

Virtual Knowledge Graphs — Applications and Tools

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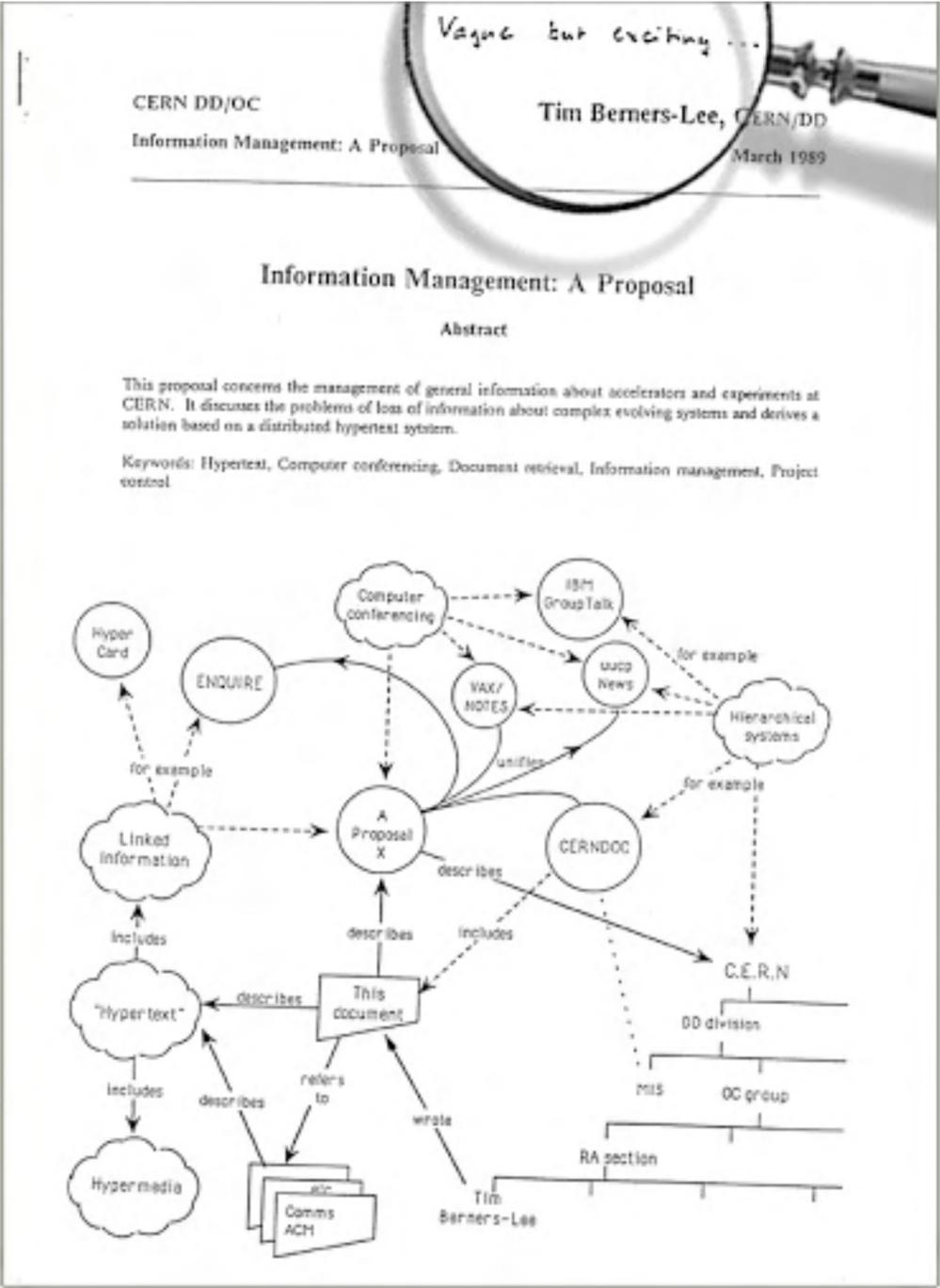
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1. A Brief History of Semantic Web & Knowledge Graphs



World Wide Web (1989)



*... This is why a "web" of notes with links between them is far more **useful than a fixed hierarchical system**. ... The system we need is like a **diagram of circles and arrows**, where circles and arrows can stand for anything.*

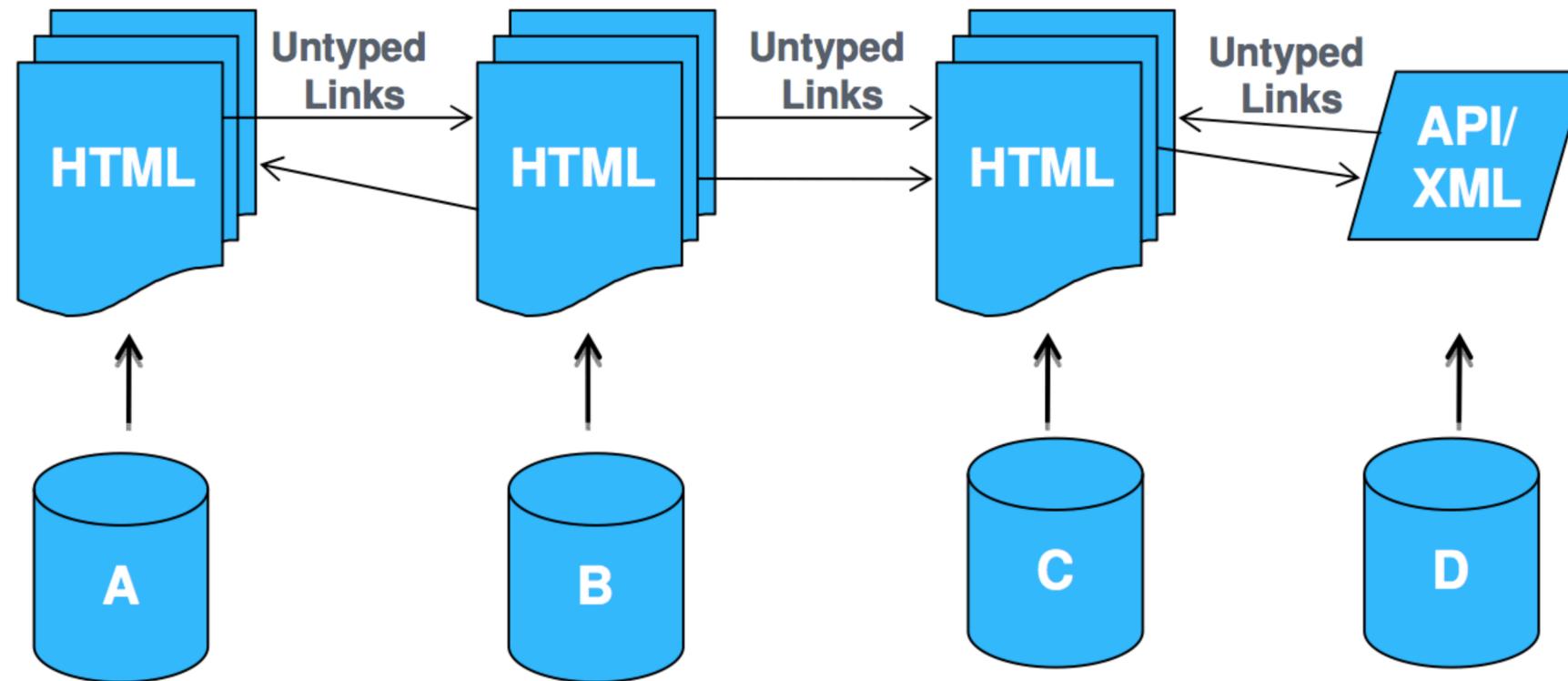
— Information management: A proposal. CERN. 1989

Links are the core of the Web.



WWW Inventor
Sir Tim Berners-Lee

Web of Documents

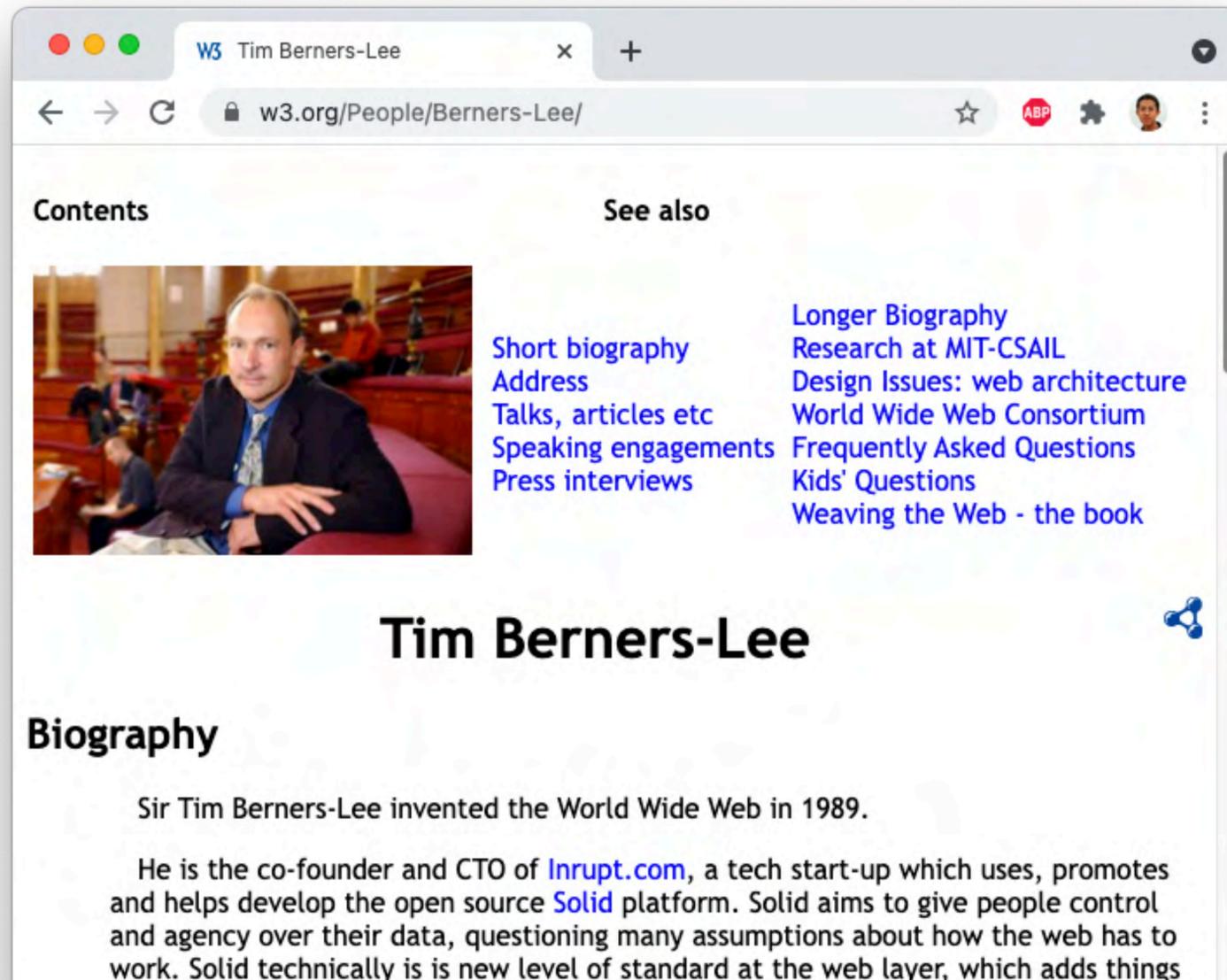


- Primary objects: **documents**
- Degree of structure in data: **low**
- Semantics of content: **implicit**
- Designed for: **human consumption**

Links between **documents**

Problem of the Web of Documents

- wealth of **information**
- ... targeted at **human users**



W3 Tim Berners-Lee

w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/

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Short biography
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Kids' Questions
Weaving the Web - the book

Tim Berners-Lee

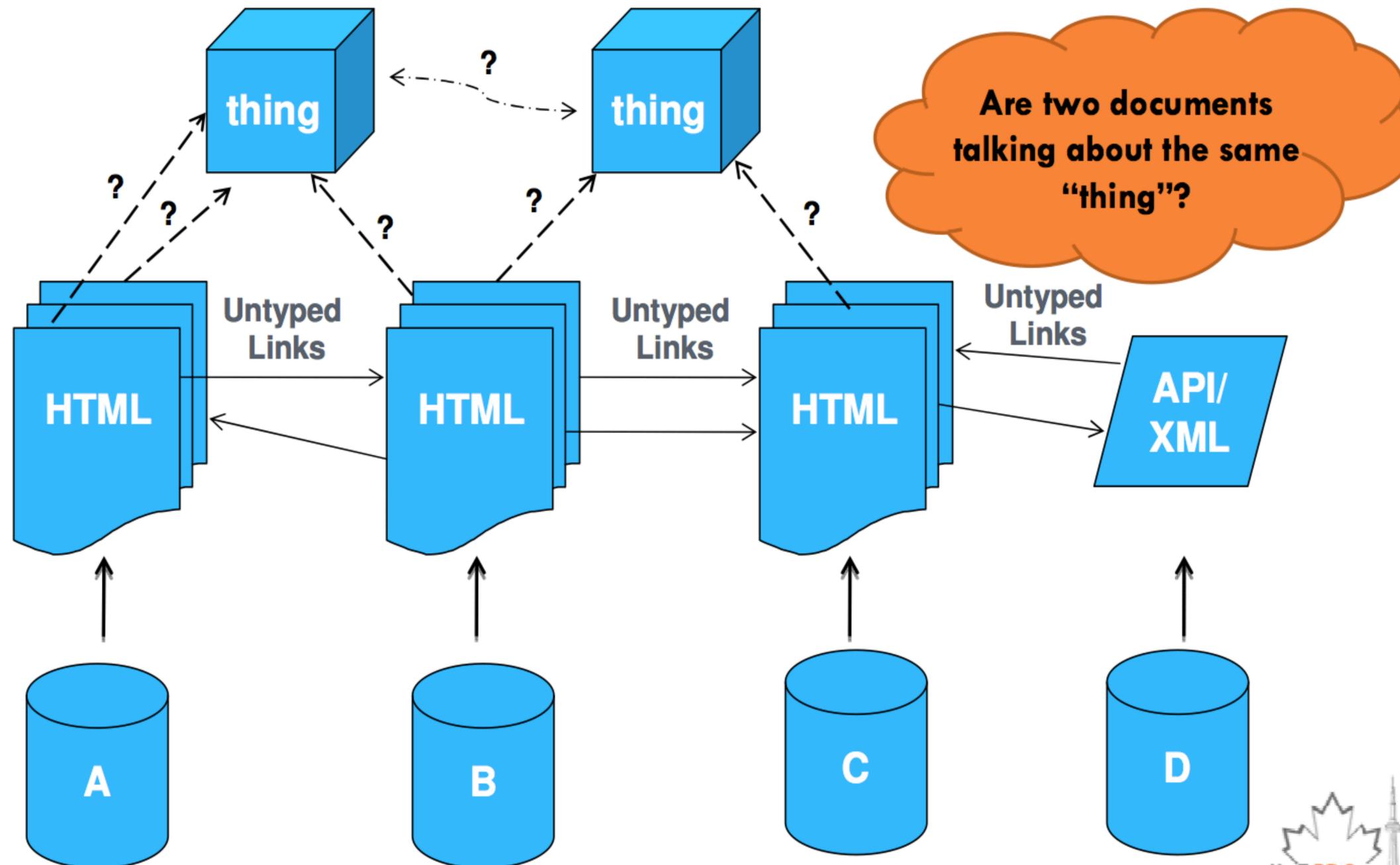
Biography

Sir Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989.

He is the co-founder and CTO of [Inrupt.com](#), a tech start-up which uses, promotes and helps develop the open source [Solid](#) platform. Solid aims to give people control and agency over their data, questioning many assumptions about how the web has to work. Solid technically is is new level of standard at the web layer, which adds things

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Web of Documents



Problems of the Web of Documents

Approaches toward a solution:

- ① Ad hoc: **Deployment of AI methods**
(most notably NLP techniques) to evaluate
existing unstructured information on the Web
- ② A priori: **Structure information on the Web**
at authoring time
in a way facilitating later automated deployment

→ **Semantic Web**

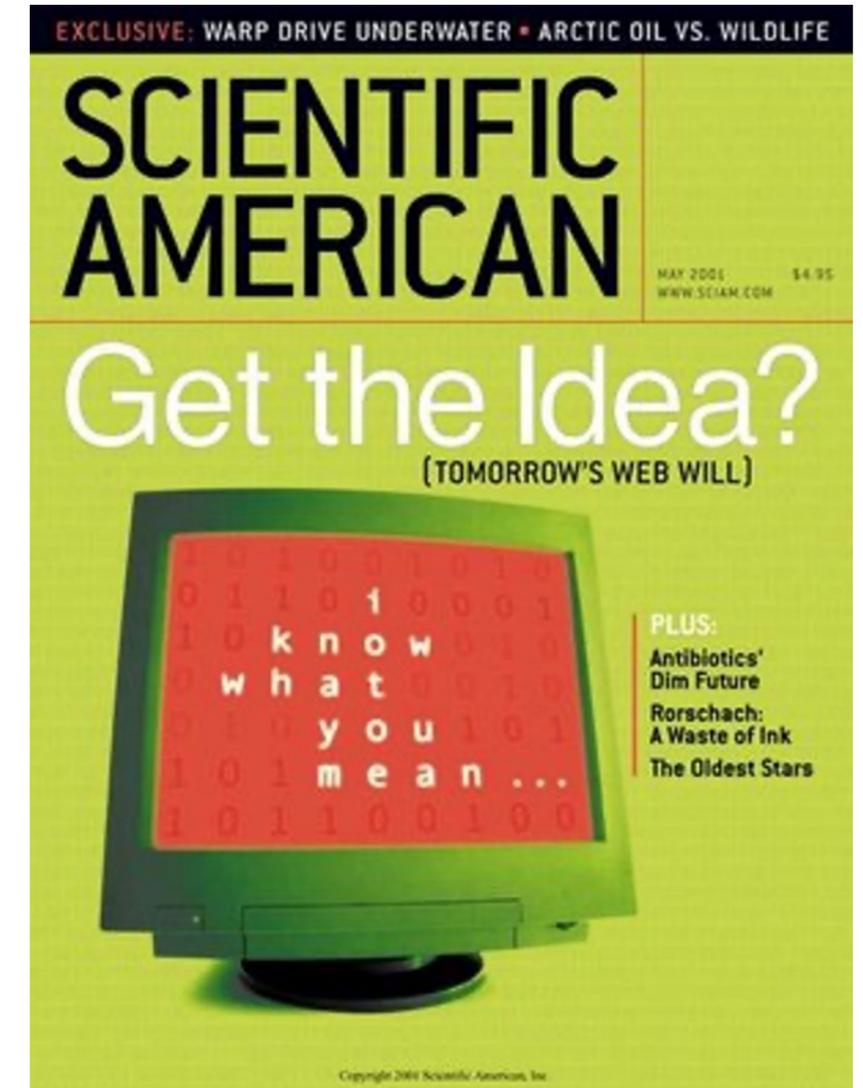
The Semantic Web (2001)

