

OWL 2

The Next Generation



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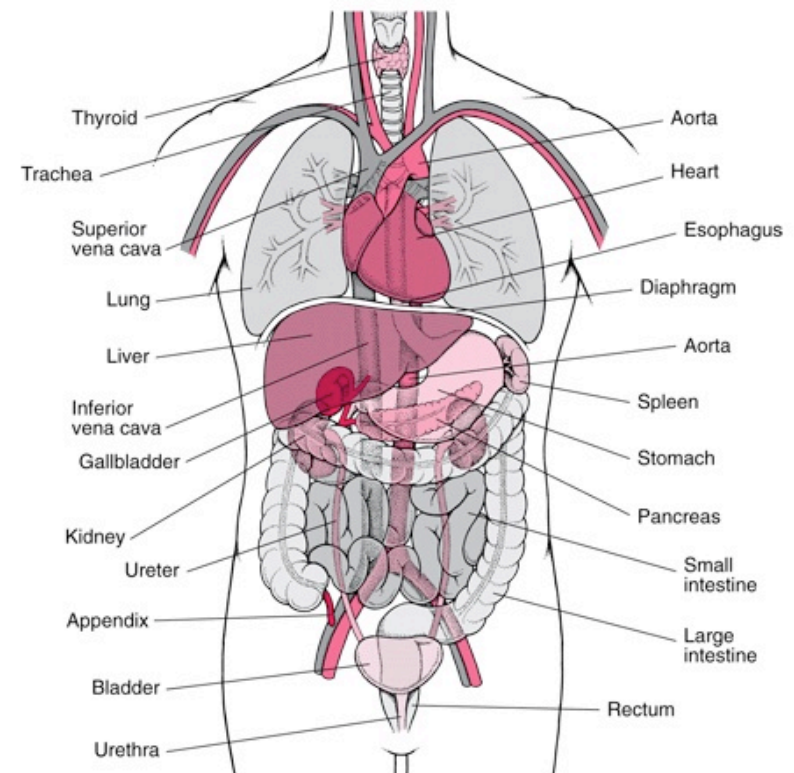




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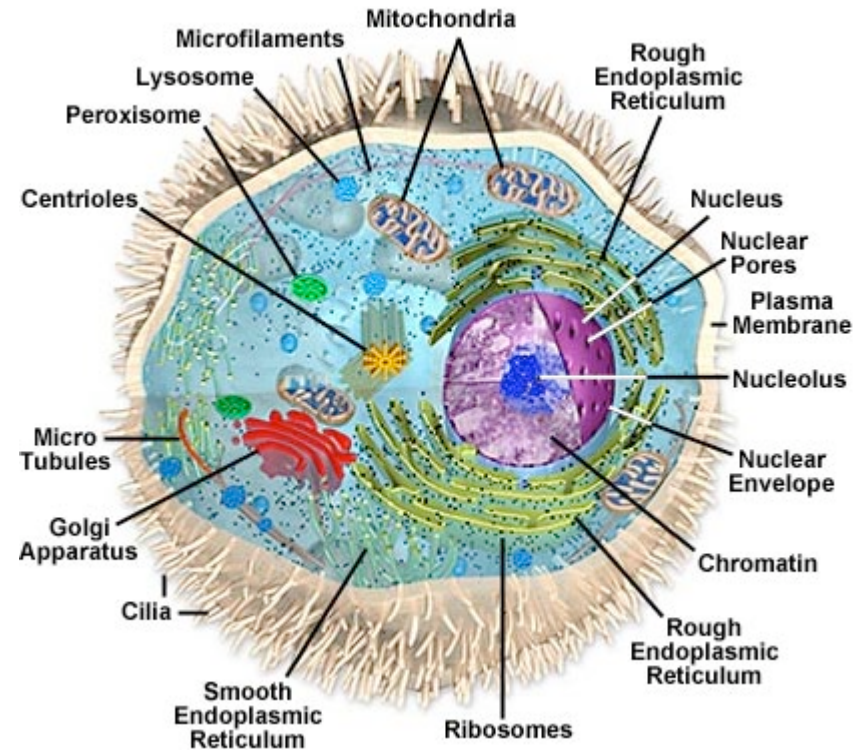




