Web Ontology Language (OWL)

IE650 Knowledge Graphs

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- Back to the lecture on RDF Schema
- We have the following statement:
  - "Madrid is the capital of Spain."

- We can get the following information:
  - "Madrid is the capital of Spain." ✓
  - "Spain is a state." ✓
  - "Madrid is a city." ✓
  - "Madrid is located in Spain." ✓
  - "Barcelona is not the capital of Spain." ✗
  - "Madrid is not the capital of France." ✗
  - "Madrid is not a state." ✗



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- What we cannot express (up to now):
  - "Every state has *exactly one* capital"
    - Property cardinalities
  - "Every city can only be the capital of one state."
    - Functional properties
  - "A city cannot be a state at the same time."
    - Class disjointness
  - ...

- For those, we need more expressive languages than RDFS!



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- We have learned about ontologies
  - and RDF Schema as a language for building simple ontologies

- With RDF Schema, we can express some knowledge about a domain
  - but not everything, e.g., cardinalities
  - we cannot produce contradictions
  - we cannot circumvent the Non Unique Naming Assumption
  - we cannot circumvent the Open World Assumption
  - …



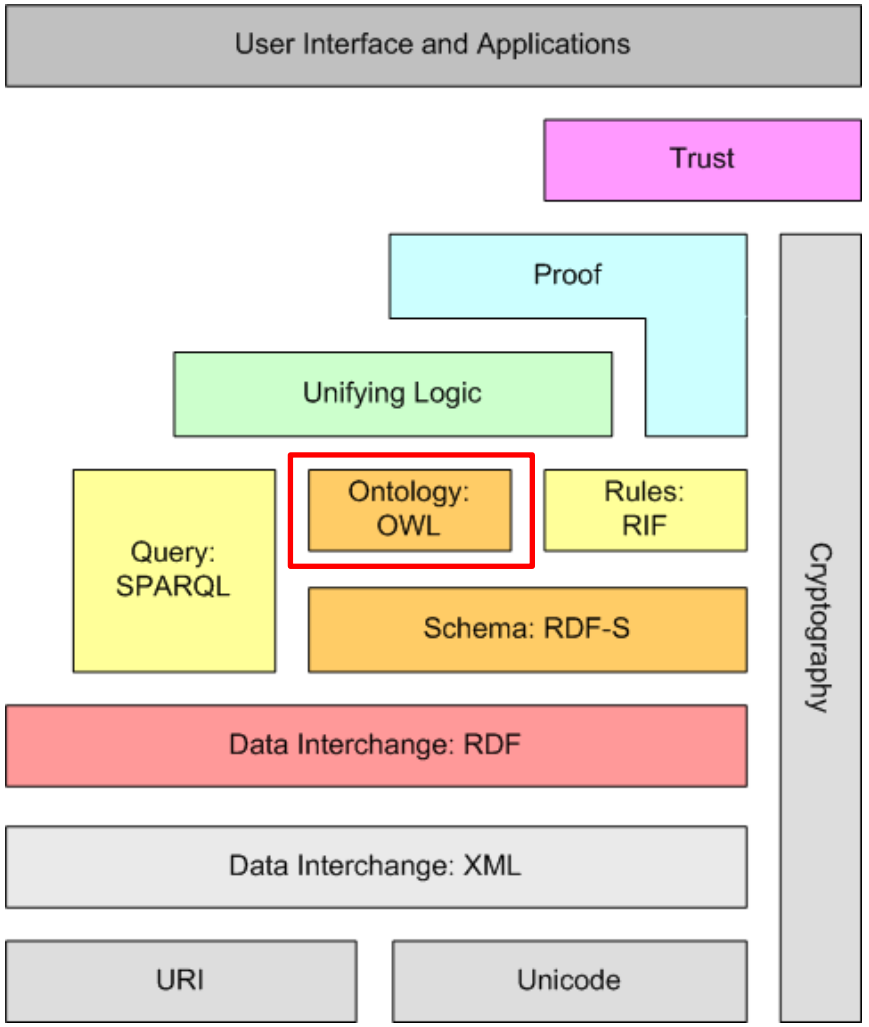
Semantic Web Technology Stack



here be dragons...

Knowledge Graph Technologies
(This lecture)

Technical
Foundations



Berners-Lee (2009): *Semantic Web and Linked Data* http://www.w3.org/2009/Talks/0120-campus-party-tbl/

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- Hey, wait...



