

# Linguistic Linked Open Data for Humanists

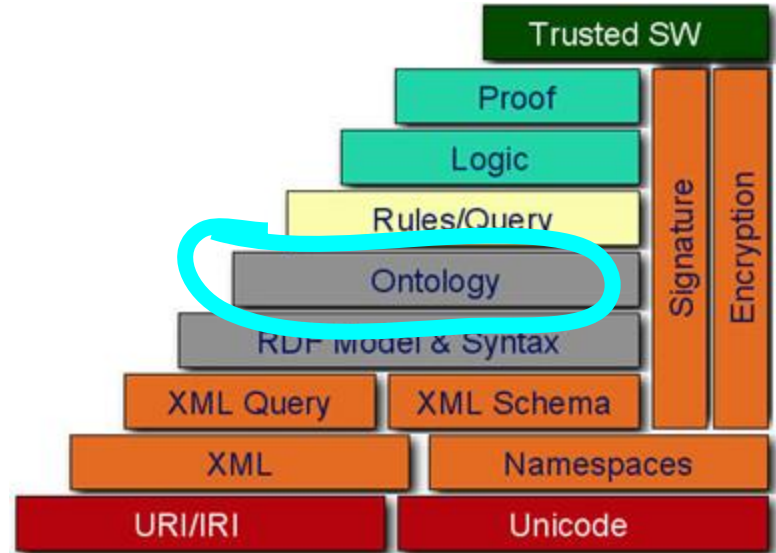
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# Exploring the Semantic Web Stack

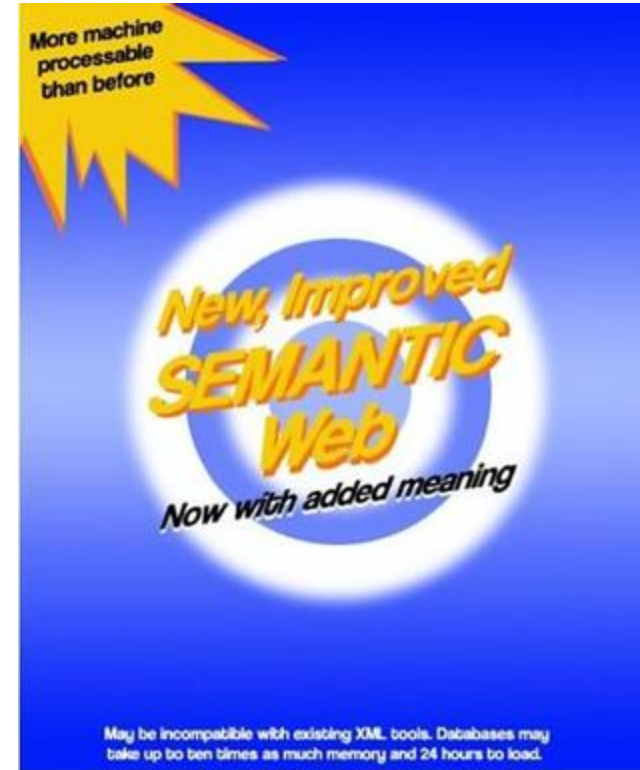


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# The Semantics in the Semantic Web: An Interlude on Semantic Artifacts

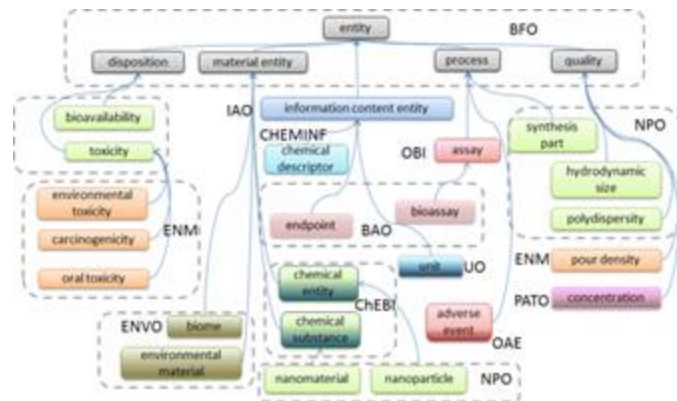
# The Semantics of the Semantic Web

- One of the main motivations behind the **Semantic Web** is to publish data on the World Wide Web in a way that makes its **meaning as explicit as possible**: making it easier for machines to carry out tasks on the basis of this meaning (**machine actionability**).
- One way this is done is via the use of formal languages, **RDF**, **RDFS**, and **OWL** which have a precise mathematical semantics to describe data
- Such languages offer us a means of **representing knowledge** in a way that is **less ambiguous** than natural language (as we have seen with RDF(S)) and that we can reason about in a fairly efficient way using automated reasoning algorithms (without having to use LLMs!).



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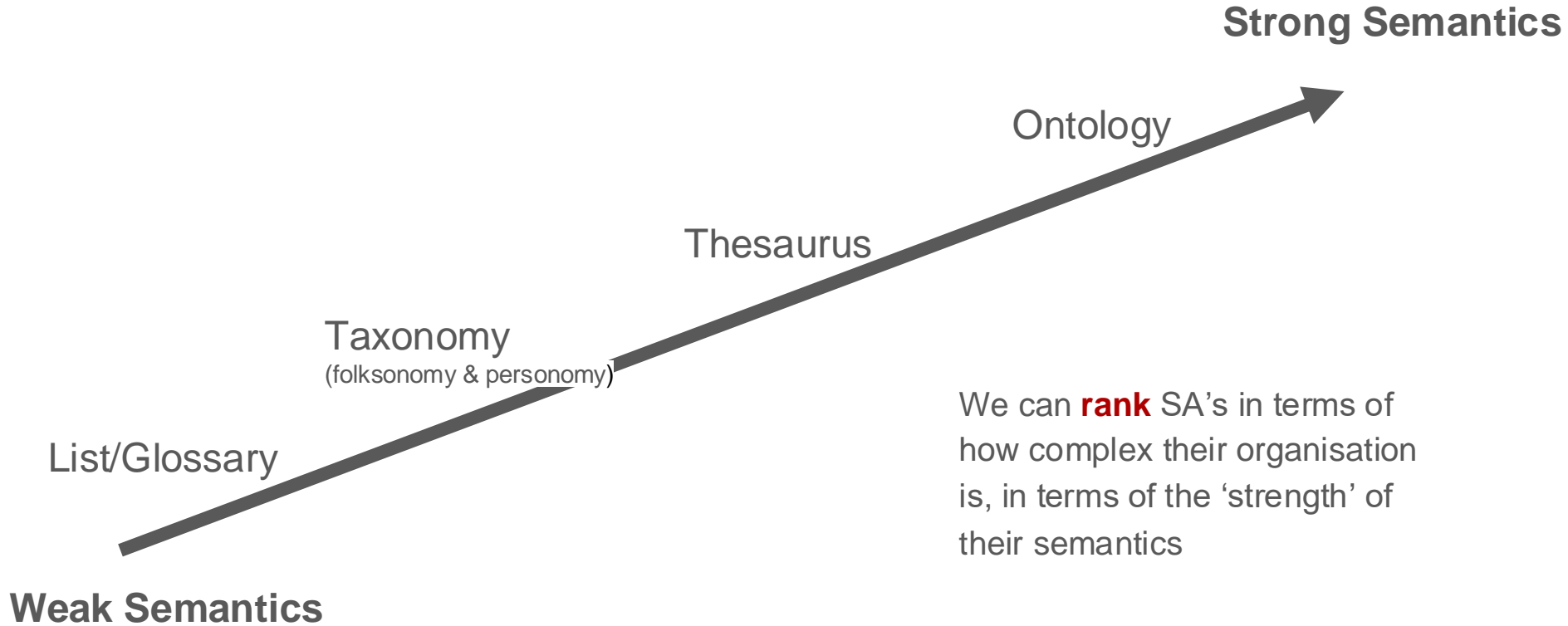
- We can use these formal languages to describe the most important concepts in a domain, via reference **models/conceptualisations**, these machine actionable descriptions can then be published on the Semantic Web and used by others
- We group these models/conceptualisations under the umbrella term of **semantic artifacts**
- Classes and properties from these semantic artifacts can then be re-used via Semantic Web standards
- These semantic artifacts are **especially useful for resource metadata**



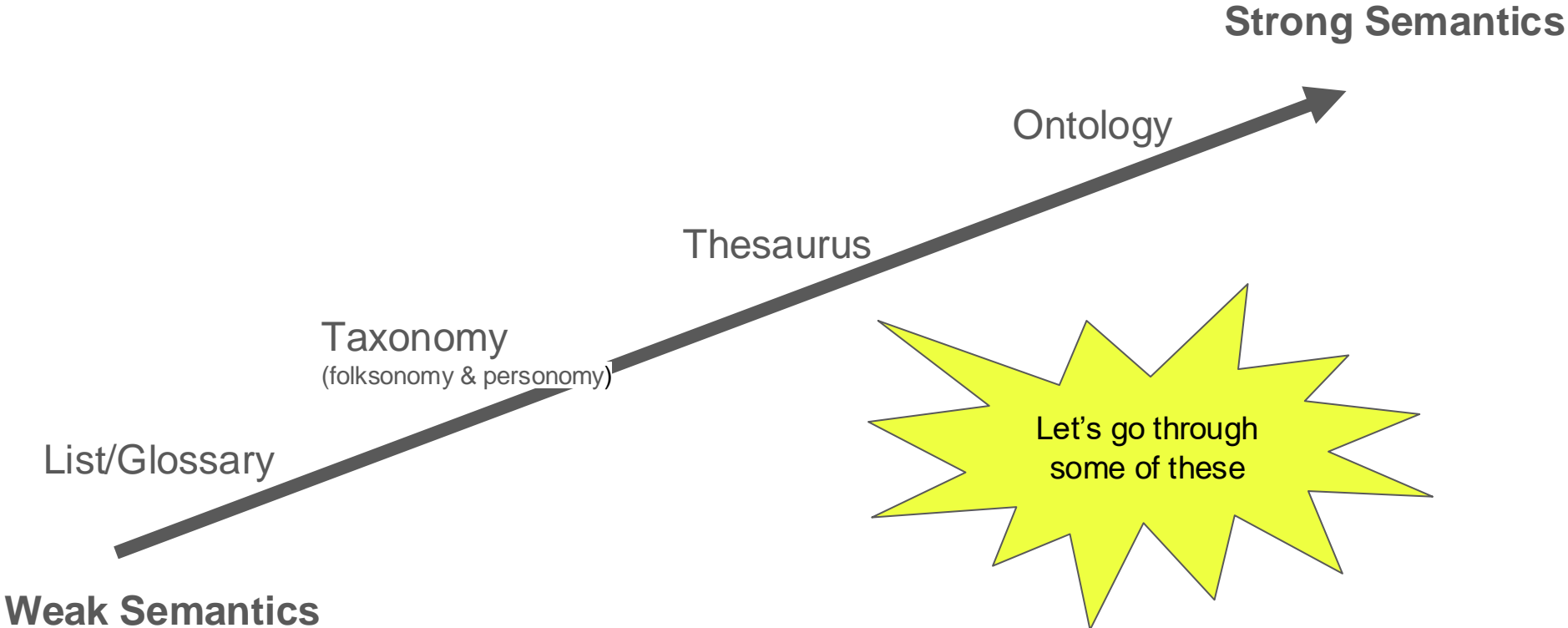
# Semantic Artifacts

- Term introduced in the **FAIRsFAIR project**
  - “**Machine actionable formalisation** (*represented using appropriate formats and serialisations, including RDF and non-RDF standards*) of a **conceptualisation**, enabling sharing and reuse by **humans and machines**” (Corcho et al)
- In other words SA’s represent **the conceptual model(s)** used to organise a (structured) dataset, but in a form that’s **shareable** and **accessible** both to computers and to human beings
  - Related term used in the past: **Knowledge Organisation System** (the last part of the name of SKOS!)
- **SA’s** can range from **simple fixed lists of terms** (with definitions), to **thesauri, taxonomies and ontologies**

# Kinds of Semantic Artifacts



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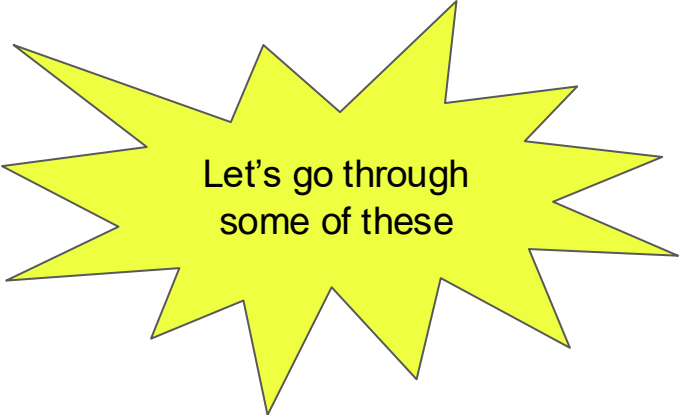
Ontology

Thesaurus

Taxonomy  
(folksonomy & personomy)

