

Graph data formats

SPARQL



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SPARQL & SPARQL endpoints

- SPARQL
 - query language for RDF data
- SPARQL endpoint
 - HTTP-based web service
 - input: SPARQL query
 - output: data
 - RDF
 - CSV
 - JSON
 - XML
 - ...
 - typically including a user form
 - or use <https://yasgui.triply.cc/>

The screenshot displays a web-based SPARQL query editor. At the top, there's a 'Query' tab with a close button and a plus sign. Below it, the URL 'https://linked.opendata.cz/sparql' is entered. The main area shows a SPARQL query:

```
1 PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
2 PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
3 SELECT * WHERE {
4   ?sub ?pred ?obj .
5 } LIMIT 10
```

Below the query editor, there's a section for 'Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor' with links for 'About', 'Namespace Prefixes', 'Inference rules', and 'RDF views'. It includes a 'Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)' field and a 'Query Text' area containing 'select * where { ?s ?p ?o } LIMIT 100'. To the right, there's a 'Wikidata Query Service' section with a query:

```
1 #Cats
2 SELECT ?item ?itemLabel
3 WHERE
4 {
5   ?item wdt:P31 wd:Q146.
6   SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "[AUTO_LANGUAGE],en". }
7 }
```

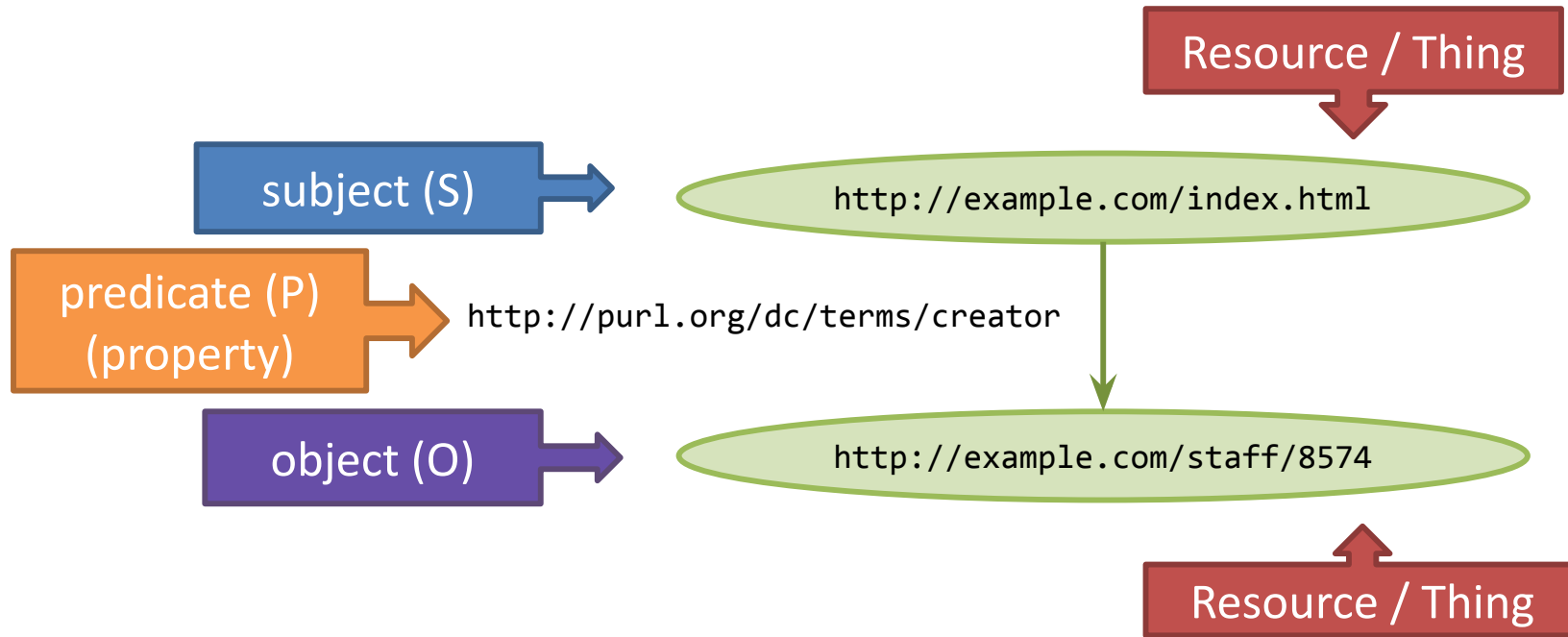
At the bottom, there are execution options: 'Results Format' set to 'HTML', 'Execution timeout' set to '0' minutes, and 'Options' including 'Strict checking of void variables' (checked), 'Log debug info at the end of output' (unchecked), and 'Generate SPARQL compilation report' (unchecked). A 'Run Query' button and a 'Reset' button are at the bottom.

