

Introduction to IRI, XML, RDF, RDFS, and OWL  
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Semantic Web (CSC751)

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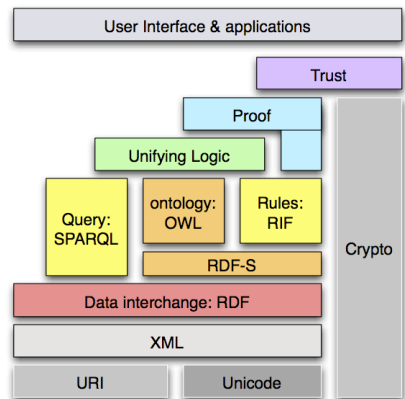
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# Announcements

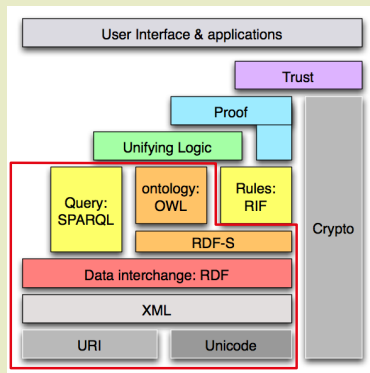
## Assignment - Reading

- (Mandatory) Appendix A, Ch. 2 - 2.5 [HKR09].

# Semantic Web Stack

Tim Berners-Lee version, 2006 [BL06]

- **Semantic Web Stack/Cake/Layer Cake** provides the architecture of the Semantic Web.
- It is a realization of hierarchy of languages, where each layer below provides capabilities to immediate layer above.
- Each layer is associated with standards and specifications.
- The technologies inside the red boundary are standardized and accepted to build SW applications.
- The other layers are not clearly standardized yet. Combinations of all the layers realizes the SW vision.

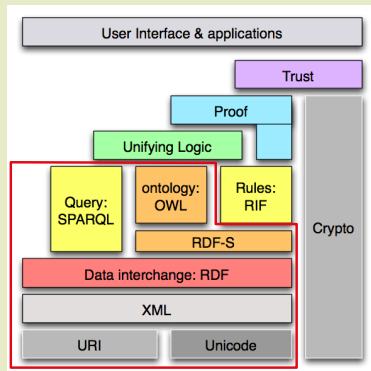




# Semantic Web Stack: layers in a nutshell

## Standardized Semantic Web technologies

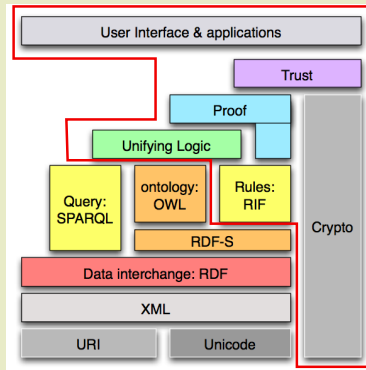
- IRI uniquely identifies resources in the domain, and Unicode allows to manipulate texts in different language settings.
- XML creates structured data, and QNames resolves ambiguities.
- RDF creates statements on resources.
- RDFS provides a lightweight ontology language.
- OWL provides an expressive ontology language.
- SPARQL queries RDF graphs.

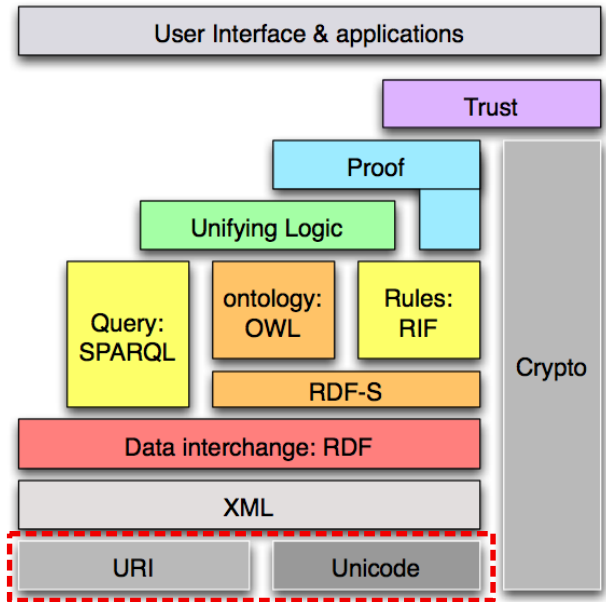


# Semantic Web Stack : layers in a nutshell

## Unrealized Semantic Web technologies

- RIF/SWRL allows to describe relations that can not be described using OWL. It is a rule language.
- Cryptography verifies SW statements are coming from trusted sources using appropriate digital signatures.
- Trust entails statements verifying that premises are coming from trusted sources and relying on unifying logic and proofs.
- User interfaces provides a visualization layer to humans to use SW applications.