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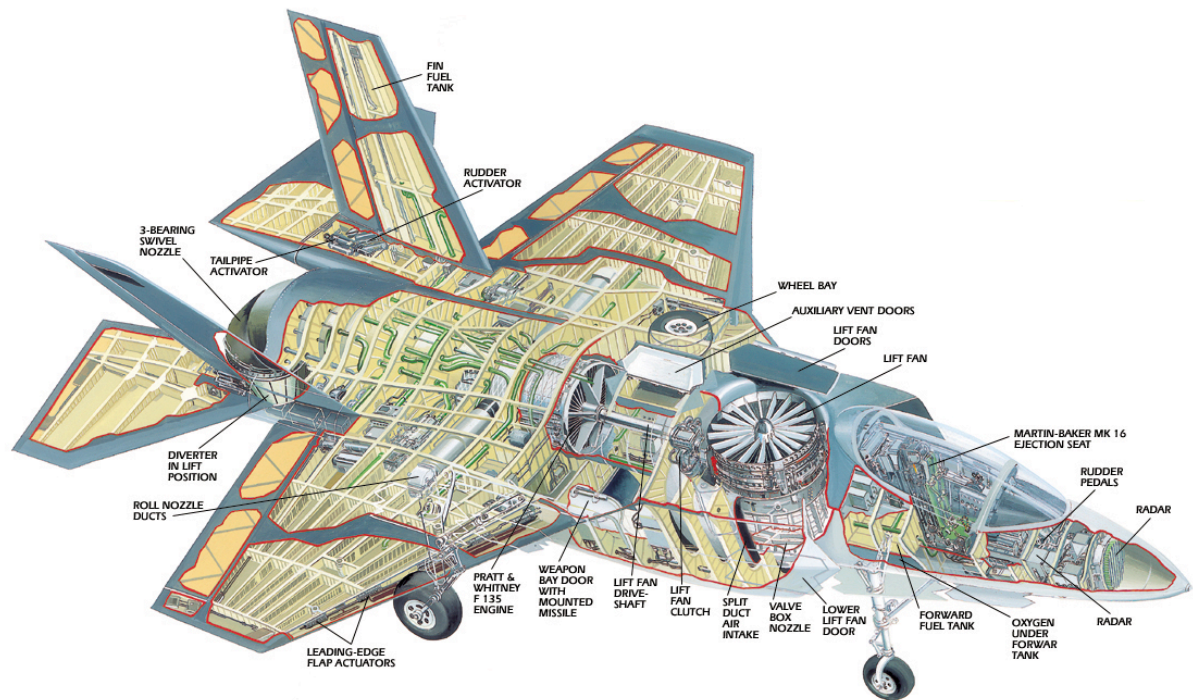




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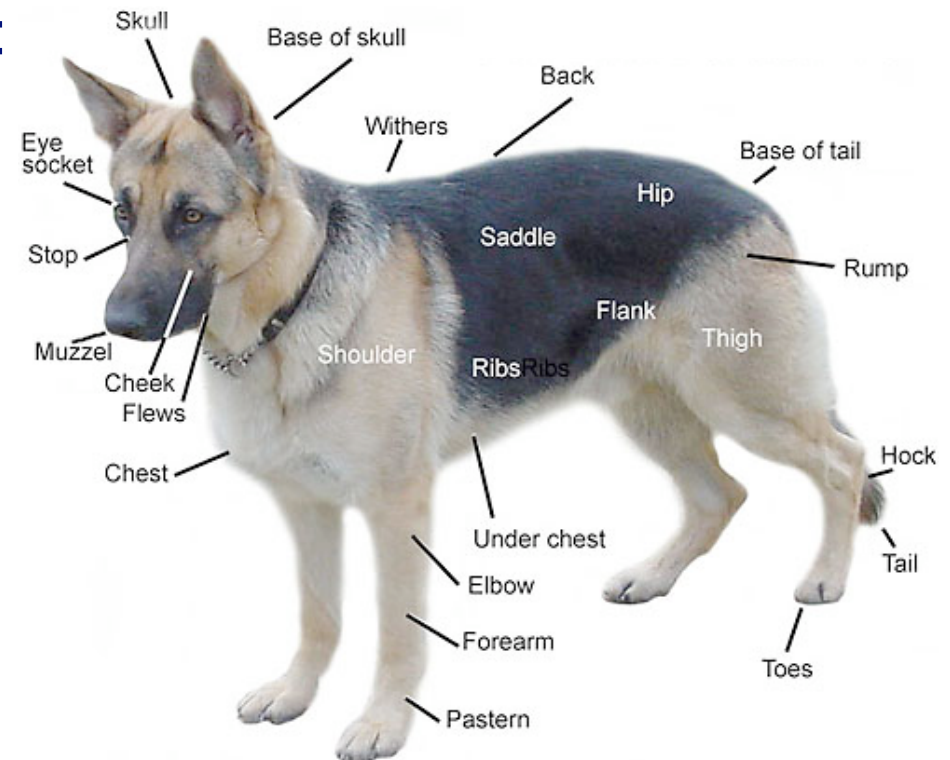