Existing SPARQL endpoint examples

- There is a [list on GitHub](#)
- [Wikidata Query Service](#) is quite popular
 - Wikidata is a community built database (like Wikipedia is a community built encyclopedia)
- [The official portal for European data](#)
 - datasets from all over Europe
- In Czechia
 - [National Open Data Catalog](#)
 - [Registr práv a povinností](#) (one of our base registries)
 - [Czech Social Security Administration](#)
- User friendly SPARQL query editor [Yasgui](#)
 - can be used instead the less friendly Virtuoso SPARQL editor

RDF model: a triple, a statement

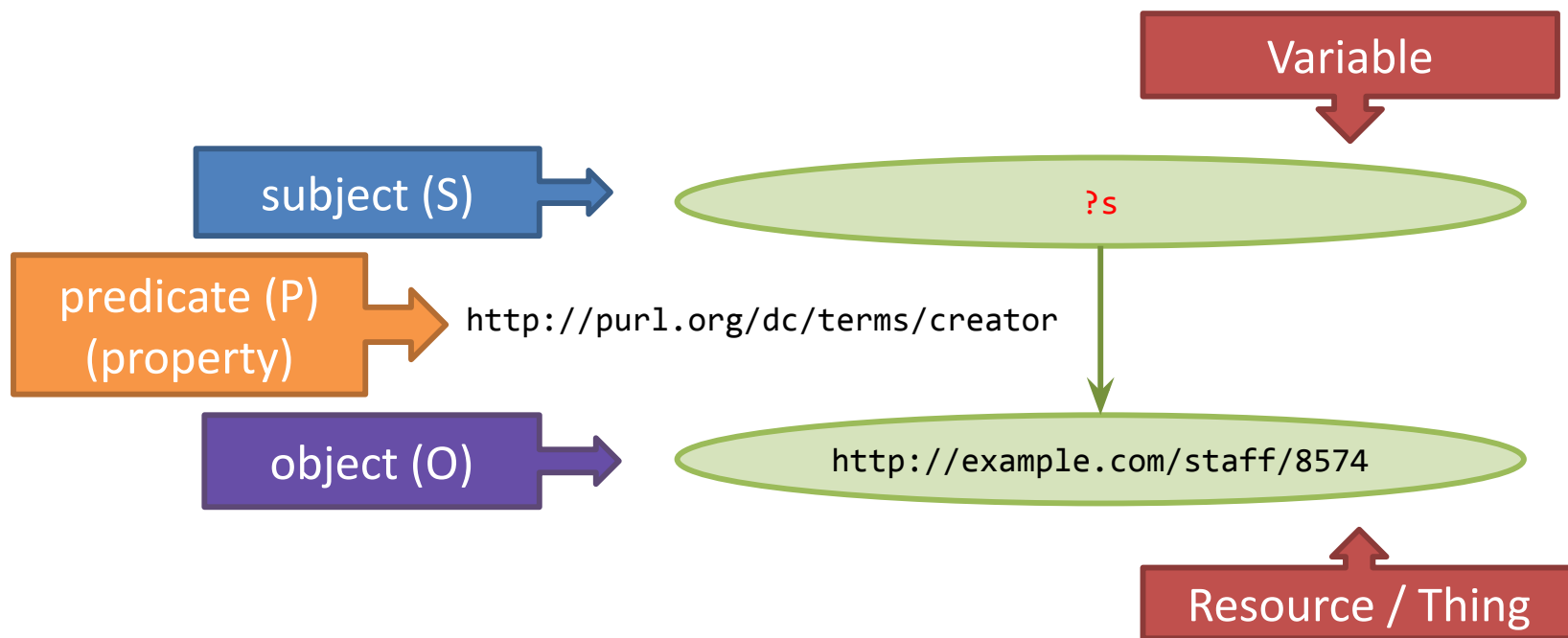
`<http://example.com/index.html>` `<http://purl.org/dc/terms/creator>` `<http://example.com/staff/8574>` .



