

# Insufficient Facts Always Invite Danger:

Combat them with a  
Logical Model

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# Introductions



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**Areas of focus: AI, Semantic technology, graph databases, knowledge graphs**

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but **better data beats more data.**

Peter Norvig

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More data beats clever algorithms,  
but **knowledge** ~~better data~~ beats more data.



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**Data + Context = Knowledge**



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# Mars Climate Orbiter

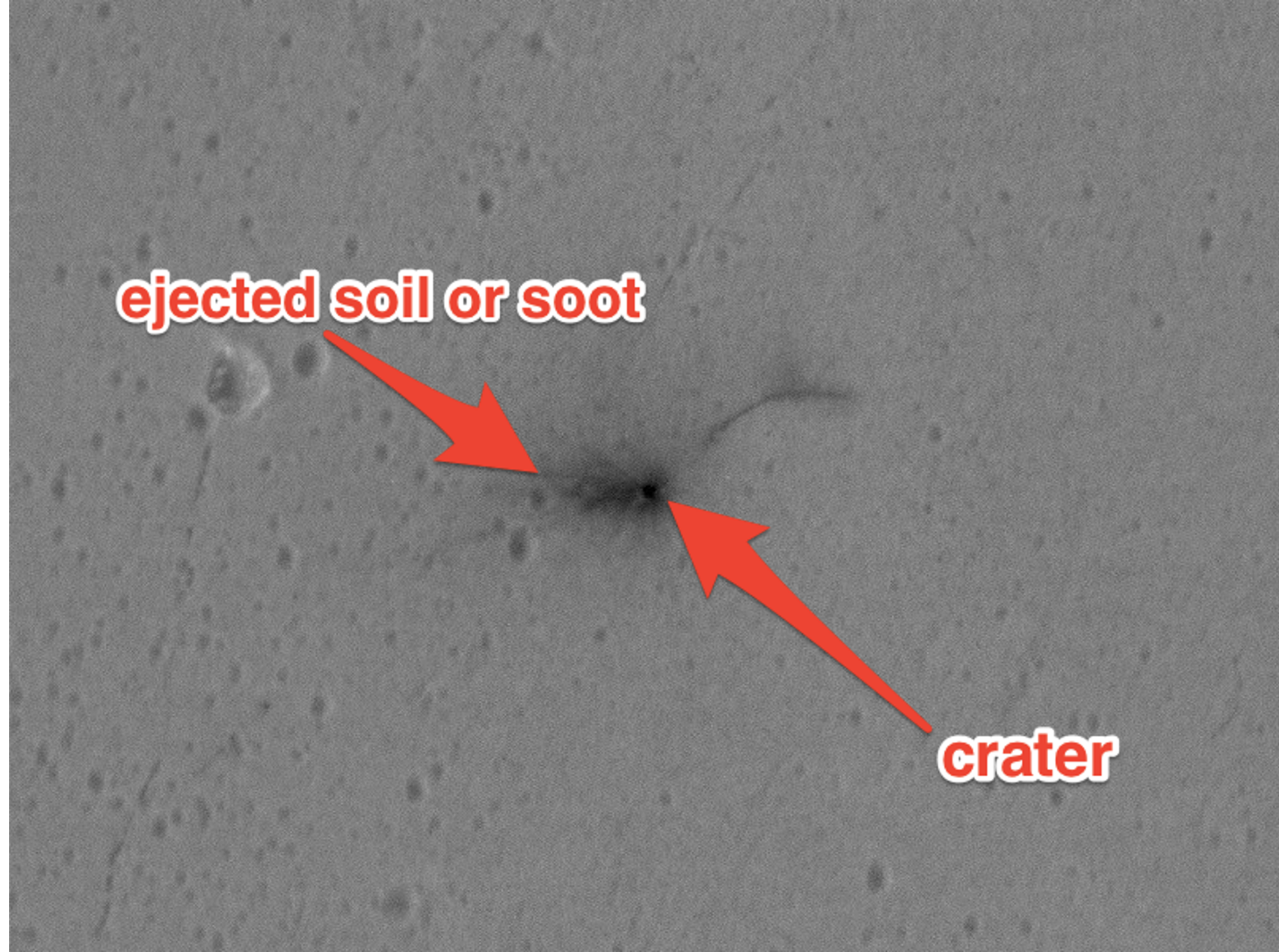
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- Second mission under the Small Spacecraft Technology initiative
- Designed to study Mars' climate
  - Importantly, distribution of water
- \$330mm to design, build, launch
- 10 month flight time





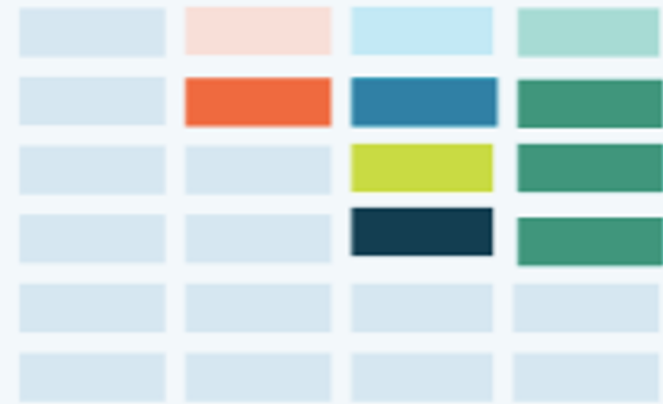
“Unintentionally  
Deorbited”



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# Context is missing with traditional technology...

