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Introduction, Semantic Networks and the Others ...

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- web page [currently in czech]: http://cw.felk.cvut.cz/doku.php/courses/a4m33rzn/start
- three basic topics: description logics, probabilistic models, fuzzy logic
- **Please go through the course web page carefully !!!**

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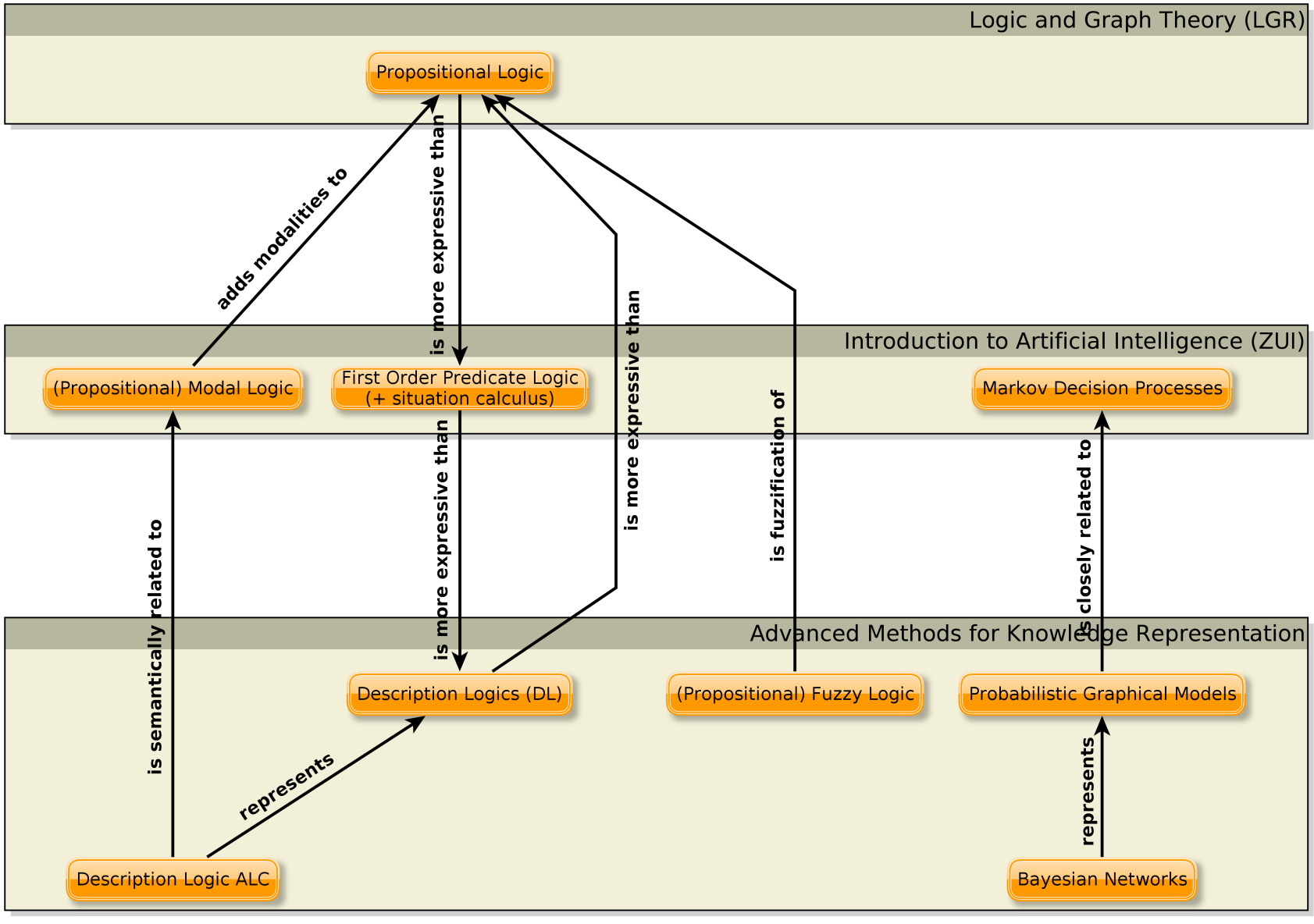
Course Roadmap



Crisp Knowledge Representation

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Motivation

- Let's have the domain of a university. Each stakeholder needs different type of information:
  - Student: **"Which bachelor course should I enroll in order to get at least 6 credits ?"**
  - Teacher : **"How many hours per week am I going to teach this term ?"**
  - Dean : **"Which courses are popular among students ?"**
- **Knowledge** tries to capture relationships in the domain, so that they can be used for answering various types of queries.
  - **"Bachelor courses are courses."**
  - **"In most cases a course can be opened only if 2 or more students are enrolled."**
  - **"Every head of a department is a school employee."**

Motivation (2)

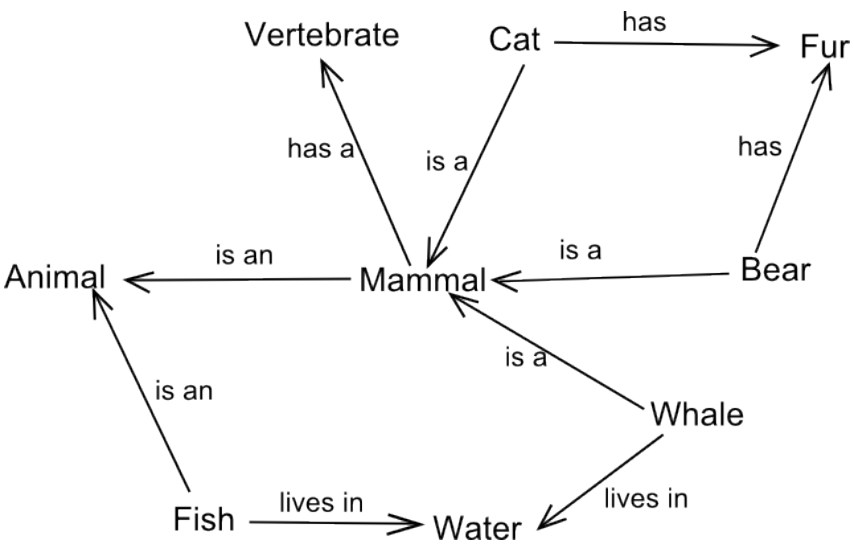
- So, two questions remain ...
  - How to formally represent knowledge ?
    - declaratively $\times$ procedurally ? – this course will deal with **declarative knowledge**. např. $(\forall P)(BachelorCourse(P) \Rightarrow Course(P))$
    - without uncertainty (crisp) $\times$ with uncertainty – this course will cover both, starting **without uncertainty**. např. $(\forall K)(Course(K) \Rightarrow (CourseWithException(K) \vee ((\exists X_1, X_2)IsEnrolledTo(X_1, K) \wedge IsEnrolledTo(X_2, K) \wedge X_1 \neq X_2))$
  - How to make use of the knowledge representation ?
    - knowledge management – search engines (databases, semantic servers, semantics web)
    - multiagent systems – content of messages sent between agents
    - machine learning – language bias
    - ... all AI branches

Declarative Knowledge Representation without Uncertainty

- sémantic networks, frames,
- thesauri, topic maps
- relational databases (relational calculus)
- rule-based systems, Prolog (first-order predicate logics)
- sémantic web, RDF(S), OWL, OWL 2 (description logics)

Semantic Networks

Semantic Networks



(©wikipedia.org)

