



Transforming between RDF and XML with XSPARQL

Net2 Tutorial

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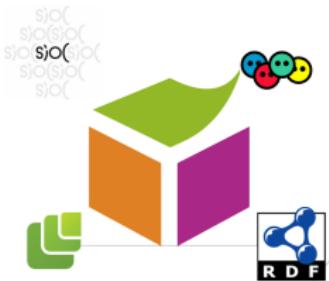


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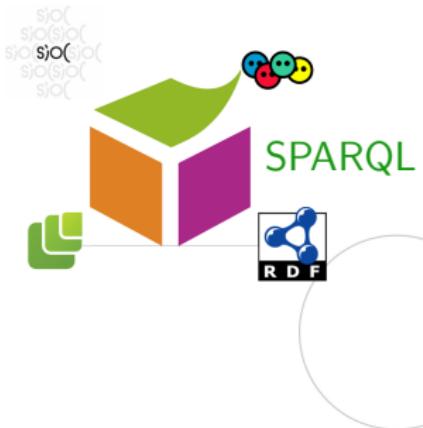
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Objective: language capable of integrating heterogeneous sources for the Semantic Web

Why are such transformations needed? (I)



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Possible solution for the heterogeneous message formats

- Store your data in RDF
- Convert it to the required XML format when necessary

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Creating (X)HTML from an RDF backend (under development):
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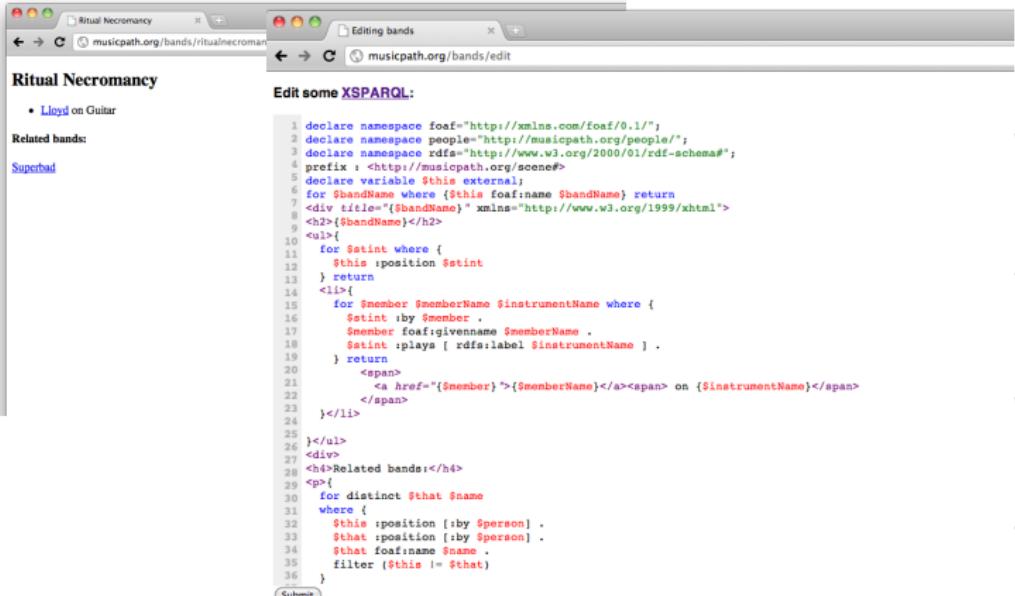
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 - Lloyd on Guitar
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Three large, semi-transparent circular outlines are overlaid on the right side of the slide, suggesting network connections or data flow.

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Edit some XSPARQL:

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2 declare namespace people="http://musicpath.org/people/";
3 declare namespace rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#";
4 prefix : <http://musicpath.org/scene#>
5 declare variable $this external;
6 for $bandName where {this foaf:name $bandName} return
7 <div title="{$bandName}" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8 <h2>{$bandName}</h2>
9 <ul>
10   for $stint where {
11     $this :position $stint
12   } return
13   <li>
14     for $member $memberName $instrumentName where {
15       $stint :by $member .
16       $member foaf:givenname $memberName .
17       $stint :plays [ rdfs:label $instrumentName ] .
18     } return
19     <span>
20       <a href="{$member}">{$memberName}</a><span> on {$instrumentName}</span>
21     </span>
22   </li>
23 </ul>
24 </div>
25 <h4>Related bands:</h4>
26 <p>{
27   for distinct $that $name
28   where {
29     $this :position [:by $person] .
30     $that :position [:by $person] .
31     $that foaf:name $name .
32     filter ($this != $that)
33   }
34 }
35 }
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Ritual Necromancy

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Artist

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Tag

Upplands Väsby, Sweden (1987 - present)

There is more than one artist with this name:

1) Therion, formerly known as **Blitzkrieg** (1987–1988) and **Megatherion** (1988), is a **symphonic metal** band founded by **Christofer Johnsson** in Upplands Väsby, Sweden in 1987.