Web Ontology Language (OWL)

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- More powerful than RDF Schema
- W3C Standard (2004), OWL2 (2009)

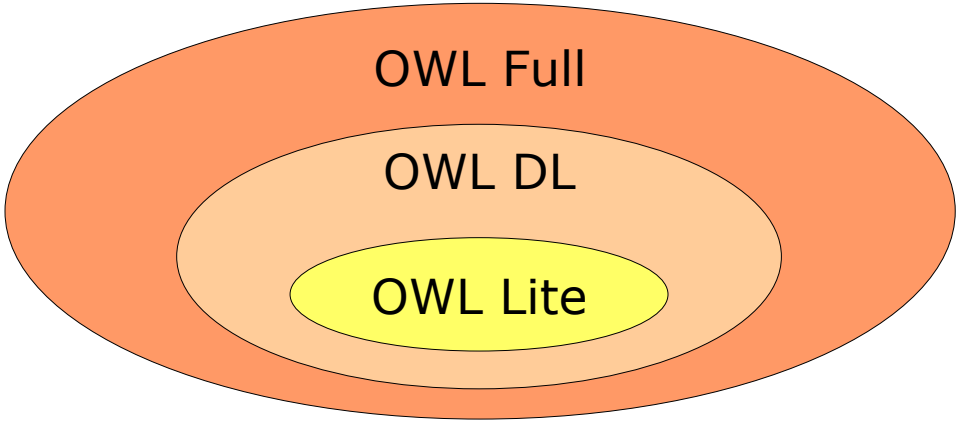
- Trade-off:
  - Expressive power
  - Complexity of reasoning
  - Decidability

- Solution: different variants of OWL, e.g.,
  - OWL Lite, OWL DL, OWL Full
  - Profiles in OWL2

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- Three variants
  - Increasing expressive power
  - Backwards compatible
    - Each OWL Lite ontology is valid in OWL DL and OWL Full
    - Each OWL DL ontology is valid in OWL Full



OWL and RDF Schema

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- Both are based on RDF
  - OWL ontologies can also be expressed in RDF
  - As triples or in XML notation
- Compatibility
  - OWL Lite and OWL DL are not fully compatible to RDF Schema
    - But reuse some parts of RDF Schema
  - OWL Full and RDF Schema are fully compatible

OWL: Classes

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- Basic concept (`owl:Class`)
- Subclasses as we know them from RDFS: `rdfs:subClassOf`
  - In particular, the following holds:
    `owl:Class rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Class .`

- Two predefined classes:
  - `owl:Thing`
  - `owl:Nothing`

- For each class `c`, the following axioms hold:
  - `c rdfs:subClassOf owl:Thing .`
  - `owl:Nothing rdfs:subClassOf c .`

OWL: Classes

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- Classes can be intersections of others:

```
:SwimmingMammals owl:intersectionOf
    (:SwimmingAnimals :Mammals) .
```

- There are also set unions and set differences
  - But not in OWL Lite

OWL: Properties

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- RDF Schema does not distinguish literal and object valued properties:

```
:name a rdf:Property .
:name rdfs:range xsd:string .

:knows a rdf:Property .
:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person .
```

- Without specifying the range, “dual use” of an RDF property is not forbidden:

```
:peter :knows :john .
:peter :knows "mary"^^xsd:string .
```

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```

- In contrast, OWL distinguishes
  - `owl:DatatypeProperty`
  - `owl:ObjectProperty`
- The following axioms hold:
  - `owl:DatatypeProperty rdfs:subClassOf rdf:Property .`
  - `owl:ObjectProperty rdfs:subClassOf rdf:Property .`

OWL: Properties

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- As in RDF Schema, there can be hierarchies and domains/ranges:

```
:capitalOf rdfs:subPropertyOf :locatedIn .
```

- Domain
  - only classes for OWL Lite, classes or restrictions* for OWL DL/Full
  - `:name rdfs:domain foaf:Person .`
- Range
  - XML Datatypes for `owl:DatatypeProperty`
    `:name rdfs:range xsd:string .`
  - Classes or restrictions* for `owl:ObjectProperty`
    `:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person .`

* we'll get there soon

Equality and Inequality (1)

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- Equality between individuals
  - Allows using multiple definitions/descriptions of an entity in other datasets as well
  - Solves some problems of the Non unique naming assumption

```
:Muenchen owl:sameAs :Munich .
```

- We have seen this used for Linked Open Data
  - as a means to establish links between datasets

```
myDataset:Mannheim owl:sameAs dbpedia:Mannheim .
```

Equality and Inequality (2)

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- Equality between classes and properties
  - Allows for relations between datasets on the schema level
  - Gives way to more complex constructs

```
:UniversityTeachers owl:equivalentClass :Lecturers .
:teaches owl:equivalentProperty :lecturerFor .
```

- Also useful for Linked Open Data:

```
my:createdBy owl:equivalentProperty foaf:maker .
```

Equality and Inequality (3)

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- Inequality between individuals
  - Allows some useful reasoning
  - as we will see soon

```
:Munich owl:differentFrom :Hamburg .
```

- Shorthand notation for multiple entities:

```
owl:AllDifferent owl:distinctMembers
    (:Munich :Hamburg :Berlin :Darmstadt :Mannheim) .
```

Why can't we Simply Use only owl:sameAs?

