

# Data-aware Processes: Modeling, Mining, and Verification

## Part 2: Mining – Overview of OBDA

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# Typical view of Big Data



# But: data has a lot of structure



# Challenge: how to use the data – Statoil Exploration

*900 geologists and geophysicists in Statoil Exploration develop stratigraphic models of unexplored areas on the basis of data acquired from previous operations at nearby locations.*



Data stores:

- Exploration and Production Data Store (EPDS):  
~1500 tables (100s GBs)
- OpenWorks
- Norwegian Petroleum Directorate FactPages

# How much time is spent searching for data?

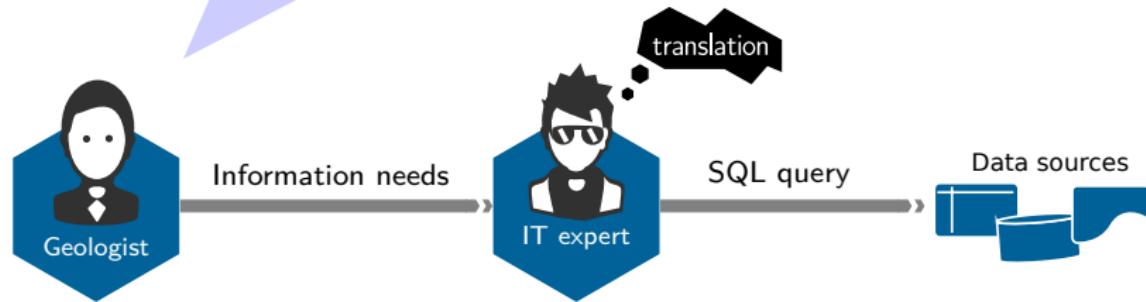


Huge problem in industry: search for data and quality assessment

E.g., in oil&gas it takes 30–70% of engineers' time  
(Crompton, 2008)

# Designing a new (ad-hoc) query

All norwegian wellbores of [type] nearby  
[place] having a permeability near  
[value]. [...]  
Attributes: completion date, depth, etc.



NB: Simplified information needs

# A typical query at Statoil

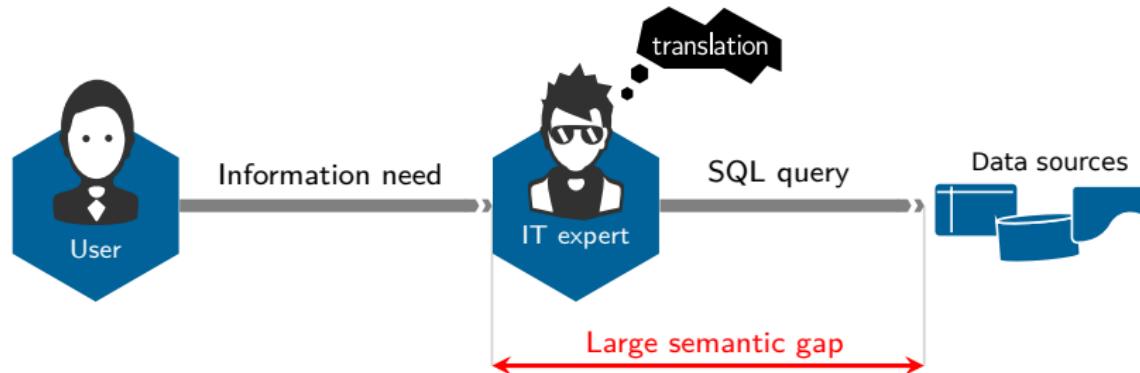
Anonymized extract

```

SELECT [...]
FROM
db_name.table1 table1,
db_name.table2 table2a,
db_name.table2 table2b,
db_name.table3 table3a,
db_name.table3 table3b,
db_name.table3 table3c,
db_name.table3 table3d,
db_name.table4 table4a,
db_name.table4 table4b,
db_name.table4 table4c,
db_name.table4 table4d,
db_name.table4 table4e,
db_name.table4 table4f,
db_name.table5 table5a,
db_name.table5 table5b,
db_name.table6 table6a,
db_name.table6 table6b,
db_name.table7 table7a,
db_name.table7 table7b,
db_name.table8 table8,
db_name.table9 table9,
db_name.table10 table10a,
db_name.table10 table10b,
db_name.table10 table10c,
db_name.table11 table11,
db_name.table12 table12,
db_name.table13 table13,
db_name.table14 table14,
db_name.table15 table15,
db_name.table16 table16
WHERE [...]
    
```