SPARQL querying - variable

?s

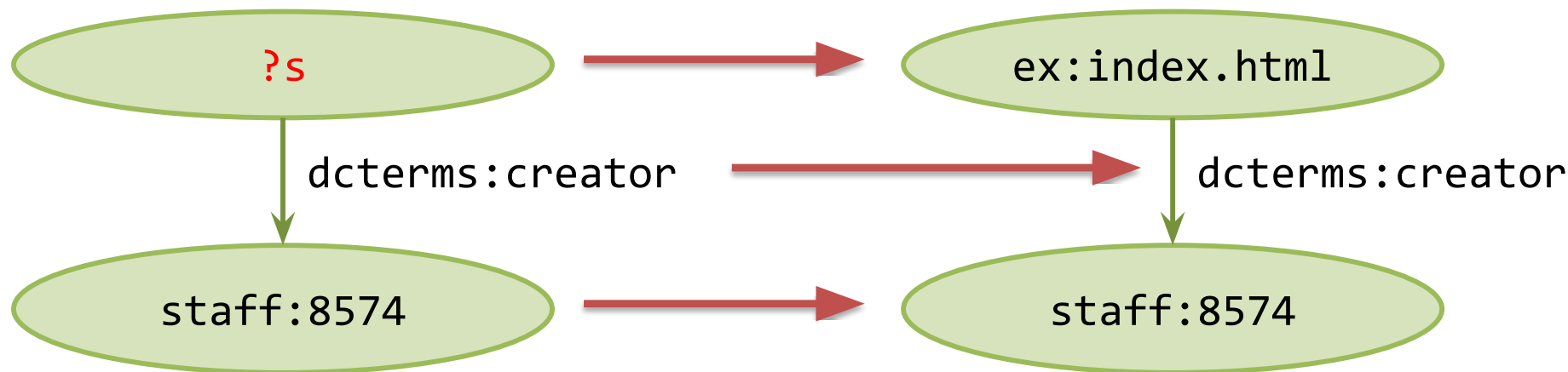
<http://purl.org/dc/terms/creator> <http://example.com/staff/8574> .



SPARQL querying - graph pattern matching

?s	→	ex:index.html
dcterms:creator	→	dcterms:creator
staff:8574 .	→	staff:8574 .

It's a match!

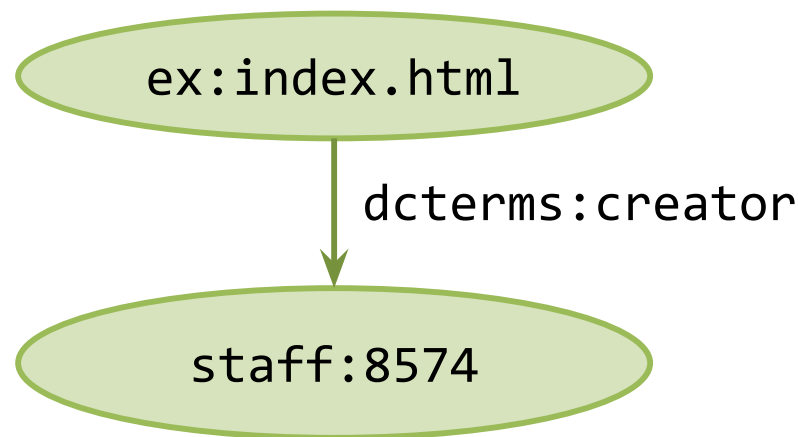
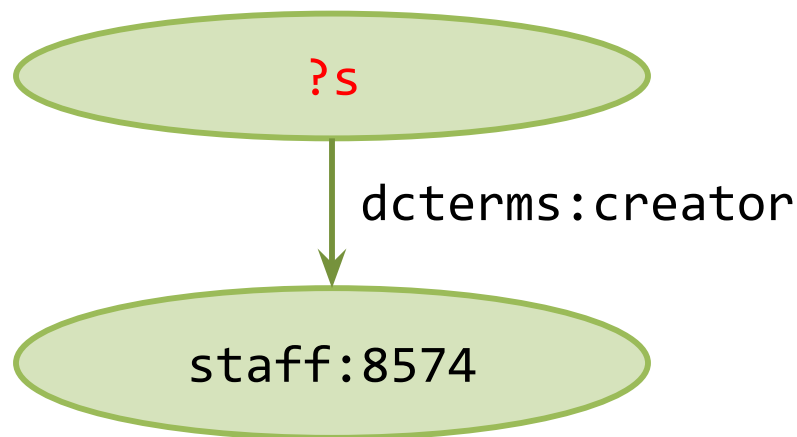


SPARQL querying - variable binding

?s
dcterm:creator
staff:8574 .

ex:index.html
dcterm:creator
staff:8574 .

?s <- ex:index.html



SPARQL querying - more triples

```
sis:stud1 sis:name "John" ;  
sis:age 26 ;  
rdf:type sis:Person
```

.

```
sis:stud2 sis:name "Peter" ;  
sis:age 30 ;  
rdf:type sis:Person
```

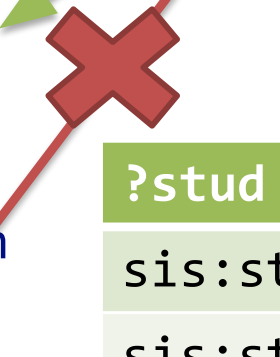
.

```
sis:stud3 sis:name "Martin" ;  
sis:age 20 .
```

```
?stud rdf:type sis:Person ;  
sis:name ?name ;  
sis:age ?age .
```

— > everything must match, what is fixed

Solutions table



?stud	?name	?age
sis:stud1	"John"	26
sis:stud2	"Peter"	30

SPARQL querying - optional graph pattern matching

```
sis:stud1 sis:name "John" ;  
sis:age 26 ;  
rdf:type sis:Person .
```

```
sis:stud2 sis:name "Peter" ;  
sis:age 30 ;  
rdf:type sis:Person .
```

```
sis:stud3 sis:name "Martin" ;  
sis:age 20 .
```

```
?stud sis:name ?name ;  
sis:age ?age .  
OPTIONAL {  
  ?stud rdf:type ?type .  
}
```

