### Foundations of the Semantic Web: **Ontology** Engineering

Lecture 3

Common problems **Ontology Patterns** Re-representing properties and classes Parts and Wholes

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### Part 1: "Elephant Traps"

- 'Some' does not imply only 'Only' does not imply some'
- Trivial satisfaction of universal restrictions
- Domain and Range Constraints
- What to do when it all turns red

### someValuesFrom means "some"

- someValuesFrom means "some" means "at least 1"
- Dog owner *complete* 
  - Person and hasPet someValuesFrom Dog
  - means: A Pet owner is any person who has as a pet some (i.e. at least 1) dog
- Dog owner partial
  - Person and hasPet someValuesFrom Dog
  - means All Pet owners are people and have as a pet some (i.e. at least 1) dog.

### allValuesFrom means "only"

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- allValuesFrom means "only" means "no values except"
- First class lounge complete
- Lounge and hasOccupants allValuesFrom FirstClassPassengers
  - Means
  - "A 'first class lounge' is any lounge where the occupants are only first class passengers" or
  - "A first 'class lounge' is any lounge where there are no occupants except first class passengers"
- First\_class\_lounge partial
  - Lounge and hasOccupants allValuesFrom FirstClassPassengers - Means

  - "All first class lounges have *only* occupants who are first class passengers" "All first class lounges have *no* occupants *except* first class passengers" "All first class lounges have no occupants who are not first class passengers"

### "Some" does not mean "only"

- A "dog owner" might also own cats, and rats, and guinea pigs, and...
  - It is an open world, if we want a closed world we must add a closure restriction or axiom
- Dog\_only\_owner complete
   Person and hasPet someValuesFrom Dog and
   hasPet allValuesFrom Dog
- A "closure restriction" or "closure axiom"
  - The problem in making maguerita pizza a vegie pizza

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- Closure axioms use 'or' (disjunction)
   dog\_and\_cat\_only\_owner complete hasPet someValuesFrom Dog and
  - hasPet *someValuesFrom* Cat and hasPet *allValuesFrom* (Dog or Cat)

### "Only" does not mean "some"

- There might be *nobody* in the first class lounge
- That would still satisfy the definition
- It would not violate the rules
- A pizza with *no* toppings satisfies the definition of a vegetarian pizza
  - Pizza & has\_topping\_ingredient allValuesFrom Vegetarian\_topping
    - It has no toppings which are meat
      - It has not toppings which are not vegetables
      - » It has no toppings which aren't fish...
  - Analogous to the empty set is a subset of all sets
    - One reason for a surprising subsumption is that you have made it impossible for there to be any toppings

       allValuesFrom (cheese and tomato)

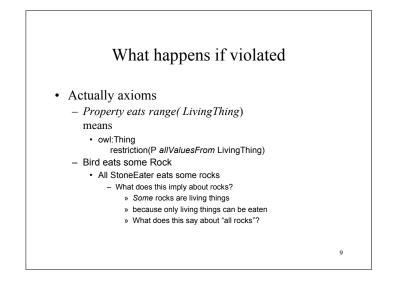
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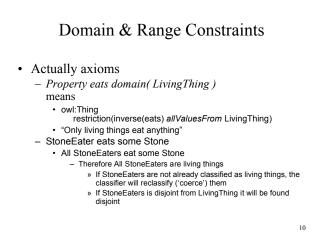
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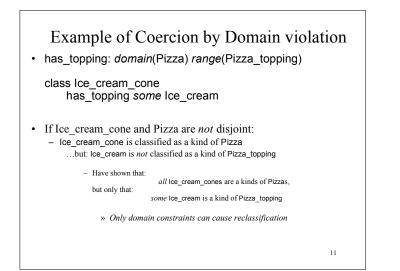
## Trivial Satisfiability A universal ('only') restriction with an unsatisfiable filler is "trivially satisfiable" i.e. it can be satisfied by the case where there is no filler If there is an existential or min-cardinality restriction, inferred or explicit, then the class will be unsatisfiable Can cause surprising 'late' bugs

