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#### Wikipedia and the Semantic Web - The Missing Links [edit]

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- Slides: collected but not uploaded yet
- Video: 16:44 ₺ (talk given by Denny Vrandečić)
- Note: Presentation, paper also at Wikipedia and the Semantic Web 
   (PDF, 164K)

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### A Simple Idea (2005): "Let's annotate Wikipedia links!"

### Lyon

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses, see Lyon (disambiguation)

Lyon (UK: /liːɒ̃/,<sup>[3]</sup> US: /liˈɒ̃/; French: [ljɔ̃] (♠) listen), locally [lijɔ̃]; Arpitan: *Liyon* [ʎjɔ̃]), also known in British English as Lyons (/laɪənz/), is the third-largest city of France. It is located in the

place of birth

#### Louis Néel

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Louis Eugène Félix Néel ForMemRS (22 November 1904 – 17 November 2000) was a

French physicist born in Lyon.<sup>[2]</sup>

### country

award received

#### France

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"La France" redirects here. For other uses of "La For other uses of "France", see France (disambig

France (French: [fʁɑ̃s]), officially the French
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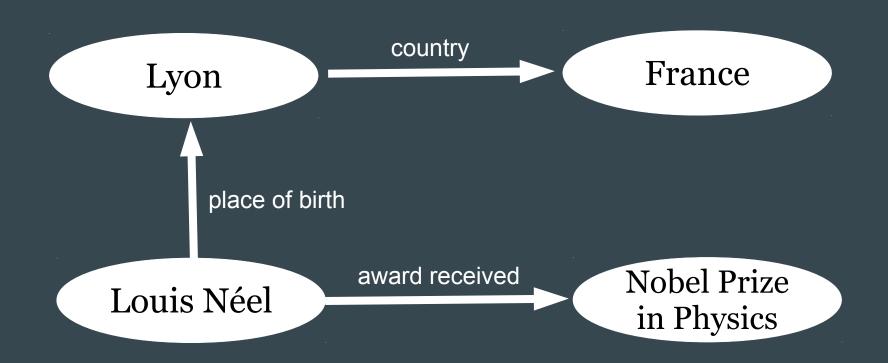
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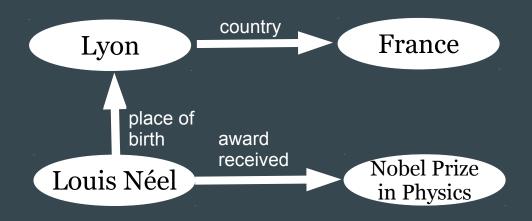
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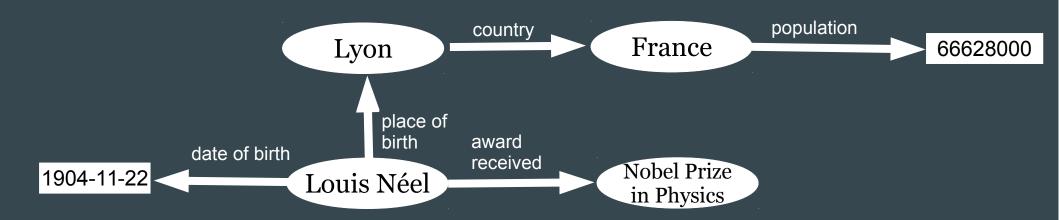
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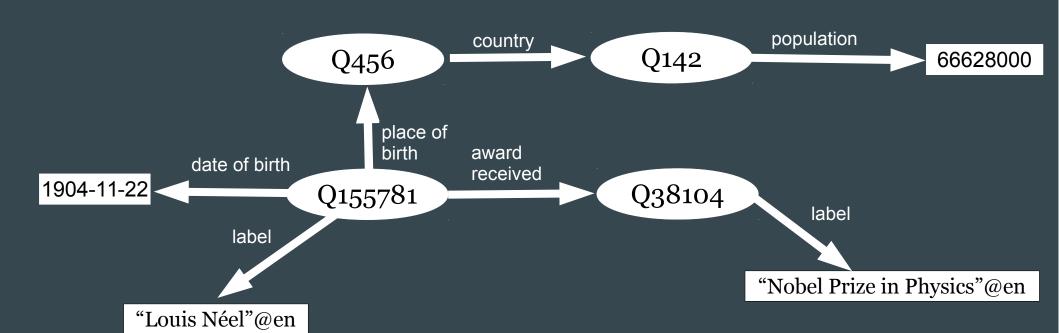
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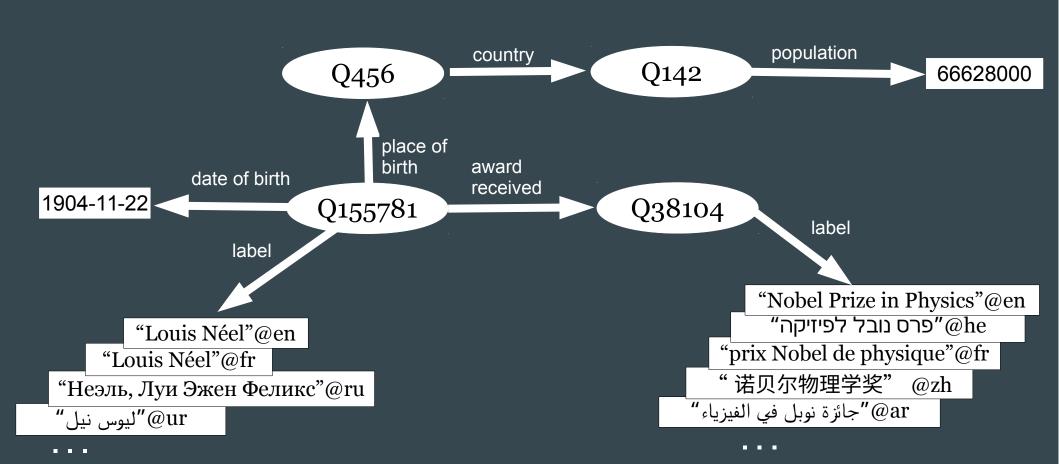
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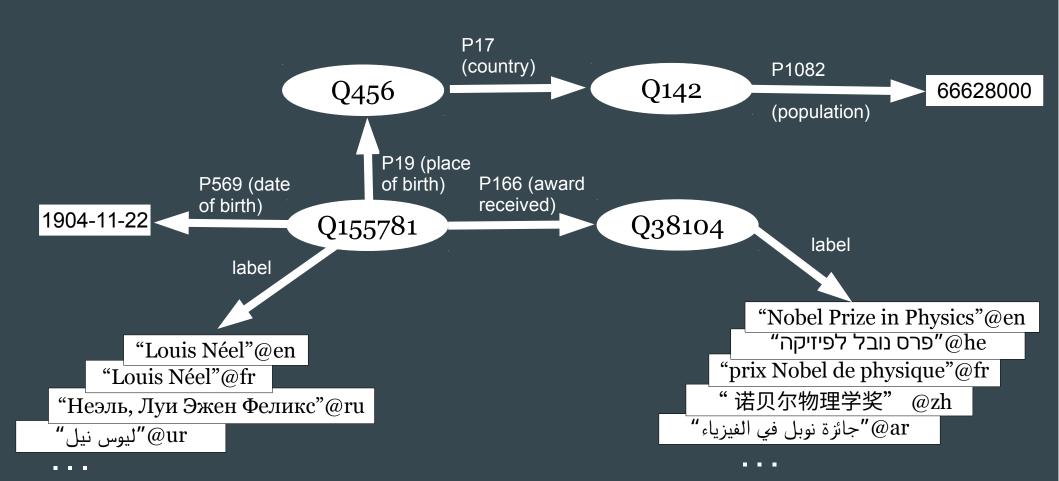
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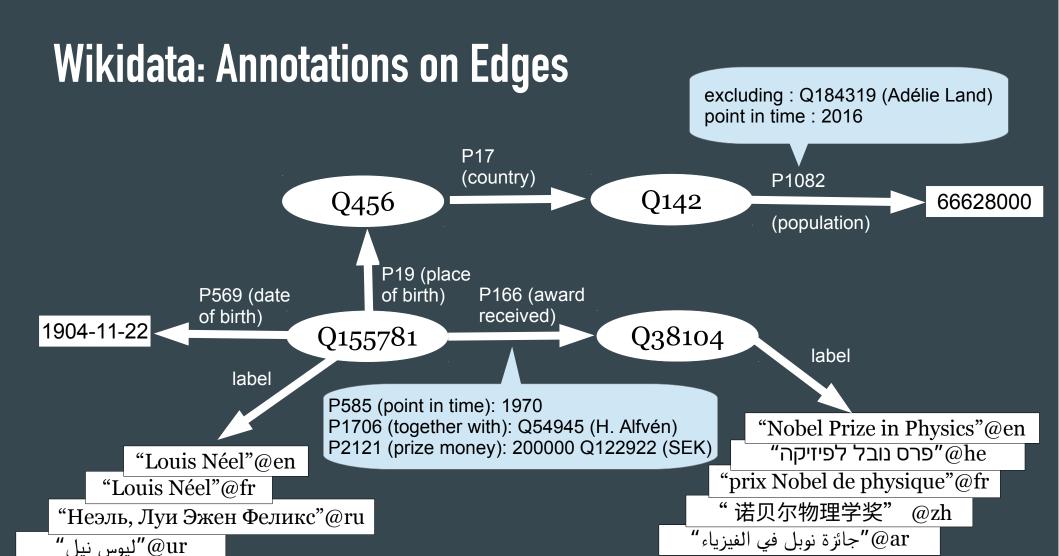


