## Linked Open Data

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### **Evolution of the Web**

- Web 1.0
  - Unstructured content (text/HTML)
  - Passive consumers
- Web 2.0
  - More structured content (XML, JSON)
  - Active consumers
  - Some big web sites managing huge volumes of specialized content types







## Access to data

- HTML documents vs. Databases
  - Dynamic generation of HTML documents
  - Web forms
  - Data = hidden web >> surface web
    - In 2001, 60 hidden web sites contained together more than 40 times the size of the surface web
- Problems
  - The "meaning" of the data exported on the web (identifiers, attributes) is lost
  - Data quality, coherence



## Exploiting web data

- Surface Web  $\rightarrow$  search engines
- Data / hidden web  $\rightarrow$  mashups
- Mashup
  - Simple integration of web data
    - Data « instances » (entities)
    - Union, no joins
  - Service-oriented approaches
  - Mashup integration steps
    - Data extraction (wrappers)
    - Calibration / cleaning
    - Integration
    - Visualization



## Web 3.0

- Semantic Web
  - Web 2.0 (diversity of contents, producers/ consumers) +
     semantics
  - Towards an automatic processing of web data: programs, services, reasoning
- How?
  - First step: Web of Data



## Web of Data

- Web of objects (entities) described by web data
  - Descriptions of real world objects
  - Links (relations) between these objects
  - Global Dataspace gathering all this data



### **Open Data**

- Publicly available data
  - Data already available on the web + data made public by various institutions
  - « Open Data » movement supported by governmental initiatives

#### Various categories of data formats

 $\star$  Available on the web (any format), but with an Open Data license

 $\star \star$  Additionally, structured format (e.g. Excel vs. image of a table)

 $\star \star \star$  Additionally, non-proprietary format (e.g. CSV instead of Excel)

★★★★ Additionally, using open standards of the W3C (RDF and SPARQL ) to identify and make accessible objects through dereferenceable URIs

 $\star\star\star\star\star$  Additionally, providing links to equivalent elements in other sources

Format	Recommendation (scale from 0 to 5)
CSV	***
xls	*
pdf	*
doc	*
xml	****
rdf	****
shp	***
ods	**
tiff	*
jpeg	*
json	***
txt	*
html	**

#### Semantic Web levels



## Linked Open Data (LOD)

- ★★★★ part of the Web of Data
  - RDF data published by different sources
  - Links (also expressed in RDF) between RDF data of these sources
- The four principles of the LOD (Tim Berners-Lee)
  - Use URIs to name (identify) objects (resources)
  - Use HTTP URLs as URIs, to make resources accessible on the Web (dereferenceables)
  - When such a URI is accessed, something useful is found (in principle in RDF format)
  - Links to other resources must be included, to be able to discover new information

## LOD Architecture

- Dataspace: three kinds of "actors" relative to each source
  - The publisher
  - The publishers of the other sources
  - The data consumers



### Dataspace

- Specific architecture for data integration
  - No global schema defined
  - Each publisher uses his own specific structure/schema for data and specifies the mapping to other data sources
  - Progressive improvement of the quality of the global system
  - The quality is proportional to the integration effort
  - ightarrow adapted to very large scale and very dynamic data integration
- In comparison: mediator architecture
  - Big effort to define the global schema and the mappings to all the sources
  - Big effort to maintain the schema and the mappings
  - The quality is guaranteed
- Linked Open Data: RDF dataspace
  - Integration effort: the links between sources
  - Two kind of links: for *instance identity* ("sameAs") and for *vocabulary* / *concepts* (equivalence or subsumption of classes/properties)



# Who makes the integration effort?

- Shared effort between the publisher, other publishers and the consumers

   The publisher of source S
  - Chasses the vesselularies (new e
    - Choses the vocabularies (new or reused)
       Dublishes data in DDE
    - Publishes data in RDF
    - Publishes identity links to other sources
    - Publishes vocabulary links to other vocabularies
  - The other publishers
    - Publish identity links to data in S
    - Publish vocabulary links to vocabularies in S
  - The consumer = programmer of the data integration application
    - Defines the way of accessing LOD data in the different sources
    - Defines or deduces identity links between sources (with specific tools)
    - Defines or deduces vocabulary links between sources (with specific tools)
    - Cleans the data
    - Integrates data (RDF warehouse)
- In comparison, with a mediator architecture: the consumer makes (almost) everything