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- In OWL (Lite+DL), we must not mix classes, properties, and instances

- `owl:sameAs` has `owl:Thing` as domain/range
- `owl:equivalentClass` has `rdfs:Class` as domain/range
  - recap: `owl:Class rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Class`
- `owl:equivalentProperty` has `rdf:Property` as domain/range
  - `owl:ObjectProperty rdfs:subClassOf rdf:Property`
  - `owl:DatatypeProperty rdfs:subClassOf rdf:Property`



Special Properties in OWL

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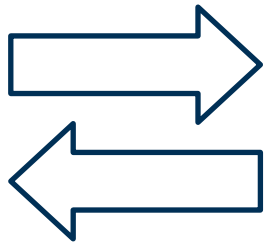
- Symmetric Properties

```
:sitsOppositeOf a owl:SymmetricProperty .
:Tom :sitsOppositeOf :Sarah .
→ :Sarah :sitsOppositeOf :Tom .
```



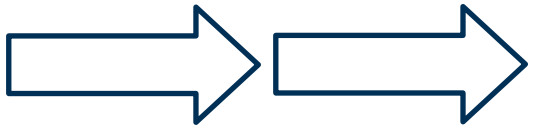
- Inverse Properties

```
:supervises owl:inverseOf :supervisedBy .
:Tom :supervises :Julia .
→ :Julia :supervisedBy :Tom .
```



- Transitive Properties

```
:hasOfficeMate a owl:TransitiveProperty .
:Tom :hasOfficeMate :Jon .:Jon :hasOfficeMate :Kim .
→ :Tom :hasOfficeMate :Kim .
```



Special Properties introduced with OWL2

- Reflexive, irreflexive, and asymmetric properties
- Everybody is a relative of him/herself

```
:relativeOf a owl:ReflexiveProperty .
```



- Nobody can be his/her own parent

```
:parentOf a owl:IrreflexiveProperty .
```



- If I am taller than you, you cannot be taller than me

```
:tallerThan a owl:AsymmetricProperty .
```



Restrictions on Property Types

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- Only ObjectProperties may be transitive, symmetric, inverse, and reflexive
  - DataProperties may not be
- Why?
- *Previously on RDF:*
  - "Literals can only be objects, never subjects or predicates."

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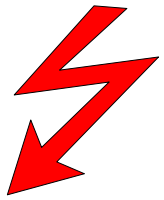
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- Assuming that

```
:samePerson a owl:DatatypeProperty .
:samePerson rdfs:range xsd:string .
:samePerson a owl:SymmetricProperty .

:Peter :samePerson "Peter" .

→"Peter" :samePerson :Peter .
```



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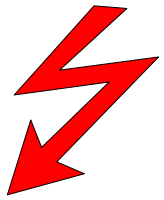
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- Assuming that

```
:hasName a owl:DatatypeProperty .
:hasName rdfs:range xsd:string .
:hasName owl:inverseOf :nameOf .

:Peter :hasName "Peter" .

→"Peter" :nameOf :Peter .
```



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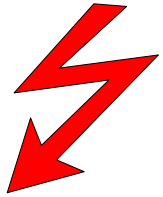
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- `owl:TransitiveProperty` is also restricted to ObjectProperties

```
:hasPseudonym a owl:DatatypeProperty .
:hasPseudonym rdfs:range xsd:string .
:hasPseudonym a owl:TransitiveProperty .

:Thomas :hasPseudonym "Dr. Evil" .
+ "Dr. Evil" :hasPseudonym "Skullhead" .

→:Thomas :hasPseudonym "Skullhead" .
```



- Which statement would we need here to make the conclusion via the `owl:TransitiveProperty`?

Functional Properties

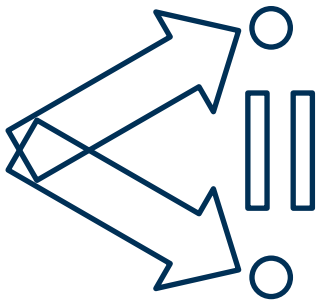
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- Usage

```
:hasCapital a owl:FunctionalProperty .
:Finland :hasCapital :Helsinki .
:Finland :hasCapital :Helsingfors
→ :Helsinki owl:sameAs :Helsingfors .
```



- Interpretation
  - If A and B are related via fp
  - and A and C are related via fp
  - then, B and C are equal
- simply speaking: fp(x) is unique for each x
- “there can only be one”



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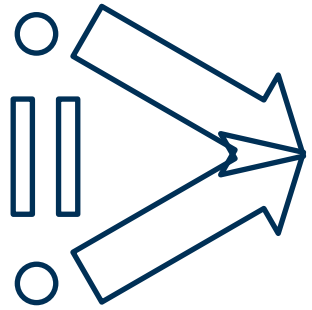
Inverse Functional Properties