Therion was initially a **death metal** band, however starting with 1995's **Lepaca Kliffoth**, Therion began to gradually incorporate symphonic elements into their metal music. The band has seen many changes in line-up and style throughout its history with **Christofer Johnsson** being the only constant member.

Read more... | Edit

Popular tags: symphonic metal, gothic metal, death metal, metal, progressive metal. See more | Tag this

Shows: 2,200 shows

Share this artist:

Send | Tweet | 24 people

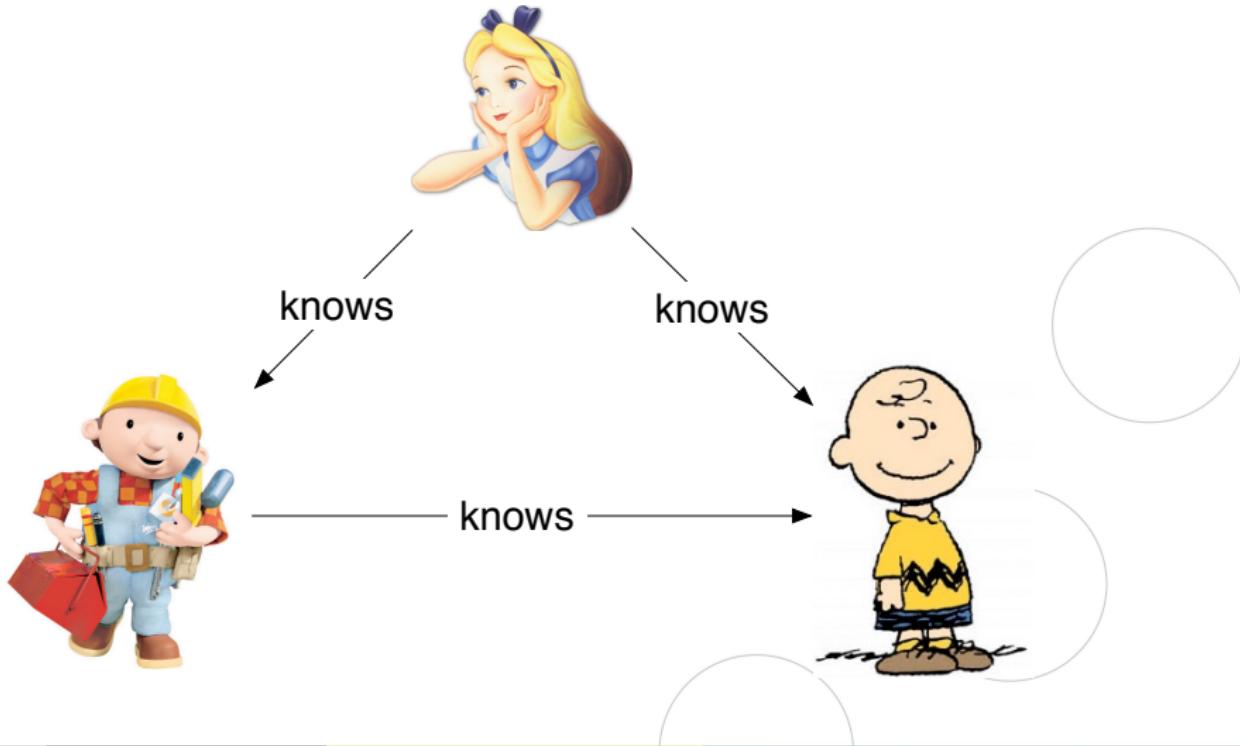
See all 122 pictures

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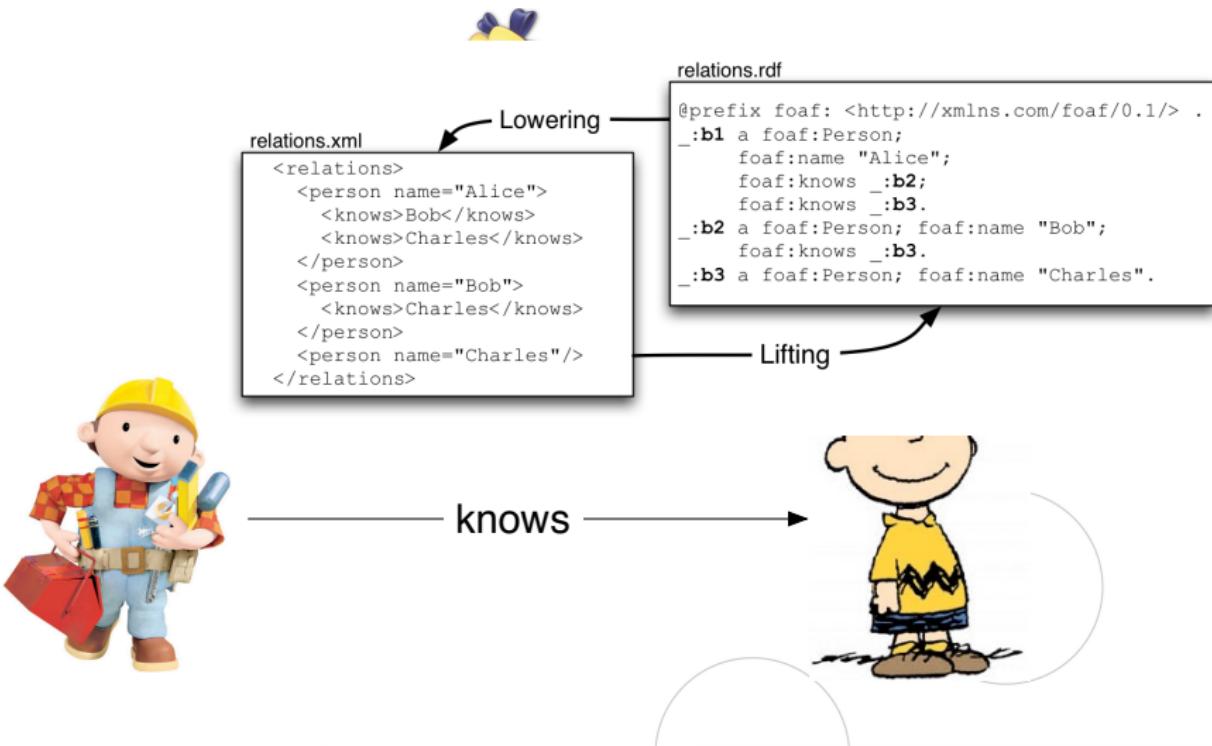
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Toy example for the tutorial



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Or: end up with different transformations for the same RDF data

Why SPARQL is not enough:



Great for querying RDF! Easy to output Turtle or SPARQL XML results format ...

