Semantic MediaWiki



A community database ... and more!

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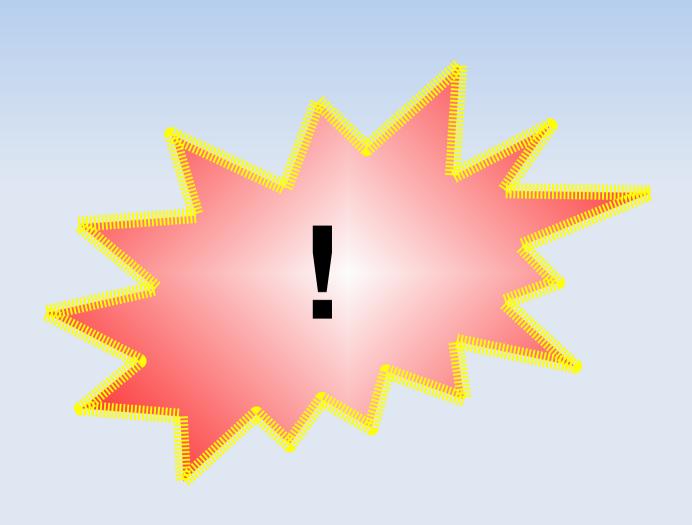
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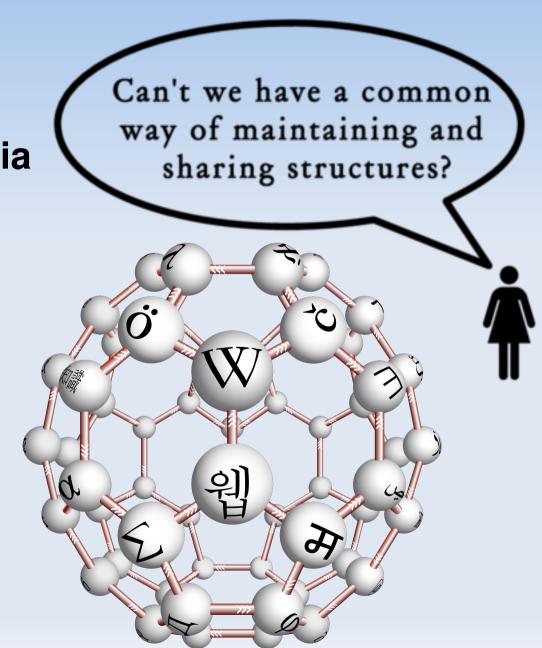
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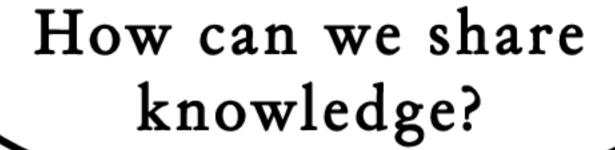


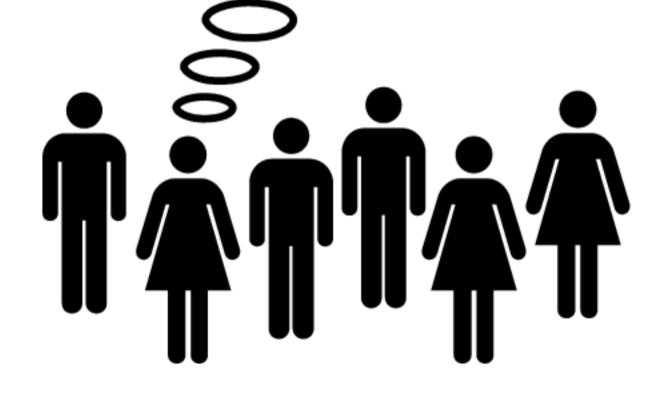
Knowledge, Structure, and other Stuff

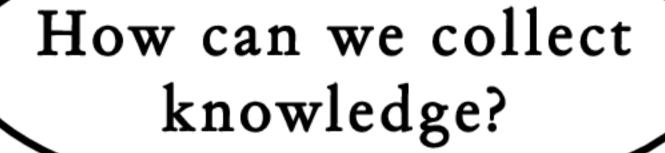
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SMW Project Universität Karlsruhe (TH) Ontoprise GmbH Karlsruhe Knowledge should be available to everyone.