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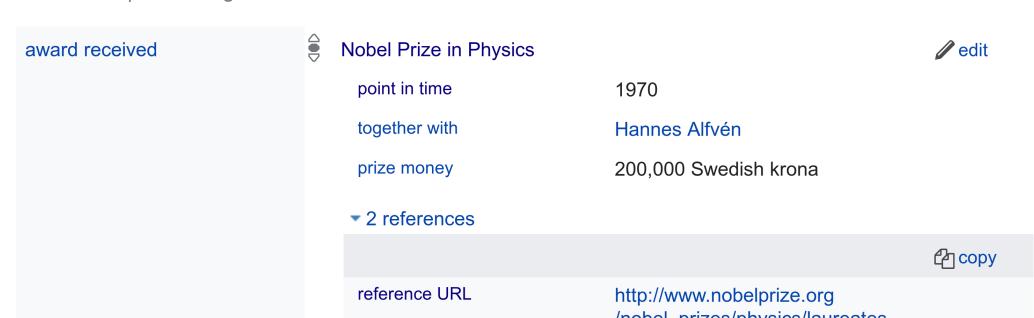


# A Not-So-Simple Idea (2012): Wikidata

### Louis Néel (Q155781)

### French physicist

Louis Neel | Louis Eugène Felix Néel



# Wikidata in 2018

- >570M statements on >50M entities
- >65M links to Wiki(p|m)edia pages
- >200M labels and aliases
- >1,200M disambiguating descriptions
- >200K registered contributors, 19K monthly

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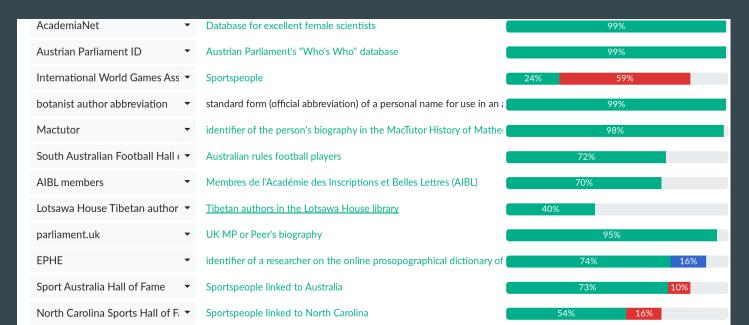
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  - Notability? Well, sometimes ...
  - Community support! Who will maintain this?

# More data: current efforts

- Data donation guidelines
- Wikidata aligns with >2500 databases and catalogues
- Supervised data alignment with crowdsourcing (Mix'n'Match)



