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Lecture 3: RDF Semantics and Schema

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LAST TIME ...

(1) Data, (2) Rules/Ontologies, (3) Query,

INPUT: “ (x, partOf, y) ”

DATA:

<http://ex.org/Ireland>

Ireland



(Ireland, partOf, Europe)
(Ireland, a, Country)
(Ireland, capital, Dublin)

<http://ex.org/Dublin>

Dublin



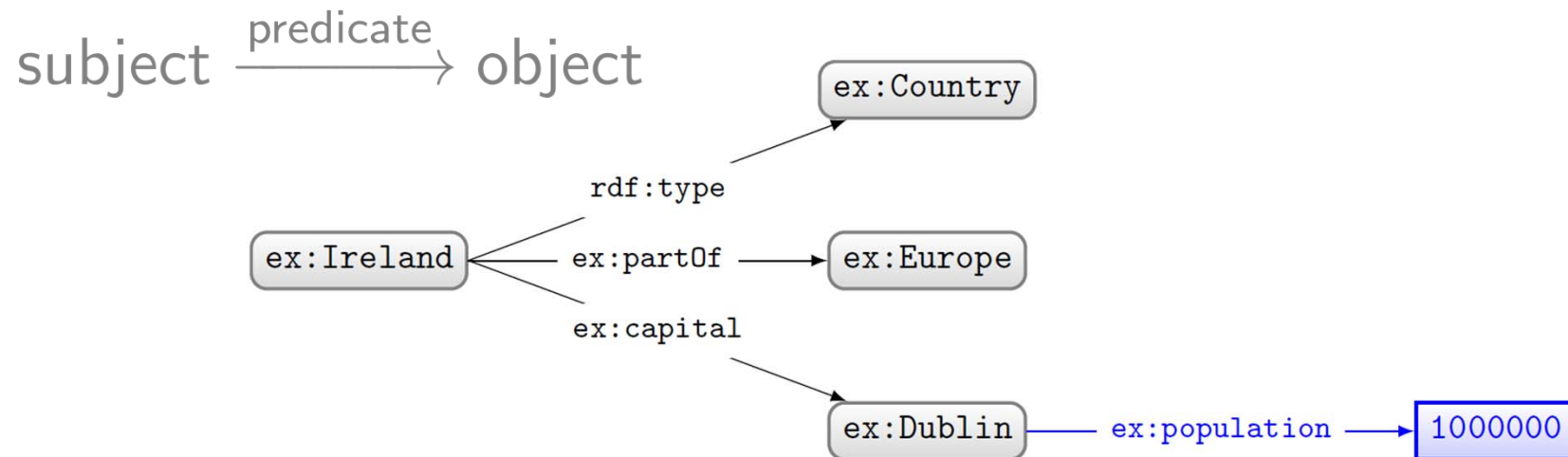
(Dublin, population, 1000000)

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 $(x \mapsto \text{Dublin}, y \mapsto \text{Europe})\}$

