



# Foundations of Knowledge Graphs – Part 1

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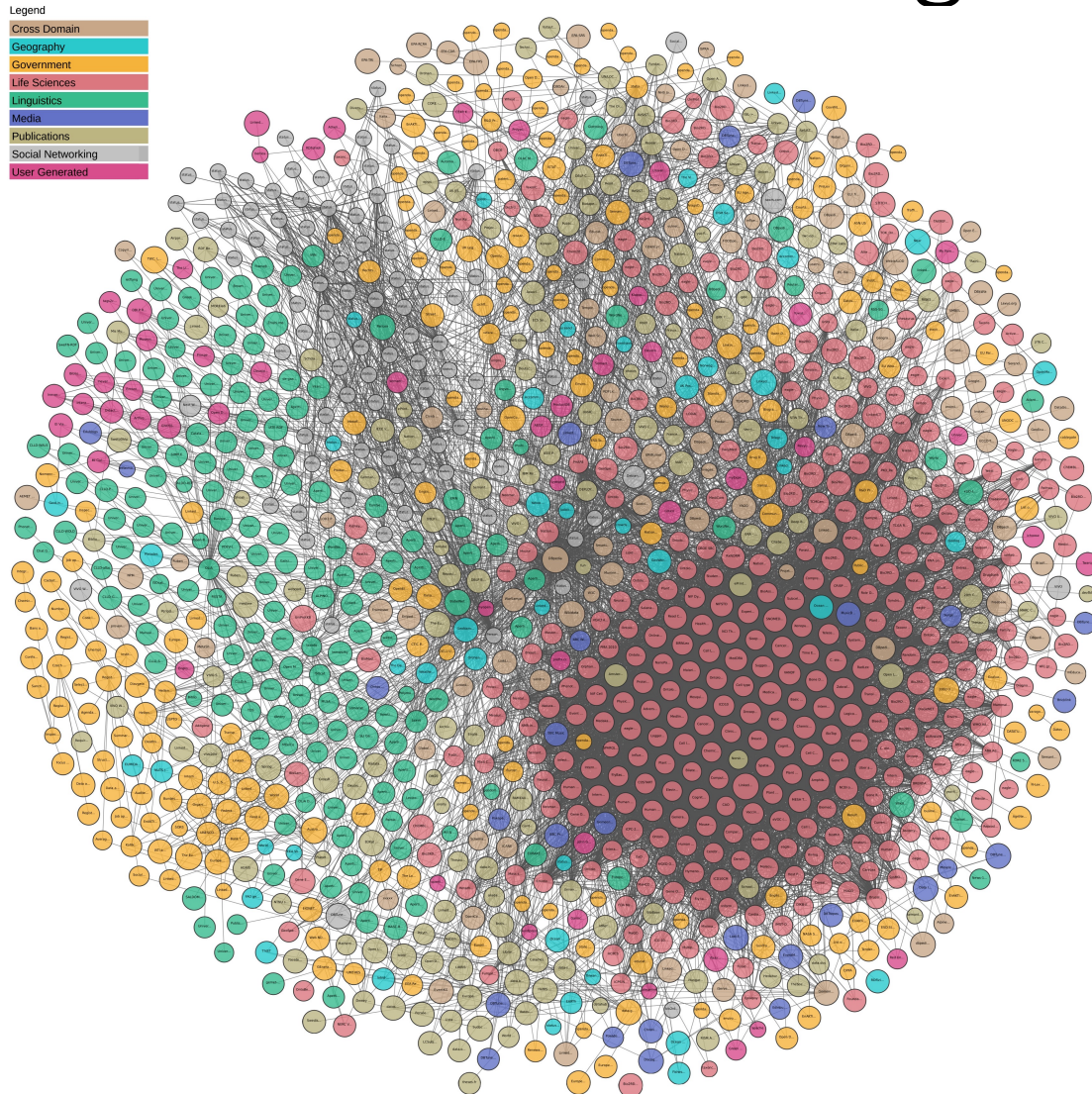
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# Why Knowledge Graphs?

- Initially, the Web was made for humans reading webpages.
- But there's too much information out there to be entirely checked by a human with a specific information need.
- Machines can process large amounts of data.
- Normal Web data (such as HTML) is not suitable for content-sensitive machine processing (ambiguous, relies on background knowledge, etc.)
- Knowledge Graphs are concerned with representing information distributed across the Web in a machine-interpretable way.

# Web-Wide Linked Open Data – The Vision Becoming True



# Why Graphs? Why not, say, XML?

- Task: express "The Book 'Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies' is published at CRC Press."
- many options:

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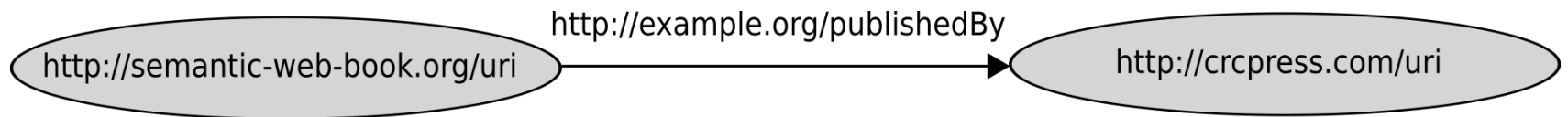
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- ambiguity and tree structure inappropriate for intended purpose

RDF

# RDF: Graphs instead of Trees

- Solution: representation by directed graphs



# RDF

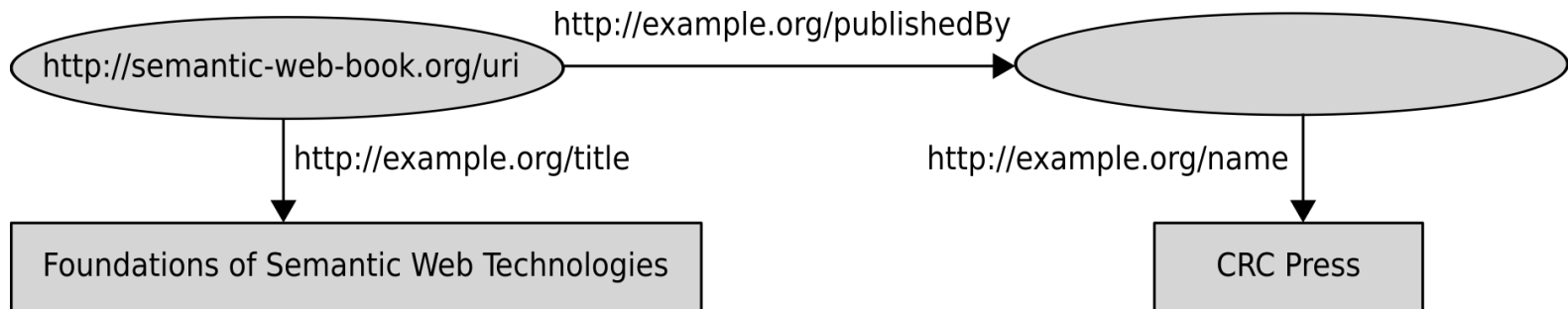
- “Resource Description Framework”
- W3C Recommendation  
(<http://www.w3.org/RDF>)
- RDF is a data model (not one specific syntax)
  - originally designed for providing metadata for Web resources, later used for more general purposes
  - encodes structured informationen
  - universal machine-readable exchange format





# Building blocks for RDF Graphs

- URIs
- literals
- blank nodes (aka: empty nodes, bnodes)



