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Lecture 13: RDF Validation

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Today's Plan

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A “wrong” XML document

```
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```
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```
  <from><theboss/></from>
```

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  <body>Don't forget to do what I told you!</body>
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Software reading such an XML document will have difficulties!

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An XML Schema for notes

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs=...>
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        <xs:element name="to" type="xs:string"/>
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XML Schema Validation

XML Schema Validation takes

- An XML Schema (.XSD) document S
- An XML 'instance document' X

and checks that X conforms to the rules given by S

Another example: Regular expressions

- Some floating point literals: `-12.3`, `+.7E-3`, `12e12`
- *not* floating point literals: `7.5.2020`, `1E2E3`

A regexp describing all admissible floating point literals:

$$[-+]?[0-9]*\.[0-9]+([eE] [-+]?[0-9]+)?$$

Regular Expression matching: finding out whether a string conforms to a regexp

Another example: Database Constraints

```
CREATE TABLE employees (  
  id int NOT NULL,  
  department int NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT emp_pk PRIMARY KEY (id),  
  CONSTRAINT emp_dept_fk  
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);
```

- *Check* that all employees have an id and department
- *Check* that any two employees have different IDs
- *Check* that the department of any employee occurs in the departments table

Note: only does something if, and when, data is added. OK to have no emps and depts

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In this sense, it is not a schema language like XML schema.

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- Constraints — describe **data about** persons, employees, cars, . . .

Ontology vs. Constraints

Ontology

- Knowledge about domain
- *Can do*: infer *new* knowledge
- Reuse across applications

Constraints

- Knowledge about our knowledge of the domain
- *Can do*: check completeness of existing information: Validation
- Specific to use (one system or exchange)

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W3C RDF Data Shapes Working Group

- Goal: “produce a language for defining structural constraints on RDF graphs”
- Originally people with many different ideas.
- Eventualt two main directions:
- Shapes
 - Describe what must be in the graph
 - Similar to XML Schema, regular expressions, grammars
 - Outcome: Shape Expressions (ShEx)
- Constraints
 - Describe which violations to check for
 - Similar to DB constraints
 - Outcome: Shape Constraint Language (SHACL)
- SHACL became W3C recommendation June 2017
- ShEx and SHACL now incorporate many of each others ideas.

Book

- “Validating RDF Data” by Jose Emilio Labra Gayo, Eric Prud’hommeaux, Iovka Boneva, Dimitris Kontokostas
- Complete text of book online:
<https://book.validatingrdf.com/>
- By the group behind ShEx
- Covers both ShEx and SHACL
- (source of many of the examples here)



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SHACL Example

SHACL constraints are RDF graphs using the SHACL vocabulary.

```
@prefix sh: <http://www.w3.org/ns/shacl#> .
```

```
:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;           # declare a shape :UserShape
  sh:targetClass :User ;              # apply to all resources of type :User
  sh:property [                       # the property...
    sh:path      schema:name ;        # ... schema:name ...
    sh:minCount  1;                   # ... must be given at least once ...
    sh:maxCount  1;                   # ... and at most once ...
    sh:datatype  xsd:string ;         # ... and the object must be a string
  ] .
```

- Applies to all resources x of type `:User`
- These must have exactly one triple x schema:name y for each x
- y must have datatype `xsd:string` (so it must be a literal)

SHACL Example, continued

```
:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;  
  sh:targetClass :User ;  
  sh:property [  
    sh:path schema:knows ;  
    sh:nodeKind sh:IRI ;  
    sh:class :User ;  
  ] .
```

- There can be 0, 1, or several `schema:knows` triples for a `User`
- But for each, the object has to be a resource `y` (not a literal)
- And there must be a triple typing `y` as a `:User`

SHACL Example, continued

```

:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;
  sh:targetClass :User ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path schema:gender ;
    sh:minCount 1;
    sh:maxCount 1;
    sh:or (
      [ sh:in (schema:Male schema:Female) ]
      [ sh:datatype xsd:string]
    )
  ] .

```

- There must be exactly one `schema:gender` triple for a `User`
- The object can be `schema:Male` or `schema:Female` or a string.

