

Insufficient Facts Always Invite Danger:

Combat them with a
Logical Model

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Introductions



KGC | The
Knowledge
Graph
Conference

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

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Peter Norvig

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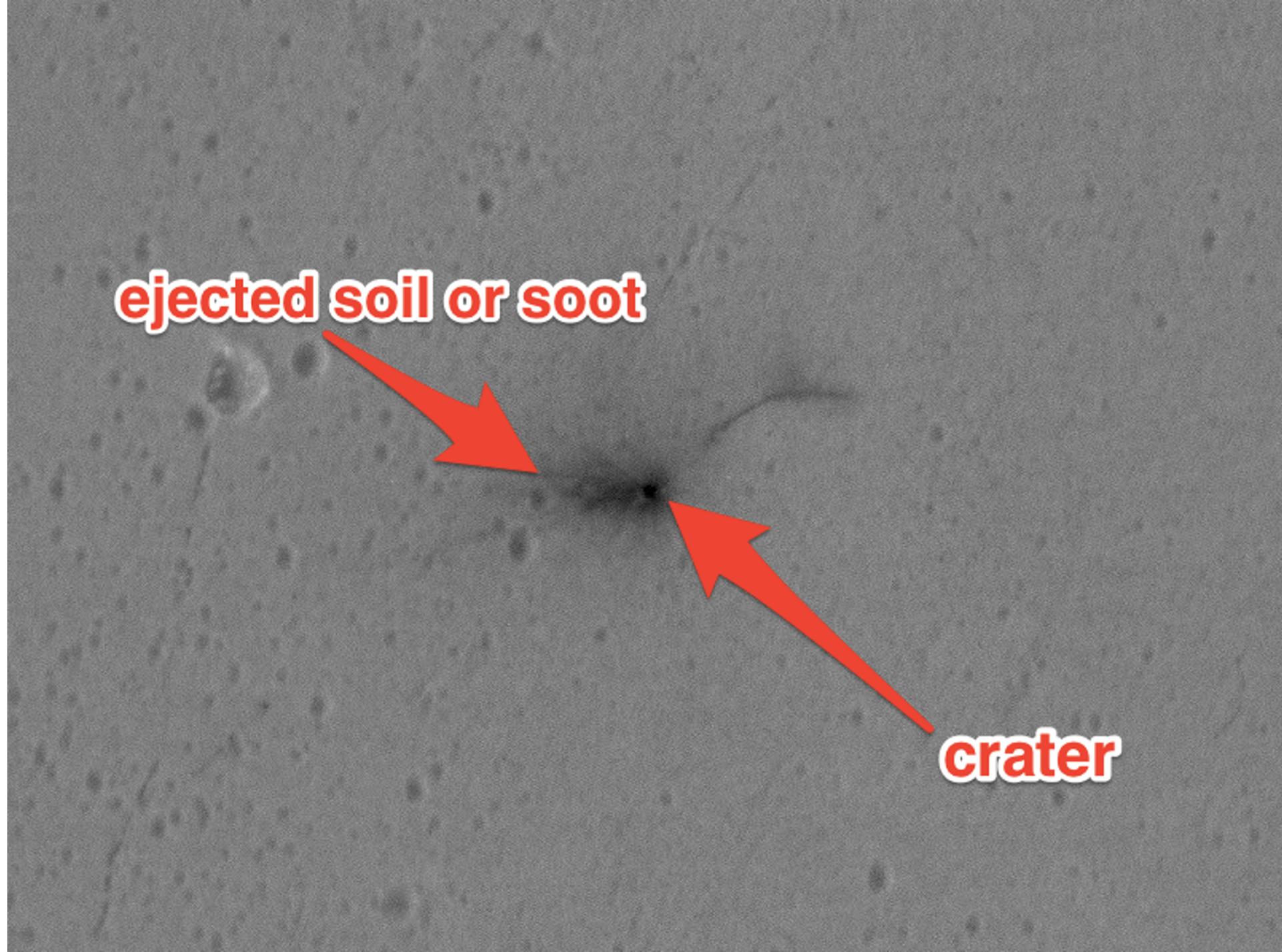
Data + Context = Knowledge

Mars Climate Orbiter

- 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”



Context is missing with traditional technology...