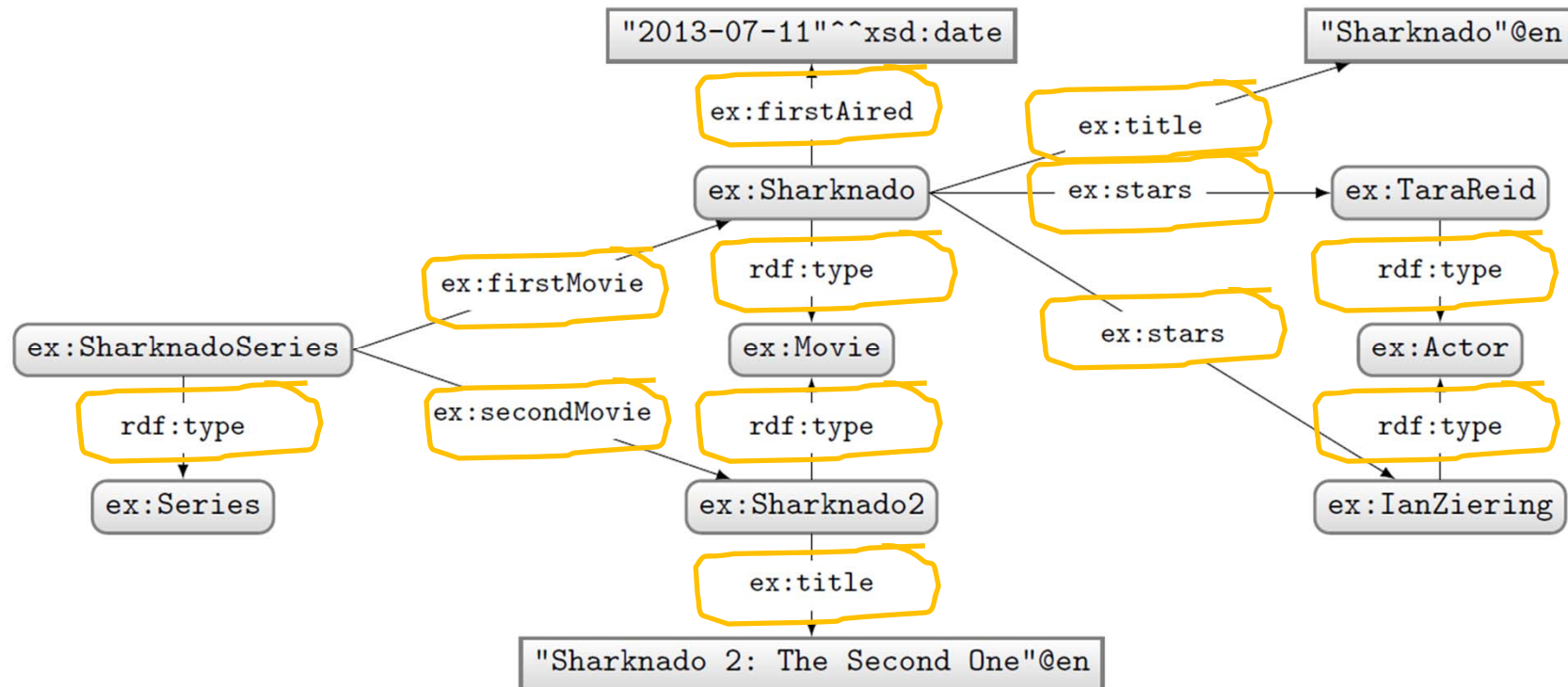
RDF: Resource Description Framework

<i>subject</i>	<i>predicate</i>	<i>object</i>
ex:Ireland	ex:partOf	ex:Europe
ex:Ireland	rdf:type	ex:Country
ex:Ireland	ex:capital	ex:Dublin
ex:Dublin	ex:population	1,000,000



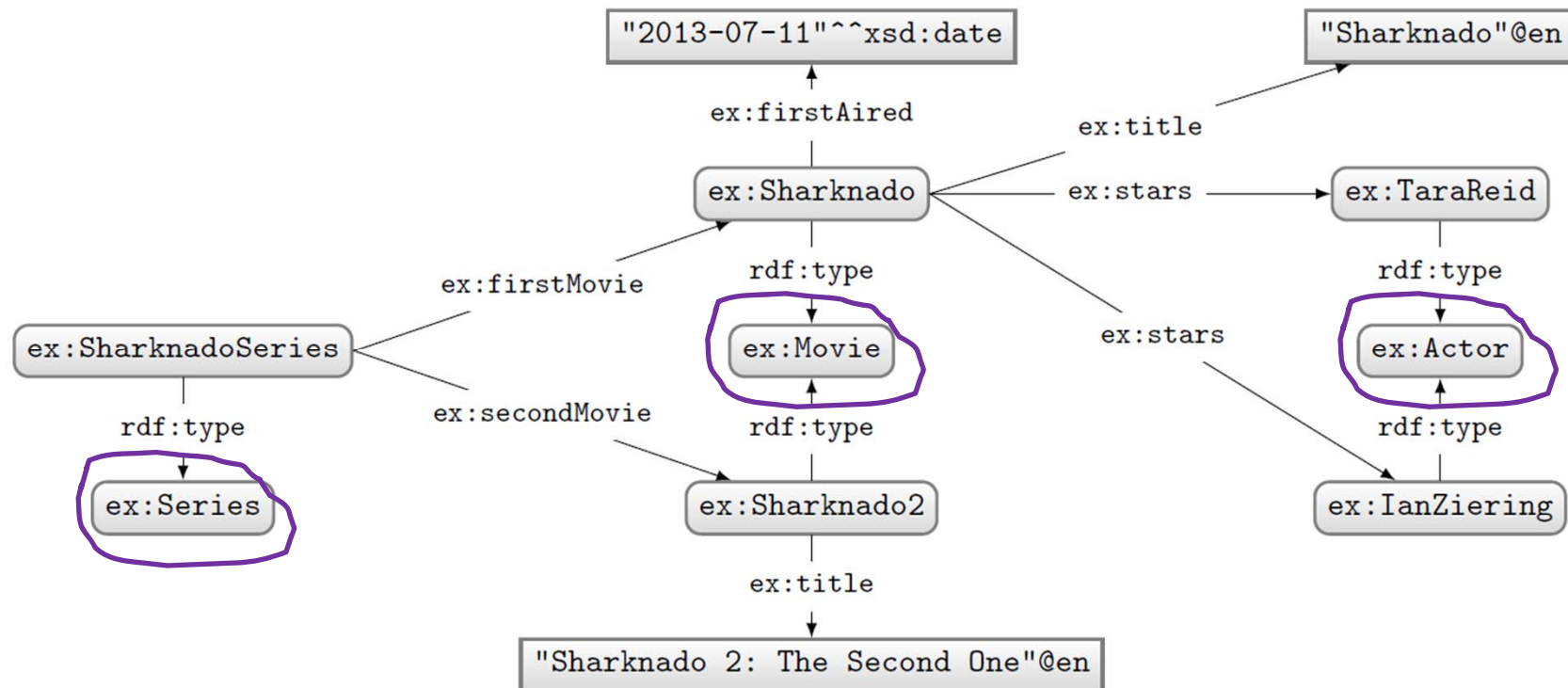
RDF Properties

- RDF Terms used as predicate
- `rdf:type`, `ex:firstMovie`, `ex:stars`, ...



RDF Classes

- Used to conceptually group resources
- The predicate `rdf:type` is used to relate resources to their classes



LAB REVIEW ...

Describe yourself in RDF

<http://aidanhogan.com/foaf.rdf> [\[view\]](#)

Q&D RDF Browser is powered by [Graphite](#) and [ARC2](#) and hosted by [ECS](#) at the [University of Southampton](#).

177 Triples

Aidan's FOAF profile

a Document

<http://aidanhogan.com/foaf.rdf>

- **rdf:type** → **foaf:Document**
- **dc:title** → "Aidan's FOAF profile"@en
- **dc:creator** → Aidan Hogan
- **dc:date** → "2005-04-07"
- **foaf:primaryTopic** → Aidan Hogan

Aidan Hogan

a Person

<http://aidanhogan.com/foaf.rdf#me>

- **rdf:type** → **foaf:Person**
- **owl:sameAs** → http://www.deri.ie/about/team/member/Aidan_Hogan#me,
http://sw.deri.org/~aidanh/foaf/foaf.rdf#Aidan_Hogan,
http://aidanhogan.com/foaf/foaf.rdf#Aidan_Hogan,
<http://data.semanticweb.org/person/aidan-hogan>, ...show 4 more...
- **foaf:name** → "Aidan Hogan"@en, "Aodhán Ó hÓgáin"@ga
- **foaf:title** → "Dr"
- **foaf:firstName** → "Aidan"@en, "Aodhán"@ga-IE
- **foaf:surname** → "Hogan"@en, "Ó hÓgáin"@ga
- **foaf:myersBriggs** → "INTP"
- **foaf:gender** → "male"@en



TODAY'S TOPIC ...

