

## **Lecture 5: Reasoning**

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# **Reasoning types**

- Two basic types:
  - Rule-based reasoning
    - General rule-based inference (semantic rules)
    - Further classification: forward-chaining and backward-chaining
  - Ontology-based reasoning
    - Classification-based inference (e.g. RDF-S, OWL reasoning)
    - The inference rules for RDF-S or OWL are *fixed*. Therefore: No need for rule engine -> procedural algorithm sufficient

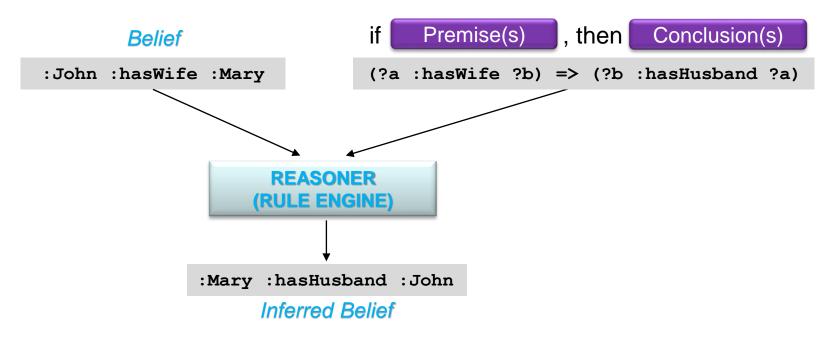




# **Rule-based reasoning**

- The inference based on free-form rules always requires:
  - A language for representing the rules
  - A rule engine







# **Rule-based reasoning**

- The OWL language is not able to express all relations (ex: it cannot express the relation "*child of married parents*").
- The expressivity of OWL can be extended by adding rules to an ontology.
- Rule definition language:
  - SWRL (Semantic Web Rule Language)
  - Notation 3 (N3) logic
  - **RIF** (Rule Interchange Format)



## SWRL

## SWRL (Semantic Web Rule Language):

- Part of many tools (e.g. Hermit, Pellet, etc.)
- Basic form is XML, but also available in human-readable form
- unary predicates for describing classes and data types,
- binary predicates for properties,
- some special built-in n-ary predicates.
- SWRL rules are supported:
  - Protege OWL editor.
  - reasoners Pellet and Hermit.



## **SWRL**

### SWRL predicates:

- Class expressions: Class atom: Person(?x) Man(fred)

Man(?p) -> Person(?p)

- Property expressions:
- Individual Property atom: hasBrother(?x,?y) hasSibling(fred,?y)
- Data Valued Property atom: hasAge(?x,?age) hasAge(?x,232) hasName(fred,"Fred")

```
Person(?p), hasSibling(?p,?s), Man(?s) -> hasBrother(?p,?s)
```

Data range restrictions

Person(?p), integer[>= 18,<= 65](?age), hasAge(?p, ?age) -> hasDriverAge(?p, true)

OWL Class expressions in SWRL Rules

Person(?x), hasChild min 1 Person(?x) -> Parent(?x)

- Core SWRL built-ins (http://www.daml.org/rules/proposal/builtins.html)

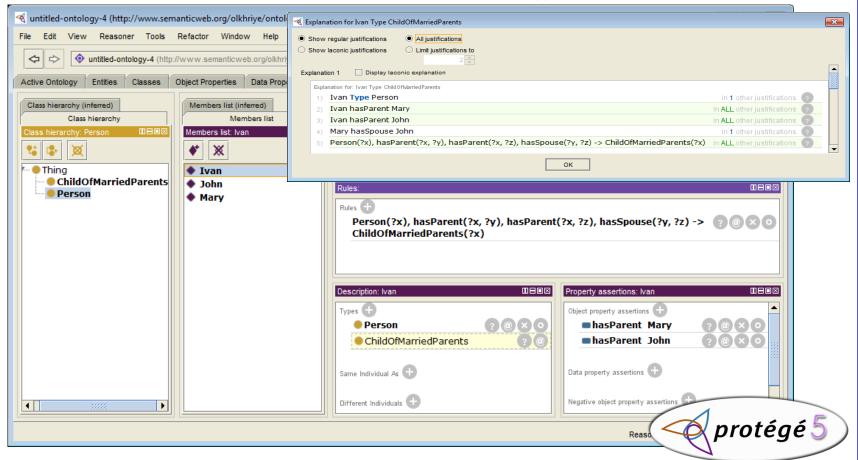
Person(?p), hasAge(?p, ?age), swrlb:greaterThan(?age, 18) -> Adult(?p)

