Knowledge Representation in Protégé –OWL

***Please install from CDs or USB pens provided:***

- http://www.co-ode.org/resources/tutorials/iswc2005
- Protégé 3.2 Beta – complete installation
- See instructions for other software on web site
  - You will need
  - At least one classifier - Racer, FaCT++ and/or Pellet
  - Graphviz
  - The example ontologies
  - The CO-ODE plugins not bundled with 3.2 beta (a single zip on web site)



# Ontology Design Patterns and Problems: Practical Ontology Engineering using Protege-OWL

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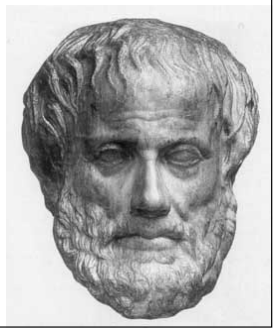
# Part I: Ontologies & "Best Practice"

- What are Ontologies & a review of History
- Semantic Web
- OWL
- "Best Practice"
  - Semantic Web Best Practice & Deployment Working Group (SWBP)

# What Is An Ontology?

- Ontology (Socrates & Aristotle 400-360 BC)
- The study of being
- Word borrowed by computing for the explicit description of the conceptualisation of a domain:
  - concepts
  - properties and attributes of concepts
  - constraints on properties and attributes
  - Individuals (often, but not always)
- An ontology defines
  - a common vocabulary
  - a shared understanding



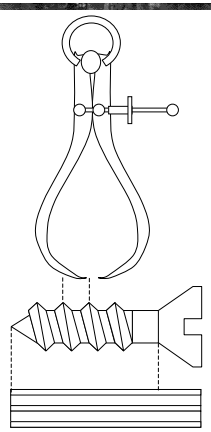


# Why Develop an Ontology?

- To share common understanding of the structure of descriptive information
  - among people
  - among software agents
  - between people and software
- To enable reuse of domain knowledge
  - to avoid “re-inventing the wheel”
  - to introduce standards to allow interoperability



# Measure the world…*quantitative models* *(not ontologies)*

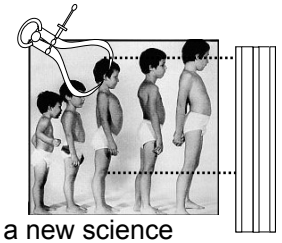


- Quantitative
  - Numerical data:
    - 2mm, 2.4V, between 4 and 5 feet
  - Unambiguous tokens
  - Main problem is accuracy at initial capture
  - Numerical analysis (e.g. statistics) well understood
- Examples:
  - How big is this breast lump?
  - What is the average age of patients with cancer ?
  - How much time elapsed between original referral and first appointment at the hospital ?



# describe the our understanding of the world - *ontologies*

- Qualitative
  - Descriptive data
    - Cold, colder, blueish, not pink, drunk
  - Ambiguous tokens
    - What’s wrong with being drunk ?
      - Ask a glass of water.
  - Accuracy poorly defined
  - Automated analysis or aggregation is a new science
- Examples
  - Which animals are dangerous ?
  - What is their coat like?
  - What do animals eat ?

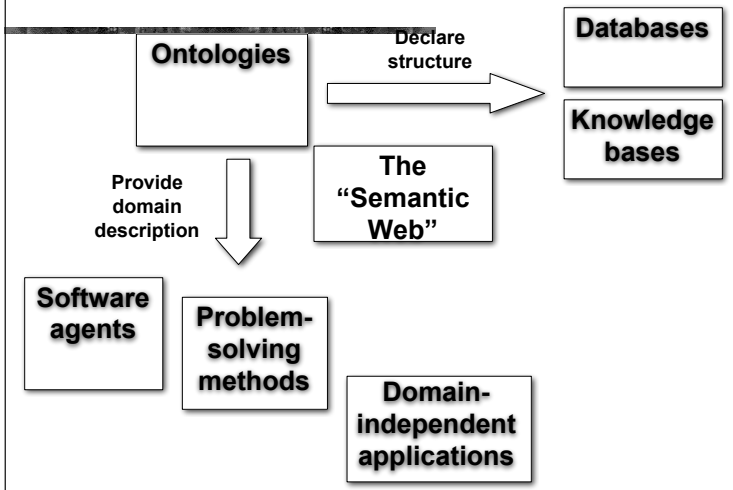


# More Reasons

- To make domain assumptions explicit
  - easier to change domain assumptions (consider a genetics knowledge base)
  - easier to understand and update legacy data
- To separate domain knowledge from the operational knowledge
  - re-use domain and operational knowledge separately (e.g., configuration based on constraints)
- To manage the combinatorial explosion



# An Ontology should be just the Beginning



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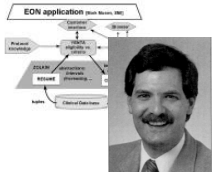
# The semantic web

- Tim Berners-Lee's dream of a computable meaningful web
  - Now critical to Web Services and Grid computing
- Metadata with everything
  - Machine understandable!
    - Ontologies are one of the keys

## Understanding rather than text matching

- Google image results for
  - Charlie Safran
  - Mark Musen
  - Alan Rector




## Ontology Examples

- Taxonomies on the Web
  - Yahoo! categories
- Catalogs for on-line shopping
  - Amazon.com product catalog
- Dublin Core and other standards for the Web
- Domain independent examples
  - Ontoclean
  - Sumo



## Ontology Technology

- "Ontology" covers a range of things
  - Controlled vocabularies – e.g. MeSH
    - Linguistic structures – e.g. WordNet
  - Hierarchies (with bells and whistles) – e.g. Gene Ontology
  - Frame representations – e.g. FMA
  - Description logic formalisms – Snomed-CT, GALEN, OWL-DL based ontologies
  - Philosophically inspired e.g. Ontoclean and SUMO



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# OWL
# The Web Ontology Language

- W3C standard
- Collision of DAML (frames) and Oil (DLs in Frame clothing)
- Three 'flavours'
  - OWL-Lite –simple but limited
  - OWL-DL – complex but deliverable (real soon now)
  - OWL-Full – fully expressive but serious logical/computational problems
    - Russel Paradox etc etc
  - All layered (awkwardly) on RDF Schema
- Still work in progress – see Semantic Web Best Practices & Deployment Working Group (SWBP)

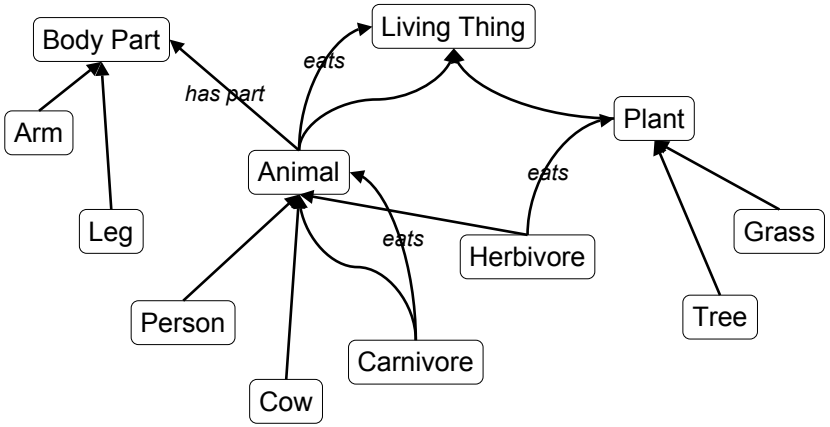


# Note on syntaxes for OWL

- Three official syntaxes + Protégé-OWL syntax
  - Abstract syntax -Specific to OWL
  - N3 -OWL & RDF -used in all SWBP documents
  - XML/RDF -very verbose
  - Protégé-OWL -Compact, derived from DL syntax
- This tutorial uses simplified abstract syntax
  - someValuesFrom → *some*
  - allValuesFrom → *only*
  - intersectionOf → AND
  - unionOf → OR
  - complementOf → not
- Protégé/OWL can generate all syntaxes



# A simple ontology: Animals






# Description Logics

- What the logicians made of Frames
  - Greater expressivity and semantic precision
    - Compositional definitions
      - "Conceptual Lego" – define new concepts from old
- To allow automatic classification & consistency checking
  - The mathematics of classification is tricky
    - Some seriously counter-intuitive results
      - The basics are simple – devil in the detail

# Description Logics

- Underneath:
  - computationally tractable subsets of first order logic
- Describes relations between Concepts/Classes
  - Individuals secondary
    - ***DL Ontologies are NOT databases!***



# Description Logics: A brief history

- Informal Semantic Networks and Frames (pre 1980)
  - Wood: *What's in a Link*; Brachman *What IS-A is and IS-A isn't*.
- First Formalisation (1980)
  - Bobrow *KRL*, Brachman: *KL-ONE*
- All useful systems are intractable (1983)
  - Brachman & Levesque: *A fundamental tradeoff*
    - Hybrid systems: T-Box and A-Box
- All tractable systems are useless (1987-1990)
  - Doyle and Patel: *Two dogmas of Knowledge Representation*



# A brief history of KR

- 'Maverick' incomplete/intractable logic systems (1985-90)
  - GRAIL, LOOM, Cyc, Apelon, …,
- Practical knowledge management systems based on frames
  - Protégé
- The German School: Description Logics (1988-98)
  - Complete decidable algorithms using tableaux methods (1991-1992)
  - Detailed catalogue of complexity of family – "alphabet soup of systems"
- Optimised systems for practical cases (1996-)
- Emergence of the Semantic Web
  - Development of DAML (frames), OIL (DLs) → DAML+OIL → OWL
    - **Development of Protégé-OWL**
    - **A dynamic field – constant new developments & possibilities**



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# Why the "Best Practice working Group"?