The Semantic Web — A new form of Web content that is meaningful to computers will unleash a revolution of new possibilities

By Tim Berners-Lee, James Hendler and Ora Lassila

Key ideas:

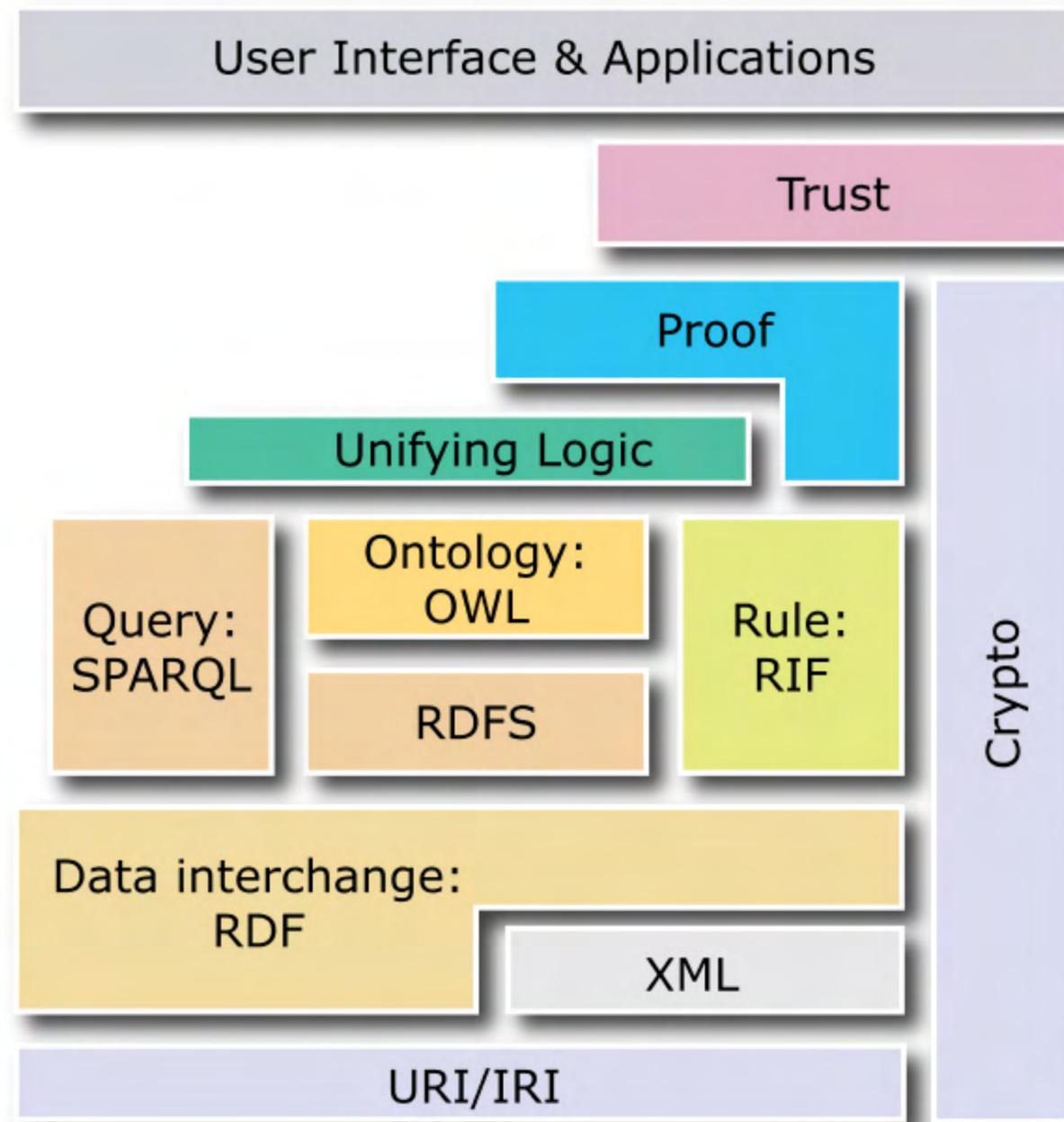
- Expressing Meaning: things, but not strings
- Knowledge Representation: logic based, triple format
- Ontologies: expressive knowledge
- Agents: Machines should understand each other



Semantic Technologies

- **Not Only About the Web**
- The Semantic Web vision has generated technologies that are applied outside the web context including:
 - Retailing, supermarkets (see web pages of Best Buy)
 - Health care, medicine (see SNOMED ontology)
 - Enterprise intelligence (see solutions by Ontotext)
 - Research: Bio, Geo, Cultural heritage, etc.
 - Government (“smart cities”)
 - Software development (“ontology-driven software development”)

Semantic Web: W3C Standards



- 1994 First public presentation of the Semantic Web idea
- 1998 Start of standardization of data model (RDF) and a first ontology languages (RDFS) at W3C
- 2000 Start of large research projects about ontologies in the US and Europe
- 2002 Start of standardization of a new ontology language (OWL) based on research results
- 2004 Finalization of the standard for data (RDF) and ontology (OWL)
- 2008 Standardization of a query language (SPARQL)
- 2009 Extension of OWL to OWL 2.0
- 2010 Standard Rule Interchange Format (RIF)
- 2012 RDB2RDF Mapping Language (R2RML and Direct Mapping)
- 2013 SPARQL 1.1
- 2014 RDF 1.1

Google Knowledge Graph

“Introducing the Knowledge Graph: things, not strings” (2012)

The screenshot shows a Google search for "despicable me 2". The Knowledge Graph panel on the right is highlighted with a red border and contains the following information:

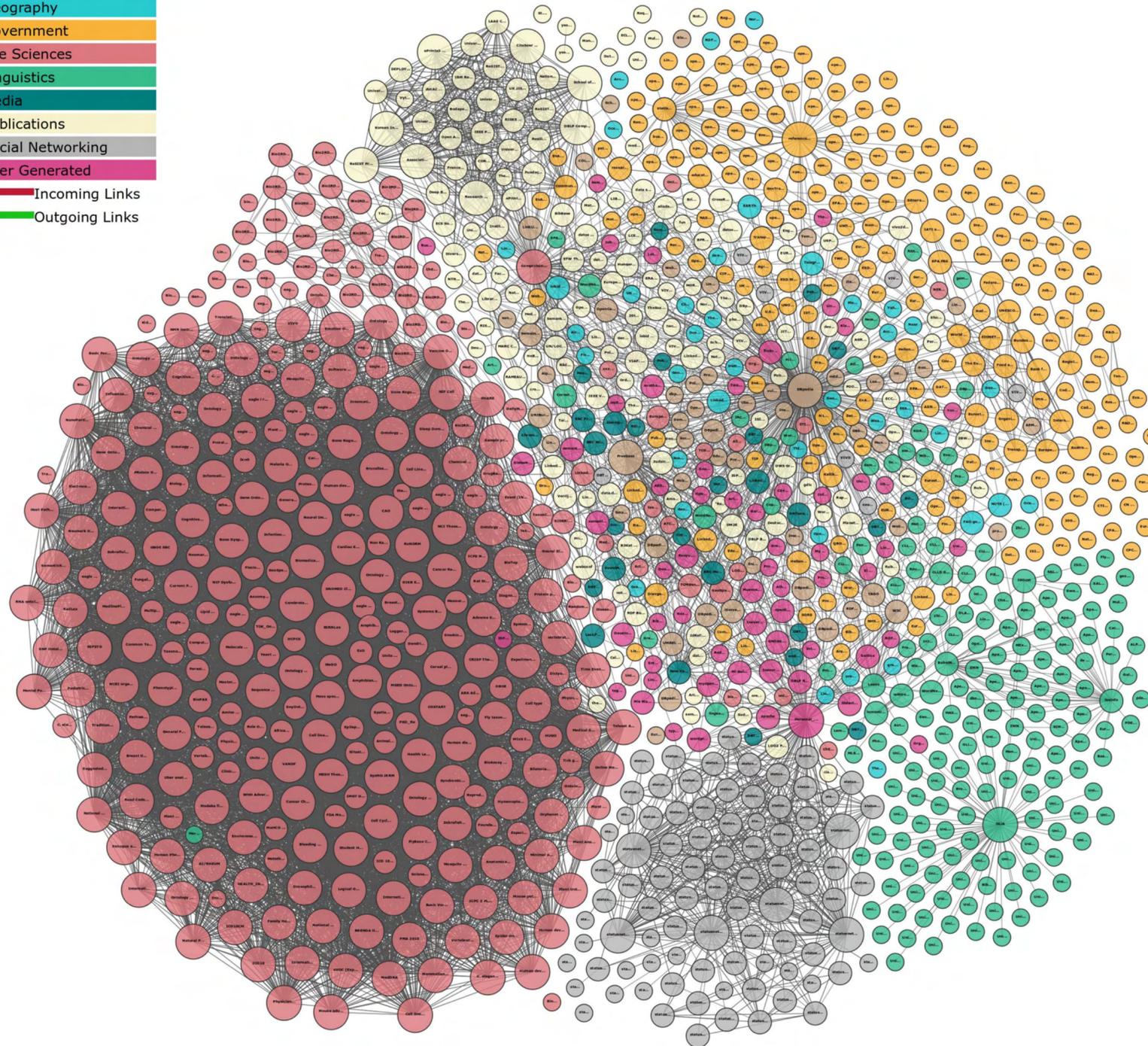
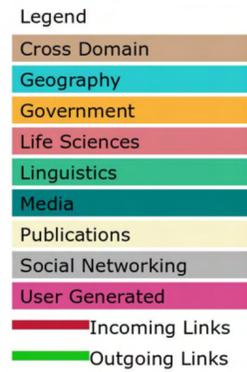
- Despicable Me 2**
- 192,648 followers on Google+
- ★★★★★ 7.8/10 - IMDb
- ★★★★★ 75% - Rotten Tomatoes
- Despicable Me 2 is a 2013 American 3D computer-animated comedy film and the sequel to the 2010 animated film Despicable Me.
- Release date: July 3, 2013 (USA)
- Directors: Pierre Coffin, Chris Renaud
- Language: English
- Production company: Illumination Entertainment
- Music composed by: Pharrell Williams, Heitor Pereira
- Recent posts: Voting closes soon for the Evil Laugh Contest. Make sure you get your votes in or else... MUAHAHAHA! <http://www.evilloughlab.com/> Jul 24, 2013
- Cast: Steve Carell (Gru), Kristen Wiig (Lucy Wilde), Miranda Cosgrove (Margo), Russell Brand (Dr. Nefario), Steve Coogan (Silas)
- People also search for: Despicable Me (2010), Monsters University (2013), The Lone Ranger (2013), Man of Steel (2013), The Smurfs 2 (2013)

A red box highlights the text: "A short description of the movie, ratings, release date, directors, cast, etc." with an arrow pointing to the Knowledge Graph panel.



“Knowledge Graph” became a popular term for Semantic Web data.

Linked Data (Open Linked KGs) in 2017



1163 datasets,
40 billion RDF triples

"Linking Open Data cloud diagram 2017, by
Andrejs Abele, John P. McCrae, Paul
Buitelaar, Anja Jentzsch and Richard
Cyganiak. <http://lod-cloud.net/>"

Typical Knowledge Graph Projects

 Freebase

 **LINKING OPEN DATA**
W3C SWEO Community Project

WordNet
A lexical database for English

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PKUBASE

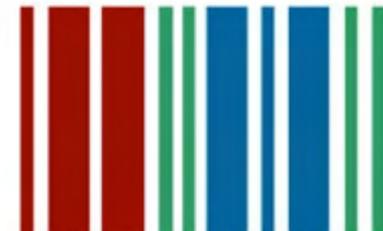
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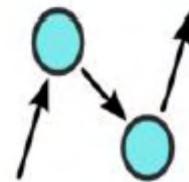
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ConceptNet

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Larry Ellison
 Business person

Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Ellison is an American business magnate, co-founder and chief executive of Oracle Corporation, an enterprise software company. In 2013, Forbes listed him as the third-wealthiest man in America. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: August 17, 1944 (age 69), New York City, New York, United States
Height: 6' 3" (1.91 m)
Spouse: Melanie Craft (m. 2003–2010), [More](#)
Children: Megan Ellison, David Ellison
Books: *Softwar: An Intimate Portrait of Larry Ellison and Oracle*
Education: University of Chicago (1964–1966), [More](#)

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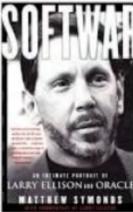
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Melanie Craft
 Novelist

Melanie Craft is an American romance novelist. A native of Pittsburgh, Craft graduated from Oberlin College with a degree in archaeology and spent a year at the American University in Cairo. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: 1969, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States
Spouse: Larry Ellison (m. 2003–2010)
Education: [Oberlin College](#)

Softwar: An Intimate Portrait of Larry Ellison and Oracle 

Book by Larry Ellison

★★★★★ 5/5 - Barnes & Noble

In a business where great risks, huge fortunes, and even bigger egos are common, Larry Ellison stands out as one of the most outspoken, driven, and daring leaders of the software industry. ... [Google Books](#)

Published: 2003
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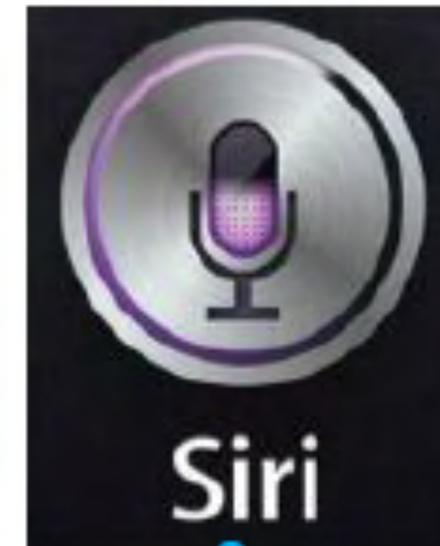
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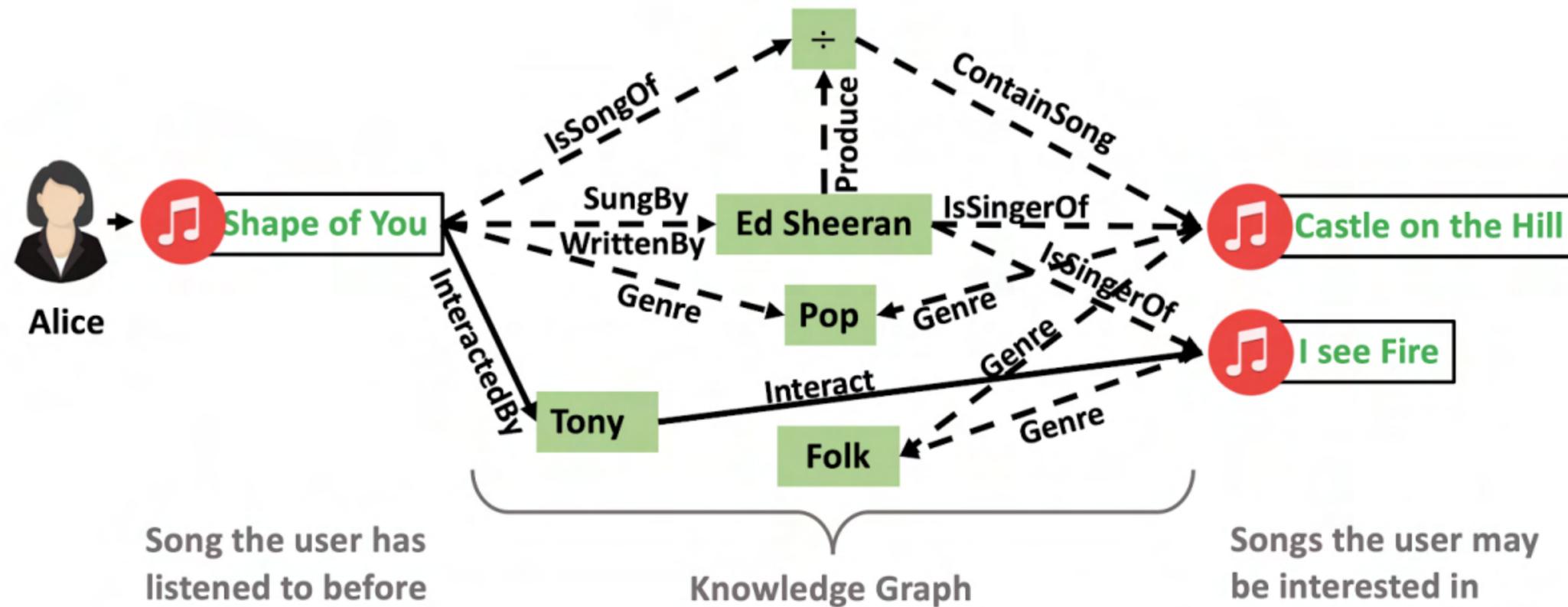