## So where do I get it?



# This Sounds Familiar

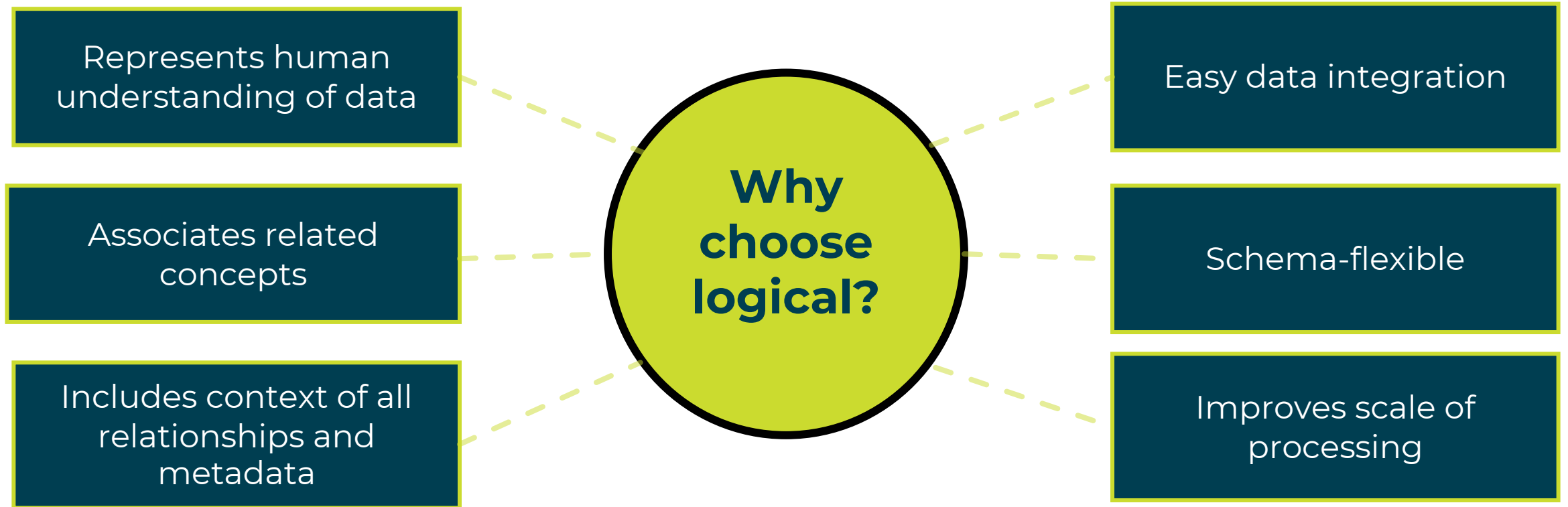
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- Adding context to data is not a new idea!
- Static ER diagrams
- Data dictionaries, glossaries are a new fad
  - These are usually static too
  - Often in Excel...
- Other approaches have tried, like MDM
  - Context is hard coded; single version of the truth
  - Very fit for purpose, limited reusability or flexibility

Hello  
my name is

Logical Model

# Benefits of a logical model



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Wait a second, isn't this s\*\*\*\*\*?

**The Audience**



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Each [Enterprise Application] comes with its own data model, which forces developers to build, test, and manage custom code that's necessary to map and translate data across different systems. **Instead of accelerating digital transformation, this process slows innovation and leads to brittle integrations.**

**Cloud Information Model (CIM) website**



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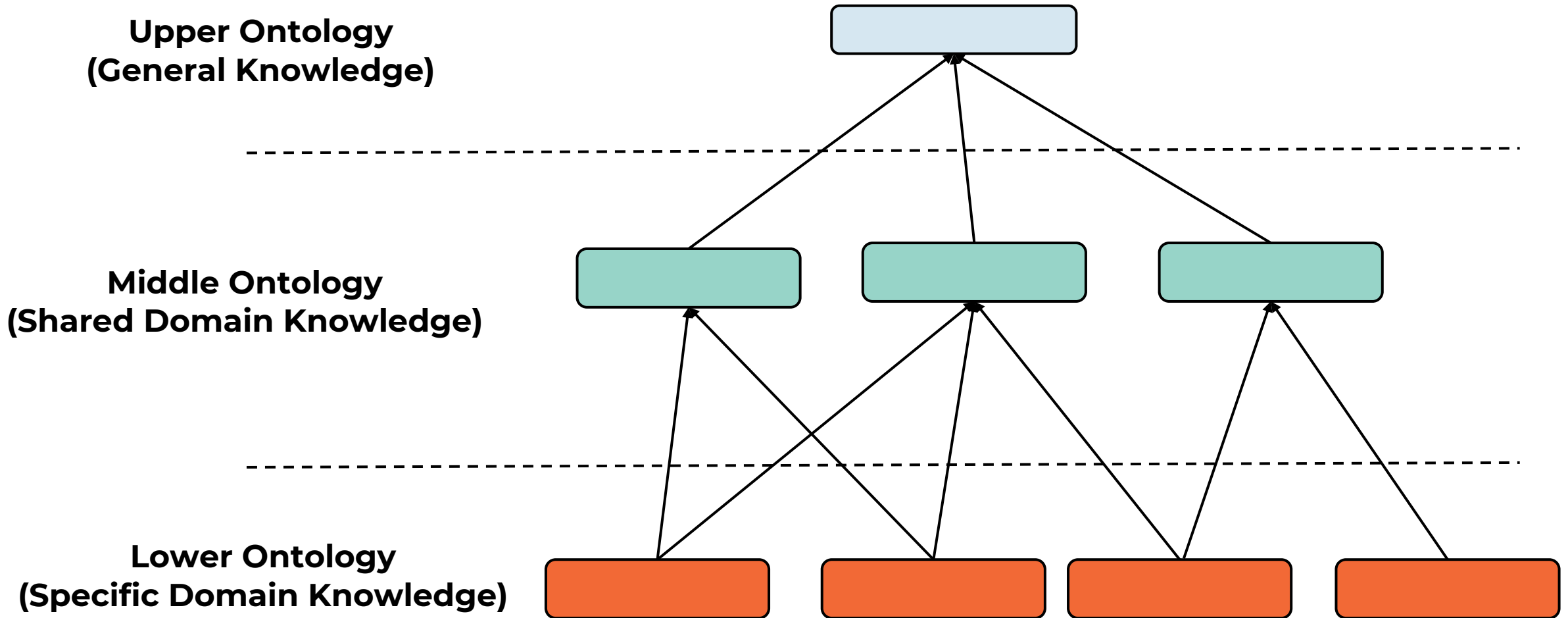
# Modeling in 60 seconds\*