table2a.attr1='keyword' AND table3a.attr2=table10c.attr1 AND table3a.attr6=table6a.attr3 AND table3a.attr9='keyword' AND table4a.attr10 IN ('keyword') AND table4a.attr1 IN ('keyword') AND table5a.kinds=table4a.attr13 AND table5b.kinds=table4c.attr74 AND table5b.name='keyword' AND (table6a.attr19=table10c.attr17 OR (table6a.attr2 IS NULL AND table10c.attr4 IS NULL)) AND table6a.attr14=table5b.attr14 AND table6a.attr2='keyword' AND (table6b.attr14=table10c.attr8 OR (table6b.attr4 IS NULL AND table10c.attr7 IS NULL)) AND table6b.attr19=table5a.attr55 AND table6b.attr2='keyword' AND table7a.attr19=table2b.attr19 AND table7a.attr17=table15.attr19 AND table4b.attr11='keyword' AND table8.attr19=table7a.attr80 AND table8.attr19=table13.attr20 AND table8.attr4='keyword' AND table9.attr10=table16.attr11 AND table3b.attr19=table10c.attr18 AND table3b.attr22=table12.attr63 AND table3b.attr66='keyword' AND table10a.attr54=table7a.attr8 AND table10a.attr70=table10c.attr10 AND table10a.attr16=table4d.attr11 AND table4c.attr99='keyword' AND table4c.attr1='keyword' AND	table11.attr10=table5a.attr10 AND table11.attr40='keyword' AND table11.attr50='keyword' AND table2b.attr1=table1.attr8 AND table2b.attr9 IN ('keyword') AND table2b.attr2 LIKE 'keyword%' AND table12.attr9 IN ('keyword') AND table7b.attr1=table2a.attr10 AND table3c.attr13=table10c.attr1 AND table3c.attr10=table6b.attr20 AND table3c.attr13='keyword' AND table10b.attr16=table10a.attr7 AND table10b.attr11=table7b.attr8 AND table10b.attr13=table4b.attr89 AND table13.attr1=table2b.attr10 AND table13.attr20='keyword' AND table13.attr15='keyword' AND table3d.attr49=table12.attr18 AND table3d.attr18=table10c.attr11 AND table3d.attr14='keyword' AND table4d.attr17 IN ('keyword') AND table4d.attr19 IN ('keyword') AND table16.attr28=table11.attr56 AND table16.attr16=table10b.attr78 AND table16.attr5=table14.attr56 AND table4e.attr34 IN ('keyword') AND table4e.attr48 IN ('keyword') AND table4f.attr89=table5b.attr7 AND table4f.attr45 IN ('keyword') AND table4f.attr1='keyword' AND table10c.attr2=table4e.attr19 AND (table10c.attr78=table12.attr56 OR (table10c.attr55 IS NULL AND table12.attr17 IS NULL))
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# Semantic gap



## Querying over tables

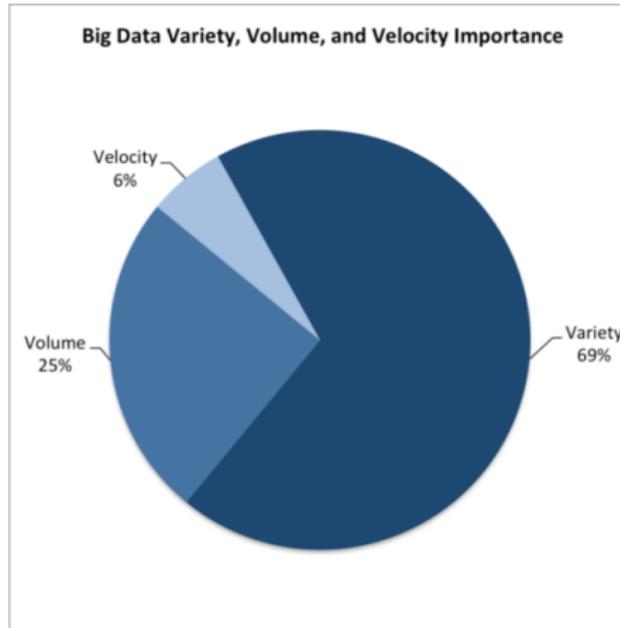
Requires a lot of knowledge about:

- Magic numbers  
(e.g., 1 → *full professor*)
- Cardinalities and normal forms
- Closely-related information spread over many tables

## Data integration

- Exacerbates these issues
- Variety: **challenge #1** for most Big Data initiatives

# Challenges in “Big Data” era



“Variety, Not Volume, Is Driving Big Data Initiatives”  
MIT Sloan Management Review (28 March 2016)

<http://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/variety-not-volume-is-driving-big-data-initiatives/>

