

Welcome to INFO216:  
Knowledge Graphs  
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# Session 6: Enterprise Knowledge Graphs

- Themes:
  - Open Knowledge Graphs ( $\leftarrow$  S05)
    - Linked Open Data resources / datasets
    - Wikidata, DBpedia, GDELT, EventKG  
GeoNames, WordNet, BabelNet...
  - Enterprise Knowledge Graphs (EKGs) ( $\rightarrow$  S06)
    - Google's knowledge graph
    - Amazon's product graphs
    - the News Hunter infrastructure and architecture



# Readings

- Sources (suggested):
  - Blumauer & Nagy (2020):  
Knowledge Graph Cookbook – Recipes that Work (parts 2 and 4)
- Material at <http://wiki.uib.no/info216>:
  - *Introducing the Knowledge Graph: Things not Strings*, Amit Singhal, Google (2012).
  - *A reintroduction to our Knowledge Graph and knowledge panels*, Danny Sullivan, Google (2020).
  - *How Amazon’s Product Graph is helping customers find products more easily*, Arun Krishnan, Amazon (2018).
  - lecture slides

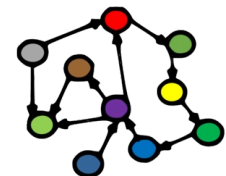


THE KNOWLEDGE GRAPH  
**COOKBOOK**  
RECIPES THAT WORK



ANDREAS BLUMAUER  
AND HELMUT NAGY

1st edition, 2020

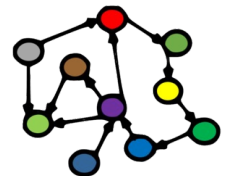


Is anyone really using  
Knowledge Graphs?

Is anyone really using this?

Yes!

- But...



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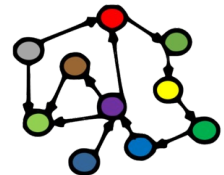
amazon.com

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Many of these ideas are widely adopted too, such as:

- microdata / schema.org
- RDF / SPARQL / ... for semantic data exchange
- graph representations in general



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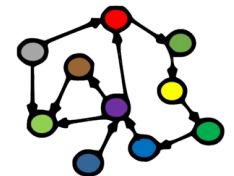
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Similar ideas,  
adapted to new uses  
and business contexts,  
using a combination of  
standard and other  
technologies

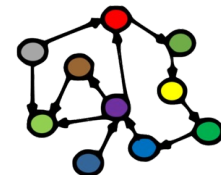
# Google's Knowledge Graph



# Google's Knowledge Graph

- Google Knowledge Graph (from 2012)
  - “Things, not Strings”
  - seeded from Freebase
  - facts from Wikipedia, Wikidata, CIA World Factbook
    - a growing number of other sources
  - enriched by natural-language parsing (NLP)
    - Google’s Knowledge Vault
  - used internally for many purposes
  - visible in Google Search results (Knowledge Panels)
  - question answering in Google Assistant / Home

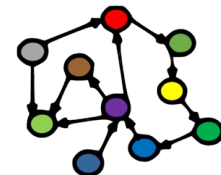
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# Google's Knowledge Graph

- Coverage:
  - claimed
    - 18 billion facts (18G, norsk: 18 milliarder)  
about 570 million entities *soon after start*
  - 70 billion facts claimed in (2016)
  - 500 billion facts about five billion entities (2020)
    - ...perhaps 3 times the size of the LOD cloud
  - from English to multiple languages
- