

# OWL 2

Web Ontology Language

*Some material adapted from presentations by Ian Horrocks and by Feroz Farazi*

# Introduction

- OWL 2 extends OWL 1.1 and is backward compatible with it
- The new features of OWL 2 based on real applications, use cases and user experience
- Adopted as a W3C recommendation in December 2009
- All new features were justified by use cases and examples
- Most OWL software supports OWL now

# Features and Rationale

- Syntactic sugar
- New constructs for properties
- Extended datatypes
- Punning
- Extended annotations
- Some innovations
- Minor features

# Syntactic Sugar

- OWL 2 adds features that
  - Don't change expressiveness, semantics, complexity
  - Makes some patterns easier to write
  - Allowing more efficient processing in reasoners
- New features include:
  - DisjointClasses
  - DisjointUnion
  - NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion
  - NegativeDataPropertyAssertion

# Syntactic sugar: `disJointClasses`

- It's common to want to assert that a set of classes are pairwise disjoint
  - No individual can be an instance of 2 of the classes in the set
- Faculty, staff and students are all disjoint
  - [a owl:allDisjointClasses;  
owlmembers (:faculty :staff :students)]
- In OWL 1.1 we'd have to make three assertions
  - :faculty owl:disjointWith :staff
  - :faculty owl:disjointWith :student
  - :staff owl:disjointWith :staff
- Will be cumbersome for large sets

# Syntactic sugar: disJointUnion

- Need for disjointUnion construct

- A *:CarDoor* is exclusively either

- a *:FrontDoor*, a *:RearDoor* or a *:TrunkDoor*

- and not more than one of them



- In OWL 2

- `:CarDoor a owl:disjointUnionOf (:FrontDoor :RearDoor :TrunkDoor).`

- In OWL 1.1

- `:CarDoor owl:unionOf (:FrontDoor :RearDoor :TrunkDoor).`

- `:FrontDoor owl:disjointWith :RearDoor .`

- `:FrontDoor owl:disjointWith :TrunkDoor .`

- `:RearDoor owl:disjointWith :TrunkDoor .`

# Syntactic sugar: disJointUnion

- It's common for a concept to have more than one decomposition into disjoint union sets
- E.g.: every person is either male or female (but not both) and also either a minor or adult (but not both)

foaf:Person

owl:disjointUnionOf (:MalePerson :FemalePerson);

owl:disjointUnionOf (:Minor :Adult) .

# Syntactic sugar: negative assertions

- Asserts that a property doesn't hold between two instances or between an instance and a literal
- NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion
  - Barack Obama was not born in Kenya
- NegativeDataPropertyAssertion
  - Barack Obama is not 60 years old
- Encoded using a “reification style”



# Syntactic sugar: negative assertions

```
@prefix dbp: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .
```

```
@prefix dbpo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/> .
```

```
[a owl:NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion;  
  owl:sourceIndividual dbp:Barack_Obama ;  
  owl:assertionProperty dbpo:born_in ;  
  owl:targetIndividual dbp:Kenya] .
```

```
[a owl:NegativeDataPropertyAssertion;  
  owl:sourceIndividual dbp:Barack_Obama ;  
  owl:assertionProperty dbpo:age ;  
  owl:targetIndividual "60" ] .
```

# Syntactic sugar: negative assertions

- Note that the negative assertions are about two individuals
- Suppose we want to say that :john has no spouse?
- Or to define the concept of an unmarried person?
- Can we use a negative assertion to do it?

# Syntactic sugar: negative assertions

- Suppose we want to say that :john has no spouse?

```
[a owl:NegativeObjectPropertyAssertion;  
  owl:sourceIndividual :john ;  
  owl:assertionProperty dbpo:spouse ;  
  owl:targetIndividual ??????????]
```

- We can't do this with a negative assertion 😞
- It requires a variable, e.g., there is no ?X such that (:john, dbpo:spouse, ?X) is true

# Syntactic sugar: negative assertions

- The negative assertion feature is limited
- Can we define a concept `:unmarriedPerson` and assert that `:john` is an instance of this?
- We can do it this way:
  - An unmarried person is a kind of person
  - and a kind of thing with exactly 0 spouses

# John is not married

:john a :unmarriedPerson .