# Modeling 101

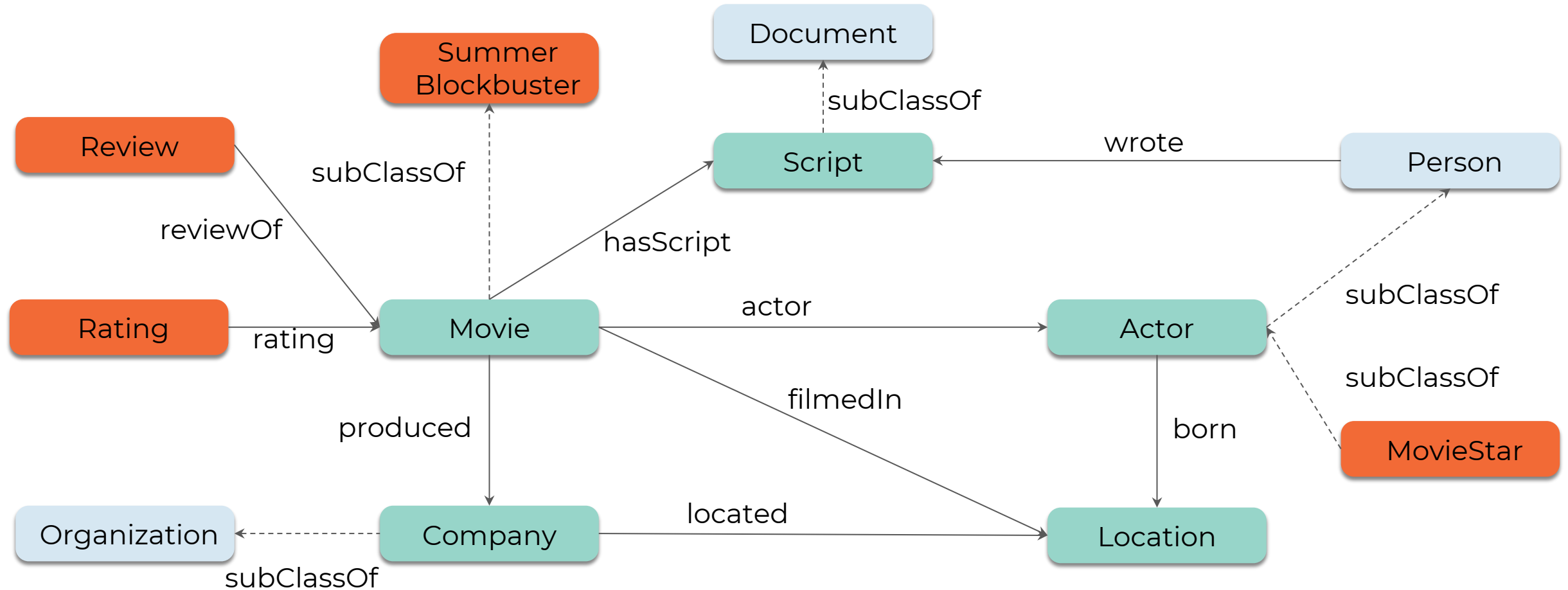
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- Starts with 3-5 key concepts & their relationships
- A little modeling goes a long way
  - Over-specification hinders reuse
- Layered
  - Start very generic
  - Definitions extended and refined over time
- Naming reflects the real world
  - Model will be your lingua franca for data
  - Should match what domain experts say/think

# Everybody loves (layer) cake!



# Movie Data Model (abridged)



# Everybody's doing it

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- Basics: DC, SKOS, FOAF
- Finance: FIBO
- Manufacturing: ISO 15926, IOF
- HCLS: SNOMED, NCIt, CDISC, MeSH, FAIR
- All the Things: SUMO
- Web: [schema.org](http://schema.org)

