

Introduction to Knowledge Graphs and the Semantic Web

Questions

- What are Knowledge Graphs
- What is the Semantic Web?
- How are they related?
- How are they being used today?
- What can we expect in the future?

Web is our greatest knowledge source





But it has limitations

Designed for people, not machines



A photograph of a person wearing a blue hoodie with 'ALLEN' printed on it, sitting at a desk and looking down at a computer screen. The background is blurred, showing other people and a green wall.

Designed for people, not machines

- Content is mostly text, spoken language, images and videos
- Easy for people to understand
- But hard for machines

Machines need access to this knowledge too

Access via information retrieval



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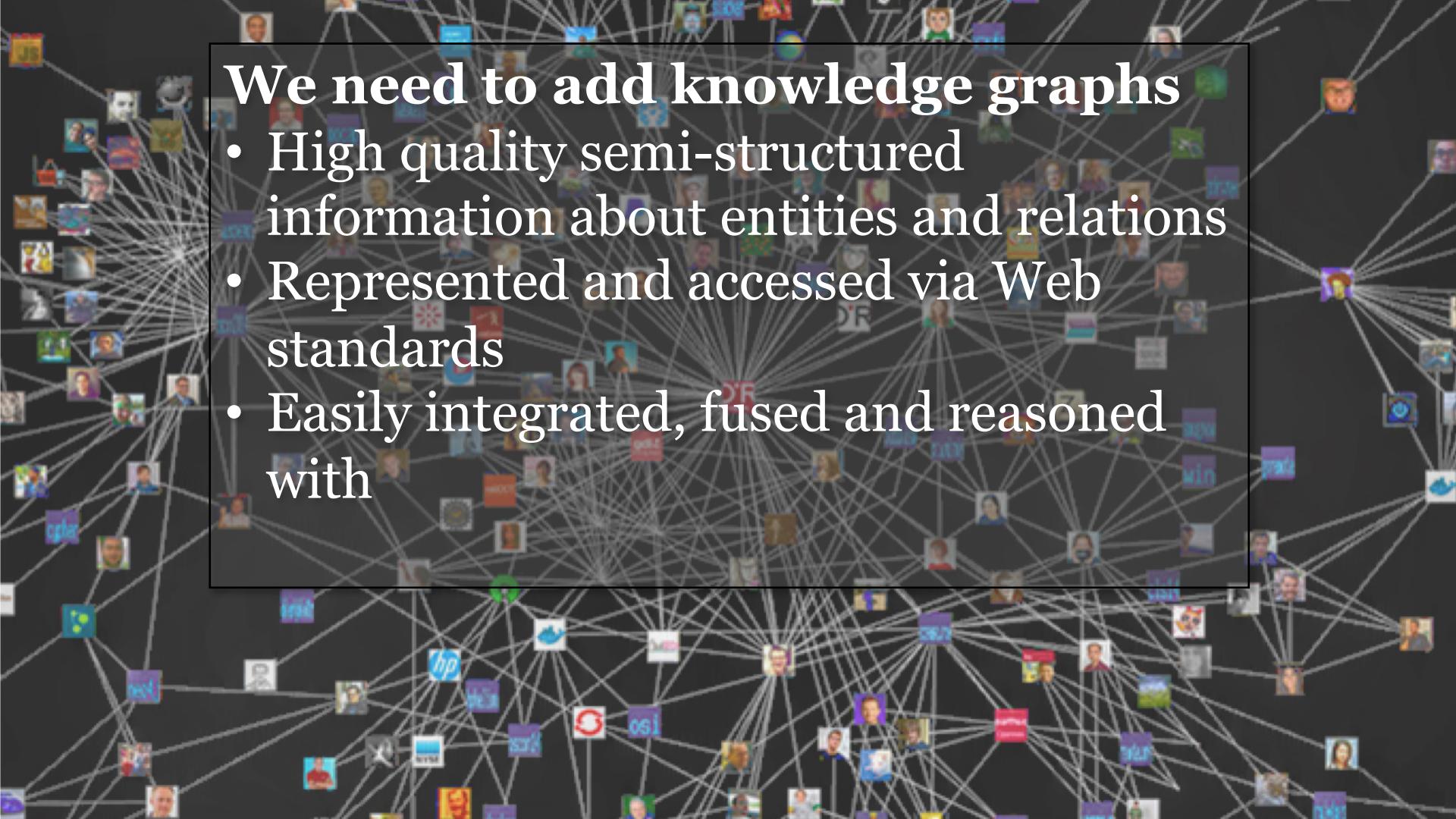
Access is primarily via information retrieval

- Key-word queries → ranked document list
 - We still need to read the documents or watch the videos
 - We often want an answer to a question:
where is the Census Big Data Day event
- And so do our machines and apps

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We need to add knowledge graphs

- High quality semi-structured information about entities and relations
- Represented and accessed via Web standards
- Easily integrated, fused and reasoned with



State of the Art?

Google is a good example, but Microsoft, IBM, Apple and Facebook all have similar capabilities

- 2010 Google acquired MediaWeb and its **Freebase** KB
- 2014: Freebase: 1.2B facts about 43M entities
- 2015+: Google knowledge graph, updated by text IE

DBpedia open source RDF KB is another

- 800M facts about 4.6M subjects from English **Wikipedia**, data available in 21 other languages
- Helps integrate 90B facts from 1000 RDF datasets in the linked data cloud

Ask: When was Tom Sawyer

when was tom sawyer written

All Images Videos News Shopping More Settings Tools

About 501,000 results (0.56 seconds)

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer / Date written

1876

Aunt Polly (aunt), Sally Phelps (aunt), Mary (cousin), Sid (half-brother)
Thomas "Tom" Sawyer is the title character of the Mark Twain novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876). He appears in three other novels by Twain: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1884), *Tom Sawyer Abroad* (1894), and *Tom Sawyer, Detective* (1896).

[Tom Sawyer - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Sawyer)
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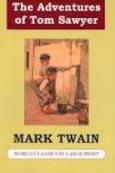
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People also ask

Where was *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* first published?
How old is Tom Sawyer in the book?
What is the setting for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
Who is Tom Sawyer in real life?

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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Novel by Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
MARK TWAIN

Originally published: 1876
Author: Mark Twain
Text: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at Wikisource
Cover artist: Created by Mark Twain
Characters: Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher, Aunt Polly, Joe Harper, Sid Sawyer
Genres: Bildungsroman, Picaresque Fiction, Satire, Folklore, Children's literature
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Apple Pie by Grandma Ople x