# RDF Triples

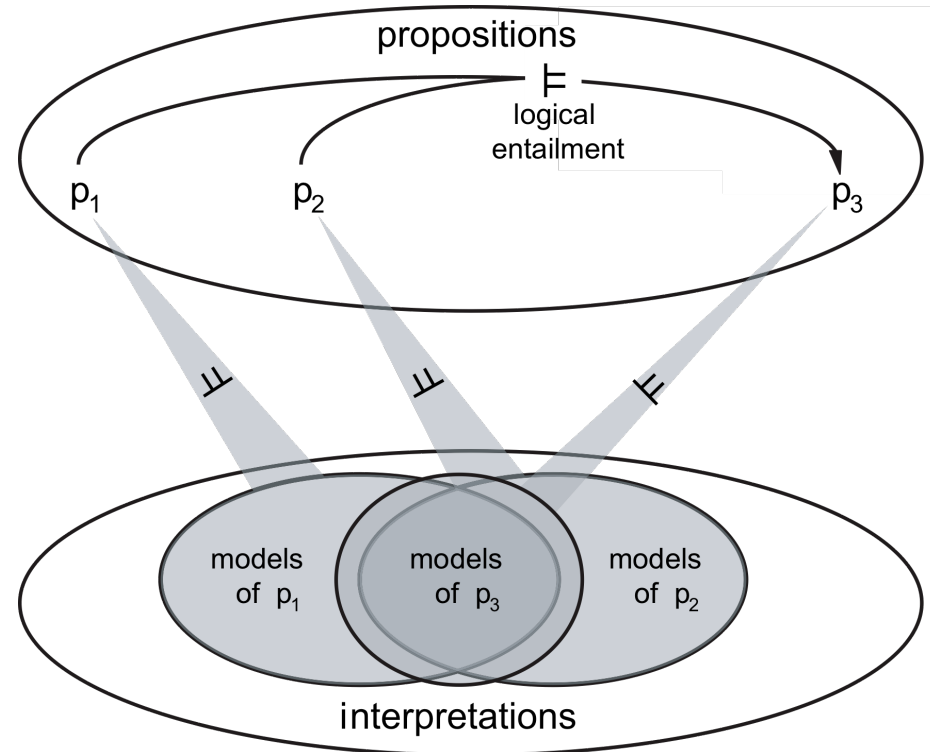
- constituents of an RDF triple



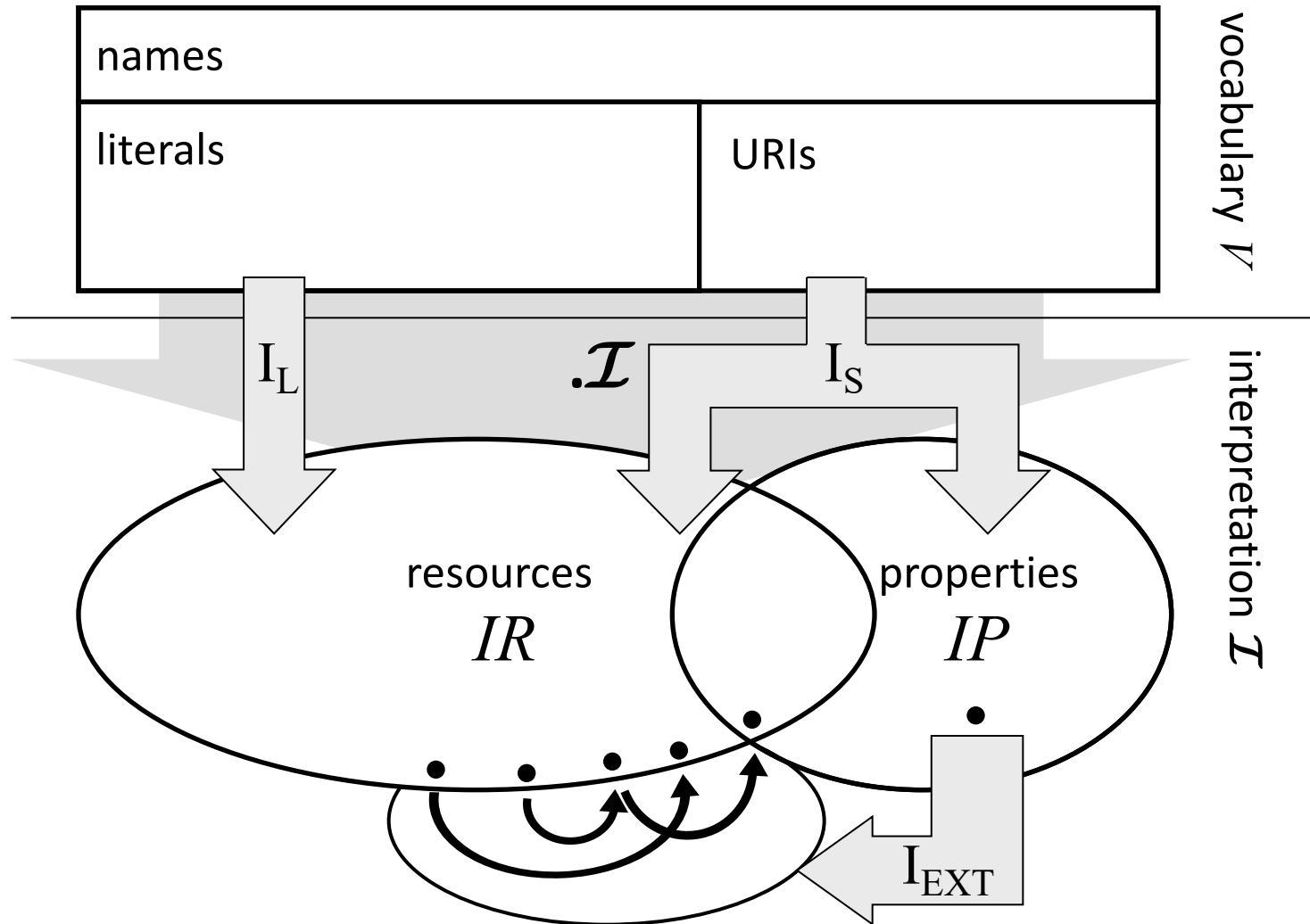
- terms inspired by linguistics but doesn't always coincide
- eligible instantiations:
  - subject : URI or bnode
  - predicate : URI
  - object : URI or bnode or literal

# Simple Semantics

- RDF is focused on information exchange and interoperability
- answers of RDF tools to entailment queries should coincide
- therefore, formal semantics needed
- defined in a model-theoretic way, i.e. we start by defining interpretations