# Inference Engines



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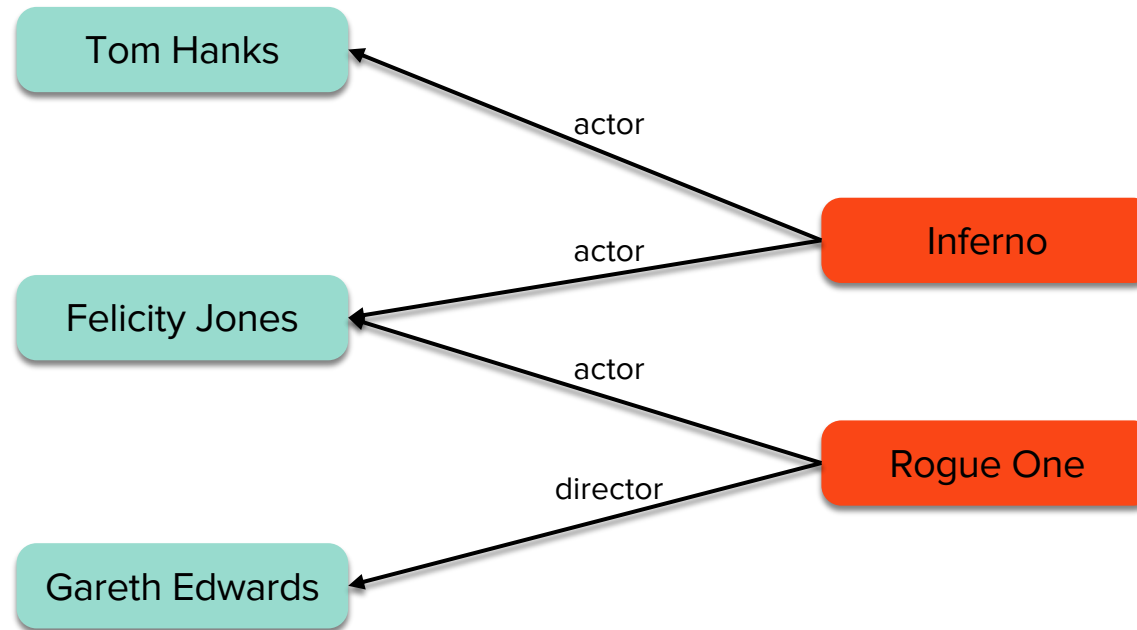
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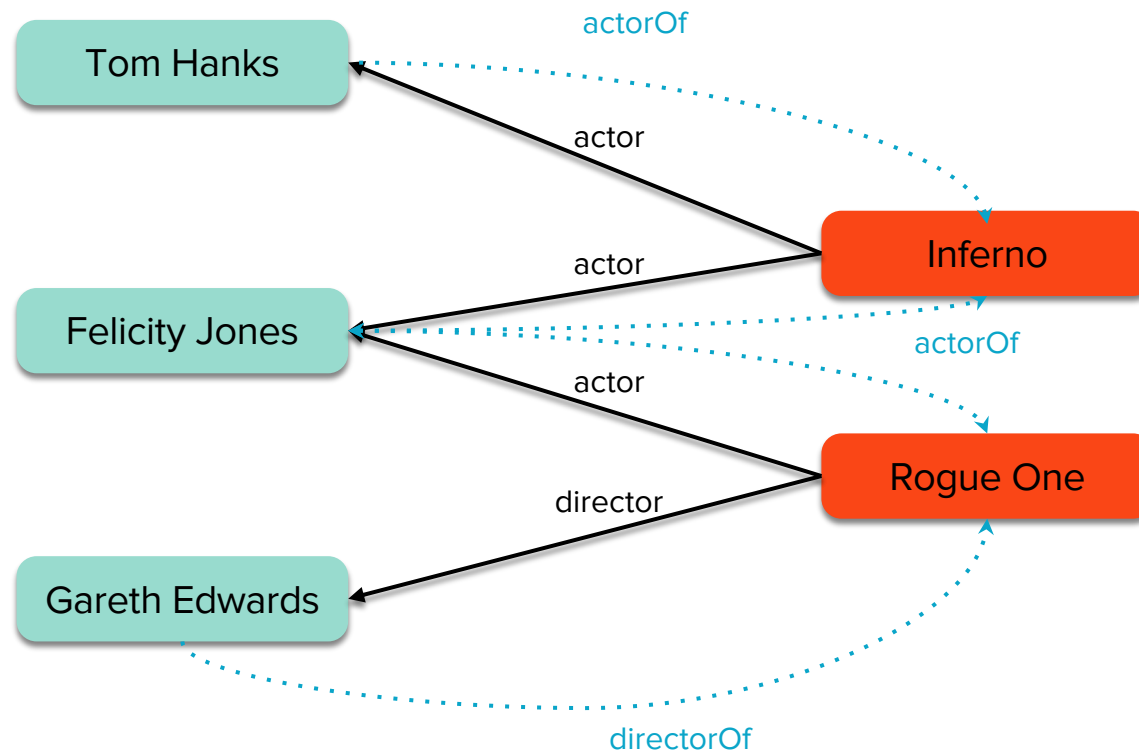
- Make the implicit, explicit
  - Uses declarative definitions of the domain
  - Perform deductive inference, verify correctness automatically
- Formally define your business logic, **without** writing code
- Independent of how data is stored
- **Stardog's Inference Engine has been cited over 11,000 times.**