Nodes = entities (individuals, classes),

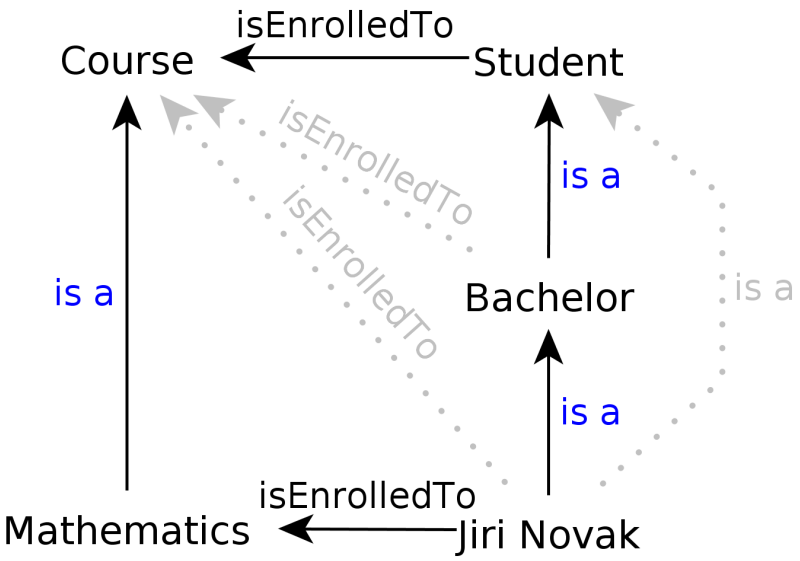
Edges = binary relations

- The only possible inferrence is *inheritance* by means of **is a** relationship.

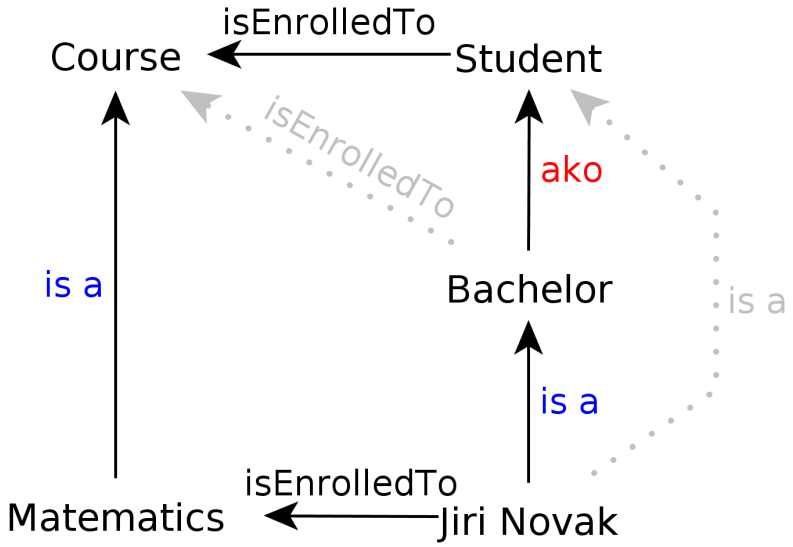
Example

Each `Cat` **has a** `Vertebrate`, since each `Cat` **is a** `Mammal`.

Semantic Networks (2)



However, this does not allow distinguishing individuals (instances) and groups (classes).



To solve this, a new relationship type "is a kind of" **ako** can be introduced and used for inheritance, while **is a** relationships would be restricted to expressing individual-group relationships.

Semantic Networks (3)

- ☺ are simple – from the point of logics they are not much more than a binary structure + **ako** and **is a** relationships with the following semantics:

$$relation(X, Y) \wedge ako(Z, X) \Rightarrow relation(Z, Y).$$
$$isa(X, Y) \wedge ako(Y, Z) \Rightarrow isa(X, Z).$$
$$ako(X, Y) \wedge ako(Y, Z) \Rightarrow ako(X, Z).$$

- ☹ no way to express non-monotonous knowledge (like FOL).
- ☹ no easy way to express n-ary relationships (**reification** needed).
- ☹ no way to express binary relationships characteristics – transitivity, functionality, reflexivity, etc., or their hierarchies "to be a father means to be a parent", aj.,
- ☹ no way to express more complex constructs, like cardinality restrictions: "Each person has at most two legs."
- Wordnet, Semantic Wiki, aj.

Semantic Networks – Wordnet, MultiWordnet

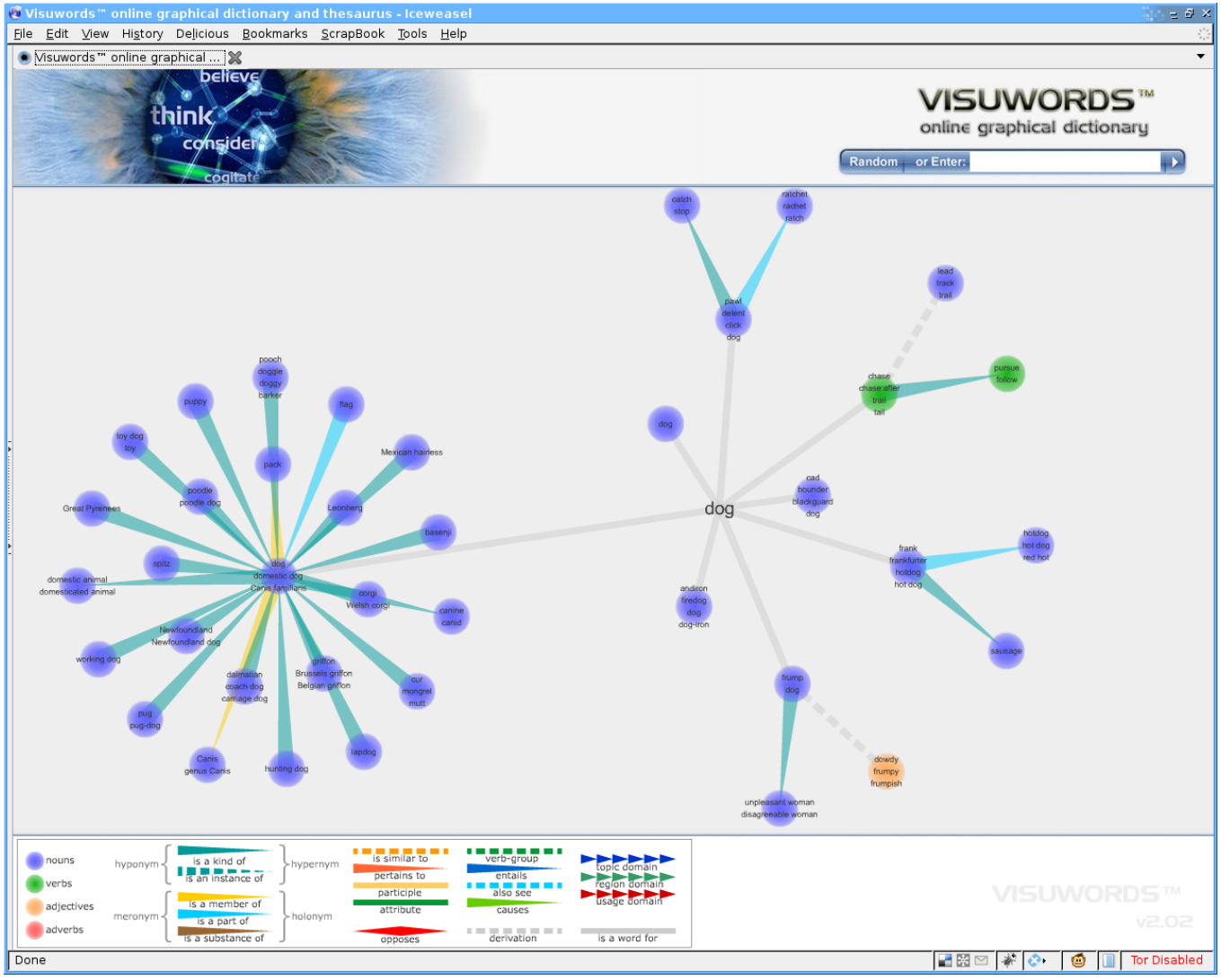
Wordnet (`http://wordnet.princeton.edu`) and MultiWordnet (`http://multiwordnet.itc.it`) are lexical databases. They are represented as semantic networks extended with a bit more semantics, e.g. :

hyponyms, hypernyms correspond to the **ako** relationship.

meronyms, holonyms denote "part-of" relationships between terms.

synonyms, antonyms synonyms are grouped into *synsets* – i.e. sets of terms that build up a single semantic context/meaning (e.g. $S_1 = \{\text{man}, \text{adult male}\}, S_2 = \{\text{man}, \text{human being}\}$)

Semantic Networks – http://www.visuwords.com/



Frames

Frames

frame: Škoda Favorit
slots:
is a: car
has engine: four-stroke engine
has transmission system: manual
has carb: *value*: Jikov
default: Pierburg

- more structured than semantic networks
- forms that contain **slots** (binary relationships).