Person(?p), bornOnDate(?p, ?date), xsd:date(?date),
swrlb:date(?date, ?year, ?month, ?day, ?timezone) -> bornInYear(?p, ?year)

## **SWRL**

## Rule definition in Protégé 5.x (4.x)

- Open rule tub from the menu: Window - Views - Ontology Views - Rules



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# Notation 3 (N3) logic rules

#### Notation 3 (N3) logic rule expression

- graph definition ( $\{\}$ ) give a possibility to write formulas in rules

```
@prefix log: <http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/log#>.
@prefix family: <http://www.myOntology.org/family/>.
@forAll :x, :y, :z.
{ :x family:parent :y . :y family:brother :z } log:implies { :x family:uncle :z }.
```

#### Shorthand symbols:

- ? for universal variables "@forAll";
- \_: or better [] for existential variables "@forSome" (blank node);
- => for implies (*log:implies*);
- <=> for meaning (*log:means*);
- = for equivalents (owl:equivalentTo);

{?x family:parent ?y. ?y family:brother ?z} => {?x family:uncle ?z}.

Built-in Functions: used by CWM (http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/doc/CwmBuiltins)

```
?x f:age ?ag . ?ag math:lessThan 30} => { ?x rdf:type f:YoungPerson } .
```

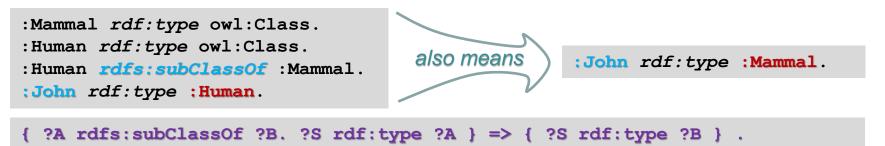
[ ex:d test:point ?x. ?x math:sin ?y ] => {...}

```
{ ex:testData ex:value ?x .
   ( ?x 1 ) math:sum ?y.
   ( ?y " is one more than " ?x ) string:concatenation ?s
} => { ex:result ex:value ?s }.
```

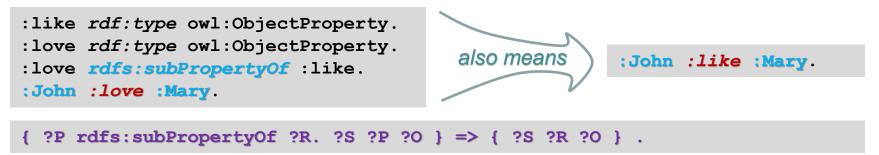


## Some rules of RDF Schema

If a resource is an instance of a class, it is also an instance of any super-class of that class (*any human is a mammal*).

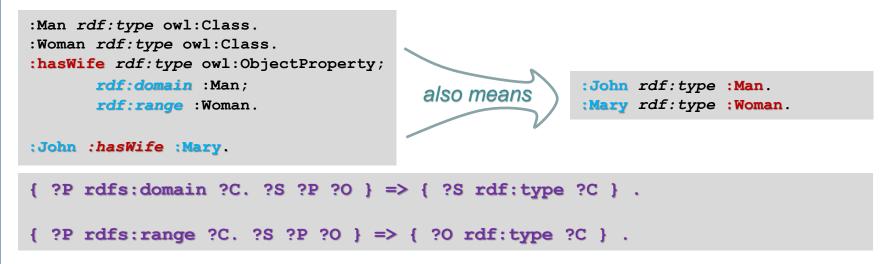


If a statement with a property is made, the statement with any super-property is also true (*if you love something, you also like it*).



## Some rules of RDF Schema

- Having defined *domain* and *range* of a property, we may conclude that:
  - the resource, which has this property, belongs to the class associated with the *domain* of the property;
  - the resource, which is referred as a value of the property, belongs to the class associated with the *range* of the property.