# How Inference Engines Work

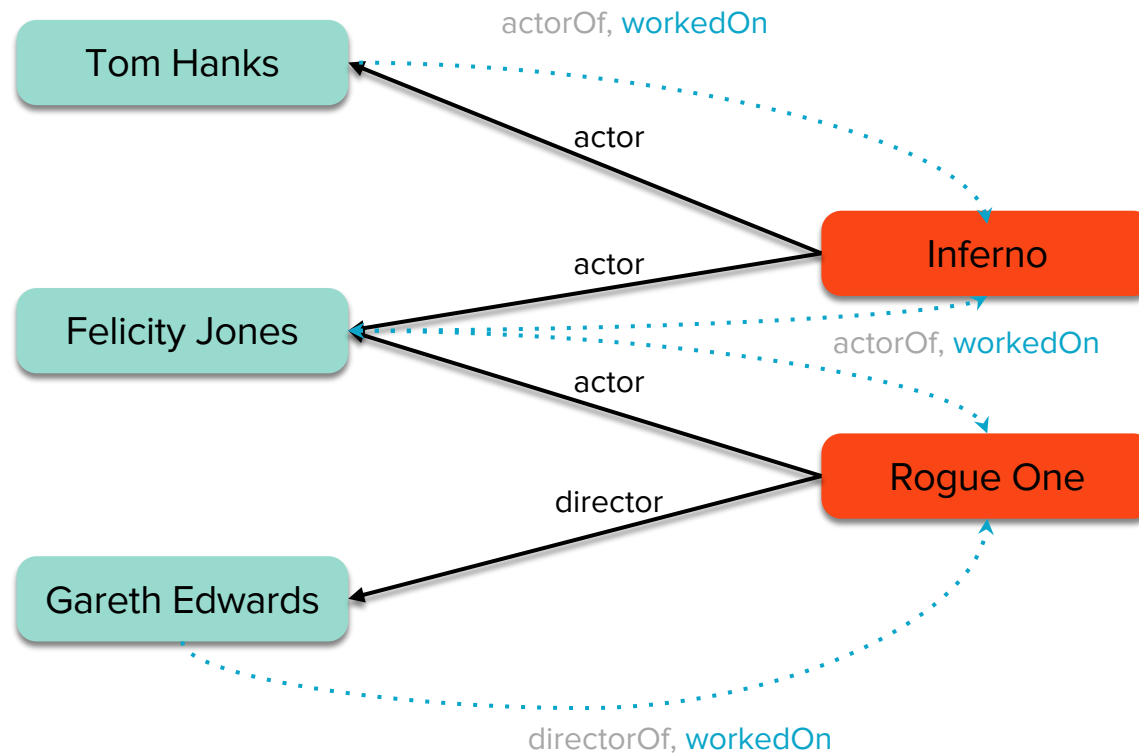


# How Inference Engines Work



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directorOf	inverseOf	director