([MvL93])

- Every slot has several **facets** (slot use restrictions), e.g. cardinality, defaults, etc.
- ☺ Facets allow non-monotonic reasoning.
- ☺ *Daemons* are triggers for actions perfomed on facets (read, write, delete). Can be used e.g for consistency checking.

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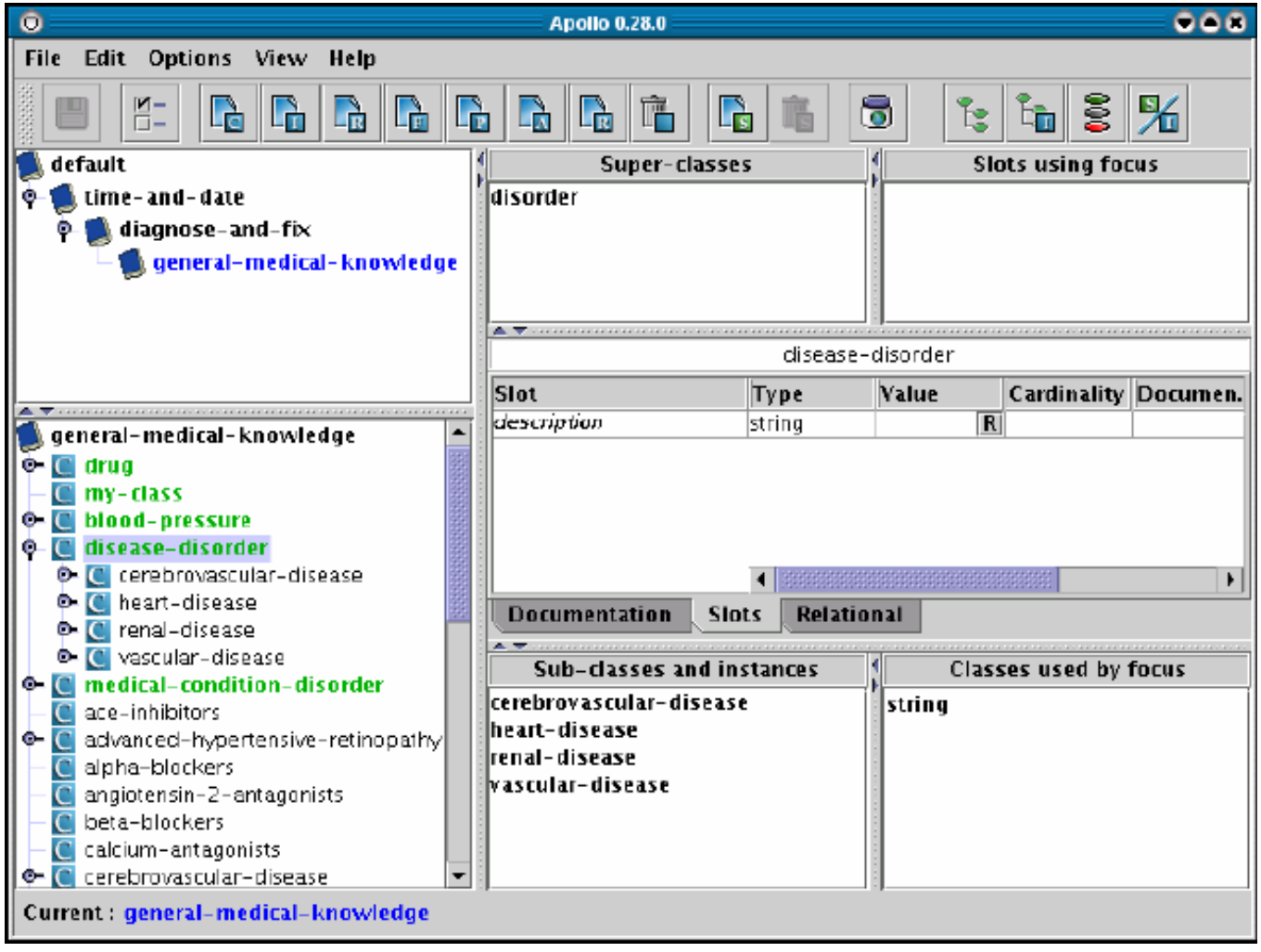
Frames (2)

Example

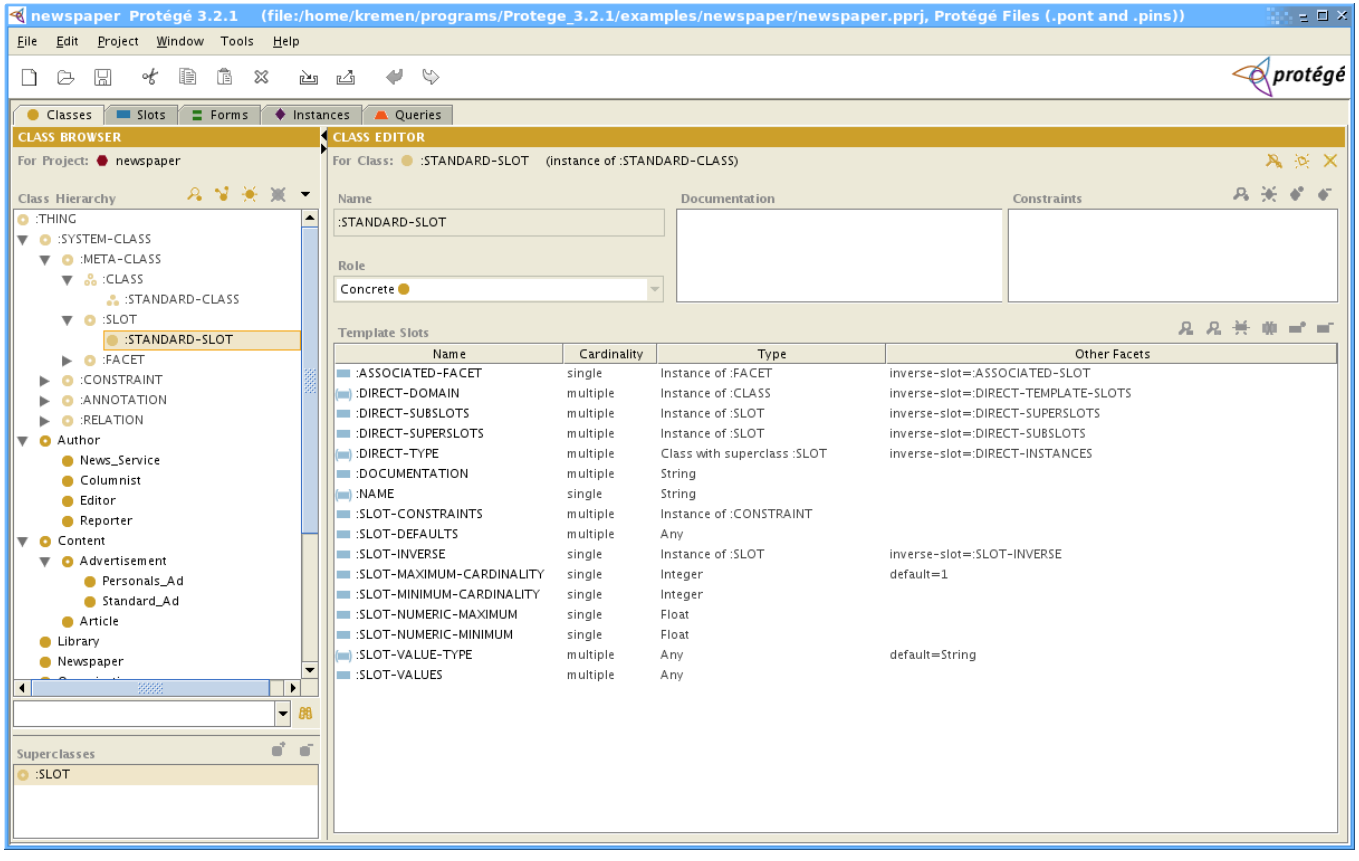
Typically, `Škoda Favorit` **has carb** of type `Pierburg`, but this particular `Škoda Favorit` **has carb** of type `Jikov`.