< not required for solution

Solutions table

?stud	?name	?age	?type
sis:stud1	"John"	26	sis:Person
sis:stud2	"Peter"	30	sis:Person
sis:stud3	"Martin"	20	NOT BOUND

SPARQL querying - multiple optional graph patterns

```
?stud rdf:type ?type .
```

```
OPTIONAL {
```

```
    ?stud sis:age ?age .
```

```
}
```

```
OPTIONAL {
```

```
    ?stud sis:name ?name .
```

```
}
```

```
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcterms:temporal ?temporal .  
    OPTIONAL { ?temporal dcat:startDate ?startDate . }  
    OPTIONAL { ?temporal dcat:endDate ?endDate . }  
    OPTIONAL { ?temporal schema:startDate ?schemaStartDate . }  
    OPTIONAL { ?temporal schema:endDate ?schemaEndDate . }  
    BIND(IF(BOUND(?startDate), ?startDate, ?schemaStartDate) AS  
?finalStartDate)  
    BIND(IF(BOUND(?endDate), ?endDate, ?schemaEndDate) AS  
?finalEndDate)  
}  
  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcat:contactPoint ?cp .  
    ?cp a ?cptype.  
    OPTIONAL { ?cp vcard:fn ?cpfn . }  
    OPTIONAL { ?cp vcard:hasEmail ?cpemail . }  
}  
  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset foaf:page ?page . }  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcterms:conformsTo ?conformsTo . }  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcat:spatialResolutionInMeters  
?spatialResolution . }  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcat:temporalResolution ?temporalResolution .  
}  
OPTIONAL { ?dataset dcterms:isPartOf ?topDataset . }
```

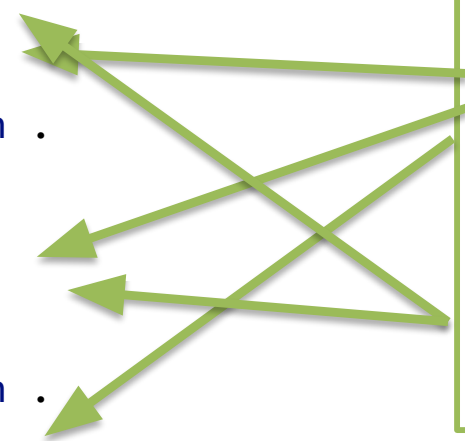
SPARQL querying - union graph pattern matching

`sis:stud1 sis:name "John" ;
sis:age 26 ;
rdf:type sis:Person .`

`sis:stud2 sis:name "Peter" ;
sis:age 30 ;
rdf:type sis:Person .`

`sis:stud3 sis:name "Martin" ;
sis:age 20 .`

```
{  
  ?stud sis:name ?name ;  
        sis:age ?age .  
}  
UNION  
{  
  ?stud sis:name ?name ;  
        sis:age ?age ;  
        rdf:type ?type .  
}
```



?stud	?name	?age	?type
sis:stud1	"John"	26	sis:Person
sis:stud2	"Peter"	30	sis:Person
sis:stud3	"Martin"	20	NOT BOUND
sis:stud1	"John"	26	NOT BOUND
sis:stud2	"Peter"	30	NOT BOUND

SPARQL - First complete query

```
PREFIX sis: <http://is.cuni.cz/studium/sis#>
```

```
SELECT ?name ?age
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?stud a ?type ;
```

```
    sis:name ?name ;
```

```
    sis:age ?age .
```

```
}
```

Query result

?name	?age
"John"	26
"Peter"	30

SPARQL - Prologue

Prefix

Like in Turtle, but without @ and without "."

```
PREFIX name: <http://www.my.cz/>
```

...

```
WHERE {  
    name:local ?p ?o.  
}
```

Relative URIs

Like in Turtle, but without @ and without "."

```
BASE <http://www.my.cz/>
```

...

```
WHERE {  
    <sis> <http://www.my.cz/sis> ?o  
}
```

SPARQL - Blank nodes

*Blank nodes have temp. IDs,
therefore next request returns
blank nodes with different IDs*

- Blank nodes in data
 - Distinct nodes within the **document scope**
- Blank nodes in query results
 - Distinct nodes within the **result scope**

Blank node identifiers in the result may not correspond to original blank node identifiers from the given document

SPARQL - (named) graph patterns

```
PREFIX foaf:
<http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?g
WHERE {
    GRAPH ?g {
        ?s a foaf:Person .
    }
}
```

```
PREFIX foaf:
<http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?s
WHERE {
    GRAPH <https://...> {
        ?s a foaf:Person .
    }
}
```