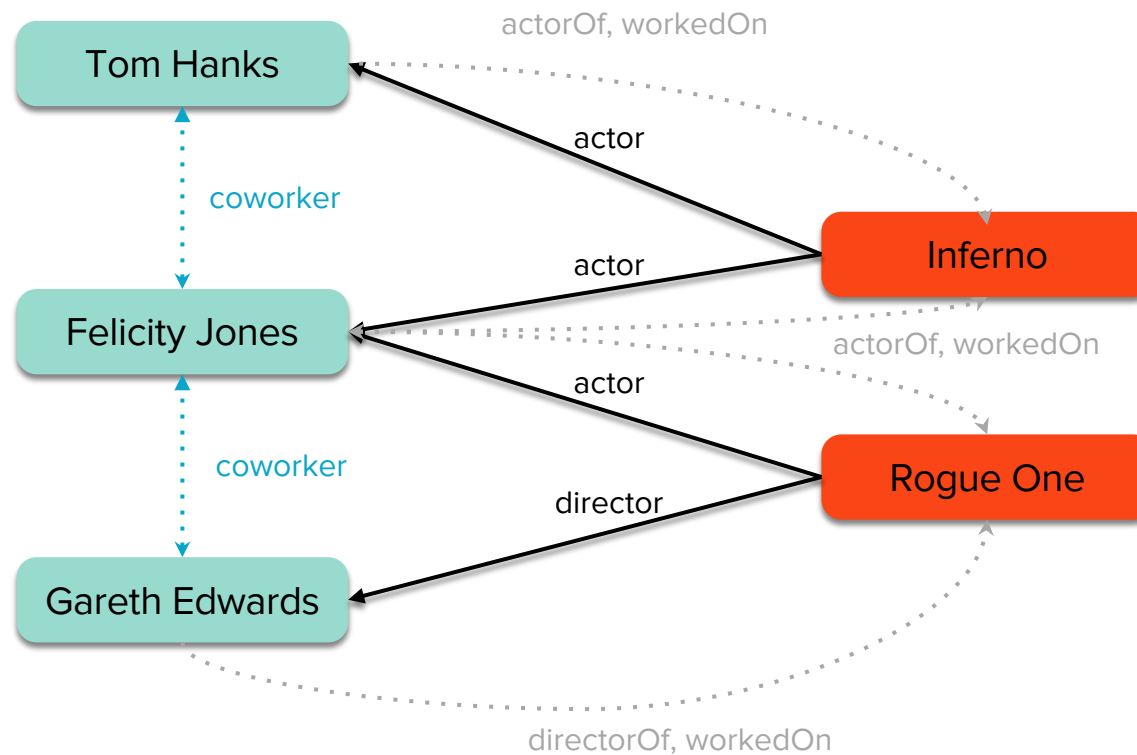
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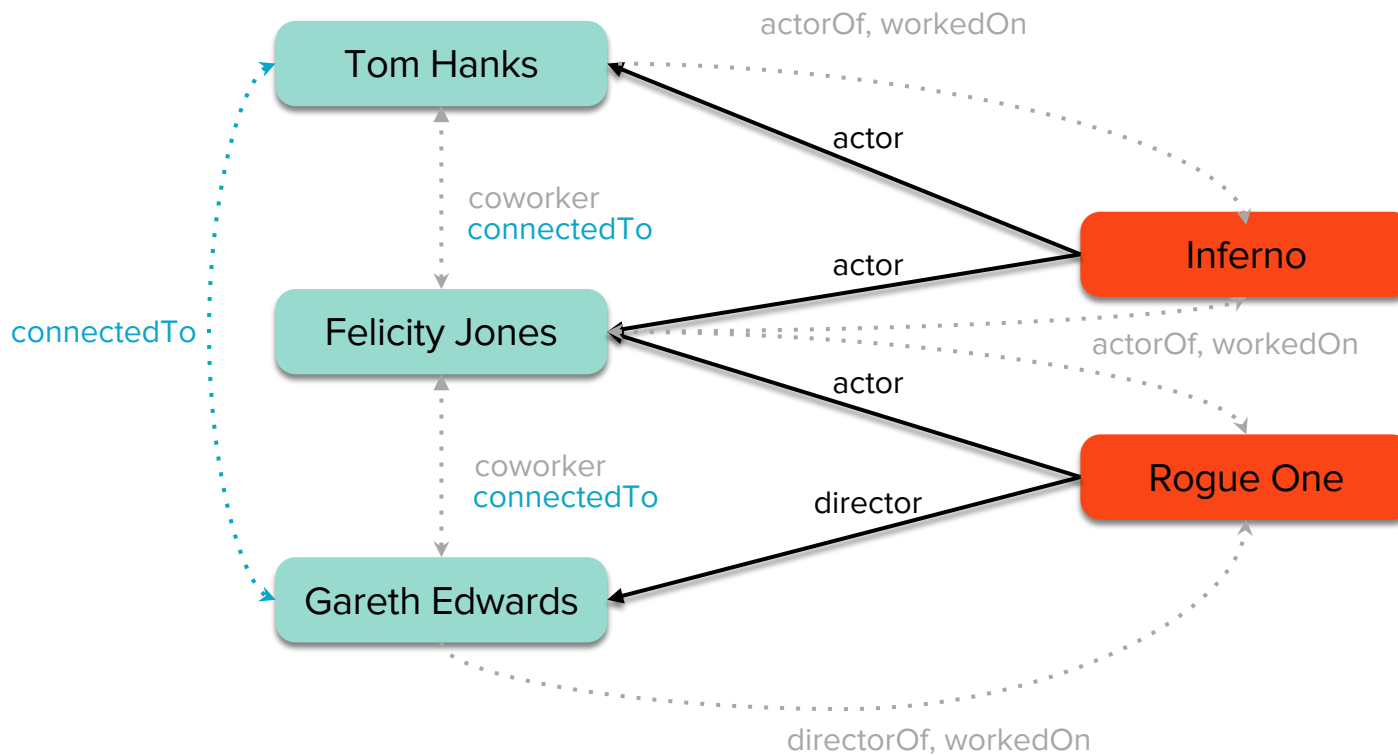