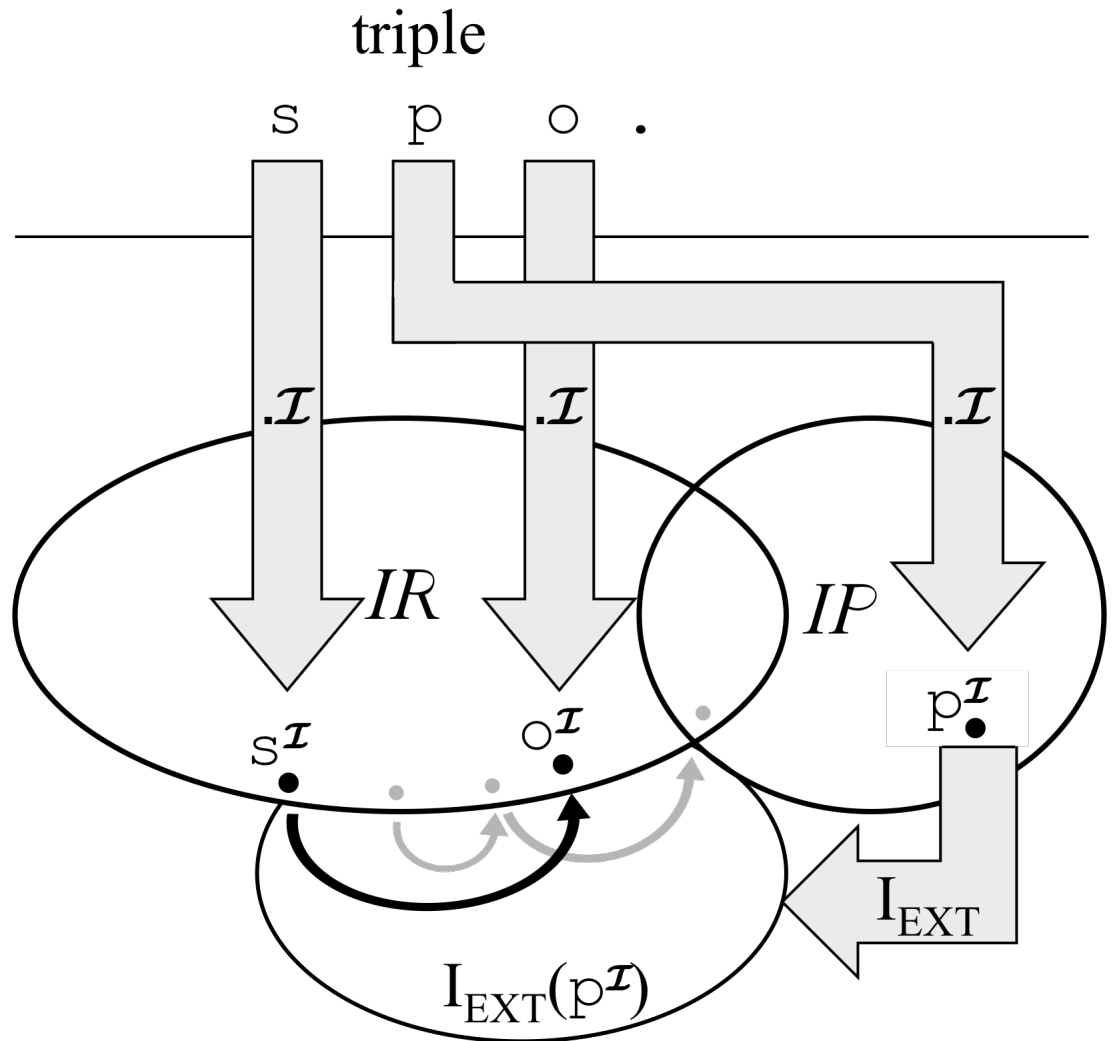


# Simple Semantics - Interpretations



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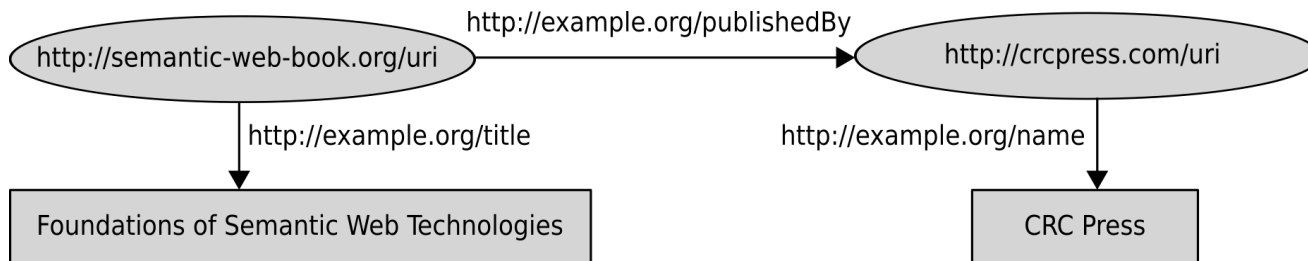
- when is a triple valid in an interpretation?
- a graph is valid, if all its triples are
- this settles the case for „grounded“ graphs
- graph with blank nodes is valid if they can be mapped to elements such that the condition on the right is satisfied



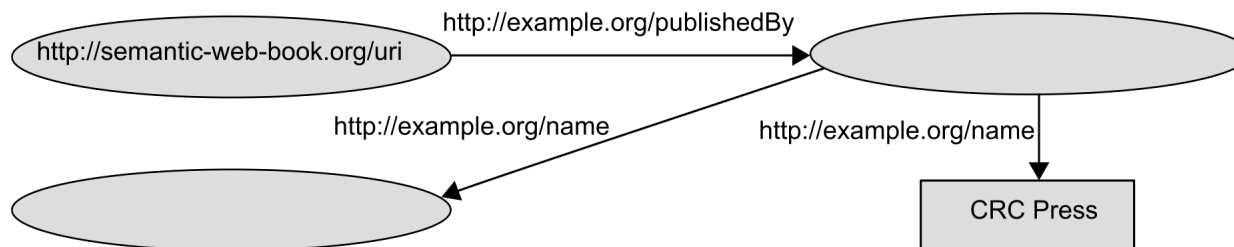
# Simple Entailment

- model theory defines simple entailment
- this is essentially graph matching with bnodes being wildcards

Example: the graph



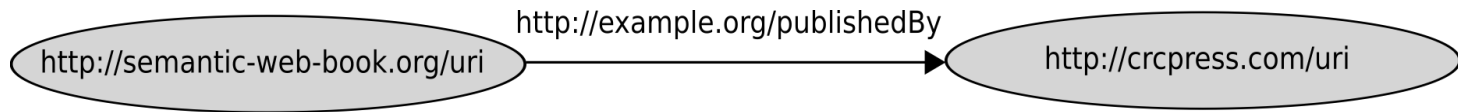
simply entails the graph



# RDF Schema

# Schema Knowledge with RDF(S)

- RDF allows for specification of factual data



- = propositions about single resources (individuals) and their relationships
- desirable: propositions about generic groups of individuals, such as the class of publishers, of organizations, or of persons
- in database terminology: *schema knowledge*
- RDF Schema (RDFS): part of the RDF W3C recommendation
- rationale: stick to graph-shaped representation, i.e., schema knowledge to be represented using triples



# Classes and Instances

```
book:uri rdf:type ex:Textbook .
```

- characterizes the specific book as an instance of the (self-defined) class of textbooks
- class-membership not exclusive:

```
book:uri rdf:type ex:Enjoyable .
```

- URIs can be “typed” as class-identifiers:

```
ex:Textbook rdf:type rdfs:Class .
```

# Subclasses

- we want to express that every textbook is a book, e.g., that every instance of the class `ex:Textbook` is “automatically” recognized as an instance of the class `ex:Book`
- realized by `rdfs:subClassOf` property:

```
ex:Textbook rdfs:subClassOf ex:Book .
```

- `rdfs:subClassOf` is defined to be transitive and reflexive
- rule of thumb:

<code>rdf:type</code>	means	$\in$
<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>	means	$\subseteq$

# Properties

- technical term for relations, correspondencies
- property names usually occur in predicate position in factoid RDF triples
- properties characterize, how two resources are related
- mathematically: set of pairs:  
married\_with = {(Adam,Eve), (Brad,Angelina), ...}
- URI can be marked as property name by typing it accordingly:

`ex:publishedBy rdf:type rdf:Property .`

# Subproperties

- in analogy to subclass relationships
- representation in RDFS via `rdfs:subPropertyOf` e.g.:  
`ex:happilyMarriedWith rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:marriedWith .`