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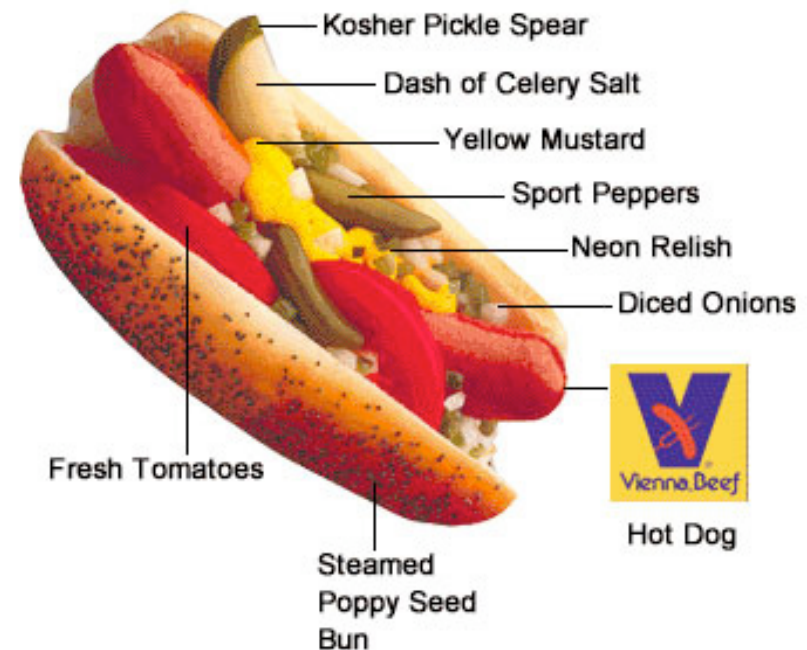




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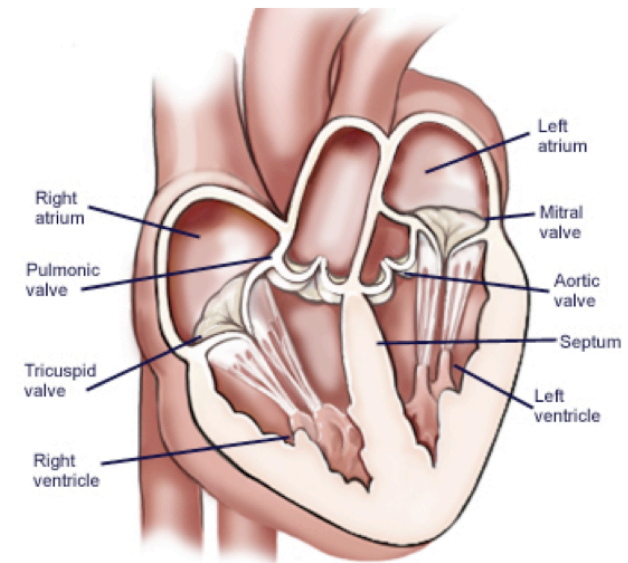


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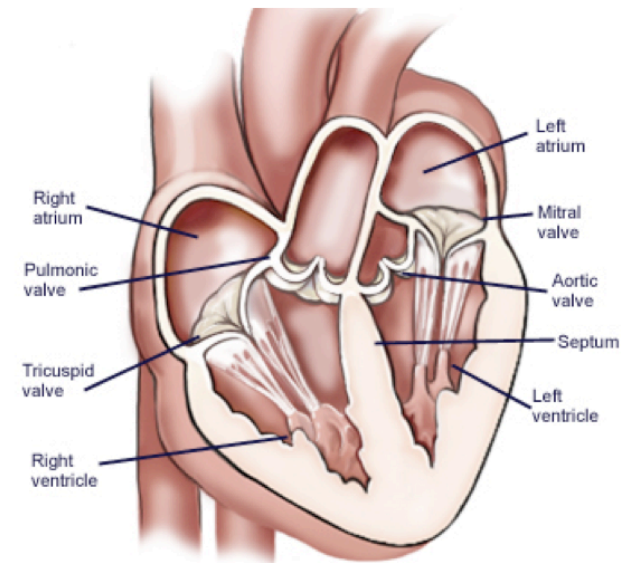
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- **Formalised** using suitable logic

