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## OWL 2 Rules

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**Foundations of Semantic Web  
Technologies  
Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2009**

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## **Part 1:**

- **OWL 2 – An Introduction from a DL Point of View  
(ca. 60min)**

## **Part 2:**

- **OWL 2 and Rules – Not as Incompatible as You May Think  
(ca. 60min)**

# Part 1

# OWL 2

**Pascal Hitzler, Markus Krötzsch, Sebastian Rudolph, Foundations of Semantic Web Technologies, Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2009**

**OWL 2 Document Overview: <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-overview/>**

**Pascal Hitzler, Markus Krötzsch, Bijan Parsia, Peter F. Patel-Schneider, Sebastian Rudolph, OWL 2 Web Ontology Language: Primer. W3C Recommendation, 27 October 2009.  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/>**

- **Web Ontology Language**
  - **W3C Recommendation for the Semantic Web, 2004**
  - **OWL 2 (revised W3C Recommendation), 2009**
- **Semantic Web KR language based on description logics (DLs)**
  - **OWL DL is essentially DL SROIQ(D)**
  - **KR for web resources, using URIs.**
  - **Using web-enabled syntaxes, e.g. based on XML or RDF.**

**We present**

  - **DL syntax (used in research – not part of the W3C recommendation)**
  - **(some) RDF Turtle syntax**

- **OWL – Basic Ideas**
- **OWL as the Description Logic SROIQ(D)**
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- **Open World Assumption**
- **Favourable trade-off between expressivity and scalability**
- **Integrates with RDFS**
- **Purely declarative semantics**

## **Features:**

- **Fragment of first-order predicate logic (FOL)**
- **Decidable**
- **Known complexity classes (N2ExpTime for OWL 2 DL)**
- **Reasonably efficient for real KBs**

- **individuals (written as URIs)**
  - also: constants (FOL), resources (RDF)
  - <http://example.org/sebastianRudolph>
  - <http://www.semantic-web-book.org>
  - we write these lowercase and abbreviated, e.g. "sebastianRudolph"
- **classes (also written as URIs!)**
  - also: concepts, unary predicates (FOL)
  - we write these uppercase, e.g. "Father"
- **properties (also written as URIs!)**
  - also: roles (DL), binary predicates (FOL)
  - we write these lowercase, e.g. "hasDaughter"

# DL syntax

# FOL syntax

ABox statements

- **Person(mary)**

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- **Woman  $\sqsubseteq$  Person**
  - **Person  $\equiv$  HumanBeing**

- $\forall x (\text{Woman}(x) \rightarrow \text{Person}(x))$

- **hasWife(john,mary)**

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- **hasWife  $\sqsubseteq$  hasSpouse**
  - **hasSpouse  $\equiv$  marriedWith**

- $\forall x \forall y (\text{hasWife}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{hasSpouse}(x,y))$

TBox statements

# DL syntax

# RDFS syntax

- **Person(mary)**
  - **Woman  $\sqsubseteq$  Person**
    - **Person  $\equiv$  HumanBeing**
  - **hasWife(john,mary)**
  - **hasWife  $\sqsubseteq$  hasSpouse**
    - **hasSpouse  $\equiv$  marriedWith**
- **:mary rdf:type :Person .**
  - **:Woman rdfs:subClassOf :Person .**
  - **:john :hasWife :mary .**
  - **:hasWife rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasSpouse .**

- **owl:Thing** (RDF syntax)
  - DL-syntax:  $\top$
  - contains everything
- **owl:Nothing** (RDF syntax)
  - DL-syntax:  $\perp$
  - empty class
- **owl:topProperty** (RDF syntax)
  - DL-syntax:  $U$
  - every pair is in  $U$
- **owl:bottomProperty** (RDF syntax)
  - empty property

- **conjunction**

$$\forall x (\text{Mother}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{Woman}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x))$$

- **Mother**  $\equiv$  **Woman**  $\sqcap$  **Parent**

- **:Mother owl:equivalentClass \_:x .**

- **\_:x rdf:type owl:Class .**

- **\_:x owl:intersectionOf ( :Woman :Parent ) .**

- **disjunction**

$$\forall x (\text{Parent}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{Mother}(x) \vee \text{Father}(x))$$

- **Parent**  $\equiv$  **Mother**  $\sqcup$  **Father**

- **:Parent owl:equivalentClass \_:x .**

- **\_:x rdf:type owl:Class .**

- **\_:x owl:unionOf ( :Mother :Father ) .**

- **negation**

$$\forall x (\text{ChildlessPerson}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{Person}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Parent}(x))$$

- **ChildlessPerson**  $\equiv$  **Person**  $\sqcap$   $\neg$ **Parent**

- **:ChildlessPerson owl:equivalentClass \_:x .**

- **\_:x rdf:type owl:Class .**

- **\_:x owl:intersectionOf ( :Person \_:y ) .**

- **\_:y owl:complementOf :Parent .**

- **existential quantification**
  - only to be used with a role – also called a *property restriction*

- **Parent**  $\equiv \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$

- **:Parent owl:equivalentClass \_:x .**  
**\_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction .**  
**\_:x owl:onProperty :hasChild .**  
**\_:x owl:someValuesFrom :Person .**

$$\forall x (\text{Parent}(x) \leftrightarrow \exists y (\text{hasChild}(x,y) \wedge \text{Person}(y)))$$

- **universal quantification**
  - only to be used with a role – also called a *property restriction*

- **Person  $\sqcap$  Happy**  $\equiv \forall \text{hasChild}.\text{Happy}$

- **\_:x rdf:type owl:Class .**  
**\_:x owl:intersectionOf ( :Person :Happy ) .**  
**\_:x owl:equivalentClass \_:y .**  
**\_:y rdf:type owl:Restriction .**  
**\_:y owl:onProperty :hasChild .**  
**\_:y owl:allValuesFrom :Happy .**

$$\forall x (\text{Person}(x) \wedge \text{Happy}(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y (\text{hasChild}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(y)))$$

- **Class constructors can be nested arbitrarily**



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## The description logic ALC

Complexity: ExpTime

- **ABox expressions:**  
Individual assignments  
Property assignments

Father(john)  
hasWife(john,mary)

- **TBox expressions**  
subclass relationships

$\sqsubseteq$

conjunction

$\sqcap$

disjunction

$\sqcup$

negation

$\neg$

Also:  $\top$ ,  $\perp$

property restrictions

$\forall$

$\exists$

## ALC + role chains = SR

- **hasParent o hasBrother  $\sqsubseteq$  hasUncle**

$$\forall x \forall y (\exists z ((\text{hasParent}(x,z) \wedge \text{hasBrother}(z,y)) \rightarrow \text{hasUncle}(x,y)))$$

- **includes top property and bottom property**
- **includes S = ALC + transitivity**
  - **hasAncestor o hasAncestor  $\sqsubseteq$  hasAncestor**
- **includes SH = S + role hierarchies**
  - **hasFather  $\sqsubseteq$  hasParent**

- **O – nominals (closed classes)**
  - **MyBirthdayGuests  $\equiv$  {bill, john, mary}**
  - **Note the difference to**
    - MyBirthdayGuests(bill)**
    - MyBirthdayGuests(john)**
    - MyBirthdayGuests(mary)**
- **Individual equality and inequality (no unique name assumption!)**
  - **bill = john**
    - **{bill}  $\equiv$  {john}**
  - **bill  $\neq$  john**
    - **{bill}  $\sqcap$  {john}  $\equiv \perp$**

- **I – inverse roles**
  - **hasParent  $\equiv$  hasChild<sup>-</sup>**
  - **Orphan  $\equiv \forall$ hasChild<sup>-</sup>.Dead**
- **Q – qualified cardinality restrictions**
  - **$\leq 4$  hasChild.Parent(john)**
  - **HappyFather  $\equiv \geq 2$  hasChild.Female**
  - **Car  $\sqsubseteq =4$ hasTyre. $\top$**
- **Complexity SHIQ, SHOQ, SHIO: ExpTime.**  
**Complexity SHOIQ: NExpTime**  
**Complexity SROIQ: N<sup>2</sup>ExpTime**