List/Glossary

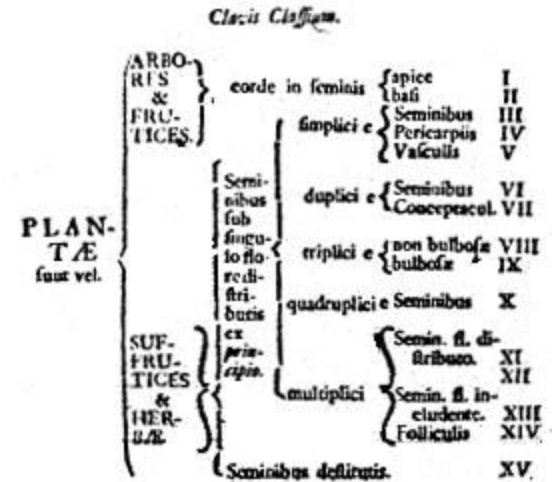
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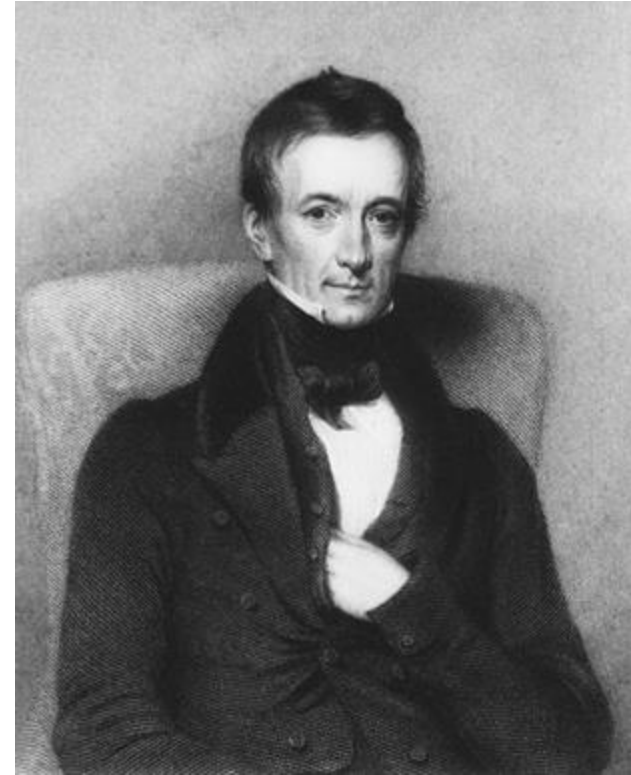
# Taxonomies, Folksonomies, Personomies and Thesauri

- **Taxonomy**: tends to refer to the **hierarchical arrangements** of concepts in a domain, usually on the basis of **hypernym/hyponym (X is a Y) relations**
  - The classic example here are biological taxonomies such as those of **Linneaus**
- **Folksonomy**: result from asking users to annotate/categorise/tag the elements in datasets usually consist of online content such as photos, forum threads, blog posts.
  - Usually much more **bottom-up** than taxonomies, as consequence they tend to be **messier** and to lack the rigour of classification schemes conceived as top down.



# Taxonomies, Folksonomies, Personomies and Thesauri

- **Personomy**: A folksonomy that's restricted to the annotations made by a single user.
- **Thesauri**: Are like taxonomies but they also include equivalence relationships, hierarchical relationships and associative relationships
  - Most well known such (paper based) resource is **Roget's Thesaurus**
  - **WordNets** can also be seen as thesauri



# Useful Semantic Web Taxonomies and Thesauri

- **Taxonomy of Digital Research Activities in the Humanities (TaDiRAH)** provides concepts for DH research activities, and is intended to assist community-driven sites and projects organise DH content
- The **European Language Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST)** is a broad-based, multilingual thesaurus for the social sciences.
- The **Getty Archive Art & Architecture Thesaurus® Online**, used for the description of art items, architecture, and material culture
- We will look at **SKOS**, a model for representing such resources (a semantic artifact for representing semantic artifacts(!)) in later slides

# Focus on: Princeton WordNet

- “WordNet® is a large **lexical database** of English. **Nouns, verbs, adjectives** and **adverbs** are grouped into **sets of cognitive synonyms (synsets), each expressing a distinct concept**. Synsets are interlinked by means of conceptual-semantic and lexical relations.
- WordNet superficially resembles a thesaurus, in that it groups words together based on their meanings. However, there are some important distinctions. First, **WordNet interlinks not just word forms—strings of letters—but specific senses of words**. As a result, words that are found in close proximity to one another in the network are semantically disambiguated. Second, **WordNet labels the semantic relations among words**, whereas the groupings of words in a thesaurus does not follow any explicit pattern other than meaning similarity.”

# Synsets

- The main relation among words in WordNet is **synonymy**. Synonyms are defined as **words that denote the same concept and are interchangeable in many contexts** and are grouped into unordered sets (synsets). Each of WordNet's 117 000 synsets is linked to other synsets by means of "conceptual relations."
- A synset contains a brief definition ("gloss") and, in most cases, one or more short sentences illustrating the use of the synset members. Word forms with several distinct meanings are represented in as many distinct synsets. Thus, each form-meaning pair in WordNet is unique.
- The most frequently encoded relation among synsets is the super-subordinate relation (also called hyperonymy, hyponymy or ISA relation), but we can also have:
  - **Meronymy**
  - **Antonymy** (for adjectives)
  - **Cross-PoS relations**, e.g. morpho-semantic links

# Beyond English: the Open Multilingual WordNet project

- It aims at interlinking WordNets in multiple languages, creating a shared format. There are currently two ways of connecting WordNets together: via the Princeton WordNet or using the Collaborative Interlingual Index.
- There are two approaches for creating a new WordNet: the expand method and the merge method: **the expand method starts from the structure of the Princeton WordNet** and translates the synsets into the target language, creating additional synsets for specific senses. **The merge method creates the WordNet from scratch and then adds links it to the Princeton WordNet** with cross-lingual links

Source: <https://omwn.org/index.html>

# WordNets in Linked (Open) Data

**Cimiano, Chiarcos, McCrae, Gracia 2020, *Linguistic Linked Data***

Alla p. 215: Applying Linked Data Principles to Linking Multilingual Wordnets

- Wordnets are the most widely used lexical resources in natural language processing and computational lexicography
- LOD principles have been applied to the development of the Global WordNet Grid (GWG) in order to form a catalogue of interlingual contexts that extends beyond the Princeton WordNet. Linked Data technologies are used to create a Collaborative Interlingual Index (CILI) that builds on standard Linked Data vocabularies and the RDF data model

# What are Ontologies?

- Ontologies are absolutely central to the Semantic Web, but what are they?
- One of the most popular definitions of the term\* goes as follows:
  - **“An ontology is a formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization”** (Studer et. al.)
- The **‘formal’** part refers to the fact that ontologies are usually written in a **formal language** with a mathematically defined syntax and semantics
- The **‘shared conceptualisation’** part emphasises the fact that ontologies deal with knowledge that is **shared** by a community but that is often **implicit** and/or **taken for granted**.
- Ontologies make this implicit knowledge more accessible (explicit)

\*We are of course using the term ontology in the informatics and not philosophical sense here



# What are Ontologies?

- More specifically ontologies allow us to model the **classes** and **individuals** of interest in a domain, the properties that pertain to them and the **relationships** that hold between them.
- They enable the description of more **complex concepts and relationships** in terms of **simpler concepts and relationships**. In this way we can represent their meanings.
- Ontologies are often written in languages such as OWL (which we'll look at later), for which there exist **semantic reasoners/inference engines** which allow us to automatically check constraints have been adhere to in our data as well as to derive new knowledge from them.

# What are Ontologies Used for?

- Ontologies have many different uses. One of the main ways that they're used is to define terms in a **controlled vocabulary** in a machine actionable way. These are lists of terms belonging to some specific domain that have been organised in a meaningful way and which can be used to index and retrieve texts.
- There are other ways of doing this (for example SKOS which we will look at later), but ontologies allow us a lot of **expressivity and flexibility**
- The concepts in an ontology can be given a unique identifier which means that they can be used to **annotate** lots of different datasets allowing us to **integrate** them and **query** them at the same time
- OWL is the Semantic Web ontology language which allows us to make use of the technologies and standards in the stack, e.g., URIs to identify concepts, as well as building on top of RDF and RDFS

# What are Ontologies Used for?

- Ontologies have had the most success in the biomedical domain where they have been used for the following
  - Annotation with standard identifiers, in order to integrate together and **query multiple datasets** (e.g., Gene Ontology)
  - As vocabularies for applications relying on **domain-specific terms** (e.g., text mining using ontology labels)
  - **Reasoning over ontology annotated datasets** (e.g., determining which protein family a protein belongs to)
  - Data Mining and Analysis, **using ontologies as background knowledge** (e.g., Gene Set Enrichment Analysis)
- Many of these tasks can also be carried over to other domains...but in the humanities there tends to be **less agreement** than in the hard sciences on basic definitions on the basis of which we can built ontologies

# What are Ontologies Made Out Of?

- Abstracting away from technical particulars, ontologies are used to describe three kinds of entity:
  - **Classes/concepts**, Person, Country, Sheep, Author, Word etc
  - **Properties (or relations)** X child of Y, X lives in Y, X is located in Y, X loves B, S isSenseOf W
  - **Individuals** Fahad Khan, Giulia Pedonese, Michele Mallia, Portugal, Europe, Euro 2034, number 23, the word *saudade*
- This is echoed in the division of ontologies into a **TBox** (**T**erminological Box) and an **ABox** (**A**ssertion Box) and sometimes a separate **RBox** (**R**ole/relation Box) too.
- These 3 kinds of entity become the primitive components out of which formal ontology languages such as OWL are constructed.

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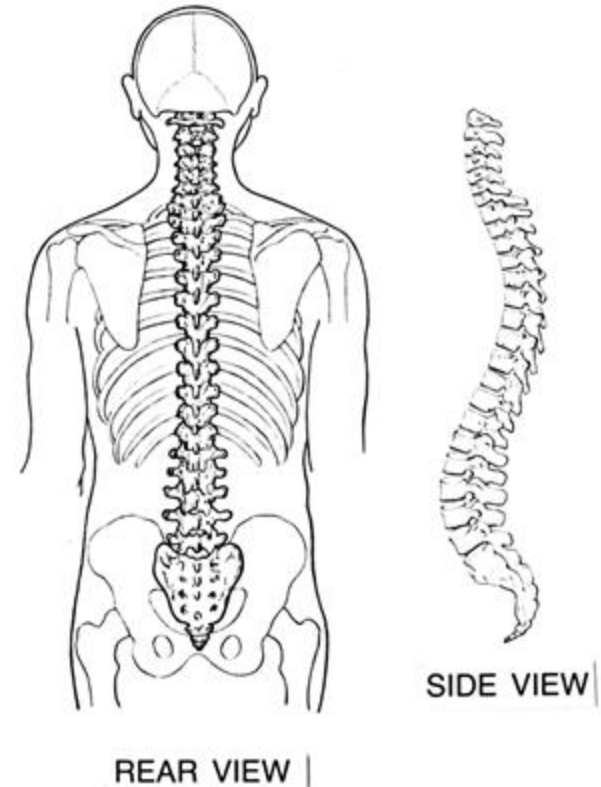
- In practice the term **taxonomy** is often used to refer to ontologies which use only the **subsumption** and (often) **equivalence** relations to organise concepts.
- The subsumption relation in taxonomies and ontologies ( $\sqsubseteq$ ) corresponds to **hyponymy** in lexical semantics, an area where we also describe taxonomies
- However as argued in (Cruse 86) a **well formed** (lexical) taxonomical hierarchy shouldn't include statements like **Ewe**  $\sqsubseteq$  **Sheep** but only those like **Sheep**  $\sqsubseteq$  **Animal** and **Horse**  $\sqsubseteq$  **Animal**. The former division isn't like the latter two.
- Well formed taxonomies should classify things into kinds; therefore we should use restricted criteria such as for instance:
  - $X \sqsubseteq Y$  in a taxonomy if an X is a **kind/type of** Y

# Excursus: Differences between Ontologies/Taxonomies

- So we can say:
  - A spaniel is **a kind of** dog
  - A rose is **a type of** flower
  - A mango is **a kind of** fruit
- But the following seem less acceptable:
  - ?A kitten is **a type of** cat
  - ?A queen is **a type of** monarch
  - ?A waiter is **a kind of** woman
- Cruse defines this new restricted version of the hyponymy relation **taxonomy** (not to be confused with taxonomy as a kind of resource, semantic artifact).
- His reasoning seems to apply not just to taxonomies in lexical semantics
- Can help us to clear up how to structure (well) Semantic Web taxonomies

# Excursus: Differences between Ontologies/Taxonomies

- Interestingly the well known ontology design methodology **Ontoclean** makes very similar points (though using a much more sophisticated analysis) and views the ontological subsumption (IS A) relation **similarly to Cruse's taxonomy relation**.
- In fact we can see a well-defined taxonomy as **the backbone** of an well-defined ontology.
- This is one way of understand how taxonomies and ontologies can be related together



# Top-Level Ontologies

- A lot of the vocabularies, we will look at for creating our own linked data language resources should be viewed as **ontologies** -- or at least semantic artifacts. One very useful class of ontologies are **Top-Level Ontologies**, also known as **Foundational Ontologies** or **Upper Ontologies**
- These are ontologies which describe the most general concepts which might be referred to in any individual ontology, e.g.,, **Event, Individual, Agent,...**
- Usually these are concepts which **aren't specific to any one domain** and can be re-used by other ontologies in different domains;
  - Although in some cases they tend to be more associated with particular domains or sets of domains, e.g., CIDOC-CRM for the humanities
- Using a Top-level Ontology we affirm the most **fundamental ontological commitments** made by a domain specific ontology.



