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LA WEB DE DATOS

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LECTURE 4: SPARQL [1.0]

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TODAY'S TOPIC

SEMANTIC WEB: QUERY

DATA:

Ireland



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

Dublin



(Ireland,capital,Dublin)
(Dublin,population,1000000)

LOGIC: $“(b, \text{capital}, a) \rightarrow (a, \text{partOf}, b)”$
 $“(a, \text{partOf}, b), (b, \text{partOf}, c) \rightarrow (a, \text{partOf}, c)”$

QUERY: $“(x, \text{partOf}, y)?”$

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

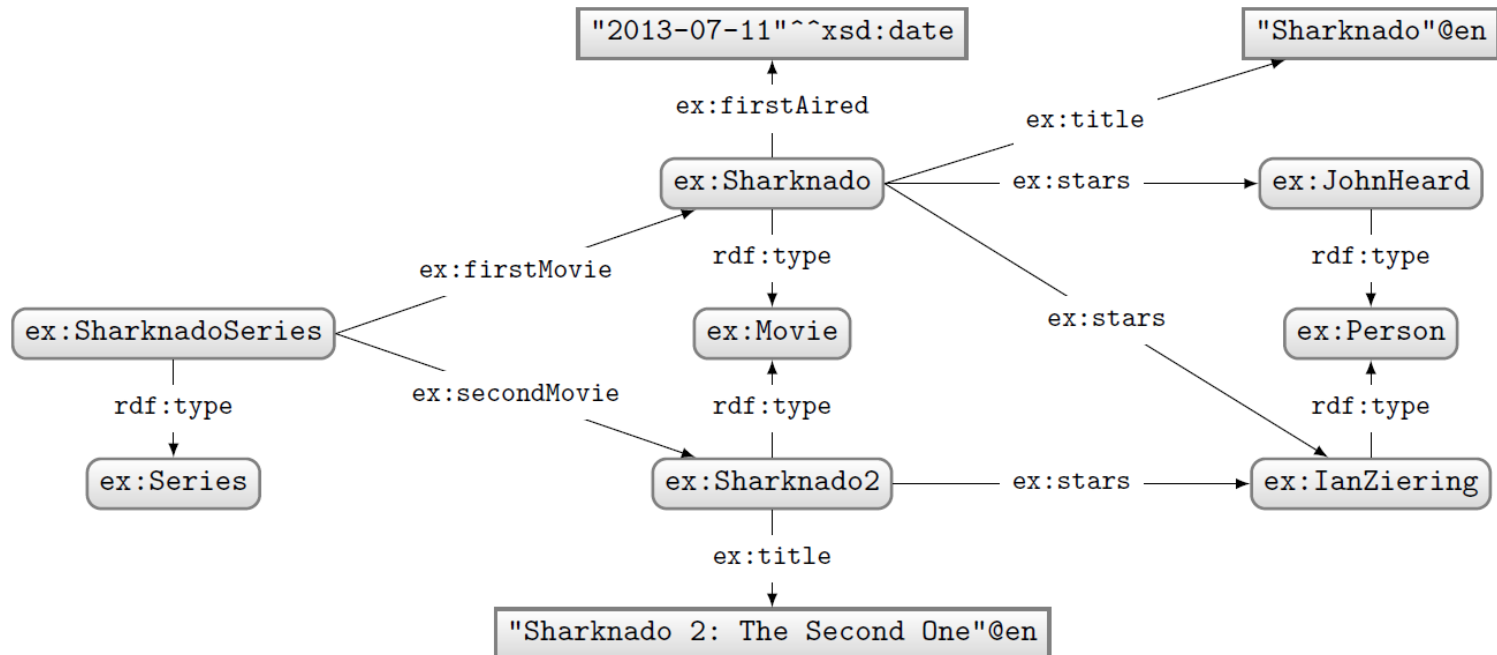




SPARQL (1.1)

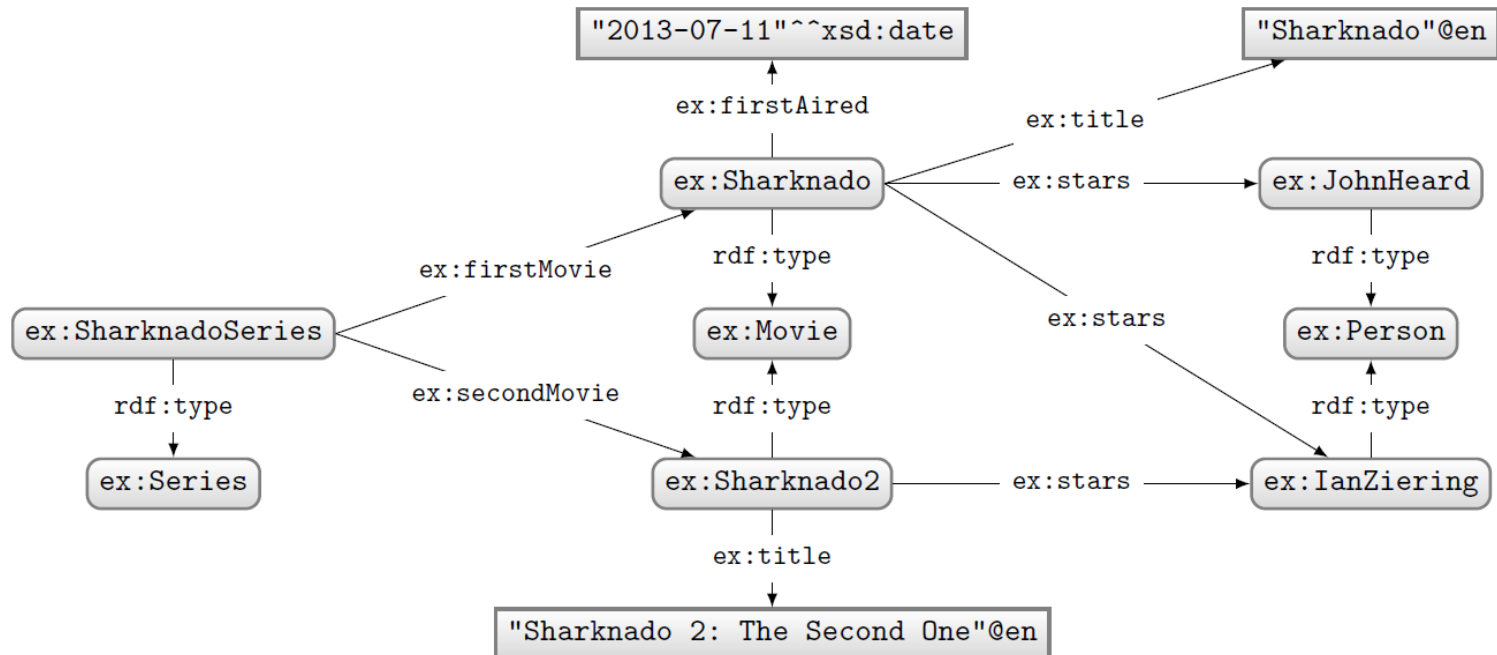
First SPARQL (1.0)
Then SPARQL 1.1

SPARQL: QUERY LANGUAGE FOR RDF



How to ask: “Who stars in ‘Sharknado’?”

SPARQL: QUERY LANGUAGE FOR RDF



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

?star

ex:JohnHeard
ex:IanZiering

SPARQL: PREFIX DECLARATIONS

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- Shortcuts for IRIs (exactly like in Turtle)

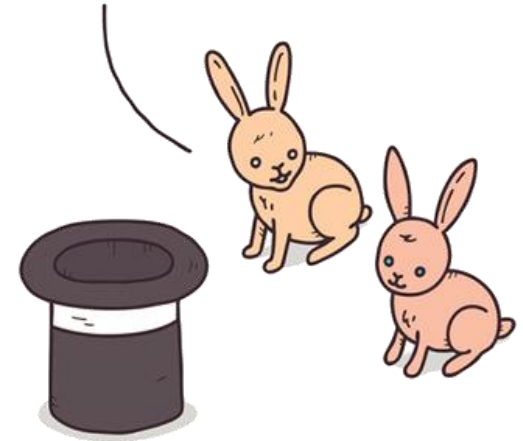
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SELECT *
WHERE {
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}
```


SPARQL: WHERE CLAUSE

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- Specifies what to match in the data

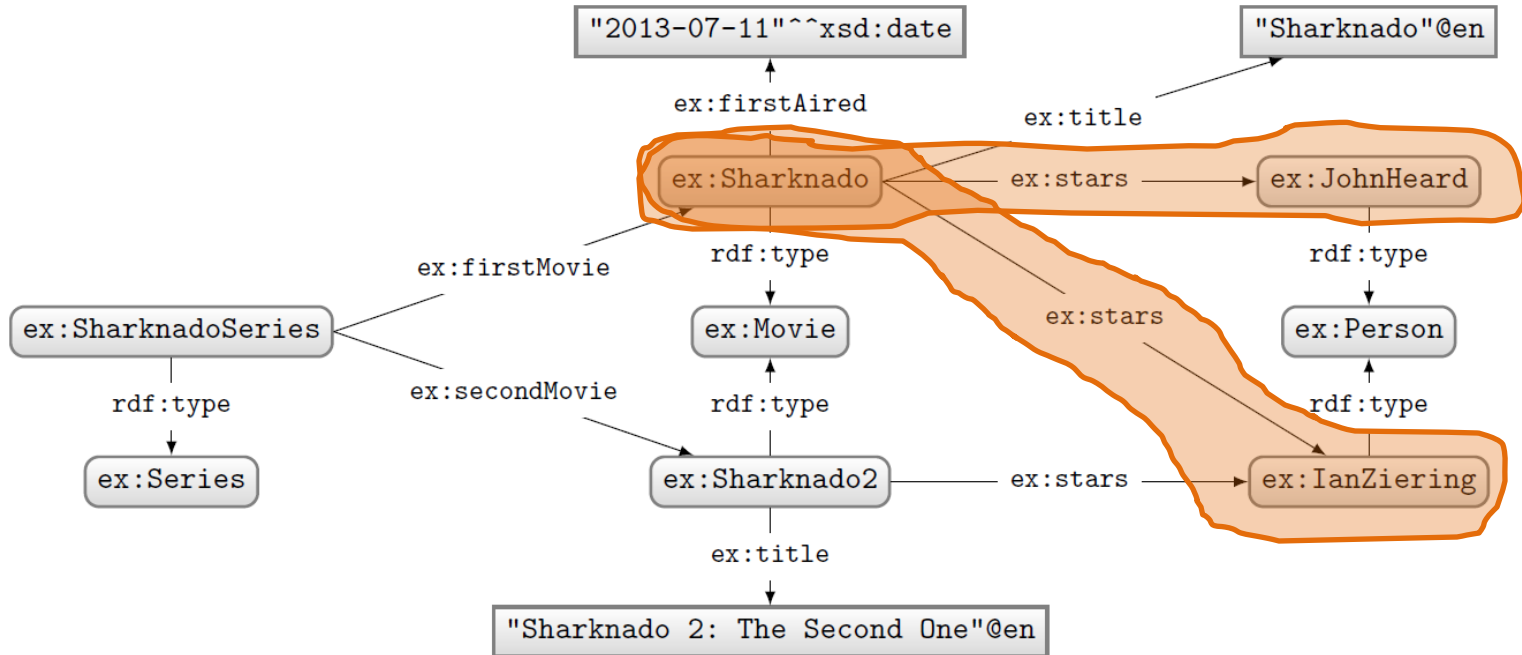
THIS IS WHERE
THE MAGIC HAPPENS



