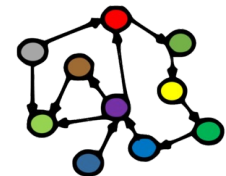


**Welcome to INFO216:
Knowledge Graphs
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Session 4: Storing and sharing KGs

- Themes:
 - triple stores & Blazegraph
 - web APIs & JSON-LD
 - RDF serialisation formats



Readings

- Sources:
 - **Allemang, Hendler & Gandon (2020):**
Semantic Web for the Working Ontologist, 3rd edition
 - chapter 4 on application architecture
 - Blumauer & Nagy (2020):
Knowledge Graph Cookbook – Recipes that Work
 - Part 4 (System Architecture and Technologies)
 - Blazegraph:
 - Introduction - About Blazegraph
 - Getting started
 - Section 2 in W3C's JSON-LD 1.1 Processing Algorithms and API
 - *As always: wiki.uib.no/info216*

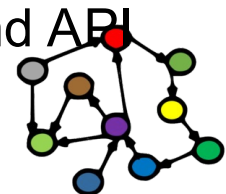


THE KNOWLEDGE GRAPH
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RECIPES THAT WORK



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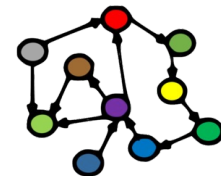
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Triple stores and Blazegraph

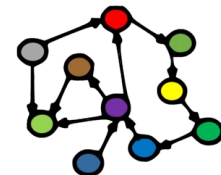
Triple stores

- Basic software for persistent triple stores, or
 - database management systems (DBMSs) for RDF graphs
 - general DBMS properties and behaviours
 - a specialised type of *graph database*
- Examples:
 - *Apache Jena TDB* (simple, file based, RDF-centric)
 - *Eclipse RDF4J, formerly Sesame* (much used, RDF-centric)
 - *OpenLink Virtuoso* (much used, supports multiple data models, large datasets)
 - *Blazegraph* (based on Bigdata and RDF4J)



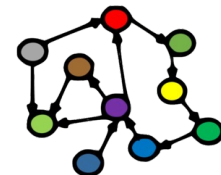
Why different triple stores?

- A few central properties:
 - license, price
 - local server or cloud-hosted
 - scaling, performance, security
 - capacity: “trillions of triples” (norsk: “billion”, 10^{12})
 - support different SPARQL versions, APIs, endpoints?
 - functionality: reification, quads, inference, reasoning...
 - data model (RDF only, general graph, multi-DB)
 - technical:
 - in memory / on file / over DB
 - single- / multi-thread and -server



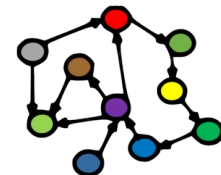
Blazegraph

- Native triple store
 - SPARQL queries and updates, including federation
 - also general graph support
 - simple web-based interface
 - multi-tenancy: several namespaces in same Blazegraph instance
- Three modes for namespaces
 - plain triples (RDF), optional inference
 - quads (no inference)
 - reification done right (RDR), optional inference
- Many, many options
 - full-text search, geo-spatial data
- *Built to scale for data and processing*



Blazegraph

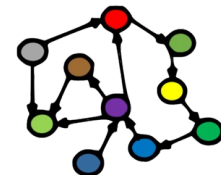
- Built around Bigdata, can be run
 - embedded in a program
 - single-machine stand-alone server (< 50B triples)
 - replicated servers (scale-up queries)
 - federated servers (> 8 machines, scale-out data)
- Dual licensing: GPLv2 and commercial
- Used by *Wikidata* and others
 - also the foundation of *Amazon Neptune*
 - ...so development and maintenance is slower today
- Easy to run:
 - from command line: `java -server -jar blazegraph.jar`
 - then access in a web browser: `http://localhost:9999/`



