

Shaping other types of Knowledge Graphs

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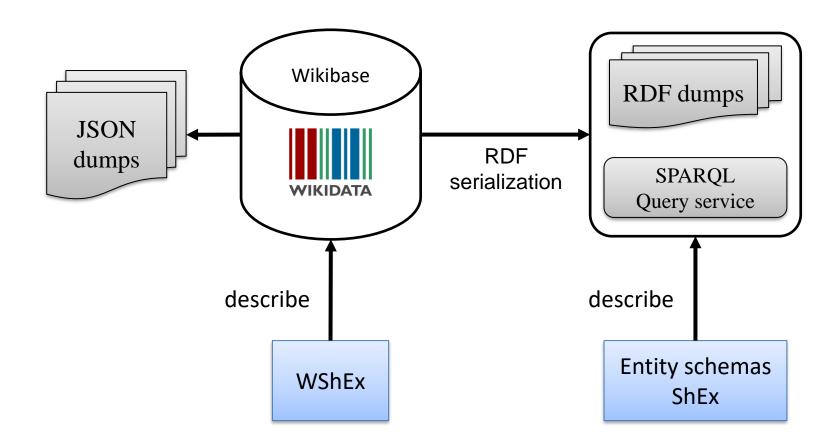
Inferring shapes from data, Knowledge Graphs Subsets, etc.



WShEx: A language to describe and validate Wikibase entities



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Entity Schemas

They can be used to describe Wikidata entities

Example:

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/EntitySchema:E10

Directory of entity schemas:

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Database reports/EntitySchema directory



Entity schemas vs property constraints

Entity schemas contain descriptions of sets of ítems

It is quite easy to create a new entity schema

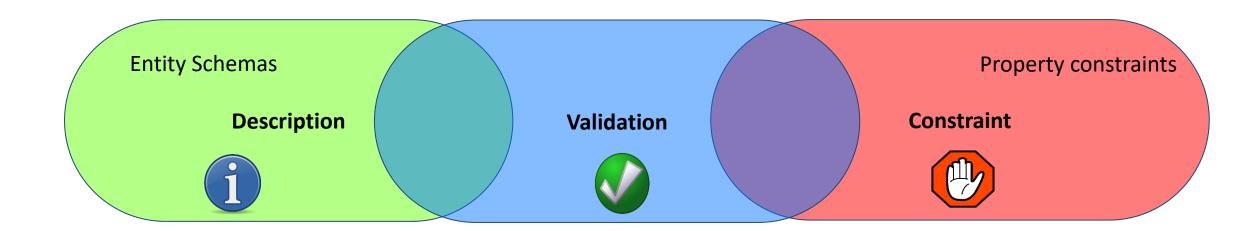
Overlapping entity schemas for different purposes

Example: Entity schemas employed to créate Wikidata subsets

Entity schemas ecosystem

Property constraints are rules that can be enforced to validate items/properties

https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Property constraints portal





Extending ShEx to other types of Knowledge graphs

Can we extend ShEx to describe other types of knowledge graphs? We present some work on extending ShEx for:

- Wikidata and Wikibase graphs: WShEx
- RDF Star (RDF 1.2): ShEx-Star
- Property graphs: P-ShEx
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ShEx overview

A Shape describes the neighbourhood of a node

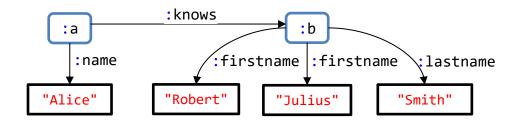
Triple Expressions

Node constraints

Cardinality

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

<Person> {
   :firstname xsd:string * ;
   :lastname xsd:string
   :knows @<Person> *
}
```

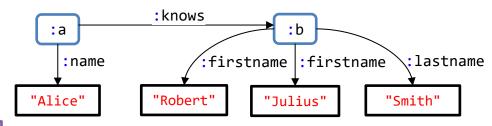




ShEx example

ShEx accepts regular expresión operators on triple expressions

EachOf (;), OneOf (|), grouping





Abstract syntax of ShEx

ShEx schema is a tuple <L, $\delta>$ where L = set of labels and δ : $L \rightarrow se$



Example with ShEx abstract syntax



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Entity-schema - ShEx