## The LOD "cloud"

- The evolution of the LOD Web of Data
  - May 2007: 500 million RDF triples, 120 000 RDF links
  - September 2011: 31.6 billion RDF triples, 503 million links
  - April 2015: the number of sources is multiplied by 4 compared to 2011



### LOD sources

- What kind of sources compose the LOD cloud ?
  - RDF sources respecting the LOD constraints
  - At least 1000 triples et 50 links to other sources in the cloud
  - Access in HTML+RDFa, or RDF file, or SPARQL endpoint
- Who publishes open data ?
  - Governments: European Union, USA, France (data.gouv.fr), ...
  - Cultural institutions: national libraries, museums, archives
  - Other institutions
  - See: <u>http://linkeddata.org/</u>, <u>http://www.w3.org/wiki/SparqlEndpoints</u>
- At the heart of the LOD cloud: *DBpedia* (<u>http://dbpedia.org/</u>)
  - Advantage of DBpedia: covers a large set of concepts that other sources can refer

# DBpedia

- LOD source obtained from Wikipedia
  - Use of the "info boxes" on the Wikipedia pages
  - Use of the Wikipedia categories
- English version of DBpedia
  - 4.58 million entities, out of which 4.22 million are instances of the DBpedia ontology
  - 580 million of RDF triples
  - Other languages: DBpedia versions in 125 languages with links between entities in the different languages
    - Altogether: 3 billion RDF triples
- DBpedia Ontology
  - 685 classes
  - 2795 properties
- Access: SPARQL endpoint, download, other tools

#### **RDF: Resource Description Framework**

- Language of the Semantic Web
  - Web resource description: web pages, images, videos, ...
  - Describes the properties of the resources or the relations between resources
  - Several possible syntaxes
  - − RDF Schema (RDFS): concepts, classes, schemas  $\rightarrow$  ontologies
- RDF model levels
  - Physical level : triples / statements
    - Base types : resources, properties, statements
    - Complex types: collections, lists
  - Schemas (RDFS): classes, property types
    - OWL: more advanced elements

## **RDF** triples

- Statement : triple (S, P, V)
  - Knowledge "atom"

...

...

Mathias

- Meaning: subject S has for property P the value V
  - Or (Subject, Predicate, Object)
- Example
  - (ETISPage, author, Michel)
  - (ETIS, WebPage, ETISPage)
  - (Michel, WebPage, PageMichel)
  - (ETIS, director, Mathias)
  - (Michel, name, "Michel Jordan")

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WebPage

**ETISPage** 

• Comparison with the relational model: (ETIS, director, Mathias)

...

...

Laboratory

identifier

...

...

ETIS

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identifier	name	
Michel	Michel Jordan	
Mathias	Mathias Quoy	

### **Resources and URI**

- Resources and properties are identified by URIs
  - **S**, **P** and **V** are given by URIs
  - V may be also a literal value
- Remark: URI ≠ URL, URI not necessary a real web address
- Example (various possible notations)
  - (http://www-etis.ensea.fr, dc:creator, #Michel)
  - (#ETIS, #WebPage, http://www-etis.ensea.fr)
  - (#Michel, #WebPage, http://perso-etis.ensea.fr/~jordan)
  - (#ETIS, #director, #Mathias)
  - (#Michel, #name, "Michel Jordan")
- Local URIs: #Michel, #ETIS, #WebPage, #director, #Mathias, #name
- External URIs: http://www-etis.ensea.fr, dc:creator, http://persoetis.ensea.fr/~jordan
- Literal values: "Michel Jordan"
  - One may specify the type ("32"^^xsd:integer), or the language ("Eiffel Tower"@en)

## Namespace usage

- Local resources: specific, local namespace
  - Groups and identifies local resource names: (#ETIS, #WebPage, ...) xmlns:mine="http://myapp.myorg.com"
  - #ETIS means http://myapp.myorg.com#ETIS
  - Alternate notation: mine:ETIS or http://myapp.myorg.com/ETIS
- External resources: reference to specific namespaces
  - Goal: use "standard" resources/properties
  - E.g. Dublin Core: standard concepts about documents xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1" dc:creator = the creator of a document/resource
- For the data types: XML Schema namespace
  - xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"