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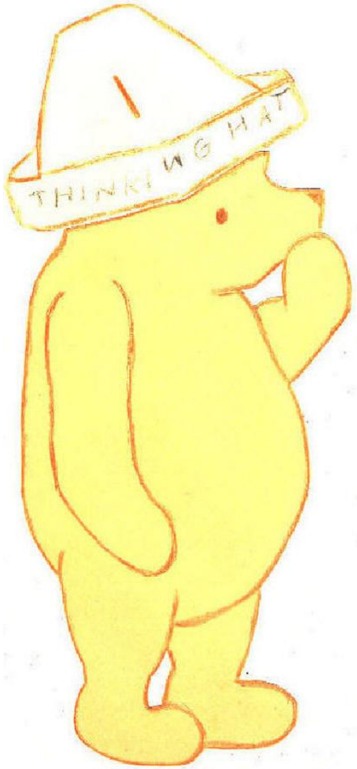
- Usage

```
:capitalOf a owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .
:Helsinki :capitalOf :Finland .
:Helsingfors :capitalOf :Finland .
→ :Helsinki owl:sameAs :Helsingfors .
```

- Interpretation
  - if A and C are in relation ifp
  - and B and C are in relation ifp
  - then, A and B are the same
- Simply speaking: ifp(x) is a unique identifier for x
  - like a primary key in a database



Pooh!



- OWL is, in fact, more powerful
- ...but we can achieve lots with what we already learned

- Let's get back to the example...

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  - "Madrid is not the capital of France." ✗
  - "Madrid is not a state." ✗
  - ...



Expressive Ontologies using OWL

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- "Barcelona is not the capital of Spain." ❌
- Why not?
  - Countries have exactly one capital
  - Barcelona and Madrid are not the same

- In OWL:

```
:capitalOf a owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .
:Madrid :capitalOf :Spain .
:Madrid owl:differentFrom :Barcelona .

ASK { :Barcelona :capitalOf :Spain . }
 → false
```

Expressive Ontologies using OWL

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- "Madrid is not the capital of France." ❌
- Why not?
  - A city can only be the capital of one country
  - Spain and France are not the same

- Also:

```
:capitalOf a owl:FunctionalProperty .
:Madrid :capitalOf :Spain .
:Spain owl:differentFrom :France .

ASK { :Madrid :capitalOf :France . }
→ false
```

Restrictions

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- Define characteristics of a class
  - A powerful and important concept in OWL
  - Example: Vegan recipes only contain vegetables as ingredients

```
:VeganRecipe rdfs:subClassOf :Recipe .
:VeganRecipe rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasIngredient ;
    owl:allValuesFrom :Vegetable .
] .
```

Further Examples for Restrictions

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- Every human as exactly one mother

```
:Human rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasMother ;
    owl:cardinality 1^^xsd:integer .
] .
```

- Standard bicycles are vehicles without a motor

```
:StandardBicycle rdfs:subClassOf :Vehicle .
:StandardBicycle rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasMotor ;
    owl:cardinality 0^^xsd:integer .
] .
```

Restrictions vs. Ranges

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- Restrictions are local to a class

```
:VeganRecipe rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasIngredient ;
    owl:allValuesFrom :Vegetable .
] .
```

  - Other classes may use `hasIngredient` with meat or fish

- Range: a global restriction

```
:hasIngredient rdfs:range :Food .
```

  - This holds *once and for all* whenever `hasIngredient` is used

The Anatomy of a Restriction

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- onProperty
  - defines the property on which the restriction should hold
- Restriction of values
  - owl:allValuesFrom – all values must be in this class
  - owl:someValuesFrom – at least one value must be in this class
- Restriction of cardinalities
  - owl:minCardinality – at least n values
  - owl:maxCardinality – at most n values
  - owl:cardinality – exactly n values
- Both cannot be combined

OWL Lite: only n=0 or n=1

Restrictions

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```
:VeganRecipe rdfs:subClassOf :Recipe .
:VeganRecipe rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasIngredient ;
    owl:allValuesFrom :Vegetable .
] .


:x a :VeganRecipe.
:broccoli a :Vegetable.

:x :hasIngredient :broccoli.
```

Further Examples for Restrictions

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- All ball sports require a ball

```
:BallSports rdfs:subClassOf [
   a owl:Restriction ;
   owl:onProperty :requires ;
   owl:someValuesFrom :Ball .
  ] .
```

- All sports for which a ball is required are ball sports

```
:BallSports owl:equivalentClass [
   a owl:Restriction ;
   owl:onProperty :requires ;
   owl:someValuesFrom :Ball .
  ] .
```

- Where is the difference?

Further Examples for Restrictions

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- Given:

```
:BallSports owl:equivalentClass [
   a owl:Restriction ;
   owl:onProperty :requires ;
   owl:someValuesFrom :Ball .
] .
:Soccer :requires :soccerBall .
:soccerBall a :Ball.
```

- A reasoner may conclude that soccer is a ball sports
- This would not work with subClassOf
- Caveat: gymnastics with a ball are also recognized as ball sports...

Qualified Restrictions in OWL2

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- In OWL, cardinalities and value restrictions may not be combined
  - i.e., use either all/someValuesFrom or min/maxCardinality
- **OWL 2** introduces *qualified restrictions*
- Example: a literate person has to have read at least 1,000 books (newspapers and magazines do not count!)