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The Web Ontology Language OWL

- Motivated by **Semantic Web** activity
 - Add meaning to web content by annotating it with terms defined in ontologies
- Developed by **W3C** WebOnt working group
 - Based on earlier languages **RDF**, **OIL** and **DAML+OIL**
 - Became a **recommendation** on 10 Feb 2004
- Supported by **tools and infrastructure**
 - APIs (e.g., OWL API, Thea, OWLink)
 - Development environments (e.g., Protégé, TopBraid Composer)
 - Reasoners & Information Systems (e.g., Pellet, Hermit, Quonto)
- Based on a **Description Logic** (*SHOIN*)





Description Logics (DLs)

- Fragments of **first order logic** designed for KR
- Desirable computational properties
 - **Decidable** (essential)
 - Low complexity (desirable)
- Succinct and **quantifier free syntax**

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Description Logics (DLs)

DL **Knowledge Base** (KB) consists of two parts:

- Ontology (aka **TBox**) axioms define terminology (schema)

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{MuscularOrgan} \sqcap$
 $\exists \text{isPartOf}.\text{CirculatorySystem}$

$\text{HeartDisease} \equiv \text{Disease} \sqcap$
 $\exists \text{affects}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{VascularDisease} \equiv \text{Disease} \sqcap$
 $\exists \text{affects} . (\exists \text{isPartOf} . \text{CirculatorySystem})$

- Ground facts (aka **ABox**) use the terminology (data)

$\text{John} : \text{Patient} \sqcap$
 $\exists \text{suffersFrom} . \text{HeartDisease}$



What are Ontologies Good For?

- Coherent **user-centric view** of domain
 - Help identify and resolve disagreements
- Ontology-based **Information Systems**
 - View of data that is independent of logical/physical schema
 - Queries use terms familiar to users
 - Answers reflect knowledge & data, e.g.:
 - “Patients suffering from Vascular Disease”
 - Query navigation/refinement
 - Incomplete and semi-structured data
 - Integration of heterogeneous sources



Now... *that* should clear up a few things around here



Experience with OWL

- OWL playing **key role** in increasing number & range of applications
 - eScience, eCommerce, geography, engineering, defence, ...
 - E.g., OWL tools used to **identify and repair errors in a medical ontology**:
“would have led to missed test results if not corrected”
- Experience of **OWL in use** has identified restrictions:
 - on **expressivity**
 - on **scalability**

These restrictions are problematic in some applications

- **Research** has now shown how some restrictions can be overcome
- **W3C** OWL WG has updated OWL accordingly
 - Result is called OWL 2
- OWL 2 is now a **Proposed Recommendation**





OWL 2 in a Nutshell

- **Extends OWL** with a small but useful set of features
 - That are needed in applications
 - For which semantics and reasoning techniques are well understood
 - That tool builders are willing and able to support
- Adds **profiles**
 - Language subsets with useful computational properties
- Is **fully backwards compatible** with OWL:
 - Every OWL ontology is a valid OWL 2 ontology
 - Every OWL 2 ontology not using new features is a valid OWL ontology
- Already supported by popular **OWL tools** & infrastructure:
 - Protégé, HermiT, Pellet, FaCT++, OWL API





What's New in OWL 2?