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Apple Pie by Grandma Ople

Grandma Ople's Apple Pie 1930

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Recipe By: MUSASMAMA

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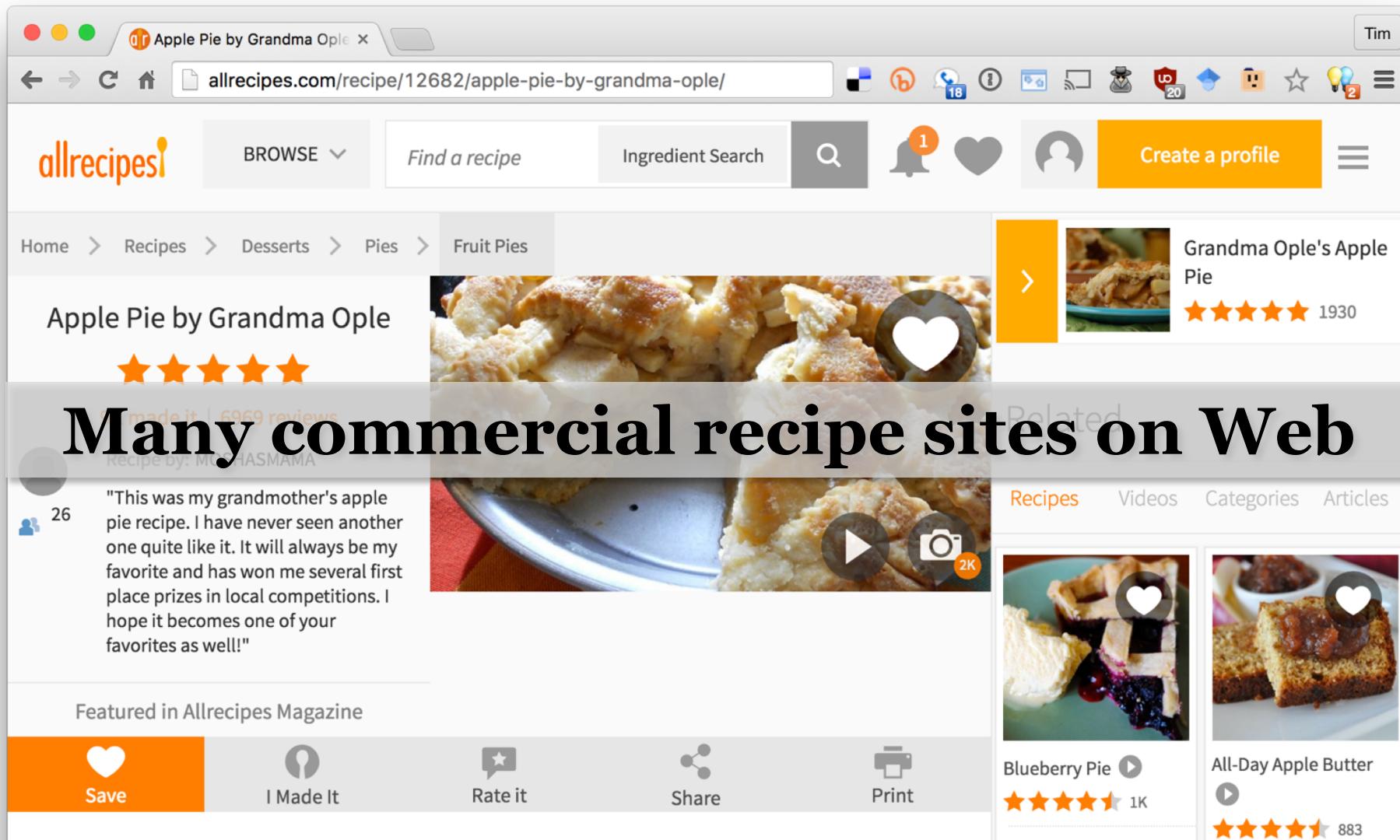
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Featured in Allrecipes Magazine

Save I Made It Rate it Share Print

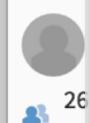
Blueberry Pie 1K

All-Day Apple Butter 883



SCHEMA.ORG (GooglePlus rich snippets)

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9K made it | 6969 reviews

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Most recipe sites embed **semantic data** about their recipes in an RDF-compatible form using terms from the **schema.org** ontology

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Conversational Bots

Voice-driven conversational systems like Amazon Echo and Google Home use knowledge graphs to help understand our requests

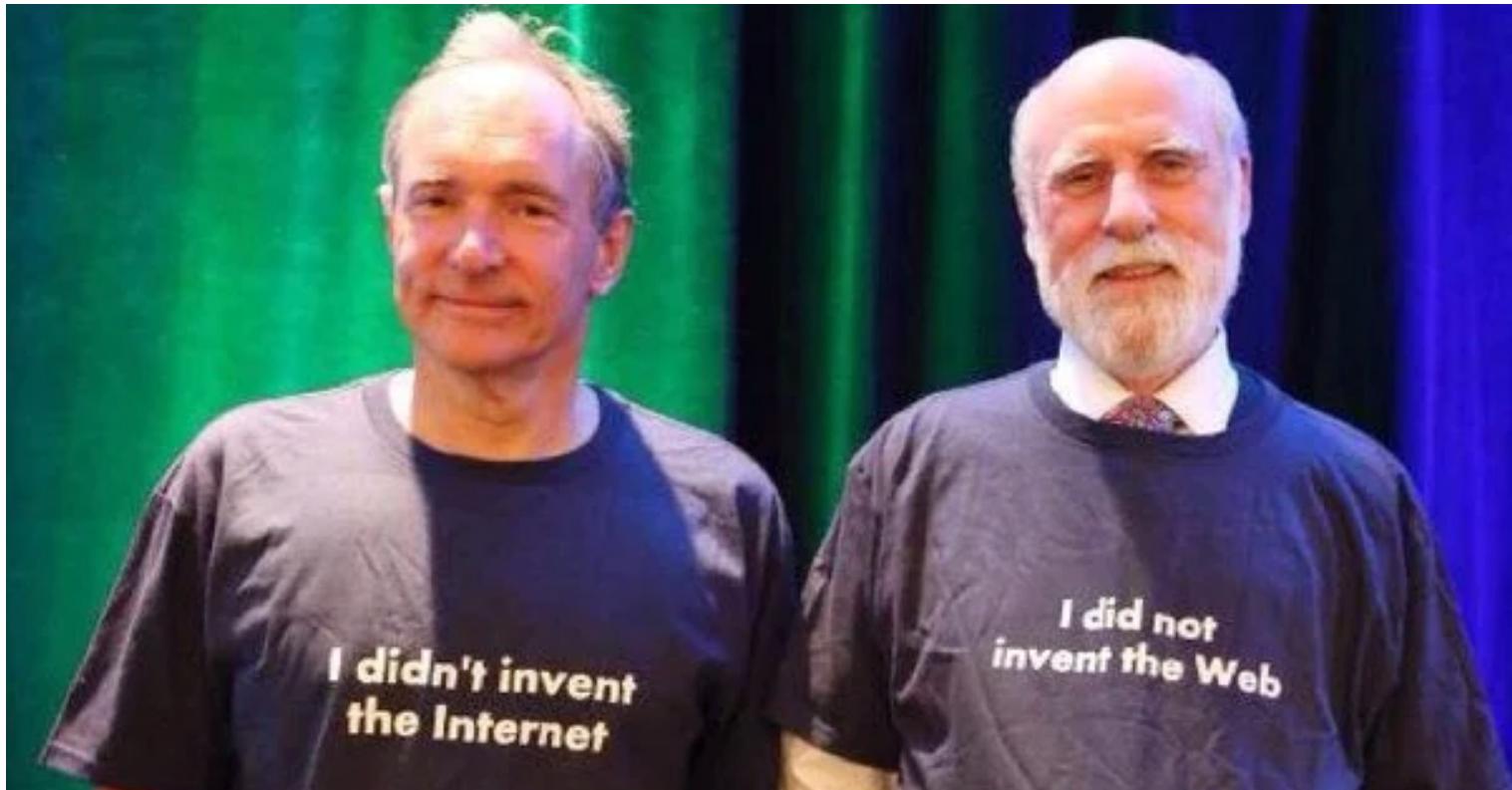


Where does the knowledge come from?

- Knowledge graphs like *DBpedia* and *Freebase* started with **Wikipedia** data encoded in custom ontologies
- Semantic Web technologies are an open source way to encode the knowledge
- They are and will continue to evolve
- Current: extract data from text documents, e.g., articles, newswire, social media, etc.

Who invented the Web?