Properties can be declared to be

- **Transitive**                    **hasAncestor**
- **Symmetric**                    **hasSpouse**
- **Asymmetric**                    **hasChild**
- **Reflexive**                    **hasRelative**
- **Irreflexive**                    **parentOf**
- **Functional**                    **hasHusband**
- **InverseFunctional**            **hasHusband**

called *property characteristics*

## (D) – datatypes

- so far, we have only seen properties with individuals in second argument, called *object properties* or *abstract roles* (DL)
- properties with datatype literals in second argument are called *data properties* or *concrete roles* (DL)
- allowed are many XML Schema datatypes, including `xsd:integer`, `xsd:string`, `xsd:float`, `xsd:boolean`, `xsd:anyURI`, `xsd:dateTime`

and also e.g. `owl:real`

## (D) – datatypes

- `hasAge(john, "51"^^xsd:integer)`
- additional use of *constraining facets* (from XML Schema)
  - e.g. `Teenager ≡ Person ⊓ ∃hasAge.(xsd:integer: ≥12 and ≤19)`  
note: this is not standard DL notation!



## further expressive features

- **Self**
  - **PersonCommittingSuicide  $\equiv \exists \text{kills.Self}$**
- **Keys (not really in SROIQ(D), but in OWL)**
  - **set of (object or data) properties whose values uniquely identify an object**
- **disjoint properties**
  - **Disjoint(hasParent,hasChild)**
- **explicit anonymous individuals**
  - **as in RDF: can be used instead of named individuals**

- **ABox assignments of individuals to classes or properties**
- **ALC:**  $\sqsubseteq, \equiv$  for classes  
 $\sqcap, \sqcup, \neg, \exists, \forall$   
 $\top, \perp$
- **SR:** + **property chains, property characteristics, role hierarchies**  $\sqsubseteq$
- **SRO:** + **nominals**  $\{o\}$
- **SROI:** + **inverse properties**
- **SROIQ:** + **qualified cardinality constraints**
- **SROIQ(D):** + **datatypes (including facets)**
  
- + **top and bottom roles** (for objects and datatypes)
- + **disjoint properties**
- + **Self**
- + **Keys** (not in SROIQ(D), but in OWL)

This applies to the non-DL syntaxes (e.g. RDF syntax).

- **disjoint classes**
  - **Apple  $\sqcap$  Pear  $\sqsubseteq \perp$**
- **disjoint union**
  - **Parent  $\equiv$  Mother  $\sqcup$  Father**  
**Mother  $\sqcap$  Father  $\sqsubseteq \perp$**
- **negative property assignments (also for datatypes)**
  - **$\neg$ hasAge(jack,"53"^^xsd:integer)**

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- **OWL ontologies have URIs and can be referenced by others via**
  - import statements
- **Namespace declarations**
- **Entity declarations (must be done)**
- **Versioning information etc.**
  
- **Annotations**
  - **Entities and axioms (statements) can be endowed with annotations, e.g. using `rdfs:comment`.**
  - **OWL syntax provides *annotation properties* for this purpose.**

- **Description logics can be understood from a modal logic perspective.**
- **Each pair of  $\forall R$  and  $\exists R$  statements give rise to a pair of modalities.**
- **Essentially, some description logics are multi-modal logics.**
- **See e.g. Baader et al., The Description Logic Handbook, Cambridge University Press, 2007.**

RDFS semantics is weaker

- `:mary rdf:type :Person .`
  - `:Mother rdfs:subClassOf :Woman .`
  - `:john :hasWife :Mary .`
  - `:hasWife rdfs:subPropertyOf :hasSpouse`
  - `:hasWife rdfs:range :Woman .`
  - `:hasWife rdfs:domain :Man .`
- `Person(mary)`
  - `Mother  $\sqsubseteq$  Woman`
  - `hasWife(john,mary)`
  - `hasWife  $\sqsubseteq$  hasSpouse`
  - `$\top \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasWife.Woman}$`
  - `$\top \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasWife}^{\neg} . \text{Man}$`  or  `$\exists \text{hasWife} . \top \sqsubseteq \text{Man}$`

RDFS also allows to

- make statements about statements  
→ only possible through annotations in OWL
- mix class names, individual names, property names (they are all URIs)  
→ *punning* in OWL

- **Description logics impose *type separation*, i.e. names of individuals, classes, and properties must be disjoint.**
- **In OWL 2 Full, type separation does not apply.**
- **In OWL 2 DL, type separation is relaxed, but a class X and an individual X are interpreted semantically as if they were different.**
- **Father(john)  
SocialRole(Father)**
- **See further below on the two different semantics for OWL.**



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- **There are two semantics for OWL.**
  - 1. Description Logic Semantics**  
**also: Direct Semantics; FOL Semantics**  
**Can be obtained by translation to FOL.**  
**Syntax restrictions apply! (see next slide)**
  - 2. RDF-based Semantics**  
**No syntax restrictions apply.**  
**Extends the direct semantics with RDFS-reasoning features.**

**In the following, we will deal with the direct semantics only.**

**To obtain decidability, syntactic restrictions apply.**

- **Type separation / punning**
- **No cycles in property chains.**
- **No transitive properties in cardinality restrictions.**

# OWL Direct Semantics: Restrictions

- arbitrary property chain axioms lead to undecidability
- restriction: set of property chain axioms has to be *regular*
  - there must be a strict linear order  $<$  on the properties
  - every property chain axiom has to have one of the following forms:
 

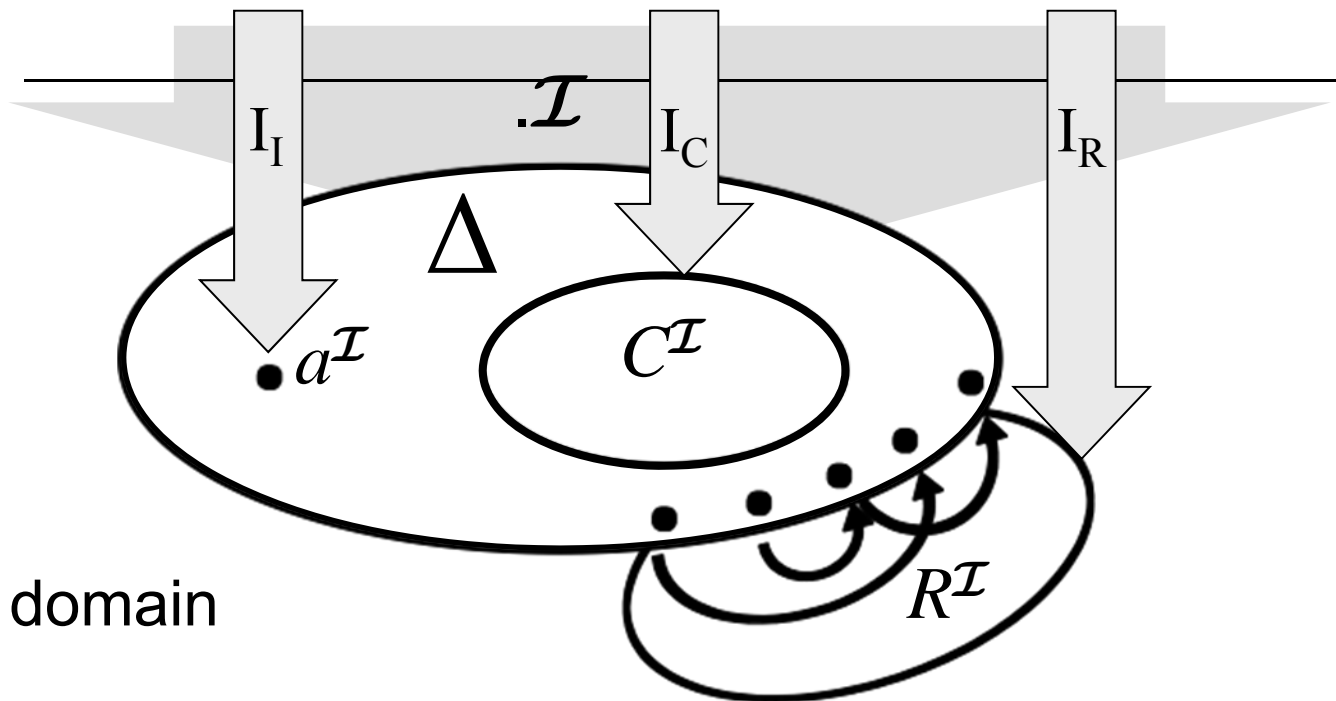
$R \circ R \sqsubseteq R$	$S^- \sqsubseteq R$	$S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$
$R \circ S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$		$S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \circ R \sqsubseteq R$
  - thereby,  $S_i < R$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  
- Example 1:  $R \circ S \sqsubseteq R$        $S \circ S \sqsubseteq S$        $R \circ S \circ R \sqsubseteq T$ 
  - regular with order  $S < R < T$
- Example 2:  $R \circ T \circ S \sqsubseteq T$ 
  - not regular because form not admissible
- Example 3:  $R \circ S \sqsubseteq S$        $S \circ R \sqsubseteq R$ 
  - not regular because no adequate order exists

