

Web Ontology Language (OWL)

IE650 Knowledge Graphs



Previously on “Knowledge Graphs”

- Back to the lecture on RDF Schema
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 - "Madrid is not a state." ✗



Previously on “Knowledge Graphs”

- 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!



Previously on “Knowledge Graphs”

- 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
 - ...



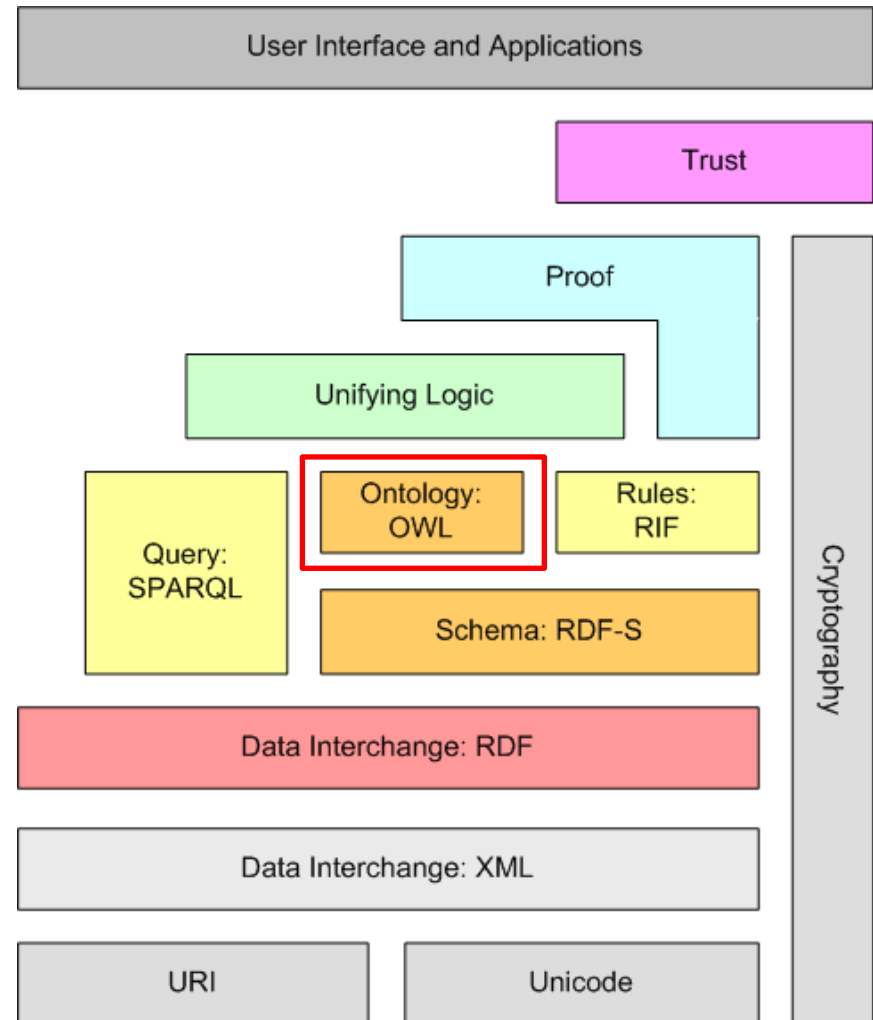
Semantic Web Technology Stack



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Knowledge Graph Technologies
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Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- Hey, wait...