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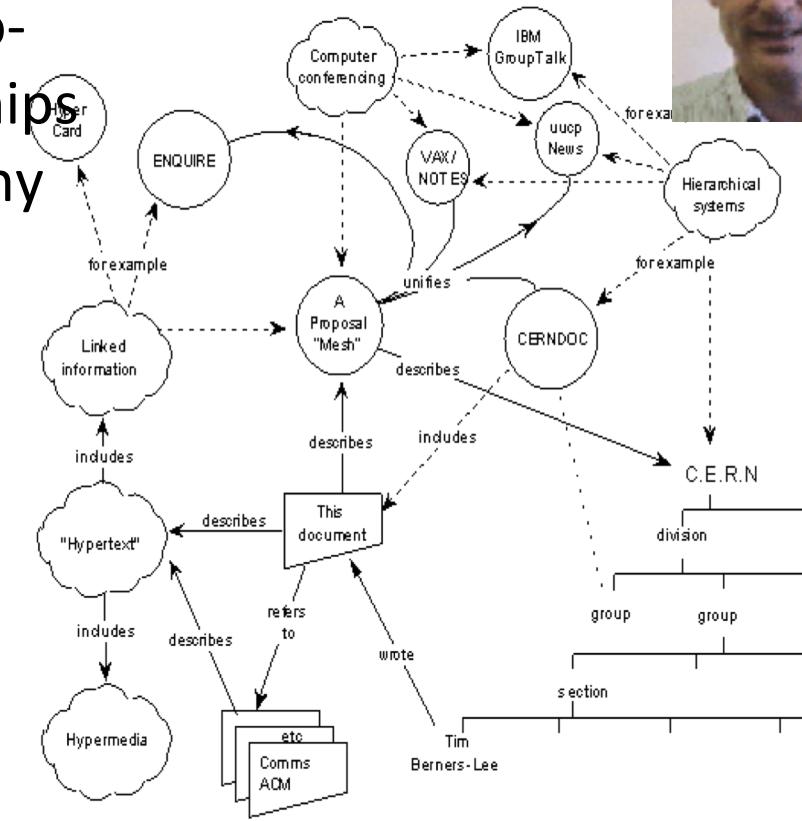
Semantic Web Origin



Tim Berners-Lee's original 1989 proposal described a web of relationships among named objects unifying many information management tasks

Capsule history

- Guha's MCF (~94)
- XML+MCF=>RDF (~96)
- RDF+OO=>RDFS (~99)
- RDFS+KR=>DAML+OIL (00)
- W3C's SW activity (01)
- W3C's OWL (03)
- ...



<http://www.w3.org/History/1989/proposal.html>

W3C's Semantic Web Goals

Focus on machine consumption:

"The Semantic Web is an extension of the current web in which information is given well-defined meaning, better enabling computers and people to work in cooperation."

-- Berners-Lee, Hendler and Lassila, The Semantic Web, Scientific American, 2001

Why is this hard?

UMBC CSEE Colloquium - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
University of Maryland Baltimore County

**Communication-Sensitive Decision Making
in Multi-Agent, Real-Time Environments**

Professor Marie desJardins

1:00pm - 2:00pm Thursday, February 14, 2002
Lecture Hall Five
Engineering and Computer Science
University of Maryland Baltimore County

In this talk, I will present ongoing work on developing techniques for intelligent agent control and coordination in a dynamic, real-time, multi-agent setting. The application domain, consisting of teams of autonomous air vehicles (AAVs), is characterized by dynamic environments, real-time response requirements, limited information, and unreliable, low-bandwidth communications. We have developed an initial framework in which agents' decision making is sensitive to communication availability and costs, tradeoffs among multiple objectives, and reliability of information about other agents (friendly and hostile) in the environment.

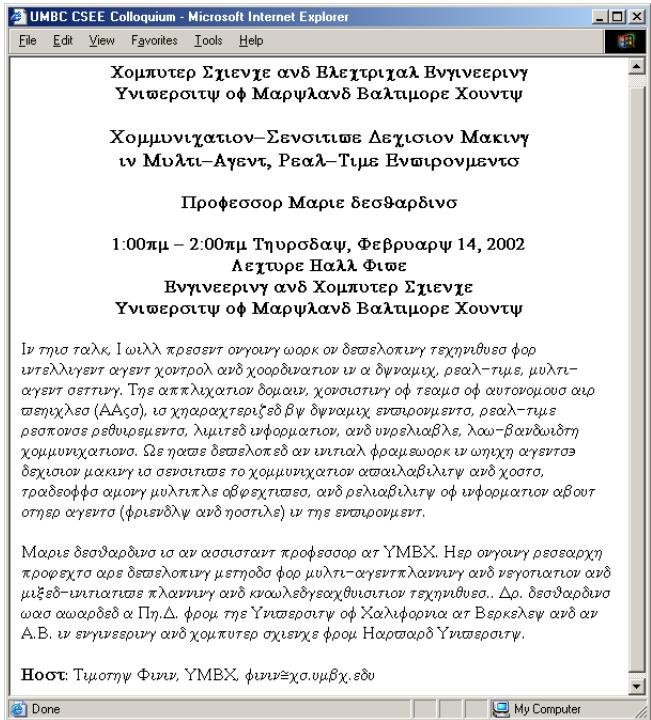
Marie desJardins is an assistant professor at UMBC. Her ongoing research projects are developing methods for multi-agent planning and negotiation and mixed-initiative planning and knowledge acquisition techniques.. Dr. desJardins was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and an A.B. in engineering and computer science from Harvard University.

Host: Timothy Finin, UMBC, finin@cs.umbc.edu

My Computer

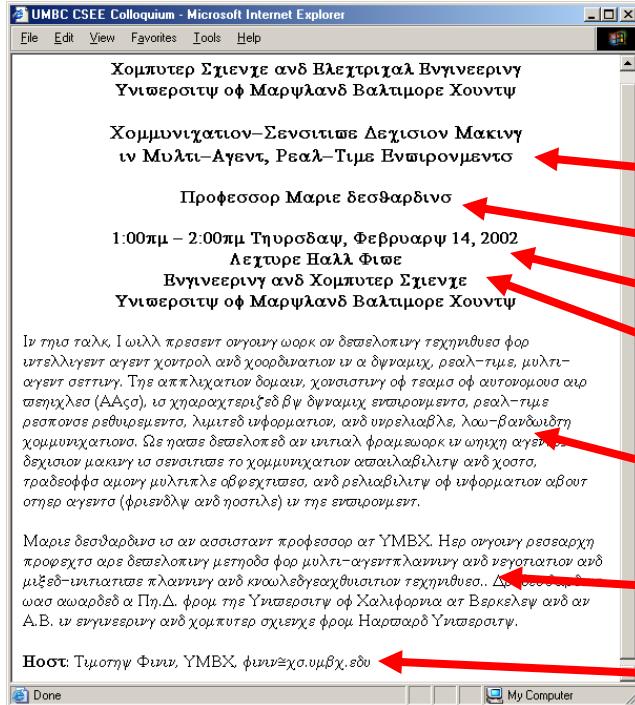
after Frank van Harmelen
and Jim Hendler

What this looks like to a machine...



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OK, so HTML is not helpful



Maybe we can tell the machine what the different parts of the text represent?