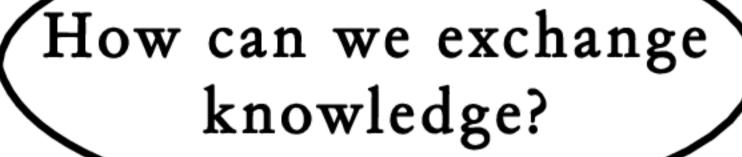




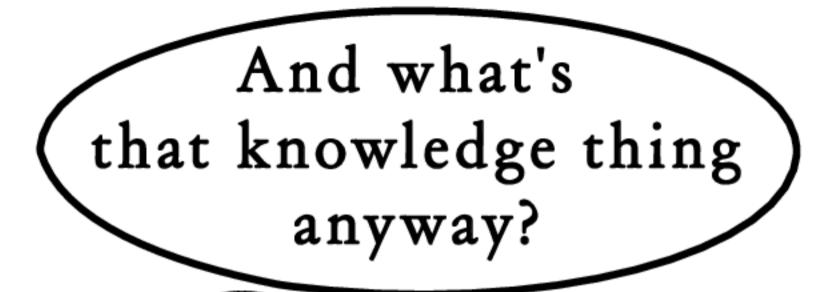






















Wikipedia



The answer to all questions.

Why can't computers answer questions for us?

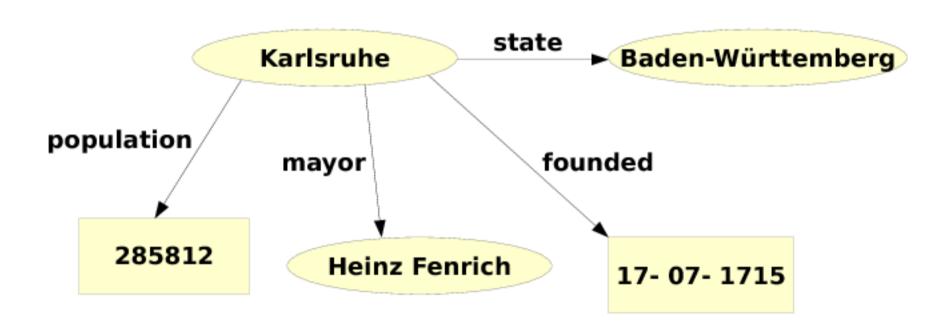
Because computers are stupid.

knowledge is more than text

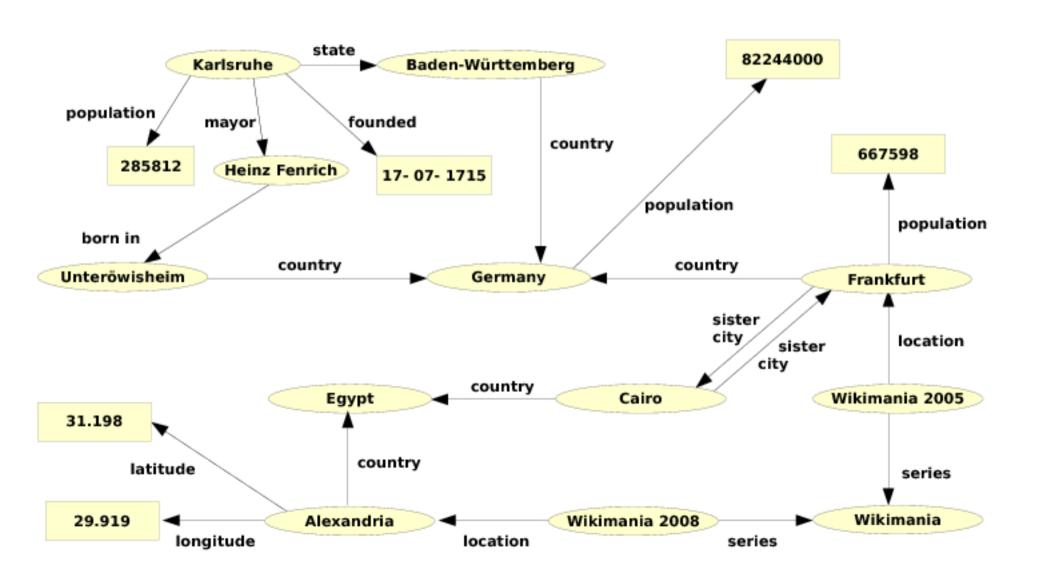
knowledge includes how pieces relate to each other