- then, given

`ex:Markus ex:happilyMarriedWith ex:Anja .`

we can deduce

`ex:Markus ex:marriedWith ex:Anja .`

# Property Restrictions

- properties may give hints what types the linked resources have, e.g. we know that `ex:publishedBy` connects publications with publishers
- i.e., for all URIs `a`, `b` where we know  
`a ex:publishedBy b .`  
we want to automatically follow:  
`a rdf:type ex:Publication .`  
`b rdf:type ex:Publisher .`
- this generic correspondency can be encoded in RDFS:  
`ex:publishedBy rdfs:domain ex:Publication .`  
`ex:publishedBy rdfs:range ex:Publisher .`

# RDFS Entailment – Automation

- RDFS entailment can be decided via rule-like deduction calculus (NP-complete)

$$\begin{array}{c}
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# RDFS Semantics – Example

<code>ex:shakespeare</code>	<code>ex:authorOf</code>	<code>ex:hamlet .</code>
<code>rdf:authorOf</code>	<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>	<code>ex:creatorOf .</code>
<code>ex:creatorOf</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>ex:Artist .</code>
<code>ex:Artist</code>	<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>	<code>ex:Person .</code>

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`ex:shakespeare rdf:type ex:Artist. ex:Artist rdfs:subClassOf ex:Person.`



`ex:shakespeare rdf:type ex:Person.`

OWL



# OWL – Overview

- Web Ontology Language
  - W3C Recommendation for the Semantic Web, 2009
- Semantic Web KR language based on description logics (DLs)
  - OWL DL is essentially the description logic *SR<sub>1</sub>OIQ(D)*
  - KR for web resources, using URIs.
  - Using web-enabled syntaxes, e.g. based on XML or RDF
- Purpose:
  - RDF(S) not expressive enough for expressing complex information
  - OWL provides more expressivity while still allowing for automated deduction

# OWL by example

`ex:Healthy rdfs:subClassOf [owl:complementOf ex:Dead]` .

*Healthy beings are not dead.*

`ex:Cat rdfs:subClassOf [owl:unionOf (ex:Dead, ex:Alive)]` .

*Every cat is alive or dead.*

`ex:owns rdfs:subPropertyOf ex:caresFor` .

*If somebody owns something, (s)he cares for it.*

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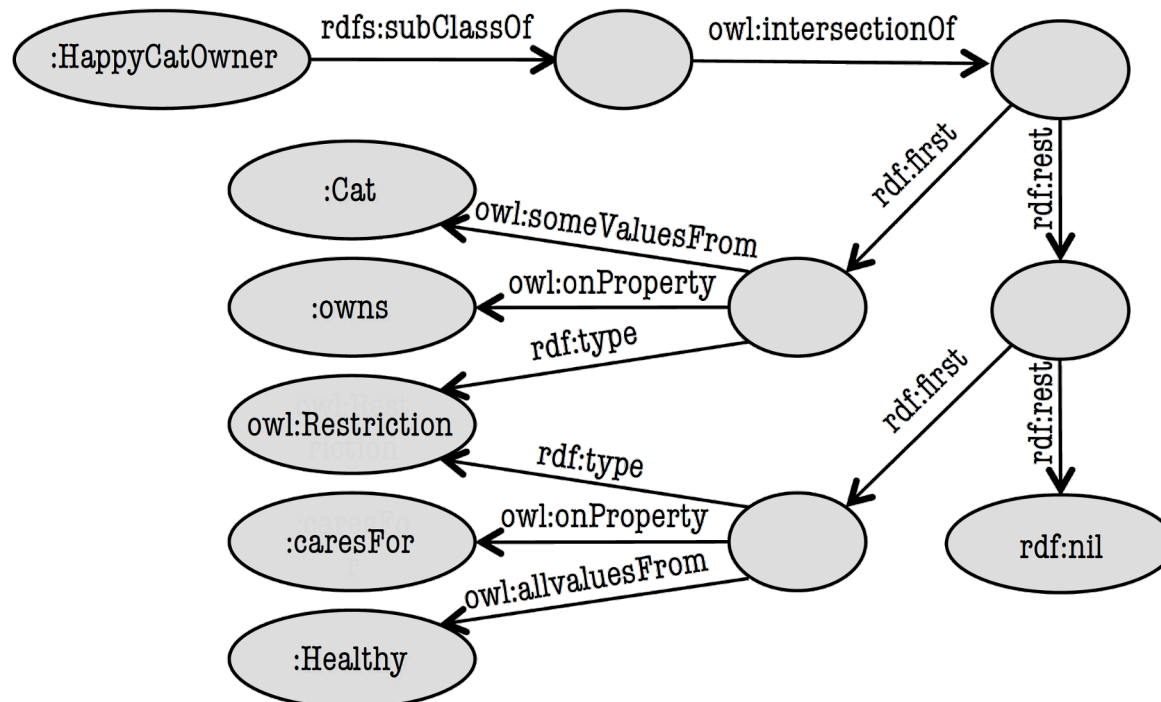
*A happy cat owner owns a cat and all beings he cares for are healthy.*

`ex:schrödinger rdf:type ex:HappyCatOwner` .

*Schrödinger is a happy cat owner.*

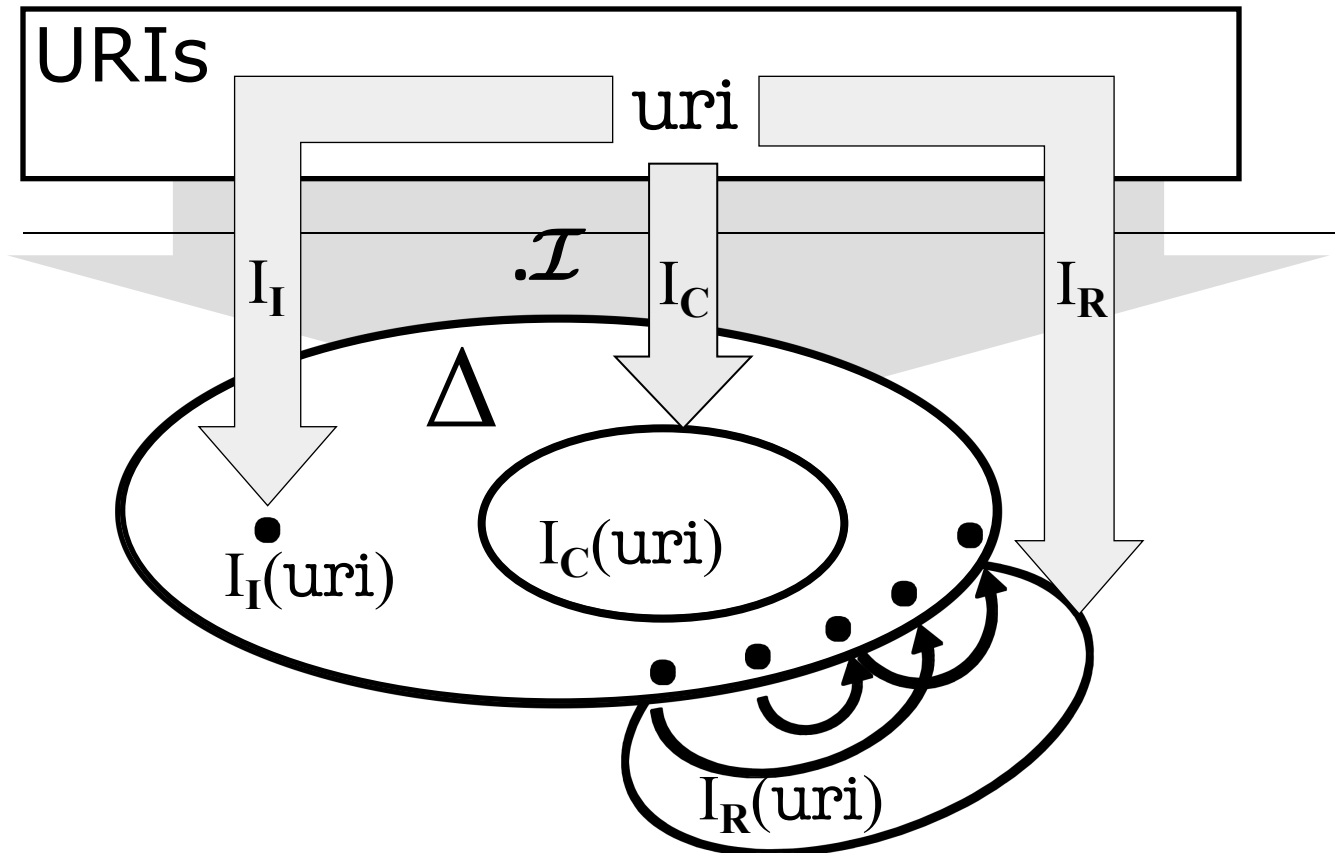
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# OWL Direct Semantics

