P585 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/value~> ] + ;
43     # point in time; frequency: {99/99}
44     pq:P585 xsd:dateTime + ;
45     prov:wasDerivedFrom [ <http://www.wikidata.org/reference~> ] * ;
46     # determination method; frequency: {28/99}
47     pq:P459 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/entity~> ] ? ;
48     # publisher; frequency: {1/99}
49     pq:P123 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/entity~> ] ?
50   } +
51 }
52
53 }
```

Shapes from RDF data

RDFShape allows to infer basic shapes automatically

The screenshot displays the WikiShape web application interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains the 'WikiShape' logo and a menu with 'Entity', 'Schema', 'Property', 'Query', and 'Help'. The main heading is 'Extract schema from Wikidata entities'. Below this, there is a search bar containing 'Q63241966 (Jesualdo Tomás Fernández-Breis)' and a 'Language' dropdown set to 'en'. The entity details show 'Jesualdo Tomás Fernández-Breis' with the URL 'http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q63241966' and the role 'researcher'. A blue 'Extract Schema' button is present. Below the button, the text 'Shape extracted' is followed by a code editor showing the extracted RDF shape in Turtle syntax. The code includes various prefixes and a shape definition for 'sx'.

```
1 prefix sx: <http://weso.es/ns/shex/>
2 prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
3 prefix wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct-normalized/>
4 prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
5 prefix wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
6 prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