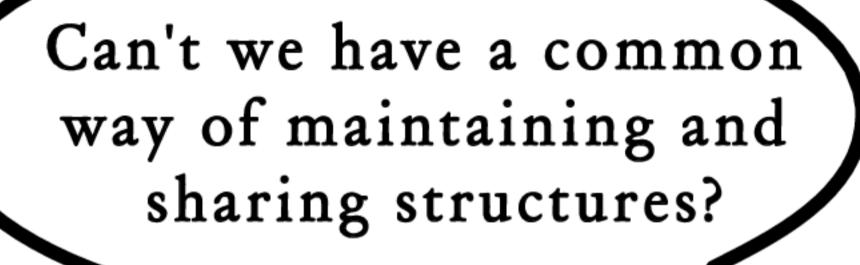
knowledge is structured

What do we mean with «structure»?

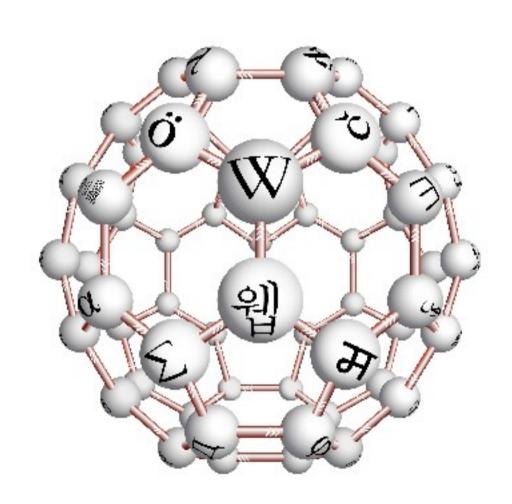


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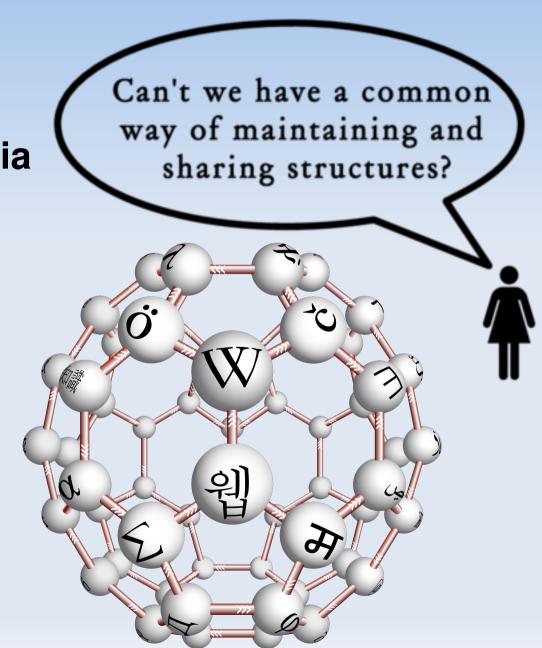
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http://pgscdemo.referata.com http://prodstat.referata.com http://discoursedb.org

http://sandbox.referata.com

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Main Page

Demo site for the Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium (PGSC) Semantic MediaWiki (SMW).

- Read about the PGSC ®.
- Read about SMW ₽.

Here you can:

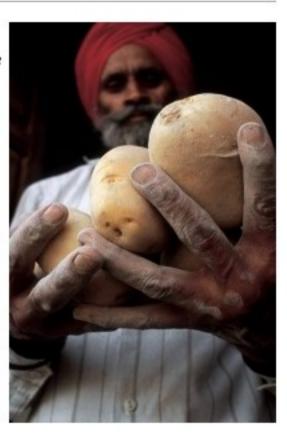
- View the project members database.
- View the project dataset tracking database.

Internals:

View the class and property index.

Technical:

Recent changes to the wiki.



