

First things first...

- Assignment of slots for final presentations
- Q&A – I expect you to resend me corrected assignments, taking my feedback into account
 - e.g. for **Assignment 1**: make sure that your FOAF file validates in an RDF validator
 - for **Assignment 2**: send me only parseable Turtle
 - for **Assignment 3**: send me only **running** SPARQL queries, which you have tested.
 - don't forget **Assignment 4** (just published)
- **Grades:**
 - No exam necessary.
 - But no “**Sehr Gut**” unless you have been excellent in the assignments and in your presentation.
 - I will send you some suggested grade after the presentation.
 - You can improve in an oral exam, if you want – by appointment.

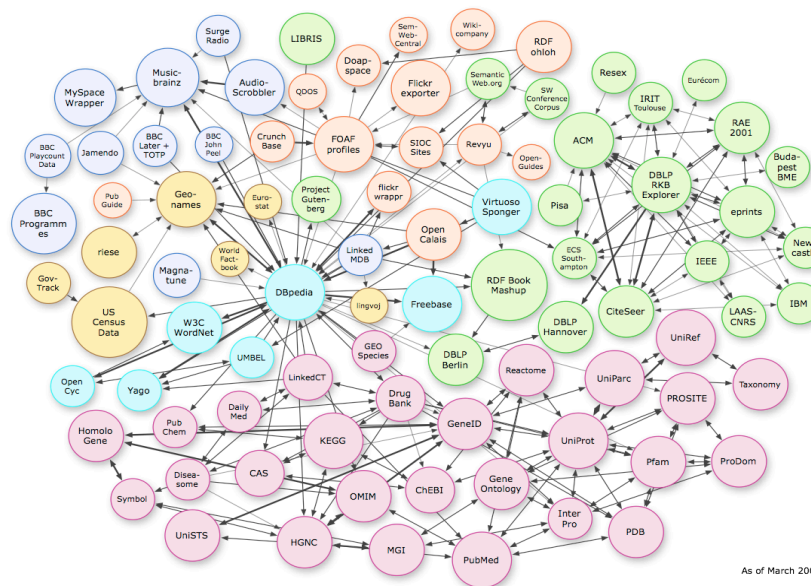
Unit 7: Querying and Exchanging Data on the Web

Overview

- Linked Data – The idea
- Why is it interesting for companies?
- Which challenges are lying ahead?
- XSPARQL: An approach to query and combine several Web Data Formats at once.

Linked Data – The idea

1. Everything gets a URI (conferences, people, talks, ...)
2. These URIs are linked via RDF describing relations
3. Relations are URIs again (e.g. :name)
4. When I dereference the URIs, I should find more information about them



Freebase



BEST BUY

facebook

Linked Data – The idea

Let Tim Berners-Lee explain it:

http://www.ted.com/talks/tim_berniers_lee_on_the_next_web.html

(around 5:40)

[http://www.ted.com/talks/
tim_berniers_lee_the_year_open_data_went_worldwide.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/tim_berniers_lee_the_year_open_data_went_worldwide.html)



**Why is this all
interesting for
companies?**

Why is this interesting for companies?

Linked Data and Open Data (apart from Linked Open Data) are both emerging paradigms:

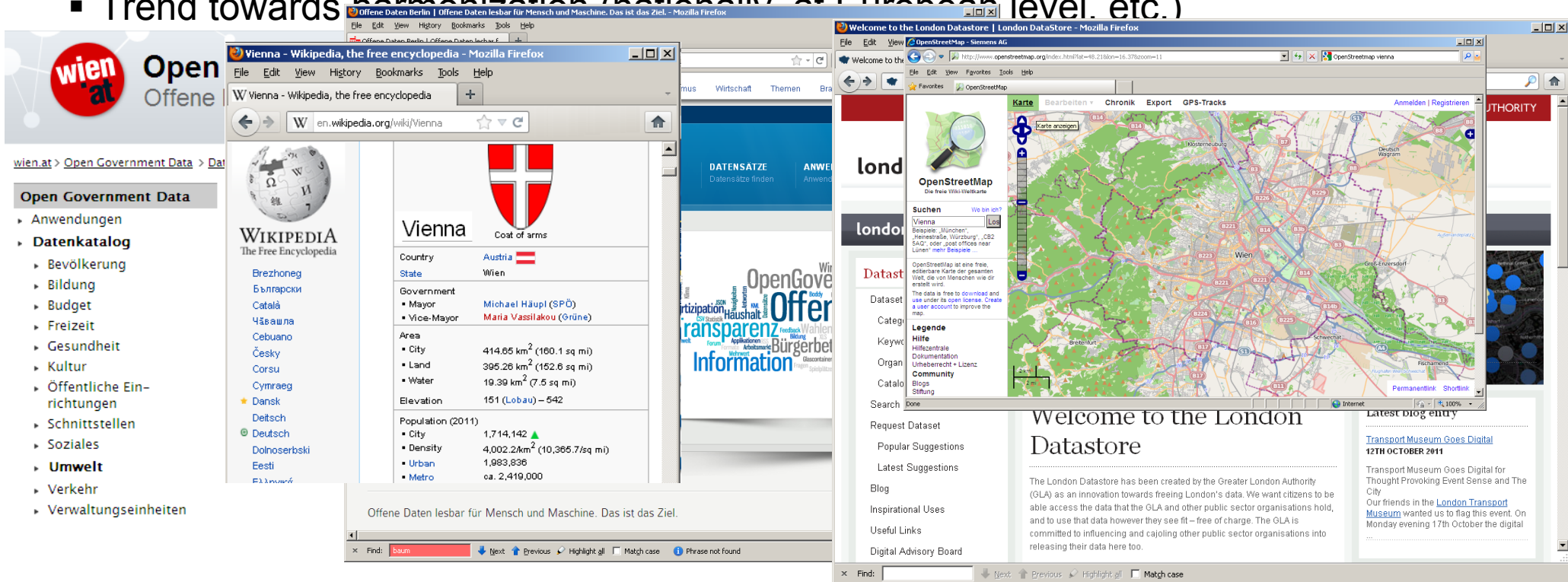
- **Linked Data apart from the “LOD cloud”:**
 - Enterprise Linked Data (for Knowledge Management within the Enterprise)
 - Online companies (eCommerce, Search) start to leverage and support Linked Data

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `schema.org/docs/datamodel.html`. The page title is "Data Model - schema.org". The browser's address bar shows `schema.org rdfs`. The page content includes the `schema.org` logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Home, Schemas, and Documentation. The main heading is "Data Model". Below the heading, the text reads: "The following is a discussion about the data model used by schema.org." The sentence "The data model used is very generic and derived from RDF Schema (which in turn was derived from CyL, which in turn ...)" is circled in red. Below this, a list item starts with "1. We have a set of types, arranged in a multiple inheritance heirarchy where each type may be a sub class of multiple types."

