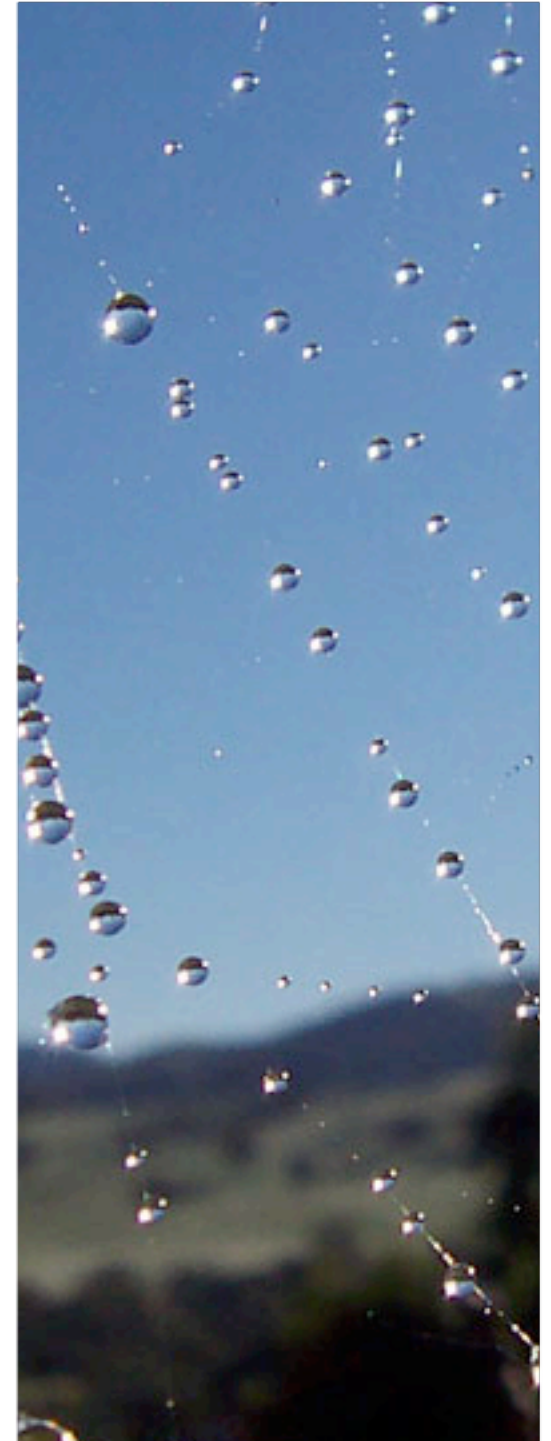


Exploring the Semantic Web with Kowari

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- ▶ Kowari Committer

Agenda

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- ▶ The Web So Far
- ▶ Semantic Web
- ▶ Kowari
- ▶ Other SemWeb Tools
- ▶ Related Non-Semantic Web Technologies
- ▶ The Future
- ▶ References



The Web So Far

What We Like About the Web



- ▶ Global data store
- ▶ Universal Addressability
- ▶ Common Transports
- ▶ Common Structured/Presentation Formats
- ▶ Search
- ▶ Web Services
- ▶ Anyone can publish

What Still Isn't Right

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- ▶ Mixture of Content and Presentation
- ▶ People Can't Agree On Anything!
- ▶ Information Overload
- ▶ Search Could Be Better
- ▶ Web Services are difficult to manage in a global and orchestrated way
- ▶ Seriously, **ANYONE** can publish!

Google Is Just the Beginning

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- ▶ How comfortable would you be letting your child use the Internet to find information about Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women"?
- ▶ Keyword search has its limits: "tank"



Screen-Scraping Stinks



- What does this mean? What happens when the presentation changes?

```
<html>
  <body>
    <table>
      <tr><th>Product</th><th>Price</th></tr>
      <tr><td>Book</td><td>13.00</td>
      <tr><td>CD</td><td>16.00</td>
    </table>
  </body>
</html>
```

(cue RDF/GRDDL theme music)

Network Effects Rule!



- ▶ Metcalfe's Law Lives : *“The value of a network equals approximately the square of the numbers of users of the system.”*
- ▶ We're good on numbers, we just need to capture what is there
 - ▶ What's wrong with sites like Orkut, Friendster, tribe.net?

(cue FOAF theme music)



The Semantic Web

History

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- ▶ Tim Berners-Lee (TBL) had a vision that surpassed where we are today
 - ▶ Talked about “Semantic Web” in a few slides back in 1994 at 1st WWW Conference
 - ▶ *“The Semantic Web is specifically a web of machine-readable information whose meaning is well-defined by standards: it absolutely needs the interoperable infrastructure that only global standard protocols can provide” -- from the foreword to “Spinning the Semantic Web”*

Syntax vs Semantics

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- ▶ XML provides a syntax for web documents
 - ▶ “Format”
 - ▶ Must agree upon semantics upfront
- ▶ We still need something to represent concepts
 - ▶ “Meaning”

Requirements for the Semantic Web



- ▶ Ability to address arbitrary web resources, concepts, people, organizations
- ▶ Formal languages to express facts and relationships in common formats
- ▶ Ability to encode shared conceptualizations around communities and domains of interest
- ▶ Ability to map between shared conceptualizations
- ▶ Ability to discover implicit relationships

Classes/Concepts

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▶ Example

- ▶ A computer is a thing; a person is a thing
- ▶ A Software Engineer is a person with one or more computers
- ▶ A Mac is a subclass of computer with a property “creator”=“Apple”
- ▶ A Mac User is a person with one or more Macs
- ▶ Brian is a Software Engineer
- ▶ Brian is a Mac User

Class Statements



▶ Example

- ▶ **A computer is a thing; a person is a thing**
- ▶ **A Software Engineer is a person with one or more computers**
- ▶ **A Mac is a subclass of computer with a property “creator”=“Apple”**
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- ▶ Brian is a Software Engineer
- ▶ Brian is a Mac User

Instance Statements



▶ Example

- ▶ A computer is a thing; a person is a thing
- ▶ A Software Engineer is a person with one or more computers
- ▶ A Mac is a subclass of computer with a property “creator”=“Apple”
- ▶ A Mac User is a person with a property with one or more Macs
- ▶ **Brian is a Software Engineer**
- ▶ **Brian is a Mac User**

Inference

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▶ Example

- ▶ A computer is a thing; a person is a thing
- ▶ A Software Engineer is a person with one or more computers
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- ▶ Brian is a Software Engineer
- ▶ Brian is a Mac User

What can we conclude?

Mapping Classes



▶ Example

- ▶ A computer is a thing; a person is a thing
- ▶ A Software Engineer is a person with one or more computers
- ▶ A Mac is a subclass of computer with a property “creator”=“Apple”
- ▶ A Mac User is a person with one or more Macs
- ▶ **A Programmer is the same thing as a Software Engineer**
- ▶ **Steve is a Programmer**

What can we conclude?

SemWeb vs. semweb

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- ▶ Famous debate about the scope of the vision
- ▶ Top-Down: Visionaries
 - ▶ “Computer, find me anything about anything.”
- ▶ Bottom-Up: Doers
 - ▶ “Browser, find me images tagged as being about dogs.”

Where are the semantics?

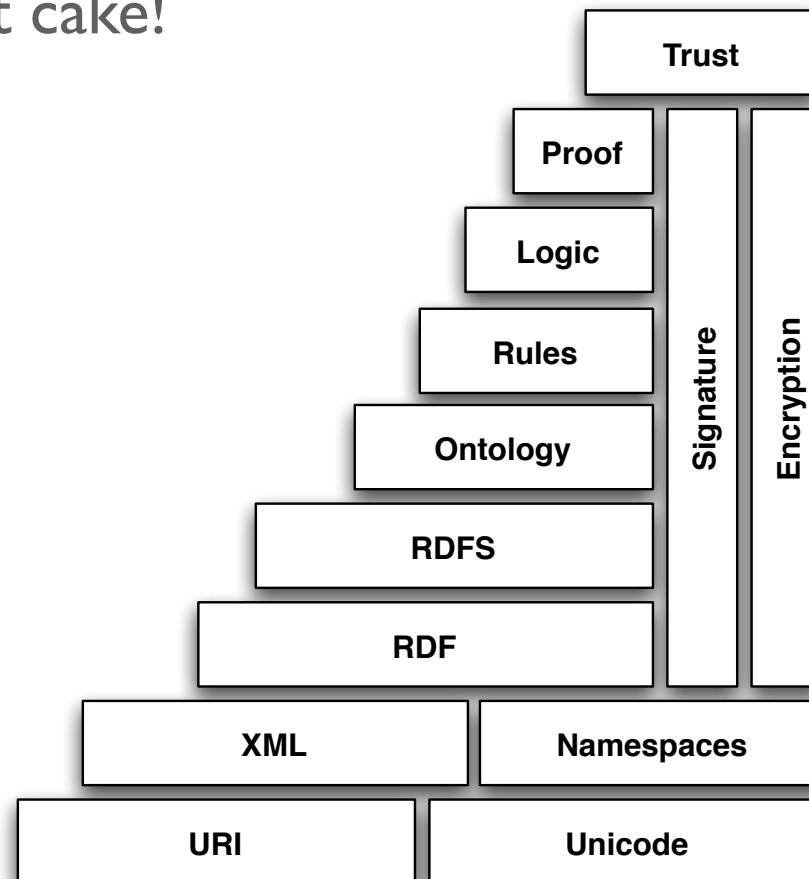


- ▶ *“The problem is not that there are no semantics, the problem is that the semantics is hidden in software components.” –Stefan Decker*
- ▶ Goal is to move away from stove pipes and push the meaning out of the software into the data
 - ▶ Increases the potential for integration by maintaining meaning out of context