```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star .
}
```

“Triple pattern”
(a triple with variables)

SPARQL: WHERE CLAUSE



Query:

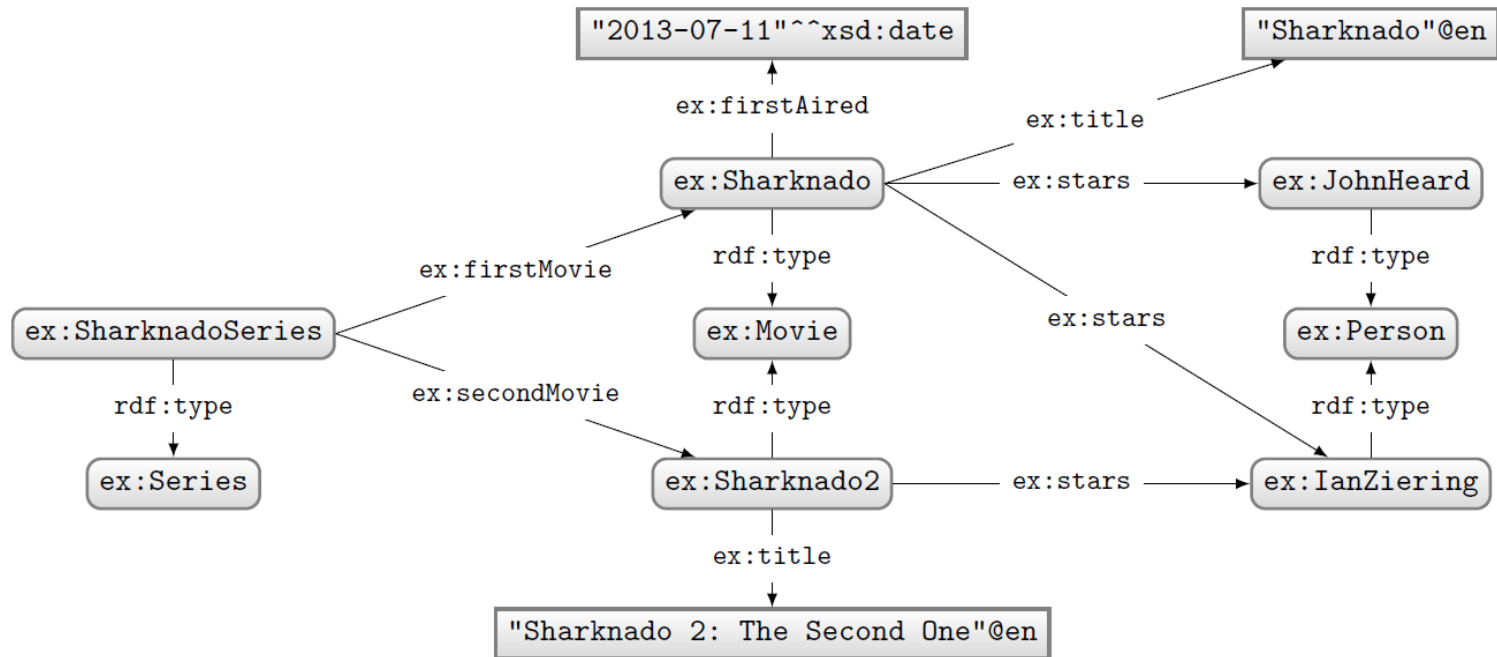
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SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

?star

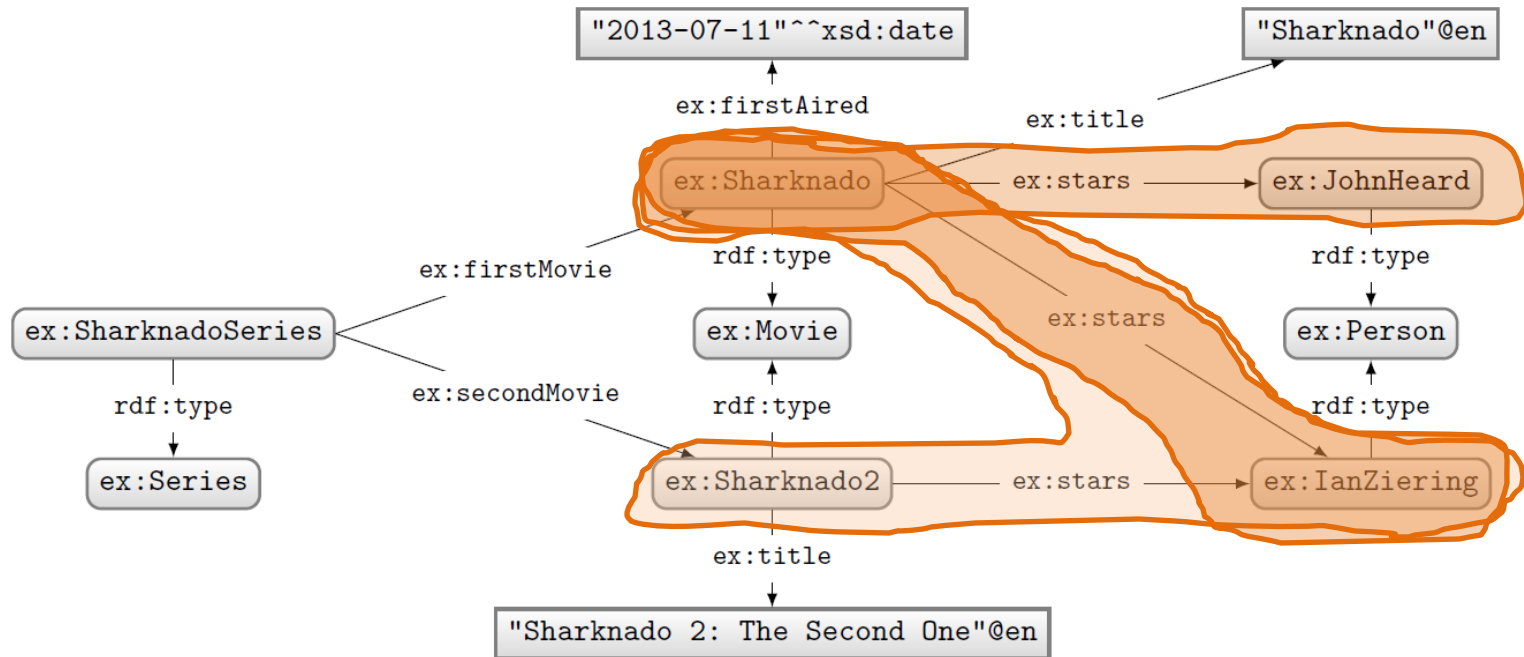
ex:JohnHeard
ex:IanZiering

SPARQL: WHERE CLAUSE



How to ask: "What movies did the stars of 'Sharknado' also star in?"

SPARQL: BASIC GRAPH PATTERNS



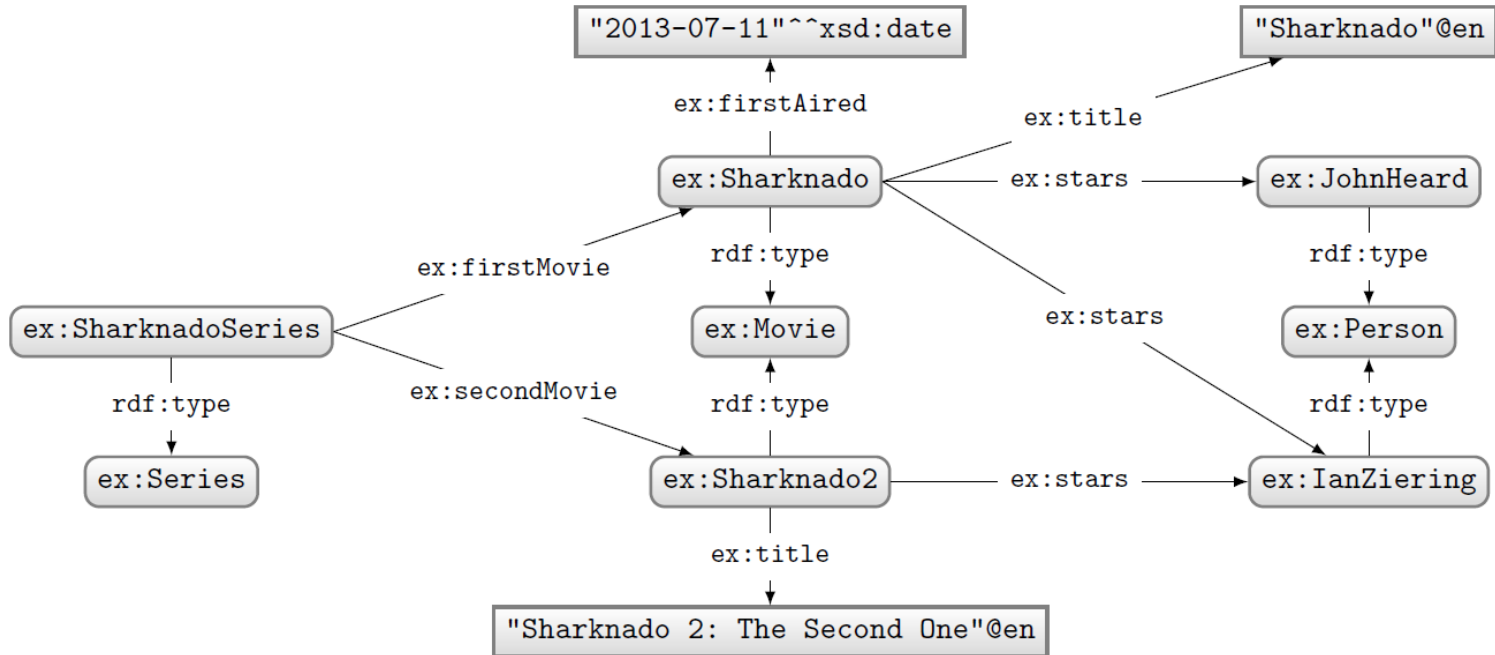
Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star .
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

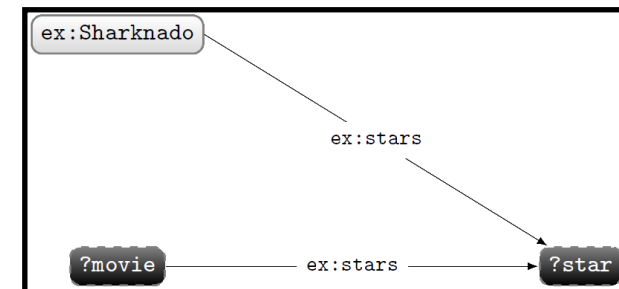
?star	?movie
ex:IanZiering	ex:Sharknado2
ex:IanZiering	ex:Sharknado
ex:JohnHeard	ex:Sharknado

SPARQL: BASIC GRAPH PATTERNS



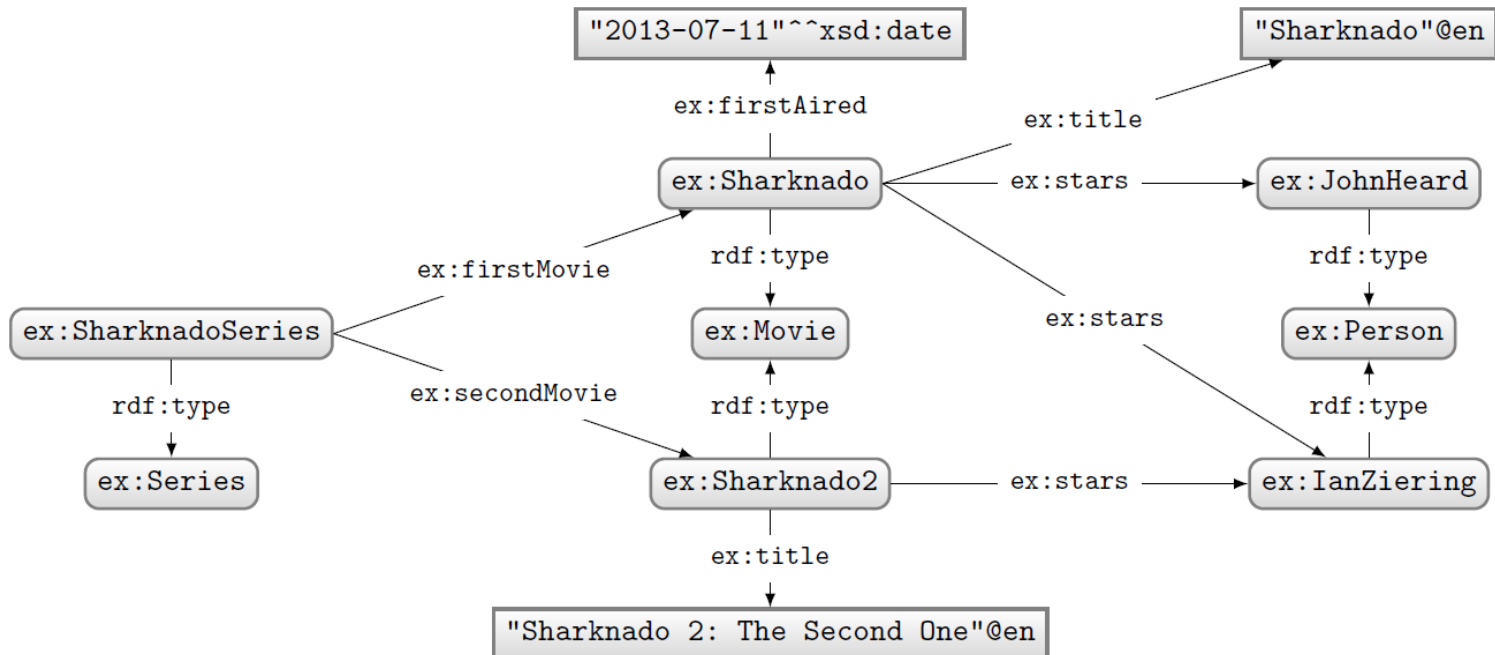
Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star .
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```



"Basic Graph Pattern"
(a set of triple patterns)

SPARQL: JOIN VARIABLES



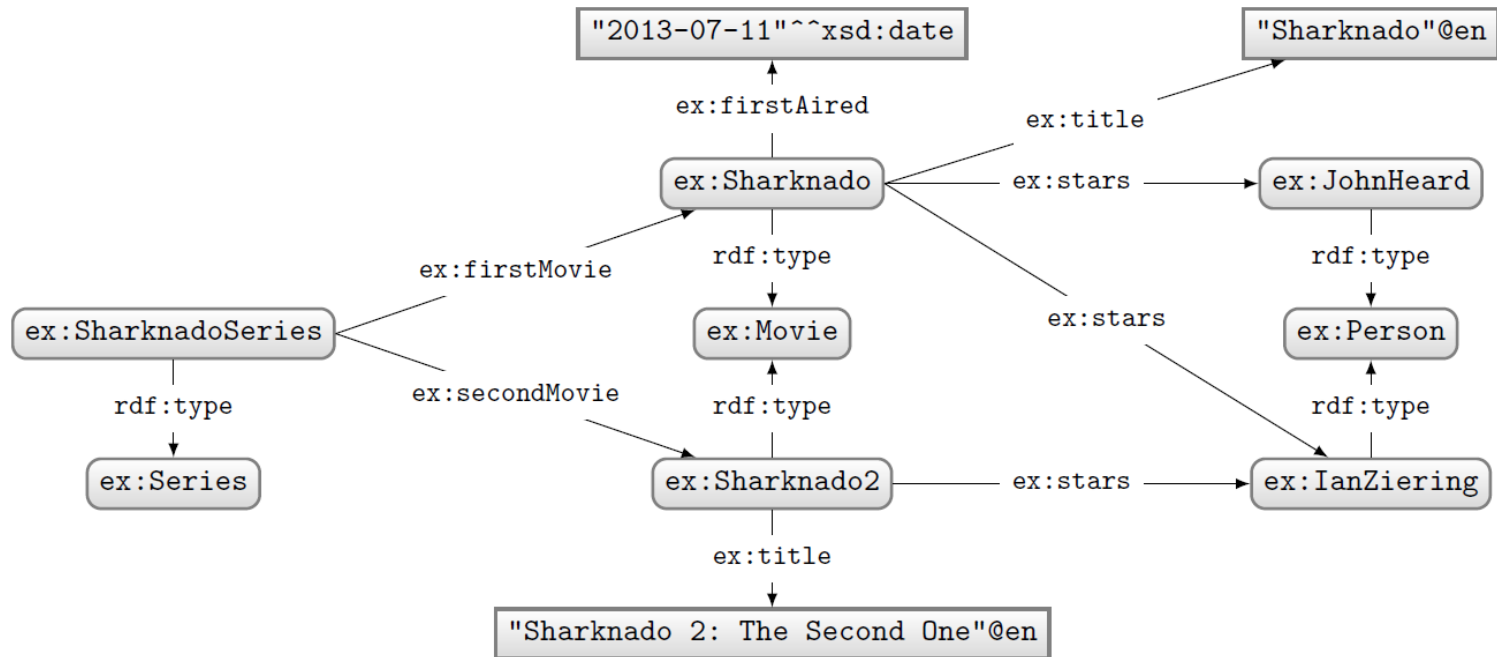
Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ex:Sharknado ex:stars ?star.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star.
}
```

“Join Variable”

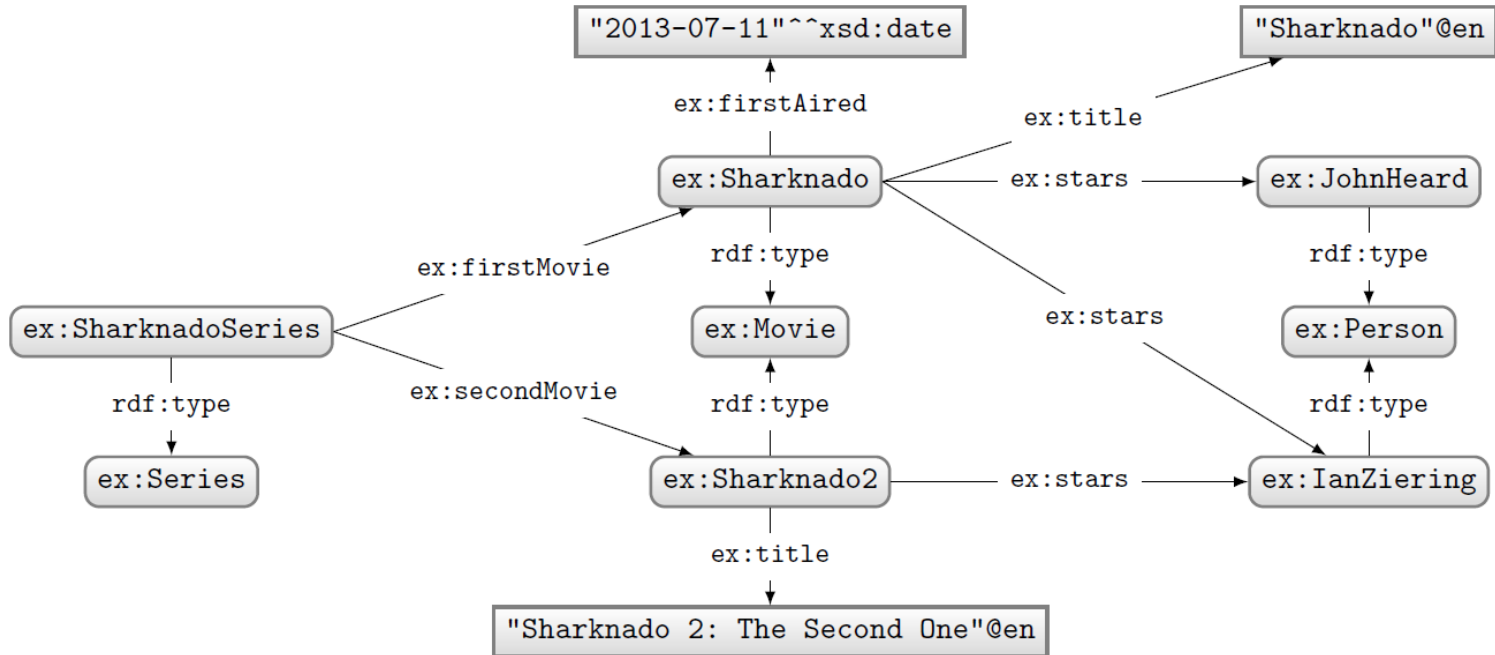
(a variable appearing in more than one triple pattern)

SPARQL: DISJUNCTION



How to ask: “What are the titles of the (first two) movies in the Sharknado series?”