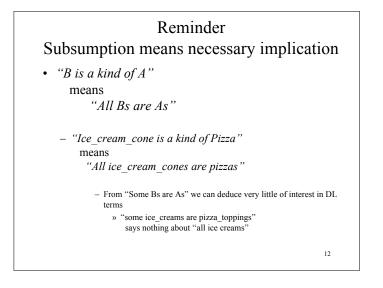
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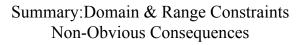
- Actually axioms
  - Property P range(RangeClass) means
    - owl:Thing
      - restriction(P allValuesFrom RangeClass)
  - Property P domain( DomainClass )
  - means
  - owl:Thing
    - restriction(inverse(P) allValuesFrom DomainClass)











- Range constraint violations unsatisfiable or ignored
  - If filler and RangeClass are disjoint: unsatisfiable
  - Otherwise nothing happens!
- Domain constraint violations *unsatisfiable or coerced* If subject and DomainClass are disjoint: *unsatisfiable*
  - Otherwise, subject reclassified (coerced) to kind of DomainClass!
- Furthermore cannot be fully checked before classification

   although tools can issue warnings.
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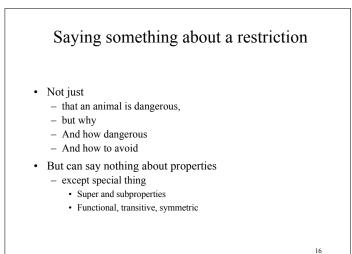
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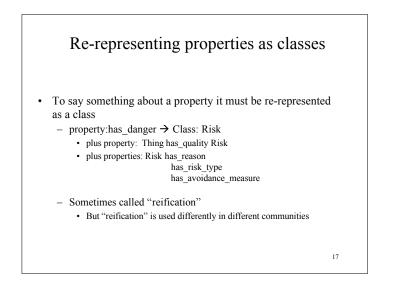
- Unsatisfiability propagates so trace it to its source
  - Any class with an unsatisfiable filler in a *someValuesFor* (existential) restriction is unsatisfiable
  - Any subclass of an unsatisfiable class is unsatisfiable
  - Therefore errors propagate, trace them back to their source
- Only a few possible sources
  - Violation of disjoint axioms
  - Unsatisfiable expressions in some restrictions
  - Confusion of "and" and "or"
  - Violation of a universal (allValuesFrom) constraint (including range and domain constraints)

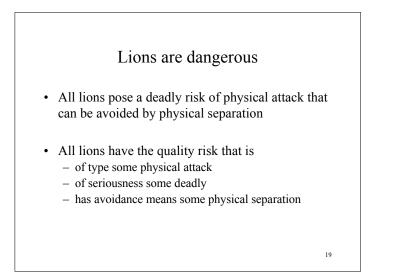
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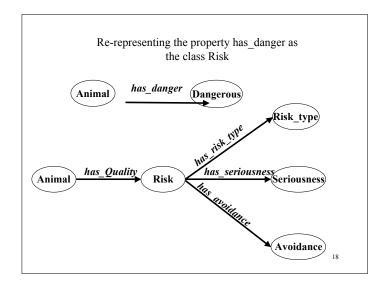
- Unsatisfiable domain or range constraints
- Tools coming RSN