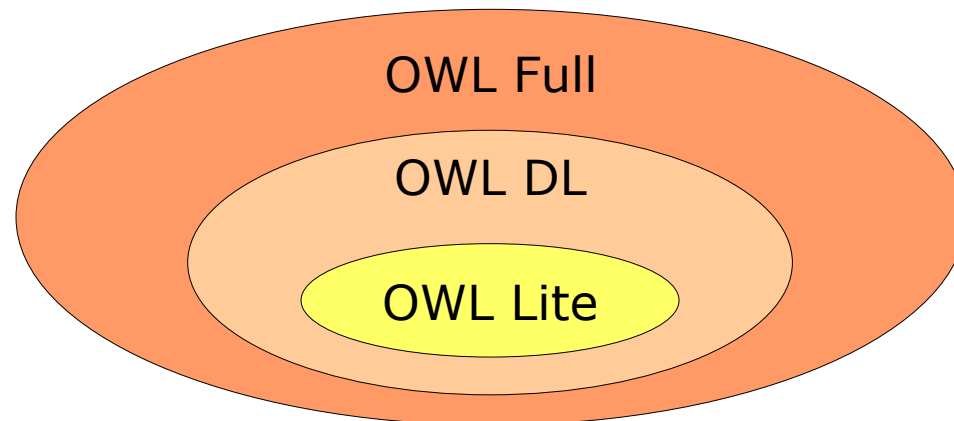
Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- 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



Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 .`

Equality and Inequality (1)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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`?

- 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

- Symmetric Properties

`:sitsOppositeOf a owl:SymmetricProperty .`

`:Tom :sitsOppositeOf :Sarah .`

`→ :Sarah :sitsOppositeOf :Tom .`

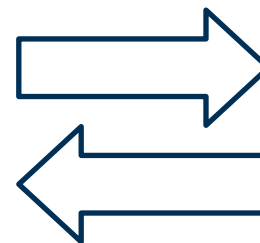


- Inverse Properties

`: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

- 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."

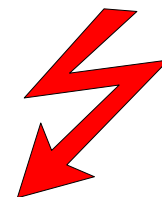
Restrictions on Property Types

- Assuming that

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

```
:Peter :samePerson "Peter" .
```

```
→ "Peter" :samePerson :Peter .
```



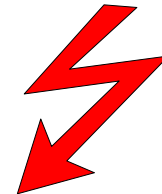
Restrictions on Property Types

- 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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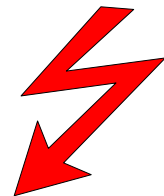
- `owl:TransitiveProperty` is also restricted to `ObjectProperties`

```
: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

- Usage

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

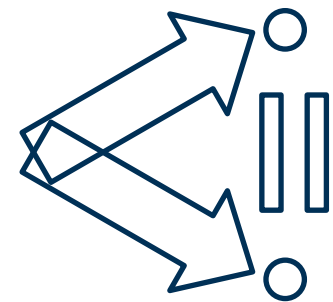


- Interpretation

- 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”



Inverse Functional Properties

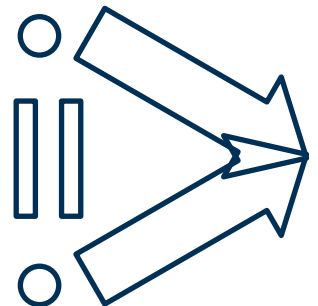
- Usage

```
: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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 - ...



Expressive Ontologies using OWL

- "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

- "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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