# Identification of resource

## Reason

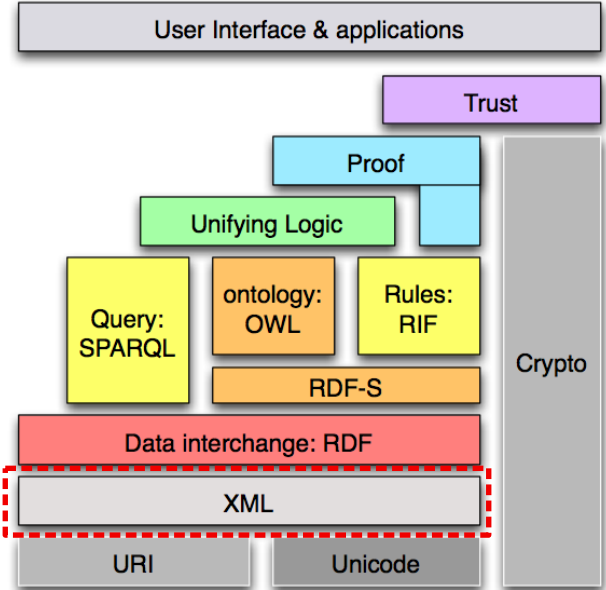
- We need a unambiguous way to identify things and concepts, because machines need to process and compose information automatically.
- We borrow the Web resource identification idea from the Web.
- **Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)**: theoretically distinguishes resources in the Web.
- **Uniform Resource Locators (URL)**: these are Web addresses that are used to access online documents.
- **Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI)**: provides the way to encode Web addresses with Unicode.
- Therefore, **URLs**  $\subseteq$  **URIs**  $\subseteq$  **IRIs**
- Content negotiation.

# URIs

## Format

**scheme**:`[//authority]`path`[?query]``[#fragment]`

- **scheme**: type of URI, e.g., http, ftp, irc etc.
- `[//authority]`: domain name.
- path: some relative path.
- `[?query]`: this is optional and provides non-hierarchical information such as parameters for a Web service.
- `[#fragment]`: this is optional and it is commonly used for addressing parts of the document relative to the base URI.
- Not all characters are allowed in URIs.



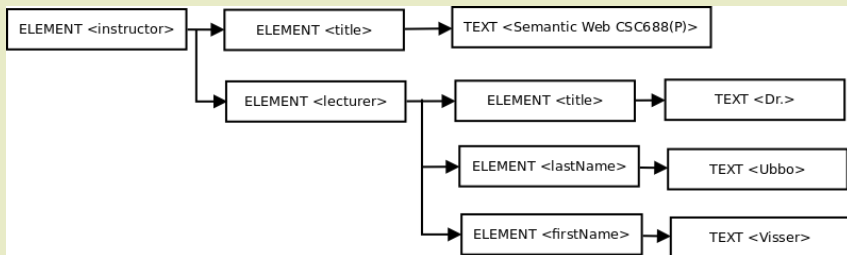
# Essentials of the eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

## XML

- XML is a markup language recommended by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) for data exchange and electronic publishing.
- It provides structure to unstructured text and annotated texts.
  - text is data, and
  - additional information about data is metadata (i.e., data about data).
- HTML is a popular markup language to visualize Web pages. It has tags such as `<h2>Sam</h2>` with predefined semantics for the visualization (e.g., **Sam**).
- XML tags can be chosen freely and their general meaning is not predefined. Hence, its whole purpose is to structure the documents.
- Database view: XML as a data model for semi-structured data.
- Every XML document is a text document with a declaration for which XML version and the character encoding is used. e.g.,  
`<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>`

## Tree structure

```
<instructor>  
  <title>Semantic Web CSC688(P)</title>  
  <lecturer>  
    <title>Dr.</title>  
    <firstName>Ubbo</firstName>  
    <lastName>Visser</lastName>  
  </lecturer>  
</instructor>
```





## XML elements and attributes

- XML elements:

- There is one-and-only outermost element called root element.
- XML elements are enclosed with matching tag-pairs.
- Empty elements can be abbreviated.
- Element names are QNames.