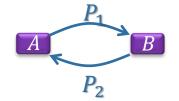




## Some rules of OWL

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– owl:inverseOf

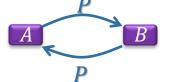




?P owl:inverseOf ?Q . ?S ?P ?O } => { ?O ?Q ?S } .

## Some rules of OWL

- Some of the property characteristics allow reasoners to infer new knowledge about instances and their relations:
  - owl:SymmetricProperty



:Human rdf:type owl:Class .
owl:inverseOf rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .
:hasChild rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty .
:hasParent rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty .
:hasChild owl:inverseOf :hasParent .
:John rdf:type :Human .
:Mary rdf:type :Human .
:Mary :hasParent :John .

{ ?P rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty. ?S ?P ?O } => { ?O ?P ?S } .

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:hasParent owl:inverseOf :hasChild .

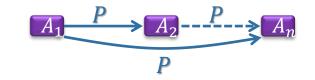
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:John :hasChild :Mary .

## Some rules of OWL

- Some of the property characteristics allow reasoners to infer new knowledge about instances and their relations:
  - owl:TransitiveProperty



:Human rdf:type owl:Class .
:bossOf rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty .
:John rdf:type :Human .
:Mary rdf:type :Human .
:John :bossOf :Mary .
:Mary :bossOf :Mary .

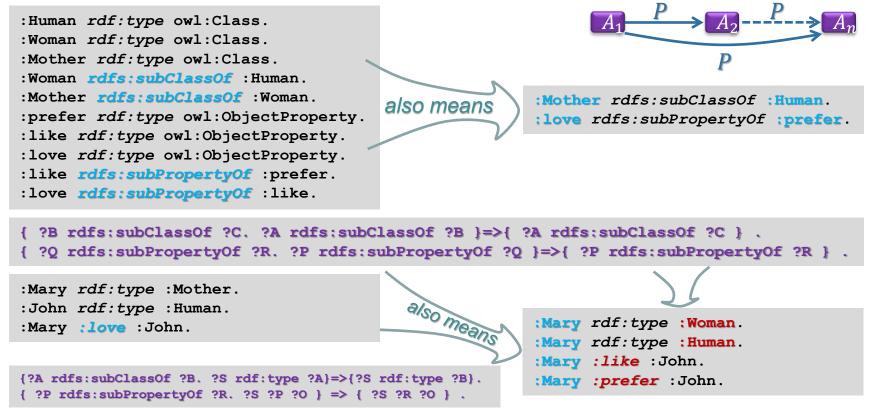
{ ?P rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty. ?S ?P ?X. ?X ?P ?O } => { ?S ?P ?O } .



:John :bossOf :Michael .

## Some rules of RDF Schema

- Transitive property: If class A is a sub-class of B, while B is a sub-class of C, then A is a sub-class of C (*mother is woman, woman is human, therefore mother is human*). Also applies to sub-properties
- Example: rdfs:subClassOf and rdfs:subPropertyOf are transitive properties



## **Property chains (OWL-2)**

#### owl:propertyChainAxiom (owL-2)

Simply: If the property  $P_1$  relates individual  $A_1$  to individual  $A_2$ , and property  $P_2$  relates individual  $A_2$  to individual  $A_n$ , then property P relates individual  $A_1$  to individual  $A_n$ ;

:hasParent rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty .
:hasGrandparent rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty ;

owl:propertyChainAxiom ( :hasParent :hasParent ) .

:hasGrandGrandparent rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty .

[ rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty ;

owl:propertyChainAxiom (:hasGrandparent :hasParent)] rdfs:subPropertyOf ;hasGrandparent.

[ rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty ;

owl:propertyChainAxiom (:hasParent :hasGrandparent)] rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasGrandGrandparent. :Human rdf:type owl:Class .

:John rdf:type :Human .

:Michael rdf:type :Human .

:Mary rdf:type :Human .

:Katarina rdf:type :Human ;

:hasParent :Mary .

:Mary :hasParent :Michael . :Michael :hasParent :John .

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:Katarina :hasGrandparent :Michael . :Mary :hasGrandparent :John .

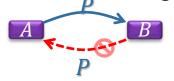
:Katarina :hasGrandGrandparent :John .