Further Examples for Restrictions

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 .  
] .
```



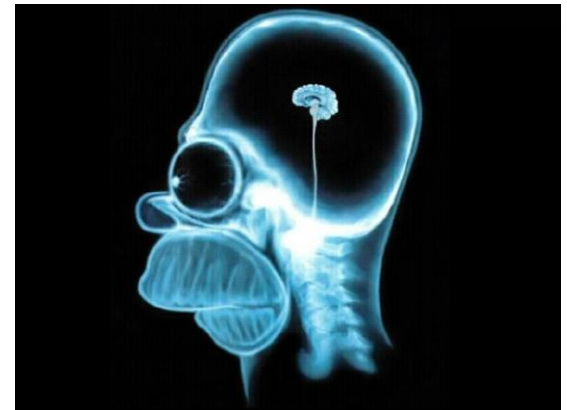
Using Restrictions as Domains

- 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



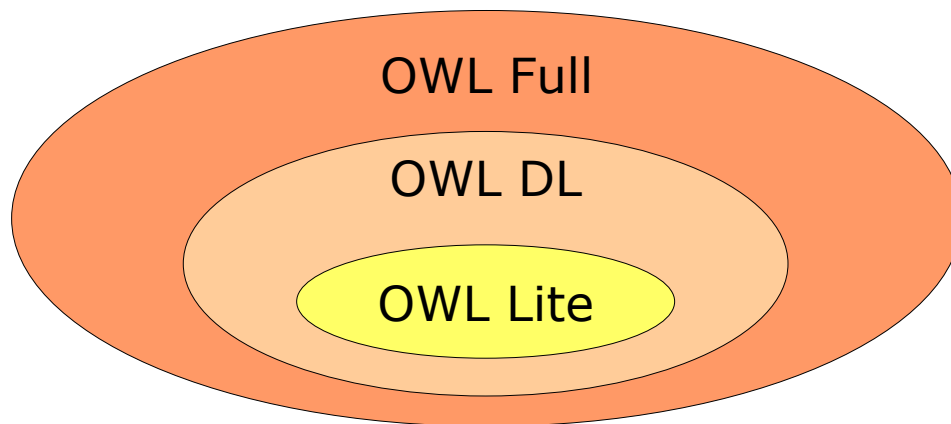
Nesting Restrictions

- 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 .  
  ] .  
]
```

Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- 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



- 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

- Set union

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

- Complement set

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

- Disjoint sets

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

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Previously on “Semantic Web Technologies”

- "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

- We can combine class definitions and restrictions:

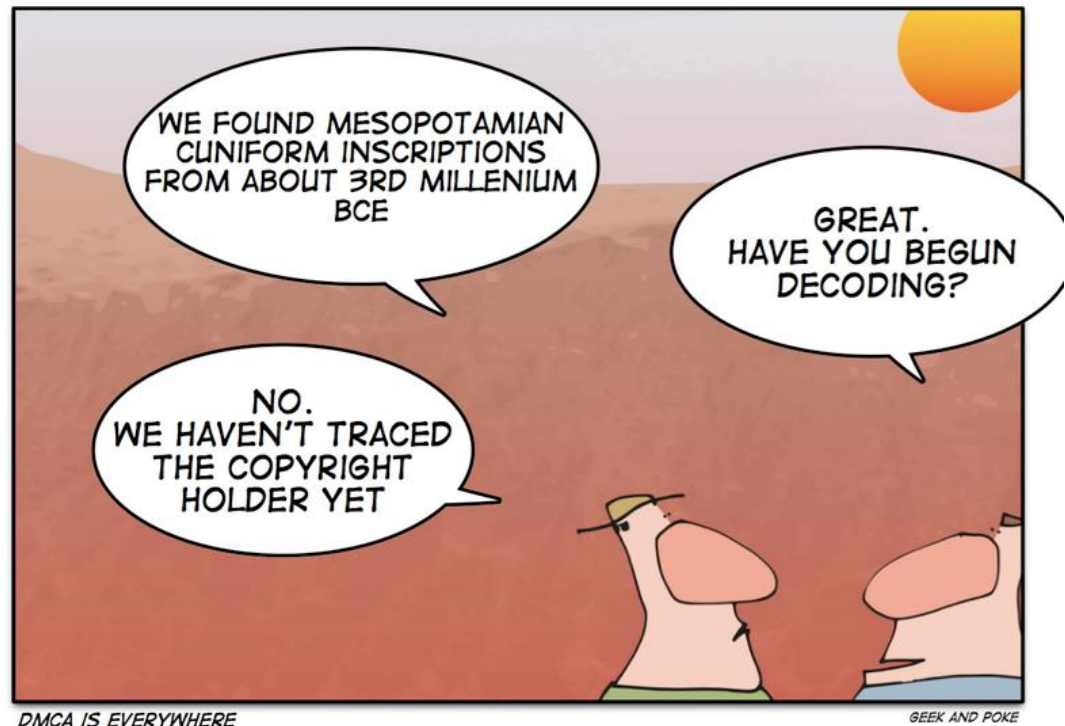
```
:VegetarianRecipe rdfs:subClassOf [  
  a owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :hasIngredient ;  
  owl:allValuesFrom [  
    a owl:Class .  
    owl:complementOf [  
      owl:unionOf (:Meat :Fish)  
    ]  
  ]  
] .
```