So where do I get it?



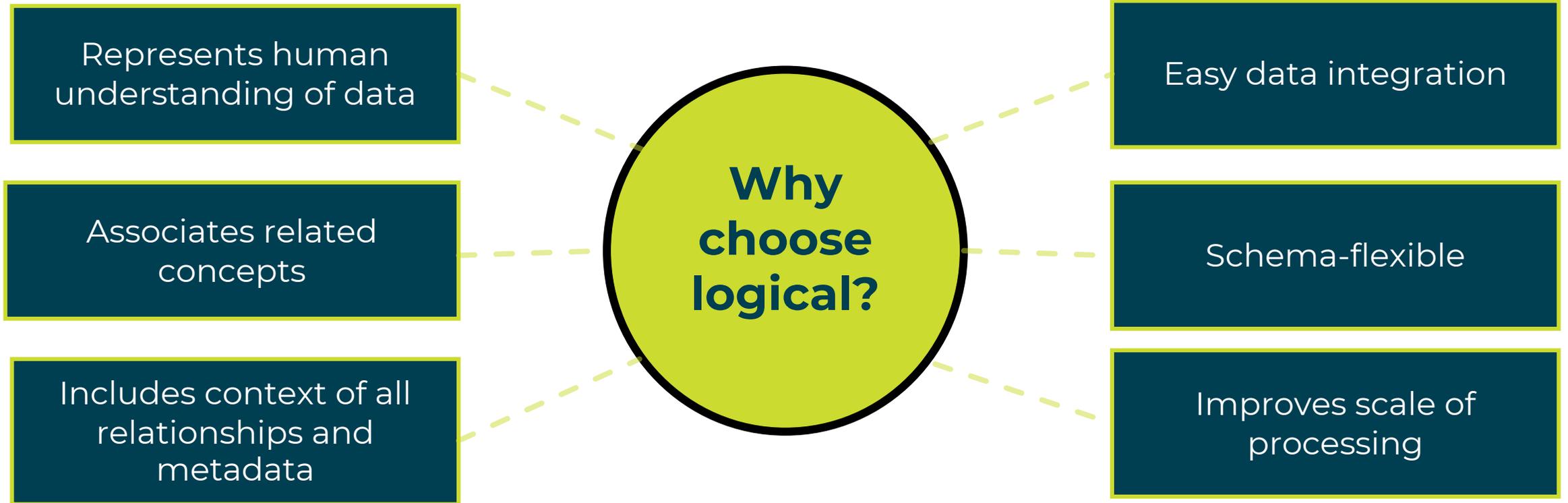
This Sounds Familiar

- 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.**

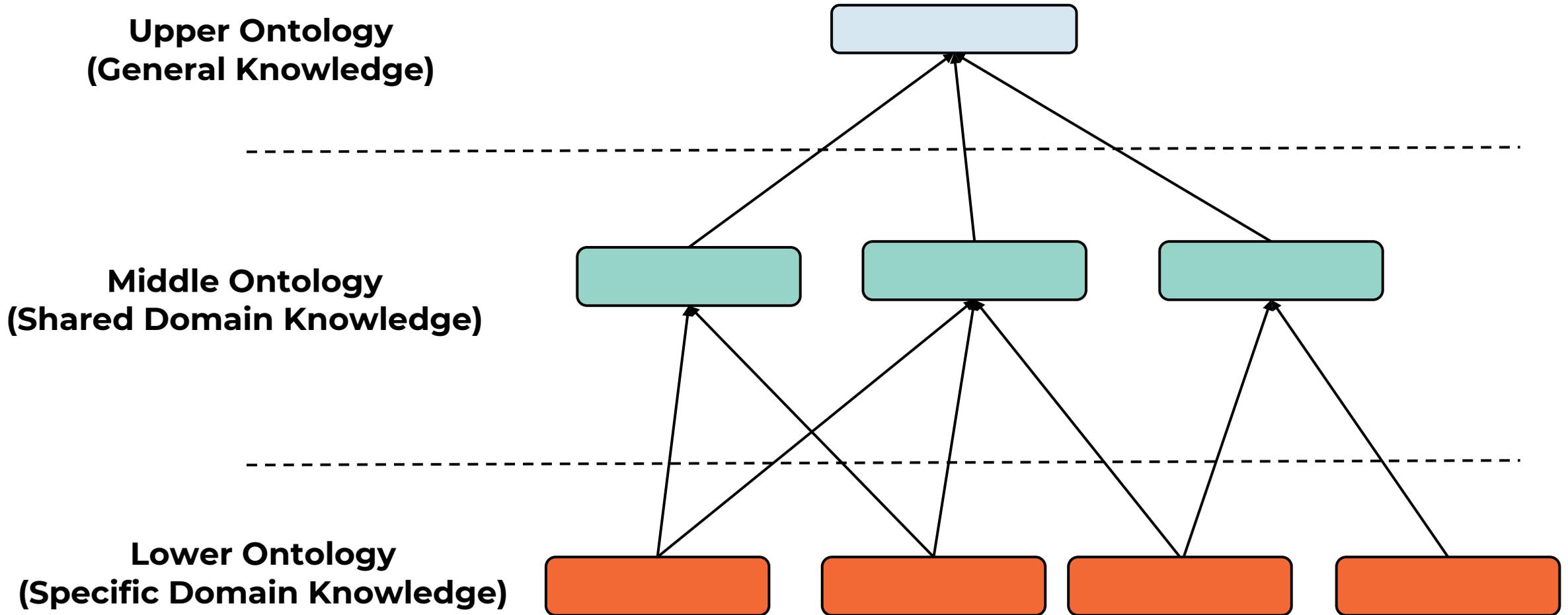
Cloud Information Model (CIM) website

Modeling in 60 seconds*

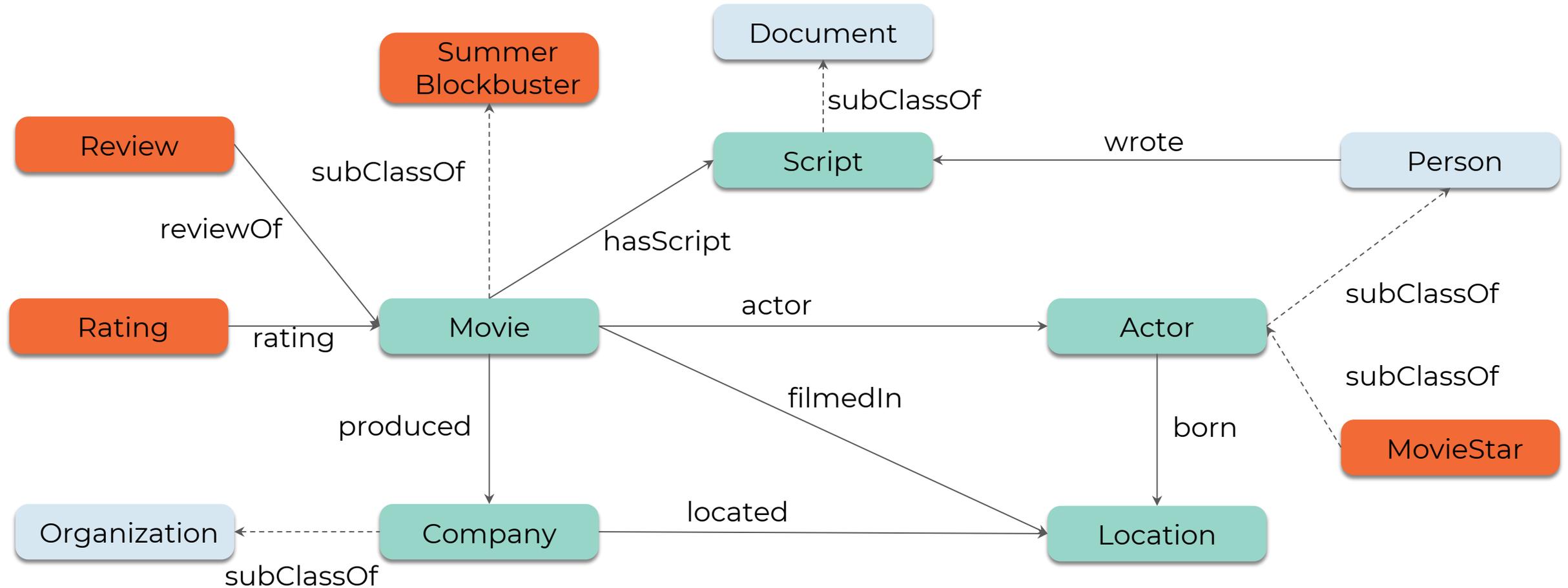