- There is no established "best practice"
  - It is new; We are all learning
  - A place to gather experience
  - A catalogue of things that work – Analogue of Software Patterns
    - Some pitfalls to avoid
      - ***…but there is no one way***
- Learning to build ontologies
  - Too many choices
    - Need starting points for gaining experience
- Provide requirements for tool builders



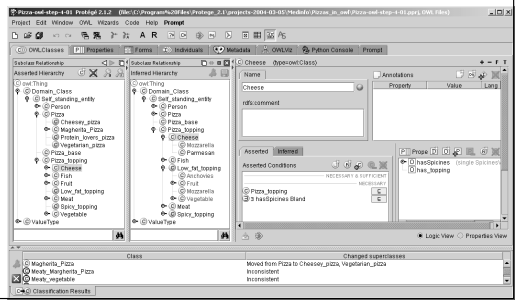
# Contributing to "best practice"

- Please give us feedback
  - Your questions and experience
    - On the SW in general: **semanticweb@yahoogroups.com**
    - For specific feedback to SWBP
      - Home & Mail Archive: **http://www.w3.org/2001/sw/BestPractices/ public-swbp-wg@w3.org**



# Protégé OWL: New tools for ontologies

- Transatlantic collaboration
- Implement robust OWL environment within PROTÉGÉ framework
- Shared UI components
- Enables hybrid working





# Protégé-OWL & CO-ODE

- Joint work: Stanford & U Manchester + Southampton & Epistemics
  - Please give us feedback on tools – mailing lists & forums at:
    - **protege.stanford.edu**
    - **www.co-ode.org**
- Don't beat your head against a brick wall!
  - Look to see if others have had the same problem; If not…
  - ***ASK!***
    - ***We are all learning.***

# Part II – Creating an ontology Useful patterns

- *Upper ontologies & Domain ontologies*
- Building from trees and untangling
- Using a classifier
- Closure axioms
- Specifying Values
- n-ary relations
- Classes as values – using the ontology
- Part-whole relations



# Upper Ontologies

- Ontology Schemas
  - High level abstractions to constrain construction
    - e.g. There are “Objects” & “Processes”
  - Highly controversial
    - Sumo, Dolce, Onions, GALEN, SBU,…
  - Needed when you work with many people together
  - NOT in this tutorial – a different tutorial



# Domain Ontologies

- Concepts specific to a field
  - Diseases, animals, food, art work, languages, …
  - The place to start
    - Understand ontologies from the bottom up
      - Or middle out
- Levels
  - Top domain ontologies – the starting points for the field
    - Living Things, Geographic Region, Geographic_feature
  - Domain ontologies – the concepts in the field
    - Cat, Country, Mountain
  - Instances – the things in the world
    - Felix the cat, Japan, Mt Fuji



# Part II – Useful Patterns (continued)

- Upper ontologies & Domain ontologies
- *Building from trees and untangling*
- *Using a classifier*
- *Closure axioms & Open World Reasoning*
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# Example: Animals & Plants

- Dog
- Cat
- Cow
- Person
- Tree
- Grass
- Herbivore
- Male
- Female

- Carnivore
- Plant
- Animal
- Fur
- Child
- Parent
- Mother
- Father

- Dangerous
- Pet
- Domestic Animal
- Farm animal
- Draft animal
- Food animal
- Fish
- Carp
- Goldfish



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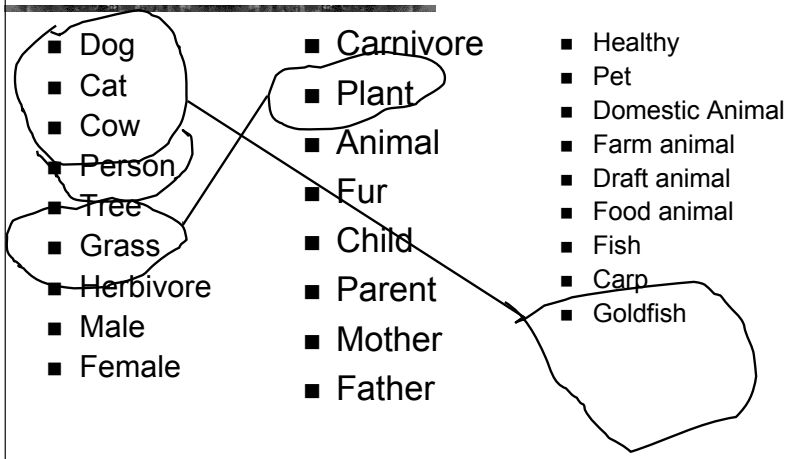




Choose some main axes
Add abstractions where needed; identify relations;
Identify definable things, make names explicit

- Living Thing
  - Animal
    - Mammal
      - Cat
      - Dog
      - Cow
      - Person
    - Fish
      - Carp
      - Goldfish
  - Plant
    - Tree
    - Grass
    - Fruit

- Modifiers
  - domestic
    - pet
    - Farmed
      - Draft
      - Food
  - Wild
  - Health
    - healthy
    - sick
  - Sex
    - Male
    - Female
  - Age
    - Adult
    - Child

- Relations
  - eats
  - owns
  - parent-of
  - …
- Definable
  - Carinvore
  - Herbivore
  - Child
  - Parent
  - Mother
  - Father
  - Food Animal
  - Draft Animal



Reorganise everything but “definable” things into pure trees – these will be the “primitives”

- Primitives
  - Living Thing
    - Animal
      - Mammal
        - Cat
        - Dog
        - Cow
        - Person
      - Fish
        - Carp
        - Goldfish
    - Plant
      - Tree
      - Grass
      - Fruit

- Modifiers
  - **Domestication**
    - **Domestic**
    - **Wild**
  - **Use**
    - **Draft**
    - **Food**
    - **pet**
  - **Risk**
    - **Dangerous**
    - **Safe**
  - **Sex**
    - **Male**
    - **Female**
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# Set domain and range constraints for properties

- Animal *eats* Living_thing
  - *eats* domain: Animal;
    range: Living_thing
- Person *owns* Living_thing except person
  - *owns* domain: Person
    range: Living_thing & not Person
- Living_thing *parent_of* Living_thing
  - *parent_of:* domain: Animal
    range: Animal



# Define the things that are definable from the primitives and relations

- Parent =
  Animal and *parent_of* some Animal
- Herbivore=
  Animal and *eats* only Plant
- Carnivore =
  Animal and *eats* only Animal

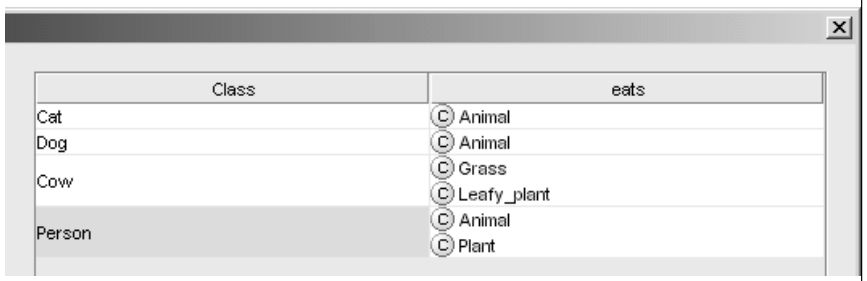


# Which properties can be filled in at the class level now?

- What can we say about *all* members of a class?
  - *eats*
    - *All cows eat some plants*
    - *All cats eat some animals*
    - *All dogs eat some animals &*
      *eat some plants*



# Fill in the details
(can use property matrix wizard)



# Check with classifier

- Cows should be Herbivores
  - Are they? why not?
    - What have we said?
      - Cows are animals and, *amongst other things*, eat *some* grass and eat some leafy_plants
    - What do we need to say: Closure axiom
      - Cows are animals and, *amongst other things,* eat *some* plants and eat *only* plants