:unmarriedPerson

a Person;

a [a owl:Restriction;

onProperty dbpo:spouse;

owl:cardinality "0"] .

# New property Features

- Self restriction
- Qualified cardinality restriction
- Object properties
- Disjoint properties
- Property chain
- Keys

# Self restriction

- Classes of objects that are related to themselves by a given property
  - E.g., the class of processes that regulate themselves
- It is also called *local reflexivity*
  - E.g., Auto-regulating processes regulate themselves
- Narcissists are things who love themselves

```
:Narcissist owl:equivalentClass  
  [a owl:Restriction;  
    owl:onProperty :loves;  
    owl:hasSelf "true"^^xsd:boolean] .
```

# Qualified cardinality restrictions

- Qualifies the instances to be counted
- Six varieties: {Data | Object}{Min | Exact | Max} Type
- Examples
  - People with exactly 3 children who are girls
  - People with at least 3 names
  - Each individual has at most 1 SSN
  - Pizzas with exactly four toppings all of which are cheeses



# Qualified cardinality restrictions

- Done via new properties with domain owl:Restriction, namely  $\{min|max|\}$ QualifiedCardinality and *onClass*
- Example: people with exactly three children who are girls

```
[a owl:restriction;  
  owl:onProperty :has_child;  
  owl:onClass [owl:subClassOf :FemalePerson;  
                owl:subClassOf :Minor].  
  QualifiedCardinality "3" .
```

# Object properties

- ReflexiveObjectProperty
  - Globally reflexive
  - Everything is part of itself
- IrreflexiveObjectProperty
  - Nothing can be a proper part of itself
- AsymmetricObjectProperty
  - If  $x$  is proper part of  $y$ , then the opposite does not hold

# Disjoint properties

- E.g., you can't be both the *parent of* and *child of* the same person
- DisjointObjectProperties (for object properties)  
E.g., `:hasParent owl:propertyDisjointWith :hasChild`
- DisjointDataProperties (for data properties)  
E.g., `:startTime owl:disjointWith :endTime`
- AllDisjointProperties for pairwise disjointness  
`[a owl:AllDisjointProperties ;  
 owl:members ( :hasSon :hasDaughter :hasParent ) ] .`

# A Dissertation Committee

- Here is a relevant real-world example.

A dissertation committee has a candidate who must be a student and five members all of whom must be faculty. One member must be the advisor, another can be a co-advisor and two must be readers. The readers can not serve as advisor or co-advisor.

- How can we model it in OWL?

# A Dissertation Committee

A **dissertation committee** has a candidate who must be a student and five members all of whom must be faculty. One member must be the advisor, another can be a co-advisor and two must be readers. The readers can not serve as advisor or co-advisor.

- Define a `DissertationCommittee` class
- Define properties it can have along with appropriate constraints

# A Dissertation Committee

:DC a owl:class; [a owl:Restriction;  
owl:onProperty :co-advisor; owl:maxCardinality "1"] .

:candidate a owl:FunctionalProperty;  
rdfs:domain :DC; rdfs:range student.

:advisor a owl:FunctionalProperty;  
rdfs:domain :DC; rdfs:range faculty.

:co-advisor owl:ObjectProperty;  
rdfs:domain :DC; rdfs:range faculty,  
owl:propertyDisjointWith :advisor .

...

# Property chain inclusion

- Properties can be defined as a composition of other properties
- The brother of your parent is your uncle  
:uncle owl:propertyChainAxiom (:parent :brother) .
- Your parent's sister's spouse is your uncle  
:uncle owl:propertyChainAxiom (:parent :sister :spouse) .

# Keys

- Individuals can be identified uniquely
- Identification can be done using
  - A data or object property (equivalent to inverse functional)
  - A set of properties
- Examples
  - foaf:Person
  - owl:hasKey (foaf:mbox),  
(:homePhone :foaf:name).