- frames can be grouped into *scenarios* that represent typical situations, e.g. going into a restaurant. [MvL93]
- OKBC - http://www.ai.sri.com/ okbc
- Protégé - http://protege.stanford.edu/overview/protege-frames.html
- Apollo - http://apollo.open.ac.uk
- Apollo CH - http://labe.felk.cvut.cz/ falc/Apollo

Frames (3) - Apollo CH



Frames (4) - Protégé



Frames and Semantics Networks – Summary

- ☺ very simple structures for knowledge representation,
- ☺ nonmonotonic reasoning,
- ☹ ad-hoc reasoning procedures, that complicates (and broadens ambiguity during) translation to First Order Predicate Logic (FOPL),
- ☹ problems – querying, debugging.
- ... but semantic networks are basis for other technologies:
  - **thesauri**
  - **topic maps**

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Thesauri

Thesauri

thesaurus is a taxonomy (hierarchy of terms) enriched with new types of relationships, e.g.:

BT/NT (broader/narrower term) = term hierarchy.

Example

beef → NT → meat

SN (scope note) explains meaning of a given term.

Example

school → SN → institution for education

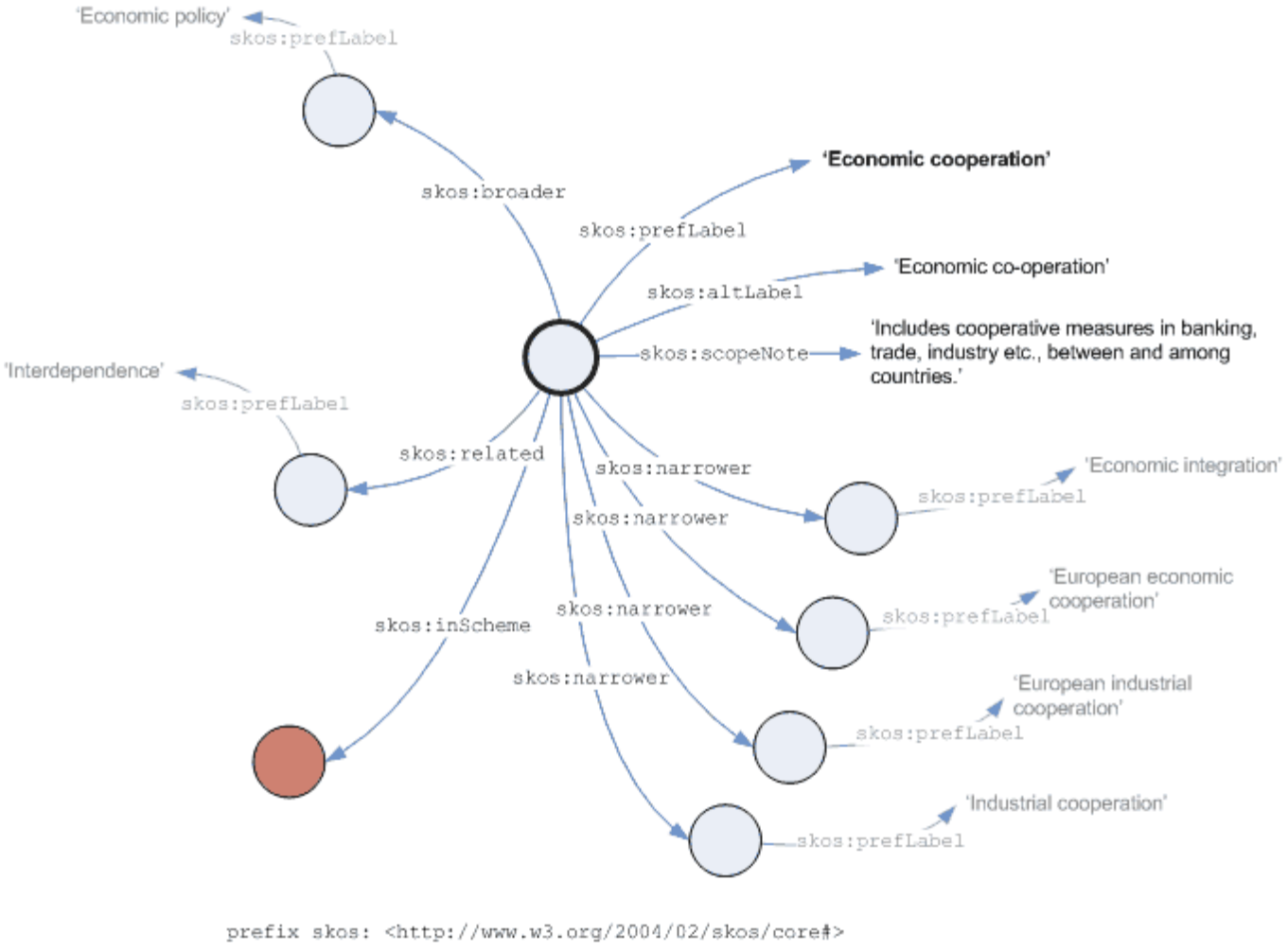
RT (related term) describes general term relationships (excluding BT/NT, USE, ...).

Příklad

topic maps → RT → knowledge management.

SKOS `http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos`

Thesauri – Example



http://metadaten-twr.org/2011/01/19/skos-simple-knowledge-organisation-system, cit. 16.9.2012

Thesauri – Summary

- two ISO standards: single-language thesauri (ISO 2788:1986) or multiple-language thesauri (ISO 5964:1985).
- ☺ simple, easy-to-use by non-experts in knowledge engineering
- ☹ problems in formal semantics:

Example

BT relationships can be used in several meanings:

subsumption , e.g. fruit BT apple,
instance of , e.g. man BT David,
part of , e.g. auto BT wheel.
...