title

speaker

time

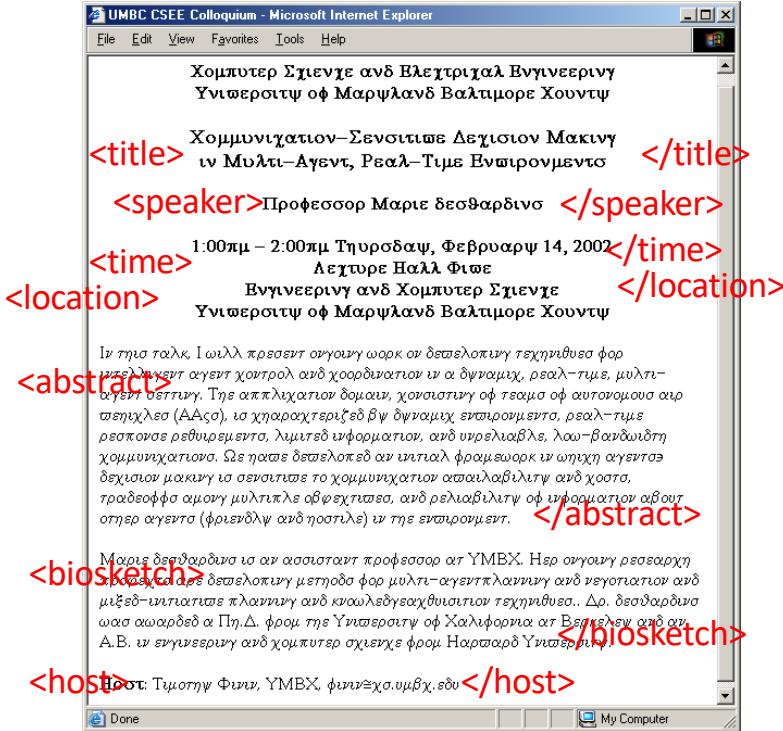
location

abstract

biosketch

host

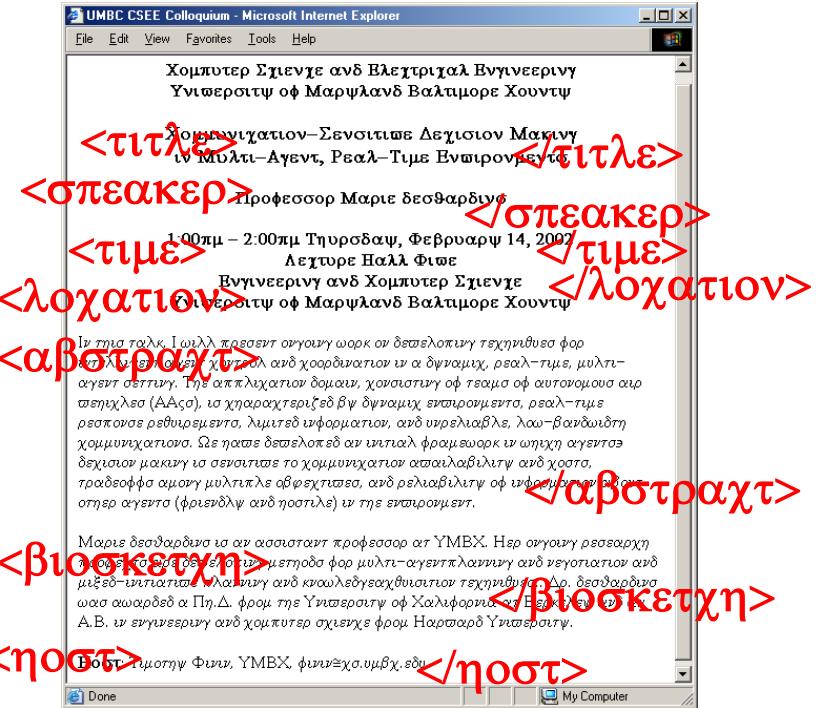
XML to the rescue?



**XML fans propose
creating a XML tag set to
use for each application.**

**For talks, we can choose
<title>, <speaker>, etc.**

XML ≠ machine accessible meaning



But, to your machine,
the tags still look like
this....

The tag names carry
no meaning.

XML DTDs and
Schemas have little or
no semantics.

XML Schema helps

XML Schema file

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xsschema xmlns:xss="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<xss:element name="book">
  <xss:complexType>
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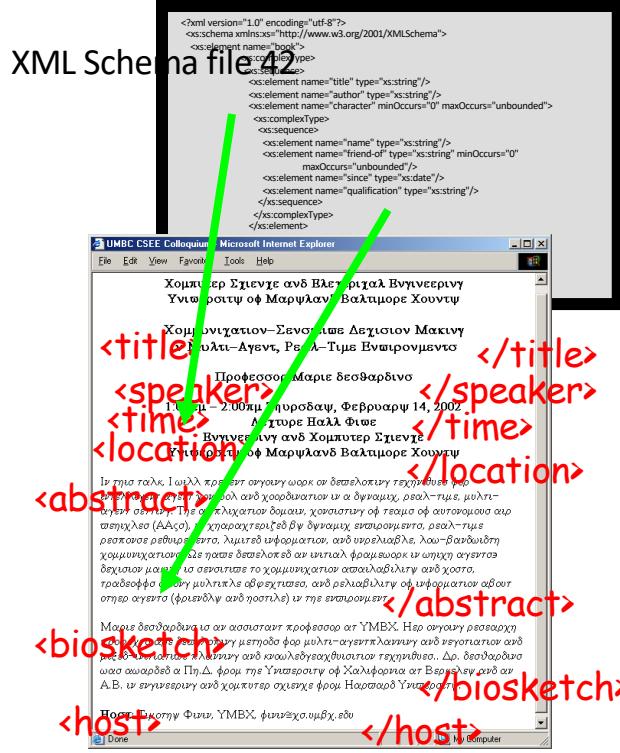
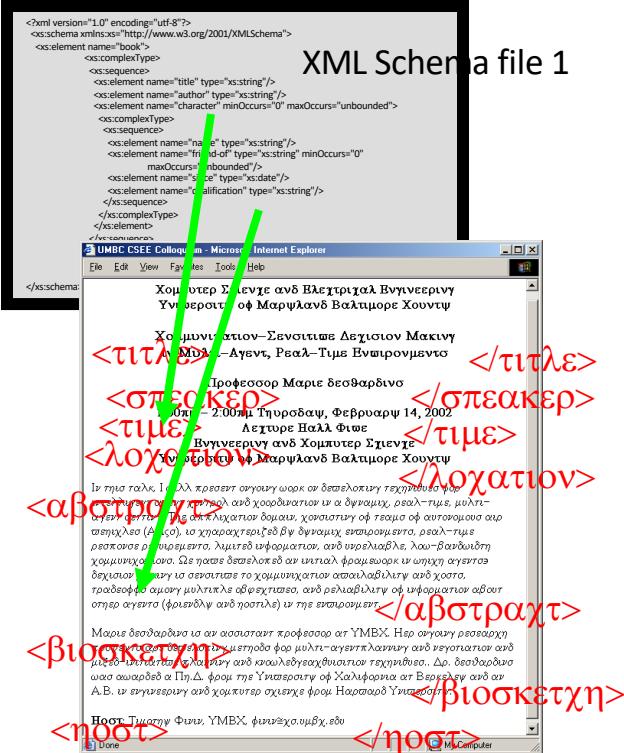
XML Schemas provide a simple mechanism to define shared vocabularies.

Two screenshots of Microsoft Internet Explorer showing XML validation:

- Left Window (Valid XML Instance):** Displays an XML document about a book titled "Ομηρού Στήνης" by Homer. Red annotations highlight specific elements:
 - <τίτλε> (highlighted in red)
 - <σπεακέρ> (highlighted in red)
 - <τιμε> (highlighted in red)
 - <λοχατίουν> (highlighted in red)
 - <αβοτραχτ> (highlighted in red)
 - <βιοσκετχη> (highlighted in red)
 - <ηρο> (highlighted in red)
- Right Window (Valid XML Instance):** Displays the same XML document. Red annotations highlight the same elements as the left window, indicating they are valid according to the schema.