7 prefix wdp: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/>
8 prefix wikibase: <http://wikiba.se/ontology#>
9 prefix schema: <http://schema.org/>
10 <Shape> {
11   rdfs:label rdf:langString* // sx:maxLength 4;
12   schema:dateModified xsd:dateTime;
13   schema:description rdf:langString* // sx:maxLength 3;
14   schema:version xsd:integer;
```

Below the code editor, there are links for 'Details' and 'Permalink'.

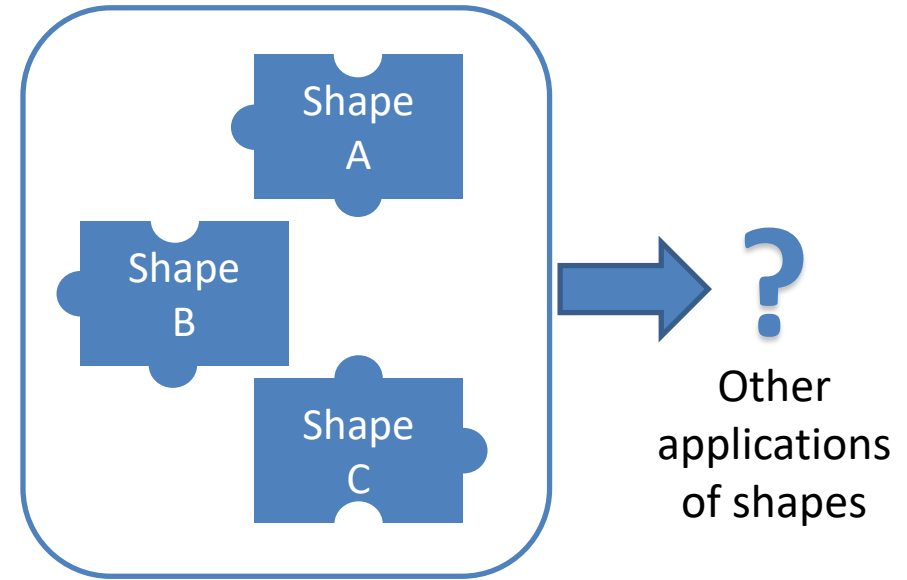
Other applications of Shapes

UIs and shapes

Generating code from Shapes

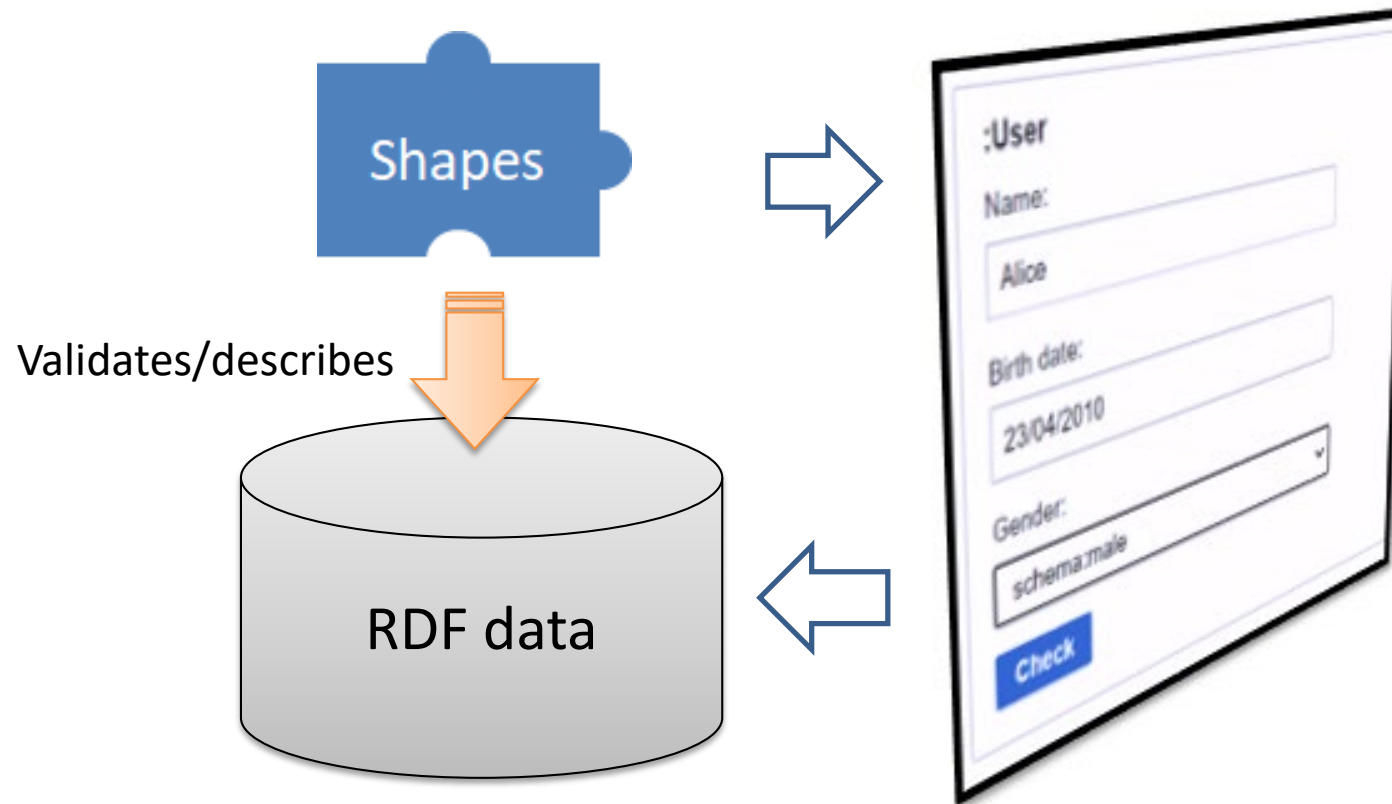
Shapes and rules

Generate subsettings



UIs and shapes

Shapes can provide hints to generate user interfaces/forms



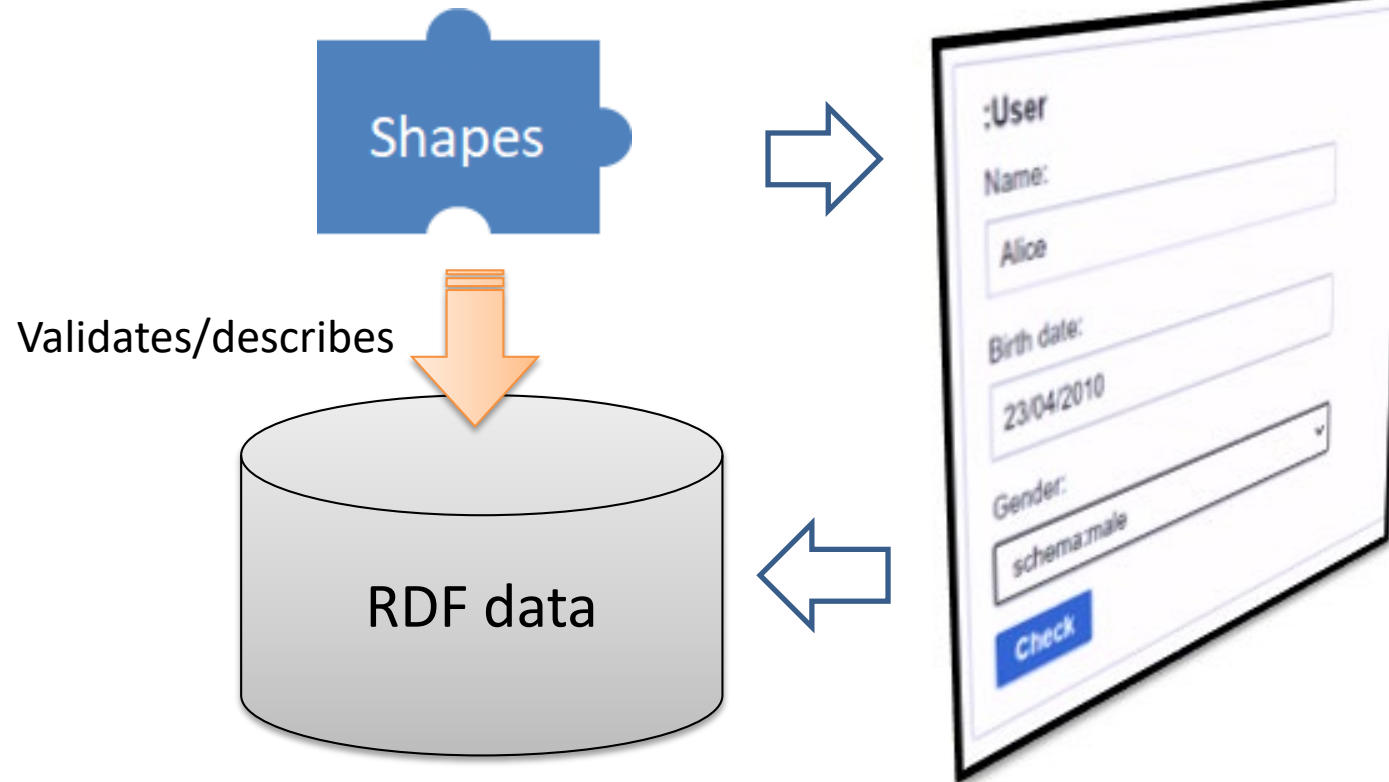
UI and shapes: ShapeForms

ShapeForms

```
prefix schema: <http://schema.org/>
prefix : <http://example.org/>
prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
prefix ui: <http://www.w3.org/ns/ui#>

start = @:User

:User {
  schema:name xsd:string // ui:label "name" ;
  schema:birthDate xsd:dateTime // ui:label "Birth date" ;
  schema:gender [ schema:Male schema:Female ] // ui:label "Gender" ;
}
```



UIs and Shapes: ShapePath and ShapeForms

ShEx Path can be used to point to parts of a ShEx schema

<https://shexspec.github.io/spec/ShExPath>

ShEx generated forms demo based on UI ontology:

<https://ericprud.github.io/shex-form/?manifestURL=examples/manifest.json>

ShapeForms

<https://github.com/weso/shapeForms>

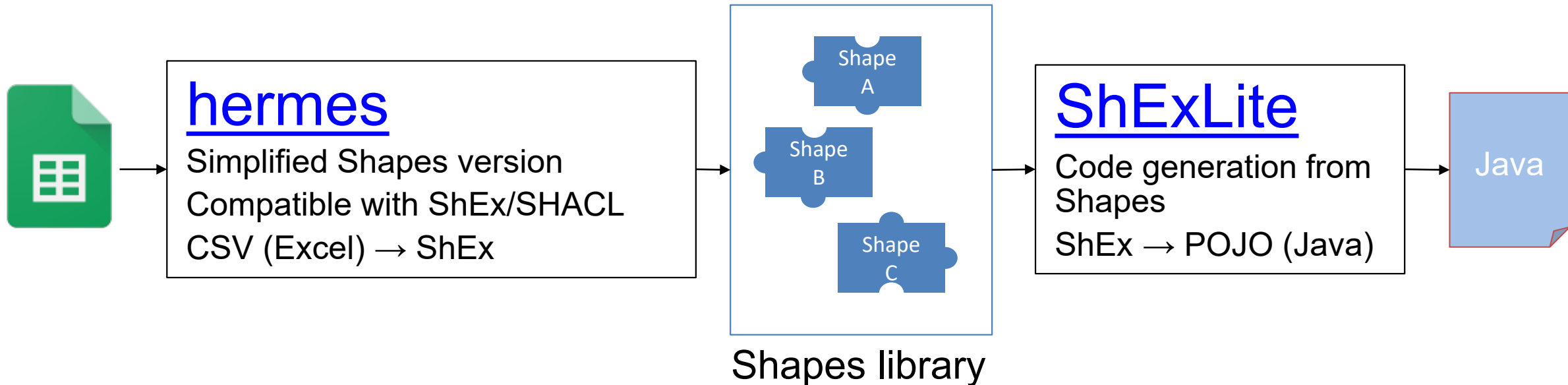
Generating code from shapes

Generate domain model from shapes

Entities (pseudo-shapes) defined with Excel (Google spreadsheets)

Shapes generation from those templates

Java code generation (POJOs) from those shapes