Modeling 101

- 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

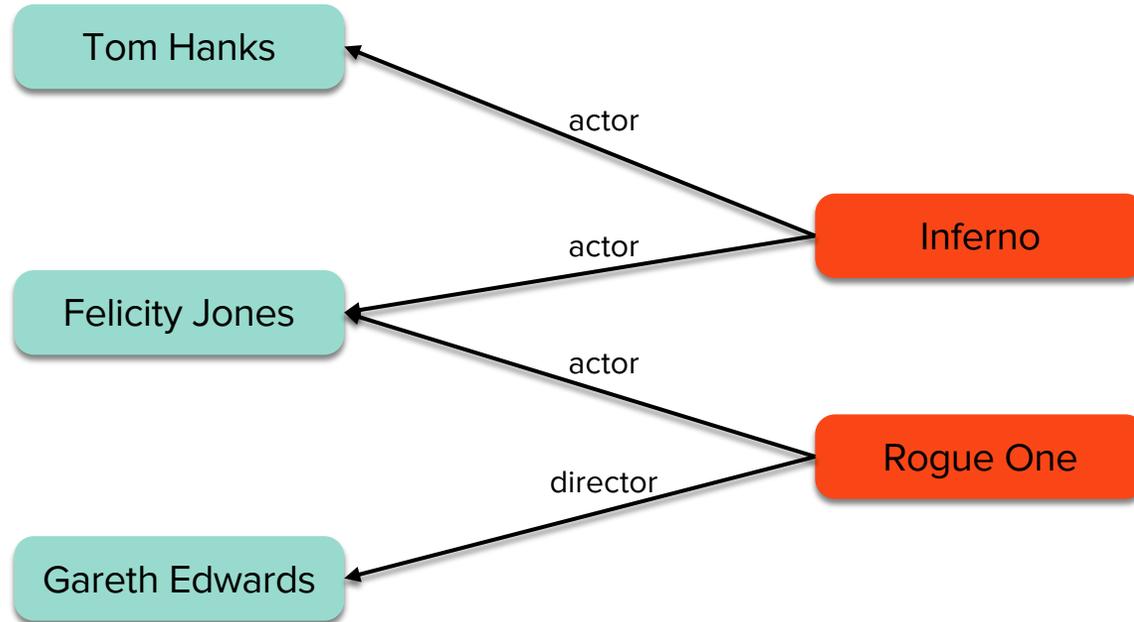
- Basics: DC, SKOS, FOAF
- Finance: FIBO
- Manufacturing: ISO 15926, IOF
- HCLS: SNOMED, NCIt, CDISC, MeSH, FAIR
- All the Things: SUMO
- Web: schema.org

