

# Query Rewriting in $DL-Lite_{horn}^{(\mathcal{HN})}$

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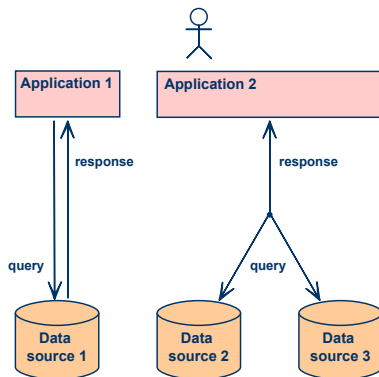


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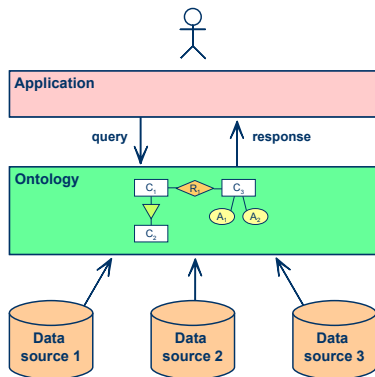


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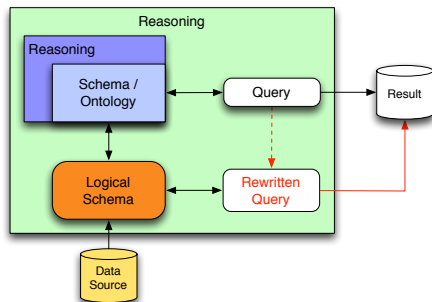
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- By evaluating the rewriting over the ABox viewed as a DB :

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## Questions Addressed by Our Work

For the logic  $DL-Lite_{horn}^{(\mathcal{HN})}$ :

- Can we check ontology satisfiability by relying on RDB technology?
- Can we answer queries by relying on RDB technology?
- Can we extend the practical algorithms developed for the simpler  $DL-Lite$  logics?
- What is the complexity of such algorithms?



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## Algorithm for checking KB satisfiability

- 1 Calculate the closure of NIs.
- 2 Translate the closure into a UCQ  $q_{unsat}$  asking for violation of some NI.
- 3 Evaluate  $q_{unsat}$  over the ABox (viewed as a DB).
  - ▶ if  $eval(q_{unsat}, DB_A) = \emptyset$ , then the KB is satisfiable;
  - ▶ otherwise the KB is unsatisfiable.



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