- XML attributes:

- Name value pairs inside of XML elements.
- It is an alternative means to sub-elements describing data.

```

<instructor>
  <title>Semantic Web CSC688(P)</title>
  <lecturer email="visser@cs.miami.edu">
    <title>Dr.</title>
    <firstName>Ubbo</firstName>
    <lastName>Visser</lastName>
  </lecturer>
</instructor>
    
```

- Syntactically correct XML documents are said to be well-formed.
- HTML uses fixed vocabulary with fixed meaning and used for displaying information.
- XML uses arbitrary tags and whose meaning is not fixed.

## Namespaces

- Disambiguate elements or attribute names using namespaces.

```
<instructor xmlns:lec="http://cs.miami.edu/lecture/"  
            xmlns:person="http://cs.miami.edu/person/"  
            xmlns="http://cs.miami.edu/">  
  <lec:title>Semantic Web CSC688(P)</lec:title>  
  <lecturer email="visser@cs.miami.edu">  
    <person:title>Dr.</person:title>  
    <person:firstName>Ubbo</person:firstName>  
    <person:lastName>Visser</person:lastName>  
  </lecturer>  
</instructor>
```

- Declaration: `xmlns:namespace="<URI>"`
- Namespace affects from the declaration and below of the sub-tree.
- Multiple declarations are possible.
- If we need declaration that affects the whole document, we use a mechanism so called Document Type Definitions (DTD). We discuss this when we talk about RDF.
- We are interested in XML Schema.

## XML Schema

- XML allows a lot of degree of freedom in encoding information.

```
<lecturer>Ubbo Visser</lecturer>
<lecturer name="Ubbo Visser"/>
<lecturer>
  <fullName>Ubbo Visser</fullName>
</lecturer>
<lecturer>
  <firstName>Ubbo</firstName>
  <secondName>Visser</secondName>
</lecturer>
<lecturer givenName="Ubbo" surname="Visser"/>
```

- The causes problems when exchanging XML documents among applications.
- So we need an agreement about the structure of the information, including the names of tags and attributes, and whether certain subelements are required or not.
- W3C XML Schema provides the vocabulary for this task.



## XML Schema

```

<!DOCTYPE xsd:schema
  [ <!ENTITY xsd "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#" >
    ]>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xsd:element name="lecturer" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:attribute name="email" type="xsd:string" use="required"/>
    <xsd:attribute name="homepage" type="xsd:anyURI" use="optional"/>
  </xsd:element>
</xsd:schema>

<lecturer email="visser@cs.miami.edu" homepage="http://www.cs.miami.edu/~visser/">
  Ubbo Visser
</lecturer>
<lecturer email="saminda@cs.miami.edu">
  Saminda Abeyruwan
</lecturer>

```



## XML Schema: user defined types

```
<xsd:complexType name="bookType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="author" type="xsd:string"
      minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xsd:element name="title" type="xsd:string"
      minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element name="publisher" type="xsd:string"
      minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element name="year" type="xsd:gYear"
      minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="ISBNnumber" type="xsd:nonNegativeInteger"
    use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>

<xsd:complexType name="researchBookType">
  <xsd:extension base="bookType"/>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="field" type="xsd:string"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="price" type="xsd:nonNegativeInteger"
    use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>
```



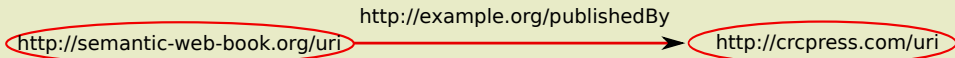






## RDF: W3C Recommendation 2004<sup>2</sup>

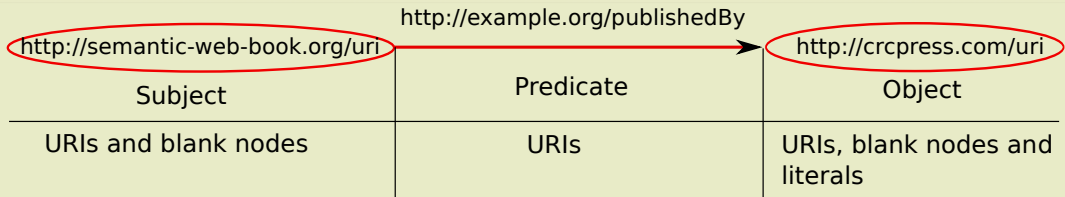
- RDF uses a directed graph as a data model.
- The implementation uses labeled **Node-Edge-Node** triples.