```
:LiteratePerson rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
      owl:onProperty :hasRead;
      owl:minQualifiedCardinality "1000"^^xsd:integer ;
      owl:onClass :Book . ] .
```

Analogously, there are also `owl:maxQualifiedCardinality` and `owl:qualifiedCardinality`

Using Restrictions as Ranges

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- Restrictions can also be used in other contexts
- Example: books, newspapers, and posters can be read
  - Essentially: everything that contains letters

- Range of the predicate *reads*:

```
:reads rdfs:range [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :containsLetter ;
    owl:minCardinality 1^^xsd:integer .
] .
```



Using Restrictions as Domains

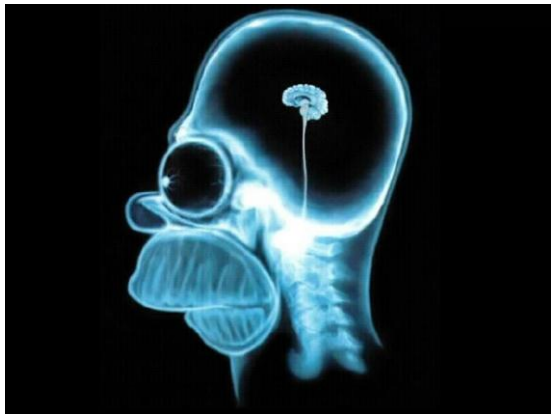
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- If it works for ranges, it also works for domains
- e.g.: to think about something, a brain is required

- Domain of the *thinksAbout* property:

```
:thinksAbout rdfs:domain [
   a owl:Restriction ;
   owl:onProperty :hasBodyPart ;
   owl:someValuesFrom :Brain .
] .
```

- Note: only in OWL DL/Full



Nesting Restrictions

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- It is always possible to make things more complex
- e.g.: grandparents have children who themselves have at least one child

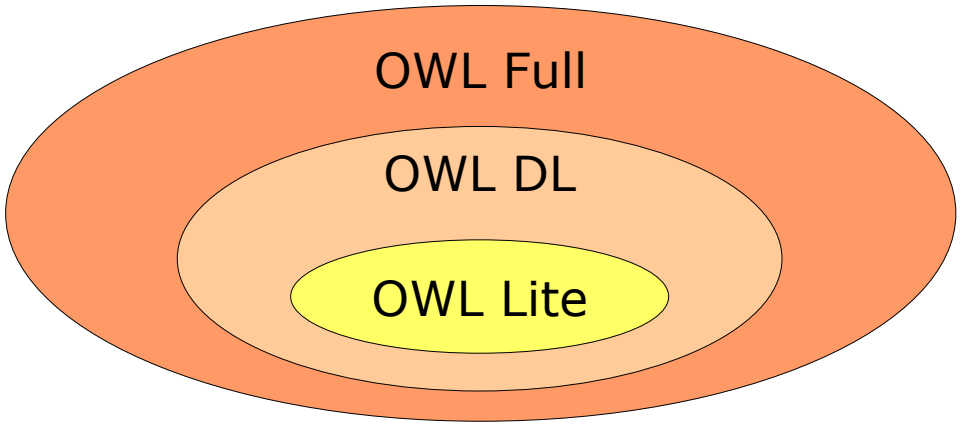
```
:GrandParent owl:equivalentClass [
   a owl:Restriction ;
   owl:onProperty :hasChild ;
   owl:someValuesFrom [
         a owl:Restriction ;
         owl:onProperty :hasChild ;
         owl:minCardinality 1^^xsd:integer .
   ] .
] .
```

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- What we have seen up to now
  - the vocabulary of OWL Lite
  - useful in many cases
  - "A little semantics goes a long way."
- OWL DL and OWL Full are more powerful
  - but also harder to handle





OWL DL

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- DL stands for "Description Logics"
  - A subset of first order logics
  - We will get back to that in the next lecture

- OWL DL introduces
  - The full set of cardinality restrictions (OWL Lite allows only 0 and 1)
  - More set operators
  - Closed classes
  - Value based restrictions
  - Restrictions on datatypes
  - ...

Complex Set Definitions

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- Set union

```
:FacultyMembers owl:unionOf
   (:Students, :Professors) .
```

- Complement set

```
:LivingThings owl:complementOf :InanimateThings .
```

- Disjoint sets

```
:EdibleMushrooms owl:disjointWith
     :PoisonousMushrooms .
```

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  - ...



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- "Madrid is not a state." ❌
- Why not?
  - Madrid is a city
  - Nothing can be a city and a state at the same time.

- In OWL:

```
:Madrid a :City .
:City owl:disjointWith :State .