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WolframAlpha
DBpedia

General Application: Recommender system

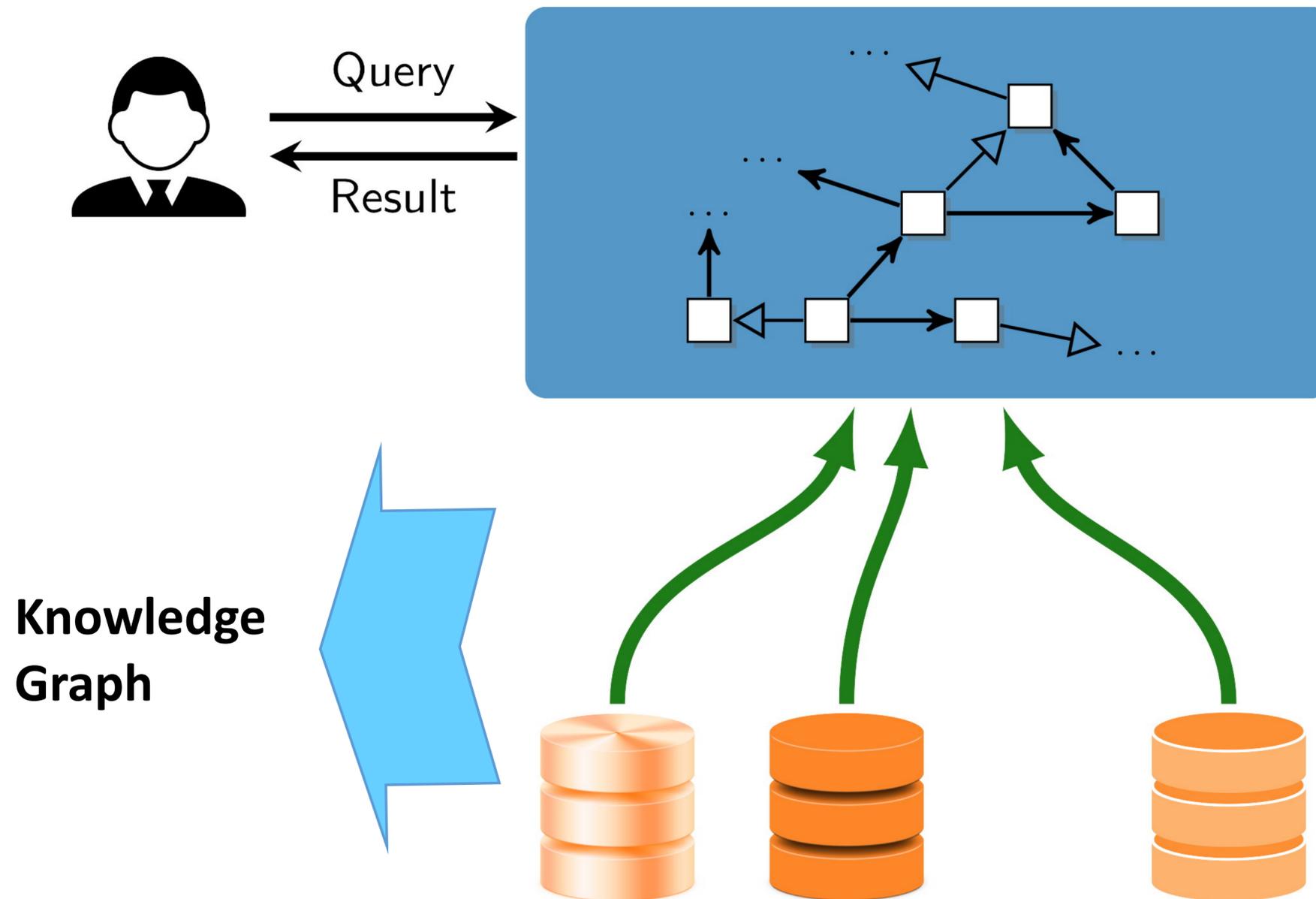


2. The Virtual Knowledge Graph Framework

Reality

- Knowledge Graphs are great, but how to get them?
- Many organization and companies are still relying on large relational databases to manage their internal data.
- It is not realistic to ask them completely migrate to knowledge graphs

Virtual Knowledge Graphs



Ontology
*provides
global vocabulary
and
conceptual view*

Mappings
*how to populate
the ontology
from the data*

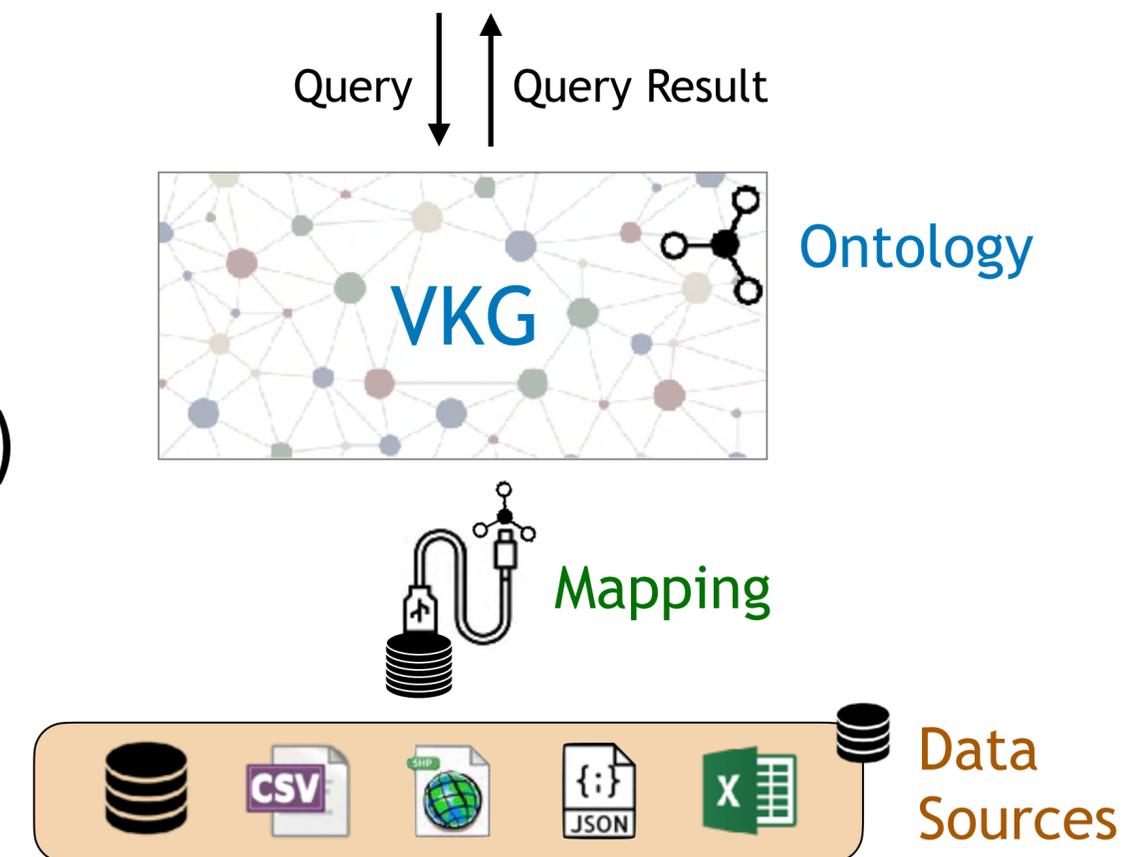
Data Sources
*external and
heterogeneous*

Why virtualization?

- The data stays in the sources and is only accessed at query time
- There is no need to construct a large and potentially costly materialization pipeline
- The data is always fresh wrt the latest updates at the sources
- One can rely on the existing data infrastructure and expertise
- Better supports an incremental approach to integration

Components of the VKG framework

- We consider now the main components that make up the VKG framework, and the languages used to specify them.
- The W3C has standardized languages suitable for VKGs:
- Knowledge graph: expressed in RDF [W3C Rec. 2014] (v1.1)
- Ontology O: expressed in OWL2QL [W3C Rec. 2012]
- MappingM: expressed in **R2RML** [W3C Rec. 2012]
- Query: expressed in SPARQL [W3C Rec. 2013] (v1.1)



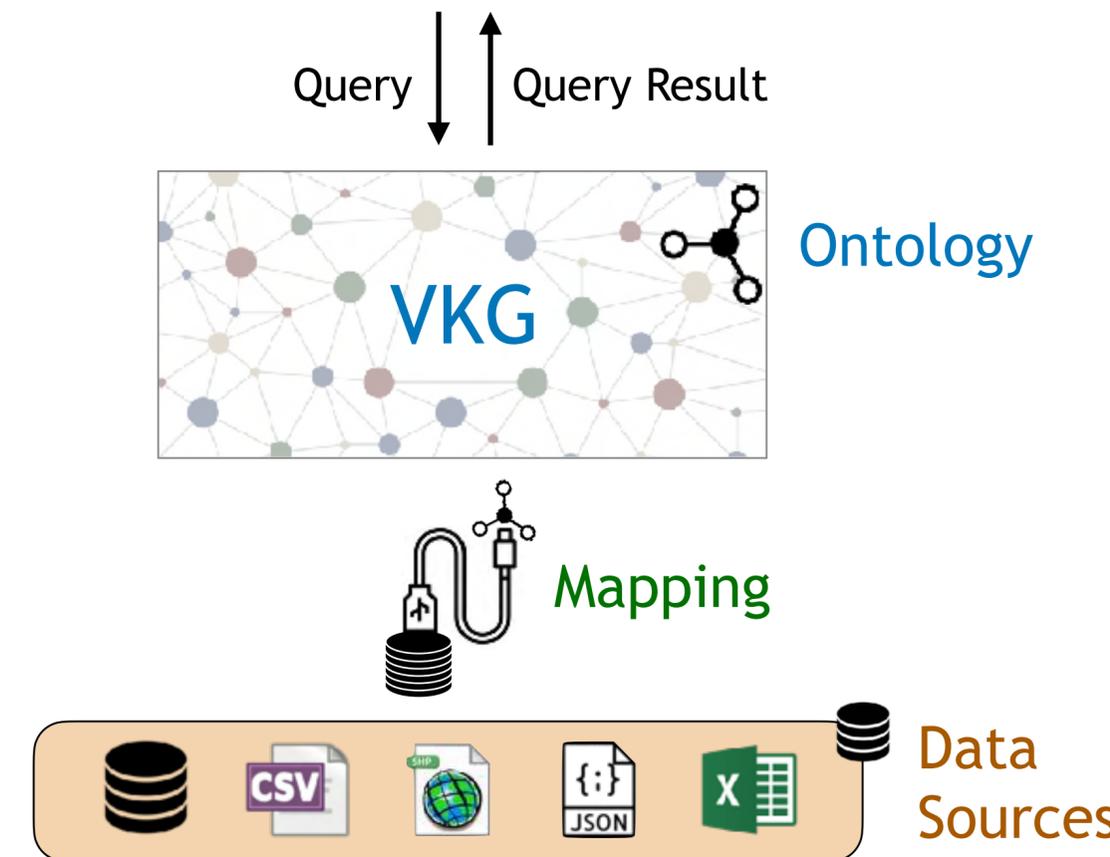
Use of mappings

In the VKG framework, the **mapping** encodes how the **data in the sources** should be used to create the **Virtual Knowledge Graph**, which is formulated in the vocabulary of the **ontology**.

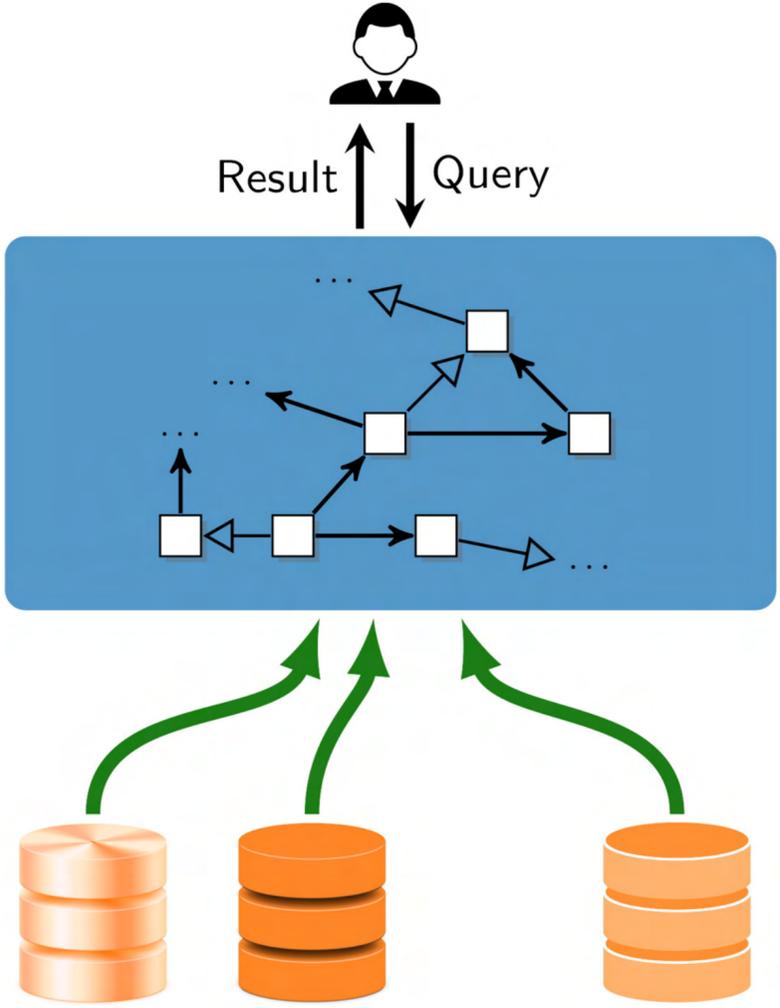
VKG defined from the **mapping** and the **data**.

- Queries are answered with respect to the **ontology** and the data of the **VKG**.
- The data of the **VKG** is not materialized (it is virtual!).
- Instead, the information in the **ontology** and the **mapping** is used to translate queries over the **ontology** into queries formulated over the **sources**.

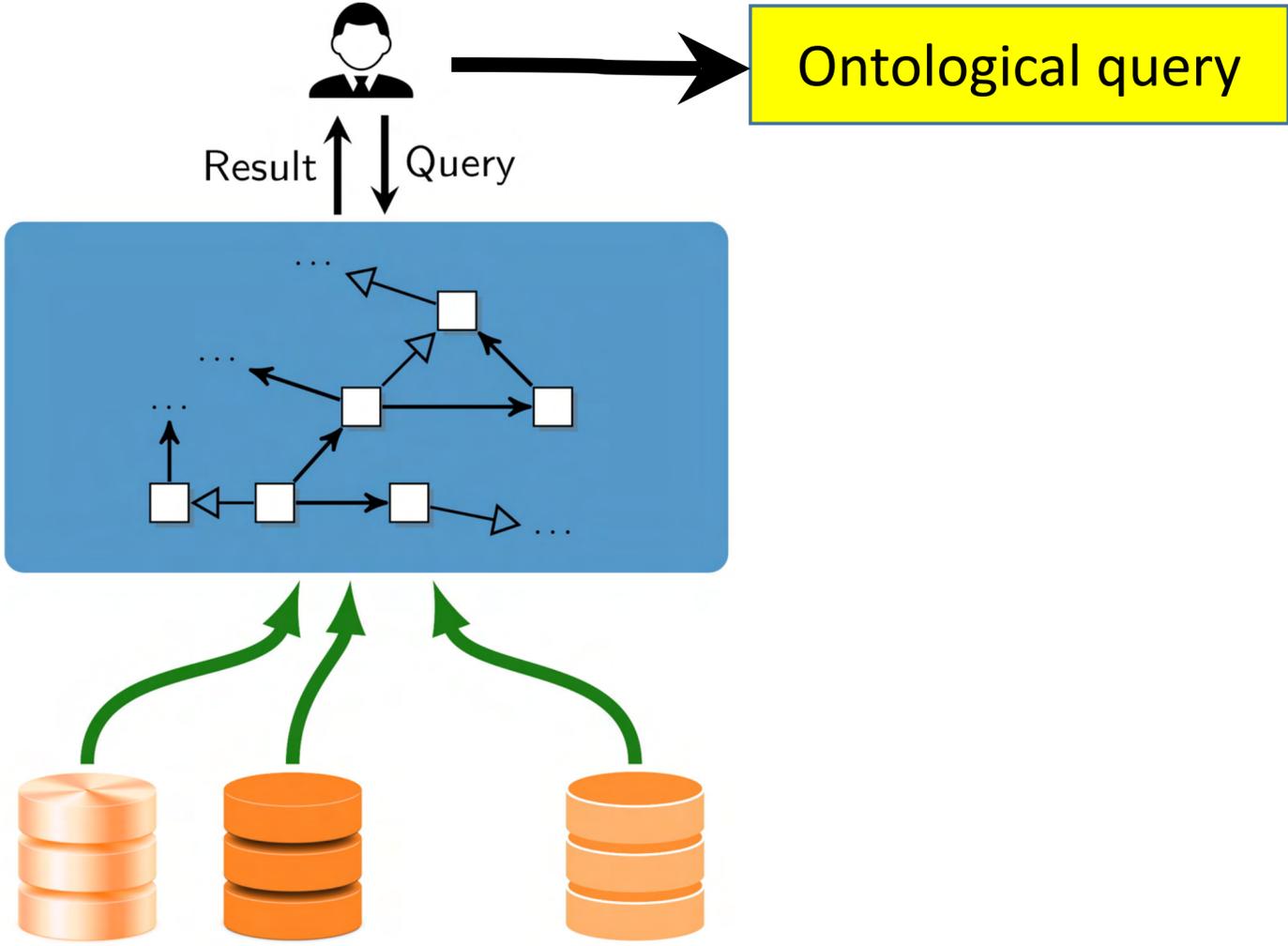
Note: The graph is **always up to date** wrt the data sources.