Inference Engines

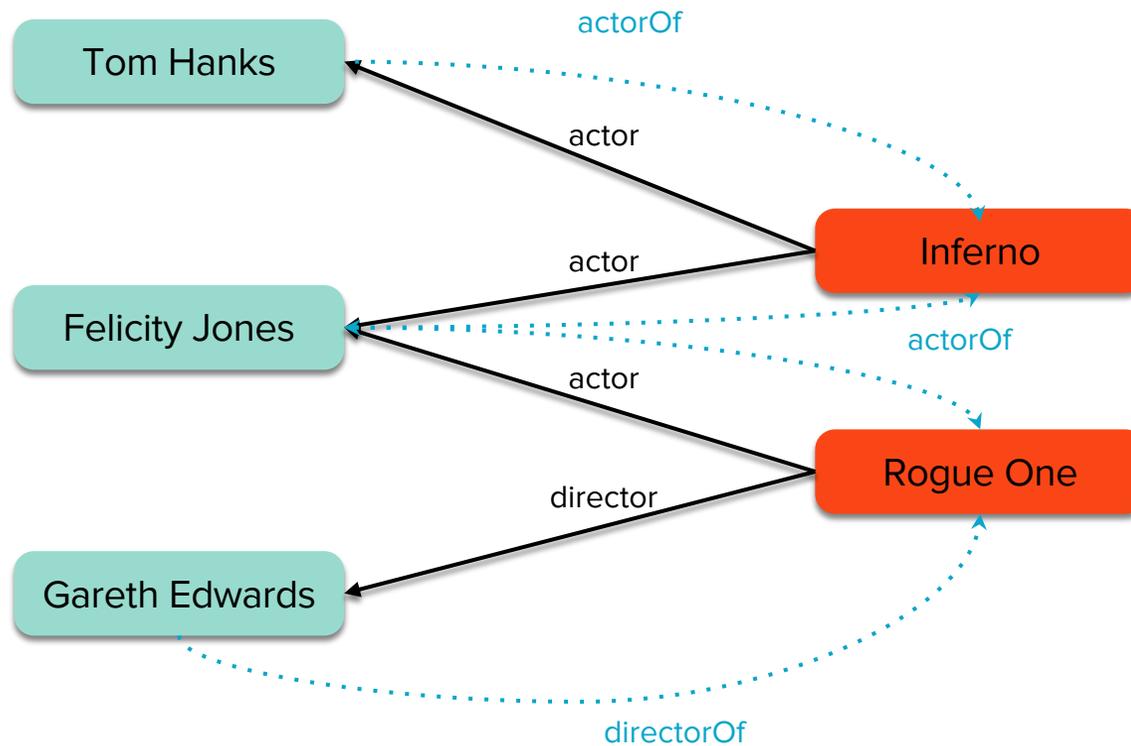
What is the power of inferencing?