- semantic search, disambiguation, NLP

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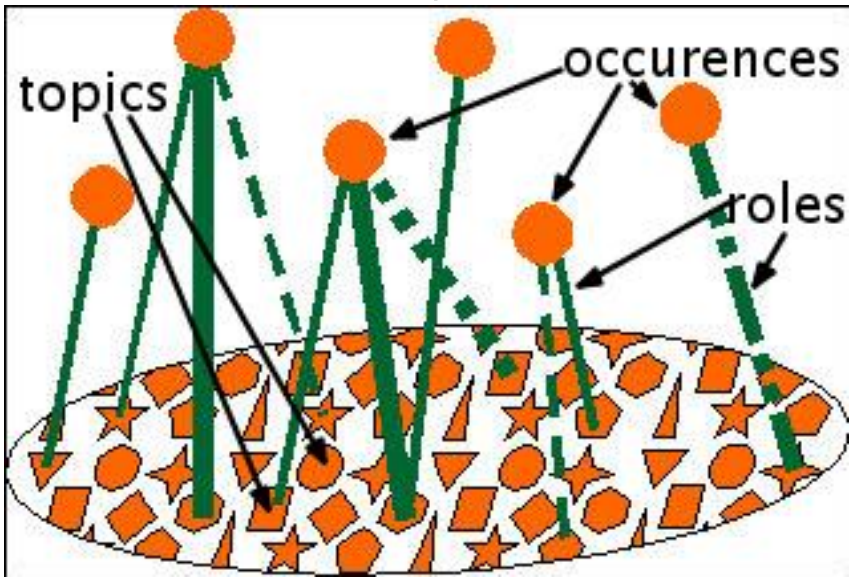
Topic Maps

Topic Maps – Topics

- ISO standard – ISO/IEC 13250:2003
- three types of objects : **topics**, their **occurences** and mutual **associations**.
- topics
  - represent concepts – classes, instances, properties, etc.
  - topics can have several **topic types**. The relationship "has type" build up a hierarchy of topics (analogy to *isa* relationships in semantics networks, or property *rdf:type* in RDF(S)).
  - each topics can have one or more **names** (e.g. nick, formal name, login name, etc.), each of which in different **variants** (e.g. visualization vs. sorting).

Topic Maps – Occurences

- occurences
  - represent "links" from topics to real documents/information resources.
  - a topic is connected with an occurence by means of a **role**, that determines the occurence type (web page, article, book, etc.)



(http://www.ontopia.net/topicmaps/materials/tao.html)

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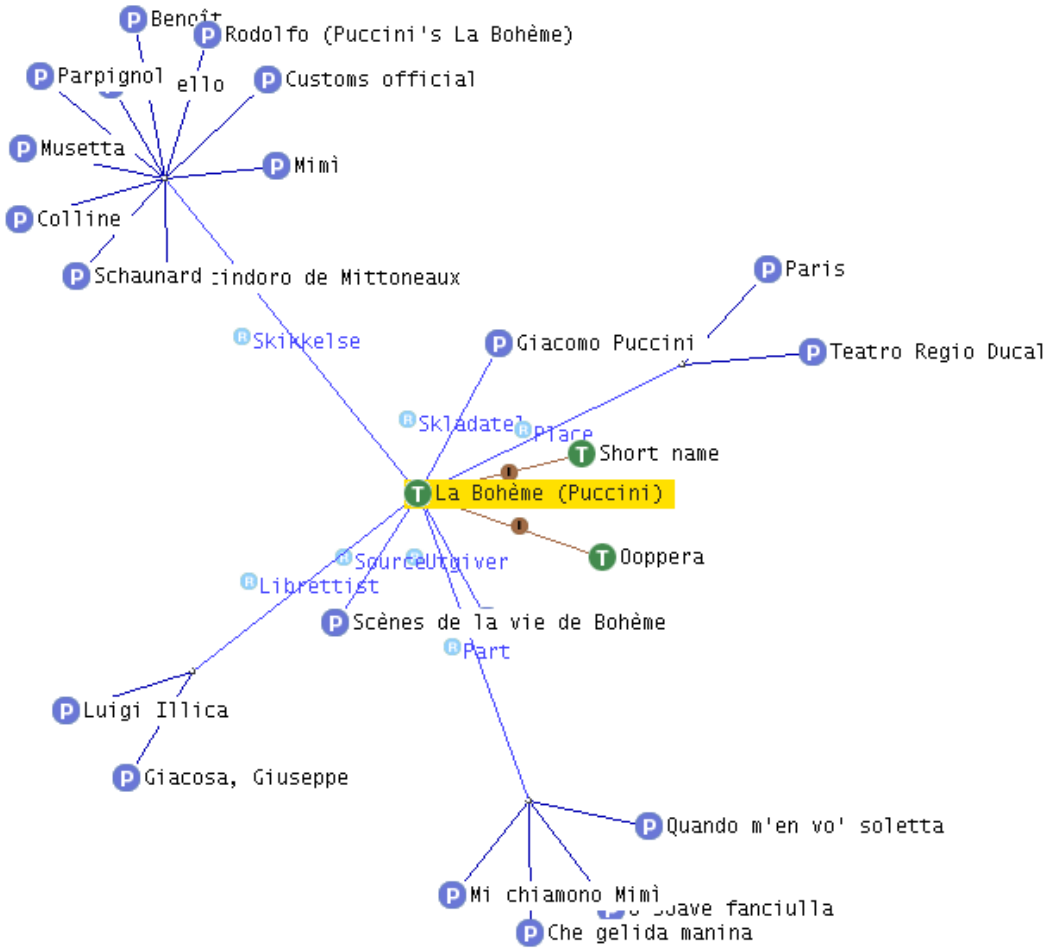
Topic Maps – Asociations

- asociations
  - represent relationships between topics – analogy of n-ary relationships,
  - an *association type* (which is a topic) is assigned to an association (topic type is a special association type),
  - topics have so called **association roles** when connected to associations,
  - each association role is assigned **association role type**, which is a topic, in turn.