Technologies

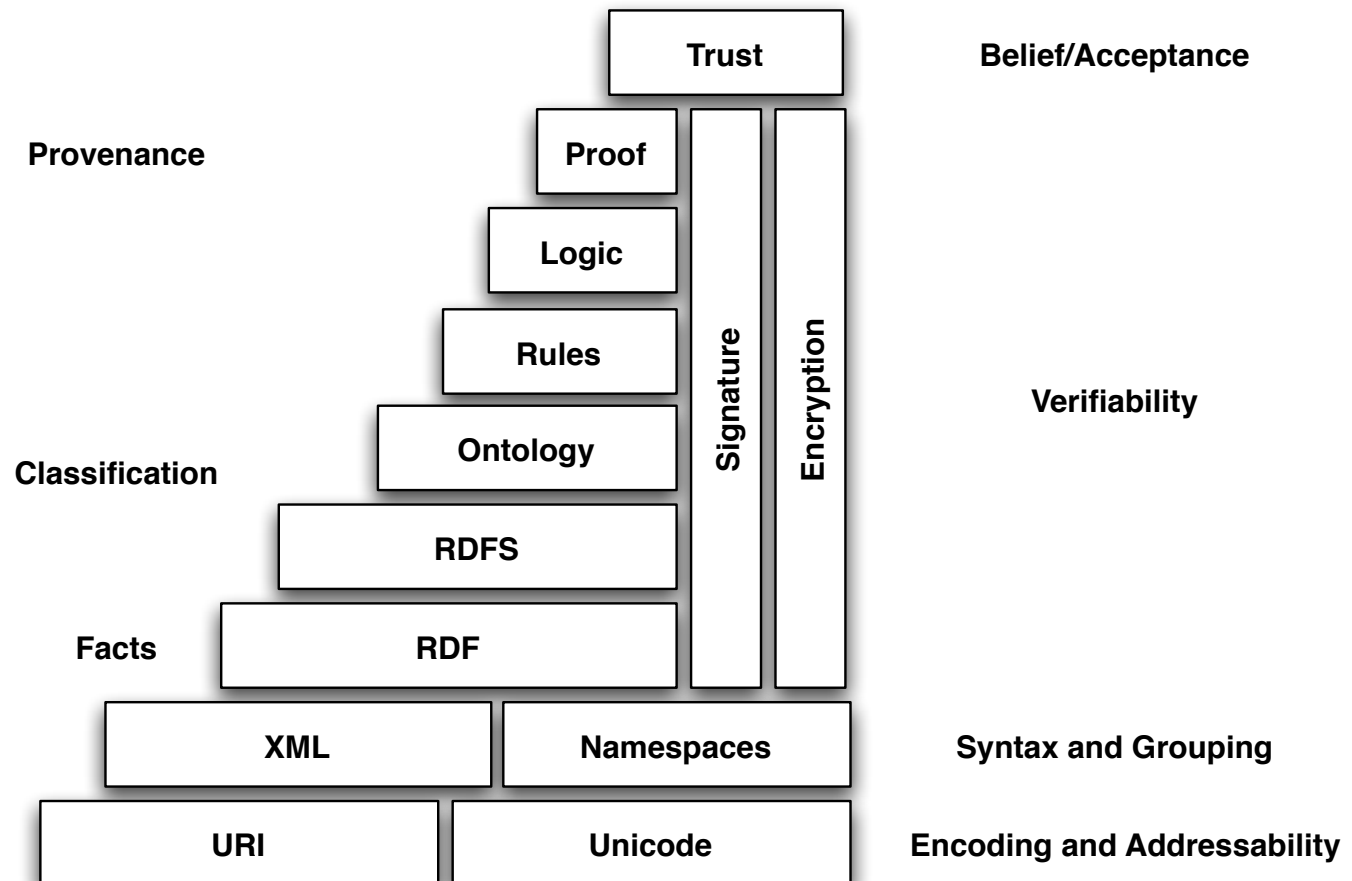
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► Let them eat cake!



Technologies

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RDF



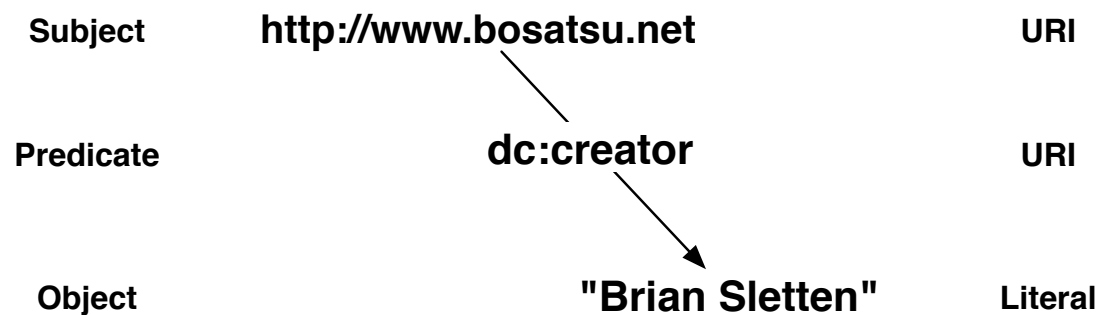
- ▶ Resource Description Framework
- ▶ W3C Recommendation
- ▶ Specification for a graph metamodel to comment on web resources (or anything)
- ▶ Uses a triple form

Subject	Predicate	Object
<u>http://www.bosatsu.net</u>	dc:creator	"Brian Sletten"

RDF

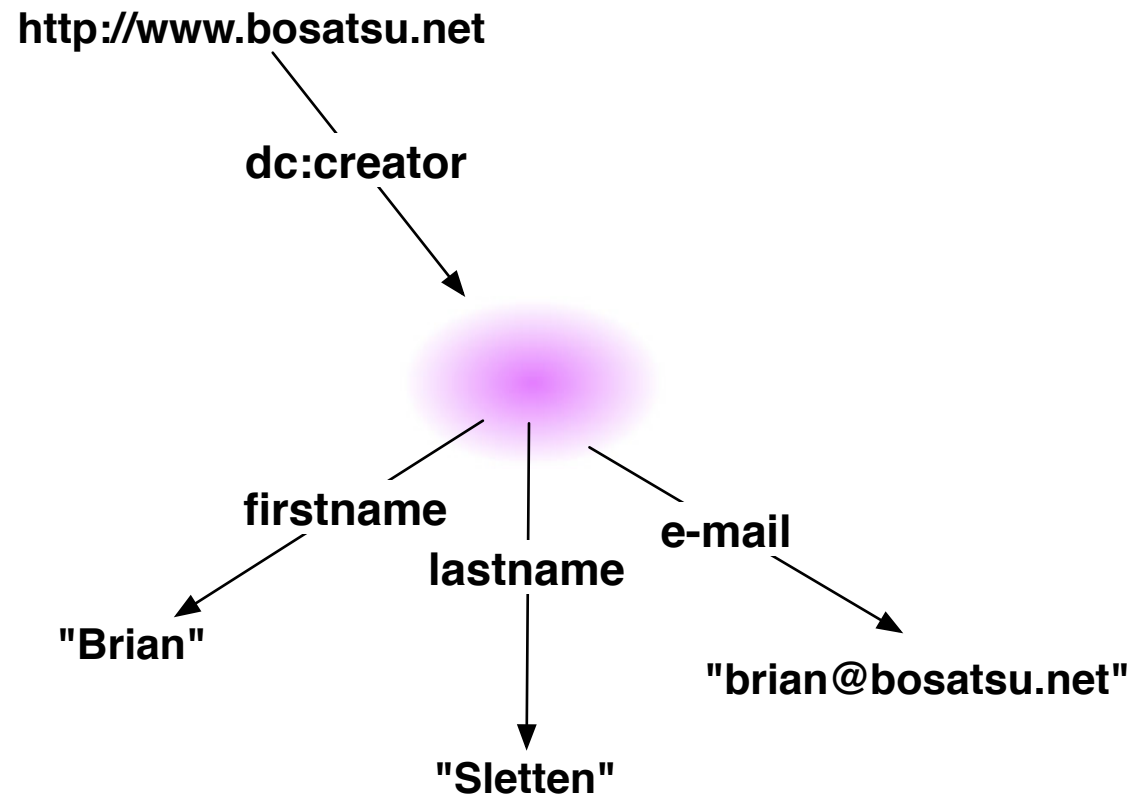


- ▶ RDF objects can be URIs or literals (strings or XSD datatypes)
- ▶ Subjects can be blank nodes or URIS
- ▶ Predicates can only be URIs
- ▶ Objects may be URIs, literals or unnamed blank nodes