- RDF is a data model for
  - describing metadata for web pages,
  - structured information, and
  - universal, machine-readable data exchange format.
- The most popular serialization mechanism is XML.

<sup>2</sup><http://www.w3.org/RDF/>

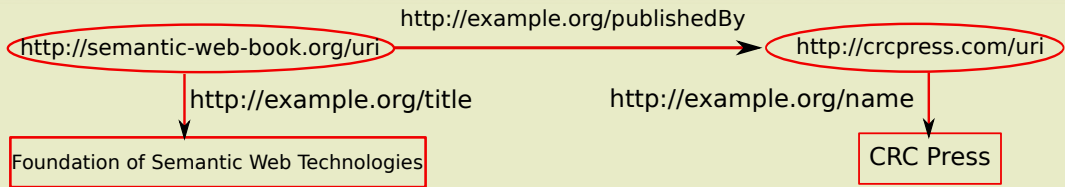
## RDF triple



## RDF components

- URIs uniquely represent resources.
- Literals are for data values.
  - Encoded as strings.
  - Meaning is interpreted by the associated datatype.
  - Untyped literals are treated as strings.
- Blank nodes for anonymously connecting sets of triples.

### Graph: sets of triples



### Turtle: Terse RDF Triple language

- How do we serialize a RDF graph ?

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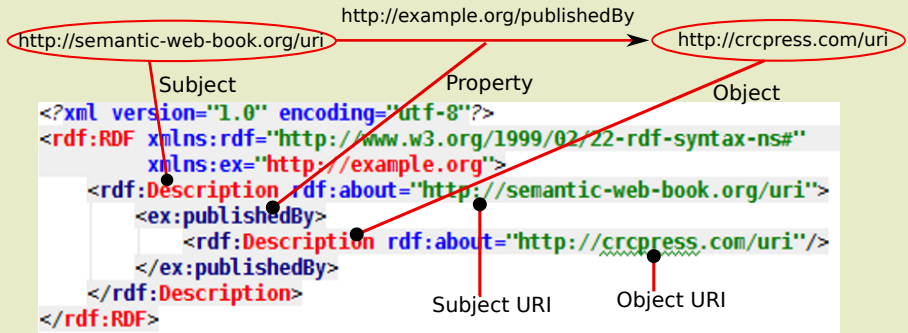
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  <http://example.org/publishedBy> <http://crcpress.com/uri> .
<http://semantic-web-book.org/uri>
  <http://example.org/title>
    "Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies" .
<http://crcpress.com/uri>
  <http://example.org/name>      "CRC Press" .
    
```

- URIs in angle brackets, literals enclosed in quotes, and triples end with a period. All white spaces: blank lines, line feeds are skipped.



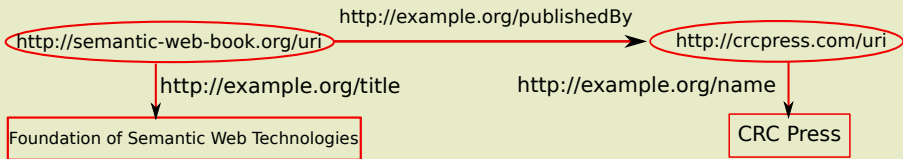
### W3C recommendation: XML

- XML is extensively used as the message format between heterogeneous systems.
- Many programming languages provide full XML parsing libraries.
- The normative syntax for RDF is based on XML syntax.



- RDF language has its own namespace.
- Uses tags that belong to different namespaces.

# Untyped



```

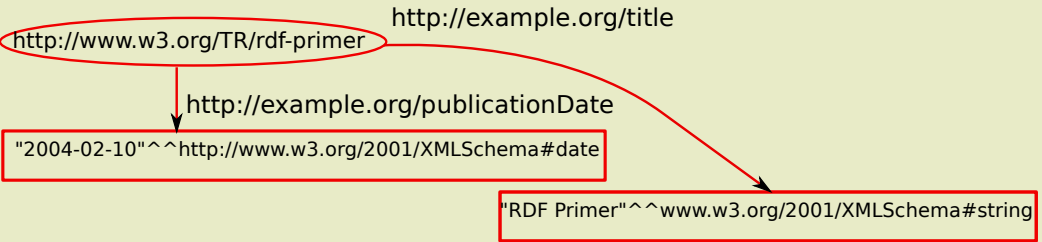
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri">
  <ex:title>Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies</ex:title>
  <ex:publishedBy>
    <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://crcpress.com/uri">
      <ex:name>CRC Press</ex:name>
    </rdf:Description>
  </ex:publishedBy>
</rdf:Description>

```

- Untyped text is taken as free text, and it is bound by XML version and character encoding.
- Subject could contain multiple properties, and
- Object can be used as subject for further triples.
- Datatypes can contain types from XML Schema.



# Datatypes