Four kinds of new feature:

- **Increased expressive power**
 - qualified cardinality restrictions, e.g.:
persons having two friends **who are republicans**
 - property **chains**, e.g.:
the **brother of your parent** is your uncle
 - **local reflexivity** restrictions, e.g.:
narcissists love **themselves**
 - **reflexive, irreflexive, and asymmetric** properties, e.g.:
nothing can be a **proper part of itself** (irreflexive)
 - **disjoint** properties, e.g.:
you can't be both the **parent of and child of** the same person
 - **keys**, e.g.:
country + license plate constitute a **unique identifier** for vehicles





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format of Italian registration plates:
`xsd:string xsd:pattern "[A-Z]{2} [0-9]{3}[A-Z]{2}"`





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- **Metamodelling and annotations**
 - Restricted form of metamodelling via “punning”, e.g.:
 - `SnowLeopard` subClassOf `BigCat` (i.e., a **class**)
 - `SnowLeopard` type `EndangeredSpecies` (i.e., an **individual**)
 - Annotations of axioms as well as entities, e.g.:
 - `SnowLeopard` type `EndangeredSpecies` (“**source: WWF**”)
 - Even annotations of annotations





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- **Syntactic sugar**

- Disjoint unions, e.g.:

Element is the **DisjointUnion** of Earth Wind Fire Water

i.e., Element is equivalent to the union of Earth Wind Fire Water

Earth Wind Fire Water are pair-wise disjoint

- Negative assertions, e.g.:

Mary **is not** a sister of Ian

21 **is not** the age of Ian 





Alternative Syntaxes

- Normative exchange syntax is [RDF/XML](#)

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="#Heart">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Class>
      <owl:intersectionOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
        <rdf:Description rdf:about="#MuscularOrgan"/>
        <owl:Restriction>
          <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="#isPartOf"/>
          <owl:someValuesFrom rdf:resource="#CirculatorySystem"/>
        </owl:Restriction>
      </owl:intersectionOf>
    </owl:Class>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
  <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="&owl;Thing"/>
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EquivalentClasses(Heart  
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<EquivalentClasses>
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  <ObjectIntersectionOf>
    <Class URI="MuscularOrgan"/>
    <ObjectSomeValuesFrom>
      <ObjectProperty URI="isPartOf"/>
      <Class URI="CirculatorySystem"/>
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- Manchester syntax for better readability

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EquivalentTo: [MuscularOrgan](#)

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Profiles

- OWL only **useful in practice** if we can deal with large ontologies and/or large data sets
- Unfortunately, OWL is worst case highly intractable
 - OWL 2 ontology satisfiability is **2NEXPTIME-complete**
- Possible solution is **profiles**: language subsets with useful computational properties
- OWL defined one such profile: **OWL Lite**
 - Unfortunately, it isn't tractable either! (EXPTIME-complete)





Profiles

- OWL 2 defines three different tractable profiles:
 - **EL**: polynomial time reasoning for schema and data
 - Useful for ontologies with large conceptual part
 - **QL**: fast (logspace) query answering using RDBMs via SQL
 - Useful for large datasets already stored in RDBs
 - **RL**: fast (polynomial) query answering using rule-extended DBs
 - Useful for large datasets stored as RDF triples





OWL 2 EL

- A (near maximal) fragment of OWL 2 such that
 - Satisfiability checking is in PTime (**PTime-Complete**)
 - Data complexity of query answering also PTime-Complete
- Based on \mathcal{EL} family of description logics
 - Existential (someValuesFrom) + conjunction
- Can exploit **saturation** based reasoning techniques
 - Computes classification in “one pass”
 - Computationally optimal
 - Can be extended to Horn fragment of OWL DL



Saturation-based Technique (basics)

- Normalise ontology axioms to standard form:

$$A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqcap B \sqsubseteq C \quad A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad \exists R.B \sqsubseteq C$$

- Saturate using inference rules:

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad B \sqsubseteq C}{A \sqsubseteq C} \quad \frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq C \quad B \sqcap C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

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- Extension to Horn fragment requires (many) more rules





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Performance with large bio-medical ontologies:

	GO	NCI	Galen v.0	Galen v.7	SNOMED
Concepts:	20465	27652	2748	23136	389472
FACT++	15.24	6.05	465.35	—	650.37
HERMIT	199.52	169.47	45.72	—	—
PELLET	72.02	26.47	—	—	—
CEL	1.84	5.76	—	—	1185.70
CB	1.17	3.57	0.32	9.58	49.44
Speed-Up:	1.57X	1.61X	143X	∞	13.15X



OWL 2 QL

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 - Data complexity of conjunctive query answering in **AC⁰**
- Based on **DL-Lite** family of description logics
 - Existential (someValuesFrom) + conjunction (RHS only)
- Can exploit **query rewriting** based reasoning technique
 - Computationally optimal
 - Data storage and query evaluation can be delegated to standard RDBMS
 - Can be extended to more expressive languages (beyond AC⁰) by delegating query answering to a Datalog engine



Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Given ontology \mathcal{O} and query Q , use \mathcal{O} to rewrite Q as Q' s.t., for any set of ground facts \mathcal{A} :
 - $\text{ans}(Q, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{A}) = \text{ans}(Q', \emptyset, \mathcal{A})$
- Resolution based query rewriting
 - **Clausify** ontology axioms
 - **Saturate** (clausified) ontology and query using resolution
 - **Prune** redundant query clauses



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- For DL-Lite, result is a union of conjunctive queries



Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Data can be stored/left in **RDBMS**
- Relationship between ontology and DB defined by **mappings**, e.g.:

Doctor \mapsto SELECT Name FROM Doctor

Patient \mapsto SELECT Name FROM Patient

treats \mapsto SELECT DName, PName FROM Treats

- UCQ translated into **SQL query**:

```
SELECT Name FROM Doctor UNION
```

```
SELECT DName FROM Treats, Patient WHERE PName=Name
```



OWL 2 RL

- A (near maximal) fragment of OWL 2 such that
 - Can be implemented using standard rule engines
- Closely related to **Description Logic Programms (DLP)**
 - No “existentials” on RHS
 - Suffices to consider Herbrand models
- Can provide **correctness guarantees**
 - For conformant ontologies and atomic queries
 - In other cases results may be incomplete





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Better quality spec

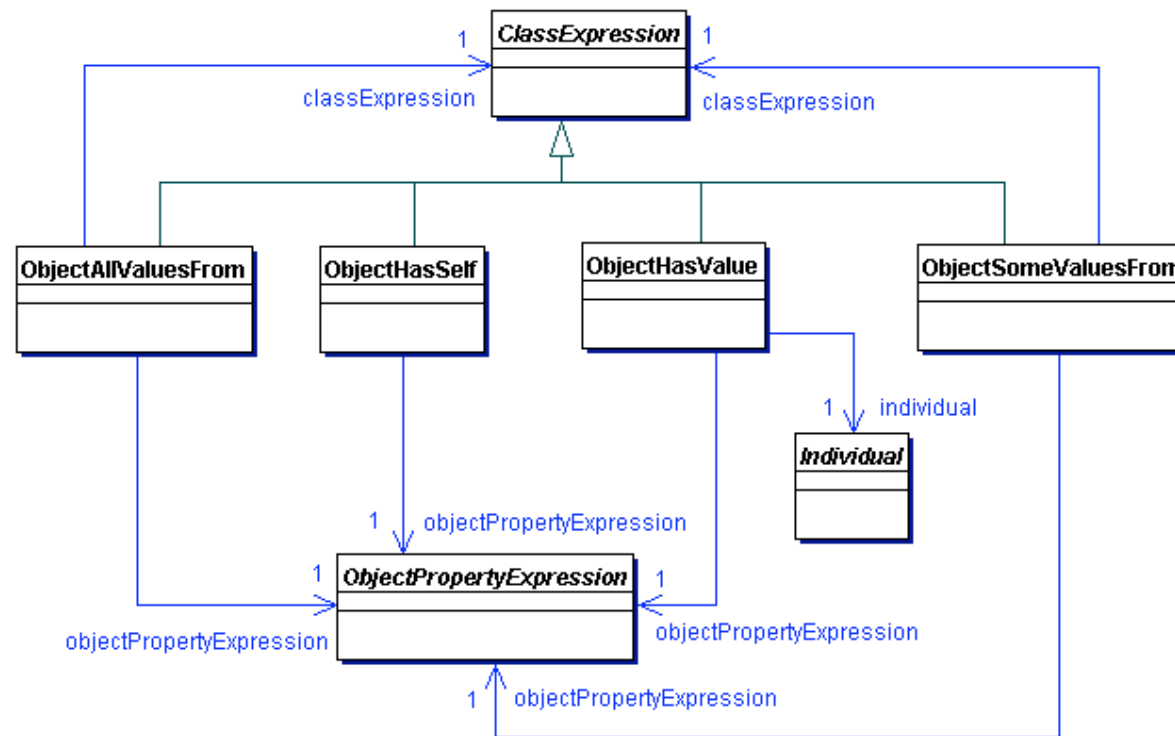




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- Fully formed XML and human readable syntaxes
- Several user facing documents, including Quick Ref