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Glenn Bryan

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Project contribution		
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Institute	Scottish Crop Research Institute,	
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Category: Member

Facts about Glenn Bryan

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Works in:	Scottish Crop Research Institute	
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Contribution:		

Free text:

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Member/table

< Member

Table of Members

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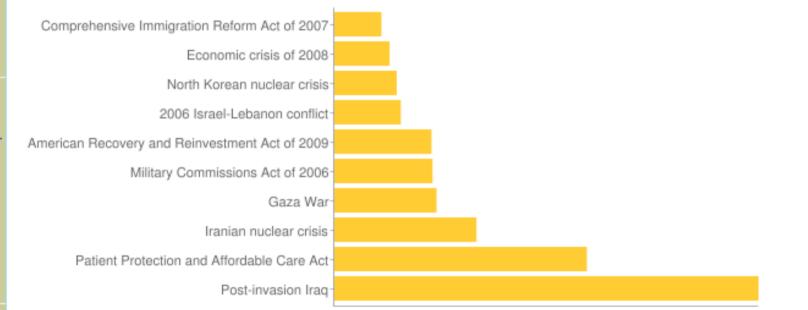
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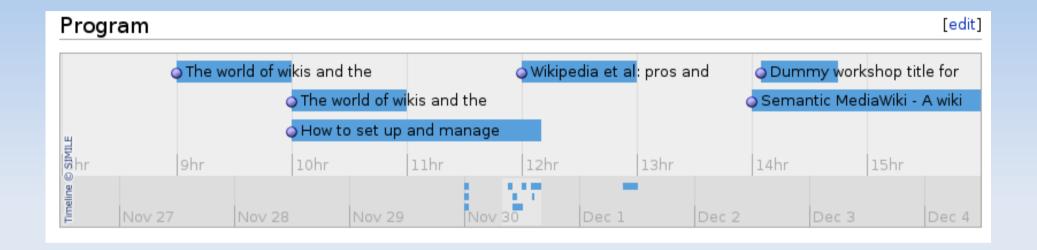
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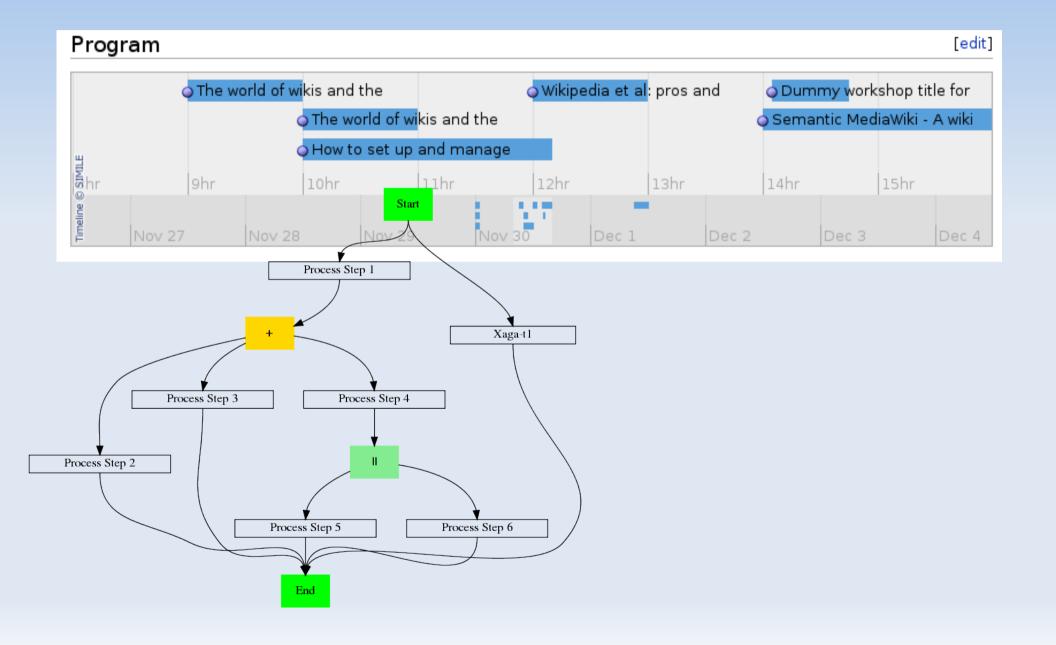
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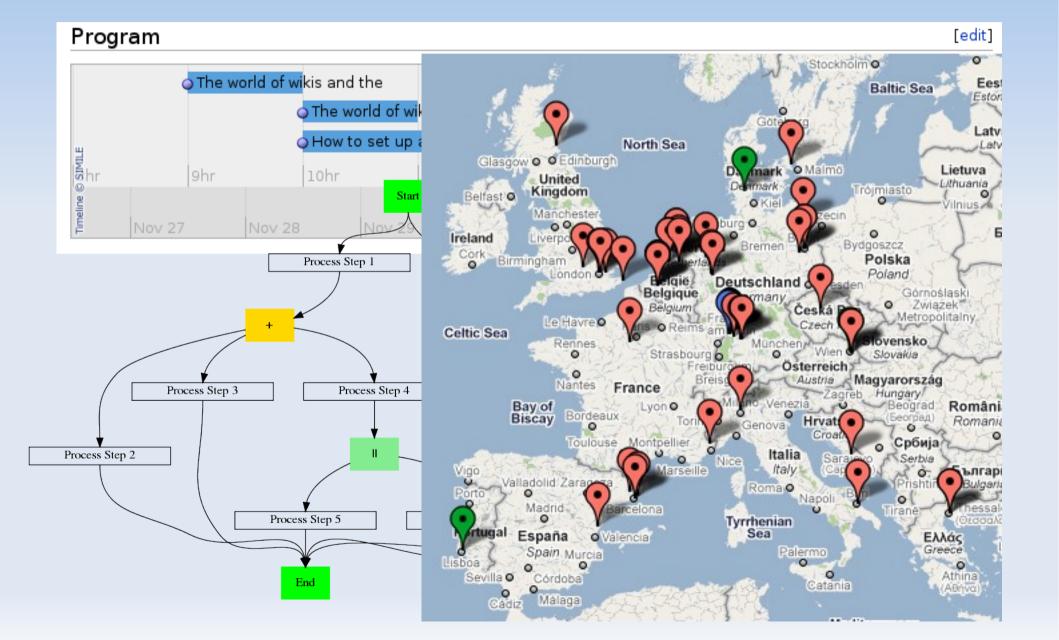
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Facts about Robert Louis Stevenson ①

