

# INFO-H-509 XML Technologies

## RDF Schema and OWL

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# Objectives

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1. Ontologies: What and Why
2. RDF Schema syntax and semantics
3. A brief introduction to OWL

# Our story so far . . .

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## Genome

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*For a non-technical introduction to the topic, see [Introduction to genetics](#).*

*For other uses, see [Genome \(disambiguation\)](#).*

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The genome includes both the [genes](#) and the [non-coding sequences](#) of the DNA.<sup>[1]</sup> The term was adapted in 1920 by [Hans Winkler](#), Professor of [Botany](#) at the [University of Hamburg, Germany](#). The Oxford English Dictionary suggests the name to be a [portmanteau](#) of the words **gene** and *chromosome*. A few related *-ome* words already existed, such as [biome](#) and [rhizome](#), forming a vocabulary into which *genome* fits systematically.<sup>[2]</sup>

- Natural language
- No structure
- **Difficult to process automatically**

# Our story far . . .

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## Future – structured by RDF ([subject](#), [predicate](#), [object](#))

b:genome	b:field	b:molecular-bio
b:DNA	b:encode	b:genes
b:DNA	b:encode	b:non-coding-seq
b:genome	b:include	b:non-coding-seq
b:genome	b:include	b:gene
b:genome	b:related-to	b:rhizome

- RDF is meant to assert knowledge ([statements](#)) about [entities](#) ([resources](#))
- By convention is clear what the [subject](#), [predicate](#), and [object](#) are
- Easier to process automatically, but a computer still does not know their meaning . . .
- Can we add some [semantics](#) to the statements?

# What do you mean: Semantics?

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## Input

```
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prod:cam1    rdf:type      terms:digital-camera .
prod:cam1    terms:price   150 .
prod:nb1     rdf:type      terms:netbook .
prod:nb1     terms:price   300 .
prod:book1   rdf:type      terms:book .
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```

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WHERE {
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  UNION
  { ?prod rdf:type terms:netbook .}
}
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prod:book1   rdf:type        terms:book                   .
prod:book1   terms:price    2.50                          .
```

- The computer has no “knowledge of the world” stating that cameras and netbooks are digital devices
- So we have to manually encode this “knowledge of the world” in the query
- This solution is inadequate: error-prone and difficult to maintain
- **It would be better if we could tell the computer our “knowledge of the world” and let him do the reasoning!**

# Reasoning by means of Inference: the General Idea

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Enriched Knowledge

# Towards a Smarter Web

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## “Knowledge about the world” for our example:

- Every camera is a digital device
- Every netbook is a digital device
- Every computer is a digital device
- Every book is human-readable

## Such knowledge is **set-based** (also called **class-based**)

- The set of cameras is a subset of the set of digital devices
- The set of netbooks is a subset of the set of digital devices
- The set of books is a subset of the set of human-readable objects

## Definition

**Ontologies** (sometimes also called Schemas or Vocabularies) provide formal specifications of the **classes of objects** that inhabit “the world”, the relationships between classes, and their properties.

## Reasoning by means of Inference: the General Idea (2)

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**SPARQL** → ...

**Enriched Knowledge**

# RDF Schema and OWL

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## How do we specify ontologies?

- RDF Schema and the Ontology Web Language (OWL) allow ontologies to be specified **in RDF itself**: they provide resources and properties in a **standard namespace** to talk about class relationships, properties of classes, ...
- They also specify how these resources and properties should be interpreted (in terms of inference)
- OWL allows more fine-grained knowledge of the world to be specified, at the cost of less efficient inference and reasoning

### Example:

```
@prefix terms: <http://www.example.org/terms/> .
```

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

```
terms:digital-camera    rdfs:subClassOf    terms:digital-device .
```

```
terms:netbook           rdfs:subClassOf    terms:digital-device .
```

```
terms:book              rdfs:subClassOf    terms:media .
```

```
terms:digital-device    rdfs:subClassOf    terms:electronic-device .
```

```
terms:electronic-device rdfs:subClassOf    terms:device .
```



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## Example Ontology in RDF Schema:

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```

## Starting from the following asserted triples ...

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## ... an RDF Schema-aware processor will infer the following triples (in purple)

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```

## So finding all products that are digital devices becomes easy (assuming our SPARQL engine is RDFS-aware):

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

SELECT ?prod
WHERE {
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}
```

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# Part I: RDF Schema

## Diving right in: `rdfs:subClassOf`

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- `X rdfs:subClassOf Y` is used to specify that all members of a class `X` are also members of a class `Y`

### Inference Rule [I-SUBCLASS]

```
If           ?A rdfs:subClassOf ?B .  
And          ?x rdf:type ?A .  
Then add    ?x rdf:type ?B .
```

### Example