 $P_2$ 



## Some rules of OWL

- Some of the property characteristics set certain conditions and allow reasoners to detect inconsistency of the ontology:
  - owl:AsymmetricProperty



- owl:IrreflexiveProperty



## Forward vs. backward-chaining reasoning

#### Forward

- Input: rules + data
- Output: extended data
- Starts with available facts
- Uses rules to derive new facts (which can be stored)
- Stops when there is nothing else to be derived

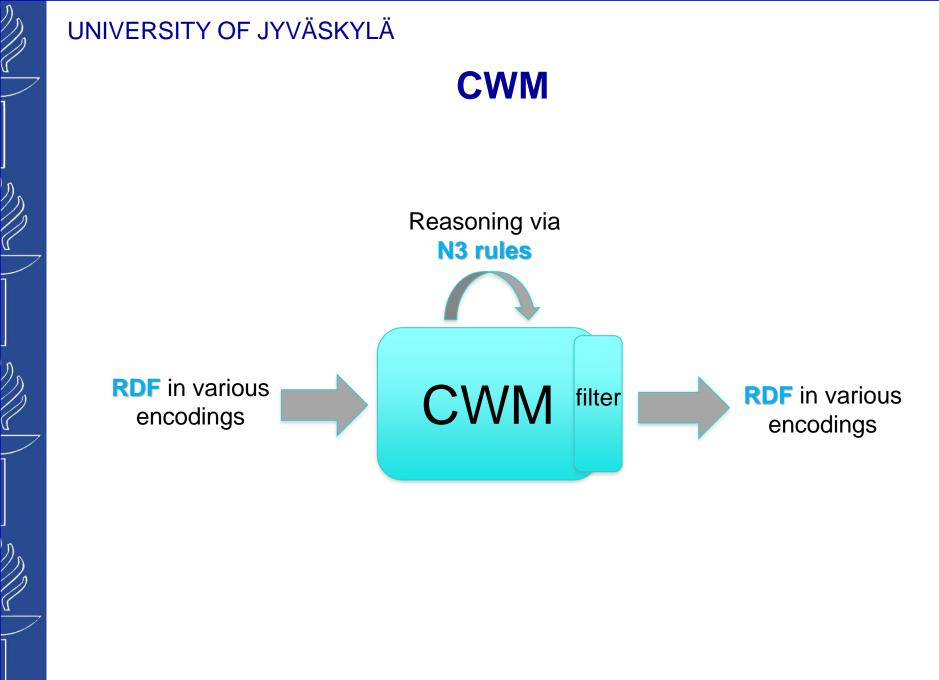
## Backward

- Input: rules + data + hypothesis (statement)
- Output: Statement is true / Statement is false
- Goes backwards from the hypothesis to the set of axioms (our data)
- If it can find the path to the original axioms, then the hypothesis is true (otherwise false)



# CWM

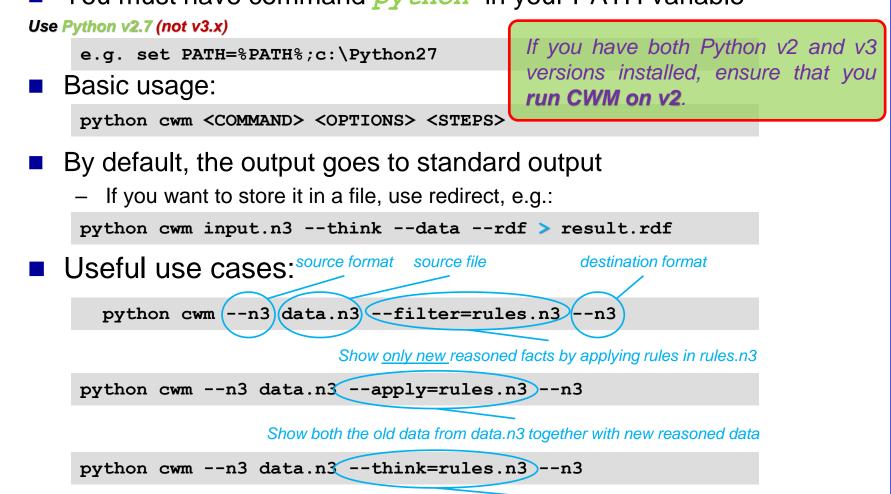
- Forward-chaining reasoner written in Python
- Originally to show capabilities of N3
- Link: http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/doc/cwm.html
- "Cwm (pronounced coom) is a general-purpose data processor for the semantic web". It can be used for:
  - querying,
  - checking,
  - transforming,
  - filtering information...
- Deals with open worlds!
- CWM's function:
  - Loads data in N3 or RDF/XML + rules in N3
  - Applies rules to data
  - Output result in N3 or RDF/XML
  - Relevant links: http://ppr.cs.dal.ca:3002/n3/editor/