- model theory (aka extensional semantics)
- OWL DL Interpretation:



# Typical Inference Problems

Given a knowledge base KB, we might want to know:

- whether the knowledge in KB is consistent,
- whether KB entails a class membership  
(e.g. `ex:schrödinger rdf:type ex:Alive .`),
- whether a class is (un)satisfiable  
(e.g. `[owl:intersectionOf ( ex:Dead , ex:Alive)]`),
- whether KB entails a subclass statement  
(e.g. `ex:Alive rdfs:subClassOf ex:Healthy .`),
- etc.

# Reducing Inference Problems

- Many inference problems can be reduced to knowledge base consistency checking.
- Technique: claim the opposite and look what happens...

- **Class membership:**

KB entails

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KB entails unsatisfiability of

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              ( ex:Alive , [owl:complementOf ex:Healthy])].
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# Reasoning in OWL

- But how to determine whether a KB is consistent?
- One option: translate to FOL and use standard methods.
- But: OWL is decidable while FOL isn't.
- Still: FOL inferencing techniques (tableaux, resolution, type elimination) can be turned into decision procedures for OWL.

# OWL Reasoning with Tableaux

- Tableaux methods are most frequent.
- Basic idea: try to build a model of the given KB. If this fails, the KB is inconsistent, otherwise consistent.
- Warning! The following example is simplified for better presentation (but demonstrates the essential features of tableaux-based methods). Consult the literature for a comprehensive treatment.

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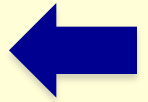
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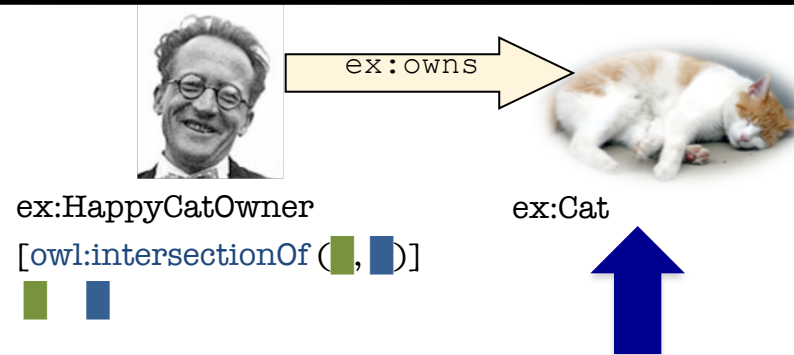


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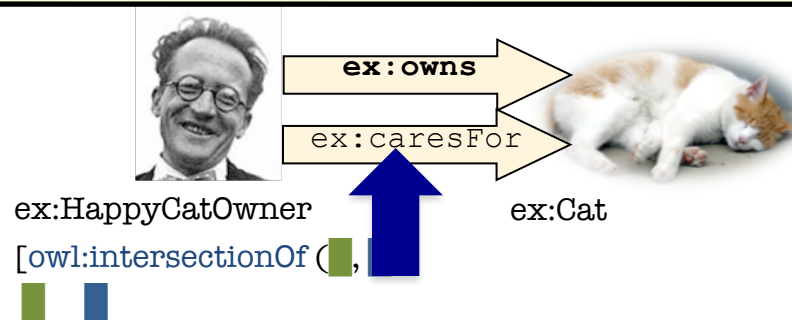
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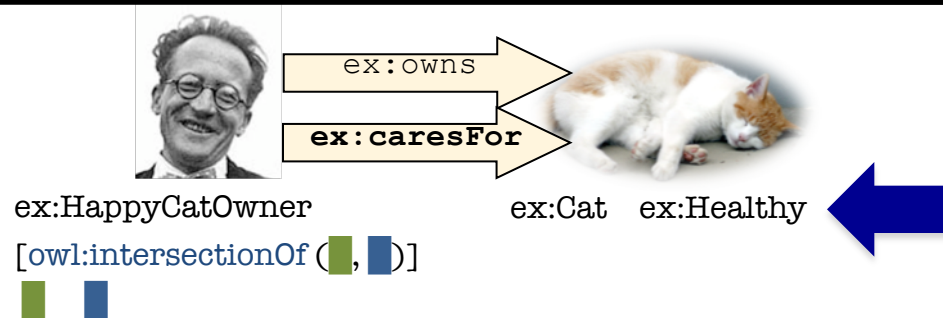