## Some common vocabularies

- Dublin Core: description of documents/resources
  - Content: title, subject, description, source, language, relation, coverage
  - Intellectual property: creator, contributor, publisher, rights
  - Other: date, type, format, identifier
  - Namespace: <u>http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/</u>
- FOAF (Friend of a Friend): description of persons
  - Classes (Person, Group, Organization, Document, Image, ...)
  - Properties for Person: name, firstName, lastName, knows, homepage, ...
  - Namespace: <u>http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/</u>
- SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organization System): taxonomies
  - Concept class
  - Properties: broader, narrower, related, prefLabel, altLabel, ...
  - Namespace: <u>http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#</u>

# RDF graph

- Triple = two nodes (S, V) + the oriented edge (P) that connects them
- Set of triples  $\rightarrow$  oriented graph



## **Predefined elements**

- rdf or rdfs namespaces
  - xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  - xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"

#### • For the types

- Property rdf:type
- Base types: rdf:Resource, rdf:Property, rdf:Statement
- For a statement (triple)
  - rdf:subject, rdf:predicate, rdf:object refer to the three
    elements of the triple
- Other examples further

## **RDF** Schema

#### Description of classes and property types

- Classes: rdfs:Class, rdfs:subclassOf

- Properties: *rdfs:subpropertyOf* , *rdfs:domain*, *rdfs:range* 



OWL

- OWL (Web Ontology Language) = extension of RDFS
  - Can express more powerful constraints
  - Reasoning possibilities
- RDF/RDFS
  - Only constraints: rdfs:subClassOf and rdfs:subPropertyOf
  - Class definition: by reference (URI) + declaration of instances
    - Open world assumption: a missing info is not necessarily false
    - ightarrow The set of instances of a class is not known
  - Limited possibilities for reasoning

## **Class definition with OWL**

- Several ways of defining a class
  - Through a reference (URI)
  - By enumerating the instances
  - Through its properties
  - As a union, intersection, difference of other classes

#### Example of enumeration of instances

```
<owl:Class rdf:ID="mycontinents">
    <owl:coneOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
        <owl:Thing rdf:about="#Eurasia"/>
        <owl:Thing rdf:about="#Africa"/>
        <owl:Thing rdf:about="#NorthAmerica"/>
        <owl:Thing rdf:about="#SouthAmerica"/>
        <owl:Thing rdf:about="#Australia"/>
        <owl>
```

# Class definition with OWL (cont'd)

- Through the properties
  - Property values: owl:allValuesFrom, owl:someValuesFrom, owl:hasValue
  - Cardinality : owl:maxCardinality, owl:minCardinality, owl:Cardinality

Example: class whose elements have for property *member* only values of type *Student* <owl:Restriction>

```
<owl:onProperty rdf:resource="#member" />
<owl:allValuesFrom rdf:resource="#Student" />
</owl:Restriction>
```

By computation : owl:intersectionOf, owl:unionOf, owl:complementOf

## Relations between classes in OWL

- rdfs:subClassOf
  - The instances of a class belong to the other class also
- owl:equivalentClass
  - Classes having the same instances, but not addressing the same concept
  - <footballTeam owl:equivalentClass us:soccerTeam />
- owl:disjointWith
  - Two disjoint classes

# Definition of OWL properties

- RDF Schema : rdfs:subPropertyOf, rdfs:domain et rdfs:range
- Relations between properties
  - owl:equivalentProperty: the two properties have the same values, but are not identical
  - owl:inverseOf : a property is the inverse of the other one

- Cardinality constraints
  - Mono-valuated properties:
     <owl:FunctionalProperty rdf:about="#spouse" />
  - Inverse mono-valuated properties:

```
<owl:InverseFunctionalProperty rdf:ID="biologicalMother">
        <rdfs:domain rdf:resource="#woman"/>
        <rdfs:range rdf:resource="#person"/>
</owl:InverseFunctionalProperty>
```

- Logical constraints
  - owl:SymmetricProperty (e.g. spouse)
  - owl:TransitiveProperty (e.g. ancestor)

## **Hierarchies of OWL languages**

- Full OWL: RDF/RDFS + new OWL operators
  - Powerful, but undecidable reasoning
- OWL DL (Description Logic)
  - Restrictions on Full OWL that insure a decidable reasoning
    - E.g. a class or a property cannot be an instance
- OWL Lite
  - Restrictions on OWL DL that insure an efficient reasoning

Full OWL

OWL DL

OWL Lite

 E.g. eliminating owl:unionOf, owl:complementOf, owl:hasValue, owl:disjointWith, ...