# Extended datatypes

- Extra datatypes
  - Examples: owl:real, owl:rational, xsd:pattern
- Datatype restrictions
  - Range of datatypes
  - For example, a teenager has age between 13 and 18

# Extended datatypes

- Data range combinations
  - Intersection of
    - `DataIntersectionOf( xsd:nonNegativeInteger xsd:nonPositiveInteger )`
  - Union of
    - `DataUnionOf( xsd:string xsd:integer )`
  - Complement of data range
    - `DataComplementOf( xsd:positiveInteger )`

# An example

:Teenager a

[owl:Restriction ;

owl:onProperty :hasAge ;

owl:someValuesFrom \_:y .]

\_:y a rdfs:Datatype ;

owl:onDatatype xsd:integer ;

owl:withRestrictions ( \_:z1 \_:z2 ) .

\_:z1 xsd:minInclusive "13"^^xsd:integer .

\_:z2 xsd:maxInclusive "19"^^xsd:integer .

# Punning

- *OWL 1 DL* things can't be both a class and instance
  - E.g., `:SnowLeopard` can't be both a subclass of `:Feline` and an instance of `:EndangeredSpecies`
- *OWL 2 DL* offers better support for meta-modeling via *punning*
  - A URI denoting an owl thing can have two distinct views, e.g., as a class and as an instance
  - The one intended is determined by its use
  - A *pun* is often defined as a joke that exploits the fact that a word has two different senses or meanings

# Punning Restrictions

- Classes and object properties also can have the same name
  - For example, :mother can be both a property and a class of people
- But classes and datatype properties can not have the same name
- Also datatype properties and object properties can not have the same name

# Punning Example

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .

@prefix owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#> .

@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .

foaf:Person a owl:Class.

:Woman a owl:Class.

:Parent a owl:Class.

:mother a owl:ObjectProperty;

  rdfs:domain foaf:Person;

  rdfs:range foaf:Person .

:mother a owl:Class;

  owl:intersectionOf (:Woman :Parent).

[validate via http://owl.cs.manchester.ac.uk/validator/](http://owl.cs.manchester.ac.uk/validator/)

# Annotations

- In OWL *annotations* comprise information that carries no official meaning
- Some properties in OWL 1 are annotation properties, e.g., owl:comment, rdf:label and rdf:seeAlso
- OWL 1 allowed RDF reification as a way to say things about triples, again w/o official meaning

```
[a rdf:Statement;  
  rdf:subject :Barack_Obama;  
  rdf:predicate dbpo:born_in;  
  rdf:object :Kenya;  
  :certainty "0.01" ].
```

# Annotations

- OWL 2 has native support for annotations, including
  - Annotations on owl axioms (i.e., triples)
  - Annotations on entities (e.g., a Class)
  - Annotations on annotations
- The mechanism is again reification



# Annotations

:Man rdfs:subClassOf :Person .

\_:x rdf:type owl:Axiom ;

owl:subject :Man ;

owl:predicate rdfs:subClassOf ;

owl:object :Person ;

:probability "0.99"^^xsd:integer;

rdfs:label "Every man is a person." .

# Inverse object properties

- Some object property can be inverse of another property
- For example, `partOf` and `hasPart`
- The `ObjectInverseOf( :partOf )` expression represents the inverse property of *part of*
- This makes writing ontologies easier by avoiding the need to name an inverse

# OWL Sub-languages

- OWL 1 had sub-languages: OWL FULL, OWL DL and OWL Lite
- OWL FULL is undecidable
- OWL DL is worst case highly intractable
- Even OWL Lite turned out to be not very tractable (EXPTIME-complete)
- OWL 2 introduced three sub-languages, called *profiles*, designed for different use cases