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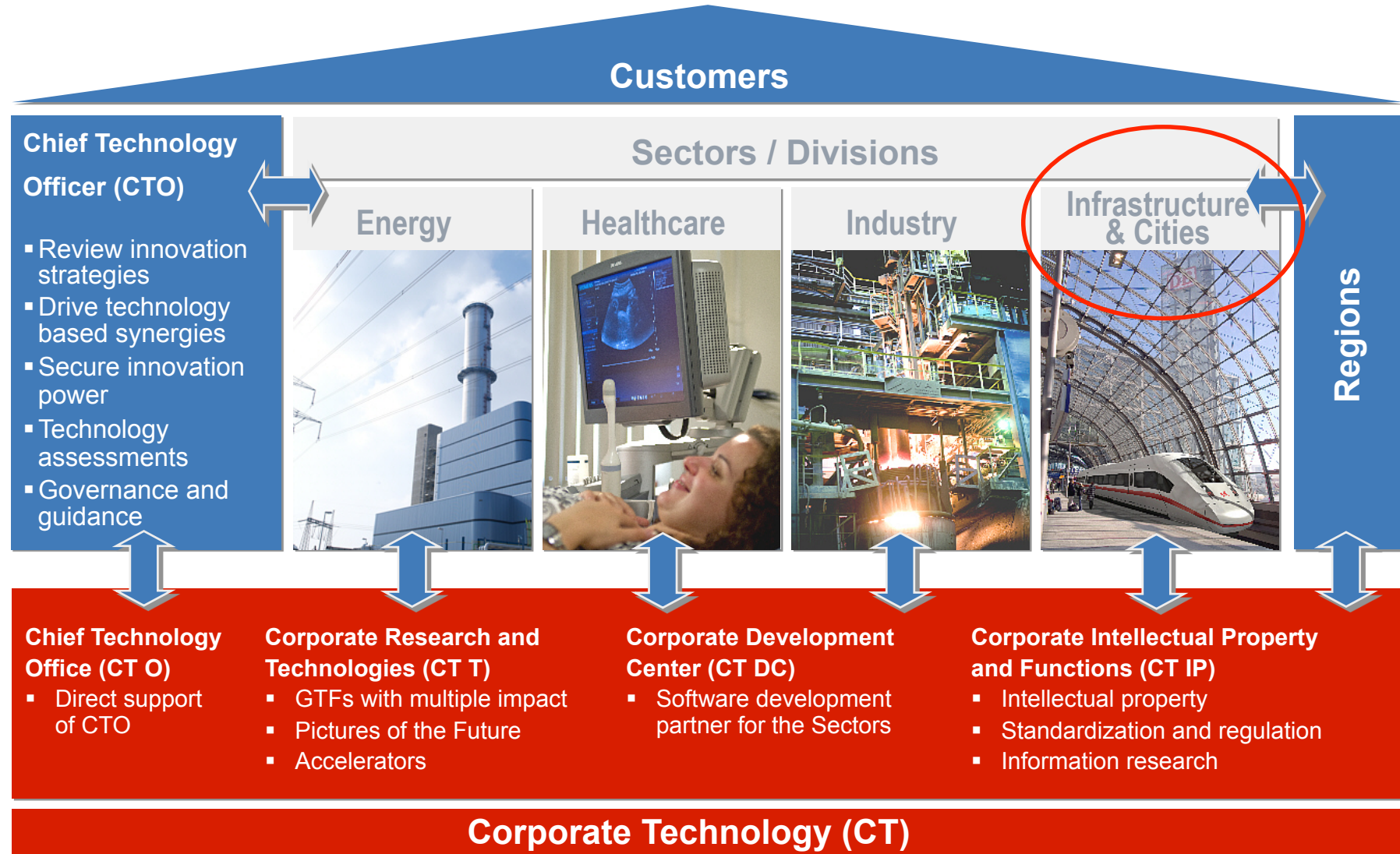
- **Open Data:**
 - Open Data is a trend towards transparency for Governments
 - More Publically available Data leverages new Business Models (not only for SMEs!)
 - Many Governments realize that Opening Data brings more revenue than selling it
 - (EU) regulations force Cities and Governments to publish Data
 - Trend towards harmonization (nationally, at European level, etc.)



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Networking the integrated technology company

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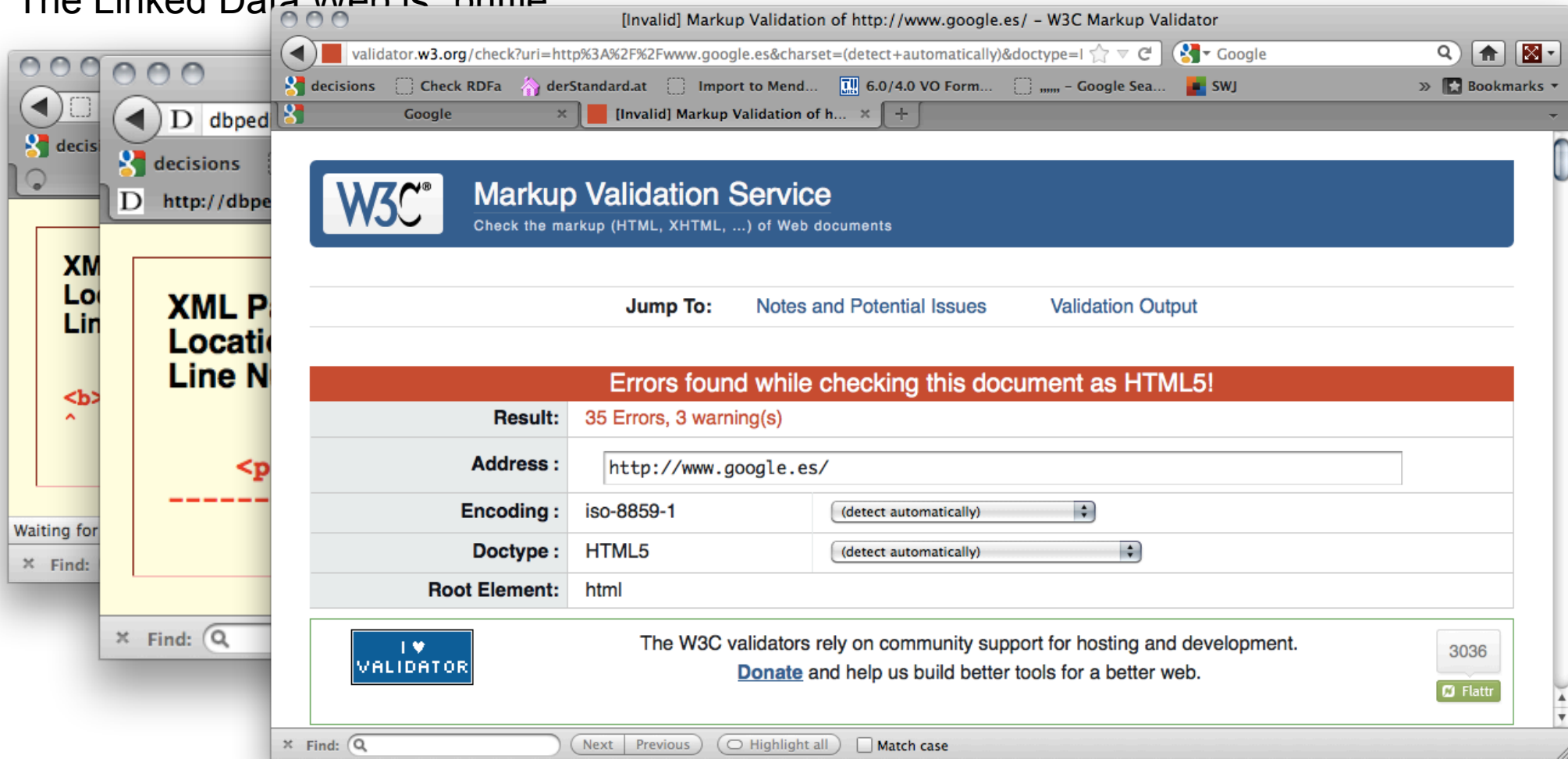


Challenges ahead...



Challenges/Problems

The Linked Data Web is “brittle”



Just like the normal Web is (did you ever try to run an HTML validator on google.com)?

How good/bad is published Linked Data?

ISWC2010

“Almost all infrastructural connectivity on the WoD is mediated by 3 servers, xmlns.com, dbpedia.org and purl.org, making the system very brittle.”

Finding the Achilles Heel of the Web of Data: using network analysis for link-recommendation

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Journal of Web Semantics (forthcoming)

An empirical survey of Linked Data conformance

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“conformance of data providers varies significantly for the different Linked Data guide- lines highlighted, which in turn may have implications for ad hoc consumers operating over the Web of Data.”

How much OWL is on the Web of Data? What's missing for using Linked Data?

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LDOW workshop @ WWW2012

OWL: Yet to arrive on the Web of Data?

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“Single-triple expressible OWL RL axioms are most prominent on the Web.”

DESWEB workshop @ ICDE2012

“indexes for Linked Data in the Web are often incomplete and outdated.”

→ Needs rethinking in terms of applying traditional Database techniques.