## SPARQL

- Query language for RDF data
  - W3C Recommendation 2013 (SPARQL 1.1)
- The most common form of a SPARQL query:

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] ?var<sub>1</sub> ?var<sub>2</sub> ... ?var<sub>m</sub>
WHERE { pattern<sub>1</sub> .
        pattern<sub>2</sub> .
        .
        pattern<sub>n</sub> }
```

- Patterns are triples in TURTLE format
- Variables are used in the patterns
- Conjunctive queries
- Result: table of values (bindings) corresponding to (?var<sub>1</sub>, ..., ?var<sub>m</sub>)



### **SELECT** queries

One or several patterns

Any element of a pattern (triple) may be a variableE.g. *The members of the ETIS laboratory* 

## SELECT queries (cont'd)

#### E.g. Who has a web page and what is that page



#### E.g. Who created the web page of the ETIS laboratory



## Grouping the patterns by subject

#### E.g. The name and the web page of Michel

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
    :Michel foaf:name ?name ;
        mine:WebPage ?page .
}
```

}

name	page
"Michel Jordan"	<http: perso-etis.ensea.fr="" ~jordan=""></http:>

### **Optional patterns**

#### E.g. The name and the web page of ETIS members

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
   :ETIS mine:member ?x .
   ?x foaf:name ?name .
   OPTIONAL{
        ?x mine:WebPage ?page .
   }
}
```

name	page
"Michel Jordan"	<http: perso-etis.ensea.fr="" ~jordan=""></http:>
"Dan Vodislav"	

## Union

#### E.g. The ETIS members, including its director

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
SELECT ?x
WHERE {
    {
        :ETIS mine:member ?x .
    }
    UNION
    {
        :ETIS mine:director ?x .
    }
}
```

<http://myapp.myorg.com/Mathias>

## Sorting, limit, offset

E.g. The second person in alphabetical order of the name

```
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?x
WHERE {
    ?x a :Person ;
    foaf:name ?y .
}
ORDER BY ASC(?y)
LIMIT 1
OFFSET 1
```

- Remarks
  - (?x <u>a</u> Type) is a shortcut for (?x <u>rdf:type</u> Type)
  - ORDER BY may use ASC or DESC (ASC is the default value)
  - LIMIT *n* limits the number of returned results to *n*
  - OFFSET m discards the first m results

## Filtering

E.g. The persons whose name starts by "M"

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?x
WHERE {
    ?x a :Person ;
    foaf:name ?y .
    FILTER (regex(?y, "^m", "i"))
}
```

- FILTER : Boolean condition on the value of the variables
  - Arithmetic operators for numerical values
  - Tests : isURI, isBlank, isLitteral
  - Comparison operators
  - Logical operators to combine conditions : &&, | |, !
  - regex(text, pattern [, option])

### Other query types

- DESCRIBE: returns a description of the queried resources
  - Non standard description returned by the SPARQL service
  - In general: the values of the properties of the resource

E.g. Description of persons and of their web pages

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
DESCRIBE ?x ?y
WHERE {
    ?x a :Person ;
        mine:WebPage ?y .
}
```

### CONSTRUCT

• Builds a graph as a result

E.g. Laboratory members, with their name, their director and the laboratory web page

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
CONSTRUCT {
    ?m foaf:name ?n ;
    mine:director ?d ;
    mine:LabWebPage ?p .
}
WHERE {
    ?1 a :Laboratory ;
    mine:member ?m ;
    mine:director ?d ;
    mine:WebPage ?p .
    ?m foaf:name ?n .
}
```

## Federated queries

#### • Query several SPARQL endpoints in a single query E.g. ETIS laboratory members born at the same place as Claude Monet