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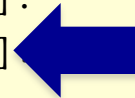
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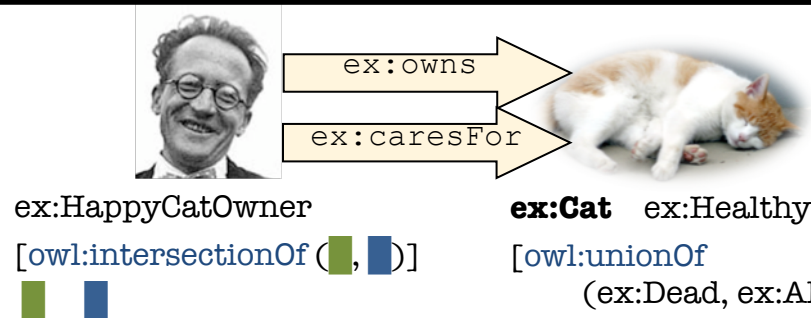
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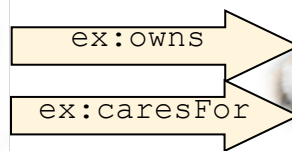
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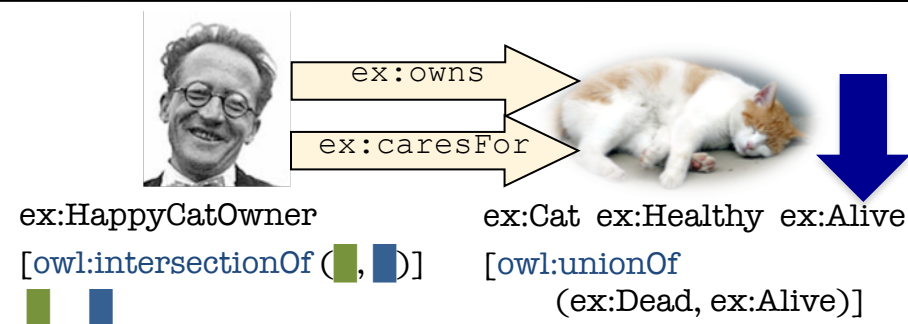
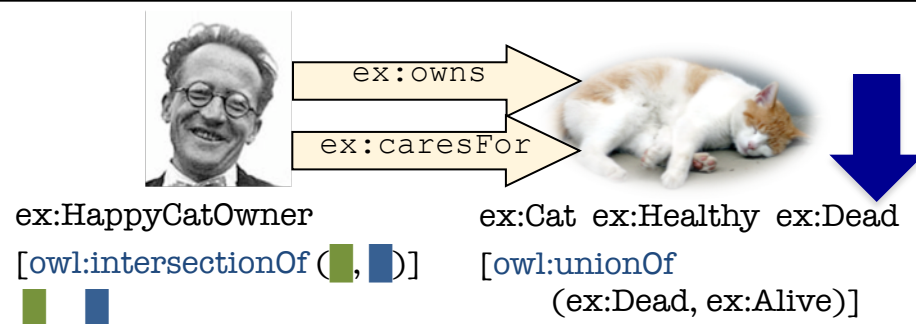
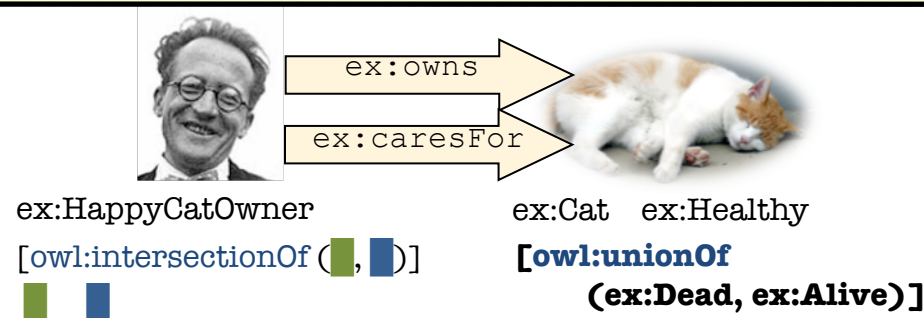
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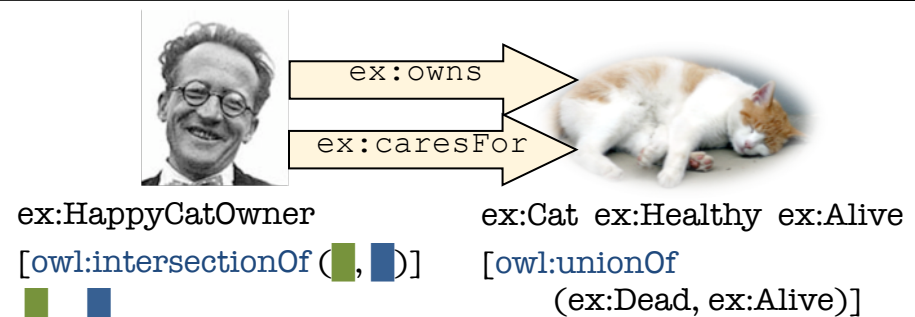
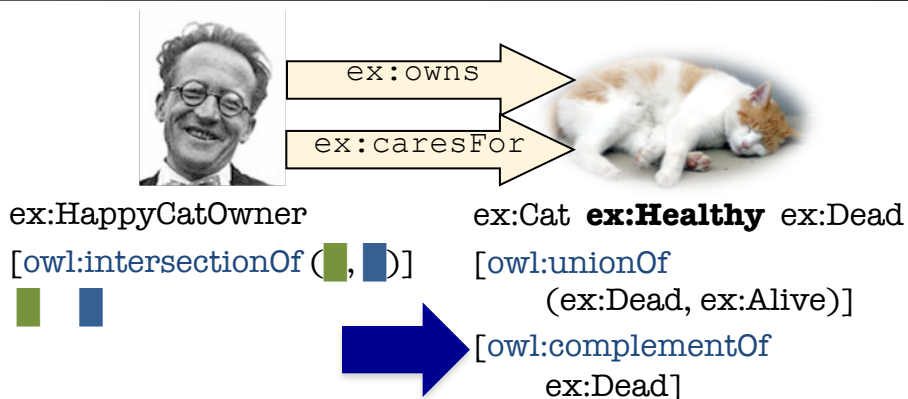
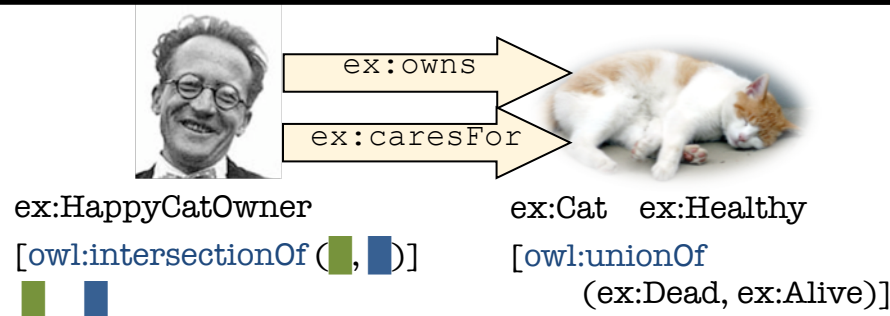
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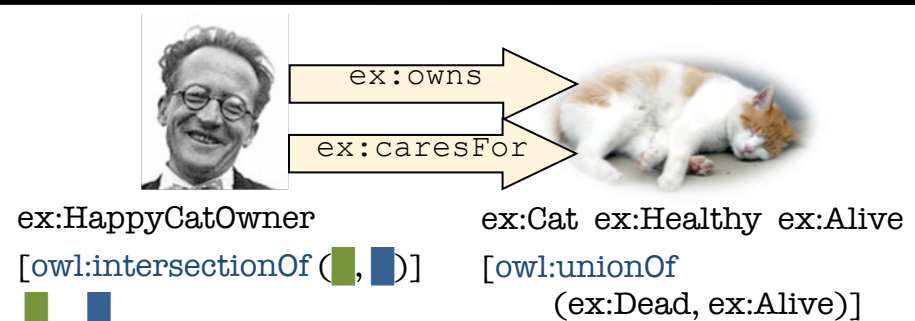
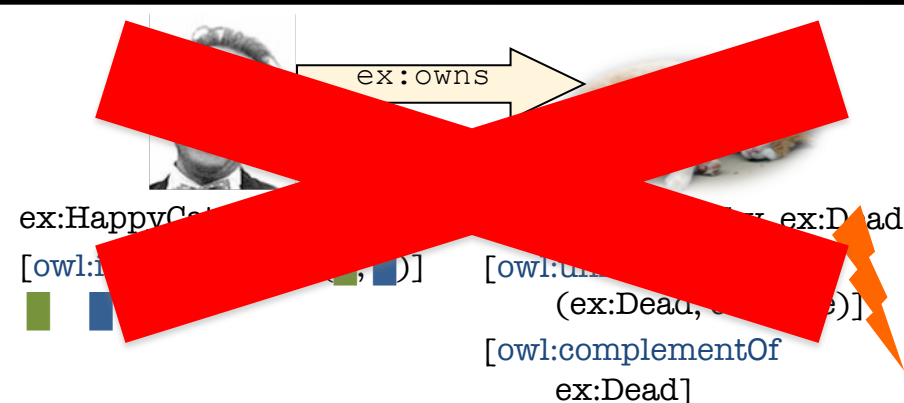
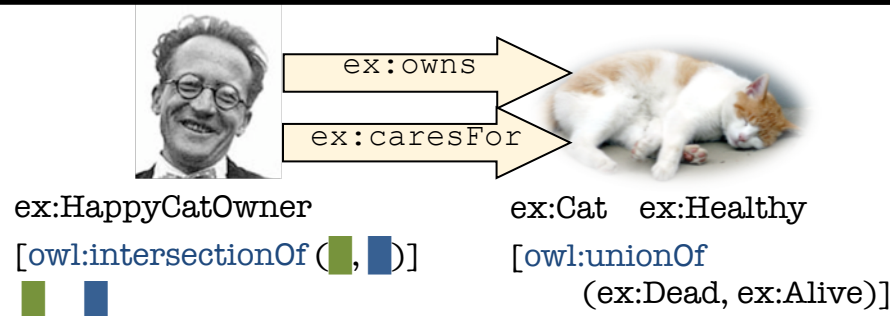
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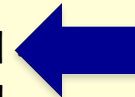