Linked Data and Live Querying for Enabling Support Platforms for Web Dataspaces

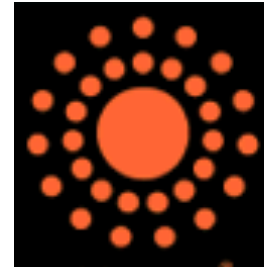
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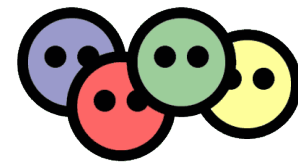
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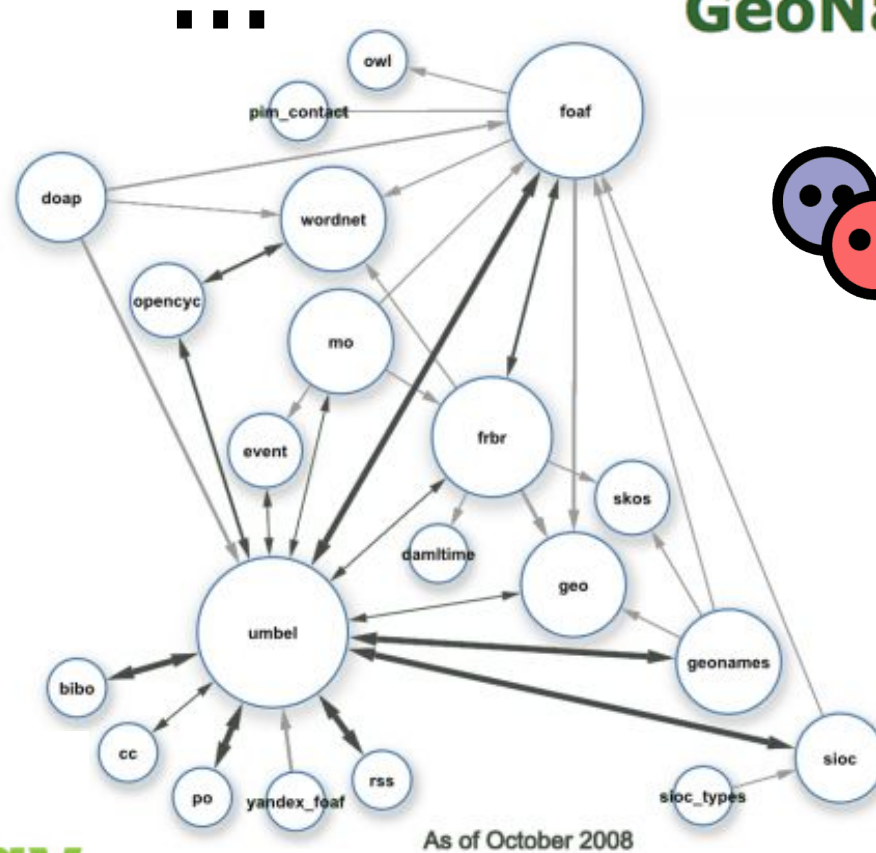
Linked Data, RDFS and OWL: Linked Vocabularies



GeoNames



SKOS



DOAP



So what OWL is used out there?

Looked at Billion Triple Challenge 2011 Dataset

- 2.1 billion quadruples, crawled from...
- 7.4 million RDF/XML documents, covering...
- 791 (pay-level) domains

Count OWL features used in the dataset:

- Per use
- Per document
- Per domain
- **Can be skewed by data**

Ranked OWL features using *PageRank*:

- Rank documents based on dereferenceable links
- For each OWL feature, sum the rank of documents using it
- **Intuition: Approximates probability of encountering an OWL feature during a random walk of the data**

Results of ranking (see paper for all details)

1	<code>rdf:Property</code>	5.74E-1
2	<code>rdfs:range</code>	4.67E-1
3	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	4.62E-1
4	<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>	4.60E-1
5	<code>rdfs:Class</code>	4.45E-1
6	<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>	2.35E-1
7	<code>owl:Class</code>	1.74E-1
8	<code>owl:ObjectProperty</code>	1.68E-1
9	<code>rdfs:Datatype</code>	1.68E-1
10	<code>owl:DatatypeProperty</code>	1.65E-1
11	<code>owl:AnnotationProperty</code>	1.60E-1
12	<code>owl:FunctionalProperty</code>	9.18E-2
13	<code>owl:equivalentProperty</code>	8.54E-2
14	<code>owl:inverseOf</code>	7.91E-2
15	<code>owl:disjointWith</code>	7.65E-2

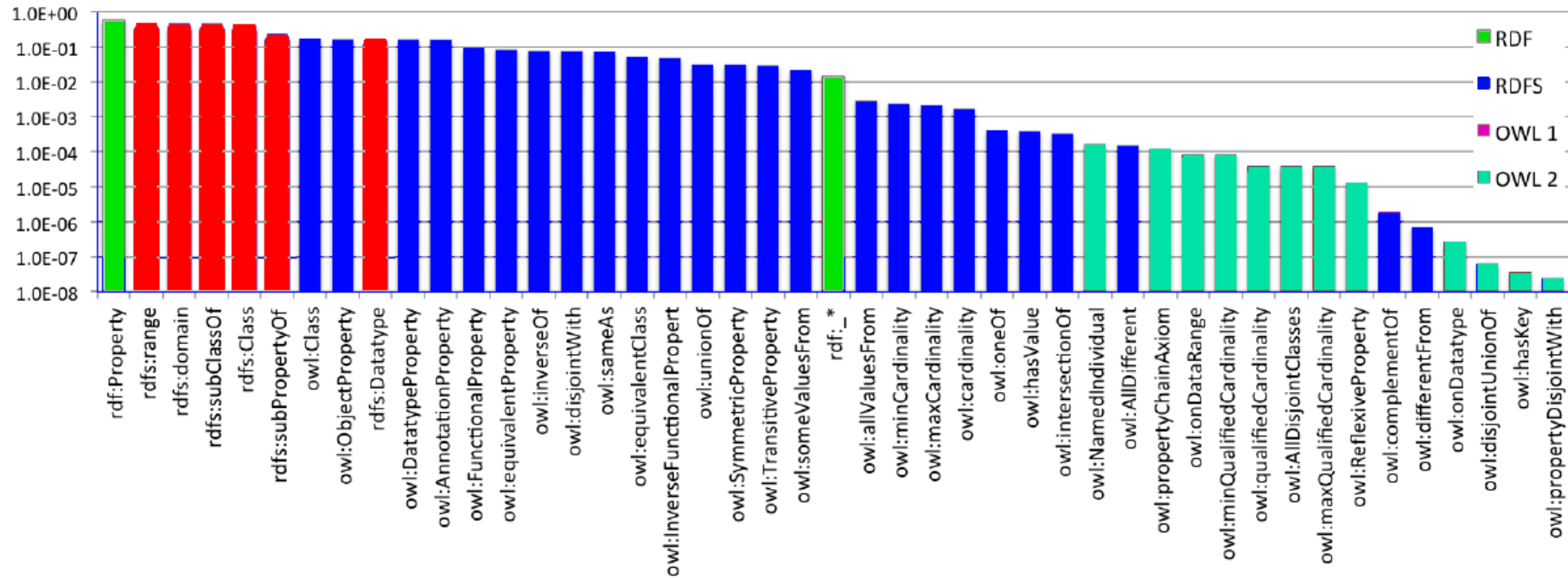
Results of ranking (see paper for all details)

...		
16	<code>owl:sameAs</code>	7.29E-2
17	<code>owl:equivalentClass</code>	5.24E-2
18	<code>owl:InverseFunctionalProperty</code>	4.79E-2
19	<code>owl:unionOf</code>	3.15E-2
20	<code>owl:SymmetricProperty</code>	3.13E-2
21	<code>owl:TransitiveProperty</code>	2.98E-2
22	<code>owl:someValuesFrom</code>	2.13E-2
23	<code>rdf:_*</code>	1.42E-2
24	<code>owl:allValuesFrom</code>	2.98E-3
25	<code>owl:minCardinality</code>	2.43E-3
26	<code>owl:maxCardinality</code>	2.14E-3
27	<code>owl:cardinality</code>	1.75E-3
28	<code>owl:oneOf</code>	4.13E-4
29	<code>owl:hasValue</code>	3.91E-4
30	<code>owl:intersectionOf</code>	3.37E-4
31	<code>owl:NamedIndividual</code>	3.37E-4

Observations?

RDFS features amongst the most prominently used
 OWL 2 features not yet used prominently

RDF | RDFS | OWL | OWL 2
 x-axis is log-scale!