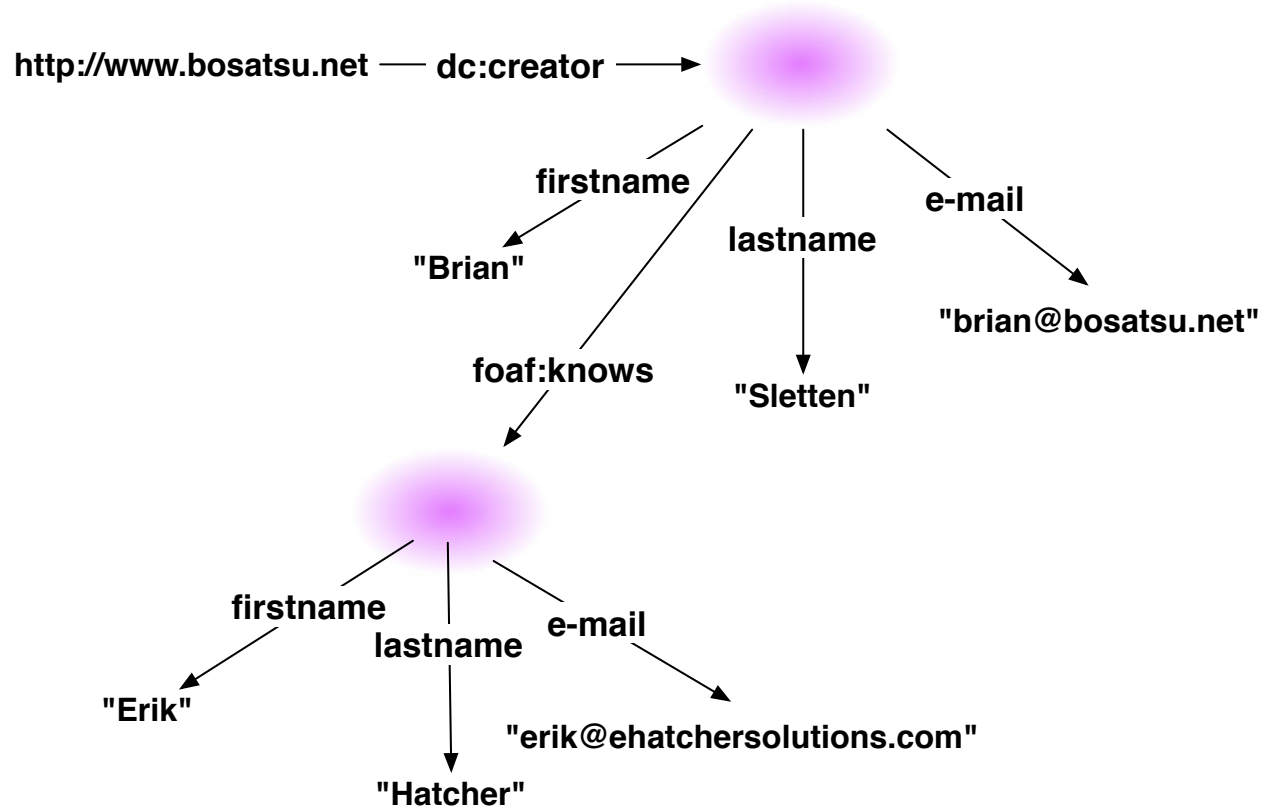
RDF Graphs

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RDF Graphs (cont)

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RDF Formats

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#XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<rdf:RDF xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.bosatsu.net">
    <dc:creator>Brian Sletten</dc:creator>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

#NTriples

```
<http://www.bosatsu.net> <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator> "Brian Sletten" .
```

#N3

```
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
<http://www.bosatsu.net> dc:creator "Brian Sletten" .
```

<http://www.mindswap.org/2002/rdfconvert/>

rdf:ID vs rdf:about



- ▶ `rdf:ID` introduces a new resource
- ▶ `rdf:about` adds statements about existing resources

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.bosatsu.net">  
  <dc:creator>Brian Sletten</dc:creator>  
</rdf>
```



RDF
Examples

Sample RDF Vocabularies

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- ▶ Dublin Core
- ▶ FOAF
- ▶ DOAP
- ▶ MusicBrainz
- ▶ WordNet

RDFS



- ▶ A specification for describing vocabularies via RDF
- ▶ W3C Recommendation
- ▶ Introduces
 - ▶ Class/Concept and Property definitions
 - ▶ Class/Concept and Property inheritance hierarchies
 - ▶ Domain and range restrictions for properties

Classes and Properties



▶ Class

- ▶ A Set of instances with common properties

- ▶ Explicit properties are stated

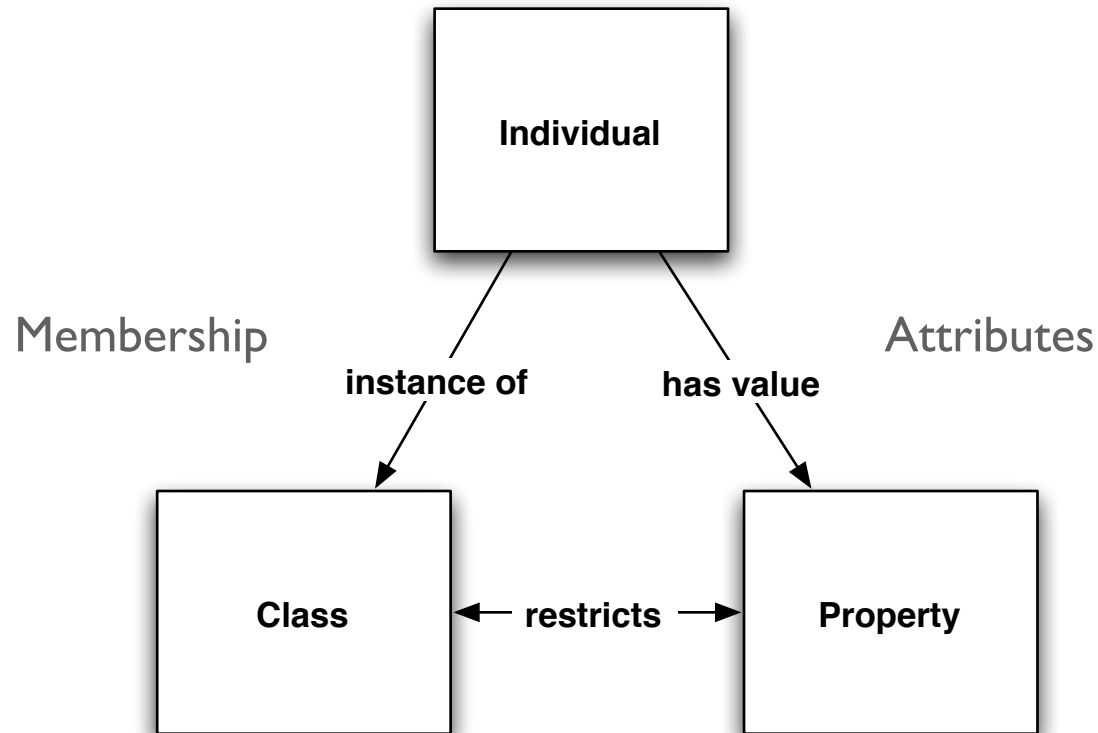
- ▶ Implicit properties are inherited based on other relationships

▶ Property

- ▶ A binary relationship relating an object instance to a value

Classes, Properties and Instances

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Based on a diagram from [Lacey2005]

rdf:type

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- ▶ Introduce instances of classes
- ▶ Individuals can belong to multiple classes

```
<rdf:Description rdf:ID="http://www.bosatsu.net">  
  <rdf:type rdf:resource="#webPage" />  
</rdf>
```

Typed Literals

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► Syntactic Convenience

```
<rdf:Description rdf:ID="http://www.bosatsu.net">  
  <rdf:type rdf:resource="#webPage" />  
</rdf>
```