SPARQL - literals

Language tags

- `"Praha"`
- `"Praha"@cs`
- `"Prague"@en`

Typed literals

- `1 = "1"^^xsd:integer`
- `1.5 = "1.5"^^xsd:decimal`
- `1.0E6 = "1"^^xsd:double`
- `true = "true"^^xsd:boolean`

SPARQL - Simple query with FILTER

```
PREFIX sis: <http://is.cuni.cz/studium/sis#>
```

```
SELECT ?name ?age
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?stud a ?type ;
```

```
        sis:name ?name ;
```

```
        sis:age ?age .
```

```
    FILTER (?age > 27)
```

```
}
```

Query result

?name	?age
"John"	26
"Peter"	30

Example: Simple SPARQL query

Select URI and labels of all `skos:ConceptSchemes` from a given SPARQL endpoint, which are labeled „Paragraf“.

```
PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
```

```
SELECT *  
WHERE {  
  ?s a skos:ConceptScheme ;  
     skos:prefLabel ?label .  
  FILTER (?label = "Paragraf"@cs)  
}
```

> something of type skos:ConceptScheme

> Paragraf filtering

SPARQL: logical expression operators

The usual operators

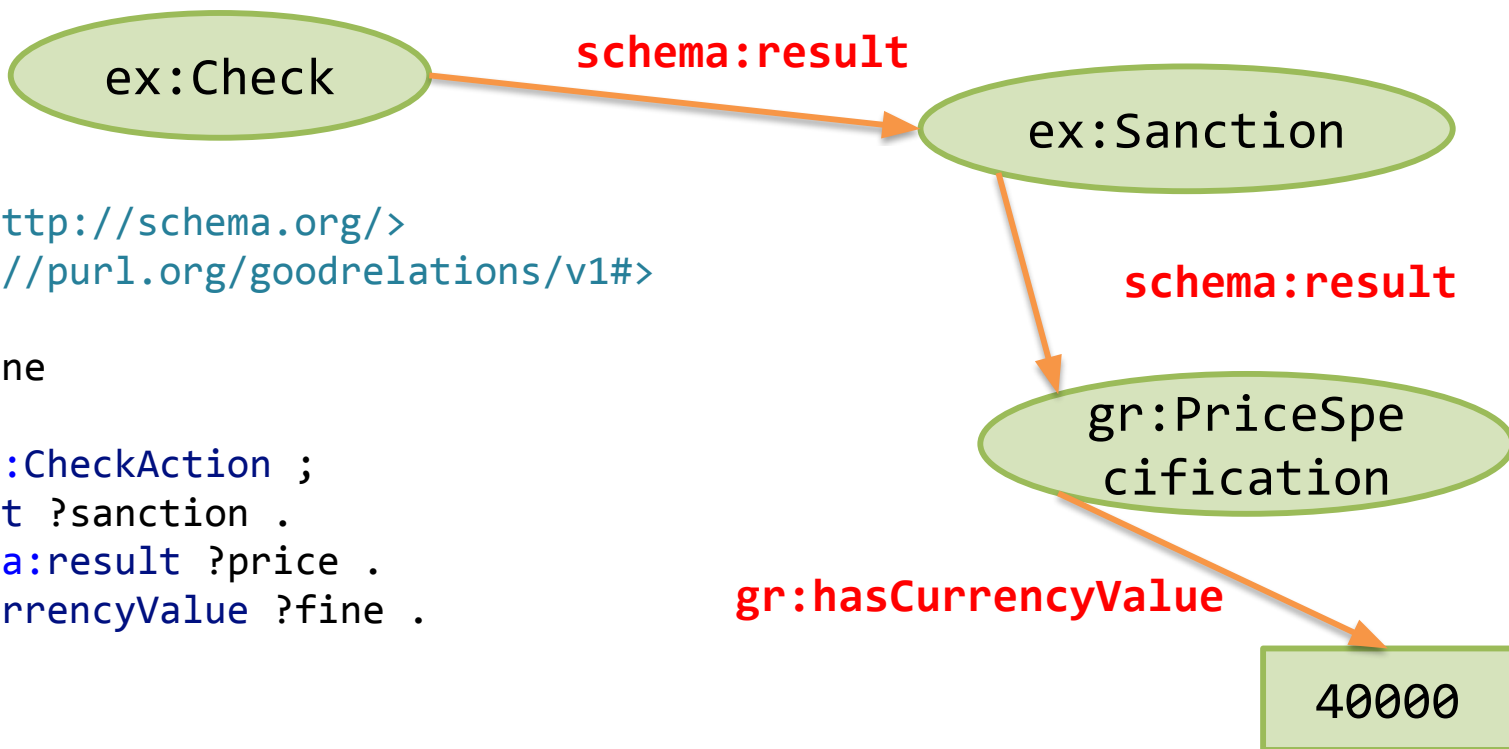
- Arithmetic operators
 - Unary + –
 - Binary + – * /
- Comparison operators
 - < <= >= >
 - = !=
- Logical connectives
 - ! && ||

RDF specific operators

- Other operators
 - bound, isIri, isBlank, isLiteral
- Access functions
 - str, lang, dataType

SPARQL - property paths example

Select first 100 inspections of CTIA, which have a fine as a result.
Return its value.