# OWL Direct Semantics: Restrictions

- combining property chain axioms and cardinality constraints may lead to undecidability
- restriction: use only *simple* properties in cardinality expressions (i.e. those which cannot be – directly or indirectly – inferred from property chains)
- technically:
  - for any property chain axiom  $S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$  with  $n > 1$ ,  $R$  is non-simple
  - for any subproperty axiom  $S \sqsubseteq R$  with  $S$  non-simple,  $R$  is non-simple
  - all other properties are simple
- Example:  $Q \circ P \sqsubseteq R$      $R \circ P \sqsubseteq R$      $R \sqsubseteq S$      $P \sqsubseteq R$      $Q \sqsubseteq S$   
 non-simple:  $R, S$     simple:  $P, Q$

- model-theoretic semantics
- starts with interpretations
- an interpretation maps

individual names, class names and property names...



...into a domain

- mapping is extended to complex class expressions:
  - $\top^I = \Delta^I$                                      $\perp^I = \emptyset$
  - $(C \sqcap D)^I = C^I \cap D^I$                      $(C \sqcup D)^I = C^I \cup D^I$                      $(\neg C)^I = \Delta^I \setminus C^I$
  - $\forall R.C = \{ x \mid \forall (x,y) \in R^I \rightarrow y \in C^I \}$
  - $\exists R.C = \{ x \mid \exists (x,y) \in R^I \wedge y \in C^I \}$
  - $\geq n R.C = \{ x \mid \#\{ y \mid (x,y) \in R^I \wedge y \in C^I \} \geq n \}$
  - $\leq n R.C = \{ x \mid \#\{ y \mid (x,y) \in R^I \wedge y \in C^I \} \leq n \}$
- ...and to role expressions:
  - $U^I = \Delta^I \times \Delta^I$                              $(R^-)^I = \{ (y,x) \mid (x,y) \in R^I \}$
- ...and to axioms:
  - $C(a)$  holds, if  $a^I \in C^I$                      $R(a,b)$  holds, if  $(a^I, b^I) \in R^I$
  - $C \sqsubseteq D$  holds, if  $C^I \subseteq D^I$                      $R \sqsubseteq S$  holds, if  $R^I \subseteq S^I$
  - $\text{Dis}(R,S)$  holds if  $R^I \cap S^I = \emptyset$
  - $S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$  holds if  $S_1^I \circ S_2^I \circ \dots \circ S_n^I \subseteq R^I$

- but often OWL 2 DL is said to be a fragment of FOL (with equality)...
- yes, there is a translation of OWL 2 DL into FOL

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(C \sqsubseteq D) &= (\forall x)(\pi_x(C) \rightarrow \pi_x(D)) \\
 \pi_x(A) &= A(x) \\
 \pi_x(\neg C) &= \neg \pi_x(C) \\
 \pi_x(C \sqcap D) &= \pi_x(C) \wedge \pi_x(D) \\
 \pi_x(C \sqcup D) &= \pi_x(C) \vee \pi_x(D) \\
 \pi_x(\forall R.C) &= (\forall x_1)(R(x, x_1) \rightarrow \pi_{x_1}(C)) \\
 \pi_x(\exists R.C) &= (\exists x_1)(R(x, x_1) \wedge \pi_{x_1}(C)) \\
 \pi_x(\geq n S.C) &= (\exists x_1) \dots (\exists x_n) \left( \bigwedge_{i \neq j} (x_i \neq x_j) \wedge \bigwedge_i (S(x, x_i) \wedge \pi_{x_i}(C)) \right) \\
 \pi_x(\leq n S.C) &= \neg (\exists x_1) \dots (\exists x_{n+1}) \left( \bigwedge_{i \neq j} (x_i \neq x_j) \wedge \bigwedge_i (S(x, x_i) \wedge \pi_{x_i}(C)) \right) \\
 \pi_x(\{a\}) &= (x = a) \\
 \pi_x(\exists S.Self) &= S(x, x) \\
 \pi(R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2) &= (\forall x)(\forall y)(\pi_{x,y}(R_1) \rightarrow \pi_{x,y}(R_2)) \\
 \pi_{x,y}(S) &= S(x, y) \\
 \pi_{x,y}(R^-) &= \pi_{y,x}(R) \\
 \pi_{x,y}(R_1 \circ \dots \circ R_n) &= (\exists x_1) \dots (\exists x_{n-1}) \\
 &\quad \left( \pi_{x,x_1}(R_1) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-2} \pi_{x_i,x_{i+1}}(R_{i+1}) \wedge \pi_{x_{n-1},y}(R_n) \right) \\
 \pi(\text{Ref}(R)) &= (\forall x)\pi_{x,x}(R) \\
 \pi(\text{Asy}(R)) &= (\forall x)(\forall y)(\pi_{x,y}(R) \rightarrow \neg \pi_{y,x}(R)) \\
 \pi(\text{Dis}(R_1, R_2)) &= \neg (\exists x)(\exists y)(\pi_{x,y}(R_1) \wedge \pi_{x,y}(R_2))
 \end{aligned}$$

- ...which (interpreted under FOL semantics) coincides with the definition just given.



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- **OWL Full** – using the RDFS-based semantics
- **OWL DL** – using the FOL semantics

**The OWL 2 documents describe further profiles, which are of polynomial complexity:**

- **OWL EL** (EL++)
- **OWL QL** (DL Lite<sub>R</sub>)
- **OWL RL** (DLP)

- allowed:
  - subclass axioms with intersection, existential quantification, top, bottom
    - closed class must have only one member
  - property chain axioms, range restrictions (under certain conditions)
- disallowed:
  - negation, disjunction, arbitrary universal quantification, role inverses

$\cap \exists T \perp \sqsubseteq \perp$     $\sqsubseteq$     $\cap \exists T \perp$

- Examples:  $\text{Human} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person}$   
 $\exists \text{married}.\top \sqcap \text{CatholicPriest} \sqsubseteq \perp$ ;  
 $\text{hasParent} \circ \text{hasParent} \sqsubseteq \text{hasGrandparent}$

- Motivated by the question: what fraction of OWL 2 DL can be expressed **naively** by rules (with equality)?
- Examples:
  - $\exists \text{parentOf}.\exists \text{parentOf}.\top \sqsubseteq \text{Grandfather}$   
 rule version:  $\text{parentOf}(x,y) \text{ parentOf}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{Grandfather}(x)$
  - $\text{Orphan} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasParent}.\text{Dead}$   
 rule version:  $\text{Orphan}(x) \text{ hasParent}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Dead}(y)$
  - $\text{Monogamous} \sqsubseteq \leq 1 \text{married}.\text{Alive}$   
 rule version:  
 $\text{Monogamous}(x) \text{ married}(x,y) \text{ Alive}(y) \text{ married}(x,z) \text{ Alive}(z) \rightarrow y=z$
  - $\text{childOf} \circ \text{childOf} \sqsubseteq \text{grandchildOf}$   
 rule version:  $\text{childOf}(x,y) \text{ childOf}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{grandchildOf}(x,z)$
  - $\text{Disj}(\text{childOf}, \text{parentOf})$   
 rule version:  $\text{childOf}(x,y) \text{ parentOf}(x,y) \rightarrow$

- Syntactic characterization:
  - essentially, all axiom types are allowed
  - disallow certain constructors on lhs and rhs of subclass statements



- cardinality restrictions: only on rhs and only  $\leq 1$  and  $\leq 0$  allowed
  - closed classes: only with one member
- Reasoner conformance requires only soundness.