# Top-Level Ontologies Semantic Artifacts

- Means we don't need to **reinvent the wheel**. Also help to ensure **a basic level of interoperability** among other more specific ontologies based on the same top level ontology, because of explicitly shared ontological commitments
- Top-level ontologies can often just be a series of **useful classes and properties** (in fact many would be better called **top level semantic artifacts**) or they can be much more extensive and incorporate sophisticated metaphysical reasoning (e.g., **DOLCE** and **BFO**)
- We can also have ontologies which describe general concepts in a domain; these are **Mid Level Ontologies**, mid way between a top level ontology and a more specific domain ontology

# Some Useful Top Level SAs

- Well known Top-Level Ontologies (Semantic Artifacts) include:
  - **Dublin Core**
  - **Friend of a Friend (FOAF)**
  - **Schema.org**
  - **DOLCE**
  - **BFO**
  - **SUMO**
- These are listed in ***A Survey of Top Level Ontologies*** by the UK's **Digital Twin Initiative**:
  - [https://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/files/a\\_survey\\_of\\_top-level\\_ontologies\\_lowres.pdf](https://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/files/a_survey_of_top-level_ontologies_lowres.pdf)

# Some Useful Top Level SAs

- We will look at the first three of these top level ontologies in the following slides, i.e., **Dublin Core**, **FOAF**, **Schema.org**
- We will also look at **DCAT** & **CIDOC-CRM** the latter of which is regularly used in the Digital Humanities
- These ontologies will likely be useful if you are defining your own ontology (or in fact for many other Semantic Web related use cases!)
- They are also important for creating **metadata** for e.g., **language resources**.
- Let's start with the Dublin Core!

# Dublin Core

- A set of vocabulary terms used to describe **web resources** (such as video, images, web pages), and physical resources such as books or artworks.
- Developed in 1995 during a workshop in **Dublin, Ohio**.
- Intended to facilitate the **discovery of electronic resources** by providing a **simple** and standardised set of conventions for resource description.
- Helped standardise metadata descriptions on the Semantic web
- Used commonly for metadata in all categories of Semantic Web resources, including for LLOD cloud resources

# Dublin Core Categories

**Contributor:** “An entity responsible for making contributions to the resource.”

**Subject:** “The spatial or temporal topic of the resource, the spatial applicability of the resource, or the jurisdiction under which the resource is relevant.”

**Creator:** “An entity primarily responsible for making the resource.”

**Date:** “A point or period of time associated with an event in the lifecycle of the resource.”

**Description:** “An account of the resource.”

# Dublin Core Categories Ctd

- **Format:** “The file format, physical medium, or dimensions of the resource.”
- **Identifier:** “An unambiguous reference to the resource within a given context.”
- **Language:** “A language of the resource.”
- **Publisher:** “An entity responsible for making the resource available.”
- **Relation:** “A related resource.”

## Dublin Core Categories Ctd

- **Rights:** “Information about rights held in and over the resource.”
- **Source:** “A related resource from which the described resource is derived.”
- **Subject:** “The topic of the resource.”
- **Title:** “A name given to the resource.”
- **Type:** “The nature or genre of the resource.”

# Dublin Core

- abstract
- accessRights
- accrualMethod
- accrualPeriodicity
- accrualPolicy
- alternative
- audience
- available
- bibliographicCitation
- conformsTo
- *contributor*
- *coverage*
- created
- *creator*
- *date*
- dateAccepted
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- dateSubmitted
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- rightsHolder
- *source*
- spatial
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- tableOfContents
- temporal
- *title*
- *type*
- valid



## Dublin Core - Your Turn

- Create a DC dataset using the DC Template
  - <http://metadataetc.org/dctemplate.html>

# Friend of a Friend (FOAF)

- An ontology describing **persons, their activities, and their relations to other people and objects.**
- Origin: Developed by Dan Brickley and Libby Miller in **2000**.
- Enables the creation of a web of machine-readable pages describing people, groups, the links between them, and the things they create and do.
- Useful in describing authors, contributors, etc, to a resource

# Friend of a Friend (FOAF)

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# Friend of a Friend (FOAF)

Create a DC dataset using FOAF-a-matic:

- <http://ldodds.com/foaf/foaf-a-matic.html>

# Schema.org

- **Schema.org** is a **collaborative, community** activity with a mission to create, maintain, and promote **schemas for structured data on the Internet**, on web pages, in email messages, and beyond
- Proposed as a selection of schemas **for adding metadata annotations** to HTML pages.
- Recently started to become a very popular ontology.

# Schema.org



# DCAT

- **Data Catalog Vocabulary (DCAT)** developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), is a vocabulary & designed to facilitate interoperability between **data catalogs published on the web**, providing a way to describe datasets in catalogs to make them more discoverable and accessible.
- Key components of DCAT include:
  - **Dataset**: Represents a collection of data, which could be in various formats.
  - **Distribution**: Represents an accessible form of a dataset, such as a downloadable file.
  - **Catalog**: Represents a collection of datasets.

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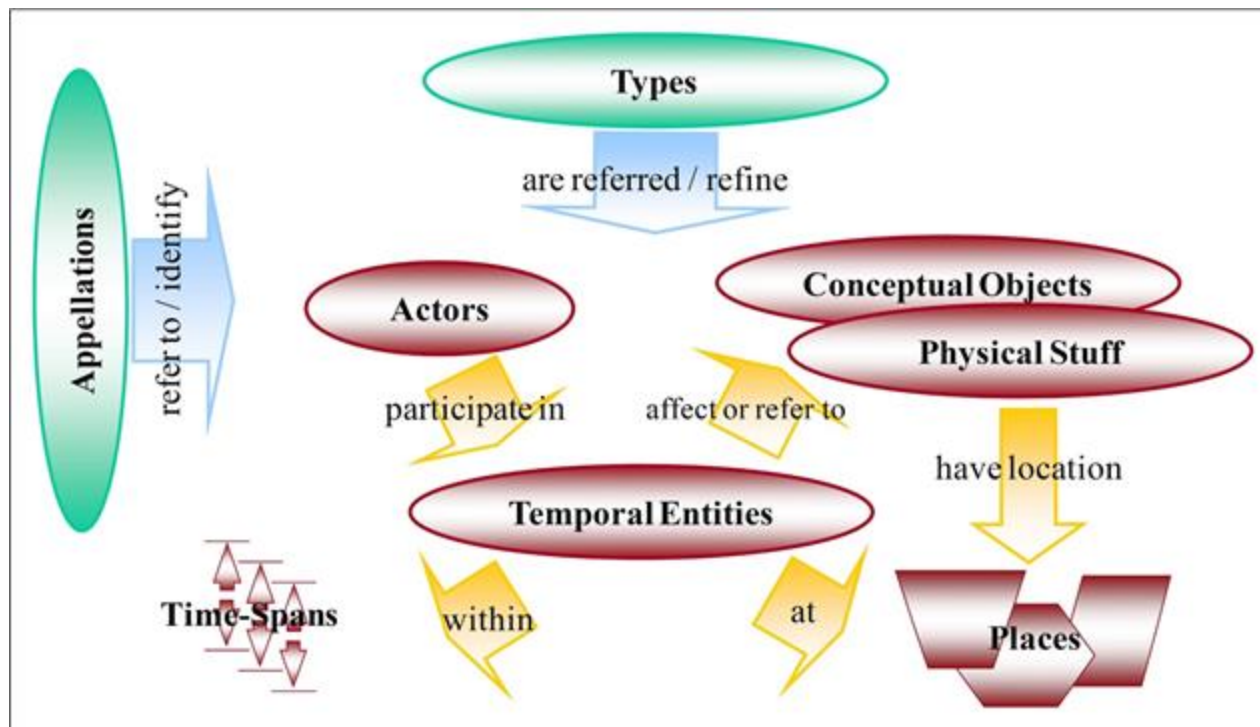
- We have looked at generic top level ontologies/SAs, let's look at those associated with different domains
- **CIDOC CRM** is a Top-Level Ontology (CRM= Conceptual Reference Model) originally created for the cultural heritage domain
- Published as an **ISO Standard** in 2006
- Intended to mediate between **cultural heritage datasets** in order to enable information exchange and data integration
- CIDOC CRM has proven itself an important tool in establishing **interoperability between individual resources** through making descriptions of objects semantically transparent via ontological concepts and properties, that is by rendering implicit knowledge explicit using CIDOC concepts



# CIDOC CRM

- The CIDOC CRM ontology consists of a number of real world concepts linked together using properties to which data is aligned
- CIDOC CRM is very much **event-centric** and organised in terms of **Things**, that persist through time, and **Events** which 'happen' rather than 'are'

# CIDOC CRM



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**Date:** 14thC (early; blade); 19thC (late; metal fittings)

**Production place:** Made in: Japan (Asia,Japan)

**Materials:** wood; steel; silver; ray skin; metal; lacquer; gold

**Technique:** lacquered; inlaid ; high relief; gilded; colour

**Inscriptions:**

**Inscription Type:** signature

**Inscription Script:** Japanese

**Inscription Position:** blade, tang, obverse

**Inscription Content:** 国光; Inscription Transliteration; Kunimitsu, etc

**Curator's comments:** Harris 2005 - 'Hira zukuri' tanto blade with the slight 'uchizori' curve of the late Kamakura period. The blade has 'itame' with 'mokume' grain with 'jifu utsuri' and much 'chikei'. The 'suguha hamon' is of fine 'nie' with 'kinsuji'. The maker, Shintogo Kunimitsu, is feted as the founder of the Soshu tradition at Kamakura in the late Kamakura period.

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**Acquisition name:** Purchased through: Eskenazi Ltd biography; Purchased from: Christie's biography; Previous owner/ex-collection: Dr Walter A Compton biography

**Acquisition date:** 1992

**Acquisition notes:** Bought at Christie's (lot 226) by Eskenazi Ltd at the BM's request. Former collection of Walter A Compton.

**Department:** Asia

**Registration number:** 1992.0523.2

Production

Inscription

Authoring/  
Publishing

Exhibition  
(Event)

Acquisition

# CIDOC CRM

- Used in a number of very successful projects and initiatives, to render the information coming from various catalogues interoperable, including Map the Manuscript Migrations
- CIDOC CRM has several other modules that build on the success of the original model including **a provenance model**, a **spatiotemporal model**, a model for archeology and buildings
- FRBRoo (Version 0.2 released in 2013) an attempt to create an ontology that harmonises both CIDOC CRM and the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR), data model; this changed name to become LRM.
  - Khan and Salgado propose the integration of OntoLex with FRBRoo (LRM) to model lexicons and dictionaries as both physical, visual and informational objects.

# VIAF, DBpedia, and Wikidata

- Now, we will focus on three important general purpose Semantic Web ontological resources which should come up useful in all kinds of tasks:
  - **VIAF**
  - **DBpedia**
  - **Wikidata**
- These resources are useful for adding references in dictionary citations to proper names (geographical locations, names of authors, works)
- Shows the potential for representing extra-linguistic information in language resources in a standardised and highly machine actionable way (something which the Semantic Web facilitates)

# VIAF

- **Virtual International Authority File**
- Authority File: Assigns **a unique identifier** to people, topics, organisations, etc
- VIAF offers **URIs for use in Linked Data datasets**
- Luís de Camões
  - <https://viaf.org/viaf/186297237/>
- Universidade nova de Lisboa:
  - <https://viaf.org/viaf/124928771/>



# DBpedia and Wikidata

- Both **DBpedia** and **Wikidata** are based on Wikipedia
- Differences:
  - DBpedia: An RDF ontology that is generated from Wikipedia **infoboxes**
  - Wikidata: An ontology created to **enrich** Wikipedia



# Wikidata

- Can be edited **directly** by users
- Consists of items with an **Q-prefix id** and properties with a **P-prefix id**
- Every item is the subject of a number of claims/triples
  - These claims can be qualified with qualifiers and annotated with references
- Wikidata page for **Luís de Camões**:
  - <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q590>
- Wikidata page for **Taiwan**:
  - <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q865>

# Wikidata

- Wikidata is **becoming popular in the humanities**
- Used as a data source as well as for **storing data**
- Map of residences of accused witches based on wikidata:
  - <https://witches.is.ed.ac.uk/>
- Use of Wikidata to document a local music scene:
  - <https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/boston-rock-city-explore-wikidata-and-learn-about-local-music/>
- We will look at the lexicographic data hosted in Wikidata in tomorrow's lesson