# More data: current efforts

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Abwehr

17.04.2016



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Katie Naughton

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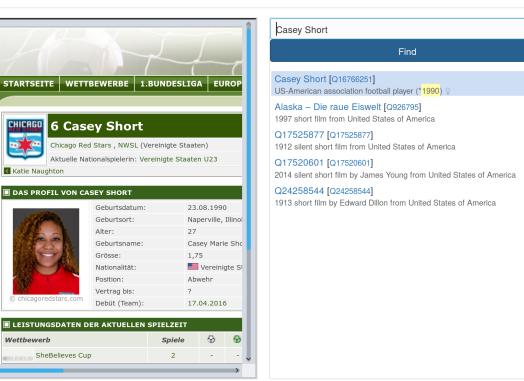
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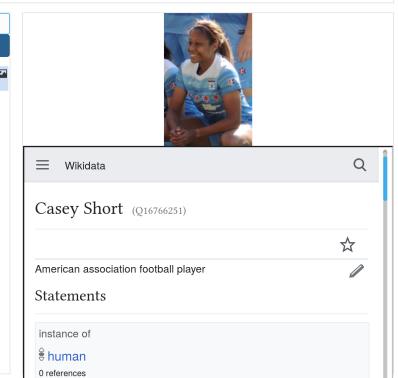
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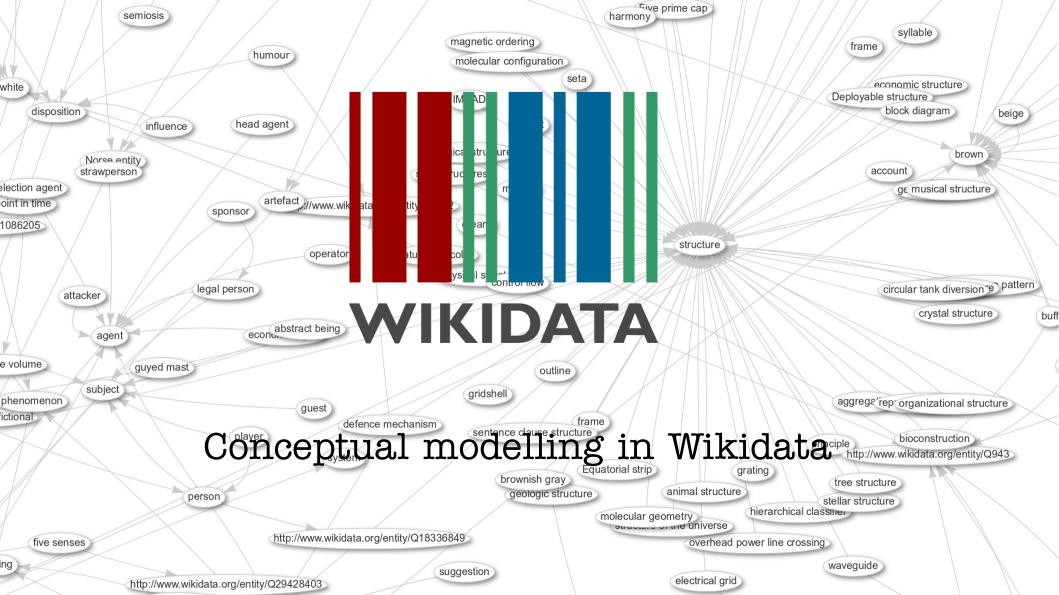
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# New kinds of data

- Rolled out in 2018: **lexical data** (dictionary/thesaurus)
  - Exciting & dangerous
- Planned: **media (meta-)data** (Wikimedia Commons)
- Factual knowledge that is not in catalogues?
- Common sense?

Platform, community, and content under continuous change



# Why?

- Ontological models are an important part of our world knowledge
  - → relevant content for Wikidata
- Ontologies help knowledge organisation
  - → also useful for search
- Schema supports data management
  - → check quality or derive further facts

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# Classes in Wikidata

• Wikidata has no built-in concept of "class" but some items represent classes

- Regular properties for ontological modelling
  - P31 "instance of": most common property
  - P279 "subclass of": >2M uses on >1.3M entities

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property	http://www.w3.org/TR/2012/REC-owl2-primer-20121211/#Classes_and_Instances &
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### https://tools.wmflabs.org/sqid/



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# "Ontology as data"

- Only real schema information: property types
- All other modelling as part of data:
  - Classes can be instances (meta-modelling)
    - No clear separation of meta-levels
    - P2445 "is meta-subclass of" (hardly used)
  - Ontological properties can have qualifiers

# **Semantics anyone?**

- No official ontological semantics
- Intended meaning laid out in documentation
  - P31 and P279 understood as  $\subseteq$  and  $\subseteq$
- Semantics of corner cases unclear
  - Qualified subclass-of statements?
  - Meta-modelling semantics?
- Practical interpretation depends on context

# Ok, so how does that work out?

- Topical sub-communities create own guidelines
- Agreeable results for specific topics



