Embedding Knowledge in HTML

Some content from a presentations by Ivan Herman of the W3c

Overview

- Why we want to embed structured data in HTML
- RDFa
- Microdata and schema.org
- RDFa lite as an encoding for Microdata
- JSON-LD as an encoding for RDF and Microdata
- Usecases and examples

HTML is Everywhere



- We usually think of HTML as the language of Web pages
- But it's also widely used on/for mobile devices and tablets
 - Readily adapts to different screen sizes/orientations
- And is the basis of many ebook formats
 - E.g. Kindle's formats, mobi, epub, ...
- How can we add knowledge to HTML pages?

Adding Semantic Markuip to HTML

• Like to add semi-structured knowledge in HTML

- Humans see and understand regular HTML content (text, images, videos, audio)
- Machines see and understand data markup in XML, RDF or some other format
- Possibilities include
 - Add a link to separate document with knowledge
 - Add new HTML tags
 - Embed knowledge as comments, Javascript, etc.
 - Distribute knowledge markup throughout HTML as attributes of existing HTML tags

One page, not two

- Content providers prefer not to generate multiple page:, one for humans (HTML) and another for machines (RDF)
 - RDF serializations are complex
 - Requires separate mechanisms for storage, generation, etc.
 - Introduces redundancy, which can lead to errors if we change one page but not the other
- Simplifies the job of search engines as well

General approach

Two embedding techniques

- Provide/reuse tag attributes to encode the metadata;
 browsers/apps ignore attributes they don't understand
- Add a graph for page in JSON-LD

Several approaches have been developed

- <u>Microformats</u> (~ 2005)
- <u>RDFa</u> (~ 2007) and <u>JSON-LD</u> (2014)
- Microdata (aka schema.org) (~ 2012)

Status 2018 (IMHO)

- Microformats still on many pages, but no longer actively used
- RDFa and JSON-LD are preferred encoding of choice
- Schema.org vocabularies getting large uptake

Microdata approach

- Defined and supported by Google, Bing, Yahoo and Yandex
- Adds new attributes to HTML5 to express metadata
- Works well for simple "single-vocabulary" cases, but not well suited for mixing vocabularies or for complex vocabularies
- No notion of datatypes or namespaces
- Defines a generic mapping to RDF

RDFa approach

- Adds new (X)HTML/XML attributes
- Has namespaces and URIs at its core
 - So mixing vocabulary is easy, as in RDF
- Complete flexibility for using literals or URI resources
- Is a complete serialization of RDF

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Ivan Herman

Who am I?

I graduated as mathematician at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, Hungary, in 1979. After a brief scholarship at the Université Paris VI I joined the Hungarian research institute in computer science (SZTAKI) where I worked for 6 years (and turned into a computer scientist...). I left Hungary in 1986 and, after a few years in industry in Munich, Germany, I joined the Centre Mathematics and Computer Sciences (CWI) in Amsterdam where I have a tenure position since 1988. I received a PhD degree in Computer Science in 1990 at the University of Leiden, in the Netherlands. I joined the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Team as Head of W3C Offices in January 2001 while maintaining my position at CWI. I served as Head of Offices until June 2006, when I was asked to take the Semantic Web Activity Lead position, which is now my principal work at W3C.

Before joining W3C I worked in quite different areas (distributed and dataflow programming, language design, system programming), but I spend most of my research years in computer graphics and information visualization. I also participated in various graphics related ISO standardization activities and software developments. My "professional" home page contains a list of my publications (see also my Mendeley account), my public presentations, and details of the various projects I participated in the past. There is also a dblp entry for my publications generated automatically (although I am not sure it is complete...). (B.t.w., based on my publications, my Erdős number is $\leq 4...$)

In my previous life (i.e., before joining W3C...) I was member of the Executive Committee of the Eurographics Association for 15 years, and I was vice-chair of the Association between 2000 and 2002. I was the co-chair of the 9th World Wide Web Conference, in Amsterdam, May 2000; since then, I have also been member of <u>IW3C2</u> (International World Wide Web Conference Committee), responsible for the World Wide Web Conference series. Since autumn 2007 I am also member of <u>SWSA</u> (Semantic Web Science Association), the committee responsible for the International Semantic Web Conferences (better known as "ISWC") series.