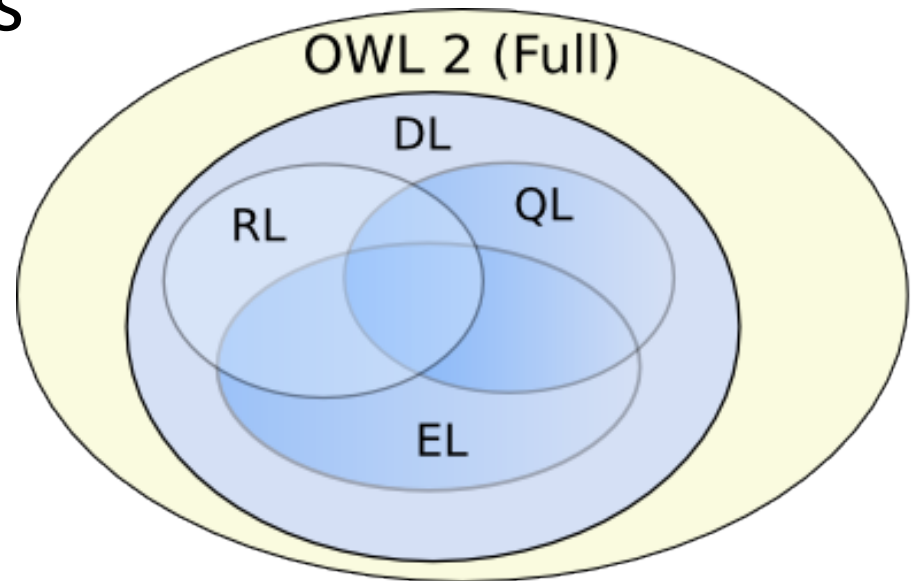
# OWL 2 Profiles

OWL 2 defines three different tractable profiles:

- **EL**: polynomial time reasoning for schema and data
  - Useful for ontologies with large conceptual part
- **QL**: fast (logspace) query answering using RDBMs via SQL
  - Useful for large datasets already stored in RDBs
- **RL**: fast (polynomial) query answering using rule-extended DBs
  - Useful for large datasets stored as RDF triples

# OWL Profiles

- Profiles considered
  - Useful computational properties, e.g., reasoning complexity
  - Implementation possibilities, e.g., using RDBs
- There are three profiles
  - OWL 2 EL
  - OWL 2 QL
  - OWL 2 RL



# OWL 2 EL

- A (near maximal) fragment of OWL 2 such that
  - Satisfiability checking is in PTime (**PTime-Complete**)
  - Data complexity of query answering is PTime-Complete
- Based on **EL** family of description logics
  - Existential (someValuesFrom) + conjunction
- It does not allow disjunction and *universal restrictions*
- *Saturation* is an efficient reasoning technique
- It can capture the expressive power used by many large-scale ontologies, e.g., [SNOMED CT](#)

# Basic Saturation-based Technique

Normalise ontology axioms to standard form:

$$A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqcap B \sqsubseteq C \quad A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad \exists R.B \sqsubseteq C$$

- Saturate using inference rules:

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad B \sqsubseteq C}{A \sqsubseteq C}$$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq C \quad B \sqcap C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad B \sqsubseteq C \quad \exists R.C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

- Extension to Horn fragment requires (many) more rules

Saturation is a general reasoning technique in which you first compute the deductive closure of a given set of rules and add the results to the KB. Then run your prover.

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

**Example:** infer that a heart transplant is a kind of organ transplant

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$



# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{SH}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SH} \sqsubseteq \text{HeartTransplant}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

## Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{SH}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SH} \sqsubseteq \text{HeartTransplant}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{SH}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SH} \sqsubseteq \text{HeartTransplant}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

## Example:

OrganTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Organ  
HeartTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Heart  
Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad B \sqsubseteq C \quad \exists R.C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant  
OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Organ  
 $\exists$ site.Organ  $\sqsubseteq$  SO  
Transplant  $\sqcap$  SO  $\sqsubseteq$  OrganTransplant  
HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant  
HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Heart  
 $\exists$ site.Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  SH  
Transplant  $\sqcap$  SH  $\sqsubseteq$  HeartTransplant  
Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ



# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

## Example:

OrganTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Organ

HeartTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Heart

Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad B \sqsubseteq C \quad \exists R.C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant

OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Organ

$\exists$ site.Organ  $\sqsubseteq$  SO

Transplant  $\sqcap$  SO  $\sqsubseteq$  OrganTransplant

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Heart

$\exists$ site.Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  SH

Transplant  $\sqcap$  SH  $\sqsubseteq$  HeartTransplant

Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  SO

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

## Example:

OrganTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Organ

HeartTransplant  $\equiv$  Transplant  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ site.Heart

Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq C \quad B \sqcap C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant

OrganTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Organ

$\exists$ site.Organ  $\sqsubseteq$  SO

Transplant  $\sqcap$  SO  $\sqsubseteq$  OrganTransplant

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  Transplant

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists$ site.Heart

$\exists$ site.Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  SH

Transplant  $\sqcap$  SH  $\sqsubseteq$  HeartTransplant

Heart  $\sqsubseteq$  Organ

HeartTransplant  $\sqsubseteq$  SO

# Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$   
 $\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$   
 $\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq C \quad B \sqcap C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$   
 $\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$   
 $\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$   
 $\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$   
 $\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$   
 $\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$   
 $\exists \text{site}.\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{SH}$   
 $\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SH} \sqsubseteq \text{HeartTransplant}$   
 $\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$   
 $\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

# Saturation-based Technique

Performance with large bio-medical ontologies

	GO	NCI	Galen v.0	Galen v.7	SNOMED
Concepts:	20465	27652	2748	23136	389472
FACT++	15.24	6.05	465.35	—	650.37
HERMIT	199.52	169.47	45.72	—	—
PELLET	72.02	26.47	—	—	—
CEL	1.84	5.76	—	—	1185.70
CB	1.17	3.57	0.32	9.58	49.44
Speed-Up:	1.57X	1.61X	143X	∞	13.15X

[Galen](#) and [Snomed](#) are large ontologies of medical terms; both have OWL versions. [NCI](#) is a vocabulary of cancer-related terms. [GO](#) is the gene ontology.

# OWL 2 QL

- The QL acronym reflects its relation to the standard relational Query Language
- It does not allow *existential* and *universal restrictions* to a class expression or a data range
- These restrictions
  - enable a tight integration with RDBMSs,
  - reasoners can be implemented on top of standard relational databases
- Can answer complex queries (in particular, unions of conjunctive queries) over the instance level (ABox) of the DL knowledge base

# OWL 2 QL

We can exploit **query rewriting** based reasoning technique

- Computationally optimal
- Data storage and query evaluation can be delegated to standard RDBMS
- Can be extended to more expressive languages (beyond  $AC^0$ ) by delegating query answering to a Datalog engine

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Given ontology  $O$  and query  $Q$ , use  $O$  to rewrite  $Q$  as  $Q^0$  such that, for any set of ground facts  $A$ :  
$$\text{ans}(Q, O, A) = \text{ans}(Q^0, ;, A)$$
- Resolution based query rewriting
  - **Clausify** ontology axioms
  - **Saturate** (clausified) ontology and query using resolution
  - **Prune** redundant query clauses

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

*Q(x) is our query: Who treats people who are patients?*



# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

*Translate the DL expressions into rules.*

*Note the use of  $f(x)$  as a Skolem individual. If you are a doctor then you treat someone and that someone is a patient*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

$\text{Doctor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
 $\text{Consultant} \sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

*For each rule in the rules version of the KB we want to enhance the query, so that we need not use the rule in the KB.*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

$\text{Doctor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
 $\text{Consultant} \sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$   
 $Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

*Since  $\text{Doctor}(x)$  implies  $\text{treats}(x, f(x))$  we can replace it, but we have to also unify  $f(x)$  with  $y$ , so we end up with the second way of satisfying our query  $Q(x)$ .*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

$\text{Doctor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
 $\text{Consultant} \sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