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How to structure “rules”?

- How to write them down?
- Where to publish them?

How should we structure
rules on the Semantic Web?

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 $(c, \text{partOf}, d), (d, \text{partOf}, e) \rightarrow (c, \text{partOf}, e)$

Semantic Web Answer: Schema/Ontologies

- Don't use rules: Use RDF!
- Define relationships between classes and properties

What sorts of relationships might be useful to define between the following **classes** and **properties**?

Classes (in blue):
ex:Town
ex:City
ex:Country
ex:Place
foaf:Person
ex:CapitalCity

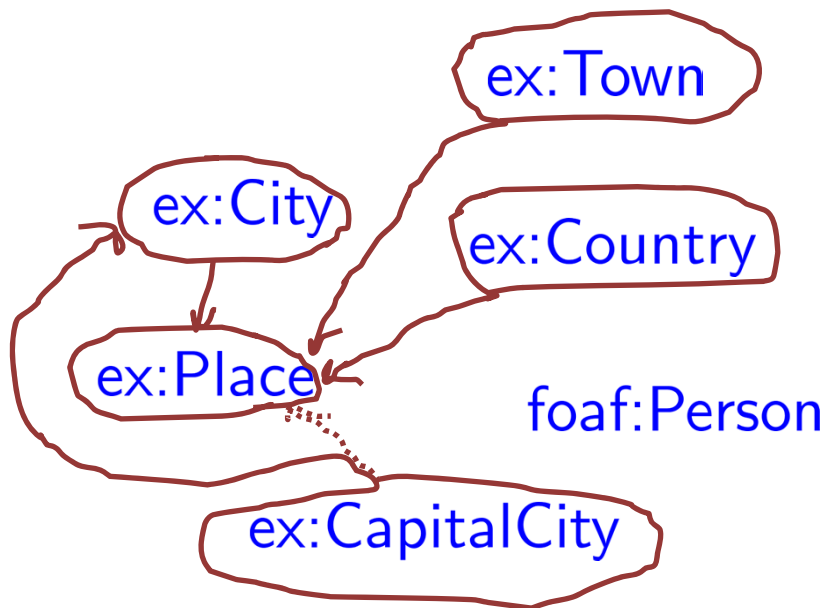
Properties (in orange):
ex:hasCapitalCity
ex:hasCity
foaf:familyName
ex:geographicallyPartOf
ex:partOf

Class hierarchy

- Class *c1* is a sub-class of Class *c2*
 - If $(x, \text{rdf:type}, c1)$ then $(x, \text{rdf:type}, c2)$,

*Example: if `ex:CapitalCity` sub-class of `ex:City`
and if $(\text{ex:Dublin}, \text{rdf:type}, \text{ex:CapitalCity})$
then $(\text{ex:Dublin}, \text{rdf:type}, \text{ex:City})$*

Which classes would be **sub-classes** of each other?