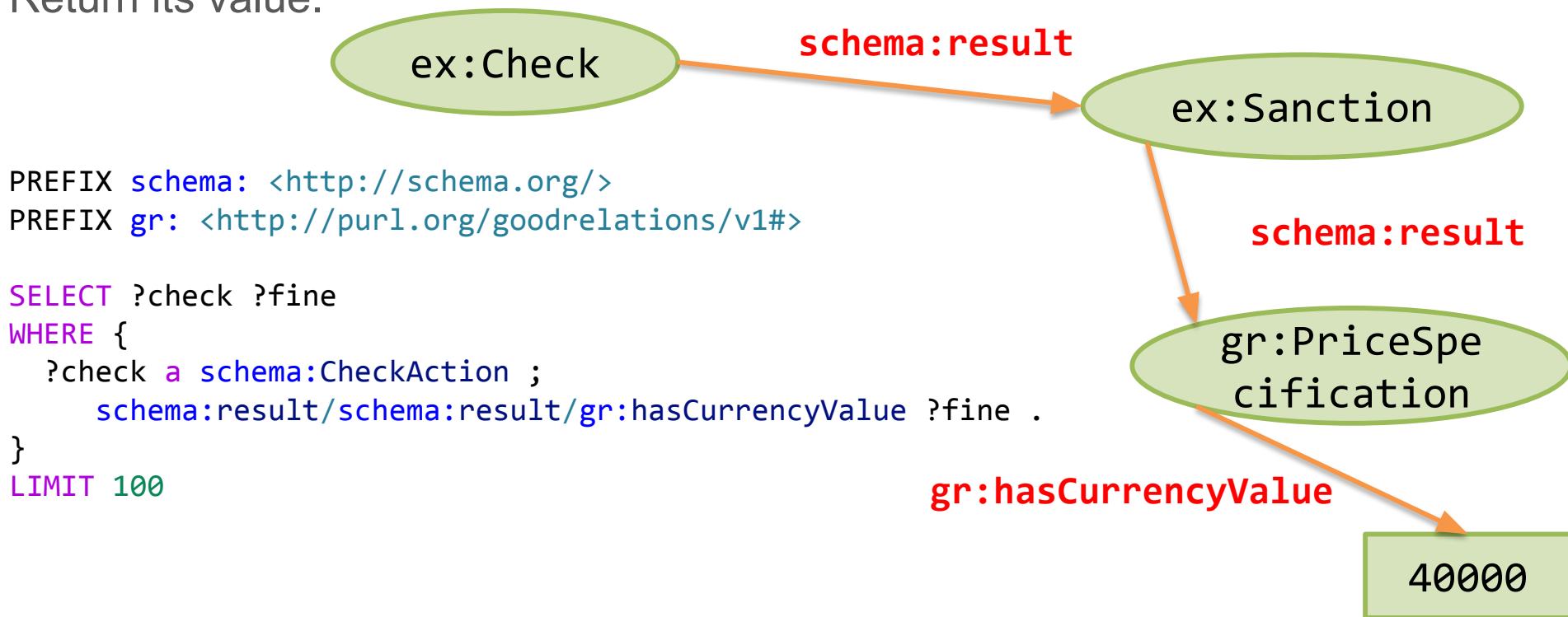


```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>  
PREFIX gr: <http://purl.org/goodrelations/v1#>
```

```
SELECT ?check ?fine  
WHERE {  
  ?check a schema:CheckAction ;  
         schema:result ?sanction .  
  ?sanction schema:result ?price .  
  ?price gr:hasCurrencyValue ?fine .  
}  
LIMIT 100
```

SPARQL - property paths example

Select first 100 inspections of CTIA, which have a fine as a result.
Return its value.



SPARQL - property paths

- Sequences
 - path1/path2
- Alternatives
 - path1|path2
- Groups
 - (path)
- Negation
 - !item
 - !(item1|item2|...)
- Occurrences
 - path*
 - path+
 - path?
- Inverse paths (from object to subject)
 - ^path

SPARQL - aggregation example

What was the highest issued fine?

```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
```

```
PREFIX gr: <http://purl.org/goodrelations/v1#>
```

```
SELECT (MAX (?fine) AS ?max)
```

```
WHERE
```

```
{
```

```
?check a schema:CheckAction ;
```

```
    schema:result/schema:result/gr:hasCurrencyValue ?fine .
```

```
}
```

SPARQL - aggregation

- COUNT
- SUM
- AVG
- MIN
- MAX
- GROUP_CONCAT(?x ; separator="|")
- SAMPLE

SPARQL - federated query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
SELECT ?s ?name
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?s a foaf:Person .
```