ASK { :Madrid a :State . }
→ false
```

Complex Set Definitions

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- We can combine class definitions and restrictions:

```
:VegetarianRecipe rdfs:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :hasIngredient ;
    owl:allValuesFrom [
          a owl:Class .
          owl:complementOf [
                owl:unionOf (:Meat :Fish)
          ]
    ]
] .
```

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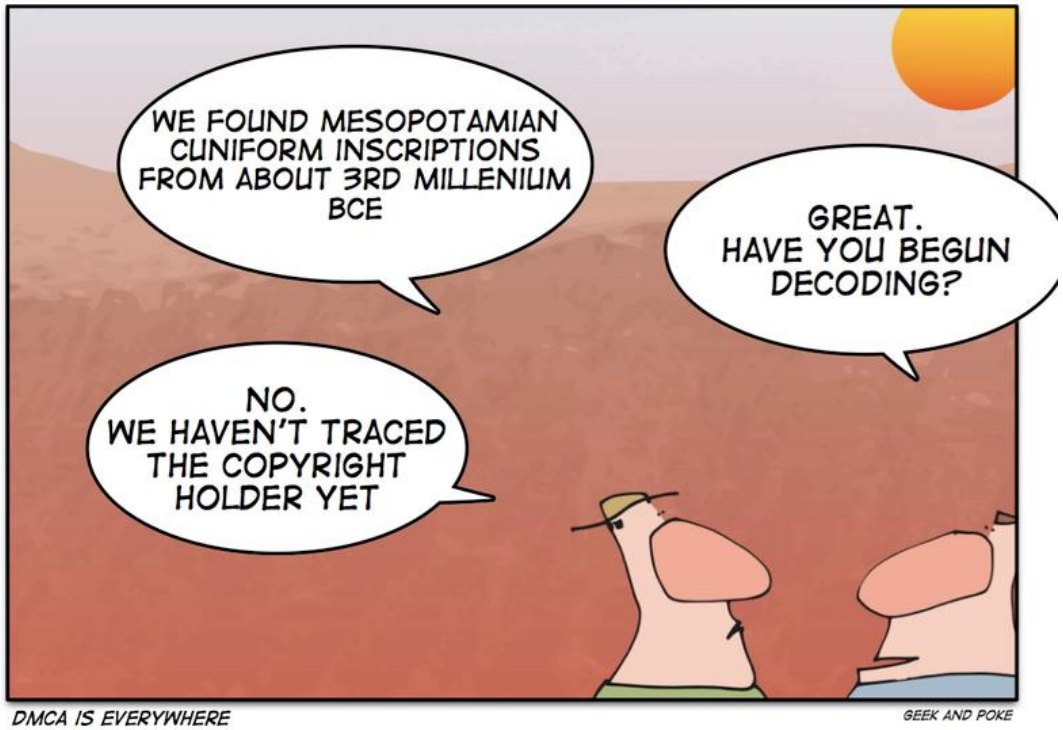
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- ALIS: EU funded research project
- Automated Legal Intelligent System
  - Automatic search for relevant European laws
  - Given a legal case at hand
  - Using ontologies, reasoning, etc.
  - Use case: copyright law

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- One important differentiation (among others):
  - Single Author Work
  - Multi Author Work



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- Naive Solution in OWL DL:

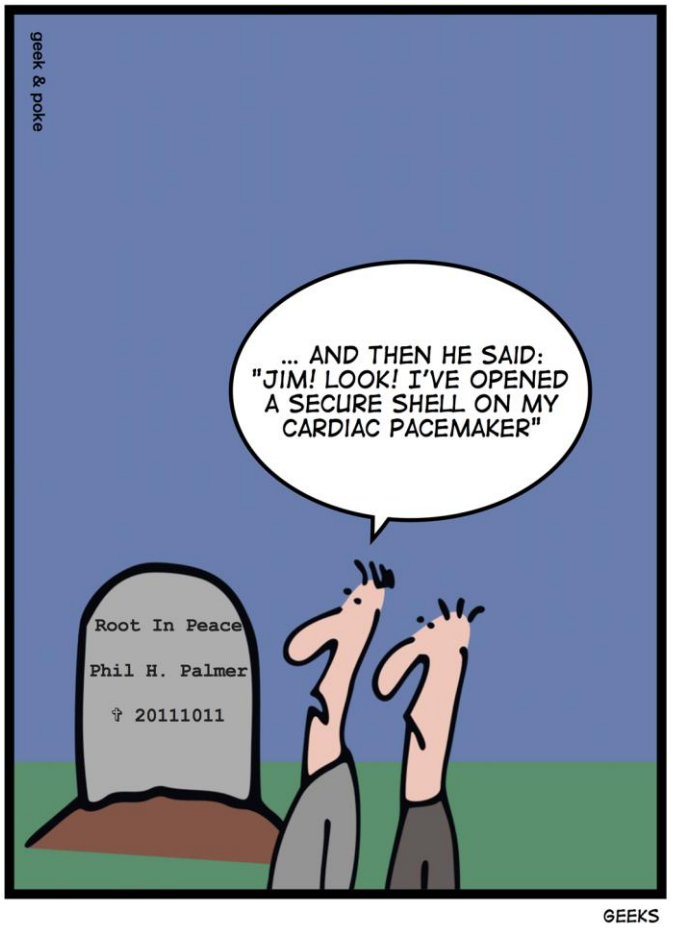
```
:hasAuthor a owl:ObjectProperty;
           rdfs:domain :Work ;
           rdfs:range :Author .