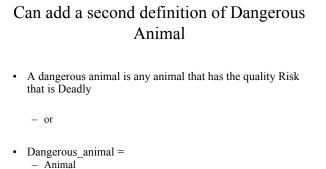
Part 4 – Patterns: n-ary relations



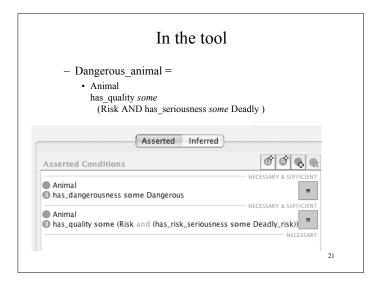


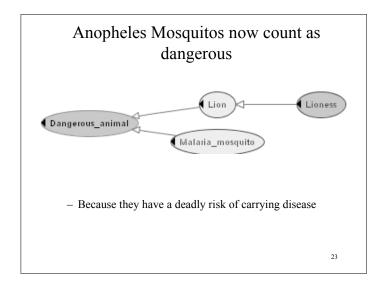


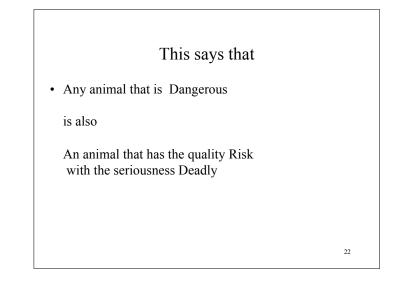


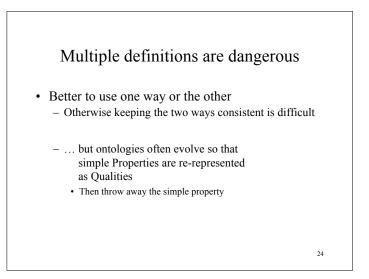


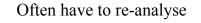
- Animal has\_quality some (Risk AND has\_seriousness some Deadly )
- [NB: "that" paraphrases as "AND"]











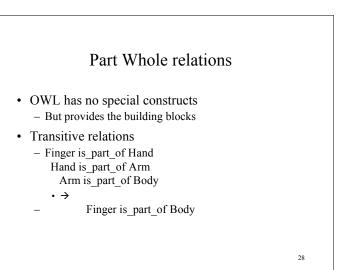
- What do we mean by "Dangerous"
  - How serious the danger?
  - How probable the danger?
  - Whether from individuals (Lions) or the presence or many (Mosquitos)?
- Moves to serious questions of "ontology"
  - The information we really want to convey
    - Often a sign that we have gone to far
      - So we will stop

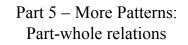
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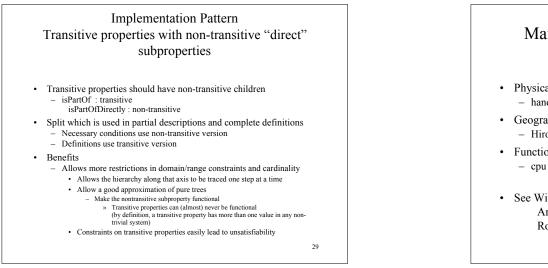
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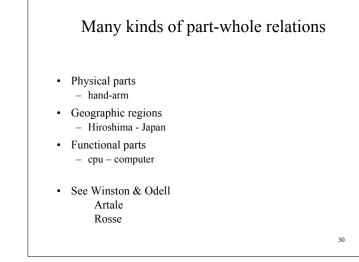
### Part-whole relations One method: NOT a SWBP draft

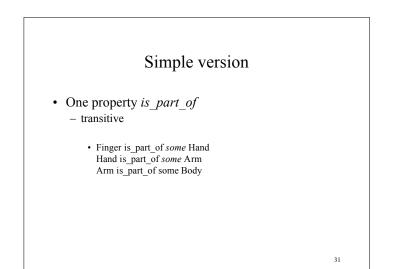
- How to represent part-whole relations in OWL is a commonly asked question
- SWBP will put out a draft.
- This is one approach that will be proposed
  - It has been used in teaching
  - It has no official standing