# Ok, so how does that work out?

· Lack of global coordination, QA, and guidance

Wikidata:WikiProject Ontology

#### WikiProject Ontology

The **WikiProject Ontology** is mainly about reaching deep into the nature of being, becoming, existence, and reality, and applying those insights during Wikidata's maintenance tasks. The more practical aims of the project are:

- to support a broad semantic interoperability between notable ontologies like DOLCE, BFO, SUMO, Lemon, RDA, etc.
- to build consensus around the main branches of our core concept tree and how they relate to each other
- to gain a deep understanding about the meaning of our upper ontology and to transfer this knowledge to others in practical terms



#### Subpages [edit]

- WikiProject Ontology/Biocuration 2016
- WikiProject Ontology/Class

- WikiProject Ontology/Problems/Anti-pattern 2
- WikiProject Ontology/Problems/High order metaclasses

WikiProject Ontology/Problems/instance of 3rd-order subclass of self



# **Problem 1: Semantic drift**

- · A classical issue in wiki-based modelling
- Some superclasses of "clarinet" (Q8343):
  - Woodwind instrument, single-reed instrument, reed aerophone, reed or free reed aerophone, aerophones, musical instrument
  - Tool, product, artificial physical object, artefact, concrete object, object (Q488383), object (Q17553950), artificial entity, entity
  - Goods, goods and services
  - Result
  - Logical consequence

# Problem 2: Structural bugs

- Cycles (in subclass of, rarely even instance-of)
  - "Binder" subclass of "thickener"
  - "Thickener" instance of "binder"
- Mix-up of meta-levels
  - "Noodle" subclass of "pasta"
  - "Noodle" instance of "type of pasta"
  - "Type of pasta" subclass of "pasta"

### Problem 3: The Upper Level

- Intended top-class is entity (Q35120)
- Entity has 60 direct subclasses, including:
  - Temporal entity, geographic entity, anatomical entity, political entity, chemical entity, ...
  - Type, (meta)class, part
  - Independent continuant, quality, substance (Q27166344), substance (Q378078), cause, space, agent, object
  - Former entity, Norse entity, untitled entity, assumed entity
  - Green, electron donor, stakeholder, contact point, problem

## **Problem 4: Conceptual ambiguity**

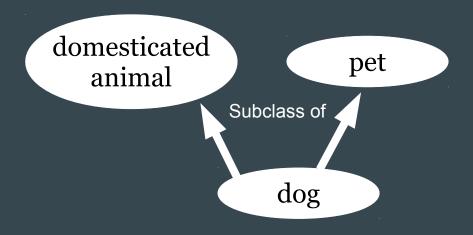
- Entities may be conceptually overloaded
  - Partly inherited from Wikipedia
  - Partly created to integrate viewpoints
- Examples:
  - "Embassy" is a subclass of "building" and "organization"
- Meanwhile, this is handled by the community quite well many earlier cases are fixed

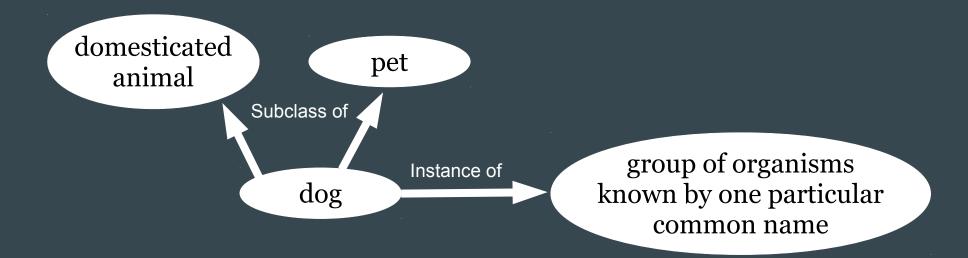
# Problem 5: Unintegrated local models

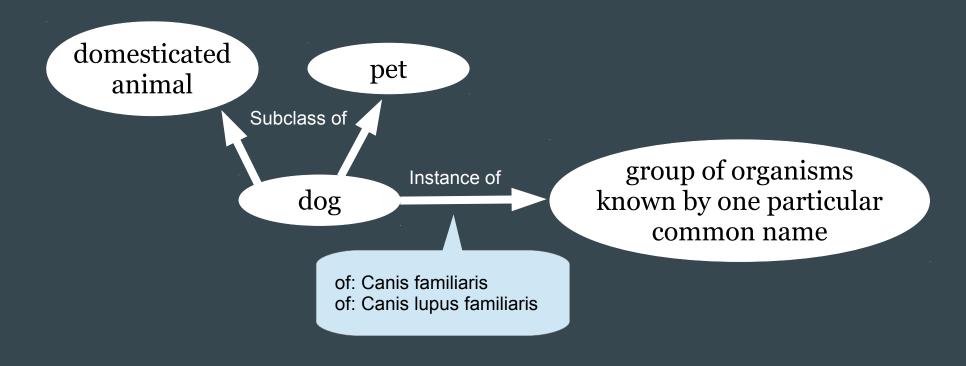
- Very different design decisions taken for different domains:
  - "Which aspects to model with classes?"