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data export

- View XML
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              /wiki/Special:URIResolver/RLS">
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Data

- Triples are used for modelling data
 - Similar to relational data models
 - More generic
- A triple has three parts:
 - Subject Predicate Object
- In SMW this is simplified to match the page model of the wiki (facts on a page):
 - Page Property Value

Properties

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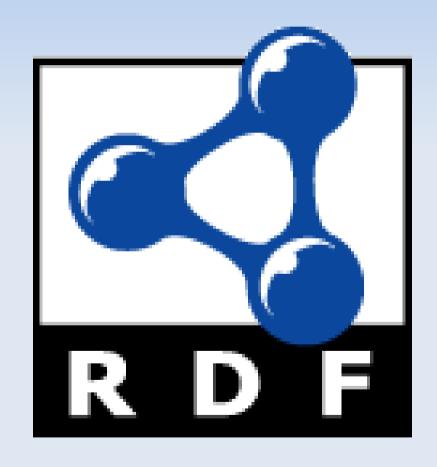
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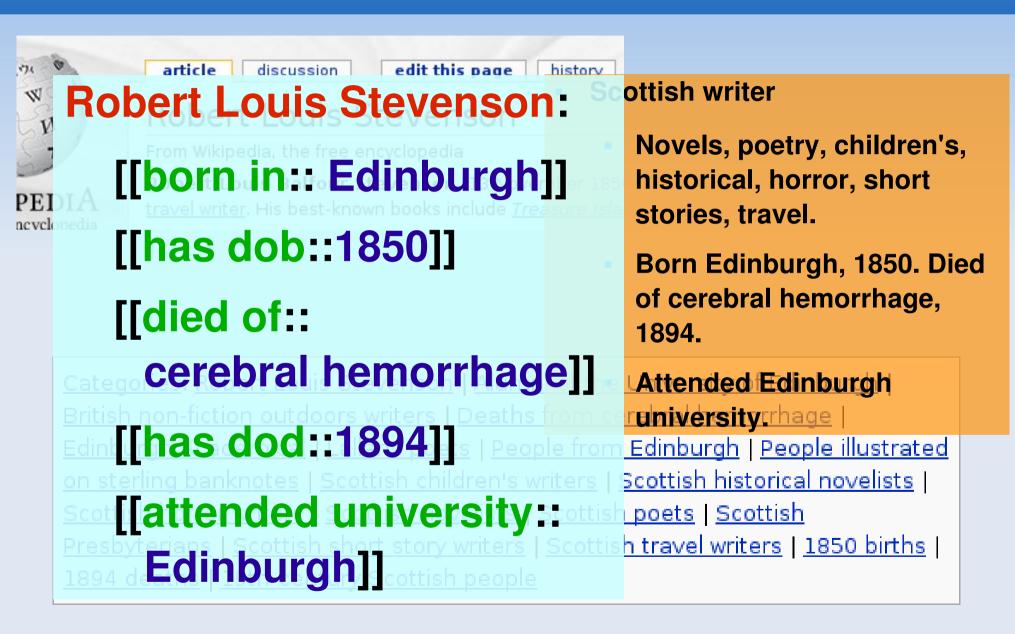
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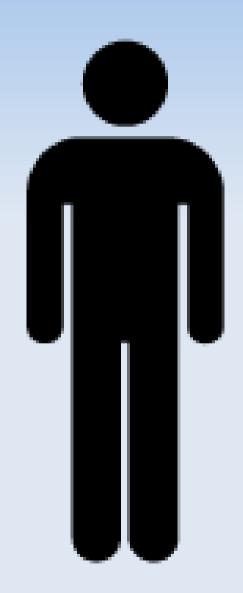
Property:has name: [[has type::String]]