OWL 2 Web Ontology Language Quick Reference Guide

<http://www.w3.org/2007/OWL/refcard>

1 Names, Prefixes, and Notation

Names in OWL 2 are IRIs, often written in a shorthand `prefix:local_name`, where `prefix:` is a prefix name that expands to an IRI, and `local_name` is the remainder of the name. The prefix names in OWL 2 are:

Prefix Name	Expansion
rdf:	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
rdfs:	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
owl:	http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#
xsd:	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#

We use notation conventions in the following table*:

Letters	Meaning	Letters	Meaning
{a1 ... an}	RDF list	n	non-negative integer**
_:a	anonymous individual (a blank node label)	ON	ontology name
_:x	blank node	P	object property expression
a	individual	p	prefix name
A	annotation property	PN	object property name
aN	individual name	R	data property
C	class expression	s	IRI or anonymous individual
CN	class name	t	IRI, anonymous individual, or literal
D	data range	U	IRI
DN	datatype name	v	literal
f	facet		

* All of the above can have subscripts.

** As a shorthand for "n":xsd:nonNegativeInteger

2 OWL 2 constructs and axioms

In the following tables, the three columns are:

Language Feature	Functional Syntax	RDF Syntax
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For an OWL 2 DL ontology, there are additional global restrictions on axioms.

2.1 Class Expressions

Predefined and Named Classes

named class	CN	CN
universal class	owl:Thing	owl:Thing
empty class	owl:Nothing	owl:Nothing

Boolean Connectives and Enumeration of Individuals

intersection	ObjectIntersectionOf (C1...Cn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:intersectionOf (C1... Cn).</code>
union	ObjectUnionOf (C1... Cn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:unionOf (C1... Cn).</code>
complement	ObjectComplementOf (C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:complementOf C.</code>
enumeration	ObjectOneOf(a1 ... an)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:oneOf (a1 ... an).</code>

Object Property Restrictions

universal	ObjectAllValuesFrom (P C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:allValuesFrom C</code>
existential	ObjectSomeValuesFrom (P C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:someValuesFrom C</code>

individual value	ObjectHasValue(P a)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:hasValue a.</code>
local reflexivity	ObjectHasSelf(P)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:hasSelf "true"^^xsd:boolean.</code>
exact cardinality	ObjectExactCardinality (n P)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:cardinality n.</code>
qualified exact cardinality	ObjectExactCardinality (n P C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:qualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.</code>
maximum cardinality	ObjectMaxCardinality (n P)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:minCardinality n.</code>
qualified maximum cardinality	ObjectMaxCardinality (n P C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:minQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.</code>
minimum cardinality	ObjectMinCardinality (n P)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:maxCardinality n.</code>
qualified minimum cardinality	ObjectMinCardinality (n P C)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:maxQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.</code>

Data Property Restrictions

universal	DataAllValuesFrom (R D)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:allValuesFrom D.</code>
existential	DataSomeValuesFrom (R D)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:someValuesFrom D.</code>
literal value	DataHasValue (R v)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:hasValue v.</code>
exact cardinality	DataExactCardinality (n R)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:cardinality n.</code>
qualified exact cardinality	DataExactCardinality (n R D)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:qualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onDataRange D.</code>
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Restrictions Using n-ary Data Range

In the following table 'Dn' is an n-ary data range.

n-ary universal	DataAllValuesFrom (R1 ... Rn Dn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperties (R1 ... Rn). _:x owl:allValuesFrom Dn.</code>
n-ary existential	DataSomeValuesFrom (R1 ... Rn Dn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperties (R1 ... Rn). _:x owl:someValuesFrom Dn.</code>

2.2 Properties

Object Property Expressions

named object property	PN	PN
universal object property	owl:topObjectProperty	owl:topObjectProperty
empty object property	owl:bottomObjectProperty	owl:bottomObjectProperty
inverse property	ObjectInverseOf(PN)	<code>_:x owl:inverseOf PN</code>

Data Property Expressions

named data property	R	R
universal data property	owl:topDataProperty	owl:topDataProperty
empty data property	owl:bottomDataProperty	owl:bottomDataProperty

2.3 Individuals & Literals

named individual	aN	aN
anonymous individual	_:a	_:a
literal (datatype value)	"abc"^^DN	"abc"^^DN