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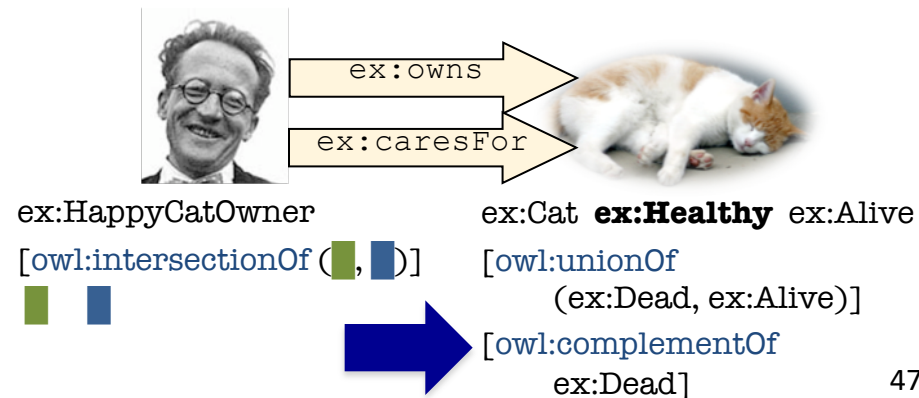
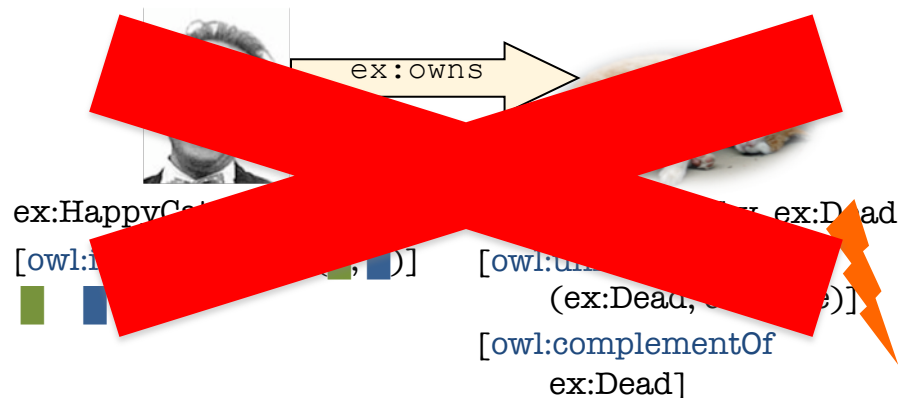
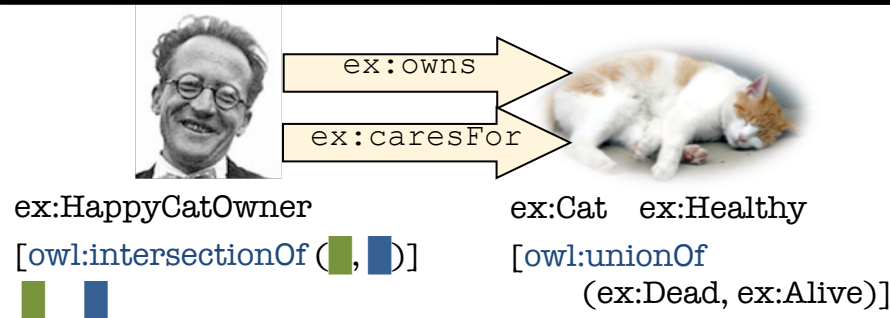
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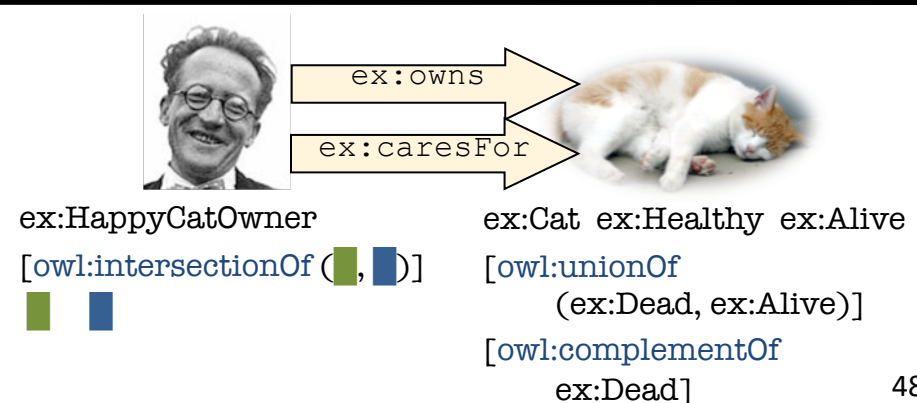
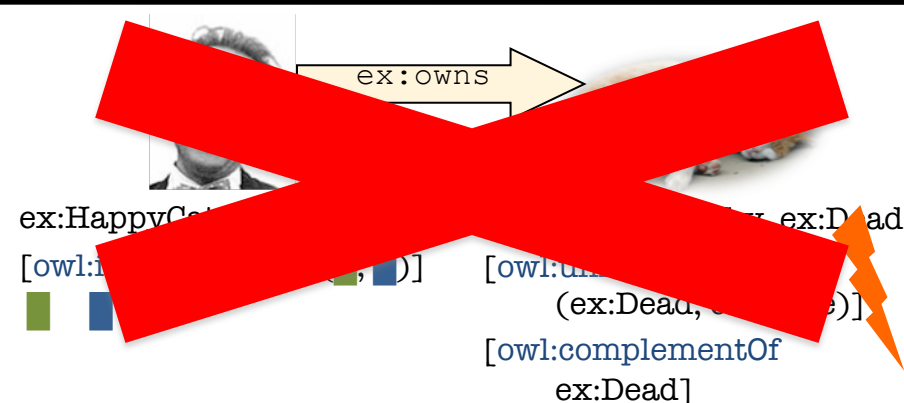
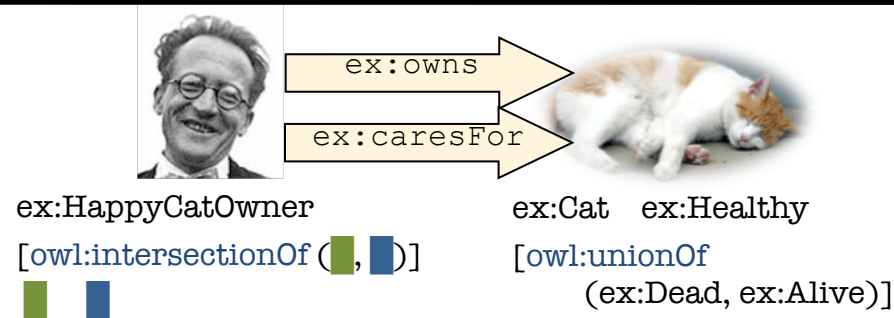
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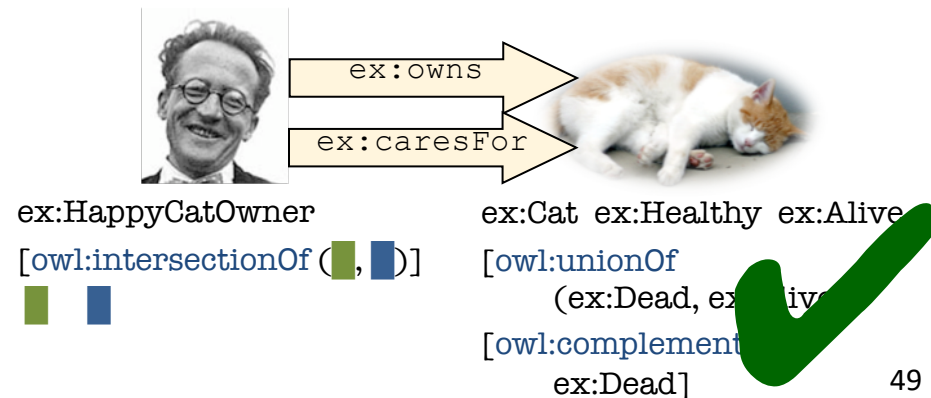
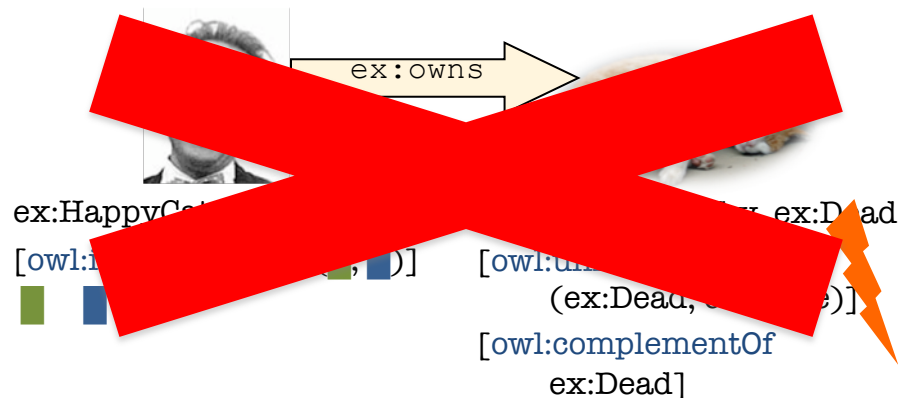
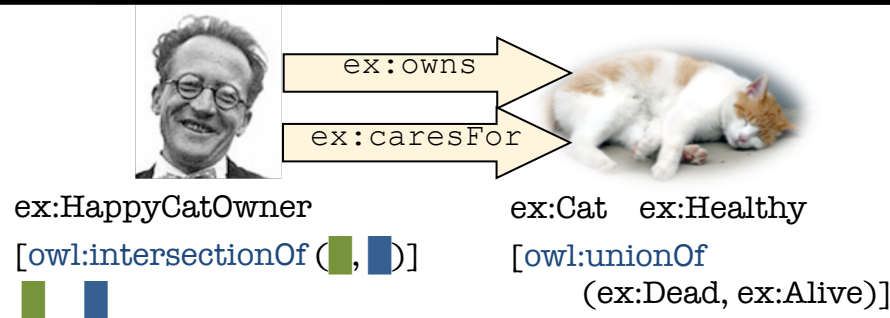
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# Query Languages for (RDF) Knowledge Graphs?