```
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer>
  <http://example.org/title> "RDF Primer"^^xsd:string ;
  <http://example.org/publicationDate> "2004-02-10"^^xsd:date .
```

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer">
  <ex:title rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string">
    RDF Primer
  </ex:title>
  <ex:publicationDate
    rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#date">
    2004-02-10
  </ex:publicationDate>
</rdf:Description>
```

### rdf:XMLLiteral for arbitrary XML fragments

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book/uri"  
  <ex:title rdf:parseType="Literal">  
    Foundations of  
    <br />  
    <b>Semantic Web Technologies</b>  
  </ex:title>  
</rdf:Description>
```

### Alternative representation #1

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book/uri"  
  ex:title="Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies">  
  <ex:publishedBy rdf:resource="http://crcpress.com/uri" />  
</rdf:Description>  
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://crcpress.com/uri"  
  ex:Name="CRC Press" />
```

## XML ENTITY to prefix URLs

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <!DOCTYPE rdf:RDF [
  <!ENTITY book 'http://semantic-web-book.org/'>
]>

<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:ex ="http://example.org/"

  <rdf:Description rdf:about="&book;uri">
    <ex:title>Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies</ex:title>
  </rdf:Description>

</rdf:RDF>

```

## Base namespace

```

<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:ex ="http://example.org/"
  xml:base ="http://semantic-web-book.org/" >

  <rdf:Description rdf:about="uri">
    <ex:publishedBy rdf:resource="http://crcpress.com/uri" />
  </rdf:Description>

</rdf:RDF>

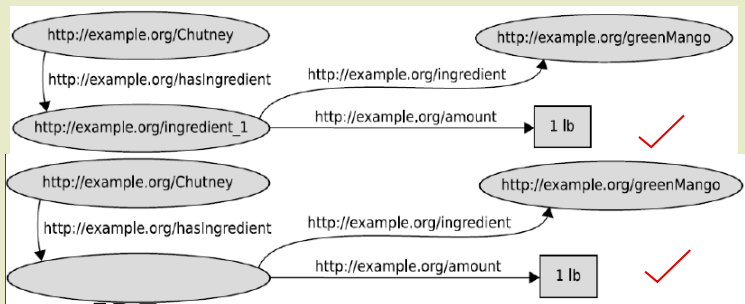
```

## Many-valued relationships: n-ary

*hasIngredient(Chutney, 1lb, GreenMango)* (3)

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
ex:Chutney ex:hasIngredient "1lb green mango", ?
          "1tsp. Cayenne pepper" .
```

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
ex:Chutney ex:ingredient ex:greenMango; ex:amount ? "1lb" ;
           ex:ingredient ex:CayennePepper; ex:amount ? "1tsp." .
```



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## Using blank nodes: XML

```

<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://example.org/Chutney">
  <ex:hasIngredient rdf:nodeID="id1" />
</rdf:Description>
<rdf:Description rdf:nodeID="id1">
  <ex:ingredient rdf:resource="http://example.org/greenMango" />
  <ex:amount>1lb</ex:amount>
</rdf:Description>
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://example.org/Chutney">
  <ex:hasIngredient rdf:parseType="Resource">
    <ex:ingredient rdf:resource="http://example.org/greenMango" />
    <ex:amount>1lb</ex:amount>
  </ex:hasIngredient>
</rdf:Description>

```

Alternate

## Using blank nodes: Turtle