- 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

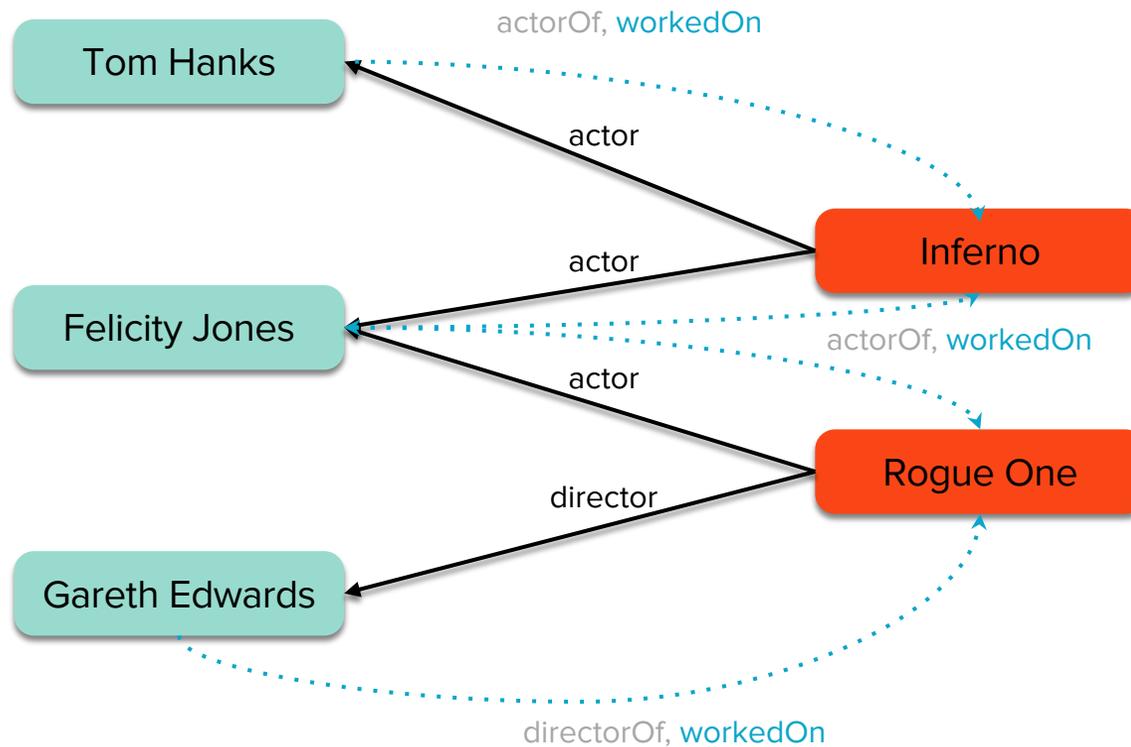


How Inference Engines Work



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directorOf inverseOf  director