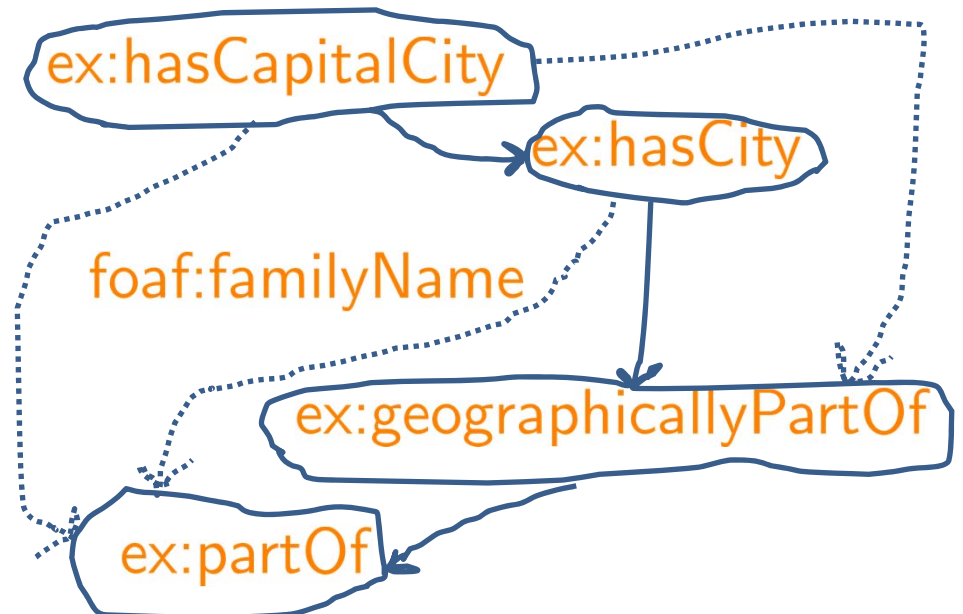


Property hierarchy

- Property $p1$ is a sub-property of $p2$
 - If $(x, p1, y)$ then $(x, p2, y)$

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and if $(\text{ex:Ireland}, \text{ex:hasCapitalCity}, \text{ex:Dublin})$
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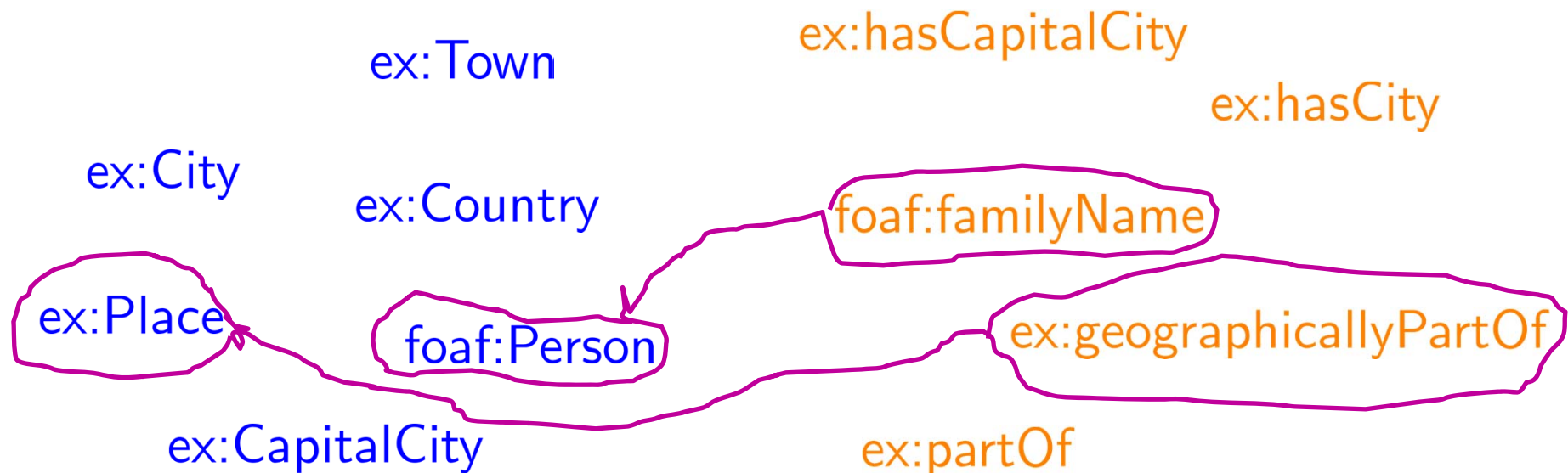


Domain of properties

- Property p has domain class c
 - If (x, p, y) then $(x, \text{rdf:type}, c)$

*Example: if foaf:familyName has domain foaf:Person
and if $(\text{ex:Aidan}, \text{foaf:familyName}, \text{'Hogan'})$
then $(\text{ex:Aidan}, \text{rdf:type}, \text{foaf:Person})$*

Which properties would have which classes as **domain**?

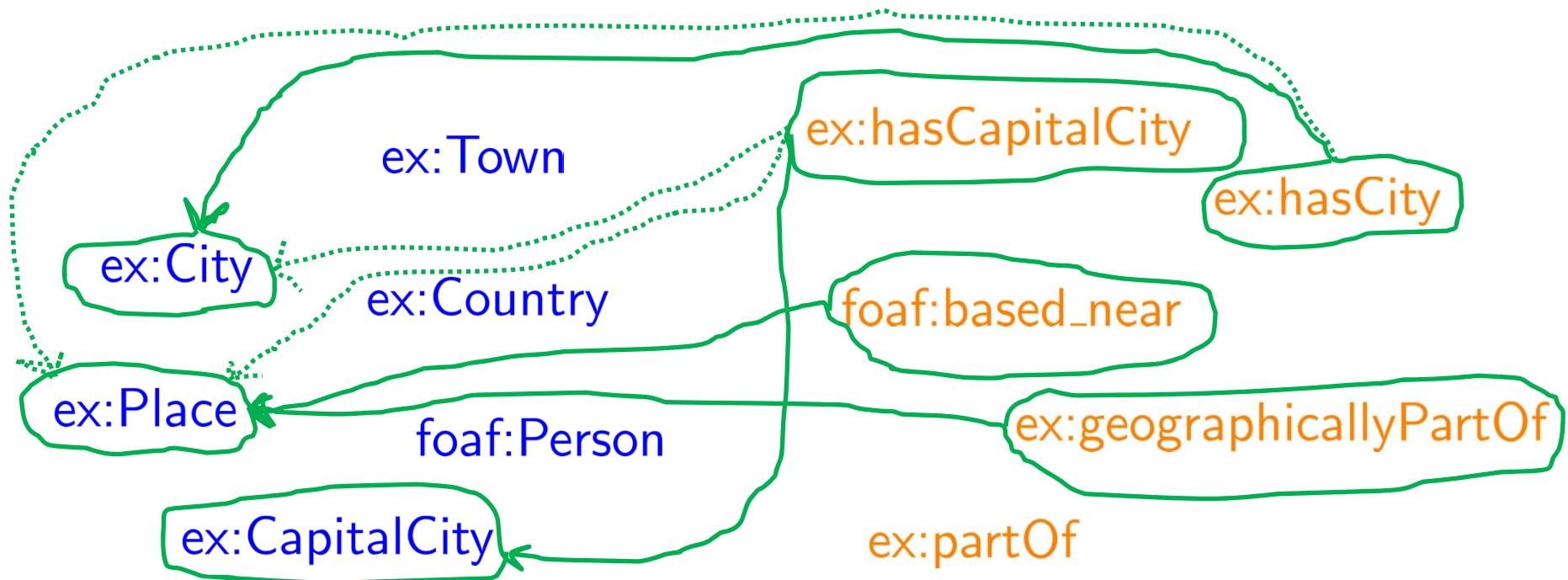


Range of properties

- Property p has range class c
 - If (x, p, y) then $(y, \text{rdf:type}, c)$

*Example: if `ex:hasCity` has range `ex:City`
and if $(\text{ex:Ireland}, \text{ex:hasCity}, \text{ex:Dublin})$
then $(\text{ex:Dublin}, \text{rdf:type}, \text{ex:City})$*

Which properties would have which classes as **range**?