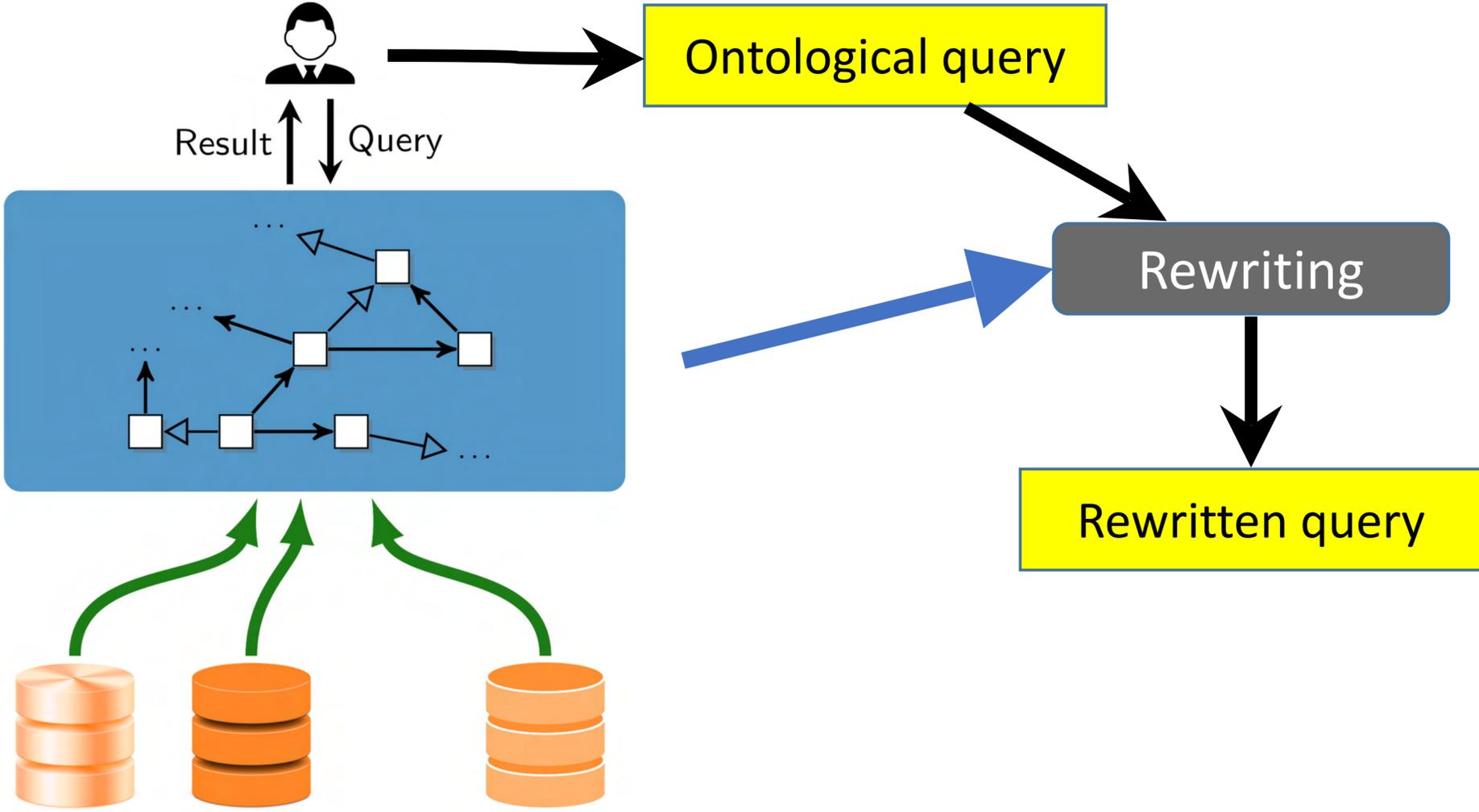
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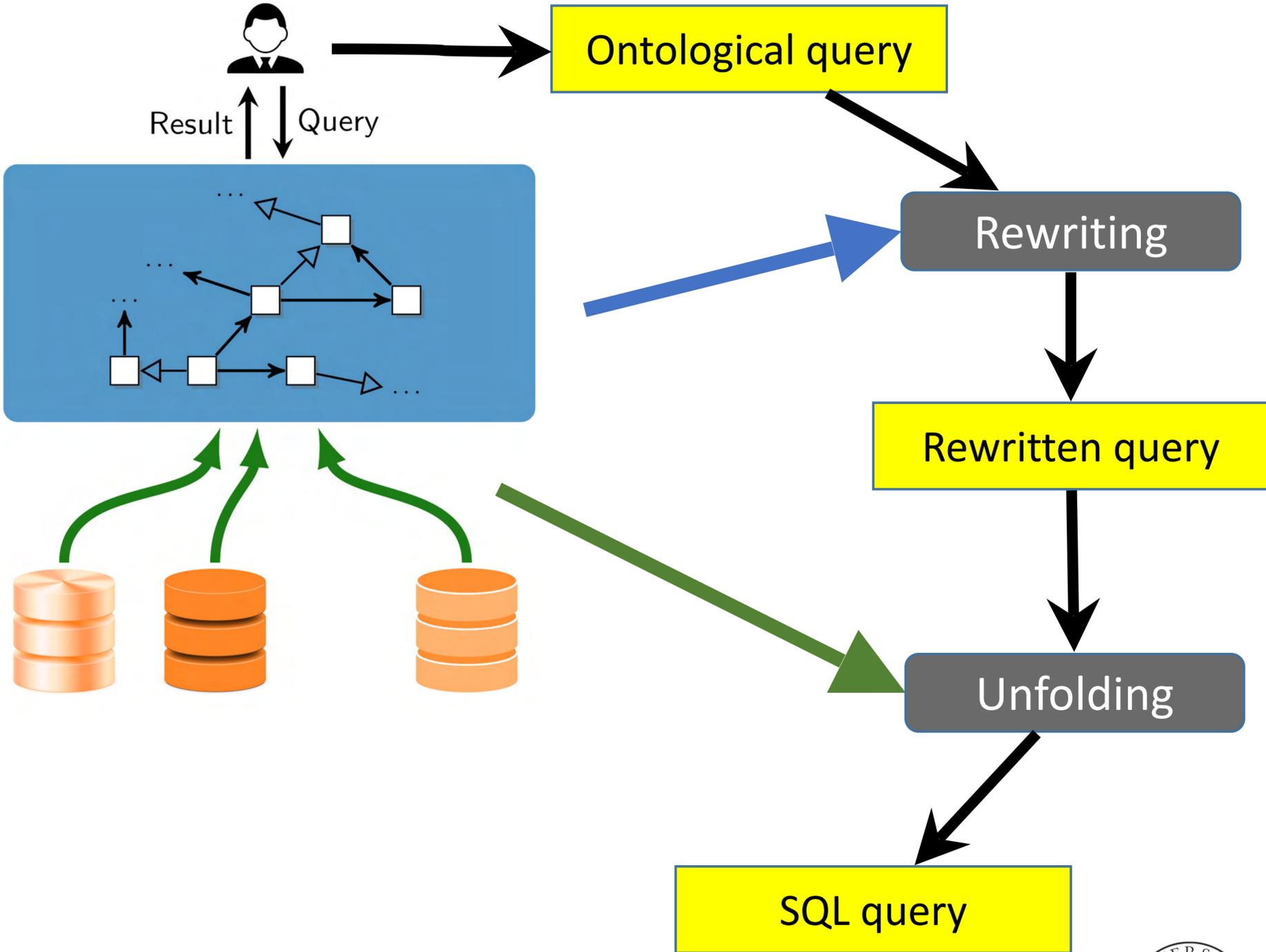
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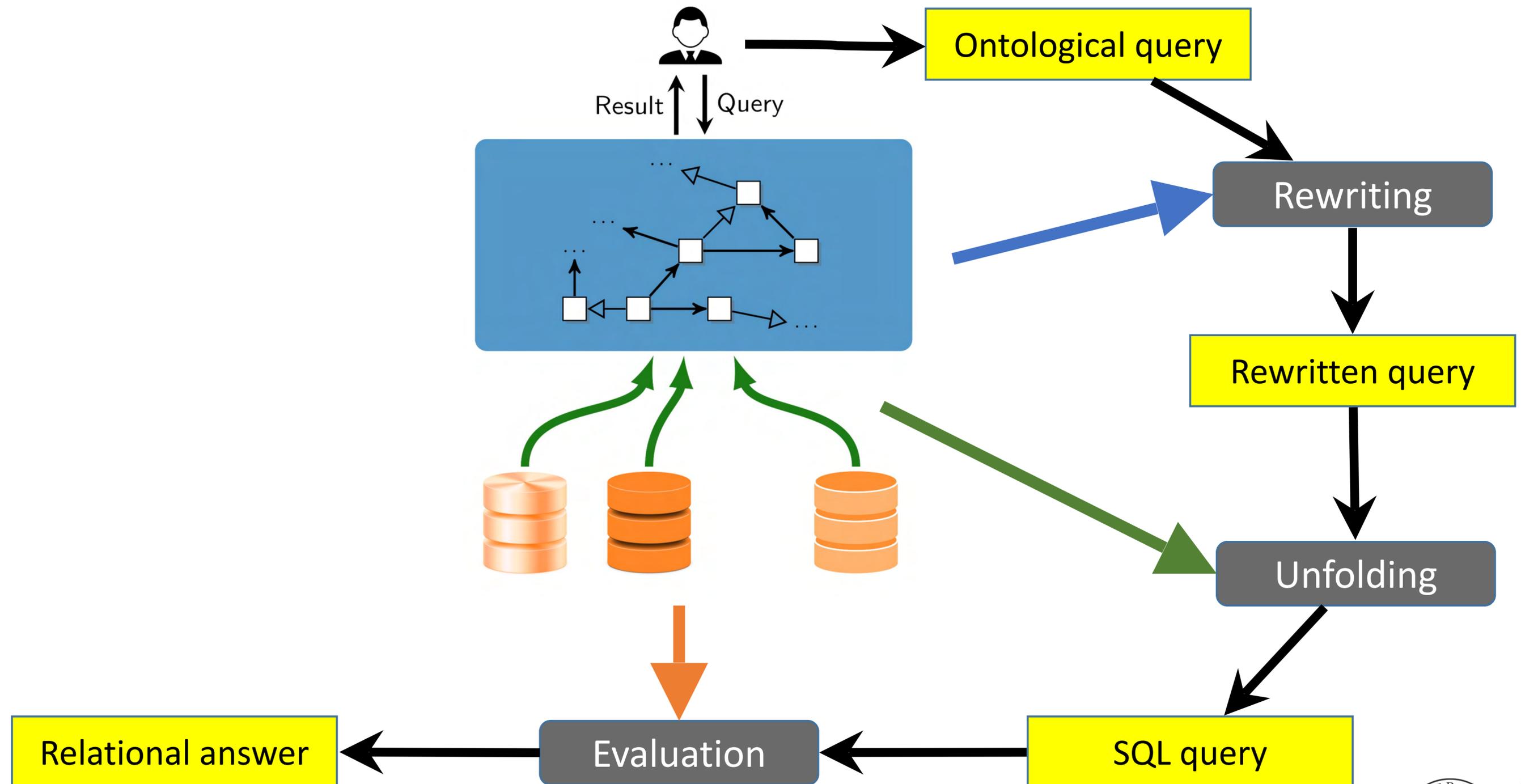
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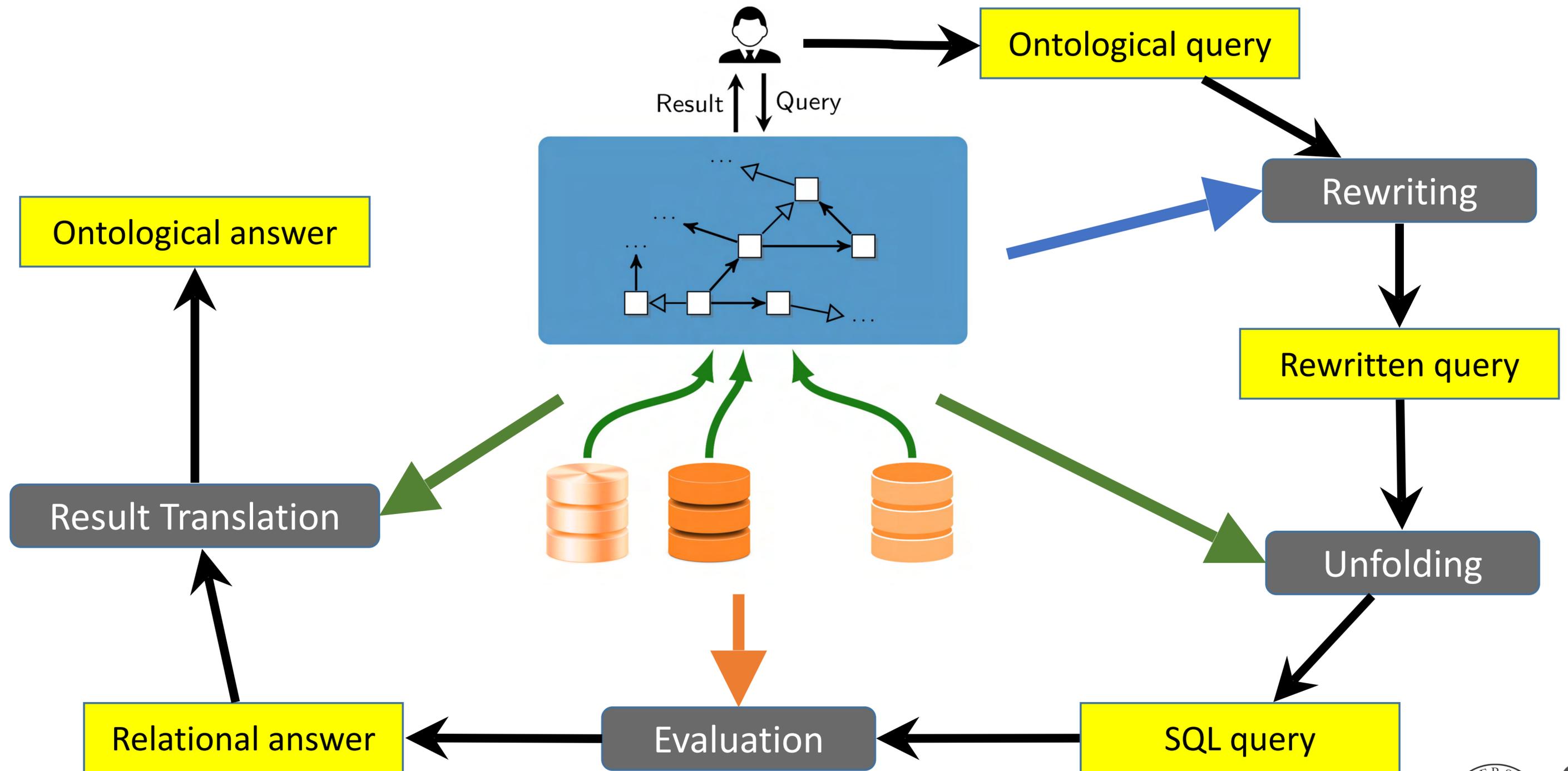
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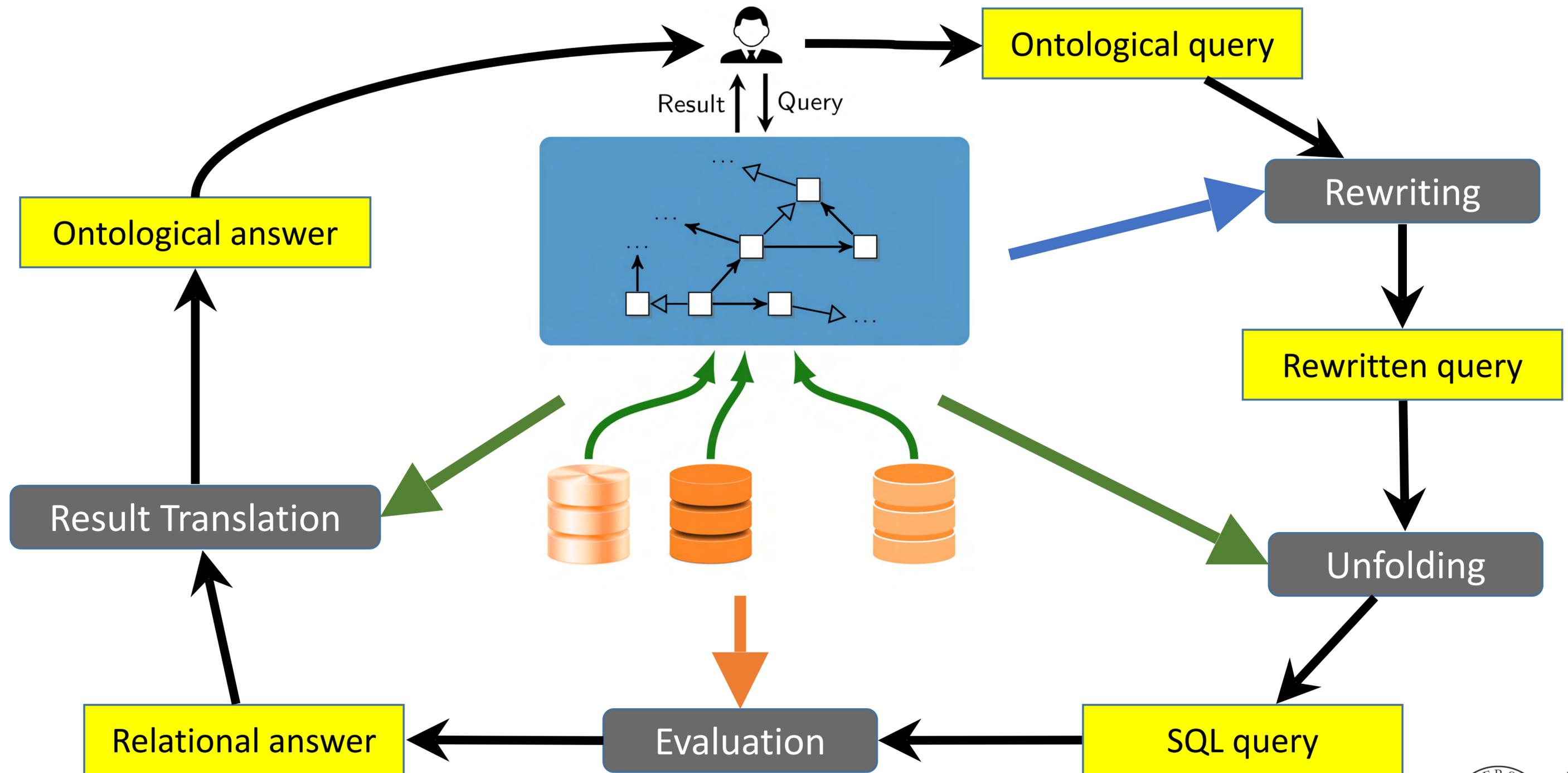
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3. VKG Systems and Applications

VKG systems

- **Mastro**, Sapienza Università di Roma & OBDA systems SRL, Italy
- **Morph**, Technical University of Madrid, Spain
- **Ontop**, Free Uni. of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy & Ontopic SRL, Italy
- **Stardog**, Stardog Union, US
 - powered by Ontop in the first version, later own implementation
- **GraphDB**, OntoText, US & EU
 - powered by Ontop
- **Allegro Graph**, Franz Inc., US
 - powered by Ontop
- **Oracle Spatial and Graph**, US

The VKG system Ontop



- State-of-the-art VKG system developed at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.
- Compliant with all relevant **Semantic Web standards**:
RDF, RDFS, OWL 2 QL, R2RML, and SPARQL
- Supports **all major relational DBs**:
Oracle, DB2, MS SQL Server, Postgres, MySQL, Teiid, Dremio, Denodo, etc.
- **Open-source** and released under Apache 2 license.
- Development: started in 2009
 - Already well established (e.g., ~5000 downloads / year, +200 members in mailing list)
 - Recently: major release of v4, with several improvements and new features.