Putting it together

```
:UserShape a sh:NodeShape;  
  sh:targetClass :User ;  
  sh:property [ sh:path schema:name ; ...] ;  
  sh:property [ sh:path schema:gender ; ...] ;  
  sh:property [ sh:path schema:birthDate ; ...] ;  
  sh:property [ sh:path schema:knows ; ...] .
```

- UserShape is a “node shape”
- This node shape includes four “property shapes”
- Each property shape adds constraints that are checked individually
- All are checked, conjunction of constraints.

Validation

- Results of validation are given as a “Validation Report” in RDF.
- Everything OK:

```
:report a sh:ValidationReport ; sh:conforms true .
```

- Problems:

```
:report a sh:ValidationReport ;
  sh:conforms false ;
  sh:result [ a sh:ValidationResult ;
    sh:resultSeverity sh:Violation ;
    sh:sourceConstraintComponent sh:DatatypeConstraintComponent ;
    sh:sourceShape ... ;
    sh:focusNode :dave ;
    sh:value 1980 ;
    sh:resultPath schema:birthDate ;
    sh:resultMessage "Value does not have datatype xsd:date" ],...
```

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Node Shapes and Targets

- SHACL constraints apply to “focus nodes”
- A node shape specifies which are the focus nodes it applies to
 - Known as the *targets* of the node shape
- And the constraints that should apply
- Target declarations:

```

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    sh:nodeKind sh:IRI ;
    sh:class :User ;
  ] .

```

Property	Description
sh:targetNode	Directly point to a node
sh:targetClass	All nodes that are instances of some class
sh:targetSubjectsOf	All nodes that are subjects of some predicate
sh:targetObjectsOf	All nodes that are objects of some predicate

- All selected targets become focus nodes after each other, and are checked for conformance

SHACL Instances

- A node x is a *SHACL instance* of a SHACL class C if x `rdf:type/rdfs:subClassOf*` C .
- I.e. if there are triples
 - x `rdf:type` C_0 .
 - C_0 `rdfs:subClassOf` C_1 .
 - ...
 - C_k `rdfs:subClassOf` C .
- `sh:targetClass` uses SHACL instances
- Built-in RDFS-style subclass reasoning
- But nothing else, no range/domain/subproperty reasoning

Implicit Class Target

```
:User a sh:NodeShape, rdfs:Class ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path schema:name ;
    sh:minCount 1;
    sh:maxCount 1;
    sh:datatype xsd:string ;
  ] .
```

- :User is an rdfs:Class
- but also a sh:NodeShape
- with the *implicit* sh:targetClass :User
- Confusing, but sometimes convenient

```
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```
ex:PersonShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetClass ex:Person ; # Applies to all persons
  sh:property [
    sh:path ex:worksFor ;
    sh:class ex:Company ;
    sh:nodeKind sh:IRI ;
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```
ex:UiOGraduateShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetNode ex:UiOGraduate;
  sh:property [
    sh:path ex:alumniOf ;
    sh:hasValue ex:UiO ;
  ] .
```

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Example shapes graph

```
ex:NumericRangeExampleShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetNode ex:Bob, ex:Alice, ex:Ted ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path ex:age ;
    sh:minInclusive 0 ;
    sh:maxInclusive 150 ;
  ] .
```

Example data graph

```
ex:Bob ex:age 23 .
ex:Alice ex:age 220 .
ex:Ted ex:age "twenty one" .
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- ... and a few more ...

Logical Constraint Components

Constraints can be combined:

```
:aShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

- **sh:and** ($S_1 \dots S_k$) — must conform to all shapes
- **sh:or** ($S_1 \dots S_k$) — must conform to at least one of the shapes
- **sh:not** S — must not conform to S
- **sh:xone** ($S_1 \dots S_k$) — must conform to exactly one of the shapes

Property Shapes

- Given a focus node...
- ... a property shape constrains nodes that can be reached via some path.
- Paths can be just properties, or something similar to SPARQL property paths

SHACL path	SPARQL path
<code>schema:name</code> <code>[sh:inversePath schema:knows]</code> <code>(schema:knows schema:name)</code> <code>[sh:alternativePath (schema:knows schema:follows)]</code> <code>[sh:zeroOrOnePath schema:knows]</code> <code>[sh:oneOrMorePath schema:knows]</code> <code>([sh:zeroOrMorePath schema:knows] schema:name)</code>	<code>schema:name</code> <code>^schema:knows</code> <code>schema:knows/schema:name</code> <code>schema:knows schema:follows</code> <code>schema:knows?</code> <code>schema:knows+</code> <code>schema:knows*/schema:name</code>

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vs. `sh:minInclusive`
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- “Max 5 of `xsd:int` but possibly others” → Qualified Value Constraints

Diverse Constraints

- **sh:name** — human readable label
- **sh:description** — human readable description
- **sh:message** — human readable message for validation report
- **sh:severity** — sh:Info, sh:Warning, or sh:Violation

Severity	Description
sh:Info	A non-critical constraint violation indicating an informative message.
sh:Warning	A non-critical constraint violation indicating a warning.
sh:Violation	A constraint violation.