# Closure Axiom

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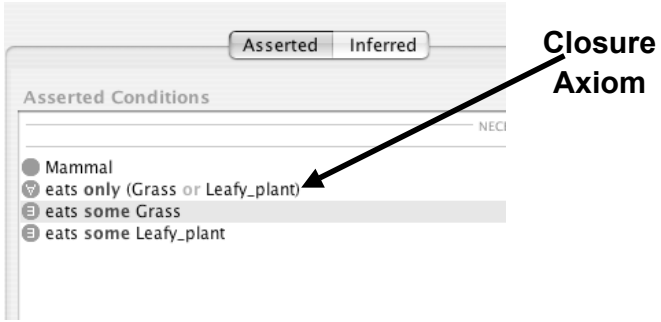
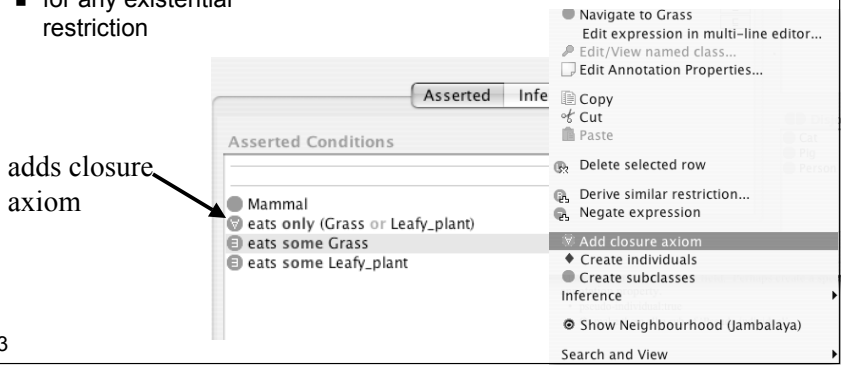





# In the tool

- Right mouse button short cut for closure axiom
  - for any existential restriction






# Open vs Closed World reasoning

- Open world reasoning
  - Negation as contradiction
    - Anything might be true unless it can be proven false
      - Reasoning about *any world consistent with this one*
- Closed world reasoning
  - Negation as failure
    - Anything that cannot be found is false
      - Reasoning about *this world*

# Normalisation and Untangling

Let the reasoner do multiple classification

- Tree
  - Everything has just one parent
    - A ‘strict hierarchy’
- Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
  - Things can have multiple parents
    - A ‘Polyhierarchy’
- Normalisation
  - Separate primitives into disjoint trees
  - Link the trees with restrictions
    - Fill in the values



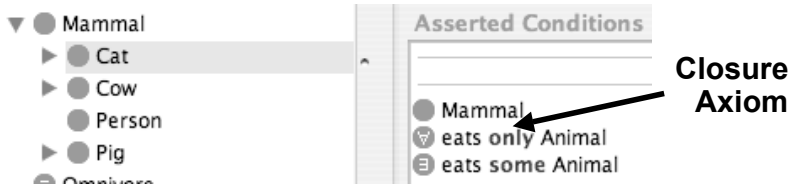
# Tables are easier to manage than DAGs / Polyhierarchies

| Class | eats |
|---|---|
| Cat | Animal |
| Cow | Grass<br>Leafy_plant |
| Pig | Animal<br>Plant |
| Person | |
| Dog | Animal |

…and get the benefit of inference:
Grass and Leafy_plants are both kinds of Plant



# Remember to add any closure axioms

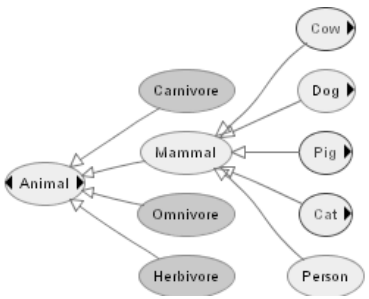


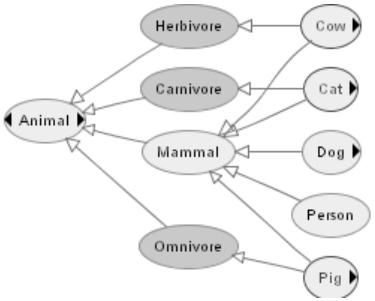

Then let the reasoner do the work



# Normalisation: From Trees to DAGs

- Before classification
  - A tree
- After classification
  - A DAG
    - **D**irected **A**cyclic **G**raph



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# Examine the modifier list

- Modifiers
  - **Domestication**
    - **Domestic**
    - **Wild**
  - **Use**
    - **Draft**
    - **Food**
  - **Risk**
    - **Dangerous**
    - **Safe**
  - **Sex**
    - **Male**
    - **Female**
  - **Age**
    - **Adult**
    - **Child**

- Identify modifiers that have mutually exclusive values
  - Domestication
  - Risk
  - Sex
  - Age
- Make meaning precise
  - Age → Age_group
- NB Uses are not mutually exclusive
  - Can be both a draft (pulling) and a food animal



# Extend and complete lists of values

- Modifiers
  - **Domestication**
    - **Domestic**
    - **Wild**
    - **Feral**
  - **Risk**
    - **Dangerous**
    - **Risky**
    - **Safe**
  - **Sex**
    - **Male**
    - **Female**
  - **Age**
    - **Infant**
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# Note any hierarchies of values

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# Specify Values for each:
## Two methods

- Value partitions
  - Classes that partition a Quality
    - The disjunction of the partition classes equals the quality class
- Symbolic values
  - Individuals that enumerate all states of a Quality
    - The enumeration of the values equals the quality class

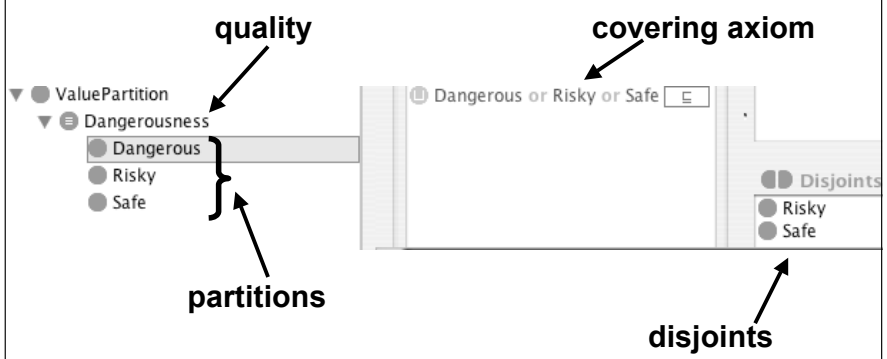


# Method 1: Value Partitions- example “Dangerousness”

- A parent quality – Dangerousness
- Subqualities for each degree
  - Dangerous, Risky, Safe
- All subqualities disjoint
- Subqualities ‘cover’ parent quality
  - Dangerousness = Dangerous OR Risky OR Safe
- A functional property has_dangerousness
  - Range is parent quality, e.g. Dangerousness
  - Domain must be specified separately
- Dangerous_animal =
  Animal *and* has_dangerousness *some* Dangerous