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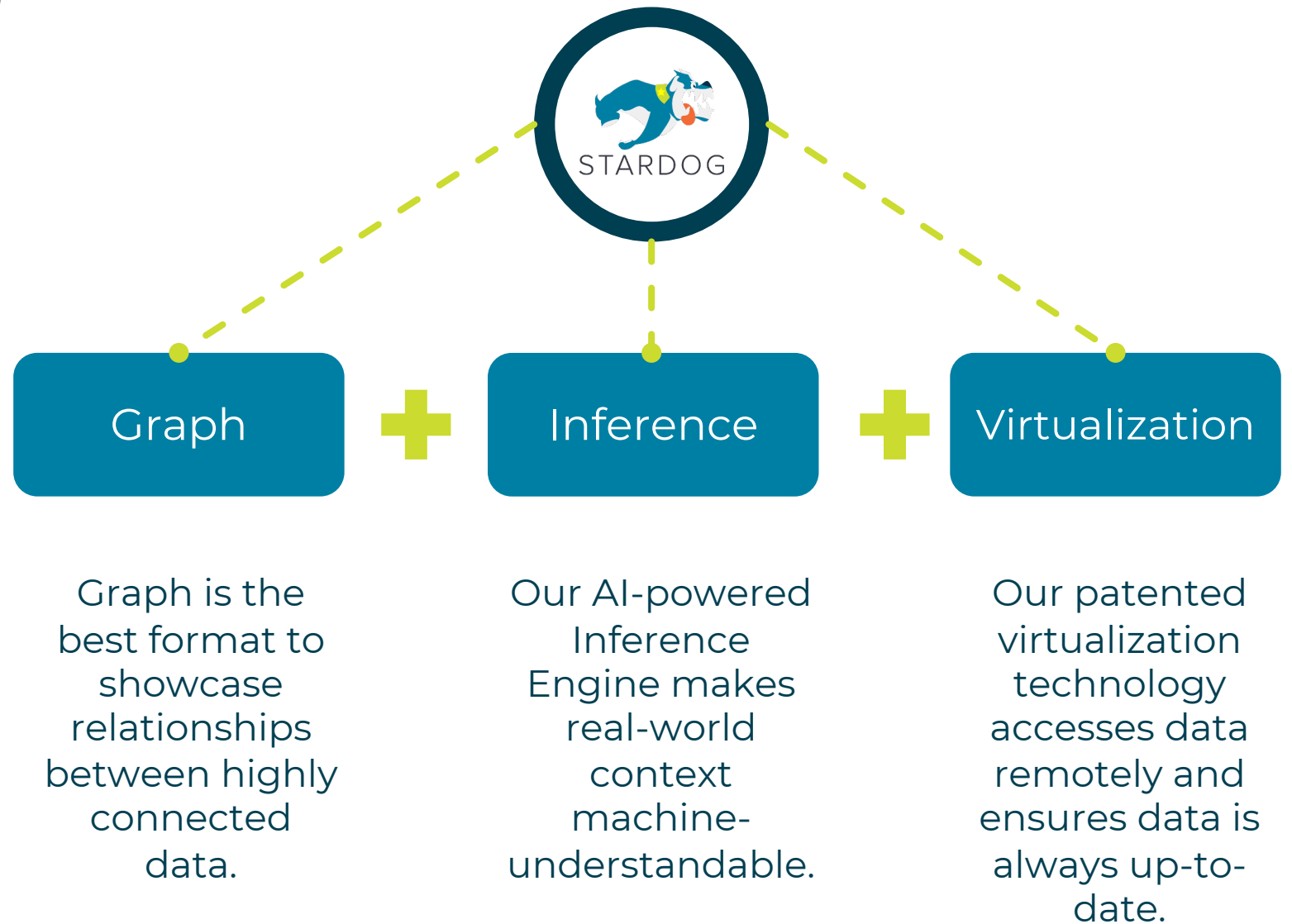
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coworker	subPropertyOf	connectedTo
connectedTo	a	TransitiveProperty

# Winning with Knowledge

Stardog is  
the leading  
enterprise  
knowledge  
graph  
platform



# Stardog provides a flexible foundation for data-driven operations



## **Access any data**

Link structured, semi-structured and unstructured using Stardog Connectors



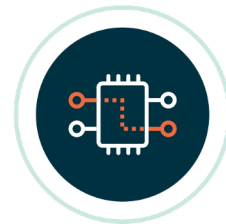
## **No copying required**

Virtualization accesses data remotely so data is always up to date



## **Generate better insight**

Use proprietary analytics features or link to popular BI platforms



## **Flexible data management**

Associate related data without transformation using our Inference Engine

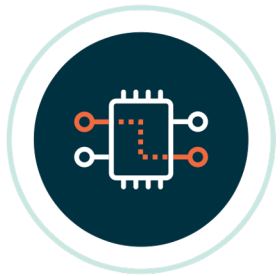


## **Faster to launch**

Easily incorporate new data and gather real-time insight to inform business decisions