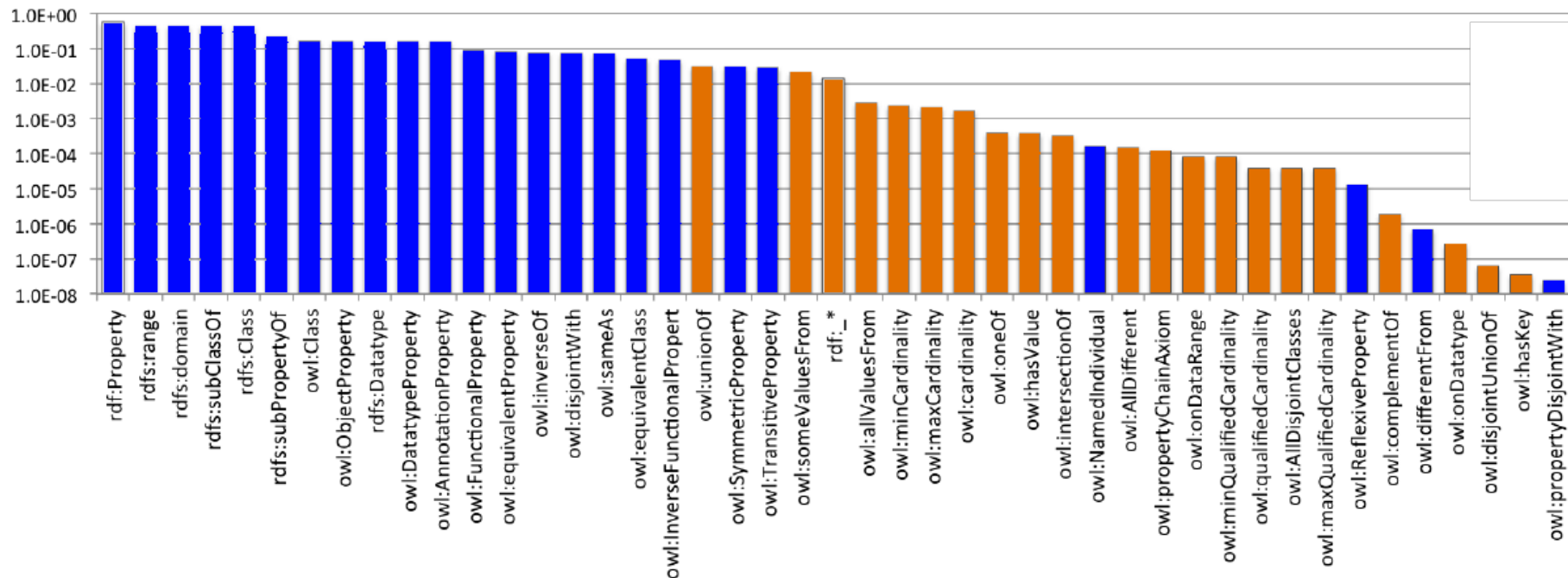
Observations?

(OWL) Features expressed with a single RDF triple are most prominent

- Roughly speaking, features not *requiring* blank nodes
 - e.g., sub-class/-property, inverse-of, equivalent property/class, sameas, domain/range, disjoint with, etc.
- Not those requiring lists or *n*-ary predicate in RDF mapping
 - e.g., union, intersection, cardinalities, all-disjoint, some/all/has-value restrictions, hasKey, pCAs, etc.

Single Triple (No BNodes) | Multi-Triple (Needs BNodes)

x-axis is log-scale!



What Reasoning is needed?

Bottomline:

A **subset of OWL 2 RL** (which is efficiently implementable, i.e. without ABox-joins) is sufficient to cover reasoning on most Linked Data sources!

Details, cf.

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However...

Not all Web Data is RDF (and OWL):

In fact, most Web Data is still in other formats:

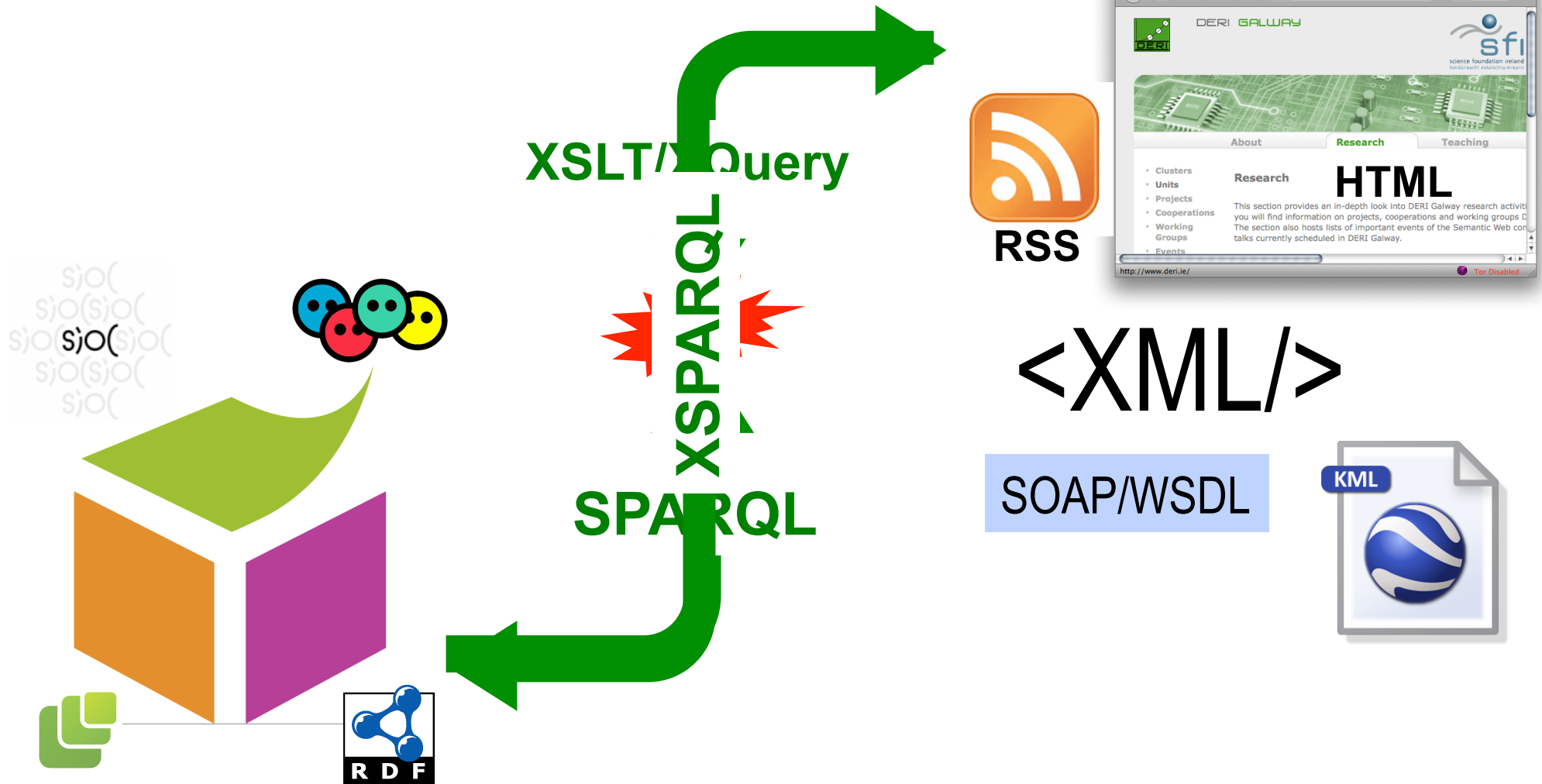
XML, CSV, JSON...

→ We need approaches to deal with these formats!

The collage consists of several overlapping browser windows:

- wien.at Open Government Data:** A navigation menu with categories like 'Anwendungen', 'Datenkatalog', 'Bevölkerung', 'Bildung', 'Budget', 'Freizeit', 'Gesundheit', 'Kultur', 'Öffentliche Einrichtungen', 'Schnittstellen', 'Soziales', 'Umwelt', 'Verkehr', and 'Verwaltungseinheiten'.
- Wikipedia - Vienna:** A page showing the coat of arms and key statistics for Vienna, Austria, such as area (414.85 km²) and population (1,714,142).
- Open Government Information Word Cloud:** A central graphic with terms like 'Open Government Information', 'Transparenz', 'Haushalt', 'Wahlen', and 'Bürgerbeteiligung'.
- London DataStore:** A website header and introductory text for the Greater London Authority's data portal.
- OpenStreetMap - Vienna:** A map interface showing the city of Vienna with various street and transit data overlays.

XML & RDF: one Web – two formats



A Sample Scenario...

Example: Favourite artists location

How to implement the visualisation?

- 1) Get your favourite bands
- 2) Get the hometown of the bands
- 3) Create a KML file to be displayed in Google Maps

Nightwish

80,104,392 plays (991,705 listeners)
3,627 plays in your library

Send Nightwish Ringtones to Mobile

Buy Tag

Kitee, Finland (1996 - present)

Nightwish is a **symphonic power metal** band, formed in the town of Kitee, Finland in 1996. The band currently consists of **Tuomas Holopainen** (keyboards), **Marco Hietala** (bass, vocals), **Emppu Vuorinen** (guitars), **Jukka Nevalainen** (drums and percussion) and **Anette Olzon** (vocals).