Trade-off: More Specific, Less Reusable

- More specific, more conclusions!
- Less specific, more reusable!
- Example:
 - `ex:hasCapitalCity` **has domain** `ex:Country`

PRO: Know that anything that has a capital city is a country

CON: Cannot use this property for capital cities of states/counties/regions, etc.

Trade-off: More Specific, Less Reusable

- Another example:
 - ex:Mayor **sub-class** of foaf:Person



Bosco the dog

Mayor of Sunol, California

1981–1994

R.I.P.

Beware of “hidden” definitions!

FOAF Vocabulary Specification 0.99

Namespace Document 14 January 2014 - *Paddington Edition*

Property: foaf:img

image - An image that can be used to represent some thing (ie. those depictions which are particularly representative of something, eg. one's photo on a homepage).

Status: testing

Domain: having this property implies being a [Person](#)

Range: every value of this property is a [Image](#)

Do you see any potential problems here?

`(ex:Dublin,foaf:img,ex:Dublin_night.jpg)`

- Choose names of properties/classes carefully!

RDFS: RDF SCHEMA

RDFS: Describe “schema” in RDF

- Sub-class:

- `ex:CapitalCity rdfs:subClassOf ex:City .`

- Sub-property:

- `ex:hasCapitalCity rdfs:subPropertyOf ex:hasCity .`

- Domain:

- `foaf:familyName rdfs:domain foaf:Person .`

- Range:

- `ex:hasCapitalCity rdfs:range ex:CapitalCity .`

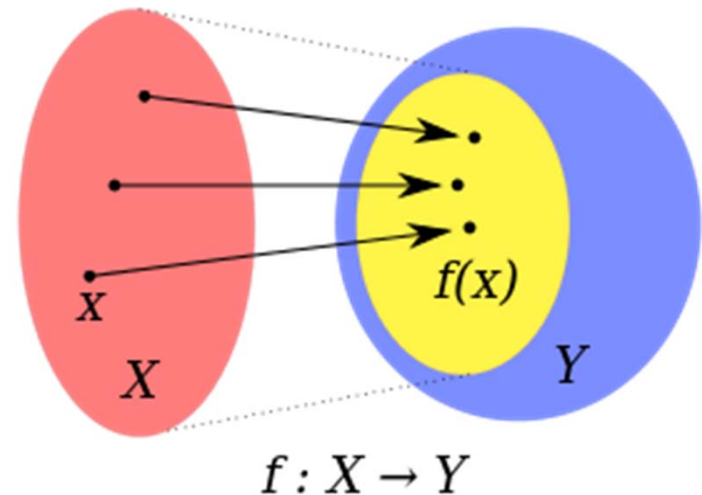
- `foaf:familyName rdfs:range xsd:string .`

Note: Why called “domain” and “range”?

Any guesses why RDFS calls these “domain” and “range”

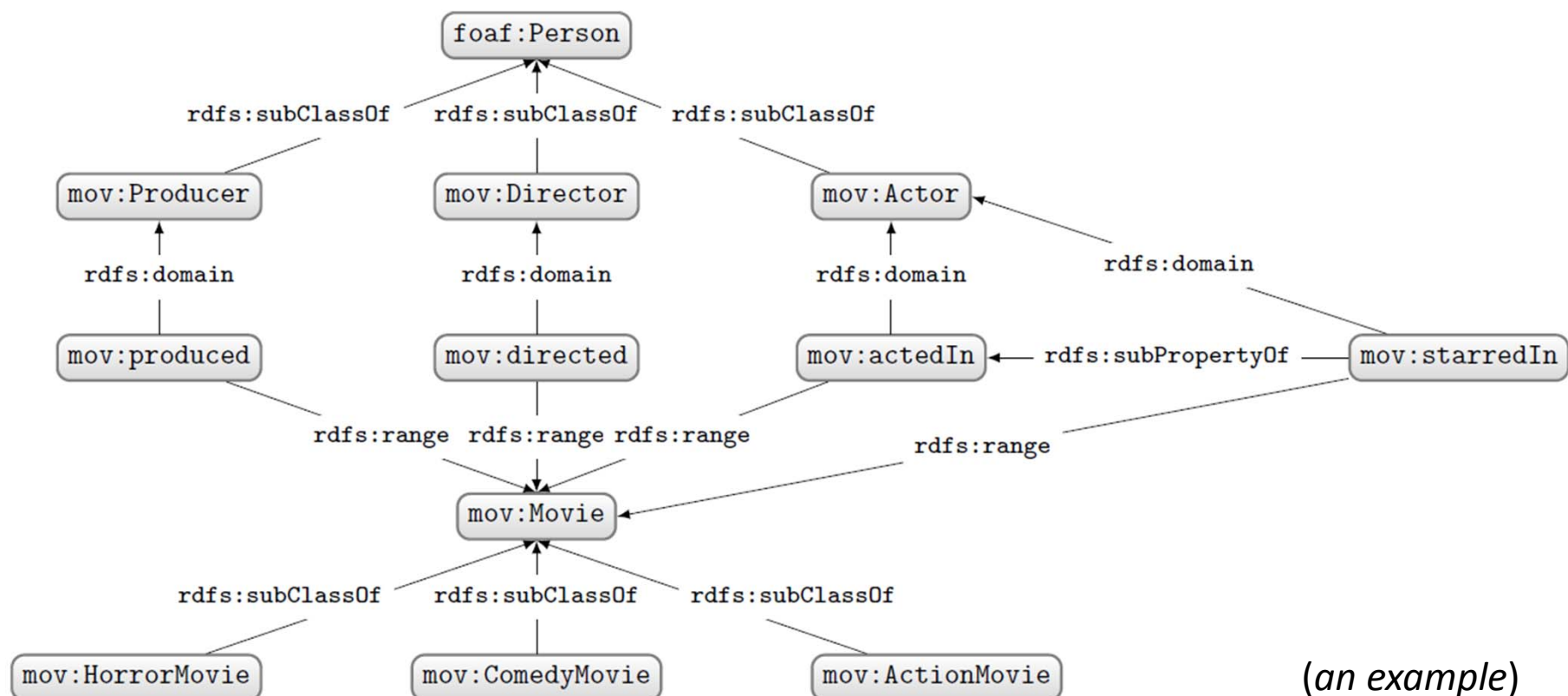
$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