```

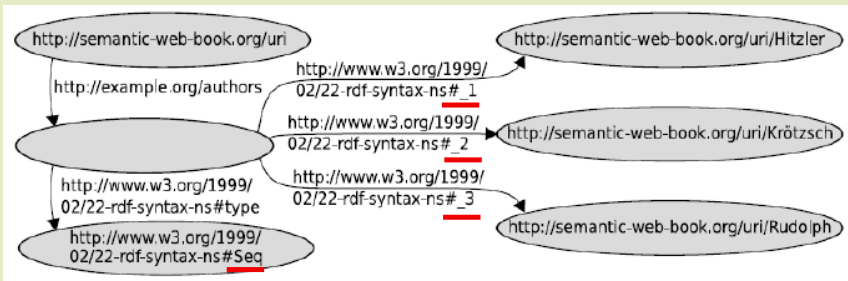
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
ex:Chutney ex:hasIngredient _:id1 .
_:id1 ex:ingredient ex:greenMango; ex:amount "1lb" .
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
ex:Chutney ex:hasIngredient
[ ex:ingredient ex:greenMango; ex:amount "1lb" ] .

```

Alternate

## Open lists: containers

- This has provision to add new elements.
- `rdf:Seq` for ordered lists, `rdf:Bag` for unordered list, and `rdf:Alt` for set of alternatives.

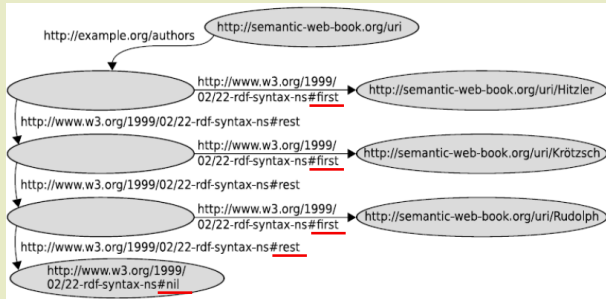


```

<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book/uri">
  <ex:authors>
    <rdf:Seq>
      <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Hitzler" />
      <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Kröttsch" />
      <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Rudolph" />
    </rdf:Seq>
  </ex:authors>
</rdf:Description>

```

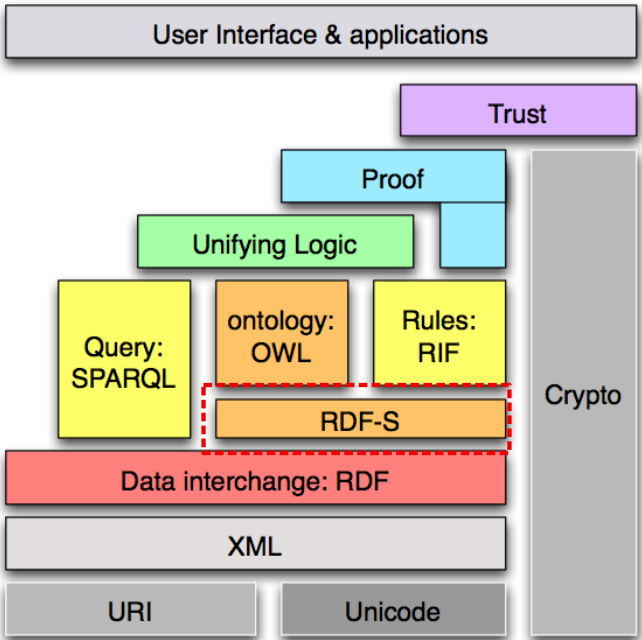
## Close lists: collections



```

<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book/uri">
  <ex:authors rdf:parseType="Collection">
    <rdf:Description
      rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Hitzler" />
    <rdf:Description
      rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Kröttsch" />
    <rdf:Description
      rdf:about="http://semantic-web-book.org/uri/Rudolph" />
  </ex:authors>
</rdf:Description>