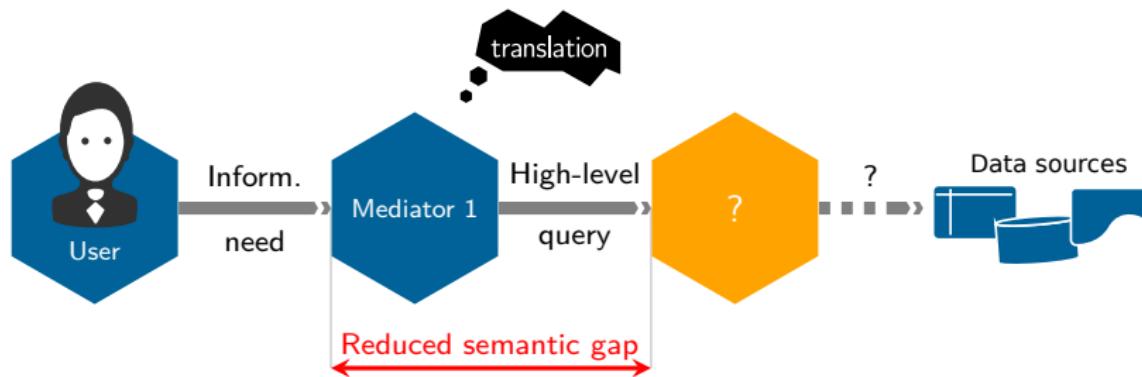
# High-level translation

Main bottleneck: translation

- of the information needs
- ... into a **formal query**

Goal

Make such a translation easy  
*(Ideally: IT expertise not required)*

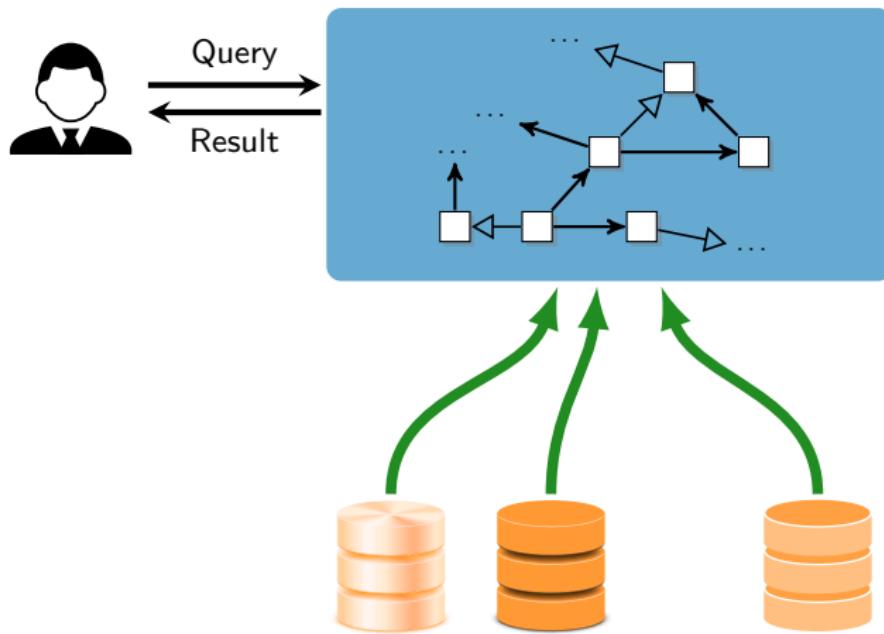


Mediator 1 could be a user, an IT expert or a GUI

General approach: two steps

- ① Translate the information needs into a **high-level query**
- ② Answer the high-level query **automatically**

# OBDA framework



**Ontology**  
provides  
global vocabulary  
and  
conceptual view

**Mappings**  
how to populate  
the ontology  
from the data

**Data Sources**  
external and  
heterogeneous

## Logical transparency in accessing data:

- does not know where and how the **data** is stored.
- can only see a **conceptual view of the data**.

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- Resource Description Framework
- SPARQL
- OWL 2 QL
- Mapping assertions

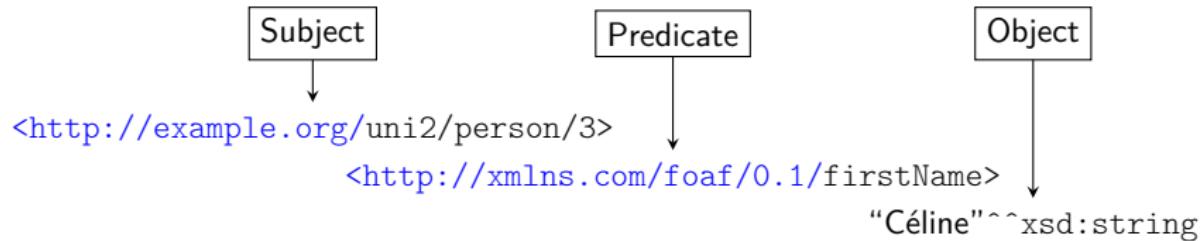
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# Semantic Web standards

- ➊ RDF (Resource Description Framework): format for Semantic Web data
- ➋ SPARQL: query language for RDF data
- ➌ RDFS and OWL 2 QL: ontology languages
- ➍ Mapping languages

# Resource Description Framework (RDF)

RDF provides a description of the domain in terms of **triples**:



Triple elements: resources denoted by **global identifiers** (IRIs)

- ① Subject: IRI of the described resource
- ② Predicate: IRI of the property
- ③ Object: attribute value or IRI of another resource

**Prefixes**: useful abbreviations and/or references to external information

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

```
@prefix : <http://example.org/voc#>
```

```
@base <http://example.org/>
```

# RDF – Examples

Class membership:

Fact	$\text{Prof}(\text{uni2/person/1})$
RDF triple	$<\text{uni2/person/1}> \text{ a } :Prof$

Note: This is an abbreviation for

RDF triple	$<\text{uni2/person/1}> \text{ rdf:type } :Prof$
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Attribute of an individual:

Fact	$\text{lastName}(\text{uni2/person/3}, \text{'Mendez'})$
RDF triple	$<\text{uni2/person/3}> \text{ foaf:lastName } \text{"Mendez"}$