```
PREFIX pq: <.../prop/qualifier/>
PREFIX ps: <.../prop/statement/>
PREFIX p: <.../prop/>
PREFIX wdt: <.../prop/direct/>
PREFIX wd: <.../entity/>
PREFIX xsd: <...XMLSchema#>
<Researcher> {
wdt:P31 [ wd:Q5 ]
wdt:P166 @<Award>
p:P166 { ps:P166 @<Award>
         pq:P585 xsd:dateTime
          pq:P1706 @<Researcher>
<Award> { wdt:P17 @<Country> ? }
<Country> {}
```



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Main contributions:

- Formal definition of Wikibase data model
- Abstract syntax and semantics of WShEx

Further information:

WShEx Specification: https://www.weso.es/WShEx/



Use cases

Wikidata subsetting: Describe directly JSON dumps

Entity schemas linter

Entity Schemas can be parsed to WShEx detecting inconsistencies

Wikibase validation

Improve validation quality and messages

Using WShEx ideas for Querying

Concise syntax and ability to handle dumps

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Future work

Complete WShEx specification

Semantic specification including other features: references, labels,...

Compact syntax grammar

Converter Entity Schemas (ShEx) ↔ WShEx

WShEx tooling: validation, editors, etc.

Further information:

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RDF graphs

Given a set of IRIs \mathcal{I} , a set of blank nodes \mathcal{B} and a set of literals Lit

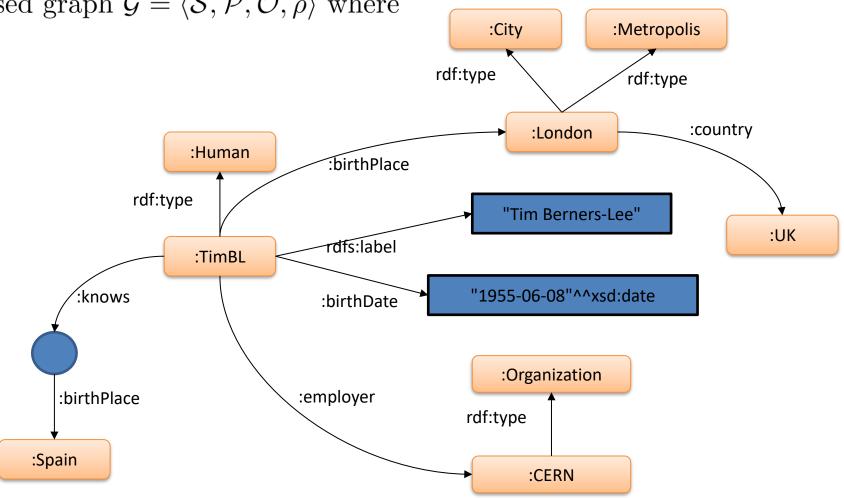
an RDF graph is a triple based graph $\mathcal{G} = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{O}, \rho \rangle$ where

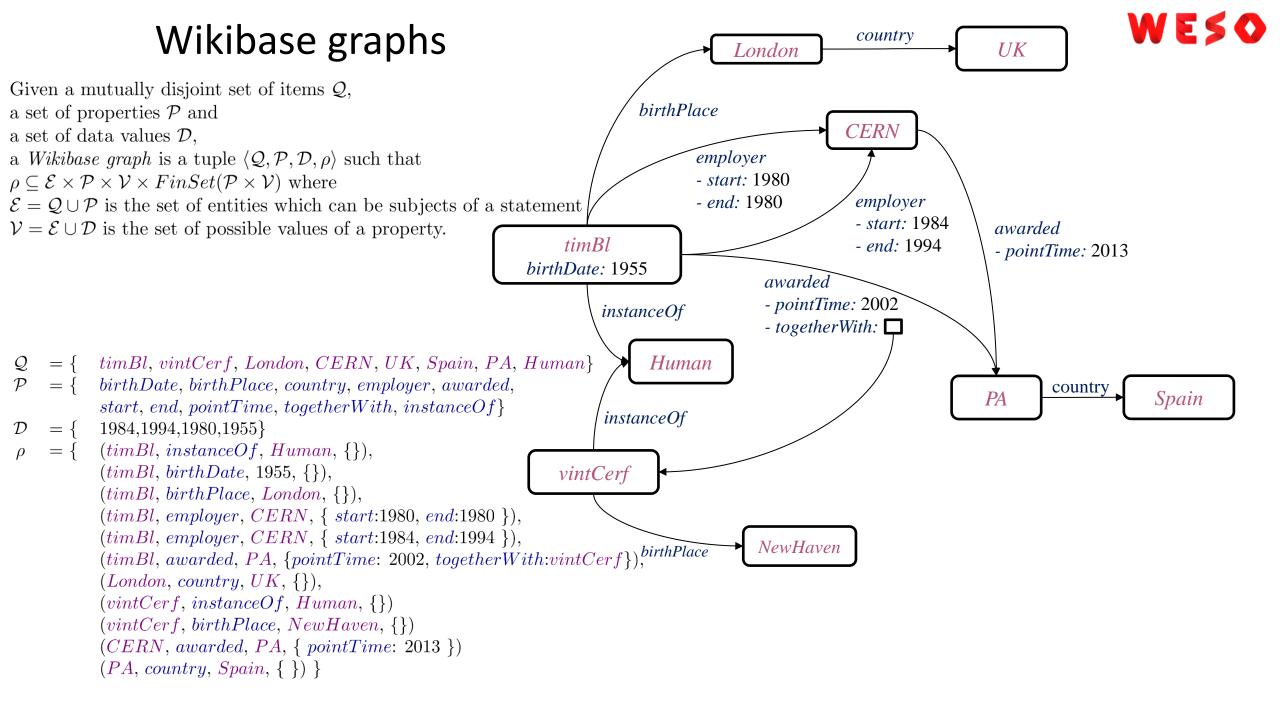
$$S = I \cup B$$
,

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

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

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







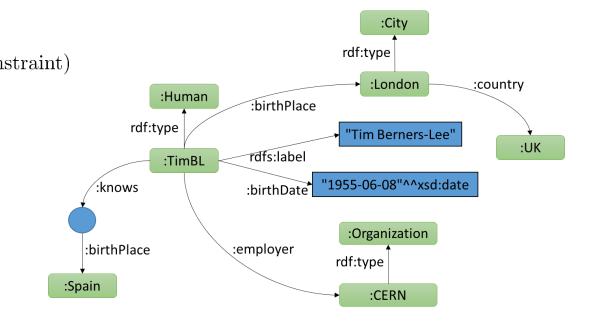
ShEx for RDF

A ShEx Schema is a tuple $\langle \mathcal{L}, \delta \rangle$ where

 \mathcal{L} set of shape labels

$$\delta: \mathcal{L} \to se$$