@prefix book: <http://semantic-web-book.org/> .
book:uri <http://example.org/authors>
  ( book:uri/Hitzler book:uri/Kröttsch book:uri/Rudolph ) .
  
```







## RDFS common facts

- RDFS is a W3C recommendation.
- Every RDFS document is a valid RDF document.
- We use [rdfs:http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#](http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#) QName.
- RDFS is a knowledge representation language or **ontology language**.
- An ontology is a description of knowledge about a domain of interest, the core of which is a machine-processable specification with a formally defined meaning.
- RDFS is a lightweight ontology language (*"A little semantics goes a long way"* - James Hendler).

## Representing things

- A concept (a.k.a. class) represents a set of things. We use URIs to represent classes.

## Vocabulary

- Class membership:  
`book:uri`      **`rdf:type`**      `ex:TextBook`.
- An URI could have multiple memberships:  
`book:uri`      **`rdf:type`**      `ex:TextBook`  
`book:uri`      **`rdf:type`**      `ex:MustRead`
- Classes have hierarchies (a.k.a. **taxonomy**): *each text book is a book*  
`ex:TextBook`   **`rdfs:subClassOf`**   `ex:Book`
- Every class URI is a member of:  
`ex:TextBook`   **`rdf:type`**      **`rdfs:Class`**
- and,  
**`rdfs:Class`**      **`rdf:type`**      **`rdfs:Class`**

## Vocabulary

- [rdfs:Resource](#) : class of all resources
- [rdf:Property](#) : class of all properties
- [rdf:XMLLiteral](#) : we know this
- [rdfs:Literal](#) : class of all literal values
- [rdfs:Datatype](#) : class of all datatypes
- [rdf:Bag](#), [rdf:Alt](#), [rdf:Seq](#), [rdf:List](#), [rdf:nil](#), and [rdfs:Container](#) : for containers; open and close
- [rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty](#) : class of constrained properties
- [rdfs:Statement](#) : class of reified triples

Logical consequences : deduced, or inferred or implicit knowledge

	<i>x</i>	<i>rdf : type</i>		<i>ex : TextBook</i>	(8)
<i>ex : TextBook</i>		<i>rdfs : subClassOf</i>	<i>ex : Book</i>		(9)
	⊨				
	<i>x</i>	<i>rdf : type</i>		<i>ex : Book.</i>	(10)

Logical consequences : **rdfs:subClassOf is transitive**

<i>ex : TextBook</i>		<i>rdfs : subClassOf</i>		<i>ex : Book</i>	(11)
<i>ex : Book</i>		<i>rdfs : subClassOf</i>	<i>ex : PrintMedia</i>		(12)
	⊨				
<i>ex : TextBook</i>		<i>rdfs : subClassOf</i>	<i>ex : PrintMedia.</i>		(13)









## Reification

- We want to say *"The detective supposes that the butler killed the gardener"*.
- These are unsatisfactory:

*: detective : supposes "Thebutlerkilledthegardner"*  
*: detective : supposes : TheButlerKilledTheGardner*

- What we would like:

*: butler : killed : gardener.* (30)

- We use reification:

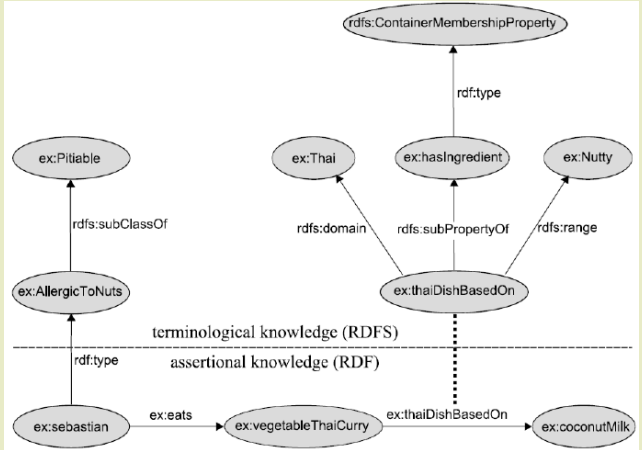
*: detective : supposes \_ : id*  
*\_ : id rdf : subject : butler*  
*\_ : id rdf : predicate : hasKilled*  
*\_ : id rdf : object : gardener.*

# Example

```

ex:vegetableThaiCurry  ex:thaiDishBasedOn  ex:coconutMilk .
ex:sebastian            rdf:type              ex:AllergicToNuts .
ex:sebastian            ex:eats                ex:vegetableThaiCurry .

ex:AllergicToNuts       rdfs:subClassOf       ex:Pitiable .
ex:thaiDishBasedOn     rdfs:domain          ex:Thai .
ex:thaiDishBasedOn     rdfs:range          ex:Nutty .
ex:thaiDishBasedOn     rdfs:subPropertyOf  ex:hasIngredient .
ex:hasIngredient        rdf:type            rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .
    