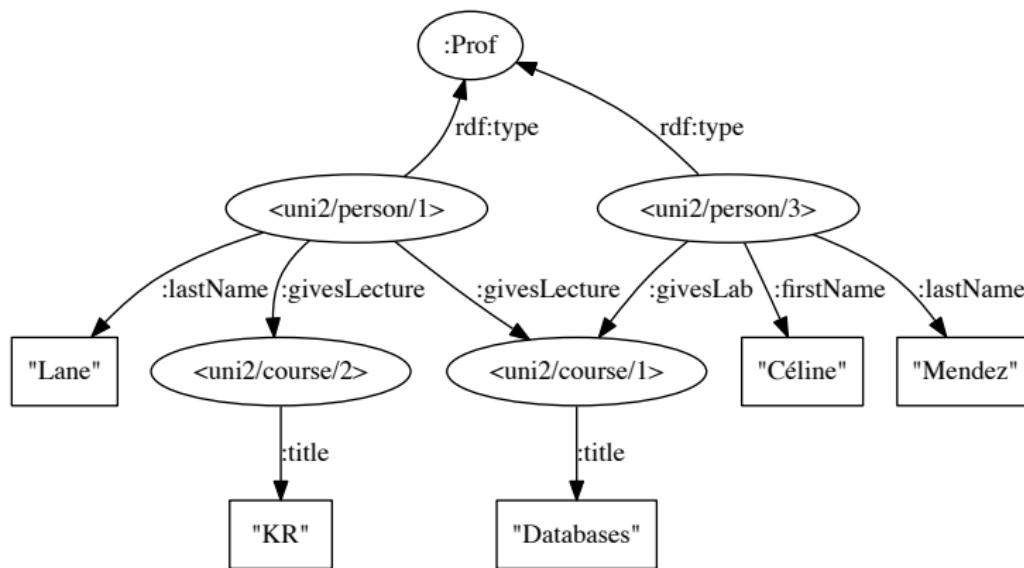
Property of an individual:

Fact	$\text{givesLab}(\text{uni2/person/3}, \text{uni2/course/1})$
RDF triple	$<\text{uni2/person/3}> \text{ :givesLab } <\text{uni2/course/1}>$

# RDF graph – Example

```
<uni2/person/1> rdf:type :Prof  
<uni2/person/1> foaf:lastName "Lane"  
<uni2/person/1> :givesLecture <uni2/course/1>  
...  
...
```

We can represent such a set of facts graphically:



# Additional RDF features

RDF has additional features not covered here:

- blank nodes
- named graphs

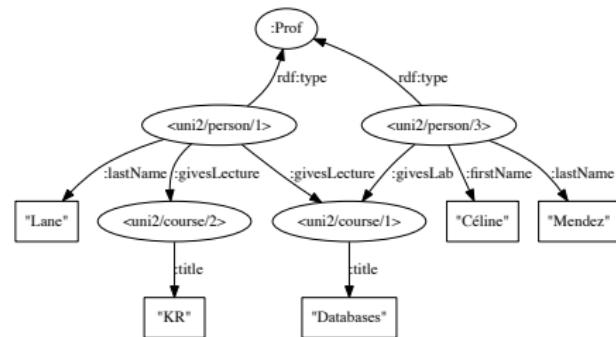
# SPARQL Basic Graph Patterns

- SPARQL is the standard query language for RDF.
- **Basic Graph Pattern (BGP)**: simplest form of SPARQL query, asking for a pattern in the RDF graph

When evaluated over the RDF graph

Ex.: BGP

```
SELECT ?p ?ln ?c ?t
WHERE {
    ?p :lastName ?ln .
    ?p :givesLecture ?c .
    ?c :title ?t .
}
```



... the query returns:

p	ln	c	t
<uni2/person/1>	"Lane"	<uni2/course/1>	"Databases"
<uni2/person/1>	"Lane"	<uni2/course/2>	"KR"

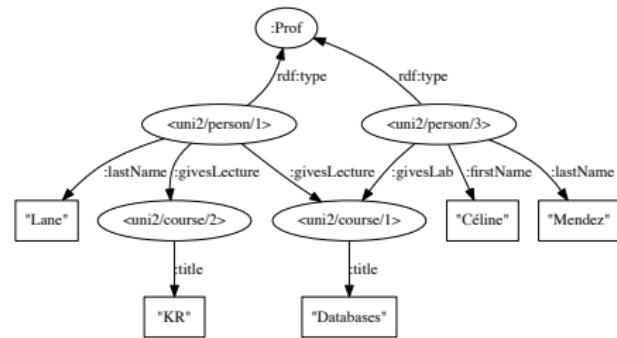
# Projecting out variables in a SPARQL query

A query may also return only a subset of the variables used in the BGP.

Ex.: BGP with projection

```
SELECT ?ln ?t
WHERE {
  ?p :lastName ?ln .
  ?p :givesLecture ?c .
  ?c :title ?t .
}
```

When evaluated over the RDF graph



... the query returns:

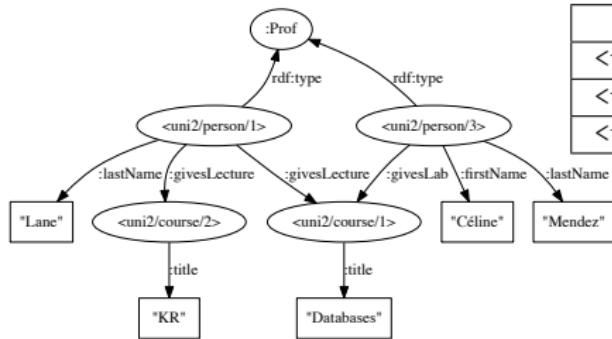
ln	t
"Lane"	"Databases"
"Lane"	"KR"

# Union of Basic Graph Patterns

## Ex.: BGPs with UNION

```
SELECT ?p ?ln ?c
WHERE {
  { ?p :lastName ?ln .      ?p :givesLecture ?c . }
  UNION
  { ?p :lastName ?ln .      ?p :givesLab ?c . }
}
```

When evaluated over



... the query returns:

p	ln	c
<uni2/person/1>	"Lane"	<uni2/course/1>
<uni2/person/1>	"Lane"	<uni2/course/2>
<uni2/person/3>	"Mendez"	<uni2/course/1>

# BGPs vs. conjunctive queries

We can write queries using a more compact and abstract syntax, borrowed from database theory.