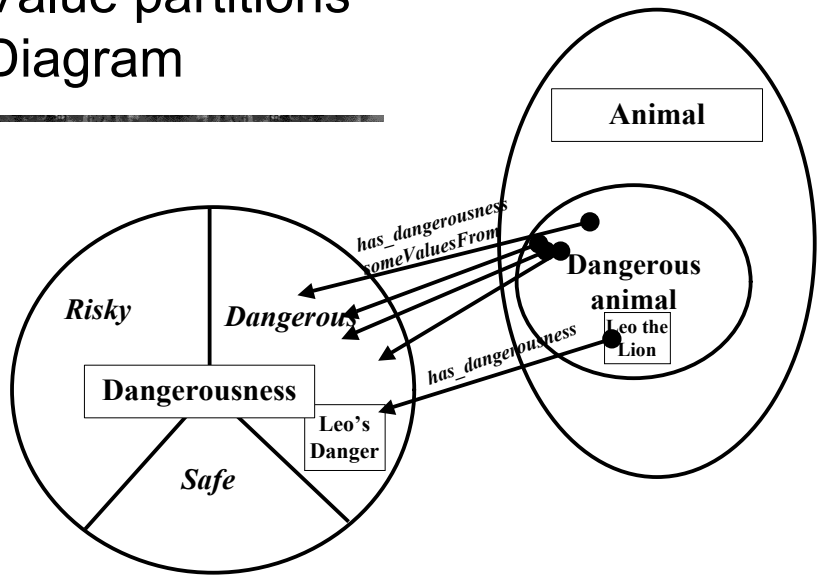


# as created by Value Partition wizard






# Value partitions Diagram



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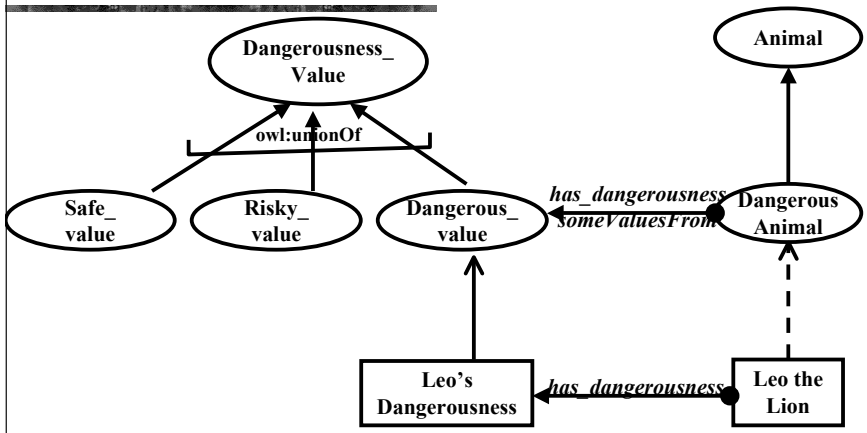




# Method 2: Value sets – Example Sex

- There are only two sexes
  - Can argue that they are things
    - "Administrative sex" definitely a thing
    - "Biological sex" is more complicated



# Method 2: Value sets- example Sex

- A parent quality – Sex_value
- Individuals for each value
  - male, female
- Values all different (NOT assumed by OWL)
- Value type is enumeration of values
  - Sex_value = {male, female}
- A functional property has_sex
  - Range is parent quality, e.g. Sex_value
  - Domain must be specified separately
- Male_animal =
  Animal *and* has_sex *is* male



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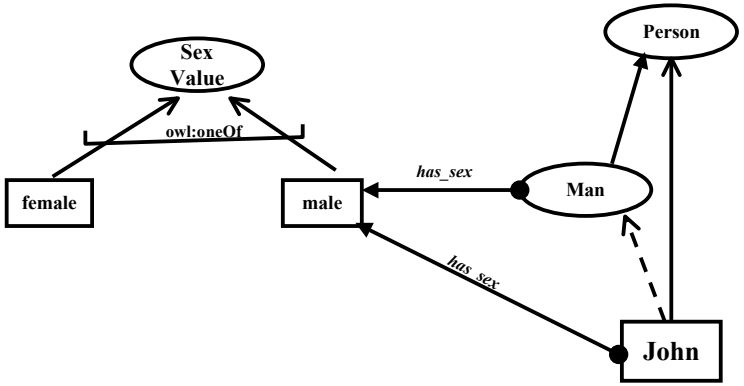
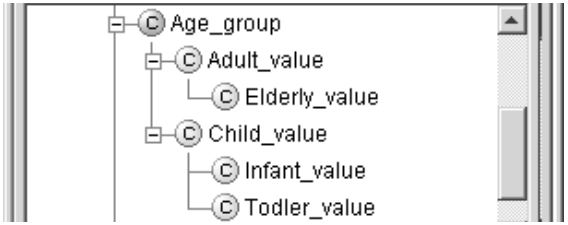


# Issues in specifying values

- Value Partitions
  - Can be subdivided and specialised
  - Fit with philosophical notion of a quality space
  - Require interpretation to go in databases as values
    - **in theory but rarely considered in practice**
  - Work better with existing classifiers in OWL-DL
- **Value Sets**
  - Cannot be subdivided
  - Fit with intuitions
  - More similar to data bases – no interpretation
  - Work less well with existing classifiers



# Value partitions – practical reasons for subdivisions

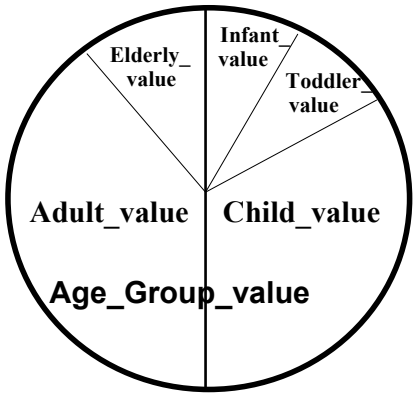



- "All elderly are adults"
- "All infants are children"
- etc.

- See also "Normality_status" in
  http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/~rector/ontologies/mini-top-bio
  - One can have complicated value partitions if needed.



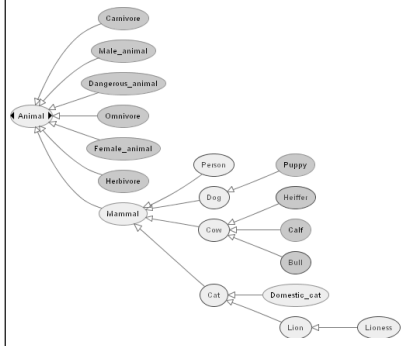
# Picture of subdivided value partition

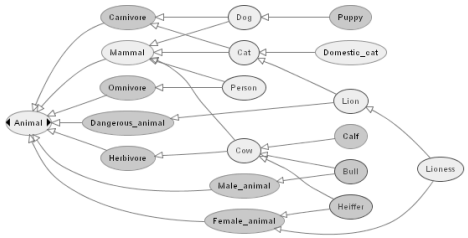





# More defined kinds of animals

- Before classification, trees
- After classification, DAGs



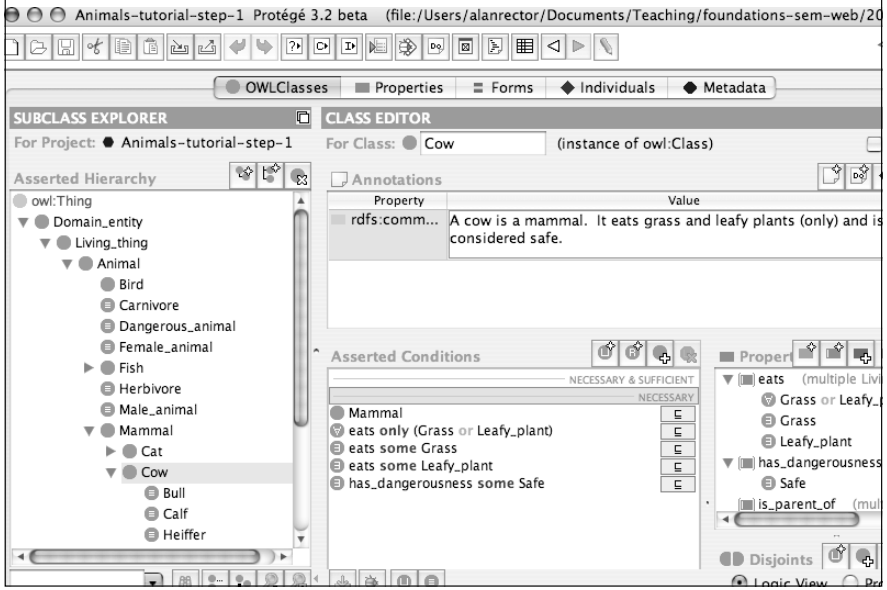



# Part III – Hands On

- Be sure you have installed the software
  - (See front page)
- Open Animals-tutorial-step-1



# Explore the interface

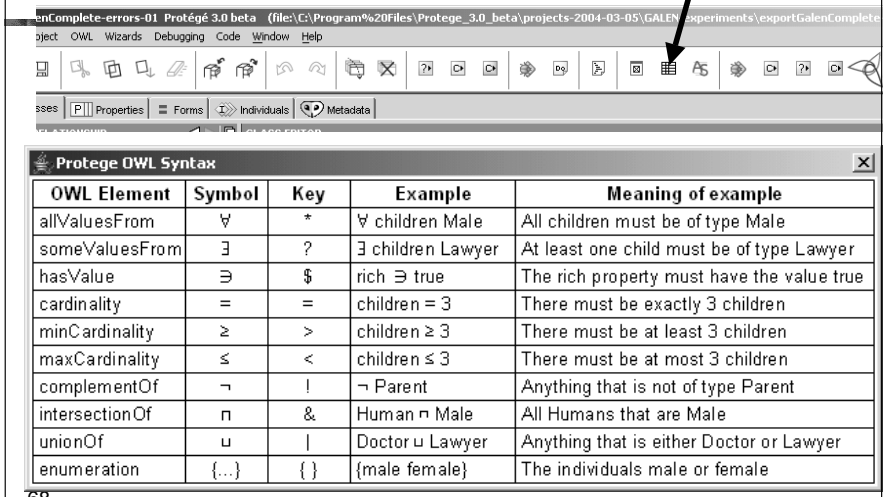



# Protégé - new abbreviated abstract syntax

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | some | someValuesFrom | ∃ |
| | only | allValuesFrom | ∀ |
| | has | hasValue | ∋ |
| | …and… | intersectionOf(…) | ⊓ |
| | …or… | unionOf(…) | ⊔ |
| | not | complementOf() | ¬ |
| | min | minCardinality | |
| | max | maxCardinality | |
| | exactly | cardinality | |
| | =, ≤, ≥ | Numeric comparisons (coming soon) | |