- How to *access* information that was specified
- in RDF or OWL?
- Querying information in RDF(S):  
Simple/RDF/RDFS entailment
  - “Can a certain RDF graph be derived from the given data?”
- Querying information in OWL:  
Logical entailment
  - “Can a subclass relation be derived from the ontology?”
  - “What are the instances of a given OWL class?”



# Are OWL and RDF entailment enough?

- Even OWL is too weak for many queries:
- “Who lives together with their parents?”  
(logical expressivity)
- “Who has married parents?”  
(logical expressivity)
- “Which properties connect two given individuals?”  
(schema-level query)
- “Which strings in the ontology are in French  
language?”  
(datatype expressivity)

SPARQL

# Queries for RDF: SPARQL

- SPARQL [sparkle]:
- **SPARQL Protocol And RDF Query Language**
- Query language for data from RDF documents

# Basic Queries

- A simple example query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/>
SELECT ?title ?author
WHERE
{ ?book ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> .
  ?book ex:title ?title .
  ?book ex:author ?author . }
```

- Main part is a **query pattern** (WHERE)
  - Patterns use RDF Turtle syntax
  - Variables can be used, even in predicate positions (?variable)
- **Abbreviations** for URIs (PREFIX)
- Query result based on **selected variables** (SELECT)

# Query Results

- A simple example document:

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .
ex:SemanticWeb
  ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> ;
  ex:title "Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies" ;
  ex:author ex:Hitzler, ex:Krötzsch, ex:Rudolph .
```

- Query results are **tables**, each row is one query result:

title	author
"Foundations of ..."	http://example.org/Hitzler
"Foundations of ..."	http://example.org/Krötzsch
"Foundations of ..."	http://example.org/Rudolph

# Grouping Query Patterns

- Simple graph patterns are grouped with { }
- Example:

```
{ { ?book ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> .  
  ?book ex:title ?title . }  
  {}  
  ?book ex:author ?author  
}
```

→ Useful with additional query features



# Optional Patterns

- Optional parts can be specified with **OPTIONAL**
- Example:

```
{ ?book ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> .  
  OPTIONAL { ?book ex:title ?title . }  
  OPTIONAL { ?book ex:author ?author . }  
}
```

- → Parts of the result can be **unbound**:

book	title	author
<code>http://example.org/book1</code>	<code>"title 1"</code>	<code>http://example.org/johndoe</code>
<code>http://example.org/book2</code>	<code>"title 2"</code>	
<code>http://example.org/book3</code>	<code>"title 3"</code>	<code>_ :a</code>
<code>http://example.org/book4</code>		

# Alternative Patterns

Alternatives can be specified with **UNION**

Example:

```
{ ?book ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> .  
  { ?book ex:title ?title . } UNION  
  { ?book ex:author ?author . }  
}
```

- Result = union of results for one of the alternatives
- Parts of the result can be **unbound**

Note: no interaction between multiple variable occurrences in alternative query parts

# Filters

Additional “filter conditions” can be specified with **FILTER**

Example:

```
{ ?book ex:publishedBy <http://crc-press.com/uri> .  
  ?book ex:price ?price .  
  FILTER( (?price < 17) && !isBlank(?book) )  
}
```

→ Filter condition: “price a number below 17 and book not a blank node”

→ Results that do not match the filter are removed

**SPARQL provides many filter functions:**

Comparisons (=, <, >, <=, >=, !=), arithmetics (+, -, \*, /), Booleans (&&, ||, !), RDF-specific functions (isLiteral(), Lang(), BOUND(), ...)

# SPARQL: Summary / More Features

- Based on matching simple graph patterns
- Grouping, optionals, and alternatives
- Filters: “extra-logical” result restrictions

Further features:

- Modifiers: postprocess query result set  
E.g.: **ORDER BY ?age LIMIT 10 OFFSET 5**  
(→ order by ?age and return 10 results, starting at result 5)
- Result formats: choose encoding of results  
E.g.: **SELECT ?name, ?age** (→ as in earlier examples)  
**CONSTRUCT {?name ex:hasAge ?age .}**  
(→ construct RDF graph as result)

...end of Part I.

Questions?