- Motivated by the question: what fraction of OWL 2 DL can be captured by standard database technology?
- Formally: query answering LOGSPACE w.r.t. data (via translation into SQL)
- Allowed:
  - subproperties, domain, range
  - subclass statements with
    - left hand side: class name or expression of type  $\exists r.T$
    - right hand side: intersection of class names, expressions of type  $\exists r.C$  and negations of lhs expressions
    - no closed classes!
- Example:
 
$$\exists \text{married}.T \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Free} \sqcap \exists \text{has.Sorrow}$$

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- Traditionally using tableaux algorithms (see below)

## Alternatives:

- Transformation to disjunctive datalog using basic superposition done for SHIQ
- Naive mapping to Datalog for OWL RL
- Mapping to SQL for OWL QL
- Special-purpose algorithms for OWL EL e.g. transformation to Datalog

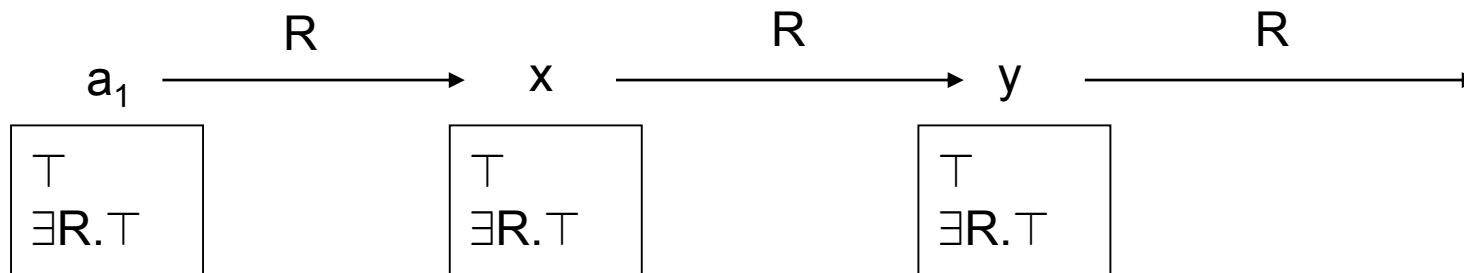


- **Adaptation of FOL tableaux algorithms.**
- **Problem: OWL is decidable, but FOL tableaux algorithms do not guarantee termination.**
- **Solution: *blocking*.**

**TBox:**  $\exists R.T$

**ABox:**  $\top(a_1)$

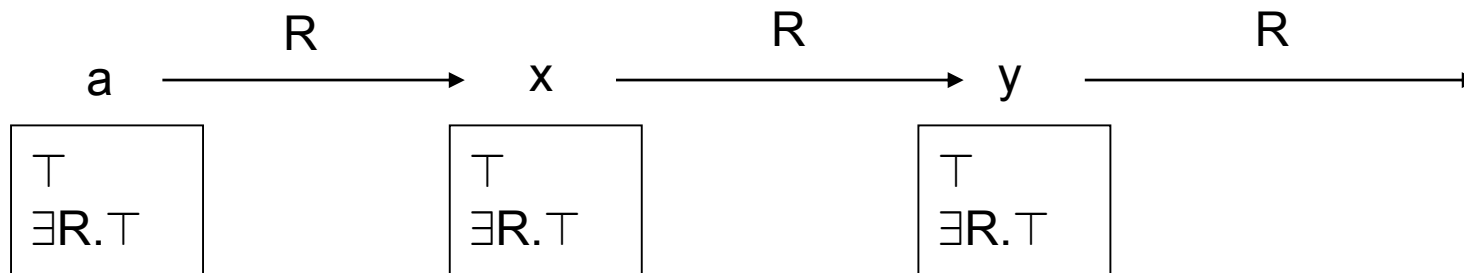
- **Is satisfiable:**  
Model  $M$  contains elements  $a_1^M, a_2^M, \dots$   
and  $R^M(a_i^M, a_{i+1}^M)$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .
- **But naive tableau does not terminate!**



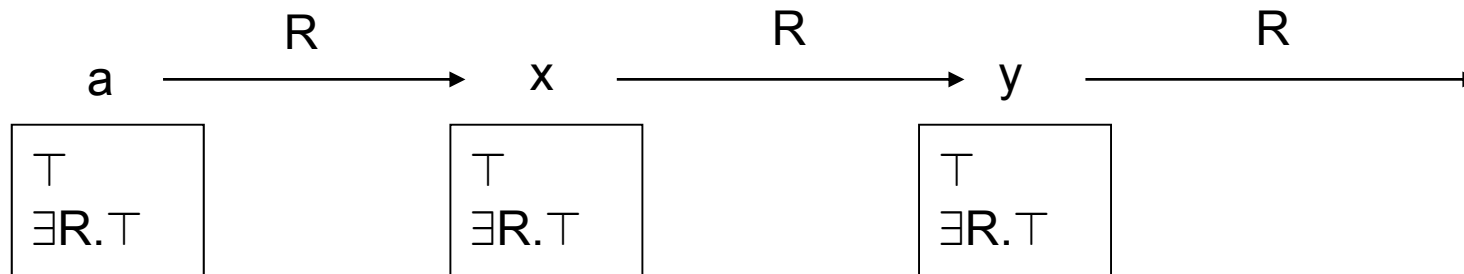
Nothing essentially new happens.

Idea:  $y$  does not need to be expanded, because it is basically a copy of  $x$ .

⇒ **Blocking**



- ***y* is *blocked* (by *x*) if**
  - ***y* is not an individual (but a variable),**
  - ***y* is a successor of *x* and  $L(y) \subseteq L(x)$ ,**
  - **or an ancestor of *y* is blocked.**