A Tale from the Road

- 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

A Tale from the Road

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



A Tale from the Road

- Naive Solution in OWL DL:

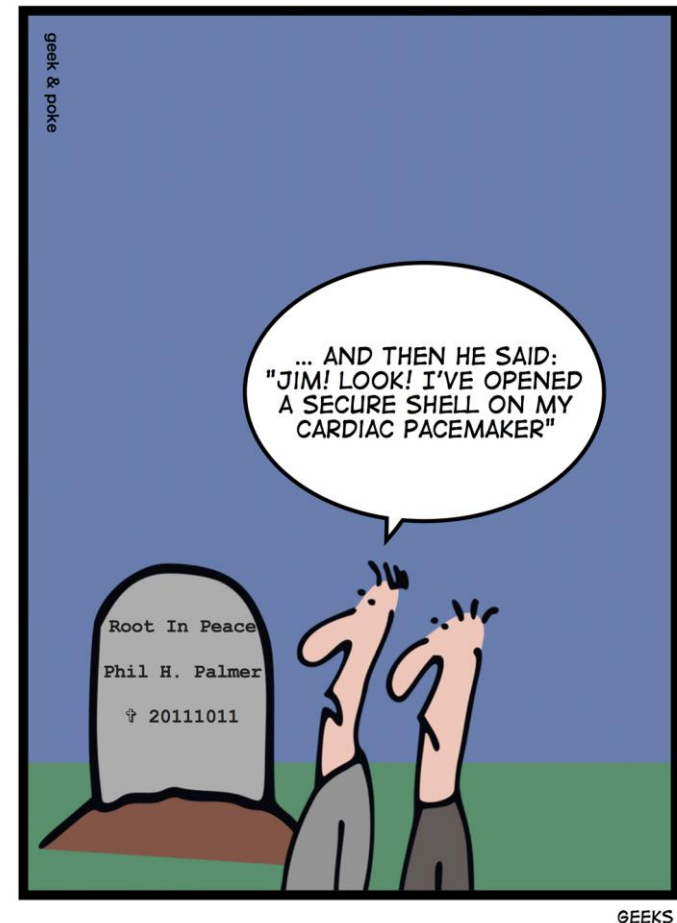
```
:hasAuthor a owl:ObjectProperty;  
           rdfs:domain :Work ;  
           rdfs:range :Author .
```

```
: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?



A Tale from the Road

- 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 .
```

A Tale from the Road

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Solution:

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

OWL DL: Restrictions with Single Values

- 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

- 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

- 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

Sudoku Solving in OWL

- 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 .`

c1_11	c1_12		c2_11	c2_12				
c1_21								
c4_11								

Sudoku Solving in OWL

- 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

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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

- Last step: enter known numbers

`c1_11 owl:sameAs :5 .`

`c1_12 owl:sameAs :3 .`

`c1_21 owl:sameAs :6 .`

...

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

Running this Example in Protégé

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

	4		
		3	
		2	
1			

Description: c1_11

Types +

Number

Same Individual As +

c2_21, c4_22, 3

Different Individuals +

c1_21, c3_11, c3_21

c1_12, c1_21, c1_22

c1_12, c2_11, c2_12

Inferred: this is a 3

Defined conditions
(horizontal, vertical,
square)

Summary

- 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

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



Questions?