SPARQL: DISJUNCTION (UNION)



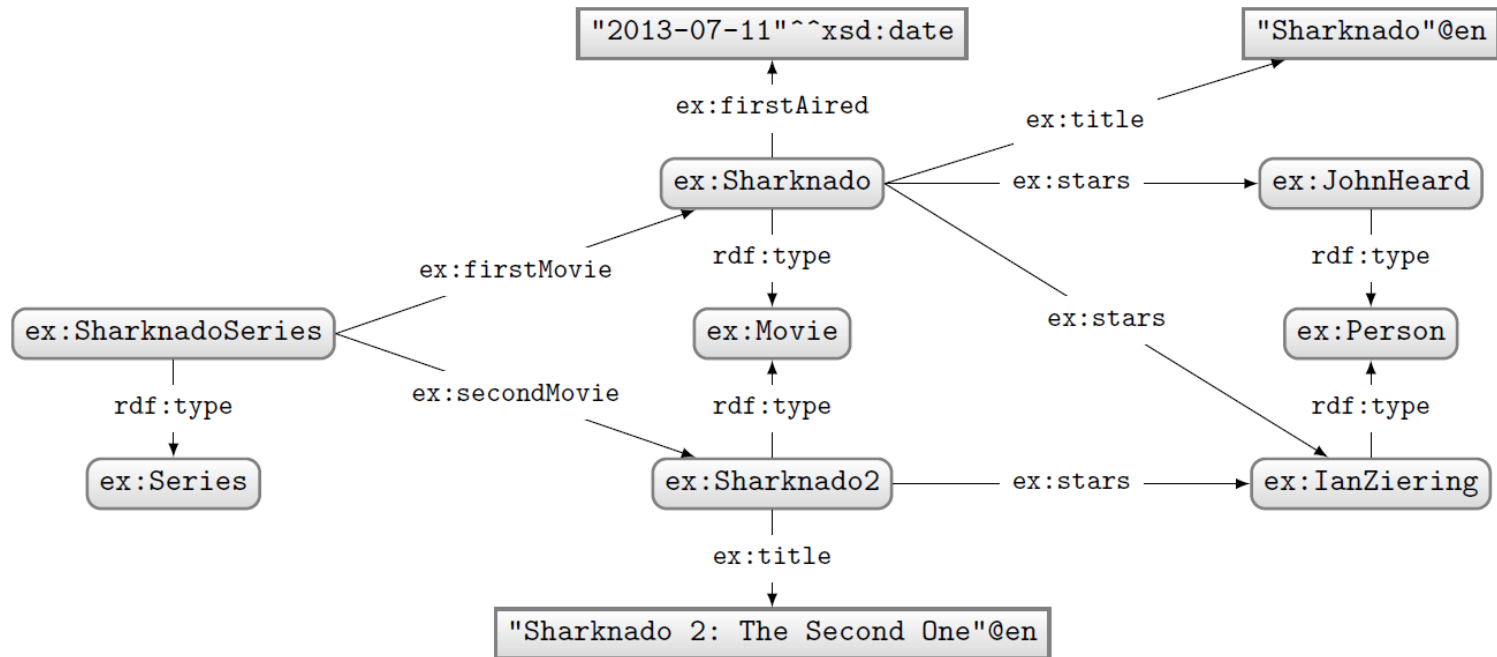
Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  { ex:SharknadoSeries ex:firstMovie ?movie . }
  UNION
  { ex:SharknadoSeries ex:secondMovie ?movie . }
  ?movie ex:title ?title .
}
```

Solutions:

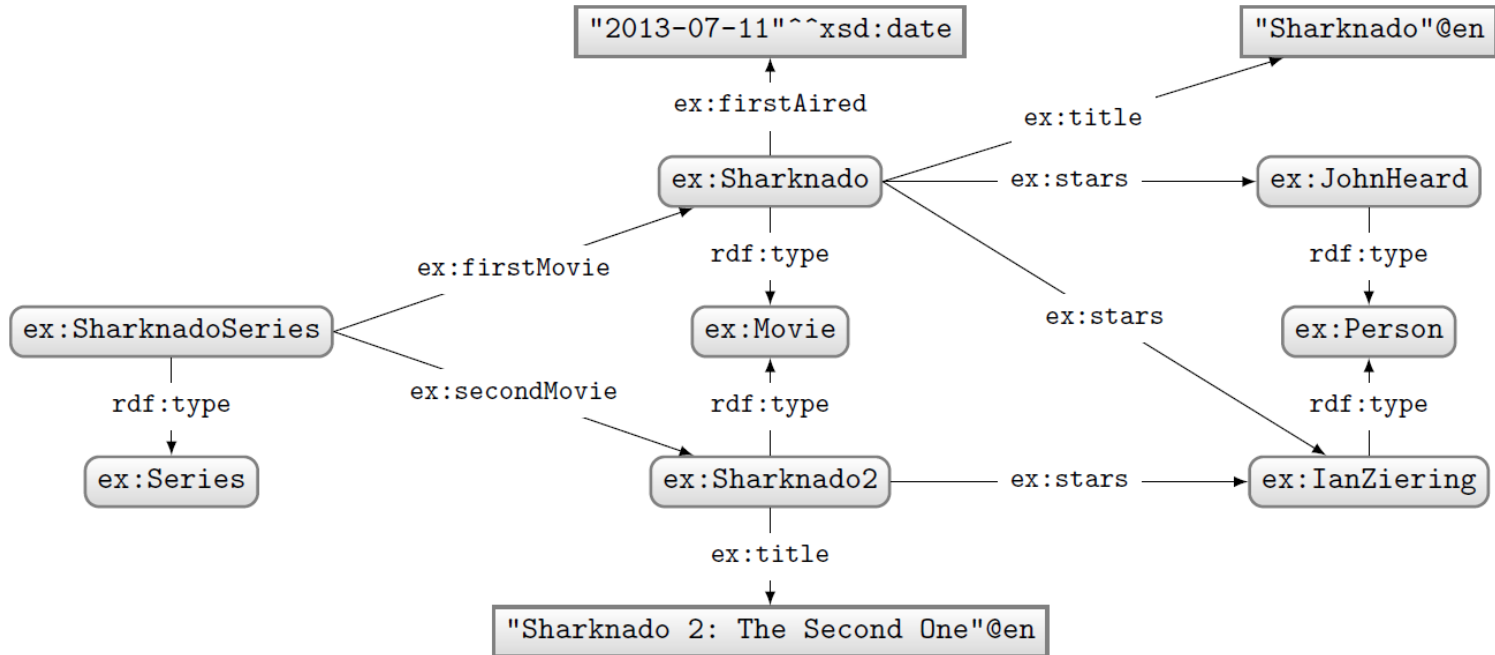
?movie	?title
ex:Sharknado	"Sharknado"@en
ex:Sharknado2	"Sharknado 2: The Second One"@en

SPARQL: LEFT-JOIN



How to ask: “Give me the titles of all movies and, if available, their first-aired date?”

SPARQL: LEFT-JOIN (OPTIONAL)



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie ; ex:title ?title .
  OPTIONAL { ?movie ex:firstAired ?date }
}
```

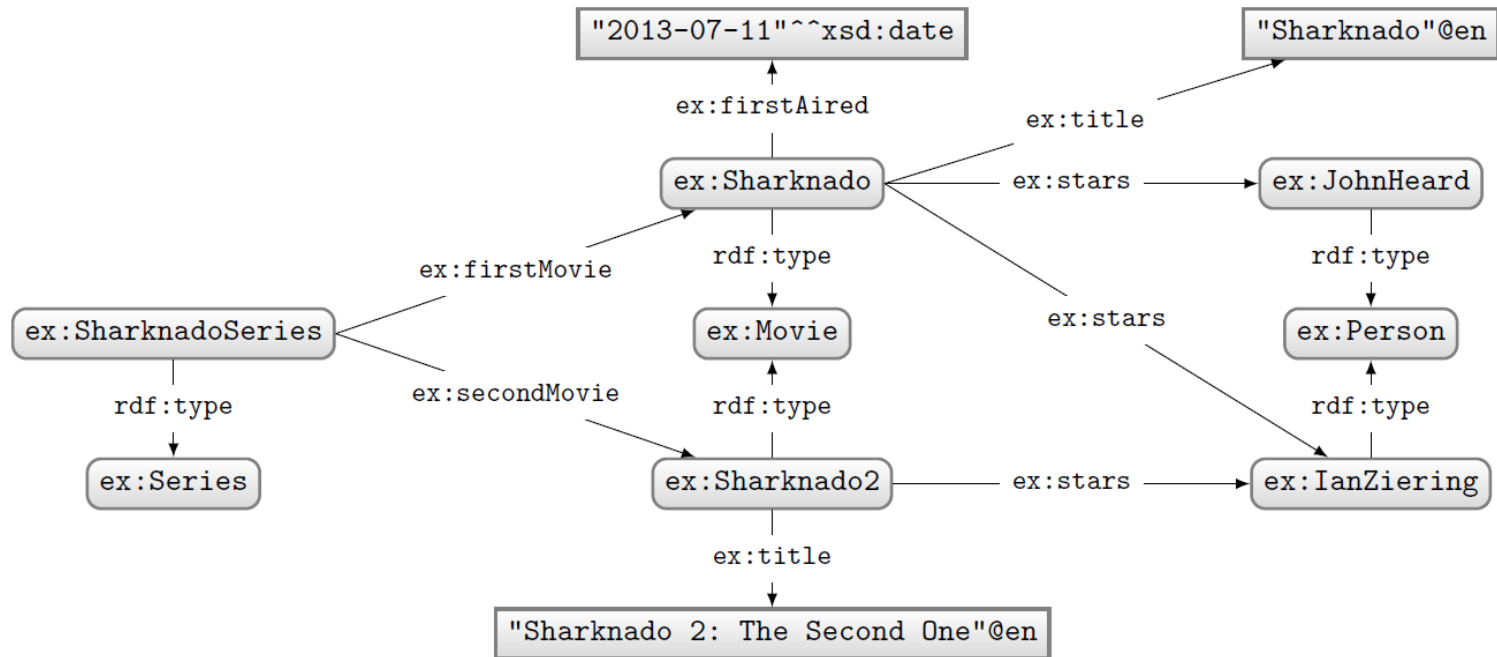
Solutions:

?movie	?title	?date
ex:Sharknado	"Sharknado"@en	"2013-07-11"^^xsd:date
ex:Sharknado2	"Sharknado 2: The Second One"@en	

“UNBOUND Variable”

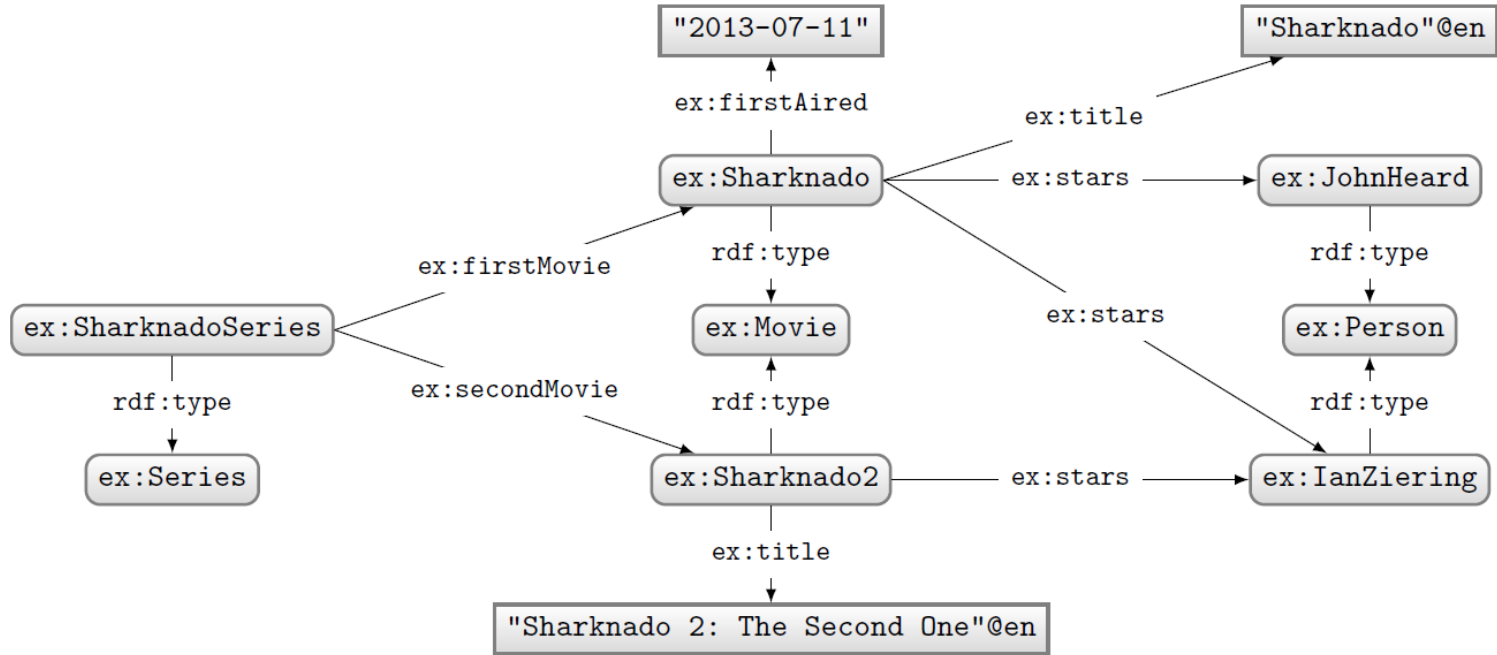
(a variable without a binding in a solution)

SPARQL: FILTERING RESULTS



How to ask: "What movies were first aired in 2014?"

SPARQL: FILTER



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie ; ex:firstAired ?date .
  FILTER(?date > "2013-12-31"^^xsd:date
    && ?date <= "2014-12-31"^^xsd:date)
}
```

Solutions:

?movie	?date
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"Empty Results"

SPARQL: FILTER

Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie ; ex:firstAired ?date .
  FILTER(?date > "2013-12-31"^^xsd:date
    && ?date <= "2014-12-31"^^xsd:date)
}
```

What happens in this case where ?date bound in data to a string?

FILTERS (and other functions we see later) expect certain types. If not given, a type error is given.

SPARQL: BOOLEAN **FILTER** OPERATORS

- **FILTER**s evaluate as true, false or error
- Only results evaluating as true are returned
- Can apply AND (&&) or OR (||)
- Can also apply NOT (!)
 - !**E** → **E**

A	B	A B	A && B
T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F
F	F	F	F
T	E	T	E
E	T	T	E
F	E	E	F
E	F	E	F
E	E	E	E

SPARQL OPERATORS

<i>A</i>	Op	<i>B</i>	Return type and value	
	!	BOOL <i>b</i>	BOOL	true if $I_L(b)$ is false; false otherwise
BOOL <i>b</i> ₁		BOOL <i>b</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(b_1)$ or $I_L(b_2)$; false otherwise
BOOL <i>b</i> ₁	&&	BOOL <i>b</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(b_1)$ and $I_L(b_2)$; false otherwise
TERM* <i>t</i> ₁	=	TERM* <i>t</i> ₂	BOOL	true if <i>t</i> ₁ same term as <i>t</i> ₂ ; false otherwise
TERM* <i>t</i> ₁	!=	TERM* <i>t</i> ₂	BOOL	true if <i>t</i> ₁ not same term as <i>t</i> ₂ ; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	=	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) = I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	!=	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) \neq I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	<	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) < I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	>	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) > I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	<=	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) \leq I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
COM <i>v</i> ₁	>=	COM <i>v</i> ₂	BOOL	true if $I_L(v_1) \geq I_L(v_2)$; false otherwise
	+	NUM <i>n</i>	NUM	<i>n</i>
	-	NUM <i>n</i>	NUM	- <i>n</i>
NUM <i>n</i> ₁	+	NUM <i>n</i> ₂	NUM	$I_L(v_1) + I_L(v_2)$
NUM <i>n</i> ₁	-	NUM <i>n</i> ₂	NUM	$I_L(v_1) - I_L(v_2)$
NUM <i>n</i> ₁	*	NUM <i>n</i> ₂	NUM	$I_L(v_1) \times I_L(v_2)$
NUM <i>n</i> ₁	/	NUM <i>n</i> ₂	NUM	$\frac{I_L(v_1)}{I_L(v_2)}$

- **COM**: a comparable literal value
- **TERM***: a non-comparable RDF term
- $I_L(\cdot)$: the value (e.g., 2 not "2")

SPARQL FUNCTIONS: EXISTENCE, EQUALITY, IF ...