```
prefix vc: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

construct { $X foaf:name $FN.}
from <vCard.rdf>
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... but

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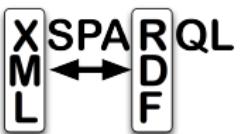
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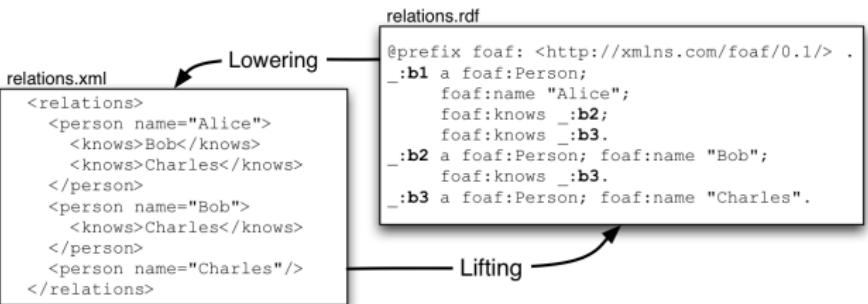
How to produce arbitrary XML???



- Transformation language
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- *Lifting* and *Lowering* in a single language



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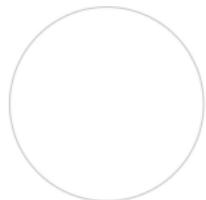
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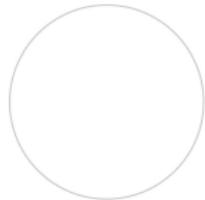
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Query examples



- XPath is used to locate nodes in XML trees
- An XPath expression is a sequence of *steps* separated by `/`.
- Each *step* evaluates to a sequence of nodes.

relations.xml