# SpringerMaterials Accelerates Research With Intelligent Search

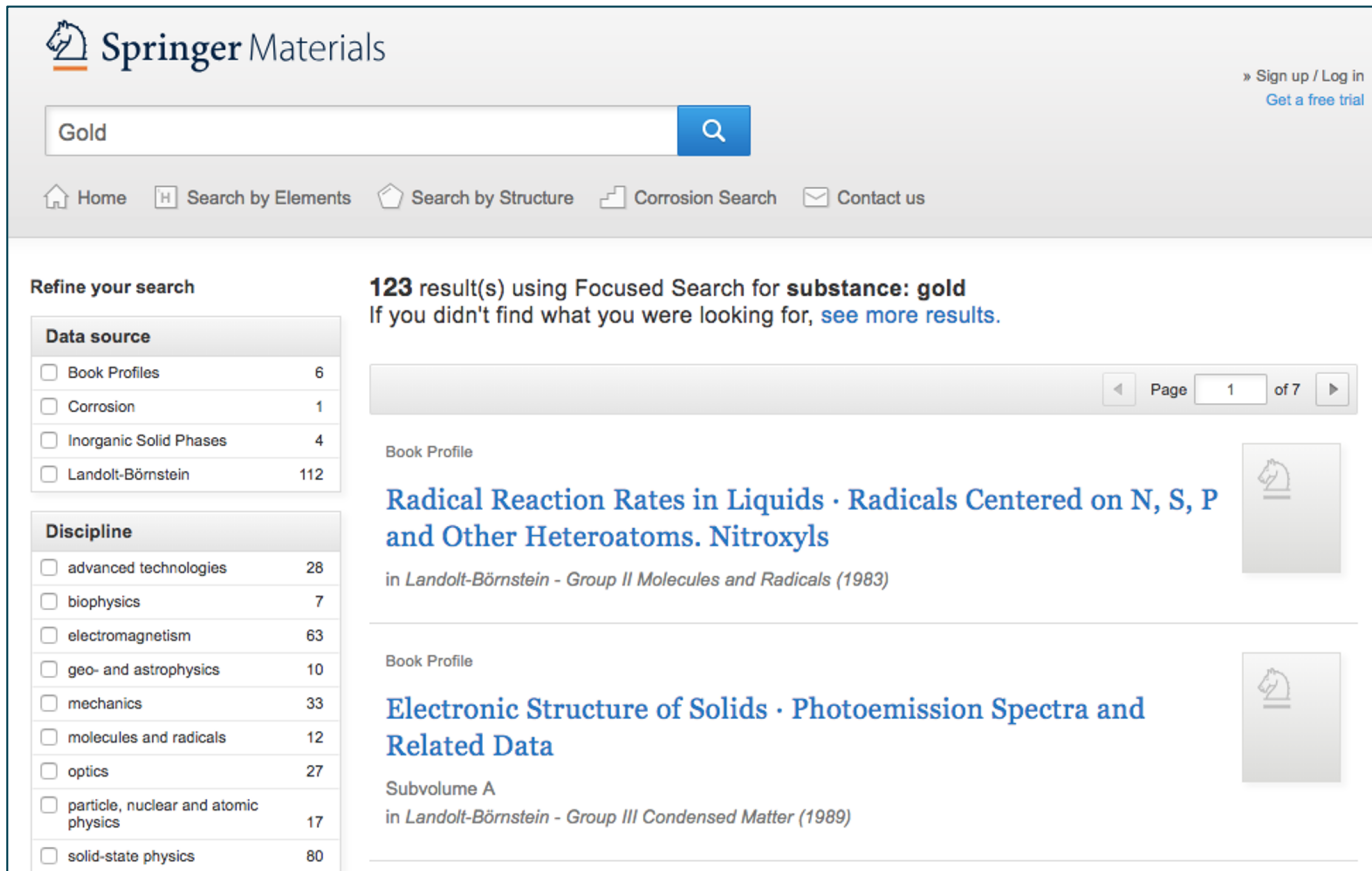


To meet user needs, Springer needed a flexible and dynamic data infrastructure that allowed easy iterations and updates within existing data while also providing context embedded within search results to end-users.



By unifying their data in a knowledge graph, Springer created a single declarative model to bring all the connections between the content into a unified view. Researchers have a single, unified view of data covering more than 290,000 materials resulting in fast and accurate searches.

# Stardog's knowledge graph provides data context and infrastructure flexibility



The screenshot displays the Springer Materials search interface. At the top, the Springer Materials logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the word "Gold". To the right of the search bar are links for "Sign up / Log in" and "Get a free trial". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with icons and labels for "Home", "Search by Elements", "Search by Structure", "Corrosion Search", and "Contact us".

On the left side, there is a "Refine your search" section with two filters:

- Data source:**
  - ☐ Book Profiles (6)
  - ☐ Corrosion (1)
  - ☐ Inorganic Solid Phases (4)
  - ☐ Landolt-Börnstein (112)
- Discipline:**
  - ☐ advanced technologies (28)
  - ☐ biophysics (7)
  - ☐ electromagnetism (63)
  - ☐ geo- and astrophysics (10)
  - ☐ mechanics (33)
  - ☐ molecules and radicals (12)
  - ☐ optics (27)
  - ☐ particle, nuclear and atomic physics (17)
  - ☐ solid-state physics (80)

The main search results area shows "123 result(s) using Focused Search for **substance: gold**". Below this, a pagination bar indicates "Page 1 of 7". Two book profiles are displayed:

- Radical Reaction Rates in Liquids · Radicals Centered on N, S, P and Other Heteroatoms. Nitroxyls**  
in Landolt-Börnstein - Group II Molecules and Radicals (1983)
- Electronic Structure of Solids · Photoemission Spectra and Related Data**  
Subvolume A  
in Landolt-Börnstein - Group III Condensed Matter (1989)

On-the-fly interpretation of search context and users' intent

Adaptive ranking of results based on search context

Entity-based search and explore capabilities

Reverse search to find substances based on property values

Smart light-weight inference on substance and property identifiers

Plug and play integration of external knowledge models

Dynamically created landing pages

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What made the difference was a simple search on SpringerMaterials. We typed the term "titanium dioxide" along with "transport properties" in the search box. The number of results was far less than using a general search engine. Crucially, the results gave the student **the information they had been looking for**. In fact, almost **every result from this one search was relevant to the project**. The student went away able to begin work, when before they hit a dead end.

**Testimonial**

# Learn more

## The Data Variety Challenge: Why a Schema Flexible Model Works

Learn how knowledge graphs provide a schema-flexible solution based on modular, extensible data models that evolve over time to create a comprehensive and unified solution.

**Visit [www.stardog.com/resources](http://www.stardog.com/resources).**

## Graph Data Model Tutorial

Learn how Stardog combines a logical data model, graph, and reasoning to help you unify your data. Learn the basics of how to apply our graph data model to your business needs.

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# Thanks!

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