```
    SERVICE <https://peoplenames.org/sparql> {
```

```
        ?s foaf:name ?name .
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

SPARQL - binding variables

```
PREFIX dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
```

```
PREFIX ns: <http://example.org/ns#>
```

```
SELECT ?title ?price
```

```
WHERE { ?product ns:price ?p ;  
          ns:discount ?discount ;  
          dct:title ?title .
```

```
    BIND (?p * ( 1 - ?discount) AS ?price)
```

```
    FILTER(?price < 20)
```

```
}
```

SPARQL - binding variables example

Select first 100 inspections of CTIA, which have a fine as a result.
Return its value and whether it is higher than 1000.

```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
```

```
PREFIX gr: <http://purl.org/goodrelations/v1#>
```

```
SELECT ?check ?fine ?higher
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?check a schema:CheckAction ;
```

```
        schema:result/schema:result/gr:hasCurrencyValue ?fine .
```

```
    BIND(IF(?fine > 1000, true, false) AS ?higher)
```

```
}
```

```
LIMIT 100
```

SPARQL - functions

- if
 - `IF(?x = 2, "yes", "no")`
 - i. evaluates first parameter
 - ii. If true, returns second parameter
 - iii. If false, returns third parameter
- coalesce
 - `COALESCE(1/0, ?x, ...)`
 - i. returns first parameter which does not result in error
- exists { graph pattern }
- not exists { graph pattern }
- IN, NOT IN
 - `2 IN (<http://example/iri>, "str", 2.0) = true`

SPARQL - functions on RDF terms

- isIRI
- isBlank
- isLiteral
- isNumeric
- str
- lang
- datatype
- IRI
- STRDT
- STRLANG
- UUID

UUID()	<urn:uuid:b9302fb5-642e-4d3b-af19-29a8f6d894c9>
--------	---

STRLANG("chat", "en")	"chat"@en
-----------------------	-----------

STRDT("123", xsd:integer)	"123"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer>
STRDT("iiii", <http://ex/roman>)	"iiii"^^<http://ex/roman>

SPARQL - functions on strings

- STRLEN
- SUBSTR
- UCASE, LCASE
- STRSTARTS, STRENDS
- CONTAINS
- STRBEFORE, STRAFTER
- ENCODE_FOR_URI
- CONCAT
- langMatches
- REGEX
- REPLACE

substr("foobar"@en, 4, 1)	"b"@en
---------------------------	--------

strbefore("abc", "b")	"a"
strbefore("abc"@en, "bc")	"a"@en
strbefore("abc"@en, "b"@cy)	error

encode_for_uri("Los Angeles")	"Los%20Angeles"
-------------------------------	-----------------

replace("abcd", "b", "Z")	"aZcd"
replace("abab", "B", "Z", "i")	"aZaZ"
replace("abab", "B.", "Z", "i")	"aZb"

SPARQL - another binding variables example

Create IRI for entities with IDs
the [Frequency EU vocabulary](#)

```
PREFIX dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>  
PREFIX nkod: <https://data.gov.cz/slovník/nkod/>
```

```
CONSTRUCT {  
    ?dataset dcterms:accrualPeriodicity ?frequency .  
}
```

```
WHERE  
{
```

```
    ?dataset nkod:accrualPeriodicity ?freq .
```

```
    BIND(IRI(CONCAT("http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/frequency/", ?freq)) AS ?frequency)
```

```
}
```

```
<http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/frequency/MONTHLY>  
<http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/frequency/ANNUAL>  
...
```

?freq
MONTHLY
ANNUAL
BIENNIAL
...

SPARQL - functions on numerics

- `abs`
- `round`
- `ceil`
- `floor`
- `RAND`

SPARQL - functions on dates and times

- now
- year
- month
- day
- hours
- minutes
- seconds
- timezone
- tz

<code>timezone("2011-01-10T14:45:13.815-05:00"^^xsd:dateTime)</code>	<code>"-PT5H"^^xsd:dayTimeDuration</code>
--	---

<code>tz("2011-01-10T14:45:13.815-05:00"^^xsd:dateTime)</code>	<code>"-05:00"</code>
--	-----------------------

<code>now()</code>	<code>"2011-01-10T14:45:13.815-05:00"^^xsd:dateTime</code>
--------------------	--

<code>day("2011-01-10T14:45:13.815-05:00"^^xsd:dateTime)</code>	<code>10</code>
---	-----------------

SPARQL - subqueries

Inner queries evaluated first.

```
PREFIX : <https://example.org/>
SELECT ?company ?maxFine
WHERE {
  ?company a schema:Organization .
  {
    SELECT ?company (MAX(?fine) AS ?maxFine)
    WHERE {
      ?company :fine ?fine .
    } GROUP BY ?company
  }
}
```