Developer Community



UiO : **University of Oslo**



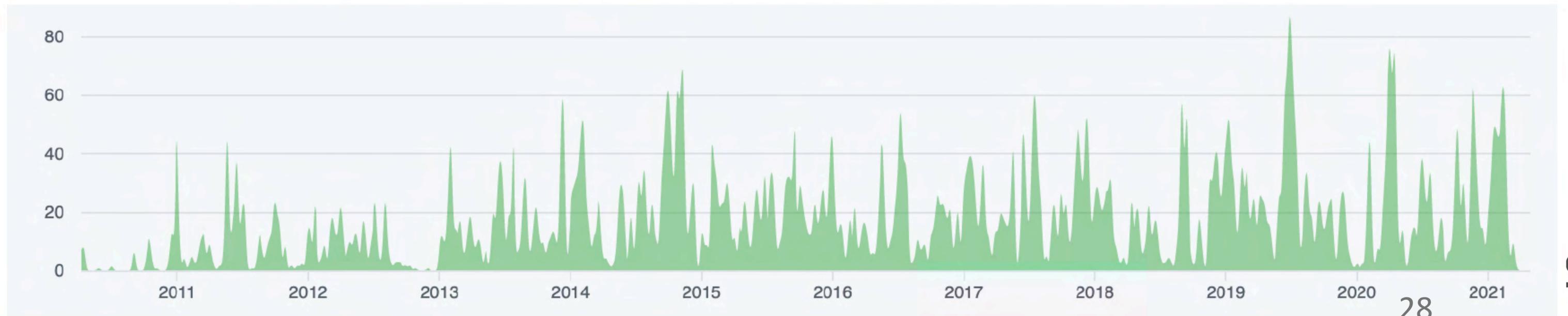
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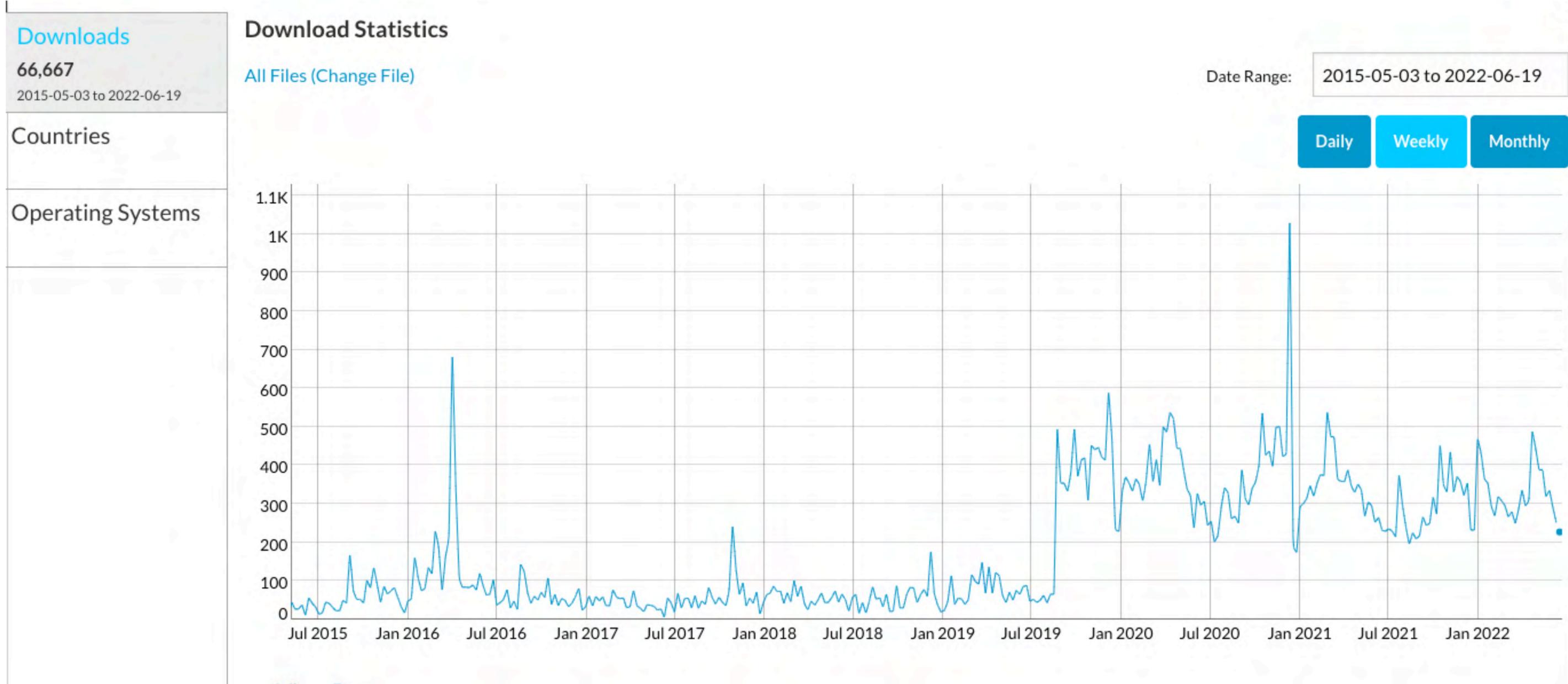
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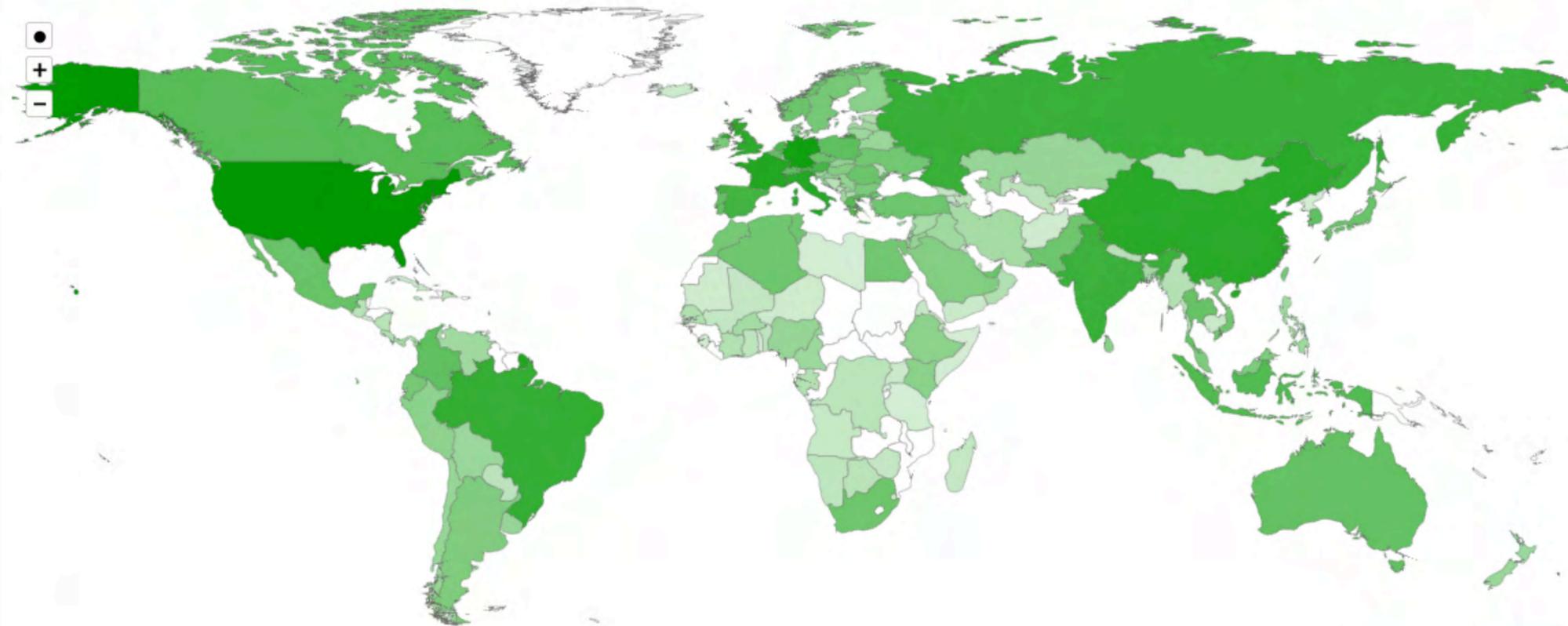
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| 4. Italy | 0% | 0% | 8% | 14% | 53% | 25% | 3,808 |
| 5. China | 0% | 0% | 2% | 4% | 28% | 66% | 3,653 |
| 6. United Kingdom | 0% | 0% | 3% | 7% | 72% | 18% | 3,126 |
| 7. Brazil | 0% | 0% | 4% | 3% | 69% | 24% | 2,695 |
| 8. Russia | 0% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 81% | 16% | 2,401 |

ONTOPIC

- <https://ontopic.ai>
- First spin-off of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.
- Incorporated in April 2019.
- Product: *Ontopic Studio* based on the Ontop engine.
- Delivers services around Ontop and the Ontopic Suite.
- Consultancy for VKG-based data integration projects.

Selected Use Cases

- Oil & Gas: Statoil [Kharlamov et al. 2017a]
- Turbine Diagnoses: Siemens [Kharlamov et al. 2017b]
- Log Extraction in Process Mining [Calvanese, Kalayci, et al. 2017]
- Cultural heritage [Calvanese, Liuzzo, et al. 2016]
- Maritime security [Brüggemann et al. 2016]
- Manufacturing [Petersen et al. 2017]
- Health care: electronic health records [Rahimi et al. 2014]
- Public debt: the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance [Antonioli et al. 2014]
- Smart cities: IBM Ireland [Lopez et al. 2015]
- Knowledge resource management: Huawei & Ontopic
- and many more ... (see our survey [Xiao et al . 2019])

VKG over LinStar in Huawei

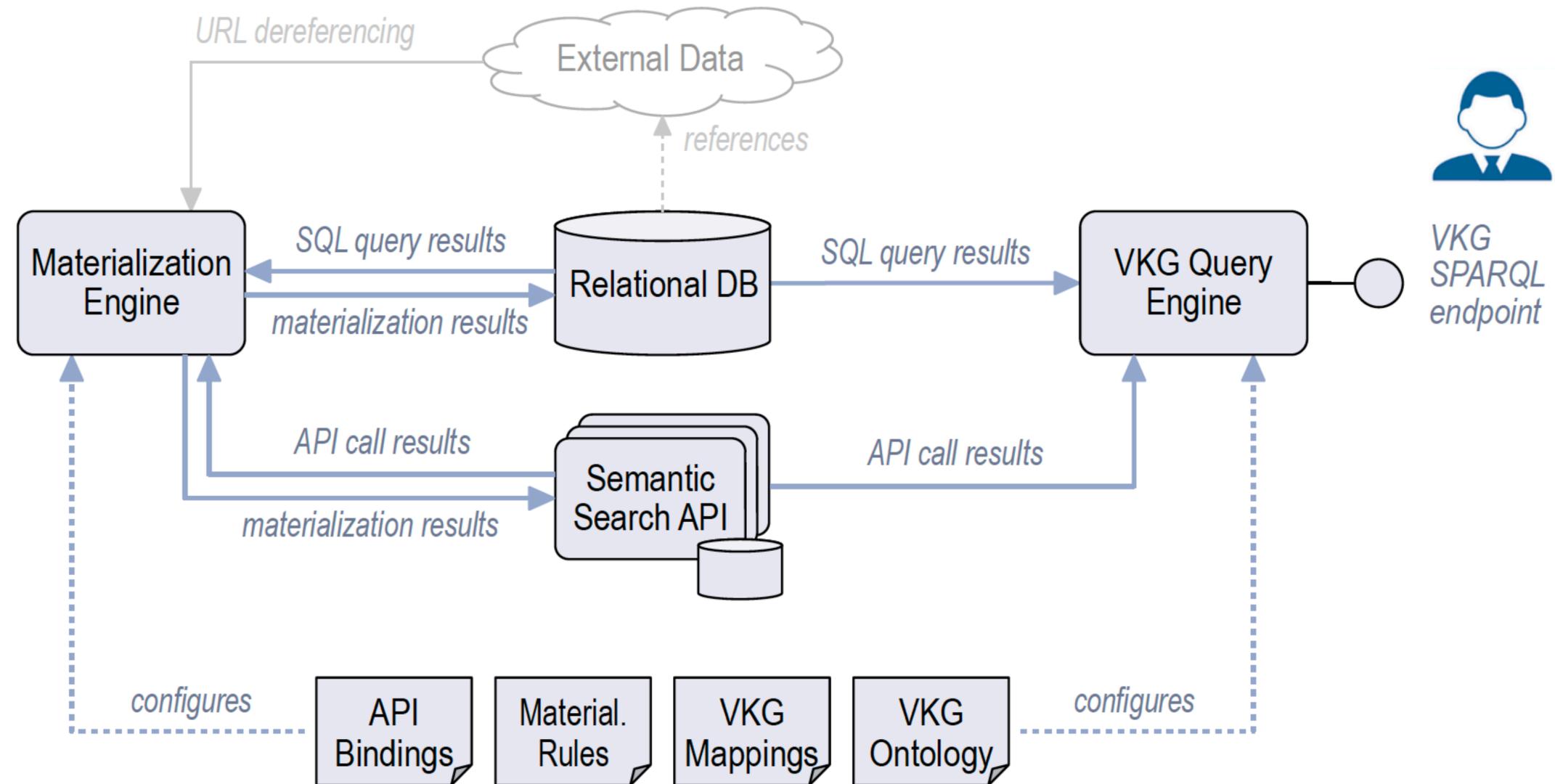
Goal: build a **virtual knowledge graph** integrating structured data in a proprietary platform (LinStar) and the results of information extraction from related semi-structured data.

- Structured data is provided by a relational database.
- **Semi-structured data** consisting of text with little (if any) structure or markup, such as natural language text, HTML documents, PDF files.
- **Information extraction (IE)** aims at extracting structured information from semi-structured data, possibly leveraging natural language processing (NLP) techniques.

Motivations:

- Provide an **unambiguous formalization** of the knowledge in the platform, to ease exploitation.
- Provide an **integrated, queryable, up-to-date view** over all available information.
- Enable more advanced services, such as **intelligent search** and **intelligent recommendation**.

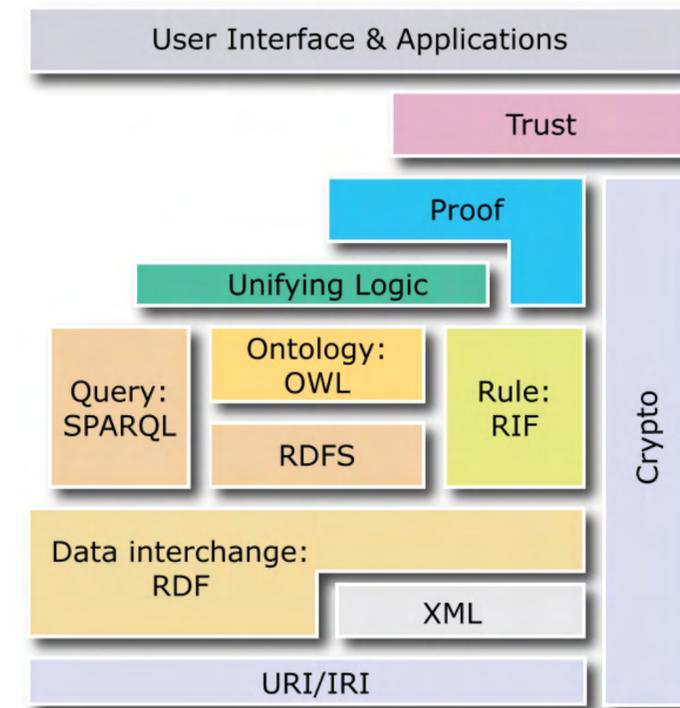
High-Level architecture of VKG over semi-structured data



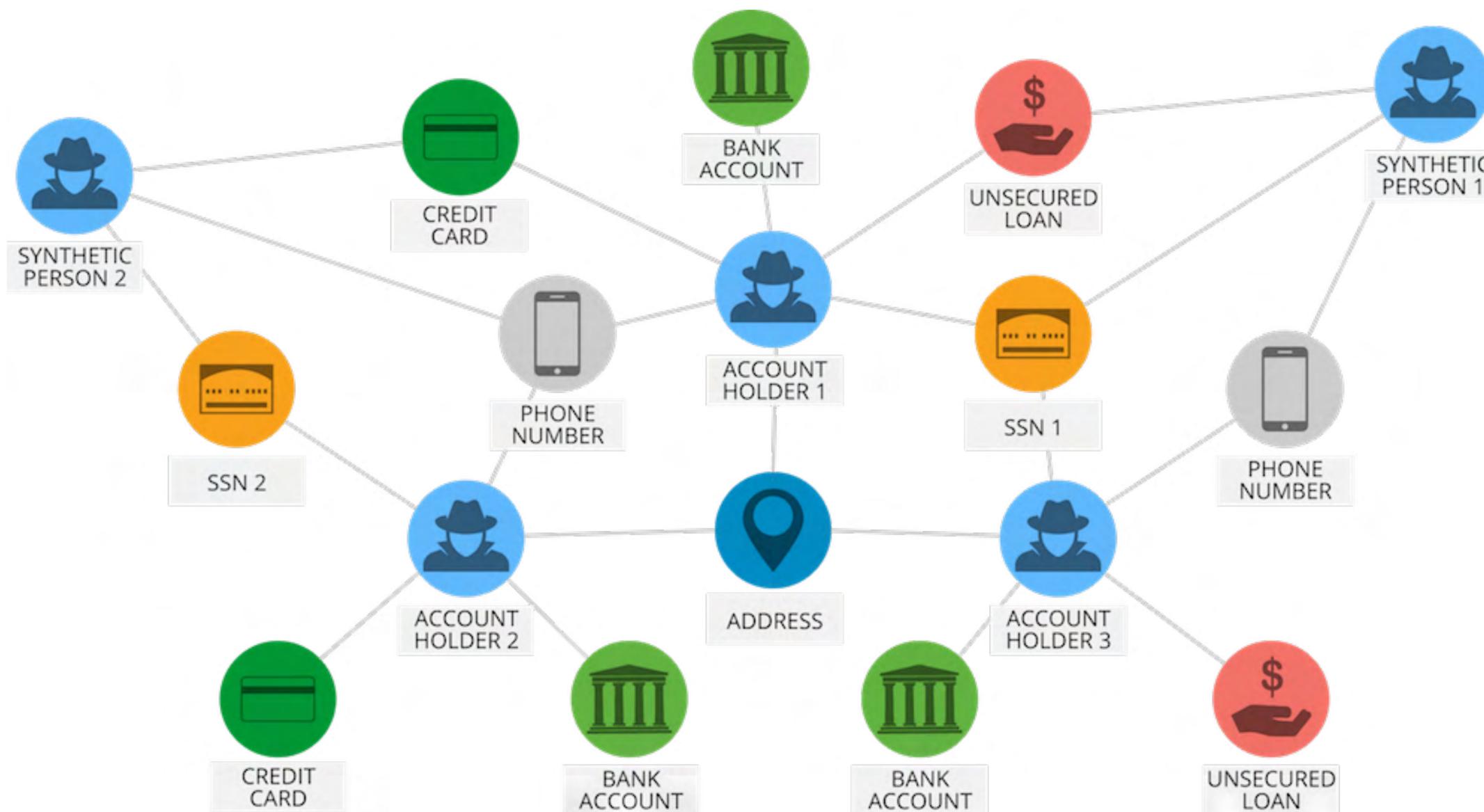
3. Key Technologies in Virtual Knowledge Graphs

Some Knowledge Graph technologies

- RDF Graph Language
- SPARQL Query Language
- OWL Ontology Language
- R2RML Mapping Language



RDF — Data is represented as a graph



The graph consists of a set of **subject-predicate-object** triples.