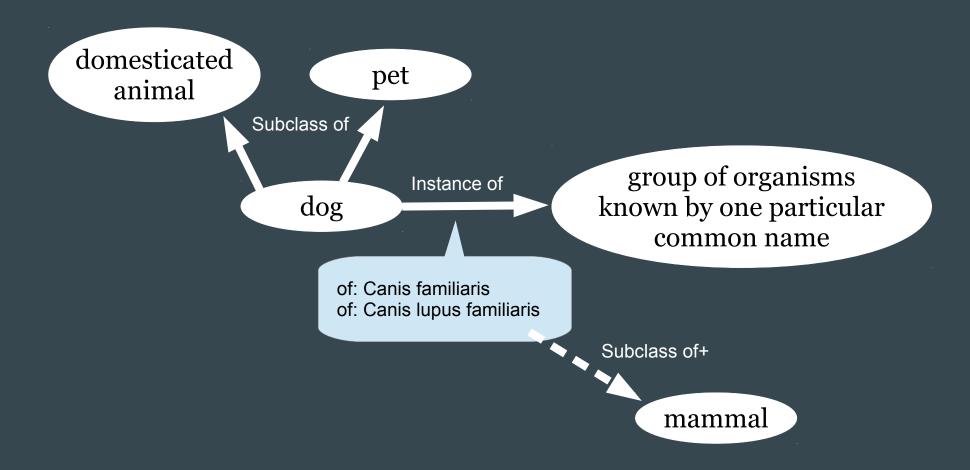
#### • Symptoms:

- Incoherent granularity ("mammal" has almost no subclasses, "building" has an elaborate hierarchy beneath, "human" has many subclasses, but they are not to be used with instance of)
- Parallel hierarchies (parent taxons, human professions, ...)
- Subclass of often fails for navigation









### Why is everything so hard?

- Local editing vs. global semantics
- Most editors lack global view
- · No overall use case, but many local use cases
- Internationalisation: concepts not translatable ("Obst"@de and "Frucht"@de vs. "fruit"@en and "fruit"@en; "Millionenstadt"@de vs. "city with millions of inhabitants"@en)
- · Ontology modelling is hard, even experts fight



Constraints

### Modelling beyond classes

- Constraints are encoded as statements on property pages
- · Define common requirements on property usage
  - Functionality, symmetry, transitivity, ...
  - Disjointness, value restrictions and format
  - Schema information (e.g., allowed qualifiers)
- Used for quality control and documentation