Ex.: BGP

```
SELECT ?p ?ln ?c ?t
WHERE {
    ?p :lastName ?ln .
    ?p :givesLecture ?c .
    ?c :title ?t .
}
```

vs. conjunctive query

$$q(p, ln, c, t) \leftarrow \text{lastName}(p, ln), \\ \text{givesLecture}(p, c), \\ \text{title}(c, t)$$

A **conjunctive query**  $q$  has the form  $q(\vec{x}) \leftarrow p_1(\vec{y}_1), \dots, p(\vec{y}_k)$  where

- $q(\vec{x})$  is called the **head** of  $q$ ,
- $p_1(\vec{y}_1), \dots, p(\vec{y}_k)$  is a conjunction of atoms called the **body** of  $q$ ,
- all variables  $\vec{x}$  in the head are among  $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_k$ , and
- the variables in  $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_k$  not among  $\vec{x}$  are existentially quantified.

# BGPs vs. conjunctive queries (cont.)

Ex.: BGP with projection

```
SELECT ?ln ?t  
WHERE {  
    ?p :lastName ?ln .  
    ?p :givesLecture ?c .  
    ?c :title ?t .  
}
```

vs. conjunctive query

$$q(ln, t) \leftarrow \text{lastName}(p, ln), \\ \text{givesLecture}(p, c), \\ \text{title}(c, t)$$

But there is a difference in semantics when we have an ontology.

# SPARQL UNION vs. unions of CQs

## Ex.: BGP with UNION

```
SELECT ?p ?ln ?c
WHERE {
  { ?p :lastName ?ln .
    ?p :givesLecture ?c . }
  UNION
  { ?p :lastName ?ln .
    ?p :givesLab ?c . }
}
```

## vs. union of CQs (UCQ)

$$\begin{aligned} q(p, ln, c) &\leftarrow \text{lastName}(p, ln), \\ &\quad \text{givesLecture}(p, c) \\ q(p, ln, c) &\leftarrow \text{lastName}(p, ln), \\ &\quad \text{givesLab}(p, c) \end{aligned}$$

A UCQ is written as a set of CQs, all with the same head.

# The OWL 2 QL profile

- OWL 2 QL is one of the three standard profiles of OWL 2.
- Derived from the ***DL-Lite<sub>R</sub>*** description logic of the *DL-Lite*-family:
  - Groups the domain into **classes** of objects with common properties.
  - Binary relations between objects (**object properties**).
  - Binary relations from objects to values (**data properties**).
- Is considered a lightweight ontology language:
  - controlled expressive power
  - efficient inference
- Optimized for accessing large amounts of data (i.e., for data complexity):
  - **First-order rewritability** of query answering: queries over the ontology can be rewritten into SQL queries over the underlying relational database.
  - Consistency checking is also first-order rewritable.
- OWL 2 QL is equipped with a formal set-theoretic semantics.

# OWL 2 QL ontologies

- An OWL 2 QL ontology  $\langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$  is constituted by:
  - a TBox  $\mathcal{T}$ , modeling the intensional level information (i.e., axioms), and
  - an ABox  $\mathcal{A}$ , modeling the extensional level information (i.e., facts).
- In the OBDA setting, the ABox is (usually) implicitly defined through the database and mappings.
- Therefore, in the following, we use the term “ontology” to refer to the TBox only.

# Constructs of OWL 2 QL/ *DL-Lite<sub>R</sub>*

- Class hierarchies: rdfs:subClassOf
- Property hierarchies: rdfs:subPropertyOf
- Property domain: rdfs:domain
- Property range: rdfs:range
- Inverse properties: owl:inverseOf
- Class disjointness: owl:disjointWith
- Mandatory participation: owl:someValuesFrom in superclass expression

# RDF Schema (RDFS)

**rdfs:subClassOf** ( $A \sqsubseteq B$ )

```
:FullProf rdfs:subClassOf :Professor .
<uni1/academic/1> a :FullProf .
⇒ <uni1/academic/1> a :Professor .
```

**rdfs:subPropertyOf** ( $P \sqsubseteq R$ )

```
:givesLecture rdfs:subPropertyOf :teaches .
<uni2/academic/2> :givesLecture <uni2/course/1> .
⇒ <uni2/academic/2> :teaches <uni2/course/1> .
```

**rdfs:domain** ( $\exists P \sqsubseteq A$ )

```
:teaches rdfs:domain :Teacher .
<uni2/academic/2> :teaches <uni2/course/1> .
⇒ <uni2/academic/2> a :Teacher .
```

**rdfs:range** ( $\exists P^- \sqsubseteq A$ )

```
:teaches rdfs:range :Course .
<uni2/academic/2> :teaches <uni2/course/1> .
⇒ <uni2/course/1> a :Course .
```

# Other constructs of OWL2QL I

**owl:inverseOf** ( $P^- \sqsubseteq R, R^- \sqsubseteq P$ )

```
:isTaughtBy owl:inverseOf :teaches .  
<uni2/academic/2> :teaches <uni2/course/1> .  
⇒ <uni2/course/1> :isTaughtBy <uni2/academic/2> .
```