```
<webPage rdf:ID="http://www.bosatsu.net">  
  ...  
</webPage>
```

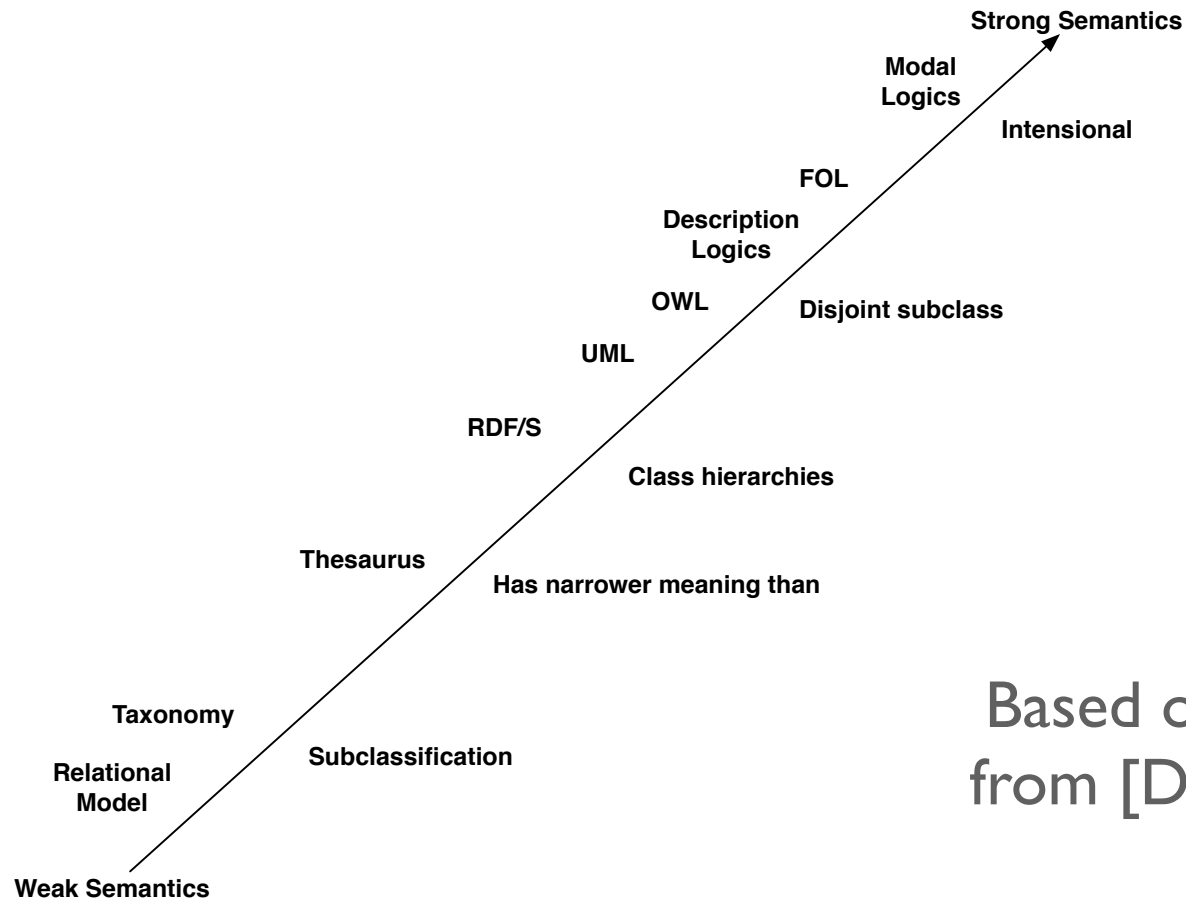
Language Expressivity



- ▶ The more expressive a language is, the more complicated it can be to reason about the language semantics
- ▶ Quickly get into theoretical computer science and decidability
- ▶ We want to strike a balance between being able to say interesting things and being able to get answers back before $t \rightarrow \infty$

Semantic Strength in Modeling Languages

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Based on a diagram from [Daconta2003]

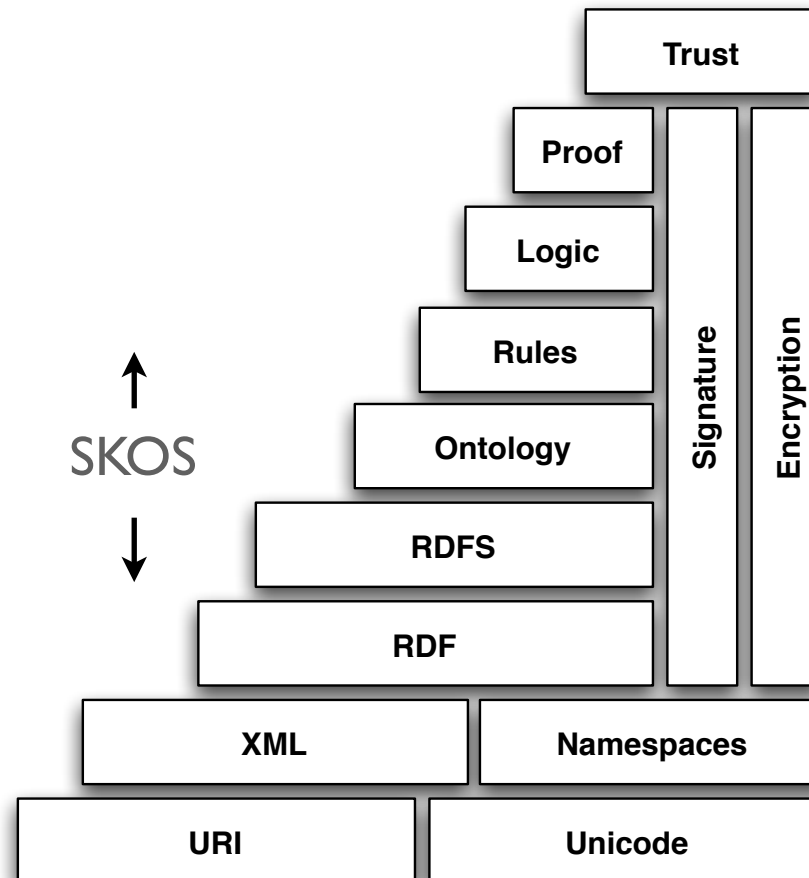
SKOS

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- ▶ Simple Knowledge Organization System (SKOS)
- ▶ W3C Working Draft (Recommendation in 2006)
- ▶ RDFS++/OWL Lite Lite
- ▶ Used to specify particular ‘concept schemes’ as RDF graphs

Where SKOS Fits

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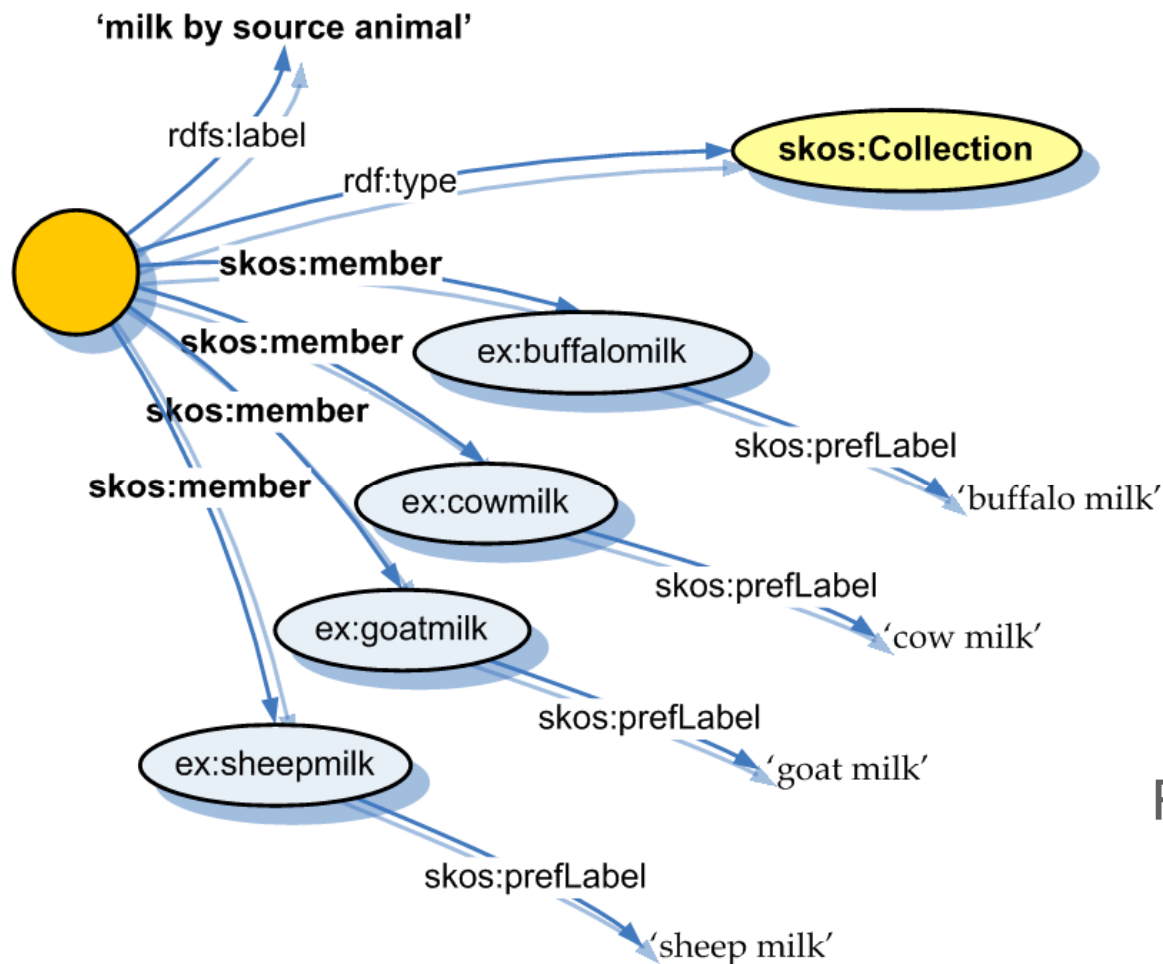
Concept Schemes

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- ▶ Thesauri
- ▶ Taxonomies
- ▶ Subject Headers
- ▶ Controlled Vocabularies

SKOS Example

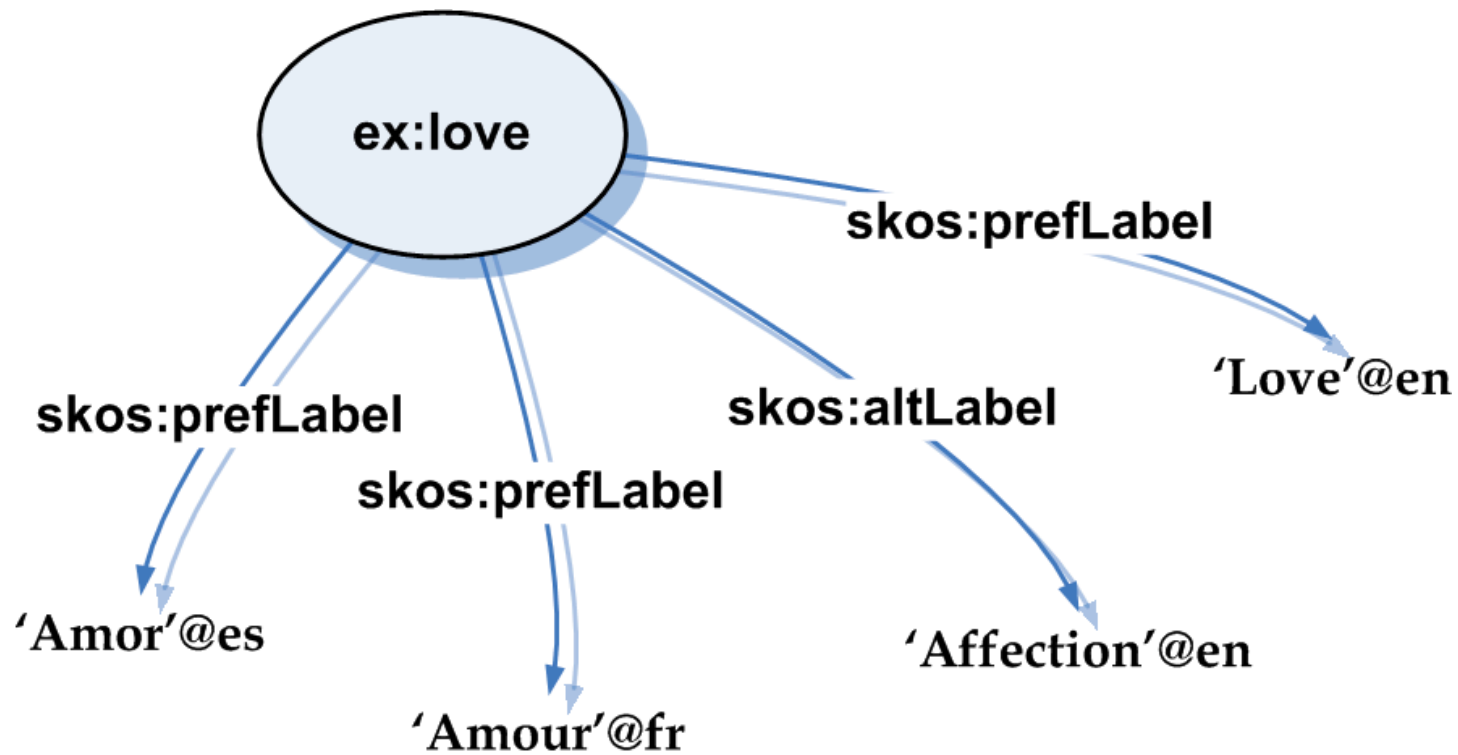
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SKOS Example

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OWL



- ▶ Web Ontology Language (OWL)
- ▶ W3C Recommendation
- ▶ Designed to support different levels of expression with different computational requirements
 - ▶ OWL Lite
 - ▶ OWL DL
 - ▶ OWL Full

OWL Metadata

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- ▶ `owl:Ontology`
- ▶ `owl:versionInfo`
- ▶ `owl:priorVersion`
- ▶ `owl:backwardCompatibleWith`
- ▶ `owl:incompatibleWith`
- ▶ `owl:DeprecatedClass/owl:DeprecatedProperty`
- ▶ `owl:imports`

Predefined OWL Classes

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- ▶ **owl:Thing**
 - ▶ Superclass of all classes
- ▶ **owl:Nothing**
 - ▶ Subclass of all classes

OWL Lite



- ▶ Allows class definitions and properties from RDFS
 - ▶ `rdfs:subClassOf`, `owl:objectProperty`,
`owl:datatypeProperty`
- ▶ Domain and range qualification
 - ▶ `owl:domain`, `owl:range`
- ▶ Basic quantifier expressions
 - ▶ `owl:allValuesFrom`, `owl:someValuesFrom`
- ▶ Only supports cardinality restrictions of 0 or 1

OWL Properties

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- ▶ Subclasses `rdf:Property`
- ▶ `owl:DatatypeProperty` (instance->data type)
- ▶ `owl:ObjectProperty` (instance->individual)
- ▶ `owl:AnnotationProperty`
 - ▶ `rdfs:label`, `rdfs:comment`, `rdfs:isDefinedBy`
- ▶ `owl:OntologyProperty`

OWL DL



- ▶ Builds on OWL Lite features