# Useful Semantic Artifacts on the LLOD Cloud

## Lexvo

- A linked data SA that provides information about languages, words, and other linguistic entities
- Each language in lexvo is assigned a unique **URI**, which can be used to unambiguously refer to that language.
  - For example, the URI for the English language is <http://lexvo.org/id/iso639-3/eng>.
- **Lexical Entries**: Lexvo includes lexical entries that provide information about words and phrases in various languages. These entries can include **definitions**, **translations**, and **phonetic transcriptions**.
- **Language Relationships**: The service provides information about the relationships between languages, such as which languages are dialects of others or belong to the same language family.
- **Cultural and Geographic Data**: Lexvo links languages **to the regions** where they are spoken and to the cultures that use them, providing **a contextual understanding** of each language

# Useful Semantic Artifacts on the LLOD Cloud

## Lexinfo:

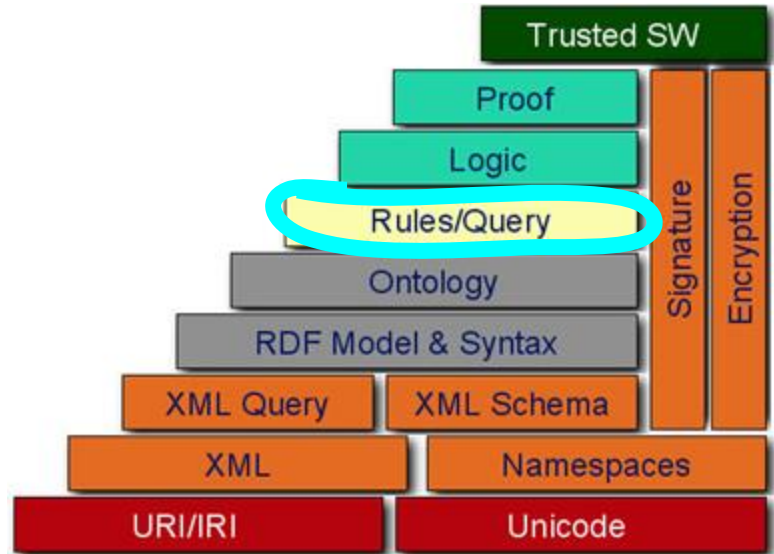
- “[A]n ontology that was defined during the Monnet Project to provide **data categories** for the **Lemon** model [predecessor]. It has since been updated with the new OntoLex-Lemon model of the **OntoLex community group**.”
- It provides e.g., **part of speech** values, other relevant **morpho-grammatical** properties, for OntoLex lexicons, as we will see....
- Based on the **Old ISOCat registry**, since discontinued
- Difficult to navigate, a real **hodgepodge**
- Shows that ontologies aren’t always well thought out (even if they are useful)

# Search Engines/Repositories

- Linked Open Vocabularies:
  - <https://lov.linkeddata.es/dataset/lov>
- Another RDF vocabulary search engine
  - <http://vocab.cc/>
- Specialised ontology repositories:
  - Archivio: <http://vocab.cc/>

# Exploring the Semantic Web Stack

A second tutorial on SPARQL (with Wikidata)



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# Returning to SPARQL

- We return to **SPARQL** this time using the **Wikidata** SPARQL endpoint
- Recall in Wikidata (differently from DBpedia) the IDs are **arbitrary** (and **not human readable**), e.g., <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q311145>,  
<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Property:P800>
- With the **Q prefix** used for items and the **P prefix** for properties
- We will look at a few queries from the **Wikidata Query point**  
<https://query.wikidata.org/>
- We take these from the Wikidata tutorial  
[https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:SPARQL\\_tutorial](https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:SPARQL_tutorial)

# First Wikidata Query

Who were the sons of **Johann Sebastian Bach (Q1339)**, where the relevant property (father of) has the **ID P:P22**:

```
SELECT ?child
WHERE
{
# ?child father Bach
  ?child wdt:P22 wd:Q1339.
}
```



# SERVICE

- The **SERVICE** keyword in SPARQL is used to query **a remote SPARQL endpoint** from within a SPARQL query. This allows **federated querying**, where data from **different SPARQL endpoints** can be combined in a single query.
- In Wikidata the **SERVICE keyword** can be used to access a specific service provided by the Wikidata SPARQL endpoint to **fetch labels** for the queried entities in the desired language.

# Updated Wikidata Query

```
SELECT ?child ?childLabel
WHERE
{
  # ?child father Bach
  ?child wdt:P22 wd:Q1339.
  SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "[AUTO_LANGUAGE]". }
}
```

- **wikibase:label** is a predefined service in Wikidata that helps in fetching the human-readable labels (names) for the entities.
- **bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "[AUTO\_LANGUAGE]"** specifies the language parameter. [AUTO\_LANGUAGE] is a placeholder that automatically selects the language based on the user's preferences or the default language of the endpoint.

# Property Paths

**Property paths** in SPARQL are a powerful feature that **allows querying of complex relationships** between RDF resources by specifying patterns of predicates (properties) in the query. Property paths can be used to **navigate through RDF graphs**, allowing more flexible and expressive queries.

A simple path specifies a direct relationship between two nodes. However the sequence path/allows **chaining** multiple predicates,

E.g., `?item wdt:P31/wdt:P279/wdt:P279 ?class.`

The **zero-or-more path \*** matches zero or more occurrences of a predicate.

E.g., `?item wdt:P31/wdt:P279* ?class.`

The **one-or-more path +** matches one or more occurrences of a predicate.

E.g., `?item wdt:P31/wdt:P279+ ?class.`

# Exercise

How can I modify the following query to find all the descendants of Bach where P40 is the child relation?

```
SELECT ?d ?dLabel
WHERE
{
    wd:Q1339 wdt:P40 ?d.

    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language
"[AUTO_LANGUAGE]". }
}
```

# Exercise

## Answer

```
SELECT ?d ?dLabel
WHERE
{
    wd:Q1339 wdt:P40+ ?d.
    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language
"[AUTO_LANGUAGE]". }
}
```

# An Alternative

```
SELECT ?descendant ?descendantLabel
```

```
WHERE
```

```
{  
    ?descendant (wdt:P22|wdt:P25)+ wd:Q1339.
```

```
    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language  
"[AUTO_LANGUAGE]". }
```

```
}
```

# BIND, BOUND, IF

Recall: We can use **BIND(expression AS ?variable)** to assign the result of an expression to a variable; **BOUND(?variable)** to test if a variable has been bound to a value (useful for variables introduced in an **OPTIONAL** clause); we can additionally add conditionals to SPARQL queries via **IF(condition,thenExpression,elseExpression)**

# Query

We would like to write a query that shows the name of all **French writers born in the second half of the 18th century**, but instead of just showing their label, it shows their **pseudonym (P742)** if they have one, and **only the label** if a pseudonym doesn't exist.



# First Part

French writers from the second half of the 18th century

```
SELECT ?writer
WHERE
{
  ?writer wdt:P31 wd:Q5; # An instance of (P31) human (Q5)
          wdt:P27 wd:Q142; # a citizen (P27) of France (Q142)
          wdt:P106 wd:Q36180; # with occupation (106) writer (Q36180)
          wdt:P569 ?dob. # and dob (P569)
  FILTER("1751-01-01"^^xsd:dateTime <= ?dob && ?dob < "1801-01-01"^^xsd:dateTime).
}
```

# Second Part

French writers from the second half of the 18th century with their English label, get the pseudonym if it exists

```
SELECT ?writer ?writerLabel WHERE
{
  ?writer wdt:P31 wd:Q5;
          wdt:P27 wd:Q142;
          wdt:P106 wd:Q36180;
          wdt:P569 ?dob.

  FILTER("1751-01-01"^^xsd:dateTime <= ?dob && ?dob < "1801-01-01"^^xsd:dateTime).

  # get the English label
  ?writer rdfs:label ?writerLabel.

  FILTER(LANG(?writerLabel) = "en").

  # get the pseudonym, if it exists
  OPTIONAL { ?writer wdt:P742 ?pseudonym. }
}
```

# QUERY

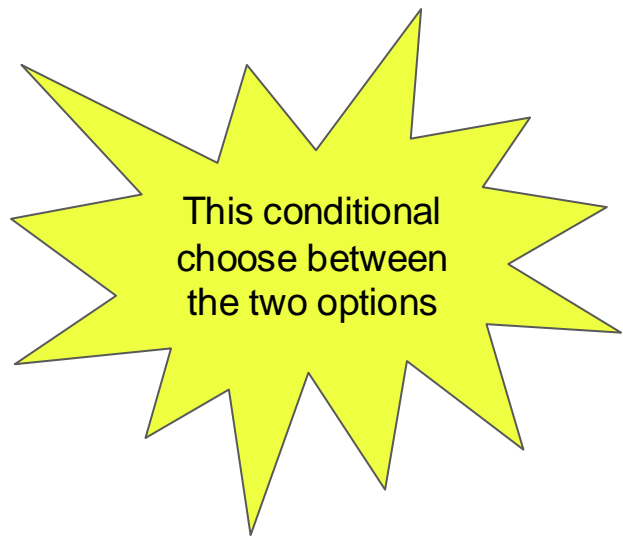
## Full query

```
SELECT ?writer ?label
WHERE
{....
    ?writer rdfs:label ?writerLabel.
        FILTER(LANG(?writerLabel) = "en").
        # get the pseudonym, if it exists
    OPTIONAL { ?writer wdt:P742 ?pseudonym. }
    BIND(IF(BOUND(?pseudonym),?pseudonym,?writerLabel) AS ?label).
}
```

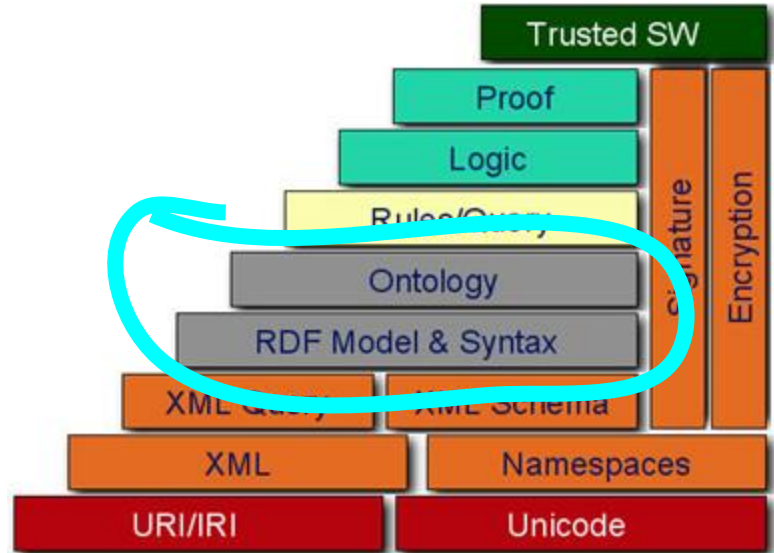
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}
```



# Exploring the Semantic Web Stack



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# SKOS

- We have looked at Semantic Artifacts in theory but how can we actually build them ourselves, what languages should we use (in addition to RDF(S))?
- SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organisation System) is a Semantic Web model for building RDF taxonomies/thesauri; it is a nice, lightweight alternative to OWL in cases where we don't need to create an ontology, but is more flexible than RDFS
- SKOS is concept-centric model in which terms are attached as labels to concepts, and concepts can be arranged in hierarchies using the broader and narrower properties, or associated together using the related property
- There exist many tools for editing or managing SKOS datasets, including several of those which are also used for working with OWL ontologies

# SKOS

- SKOS is based around the core SKOS class `Concept`
  - e.g., `ex:animals rdf:type skos:Concept`
- SKOS concepts can have labels in different languages, these labels can be either preferred labels or alternative labels
  - e.g., `ex:animals rdf:type skos:Concept;`

`skos:prefLabel "animals"@en;`

`skos:altLabel "creatures"@en;`

`skos:prefLabel "animaux"@fr;`

`skos:prefLabel "animali"@it.`

# SKOS

```
ex:animals rdf:type skos:Concept;
```

```
    skos:prefLabel "animals"@en;
```

```
    skos:narrower ex:vertebrates.
```

```
ex:vertebrates rdf:type skos:Concept;
```

```
    skos:prefLabel "vertebrates"@en;
```

```
    skos:broader ex:animals;
```

```
    skos:narrower ex:mammals.
```

```
ex:mammals rdf:type skos:Concept;
```

```
    skos:prefLabel "mammals"@en;
```

```
    skos:broader ex:vertebrates.
```



# SKOS-XL

Sometimes it is required to describe relationships among lexical labels representing concepts. For this SKOS provides an extension SKOS-XL - SKOS eXtension for Labels - to identify, describe and link lexical labels.