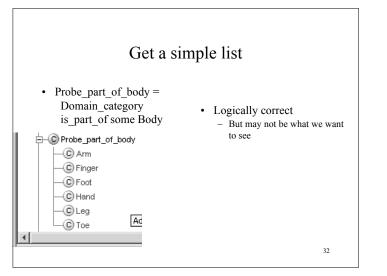


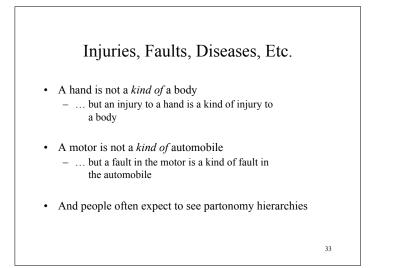


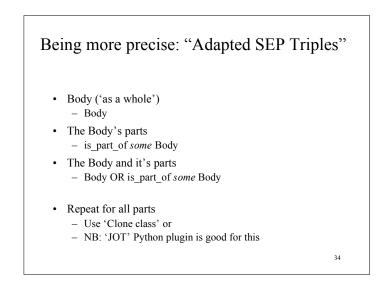


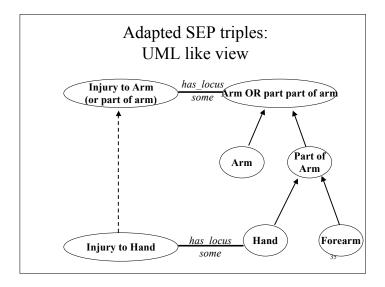


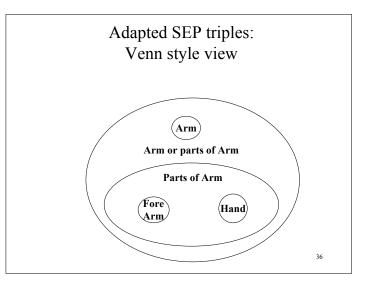


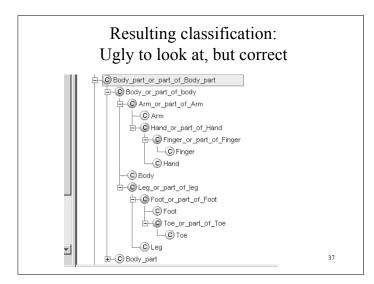


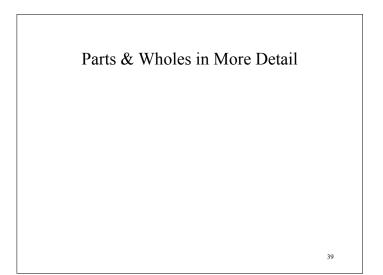


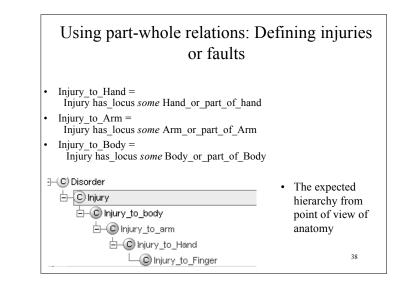


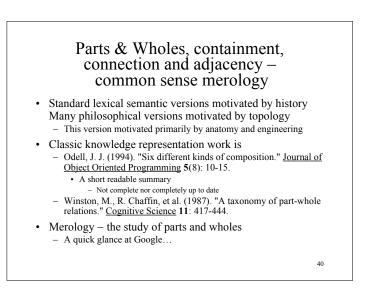












### Parts & wholes: Some examples

- The leg is part of the chair
- The left side of the body is part of the body
- The liver cells are part of the liver
- The ignition of part of the electrical system of the car
- The goose is part of the flock
- Manchester is part of England
- Computer science is part of the University

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### Some tests

- True kinds of *part-of* are transitive and A fault to the part is a fault in the whole
  - The finger nail is part of the finger is part of the hand is part of the upper extremity is part of the body
    - Injury to the fingernail is injury to the body
  - The tail-light is part of the electrical system is part of the car
     A fault in the tail light is a fault in the car
- *Membership* is not transitive
  - The foot of the goose is part of the goose but not part of the flock of geese
    Damage to the foot of the goose is not damage of the flock of geese
- Containment is transitive but things contained are not necessarily parts

   A fault (e.g. souring) to the milk contained in the bottle is not damage to
   the bottle
- Some kinds of part-whole relation are questionably transitive - Is the cell that is part of the finger a part of the body?
  - Is damage to the cell that is part of the finger damage to the body?
     Not necessarily, since the cells in my body die and regrow constantly

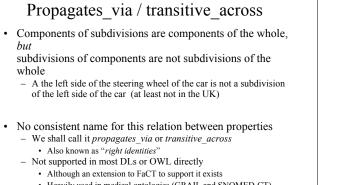
Five families of relations

### • Partonomic

- Parts and wholesThe lid is part of the box
- The lid is part of the
   Constitution
- The box is made of cardboard
- Membership?
  - · The box is part of the shipment
- Nonpartonomic
  - Containment
  - The gift is contained in the box
  - Connection/branching/Adjacency
  - The box is connected to the container by a strap

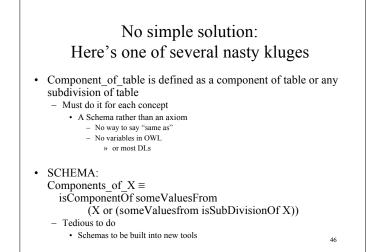
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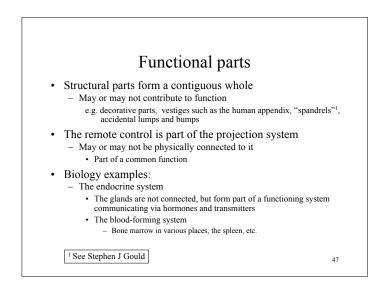
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· Heavily used in medical ontologies (GRAIL and SNOMED-CT)