**owl:someValuesFrom** in the superclass expression ( $A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B$ )

```
:GraduateStudent rdfs:subClassOf  
[ a owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :isSupervisedBy ;  
  owl:someValuesFrom :Professor ] .  
<uni2/person/10> a :GraduateStudent .  
  
⇒ <uni2/person/10> a  
[ a owl:Restriction ;  
  owl:onProperty :isSupervisedBy ;  
  owl:someValuesFrom :Professor ] .
```

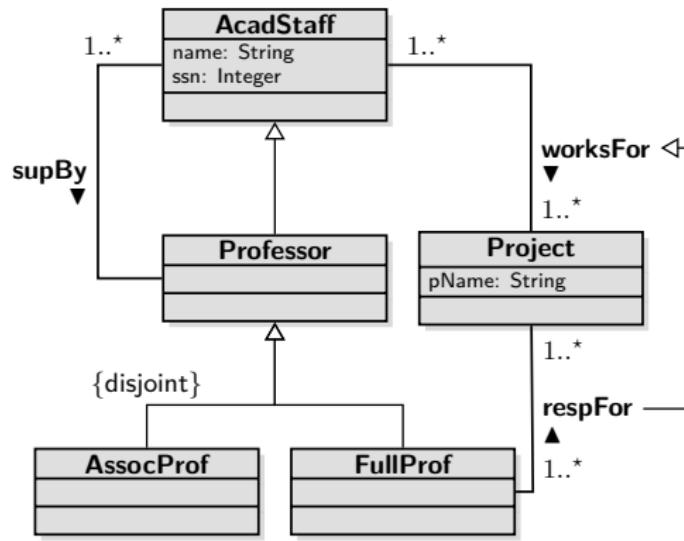
# Other constructs of OWL 2 QL II

**owl:disjointWith** ( $A \sqsubseteq \neg B, B \sqsubseteq \neg A$ )

```
:Student owl:disjointWith :Professor .  
<uni1/academic/19> a :Professor .  
<uni1/academic/19> a :Student .
```

⇒ Inconsistent RDF graph

# Capturing UML class diagrams/ER schemas in $DL\text{-}Lite_R$



Professor	$\sqsubseteq$	AcadStaff
AssocProf	$\sqsubseteq$	Professor
FullProf	$\sqsubseteq$	Professor
AssocProf	$\sqsubseteq$	$\neg$ FullProf
AcadStaff	$\sqsubseteq$	$\exists$ ssn
	$\sqsubseteq$	AcadStaff
$\exists$ ssn	$\sqsubseteq$	Integer
$\exists$ worksFor	$\sqsubseteq$	AcadStaff
$\exists$ worksFor <sup>-</sup>	$\sqsubseteq$	Project
AcadStaff	$\sqsubseteq$	$\exists$ worksFor
Project	$\sqsubseteq$	$\exists$ worksFor <sup>-</sup>
respFor	$\sqsubseteq$	worksFor
	$\vdots$	

$DL\text{-}Lite_R$  / OWL 2 QL **cannot capture**:

- covering constraints – This would require **disjunction**
- identity between individuals – This would `owl:sameAs` – see later
- functionality of roles – This would require number restrictions

# $DL\text{-}Lite_{\mathcal{R}}$ captures conceptual modeling formalisms

Modeling construct	$DL\text{-}Lite$	FOL formalization
ISA on classes	$A_1 \sqsubseteq A_2$	$\forall x(A_1(x) \rightarrow A_2(x))$
... and on relations	$R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$	$\forall x, y(R_1(x, y) \rightarrow R_2(x, y))$
Disjointness of classes	$A_1 \sqsubseteq \neg A_2$	$\forall x(A_1(x) \rightarrow \neg A_2(x))$
... and of relations	$R_1 \sqsubseteq \neg R_2$	$\forall x, y(R_1(x, y) \rightarrow \neg R_2(x, y))$
Domain of relations	$\exists P \sqsubseteq A_1$	$\forall x(\exists y(P(x, y)) \rightarrow A_1(x))$
Range of relations	$\exists P^- \sqsubseteq A_2$	$\forall x(\exists y(P(y, x)) \rightarrow A_2(x))$
Mandatory participation (min card = 1)	$A_1 \sqsubseteq \exists P$ $A_2 \sqsubseteq \exists P^-$	$\forall x(A_1(x) \rightarrow \exists y(P(x, y)))$ $\forall x(A_2(x) \rightarrow \exists y(P(y, x)))$
...	...	...

# Mapping assertions – RDB-RDF

Global-As-View (GAV) mapping assertion  $\varphi \rightsquigarrow \psi$

- $\varphi$ : FO query (over DB predicates)
- $\psi$ : atom (over an RDF predicate)
- Open-World Assumption (by default)

## Class instance (:Student)

Source	$q(s) \leftarrow \text{uni1-student}(s, f, l)$  <b>SELECT</b> s_id <b>FROM</b> uni1.student
Target	Student(URI <sub>1</sub> (s))  ex:uni1/student/{s_id} a :Student .