- ▶ Based on Description Logics
 - ▶ A family of knowledge representation languages to formally describe the terminological knowledge of an application domain*
- ▶ Allows arbitrary cardinality restrictions

(*Thanks to Wikipedia for a concise way to describe Description Logics!)

OWL DL (cont)



- ▶ Class definition based on property values
 - ▶ `owl:hasValue`
- ▶ Class expressions via boolean combinators
 - ▶ `owl:unionOf`, `owl:intersectionOf`, `owl:complementOf`
- ▶ Class enumeration and disjunction
 - ▶ `owl:oneOf`, `owl:disjointWith`

OWL Full

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- ▶ Builds on OWL DL
- ▶ Classes can be treated as instances
- ▶ Inverse functional properties
- ▶ Undecidable but useful given the “Open World” assumption about the Web

OWL Property Restrictions

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- ▶ `owl:FunctionalProperty`
 - ▶ Only one value per individual (reasoner hint)
- ▶ `owl:InverseFunctionalProperty`
 - ▶ Relates two properties
- ▶ `owl:equivalentProperty`
 - ▶ Equates two properties

OWL Property Restrictions (cont)



- ▶ `owl:TransitiveProperty`
 - ▶ Allows inference by following the transitivity
- ▶ `owl:SymmetricProperty`
 - ▶ An object property that simplifies expression



Kowari

What's a Kowari?

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History



- ▶ Scalable open source RDF triplestore database
- ▶ Originally created by Tucana Technologies as the core of their Tucana Knowledge Server (TKS) triplestore database
- ▶ Northrop Grumman bought the TKS assets in 2005 and will continue to support the commercial and open source development

Kowari Features

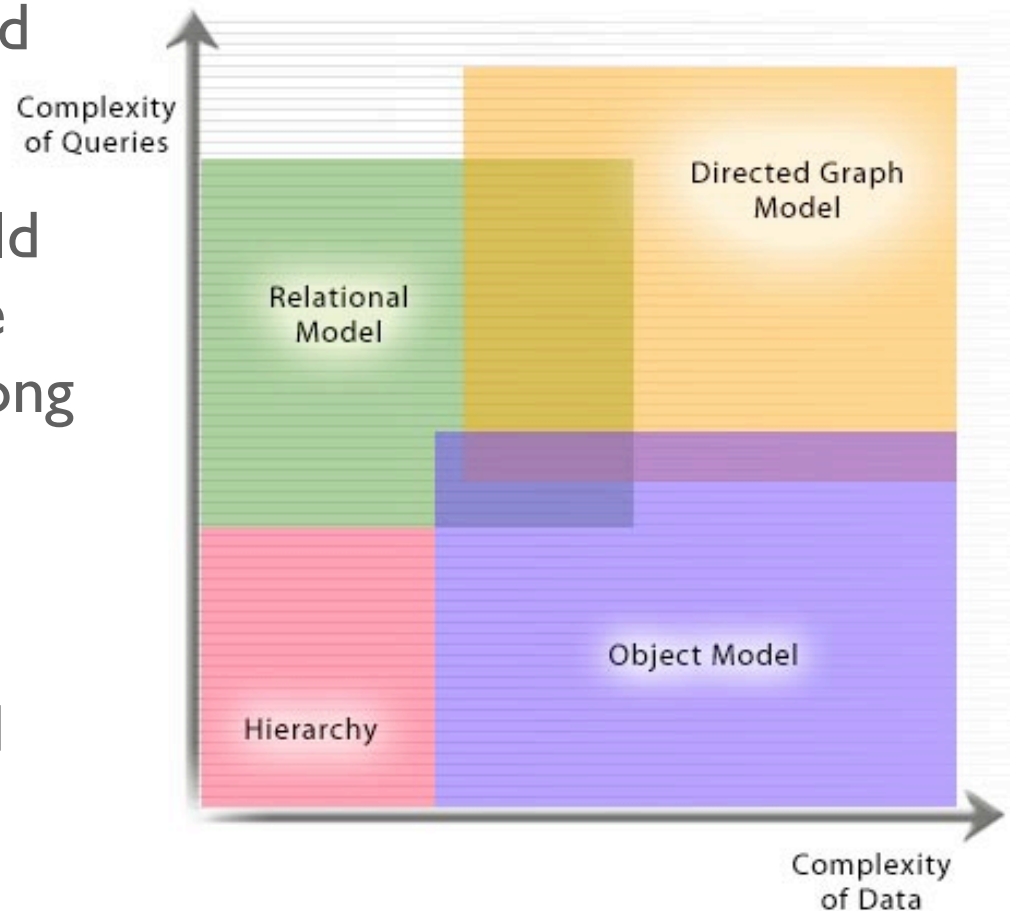


- ▶ 100% Java with native RDF support
- ▶ SQL-like Query language (moving toward SPARQL support)
- ▶ Can be embedded or standalone
- ▶ Multiple transports
- ▶ Plug-in Resolver architecture
- ▶ Integration with Lucene for full-text search
- ▶ Simple inference capabilities

Why Not an RDBMS?

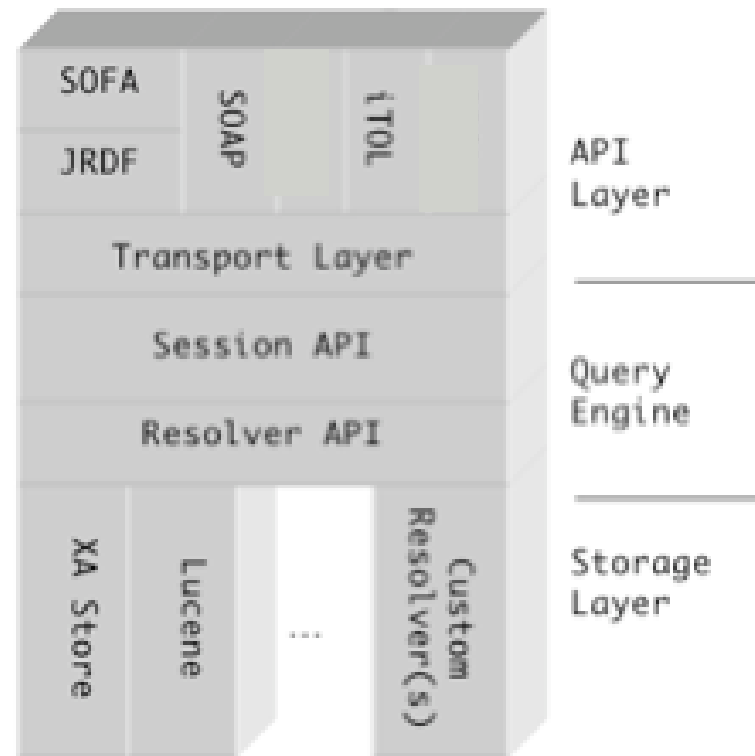
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- ▶ Semantic Web stack is based on RDF triples
- ▶ Generalized RDBMSes could certainly store RDF, but the tables would end up very long
- ▶ Kowari is optimized for storing triples
- ▶ Complex, dynamic data and complex queries don't fit RDBMSes as well



Kowari Architecture

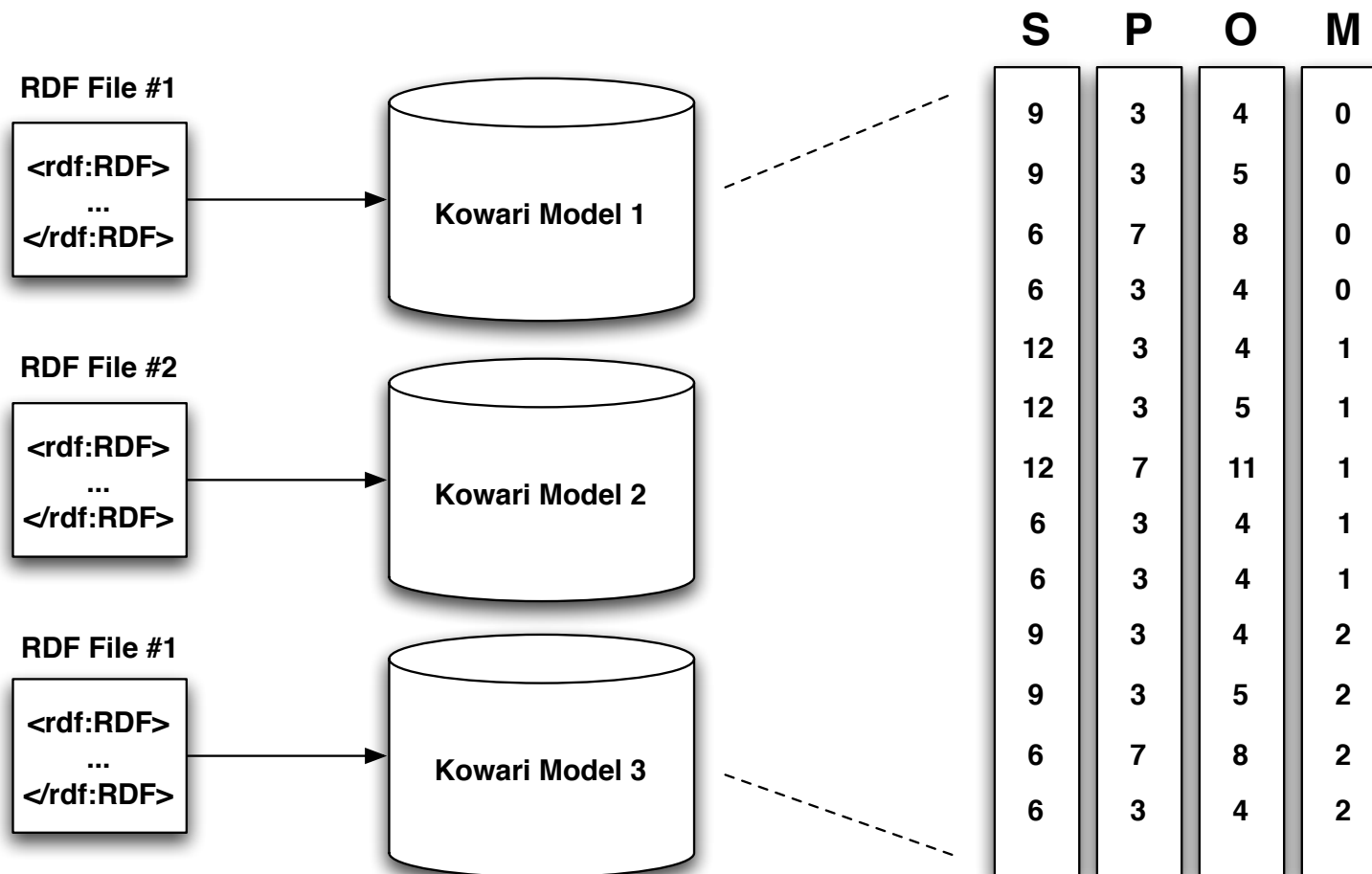
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(Thanks to Dave Wood for the previous two images)

Kowari Storage

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Starting Kowari