```
<relations>
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//knows	Selects all <code>knows</code> elements (in all the document)

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XQuery

- Query language for XML (different requirements than XSLT)
 - functional language
 - typed language
- Superset of XPath
- Overview of the formal semantics (Normalisation rules, Static Typing and Dynamic Evaluation)

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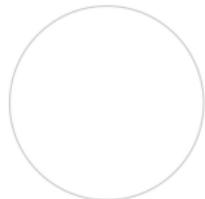
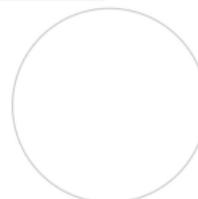


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SPARQL select solutions



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SPARQL XML Results Format (previous query)

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  <head>
    <variable name="X"/>
    <variable name="FN"/>
  </head>
  <results>
    <result>
      <binding name="X"><bnode>b0</bnode></binding>
      <binding name="FN"><literal>Nuno Lopes</literal></binding>
    </result>
  </results>
</sparql>
```

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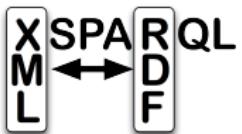
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Query result

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  [ foaf:name "Bob"; a foaf:Person ] ].
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  [ foaf:name "Charles"; a foaf:Person ] ].
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For each person
lookup their id

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Query result (reformatted output)

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:b1 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Alice"; foaf:knows _:b2, _:b3 .  
_:b2 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Bob"; foaf:knows _:b3 .  
_:b3 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Charles" .
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Query result

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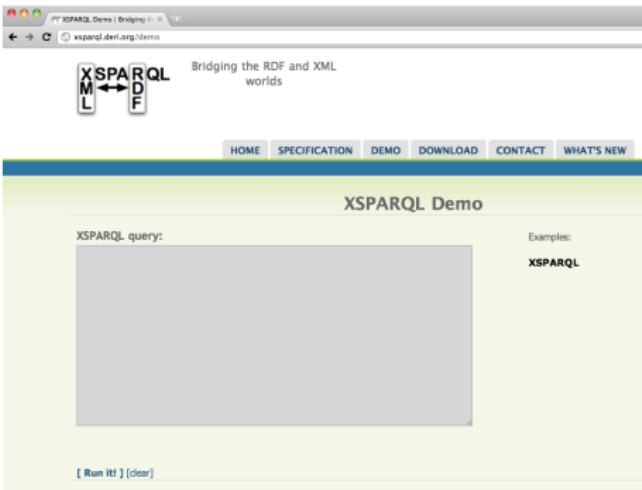
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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the XSPARQL Demo website. The title bar shows "XSPARQL Demo | Bridging the RDF and XML worlds". The page header includes the XSPARQL logo (M ↔ D F) and the tagline "Bridging the RDF and XML worlds". Below the header is a navigation menu with links to HOME, SPECIFICATION, DEMO, DOWNLOAD, CONTACT, and WHAT'S NEW. The main content area is titled "XSPARQL Demo" and contains a large input field labeled "XSPARQL query:" with a placeholder "Type your query here...". To the right of the input field are two sections: "Examples:" and "XSPARQL". At the bottom of the input field is a button labeled "[Run it!] [clear]".

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- Adding the normalisation, static type and dynamic evaluation rules for the new expressions:
 - SPARQL `for` clause
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representing SPARQL variable bindings

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SPARQL for - Static Type Analysis



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Example: Simple SPARQL for



Simple SPARQL for example

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Return expression is evaluated

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  . . . ;
  Variablen ⇒ fs:value(PS1, Variablen)
  ) ⊢ ReturnExpr ⇒ Value1
  . . .
dynEnv + varValue(Variable1 ⇒ fs:value(PSm, Variable1));
  . . . ;
  Variablen ⇒ fs:value(PSm, Variablen)
  ) ⊢ ReturnExpr ⇒ Valuem


---


for $Variable1 … $Variablen
dynEnv ⊢ where GroupGraphPattern SolutionModifier
           return ReturnExpr ⇒ Value1, …, Valuem
```