# Protégé Old (≤v3.1) Syntax




| OWL Element | Symbol | Key | Example | Meaning of example |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| allValuesFrom | ∀ | * | ∀ children Male | All children must be of type Male |
| someValuesFrom | ∃ | ? | ∃ children Lawyer | At least one child must be of type Lawyer |
| hasValue | ∋ | $ | rich ∋ true | The rich property must have the value true |
| cardinality | = | = | children = 3 | There must be exactly 3 children |
| minCardinality | ≥ | > | children ≥ 3 | There must be at least 3 children |
| maxCardinality | ≤ | < | children ≤ 3 | There must be at most 3 children |
| complementOf | ¬ | ! | ¬ Parent | Anything that is not of type Parent |
| intersectionOf | ⊓ | & | Human ⊓ Male | All Humans that are Male |
| unionOf | ⊔ | \| | Doctor ⊔ Lawyer | Anything that is either Doctor or Lawyer |
| enumeration | {…} | { } | {male female} | The individuals male or female |

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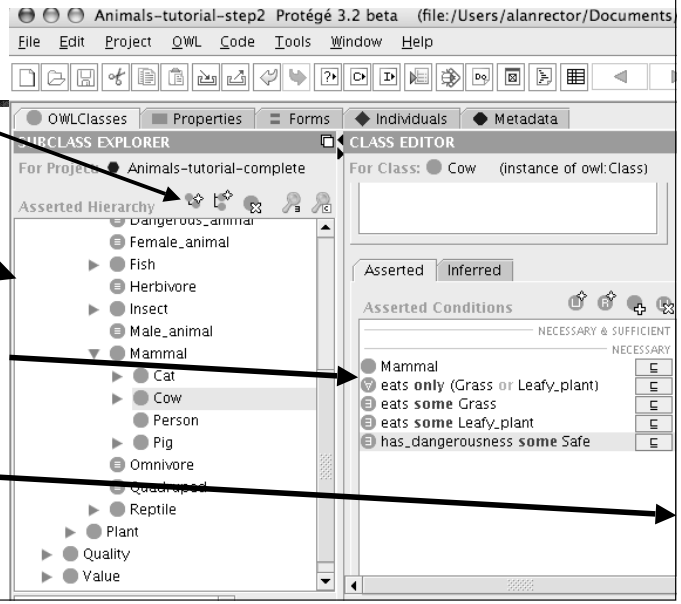




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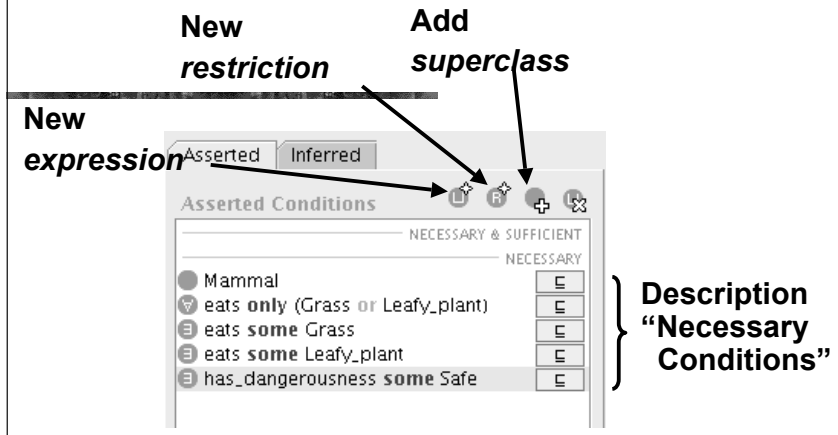


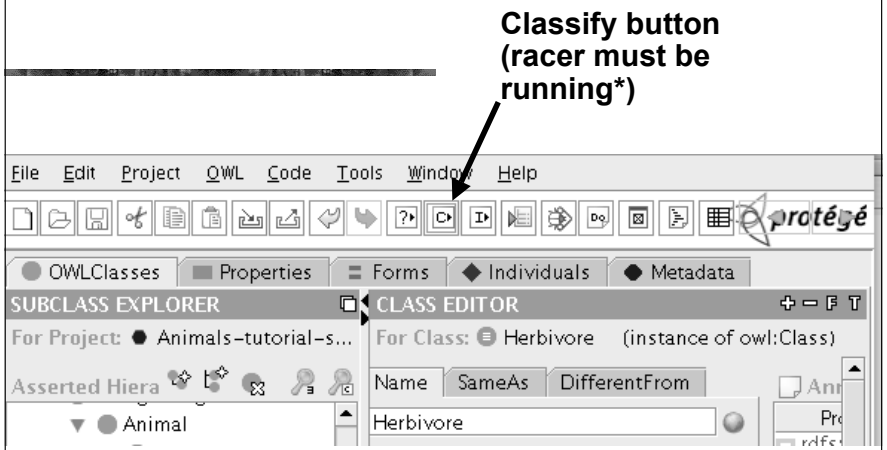



# Explore the interface


"Defined class"
has *necessary & sufficient conditions*
( ≡ )



# Explore the interface




*Or some other DIG compliant classifier

# Exercise 1

- Create a new animal, an Elephant and an Ape
  - Make them disjoint from the other animals
  - Make the ape an omnivore
    - eats animals and eats plants
  - Make the sheep a herbivore
    - eats plants and only plants



# Exercise 1b: Classification

- Check it with the classifier
- Is Sheep classified under Herbivore
  - If not, have you forgot the closure axiom?
- Did it all turn red?
  - Do you have too many disjoint axioms?



# Exercise 1c: checking disjoints – make things that should be inconsistent

- Create a Probe_Sheep_and_Cow that is a kind of both Sheep and Cow
- Create a Probe_Ape_and_Man that is a kind of both Ape and Man
- Run the classifier
- Did both probes turn red?
  - If not, check the disjoints



# Exercise 2: A new value partition

- Create a new value partition
  - Size_partition
    - Big
    - Medium
    - Small
- Describe
  - Lions, Cows, and Elephants as Big
    domestic_cat as Small
    the rest Medium

# Exercise 2b

- Define Big_animal and Small_animal
  - Does the classification work
- Extra
  - Make a subdivision of Big for Huge and make elephants Huge
    - Do elephants still classify as “Big Animal



# Part IV – Patterns: n-ary relations

- Upper ontologies & Domain ontologies
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- Specifying Values
- *n-ary relations*
- Classes as values – using the ontology



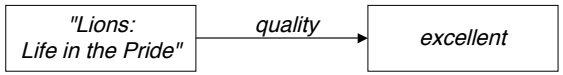
# Saying something about a restriction

- Not just
  - that an a book is good but who said so
  - And its price
  - And where to buy it
- But can say nothing about properties
  - except special thing
    - Super and subproperties
    - Functional, transitive, symmetric



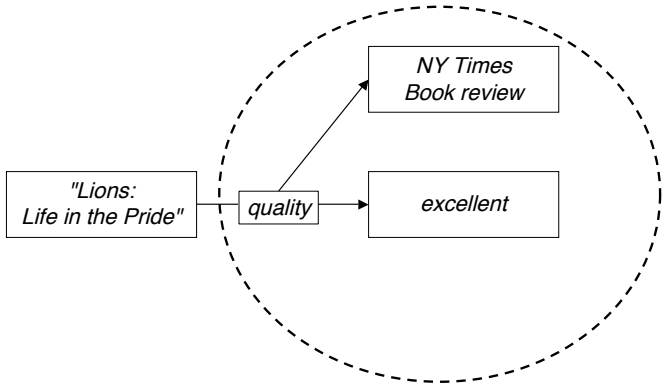
# N-ary Relations

*Binary Relation*

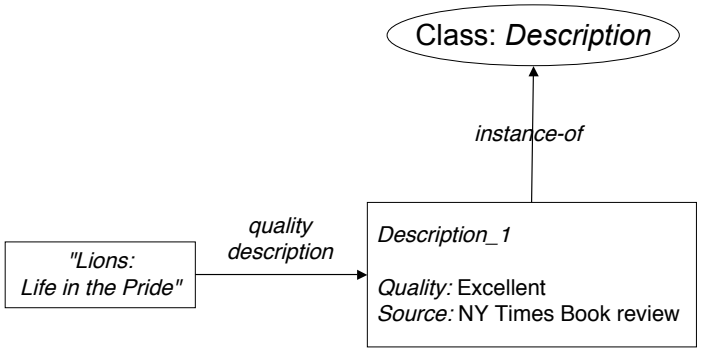



- According to whom?