#### Example: constraints on subclass of

#### property constraint

6 statements **❤** 

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conflicts-with constraint (type of constraint for Wikidata properties: used to specify that an item must not have a
given statement)
  property: instance of
  item of property constraint: common name (name generally used for a taxon, group of taxa or organism(s))
  item of property constraint: Wikimedia template (type of page in the Wikimedia system. Use with P31 'instance of for template pages)
  item of property constraint: Wikimedia list article (page of a Wikimedia project with a list of something)
  item of property constraint: Wikimedia category (use with 'instance of' (P31) for Wikimedia category)
  item of property constraint: Wikidata property (part of statements according to the Wikidata data model)
property scope constraint (constraint to define the scope of the property (main value, qualifier, references, or
combination); only supported by KrBot currently)
  property scope : as main value (property scope type)
conflicts-with constraint (type of constraint for Wikidata properties: used to specify that an item must not have a
given statement)
  property: subproperty of
  constraint status: mandatory constraint (status of a Wikidata property constraint: indicates that the specified constraint applies to the subject
  property without exception and must not be violated)
value requires statement constraint (type of constraint for Wikidata properties: used to specify that the
referenced item should have a statement with a given property)
  property: subclass of
  exception to constraint: entity (something that exists in the identified universe)
allowed entity types constraint (type of constraint for Wikidata properties: used to specify that only listed entity
types are valid for this property)
  item of property constraint: Wikibase item (Wikibase property value datatype. See Q16222597 for Wikidata item)
  constraint status: mandatory constraint (status of a Wikidata property constraint: indicates that the specified constraint applies to the subject
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contemporary constraint (type of constraint for Wikidata properties: used to specify that the subject and the object
have to coincide or coexist at some point of history)
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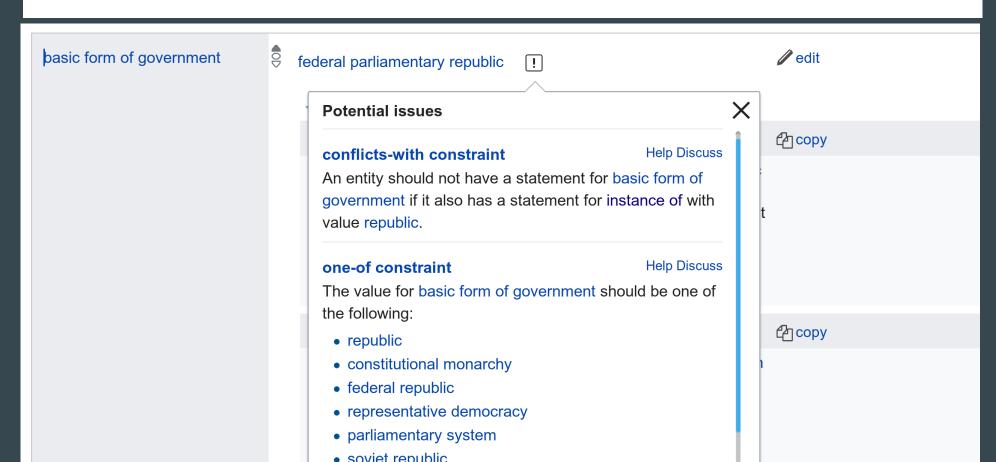
### Constraints in current usage

- P2302 (property constraint) used in >21K statements
- Most common constraints:
  - "Item requires statement" (generalises property domain)
  - "Format" (regular expression)
  - "Single value" (functionality) & "Distinct value" (inv. func.)
  - "Type" and "Value type" (transitive P279 classification)
  - "Scope" (statement/qualifier/reference/... property?)

#### $Germany \ (Q183)$

federal parliamentary republic in central-western Europe

FRG | BRD | Bundesrepublik Deutschland | Federal Republic of Germany | de | 🥌



### Semantics anyone?

- No official ontological semantics
  - Documentation not always clear
  - Conditions partly implemented (e.g., in SPARQL)
- Used during editing to create warnings (prescriptive semantics)
- Also used to suggest additions of missing information (descriptive use)



Ways forward

### Lots of data, little ontology?

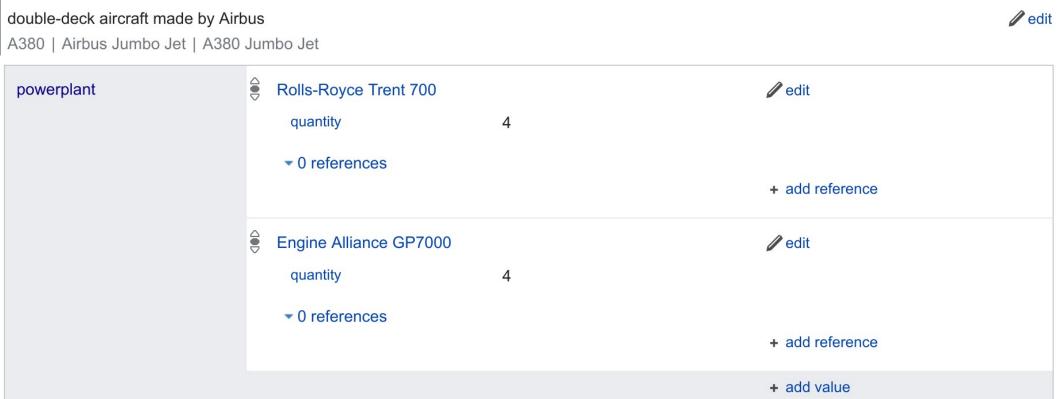
No!