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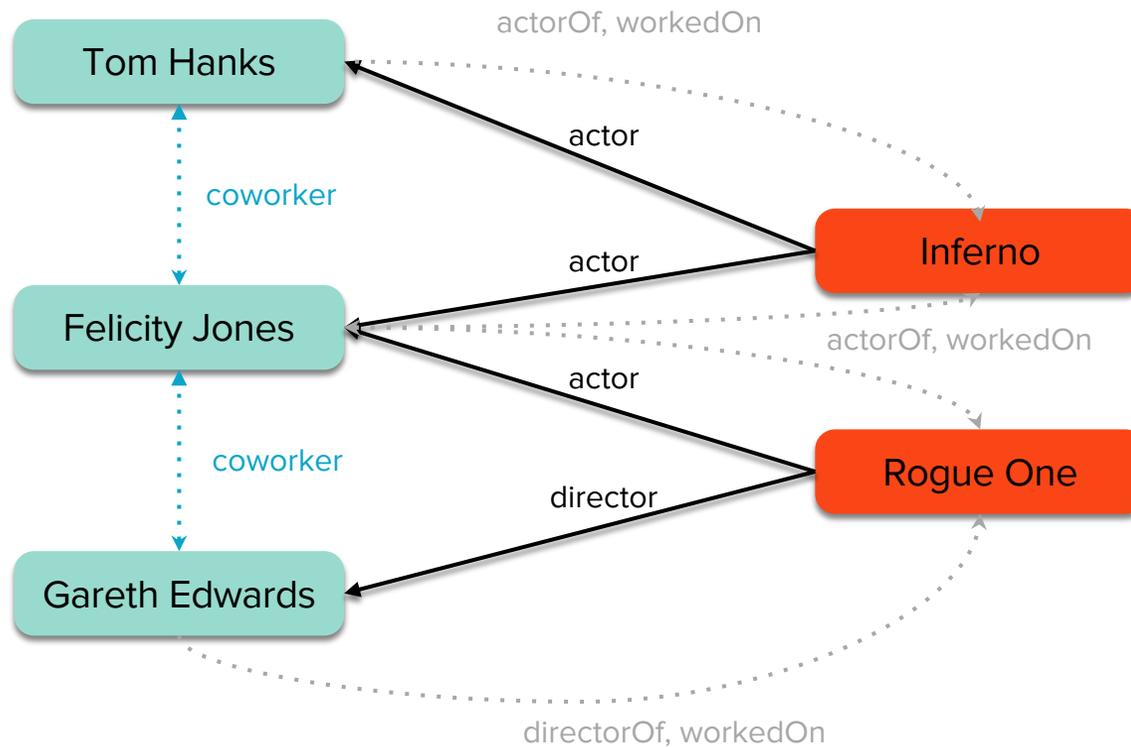
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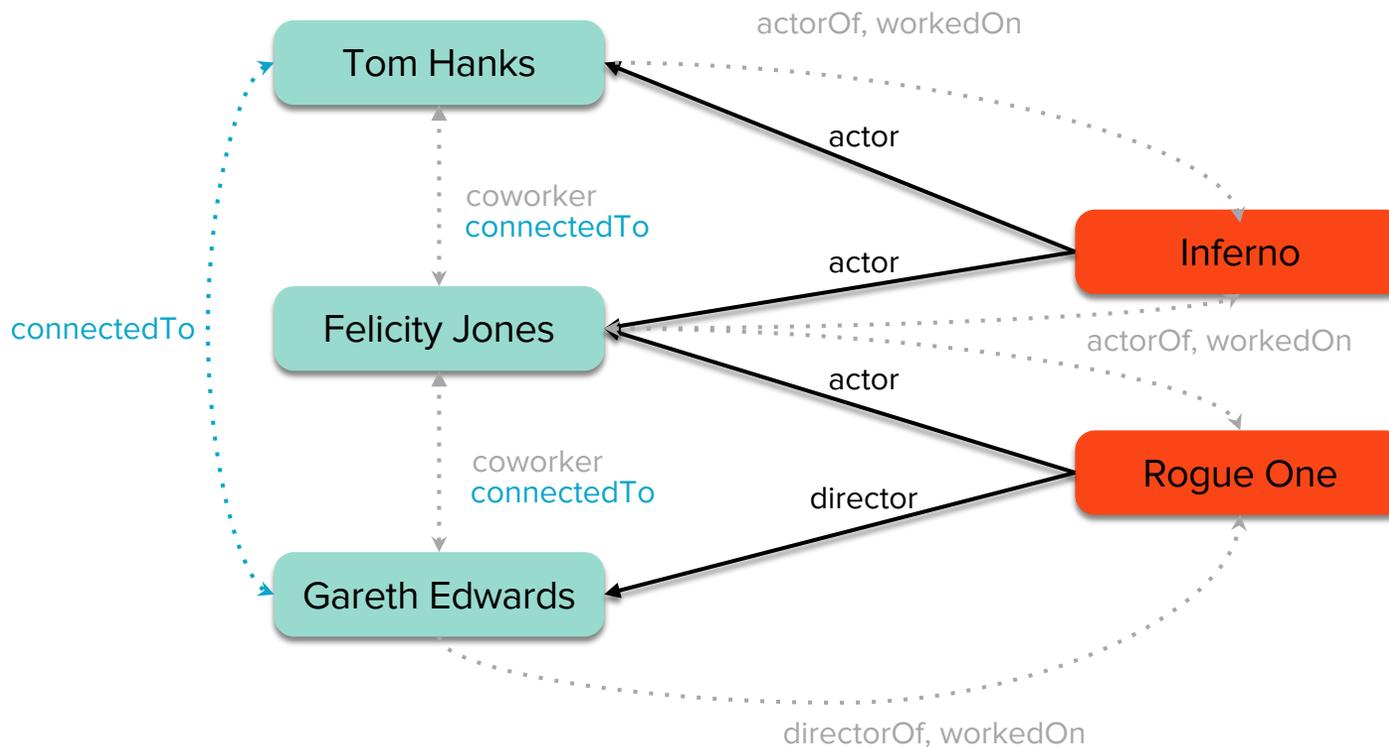


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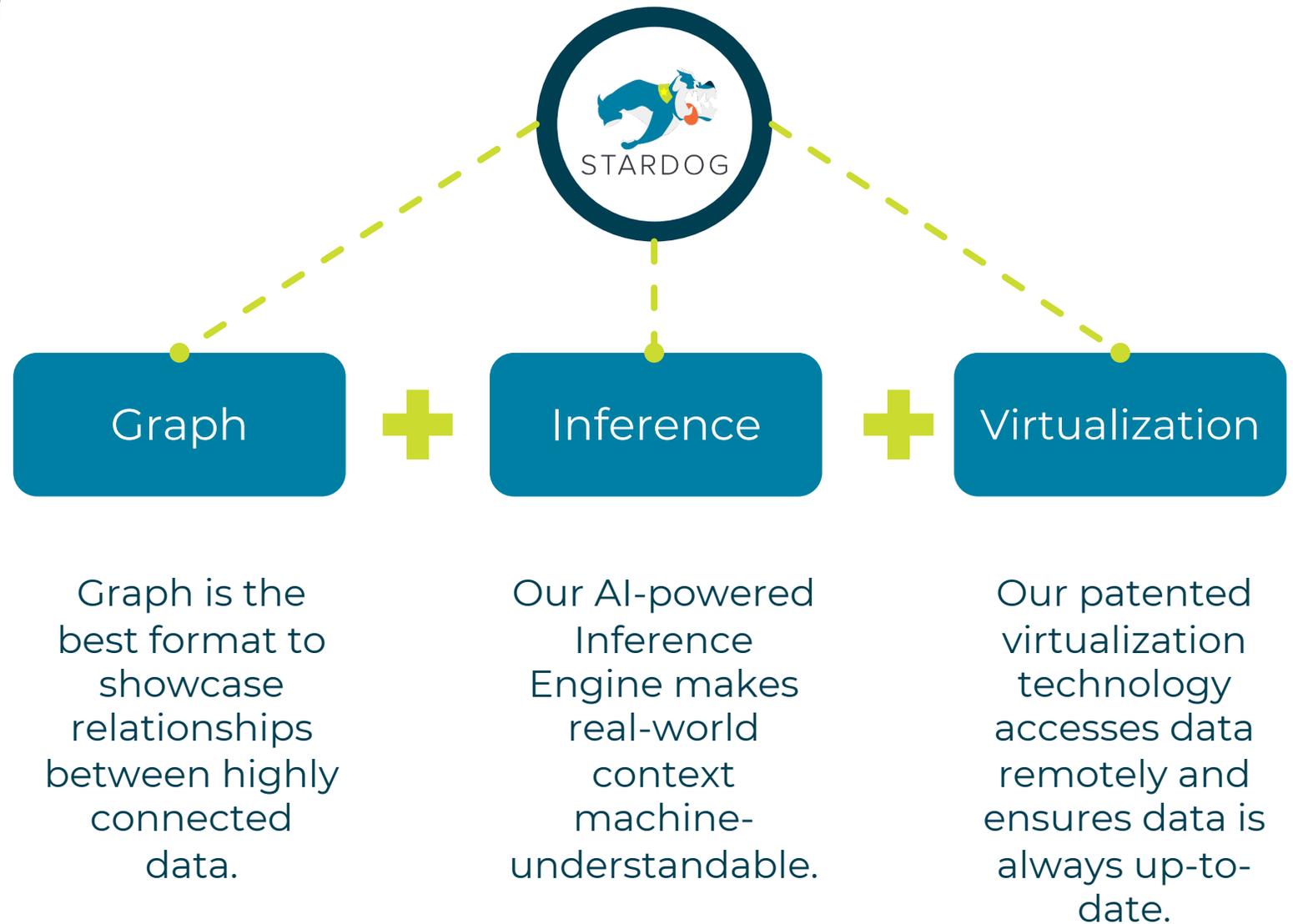
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coworker subPropertyOf connectedTo
connectedTo a TransitiveProperty
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Winning with Knowledge