*Applying the KB second rule to the 1<sup>st</sup> query rule gives us another way to solve the  $Q(x)$*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

*Since Doctor(x) implies treats(x, f(x)) we can derive Q(X) if Doctor(x) and Doctor(x), which reduces to the third query rule.*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$



# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

Doctor  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
Consultant  $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$   
 ~~$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$~~   
 ~~$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$~~   
 $Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

*Remove useless redundant query rules*

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Example:

$\text{Doctor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$   
 $\text{Consultant} \sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

$\text{treats}(x, f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Patient}(f(x)) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $\text{Doctor}(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$   
 ~~$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x) \wedge \text{Patient}(f(x))$~~   
 ~~$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Doctor}(x)$~~   
 $Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Doctor}(x)$   
 $Q(x) \leftarrow \text{Consultant}(x)$

- For DL-Lite, result is a union of conjunctive queries (UCQ)

# Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

- Data can be stored/left in **RDBMS**
- Relationship between ontology and DB defined by **mappings**, e.g.:

**Doctor**  $\mapsto$  SELECT Name FROM Doctor

**Patient**  $\mapsto$  SELECT Name FROM Patient

**treats**  $\mapsto$  SELECT DName, PName FROM Treats

- UCQ translated into **SQL query**:

```
SELECT Name FROM Doctor UNION
```

```
SELECT DName FROM Treats, Patient WHERE PName=Name
```

# OWL 2 RL

- The RL acronym reflects its relation to *Rule Languages*
- OWL 2 RL is designed to accommodate
  - OWL 2 applications that can trade the full expressivity of the language for efficiency
  - RDF(S) applications that need some added expressivity from OWL 2
- Not allowed: existential quantification to a class, union and disjoint union to class expressions
- These restrictions allow OWL 2 RL to be implemented using rule-based technologies such as rule extended DBMSs, Jess, Prolog, etc.

# Profiles

Profile selection depends on

- Expressiveness required by the application
- Priority given to reasoning on classes or data
- Size of the datasets



# OWL 2 Web Ontology Language Quick Reference Guide

<http://www.w3.org/2007/OWL/refcard>

## 1 Names, Prefixes, and Notation

Names in OWL 2 are IRIs, often written in a shorthand: prefix:local\_name, where prefix: is a prefix name that expands to an IRI, and local\_name is the remainder of the name. The prefix names in OWL 2 are:

Prefix Name	Expansion
rdf:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#</a>
rdfs:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#</a>
owl:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#">http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#</a>
xsd:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#</a>

We use notation conventions in the following table\*:

Letters	Meaning	Letters	Meaning
(a1 ... an)	RDF list	n	non-negative integer**
_:a	anonymous individual (a blank node label)	ON	ontology name
_:x	blank node	P	object property expression
a	individual	p	prefix name
A	annotation property	PN	object property name
aN	individual name	R	data property
C	class expression	s	IRI or anonymous individual literal
CN	class name	t	IRI, anonymous individual, or literal
D	data range	U	IRI
DN	datatype name	v	literal
f	facet		

\* All of the above can have subscripts.

\*\* As a shorthand for "n" xsd:nonNegativeInteger

## 2 OWL 2 constructs and axioms

In the following tables, the three columns are:

Language Feature	Functional Syntax	RDF Syntax
------------------	-------------------	------------

For an OWL 2 DL ontology, there are additional global restrictions on axioms.

### 2.1 Class Expressions

#### Predefined and Named Classes

named class	CN	CN
universal class	owl:Thing	owl:Thing
empty class	owl:Nothing	owl:Nothing

#### Boolean Connectives and Enumeration of Individuals

intersection	ObjectIntersectionOf (C1...Cn)	_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:intersectionOf ( C1... Cn ).
union	ObjectUnionOf (C1 ... Cn)	_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:unionOf ( C1 ... Cn ).
complement	ObjectComplementOf (C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:complementOf C.
enumeration	ObjectOneOf(a1 ... an)	_:x rdf:type owl:Class. _:x owl:oneOf ( a1 ... an ).