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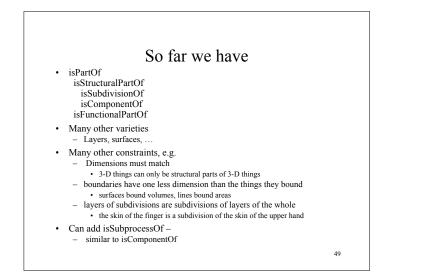


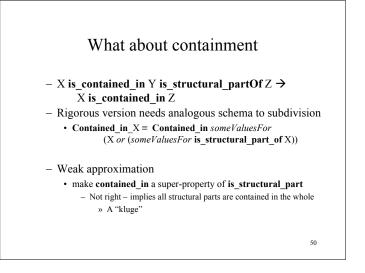
### If something is both a structural and functional part...

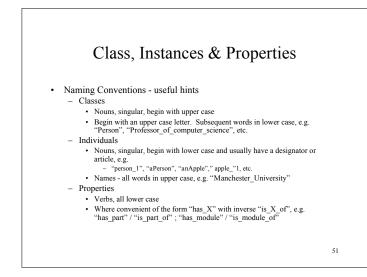
- Must put in both restrictions explicitly
  - Can create a common child property but this gets complicated with the different kinds of structural parts
  - Better to put syntactic sugar in tools
    - But syntactic sugar has not arrived, so for this course you have to do it by hand!

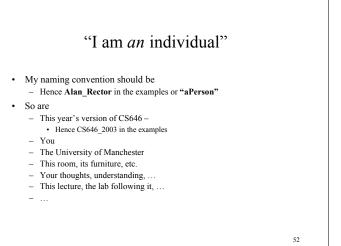
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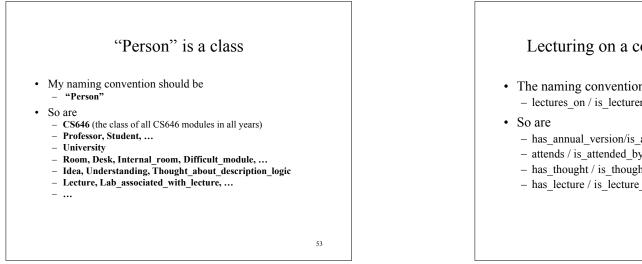
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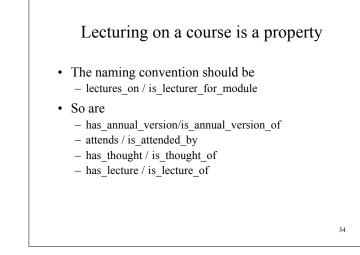