***y* blocked by *x* in this example.**

**Blocking conditions for more expressive DLs are more involved;  
the idea is the same.**

Show that

$C(a)$

$R(a,b)$

$S(a,a)$

$C \sqsubseteq \forall S.A$

$A \sqsubseteq \exists R.\exists S.A$

$A \sqsubseteq \exists R.C$

$C(c)$

$R(a,c)$

$S(c,b)$

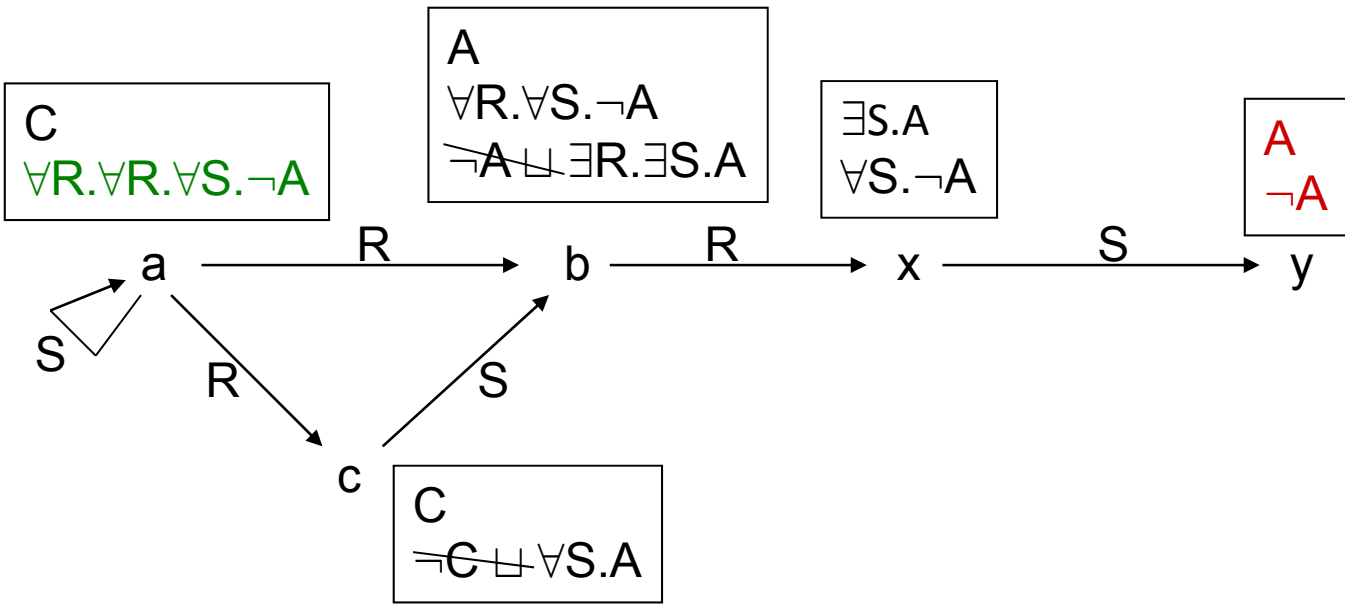
implies  $\exists R.\exists R.\exists S.A(a)$ .

# ALC Tableau Example

TBox:  
 $\neg C \sqcup \forall S.A$   
 $\neg A \sqcup \exists R.\exists S.A$   
 $\neg A \sqcup \exists R.C$

ABox  
 $C(a) \quad C(c)$   
 $R(a,b) \quad R(a,c)$   
 $S(a,a) \quad S(c,b)$

$\neg \exists R.\exists R.\exists S.A(a)$  is  $\forall R.\forall R.\forall S.\neg A(a)$



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- OWL Profiles
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- **Tools**

## Reasoner:

- **OWL 2 DL:**
  - Pellet <http://clarkparsia.com/pellet/>
  - Hermit <http://www.hermit-reasoner.com/>
- **OWL 2 EL:**
  - CEL <http://code.google.com/p/cel/>
- **OWL 2 RL:**
  - essentially any rule engine
- **OWL 2 QL:**
  - essentially any SQL engine (with a bit of query rewriting on top)

## Editors:

- Protégé
- NeOn Toolkit
- TopBraid Composer



## Part 2

# OWL 2 and Rules

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- **Rules (mainly, logic programming) as alternative ontology modelling paradigm.**
- **Similar tradition, and in use in practice (e.g. F-Logic)**
- **Ongoing: W3C RIF working group**
  - **Rule Interchange Format**
  - **based on Horn-logic**
  - **language standard forthcoming 2009**
- **Seek: Integration of rules paradigm with ontology paradigm**
  - **Here: Tight Integration in the tradition of OWL**
  - **Foundational obstacle: reasoning efficiency / decidability [naive combinations are undecidable]**

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- **Essentially Horn-rules without function symbols**

**general form of the rules:**

$$p_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge \dots \wedge p_m(y_1, \dots, y_k) \rightarrow q(z_1, \dots, z_j)$$

**body  $\rightarrow$  head**

**semantics either as in predicate logic  
or as Herbrand semantics (see next slide)**

- **decidable**
- **polynomial data complexity (in number of facts)**
- **combined (overall) complexity: ExpTime**
- **combined complexity is P if the number of variables per rule is globally bounded**

- **Example:**

$p(x) \rightarrow q(x)$

$q(x) \rightarrow r(x)$

$\rightarrow p(a)$

- **predicate logic semantics:**

$(\forall x) (p(x) \rightarrow r(x))$

and

$(\forall x) (\neg r(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x))$

are logical consequences

$q(a)$  and  $r(a)$

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- **Herbrand semantics**

those on the left are not logical consequences

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material implication:

apply only to known constants



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- **Union of OWL DL with (binary) function-free Horn rules  
(with binary Datalog rules)**
- **undecidable**
- **no native tools available**
- **rather an overarching formalism**
- **see <http://www.w3.org/Submission/SWRL/>**

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- **Reinterpret SWRL rules:**  
Rules apply only to individuals which are explicitly given in the knowledge base.
  - Herbrand-style way of interpreting them
- **OWL DL + DL-safe SWRL is decidable**
- **Native support e.g. by KAON2 and Pellet**
  
- See e.g. Boris Motik, Ulrike Sattler, and Rudi Studer. Query Answering for OWL-DL with Rules. *Journal of Web Semantics* 3(1):41–60, 2005.

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**Unhappy(sebastian) *cannot* be concluded**

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- **General idea:**  
Find out which rules can be encoded in OWL (2 DL) anyway
- **$\text{Man}(x) \wedge \text{hasBrother}(x,y) \wedge \text{hasChild}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{Uncle}(x)$** 
  - **$\text{Man} \sqcap \exists \text{hasBrother} . \exists \text{hasChild} . \top \sqsubseteq \text{Uncle}$**
- **$\text{ThaiCurry}(x) \rightarrow \exists \text{contains} . \text{FishProduct}(x)$** 
  - **$\text{ThaiCurry} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{contains} . \text{FishProduct}$**
- **$\text{kills}(x,x) \rightarrow \text{suicide}(x)$**                        **$\text{suicide}(x) \rightarrow \text{kills}(x,x)$** 
  - **$\exists \text{kills} . \text{Self} \sqsubseteq \text{suicide}$**                        **$\text{suicide} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{kills} . \text{Self}$**

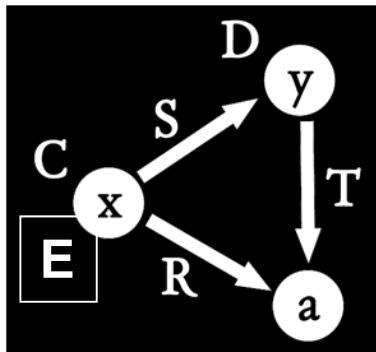
**Note: with these two axioms,**

***suicide* is basically the same as *kills***

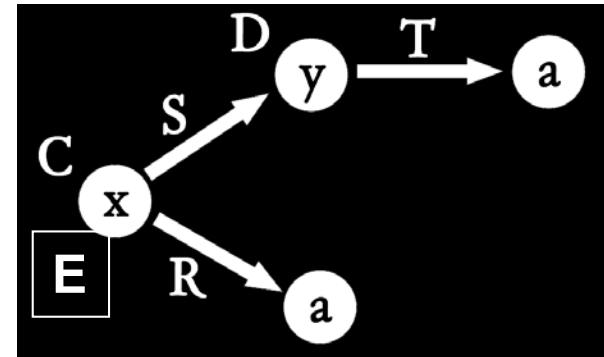
- **$\text{NutAllergic}(x) \wedge \text{NutProduct}(y) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x,y)$** 
  - **$\text{NutAllergic} \equiv \exists \text{nutAllergic}.\text{Self}$**
  - **$\text{NutProduct} \equiv \exists \text{nutProduct}.\text{Self}$**
  - **$\text{nutAllergic} \circ \text{U} \circ \text{nutProduct} \sqsubseteq \text{dislikes}$**
- **$\text{dislikes}(x,z) \wedge \text{Dish}(y) \wedge \text{contains}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x,y)$** 
  - **$\text{Dish} \equiv \exists \text{dish}.\text{Self}$**
  - **$\text{dislikes} \circ \text{contains}^- \circ \text{dish} \sqsubseteq \text{dislikes}$**
- **$\text{worksAt}(x,y) \wedge \text{University}(y) \wedge \text{supervises}(x,z) \wedge \text{PhDStudent}(z)$   
 $\rightarrow \text{professorOf}(x,z)$** 
  - **$\exists \text{worksAt}.\text{University} \equiv \exists \text{worksAt}.\text{University}.\text{Self}$**
  - **$\text{PhDStudent} \equiv \exists \text{phDStudent}.\text{Self}$**
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- Tree-shaped bodies
- First argument of the conclusion is the root
- $C(x) \wedge R(x,a) \wedge S(x,y) \wedge D(y) \wedge T(y,a) \rightarrow E(x)$ 
  - $C \sqcap \exists R.\{a\} \sqcap \exists S.(D \sqcap \exists T.\{a\}) \sqsubseteq E$