Property Shape Example

Users have to know someone who has an email address, which matches a regexp

```
ex:UsersKnowSomeoneWithMailShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetClass :User ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path (ex:knows ex:email) ;
    sh:name "Friend's e-mail" ;
    sh:description "We need at least one email for everyone you know" ;
    sh:minCount 1 ;
    sh:pattern "^[A-Z0-9._%+-]+@[A-Z0-9.-]+\.[A-Z]{2,4}$" ;
  ] .
```

Property Pair Constraints – sh:equals

The set of Bob's foaf:givenName values is the same as that of foaf:firstName

```
ex:EqualExampleShap a sh:NodeShape ;  
  sh:targetNode ex:Bob ;  
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    sh:path ex:firstName ;  
    sh:equals ex:givenName ;  
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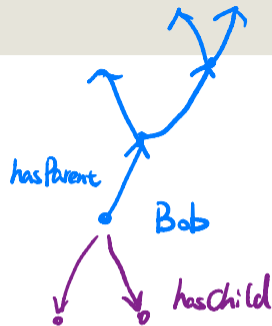
The country a city lies in is the same as the country of the district it lies in

```
:CityShape a sh:NodeShape;
sh:targetClass :City;
sh:property [
  sh:path (:isCityInDistrict :isDistrictInCountry) ;
  sh:equals :isCityInCountry ;
] .
```

Property Pair Constraints – sh:disjoint

None of of Bob's ancestors is also one of his children

```
ex:DisjointExampleShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetNode ex:Bob ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path [ sh:zeroOrMorePath ex:hasParent ] ;
    sh:disjoint ex:hasChild ;
  ] .
```



Note how transitive closure using sh:zeroOrMorePath reaches all ancestors.

Property Pair Constraints – Value Comparison

Every screening in the dataset starts before it ends.

```
ex:DisjointExampleShape
  a sh:ScreeningShape ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path movie:screeningStart ] ;
  sh:lessThan ex:screeningEnd ;
] .
```

Can also use `sh:lessThanOrEquals`

References

Require that the address of a person has the address shape

```
ex:PersonShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:targetClass ex:Person ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path ex:address ;
    sh:minCount 1 ;
    sh:node ex:AddressShape ;
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ex:AddressShape
  a sh:NodeShape ;
  sh:property [
    sh:path ex:postalCode ;
    sh:datatype xsd:string ;
    sh:maxCount 1 ;
  ] .
```

Example data graph

```
ex:Bob a ex:Person ;
      ex:address ex:BobsAddress .

ex:BobsAddress
  ex:postalCode "1234" .

ex:Reto a ex:Person ;
      ex:address ex:RetosAddress .

ex:RetosAddress
  ex:postalCode 5678 .
```


SHACL-SPARQL

SHACL-SPARQL: express restrictions based on a SPARQL SELECT query.

```
ex:LanguageExampleShape
```

```
  a sh:NodeShape ;
```

```
  sh:targetClass ex:Country ;
```

```
  sh:sparql [
```

```
    sh:message "Values are literals with German language tag." ;
```

```
    sh:prefixes ex: ;
```

```
    sh:select """
```

```
      SELECT $this (ex:germanLabel AS ?path) ?value
```

```
      WHERE {
```

```
        $this ex:germanLabel ?value .
```

```
        FILTER (!isLiteral(?value) || !langMatches(lang(?value), "de"))
```

```
      }
```

```
      """ ;
```

```
  ] .
```

Takeaways

- Ontologies are no good for validation
 - Ontologies express facts about the domain
 - Constraints, data models, etc., express facts about the data
- Several different approaches have been explored
- One of them, SHACL, has become a W3C recommendation
- Built around constraints that must be checked

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