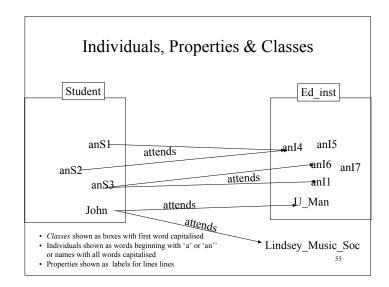


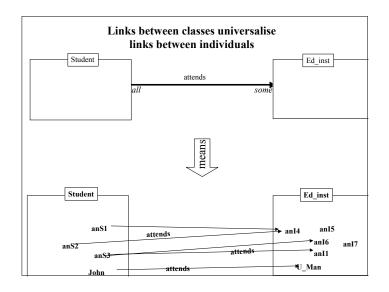


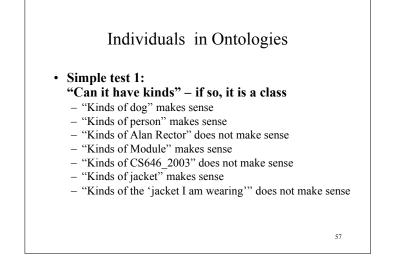






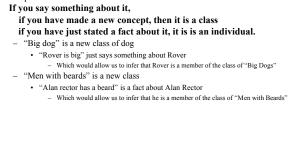


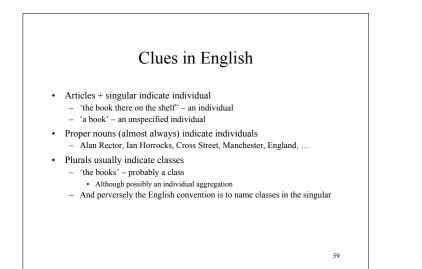


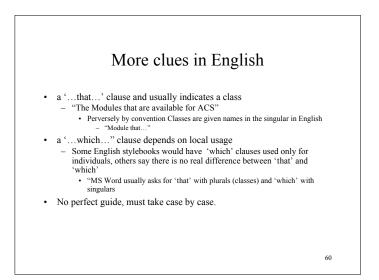


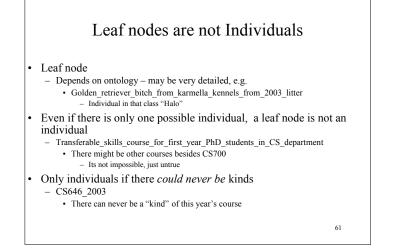
### Individuals in Ontologies (cont)

• Simple test 2:





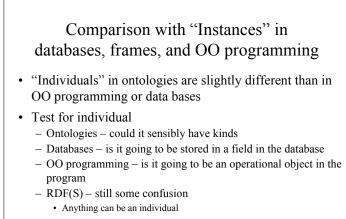


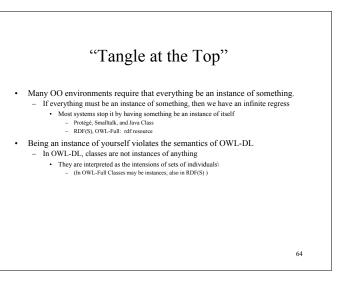


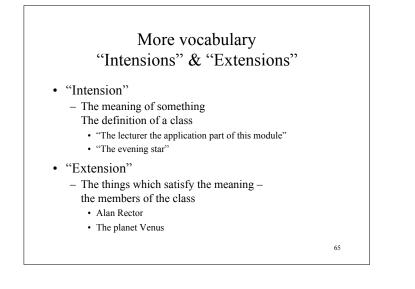
## Keeping the Ontology Re-usable

- If we make leaf nodes individuals, we close off any extension to more granular kinds
  - Make the ontology specific to our immediate needs
  - Make extensions require radical surgery

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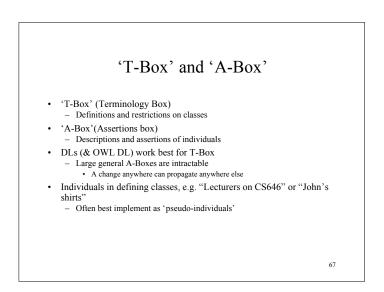


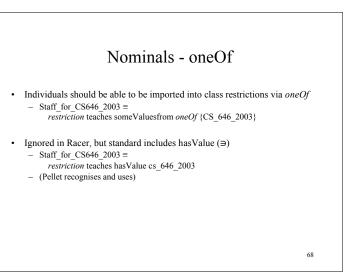




### Extensional equality vs Intensional Equivalence

- Two sets are equal if their extensions are equal
  - In a particular model
    - The extensions of "The evening star" and "The morning star" are equal
- Two intensions are equivalent if if their extensions *must* be equal
  - i.e. if their being unequal would be a contradiction in any model satisfying the same axioms
    - "Three sided polygon" is equivalent to "Three angled polygon" given the axioms of geometry





### Pseudo-Individuals to simulate Nominals Simulating Individuals as Leaf Nodes

- For use in nominals, it often works better in current technology to simulate individuals as leaf nodes
  - We are providing a transparent way to do this, but it isn't finished yet.
  - Follow the naming convention, and use a suffix such as "\_ind" or "\_inst"
  - Mark them in the comment field. Perhaps create a special annotation property.
    - pseudo-individual:true
    - · Or make them all a sub of 'Pseudo individual'

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### Individuals in Protégé

- On the Individuals Tab
  - A form is automatically generated for with a field for every property for which the class is explicitly in the domain.
- NB we will do very little with individuals in this course