Property:has dob: [[has type::Date]]

Property:has weight: [[has type::Number]]

Property types

- Allow the proper layout of values in a table
- Allow queries to have proper range constraints
- Allow forms to be validated against user input



Properties have simple types: string, date, number, etc.

How do we 'type' a page?

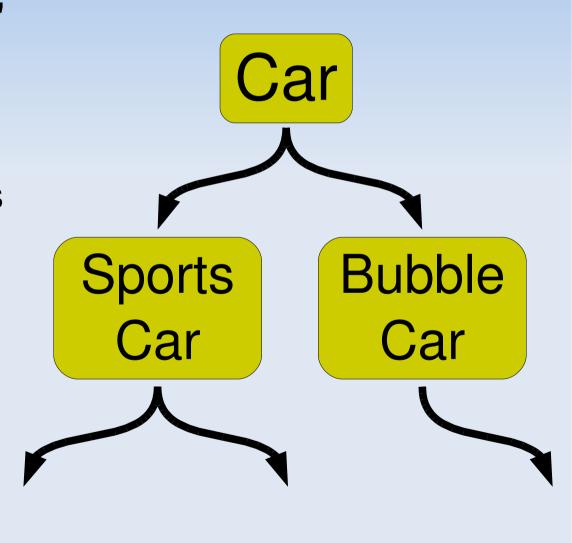
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Top speed

Doors

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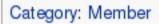


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[[has type::Page]] [[has default form::

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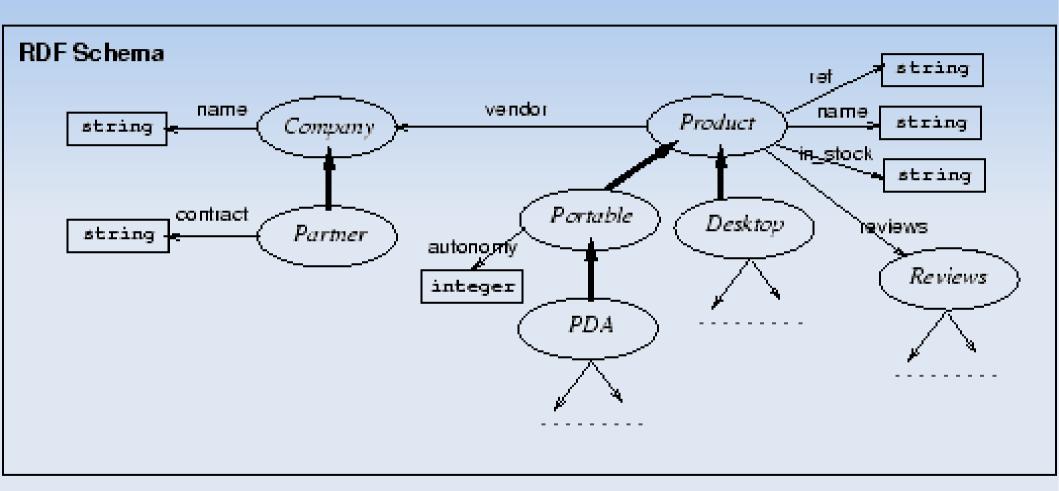
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RDF



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- A template is 'called' from any other page
 - Very useful feature
- Used for common things
- Used for data (presentation)

```
{{ car
 | \text{top speed} = 200
 | doors = 5
 | price = 120000
```