duplicating  
nominals  
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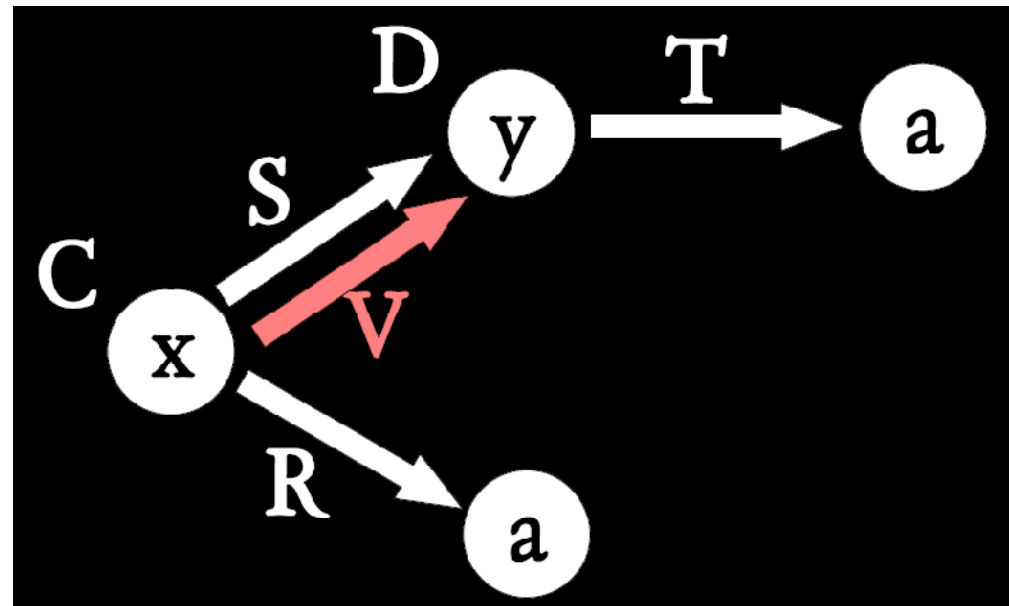


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$C \sqcap \exists R.\{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists R1.Self$

$D \sqcap \exists T.\{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists R2.Self$

$R1 \circ S \circ R2 \sqsubseteq V$



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- complex classes are allowed in the rules
  - $\text{Mouse}(x) \wedge \exists \text{hasNose.TrunkLike}(y) \rightarrow \text{smallerThan}(x,y)$
  - $\text{ThaiCurry}(x) \rightarrow \exists \text{contains.FishProduct}(x)$

**Note: This allows to reason with unknowns (unlike Datalog)**

- allowed class constructors depend on the chosen underlying description logic!

Given a description logic  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  
the language  $\mathcal{D}$  Rules consists of

- all axioms expressible in  $\mathcal{D}$ ,
- plus all rules with
  - tree-shaped bodies, where
  - the first argument of the conclusion is the root, and
  - complex classes from  $\mathcal{D}$  are allowed in the rules.
  - <plus possibly some restrictions concerning e.g. the use of simple roles – depending on  $\mathcal{D}$ >

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- **N2ExpTime complete**
- **In fact, SROIQ Rules can be translated into SROIQ i.e. they don't add expressivity.**

**Translation is polynomial.**

- **SROIQ Rules are essentially helpful syntactic sugar for OWL 2.**

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**!not a SROIQ Rule!**

- Each SROIQ Rule can be written ("linearised") such that
  - the body-tree is linear,
  - if the head is of the form  $R(x,y)$ , then  $y$  is the leaf of the tree, and
  - if the head is of the form  $C(x)$ , then the tree is only the root.
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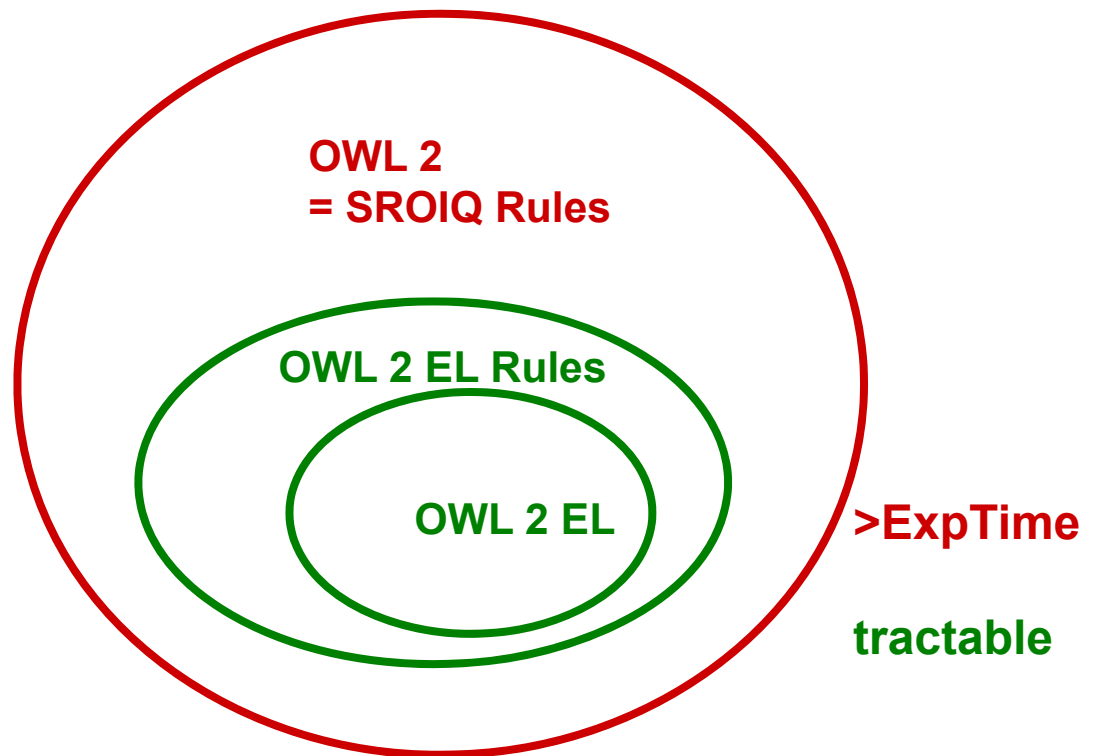
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- **EL++ Rules are PTime complete**
- **EL++ Rules offer expressivity which is not readily available in EL++.**



- Every EL++ Rule can be converted into a normal form, where
  - occurring classes in the rule body are either atomic or nominals,
  - all variables in a rule's head occur also in its body, and
  - rule heads can only be of one of the forms  $A(x)$ ,  $\exists R.A(x)$ ,  $R(x,y)$ , where  $A$  is an atomic class or a nominal or  $\top$  or  $\perp$ .
- Translation is polynomial.
- $\exists \text{worksAt.University}(x) \wedge \text{supervises}(x,z) \wedge \text{PhDStudent}(z)$   
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  - $\text{worksAt}(x,y) \wedge \text{University}(y) \wedge \text{supervises}(x,z) \wedge$   
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**Essentially, OWL 2 EL Rules is**

- **Binary Datalog with tree-shaped rule bodies,**
- **extended by**
  - **occurrence of nominals as atoms and**
  - **existential class expressions in the head.**
  