9 Persuader

10 Sonata Arctica

Last.fm shows
our most
used
bands

Last.fm is not so
useful in this step

4,459
3,627
3,500
3,493
2,999
2,988
2,110
2,093
2,045
1,982

DBpedia

Nightwish

Nightwish live in Melbourne, Australia, on January 30, 2008

Background information

Origin Kitee, Finland

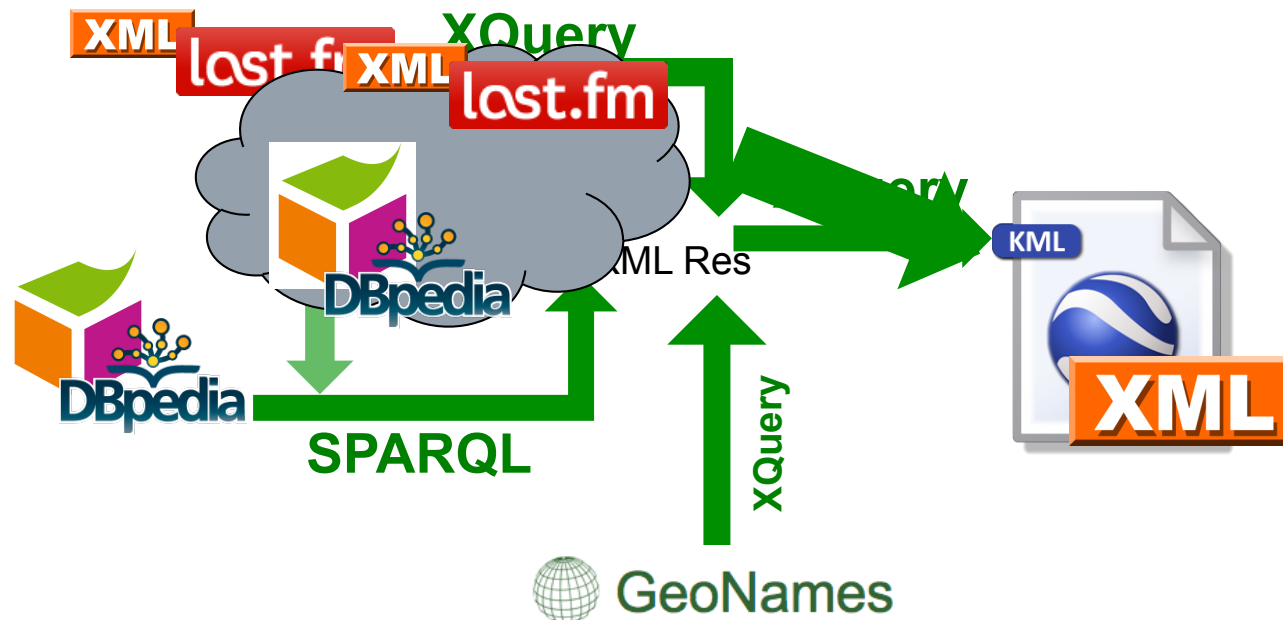
Genres Symphonic metal, power metal

Years active 1996–present

Example: Favourite artists location

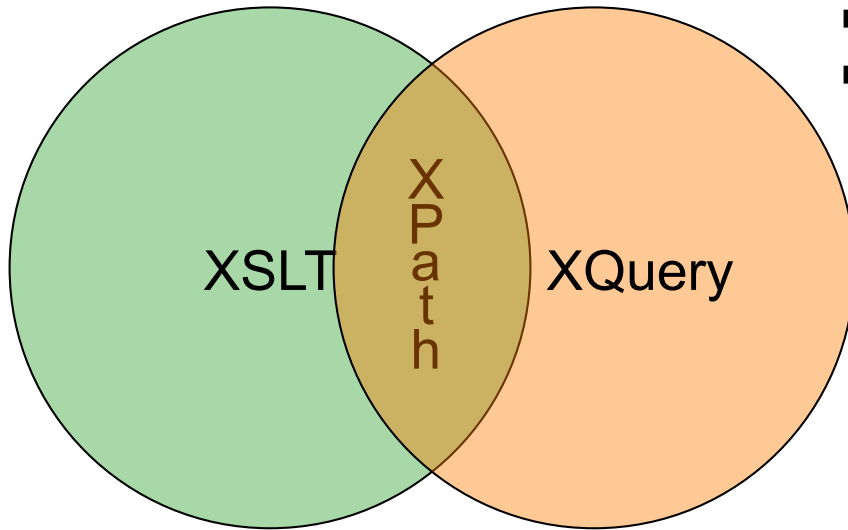
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Transformation and Query Languages

XML Transformation Language
Syntax: XML



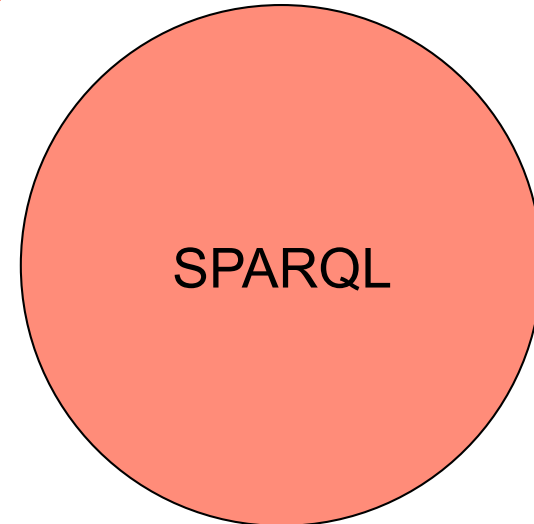
- XPath is the common core
- Mostly used to select nodes from an XML doc

- XML Query Language
- non-XML syntax

XML world

RDF world

- Query Language for RDF
- Pattern based
- declarative



SPARQL XML Result format
RDF/XML... ambiguous

Querying XML Data from Last.fm with XQuery 1/2

```
<lfm status="ok">
  <topartists type="overall">
    <artist rank="1">
      <name>Therion</name>
      <playcount>4459</playcount>
      <url>http://www.last.fm/music/Therion</url>
    </artist>
    <artist rank="2">
      <name>Nightwish</name>
      <playcount>3627</playcount>
      <url>http://www.last.fm/music/Nightwish</url>
    </artist>
  </topartists>
</lfm>
```

Last.fm API format:

- root element: “lfm”, then “topartists”
- sequence of “artist”

Querying this document with XPath:

XPath steps:

`/lfm`

Selects the “lfm” root element

`//artist`

Selects all the “artist” elements

XPath Predicates

`//artist[@rank = 1]`

Selects the “artist” with rank 1

Querying XML Data from Last.fm with XQuery 2/2

iterate over
sequences

assign values
to variables

filter
expressions

create XML
elements

Prolog:	P	declare namespace <i>prefix</i> ="namespace-URI"
Body:	F	for var in <i>XPath-expression</i>
	L	let var := <i>XPath-expression</i>
	W	where <i>XPath-expression</i>
	O	order by <i>XPath-expression</i>
Head:	R	return <i>XML + nested XQuery</i>

Query:

Retrieve information
regarding a users'
2nd top artists from
the

Last.fm API

```
let $doc := "http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/user.gettopartist"
for $artist in doc($doc)//artist
where $artist[@rank = 2]
return <artistData>{$artist}</artistData>
```

Result for user "jacktrades"

```
<artistData>
  <artist rank="2">
    <name>Nightwish</name>
    <playcount>3850</playcount>
    <mbid>00a9f935-ba93-4fc8-a33a-993abe9c936b</mbid>
    <url>http://www.last.fm/music/Nightwish</url>
    <streamable>1</streamable>
    <image size="small">http://userserve-ak.last.fm/serve/34/149929.jpg</image>
    <image size="medium">http://userserve-ak.last.fm/serve/64/149929.jpg</image>
    <image size="large">http://userserve-ak.last.fm/serve/126/149929.jpg</image>
    <image size="extralarge">http://userserve-ak.last.fm/serve/252/149929.jpg</image>
    <image size="mega">http://userserve-ak.last.fm/serve/500/149929/Nightwish.jpg</image>
  </artist>
</artistData>
```

Query:

Retrieve information regarding a users' 2nd top artists from the

Last.fm API


```
let $doc := "http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/user.gettopartist"
for $artist in doc($doc)//artist
where $artist[@rank = 2]
return <artistData>{$artist}</artistData>
```

Now what about RDF Data?

Lots of RDF Data out there, ready to “query the Web”



Nightwish



Nightwish live in **Melbourne, Australia**, on January 30, 2008

Background information

Origin Kitee, Finland

Genres Symphonic metal, power metal

Years active 1996–present

Browser window: About: Nightwish

URL: dbpedia.org/page/Nightwish

About: Nightwish

An Entity of Type : [organisation](#), from Named Graph : <http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia.org](#)

Nightwish is a Finnish symphonic metal band from Kitee. Formed in 1996 by songwriter and keyboardist Tuomas Holopainen, guitarist Emppu Vuorinen, and former vocalist Tarja Turunen, Nightwish's current line-up has five members, although Tarja has been replaced by Anette Olzon and the original bassist, Sami Vänskä, has been replaced by Marco Hietala, who also took over the male vocalist part; previously male vocal-parts were done by Tuomas or guest singers.

dbpprop:currentMembers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dbpedia:Tuomas_Holopainen dbpedia:Jukka_Nevalainen dbpedia:Marco_Hietala dbpedia:Emppu_Vuorinen dbpedia:Anette_Olzon
dbpprop:genre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dbpedia:Power_metal dbpedia:Symphonic_metal
dbpprop:imageSize	250 (xsd:integer)
dbpprop:label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dbpedia:Nuclear_Blast dbpedia:Roadrunner_Records dbpedia:Drakkar_Entertainment dbpedia:Spinefarm_Records dbpedia:NEMS_Enterprises_(label) dbpedia:Century_Media_Records
dbpprop:landscape	Yes
dbpprop:name	Nightwish

Surrounding diagram: A network of interconnected nodes representing various data sources and ontologies, including DBpedia, Wikidata, and various domain-specific ontologies like UniParc, GenBank, OMIM, InterPro, MGI, GeneID, Gene Ontology, PubMed, UniSTS, Product DB, Airports, Eurostat, and others.