Topic Maps – Example

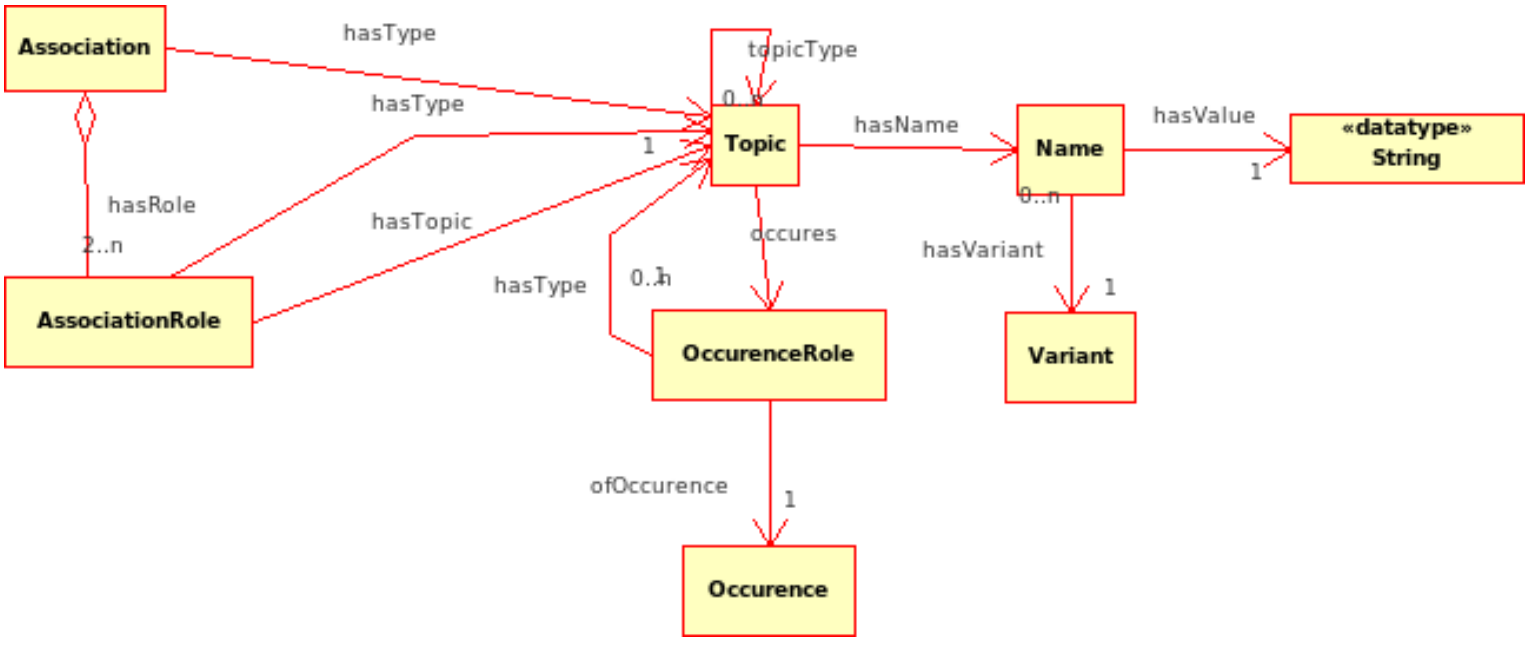


T … topics

P … partially expanded topics (except topic types)

R … associations

Topic Maps – Model



Topic Maps – Contexts, Queries

- additionally, topic maps can be grouped into **contexts** (scopes,themes).
- querying using
  - TMQL
  - tolog (syntactically similar to SQL)

Topic Maps – Tools and Links

- selected tools:
  - Ontopia (Ontopoly, Omnigator,Vizigator) – main stakeholder in Topic Maps
  - TM4L
  - TM4J
- links:
  - http://www.ontopia.net/topicmaps/materials/tm-vs-thesauri.html
  - http://www.kosek.cz/xml/tmtut/

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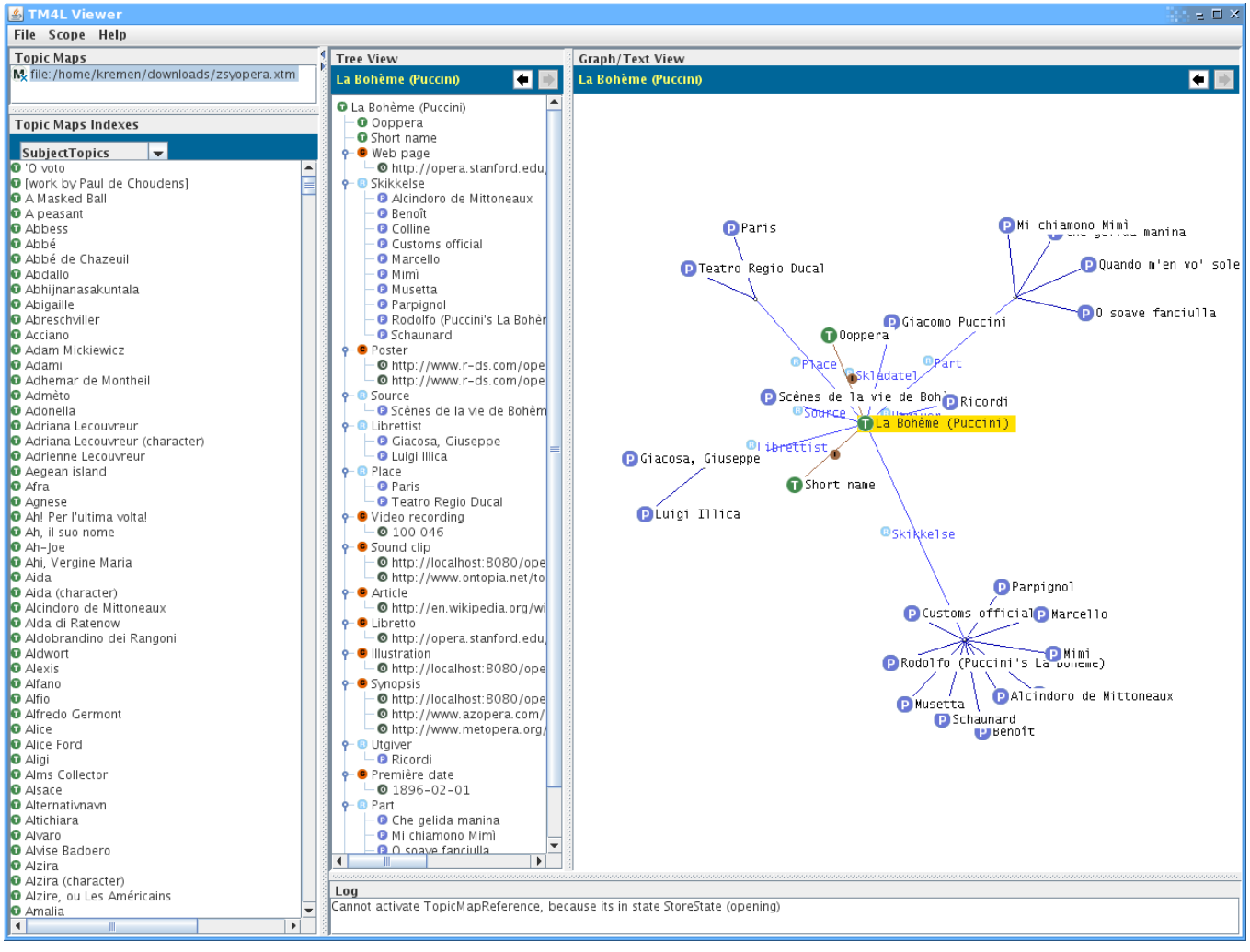
TM4L Viewer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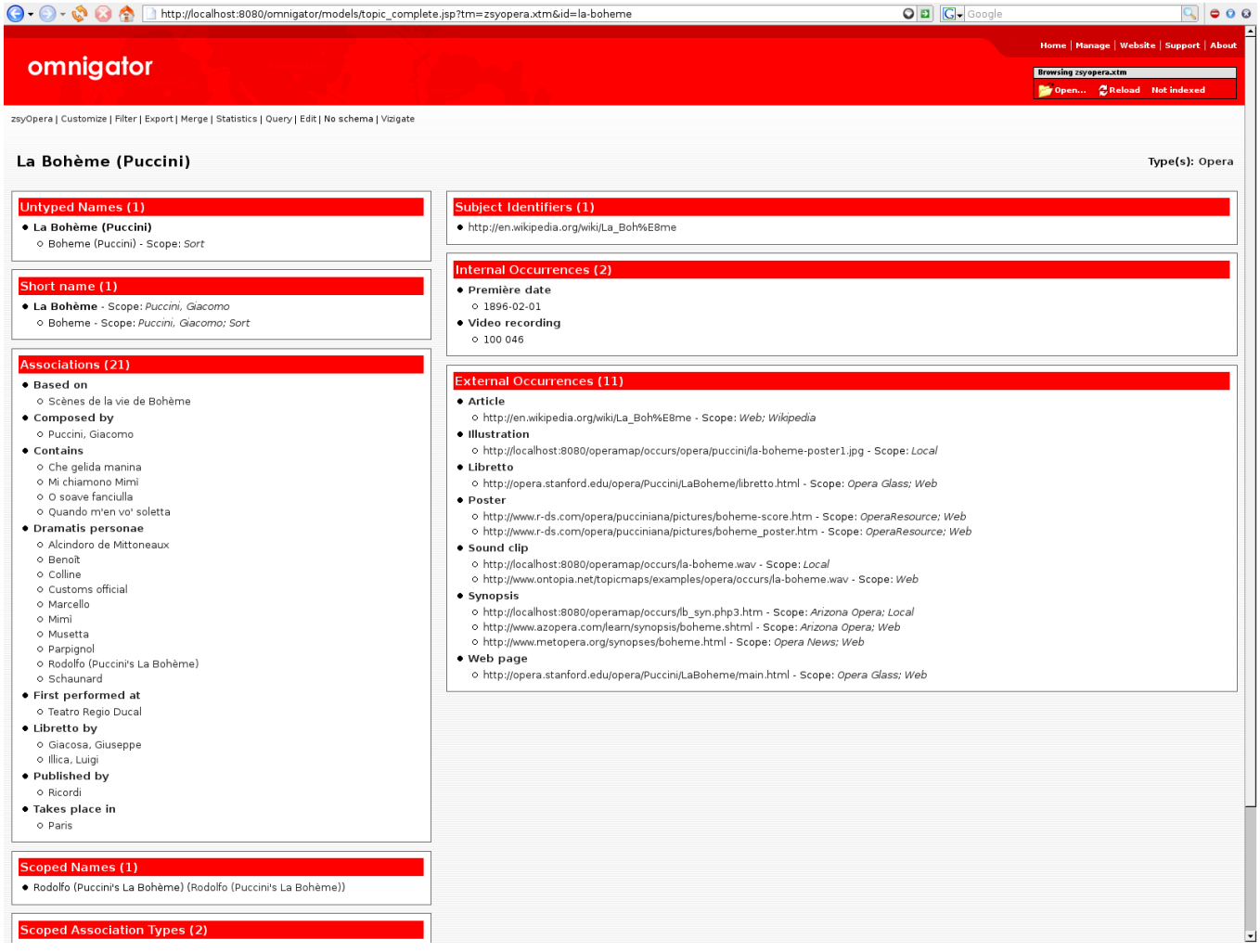
Omnigator