- **The existentials really make the difference.**
  
- **Arguably the better alternative to OWL 2 EL (aka EL++)?**
  - **(which is covered anyway)**

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- **DLP 2 is**
  - **DLP (aka OWL 2 RL) extended with**
  - **DL rules, which use**
    - **left-hand-side class expressions in the bodies and**
    - **right-hand-side class expressions in the head.**
- **Polynomial transformation into 5-variable Horn rules.**
- **PTime.**
- **Quite a bit more expressive than DLP / OWL 2 RL ...**

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- Retaining decidability II: DL Rules

Extending  
OWL  
with Rules

- The rules hidden in OWL 2: SROIQ Rules
- Retaining tractability I: OWL 2 EL Rules
- Retaining tractability II: DLP 2

Rules  
inside OWL

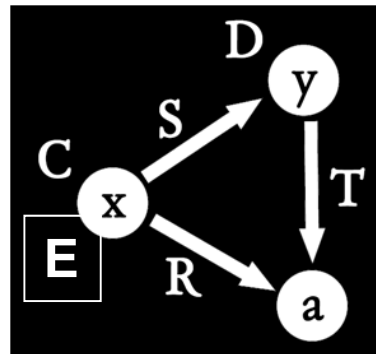
- **Retaining tractability III: ELP**

putting it  
all together

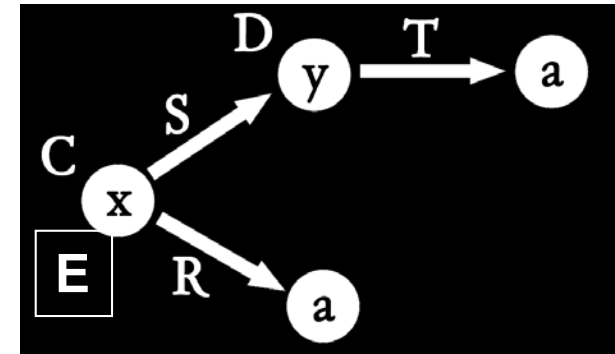
- **ELP is**
  - **OWL 2 EL Rules +**
  - **a generalisation of DL-safety +**
  - **variable-restricted DL-safe Datalog +**
  - **role conjunctions (for simple roles).**
  
- **PTime complete.**
- **Contains OWL 2 EL and OWL 2 RL.**
- **Covers variable-restricted Datalog.**



- A generalisation of DL-safety.
- DL-safe variables are special variables which bind only to named individuals (like in DL-safe rules).
- DL-safe variables can replace individuals in EL++ rules.
- $C(x) \wedge R(x, x_s) \wedge S(x, y) \wedge D(y) \wedge T(y, x_s) \rightarrow E(x)$   
with  $x_s$  a safe variable is allowed, because  
 $C(x) \wedge R(x, a) \wedge S(x, y) \wedge D(y) \wedge T(y, a) \rightarrow E(x)$   
is an EL++ rule.



duplicating  
nominals  
is  
ok



- **n-Datalog is Datalog, where the number of variables occurring in rules is globally bounded by n.**
- **complexity of n-Datalog is PTime (for fixed n)**
  - (but exponential in n)
- **in a sense, this is cheating.**
- **in another sense, this means that using a few DL-safe Datalog rules together with an EL++ rules knowledge base shouldn't really be a problem in terms of reasoning performance.**

- **$\text{orderedDish}(x,y) \wedge \text{dislikes}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Unhappy}(x)$**
  
- **In fact, role conjunctions can also be added to OWL 2 DL without increase in complexity.**
  
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- **ELP<sub>n</sub> is**
  - **OWL 2 EL Rules generalised by DL-safe variables +**
  - **DL-safe Datalog rules with at most n variables +**
  - **role conjunctions (for simple roles).**
  
- **PTime complete (for fixed n).**
  - **exponential in n**
- **Contains OWL 2 EL and OWL 2 RL.**
- **Covers all Datalog rules with at most n variables. (!)**

**NutAllergic(sebastian)**  
**NutProduct(peanutOil)**  
 **$\exists$ orderedDish.ThaiCurry(sebastian)**

**ThaiCurry  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ contains.{peanutOil}**  
 **$\top \sqsubseteq \forall$ orderedDish.Dish**

[okay]      **NutAllergic(x)  $\wedge$  NutProduct(y)  $\rightarrow$  dislikes(x,y)**  
**dislikes(x,z)  $\wedge$  Dish(y)  $\wedge$  contains(y,z)  $\rightarrow$  dislikes(x,y)**  
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[okay – role conjunction]

**not an EL++ rule**

- **$\text{dislikes}(x,z) \wedge \text{Dish}(y) \wedge \text{contains}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x,y)$**   
as SROIQ rule translates to

**$\text{Dish} \equiv \exists \text{dish}.\text{Self}$**

**$\text{dislikes} \circ \text{contains}^{-1} \circ \text{dish} \sqsubseteq \text{dislikes}$**

**but we don't have inverse roles in ELP!**

- **solution: make z a DL-safe variable:**

**$\text{dislikes}(x,!z) \wedge \text{Dish}(y) \wedge \text{contains}(y,!z) \rightarrow \text{dislikes}(x,y)$**

**this is fine 😊**

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**Conclusions:**

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**orderedDish(sebastian,y<sub>s</sub>)**