Generating code from shapes

Domain model based on Shapes

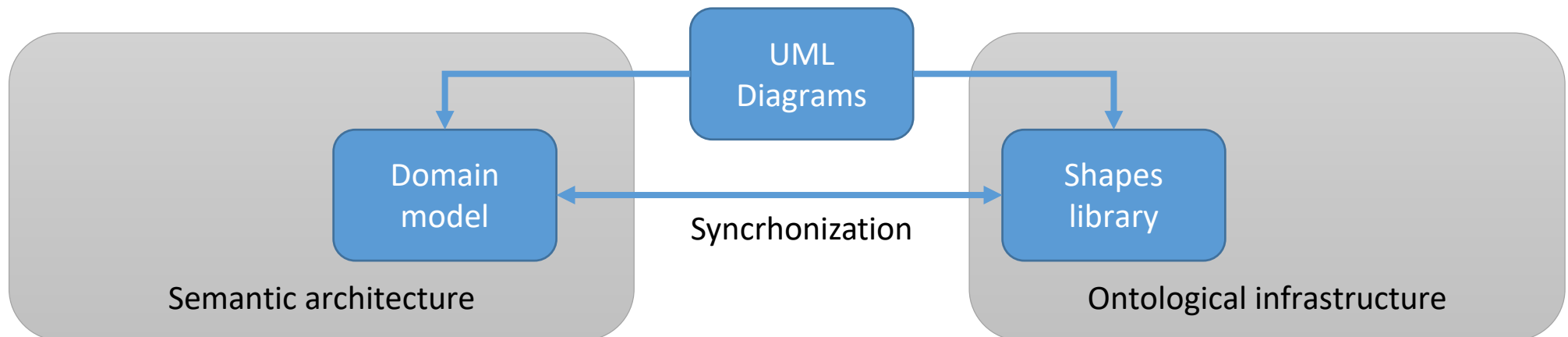
Clean architecture pattern

Domain model as central element

Simple classes (POJO): Plain Old Java Objects

Shapes synchronization

Application logic and services based on domain model

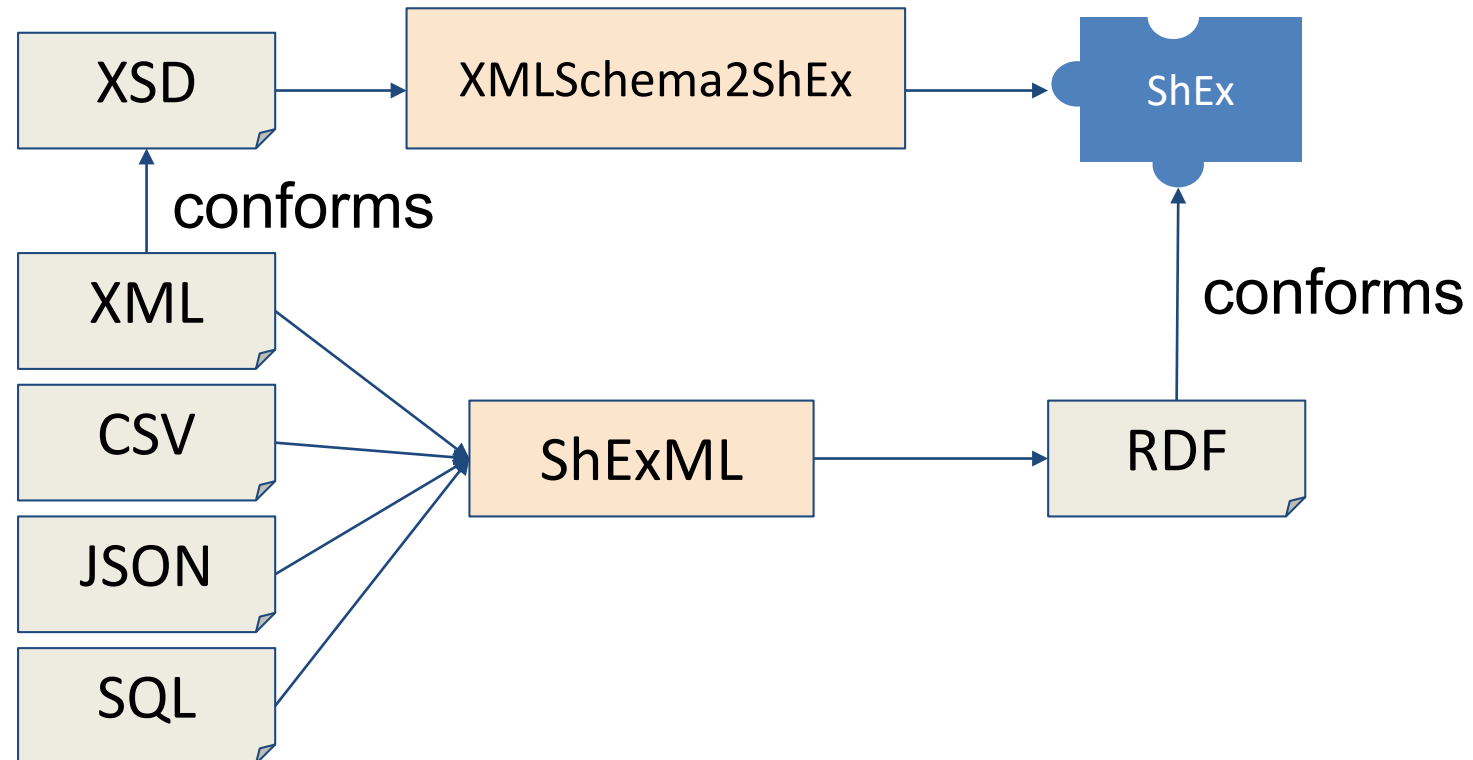


Shapes for data integration

[XMLSchema2ShEx](#): Convert XML Schemas to shapes

[ShExML](#): Domain specific language to convert data to RDF

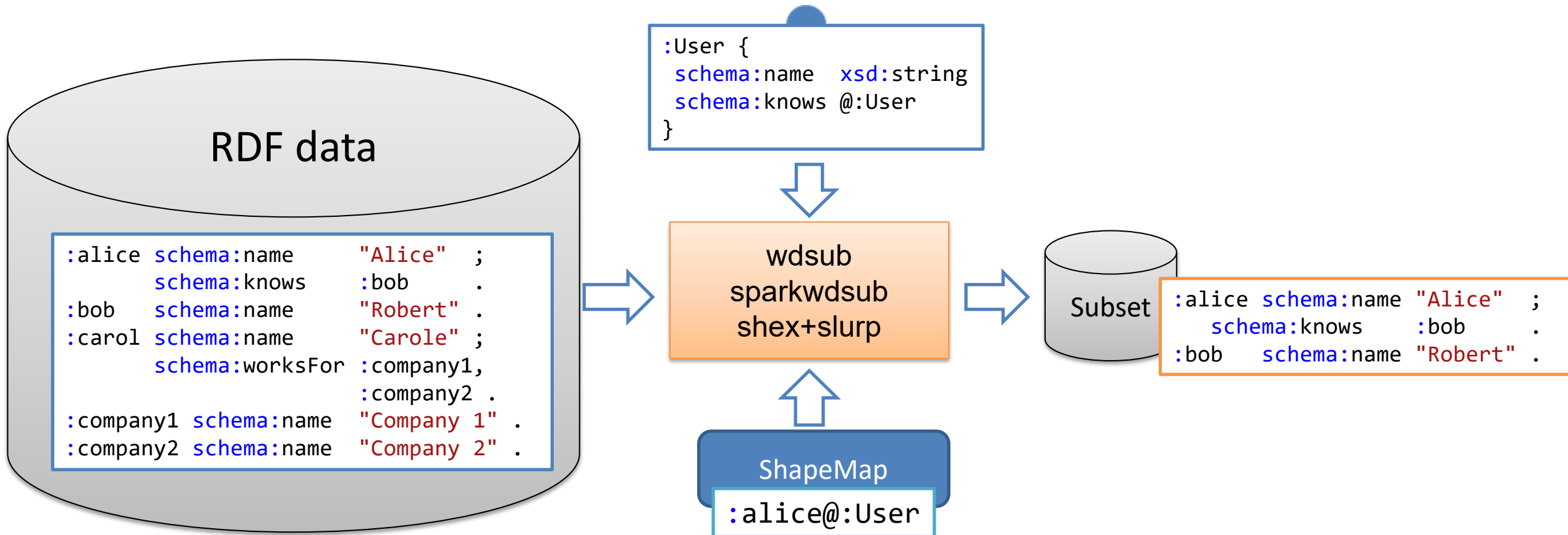
Input formats: CSV, XML, JSON, SQL



Subsetting based on Shapes

Generate subsets from ShEx

Slurp option: when validating, collect the affected nodes/triples



WShEx

ShEx extension for Wikibase graphs

Built-in support for qualifiers/references, data values

Work in progress

WShEx

```

<Researcher> {
  <birthPlace>      @<Place> ;
  <awarded>          @<Award> {{