```
Basic boolean condition on nodes (node constraint)
      \operatorname{cond}
                    Shape
                  Conjunction
      se_1 AND se_2
      @l
                    Shape label reference for l \in \mathcal{L}
      CLOSED \{te\}
                    Closed shape
       \{te\}
                    Open shape
:= te_1; te_2 Each of te_1 and te_2
                Some of te_1 or te_2
      te_1 \mid te_2
           Zero or more te
      \epsilon Empty triple expression
                Triple constraint with predicate p
```



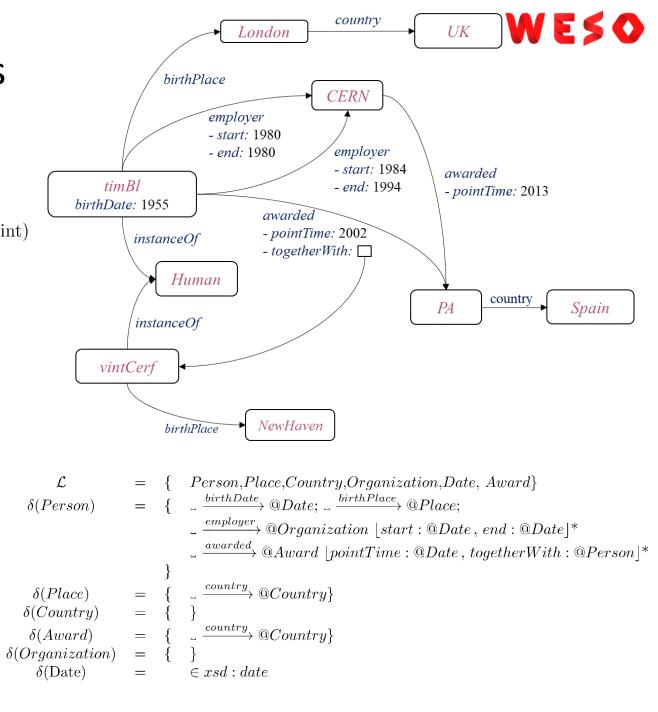
```
 \mathcal{L} \\ \delta(Person) &= \{ \begin{array}{ccc} Person, Place, Country, Organization, Date \} \\ \delta(Person) &= \{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \frac{birthDate}{Date} \\ & \frac{birthDate}{Date} \\ & \frac{employer}{Date} \\ & \frac{country}{Date} \\ \delta(Country) &= \{ \\ \} \\ \delta(Date) &= \{ \end{array} \} \\ \delta(Date) &= \text{xsd:Date}
```

WShEx for Wikibase graphs

A WShEx Schema is a tuple $\langle \mathcal{L}, \delta \rangle$ where \mathcal{L} set of shape labels

$$\delta: \mathcal{L} \to se$$

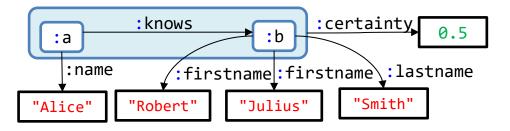
```
Basic boolean condition on nodes (node constraint)
cond
              Shape
              Conjunction
se_1 AND se_2
@1
              Shape label reference for l \in \mathcal{L}
CLOSED s'
              Closed shape
              Open shape
              Shape definition
{ te }
              Each of te_1 and te_2
te_1; te_2
te_1 \mid te_2
              Some of te_1 or te_2
              Zero or more te
te*
Triple constraint with predicate p
              value conforming to l and qualifier specifier qs
              Empty triple expression
              Open property specifier
 ps
              Closed property specifier
              EachOf property specifiers
ps, ps
              OneOf property specifiers
ps \mid ps
              zero of more property specifiers
              Empty property specifier
              Property p with value conforming to shape l
```





RDF-Star

RDF-Star (RDF 1.2) extends RDF allowing triple terms



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

:a :name "Alice" .
      << :a :knows :b >> :certainty 0.5 .
      :b :firstname "Robert", "Julius" ;
           :lastname "Smith" .
```

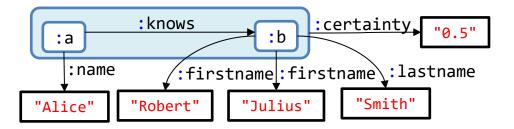


ShEx-Star

Example

```
<Person> {
    (:name xsd:string
    |:firstName xsd:string + ;
    :lastname xsd:string
    );
    << :knwows @<Person> >> {| :certainty xsd:float |} *
}
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
   :a :name "Alice" .
   << :a :knows :b >> :certainty 0.5 .
   :b :firstname "Robert", "Julius" ;
        :lastname "Smith" .
```





ShEx-Star abstract syntax

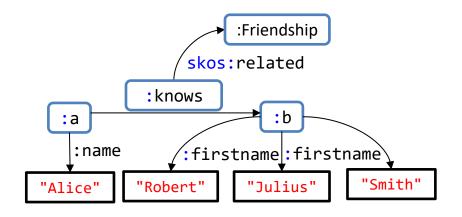
ShEx-Star adds two new rules for triple expressions te

```
\delta(Person) = \{ (\square \xrightarrow{name} String | \square \xrightarrow{fistname} String^*; \square \xrightarrow{lastname} String); \\ \ll \square \xrightarrow{knows} @Person \gg \{|\square \xrightarrow{certainty} Float|\}^* \}
```