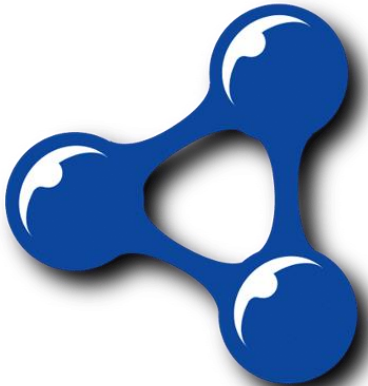
Function	Return type and value	
<code>bound</code> (<code>TERM</code> t)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if t is bound; <code>false</code> if unbound
<code>if</code> (<code>BOOL</code> b , <code>TERM</code> t_1 , <code>TERM</code> t_2)	<code>TERM</code>	t_1 if b is <code>true</code> ; t_2 otherwise
<code>coalesce</code> (<code>TERM</code> $t_1, \dots, t_n$)	<code>TERM</code>	first t_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) that is not an error or unbound
<code>not exists</code> (<code>SUB</code> Q)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if Q has any solution; <code>false</code> otherwise
<code>exists</code> (<code>SUB</code> Q)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if Q has no solution; <code>false</code> otherwise
<code>sameTerm</code> (<code>TERM</code> t_1 , <code>TERM</code> t_2)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if t_1 same term as t_2 ; <code>false</code> otherwise
<code>TERM</code> t <code>in</code> (<code>TERM</code> $t_1, \dots, t_n$)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if $t = t_i$ for any $t_i \in \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$; <code>false</code> otherwise
<code>TERM</code> t <code>not in</code> (<code>TERM</code> $t_1, \dots, t_n$)	<code>BOOL</code>	<code>true</code> if $t \neq t_i$ for all $t_i \in \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$; <code>false</code> otherwise



- `SUB`: a sub-query

SPARQL FUNCTIONS: TERMS

Function	Return type and value	
<code>isIRI</code> (<i>TERM</i> <i>t</i>)	<i>BOOL</i>	true if <i>t</i> is an IRI; false otherwise
<code>isBlank</code> (<i>TERM</i> <i>t</i>)	<i>BOOL</i>	true if <i>t</i> is a blank node; false otherwise
<code>isLiteral</code> (<i>TERM</i> <i>t</i>)	<i>BOOL</i>	true if <i>t</i> is a literal; false otherwise
<code>isNumeric</code> (<i>TERM</i> <i>t</i>)	<i>BOOL</i>	true if <i>t</i> is a numeric value; false otherwise
<code>str</code> (<i>LIT</i> <i>l</i> <i>IRI</i> <i>i</i>)	<i>STR</i>	lexical value of <i>l</i> string of <i>i</i>
<code>lang</code> (<i>LIT</i> <i>l</i>)	<i>STR</i>	language tag string of <i>l</i>
<code>datatype</code> (<i>LIT</i> <i>l</i>)	<i>IRI</i>	datatype IRI of <i>l</i>
<code>iri</code> (<i>STR</i> <i>s</i> <i>IRI</i> <i>i</i>)	<i>IRI</i>	<i>s</i> resolved against the in-scope base IRI <i>i</i>
<code>bnode</code> ([<i>STR</i> <i>s</i>])	<i>BNODE</i>	fresh blank node [unique to <i>s</i>]
<code>strdt</code> (<i>STR</i> <i>s</i> , <i>IRI</i> <i>i</i>)	<i>LIT</i>	" <i>s</i> " $\sim$ < <i>i</i> >
<code>strlang</code> (<i>STR</i> <i>s</i> , <i>STR</i> <i>l</i>)	<i>LIT</i>	" <i>s</i> "@ <i>l</i>
<code>uuid</code> ()	<i>IRI</i>	fresh IRI (from UUID URN scheme)
<code>struuid</code> ()	<i>STR</i>	fresh string (from UUID URN scheme)



- *a*|*b* indicates *a* or *b*
- [*a*] indicates *a* optional

SPARQL FUNCTIONS: STRINGS

Function	Return type and value	
<code>strlen</code> (STR <i>s</i>)	INT	length of string <i>s</i>
<code>substr</code> (STR <i>s</i> , INT <i>b</i> , [INT <i>l</i>])	STR	substring of <i>s</i> from index <i>b</i> [of length <i>l</i>]
<code>ucase</code> (STR <i>s</i>)	STR	uppercase <i>s</i>
<code>lcase</code> (STR <i>s</i>)	STR	lowercase <i>s</i>
<code>strstarts</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i>)	BOOL	true if <i>s</i> starts with <i>p</i> ; false otherwise
<code>strends</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i>)	BOOL	true if <i>s</i> ends with <i>p</i> ; false otherwise
<code>strbefore</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i>)	STR	string before first match for <i>p</i> in <i>s</i>
<code>strafter</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i>)	STR	string after first match for <i>p</i> in <i>s</i>
<code>encode_for_iri</code> (STR <i>s</i>)	STR	<i>s</i> percent-encoded
<code>concat</code> (STR <i>s</i> ₁ , ..., <i>s</i> _{<i>n</i>})	STR	<i>s</i> ₁ , ..., <i>s</i> _{<i>n</i>} concatenated
<code>langMatches</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>l</i>)	BOOL	true if <i>s</i> a language tag matching <i>l</i> ; false otherwise
<code>regex</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i> [, STR <i>f</i>])	BOOL	true if <i>s</i> matches regex <i>p</i> [with flags <i>f</i>]; false otherwise
<code>replace</code> (STR <i>s</i> , STR <i>p</i> , STR <i>r</i> [, STR <i>f</i>])	STR	<i>s</i> with matches for regex <i>p</i> [with flags <i>f</i>] replaced by <i>r</i>



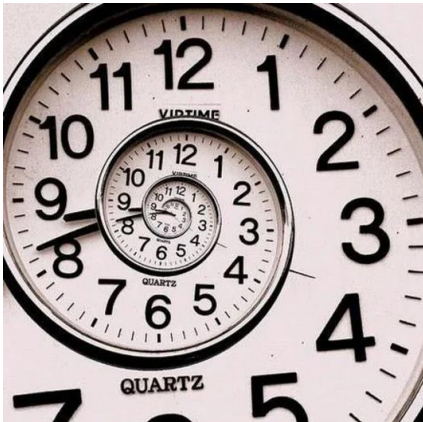
SPARQL FUNCTIONS: NUMERICS

Function	Return type and value	
<code>abs</code> (NUM <i>n</i>)	NUM	absolute value of <i>n</i>
<code>round</code> (NUM <i>n</i>)	NUM	round to nearest whole number (towards $+\infty$ for $*.5$)
<code>ceil</code> (NUM <i>n</i>)	NUM	round up (towards $+\infty$) to nearest whole number
<code>floor</code> (NUM <i>n</i>)	NUM	round down (towards $-\infty$) to nearest whole number
<code>rand</code> (NUM <i>n</i>)	NUM	random double between 0 (inclusive) and 1 (exclusive)



SPARQL FUNCTIONS: TEMPORAL

Function	Return type and value	
<code>now()</code>	<code>DT</code>	current date-time
<code>year</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	year of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>month</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	month of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>day</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	day of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>hours</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	hours of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>minutes</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	minutes of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>seconds</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>INT</code>	seconds of <i>d</i> (as an integer)
<code>timezone</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>DTD</code>	timezone of <i>d</i> (as day-time-duration)
<code>tz</code> (<code>DT</code> <i>d</i>)	<code>STR</code>	timezone of <i>d</i> (as a string)



- `DT`: date-time
- `DTD`: day-time-duration

SPARQL FUNCTIONS: HASHING

Function	Return type and value	
<code>md5</code> (<code>STR</code> <i>s</i>)	<code>STR</code>	MD5 hash of <i>s</i>
<code>sha1</code> (<code>STR</code> <i>s</i>)	<code>STR</code>	SHA1 hash of <i>s</i>
<code>sha256</code> (<code>STR</code> <i>s</i>)	<code>STR</code>	SHA256 hash of <i>s</i>
<code>sha384</code> (<code>STR</code> <i>s</i>)	<code>STR</code>	SHA384 hash of <i>s</i>
<code>sha512</code> (<code>STR</code> <i>s</i>)	<code>STR</code>	SHA512 hash of <i>s</i>



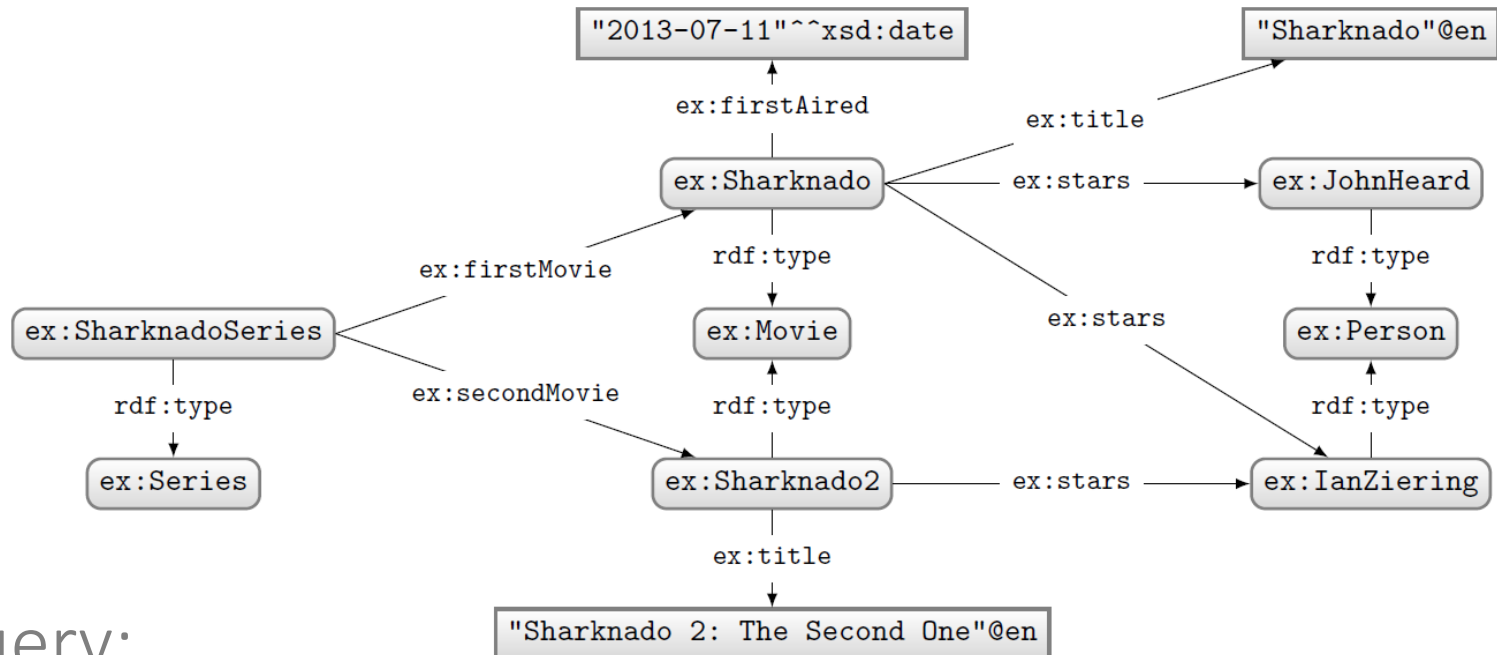
SPARQL: CASTING BETWEEN TYPES

- **Y**: always allowed
- **N**: never allowed
- **M**: depends on value
 - e.g., "2"^^xsd:string can be mapped to xsd:int but "P"^^xsd:string cannot

From \ To	str	flt	dbl	dec	int	dT	bool
str	Y	M	M	M	M	M	M
flt	Y	Y	Y	M	M	N	Y
dbl	Y	Y	Y	M	M	N	Y
dec	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
int	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
dT	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N
bool	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
IRI	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
ltrl	Y	M	M	M	M	M	M

bool = [xsd:boolean](#)
dbl = [xsd:double](#)
flt = [xsd:float](#)
dec = [xsd:decimal](#)
int = [xsd:integer](#)
dT = [xsd:dateTime](#)
str = [xsd:string](#)
IRI = IRI
ltrl = simple literal

SPARQL: WHERE CLAUSE EXAMPLE (I)



Query:

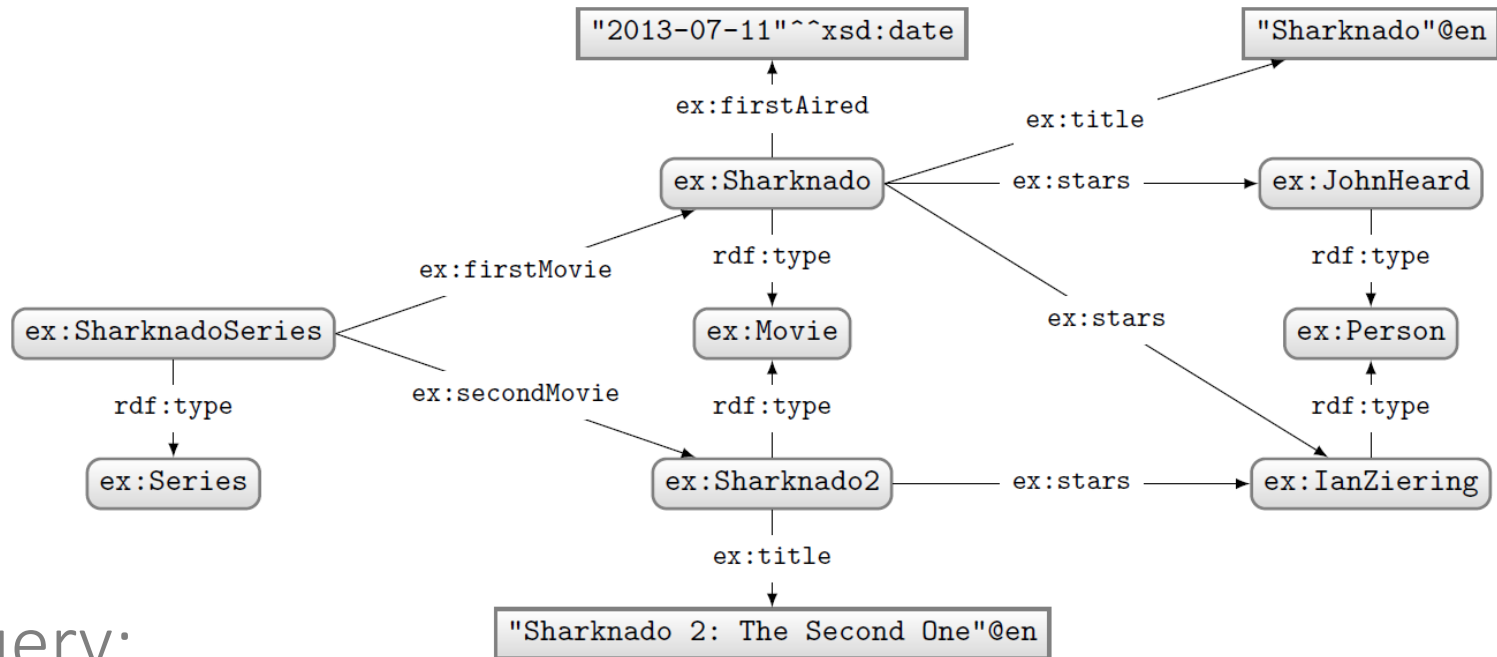
```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  { ex:SharknadoSeries ex:firstMovie ?movie . }
  UNION
  { ex:SharknadoSeries ex:secondMovie ?movie . }
  OPTIONAL
  { ?movie ex:firstAired ?date . }
  ?movie ex:title ?title .
  FILTER(REGEX(STR(?title),"*[0-9]*"))
}
```