#### Object Property Restrictions

universal	ObjectAllValuesFrom (P C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:allValuesFrom C
existential	ObjectSomeValuesFrom (P C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:someValuesFrom C

individual value	ObjectHasValue (P a)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:hasValue a.
local reflexivity	ObjectHasSelf(P)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:hasSelf "true"^^xsd:boolean.
exact cardinality	ObjectExactCardinality (n P)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:cardinality n.
qualified exact cardinality	ObjectExactCardinality (n P C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:qualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.
maximum cardinality	ObjectMaxCardinality (n P)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:minCardinality n.
qualified maximum cardinality	ObjectMaxCardinality (n P C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:minQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.
minimum cardinality	ObjectMinCardinality (n P)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:maxCardinality n.
qualified minimum cardinality	ObjectMinCardinality (n P C)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty P. _:x owl:maxQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:onClass C.

#### Data Property Restrictions

universal	DataAllValuesFrom (R D)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:allValuesFrom D.
existential	DataSomeValuesFrom (R D)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:someValuesFrom D.
literal value	DataHasValue (R v)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:hasValue v.
exact cardinality	DataExactCardinality (n R)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:cardinality n.
qualified exact cardinality	DataExactCardinality (n R D)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:qualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:dataRange D.
maximum cardinality	DataMaxCardinality (n R)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:maxCardinality n.
qualified maximum cardinality	DataMaxCardinality (n R D)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:maxQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:dataRange D.
minimum cardinality	DataMinCardinality (n R)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:minCardinality n.
qualified minimum cardinality	DataMinCardinality (n R D)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperty R. _:x owl:minQualifiedCardinality n. _:x owl:dataRange D.

#### Restrictions Using n-ary Data Range

In the following table 'Dn' is an n-ary data range.

n-ary universal	DataAllValuesFrom (R1 ... Rn Dn)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperties ( R1 ... Rn ). _:x owl:allValuesFrom Dn.
n-ary existential	DataSomeValuesFrom (R1 ... Rn Dn)	_:x rdf:type owl:Restriction. _:x owl:onProperties ( R1 ... Rn ). _:x owl:someValuesFrom Dn.

## 2.2 Properties

### Object Property Expressions

named object property	PN	PN
universal object property	owl:topObjectProperty	owl:topObjectProperty
empty object property	owl:bottomObjectProperty	owl:bottomObjectProperty
inverse property	ObjectInverseOf(PN)	_:x owl:inverseOf PN

### Data Property Expressions

named data property	R	R
universal data property	owl:topDataProperty	owl:topDataProperty
empty data property	owl:bottomDataProperty	owl:bottomDataProperty

## 2.3 Individuals & Literals

named individual	aN	aN
anonymous individual	_:a	_:a
literal (datatype value)	"abc"^^MDN	"abc"^^DN

## 2.4 Data Ranges

### Data Range Expressions

named datatype	DN	DN
data range	DataComplementOf (D)	_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:datatypeComplementOf D.
data range complement	DataIntersectionOf (D1...Dn)	_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:intersectionOf ( D1... Dn ).
data range intersection	DataUnionOf (D1...Dn)	_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:unionOf ( D1... Dn ).
data range union	DataOneOf (v1 ... vn)	_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:oneOf ( v1 ... vn ).
literal enumeration	DatatypeRestriction (DN f1 v1 ... fn vn)	_:x rdf:type rdfs:Datatype. _:x owl:onDatatype DN. _:x owl:withRestrictions ( _:x1 ... :xn ).
datatype restriction		_:x1 f1 v1. ... :xn fn vn.   =1...n

## 2.5 Axioms

### Class Expression Axioms

subclass	SubClassOf(C1 C2)	C1 rdfs:subClassOf C2.
equivalent classes	EquivalentClasses (C1 ... Cn)	Cj owl:equivalentClass Cj+1.   =1...n-1
disjoint classes	DisjointClasses(C1 C2)	C1 owl:disjointWith C2.
pairwise disjoint classes	DisjointObjectProperties (C1 ... Cn)	_:x rdf:type owl:AllDisjointClasses.   owl:members ( C1 ... Cn ).
disjoint union	DisjointUnionOf (CN C1 ... Cn)	CN owl:disjointUnionOf ( C1 ... Cn ).

