

# Semantische Technologien für das Web

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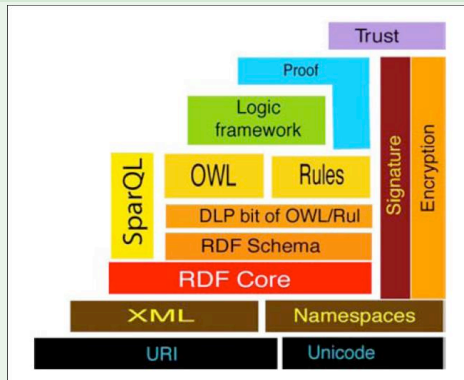
## Warum semantische Technologien für das Web?

Das Web:

- Daten übertragen: HTTP
- Daten Adressieren: URI (Uniform Resource Identifier)
- Daten darstellen: HTML
- Daten austauschen: XML
- Daten verstehen: ???

## Ontologien

- *Formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization of a domain.*
- Grundlage des *Semantic Web*.



# Resource Description Framework: RDF

## Internet Engineering Task Force RFC2396: Resource, Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)

A **Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)** is a compact string of characters for identifying an abstract or physical resource.

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**A resource can be anything that has identity.** Familiar examples include an electronic document, an image, a service (e.g., "today's weather report for Los Angeles"), and a collection of other resources. Not all resources are network "retrievable"; e.g., human beings, corporations, and bound books in a library can also be considered resources.

## RDF: W3C Recommendation 10 February 2004

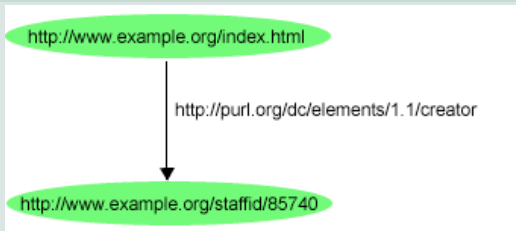
Simple data model to express statements about the world, designed to represent information in a minimally constraining, flexible way: *subject – predicate – object*-triples define a labelled directed graph.

- Subject: Resource or blank node, i.e. node that is neither a URI nor literal.
- Predicate: Property.
- Object: Resource, literal or blank node.

Extensible URI-based vocabulary; a URI is an identifier, not a location on the web.

### Graph representation of a RDF statement

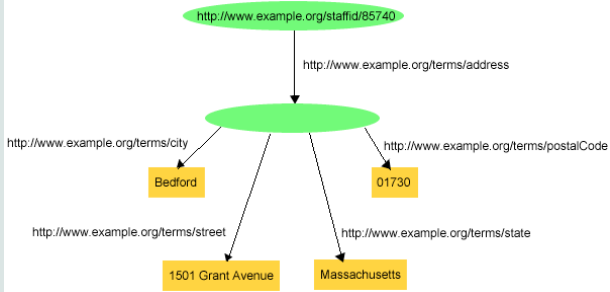
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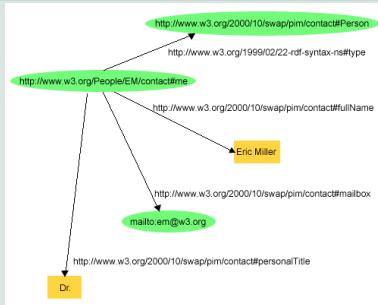
## RDF

- URI, blank node, literal.
- Literals may be plain or typed.
  - A *plain literal* is a string with an optional language tag (self-denoting).  
Example: *adda-adda@alemannisch*.
  - A *typed literal* is a string combined with a datatype URI, which denotes the member of the identified datatype's value space obtained by applying the lexical-to-value mapping to the literal string. Example: *"1"^^xsd:integer*.
- XML-based syntax. Supporting use of XML schema datatypes.
- Anyone might make statements about anything.
- Formal semantics and provable inference.

## RDF-graph with blank nodes and triple notation

Quelle: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-concepts/>`http://www.expl.org/staffid/85740``_:1``_:1``_:1``_:1``http://www.expl.org/terms/address``http://www.expl.org/terms/city``http://www.expl.org/terms/street``http://www.expl.org/terms/state``http://www.expl.org/terms/postalCode``_:1``" Bedford"``" 1501 Grant Avenue"``" Massachusetts"``" 01730"`