Some personal data

- The Hungarian spelling of my full name is Herman Iván. Ie, my name is Ivan (well, spelled properly: Iván) and my surname is Herman (many in the Netherlands and in Germany mix it up, and use "Herman" as my name... this is aggravated by the fact that, uniquely in Europe, the Hungarian custom is to put surname first).
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- Gender: male
- · Family: I am married and have a son, David.
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- Skype ID: ivan_herman
- I live in Amstelveen (see also geonames), the Netherlands (lat: 52.302063, long: 4.87397). This is a suburb of Amsterdam. The closest airport is Amsterdam Schiphol
- I am the administrator of the Semantic Web Activity Blog at W3C which can either be accessed directly or via its

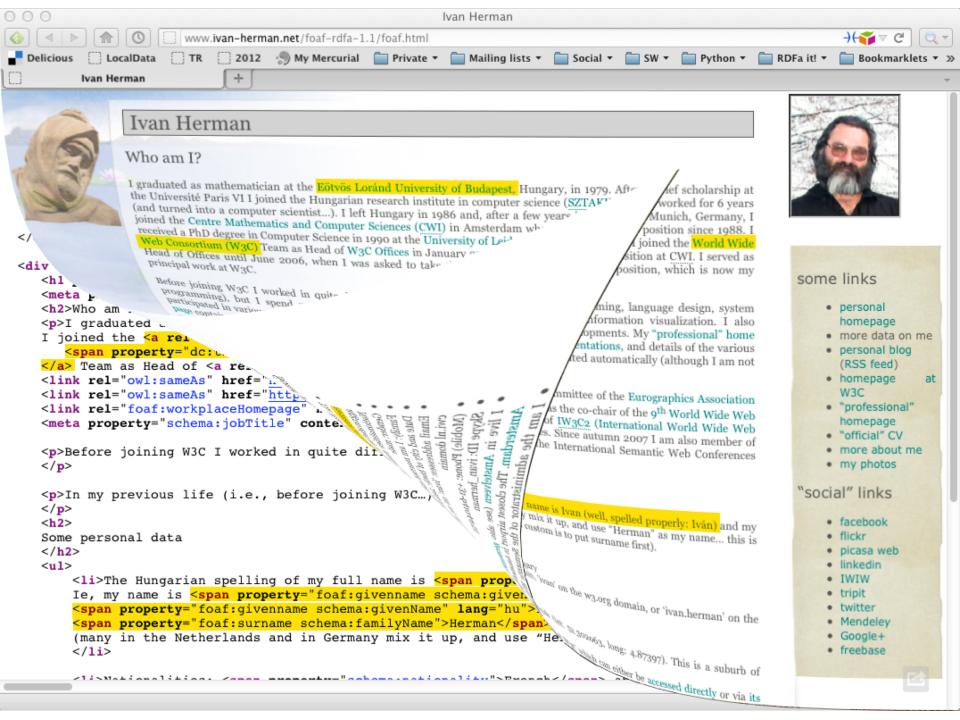


some links

- personal homepage
- more data on me
- personal blog (RSS feed)
- homepage at W3C
- "professional" homepage
- "official" CV
- more about me
- my photos

"social" links

- facebook
- flickr
- picasa web
- linkedin
- IWIW
- tripit
- twitter
- Mendeley
- Google+
 freebase