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



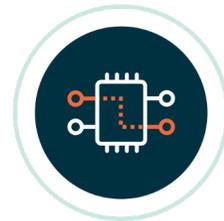
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Virtualization accesses data remotely so data is always up to date



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 left is the Springer Materials logo. 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 are navigation links: Home, Search by Elements, Search by Structure, Corrosion Search, and Contact us.

Refine your search

Data source

<input type="checkbox"/> Book Profiles	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Solid Phases	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Landolt-Börnstein	112

Discipline

<input type="checkbox"/> advanced technologies	28
<input type="checkbox"/> biophysics	7
<input type="checkbox"/> electromagnetism	63
<input type="checkbox"/> geo- and astrophysics	10
<input type="checkbox"/> mechanics	33
<input type="checkbox"/> molecules and radicals	12
<input type="checkbox"/> optics	27
<input type="checkbox"/> particle, nuclear and atomic physics	17
<input type="checkbox"/> solid-state physics	80

123 result(s) using Focused Search for substance: gold
If you didn't find what you were looking for, [see more results.](#)

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Book Profile

Radical Reaction Rates in Liquids · Radicals Centered on N, S, P and Other Heteroatoms. Nitroxyls
in *Landolt-Börnstein - Group II Molecules and Radicals (1983)*

Book Profile

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.

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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