XML vs. RDF

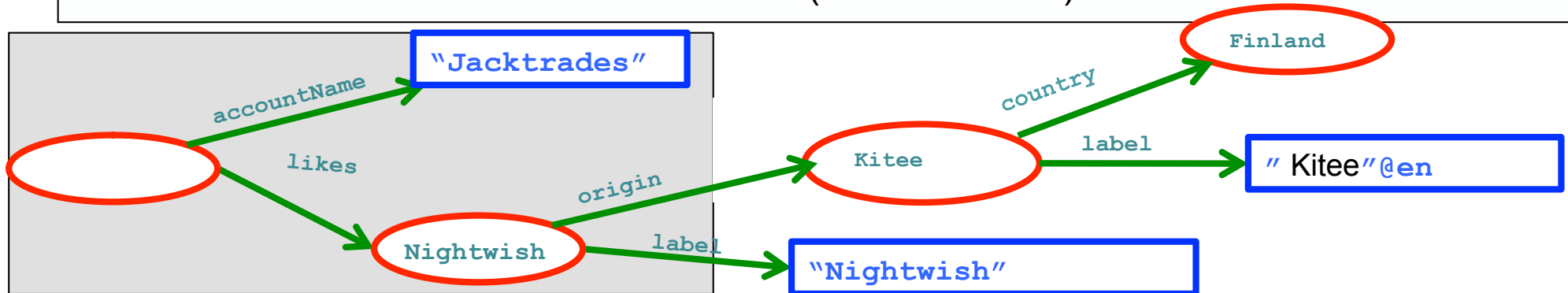
XML: “treelike” semi-structured Data (mostly schema-less, but “implicit” schema by tree structure... not easy to combine, e.g. how to combine lastfm data with wikipedia data?)

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  </artist>
</artistData>
```

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th colspan="2">Background information</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th>Origin</th>
    <td>
      <a title="Kitee" href="/wiki/Kitee">Kitee</a>, <a title="Finland" href="/wiki/Finland">Finland</a>
    </td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th>
      <a title="Music genre" href="/wiki/Music_genre">Genres</a>
    </th>
    <td>
      <a title="Symphonic metal" href="/wiki/Symphonic_metal">Symphonic metal</a>, <a title="Gothic metal" href="/wiki/Gothic_metal">gothic metal</a>
    </td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th>Years active</th>
    <td>1996-present</td>
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```


RDF

Simple, declarative, graph-style format
based on dereferenceable URIs (= Linked Data)

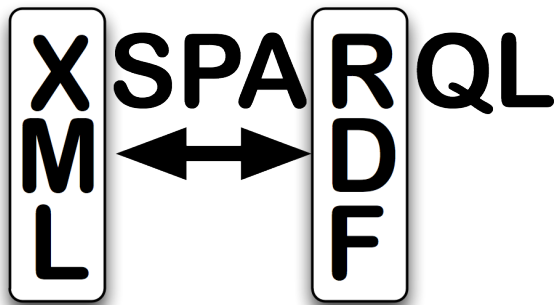


```
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nightwish> <http://dbpedia.org/property/origin>
    <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Kitee> .
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nightwish> <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#label>
    "Kitee"@es .
```

```
_:x <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/accountName> "Jacktrades" .
_:x <http://graph.facebook.com/likes> <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nightwish> .
```

XSPARQL

Idea: One approach to conveniently query XML and RDF side-by-side: XSPARQL



- Transformation language
- Consume and generate XML and RDF
- Syntactic extension of XQuery, ie.
 $XSPARQL = XQuery + SPARQL$

XSPARQL: Syntax overview (I)

Prefix declarations

P declare namespace *prefix*="namespace-URI"
or prefix *prefix*: <namespace-URI>

Body:

F for var [at *posVar*] in *FLOWR'* expression
L let var := *FLWOR'* expression
W where *FLWOR'* expression
O order by *FLWOR'* expression

or

Data Input
(XML or RDF)

F' for varlist [at *posVar*]
D from /from named (<dataset-URI> or *FLWOR'* expr.)
W where { *pattern* }
M order by *expression*
limit *integer* > 0
offset *integer* > 0

Data Output
(XML or RDF)

C construct
 { *template* (with nested *FLWOR'* expressions) }
R return XML+ nested *FLWOR'* expressions

or

XSPARQL Syntax overview (II)

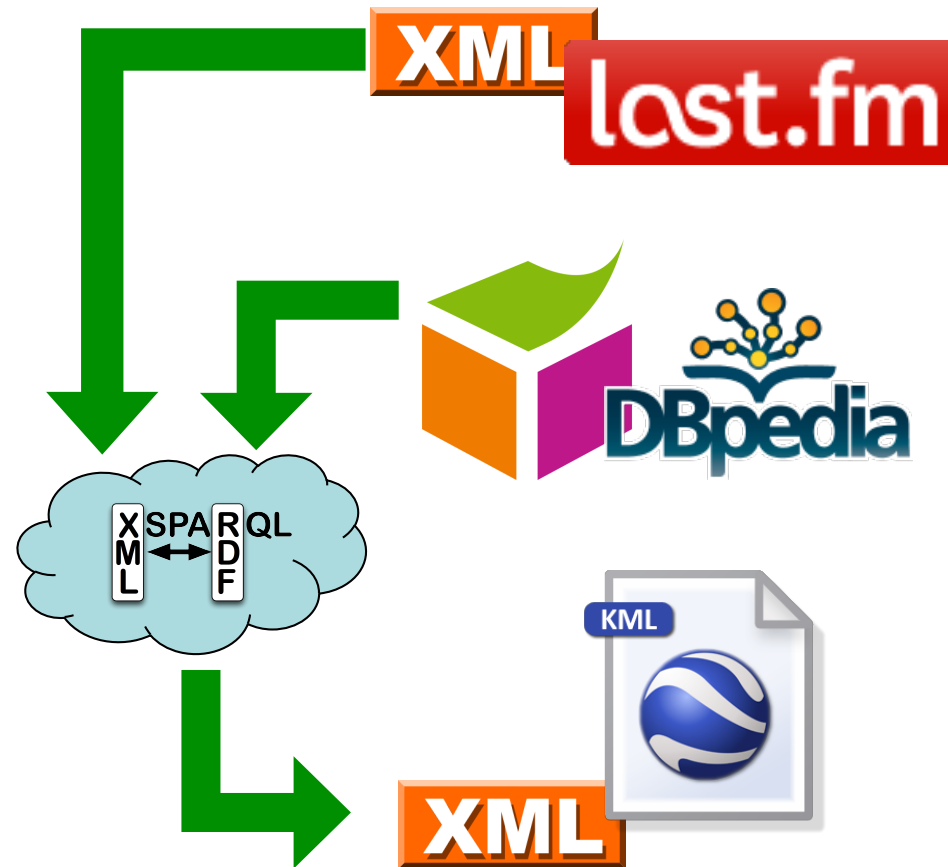
XQuery or SPARQL prefix declarations
Any XQuery query

“SPARQL-FOR-Clause” represents a SPARQL query

construct allows to create RDF

P	declare namespace <i>prefix</i> ="namespace-URI" or prefix <i>prefix</i> : <namespace-URI>	
F L W O	for var [at <i>posVar</i>] in <i>FLOWR'</i> expression let var := <i>FLWOR'</i> expression where <i>FLWOR'</i> expression order by <i>FLWOR'</i> expression	or
F' D W M	for varlist [at <i>posVar</i>] from /from named (<dataset-URI> or <i>FLWOR'</i> expr.) where { <i>pattern</i> } order by <i>expression</i> limit <i>integer</i> > 0 offset <i>integer</i> > 0	
C	construct { <i>template (with nested FLWOR' expressions)</i> }	or
R	return XML+ nested <i>FLWOR'</i> expressions	

Use case



XSPARQL: Convert XML to RDF

Query:

Convert Last.fm top artists of a user into RDF