- X : **domain** of the function
- Y : co-domain of the function
- $\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$: image or **range** of the function



So let's build an RDF Schema ...

Let's model an RDF Schema for Movies, including different types of movies, some different types of people involved, and how they are related.



(an example)

But what, e.g., is the **domain** of ... ?



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- `rdfs:Resource` the class of everything!
 - Yes, even itself!
 - `(rdfs:Resource, rdf:type, rdfs:Resource)`

(Giving domain/range/sub-class `rdfs:Resource` says nothing new!)

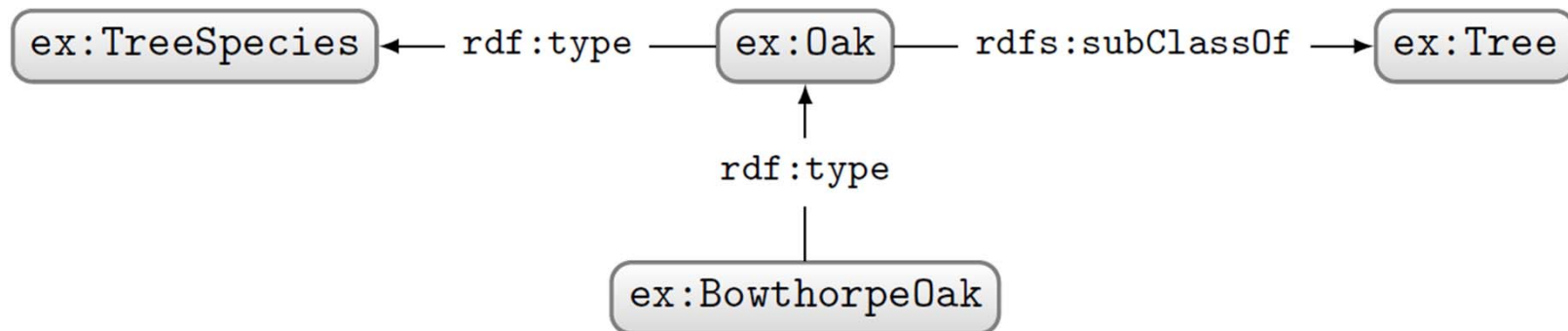
Some meta-classes ...

- **rdf:Property**: class of all properties
 - (ex:hasCity,rdf:type,rdf:Property)
- **rdfs:Class**: class of all classes
 - (ex:City,rdf:type,rdfs:Class)

Note: Class or instance?



Would you define `ex:Oak` (“roble” @es)
as a class or an instance?



No clear distinction between classes and instances!

REASONING WITH RDFS

What is “Reasoning”?

- Three types of reasoning:

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(learn fuzzy rule from premises and conclusions)

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2. Deductive reasoning (logic)

(make logical conclusion from given rule and premise)

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3. Abductive reasoning (learning/logic)

(guess the likely premise from a given rule and conclusion)

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Reasoning in RDFS is deductive