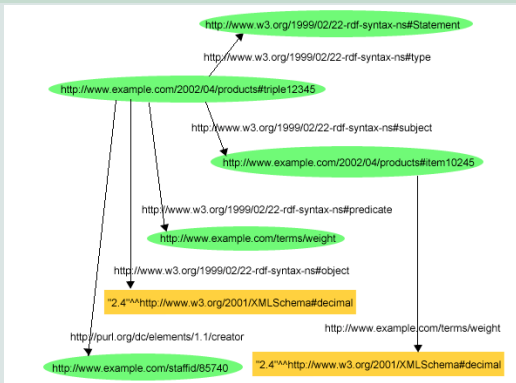
## RDF-graph with fragment identifiers and XML serialization

Quelle: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer/>

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
         xmlns:contact="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/swap/pim/contact#">
  <contact:Person rdf:about="http://www.w3.org/People/EM/contact#me">
    <contact:fullName>Eric Miller</contact:fullName>
    <contact:mailbox rdf:resource="mailto:em@w3.org"/>
    <contact:personalTitle>Dr.</contact:personalTitle>
  </contact:Person>
</rdf:RDF>
```



## Statements about statements: Reification

Quelle: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer/>

Ein RDF Statement kann selbst Resource sein. Die Komponenten eines Statements werden durch Prädikate *subject*, *predicate*, *object* identifiziert.

### Predefined resources and properties: RDF vocabulary

- Classes

*rdf:Property, rdf:Statement, rdf:XMLLiteral, rdf:Seq, rdf:Bag, rdf:Alt, rdf:List*

- Properties

*rdf:type, rdf:subject, rdf:predicate, rdf:object, rdf:first, rdf:rest, rdf:\_n, rdf:value*

- Resources

*rdf:nil*

## RDF Containers and Collections

- Types of containers:

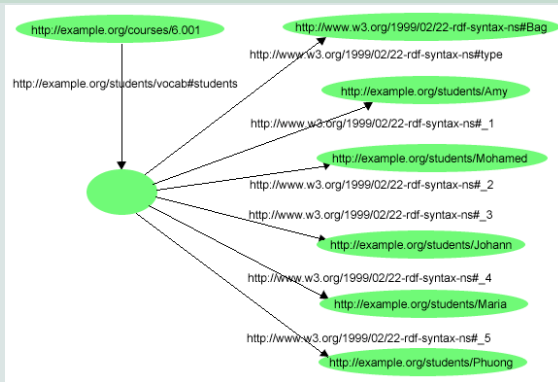
- *Bag*: unordered set of items
- *Seq*: ordered set of items
- *Alt*: set of alternatives

- Collection type: *List*

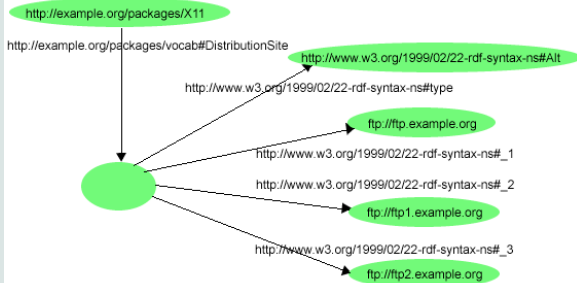
Collections differ from containers in allowing branching structure and in having an explicit terminator.

- No RDF-defined semantics; this is up to the application.

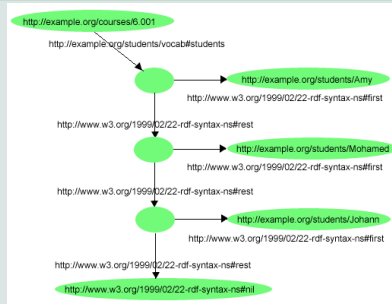
## RDF Container: Bag

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## RDF Container: Alt

Quelle: <http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer/>

## RDF Collection: List

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# RDF Anfragesprache: SPARQL

## SPARQL queries

- PREFIX: mechanism for abbreviating URIs
- SELECT: identifies the variables to be returned in the query answer
- FROM: names the graph to be queried
- WHERE: query pattern

## Outline:

- First impressions by examples.
- Semantics.
- More examples to complete the picture.



# Quelle:

## W3C Recommendation January 15th, 2008

### Example 1 (Writing a Simple Query):

#### Data

```
<http://example.org/book/book1>  
  <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title> "SPARQL Tutorial" .
```

#### Query

```
SELECT ?title  
WHERE {  
  <http://example.org/book/book1>  
    <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title> ?title .  
}
```

## Example 2 (Multiple Matches):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:a foaf:name "Johnny Lee Outlaw" .  
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:jlow@example.com> .  
_:b foaf:name "Peter Goodguy" .  
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:peter@example.org> .  
_:c foaf:mbox <mailto:carol@example.org> .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
SELECT ?name ?mbox  
WHERE  
{ ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox }
```