```
prefix lastfm: <http://xsparql.deri.org/lastfm#>

let $doc := "http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/?method=user.gettopartists"
for $artist in doc($doc)//artist
where $artist[@rank < 6]
construct { [] lastfm:topArtist {$artist//name};
            lastfm:artistRank {$artist//@rank} . }
```

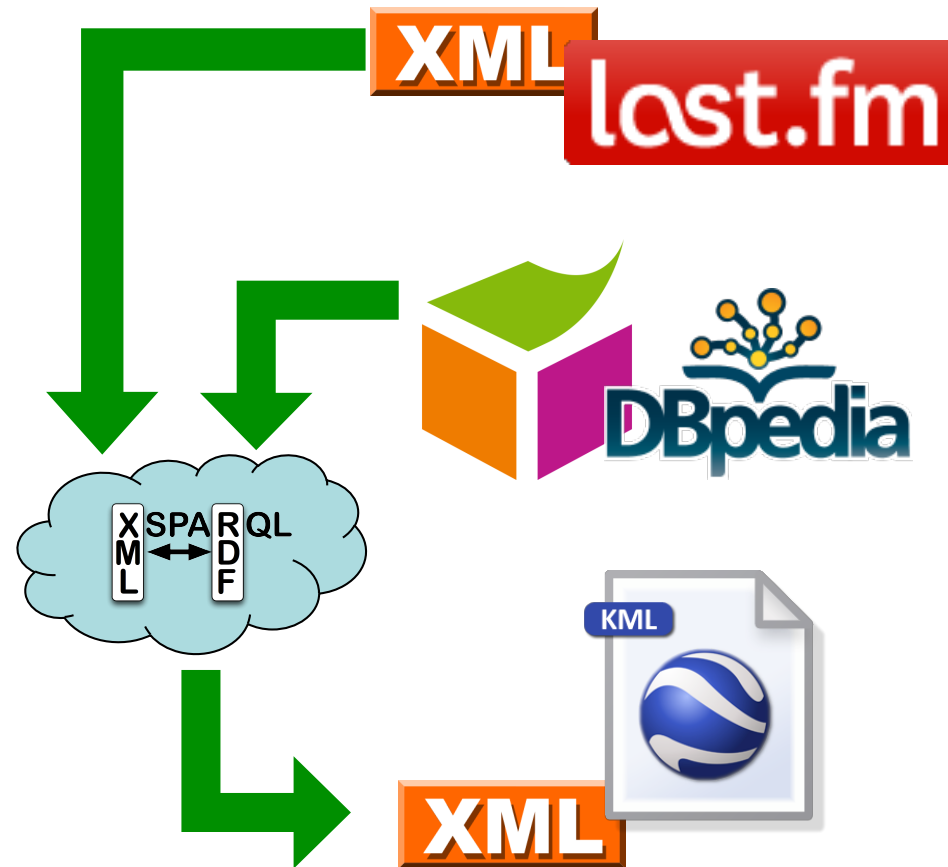
Result:

```
@prefix lastfm: <http://xsparql.deri.org/lastfm#> .

[ lastfm:topArtist "Therion" ; lastfm:artistRank "1" ] .
[ lastfm:topArtist "Nightwish" ; lastfm:artistRank "2" ] .
[ lastfm:topArtist "Blind Guardian" ; lastfm:artistRank "3" ] .
[ lastfm:topArtist "Rhapsody of Fire" ; lastfm:artistRank "4" ] .
[ lastfm:topArtist "Iced Earth" ; lastfm:artistRank "5" ] .
```

XSPARQL construct
generates valid Turtle RDF

Use case



XSPARQL: Integrate RDF sources

Query:

Retrieve the origin of an artist from DBpedia: Same as the SPARQL query

```
prefix dbprop: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>
prefix foaf:   <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

construct { $artist foaf:based_near $origin }
from <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nightwish>
where { $artist dbprop:origin $origin }
```

Issue:
determining the
artist identifiers

DBpedia does not
have the map
coordinates



GeoNames



XML

XSPARQL: Integrate RDF sources

Query:

Retrieve the origin of an artist from DBPedia *including map coordinates*

```
prefix wgs84_pos: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#>
prefix dbprop: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>

for * from <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Nightwish>
where { $artist dbprop:origin $origin }
return
let $hometown :=
  fn:concat("http://api.geonames.org/search?type=rdf&q=", fn:encode-for-uri($origin))
for * from $hometown
where { [] wgs84_pos:lat $lat; wgs84_pos:long $long }
limit 1
construct { $artist wgs84_pos:lat $lat; wgs84_pos:long $long }
```

DBPedia does not
have the map
coordinates

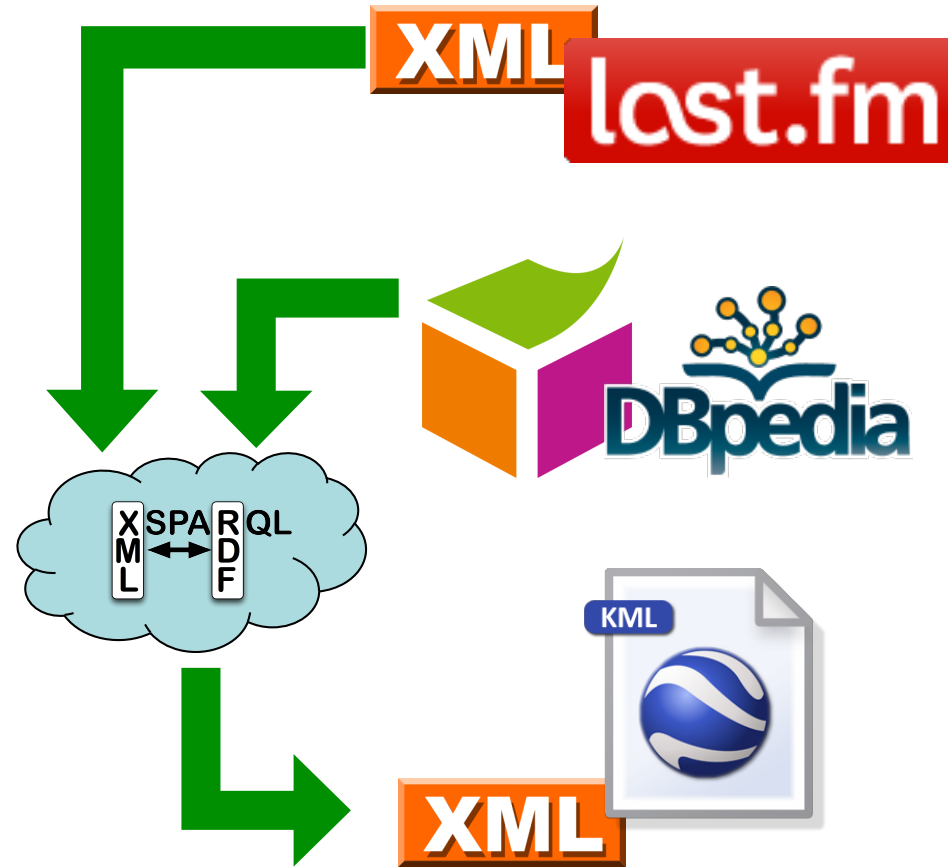


GeoNames



XML

Use case



Output: KML XML format

```
<kml xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2">
  <Document>
    <Placemark>
      <name>Hometown of Nightwish</name>
      <Point>
        <coordinates>
          30.15,62.1,0
        </coordinates>
      </Point>
    </Placemark>
  </Document>
</kml>
```

KML format:

- root element: “kml”, then “Document”
- sequence of “Placemark”
- Each “Placemark” contains:
 - “Name” element
 - “Point” element with the “coordinates”

XSPARQL: Putting it all together

Query: Display top artists origin in a map