Relational DB vs. graph data — Example

Addresses

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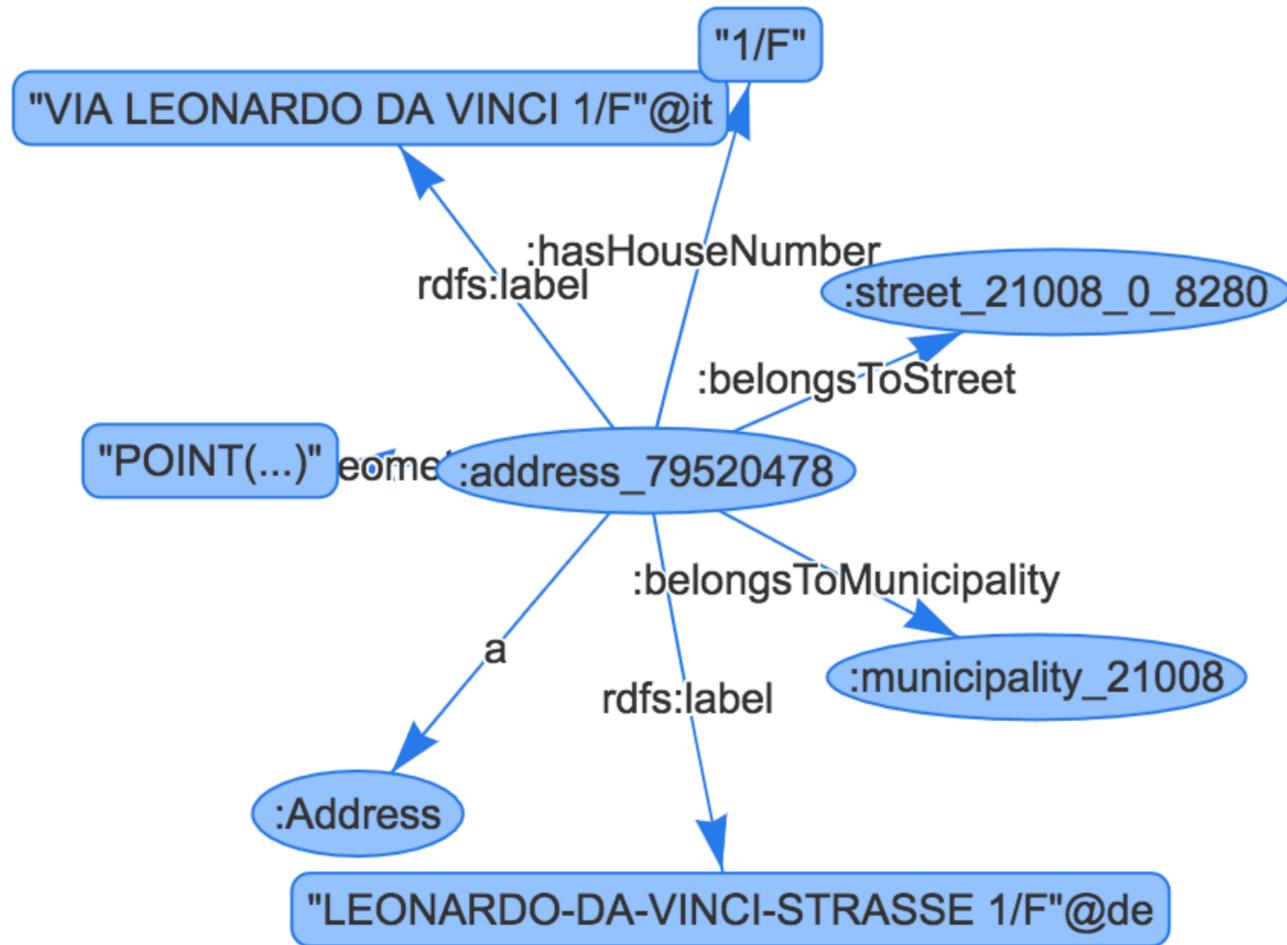
Municipalities

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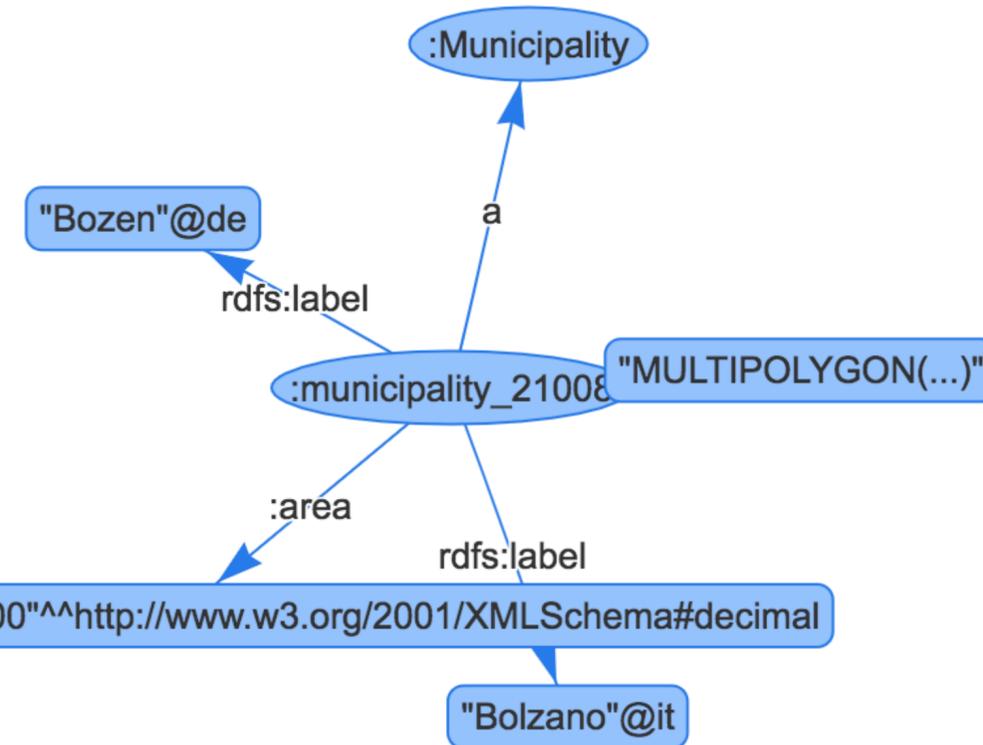
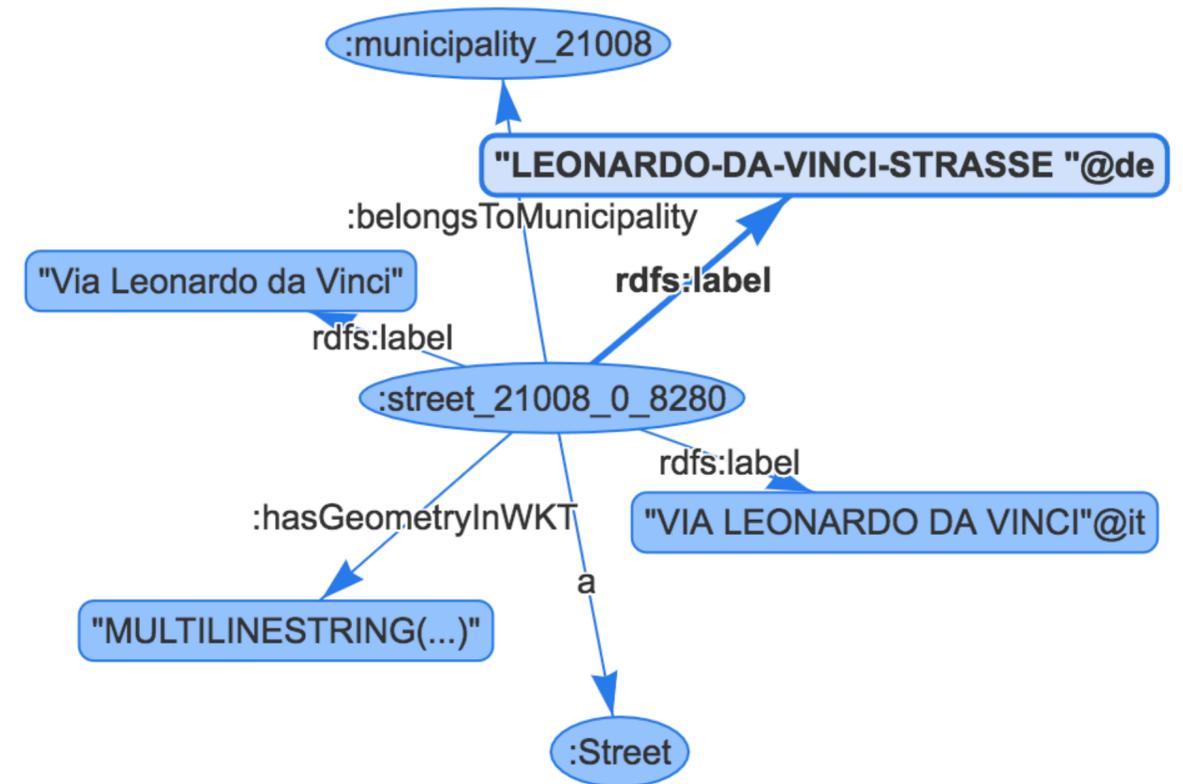
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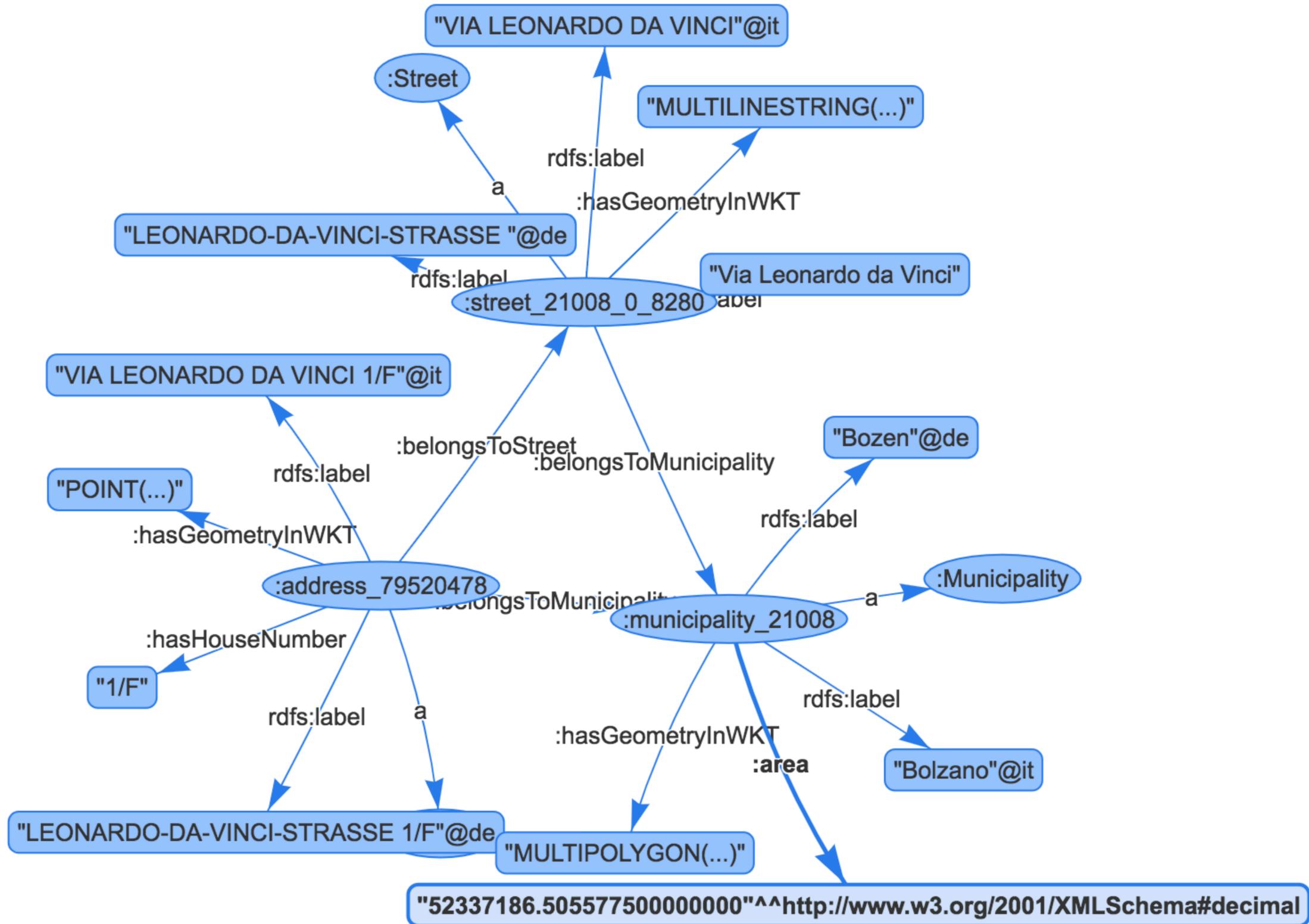
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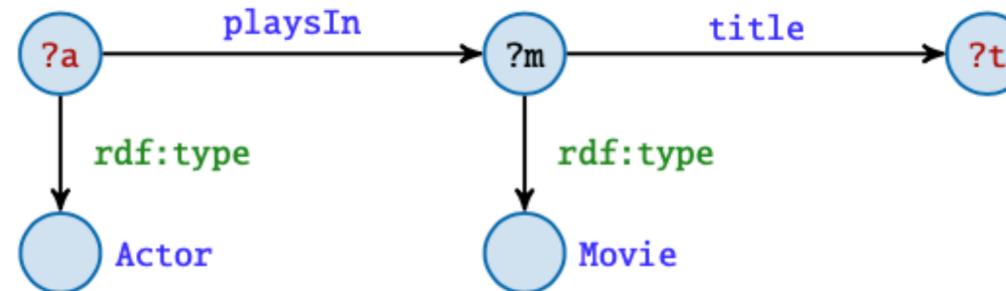
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The SPARQL query language

- Is the standard query language for RDF data. [W3C Rec. 2008, 2013]
- Core query mechanism is based on **graph matching**:

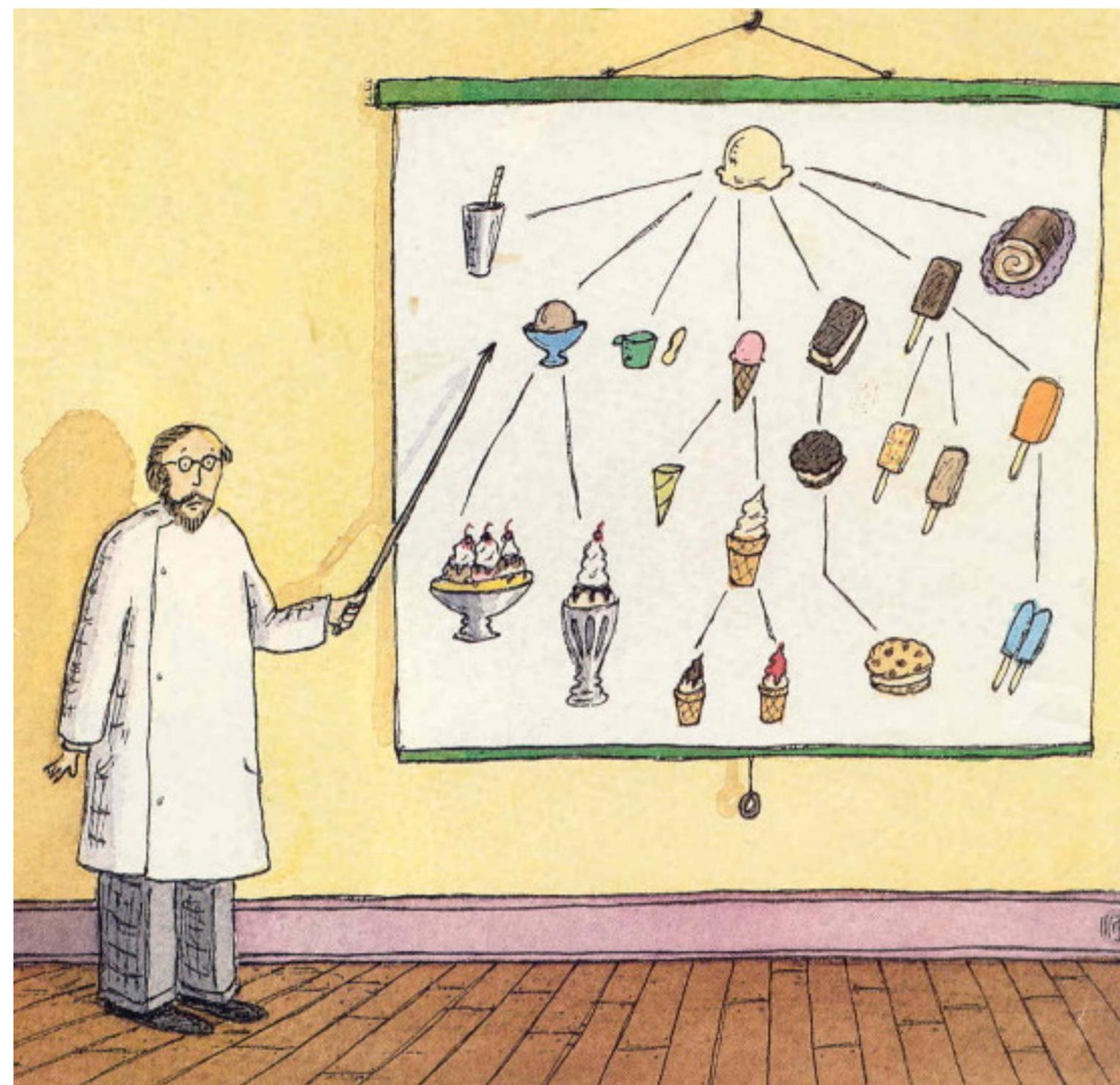
```
SELECT ?a ?t
WHERE { ?a rdf:type Actor .
        ?a playsIn ?m .
        ?m rdf:type Movie .
        ?m title ?t .
}
```