# Adding attributes to a Relation




# Define a class for a relation: Reification

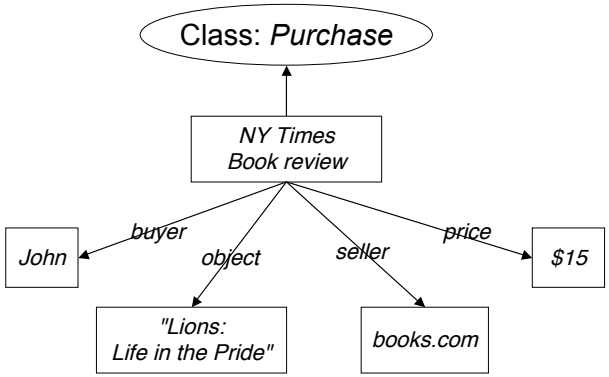



# A Relation Between Multiple Participants

*John buys "Lions:Life in the Pride" from books.com for $15*

- Participants in this relation:
  - John
  - "Lions: Life in the Pride"
  - books.com
  - $15
- No clear "originator"

# Network of Participants



## Considerations

- Choosing the right pattern: often subjective
  - Pattern 1: additional attributes for a relation
  - Pattern 2: a network of participants
- Instances of reified relations usually don't have meaningful names
- Defining inverse relations is more tricky



## Part V – Patterns: Classes as values

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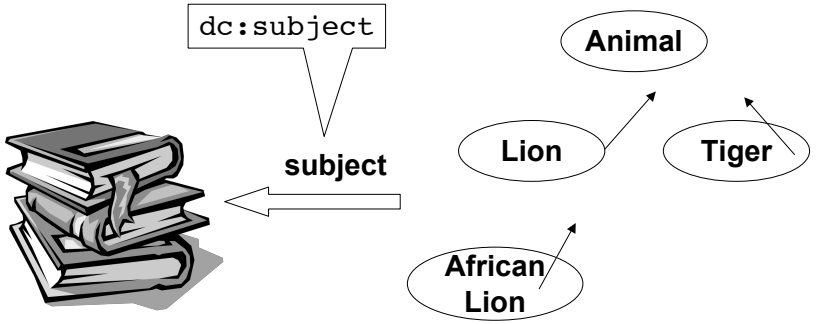
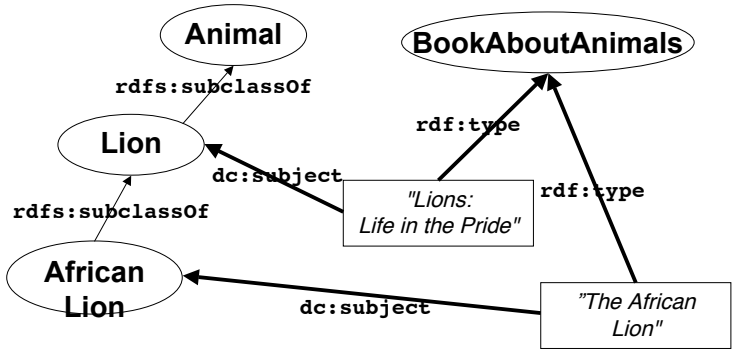
## Using Classes as Property Values



# Using Classes Directly As Values



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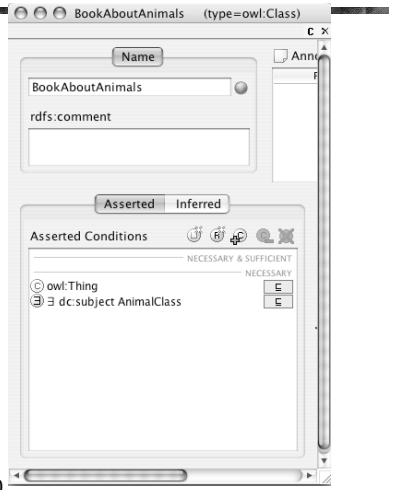




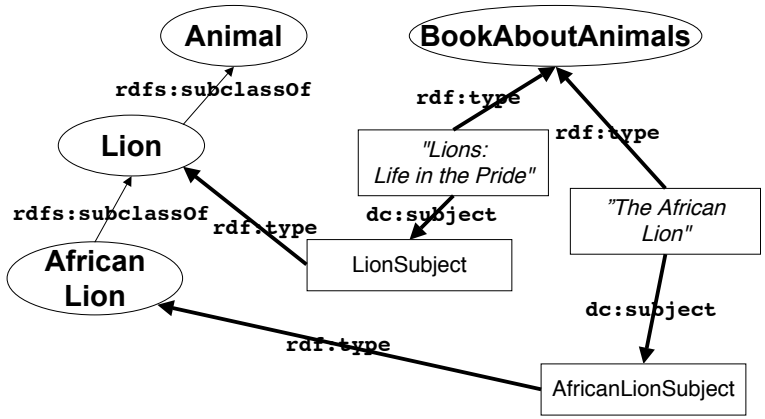


# Approach 1: Considerations

- Compatible with OWL Full and RDF Schema
- Outside OWL DL
  - Because classes cannot be values in OWL-DL
    - Nothing can be both a class and and instance

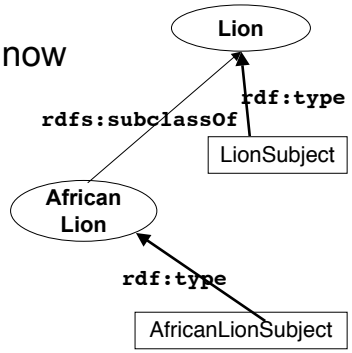


# Approach 2: Hierarchy of Subjects



# Hierarchy of Subjects: Considerations

- Compatible with OWL DL
- Instances of class Lion are now subjects
- No direct relation between LionSubject and AfricalLionSubject
- Maintenance penalty



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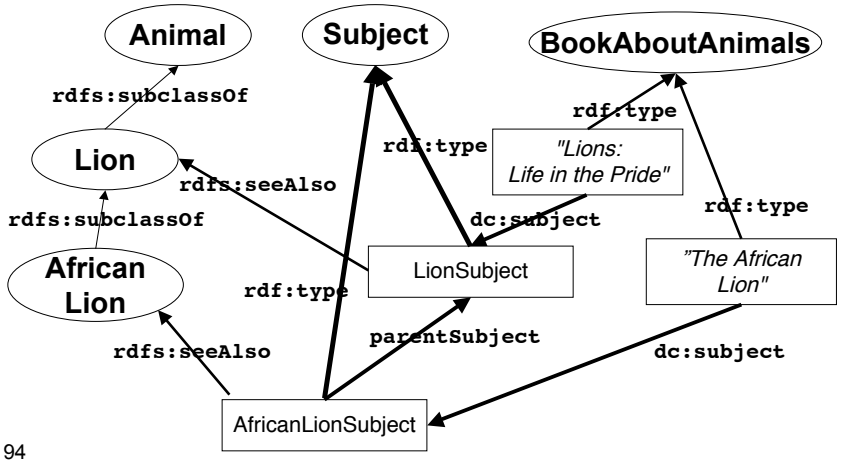
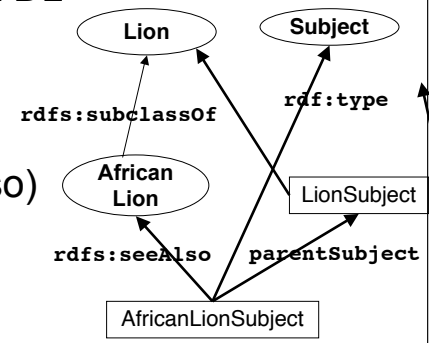