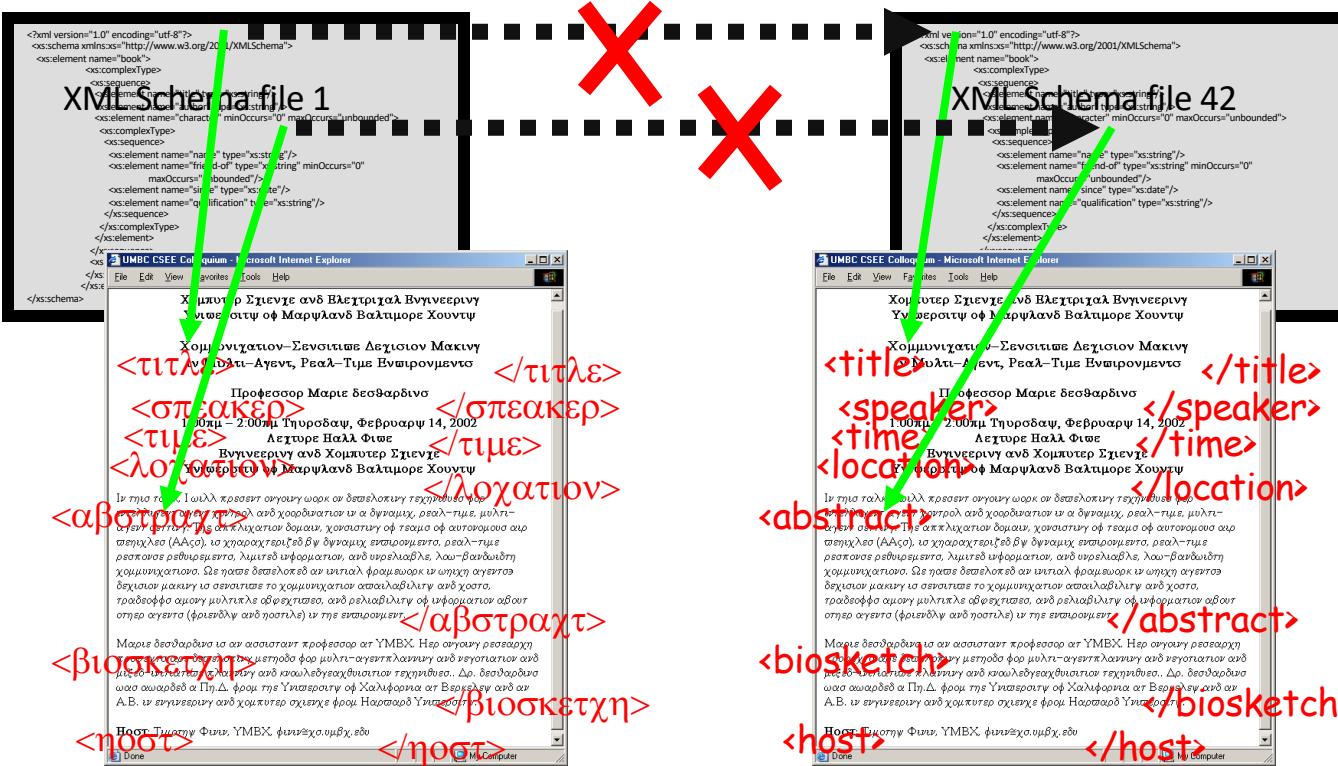
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But there are many schemas



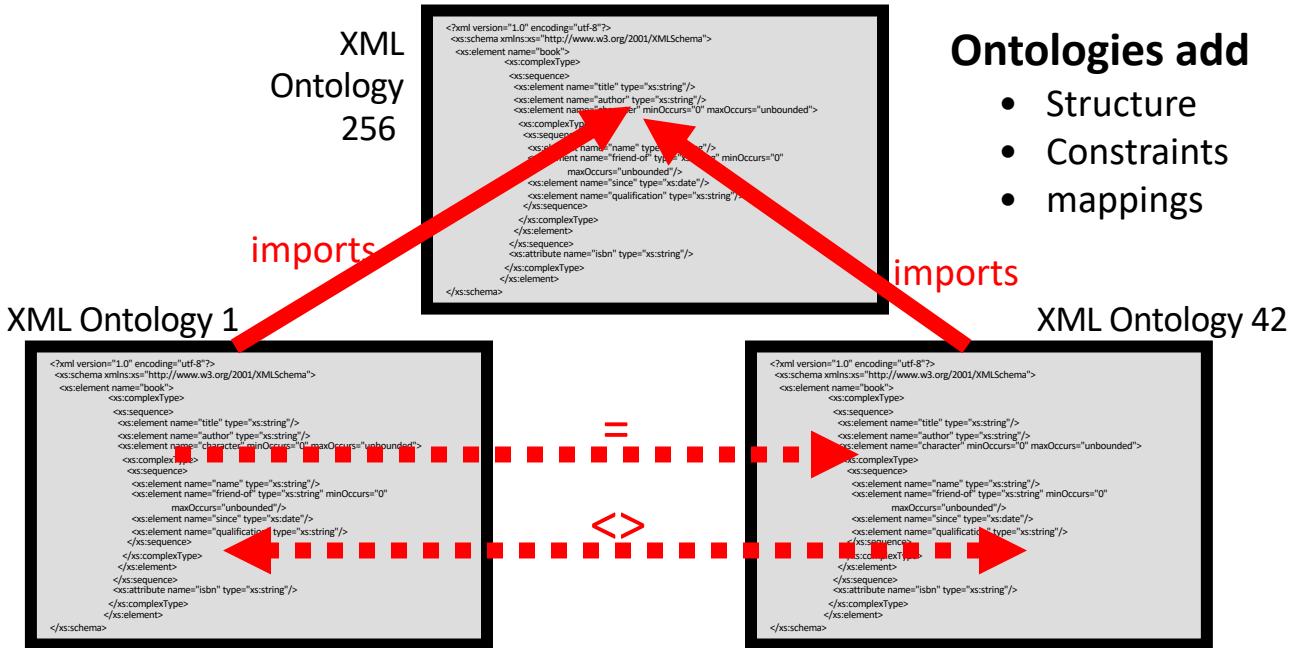
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There's no way to relate schema



**Either manually or automatically.
XML Schema is weak on semantics.**

An Ontology level is needed



Ontologies add

- Structure
- Constraints
- mappings

We need a way to define ontologies in XML

So we can relate them

So machines can understand (to some degree) their meaning

Semantic Web

Use Semantic Web Technology
to publish shared data &
knowledge

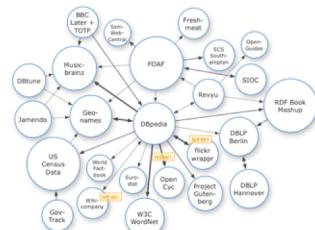
Semantic web technologies
allow machines to share
data and knowledge using
common web language
and protocols.

~ 1997

Semantic Web beginning

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2007

Data is inter-linked to support integration and fusion of knowledge

LOD beginning

The node in the center is DBpedia

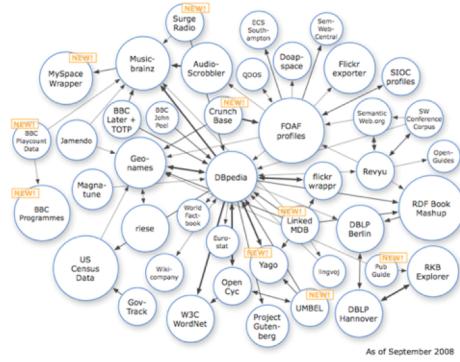
A screenshot of a web browser window displaying the DBpedia page for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. The title bar shows 'About: University of Maryland, Baltimore County'. The page header includes the DBpedia logo and links for 'Browse using', 'Formats', 'Faceted Browser', and 'Sparql Endpoint'. The main content area features a large blue header 'About: University of Maryland, Baltimore County'. Below it, a text block states: 'An Entity of Type : National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, from Named Graph : http://dbpedia.org, within Data Space : dbpedia.org'. A descriptive paragraph follows: 'The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (often referred to as UMBC) is an American public research university, located in Baltimore County, Maryland, United States, mostly in the community of Catonsville, approximately 10 minutes (8.3 miles) from downtown Baltimore City and 30 minutes (33.5 miles) from Washington, D.C.' A table below lists properties and their values, starting with 'dbo:abstract'.

Property	Value
dbo:abstract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (often referred to as UMBC) is an American public research university, located in Baltimore County, Maryland, United States, mostly in the community of Catonsville,

http://dbpedia.org/page/University_of_Maryland,_Baltimore_County

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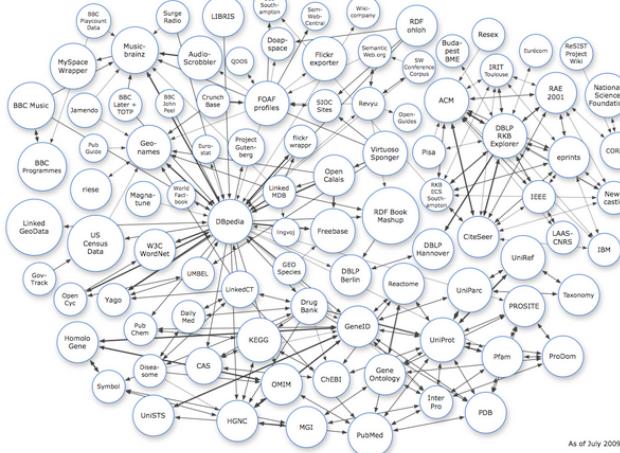
2008

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LOD growing

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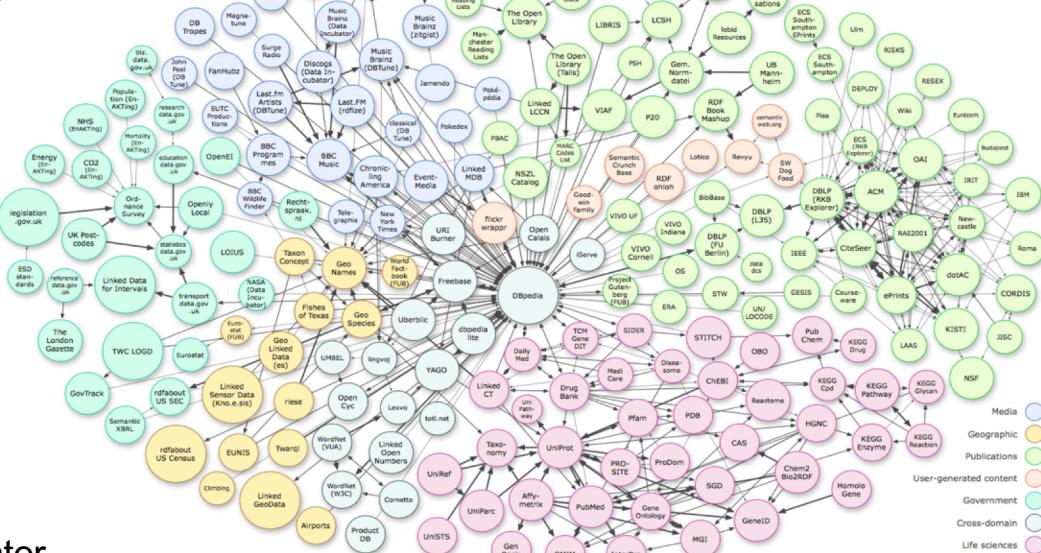
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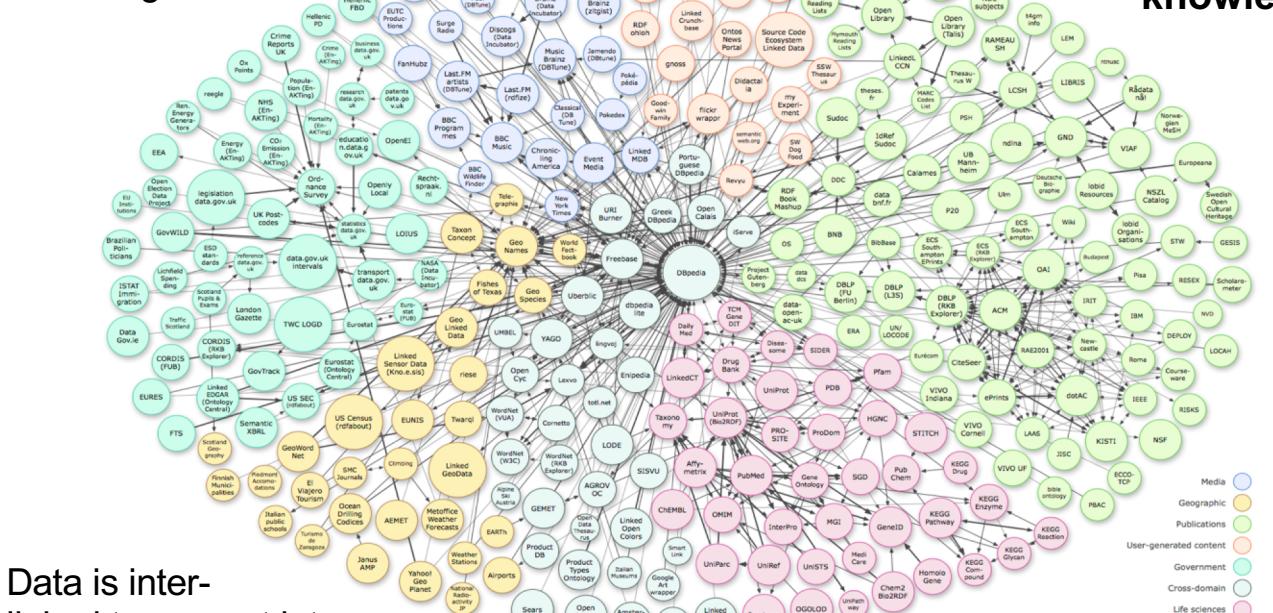
2010

...growing faster

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2011: 31B facts in 295 datasets interlinked by 504M assertions on ckan.net

As of September 2011



Semantic Web: 1, 2, 3

Languages typically divided into three parts:

- 1. Syntax:** legal forms that make up the sentences in a language
- 2. Semantics:** mapping of sentences to meaning (perhaps truth theoretic)
- 3. Pragmatics:** everything else (how to do things with language, knowledge of world, etc.)

1: Syntax

- URIs denote classes, properties, objects, relations
 - http://live.dbpedia.org/resource/Alan_Turing
 - <http://schema.org/Person>
 - <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type>
- Use strings for literals
- Use **triples** to make statements
 - dbpedia:Alan_Turing rdfs:type schema:Person .
 - “Alan Turing is a Person”

*URI = [Uniform Resource Identifier](#)

2: Semantics

- Semantics maps URIs to the things they denote in “the world”
- Some of this is in your mind or in how you write your program
- Meaning of some URIs allow **inference**
 - **parent** relation is **inverse** of the **child** relation
 - schema:parent owl:inverse schema:child

3: Pragmatics

- Semantics is more than just about truth (statements that assert things)
- Must account for commands, requests, questions, context, etc.
 - Some handled by Web protocols (GET, POST)
 - Some by special protocols (e.g., SPARQL queries)
 - Some by having reference KBs of the world (e.g., DBpedia) to help identify common entities

Where are we

- The W3C version of the open semantic web has been growing steadily
- Languages and standards are being used in
 - BBC uses RDF to make up much of its content online
 - Google and Facebook detect AND MAKE USE OF (some) RDF embedded in html pages
 - Google, Yahoo, Microsoft and Yandex formed [Schema.org](#) to develop useful vocabularies
 - Data.gov has many datasets in RDF

Wikipedia data
in RDF

DBpedia

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DBpedia page for Alan Turing. The URL in the address bar is dbpedia.org/page/Alan_Turing. The page content is presented in a tabular format where each row represents a statement in RDF triple form (subject, predicate, object). The subjects are all dbpedia:Alan_Turing. The predicates are owl properties from the dbpedia-owl namespace. The objects are URIs to other DBpedia pages, often followed by a list of values or descriptions. A large blue callout box highlights the first row of the table.

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dbpedia-owl:doctoralStudent	dbpedia:Alonzo_Church	
dbpedia-owl:field	dbpedia:Robin_Gandy	
dbpedia-owl:field	dbpedia:Computer_science	
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Wikidata

- Wikidata aims to create an rdf-like KG that can be read/edited by humans & machines
 - Wikimedia project started in April 2012
- Wikidata clients use the repository, e.g., to populate Web pages or Wikipedia infoboxes
- Based on ideas from Semantic MediaWiki and Freebase

Open source
since 2005

Semantic Media Wiki

Store infobox
info in a KB

The screenshot shows the Semantic MediaWiki homepage. At the top left is the SMW logo (a blue and yellow atom-like icon). The top right features a toolbar with various icons. The main navigation bar includes 'Page' (selected), 'Discussion', 'View', 'View source', 'History', and a search bar.