# Mapping assertions RDB-RDF

Ontop native format (similar to the R2RML standard)

## Data property (foaf:firstName)

Source (SQL)	<pre>SELECT s_id, firstName, lastName FROM uni1.student</pre>
Target (RDF)	<pre>ex:uni1/student/{s_id}       foaf:firstName "{firstName}"^^xsd:string ;       foaf:lastName "{lastName}"^^xsd:string .</pre>

## Object property (:teaches)

Source	<pre>SELECT * FROM "uni1"."teaching"</pre>
Target (RDF)	<pre>ex:uni1/academic/{a_id} :teaches                            ex:uni1/course/{c_id} .</pre>

## Magic number

Source	<pre>SELECT * FROM "uni1"."academic" WHERE "position" = 1</pre>
Target (RDF)	<pre>ex:uni1/academic/{a_id} a :FullProf .</pre>

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# Ontology-based data access: Formalization

To formalize OBDA, we distinguish between the intensional and the extensional level information.

An **OBDA specification** is a triple  $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$ , where:

- $\mathcal{T}$  is the intensional level of an ontology.  
We consider ontologies formalized in description logics (DLs), hence the intensional level is a **DL TBox**.
- $\mathcal{S}$  is a (possibly federated) **relational database schema** for the data source(s), possibly with constraints;
- $\mathcal{M}$  is a set of **mapping assertions** between  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ .

An **OBDA instance** is a pair  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \rangle$ , where

- $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$  is an OBDA specification, and
- $\mathcal{D}$  is a relational database compliant with  $\mathcal{S}$ .

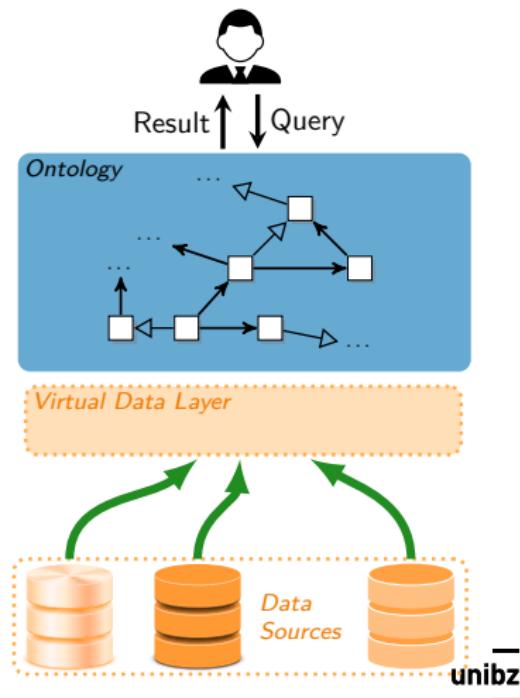
# Semantics of OBDA: Intuition

In an OBDA instance  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S} \rangle, \mathcal{D} \rangle$ , the **mapping**  $\mathcal{M}$  encodes how the data  $\mathcal{D}$  in the source(s)  $\mathcal{S}$  should be used to populate the elements of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

## Virtual data layer

The data  $\mathcal{D}$  and the mapping  $\mathcal{M}$  define a **virtual data layer**  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D})$

- Queries are answered w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ .
- We do not really materialize the data of  $\mathcal{V}$  (it is virtual!).
- Instead, the intensional information in  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is used to translate queries over  $\mathcal{T}$  into queries formulated over  $\mathcal{S}$ .



# Semantics of mappings

To formally define the semantics of an OBDA instance  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$ , we first need to define the semantics of mappings.

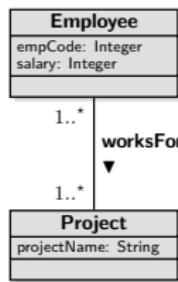
## Satisfaction of a mapping assertion with respect to a database

An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  **satisfies** a mapping assertion  $\Phi(\vec{x}) \rightsquigarrow \Psi(\vec{x})$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  **with respect to a database**  $\mathcal{D}$  **for**  $\mathcal{S}$ , if the following FOL sentence is true in  $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{D}$ :

$$\forall \vec{x}. \Phi(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \Psi(\vec{x})$$

Intuitively,  $\mathcal{I}$  **satisfies**  $\Phi \rightsquigarrow \Psi$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{D}$  if all facts obtained by evaluating  $\Phi$  over  $\mathcal{D}$  and then propagating the answers to  $\Psi$ , hold in  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Semantics of mappings – Example



<i>SSN</i>	<i>PrName</i>
23AB	optique
...	...

<i>Code</i>	<i>Salary</i>
e23	1500
...	...

<i>Code</i>	<i>SSN</i>
e23	23AB
...	...

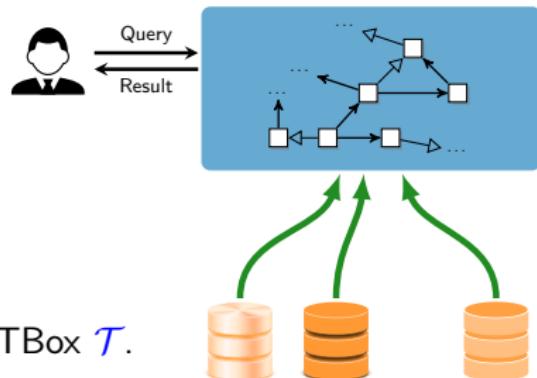
The following interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies the mapping assertions  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  with respect to the above database:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}: \Delta_O^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{\mathbf{pers}(23AB), \mathbf{proj}(\text{optique}), \dots\}, \quad \Delta_V^{\mathcal{I}} = \{\text{optique}, 1500, \dots\} \\ \mathbf{Employee}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{\mathbf{pers}(23AB), \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{Project}^{\mathcal{I}} = \{\mathbf{proj}(\text{optique}), \dots\}, \\ \mathbf{projectName}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{(\mathbf{proj}(\text{optique}), \text{optique}), \dots\}, \\ \mathbf{worksFor}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{(\mathbf{pers}(23AB), \mathbf{proj}(\text{optique})), \dots\}, \\ \mathbf{salary}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{(\mathbf{pers}(23AB), 1500), \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$m_1:$  `SELECT SSN, PrName  
FROM D1`       $\rightsquigarrow$  `Employee(pers(SSN)),  
Project(proj(PrName)),  
projectName(proj(PrName), PrName),  
worksFor(pers(SSN), proj(PrName))`