Ferrari 612 Scaglietti



Manufacturer Ferrari

Production 2004-present

Predecessor Ferrari 456 M

Successor incumbent

Class Grand tourer

Body style(s) 2-door coupé

Layout FMR layout

Engine(s) 5.7 L Tipo F133F V12

Transmission(s) 6-speed manual

6-speed 'F1A' semi-auto

Wheelbase 2949 mm (116.1 in)

Length 4902 mm (193.0 in)

Width 1956 mm (77.0 in)

Height 1344 mm (52.9 in)

Curb weight 1725 kg (3803 lb)

Designer Pininfarina under Frank

Stephenson

Ferrari 612 Scaglietti:

```
{{ Infobox Automobile
```

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| name = Ferrari 612 Scaglietti
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| manufacturer = Ferrari

| body_style = 2-door coupé

| production = 2004-present

| engine = 5.7 L

| length = 4902

| width=1956

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}}

- Used for data (presentation)
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 - Semantic Templates
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Template:Car:
[[Has top speed::
 {{{top speed}}} ]]
[[Has doors::
 {{{doors}}} ]]
[[Has price::
 {{{price}}} ]]
[[ Category:Car ]]
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Category: Car

Facts about Some Car ①

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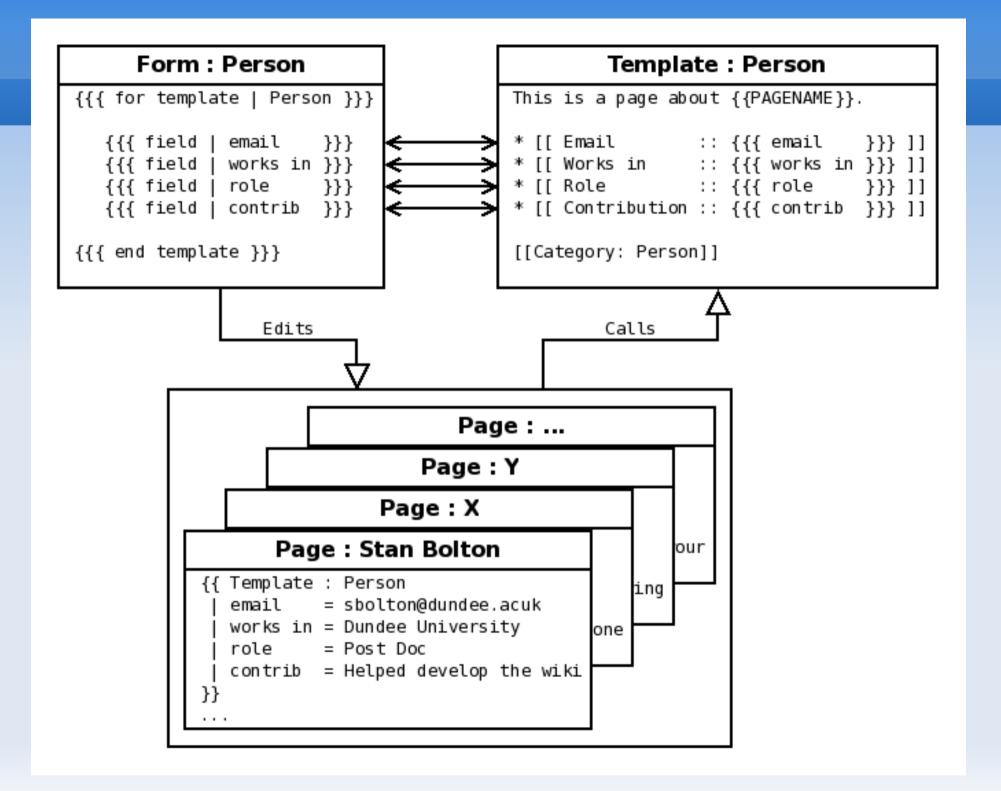
Has doors 5 + Q

Has price 120,000 usd (89,773.322 eur, 76,122.811 gbp) + 🔍

Has top speed 161 km/h (100.041 mph) + 🔍

Forms

- Forms are used to edit templates
 - Very useful feature in their own right
- Typically, each class has one form
 - Form fields edit template parameters
 - Template parameters set properties
 - Each field is automatically 'typed' according to it's property!
 - Fields auto complete based on existing property values!