## Result

name	mbox
"Johnny Lee Outlaw"	<mailto:jlow@example.com>
"Peter Goodguy"	<mailto:peter@example.org>

### Example 3 (Blank Node Labels in Query Results):

#### Data

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
  
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .  
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
```

#### Queries

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>  
  
SELECT ?x ?name  
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name }
```

## Result

x	name
_:c	"Alice"
_:d	"Bob"

## Example 4 (Graph Patterns):

### version 1: basic

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
    ?x foaf:name ?name .
    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```

### version 2: group

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE { { ?x foaf:name ?name . }
        { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox . }
}
```

## Example 5 (Filter):

### version 1

```
{ ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
  FILTER (?name = "Smith")  
}
```

### version 2

```
{ FILTER (?name = "Smith")  
  ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
}
```

### version 3

```
{ ?x foaf:name ?name .  
  FILTER (?name = "Smith")  
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .  
}
```



## Operators in FILTER

```
not !  
bound  
isIRI, isBlank, isLiteral  
str  
lang  
datatype  
logical-or ||, logical-and &&  
RDFterm-equal =, sameTerm  
langMatches  
regex
```



## Example 6 (Optional (left-associative)):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
@prefix rdf:      <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .

_:a  rdf:type      foaf:Person .
_:a  foaf:name     "Alice" .
_:a  foaf:mbox     <mailto:alice@example.com> .
_:a  foaf:mbox     <mailto:alice@work.example> .

_:b  rdf:type      foaf:Person .
_:b  foaf:name     "Bob" .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
       OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox }
}
```

## Result

name	mbox
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@example.com>
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@work.example>
"Bob"	

## Result

name	mbox
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@example.com>
"Alice"	<mailto:alice@work.example>
"Bob"	

## Example 7 (Constraints in Optional Pattern Matching):

### Data

```
@prefix dc:    <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix :     <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns:   <http://example.org/ns#> .

:book1 dc:title "SPARQL Tutorial" .
:book1 ns:price 42 .
:book2 dc:title "The Semantic Web" .
:book2 ns:price 23 .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX ns: <http://example.org/ns#>

SELECT ?title ?price
WHERE { ?x dc:title ?title .
       OPTIONAL { ?x ns:price ?price . FILTER (?price < 30) }
}
```

## Result

title	price
"SPARQL Tutorial"	
"The Semantic Web"	23

## Example 8a ( Multiple Optional Graph Patterns):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

_:a foaf:name      "Alice" .
_:a foaf:homepage <http://work.example.org/alice/> .

_:b foaf:name      "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox      <mailto:bob@work.example> .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox ?hpage
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
        OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox } .
        OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:homepage ?hpage }
}
```

## Result

name	mbox	hpage
"Alice"		<http://work.example.org/alice/>
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@work.example>	

## Example 8b ( Multiple Optional Graph Patterns):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

_:a foaf:name      "Alice" .
_:a foaf:homepage <http://work.example.org/alice/> .

_:b foaf:name      "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox      <mailto:bob@work.example> .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox ?hpage
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
        OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
                   OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:homepage ?hpage }
        }
}
```



## Result

name	mbox	hpage
"Bob"	<mailto:bob@work.example>	
"Alice"		

## Example 9a (Matching Alternatives):

### Data

```
@prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
@prefix dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .

_:a dc10:title      "SPARQL Query Language Tutorial" .
_:a dc10:creator    "Alice" .
_:b dc11:title      "SPARQL Protocol Tutorial" .
_:b dc11:creator    "Bob" .
_:c dc10:title      "SPARQL" .
_:c dc11:title      "SPARQL (updated)" .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/>
PREFIX dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

SELECT ?title
WHERE { { ?book dc10:title ?title } UNION
        { ?book dc11:title ?title }
}
```



## Result

```
    title
"SPARQL Protocol Tutorial"
"SPARQL"
"SPARQL (updated)"
"SPARQL Query Language Tutorial"
```

## Example 9b (Matching Alternatives):

### Data

```
@prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
@prefix dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .

_:a dc10:title      "SPARQL Query Language Tutorial" .
_:a dc10:creator    "Alice" .
_:b dc11:title      "SPARQL Protocol Tutorial" .
_:b dc11:creator    "Bob" .
_:c dc10:title      "SPARQL" .
_:c dc11:title      "SPARQL (updated)" .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/>
PREFIX dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

SELECT ?title
WHERE { { ?book dc10:title ?title . ?book dc10:creator ?author }
        UNION
        { ?book dc11:title ?title . ?book dc11:creator ?author }
      }
```



## Result

author	title
"Bob"	"SPARQL Protocol Tutorial"
"Alice"	"SPARQL Query Language Tutorial"

## Example 11a (bound):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
@prefix dc:        <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix xsd:       <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .

_:a foaf:givenName "Alice".

_:b foaf:givenName "Bob" .
_:b dc:date"2005-04-04T04:04:04Z"^^xsd:dateTime .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
SELECT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:givenName ?givenName .
        OPTIONAL { ?x dc:date ?date } .
        FILTER ( bound(?date) ) }
```

## Result

```
givenName  
"Bob"
```

## Example 11b (!bound):

### Data

```
@prefix foaf:      <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
@prefix dc:        <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix xsd:       <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .

_:a foaf:givenName "Alice".

_:b foaf:givenName "Bob" .
_:b dc:date"2005-04-04T04:04:04Z"^^xsd:dateTime .
```

### Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc:   <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:givenName ?name .
        OPTIONAL { ?x dc:date ?date } .
        FILTER (!bound(?date)) }
```



## Result

```
givenName  
  "Alice"
```

## Result

One may test that a graph pattern is not expressed by specifying an OPTIONAL graph pattern that introduces a variable and testing to see that the variable is not bound.

This is called Negation as Failure in logic programming.

## Semantik von SPARQL?

The outcome of executing a SPARQL query is defined by a series of steps, starting from the SPARQL query as a string, turning that string into an abstract syntax form, then turning the abstract syntax into a SPARQL abstract query comprising operators from the SPARQL algebra. This abstract query is then evaluated on an RDF dataset.

# Semantics of SPARQL

## Algebra operators

$\bowtie, \cup, \setminus$ , left outerjoin  $\bowtie$

First simplify syntax using binary operators: UNION, AND, OPT, FILTER

instead of

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dc:   <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
        ?x foaf:givenName ?name .
        OPTIONAL { ?x dc:date ?date } .
        FILTER (!bound(?date)) }
```

now

