INF3580 – Semantic Technologies – Spring 2011 Lecture 15: RDFa

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Today's Plan

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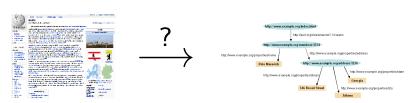
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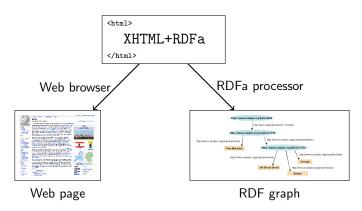
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<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML+RDFa 1.0//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/DTD/xhtml-rdfa-1.dtd">
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RDFa Processing

- Web browsers ignore RDFa attributes
- RDFa processors extract a single RDF graph from a document



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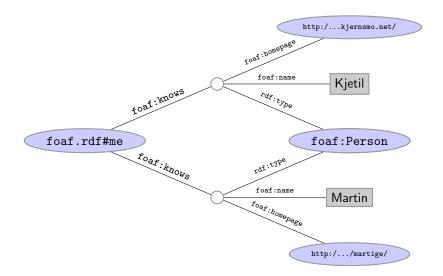
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Know Your Friends

Missing objects collected from contained elements (chaining):

```
<div xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/"</pre>
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 <l
   <a property="foaf:name" rel="foaf:homepage"</pre>
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