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for $Variable1 ... $Variablen  
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dynEnv $\leftarrow \text{varValue}(\text{Variable}_1 \Rightarrow \text{fs:value}(PS_1, \text{Variable}_1);$

$\dots;$

$\text{Variable}_n \Rightarrow \text{fs:value}(PS_1, \text{Variable}_n)$

$) \vdash \text{ReturnExpr} \Rightarrow \text{Value}_1$

\vdots

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for \$Variable₁ ... \$Variable_n

dynEnv $\vdash \text{where GroupGraphPattern SolutionModifier}$

return ReturnExpr $\Rightarrow \text{Value}_1, \dots, \text{Value}_m$

fs:sparql evaluates
a SPARQL query

For each PS
add the values
of the variables
to dynEnv

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SPARQL for - Dynamic Evaluation



$fs:value$ selects
the value of
 $Variable_i$ from
the PS

For each PS
add the values
of the variables
to $dynEnv$

$dynEnv \vdash fs:sp_{parql}(DatasetClause, GroupGraphPattern, SolutionModifier) \Rightarrow PS_1, \dots, PS_m$

$value(Variable_1 \Rightarrow fs:value(PS_1, Variable_1);$

$\dots;$

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```

The result of
the expression
is the sequence
of computed
Values

```
dynEnv ⊢  
for $Variable1 ... $Variablen  
where GroupGraphPattern SolutionModifier  
return ReturnExpr ⇒ Value1, ..., Valuem
```

construct expressions



```
[ construct ConstructTemplate' ]Expr
    ==
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```

construct expressions



[`construct ConstructTemplate' []normaliseTemplate Expr`]
==
`return fs:evalTemplate ([ConstructTemplate']normaliseTemplate)`

`[]normaliseTemplate` ex-
pands any Turtle short-
cuts in its argument

construct expressions



fs:evalTemplate validates the created triples

$$\text{[construct } \text{ConstructTemplate}' \text{]}_{Expr}$$

==
$$\text{return fs:evalTemplate} \left(\text{[ConstructTemplate'}]_{\text{normaliseTemplate}} \right)$$

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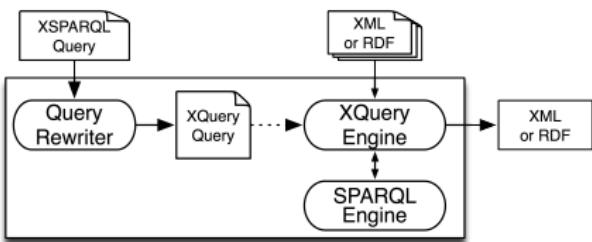
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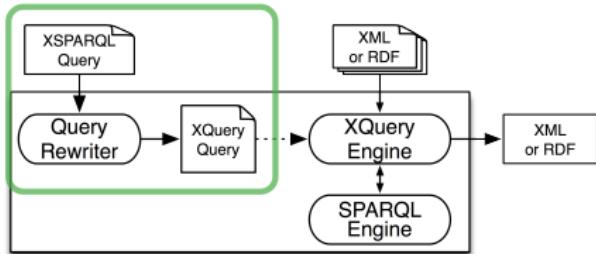
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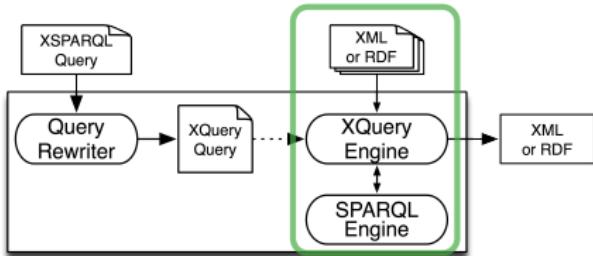


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- SPARQLForClauses are translated into SPARQL SELECT queries and executed using a SPARQL engine

Convert our relations data into RDF

```
declare namespace foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/";  
let $persons := doc("relations.xml")//person  
let $ids := data($persons/@name)  
for $p in $persons  
    let $id := fn:index-of($ids, $p/@name)  
    construct { _:b{$id} a foaf:Person; foaf:name {data($p/@name)} .  
               { for $k in $p/knows  
                 let $kid := fn:index-of($ids, $k)  
                 construct { _:b{$id} foaf:knows _:b{$kid} } } }
```

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{ for $k in $p/knows  
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  construct { _:b{$id}  foaf:knows _:b{$kid} } } }
```