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Conceptual Graphs

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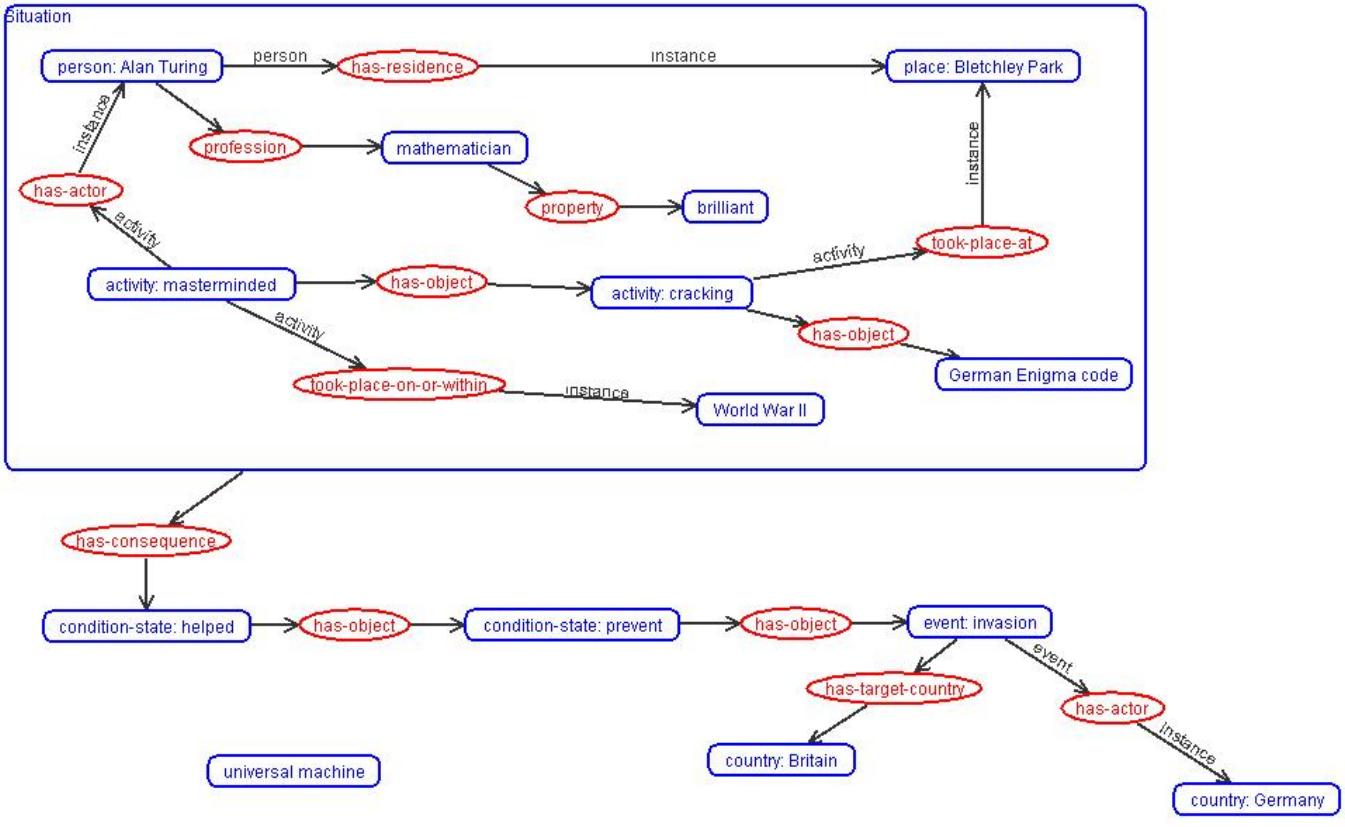
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has-consequence
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event: invasion
event
has-target-country
has-actor
instance
country: Britain
country: Germany
universal machine

Conceptual Graphs

conceptual graph is a bipartite graph with two types of nodes (1) **concepts** a (2) **relations**.

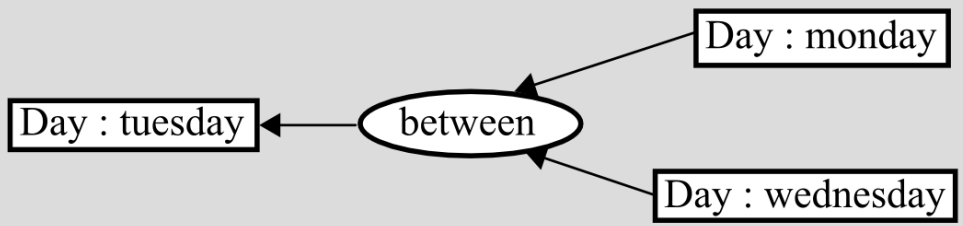
concept has the form **concept type : referent**.

Example (Quantifier type)

dog : Lucky	dog	dog : ∀	dog : {*}
Dog Lucky	Some dog	All dogs	Set of dogs
$\exists x Dog(x) \wedge Name(x, Lucky) \ldots$	$\exists x Dog(x) \ldots$	$\forall x Dog(x) \rightarrow \ldots$	☹ no FOPL

relation = predicate of arbitrary arity > 0.