    <togetherWith> @<Researcher> *
  }} *
}
<Place> {
  <country>          @<Country>
}
<Country> {}

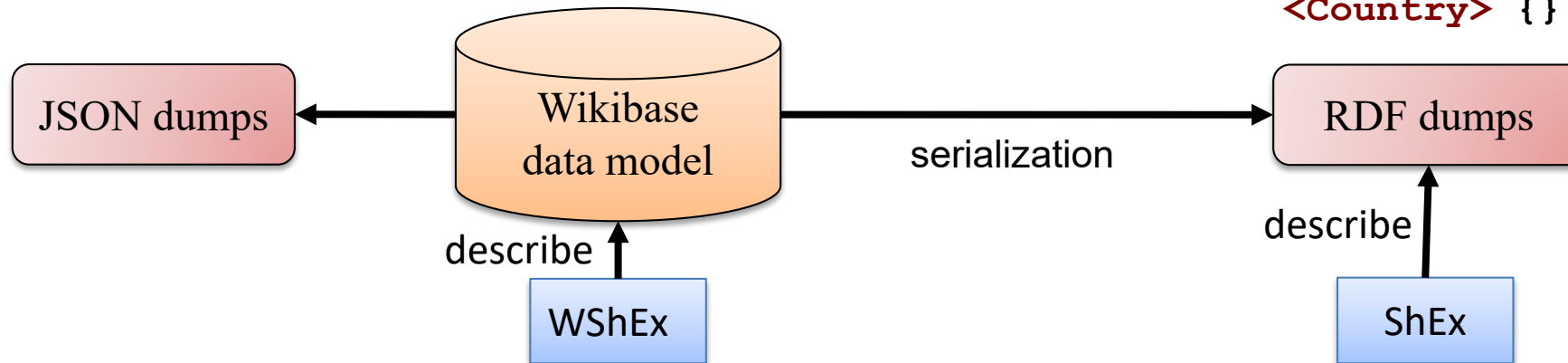
```

ShEx

```

<Researcher> {
  wdt:birthPlace @<Place> ;
  p:birthPlace {
    ps:birthPlace @<Place>
  } ;
  wdt:awarded    @<Awarded> ;
  p:awarded {
    ps:awarded    @<Awarded> ;
    pq:togetherWith @<Researcher> *;
  } *
}
<Place> {
  wdt:country @<Country> ;
  p:country {
    ps:country @<Country> }
}
<Country> {}

```



Shapes ecosystems

Wikidata provides a whole ShEx ecosystem

Entity schemas can evolve and relate between each other

Directory: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Database_reports/EntitySchema_directory

Different schemas for the same entities?

Some schemas stress some aspects while others stress others

Evolution of schemas

Searching entity schemas

End of presentation