Convert our relations data into RDF (partial)

```
{ for $k in $p/knows  
let $kid := fn:index-of($ids, $k)  
construct { _:b{$id} foaf:knows _:b{$kid} } } }
```

Rewritten XQuery (and re-written for presentation purposes)

```
for $k at $k_pos in $p/knows  
let $kid := fn:index-of( $ids, $k )  
return  
let $_rdf8 := _xsparql:_binding_term( "_:b", $id, "", "" )  
let $_rdf9 := _xsparql:_binding_term( "_:b", $kid, "", "" )  
return _xsparql:_serialize((  
if (_xsparql:_validSubject($_rdf8) and _xsparql:_validObject($_rdf9))  
then  
  ($_rdf8, " foaf:knows ", _xsparql:_rdf_term( $_rdf9 ), " .\xA;")  
else "")  
) ) )
```

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return  
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  let $_rdf9 := _xsparql:_binding_term( _:b", $kid, "", "" )  
  return _xsparql:_serialize()  
  
Create variables of type RDFTerm for each term  
  lidSubject($_rdf8) and _xsparql:_validObject($_rdf9)  
  then  
  type RDFTerm for foaf:knows ", _xsparql:_rdf_term( $_rdf9 ), " .&#xA;" )  
each constructed  
term
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    else "")  
  ) ) )
```

If all the variables represent valid RDF terms for the given position we output the triple

Handling blank nodes in CONSTRUCT



Construct foaf:Person

```
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
  
for $id in ("a","b","c","d")  
construct { _:Person a foaf:Person }
```

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Blank nodes
should be different
for each solution

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construct { _:Person a foaf:Person }
```

Append position
variable to the
blank node

XQuery rewriting

```
for $id at $id_pos in ("a", "b", "c", "d")
let $_rdf0 := _xsparql:_binding_term(fn:concat("_:Person", "_", $id_pos))
return
  _xsparql:_serialize(
    if (_xsparql:_validSubject( $_rdf0 )) then
      ($_rdf0, " ", "a", " ", "foaf:Person", " .&#xA;")
    else ""))

```

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Construct foaf:Person

```
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

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```

Query result

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:Person_1 a foaf:Person .
_:Person_2 a foaf:Person .
_:Person_3 a foaf:Person .
_:Person_4 a foaf:Person .
```

Convert FOAF RDF data into XML

```
declare namespace foaf = "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/";  
<relations>  
{ for $Person $Name from <relations.rdf>  
  where { $Person foaf:name $Name }  
  order by $Name  
  return <person name="{$Name}">  
    { for $FName from <relations.rdf>  
      where { $Person foaf:knows $Friend .  
              $Person foaf:name $Name.  
              $Friend foaf:name $FName. }  
      return <knows> { $FName }</knows> }  
    </person>}  
</relations>
```

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where { $Person foaf:name $Name }
order by $Name
```

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Convert FOAF RDF data into XML (partial)

```
for $Person $Name from <relations.rdf>
where { $Person foaf:name $Name }
order by $Name
```

Rewriting to XQuery

```
let $_aux_results3 := _xsparql:_sparqlQuery(
"PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT $Person $Name from <relations.rdf>
where { $Person foaf:name $Name . } order by $Name " )
for $_aux_result3 at $_aux_result3_pos in $_aux_results3
  let $Person := _xsparql:_resultNode( $_aux_result3, "Person" )
  let $Name := _xsparql:_resultNode( $_aux_result3, "Name" )
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_sparqlQuery
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Convert FOAF RDF data into XML

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for $FName from <relations.rdf>
where { $Person foaf:knows $Friend .
        $Person foaf:name $Name.
        $Friend foaf:name $FName. }
```

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```

Rewriting to XQuery

```
let $_aux_results5 := _xsparql:_sparqlQuery( fn:concat(
  "PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
   SELECT $FName from <relations.rdf>
   where { ", $Person, " foaf:knows $Friend . ",
           $Person, " foaf:name ", $Name, " .
           $Friend foaf:name $FName . } " ) )
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let $FName := _xsparql:_resultNode( $_aux_result5, "FName" )
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  "PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>           $Person and
  SELECT $FName from <relations.rdf>                   $Name instanti-
  where { ", $Person, " foaf:knows $Friend . ", $Person, " foaf:name ", $Name, " .
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                                                       loop
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Replaced by their
value in the query
string