$m_2:$  `SELECT SSN, Salary  
FROM D2, D3  
WHERE D2.Code = D3.Code`       $\rightsquigarrow$  `Employee(pers(SSN)),  
salary(pers(SSN), Salary)`

# Semantics of an OBDA instance



Let  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$  be an interpretation of the TBox  $\mathcal{T}$ .

## Model of an OBDA instance

$\mathcal{I}$  is a **model** of  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \rangle$ , with  $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$  if:

- $\mathcal{I}$  is a model of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and
- $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{M}$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e., it satisfies every assertion in  $\mathcal{M}$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{D}$ .

An OBDA instance  $\mathcal{O}$  is **satisfiable** if it admits at least one model.

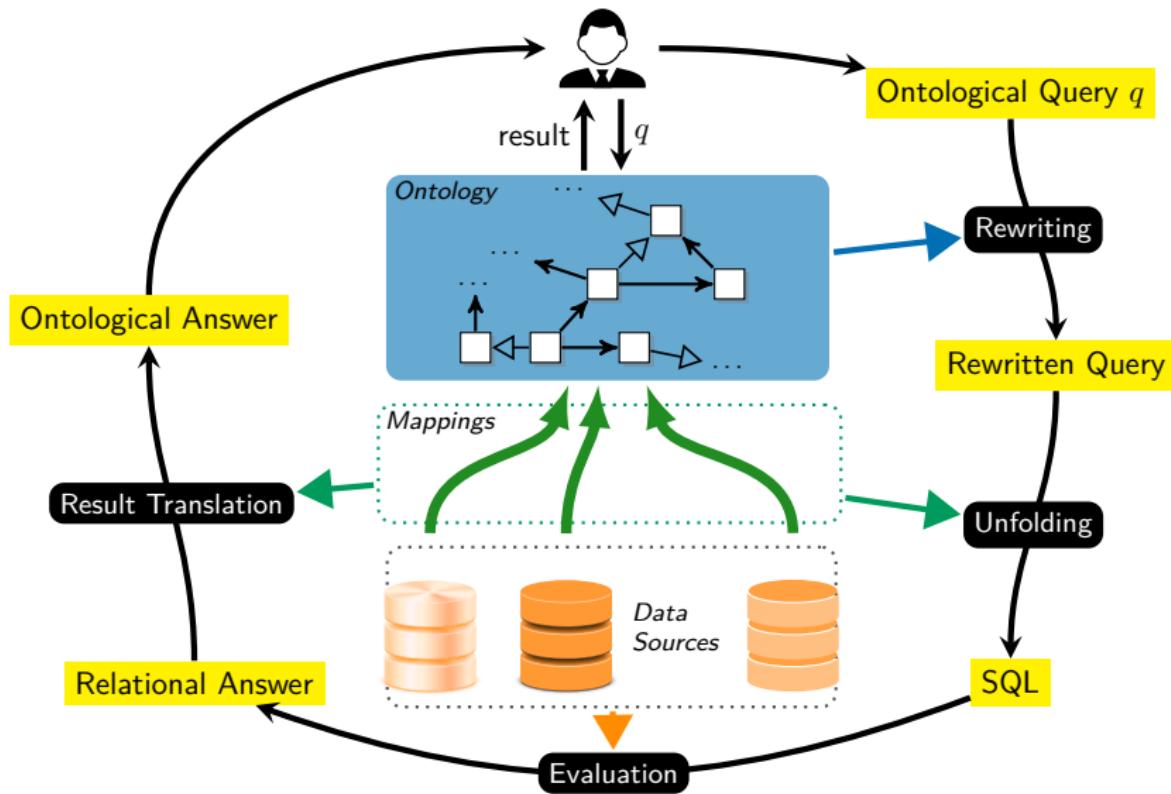
# Query answering in OBDA

In OBDA, we are interested in answering queries formulated over the TBox, using the data provided from the database through the mapping.

Formally:

- An OBDA instance  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \rangle$ , with  $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M} \rangle$  has multiple models.
- We are interested in the answers to queries that hold in **all models**  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ :  
**certain answers**

# Query answering by rewriting (conceptual framework)



# Ontop



- State-of-the-art OBDA system
- Compliant with the RDFS, OWL 2 QL, R2RML, and SPARQL standards.
- Supports all major relational DBs
  - Oracle, DB2, MS SQL Server, Postgres, MySQL, Teiid, Exareme, etc.
- Open-source and released under Apache 2 license
- Development of *Ontop*:
  - development started in 2009
  - already well established:
    - +200 members in the mailing list
    - +7000 downloads in last 18 months
  - main development carried out in the context of the EU project Optique

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