```
Harpua:/usr/local/workspaces/kowari-pmn/kowari-1.1 brian$ java -jar dist/kowari-1.1.0.jar
Kowari Metadata Store Version 1.1.0 (Build v1.1.0.214)
  INFO [main] (EmbeddedKowariServer.java:736) - RMI Registry started automatically on port
1099
0 [main] INFO org.kowari.server.EmbeddedKowariServer - RMI Registry started
automatically on port 1099
  INFO [main] (EmbeddedKowariServer.java:785) - java.security.policy set to jar:file:/usr/
local/workspaces/kowari-pmn/kowari-1.1/dist/kowari-1.1.0.jar!/conf/kowari-rmi.policy
35 [main] INFO org.kowari.server.EmbeddedKowariServer - java.security.policy set to
jar:file:/usr/local/workspaces/kowari-pmn/kowari-1.1/dist/kowari-1.1.0.jar!/conf/kowari-
rmi.policy
2005-10-25 23:21:56,613 INFO Database - Host name aliases for this server are:
[localhost, Harpua.local, 127.0.0.1, 10.0.0.5]
2005-10-25 23:22:12,406 INFO EmbeddedKowariServer - Successfully started Kowari server
at rmi://10.0.0.5/server1 in directory /usr/local/workspaces/kowari-pmn/kowari-1.1/
server1
2005-10-25 23:22:12,408 INFO EmbeddedKowariServer -
```

Typing Ctrl-C in this console or killing this process id will shutdown this server

Starting iTQL Shell

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```
Harpua:/usr/local/workspaces/kowari-pmn/kowari-1.1 brian$ java -jar dist/itql-1.1.0.jar
```



```
iTQL Shell  
iTQL Command Line Interface  
Copyright (C) 2001-2004 Northrop Grumman Corporation. All rights reserved.  
Type "help ;", then enter for help.  
iTQL>
```