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\$Person and
\$Name instanti-
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        { for $FName from <relations.rdf>  
            where { $Person foaf:knows $Friend .  
                    $Person foaf:name $Name.  
                    $Friend foaf:name $FName. }  
            return <knows> { $FName }</knows>}  
        </person>}  
</relations>
```

If \$Person is a blank node, query joining is done by the \$Name variable

Problem with the Lowering example



```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
_:b1 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Alice"; foaf:knows _:b2.  
_:b4 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Alice"; foaf:knows _:b3.  
_:b2 a foaf:Person; foaf:name "Bob"; foaf:knows _:b3.  
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```

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<relations>  
  <person name="Alice">  
    <knows>Charles</knows>  
    <knows>Bob</knows>  
  </person>  
  <person name="Alice">  
    <knows>Charles</knows>  
    <knows>Bob</knows>  
  </person>  
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  <person name="Charles"/>  
</relations>
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  </person>  
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Scoped Dataset

The XSPARQL *scoped dataset* allows to make SPARQL queries over the previous *scoping graph*, keeping the same blank node assignments

Scoped Dataset Example



Convert FOAF RDF data into XML (Scoped Dataset)

```
declare namespace foaf = "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/";  
<relations>  
{ for $Person $Name from <relations.rdf>  
  where { $Person foaf:name $Name }  
  order by $Name  
  return <person name="{$Name}">  
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Keep the same
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Can no longer
be implemented
as rewriting to a
SPARQL query

Query output

```
<relations>
  <person name="Alice">
    <knows>Charles</knows>
  </person>
  <person name="Alice">
    <knows>Bob</knows>
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  </person>
  <person name="Charles"/>
</relations>
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Scoped Dataset Example



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    </person>
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</relations>
```

Constructed Dataset



- Assign the result of a construct query to a variable
- The variable can then be used as the dataset of a SPARQL query

Lifting and Lowering query :)

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let $ds := for $person in doc("relations.xml")//person,
    $nameA in $person/@name,
    $nameB in $person/knows
construct { [ foaf:name {data($nameA)}; a foaf:Person ] foaf:knows
            [ foaf:name {data($nameB)}; a foaf:Person ]. }
return <relations>{ for $Person $Name from $ds
    where { $Person foaf:name $Name } order by $Name
    return <person name="{$Name}">{ for $FName
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            [ foaf:name {data($nameB)}; a foaf:Person ]. }
return <relations></relations>
$ds contains the RDF Dataset
where <person name="$Name" /> order by $Name
return <person name="{{$Name}}>{ for $FName
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Convert between different RDF vocabularies (SPARQL)

```
prefix vc: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

construct { $X foaf:name $FN.}
from <vCard.ttl>
where { $X vc:FN $FN .}
order by $FN
limit 1 offset 1
```

More expressive SPARQL



Convert between different RDF vocabularies

```
prefix vc: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

construct { _:b foaf:name {fn:concat($N," ", $F)}.}
from <vCard.rdf>
where { $P vc:Given $N. $P vc:Family $F. }
```

More expressive SPARQL



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Construction
of new values
not available in
SPARQL 1.0

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```

XSPARQL provides you with all the XQuery functions

Create a KML file from RDF Geolocation data

```
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
prefix geo: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#>

<kml xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2">{
  for $person $name $long $lat
  from <http://nunolopes.org/foaf.rdf>
  where { $person a foaf:Person; foaf:name $name;
           foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point; geo:long $long;
                             geo:lat $lat ] }

  return <Placemark>
    <name>{fn:concat("Location of ", $name)}</name>
    <Point>
      <coordinates>{fn:concat($long, ",", $lat, ",0")}</coordinates>
    </Point>
  </Placemark>
}</kml>
```

Query Example - KML Lowering



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SPARQL: Persons and their geographic locations

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XML representing the specific KML file structure

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Query Example - KML Lifting



Create RDF Geolocation data from a KML file