2.4 Data Ranges

Data Range Expressions

named datatype	DN	DN
data range complement	DataComplementOf (D)	<code>_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:datatypeComplementOf D.</code>
data range intersection	DataIntersectionOf (D1...Dn)	<code>_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:intersectionOf (D1... Dn).</code>
data range union	DataUnionOf (D1...Dn)	<code>_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:unionOf (D1... Dn).</code>
literal enumeration	DataOneOf (v1 ... vn)	<code>_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:oneOf (v1 ... vn).</code>
datatype restriction	DatatypeRestriction (DN f1 v1 ... fn vn)	<code>_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:onDatatype DN. _:x owl:withRestrictions (_:x1 ... :xn).</code>

2.5 Axioms

Class Expression Axioms

subclass	SubClassOf(C1 C2)	C1 rdfs:subClassOf C2.
equivalent classes	EquivalentClasses (C1 ... Cn)	Cj owl:equivalentClass Cj+1. j=1...n-1
disjoint classes	DisjointClasses(C1 C2)	C1 owl:disjointWith C2.
pairwise disjoint classes	DisjointClasses (C1 ... Cn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:AllDisjointClasses. _:x owl:members (C1 ... Cn).</code>
disjoint union	DisjointUnionOf (CN C1 ... Cn)	CN owl:disjointUnionOf (C1 ... Cn).

Object Property Axioms

subproperty	SubObjectPropertyOf (P1 P2)	P1 rdfs:subPropertyOf P2.
property chain inclusion	SubObjectPropertyOf (ObjectPropertyChain (P1 ... Pn) P)	P owl:propertyChainAxiom (P1 ... Pn).
property domain	ObjectPropertyDomain (P C)	P rdfs:domain C.
property range	ObjectPropertyRange(P C)	P rdfs:range C.
equivalent properties	EquivalentObjectProperties (P1 ... Pn)	Pj owl:equivalentProperty Pj+1. j=1...n-1
disjoint properties	DisjointObjectProperties (P1 P2)	P1 owl:propertyDisjointWith P2.
pairwise disjoint properties	DisjointObjectProperties (P1 ... Pn)	<code>_:x rdf:type owl:AllDisjointProperties. _:x owl:members (P1 ... Pn).</code>
inverse properties	InverseObjectProperties (P1 P2)	P1 owl:inverseOf P2.



OWL 2 Documentation Roadmap

Part	Type	Document
1	For Users	Document Overview . A quick overview of the OWL 2 specification that includes a description of its relationship to OWL 1. This is the starting point and primary reference point for OWL 2.
2	Core Specification	Structural Specification and Functional-Style Syntax defines the constructs of OWL 2 ontologies in terms of both their structure and a functional-style syntax, and defines OWL 2 DL ontologies in terms of global restrictions on OWL 2 ontologies.
3	Core Specification	Mapping to RDF Graphs defines a mapping of the OWL 2 constructs into RDF graphs, and thus defines the primary means of exchanging OWL 2 ontologies in the Semantic Web.
4	Core Specification	Direct Semantics defines the meaning of OWL 2 ontologies in terms of a model-theoretic semantics.
5	Core Specification	RDF-Based Semantics defines the meaning of OWL 2 ontologies via an extension of the RDF Semantics .
6	Core Specification	Conformance provides requirements for OWL 2 tools and a set of test cases to help determine conformance.
7	Specification	Profiles defines three sub-languages of OWL 2 that offer important advantages in particular applications scenarios.
8	For Users	OWL 2 Primer provides an approachable introduction to OWL 2, including orientation for those coming from other disciplines.
9	For Users	OWL 2 New Features and Rationale provides an overview of the main new features of OWL 2 and motivates their inclusion in the language.
10	For Users	OWL 2 Quick Reference Guide provides a brief guide to the constructs of OWL 2, noting the changes from OWL 1.
11	Specification	XML Serialization defines an XML syntax for exchanging OWL 2 ontologies, suitable for use with XML tools like schema-based editors and XQuery/XPath.
12	Specification	Manchester Syntax (WG Note) defines an easy-to-read, but less formal, syntax for OWL 2 that is used in some OWL 2 user interface tools and is also used in the Primer .
13	Specification	Data Range Extension: Linear Equations (WG Note) specifies an optional extension to OWL 2 which supports advanced constraints on the values of properties.



Thank you for listening

Any questions?

Resources:

- OWL 2 Proposed Recommendation
 - http://www.w3.org/2007/OWL/wiki/OWL_Working_Group#Deliverables