"Ontology as data"

 $\rightarrow$ 

"Ontology is data"

#### Airbus A380 (Q5830)



This describes terminological knowledge: "Every aircraft of type has engines of the given type."

#### But where is the semantics?

- All data needs to be interpreted
  - Class hierarchy and constraints are just two examples
- New facilities are needed to assign meaning to data structures
  - Think "customisable rules of inference"
  - Non-unique, user-definable, context-dependent
  - But usually crisp and precise nonetheless



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#### Nauru (Q697)

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#### republic in Oceania



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Frederick Pitcher (Q917601)
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position held
                                        President of Nauru (head of state and government in Nauru)
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start time: 2011-11-10 end time: 2011-11-15

replaces: Marcus Stephen (Nauruan sportperson and politician)

replaced by: Sprent Dabwido (president of Nauru)

#### Nauru (Q697)

Republic of Nauru | Pleasant Island | Naoero | nr | 👄

office held by head of government President of Nauru (head of state and government in Nauru)

#### A rule of inference:

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(?headOfState.position held<sup>P39</sup> = ?headOffice)@?X,
(?country.office held by head of state P1906 = ?headOffice) @?Y
\rightarrow (?country.head of state<sup>P35</sup> = ?headOfState)@{start time<sup>P580</sup> = ?X.start time<sup>P580</sup>,
end time<sup>P582</sup> = \{X.\text{end time}^{P582}\}
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[Marx et al., International Joint Conf. On Artif. Intellig. 2017]

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## Wikidata's questions to you

- The problem is large. How to draw boundaries? Where to start?
- Simple (anti-)patterns to focus on?
- Developing different models alongside one another without crashing? Multi-application modelling?
- Which modelling concepts are already used implicity? Can we isolate conflicting approaches?

#### What can Wikidata offer in turn?

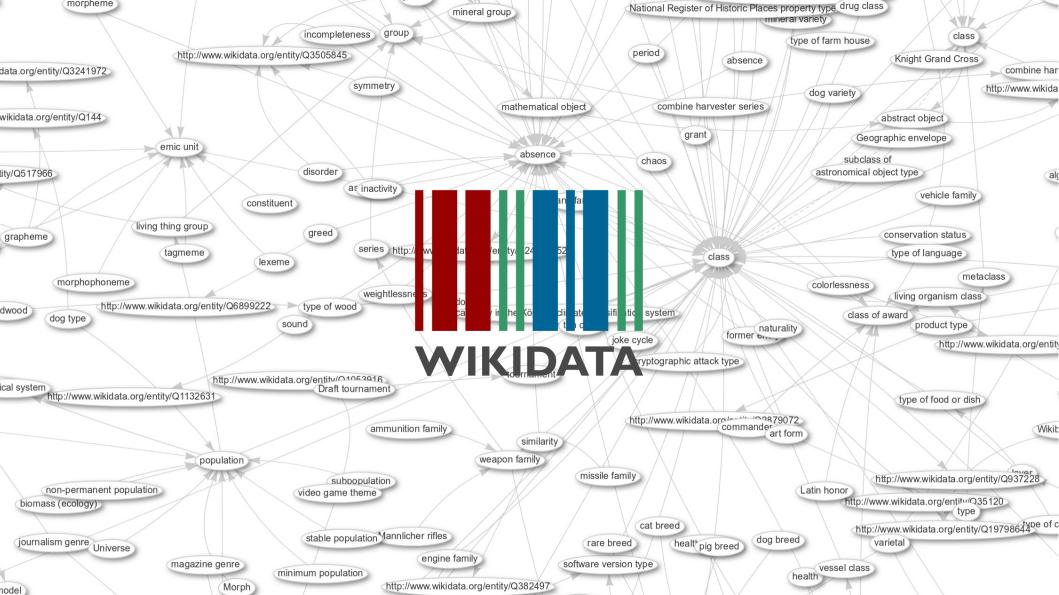
- New knowledge structures, new patterns!
- Sincere users open to new tools and methods
- Large datasets for analysis (knowledge graph, user activity, queries)
- Immediate practical relevance

#### **Conclusion and Outlook**

- Wikidata is a fascinating, fast-moving project with an open, ontology-friendly community
- Good ontologies are hard work and don't just "emerge"
- Much work is being done, much more is needed still

How can we move from

20<sup>th</sup> century closed-group, top-down ontology engineering to collaborative modelling of context-aware, robust schemas for future knowledge graphs?



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