

# INF3580 – Semantic Technologies – Spring 2011

## Lecture 3: Jena – A Java Library for RDF

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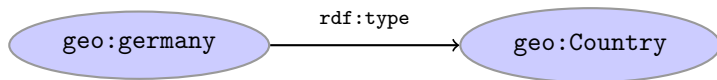
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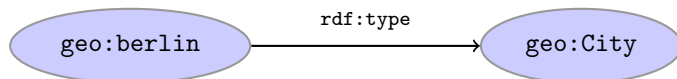
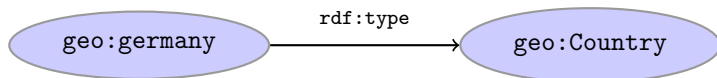
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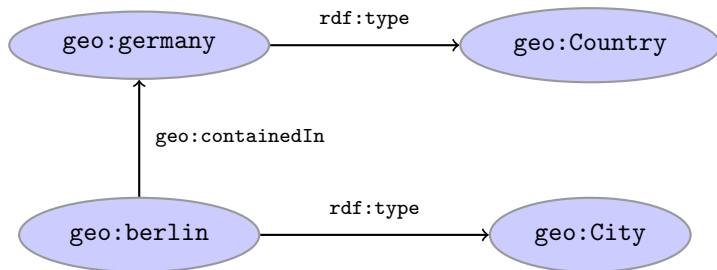
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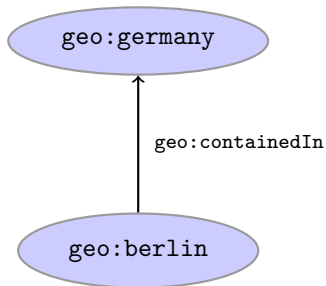
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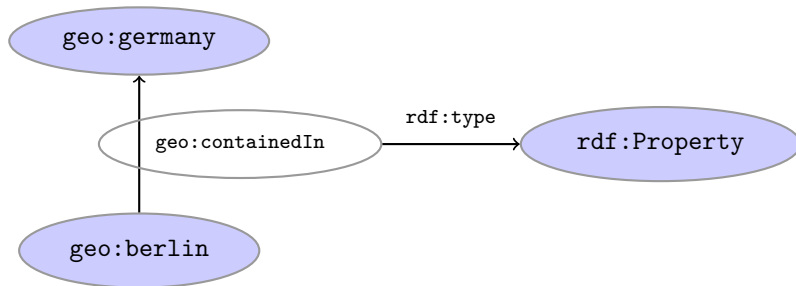


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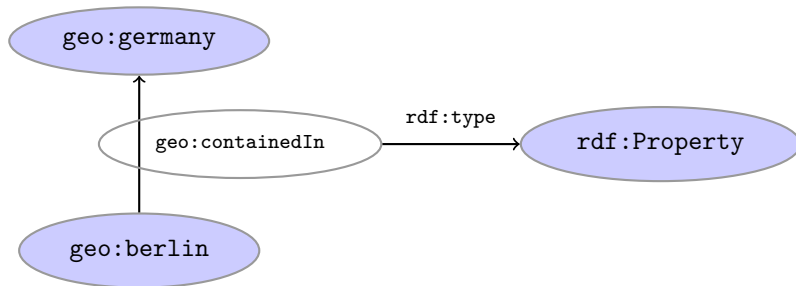


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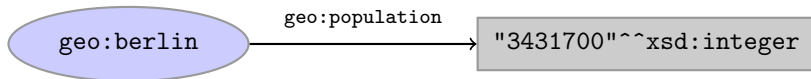
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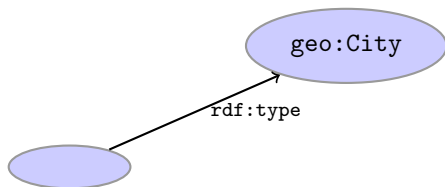