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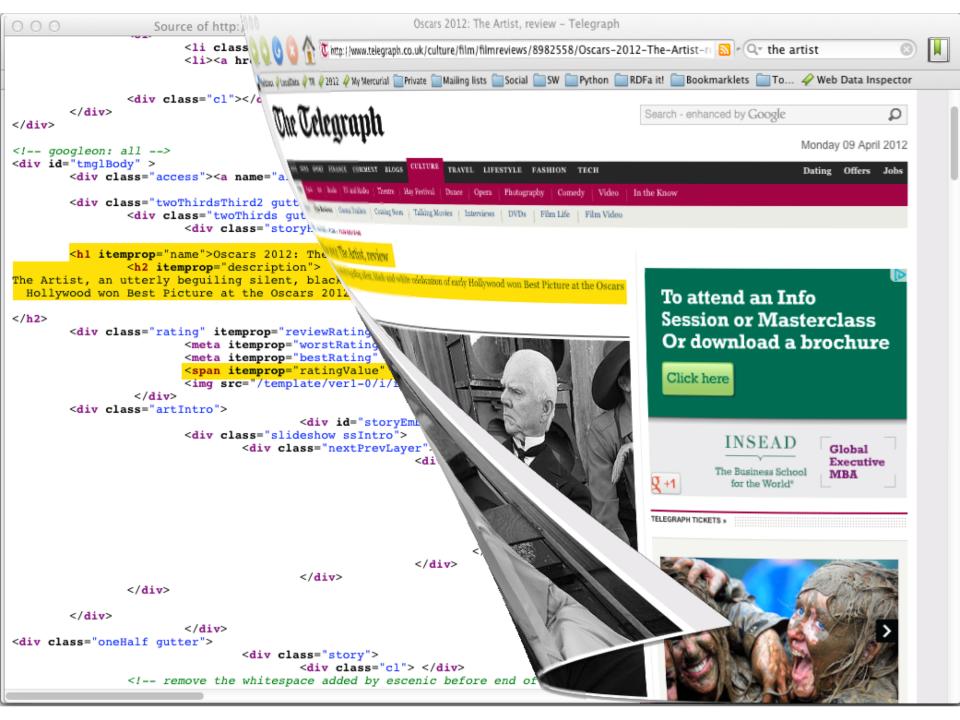
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foaf:schoolHomePage <http://www.elte.hu>;
schema:worksFor <http://www.w3.org/W3C#data>;
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                        <div class="storyHead">
        <hl itemprop="name">Oscars 2012: The Artist, review</hl>
               <h2 itemprop="description">
The Artist, an utterly beguiling silent, black-and-white celebration of early
Hollywood won Best Picture at the Oscars 2012.
</h2>
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Yielding this RDF

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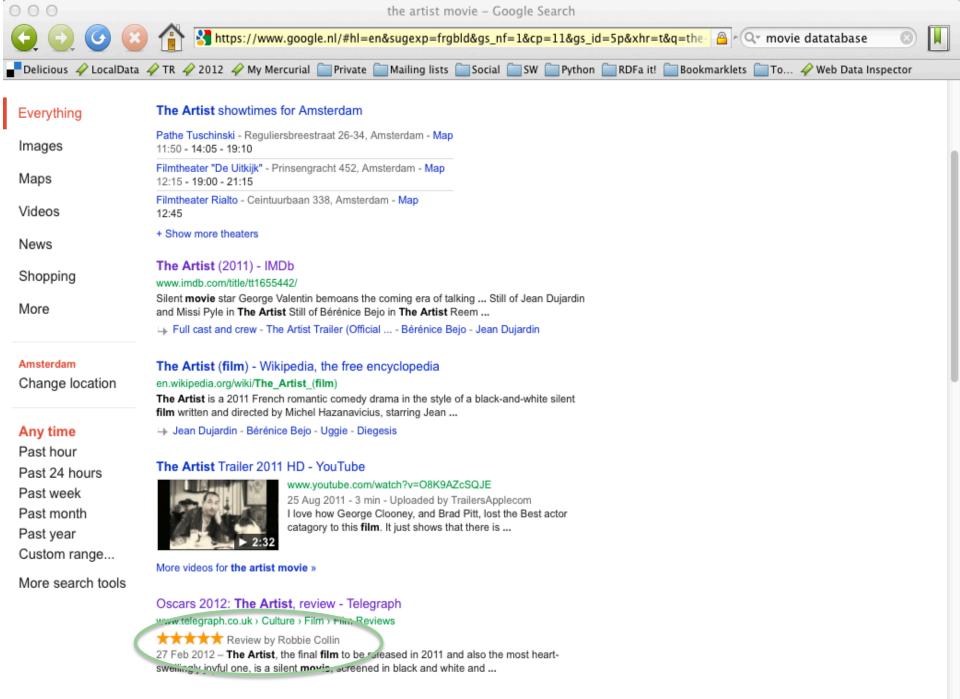
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Rich Snippets