```
:C1 rdfs:subClassOf :C2 .  
:C2 rdfs:subClassOf :C3 .  
:x  rdf:type         :C1 .
```

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```

## Diving right in: `rdfs:subPropertyOf`

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- `X rdfs:subPropertyOf Y` is used to specify that all resources with property `X` also have property `Y`

### Inference Rule [I-SUBPROP]

If            `?P rdfs:subPropertyOf ?R .`  
And           `?x ?P ?y .`  
Then add     `?x ?R ?y .`

### Example

```
:P            rdfs:subPropertyOf    :R .  
:John        :P                        :o1 .
```



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## Example

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:P            rdfs:subPropertyOf    :R .  
:John        :P                        :o1 .  
:John        :R                        :o1 .
```

## Diving right in: rdfs:domain

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- $P$  rdfs:domain  $C$  is used to specify that all resources with outgoing property  $P$  belong to class  $C$

### Inference Rule [I-DOMAIN]

If             $?P$  rdfs:domain  $?C$  .  
And          $?x$   $?P$   $?y$  .  
Then add     $?x$  rdf:type  $?C$  .

### Example

```
:P        rdfs:domain    :C1 .  
:John    :P                :o1 .
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And          $?x$   $?P$   $?y$  .  
Then add     $?x$  rdf:type  $?C$  .

## Example

<code>:P</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>:C1</code>	<code>.</code>
<code>:John</code>	<code>:P</code>	<code>:o1</code>	<code>.</code>
<code>:John</code>	<code>rdf:type</code>	<code>:C1</code>	<code>.</code>

# Interaction of Rules

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Consider the following example. What new triples are inferred?

```
:MarriedWoman    rdfs:subClassOf    :Woman      .  
:maidenName      rdfs:domain        :MarriedWoman .  
  
:Karen           :maidenName      "Stephens"   .
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:Karen           :maidenName      "Stephens" .
:Karen           rdf:type          :MarriedWoman .
:Karen           rdf:type          :Woman .
```

This illustrates the following effect

## Inference Rule [Interaction-1]

```
If           ?P rdfs:domain ?D .
And          ?D rdfs:subClassOf ?C .
Then add    ?P rdfs:domain ?C .
```

## Diving right in: rdfs:range

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- `P rdfs:range C` is used to specify that all resources with incoming property `P` belong to class `C`

### Inference Rule [I-RANGE]

If            `?P rdfs:range ?C .`  
And          `?x ?P ?y .`  
Then add    `?y rdf:type ?C .`

### Example

```
:P        rdfs:domain    :C1 .  
:P        rdfs:range     :C2 .  
:John     :P             :o1 .
```



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### Example

<code>:P</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>:C1 .</code>
<code>:P</code>	<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>:C2 .</code>
<code>:John</code>	<code>:P</code>	<code>:o1 .</code>
<code>:John</code>	<code>rdf:type</code>	<code>:C1 .</code>
<code>:o1</code>	<code>rdf:type</code>	<code>:C2 .</code>


# Meta-Concepts

RDF Schema also provides the following resources:

- `rdfs:Resource` — The class of all resources. Every resource is an instance of this class
- `rdfs:Class` — The class of all classes.
- `rdfs:Literal` — The class of all literals.
- `rdfs:Property` — The class of all properties.
- `rdfs:Datatype` — The class of all datatypes.

RDF Schema is equipped with the following built-in triples (among others)

```
rdfs:subClassOf    rdfs:domain    rdfs:Class    .
rdfs:subClassOf    rdfs:range     rdfs:Class    .
rdfs:subClassOf    rdf:type       rdfs:Property .
rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:domain    rdfs:Property .
rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:range     rdfs:Property .
rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:type       rdfs:Property .
rdfs:domain        rdf:type       rdfs:Property .
rdfs:range         rdf:type       rdfs:Property .
rdfs:Resource      rdf:type       rdfs:Class    .
rdfs:Class         rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Resource .
```

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Part II: OWL

# Limitations of RDF Schema

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RDF Schema allows us to represent **some** ontological knowledge:

- Typed hierarchies using classes and subclasses, properties and subproperties
- Domain and range restrictions
- Describing instances of classes (through subclasses and `rdf:type`)

Sometimes we want more:

- **Local scope of properties** Using `rdfs:range` and `rdfs:domain` we can't state that cows only eat plants while other animals may eat meat too.
- **Disjointness of classes**. We can't state, for example, that `terms:male` and `terms:female` do not have any members in common.
- **Special characteristics of properties**. Sometimes it is convenient to be able to say that a property is **transitive** (like "greater than"), **unique** (like "father of"), or the **inverse** of another property (like "father of" and "child of").
- **Cardinality restrictions** like "a person has exactly 2 parents"

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**There is always a trade-off between expressiveness and efficient reasoning support:**

- The more expressive a language ...
- The more inefficient the inferencing becomes ...
- ... it may even become **undecidable!**

# OWL: Ontology Web Language

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There are actually 3 OWL sublanguages:

- **OWL Full**: all features, but undecidable
- **OWL DL**<sup>a</sup>: expressive, but not entirely compatible with RDF Schema; efficient reasoning support
- **OWL Lite**: the least expressive, but compatible with RDF Schema; efficient reasoning support

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<sup>a</sup>DL=Description Logic

**Here, we will illustrate some features of OWL Lite**

# Special Characteristics of Properties: Inverses

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- `P owl:inverseOf R` is used to specify that property *R* is the inverse of property *P* (and vice versa)

## Inference Rule [I-INVERSE]

```
If           ?P owl:inverseOf ?R .  
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```

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## Example

```
:fatherOf    owl:inverseOf    :childOf .  
:Jake        :fatherOf           :John       .
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# Special Characteristics of Properties: Symmetry

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- `P rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty` is used to specify that property  $P$  is a symmetric property

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```

# Special Characteristics of Properties: Transitivity

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## Inference Rule [I-TRANSITIVE]

```
If      ?P rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .  
And     ?x ?P ?y .  
And     ?y ?P ?z .  
Then add ?x ?P ?z .
```

## Example

```
:ancestor rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .  
:Jake     :ancestor :John .  
:Jill     :ancestor :Jake .
```

# Special Characteristics of Properties: Transitivity

- `P rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty` is used to specify that property  $P$  is a Transitive property

## Inference Rule [I-TRANSITIVE]

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```

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:Jill     :ancestor :Jake .  
:Jill     :ancestor :John .
```

# Asserting Equivalence of Classes

- It is always possible that we have used a specific URI to identify a particular concept while someone else has used a different URI for the same concept
- `C owl:equivalentClass D` is used to specify that every member of class *C* is a member of class *D*, and vice versa

## Semantics is given by

```
owl:equivalentClass rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .  
owl:equivalentClass rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .  
owl:equivalentClass rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:subClassOf .
```

## Example

```
:Man    owl:equivalentClass    :Homme .  
:Jake   rdf:type                  :Man .
```

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## Example

```
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:Jake rdf:type :Man .  
:Homme owl:equivalentClass :Man .  
:Man rdfs:subClassOf :Homme .  
:Homme rdfs:subClassOf :Man .  
:Jake rdf:type :Homme .
```

# Asserting Equivalence of Predicates

- It is always possible that we have used a specific URI to identify a particular concept while someone else has used a different URI for the same concept
- `P owl:equivalentProperty R` is used to specify that properties  $P$  and  $R$  are equivalent

## Semantics is given by

```
owl:equivalentProperty rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .  
owl:equivalentProperty rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .  
owl:equivalentProperty rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:subPropertyOf .
```

```
:fatherOf    owl:equivalentProperty    :père .  
:Jake       :père                        :John .
```



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owl:equivalentProperty rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .
owl:equivalentProperty rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .
owl:equivalentProperty rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:subPropertyOf .
```

```
:fatherOf    owl:equivalentProperty    :père      .
:Jake        :père                        :John      .
:père        owl:equivalentProperty    :fatherOf  .
:père        rdfs:subPropertyOf         :fatherOf  .
:fatherOf    rdfs:subPropertyOf         :père      .
:Jake        :fatherOf                   :John      .
```

# Asserting Equivalence of Resources

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- It is always possible that we have used a specific URI to identify a particular concept while someone else has used a different URI for the same concept
- `x owl:sameAs x` is used to specify that `x` and `y` are the same resources

## Semantics is given by

```
owl:sameAs rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .
```

```
If          ?x owl:sameAs ?y .
```

```
And         ?x ?P ?z .
```

```
Then add   ?y ?P ?z .
```

```
If          ?x owl:sameAs ?y .
```

```
And         ?z ?P ?x .
```

```
Then add   ?z ?P ?y .
```

# Functional Properties

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- `P rdf:type owl:FunctionalProperty` is used to specify that  $P$  can only take one object for a particular subject

## Inference Rule:

```
If      ?P rdf:type owl:FunctionalProperty .
And     ?x ?P ?y .
And     ?x ?P ?z .
Then add ?y owl:sameAs ?z .
```

## Example

```
:hasFather    rdf:type    owl:FunctionalProperty .
:John         :hasFather  :Jake          .
:John         :hasFather  ex:Jake-J          .
```

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## Inference Rule:

```
If      ?P rdf:type owl:FunctionalProperty .
And     ?x ?P ?y .
And     ?x ?P ?z .
Then add ?y owl:sameAs ?z .
```

## Example

```
:hasFather  rdf:type      owl:FunctionalProperty .
:John       :hasFather   :Jake          .
:John       :hasFather   ex:Jake-J          .
:Jake       owl:sameAs  ex:Jake-J          .
```

# Inverse Functional Properties

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- `P rdf:type owl:InverseFunctionalProperty` is used to specify that  $P$  can only take one subject for a particular object

## Inference Rule:

```
If      ?P rdf:type owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .  
And     ?y ?P ?x .  
And     ?z ?P ?x .  
Then add ?y owl:sameAs ?z .
```