SPARQL - VALUES example

```
@prefix dct:    <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .  
@prefix :      <http://example.org/book/> .  
@prefix ns:    <http://example.org/ns#> .
```

```
:book1  dct:title  "SPARQL Tutorial"@en ;  
        ns:price   42 .  
:book2  dct:title  "The Semantic Web"@en ;  
        ns:price   23 .
```

```
PREFIX dct:    <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>  
PREFIX :      <http://example.org/book/>  
PREFIX ns:    <http://example.org/ns#>
```

```
SELECT ?book ?title ?price  
WHERE {  
  VALUES ?book { :book1 :book3 }  
  ?book dct:title ?title ;  
        ns:price ?price .  
}
```

book	title	price
<http://example.org/book/book1>	"SPARQL Tutorial"	42

SPARQL - VALUES example - codelist translation

```
PREFIX dcat: <http://www.w3.org/ns/dcat#>
PREFIX dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
PREFIX f: <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/frequency/>
```

```
CONSTRUCT {
  ?dataset dcterms:accrualPeriodicity ?new.
  ?new a skos:Concept, dcterms:Frequency .
}
WHERE {
  ?dataset dcterms:accrualPeriodicity ?f .
```

```
VALUES (?f ?new) {
  ("R/P1M" f:MONTHLY)
  ("R/P1Y" f:ANNUAL)
  ("R/P2Y" f:BIENNIAL)
  ...
  ("jednorázově" f:NEVER)
  ("nikdy" f:NEVER)
}
```

*2, tedy se mapuje
jednu stranu podle druhé*

```
<#dataset1> dcterms:accrualPeriodicity "R/P1M" .
<#dataset2> dcterms:accrualPeriodicity "R/P2Y" .
```



```
<#dataset1> dcterms:accrualPeriodicity f:MONTHLY .
f:MONTHLY a skos:Concept, dcterms:Frequency .

<#dataset2> dcterms:accrualPeriodicity f:BIENNIAL .
f:BIENNIAL a skos:Concept, dcterms:Frequency .
```

SPARQL - result forms - SELECT and ASK

- SELECT
 - Result: Solutions table (e.g. in CSV or JSON)
- ASK
 - Checks whether at least one result item exists
 - Result: True or false

Is there a CTIA inspection with a resulting fine higher than 5 000 000?

```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
PREFIX gr: <http://purl.org/goodrelations/v1#>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
ASK {
  ?check a schema:CheckAction ;
         schema:result/schema:result/gr:hasCurrencyValue ?fine .
  FILTER(?fine > 5000000)
}
```

SPARQL - result forms - CONSTRUCT

Result: RDF graph constructed from a template.

CONSTRUCT

```
{ ?s sis:name ?fullName }
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?s sis:firstName ?n1 ;
```

```
        sis:lastName ?n2 .
```

```
    BIND(STRLANG(CONCAT(?n1, " ", ?n2), "cs") AS ?fullName)
```

```
}
```

SPARQL - result forms - DESCRIBE

Result: RDF graph about the given resource.

Specification non-normative - various triplestores implement it differently.

Example: **DESCRIBE** [<http://www.my.cz/>](http://www.my.cz/)

SPARQL SELECT - modifiers

ORDER BY

- Orders items in the solutions table
- Hierarchical ordering criteria
 - ASC = ascending (default)
 - DESC = descending
- Unbound variable < blank node < URI < literal
- Example
 - `ORDER BY ASC(?name), DESC(?age)`

SPARQL SELECT - ORDER BY example

PREFIX : <http://example.org/ns#>

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

SELECT ?name

WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name ;
 :empId ?emp }

ORDER BY ?name DESC(?emp)

SPARQL SELECT - modifiers

LIMIT

- Limits the number of items in the result sequence
- Always should be preceded by ORDER BY modifier
 - Because RDF graph is a set with no ordering
- Used as page size
- Example: ORDER BY ?name LIMIT 10

OFFSET

- Index of the first reported item from the sequence
- Used for paging through results
- Example: ORDER BY ?name LIMIT 10 OFFSET 20

SPARQL SELECT - GROUP BY, HAVING

```
PREFIX : <http://data.example/>
```

```
SELECT (AVG(?size) AS ?asize)
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?x :size ?size
```

```
}
```

```
GROUP BY ?x
```

```
HAVING(AVG(?size) > 10)
```

SPARQL 1.1

[W3C Recommendation](#)

- 21 March 2013
- Set of recommendations
 - SPARQL 1.1 Overview
 - SPARQL 1.1 Query Language
 - SPARQL 1.1 Update
 - SPARQL 1.1 Service Description
 - SPARQL 1.1 Federated Query
 - SPARQL 1.1 Query Results JSON Format
 - SPARQL 1.1 Query Results CSV and TSV Formats
 - SPARQL Query Results XML Format (Second Edition)
 - SPARQL 1.1 Entailment Regimes
 - SPARQL 1.1 Protocol
 - SPARQL 1.1 Graph Store HTTP Protocol