TDT44 - Semantic Web

# 0WL

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### Introduction

# OWL: Web Ontology Language

- Most popular ontology language
- More complex and richer relationships than RDF Schema
- Much stronger reasoning ability
- Two versions: OWL 1 and OWL 2
  - OWL 1 is a subset of OWL 2

OWL = RDF Schema + new constructs for better expressiveness

# A Brief History

- → 1990s: SHOE, OIL, DAML → **DAML+OIL**
- → 2001: Revision of DAML+OIL → **OWL** (1)
- → 2004: OWL 1 formal W3C recommendation
- → 2005: Suggestions for incremental revisions (*OWL 1.1*)
- → 2008: <del>OWL 1.1</del> → **OWL 2**
- → 2009: OWL 2 W3C standard

# OWL 1: Terms and Language Constructs

### **OWL 1: Classes**

- Localizing global properties
  - Value constraints: allValuesFrom, someValuesFrom, hasValue
  - Cardinality constraints: cardinality, minCardinality, maxCardinality
- Set operators
  - o intersectionOf, unionOf, complementOf
- Enumeration
  - o oneOf
- Equivalent
  - o equivalentClass
- Disjoint
  - o disjointWith

### OWL 1: Properties

- ObjectProperty **VS** DatatypeProperty
- Property characteristics
  - o SymmetricProperty
  - o TransitiveProperty
  - FunctionalProperty and InverseFunctionalProperty
  - o inverseOf

### OWL 2: Terms and Language Constructs

### **OWL 2: Common Patterns**

#### Disjointedness

- AllDisjointClasses,
- o disjointUnionOf

#### Negative assertions

- Negative (Object | Datatype) PropertyAssertion
- sourceIndividual
- o assertionProperty
- o target(Individual|Value)

# OWL 2: Improved Expressiveness for Properties

- Property cardinality restrictions
  - o qualifiedCardinality
- Reflexive, irreflexive, asymmetric
  - ReflexiveProperty, IrreflexiveProperty, AsymmetricProperty
- Disjoint properties
  - o propertyDisjointWith,AllDisjointProperty
- Property chains
  - o propertyChainAxiom

### **OWL 2: Other Features**

- Datatypes
  - More built in
  - Creating/extending datatypes
- Entity Declarations
  - Helps OWL tools
  - Optional
- Imports and Versioning

# OWL 2: Language Profiles

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- OWL 2 Full vs. OWL 2 DL
- OWL 2 profiles
  - o OWL 2 EL
  - o OWL 2 QL
  - o OWL 2 RL

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- OWL extends on the idea behind RDF Schemas, allowing for more expressiveness, and thus stronger reasoning abilities
- OWL 1 does this by
  - Add restrictions to subclasses, such as ways of localizing global properties
  - Add characteristics to properties
- OWL 2 expands on this by
  - Adding constructs to simplify some common patterns
  - Adding improved expressiveness for properties
  - Defining 3 language profiles for different use cases

### Thanks!

# References

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