What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?movie	?title	?date
ex:Sharknado2	"Sharknado 2: The Second One"@en	

SPARQL: WHERE CLAUSE EXAMPLE (II)



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie .
  OPTIONAL
  { ?movie ex:firstAired ?date . }
  FILTER(!BOUND(?date))
}
```

What solutions would this query return?

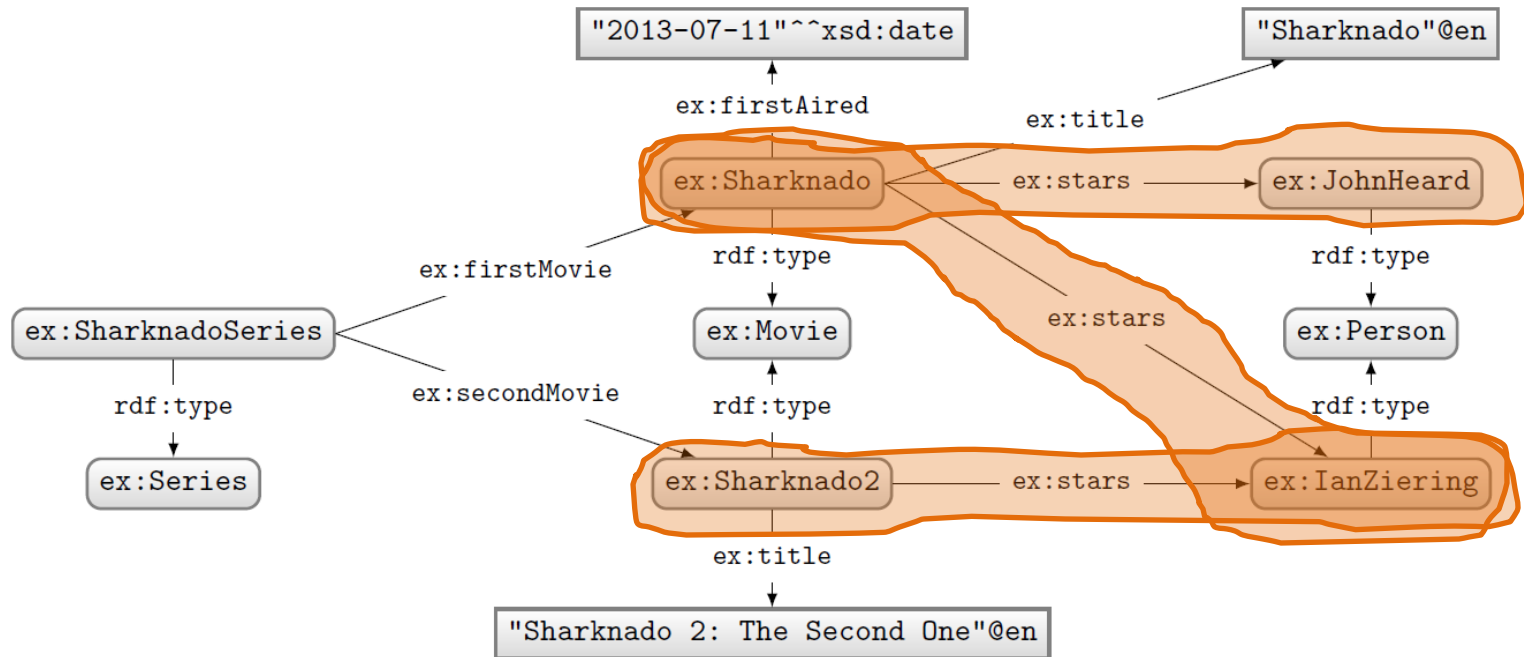
Solutions:

?movie	?date
ex:Sharknado2	

Can do negation!

SPARQL: QUERY TYPES

SPARQL: SELECT WITH *



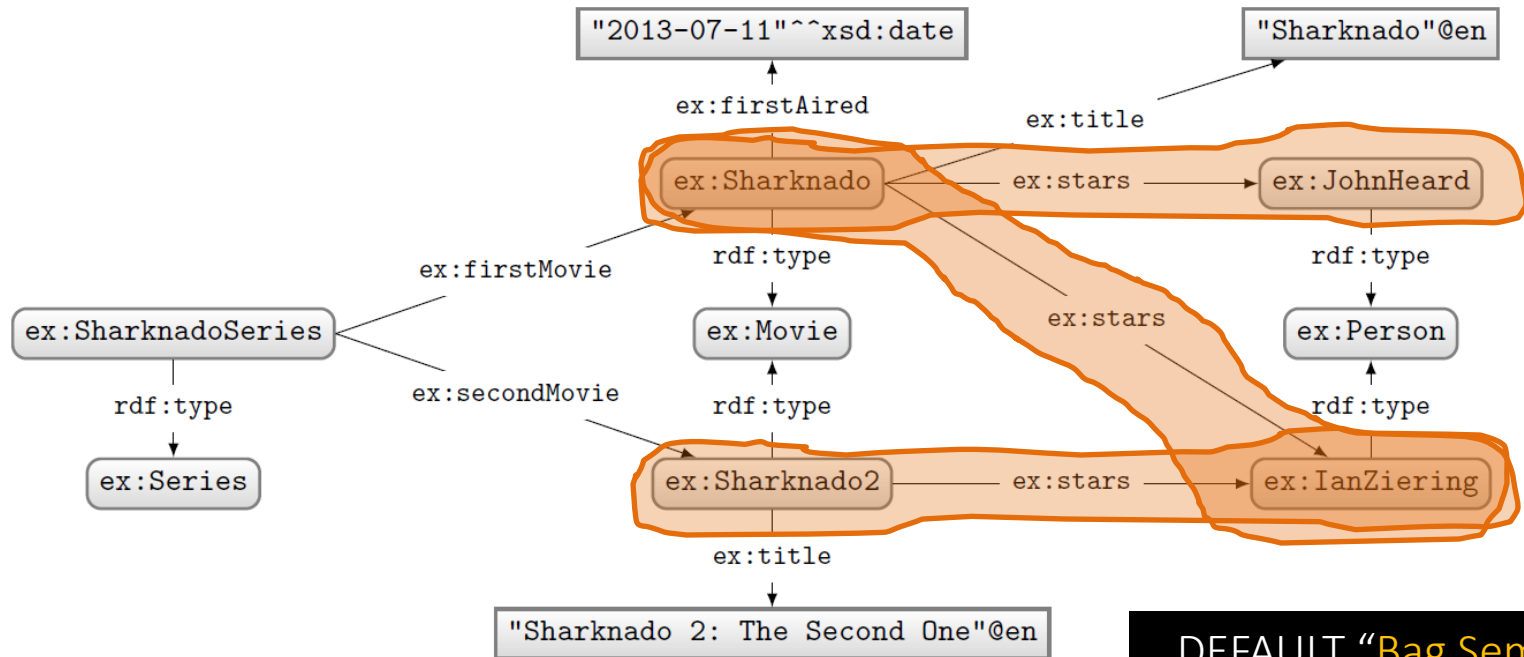
Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT *
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

?movie	?star
ex:Sharknado	ex:JohnHeard
ex:Sharknado	ex:IanZiering
ex:Sharknado2	ex:IanZiering

SPARQL: SELECT WITH PROJECTION



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT ?star
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

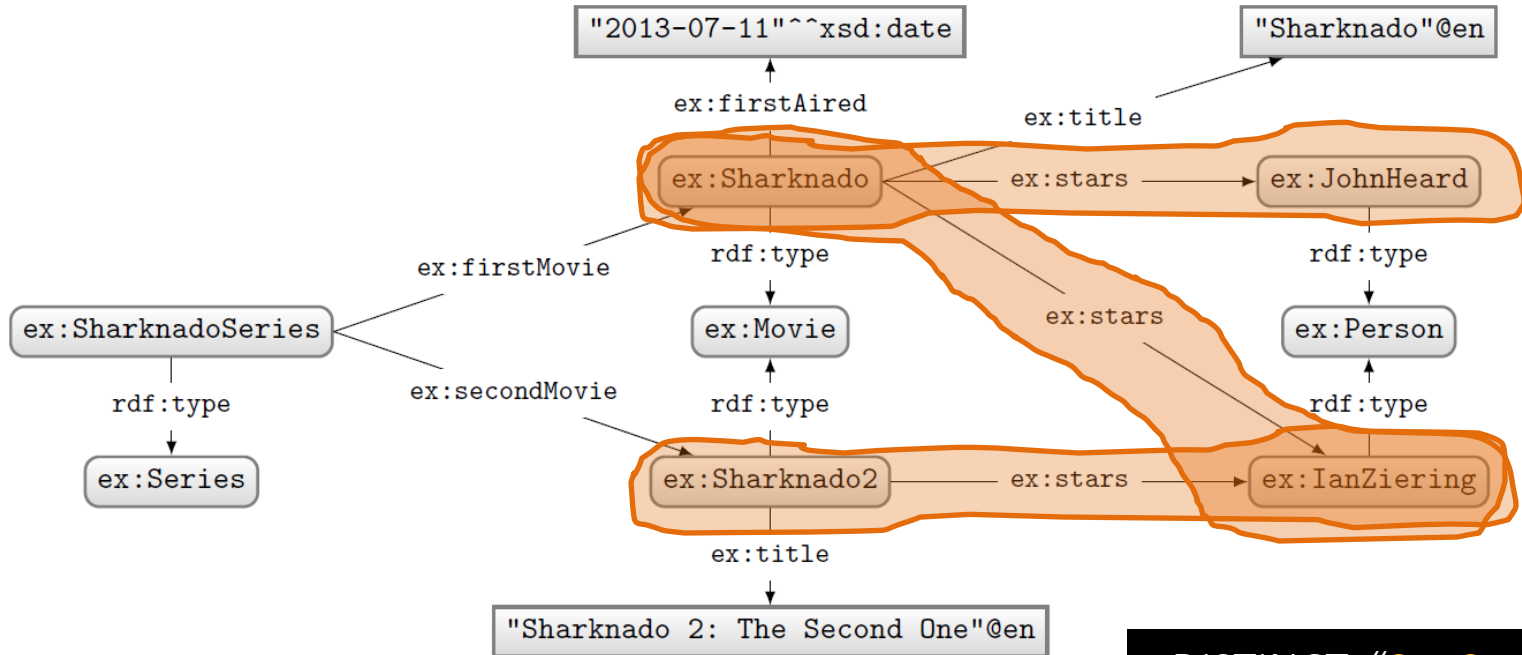
Solutions:

?star
ex:JohnHeard
ex:IanZiering
ex:IanZiering

DEFAULT “Bag Semantics”

(number of results returned must correspond to number of matches in data)

SPARQL: SELECT WITH DISTINCT



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?star
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

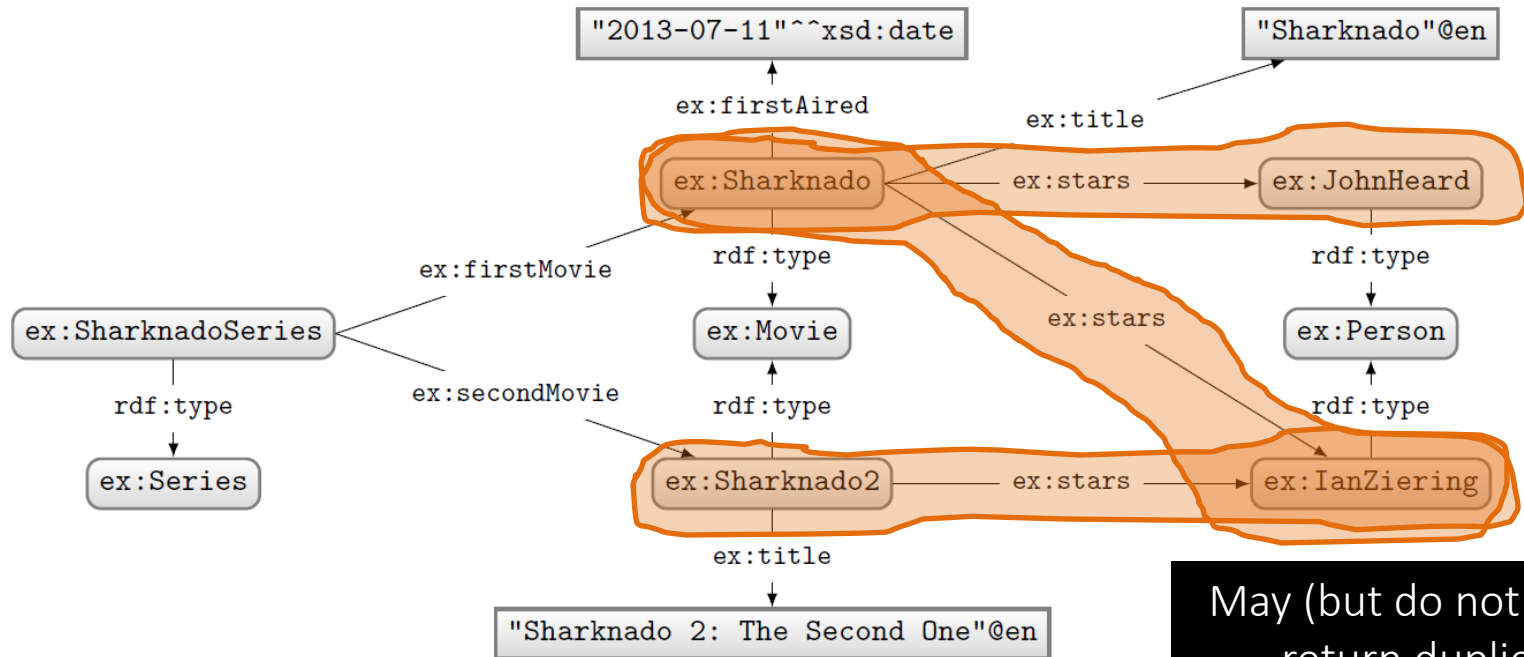
Solutions:

```
?star
ex:JohnHeard
ex:IanZiering
```

DISTINCT: "Set Semantics"

(each result row must be unique)

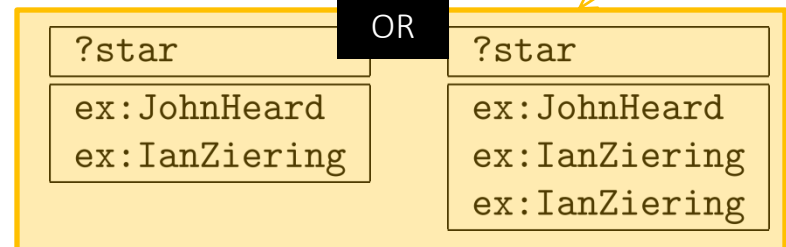
SPARQL: SELECT WITH REDUCED



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT REDUCED ?star
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

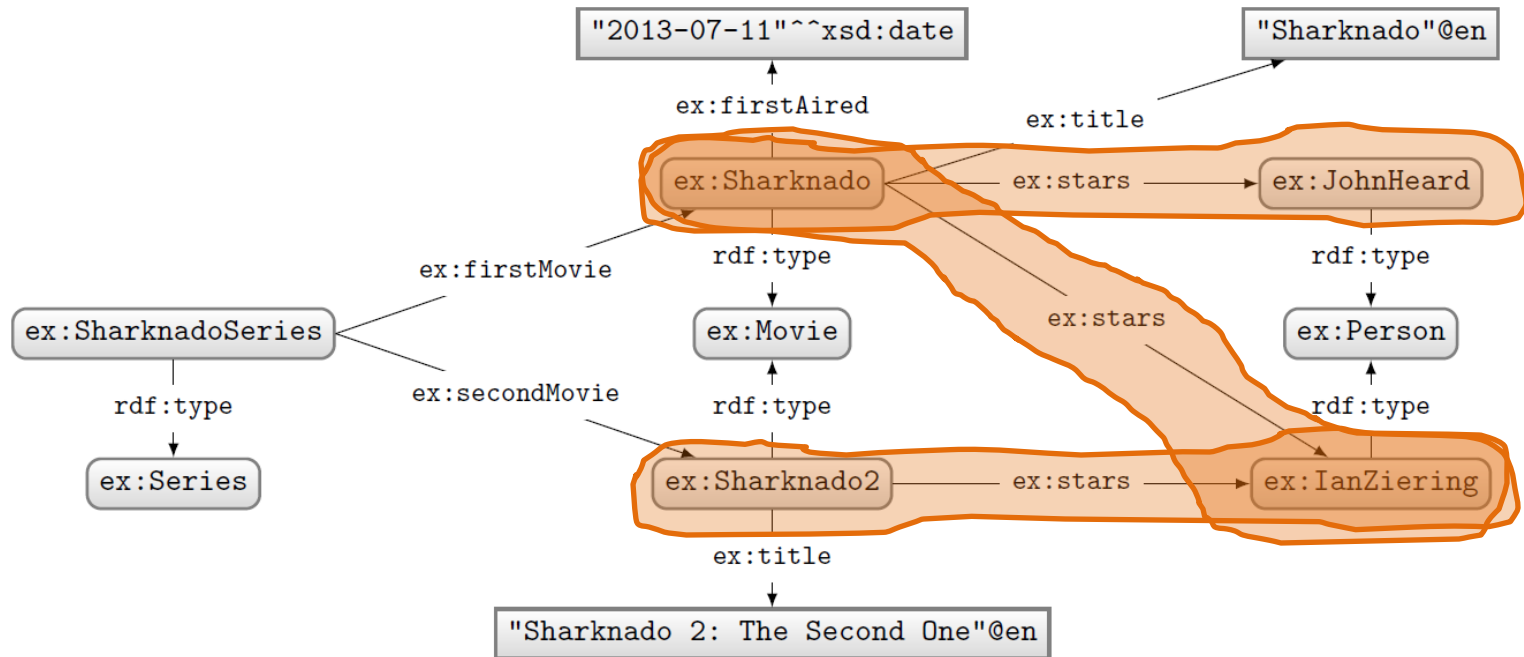
Solutions:



May (but do not need to) return duplicates.

(This allows the engine do whatever is most efficient.)

SPARQL: ASK



Query:

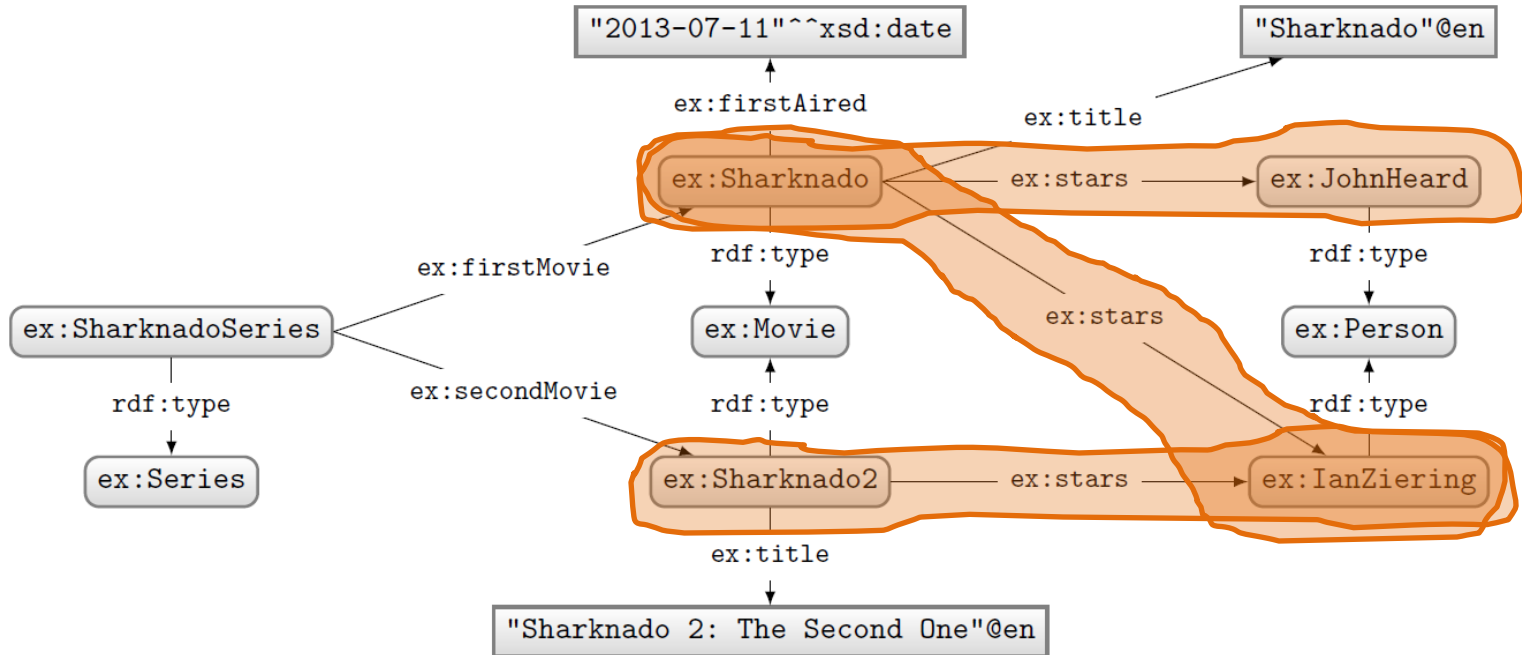
```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
ASK
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

true

Returns true if
there is a match,
false otherwise.

SPARQL: CONSTRUCT



Query:

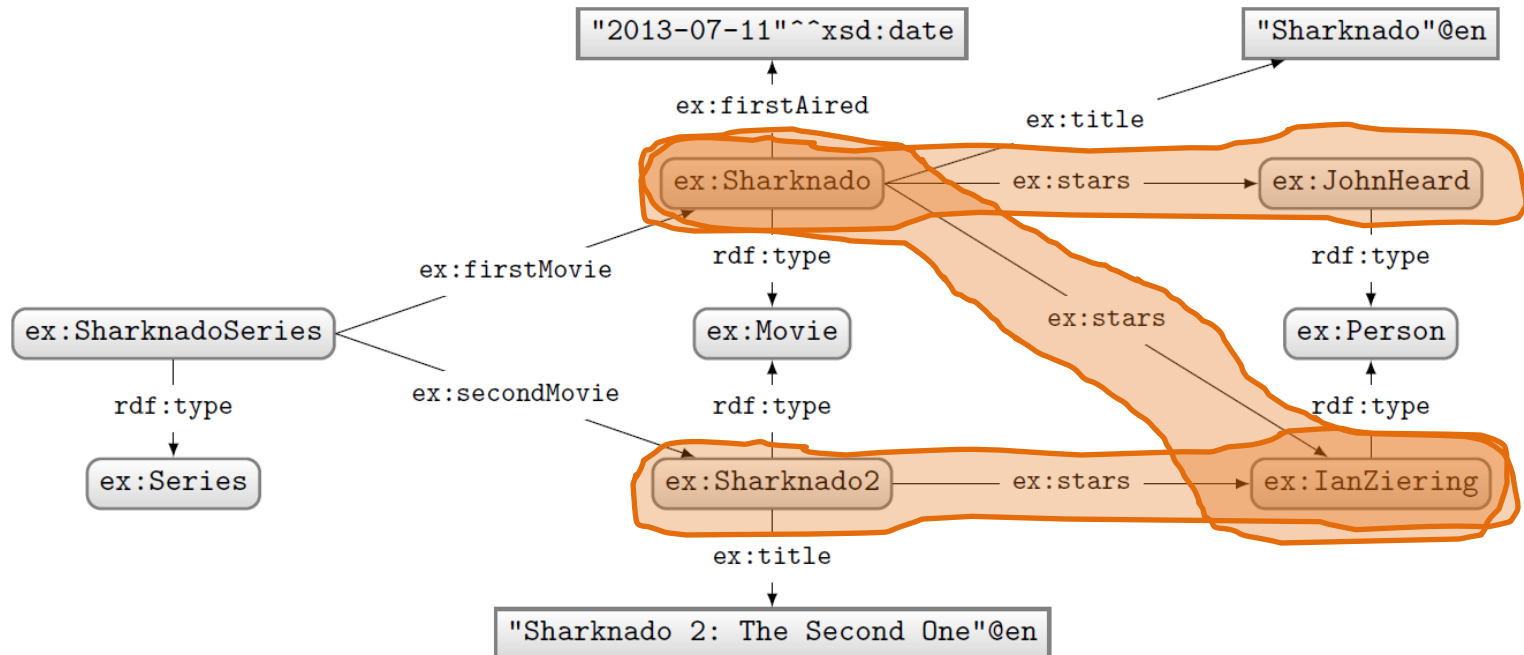
```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
CONSTRUCT { ?star ex:job ex:Actor }
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

```
@prefix ex: <http://ex.org/voc#> .
ex:JohnHeard ex:job ex:Actor .
ex:IanZiering ex:job ex:Actor .
```

Returns an RDF graph based on the matching CONSTRUCT clause.

SPARQL: DESCRIBE (NON-NORMATIVE FEATURE)



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
DESCRIBE ?star
WHERE {
  ?movie a ex:Movie.
  ?movie ex:stars ?star .
}
```

Solutions:

```
@prefix ex: <http://ex.org/voc#> .
ex:JohnHeard a ex:Person .
ex:IanZiering a ex:Person .
```

Returns an RDF graph “describing” the returned results. This is an non-normative feature. What should be returned is left open.

SPARQL: SOLUTION MODIFIERS

SOLUTION MODIFIERS

- **ORDER BY (DESC)**
 - Can be used to order results
 - By default ascending (**ASC**), can specify descending (**DESC**)
 - Can order lexicographically on multiple items
- **LIMIT n**
 - Return only n results
- **OFFSET n**
 - Skip the first n results

Without **ORDER BY** results for queries with **LIMIT** or **OFFSET** might be non-deterministic!

How might we ask for the second and third most recently released movies?

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT ?movie
WHERE { ?movie ex:firstAired ?date . }
ORDER BY DESC(?date)
LIMIT 2
OFFSET 1
```

SOLUTION MODIFIERS

The order of execution is always:
ORDER → OFFSET → LIMIT
Changing the order of LIMIT/OFFSET makes no
difference to the query solutions.

ORDER BY **must come before** LIMIT/OFFSET
according to the query syntax

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ORDER BY DESC(?date)
LIMIT 2
OFFSET 1
```