## CWM usage practical

• You must have command *python* in your PATH variable



As –apply, but continue until no more rule matches (or forever!) TIES4520 - Lecture 5

## **CWM usage: Example**

@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#> .
@prefix : <http://www.example.org/someExample#> .

#### Data

:Human rdf:type owl:Class .
:dan rdf:type :Human .
:peter rdf:type :Human .
:mary rdf:type :Human .
:jon rdf:type :Human .
:betty rdf:type :Human .

:ancestorOf rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty. :hasSpouse rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty. :brotherOf rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty. :sisterOf rdf:type owl:ObjectProperty. owl:inverseOf rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty .

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{ ?P rdf:type owl:SymmetricProperty . 2S 2P 20 } => {?O ?P ?S} . { ?P owl:inverseOf ?Q . ?S ?P ?O } => {?0 ?Q ?S} . { ?P rdf:type owl:TransitiveProperty . ?S ?P ?X . ?X ?P ?O } => {?S ?P ?O} .

**Rules** 

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## CWM practical tips practical

- When you write a file for CWM, always put dot after the last statement!
- You don't have to separate data and rules into two files
  - If you use N3 as your notation, then they can be in one file
  - Example: python cwm --n3 dataAndRules.n3 --rules

python cwm --n3 dataAndRules.n3 --think

- CWM can be used to convert files without reasoning
  - Example: python cwm --rdf source.rdf --n3 > destination.n3
- More CWM command line arguments are available at (http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/doc/CwmHelp) Or Using python cwm --help



# **SPARQL Rules (SPIN)**

**SPARQL Rules** are a collection of RDF vocabularies such as the **SPARQL Inferencing Notation (SPIN)** that build on the W3C SPARQL standard. These vocabularies let you define new functions, stored procedures, constraint checking, and inferencing rules for your Semantic Web models, and all these definitions are stored using object-oriented conventions and the RDF and SPARQL standards. http://spinrdf.org/, http://spinrdf.org/spinsquare.html

**SPIN** makes it possible to attach executable rules to classes. Rules are represented as **SPARQL CONSTRUCT** queries that apply to all instances of the associated class and its subclasses. In those rules, the variable **?this** refers to each instance of those classes.

```
ss:Rectangle spin:rule [
rdf:type sp:Construct ;
sp:text """
CONSTRUCT {
    ?this ss:area ?area .  # Infer ?area as a value of ss:area
    }
    WHERE {
        ?this ss:width ?width .  # Get the width of ?this Rectangle
        ?this ss:height ?height .  # Get the height of ?this Rectangle
        BIND ((?width * ?height) AS ?area) .  # Compute area := width * height
    }
    """" ;
] .
```

Getting Started with SPARQL Rules (SPIN): http://www.topquadrant.com/technology/sparql-rules-spin/ http://www.topquadrant.com/spin/tutorial/ 02/10/2023 TIES4520 - Lecture 5



## **GraphDB reasoning**

**Rulesets** is a sets of axiomatic triples, consistency checks and entailment rules, which determine the applied semantics. A ruleset file has three sections named *Prefices*, *Axioms*, and *Rules*.

http://graphdb.ontotext.com/documentation/standard/reasoning.html

• **Prefixes** defines the abbreviations for the namespaces used in the rest of the file.

```
Prefices
{
    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#
}
```

 Axioms asserts axiomatic triples, which usually describe the meta-level primitives used for defining the schema such as *rdf:type*, *rdfs:Class*, etc. It contains a list of the (variable free) triples, one per line.