```
prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
prefix geo: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#>
prefix kml: <http://earth.google.com/kml/2.0>

let $loc := "Departamento de Ingeneria Matematica, U. de Chile"
for $place in doc(fn:concat("http://maps.google.com/?q=",
                           fn:encode-for-uri($loc),"&num=1&output=kml"))
let $geo := fn:tokenize($place//kml:coordinates, ",")
construct { [] foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point; geo:long {$geo[1]};  
                                geo:lat {$geo[2]} ] }
```

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Google doesn't know Departamento de Ciencias de la Computacion??

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for $place in doc(fn:concat("http://maps.google.com/?q=",
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construct { [] foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point; geo:long {$geo[1]};  
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Ask Google Maps for the KML description

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construct { [] foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point; geo:long {$geo[1]};  

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Construct the
updated RDF

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construct { [] foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point; geo:long {$geo[1]}; 
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```

Output RDF data

```
@prefix geo: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#> .
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
[ foaf:based_near [ a geo:Point ; geo:long "-70.664448" ;
                    geo:lat "-33.457286" ] ] .
```

Queries over Linked Data



Give me all pairs of co-authors and their joint publications.

```
let $ds :=
  for * from <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Axel_Polleres>
  where { $pub dc:creator [] }
  construct { { for * from $pub where { $p dc:creator $o . }
    construct { $p dc:creator $o } } }
let $allauthors := distinct-values(
  for $o from $ds where { $p dc:creator $o }
  order by $o return $o)
for $auth at $auth_pos in $allauthors
  for $coauth in $allauthors[position() > $auth_pos]
    let $commonPubs := count(
      { for $pub from $ds
        where { $pub dc:creator $auth, $coauth }
        return $pub } )
    where ($commonPubs > 0)
    construct { [ :author $auth; :author $coauth; :commonPubs $commonPubs ] }
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For each distinct pair of authors

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Count the
number of
their shared
publications

Queries over Linked Data

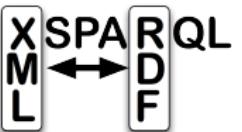


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Create the
RDF output

The end...



<http://xsparql.deri.org/>

Downloads: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/xsparql/>

new version coming very soon!

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This tutorial: <http://nunolopes.org/presentations/2010.12.17-XSPARQLTutorial.pdf>

Outline



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Query example

List the names of persons and the number of items they bought

XQuery

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Translation to XSPARQL

```
for $id $name from <input.rdf>
where { $person a foaf:Person ; :id $id ; foaf:name $name . }
return <item person="{$name}">{
    let $x := for * from $rdf
              where { $ca a :ClosedAuction ; :buyer [ :id $id ] . }
              return $ca
    return count($x)
}</item>
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Unoptimised Version

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let $_aux_results0 := _xsparql:_sparqlQuery( fn:concat(
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Inner SPARQL query

Optimised Version (nested loop join)

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  let $id := _xspatial:_resultNode( $_aux_result0, "id" )
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  return <item person="{{$name}}>{
    let $x :=
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Outer SPARQL query

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Preliminary results look promising...

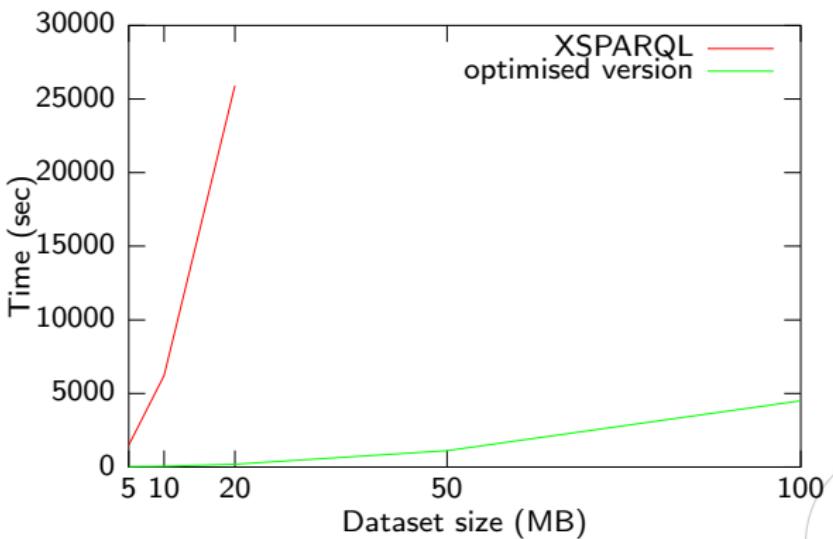


Figure: optimisation query 08