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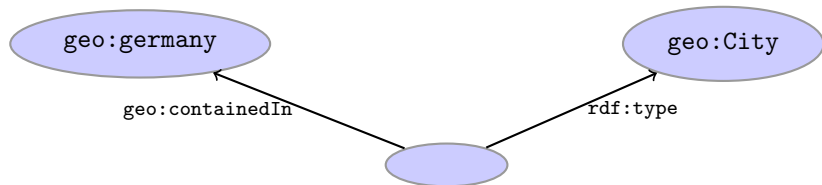


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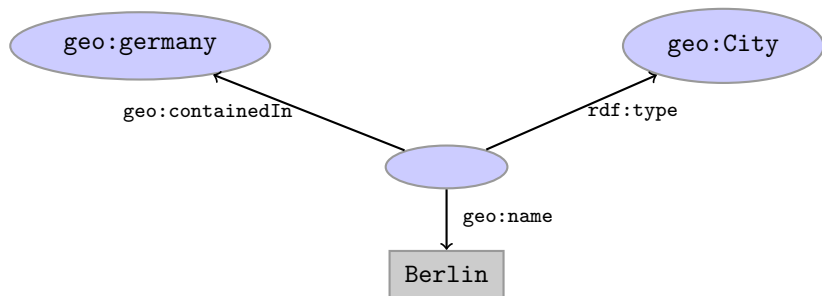


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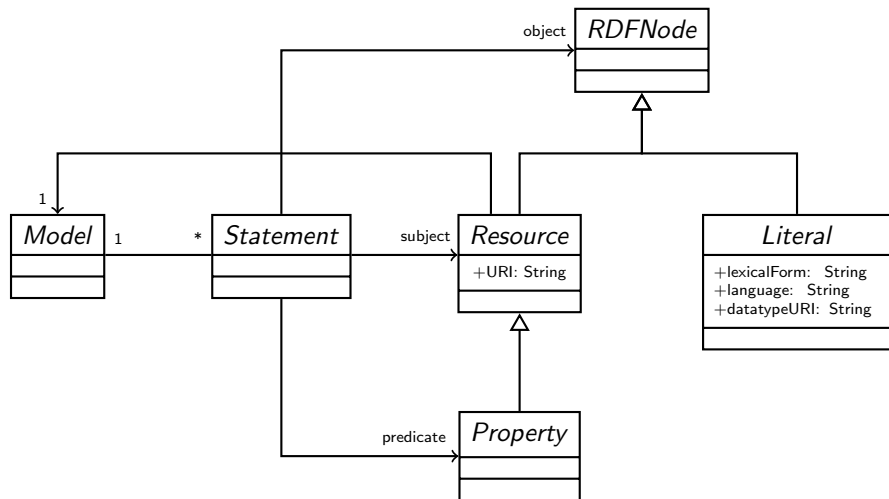
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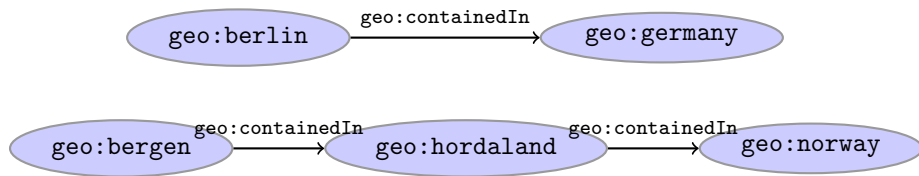
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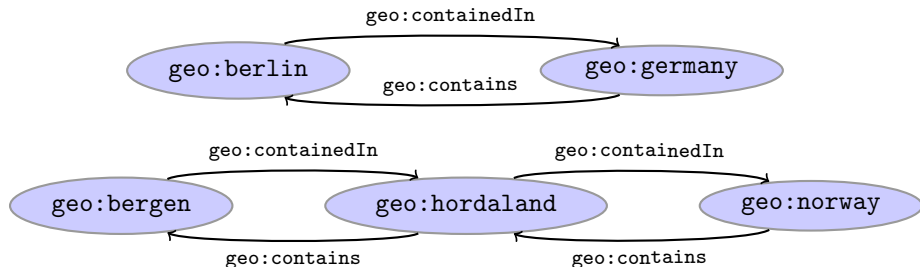


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