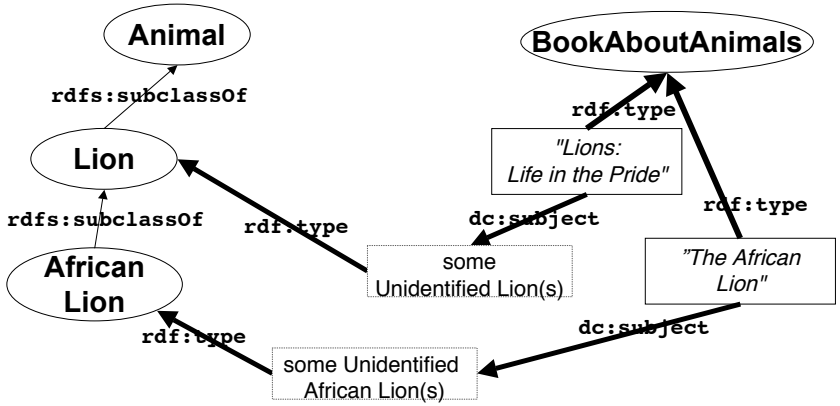

# Hierarchy of Subjects: Considerations

- Compatible with OWL DL
- Subject hierarchy (terminology) is independent of class hierarchy (rdfs:seeAlso)
- Maintenance penalty






# Using members of a class as values



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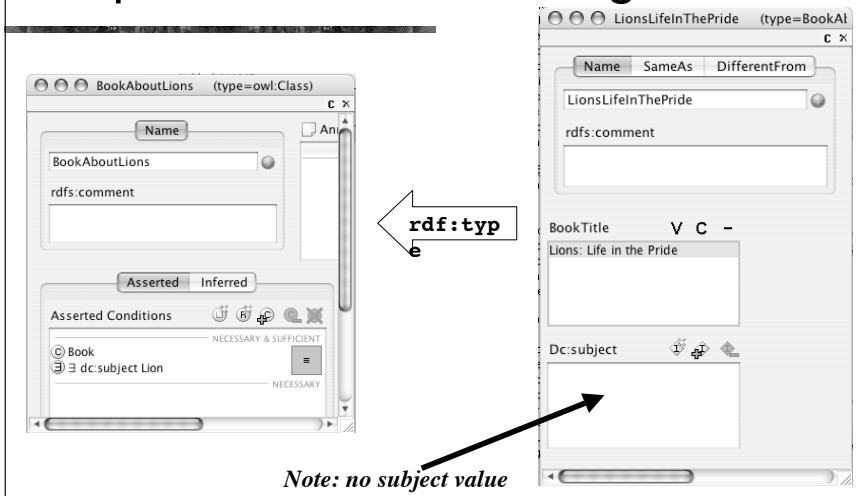




# Considerations

- Compatible with OWL DL
- Interpretation: the subject is one or more specific lions, rather than the Lion class
- Can use a DL reasoner to classify specific books



# Part VI – Patterns: Part-whole relations

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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
  - It is presented for information only

# Part Whole relations

- OWL has no special constructs
  - But provides (some of) the building blocks
- Transitive relations
  - Finger is_part_of Hand
    Hand is_part_of Arm
    Arm is_part_of Body
    - →
  - Finger is_part_of Body



# Many kinds of part-whole relations

- Physical parts
  - hand-arm
- Geographic regions
  - Hiroshima - Japan
- Functional parts
  - cpu – computer
- See Winston & Odell
  Artale
  Rosse



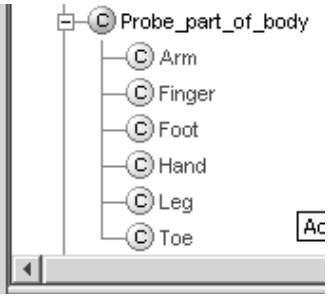
# Simple version

- One property *is_part_of*
  - transitive
    - Finger is_part_of *some* Hand
      Hand is_part_of *some* Arm
      Arm is_part_of some Body



# Get a simple list

- Probe_part_of_body =
  Domain_category
  is_part_of some Body




- Logically correct
  - But may not be what we want to see

# Injuries, Faults, Diseases, Etc.

- A hand is not a *kind of* a body
  - … but an injury to a hand is a kind of injury to a body
- A motor is not a *kind of* automobile
  - … but a fault in the motor is a kind of fault in the automobile
- And people often expect to see partonomy hierarchies

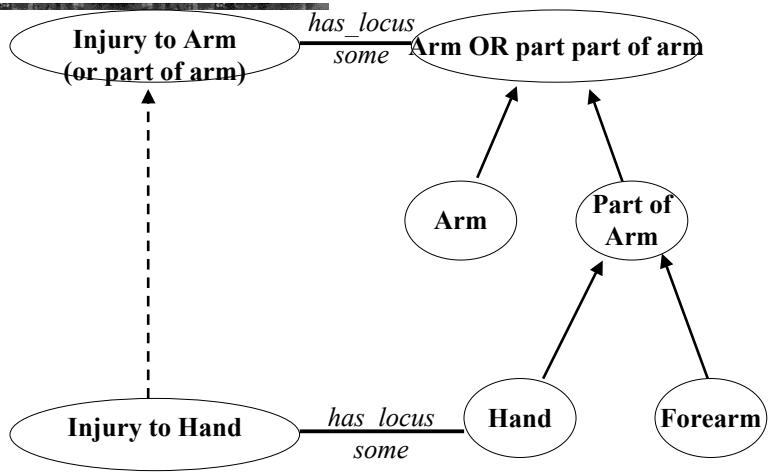


# Being more precise: "Adapted SEP Triples"

- Body ('as a whole')
  - Body
- The Body's parts
  - is_part_of *some* Body
- The Body and it's parts
  - Body OR is_part_of *some* Body
- Repeat for all parts
  - Use 'Clone class' or
  - NB: 'JOT' Python plugin is good for this

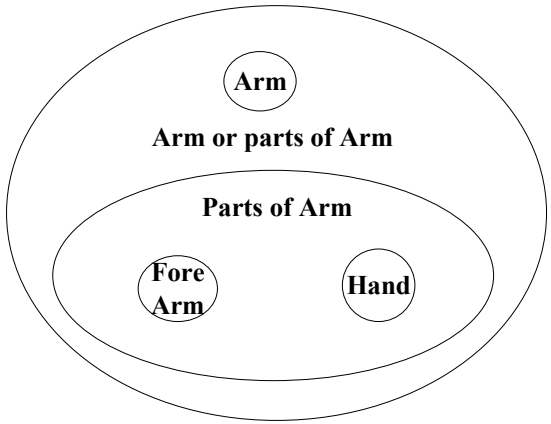


# Adapted SEP triples: UML like view

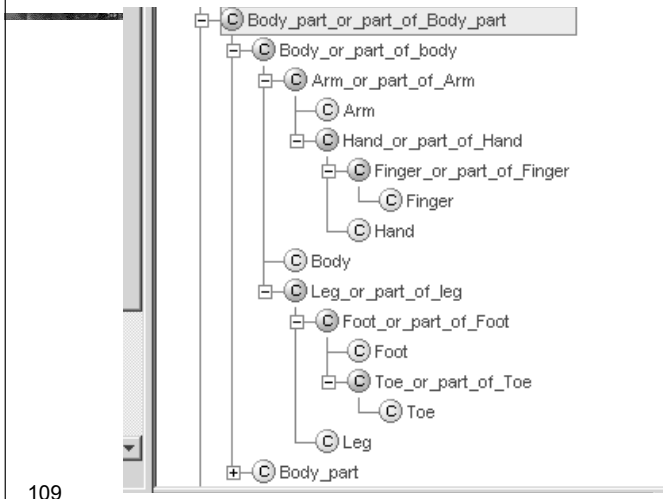





# Adapted SEP triples: Venn style view



# Resulting classification: Ugly to look at, but correct






# Using part-whole relations: Defining injuries or faults

- Injury_to_Hand = Injury has_locus *some* Hand_or_part_of_hand
- Injury_to_Arm = Injury has_locus *some* Arm_or_part_of_Arm
- Injury_to_Body = Injury has_locus *some* Body_or_part_of_Body


- The expected hierarchy from point of view of anatomy

# Caution with part of

- Motor is_part_of *some* Car
  - Means "All motors are part of some car"
    - Obviously false!
  - But convenient to get:
    Car_part =
    is_part_of some Car
    subsumes
    Motor
  - To be correct must use
    "Car_motor =
    Motor *and* is_part_of *some* Car



# Geographical regions and individuals

- Similar representation possible for individuals but more difficult
  - and less well explored

# Simplified view: Geographical_regions

- Class: Geographical_region
  - Include countries, cities, provinces, …
    - A detailed ontology would break them down
- Geographical features
  - Include Hotels, Mountains, Islands, etc.
- Properties:
  - Geographical_region *is_subregion_of* Geographical_Region
  - Geographical_feature *has_location* Geographical_Region
  - Features located in subregions are located in the region.
    *is_subregion_of* is transitive