RDF with nodes as properties

In RDF Graphs, nodes can also be properties





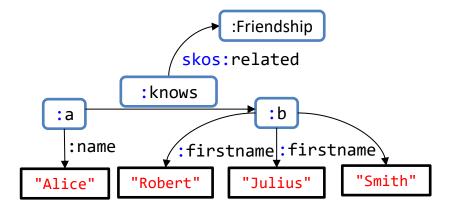
ShEx-N

Example:

```
\delta(FriendShipProperty) = \{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \frac{skos:related}{\longrightarrow} [:Friendship] ; \\ & @Person \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} @Person \\ \\ & \} \\ & \delta(Person) = \{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \frac{:name}{\longrightarrow} String \\ & & \frac{:firstname}{\longrightarrow} String^* ; \\ & & \frac{:knows}{\longrightarrow} @Person \end{array} \right.
```

```
prefix : <http://example.org/>
prefix skos: <http://.../skos/core#>

:a :name "Alice";
    :knows :b .
:b :firstname "Robert", "Julius";
    :lastname "Smith" .
:knows skos:related :Friendship .
```





ShEx-N abstract syntax

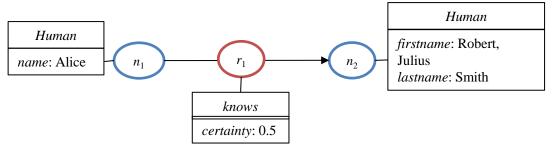
We add a new rule for triple expressions te

```
Basic boolean condition on nodes (node constraint)
cond
                Shape
 s
               Conjunction of se_1 and se_2
se_1 AND se_2
@l
                Shape label reference for l \in L
                Closed shape
CLOSED \{te\}
 {te}
                Open shape
             Each of te_1 and te_2
te_1; te_2
             Either te_1 or te_2
te_1 \mid te_2
             Zero or more te
             Outgoing Triple with predicate p and object conforming to se
             Incoming triple with predicate p and subject conforming to se
             Empty triple expression
             Triple constraint with focus node acting as predicate and subject
se_1 \xrightarrow{\smile} se_2
             conforming to se_1 and object conforming to se_2
```



Property graphs

Nodes and edges can have a set of property – value pairs Nodes can have labels and edges can have a label Quite popular in industry: Neo4J, TinkerPop, Neptune, etc. Example

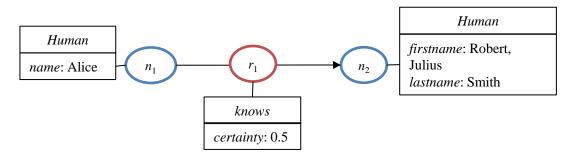




PShEx: ShEx for property graphs

Example

```
<Person> [ Human ] AND
 [| name: String |
    firstname: String *,
    lastname: String
 |] AND {
    knows @<Person> [|
       certainty: Float
       |] *
    }
```





PShEx abstract syntax

PShEx adds property value specifiers (pvs) to nodes and edges

```
Basic boolean condition on set of types t_s \subseteq T
      cond_{t_a}
::=
                     Shape
       s
                     Conjunction
      se_1 AND se_2
                     Shape label reference for l \in L
                     Property-value specifiers of a node
      pvs
     CLOSED \{te\}
                     Closed shape
       \{te\}
                     Open shape
                     Each of te_1 and te_2
     te_1; te_2
      te_1 \mid te_2
                     Some of te_1 or te_2
                      Zero or more te
                     Triple constraint with property type p
                      whose nodes satisfy the shape l and property-values pvs
```

```
<Person> [ Human ] AND
  [| name: String |
    firstname: String *,
    lastname: String
  |] AND {
    knows @<Person> [|
        certainty: Float
        |] *
    }
```

```
\begin{array}{lcl} L & = & \{ \ Person \} \\ \delta(Person) & = & hasType_{Human} \ \texttt{AND} \\ & & \lfloor name : String \mid firstname : String * , lastname : String \rfloor \ \texttt{AND} \\ & & \{ \ \_ \ \frac{knows}{} @Person \ \lfloor certainty : Float \rfloor ^* \ \} \end{array}
```



Semantics

We define the semantics using 2 conformance relationships and several inference rules