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```
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ORDER BY DESC(?date)
OFFSET 1
LIMIT 2
```

SPARQL: NAMED GRAPHS

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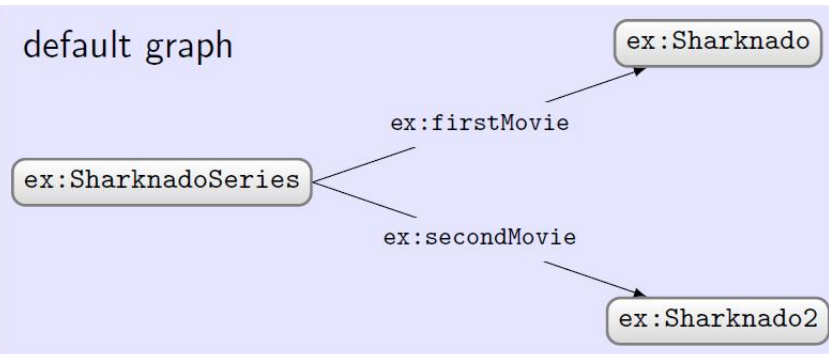
SPARQL DEFINED OVER A DATASET

- A dataset $D = (G, \{(G_1, n_1), \dots, (G_k, n_k)\})$
- $G, G_1, \dots, G_k$ are RDF graphs
- $n_1, \dots, n_k$ are pairwise distinct IRIs
- G is called the **default graph**
- each (G_i, n_i) is a **named graph** ($1 \leq i \leq n$)

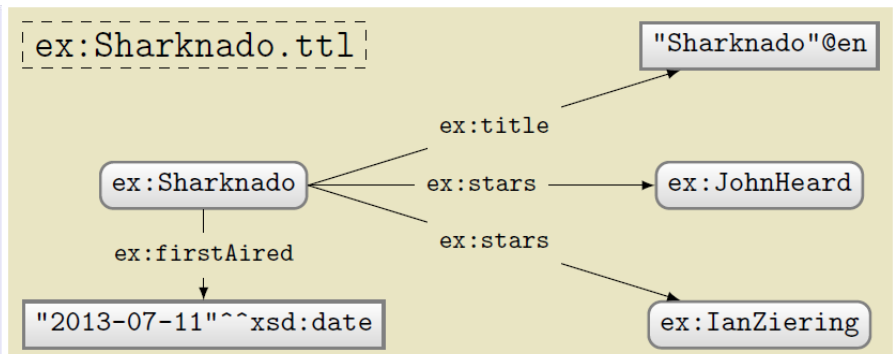
Core idea: SPARQL can support multiple RDF graphs, not just one.
When using SPARQL, you can partition your data into multiple graphs.
The default graph is chosen if you don't specify a graph.
Otherwise you can explicitly select a named graph using its IRI name.

AN EXAMPLE DATASET

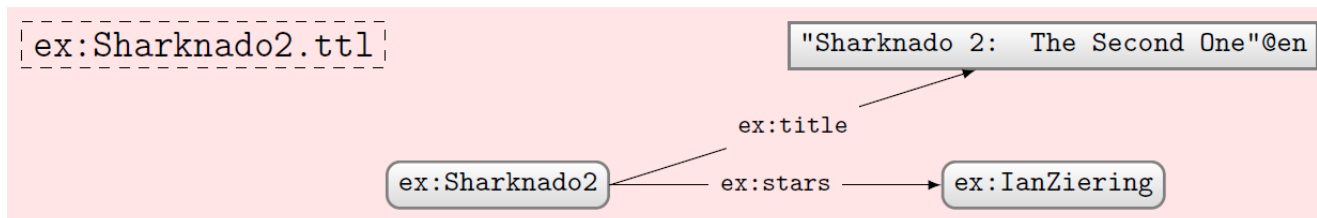
default graph



`ex:Sharknado.ttl`



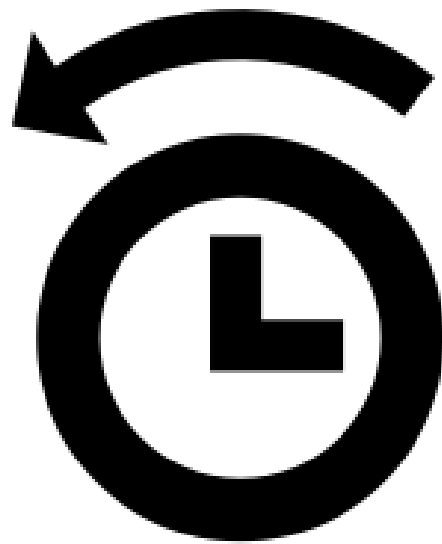
`ex:Sharknado2.ttl`



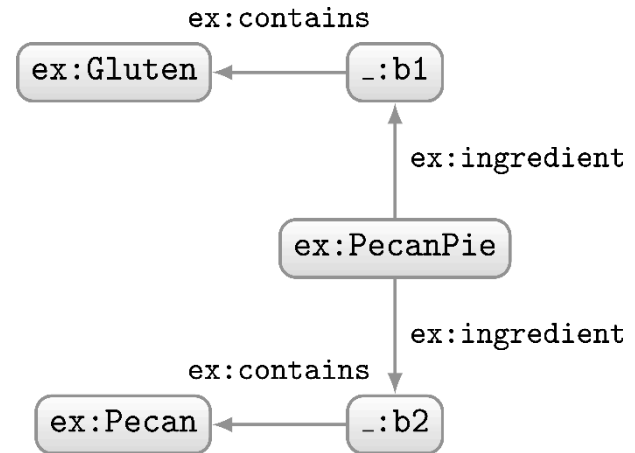
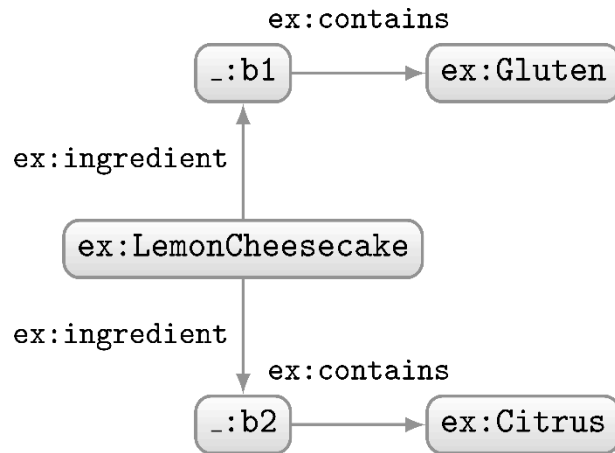
CREATING A DATASET FOR A QUERY

- Say we have dataset $D = (G, \{(G_1, n_1), \dots, (G_k, n_k)\})$
- A query can pick an active dataset from the named graphs
- **FROM**
 - Used to define a default graph for the query using graph names
 - If multiple graphs are specified, they are RDF-merged
- **FROM NAMED**
 - Used to select the active named graphs to be used for the query

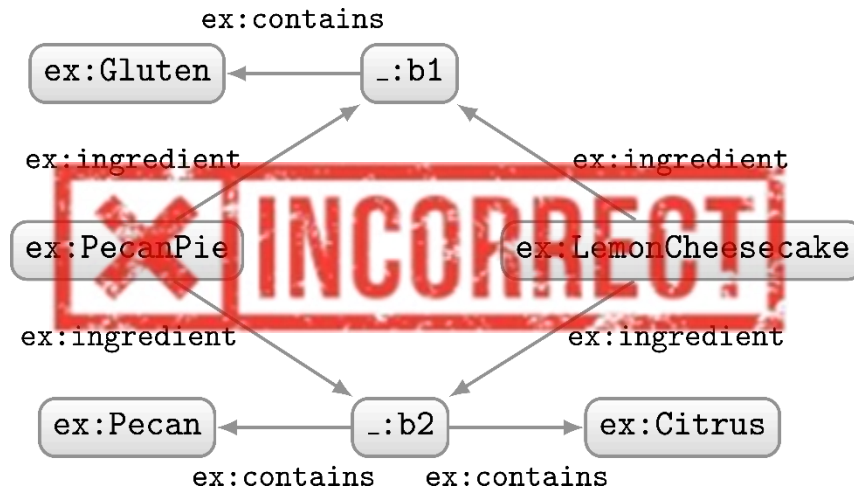
Using either feature clears the index dataset



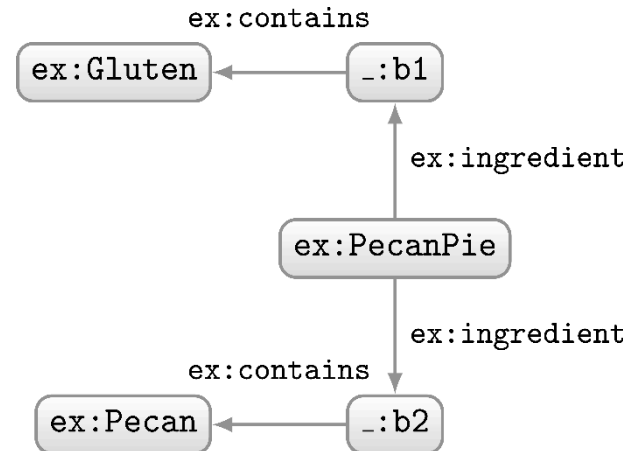
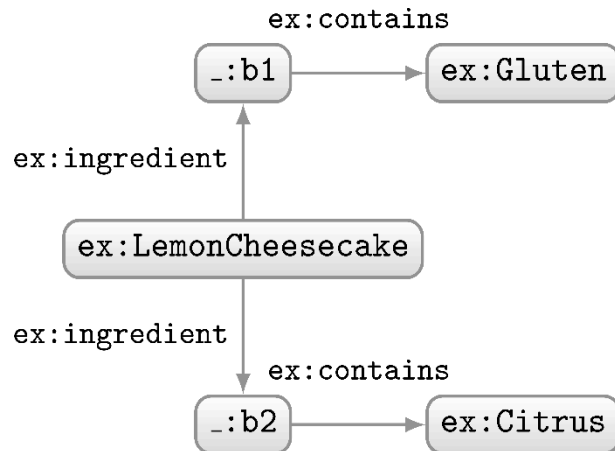
RDF MERGE: A QUICK REMINDER



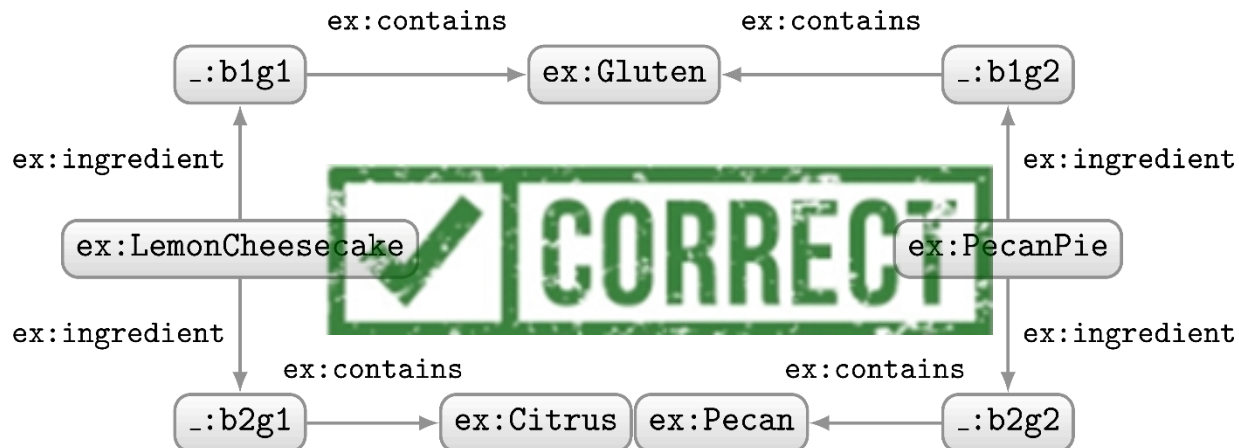
How should we combine these two RDF graphs?



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CREATING A DATASET FOR A QUERY

- Indexed dataset: $D = \{G, (G_1, n_1), \dots, (G_k, n_k)\}$
- Query dataset (no **FROM**/**FROM NAMED**): D

- Query dataset D' (example 1):

FROM n_1

FROM n_2

FROM NAMED n_3

FROM NAMED n_4

$\rightarrow D' = \{G_1 \uplus G_2, (G_3, n_3), (G_4, n_4)\}$

- Query dataset D' (example 2):

FROM n_1

FROM n_2

$\rightarrow D' = \{G_1 \uplus G_2\}$

($\uplus$ indicates RDF merge)

CREATING A DATASET FOR A QUERY

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FROM n_2

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FROM NAMED n_4

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FROM n_1

FROM n_2

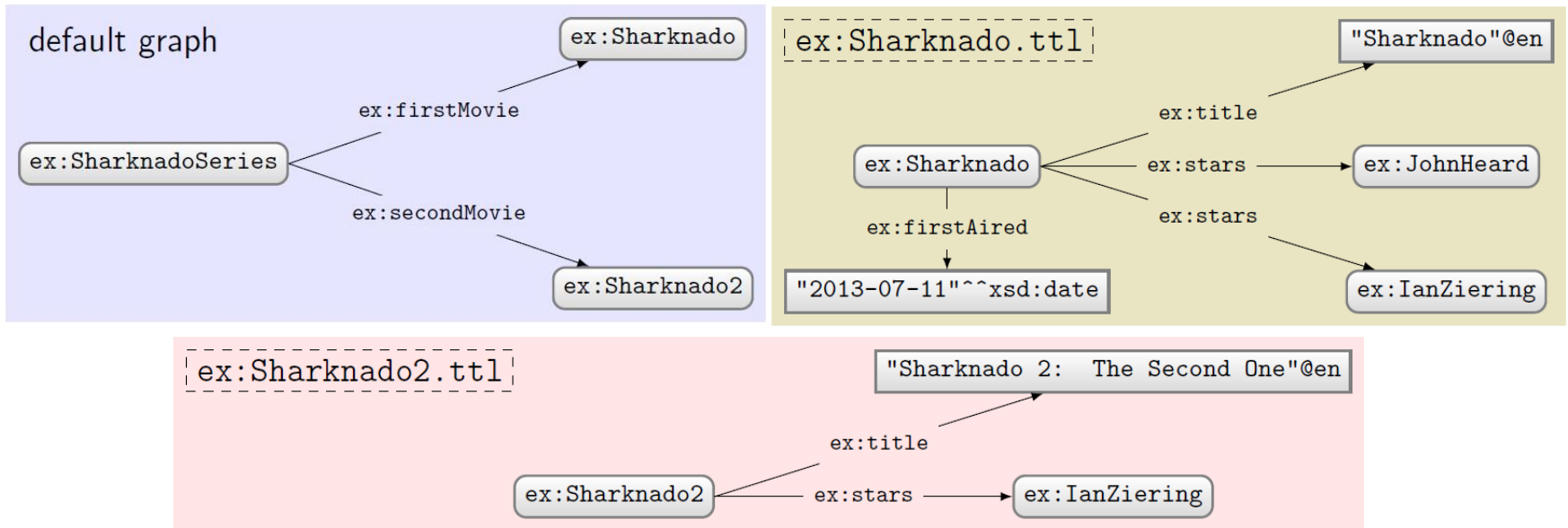
$\rightarrow D' = (G_1 \uplus G_2, \{\})$

($\uplus$ indicates RDF merge)

QUERYING THE NAMED GRAPHS IN A DATASET

- We can query parts of the dataset using **GRAPH**
 - Specifies the IRI of a named graph over which the pattern is evaluated
 - Can also be a variable that ranges over all named graphs
 - Does not access the default graph!
 - If not specified, default graph is accessed

AN EXAMPLE QUERY



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE { ?s ?p ?o }
```

What solutions would this query return?

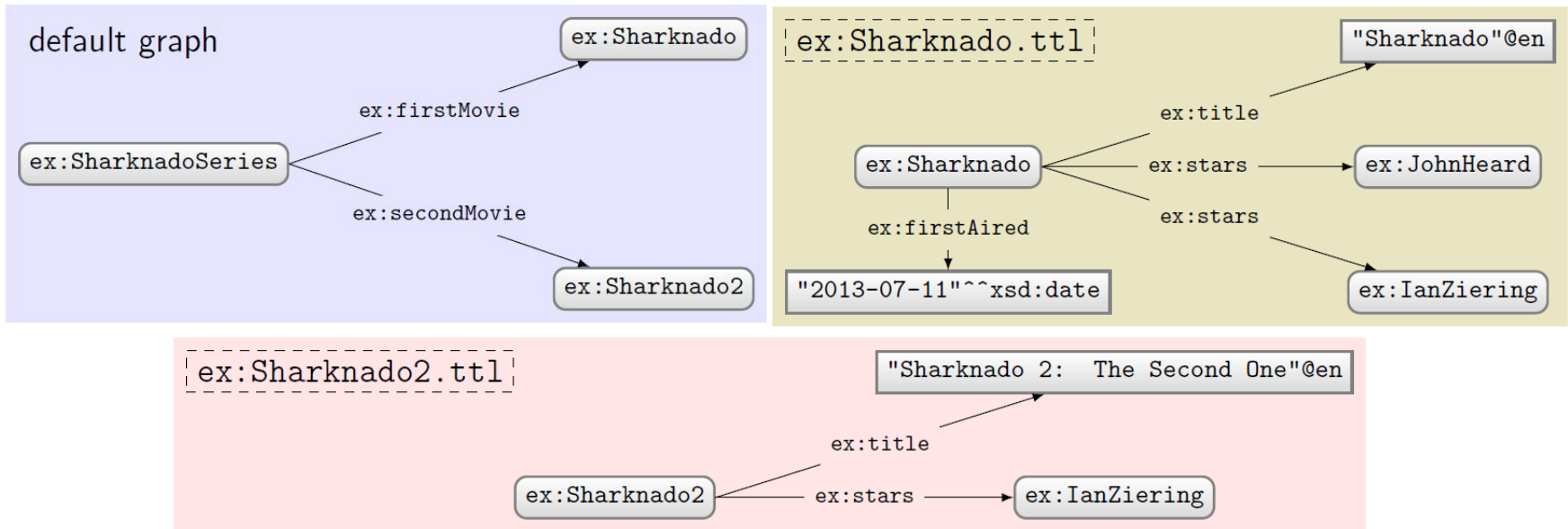
Solutions:

?s

ex:SharknadoSeries

No GRAPH clause so answers
come from default graph only

USING FROM



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
FROM ex:Sharknado.ttl
FROM ex:Sharknado2.ttl
SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE { ?s ?p ?o }
```

What solutions would this query return?

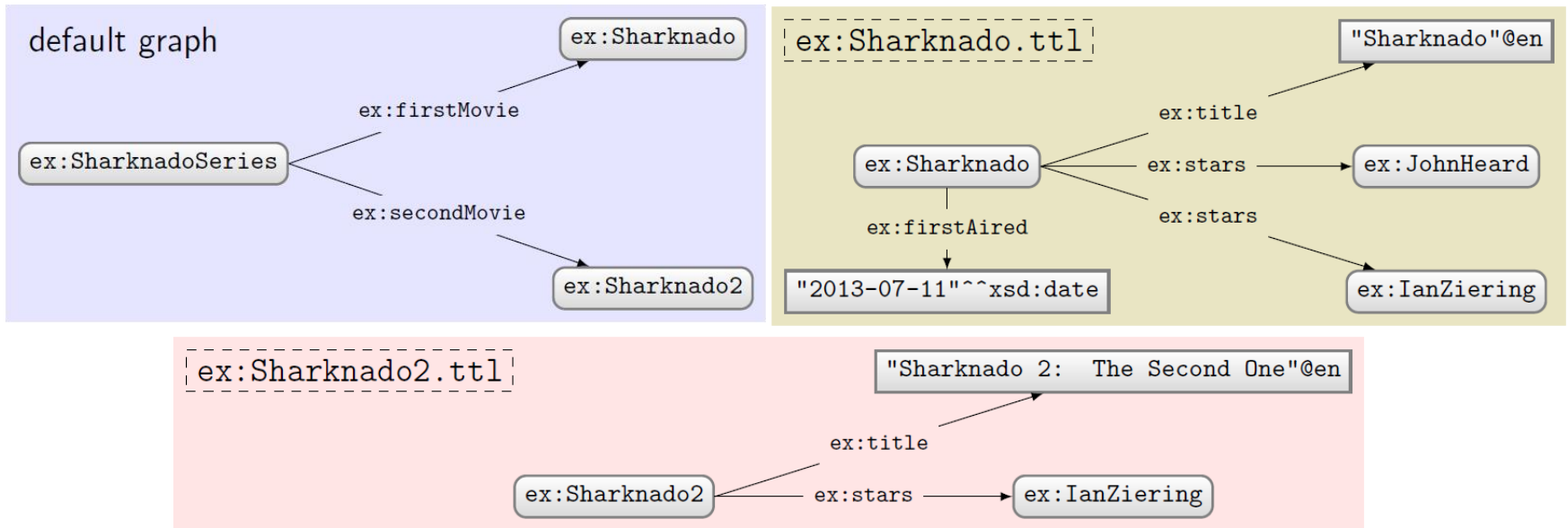
Solutions:

?s

ex:Sharknado
ex:Sharknado2

No GRAPH clause so answers come from default graph defined by FROM (old default graph cleared)

USING FROM NAMED



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
FROM NAMED ex:Sharknado.ttl
SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE { ?s ?p ?o }
```