Kowari Webui

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Creating Models



Host name	Model name
create <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;	
Transport	Server Instance

(2 queries, 0.698 seconds)

Query Executed:

create <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;

Result Message:

Successfully created model rmi://10.0.0.5/server1#nofluffjuststuff

Inserting Statements



Query Executed:

```
insert <http://www.bosatsu.net> <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator> 'Brian Sletten'  
into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully inserted statements into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>

Query Executed:

```
insert <http://www.bosatsu.net> <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/description>  
'Bosatsu Consulting, Inc. Homepage' into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully inserted statements into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>

Query Executed:

```
insert <http://www.bosatsu.net> <ns:managedBy> <http://www.hunttech.net>  
into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully inserted statements into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>

Querying Model



Query Executed: `select $s $p $o from <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff> where $s $p $o;`

s	p	o
http://www.bosatsu.net	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator	"Brian Sletten"
http://www.bosatsu.net	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/description	"Bosatsu Consulting, Inc. Homepage"
http://www.bosatsu.net	ns:managedBy	http://www.hunttech.net

```
iTQL> select $s $p $o from <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>
where $s $p $o;
[ http://www.bosatsu.net, http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator,
"Brian Sletten" ]
[ http://www.bosatsu.net, http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/description, "Bosatsu Consulting, Inc. Homepage" ]
[ http://www.bosatsu.net, ns:managedBy, http://www.hunttech.net ]
3 rows returned.
```

Loading From a File/URL



Query Executed:

```
load <file:/Users/brian/Documents/Personal/brian.rdf> into <rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully loaded 73 statements from file:/Users/brian/Documents/Personal/brian.rdf into rmi://localhost/server1#nofluffjuststuff

Query Executed:

```
create <rmi://localhost/server1#slashdot>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully created model rmi://10.0.0.5/server1#slashdot

Query Executed:

```
load <http://slashdot.org/index.rss> into <rmi://localhost/server1#slashdot>;
```

Result Message:

Successfully loaded 156 statements from http://slashdot.org/index.rss into rmi://localhost/server1#slashdot

More Complicated Queries