 $G, n, \tau \vDash se = \text{node } n \text{ in graph } G \text{ conforms to } se \text{ with assignment } \tau$

 $G, ts, \tau \Vdash te = \text{neighborhood } ts \text{ of graph } G \text{ conform to } te \text{ with assignment } \tau$

More details in the paper



ShEx semantics

$$Cond \frac{cond(n) = true}{G, n, \tau \vDash cond}$$

Shape expressions
$$se^{-Cond} \frac{cond(n) = true}{G, n, \tau \models cond}$$
 $AND \frac{G, n, \tau \models se_1 \quad G, n, \tau \models se_2}{G, n, \tau \models se_1 \quad AND \quad se_2}$

ShapeRef
$$\frac{\delta(l) = se \quad G, n, \tau \models se}{G, n, \tau \models @l}$$

$$ShapeRef \frac{\delta(l) = se \quad G, n, \tau \vDash se}{G, n, \tau \vDash @l} \qquad ClosedShape \frac{neighs(n, G) = ts \quad G, ts, \tau \Vdash te}{G, n, \tau \vDash \texttt{CLOSED} \ \{te\}}$$

Triple expressions *te*

$$OpenShape \frac{ts = \{\langle x, p, y \rangle \in neighs(n, G) \mid p \in preds(te)\}}{G, n, \tau \vDash \{te\}} G, ts, \tau \vDash te}$$

$$EachOf \frac{(ts_1, ts_2) \in part(ts) \quad G, ts_1, \tau \Vdash te_1 \quad G, ts_2, \tau \Vdash te_2}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash te_1; te_2}$$

$$OneOf_1 \frac{G, ts, \tau \Vdash te_1}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash te_1 \mid te_2} \qquad OneOf_2 \frac{G, ts, \tau \Vdash te_2}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash te_1 \mid te_2}$$

$$TC_{1} \frac{ts = \{\langle x, p, y \rangle\} \qquad G, y, \tau \vDash @l}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash \Box \xrightarrow{p} @l} \qquad TC_{2} \frac{ts = \{\langle y, p, x \rangle\} \qquad G, y, \tau \vDash @l}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash @l \xrightarrow{p} \Box}$$

$$Star_2 \xrightarrow{(ts_1, ts_2) \in part(ts)} G, ts_1, \tau \Vdash te \qquad G, ts_2, \tau \Vdash te* \\ G, ts, \tau \Vdash te* \qquad \qquad Star_1 \xrightarrow{G, \emptyset, \tau \Vdash te*}$$



ShEx-Star semantics

Same rules as for ShEx plus:

$$TTC_{1} \xrightarrow{ts = \{\langle \ll t \gg, p, y \rangle\}} G, y, \tau \vDash se \quad neighs(\ll t \gg, G) = ts' \quad G, ts', \tau \Vdash te}$$

$$G, ts, \tau \Vdash \ll \bot \xrightarrow{p} se \gg \{|te|\}$$

$$TTC_{2} \xrightarrow{ts = \{\langle x, p, \ll t \gg \rangle\}} G, x, \tau \vDash se \quad neighs(\ll t \gg, G) = ts' \quad G, ts', \tau \Vdash te}$$

$$G, ts, \tau \Vdash \ll se \xrightarrow{p} \bot \gg \{|te|\}$$

$$\delta(Person) = \{ (_ \xrightarrow{name} String | _ \xrightarrow{fistname} String^*; _ \xrightarrow{lastname} String); \\ \ll _ \xrightarrow{knows} @Person \gg \{|_ \xrightarrow{certainty} Float|\}^* \}$$



ShEx-N semantics

Same rules as in ShEx plus:

$$NP_1 \frac{ts = \{\langle s, x, o \rangle\} \quad G, s, \tau \vDash se_1 \quad G, o, \tau \vDash se_2}{G, ts, \tau \Vdash se_1 \xrightarrow{\smile} se_2}$$

$$\delta(FriendShipProperty) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{skos:related} & [:Friendship] ; \\ & @Person \xrightarrow{\smile} & @Person \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\delta(Person) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{skos:related} & [:Friendship] ; \\ & @Person \xrightarrow{\smile} & @Person \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{skos:related} & [:Friendship] ; \\ & & & & \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{skos:related} & [:Friendship] ; \\ & & & \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{shows} & String \\ & & & \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{shows} & String \\ & & & \\ \end{array} \right\}$$