**ThaiCurry(y<sub>s</sub>)**

**Dish(y<sub>s</sub>)**

**contains(y<sub>s</sub>,peanutOil)**

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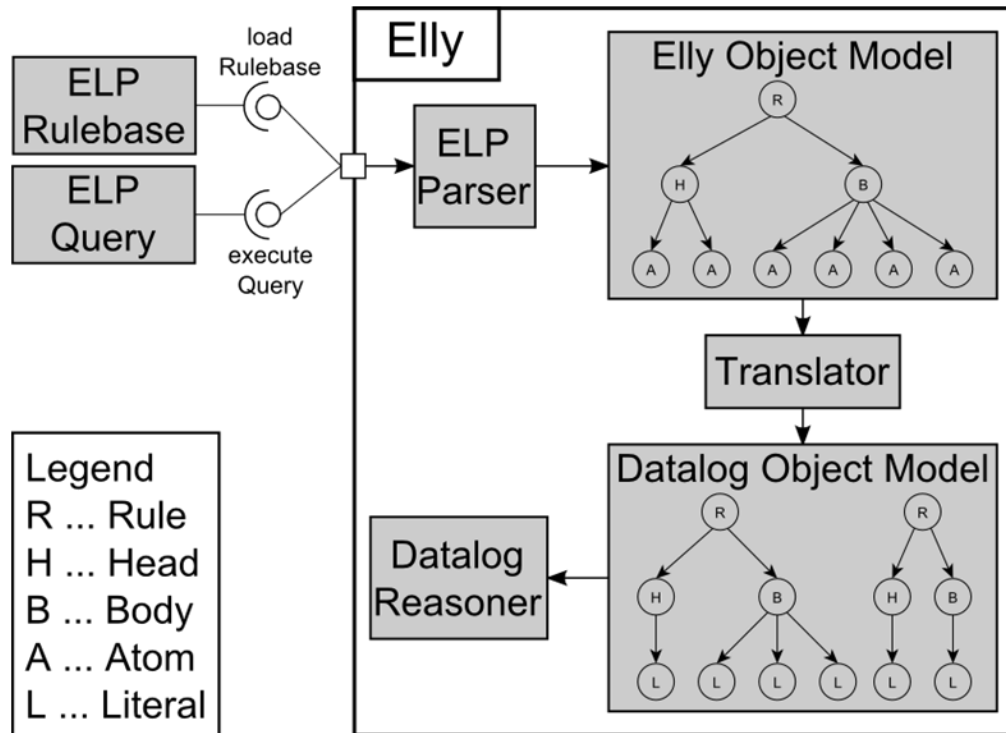
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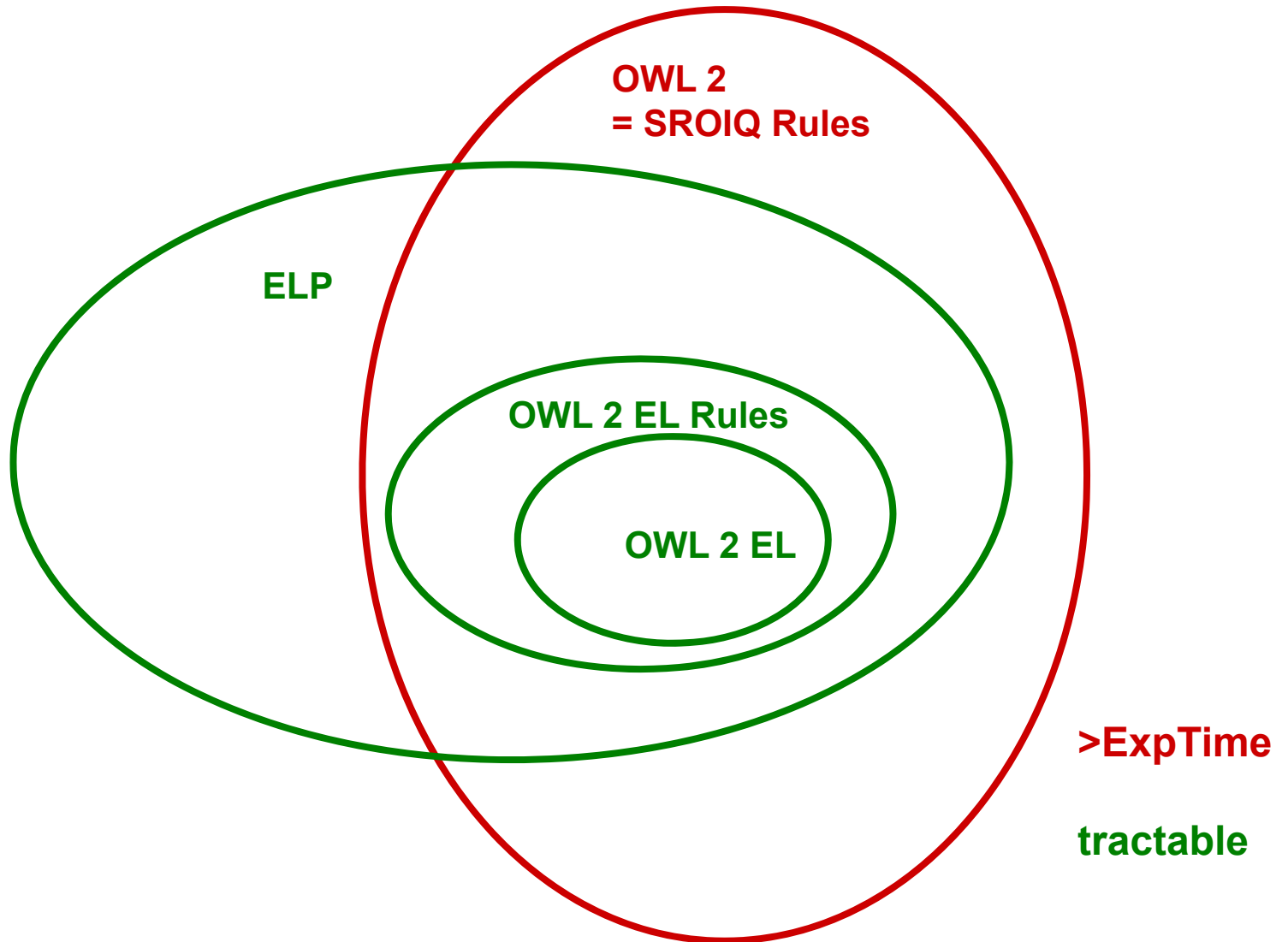
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**Conclusion: Unhappy(sebastian)**



- Implementation currently being finalised.
- Based on IRIS Datalog reasoner.
- In cooperation with STI Innsbruck (Barry Bishop, Daniel Winkler, Gulay Unel).





>ExpTime

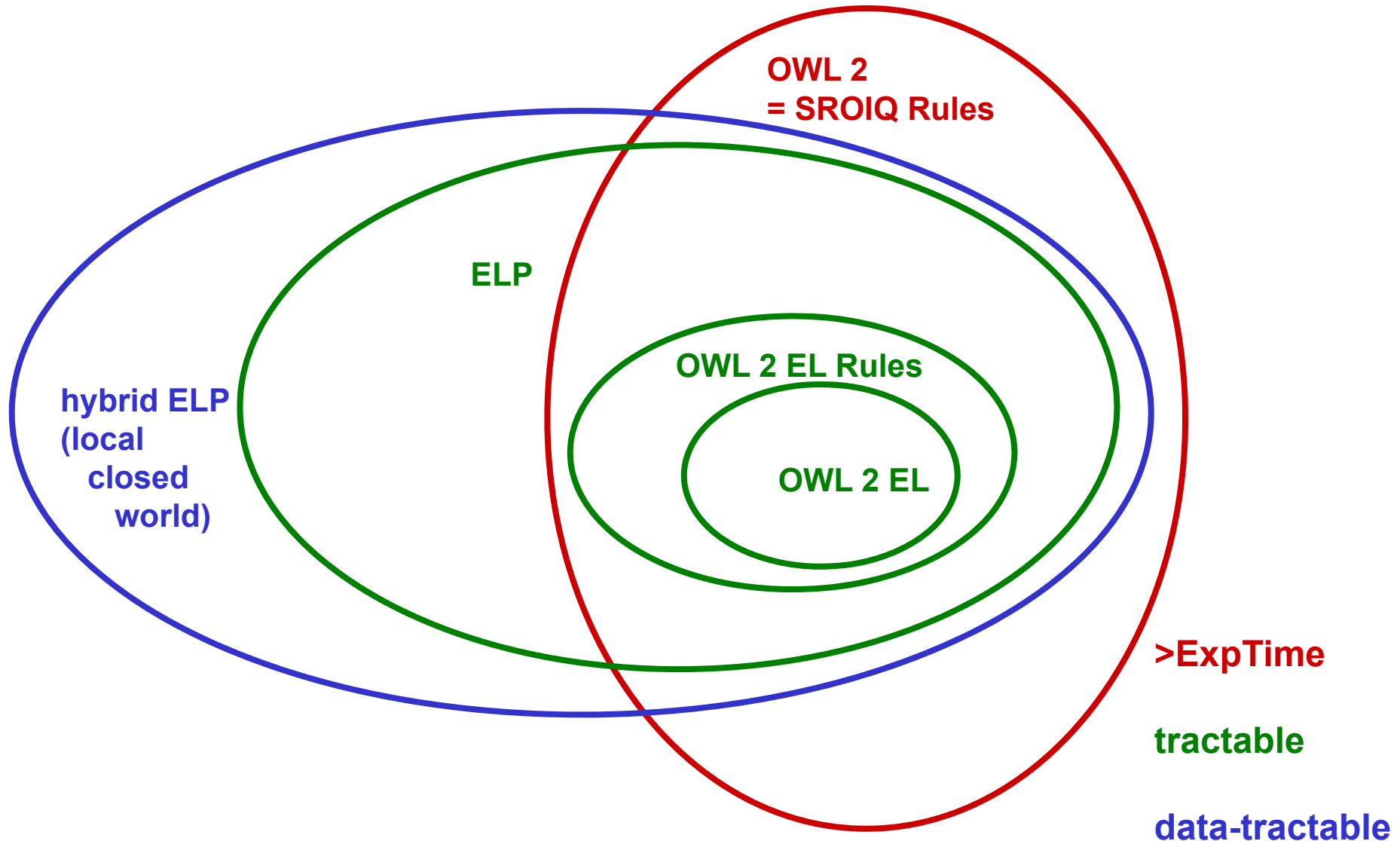
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