```
((
  ((?x,foaf:name,?name) AND (?x,foaf:givenName,?name)
  ) OPT (?x,dc:date,?date)
) FILTER !bound(?date)
)
```



Jorge Pérez, Marcelo Arenas, Claudio Gutierrez: Semantics and Complexity of SPARQL. International Semantic Web Conference 2006: 30-43

Assume pairwise disjoint infinite sets  $I$ ,  $B$ , and  $L$  (IRIs, Blank nodes, and literals).

- A triple  $(s, p, o) \in (I \cup B) \times I \times (I \cup B \cup L)$  is called an RDF triple.
- $IL$  is the union  $I \cup L$ , and  $T$  the union  $I \cup B \cup L$ .
- $V$  is an infinite set of variables disjoint from the other sets.

### Definitions 1

A SPARQL graph pattern expression is defined recursively as follows:

- (1) A tuple from  $(T \cup V) \times (I \cup V) \times (T \cup V)$  is a graph pattern (a triple pattern).
- (2) If P1 and P2 are graph patterns, then expressions (P1 AND P2), (P1 OPT P2), and (P1 UNION P2) are graph patterns.
- (3) If P is a graph pattern and R is a SPARQL built-in condition, then the expression (P FILTER R) is a graph pattern.

A SPARQL built-in condition is constructed using elements of the set  $V \cup T$  and constants, logical connectives  $\neg, \wedge, \vee$ , inequality symbols  $<, \leq, \geq, >$ , the equality symbol  $=$ , unary predicates like `bound`, `isBlank`, and `isIRI`, etc.

## Definitions 2

- A mapping  $\mu$  from  $V$  to  $T$  is a partial function  $\mu : V \rightarrow T$ . For a triple pattern  $t$  we denote by  $\mu(t)$  the triple obtained by replacing the variables in  $t$  according to  $\mu$ .
- The domain of  $\mu$ ,  $dom(\mu)$ , is the subset of  $V$  where  $\mu$  is defined.
- Two mappings  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are compatible when for all  $x \in dom(\mu_1) \cap dom(\mu_2)$ , it is the case that  $\mu_1(x) = \mu_2(x)$ , i.e. when  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$  is also a mapping.

Two mappings with disjoint domains are always compatible.

The empty mapping (i.e. the mapping with empty domain)  $\mu_0$  is compatible with any other mapping.

### Definitions 3

- Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be sets of mappings.
- $\Omega_1 \bowtie \Omega_2 = \{\mu_1 \cup \mu_2 \mid \mu_1 \in \Omega_1, \mu_2 \in \Omega_2 \text{ are compatible mappings}\}$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 = \{\mu \mid \mu \in \Omega_1 \text{ or } \mu \in \Omega_2\}$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \setminus \Omega_2 = \{\mu \in \Omega_1 \mid \text{for all } \mu' \in \Omega_2, \mu \text{ and } \mu' \text{ are not compatible}\}$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \Join \Omega_2 = (\Omega_1 \bowtie \Omega_2) \cup (\Omega_1 \setminus \Omega_2)$ .

## Sets of mappings

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{\begin{array}{c} ?X \\ -: a \\ \text{alice.org\#me} \\ -: c \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} ?Name \\ bob \\ alice \\ bob \end{array}} \quad \Omega_2 = \frac{\begin{array}{c} ?X \\ -: a \\ \text{alice.org\#me} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} ?Friend \\ -: b \\ -: c \end{array}}$$

## Examples

- $\Omega_1 \bowtie \Omega_2$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \setminus \Omega_2$ ,
- $\Omega_1 \Join \Omega_2$ .



### Graph pattern semantics

Let  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_D$  be a function from graph patterns to sets of mappings, where  $D$  is a RDF data set over  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Let  $t$  be a triple pattern and  $P_1, P_2$  graph patterns.

- $\llbracket t \rrbracket_D = \{ \mu \mid \text{dom}(\mu) = \text{var}(t) \text{ and } \mu(t) \in D \}$ , where  $\text{var}(t)$  is the set variables occurring in  $t$ ,
- $\llbracket (P_1 \text{ AND } P_2) \rrbracket_D = \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_D \bowtie \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_D$ ,
- $\llbracket (P_1 \text{ OPT } P_2) \rrbracket_D = \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_D \bowtie \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_D$ ,
- $\llbracket (P_1 \text{ UNION } P_2) \rrbracket_D = \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_D \cup \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_D$ .

RDF dataset *D*:

(B1, name, paul),	(B1, phone, 777-3426),
(B2, name, john),	(B2, email, john@acd.edu),
(B3, name, george),	(B3, webPage, www.george.edu),
(B4, name, ringo),	(B4, email, ringo@acd.edu),
(B4, webPage, www.starr.edu),	(B4, phone, 888-4537).

## Examples

P1 = ((?A, email, ?E) OPT (?A, webPage, ?W)).  
P2 = (((?A, name, ?N) OPT (?A, email, ?E)) OPT (?A, webPage, ?W)).  
P3 = ((?A, name, ?N) OPT ((?A, email, ?E) OPT (?A, webPage, ?W))).  
P4 = ((?A, name, ?N) AND ((?A, email, ?E) UNION (?A, webPage, ?W))).

### FILTER expression semantics

Let  $\mu$  be a mapping and  $R$  a built-in condition.

$\mu$  satisfies  $R$ ,  $\mu \models R$ , if

- $R$  is  $\text{bound}(?X)$  and  $?X \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ ,
- $R$  is  $?X = c$ ,  $?X \in \text{dom}(\mu)$  and  $\mu(?X) = c$ ,
- $R$  is  $?X = ?Y$ ,  $?X \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ ,  $?Y \in \text{dom}(\mu)$  and  $\mu(?X) = \mu(?Y)$ ,
- $R$  is  $(\neg R_1)$ ,  $R_1$  is a built-in condition and it is not the case that  $\mu \models R_1$ ,<sup>1</sup>
- $R$  is  $(R_1 \vee R_2)$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are built-in conditions and  $\mu \models R_1$  or  $\mu \models R_2$ ,
- $R$  is  $(R_1 \wedge R_2)$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are built-in conditions and  $\mu \models R_1$  and  $\mu \models R_2$ .

Given an RDF dataset  $D$  and a FILTER expression ( $P$  FILTER  $R$ ).

$$\llbracket (P \text{ FILTER } R) \rrbracket_D = \{ \mu \in \llbracket P \rrbracket_D \mid \mu \models R \}.$$

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<sup>1</sup>" $\neg$ " is also written "!".

### RDF dataset *D*:

```
(B1, name, paul), (B1, phone, 777-3426),  
(B2, name, john), (B2, email, john@acd.edu),  
(B3, name, george), (B3, webPage, www.george.edu),  
(B4, name, ringo), (B4, email, ringo@acd.edu),  
(B4, webPage, www.starr.edu), (B4, phone, 888-4537).
```

### Examples

```
P5 = (((?A, name, ?N) OPT (?A, phone, ?P)) FILTER !bound(?P)).
```