PShEx semantics

Semantics of shape expressions se (similar to ShEx)

$$Cond_{ts} \frac{\lambda_n(n) = vs \quad cond_{ts}(vs) = true}{G, n, \tau \vDash cond_{ts}} \qquad AND \frac{G, n, \tau \vDash se_1 \quad G, n, \tau \vDash se_2}{G, n, \tau \vDash se_1 \quad AND \quad se_2}$$

$$ClosedShape \frac{neighs(n,G) = ts \quad G, ts, \tau \Vdash s'}{G, n, \tau \vDash \texttt{CLOSED} \ \{te\}}$$

$$OpenShape \frac{ts = \{\langle x, p, y \rangle \in neighs(n, G) \mid p \in preds(te)\} \quad G, ts, \tau \Vdash te}{G, n, \tau \vDash \{te\}}$$



PShEx semantics

Semantics of property value specifiers ps

$$OpenPVs = \frac{s' = \{(p,v) \in s | p \in props(ps)\} \quad G, s', \tau \vdash ps}{G, s, \tau \vdash [ps]} \qquad ClosePVs = \frac{G, s, \tau \vdash ps}{G, s, \tau \vdash [ps]}$$

$$EachOfPs = \frac{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_1 \quad G, s, \tau \vdash ps_2}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_1, ps_2}$$

$$OneOfPs_1 = \frac{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_1}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_1 \mid ps_2} \qquad OneOfPs_2 = \frac{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_2}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_1 \mid ps_2}$$

$$StarPs_1 = \frac{StarPs_2}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_*} = \frac{(s_1, s_2) \in part(s) \quad G, s_1, \tau \vdash ps}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_*} = \frac{G, s_2, \tau \vdash ps_*}{G, s, \tau \vdash ps_*}$$

$$PropertyValue = \frac{s = \{(p, w)\} \quad conv_v(w) = true}{G, s, \tau \vdash p : cond_v}$$



PShEx semantics

Semantics of triple expressions *te* (similar to ShEx)

$$EachOf \frac{(ts_{1},ts_{2}) \in part(ts) \quad G,ts_{1},\tau \Vdash te_{1} \quad G,ts_{2},\tau \Vdash te_{2}}{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te_{1};te_{2}}$$

$$OneOf_{1} \frac{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te_{1}}{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te_{1} \mid te_{2}} \quad OneOf_{2} \frac{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te_{2}}{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te_{1} \mid te_{2}}$$

$$TripleConstraint \frac{ts = \{\langle x,p,y,s \rangle\} \quad G,y,\tau \vDash @l \quad G,s,\tau \vdash qs}{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te^{\frac{p}{2}}} @l \ qs}$$

$$Star_{1} \frac{G}{G,\emptyset,\tau \Vdash te*}$$

$$Star_{2} \frac{(ts_{1},ts_{2}) \in part(ts) \quad G,ts_{1},\tau \Vdash te \quad G,ts_{2},\tau \Vdash te*}{G,ts,\tau \Vdash te*}$$



Conclusions

ShEx = similar to a Grammar for Knowledge graphs

Can be extended for other kinds of Knowledge Graphs

RDF-Star: ShEx-Star

General RDF: ShEx-N

Property graphs: P-ShEx

Wikibase graphs: WShEx*

^{*} WShEx: A language to describe and validate Wikibase entities, Jose E. Labra G., In Wikidata Workshop, International Semantic Web Conference. CEUR Proceedings, vol 3265 -2022



Future work

WShEx

Implement it in rudof
It was implementd in Scala (wdsub)
Very useful to créate Wikidata subsets

ShEx-Star

Align with current work on RDF 1.2 Implement prototype

ShEx-N

Define compact syntax and implement it Identify use cases and expressiveness

PShEx

Define compact syntax and implement prototype

Prioritize which of those lines to follow Use cases and usability of tools are important

End