```
prefix dbprop: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>
```

```
<kml><Document>{
  let $doc := "http://ws.audioscrobbler.com/2.0/?method=user.gettopartists"
  for $artist in doc($doc)//artist
  return let $artistName := fn:data($artist//name)
    let $uri := fn:concat("http://dbpedia.org/resource/", $artistName)
    for $origin from $uri
    where { [] dbprop:origin $origin }
    return
      let $hometown := fn:concat("http://api.geonames.org/search?type=rdf&q=",
        fn:encode-for-uri($origin))
      for * from $hometown
      where { [] wgs84_pos:lat $lat; wgs84_pos:long $long }
      limit 1
      return <Placemark>
        <name>{fn:concat("Hometown of ", $artistName)}</name>
        <Point><coordinates>{fn:concat($long, ",", $lat, ",0")}</coordinates></Point>
        </Placemark>
  }</Document></kml>
```

XML

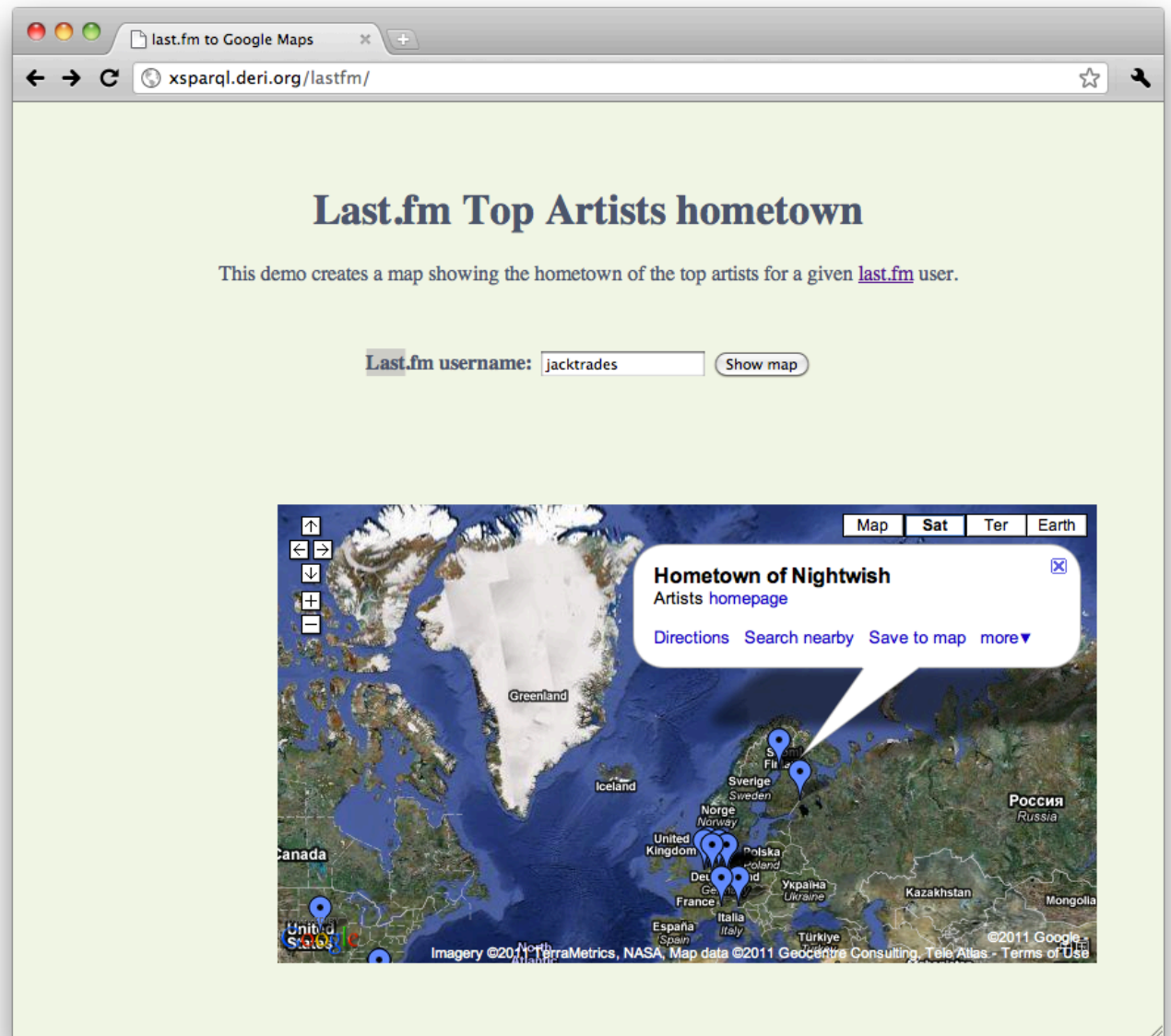
last.fm



XML

XSPARQL: Demo

<http://xsparql.deri.org/lastfm>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `xsparql.deri.org/lastfm/`. The page title is "Last.fm Top Artists hometown" and the subtitle reads "This demo creates a map showing the hometown of the top artists for a given [last.fm](#) user." Below the text is a form with the label "Last.fm username:" followed by a text input field containing "jacktrades" and a "Show map" button. The main content is a Google Maps interface showing a map of Europe and surrounding regions. A pop-up information box is visible over Sweden, titled "Hometown of Nightwish" with a link to "Artists homepage" and options for "Directions", "Search nearby", "Save to map", and "more". The map includes various country labels such as "Greenland", "Iceland", "Sverige", "Norge", "United Kingdom", "Poljska", "Ukraina", "Kazakhstan", "Mongolia", "Rusia", "Italia", "Francia", "Espanya", "Türkiye", "Canada", and "United States". The bottom of the map shows copyright information: "Imagery ©2011 TerraMetrics, NASA, Map data ©2011 GeoCentre Consulting, Tele Atlas - Terms of Use".

XSPARQL: another example...

Federated Queries in SPARQL1.1

Find which persons in DBPedia have the same birthday as Axel (foaf-file):

SPARQL 1.1 has new feature SERVICE to query remote endpoints

```
PREFIX dbpedia2: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

SELECT ?N ?MyB
FROM <http://polleres.net/foaf.rdf>
{ [ foaf:birthday ?MyB ].

  SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql> { SELECT ?N WHERE {
    [ dbpedia2:born ?B; foaf:name ?N ]. FILTER ( Regex(str(?B),str(?MyB)) ) } }
}
```

Doesn't work!!! ?MyB unbound in SERVICE query

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    [ dbpedia2:born ?B; foaf:name ?N ]. } }

  FILTER ( Regex(Str(?B),str(?MyB)) )
}
```

Doesn't work either in practice ☹ as SERVICE endpoints often only returns limited results...

Federated Queries

Find which persons in DBpedia have the same birthday as Axel (foaf-file):

In XSPARQL:

```
prefix dbprop: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>  
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
prefix : <http://xsparql.deri.org/bday#>
```

```
let $MyB := for * from <http://polleres.net/foaf.rdf>  
  where { [ foaf:birthday $B ]. }  
  return $B
```

```
for * from <http://dbpedia.org/> endpoint <http://dbpedia.org/sparql>  
where { [ dbprop:born $B; foaf:name $N ].  
  filter ( regex(str($B),str($MyB)) ) }  
construct { :axel :sameBirthDayAs $N }
```

Specifies the endpoint to perform the query, similar to SERVICE in SPARQL1.1

Works! In XSPARQL bound values (?MyDB) are **injected** into the SPARQL subquery
→ More direct control over “query execution plan”

Test Queries and play around...

<http://xsparql.deri.org/demo>

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "XSPARQL Demo | Bridging the RDF and XML worlds". The address bar shows "xsparql.deri.org/demo#XSPARQL". The browser tabs include "XSPARQL Demo | Bridging the R...", "404 Not Found", and "XSPARQL Demo | Bridging the R...". The navigation menu contains links for HOME, SPECIFICATION, DEMO, INSTALL, CONTACT, and WHAT'S N. The main heading is "XSPARQL Demo".

XSPARQL query:

```
declare namespace foaf = "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/";
<relations>
{ for $Person $Name from <http://xsparql.deri.org/data/relations.rdf>
  where { $Person foaf:name $Name }
  order by $Name
  return <person name="{ $Name }">
    { for $FName from <http://xsparql.deri.org/data/relations.rdf>
      where { $Person foaf:knows $Friend.
              $Person foaf:name $Name.
              $Friend foaf:name $FName. }
      return <knows> { $FName }</knows>
    }
  </person>
}
</relations>
```

Options:

Only rewrite query

[Run it!] [clear]

Examples:

XSPARQL

- [foaf_lifting_naive.xsparql](#)
- [foaf_lifting.xsparql](#)
- [vCard2foaf.xsparql](#)
- [foaf_lowering.xsparql](#)
- [simple.xsparql](#)
- [simple-filter.xsparql](#)

The status bar at the bottom shows the URL "http://xsparql.deri.org/demo#".

Details about XSPARQL1.1 semantics and implementation

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Check our Technical Report (just accepted at Springer's Journal of Data Semantics):

Stefan Bischof, Stefan Decker, Thomas Krennwallner, Nuno Lopes, Axel Polleres.
Mapping between RDF and XML with XSPARQL. Technical Report 2011.
<http://www.deri.ie/fileadmin/documents/DERI-TR-2011-04-04.pdf>

BTW: First author started in this lecture two years ago!

→ If you are interested in Internships, Diploma theses, PhD theses let me know!)