- Has many additional features:
 - **UNION**: matches one of alternative graph patterns
 - **OPTIONAL**: produces a match even when part of the pattern is missing
 - complex **FILTER** conditions
 - **GROUP BY**: to express aggregations
 - **MINUS**: to remove possible solutions
 - property paths (regular expressions)

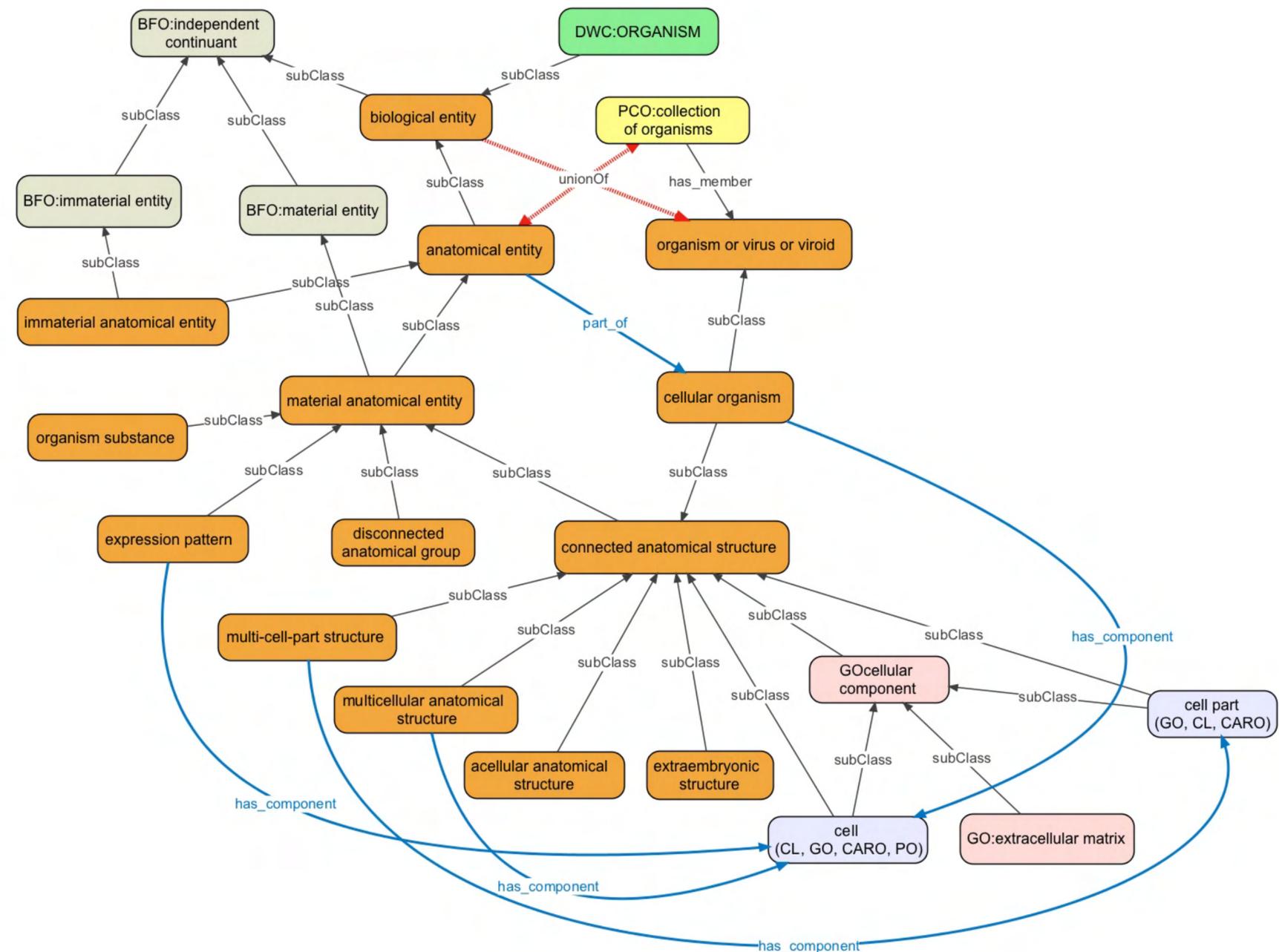
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 $\forall x. \text{FormationPressure}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{PorePressure}(x)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{hasFormationPressure}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Wellbore}(x) \wedge \text{FormationPressure}(y)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{hasDepth}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{FormationPressure}(x) \wedge \text{Depth}(y)$
 $\forall x. \text{FormationPressure}(x) \rightarrow \exists y. \text{hasDepth}(x, y)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{hasFormationPressure}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{hasMeasurement}(x, y)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{completionDate}_{\text{Wellbore}}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Wellbore}(x) \wedge \text{xsd:dateTime}(y)$
 $\forall x. \text{Wellbore}(x) \rightarrow (\#\{y \mid \text{completionDate}_{\text{Wellbore}}(x, y)\} \leq 1)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{wellboreTrack}_{\text{Wellbore}}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Wellbore}(x) \wedge \text{xsd:string}(y)$
 $\forall x. \text{Wellbore}(x) \rightarrow (\#\{y \mid \text{wellboreTrack}_{\text{Wellbore}}(x, y)\} \leq 1)$
 $\forall x, y. \text{hasCoreSample}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Core}(x) \wedge \text{CoreSample}(y)$
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...

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| | | |
|---|---|--|
| Pressure | ⊆ | Measurement |
| Porosity | ⊆ | Measurement |
| Permeability | ⊆ | Measurement |
| Temperature | ⊆ | Measurement |
| Pressure | ⊆ | \neg Porosity \sqcap \neg Permeability \sqcap \neg Temperature |
| Porosity | ⊆ | \neg Permeability \sqcap \neg Temperature |
| Permeability | ⊆ | \neg Temperature |
| HydrostaticPressure | ⊆ | Pressure |
| FormationPressure | ⊆ | Pressure |
| PorePressure | ⊆ | Pressure |
| HydrostaticPressure | ⊆ | \neg FormationPressure \sqcap \neg PorePressure |
| FormationPressure | ⊆ | \neg PorePressure |
| \exists hasFormationPressure | ⊆ | Wellbore |
| \exists hasFormationPressure ⁻ | ⊆ | FormationPressure |
| \exists hasDepth | ⊆ | FormationPressure |
| \exists hasDepth ⁻ | ⊆ | Depth |
| FormationPressure | ⊆ | \exists hasDepth |
| hasFormationPressure | ⊆ | hasMeasurement |
| \exists completionDate | ⊆ | Wellbore |
| \exists completionDate ⁻ | ⊆ | xsd:dateTime |
| Wellbore | ⊆ | (≤ 1 completionDate) |
| \exists wellboreTrack | ⊆ | Wellbore |
| | ⋮ | |

Reasoning in Ontology

Class hierarchy: rdfs:subClassOf

Example: :MovieActor rdfs:subClassOf :Actor .

Inference: <person/2> rdf:type :MovieActor . => <person/2> rdf:type :Actor .

Domain of properties: rdfs:domain

Example: :playsIn rdfs:domain :MovieActor .

Inference: <person/2> :playsIn <movie/3> . => <person/2> rdf:type :MovieActor .

Range of properties: rdfs:range

Example: :playsIn rdfs:range :Movie .

Inference: <person/2> :playsIn <movie/3> . => <movie/3> rdf:type :Movie .

Reasoning in Ontology

Class disjointness: owl:disjointWith

Example: :Actor owl:disjointWith :Movie .

*Inference: <person/2> rdf:type :Actor . <person/2> rdf:type :Movie .
=> RDF graph inconsistent with the ontology*

Inverse properties: owl:inverseOf

Example: :actsIn owl:inverseOf :hasActor .

Inference: <person/2> :actsIn <movie/3> . => <movie/3> :hasActor <person/2> .

Property hierarchy

Property disjointness

Mandatory participation

...

Mapping Language

The **mapping** consists of a set of assertions of the form
SQL Query \rightsquigarrow Class membership assertion
SQL Query \rightsquigarrow Property membership assertion

Intuition behind the mapping

The **answers** returned by the **SQL Query** in the left-hand side are used to create the **objects** (and values) that populate the **Class / Property** in the right-hand side.

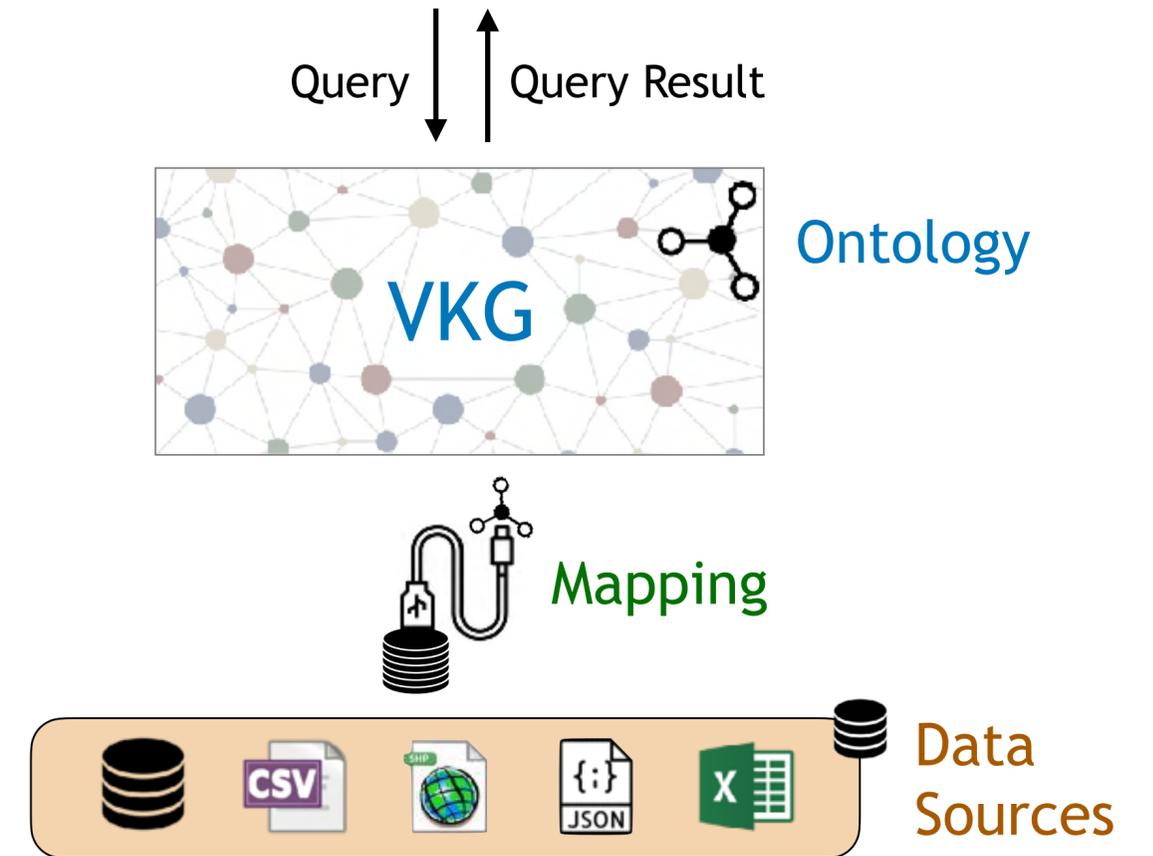
Note: The mapping contains also a mechanism to transform **values** retrieved from the **database** into **objects** of the **VKG** (thus solving the so-called **impedance mismatch**).

Why mappings?

The traditional approach to data integration relies on mediators, which are specified through complex code.

Mappings, instead:

- Provide a declarative specification, and not code.
- Are easier to understand, and hence to design and to maintain.
- Support an incremental approach to integration.
- Are machine processable, hence can be used for query optimization.



5. A Demo for Data Integration using VKGs

Demo: Using Ontop for data integration

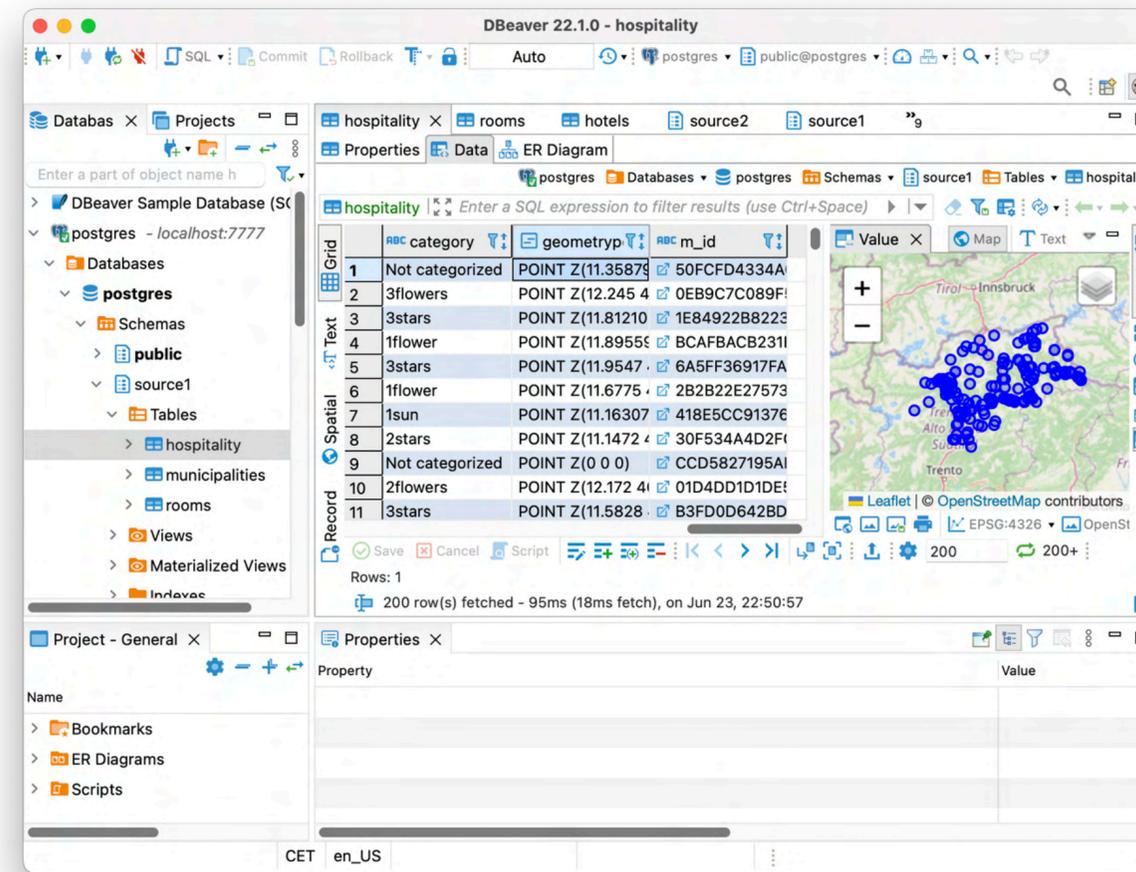
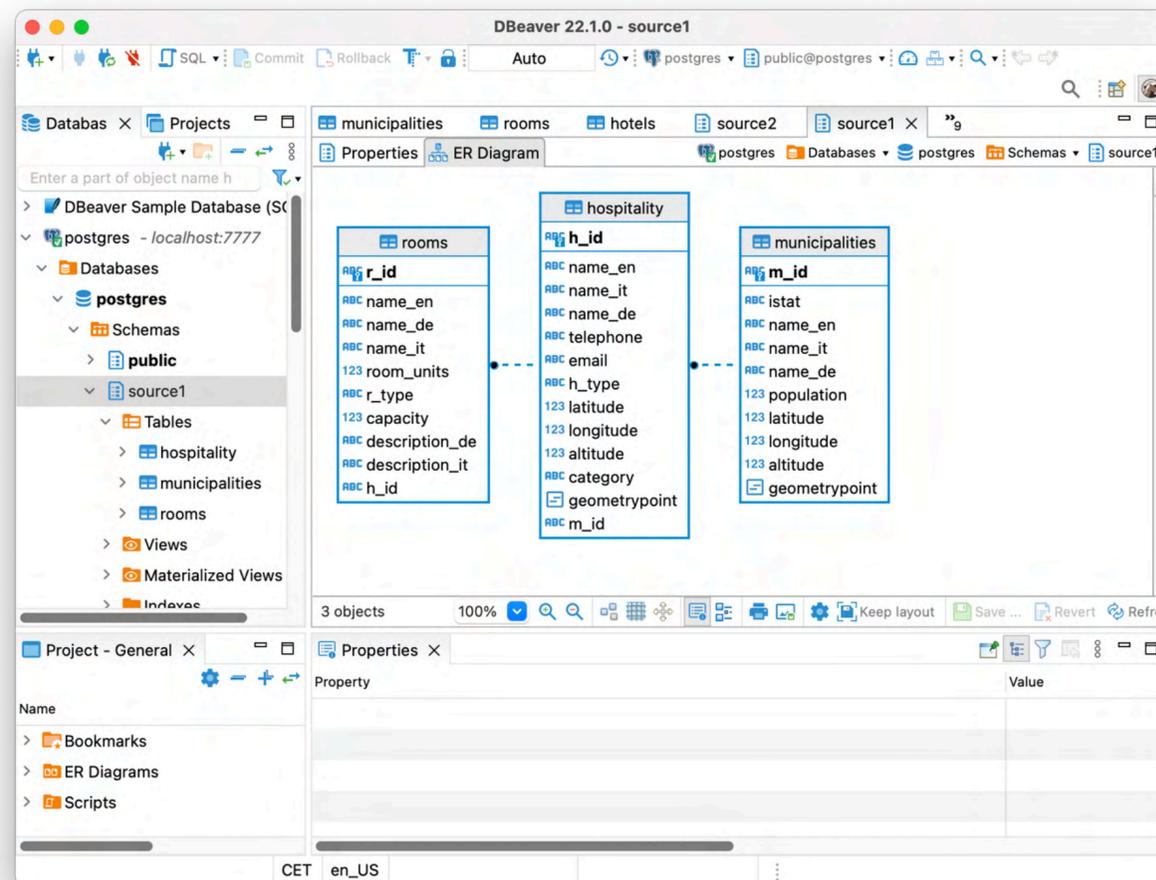
```
$ git clone \  
https://github.com/ontopic-vkg/destination-tutorial \  
--config core.autocrlf=input # important for Windows  
$ cd destination-tutorial  
$ docker-compose -f docker-compose.solution.yml up
```