Semantic MediaWiki (SMW) is a free, open-source extension to [MediaWiki](#) – the wiki software that powers Wikipedia – that lets you store and query data within the wiki's pages.

Semantic MediaWiki is also a full-fledged framework, in conjunction with many spinoff extensions, that can turn a wiki into a powerful and flexible "collaborative database". All data created within SMW can easily be published via the [Semantic Web](#), allowing other systems to use this data seamlessly.

More about Semantic MediaWiki

- Introduction to SMW
- FAQ
- Talks and publications
- Testimonials

Wiki of the Month - January 2013

triple A wiki

triple A is a site that provides IT architecture information for educational organizations. It supports *MBO-scholen* (Dutch secondary schools) wanting to innovate educational processes.

Installation

Download
Current version: SMW 1.8

- Semantic MediaWiki 1.8
- Administrator manual
- Installation
- Configuration
- Related extensions

User community

- Getting support
- SMW Community Wiki
- List of SMW-using wikis
- SMWCon, the Semantic MediaWiki Conference

The SMW project

- About the project
- Version history
- Development roadmap
- Programmer's guide

News

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10 January 2013: Survey: What do you think about SMW?

Freebase

Acquired by
Google in 2010

www.freebase.com/view/en/alan_turing

Freebase Find topics... Data Schema Apps Docs finin Settings Sign Out

Alan Turing

Scroll to:

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- Author
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 Alan Mathison Turing, OBE, FRS (/tʃɔːrɪŋ/ TEWR-ing; 23 June 1912 – 7 June 1954), was a British mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst, and computer scientist. He was highly influential in the development of computer science, giving a formalisation of the concepts of "algorithm" and "computation" with the Turing machine, which can be considered a model of a general purpose computer. Turing is widely considered to be the father of computer science... [More](#)

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Date of birth: Jun 23, 1912

Date of death: Jun 7, 1954 (age 41 years)

Profession: Mathematician, Philosopher, Computer Scientist, Logician

Country of nationality: United Kingdom

Also known as: Alan Mathison Turing

People

Place of birth: Maida Vale, United Kingdom

Alan Turing Quotes

“ Mathematical reasoning may be regarded... ”

“ No, I'm not interested in developing a powerful brain... ”

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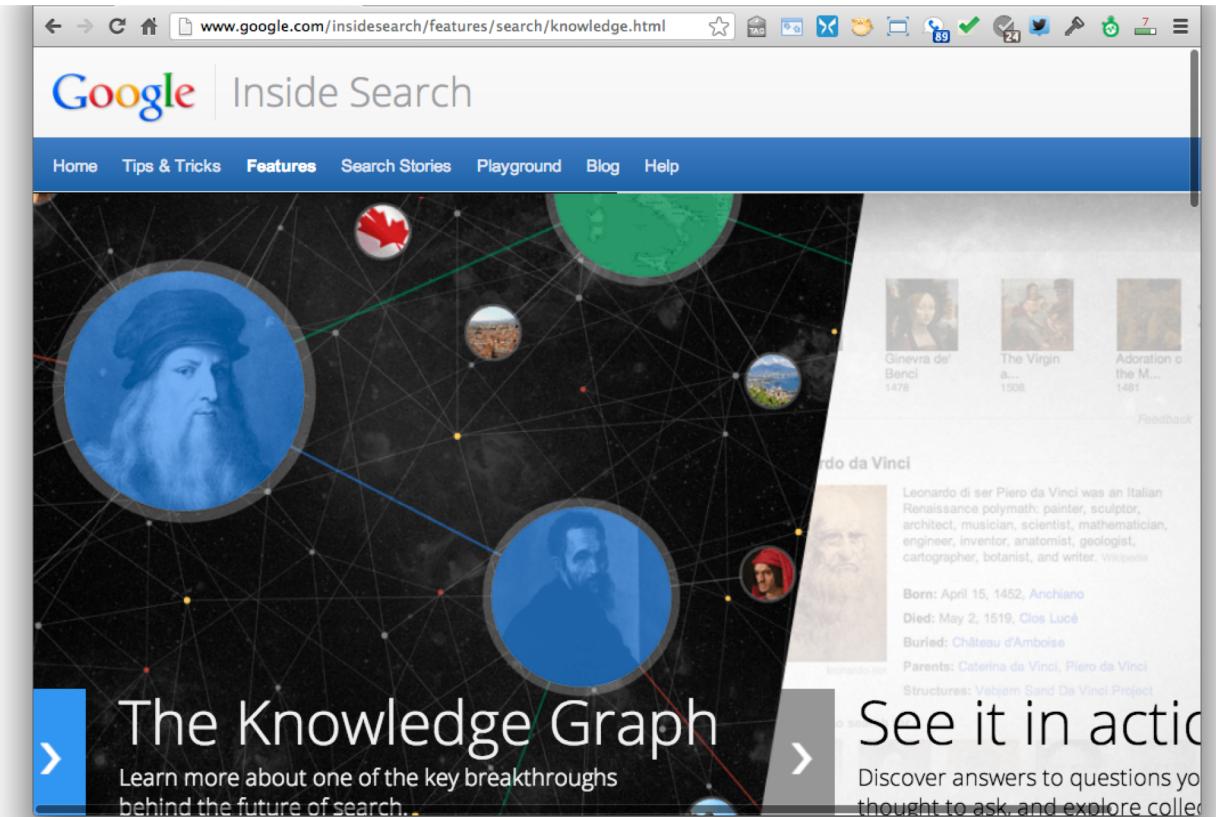
Alan Turing elsewhere on the web

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Wikipedia

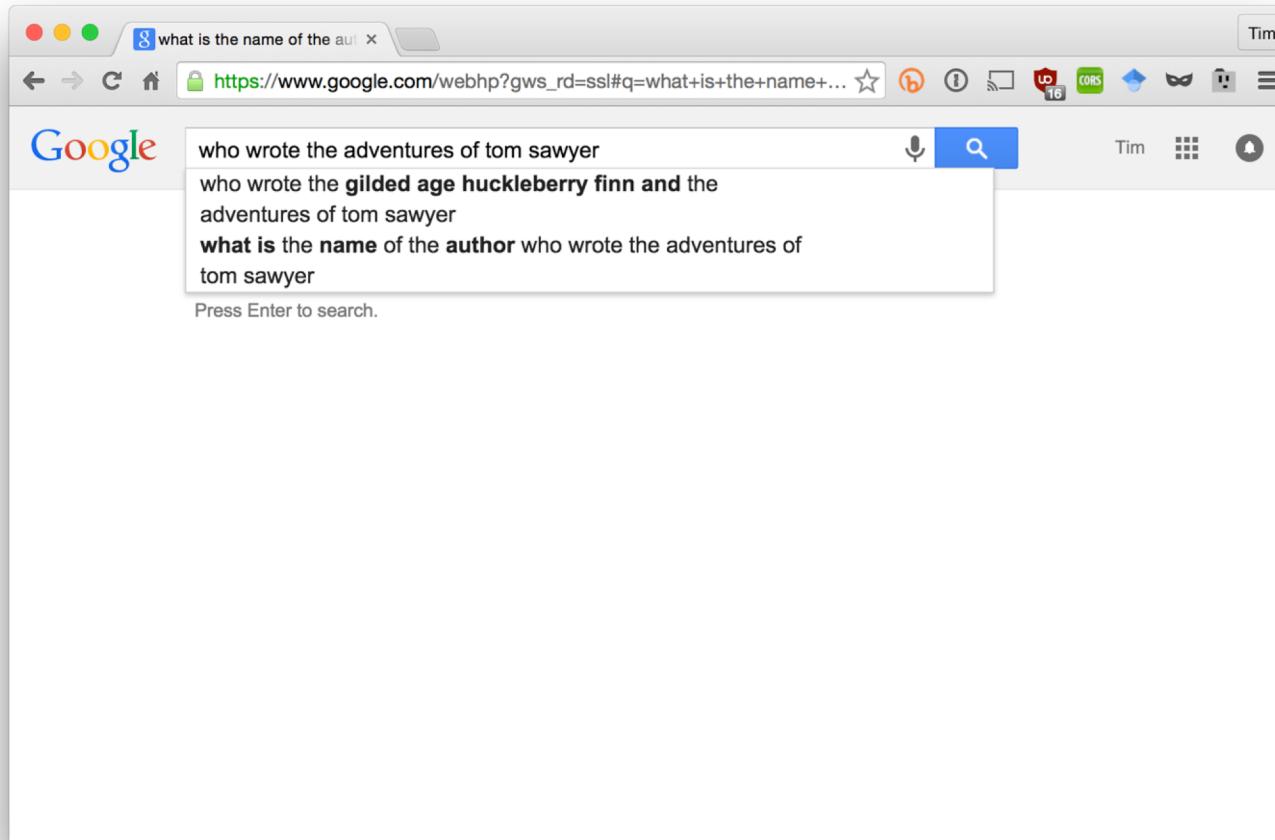
"An entity graph of people, places and things, built by a community that loves open data"