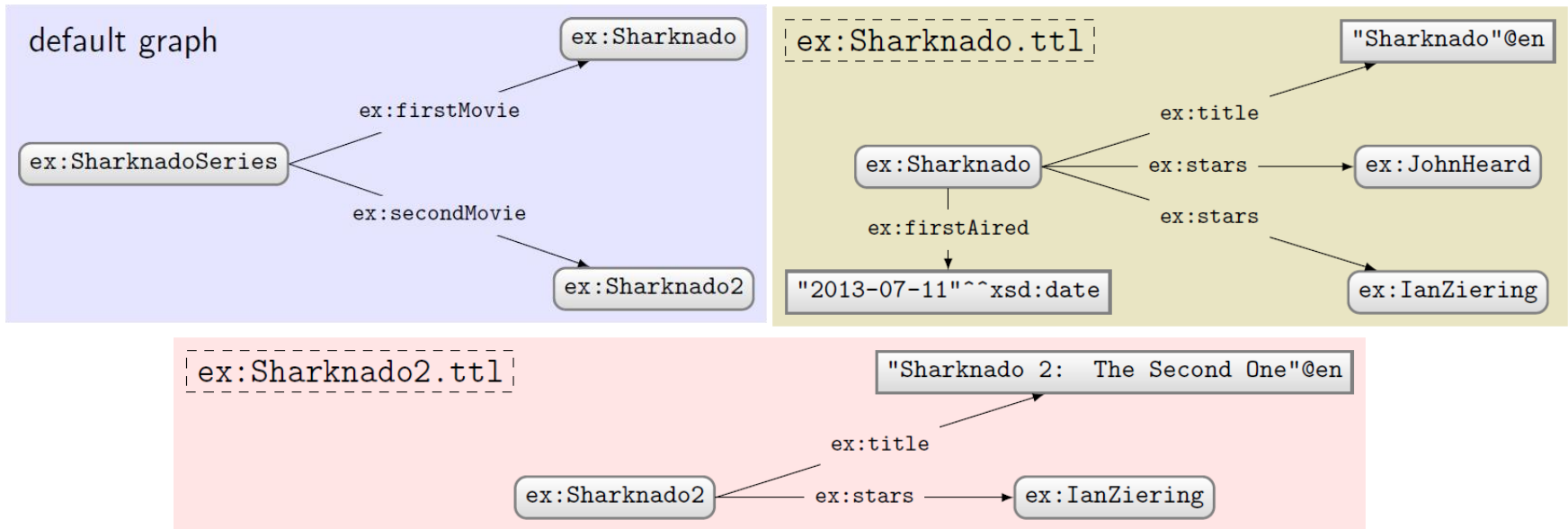
What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?s

No GRAPH clause so answers come from default graph, which is empty (since old default graph cleared)!

USING GRAPH WITH A VARIABLE



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?s ?g
WHERE { GRAPH ?g { ?s ?p ?o } }
```

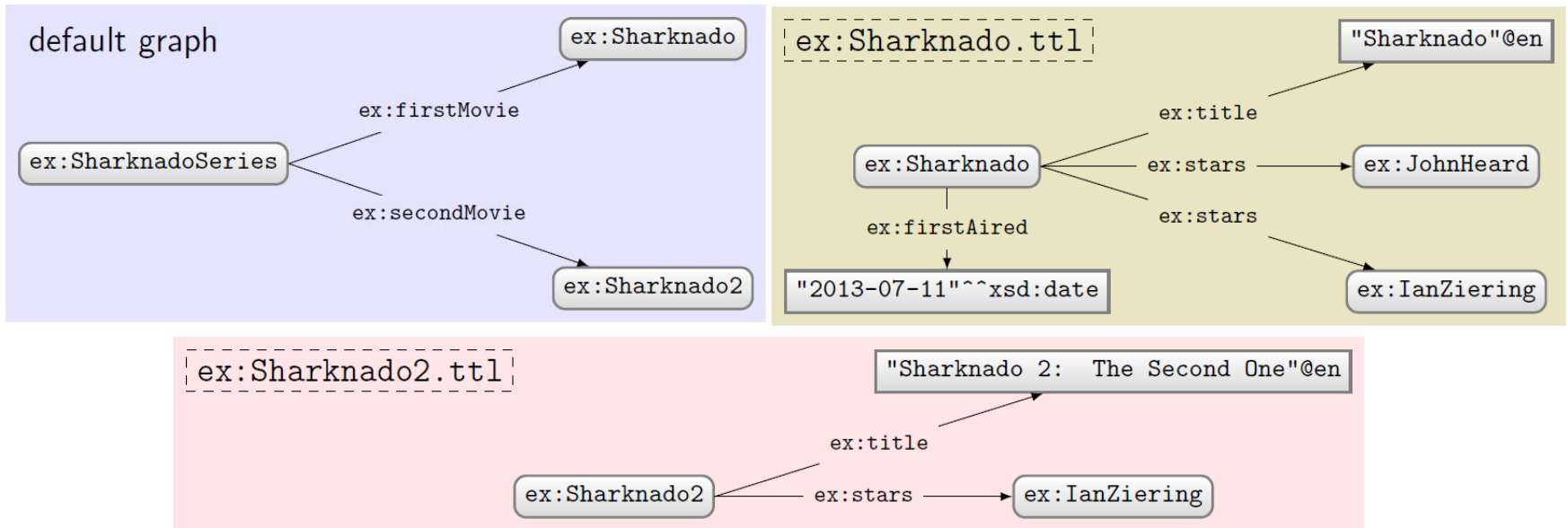
What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?s	?g
ex:Sharknado	ex:Sharknado.ttl
ex:Sharknado2	ex:Sharknado2.ttl

GRAPH clause only ranges over the named graphs.

USING GRAPH WITH A NAME



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE {
  GRAPH ex:Sharknado.ttl { ?s ?p ?o }
}
```

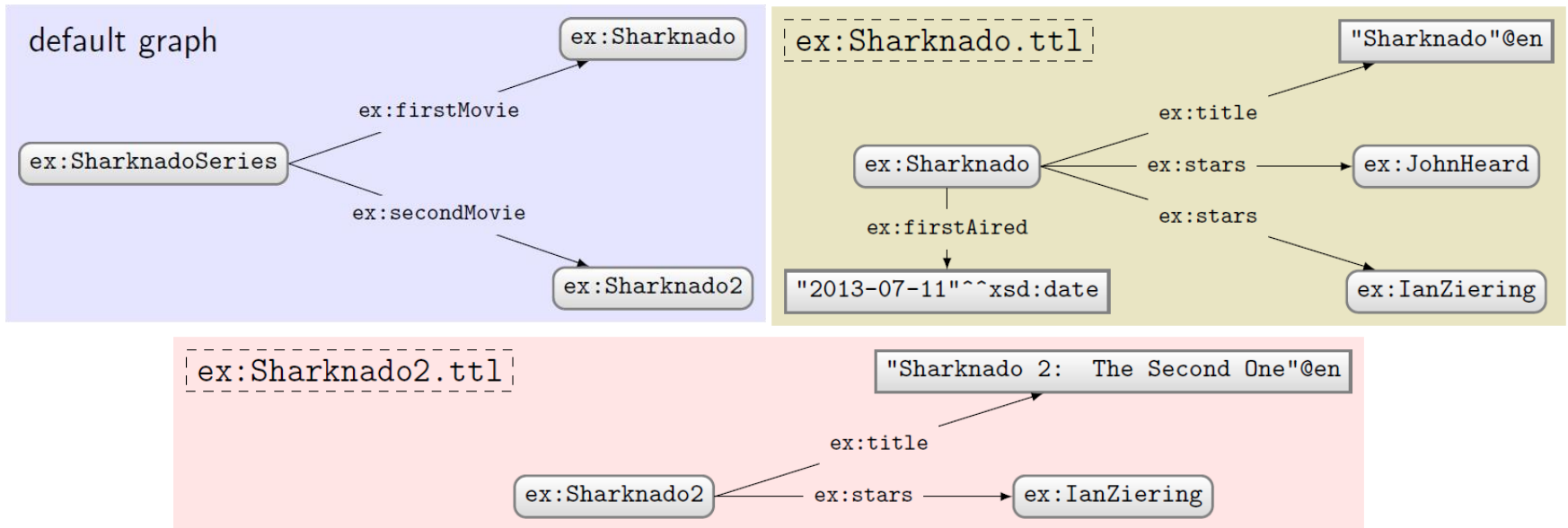
What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?s

ex:Sharknado

USING GRAPH WITH FROM



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
FROM ex:Sharknado.ttl
SELECT DISTINCT ?s ?g
WHERE {
  GRAPH ?g { ?s ?p ?o }
}
```

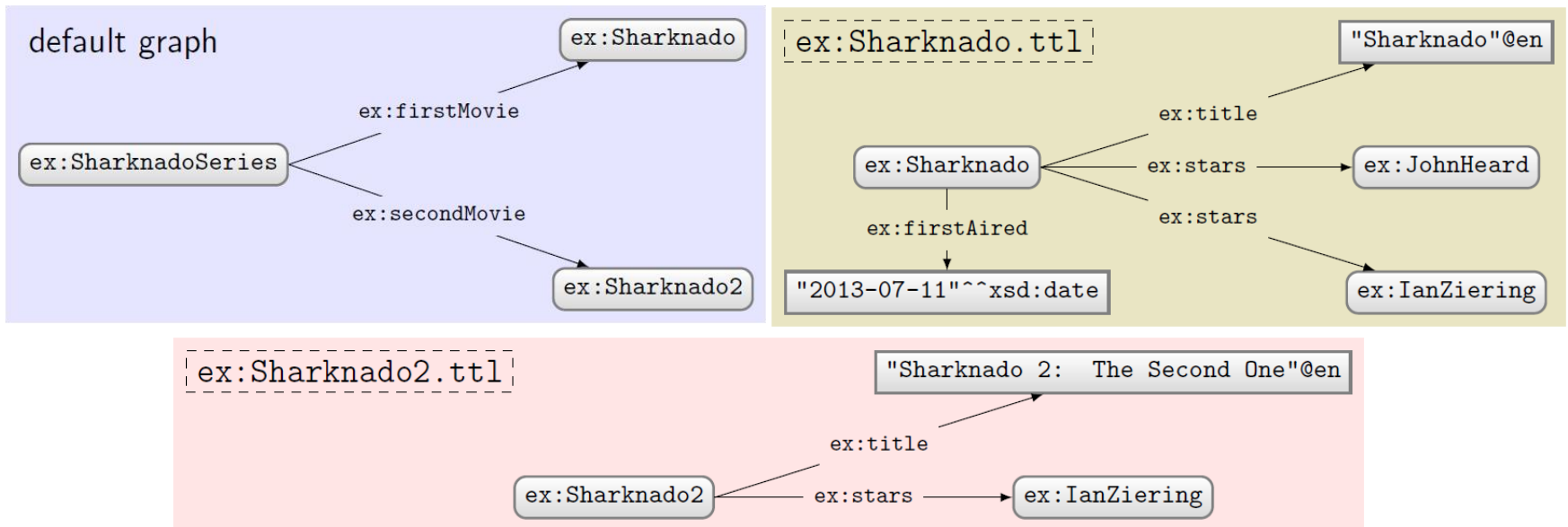
What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?s	?g
----	----

No named graphs specified!

USING GRAPH WITH FROM NAMED



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
FROM NAMED ex:Sharknado.ttl
SELECT DISTINCT ?s ?g
WHERE {
  GRAPH ?g { ?s ?p ?o }
}
```

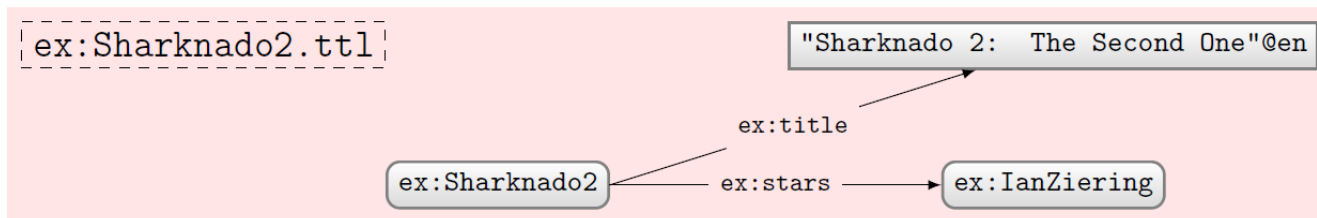
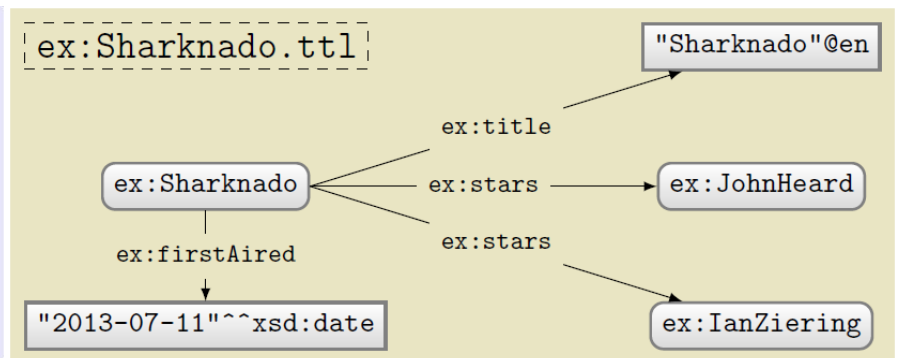
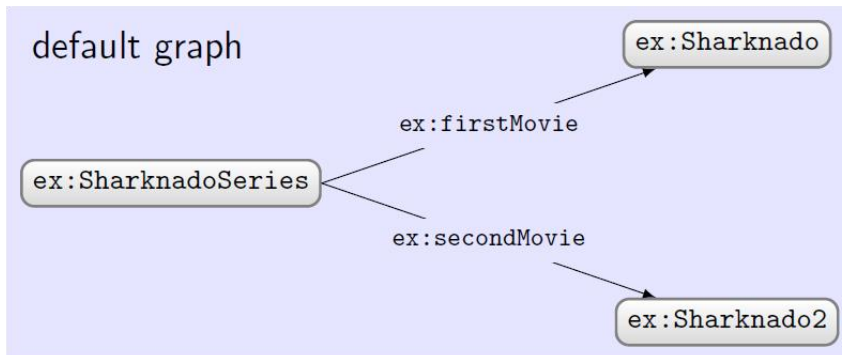
What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?s	?g
ex:Sharknado	ex:Sharknado.ttl

GRAPH accesses the one and only named graph

USING GRAPH WITH FROM AND FROM NAMED



Query:

```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/voc#>
FROM ex:Sharknado2.ttl
FROM NAMED ex:Sharknado.ttl
SELECT DISTINCT ?x ?q
WHERE {
  GRAPH ?g { ?s ?p ?o }
  ?x ?q ?o .
}
```

What solutions would this query return?

Solutions:

?x	?q
ex:Sharknado2	ex:stars



SPARQL (1.1)

First SPARQL (1.0)
Then SPARQL 1.1

QUESTIONS?