```
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix ex: <http://www.example.com/> .
@prefix skosxl: <http://www.w3.org/2008/05/skos-xl#> .

ex:europaanWildcat rdf:type skos:Concept;
  skosxl:prefLabel ex:europaanWildcatLabel1;
  skosxl:altLabel ex:europaanWildcatLabel2.

ex:europaanWildcatLabel1 rdf:type skosxl:Label;
  skosxl:literalForm "European wildcat"@en.

ex:europaanWildcatLabel2 rdf:type skosxl:Label;
  skosxl:literalForm "Felis silvestris"@la.

ex:europaanWildcatLabel1 skosxl:labelRelation ex:europaanWildcatLabel2.
```

# Controlled vocabularies

- CV are knowledge organization systems that contain (optionally) structured set of concepts/terms for organizing and classifying data in order to ensure its future access and retrieval.
  - The concepts/terms are data descriptors **related to each other via explicit relationships (hierarchical or associative)**.
  - These data descriptors are used to distinguish and define the characteristics of knowledge resources in a specific domain.
- Using controlled vocabularies the resources **can be queried (!!!)**, retrieved, analysed and linked to other relevant information objects.

# Types of CV

- **On the Web** → vocabularies are often used in building the information architecture for websites, data repositories, information systems, etc...
- **Biology** → classification of living organisms (e.g. taxonomies of living organisms, classifications of cross-species anatomical entities...).
- **Public health and medicine** → have CVs in various forms (terminologies, thesauri, ontologies) for defining categorizations and classifications for biomedical investigations, diseases, symptoms, medical errors, etc.
- **International organizations** → United Nations terminologies: to standardize terms and translations in international affair to eliminate ambiguity in terms used in international communication.
- **GLAM** (Galleries/Libraries/Archives/Museums) → describe their objects and resources, build catalogues and information systems.
- **Computer Science** → used in data mining, knowledge extraction, or conversation AI use CVs to classify entities and objects in text or speech recognition

# Vocabulary platform

- A vocabulary platform is an integrated system designed to manage, publish and provide access to controlled vocabularies used in the organisation and classification of knowledge.
- These platforms facilitate the search and navigation of terms through intuitive and multilingual web interfaces, and often include APIs for integration with other applications.



# SKOSMOS

- Skosmos is an **open source tool** developed for publishing controlled vocabularies represented according to the SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organisation System) model.
- Skosmos offers a **multilingual web interface** that enables the navigation and search of concepts through labels and semantic relations.
- The system architecture is based on a SPARQL endpoint for data storage and uses the Twig template engine to render the user interface.
- The system also supports a **REST API** for integration with other applications, enabling the use of vocabularies in annotation or cataloguing systems.

Global methods		Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations
GET	/vocabularies			Available vocabularies
GET	/search			Search concepts and collections by query term
GET	/label			List of labels for the requested concept
GET	/data			RDF data of the requested concept
GET	/types			Information about the types (classes) of objects contained in all vocabularies

Vocabulary-specific methods		Show/Hide	List Operations	Expand Operations
GET	/{vocabulary}/			General information about the vocabulary
GET	/{vocabulary}/types			Information about the types (classes) of objects in the vocabulary
GET	/{vocabulary}/topConcepts			Top concepts of the vocabulary
GET	/{vocabulary}/data			RDF data of the whole vocabulary or a specific concept, if the vocabulary has support for it, MARCXML data is available for the whole vocabulary in each language.
GET	/{vocabulary}/search			Finds concepts and collections from a vocabulary by query term
GET	/{vocabulary}/lookup			Look up concepts by label
GET	/{vocabulary}/vocabularyStatistics			Number of Concepts and Collections in the vocabulary
GET	/{vocabulary}/labelStatistics			Number of labels by language
GET	/{vocabulary}/index/			Initial letters of the alphabetical index
GET	/{vocabulary}/index/{letter}			Concepts for a given letter in the alphabetical index
GET	/{vocabulary}/groups			Concept groups in the vocabulary
GET	/{vocabulary}/new			New concepts in the vocabulary

<https://api.finto.fi/doc/>

# SSHOC Multilingual Data Stewardship Terminology

**Vocabs** Vocabularies About Editor API Help | Interface language: English ▾

## SSHOC Multilingual Data Stewardship Terminology

Content language: English ▾

Alphabetical Hierarchy

A B C D E F G H I L M N O P R S T  
U V

access data → data access  
accessibility → data accessibility  
accessible data  
administrative data  
aggregate data → data aggregation  
anonymisation  
anonymised data  
anonymization → anonymisation  
anonymized data → anonymised data  
auxiliary data  
availability of (research) data → data availability  
available data

### Vocabulary information

**TITLE** SSHOC Multilingual Data Stewardship Terminology

**DESCRIPTION** The SSHOC Multilingual Data Stewardship Terminology is a multilingual terminology that collects terms specific to the domain of Data Stewardship, as well as their definitions. A list of domain-specific terms was automatically extracted from a corpus pertaining to the domain of Data Stewardship and Curation, validated by domain experts, assigned a definition, and linked to other existing terminologies (Loterre Open Science Thesaurus, terms4FAIRskills, Linked Open Vocabularies, ISO terms and definitions). Each term-definition pair was then automatically translated into multiple languages (Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Slovenian) by employing Deep-L. The Multilingual Data Stewardship Terminology thus consists of 211 concepts available in Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Slovenian. This resource was created within the frame of the SSHOC (Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud) project (H2020-INFRAEOSC-2018-2-823782). It is the result of the work of Task 3.1.2 "extraction of terminology from technical documentation about standards and interoperability", as described in D3.9, carried out jointly by ILC-CNR and CLARIN ERIC.

**LANGUAGE**

- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/dut>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/ell>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/eng>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/fra>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/ger>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/ita>
- <http://iso639-3.sil.org/code/slv>

<https://vocabs.sshopencloud.eu/browse/sshocterm/en/>

# ROSSIO

The screenshot displays the VOCABS ROSSIO web interface. At the top, the logo 'VOCABS ROSSIO' is visible on the left, and navigation links 'Vocabularies About Help | em português' are on the right. Below the logo, the page title 'Tesauro ROSSIO' is shown, along with a search bar containing 'Portuguese' and a search button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a navigation menu with 'Alphabetical' and 'Hierarchy' tabs. Under 'Hierarchy', a tree view shows 'Agentes' expanded, listing various sub-categories such as 'Agentes físicos', 'Organismos', 'Animais', 'Pessoas', 'Académicos', 'Adaptadores (Pessoas na literatura)', 'Aderecistas', 'Advinhos', 'Administradores', 'Adúlteros', 'Adultos', 'Advogados', 'Agentes (Representantes comerciais)', 'Agentes funerários', 'Agricultores (Pessoas na agricultura)', 'Agrimensores', 'Agrónomos', 'Aldeões', 'Aliados', 'Alquimistas', 'Amadores', 'Amantes', 'Ambientalistas', 'Analistas de sistemas', 'Anarquistas', 'Anatomistas', 'Anciãos', 'Anfitriões', 'Animadores', 'Anões', and 'Antiquários'. The right column displays the details for the 'Agentes' concept. It includes a 'PREFERRED TERM' section with the term 'Agentes' and a copy icon. Below this, a 'TYPE' section lists 'Tópico'. A 'NARROWER CONCEPTS' section lists 'Agentes físicos' and 'Agentes sociais'. A 'SCOPE NOTE' section contains the text: 'Este conceito classifica pessoas, grupos de pessoas, organizações e outras entidades (reais, possíveis ou imaginárias) que possam realizar ações intencionais.' An 'IN OTHER LANGUAGES' section shows 'Agents' in English. A 'URI' section provides the URL: 'http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.unl.pt/tesauro/c\_0c97cab4'. A 'DOWNLOAD THIS CONCEPT:' section offers 'RDF/XML TURTLE JSON-LD' and indicates it was 'Created 12/8/20'. An 'EXACTLY MATCHING CONCEPTS' section lists two external resources: 'http://vocab.getty.edu/aat/300' from 'vocab.getty.edu' with ID '379422', and 'http://www.ontologydesignpat-terns.org/ont/dul/DUL.owl#Agent' from 'www.ontologydesignpatterns.org'.

# Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- We have looked at ontologies in the abstract but how do we actually develop ontologies for the Semantic Web that we can publish and re-use?
- **Answer: We use OWL a knowledge representation language** for the semantic web that is built on top of RDF(S)
- ...or rather it's a family of such languages
- The latest version is called **OWL2** and was released as a **W3C recommendation in late 2009**
- Based on previous knowledge representation languages including the DARPA funded DAML





# Types of OWL

- OWL comes in three main flavours (in order of increasing expressivity):
  - **OWL Lite**: intended for creating lightweight ontologies, e.g., classification hierarchies, easier to provide tool support
  - **OWL DL**: boasts the maximum expressivity without incurring nasty computational properties such as undecidability. DL stands for Description Logic. Reasoners for OWL DL are slower than those for OWL Lite.
  - **OWL Full**: More expressive but without certain computational guarantees

# The Features of OWL

- OWL allows us to **add logical constraints** to the definition of **classes and properties**. The idea is that these constraints can be **automatically checked** by OWL-compatible ontology modelling tools
- OWL also gives us the following very useful properties:
  - `owl:sameAs` (two individuals are the **same**) and `owl:differentFrom` (two individuals are **different**)
    - `dbr:Leonardo_da_Vinci owl:sameAs dbpedia-ja:レオナルド・ダ・ヴィンチ`
    - `dbr:Leonardo_davinci owl:differentFrom dbr:Leonardo_da_Vinci`
  - `owl:equivalentClass` (two classes are the **same**)

# The Features of OWL

- OWL allows us to define our own properties and they can be of two types:
  - **Object properties**: binary relations holding between **instances** of classes
    - `dbr:Lisbon dbo:country dbr:Portugal`
  - **Datatype properties**: binary relations between class **instances** and **RDF literals**
    - `dbr:Lisbon dbp:name "Lisbon"@en`
    - `dbr:Lisbon dbo:populationTotal "544851"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger`

# The Features of OWL

- OWL also allows us to specify the **transitivity** and **symmetry** of properties
  - **Transitivity**: ancestorOf, i.e., if A ancestorOf B and B ancestorOf C, then A ancestorOf C
  - **Symmetry**: isSiblingOf
    - `dbpedia:Noel_Gallagher ex:isSiblingOf dbpedia:Liam_Gallagher`
    - `dbpedia:Liam_Gallagher ex:isSiblingOf dbpedia:Noel_Gallagher`
- And to constrain roles to be **functional** (if  $aRb$  and  $aRc$  then  $b=c$ ) and **inverse functional** (if  $bRa$  and  $cRa$  then  $b=c$ ),
  - **Functional**: populationTotal
    - `dbr:Lisbon dbp:populationTotal 544851`
- We can also specify that one property is the **inverse of another** (if  $aRb$  then  $bR^{-1}a$ )
  - e.g., hasFather and isFatherOf

# The Features of OWL

- OWL also allows us to encode the restrictions **allValuesFrom** and **someValuesFrom**


```
:Person rdfs:subClassOf [  
    rdf:type owl:Restriction ;  
    owl:onProperty :hasPet ;  
    owl:allValuesFrom :Animal  
] .
```

```
:Person rdfs:subClassOf [  
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    owl:someValuesFrom :Animal  
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```



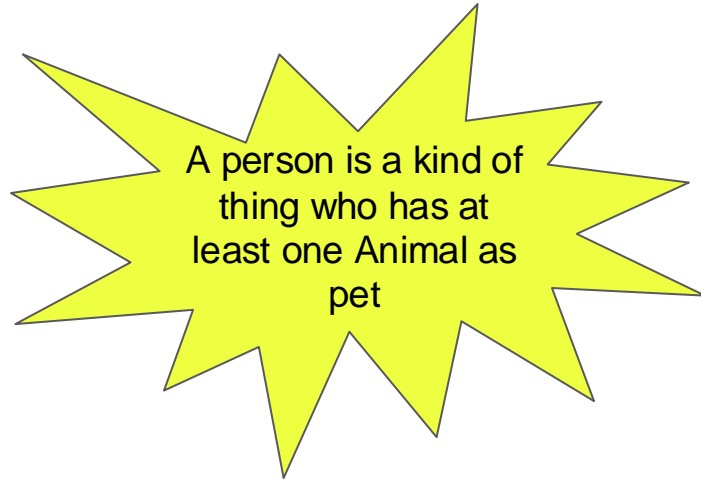
A person is a kind of  
thing who can only  
have an animal as  
pet

# The Features of OWL

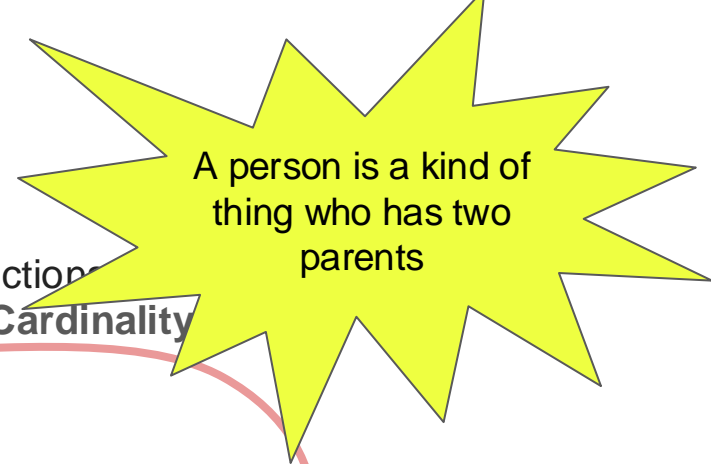
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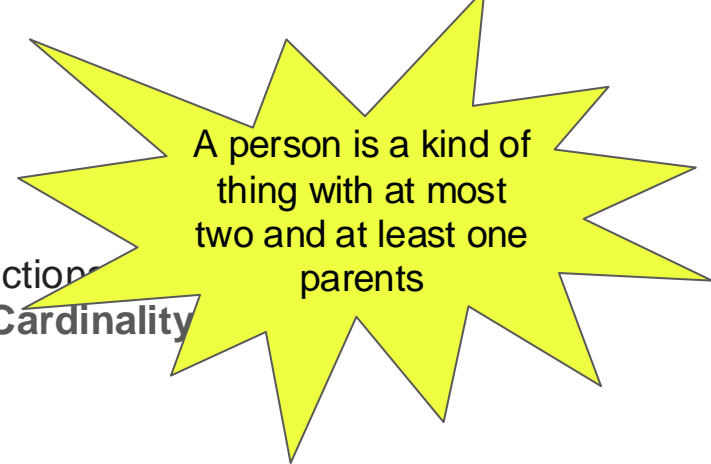
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    owl:cardinality "2"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger  
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# The Features of OWL

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- **Take home message**, we can define all kinds of constraints on how classes and properties should be understood with respect to other classes and properties -- these can be **automatically checked**
- How do we get computers to check these are valid in a particular ontology?

# OWL Tools

- There exist numerous **reasoners** (FaCT++, HermiT, Pellet, and Racer) and **ontology editors** including the **NeOn** toolkit, **TopBraid** (a commercial product) and the **Fluent Editor** (which uses Controlled Natural Language in its interface) for OWL
- To date the most popular tool for OWL is Stanford University's **Protégé**, a free open source ontology editor
- The reasoners mentioned above are included with Protégé

# Closed vs Open World

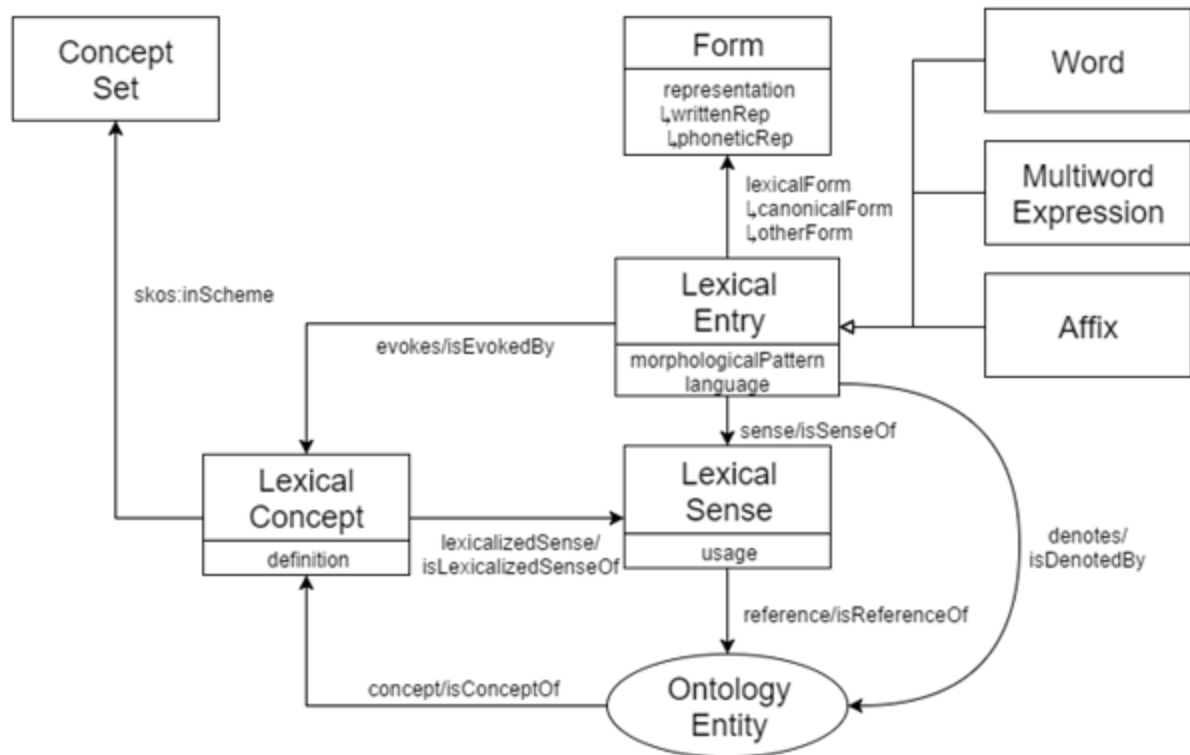
- OWL and (many other knowledge engineering languages) make the **open world assumption**, and it's important to know what this is.
- It basically means that **the failure to derive a statement from our ontology does not allow us to assume its falsity**
  - E.g., if we can only derive one instance of the relation `hasChild` with Donald as subject, i.e., `hasChild(donald, ivanka)`, this doesn't mean that Donald has only one child...*unless* we have made this explicit elsewhere in the ontology

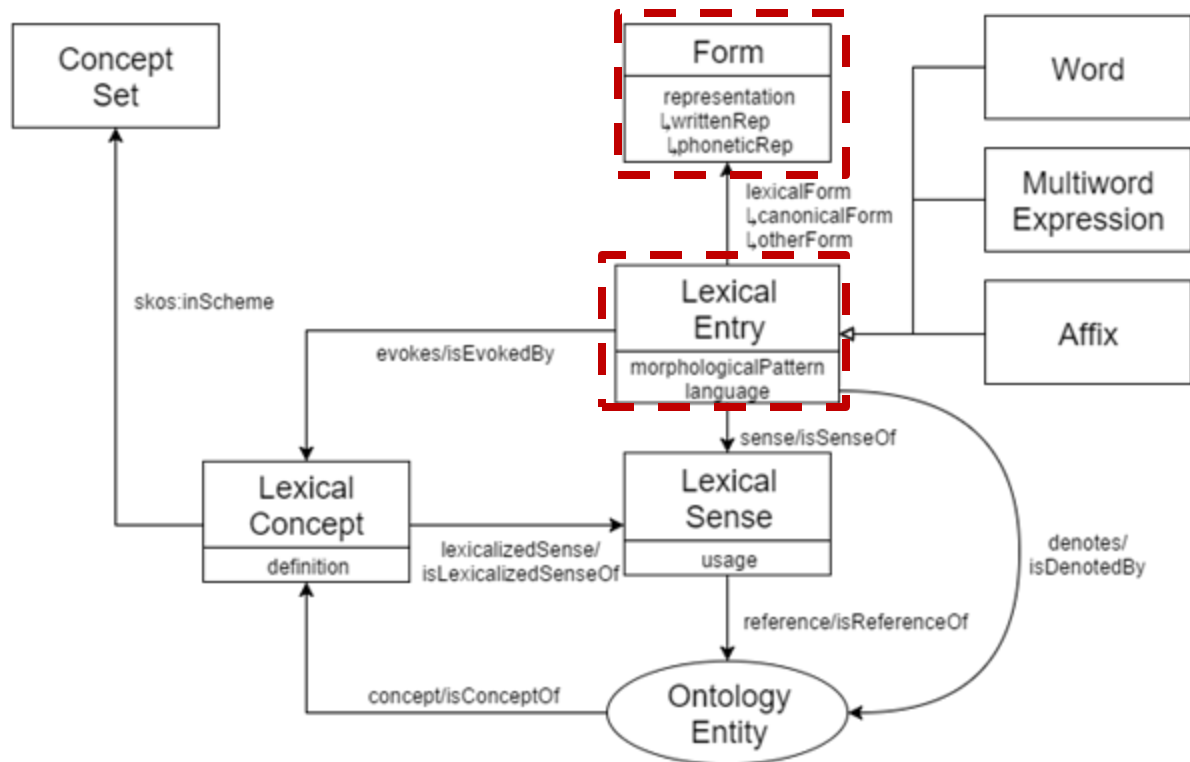
# Closed vs Open World

- The **closed world assumption** would allow us to make this inference without further knowledge; databases usually make this assumption for example, neither does the logic programming language PROLOG
- This assumption means that reasoning with OWL **isn't always as intuitive as we would like** and sometimes its better to find additional ways of adding constraints on RDF datasets that can be automatically checked
- One increasing popular way to do this is to use the **Shapes Query Language (SHACL)**
  - But this would take us too far off topic!