Google Knowledge Graph



Google's slogan for the knowledge graph: “things, not strings”

Who wrote Tom Sawyer?



Annotate your web
pages in RDFa

Facebook Open Graph

=> object in the FB
graph

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ogp.me website. The title bar reads "The Open Graph protocol". The page features a large blue hexagonal icon with a globe-like pattern and two small circular nodes connected by lines. Below the icon, the word "Introduction" is bolded. A paragraph explains that the Open Graph protocol enables web pages to become rich objects in a social graph, similar to Facebook objects. Another paragraph discusses the protocol's design goals and its relationship to existing technologies like RDFa. A section titled "Basic Metadata" is shown, explaining how to add metadata to a page using RDFa tags. A bulleted list at the bottom details the required properties: `og:title` and `og:type`.

The Open Graph protocol



Introduction

The Open Graph protocol enables any web page to become a rich object in a social graph. For instance, this is used on Facebook to allow any web page to have the same functionality as any other object on Facebook.

While many different technologies and schemas exist and could be combined together, there isn't a single technology which provides enough information to richly represent any web page within the social graph. The Open Graph protocol builds on these existing technologies and gives developers one thing to implement. Developer simplicity is a key goal of the Open Graph protocol which has informed many of the technical design decisions.

Basic Metadata

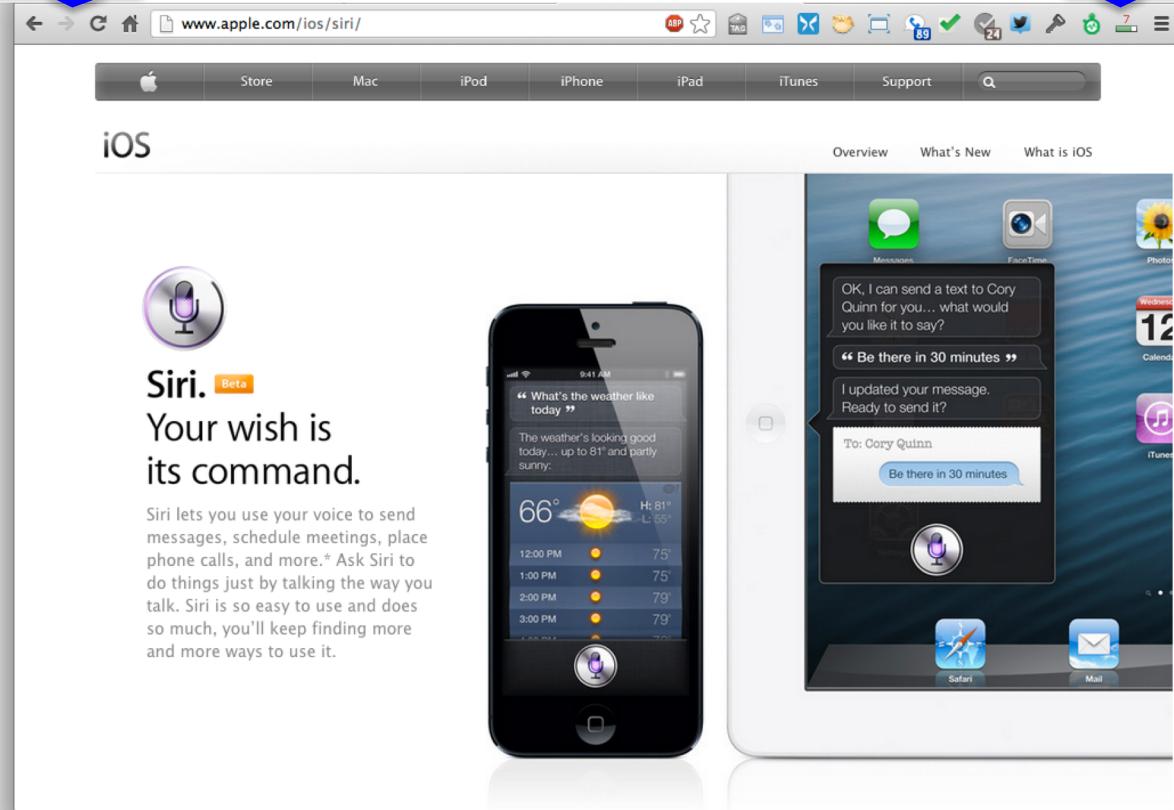
To turn your web pages into graph objects, you need to add basic metadata to your page. We've based the initial version of the protocol on [RDFa](#) which means that you'll place additional `<meta>` tags in the `<head>` of your web page. The four required properties for every page are:

- `og:title` - The title of your object as it should appear within the graph, e.g., "The Rock".
- `og:type` - The [type](#) of your object, e.g., "video.movie". Depending on the type you specify, other properties may also

speech => text =>
entities => task

Apple's SIRI

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SIRI needs lots of semantic data about entities in the world

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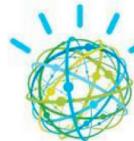
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A collection of useful ontologies

Schema.org

Embed in HTML using RDFa to make machine understandable statements

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the schema.org Person page. The page has a red header with the schema.org logo and navigation links for Home, Schemas, and Documentation. Below the header, the title "Thing > Person" is displayed, followed by the definition "A person (alive, dead, undead, or fictional)". A table lists properties for both Thing and Person types.

Property	Expected Type	Description
Properties from Thing		
additionalType	URL	An additional type for the item, typically used for adding more specific types from external vocabularies in microdata syntax. This is a relationship between something and a class that the thing is in. In RDFa syntax, it is better to use the native RDFa syntax – the 'typeof' attribute – for multiple types. Schema.org tools may have only weaker understanding of extra types, in particular those defined externally.
alternateName	Text	An alias for the item.
description	Text	A short description of the item.
image	URL	URL of an image of the item.
name	Text	The name of the item.
sameAs	URL	URL of a reference Web page that unambiguously indicates the item's identity. E.g. the URL of the item's Wikipedia page, Freebase page, or official website.
url	URL	URL of the item.
Properties from Person		
additionalName	Text	An additional name for a Person, can be used for a middle name.
address	PostalAddress	Physical address of the item.
affiliation	Organization	An organization that this person is affiliated with. For example, a school/university, a club, or a team.
alumniOf	EducationalOrganization	An educational organizations that the person is an alumni of.

Summary

- Web has made us smarter by sharing information and knowledge as text, audio and images
- Machines should also be able to use the Web to publish & retrieve information & knowledge
- Human forms of knowledge are hard for machines to understand and generate
- The Semantic Web is a collection of languages, ontologies, software tools, services and KBs that are designed to support machines