#### Axioms

{

```
// RDF axiomatic triples
<rdf:type> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:subject> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:predicate> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:object> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:first> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:rest> <rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
<rdf:type> <rdf:Property>
```

}

## **GraphDB reasoning**

#### Entailment rules

```
Id: <rule_name>
    <premises> <optional_constraints>
        ------
        <consequences> <optional constraints>
```

#### Rules

```
{
Id: rdf1 rdfs4a 4b
   хау
   x <rdf:type> <rdfs:Resource>
   a <rdf:type> <rdfs:Resource>
   y <rdf:type> <rdfs:Resource>
Id: rdfs2
   x a y [Constraint a != <rdf:type>]
   a <rdfs:domain> z [Constraint z != <rdfs:Resource>]
   x <rdf:type> z
Id: owl FunctProp
   p <rdf:type> <owl:FunctionalProperty>
   x p y [Constraint y != z, p != <rdf:type>]
   x p z [Constraint z != y] [Cut]
   y <owl:sameAs> z
}
```

## **GraphDB reasoning**

Consistency checks. You can define rulesets that contain consistency rules. When creating a new repository, set the check-for-inconsistencies configuration parameter to *true*. It is *false* by default (for compatibility with the previous OWLIM releases). The syntax is similar to that of rules, except that Consistency replaces the Id tag that introduces normal rules. Also, consistency checks do not have any consequences and indicate an inconsistency whenever their premises can be satisfied, e.g.:

Consistency: something\_can\_not\_be\_nothing
 x rdf:type owl:Nothing

Consistency: both sameAs and differentFrom is forbidden

- x owl:sameAs y
- x owl:differentFrom y

**Predefined rulesets** The pre-defined rulesets provided with GraphDB cover various well-known knowledge representation formalisms and are layered in such a way that each one extends the preceding one.

empty	No reasoning, i.e., GraphDB operates as a plain RDF store.
rdfs	Supports the standard model-theoretic RDFS semantics.
owl-horst	OWL dialect close to OWL Horst - essentially pD*
owl-max	RDFS and that part of OWL Lite that can be captured in rules (deriving functional and inverse functional properties, all-different, subclass by union/enumeration; min/max cardinality constraints, etc.).
owl2-ql	The OWL2 QL profile - a fragment of OWL2 Full designed so that sound and complete query answering is LOGSPACE with respect to the size of the data. This OWL2 profile is based on DL-LiteR, a variant of DL-Lite that does not require the unique name assumption.
owl2-rl	The OWL2 RL profile - an expressive fragment of OWL2 Full that is amenable for implementation on rule engines.

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## **GraphDB reasoning**

• **Custom rulesets.** GraphDB has an internal rule compiler that can be configured with a custom set of inference rules and axioms. You may define a custom ruleset in a *.pie* file (e.g., MySemantics.pie). The easiest way to create a custom ruleset is to start modifying one of the .pie files that were used to build the precompiled rulesets.

All examples below use the sys: namespace, defined as:

```
prefix sys: <http://www.ontotext.com/owlim/system#>
```

#### Add a custom ruleset from .pie file

```
INSERT DATA {
    _:b sys:addRuleset <file:c:/graphdb/test-data/test.pie>
}
INSERT DATA {
    <:custom> sys:addRuleset <http://example.com/test-data/test.pie>
}
INSERT DATA {
    :b sys:addRuleset "owl-max"
```

```
} _
```

```
INSERT DATA {
    <:custom> sys:addRuleset
    '''Prefixes { ... }
        Axioms { ... }
        Rules { ... }''''
}
```

**Reinferring.** If reconnected to a repository with a different ruleset, it does not take effect immediately. However, you can cause reinference with:

```
INSERT DATA { [] <http://www.ontotext.com/owlim/system#reinfer> [] }
```



# **Euler/EYE**

- Originally backward-chaining reasoner for N3 logic inference engine Euler
- Euler YAP Engine (EYE) a backward-forwardbackward chaining reasoner design enhanced with Euler path detection (reasoning is grounded in First Order Logic).
- Home: http://www.agfa.com/w3c/euler/, https://github.com/josd/eye, https://josd.github.io/eye/
- Download: http://sourceforge.net/projects/eulersharp/files/eulersharp/ , https://github.com/josd/eye
- Implemented in several languages: Java, C#, Python, Javascript and Prolog
- Input (in case of backward-chaining reasoning): rules + data + hypothesis
- Output (in case of backward-chaining reasoning): Chain of rules that lead to the hypothesis (if the hypothesis is true)
- Relevant links: http://ppr.cs.dal.ca:3002/n3/editor/, https://n3.restdesc.org/rules/