Example (Ternary relation)

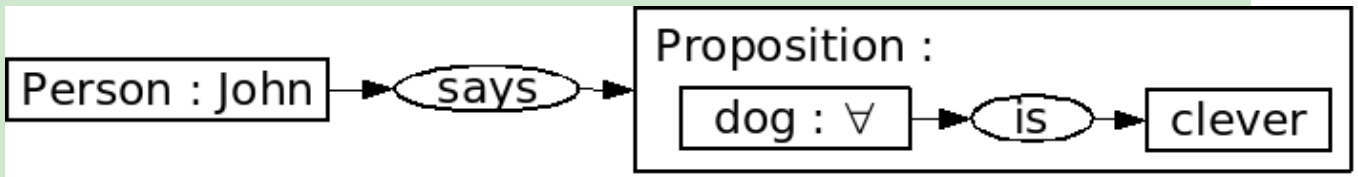


Conceptual Graphs (2)

referent consists of **quantifier** (existential, or defined (universal, collective, etc.)), **designator** (instance identifier, e.g. name) and possibly **descriptor** (conceptual graph describing the concept).

context is a concept with empty descriptor

Example (Context)



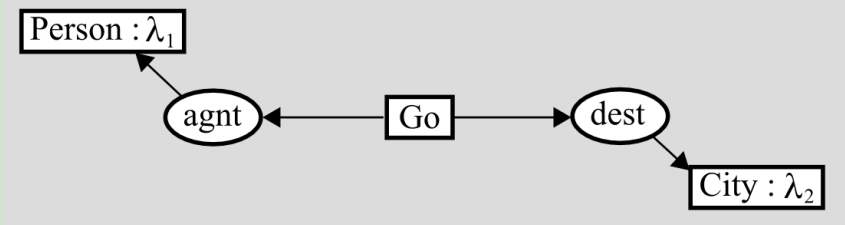
"John says, that all dogs are clever."

☹ no FOL

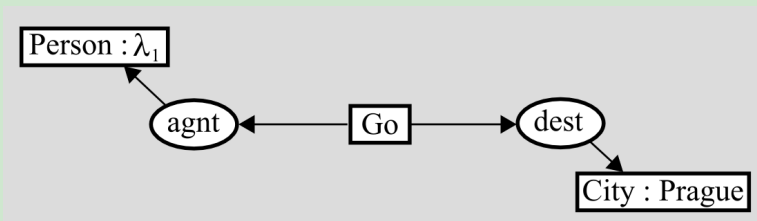
Conceptual Graphs (3)

lambda expressions correspond to "macros" – they allow defining relations by means of a "pattern" of the conceptual graph. Placeholders are denoted by λ_i symbols.

Example (lambda expressions)



def. binary relation "Go".

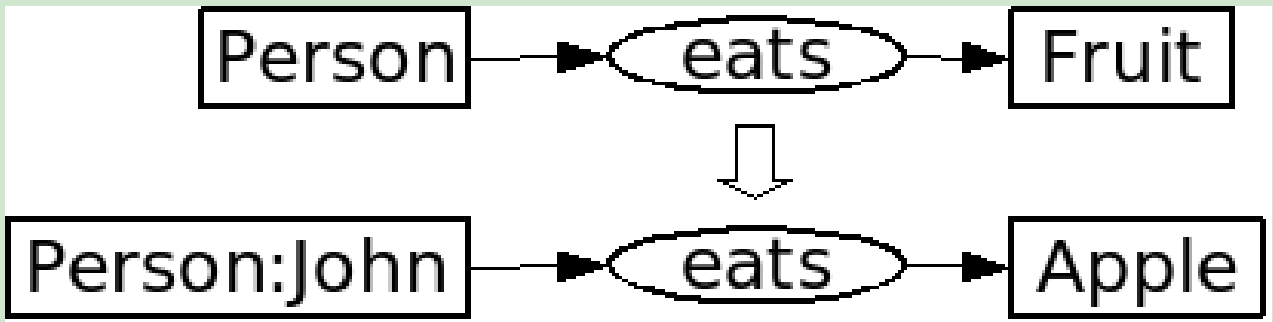


def. unary relation "Go to Prague".

Conceptual Graphs – Inference

- inference makes use of several forward chaining rules[1] (graph generalization, specialization, equivalent changes).
- querying is performed using **projection** that looks for a conceptual graph pattern in another conceptual graph making use of the conceptual type hierarchy and conceptual relations.

Example – Projection



[1] http://www.jfsowa.com/cg/cgstandw.htm

Conceptual Graphs – Tools

CharGer – CG editor
(http://sourceforge.net/projects/charger)

Notio – Java library + API for CG manipulation
(http://backtrack.uwaterloo.ca/CG/projects/notio)

Prolog+CG – inference engine for CG in Prolog
(http://prologpluscg.sourceforge.net)

Amine – newer version of Prolog+CG
(http://amine-platform.sourceforge.net)

DNA – annotation tool that visualizes the knowledge base using CG
(http://labe.felk.cvut.cz/ uhlir/DNATWeb/DNAThome.html)

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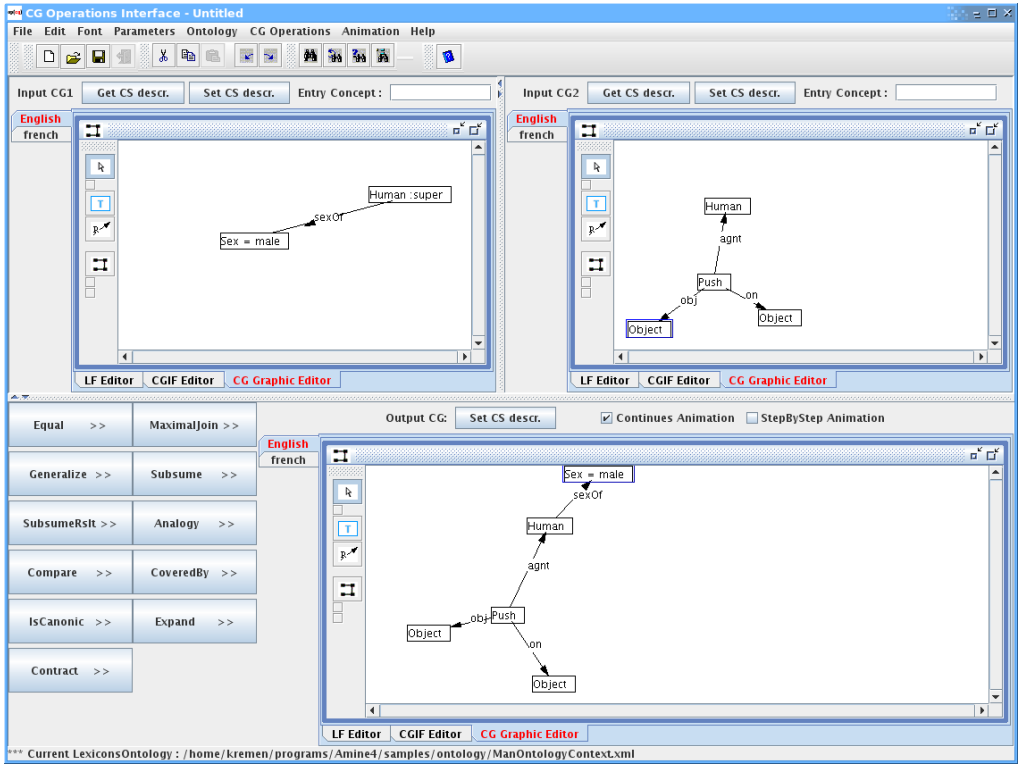
Amine4



- editing/viewing ontologies
- editing/viewing conceptual graphs
- CG operations – e.g.: JOIN
- CG+Prolog inference
- multiagent systems

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Conceptual Graphs – Summary

- CG's (J.F. Sowa 80's) are representatives of formal (machine readable) and at the same time well readable, intuitive languages,
- are based on Pierce existential graphs [Sow00], [Dau01],
- are more expressive than FOPL – undecidability,
- to keep things decidable, so called *simple graphs* (J.F. Sowa 80's), were defined. They restrict the form of referents and prohibit contexts.

Summary – what else ?

- we only quickly flew through the most important milestones in the crisp knowledge representation during last decades,
- ☹ most of these approaches have poorly defined semantics, which is a necessary condition for automated processing of large datasets,
- now, let's spend several weeks on formally precise logic-based knowledge representation languages with acceptable computational properties.

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