Endpoints

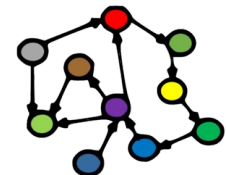
Endpoints

- Providing access to semantic data fragments over the net using standard protocols
 - typically reusing simple, working standards and protocols
 - general: URL, HTTP, XML, XSD, JSON, Unicode
 - specific: RDF, JSON-LD, OWL, SPARQL...
- Provide access to
 - “native” RDF resources
 - triple stores, serialised RDF files
 - “wrapped” resources, e.g., relational or graph databases
 - *linked data fragments*



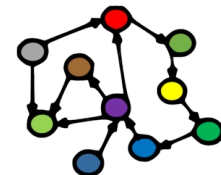
Linked data fragments

- Connected semantic data exchanged over the net using standard protocols
 - fragments of knowledge graphs
 - using standard URIs so they are easy to re-combine
- Examples:
 - SPARQL endpoints (<http://info216.i2s.uib.no>)
 - dataset dumps (serialised RDF files)
 - dereferencing URIs (<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q13>)
 - triple pattern fragments (<https://linkeddatafragments.org/>)
 - specialised web APIs (XML- or JSON-based)



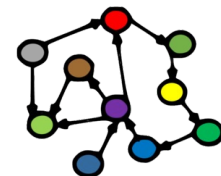
Concise bounded descriptions

- We do not want to exchange graph fragments with blank (anonymous nodes) as “leaf nodes”
- Create a *Concise Bounded Description (CBD)* for a resource R:
 - 1) include all triples with R as subject
 - 2) for all objects O in those triples that are blank/anonymous:
 - a) include all new triples with O as subject (unless they are already included)
 - b) apply 2) recursively to the new triples
- The resulting graph fragment has the resource R in the center and only nodes with URIs or literals as leaf nodes



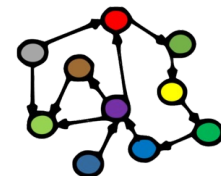
Endpoint tools and techniques

- Triples stores with SPARQL endpoints
 - may provide web interfaces for interactive use, e.g.,
 - the web-interface to *Blazegraph*
 - *SNORQL* (<http://dbpedia.org/snorql/>)
 - *Wikidata Query Service*
 - lots of features
 - built on top of Blazegraph
- Wrappers around other DBMS types
 - e.g., RDB2RDF



Three-level architecture

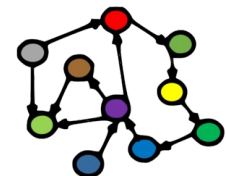
- Raw data sets:
 - available in a standard format
 - perhaps virtually
 - SPARQL end points, RDF dumps
- Abstract data representation (RDF):
 - graph of nodes and arrows
- Queries:
 - standard query languages
 - based on the abstract data representation
- *Enabled by the semantic technologies*



RDF serialisation formats

Parsing/serialising

- Reading from (“parsing”) and writing to (“serialising”) standard RDF formats
- Why different formats?
 - compactness, XML-dependency
 - can the same data set be stored in many ways?
 - machine versus human readability, abbreviations
 - CURIEs (“Compact URIs”) with qname/prefix
 - nested resources
 - scope: only basic RDF or also, e.g., quads, rules , OWL...
- Built into all RDF- (and OWL-) programming frameworks
 - e.g. RDFLib, Jena



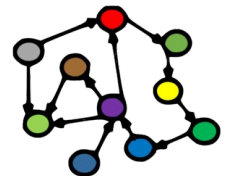
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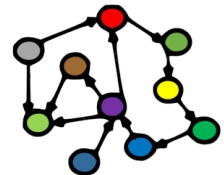
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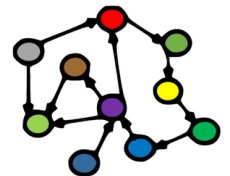
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- *semicolon (;) means “new predicate, same subject”*
- *comma (,) means “new object, same subject, predicate”*
- *period (.) means “new subject”*



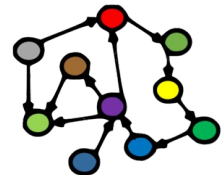
Example: TURTLE

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@prefix rex: <http://r.e.x/> .