### Object Property Axioms

subproperty	SubObjectPropertyOf (P1 P2)	P1 rdfs:subPropertyOf P2.
property chain inclusion	SubObjectPropertyOf (ObjectPropertyChain (P1 ... Pn) P)	P owl:propertyChainAxiom ( P1 ... Pn ).
property domain	ObjectPropertyDomain (P C)	P rdfs:domain C.
property range	ObjectPropertyRange(P C)	P rdfs:range C.
equivalent properties	EquivalentObjectProperties (P1 ... Pn)	Pj owl:equivalentProperty Pj+1.   =1...n-1
disjoint properties	DisjointObjectProperties (P1 P2)	P1 owl:propertyDisjointWith P2.
pairwise disjoint properties	DisjointObjectProperties (P1 ... Pn)	_:x rdf:type owl:AllDisjointProperties.   owl:members ( P1 ... Pn ).
inverse properties	InverseObjectProperties (P1 P2)	P1 owl:inverseOf P2.



# Key OWL 2 Documents

Part	Type	Document
1	For Users	<a href="#">Document Overview</a> . A quick overview of the OWL 2 specification that includes a description of its relationship to OWL 1. This is the starting point and primary reference point for OWL 2.
2	Core Specification	<a href="#">Structural Specification and Functional-Style Syntax</a> defines the constructs of OWL 2 ontologies in terms of both their structure and a functional-style syntax, and defines OWL 2 DL ontologies in terms of global restrictions on OWL 2 ontologies.
3	Core Specification	<a href="#">Mapping to RDF Graphs</a> defines a mapping of the OWL 2 constructs into RDF graphs, and thus defines the primary means of exchanging OWL 2 ontologies in the Semantic Web.
4	Core Specification	<a href="#">Direct Semantics</a> defines the meaning of OWL 2 ontologies in terms of a model-theoretic semantics.
5	Core Specification	<a href="#">RDF-Based Semantics</a> defines the meaning of OWL 2 ontologies via an extension of the <a href="#">RDF Semantics</a> .
6	Core Specification	<a href="#">Conformance</a> provides requirements for OWL 2 tools and a set of test cases to help determine conformance.
7	Specification	<a href="#">Profiles</a> defines three sub-languages of OWL 2 that offer important advantages in particular applications scenarios.
8	For Users	<a href="#">OWL 2 Primer</a> provides an approachable introduction to OWL 2, including orientation for those coming from other disciplines.
9	For Users	<a href="#">OWL 2 New Features and Rationale</a> provides an overview of the main new features of OWL 2 and motivates their inclusion in the language.
10	For Users	<a href="#">OWL 2 Quick Reference Guide</a> provides a brief guide to the constructs of OWL 2, noting the changes from OWL 1.
11	Specification	<a href="#">XML Serialization</a> defines an XML syntax for exchanging OWL 2 ontologies, suitable for use with XML tools like schema-based editors and XQuery/XPath.
12	Specification	<a href="#">Manchester Syntax</a> (WG Note) defines an easy-to-read, but less formal, syntax for OWL 2 that is used in some OWL 2 user interface tools and is also used in the <a href="#">Primer</a> .
13	Specification	<a href="#">Data Range Extension: Linear Equations</a> (WG Note) specifies an optional extension to OWL 2 which supports advanced constraints on the values of properties.

<http://w3.org/TR/2009/WD-owl2-overview-20090421/>

# Conclusion

- Most of the new features of OWL 2 in comparing with the initial version of OWL have been discussed
- Rationale behind the inclusion of the new features have also been discussed
- Three profiles – EL, QL and RL – are provided that fit different use cases and implementation strategies