:SingleAuthorWork rdfs:subClassOf :Work,
   [ a owl:Restriction;
     owl:onProperty :hasAuthor ;
     owl:cardinality "1"^^xsd:integer ] .

:MultiAuthorWork rdfs:subClassOf :Work,
   [ a owl:Restriction;
     owl:onProperty :hasAuthor ;
     owl:minCardinality "2"^^xsd:integer ] .
```

A Tale from the Road

- Result:
  - Not such a good idea
  - Why not?



http://geekandpoke.typepad.com/geekandpoke/2006/10/copyright_and_a.html

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- Given

```
:DataMining :hasAuthor :IanWitten, :EibeFrank .
```

- What can we derive from that?

- OK, so we need

```
:DataMining :hasAuthor :IanWitten, :EibeFrank .
:IanWitten owl:differentFrom :EibeFrank .
→:DataMining a :MultiAuthorWork .
```

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- Given:

```
:Faust :hasAuthor :Goethe .
```

- What can we derive from that?

- Since it worked for Multi Author Work, how about

```
:Work owl:disjointUnionOf
   (:SingleAuthorWork,:MultiAuthorWork) .
```

  ?

- Note: we can classify `:Faust` neither as Single nor as Multi Author Work

Recap: Principles of RDF

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- Basic semantic principles of RDF:
  - AAA: Anybody can say Anything about Anything
- Non-unique name assumption
  - We can control it with owl:sameAs and owl:differentFrom
- Open World Assumption
  - So far, we have to live with it

Closed Classes

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- The Open World Assumption says:
  - Everything we do not know *could* be true

- Example:

```
:Tim a :PeopleInOfficeD219 .
:John a :PeopleInOfficeD219 .
:Mary a :PeopleInOfficeD219 .
```

- This does not mean that there cannot be more people in D219

```
:Mike a :PeopleInD219 .
```

- Sometimes, this is exactly what we want to say

Closed Classes

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- Works with `owl:oneOf` in OWL DL
- Example:

```
:PeopleInOfficeD219 owl:oneOf (:Tim :John :Mary) .
```

- Now, what is the meaning of

```
:Mike a :PeopleInD219 .
```

?

Back to a Tale from the Road

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- Solution:

```
:Faust a [ a owl:Restriction ;
           owl:onProperty :hasAuthor ;
           owl:allValuesFrom [
              a owl:Class ;
              owl:oneOf (:Goethe)
           ]
         ].
```

OWL DL: Restrictions with Single Values

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- For ObjectProperties:

```
:AfricanStates owl:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :locatedOnContinent
    owl:hasValue :Africa
] .
```

- For DatatypeProperties:

```
:AlbumsFromTheEarly80s owl:subClassOf [
    a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :year
    owl:dataRange
        (1980^^xsd:integer
         1981^^xsd:integer
         1982^^xsd:integer) ] .
```

OWL Lite/DL vs. OWL Full

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- OWL Lite/DL: a resource is *either* an instance *or* a class *or* a property
- OWL Full does not have such restrictions:

```
:Elephant a owl:Class .
:Elephant a :Species .
:Elephant :livesIn :Africa .
:Species a owl:Class .
```

- OWL Lite/DL: classes are only instances of `owl:Class`
- OWL Lite/DL: classes and properties can only have a predefined set of relations (e.g., `rdfs:subClassOf`).

And Now for Something Completely Different

- Can we use OWL to solve a Sudoku?

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

Sudoku Solving in OWL

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- What is our domain about?
- First of all, a closed class of numbers