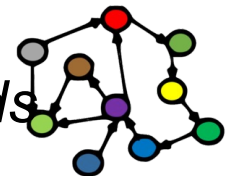
rex:Harald rex:spouse rex:Sonja ;
 rex:chld rex:Haakon_Magnus ,
 rex:Martha_Louise .

- *@prefix allows use of Compact URIs (“Curies”)*
- *@base allows use of URI-fragments*
- *we have looked at blank/anonymous nodes already...*



Example: TURTLE

- *“Terse RDF Triple Language”*
 - extends the N-Triple format, restricts the Notation 3 (N3) -format
 - not XML-based (like RDF/XML), but simpler to read
 - *supports prefixes* (and bases)
 - *writing multiple predicates-objects for the same subject*
 - *writing multiple objects for the same subject-predicate*
 - flexible notations for blank/anonymous nodes: `[]`, `[...]`
 - SPARQL uses TURTLE-like syntax
 - OWL is sometimes written in TURTLE
 - *but OWL also has its own notations!*
 - TriG extends TURTLE to support named graphs/quads



Example: TriG

TriG:

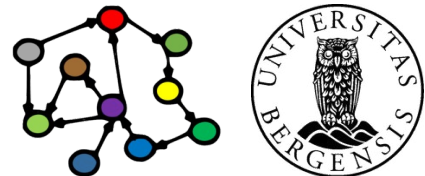
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```

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rex:Royal { rex:Harald  rex:spouse rex:Sonja ;  
            rex:child    rex:Haakon_Magnus ,  
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```

```
rex:Mine { reg:Andreas reg:spouse reg:Monika ;  
           reg:child    reg:Jens_Christian . }
```

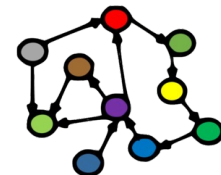
- *extends Turtle with named graphs wrapped in { ... }*
- *Similar to SPARQL, which adds the keyword:*

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GRAPH rex:Royal {  
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}
```



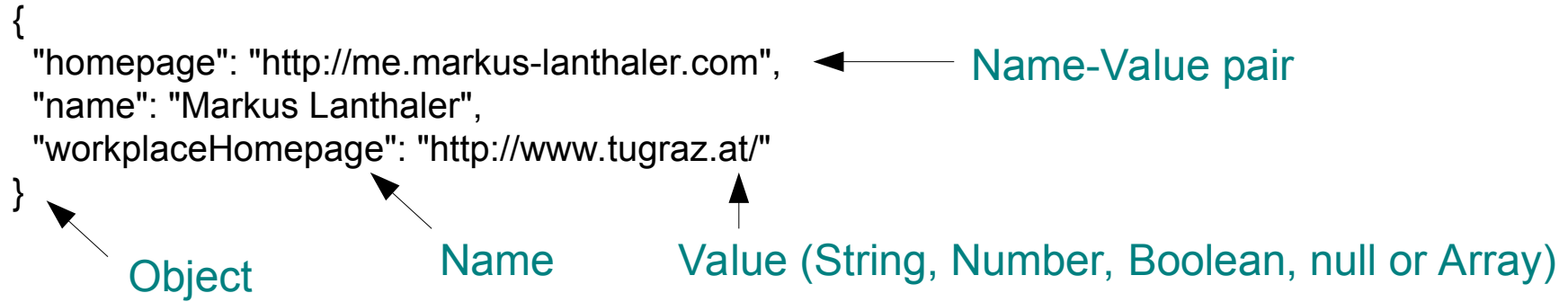
Even more RDF serialisation formats

- RDF/XML (*the original XML serialisation*)
- TriX (*XML-based, experimental, named graphs*)
- N-TRIPLE (*maximally simple format, has “canonical form”*)
- NQ, NQUAD (*extends N-TRIPLE with quads*)
- TURTLE (*builds on N-TRIPLE, human readable, SPARQL ++*)
- TriG (*TURTLE-extension, named graphs*)
- Notation3, N3 (*builds on TURTLE, supports rules, graphs ++*)
- JSON-LD (*“JavaScript Object Notation – Linked Data”*)
- RDR (*“Reification Done Right”*)
- Embedded microformats, (eRDF →) RDFa, microdata
- In addition, OWL has its own serialisations...
 - RDF/XML and TURTLE are sometimes used

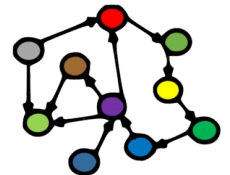


JSON / JSON-LD

JSON



JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
www.json.org



JSON