```
PREFIX mine: <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX : <http://myapp.myorg.com/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE {
   :ETIS mine:member ?x .
   ?x foaf:name ?name ;
    mine:bornAt ?place .
   SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql> {
    <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Claude_Monet> dbo:birthPlace ?place.
   }
}
```

### RDF on the Web

- Goal: semantic description of web pages content
  - Web of documents  $\rightarrow$  web of data  $\rightarrow$  semantic web
  - Support for data integration at the web scale
- How?
  - Micro-formats and micro-data
  - JSON-LD
  - RDFa
  - Linked Open Data
- Prerequisite : common standard vocabularies
  - Dublin Core, FOAF, SKOS, etc.

## Micro-formats and micro-data

- Semantic information added to HTML documents
   Used by web browsers, search engines, etc.
- Micro-formats: class attribute indicating predefined classes
  - Predefined micro-formats for: person, institution, event, etc.
  - See <a href="http://www.microformats.org/">http://www.microformats.org/</a>
  - Drawback: not any kind of object can be described

E.g. Use of the *hCard* micro-format to describe persons

```
<div class="vcard">
   <em class= "fn">Jean Dupont</em>
   <span class= "fn">Jean Dupont</em>
   <span class= "itile">Ingénieur</span> chez <span
class="org">Google</span>
   <span class= "adr">
        <span class= "adr">
        <span class="street-address">2 rue du Moulin</span>
        <span class="locality">Village-sur-Eau</span>
        <span class="postal-code">54321</span>
        </div>
```

### Micro-formats and micro-data (cont'd)

- Micro-data: extensible, more powerful than micro-formats, types and properties are distinguished
  - Predefined vocabularies (e.g. <u>http://data-vocabulary.org</u> -Google, <u>http://ogp.me/ns#</u> - Open Graph from Facebook)
  - Recently: Schema.org initiative (<u>http://schema.org</u>), to unify micro-data types between the various web browsers

#### E.g. Use of *Person* and *PostalAddress* types

#### RDFa

- RDFa = "RDF in attributes"
  - RDF descriptions in (X)HTML pages through HTML attributs
  - Can express all the RDF constructs: URI, namespaces, types, ...
  - Used by specialized web browsers, applications, ...
    - Richer results in search engines

Hotel de Crillon (Paris) : voir 387 avis et 205 photos www.tripadvisor.fr>...>Île-de-France > Paris > Hôtels Paris ★★★★★ 387 avis - Prix : 540 € - 900 € Hotel de Crillon, Paris : Consultez les 387 avis de voyageurs, 205 photos, et les meilleures offres pour Hotel de Crillon, classé n°118 sur 1 821 hôtels à Paris et ...

E.g. (subject, property, value) triple

```
    Michel Jordan
```

- about (subject), property (property) attributes
- Value in the text within the HTML tag

## RDFa (cont'd)

E.g. Relation between resources (subject, predicate, object)

```
<a about="http://myapp.myorg.com/Michel"
rel="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator"
href="http://www-etis.ensea.fr">
Page created by Michel
</a>
```

- about (subject), rel (predicate), href (object) attributes

#### E.g. Object resources other than HTML links

```
<span about="http://myapp.myorg.com/ETIS"
   rel="http://myapp.myorg.com/director"
   resource="http://myapp.myorg.com/Mathias">
   director: Mathias Quoy
  </span>
```

- resource attribute instead of href

### JSON-LD

- JSON for Linking Data
  - Became popular with the expansion of the JSON format
  - Data in JSON format as scripts within the HTML page

#### • Simple example

```
{
  "@context": "http://myapp.myorg.com",
  "@id": "http://myapp.myorg.com/ETIS",
  "@type": "Laboratory",
  "name": "ETIS",
  "WebPage": "http://www-etis.ensea.fr",
  "member": ["http://myapp.myorg.com/Michel", "http://myapp.myorg.com/Dan"]
}
```

#### RDFa, JSON-LD, micro-data, micro-formats

- Analysis in time on a representative sample of web sites
  - 2012: micro-formats, RDFa and much less micro-data
  - Growing of micro-data (schema.org effect)
  - After 2015: JSON-LD, with a strong growing
  - RDFa: good start, but slow increase and now decreasing
- Linked Open Data: publish data, not annotated documents



## Challenges for exploiting web data

- Variety
  - Automatic mapping between instances and vocabularies
  - Hidden web  $\rightarrow$  semantic web
- Volume
  - Distributed management and search on the web
  - Cloud computing RDF storage and querying

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