# Geographical regions & features are represented as individuals

- Japan, Honshu, Hiroshima, Hiroshima-ken,…
- Mt_Fuji, Hiroshima_Prince_Hotel, …



# Facts*

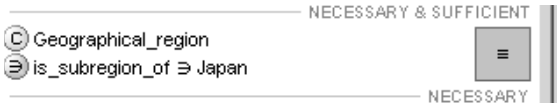
- Honshu is_subregion_of *hasValue* Japan
  Hiroshima-ken is_subregion_of *hasValue* Honshu
  Hiroshima is_subregion_of hasValue Hiroshima-ken
- Mt_Fuji has_location *hasValue* Honshu
  **Hiroshima_prince_hotel** has_location *hasValue* Hiroshima-ken

*with apologies for any errors in Japanese geography



# Definitions

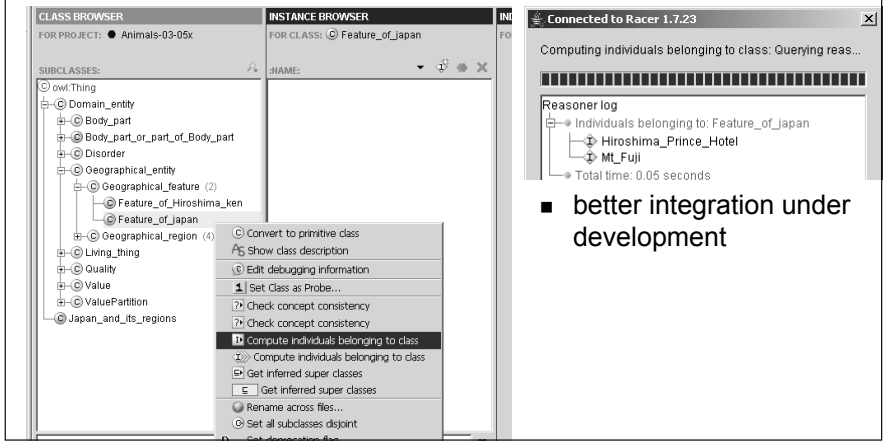
- Region_of_Japan =
  Geographical_region *AND*
  is_subregion_of *hasValue* Japan




- Feature_of_Japan =
  Geographical_feature *AND*
  ( hasLocation *hasValue* Japan *OR*
  hasLocation *hasValue* Region_of_Japan )

# In tools at this time

- Must ask from right mouse button menu in Individuals tab




  - better integration under development



# Warning: Individuals and reasoners

- Individuals only partly implemented in reasoners
  - If results do not work, ask someone if they should!
    - **Open World reasoning with individuals is very difficult to implement**
  - If it doesn't work, try simulating individuals by classes
  - Large sets of individuals better in "Instance Stores", RDF triple stores, databases, etc that are restricted or closed world
- ***Ontologies are mainly about classes***
  - ***Ontologies are NOT databases***

# Part-whole in OWL

- Note - the only aspect of the part whole relation represented in OWL is transitivity
  - "Mereologists" (those who study parts-whole relations) define other axioms
    - Antisymmetry (nothing can be part of itself)
    - Reflexive (everything is a part of itself)
    - Weak supplementation principle -
      - When you take away a part (except the whole), you leave something behind



# Qualified cardinality constraints

- Use with partonomy
- Use with n-ary relations

# Cardinality Restrictions

- "All mammals have four limbs"
  - "All Persons have two legs and two arms"
  - "(All mammals have two forelimbs and two hind limbs)"



# What we would like to say: Qualified cardinality constraints

- Mammal
  has_part cardinality=4 Limb
- Mammal
  has_part cardinality = 2 Forelimb
  has_part cardinality = 2 Hindlimb
- Arm = Forelimb AND is_part_of some Person

**Glossary: "Forelimb" = front leg or arm**
**"Hindlimb" = back leg**



# What we have to say in OWL

- The property *has_part* has subproperties:
  *has_limb*
  *has_leg*
  *has_arm*
  *has_wing*

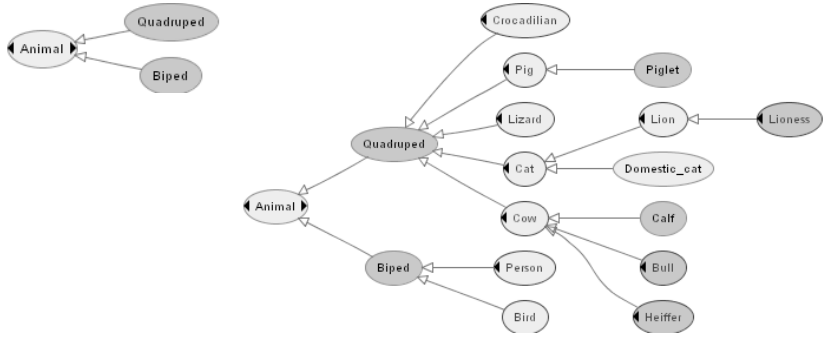
- Mammal, Reptile, Bird *has_limb* cardinality=4
  Person *has_leg* cardinality=2
  Cow, Dog, Pig… *has_leg* cardinality=4
  Bird *has_leg* cardinality=2

- Biped = Animal AND
  *has_leg* cardinality=2



# Classification of bipeds and quadrupeds

- Before classification
- After classificaiton

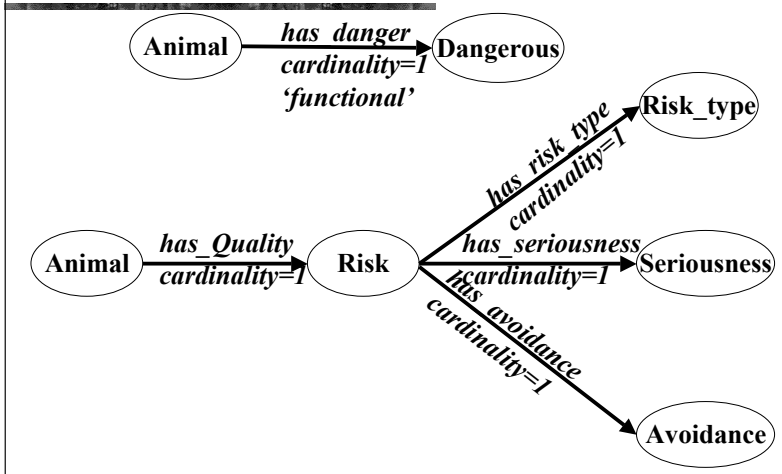


# Cardinality and n-ary relations

- Need to control cardinality of relations represented as classes
  - An animal can have just 1 “dangerousness”
    - Requires a special subproperty of quality:
      - has_dangerousness_quality cardinality=1

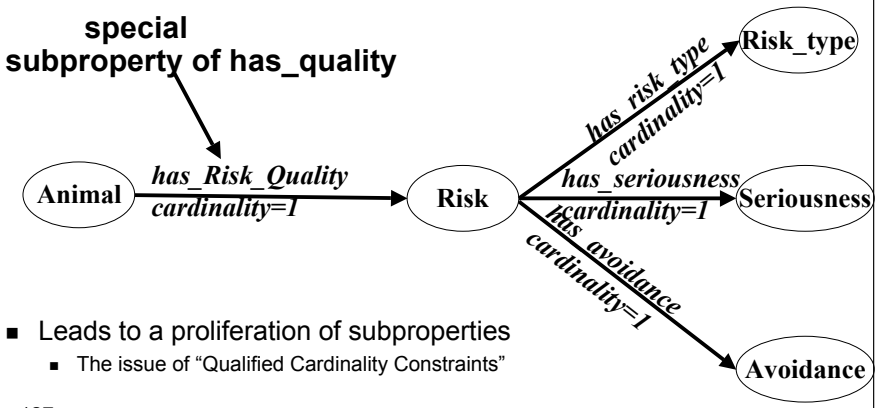


# Re-representing the property has_danger as the class Risk






# In OWL must add subproperty for each quality to control cardinality, e.g. *has_risk_quality*




- Leads to a proliferation of subproperties
  - The issue of “Qualified Cardinality Constraints”

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  - Transitive properties
  - Qualified cardinality restrictions



# End

- To find out more:
  - **http://www.co-ode.org**
    - Comprehensive tutorial and sample ontologiesxz
  - **http://protege.stanford.org**
    - Subscribe to mailing lists; participate in forums
  - On the SW in general:
    **semanticweb@yahoogroups.com**
  - For specific feedback to SWBP
    - Home & Mail Archive:
      **http://www.w3.org/2001/sw/BestPractices/**
      **public-swbp-wg@w3.org**



# Part VI – Hands On supplement

- Open Animals-tutorial-step-2



# Exercise 3: (Advanced supplement)

- Load Animals-Tutorial-complete.pprj
- Define a new kind of Limb – Wing
- Describe birds as having 2 wings
- Define a Two-Winged_animal
- Does bird classify under Two-Winged_animal?