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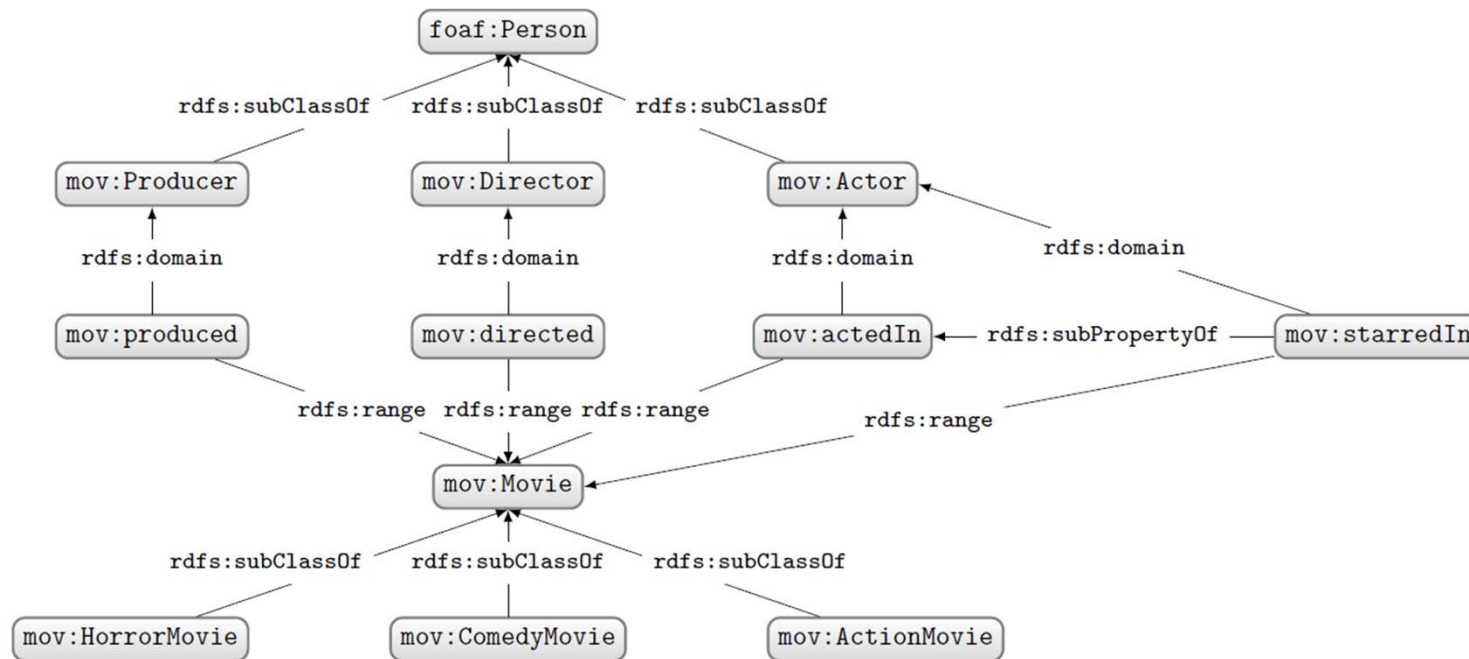
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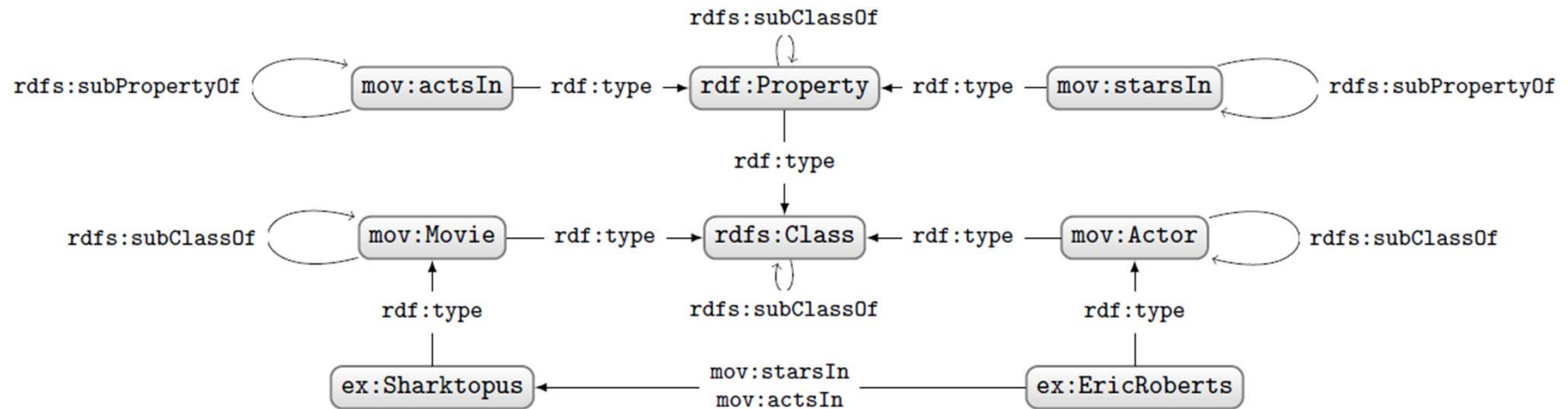
What conclusions can we deduce?



Given the above schema data, what can we deduce from:

`ex:Sharktopus` $\leftarrow$ `mov:starredIn` --- `ex:EricRoberts`

Some of the conclusions ...



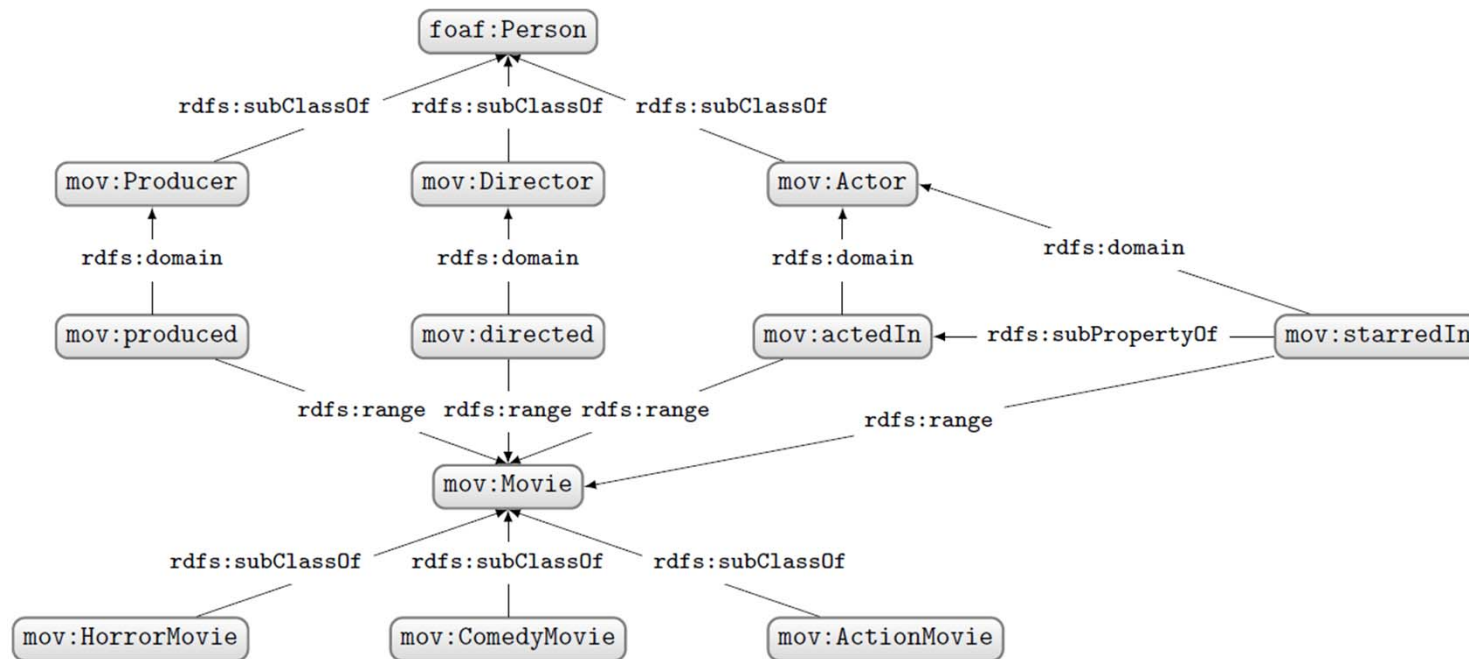
- Not shown (for sake of my/our sanity):
 - Everything of type `rdfs:Resource`
 - All classes sub-class of `rdfs:Resource`
 - RDF/RDFS properties of type `rdf:Property`
 - ...
- A lot more data to answer queries with