## **Other reasoners**

- Racer by Racer Systems (open-source) http://www.ifis.uni-luebeck.de/~moeller/racer/
- Jena inference support (open-source) http://jena.apache.org/
- Pellet: OWL DL reasoner for Java (open-source) https://github.com/complexible/pellet
- FaCT++ (open-source, in C++) http://code.google.com/p/factplusplus/
- JFact DL Reasoner: a Java port of theFaCT++ (open-source) http://jfact.sourceforge.net/
- HermiT Owl Reasoner (open-source)
- http://hermit-reasoner.com/
- RDF4J(Sesame) supports RDFS reasoning
- RDF4J(Sesame) supports a forward-chaining SPIN rule engine (currently in beta)

#### Links:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semantic\_reasoner
- http://owl.cs.manchester.ac.uk/tools/list-of-reasoners/
- https://www.w3.org/2001/sw/wiki/Category:Reasoner

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## SQWRL

**SQWRL** (Semantic Query-Enhanced Web Rule Language; pronounced *squirrel*) is a *SWRL*-based query language that provides SQL-like operators for extracting information from OWL ontologies.

https://github.com/protegeproject/swrlapi/wiki/SQWRL

The language provides two sets of query operators:

- o Core Operators (https://github.com/protegeproject/swrlapi/wiki/SQWRLCore)
- o Collection Operators (https://github.com/protegeproject/swrlapi/wiki/SQWRLCollections)

**Running SQWRL Queries.** Two mechanisms are provided by the SWRLAPI to execute SQWRL queries:

 a Java API that provides a JDBC-like interface, called the SQWRL Query API, which can be used to execute queries and retrieve query results in Java applications.

https://github.com/protegeproject/swrlapi/wiki/SQWRLQueryAPI

 a graphical user interface called the SQWRL Query Tab that supports interactive querying and results display. The SQWRL Query Tab is available in both the *Protégé SWRLTab Plugin* and the *standalone SWRLTab*. https://github.com/protegeproject/swrlapi/wiki/SQWRLQueryTab

## SQWRL

### SQWRL core examples:

Adult(?p) -> sqwrl:select(?p)

```
Person(?p) ^ hasAge(?p, ?a) ^ swrlb:lessThan(?a, 25) -> sqwrl:select(?p, ?a)
```

• **Counting:** *sqwrl:count, sqwrl:countDistinct* 

Person(?p) ^ hasName(?p, ?name) -> sqwrl:countDistinct(?name)

• Aggregation. Basic aggregation is supported four operators: *sqwrl:min, sqwrl:max, sqwrl:sum, sqwrl:avg.* Any numeric variable *not passed* to a *sqwrl:select* operator can be aggregated...

Person(?p) ^ hasAge(?p, ?age) -> sqwrl:avg(?age)

Grouping

```
Person(?p) ^ hasDrug(?p,?d) ^ hasDose(?p,?dose) -> sqwrl:select(?p,?d) ^ sqwrl:avg(?dose)
```

• Ordering of Results. Ordered using the *sqwrl:orderBy* and *sqwrl:orderByDescending* operators.

```
Person(?p) ^ hasName(p, ?name) ^ hasCar(?p, ?c)
-> sqwrl:select(?name) ^ sqwrl:count(?c) ^ sqwrl:orderBy(?name)
```

• Selecting a Subset of Results: sqwrl:limit, sqwrl:firstN, sqwrl:lastN, sqwrl:notFirstN, sqwrl:notLastN, sqwrl:leastN, sqwrl:greatestN, sqwrl:notLeastN, sqwrl:notGreatestN, sqwrl:nth, sqwrl:nthLast, sqwrl:notNth, sqwrl:notNthLast, sqwrl:nthSlice, sqwrl:nthLastSlice, etc.

Person(?p) ^ hasName(?p, ?name) -> sqwrl:select(?name) ^ sqwrl:limit(2)

#### Result Columns

```
Person(?p) ^ hasName(?p,?namer) ^ hasCar(?p,?c) -> sqwrl:select(?name, "Number of cars")
^ sqwrl:count(?c) ^ sqwrl:columnNames("Name", "Description", "Count")
```

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## Task 4