```
:Number a owl:Class ;
   owl:oneOf (:1 :2 :3 :4 :5 :6 :7 :8 :9) .
:1 owl:differentFrom (:2 :3 :4 :5 :6 :7 :8 :9).
:2 owl:differentFrom (:3 :4 :5 :6 :7 :8 :9) .
...
```

- …and a lot of fields
  - That we want to fill with numbers
  - Simplification: numbers are fields as well
  - We want to know which field equals which number

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- 81 Fields:

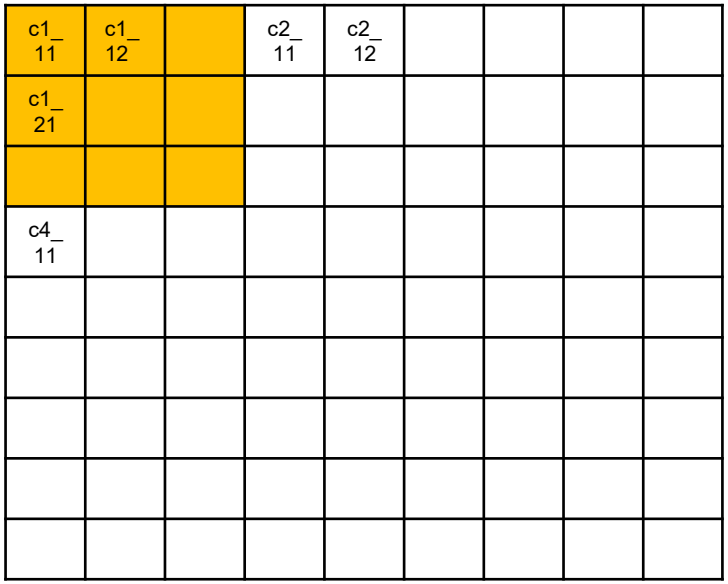
```
c1_11 a :Number .
c1_21 a :Number .
…
c1_33 a :Number .
c2_11 a :Number .
…
c9_33 a :Number .
```

c1_11	c1_12		c2_11	c2_12				
c1_21								
c4_11								

Sudoku Solving in OWL

- Fields in a quadrant are different

```
c1_11 owl:differentFrom
    c1_12, c1_13, …, c1_33 .
c1_12 owl:differentFrom
    c1_13, c1_21, …, c1_33 .
…
c1_32 owl:differentFrom
    c1_33 .
c2_11 owl:differentFrom
    c2_12, c2_13, …, c1_33 .
…
c9_32 owl:differentFrom
    c9_33 .
```



Sudoku Solving in OWL

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- Fields in a row are different

```
c1_11 owl:differentFrom
    c1_12, c1_13, …, c3_13 .
…
```

c1_11	c1_12		c2_11	c2_12				
c1_21								
c4_11								

Sudoku Solving in OWL

- Fields in a column are different

```
c1_11 owl:differentFrom
    c1_21, c1_31, …, c3_31 .
…
```

c1_11	c1_12		c2_11	c2_12				
c1_21								
c4_11								

Sudoku Solving in OWL

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- Last step: enter known numbers

```
c1_11 owl:sameAs :5 .
c1_12 owl:sameAs :3 .
c1_21 owl:sameAs :6 .
…
```

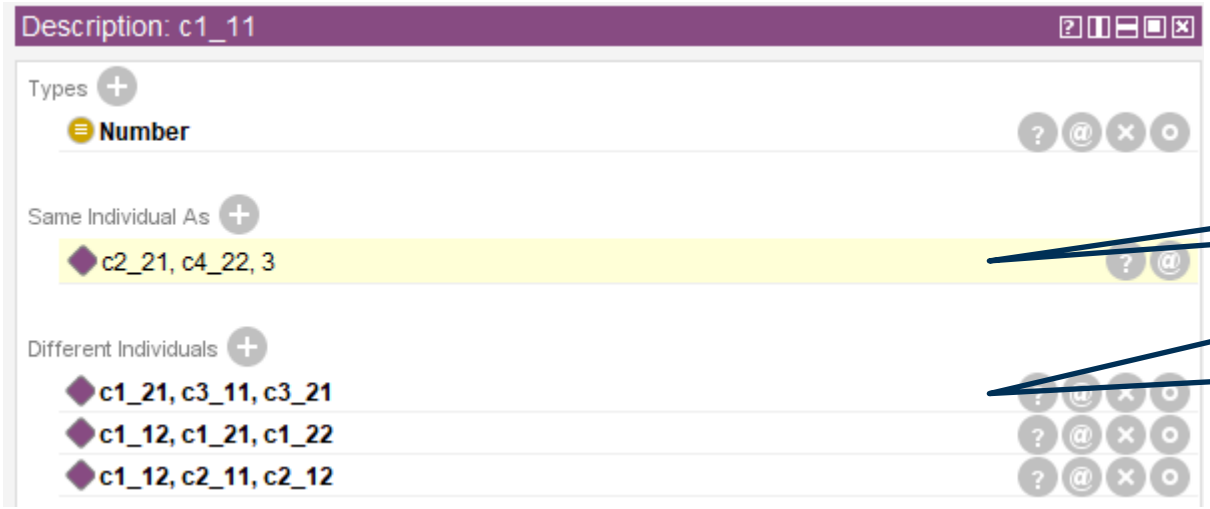
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Running this Example in Protégé

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- We use a reasoner to infer implicit facts
- Here: number c1_11 (top left)

	4		
		3	
		2	
1			



Summary

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- OWL allows defining more complex ontologies
- Flavors: OWL Lite, DL, Full
- Definitions of sets, restrictions, property characteristics
- In our example, we can now use the full set of conclusions:
  - "Barcelona is not the capital of Spain." ✓
  - "Madrid is not the capital of France." ✓
  - "Madrid is not a state." ✓

Coming Up Next

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- Changes in OWL 2
- How does reasoning with OWL *actually* work?



Questions?