```



### RDFS semantics is weaker

:Mary	rdf:type	:Person	$\rightsquigarrow$	Person(Mary)
:Mother	rdf:subClassOf	:Woman	$\rightsquigarrow$	Mother $\sqsubseteq$ Woman
:John	:hasWife	:Mary	$\rightsquigarrow$	hasWife(John, Mary)
:hasWife	rdfs:subPropertyOf	:hasSpouse	$\rightsquigarrow$	hasWife $\sqsubseteq$ hasSpouse
:hasWife	rdfs:range	:Woman	$\rightsquigarrow$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasWife.Woman}$
:hasWife	rdfs:domain	:Man	$\rightsquigarrow$	$\exists \text{hasWife.}\top \sqsubseteq \text{Man}$

### Multiple views

Look at this statement *Truck*  $\sqsubseteq$  *MotorVehicle*. When this statement travels up the Semantic Stack, it will be subjected to three views:

- 1 XML structure
- 2 RDF graph (triple)
- 3 RDF Schema (semantic)





## Motivation

- How do we represent these sentences:
  - Every project has at least one participant.
  - Projects are always internal or external projects.
  - The superior of my superior is also my superior.
  - All examiners of an exam must be professors.
  - $Human \sqsubseteq \exists hasParent. Human$
  - $Orphan \sqsubseteq Human \sqcap \forall hasParent. \neg Alive$
  - $Orphan(HarryPotter)$
  - $hasParent(HarryPotter, JamesPotter)$
  - $\forall x, y (\exists (hasParent(x, z) \wedge hasBrother(z, y)) \Rightarrow hasUncle(x, y))$
  - $HappyFather \equiv \geq 2 hasChild. Female$
  - $Car \sqsubseteq =4 hasTyre. \top$
  - $PersonCommittingSuicide \equiv \exists hasKilled. Self$
  - $\neg hasColleague(UbboVisser, NadalRafael)$
- We use **OWL 2 Web Ontology Language**.
- OWL 2 is a W3C recommendation for modeling ontologies.
- OWL Lite  $\sqsubseteq$  **OWL DL**  $\sqsubseteq$  OWL Full.



## OWL sublanguages

- OWL Full













## OWL sublanguages

- OWL Full
  - contains OWL DL and OWL Lite
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using WorkingWithFemaleColleagues.owl

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Asymmetric	Asy(R)	hasChild	$R(a, b) \Rightarrow \text{not } R(b, a)$
Reflexive	Ref(R)	hasRelative	$R(a, a) \text{ for all } a$
Irreflexive	Irr(R)	parentOf	$\text{not } R(a, a) \text{ for any } a$
Functional	Fnc(R)	hasHusband	$R(a, b) \text{ and } R(a, c) \Rightarrow b = c$
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## Type separation, and punning, and declarations

- In OWL 2 DL, a **class name** may also occur as a **abstract role name**. But, they are treated as distinct. This is called **punning**.
- When a class name is used as a abstract role name, they are identified by the same URI. It is the same resource in the sense of RDF.
- In OWL 2 DL, they are considered as semantically distinct, i.e., two different interpretation of the same resource.
- e.g.,  
*Professor(UbboVisser)*  
*Professor(UbboVisser, UniversityOfMiami)*
- **owl:hasKey**: Given a class  $C$ , a set of abstract or concrete roles  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  is said to be a **key** for class  $C$ , if no two named instances of  $C$  coincide on all values of all the roles. This relates to inverse functionality, but inverse functionality only implied the existence.

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- OWL Full:
  - Unrestricted OWL 2 DL plus all of RDF(S).
  - There is no reasoner that supports the semantics of OWL Full.
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- OWL DL:
  - Description logic version of OWL.
  - Model-theoretic semantics of SROIQ(D) is used, called OWL 2 Direct Semantics.
  - Reasoner support exists.
- OWL Lite:
  - OWL Lite is essentially difficult to deal with as OWL DL. Therefore, this has minor role in practice.

## OWL 2 Profiles

- There are sublanguages of OWL 2, which have polynomial inference algorithms.
- OWL 2 EL (OWL 2 EL++):
  - Polynomial time algorithms exist for satisfiability checking, classification, and instance checking.
  - e.g., SNOMED CT
  - Allowed :  $\sqcap \exists T \perp \sqsubseteq \sqcap \exists T \perp$ , closed classes must have only one member, and property chain axioms and range restrictions under certain conditions.
  - Disallowed :  $\neg \sqcup$ , arbitrary universal quantification, and role inverses.
  - e.g.,
    - Human*  $\sqsubseteq \exists hasParent. Person$ ,
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Property characteristics	DL	FOL	Vocabulary
Symmetric	$Sym(R)$	Axiomatize	owl:SymmetricProperty
Asymmetric	$Asy(R)$	Axiomatize	owl:AsymmetricProperty
Reflexive	$Ref(R)$	Axiomatize	owl:ReflexiveProperty
Irreflexive	$Irr(R)$	Axiomatize	owl:IrreflexiveProperty
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Subclass	$C \sqsubseteq D$	$\forall x. C(x) \Rightarrow D(x)$	rdfs:subClassOf
Subproperty	$R \sqsubseteq S$	$\forall x, y. R(x, y) \Rightarrow S(x, y)$	rdfs:subPropertyOf









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