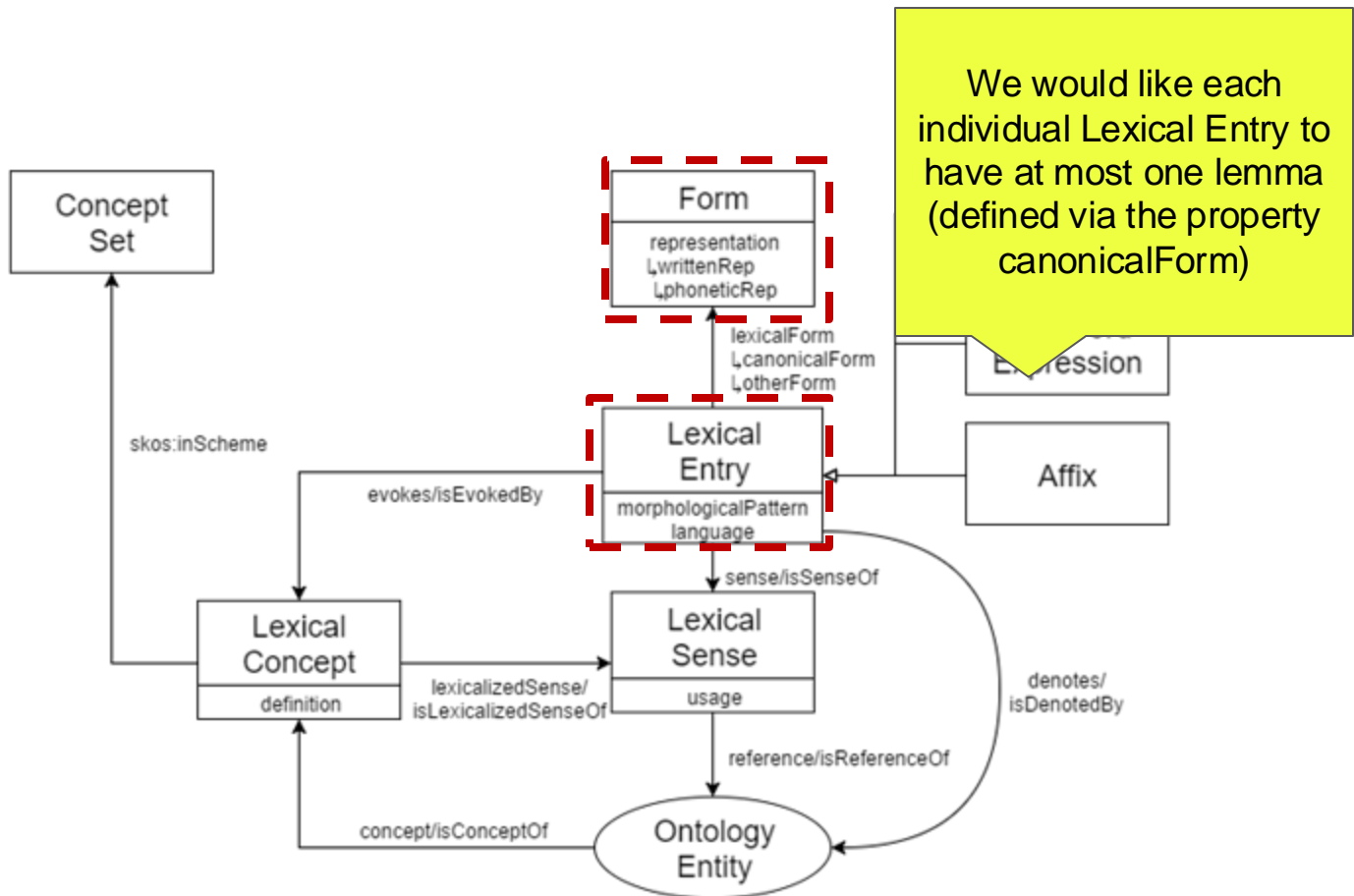
# Domain Ontologies: OntoLex-Lemon

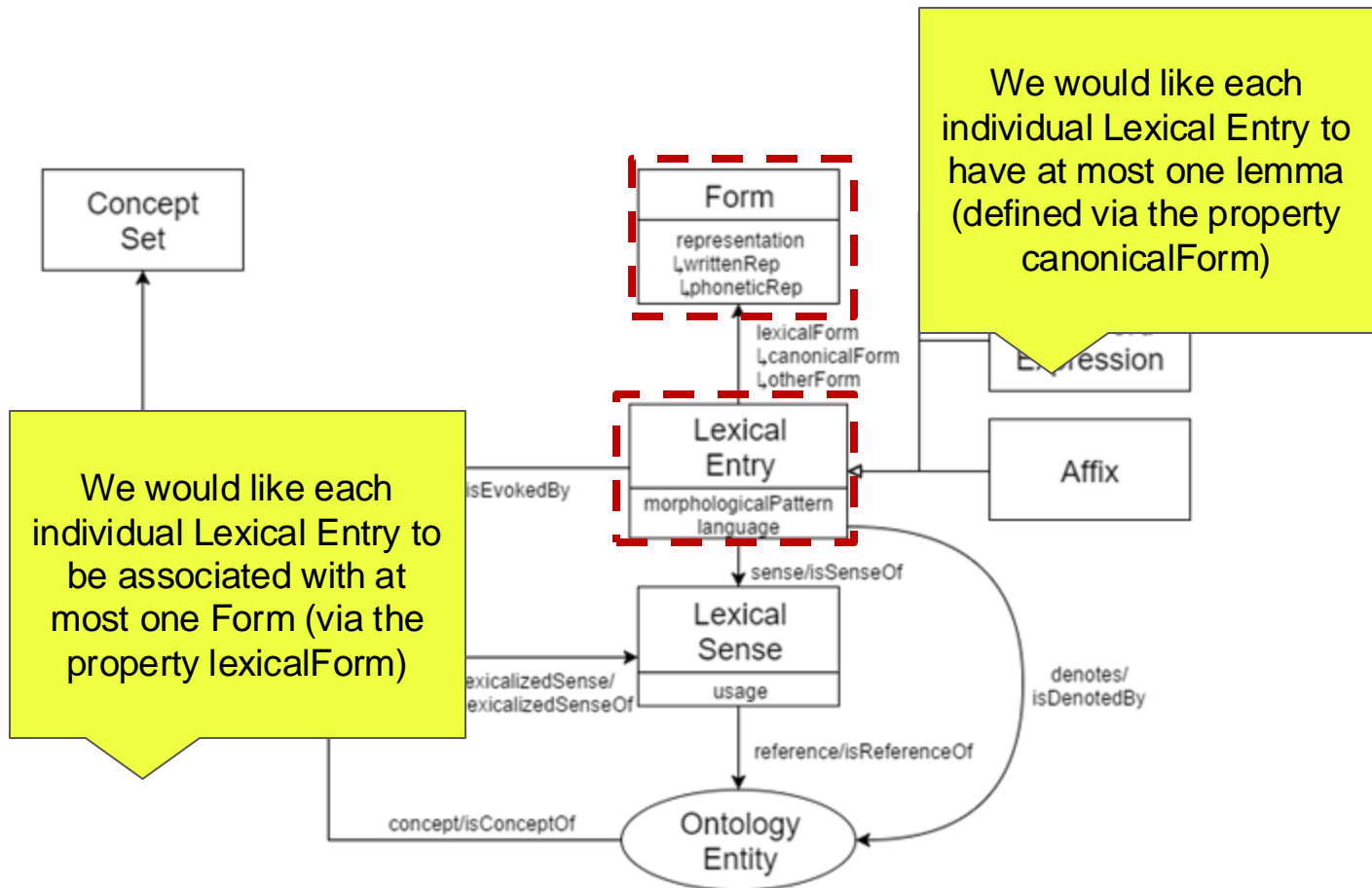
- We have already looked at some top level ontologies, one interesting example of a **domain ontology** is OntoLex-Lemon, used for creating lexical resources.
- OntoLex is a **modular ontology** that includes a **core** module as well as others, which we will look at in detail in the next lesson (where I will show how to use the different classes and properties it contains)
- In this part of the lesson I want to look at OntoLex core module as a **resource**, as an **OWL ontology**
- We will see how the core is defined using the OWL language, using some of the OWL constructs we have just seen
- This is useful in order to know how to re-use the classes and properties in OntoLex

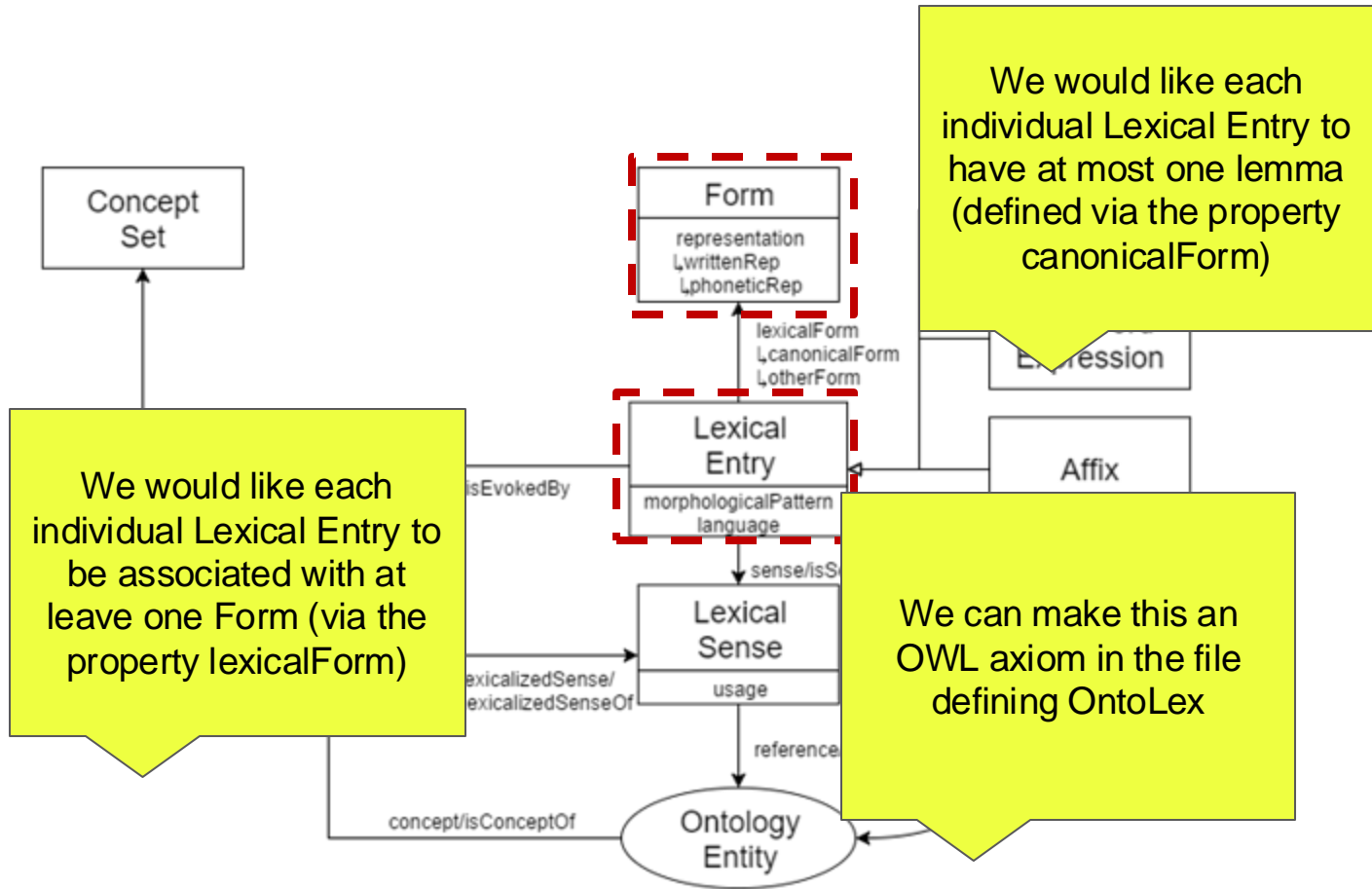












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единица"@ru ;

  rdfs:subClassOf owl:Thing, [ a owl:Restriction ;

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  ] ;