- 1. Check the database in DBeaver*
- 2. Open vkg/dest-solution.ttl in Protégé*
- 3. Open <http://localhost:8080> in the browser*

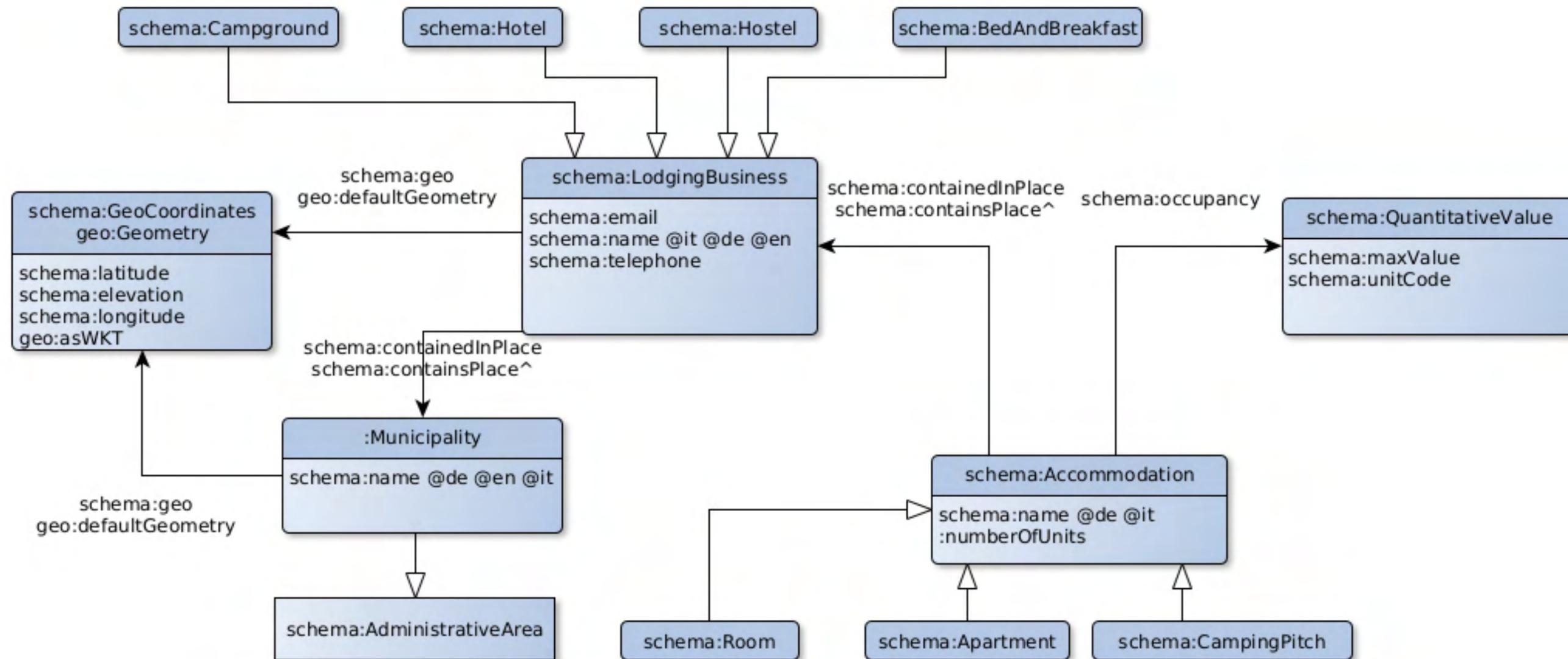
Demo Database

Three data sources:

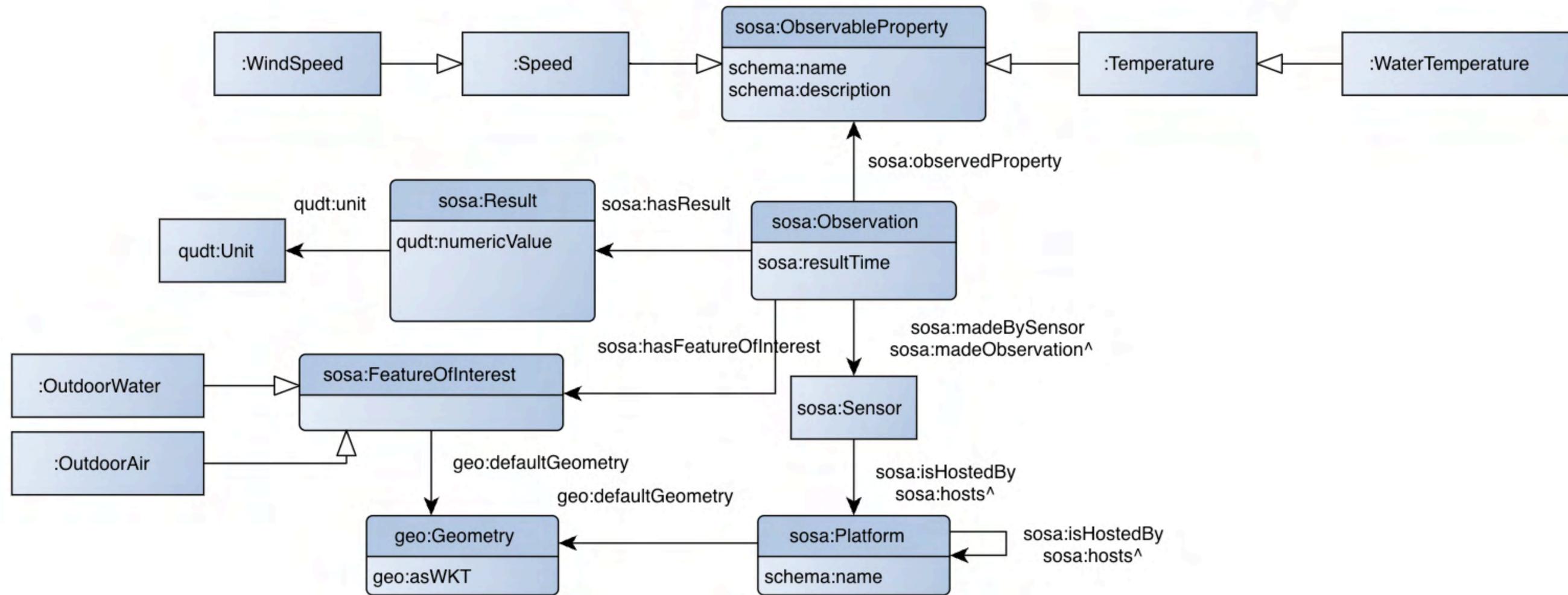
- Sources 1 & 2: hotels and rooms in different areas
- Source 3: weather information



Ontology for tables in the schemas source1 and source2



Ontology for tables in the schema source3



Protege Editor with Ontop Plugin

The screenshot displays the Protege Editor interface with the Ontop plugin. The main window shows the class hierarchy for 'schema:Hotel' and the 'Mapping editor' pane. The mapping editor contains several mappings and their corresponding SQL queries:

- Municipality**
data:municipality/{istat} a **schema:Municipality** ; schema:name {name_it}@it , {name_de}@de , {name_en}@en ; geo:defaultGeometry data:geo/municipality/{istat} ;
SELECT * FROM source1.municipalities
- Municipality geo**
data:geo/municipality/{istat} a **schema:GeoCoordinates** ; schema:longitude {longitude} ; schema:latitude {latitude} ;
schema:elevation {altitude} ; geo:asWKT {wkt}^^geo:wktLiteral .
SELECT *, ST_AsText(geometrypoint) AS wkt FROM source1.municipalities
- Source 1 - lodging business**
data:source1/hospitality/{h_id} a **schema:LodgingBusiness** ; schema:name {name_en}@en , {name_it}@it , {name_de}@de ;
schema:telephone {telephone} ; schema:email {email} ; geo:defaultGeometry data:source1/geo/hospitality/{h_id} ; schema:geo data:source1/geo/hospitality/{h_id} .
SELECT * FROM source1.hospitality
- Source 1 - lodging business - municipality**
data:source1/hospitality/{h_id} **schema:containedInPlace** data:municipality/{istat} .
SELECT h.h_id, m.istat FROM source1.hospitality h, source1.municipalities m
WHERE h.m_id = m.m_id
- Source 1 - lodging business geo**
data:source1/geo/hospitality/{h_id} a **schema:GeoCoordinates** ; schema:longitude {longitude} ; schema:latitude {latitude} ;
schema:elevation {altitude} ; geo:asWKT {wkt}^^geo:wktLiteral .
SELECT *, ST_AsText(geometrypoint) AS wkt FROM source1.hospitality
- Source 1 - hotel**
data:source1/hospitality/{h_id} a **schema:Hotel** .
SELECT h_id, h_type FROM source1.hospitality
WHERE h_type = 'HotelPension'
- Source 1 - campground**
data:source1/hospitality/{h_id} a **schema:Campground** .
SELECT h_id, h_type FROM source1.hospitality

Ontopic Studio

ODH-import > Mapping > lenses.import.accommodationopen

- Dashboard
- Ontology
- Lenses
- Mapping
- Search
- Query
- Repository
- Settings
- Collapse

https://kg.opendatahub.bz.it/lodging-businesses/{id}

id

| p | http://rdfs.org/sioc/ns#has_container | https://kg.opendatahub.bz.it/lodging-businesses/ | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| c | schema:LodgingBusiness | | | |
| p | schema:alternateName @it | it_add_name | | |
| p | schema:alternateName @en | en_add_name | | |
| p | schema:alternateName @de | de_add_name | | |
| p | schema:description @en | en_desc | | |
| p | schema:description @de | de_desc | | |
| p | schema:description @it | it_desc | | |
| p | schema:email | de_email | | |
| p | schema:faxNumber | de_fax | | |
| p | schema:name @de | de_name | | |
| p | schema:name @en | en_name | | |
| p | schema:name @it | it_name | | |

| Column | #1 | #2 | #3 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| id - VARCHAR | 745EB99014... | B5347F5447... | 5F74... |
| de_email - VARCHAR | p.risa@tiscali... | info@haspin... | rece... |
| de_name - VARCHAR | Appartament... | Haspingerhof... | Cam... |
| en_name - VARCHAR | Appartament... | Haspingerhof... | Cam... |
| it_name - VARCHAR | Appartament... | Haspingerhof... | Cam... |
| de_phone - VARCHAR | +39 348 289... | +39 0474 94... | +39... |
| de_fax - VARCHAR | | | +39... |
| it_desc - VARCHAR | Monocale i... | Vacanza sul ... | "Felic... |
| de_desc - VARCHAR | NULL | Urlaub auf de... | "Glüc... |
| en_desc - VARCHAR | NULL | In quiet locati... | "Hap... |
| de_add_name - VARCHAR | Risa Patrizia | Tratter Gietl E... | Simc... |
| en_add_name - VARCHAR | | Gietl Albin | Gian... |
| it_add_name - VARCHAR | | Gietl Albin | Gian... |
| rating - VARCHAR | Not categoriz... | 3flowers | 3star... |
| url - VARCHAR | NULL | http://www.h... | http:... |

SPARQL Query Answering

dest (http://destination.example.org/ontology/dest#) : [Users/xiao/Development/ontop/destination-tutorial/vkg/dest-solution.ttl]

Active ontology: schema:Thing > schema:Place > schema:LocalBusiness > schema:LodgingBusiness > schema:Hotel

Query manager: SPARQL query editor

```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX : <http://noi.example.org/ontology/odh#>
SELECT ?h ?pos ?posLabel ?posColor
WHERE {
  ?h a schema:LodgingBusiness ;
    geo:defaultGeometry/geo:asWKT ?pos ;
    schema:name ?posLabel .
  FILTER (lang(?posLabel) = 'de')
}
```

Execution time: 255ms. Solution mappings returned: 100.

| h | pos | posLabel | posColor |
|---|---|---|----------|
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.358798 46.499543 0)"^^<h... | "Appartamento Conciapelli"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (12.245 46.8369 1400)"^^<http... | "Haspingerhof - Specker"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.812105 46.807976 778)"^^... | "Camping Gisser Vitha Hotels"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.895599 46.772921 930)"^^... | "Schlosshäuslhof"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.9547 46.9191 865)"^^<http... | "Residence Tuberis"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.6775 46.6969 1000)"^^<htt... | "Birbamerhof"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.163071 46.671773 324)"^^... | "Holiday house merano Appartamento Porti... | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.1472 46.6431 330)"^^<http... | "Residence Haus Waldner"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (0 0 0)"^^<http://www.opengis.n... | "Aurturist Appartement 142"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (12.172 46.7373 1154)"^^<http... | "Schneiderhof"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.5828 46.4078 1650)"^^<htt... | "Residence Chris Appart"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.4444 46.9386 1098)"^^<htt... | "Appartements Monica"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.1014 46.6864 550)"^^<http... | "Bauernhof Gasserhof"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.1214 46.6931 0)"^^<http://... | "Ferienwohnungen Ebeneich"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.9575 46.9175 865)"^^<http... | "Haus Holzer"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.9306 46.6978 1201)"^^<htt... | "Parc Hotel Posta"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.966633 46.998995 1300)"^... | "Golserhof"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (12.223652 46.728385 1219)"^... | "Distaccamento Aeroportuale - Food Service... | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.811762 46.807756 780)"^^... | "Hotel Gisser Vitha Hotels"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.9544 46.9186 865)"^^<http... | "Hotel Tubris"@de | |
| <http://destination.example.org/data/sour...> | "POINT Z (11.199958 46.668232 600)"^^... | "Castello Schloss Labers"@de | |



SPARQL Query Answering

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `dest (http://destination.example.org/ontology/dest#)`. The browser's breadcrumb navigation shows the path: `> schema:Thing > schema:Place > schema:LocalBusiness > schema:LodgingBusiness > schema:Hotel`. The interface includes a search bar and a navigation menu with options like "Active ontology", "Entities", "Individuals by class", "Ontop Mappings", and "Ontop SPARQL".

The main area is titled "SPARQL query editor" and contains a query:

```
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PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX : <http://noi.example.org/ontology/odh#>
SELECT ?h ?pos ?posLabel ?posColor
WHERE {
  ?h a schema:LodgingBusiness ;
    geo:defaultGeometry/geo:asWKT ?pos ;
    schema:name ?posLabel .
  FILTER (lang(?posLabel) = 'de')
}
```

Below the query editor, there are controls for "Show 100 or all results." and "Use short IRIs". The "Execute" button is visible.

The execution results are displayed below, showing the execution time as 255ms and 100 solution mappings returned. The results are shown in a tabbed view with "SPARQL results" selected. The output includes a query plan and SQL translation:

```
ans1(h,pos,posLabel,posColor)
CONSTRUCT [h, pos, posLabel, posColor] [posLabel/RDF(name_it45m107,@de), pos/RDF(v1,http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral), posColor/NULL, h/RDF(DB_ID
  NATIVE [h_id1m1, id1m2, name_it45m107, v0, v1]
SELECT v5."h_id1m1" AS "h_id1m1", v5."id1m2" AS "id1m2", v5."name_it45m107" AS "name_it45m107", v5."v0" AS "v0", v5."v1" AS "v1"
FROM (SELECT v1."h_id" AS "h_id1m1", CAST(NULL AS TEXT) AS "id1m2", v1."name_de" AS "name_it45m107", 0 AS "v0", ST_ASTEXT(v1."geometrypoint") AS "v1"
FROM "source1"."hospitality" v1
UNION ALL
SELECT CAST(NULL AS TEXT) AS "h_id1m1", v3."id" AS "id1m2", v3."german" AS "name_it45m107", 1 AS "v0", ST_ASTEXT(v3."geom") AS "v1"
FROM "source2"."hotels" v3
) v5
```

SPARQL Endpoint

The screenshot shows the Ontop SPARQL endpoint v4.2.1 interface. The browser address bar shows localhost:8080. The page title is "Destination tutorial" and the endpoint address is http://localhost:8080/sparql | ontop v4.2.1.

The interface has two tabs: "Playground" (selected) and "Examples". Below the tabs are several menu items: Municipality description, Municipalities, Places by municipality, Lodging businesses (limit 500), Biggest lodging businesses, Platform, Water temperature, Hotels nearby warm water, and Restaurants nearby water above 18°C.

The main area displays a SPARQL query:

```
13 SELECT ?hPos ?hPosLabel ?pPos ?pPosLabel ("jet,0.8" AS ?pPosColor) ?v ?t
14 WHERE {
15   # Hotel
16   ?h a schema:Hotel ; geo:defaultGeometry/geo:asWKT ?hPos ; schema:name ?hPosLabel .
17   FILTER(LANG(?hPosLabel)='it')
18   # Observations
19   ?o a sosa:Observation .
20   ?o sosa:hasResult ?r ; sosa:resultTime ?t ; sosa:hasFeatureOfInterest ?f ; sosa:observedProperty ?prop .
21   ?prop a :Temperature .
22   ?r qudt:numericValue ?v ; qudt:unit qudt-unit:DegreeCelsius .
23   # Features of interest
24   ?f a :OutdoorWater ; geo:defaultGeometry/geo:asWKT ?pPos .
25   # Max spatial distance
26   BIND(geof:distance(?hPos, ?pPos, uom:metre) AS ?distance)
```

Below the query, there are buttons for "Table", "Response", "Pivot Table", "Google Chart", and "Geo" (selected). There are also download and code icons.

The bottom part of the interface shows a map visualization of the results. The map displays a geographical area with several blue location pins and one red location pin. The map includes labels for "Meran - Merano", "Klausen - Chiusa", and "Bosch de Resciesa". There are also labels for roads "SS38", "SS508", and "A22".

Take-home messages

- KG is a very simple but powerful data structure
- KGs give semantics to the data: things, not strings
- KGs have been applied in many applications
- VKGs are by now a mature technology to address the challenges related to data access and integration.
- It has been well-investigated and applied in many different scenarios mostly for the case of relational data sources.

Further readings

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Thank you for your attention

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