- Search engines add text under results to preview what's on page and why it's relevant
- Text often extracted from structured data embedded on the page
- Of great interest to <u>SEO</u>, see <u>this</u> for more information

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The Artist is the perfect film about Hollywood I Hadley Freeman

RDFa and Microdata: similarities

- RDFa and Microdata are modern options
- Both have similar approaches
 - Structured data encoded in HTML attributes only no new elements
 - Define some special *attributes*

e.g., **itemscope** for microdata, **resource** for RDFa

- Reuse some HTML core attributes (e.g., href)
- Use textual content of HTML source, if needed
- RDF data can be extracted from both

RDFa and microdata: differences

• Microdata *optimized* for simpler use cases:

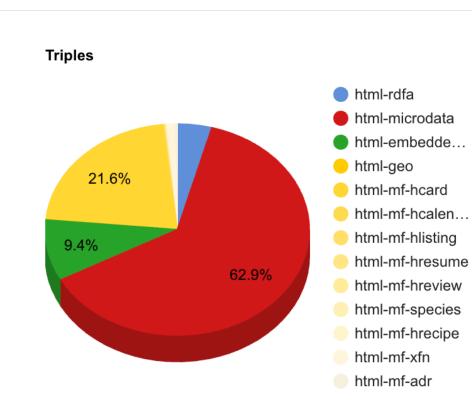
- One vocabulary at a time
- Tree shaped data
- Few datatypes
- RDFa provides full serialization of RDF in XML or HTML
 - Price is extra complexity over Microdata
- RDFa 1.1 Lite is a simplified authoring profile of RDFa, very similar to microdata

Amount of structured data on Web

- Web Data Commons project uses Common
 Crawl data to estimate amount of structured data on Web
- Looks for Microdata, RDFa, other formats (e.g., <u>hCalendar</u>, <u>hCard</u>) in URLs parsable as HTML
- <u>Nov. 2017 crawl</u> analyzed 3.2B HTML pages:
 - 1.2B pages (30%) with structured data in 5.6M domains of 34M (17%)
 - 39B triples about 9B typed entities
- •Data can be <u>downloaded</u>

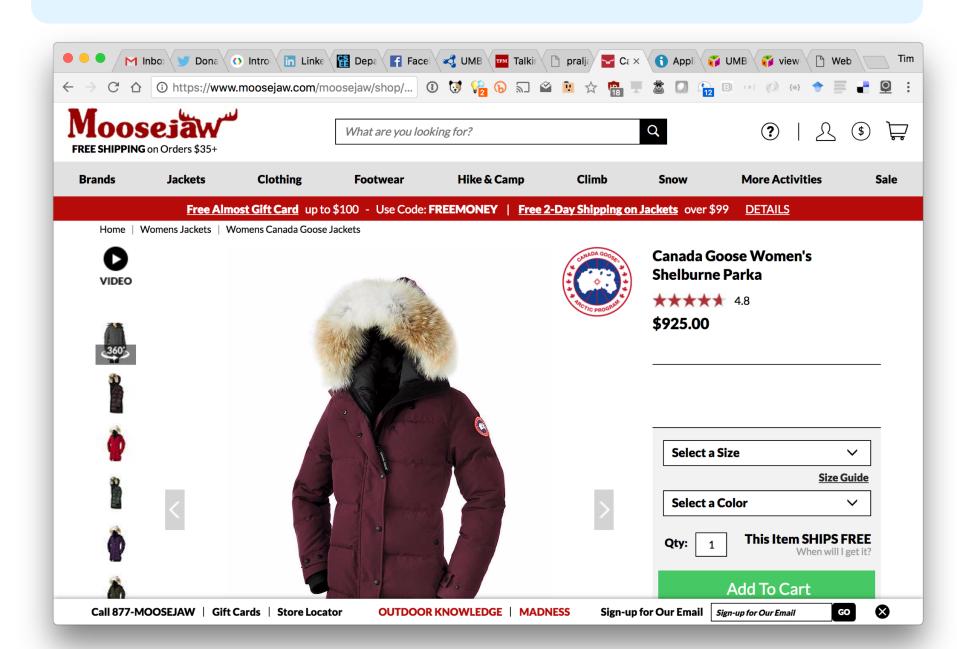
Amount of structured data on Web?