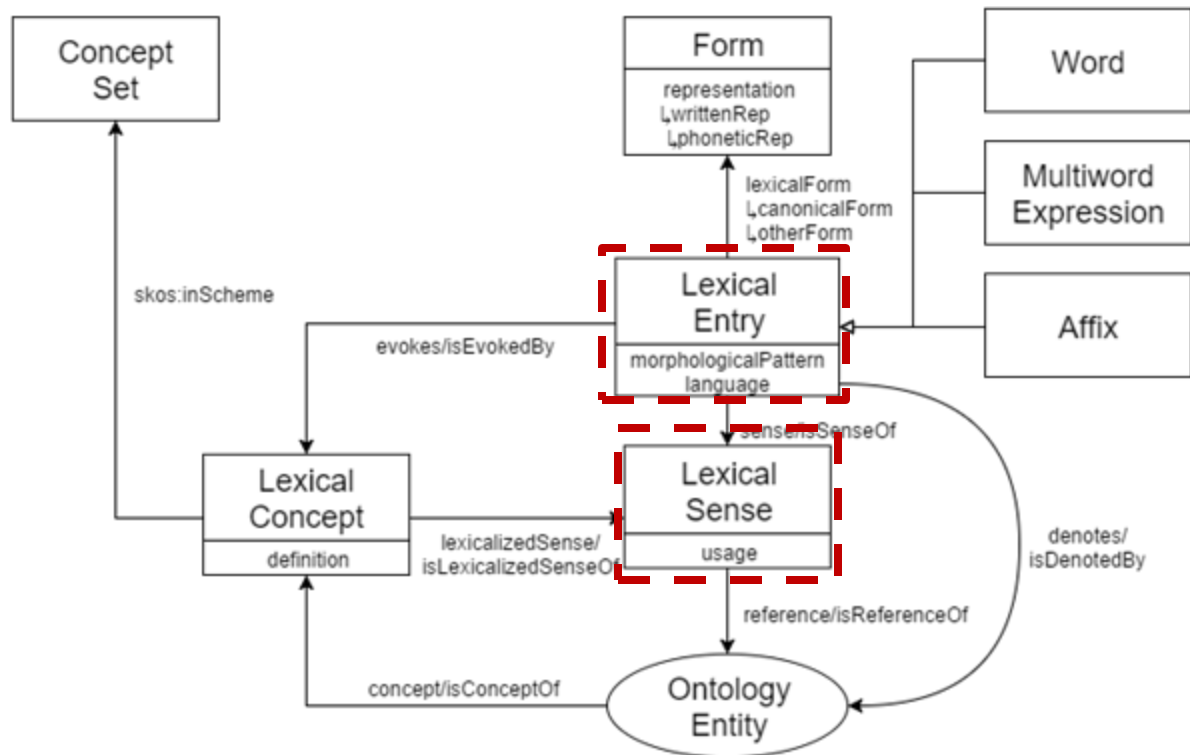
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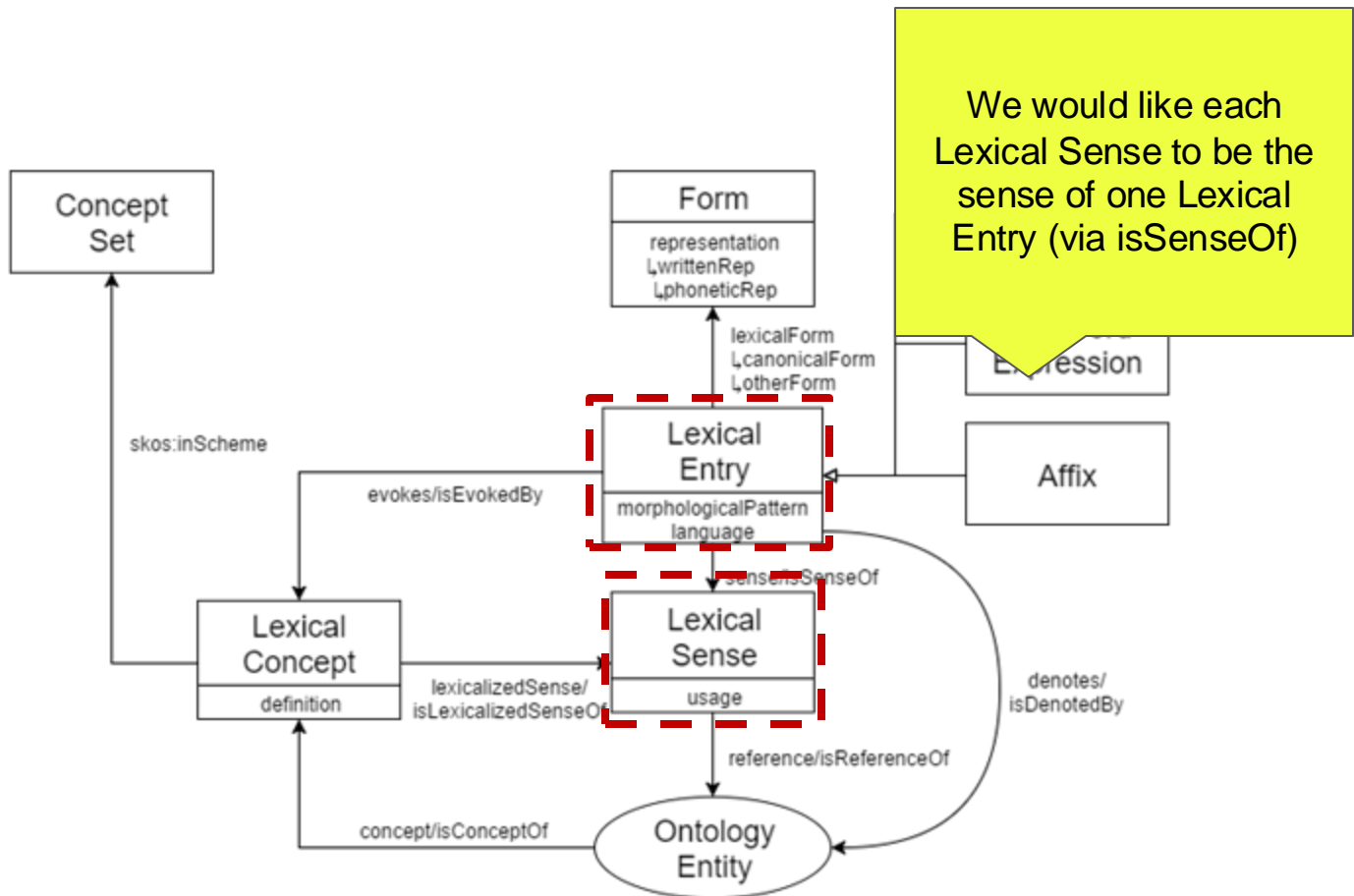
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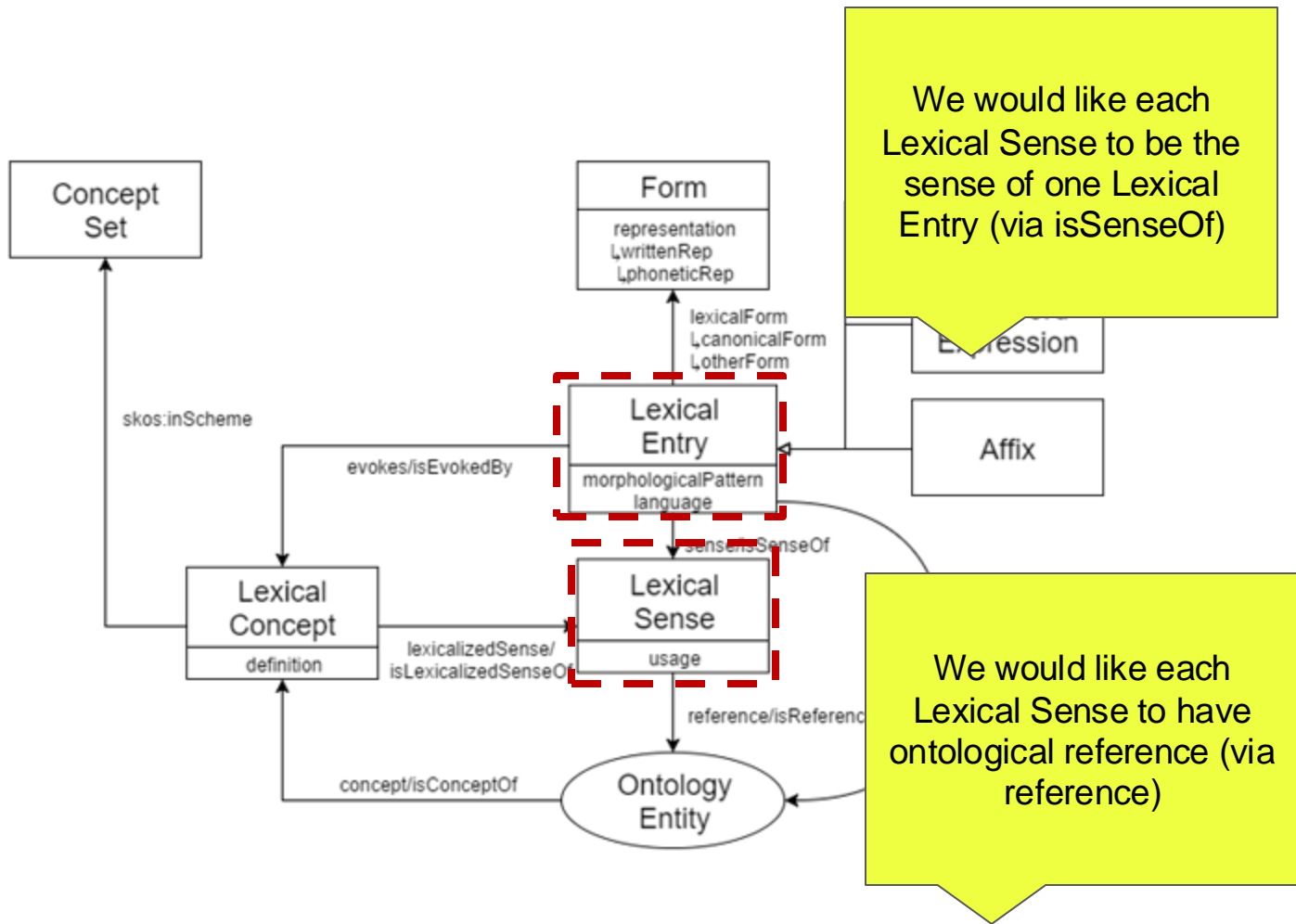
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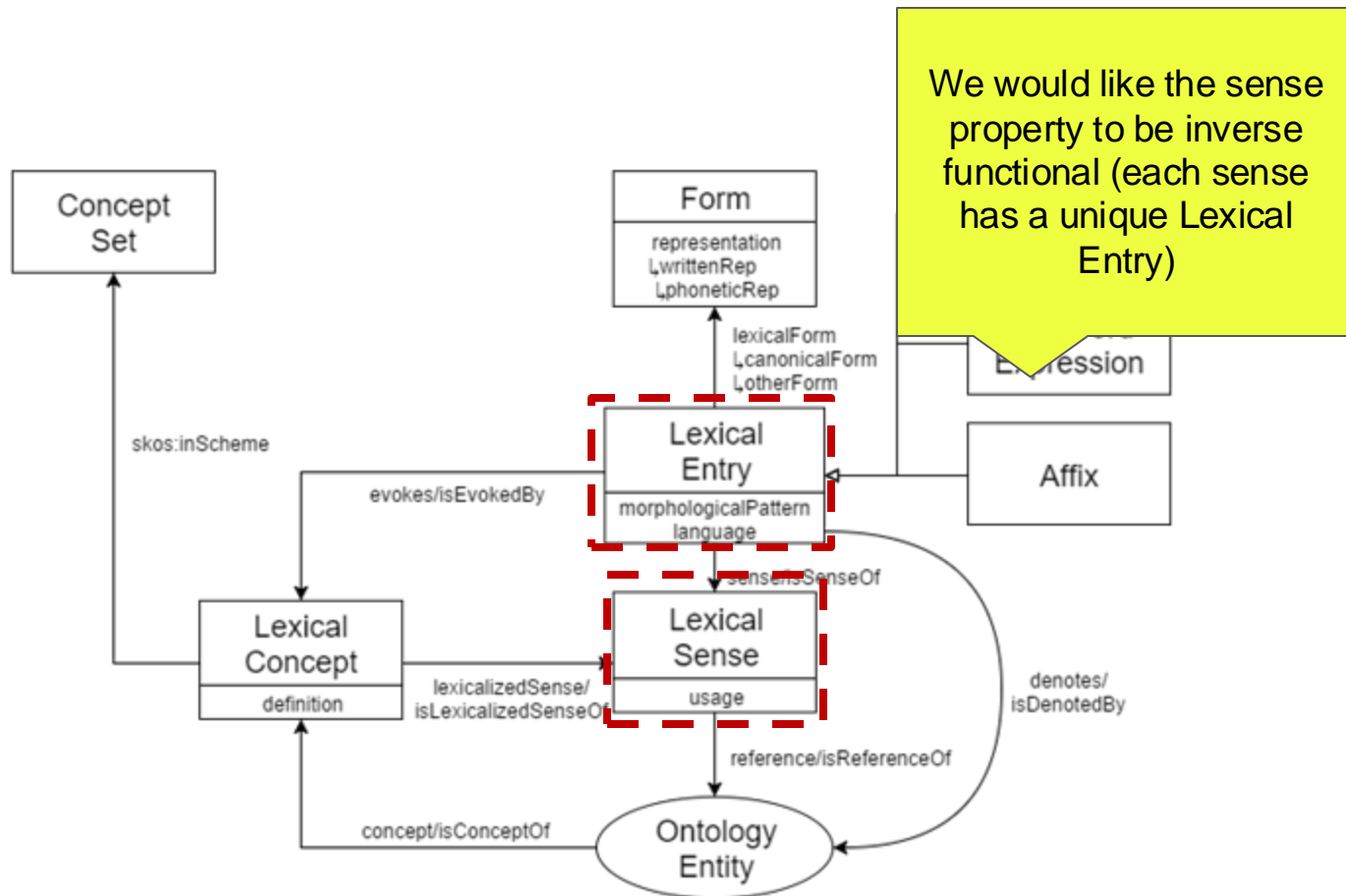
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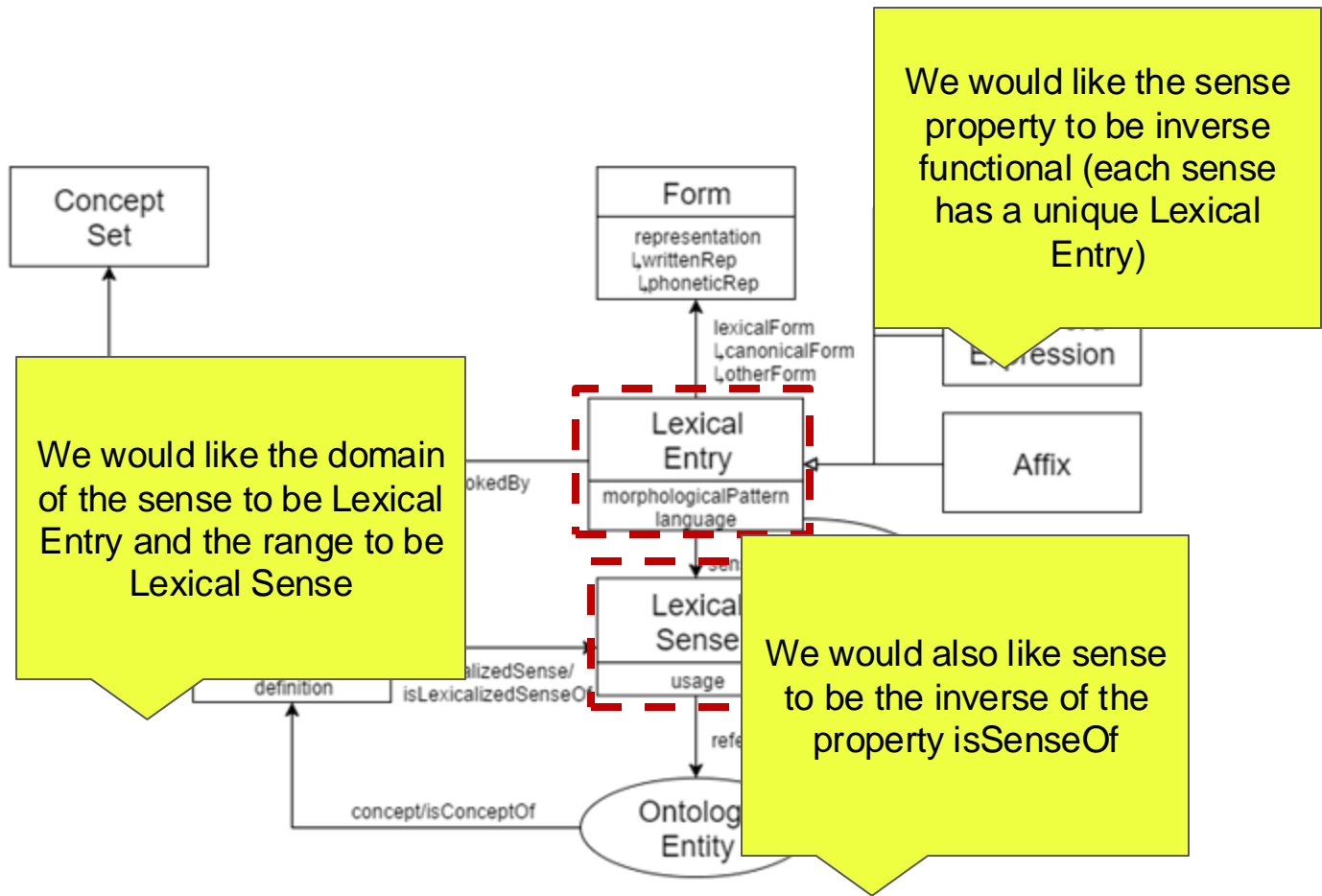
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<<http://www.w3.org/ns/lemon/ontolex#sense>>

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rdfs:label "sinne"@af, "Sinn"@de, "sense"@en, "acepción"@es, "signification"@fr, "senso"@it, "zin"@nl, "sentido"@pt, "sens"@ro, "betydelse"@sv, "смысл"@ru ;

rdfs:comment "The 'sense' property relates a lexical entry to one of its lexical senses."  
"@en, "Свойство 'смысл' связывает словарную единицу с одним из ее лексических смыслов."@ru ;

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# Summary and Take Away Message

- **Take away message** (even if you don't quite follow the technical details):  
OWL can be used to describe the meaning of different classes and properties in an ontology in a machine actionable way.
- Further details on OWL and how to use it can be found in the Protégé pizza tutorial, which exists in several versions, I like this updated one:
  - <https://www.michaeldebellis.com/post/new-protege-pizza-tutorial>