Ask queries

Ask for all pages in a Class:

```
{{#ask: [[ Category: <my class> ]] }}
```

• The same, but return some specific properties:

```
{{#ask: [[ Category: <my class> ]] | ? <my prop1> |? <my prop2> |? }}
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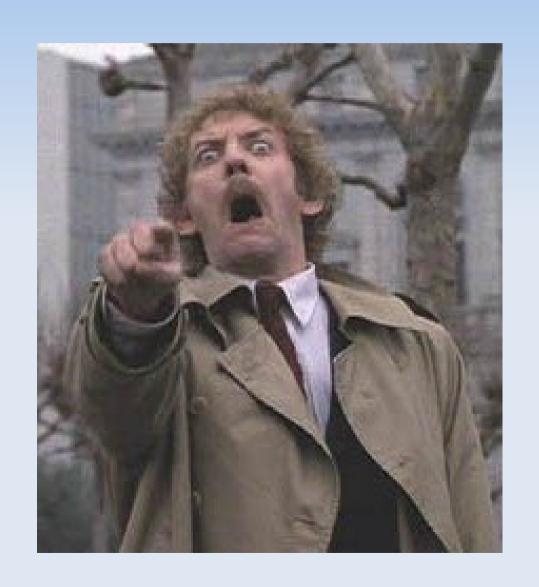
Ask for some cheap goods:

```
{{#ask: [[ Price ::< 5 usd ]] }}
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SMW provides new functionality

- Structure
- Forms for editing
- Dynamic queries
 - Visualization
- Linked data
- Navigation



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Appendices

'Getting started'

- 1) Figure out your data structure
 - Classes and properties
- 2) Create templates and properties
- 3) Create forms
 - To add and edit the different page 'types'
- 4) Enable links to forms
 - [[Has default form:: ...]]
- 5) Add data!

BioWikis using SMW

- SNPedia
 - http://snpedia.org
- SEQwiki
 - http://seqwiki.org
- NeuroLex
 - http://neurolex.org
- GeneWiki (?)
 - http://genewiki.org

- Many more...
- http://nettab.referata.co m/wiki/BioWiki

Systems similar to SMW

- Dynamic page lists
 - http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/DynamicPageList
- Table edit
 - http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Extension:TableEdit
- OmegaWiki
 - http://www.omegawiki.org
- Others...
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semantic_wiki

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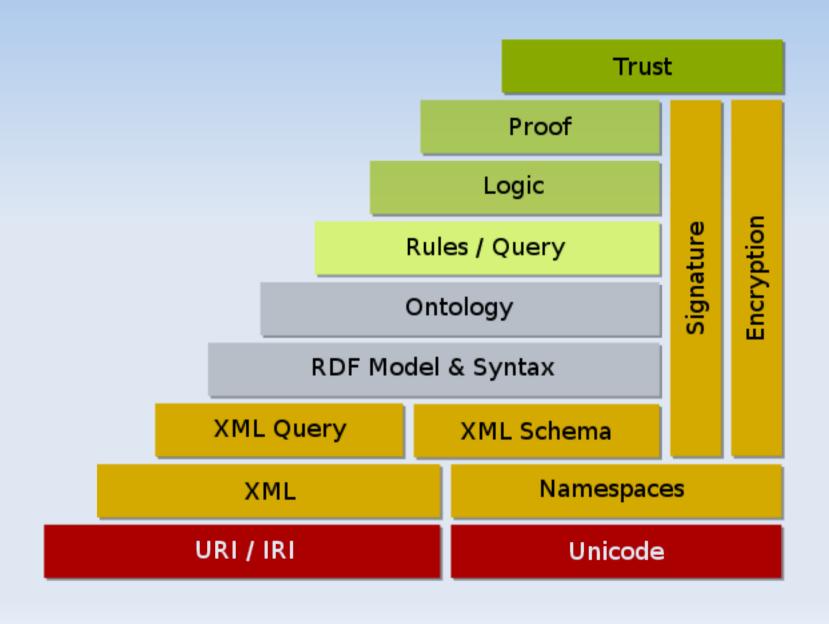
- SMW
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- Properties with units:
 - http://semantic-mediawiki.org/wiki/Custom_units
- Classes

- Templates
 - http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Templates

References

- Forms
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- Ask queries
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Your semantic web!



He said what?

