

# Semantic Web

Lecture 9: OWL & Protégé

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# Role Restrictions

- Another type of logic-based constructors for complex classes
- Role restrictions are constructors involving roles
- Universal Quantifier
  - First role restriction is derived from universal quantifier in predicate logic
  - Defines a class as the set of all object for which the given role only attains values from given class
  - owl:allValuesFrom role restriction

# Role Restrictions

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Exam">  
  <rdfs:subClassOf>  
    <owl:Restriction>  
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="hasExaminer"/>  
      <owl:allValuesFrom rdf:resource="Professor"/>  
    </owl:Restriction>  
  </rdfs:subClassOf>  
</owl:Class>
```

- Examiners must always be professors
- All examiners of an exam must be professors

# Role Restrictions

- Existential Quantifier
  - Declare that any exam must have at least one examiner
  - Role restriction `owl:someValuesFrom` is used

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Exam">  
  <rdfs:subClassOf>  
    <owl:Restriction>  
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="hasExaminer"/>  
      <owl:someValuesFrom rdf:resource="Person"/>  
    </owl:Restriction>  
  </rdfs:subClassOf>  
</owl:Class>
```

# Role Restrictions

- owl:allValuesFrom
  - We can say something about all of the examiners
- owl:someValuesFrom
  - We can say something about at least one of the examiners

# Example

```
<Person rdf:about="anton">
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="doris"/>
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="dagmar"/>
</Person>
<Person rdf:about="doris">
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="dagmar"/>
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="bernd"/>
</Person>
<Person rdf:about="gustav">
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="bernd"/>
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="doris"/>
  <likesToWorkWith rdf:resource="desiree"/>
</Person>
<Person rdf:about="charles"/>
<owl:Class rdf:about="FemaleColleagues">
  <owl:oneOf rdf:parseType="Collection">
    <Person rdf:about="dagmar"/>
    <Person rdf:about="doris"/>
    <Person rdf:about="desiree"/>
  </owl:oneOf>
</owl:Class>
```

```
<owl:AllDifferent>
  <owl:distinctMembers rdf:parseType="Collection">
    <Person rdf:about="anton"/>
    <Person rdf:about="bernd"/>
    <Person rdf:about="charles"/>
    <Person rdf:about="dagmar"/>
    <Person rdf:about="doris"/>
    <Person rdf:about="desiree"/>
  </owl:distinctMembers>
</owl:AllDifferent>
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class1">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Restriction>
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likeToWorkWith"/>
      <owl:someValuesFrom
rdf:resource="FemaleColleagues"/>
    </owl:Restriction>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
</owl:Class>
```

# Open World Assumption

- Infer that anton, doris and gustav are in Class1 since they all like to work with one of the individuals that are in the FemaleColleagues class
- Can not infer that charles is in Class1 because the individual has not indicated what the value of the likesToWorkWith property is
- Reason for this is the Open World Assumption
  - Implicitly assumed that a knowledge base may always be incomplete
  - Charles could be in the relation likesToWorkWith an instance of the Female Colleagues class but this is not known yet

# Open World Assumption

- Easily lead to mistakes in the modeling of knowledge
- Other paradigms, like databases, have a Closed World Assumption
  - Knowledge base is considered to be complete
  - With a CWA, inference is that charles is NOT in Class1 since it has not been asserted
- OWA is reasonable for Semantic Web because the WWW is expanding and new knowledge is added all the time



# Open World Assumption

- Impacts on other situations

```
<Professor rdf:about="rudiStuder"/>
```

```
<Philosopher rdf:about="mikeStange"/>
```

- Can not infer anything about the membership or non-membership of mikeStange in the class Professor because further knowledge may not yet be known to us
  - mikeStange may or may not be a professor

# Open World Assumption

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class2">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Restriction>
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likesToWorkWith"/>
      <owl:allValuesFrom rdf:resource="FemaleColleagues"/>
    </owl:Restriction>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
</owl:Class>
```

- Infer that doris and gustav do NOT belong to Class2
- Because of OWA, can NOT say anything about the membership of anton or charles in Class2

# Open World Assumption

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class3">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Restriction>
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likesToWorkWith"/>
      <owl:hasValue rdf:resource="doris"/>
    </owl:Restriction>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
</owl:Class>
```

- Here, you can infer that anton and gustav belong to Class3 because both like to work with doris

# Open World Assumption

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class4">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Restriction>
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likesToWorkWith"/>
      <owl:minCardinality
rdf:datatype="&xsd;nonNegativeInteger">
        3
      </owl:minCardinality>
    </owl:Restriction>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
</owl:Class>
```

- What can we infer with this?

# Open World Assumption

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class5">
  <owl:equivalentClass>
    <owl:Restriction>
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likesToWorkWith"/>
      <owl:maxCardinality
rdf:datatype="&xsd;nonNegativeInteger">
        0
      </owl:minCardinality>
    </owl:Restriction>
  </owl:equivalentClass>
</owl:Class>
```

- Due to OWA we cannot infer that charles is in Class5

# Open World Assumption

```
<owl:Class rdf:about="Class5">  
  <owl:equivalentClass>  
    <owl:Restriction>  
      <owl:onProperty rdf:resource="likesToWorkWith"/>  
      <owl:allValuesFrom rdf:resource="&owl;Nothing">  
    </owl:Restriction>  
  </owl:equivalentClass>  
</owl:Class>
```

- Alternate definition of Class5

# Role Relationships

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasExaminer">  
    <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="hasParticipant"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

- Examiners of an event are also present at the event
- Can also state that two roles are equivalent to one another with `owl:equivalentProperty`

# Role Relationships

```
<Exam rdf:about="semanticWebExam">
    <hasExaminer rdf:resource="rudiStuder"/>
</Exam>

<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasExaminer">
    <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="hasParticipant"/>
</owl:ObjectProperty>

<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasParticipant">
    <rdfs:equivalentPropertyOf rdf:resource="hasAttendee"/>
</owl:ObjectProperty>

<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasAttendee">
    <rdfs:inversePropertyOf rdf:resource="participatesIn"/>
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```



# Role Relationships

```
<Exam rdf:about="semanticWebExam">  
  <hasExaminer rdf:resource="rudiStuder"/>  
</Exam>
```

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasExaminer">  
  <rdfs:subPropertyOf rdf:resource="hasParticipant"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasParticipant">  
  <owl:equivalentProperty rdf:resource="hasAttendee"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

```
<owl:ObjectProperty rdf:about="hasAttendee">  
  <owl:inverseOf rdf:resource="participatesIn"/>  
</owl:ObjectProperty>
```

- semanticWebExam and rudiStuder are in the relation has Participant and also in the equivalent relation hasAttendee
- Infer that rudiStuder and semanticWebExam are in the relation participatesIn

# Examples

- Class Vegetable is subclass of PizzaTopping
- Class PizzaTopping does not share any elements with the class Pizza
- Individual aubergine is an element of the class Vegetable
- Abstract role hasTopping is only used for relationships between elements of the classes Pizza and PizzaTopping
- The class VegPizza consists of those elements which are in the class NoMeatPizza and in the class NoFishPizza
- The role hasTopping is a subrole of hasIngredient

# Examples

- Every pizza has at least two toppings
- Every pizza has tomato as a topping