```
select <variable list> from <model> where <constraint expression>;
```

```
select $title $link $description from <rmi://10.0.0.5/server1#slashdot> where  
$article <http://purl.org/rss/1.0/title> $title and $article <http://purl.org/  
rss/1.0/link> $link and $article <http://purl.org/rss/1.0/description>  
$description;
```

title	link	description
"Slashdot"	"http://slashdot.org/"	"News for nerds, stuff that matters"
"Remote Control for Humans?"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1430"	"FatMacDaddy writes \"The SFGate is reporting on a remote c
"Google and Oregon Launch Open Source Initiative"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1429"	"* * Beatles-Beatles tells us that Google is entering into a \$35
"IBM Leads Team to Alleviate Data Storage Woes"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1428"	"Kailash Nadh writes to tell us ABC News is reporting that IBM
"Google Developing Database Service"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1427"	"QuantumT writes \"Ars Technica has the details on the unan
"Roadkill on the Convergence Highway"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1426"	"Duke Weber writes \"Microsoft sometimes gets it right after
"Google Summer of Code Results"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1425"	"Nattfodd writes \"Almost two months after the projects, dea
"The H-1B Swindle"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1424"	"An anonymous reader writes \"A new study shows that comp
"VeriSign To Control .com Domain Until 2012"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1423"	"DIY News wrote to mention a Reuters article reporting that \
"Building a Massive Single Volume Storage Solution?"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1422"	"An anonymous reader asks: \"I've been asked to build a mass
"Behind the Fight to Control the Internet"	"http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdot?m=1421"	"Carl Bialik from the WSJ writes \"The battle over control of

Resolver Example - MP3

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Query Executed: `select $s $p $o from <file:/Users/brian/theone.mp3> where $s $p $o;`

s	p	o
_node-2	http://musicbrainz.org/mm/mm-2.1#sortName	"The Stone Roses "
_node-2	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#uri	file:/Users/brian/theone.mp3
_node-2	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#title	"The Stone Roses "
_node-2	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#originalTitle	"This Is the One "
_node-2	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#comment	" "
_node-2	http://musicbrainz.org/mm/mm-2.1#trmid	"Unknown"
_node-2	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#releaseYear	"1990"
_node-2	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type	http://tucana.org/tucana/id3#MP3

Tucana Knowledge Server



- ▶ Commercially-supported product based on Kowari
- ▶ Tucana Management Console
- ▶ Support for Distributed Queries
- ▶ `relate keyword`
- ▶ Model-level Security



SemWeb Tools

Jena/Joseki



- ▶ Jena
 - ▶ Java-based API for reading and writing RDF
 - ▶ OWL API
 - ▶ In-Memory and persistent storage
- ▶ Joseki
 - ▶ RDF publishing server

Simile

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- ▶ Joint project between W3C and MIT
- ▶ Application of SemWeb technologies to DSpace digital repository for
 - ▶ digital assets
 - ▶ schemata
 - ▶ vocabularies
 - ▶ ontologies

Tupelo

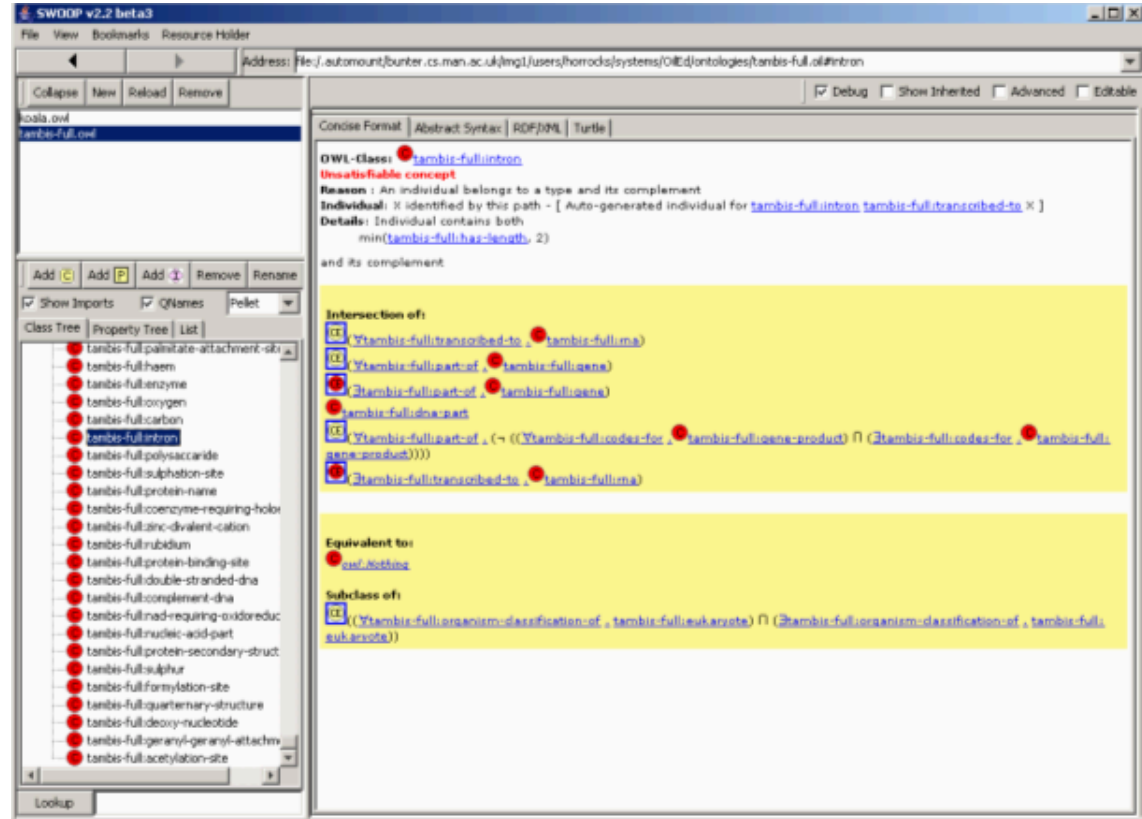


- ▶ Project at NCSA supported by NEES and OGCE
- ▶ RDF-OWL-based metadata and data archiving system
- ▶ Version and access control at the object-level
- ▶ Grid Service interfaces for metadata and data services

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- ▶ Ontology Editor from UMD MindSwap group
- ▶ GUI with ontology debugging support
- ▶ “Dave, your class definition subsumes nothing”



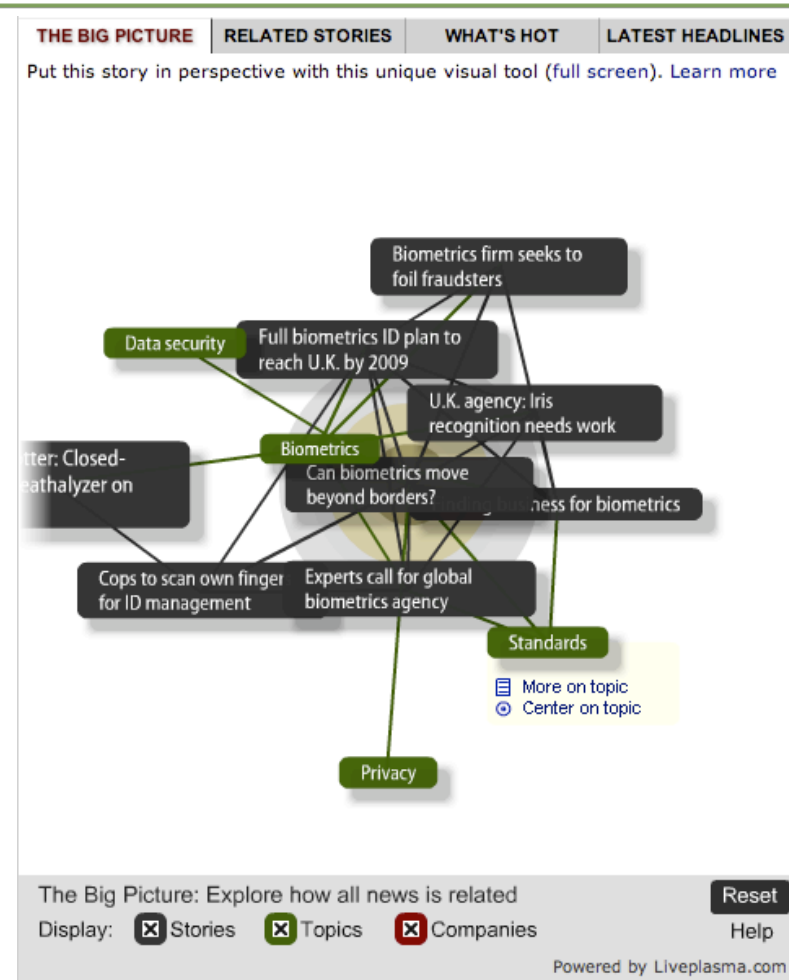


Related Non-SemWeb Technologies

New Applications (cont)

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- ▶ CNet has new ontology-driven “Big Picture” navigator
- ▶ Identifies related stories based on keywords and central concepts



Related Non-SemWeb Technologies (cont)



- ▶ del.icio.us
- ▶ Social bookmarks driven by decentralized user-tagging

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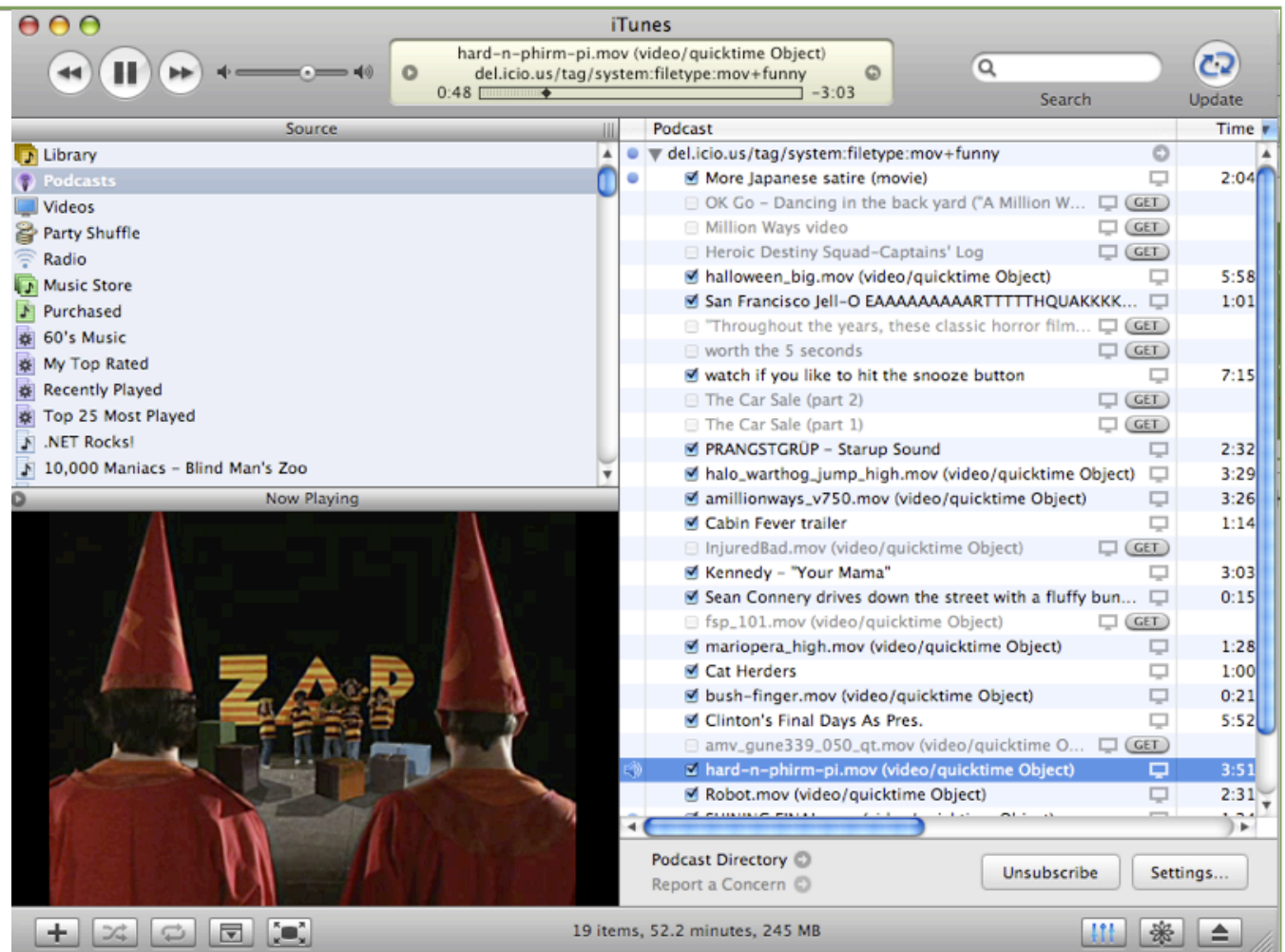
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Related Non-SemWeb Technologies (cont)

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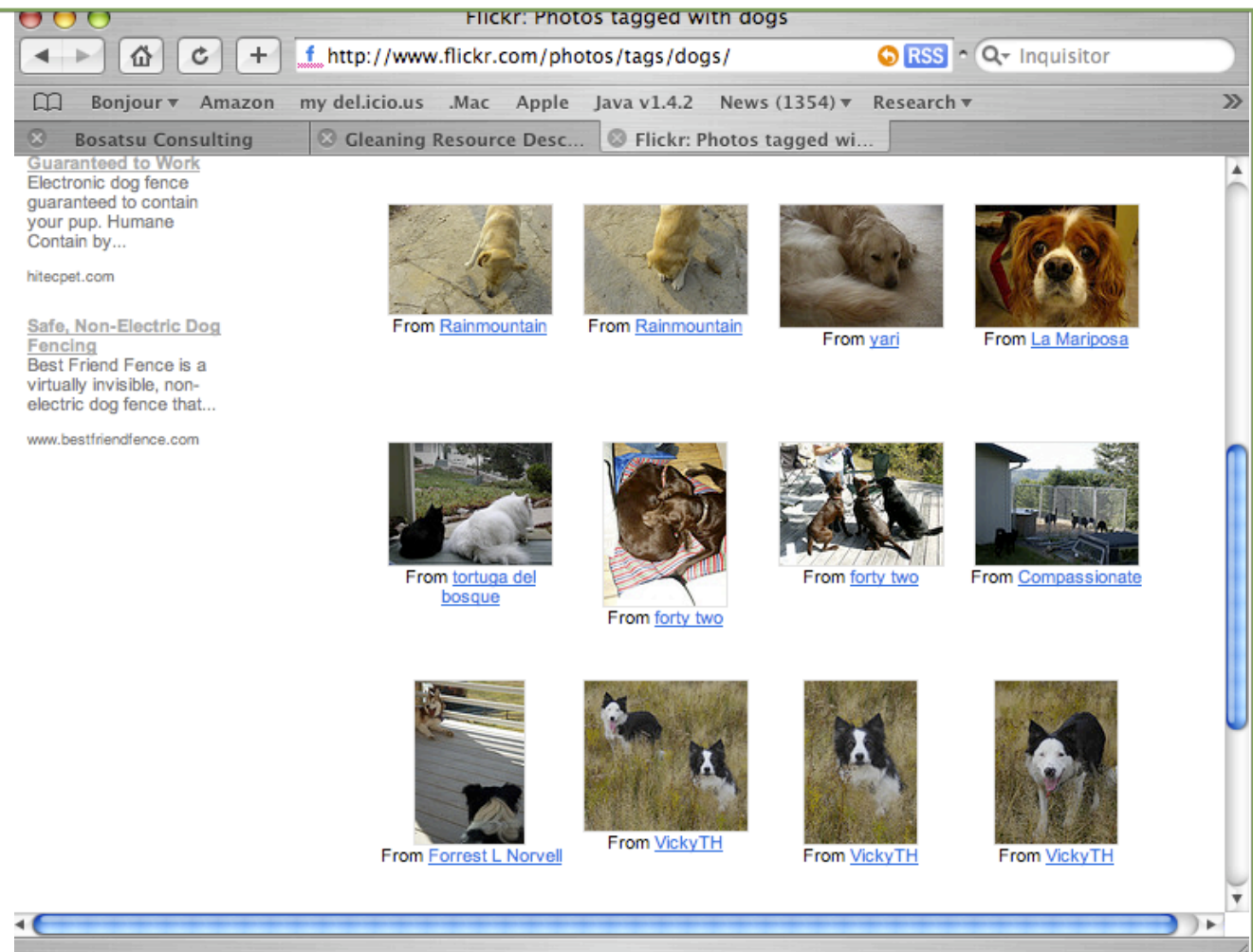
- ▶ del.icio.us + RSS + PodCasts + iTunes = decentralized content feeds based on user-driven metadata tagging



Related Non-SemWeb Technologies (cont)

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- ▶ Flickr :
decentralized
user-driven
metadata
tagging of
photos





The Future

What's Ahead?

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- ▶ Interest is rising in SemWeb technologies!
- ▶ RDF and OWL are starting to show up in more places
- ▶ Altova just announced a SemWeb editing product
- ▶ Oracle is announcing SemWeb capabilities
- ▶ Yahoo and Google are hiring SemWeb personalities
- ▶ Web Services are calling out for semantics!

SemWeb Directions



- ▶ One complaint is that no one wants to enter metadata
 - ▶ Oh yeah? MusicBrainz, Flickr, del.icio.us, etc.
 - ▶ Still we want to minimize the burden on humans to improve the web experience for computers
- ▶ Ontology editors will improve for better user experience

SemWeb Directions (cont)



- ▶ Entity extraction will get better for automagic tagging
- ▶ Embedded RDF/OWL via languages like GRDDL
- ▶ Continued adoption of Doer technologies like FOAF/DOAP
- ▶ Web Service annotation with semantic markup for easier and richer orchestration



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XML	http://www.w3.org/XML/
RDF	http://www.w3.org/RDF/
RDFS	http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-schema/
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TKS	http://tucana.es.northropgrumman.com/
FOAF	http://www.foaf-project.org/
DOAP	http://usefulinc.com/doap
Dublin Core	http://dublincore.org/
MusicBrainz	http://musicbrainz.org/
Examples	http://www.bosatsu.net/talks/SemWebExamples.zip

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Joseki	http://www.joseki.org/
Simile	http://simile.mit.edu
Tupelo	http://dlt.ncsa.uiuc.edu/wiki/index.php/Main_Page
SWOOP	http://www.mindswap.org/2004/SWOOP/

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