```
{  
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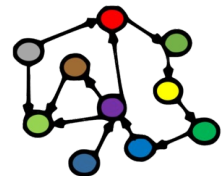
← Name-Value pair

Object Name Value (String, Number, Boolean, null or Array)

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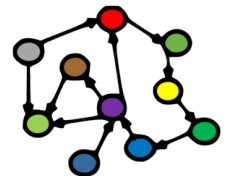
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*Almost identical
to Python
dictionaries
and lists!*



JSON-LD

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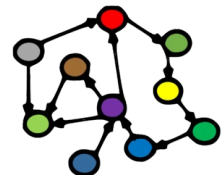
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How to represent semantic data in JSON?



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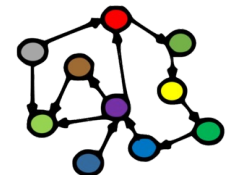
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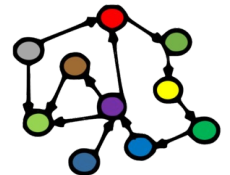
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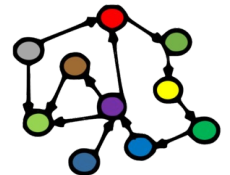


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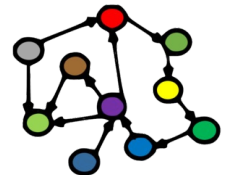


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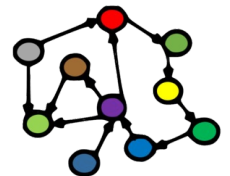


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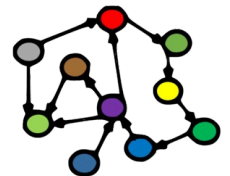


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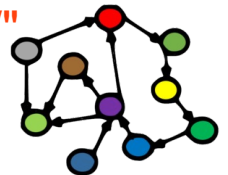


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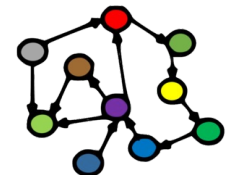
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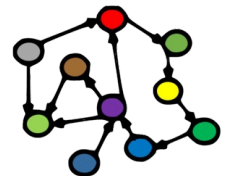
Some reserved keys in JSON-LD

- **@id**: the JSON object with the @id key is identified by a particular URI
- **@type**: the JSON object with the @type key has a particular RDF type (or several types)
- **@value**: a value is a literal
- **@context**: a JSON object that contains the context (or semantic mapping) for the other objects in the same JSON array
- **@base**, **@graph**, **@language**, **@vocab**, ...



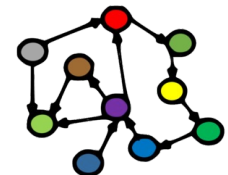
JSON-LD context

```
{
  "@context": {
    "name": "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name",
    "homepage": {
      "@id": "http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/homepage",
      "@type": "@id"
    }
  },
  "@id": "http://me.markus-lanthaler.com/",
  "name": "Markus Lanthaler",
  "homepage": "http://www.markus-lanthaler.com/"
}
```



JSON-LD forms

- The same graph can be expressed in different ways:
 - *expansion* removes context by pushing semantics out into the objects
 - also does regularisation
 - *compaction* simplifies the objects by pulling semantics back into the context
 - *flattening* creates a normalised form for easier parsing by computer
- Regularised and normalised forms are easier to program than “free” JSON-LD because they have a more consistent structure



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