Just in case you're curious ...



ex:Sharktopus ← mov:starredIn — ex:EricRoberts

Note: RDFS definitions apply to any movie!



Given the above schema data, what can we deduce from:

`ex:Dinoshark` ← `mov:starredIn` — `ex:IvaHasperger`

Apply RDFS reasoning using “rules”

ID	if G matches	then G RDFS _{D} -entails
rdfD1	$?x ?p ?l .$ ($?l$ a literal with datatype IRI $dt(?l) \in D$)	$?x ?p _ :b . _ :b$ a $dt(?l)$.
rdfD2	$?x ?p ?y .$	$?p$ a $rdf:Property$.
rdfs1	$?u \in D$	$?u$ a $rdfs:Datatype$.
rdfs2	$?p$ $rdfs:domain$ $?c .$ $?x ?p ?y .$	$?x$ a $?c$.
rdfs3	$?p$ $rdfs:range$ $?c .$ $?x ?p ?y .$	$?y$ a $?c$.
rdfs4a	$?x ?p ?y .$	$?x$ a $rdfs:Resource$.
rdfs4b	$?x ?p ?y .$	$?y$ a $rdfs:Resource$.
rdfs5	$?p$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $?q .$ $?x ?p ?y .$	$?x ?q ?y .$
rdfs6	$?p$ a $rdf:Property$.	$?p$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $?p .$
rdfs7	$?p$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $?q .$ $?q$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $?r .$	$?p$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $?r .$
rdfs8	$?c$ a $rdfs:Class$.	$?c$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $rdfs:Resource$.
rdfs9	$?c$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $?d .$ $?x$ a $?c$.	$?x$ a $?d$.
rdfs10	$?c$ a $rdfs:Class$.	$?c$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $?c$.
rdfs11	$?c$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $?d .$ $?d$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $?e .$	$?c$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $?e .$
rdfs12	$?p$ a $rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty$.	$?p$ $rdfs:subPropertyOf$ $rdfs:member$.
rdfs13	$?d$ a $rdfs:Datatype$.	$?d$ $rdfs:subClassOf$ $rdf:Literal$.

(Don't worry about rdfD1, rdfs1, rdfs12, rdfs13)

Don't forget “axiomatic triples”

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rdf:type          rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Class .
rdfs:domain       rdfs:domain rdf:Property  ; rdfs:range rdfs:Class .
rdfs:range        rdfs:domain rdf:Property  ; rdfs:range rdfs:Class .
rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:domain rdf:Property  ; rdfs:range rdf:Property .
rdfs:subClassOf   rdfs:domain rdfs:Class     ; rdfs:range rdfs:Class .
rdf:subject       rdfs:domain rdf:Statement ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdf:predicate     rdfs:domain rdf:Statement ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdf:object        rdfs:domain rdf:Statement ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdfs:member       rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdf:first         rdfs:domain rdf:List      ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdf:rest          rdfs:domain rdf:List      ; rdfs:range rdfs:List .
rdfs:seeAlso      rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdfs:isDefinedBy  rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdfs:comment      rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Literal .
rdfs:label        rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Literal .
rdf:value         rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .
rdf:_n           rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource ; rdfs:range rdfs:Resource .

rdf:Alt           rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Container .
rdf:Bag           rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Container .
rdf:Seq           rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Container .
rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty rdfs:subClassOf rdf:Property .
rdfs:Datatype     rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Class .
rdfs:isDefinedBy  rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:seeAlso .
rdf:_n rdf:type rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .
```

Reasoning in RDFS over RDF graph G

1. Add axiomatic triples to G
2. Apply rules exhaustively, adding conclusions to G , until nothing new found

Will this ever finish? Or will it run forever?

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Don't write rules: write triples

- RDFS: RDF Schema
 - Allows for defining classes and properties
 - Written down in triples
 - Can be used for reasoning with rules

RDFS: RDF Schema

- RDFS has four main features:
 - **sub-class**: an instance of a class $c1$ is an instance of its sub-class $c2$
 - **sub-property**: if two things are related by $p1$, they are also related by its sub-property $p2$
 - **domain**: the subject of a relation with property p is the type of its domain c
 - **range**: the object of a relation with property p is the type of its range c
- A few other useful classes:
 - **rdf:Property**: the class of all properties
 - **rdfs:Class**: the class of all classes
 - **rdfs:Resource**: the class of everything!

RDFS: A Web Standard

<http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-schema/>



RDF Schema 1.1

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