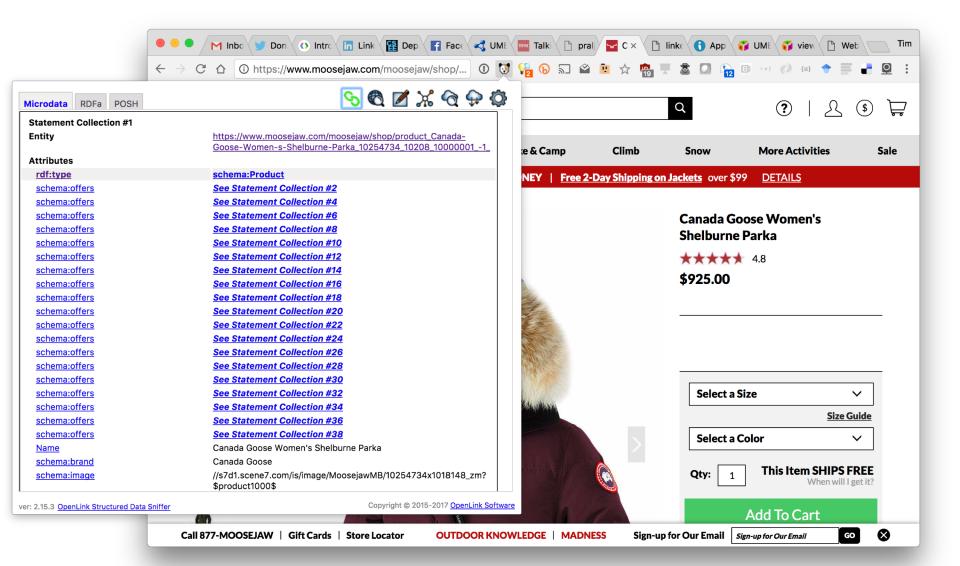




Top Domains by Extracted Triples

- 1. <u>blogspot.com</u> (2,326,407,936 triples)
- 2. <u>wordpress.com</u> (836,982,484 triples)
- 3. <u>theclothdiaperwhisperer.com</u> (258,310,473 triples)
- 4. <u>skyrock.com</u> (232,476,462 triples)
- 5. moosejaw.com (147,690,597 triples)
- 6. canalblog.com (110,509,475 triples)
- 7. hotels.com (109,331,631 triples)
- 8. peternyssen.com (106,756,630 triples)
- 9. <u>untitled-magazine.com</u> (106,468,802 triples)
- 10. justia.com (104,903,804 triples)
- 11. leadferret.com (92,088,394 triples)
- 12. drom.ru (80,352,891 triples)
- 13. tutete.com (74,136,046 triples)
- 14. prom.ua (73,993,196 triples)
- 15. epicsports.com (72,744,802 triples)
- 16. repairpal.com (68,768,136 triples)
- 17. callersmart.com (68,117,826 triples)
- 18. <u>lyst.com</u> (67,716,741 triples)
- 19. kidsroom.de (66,900,221 triples)
- 20. <u>More</u>





Conclusions

- The amount of structured data on the web is growing steadily
- Microdata shows the strongest growth
- RDFa also common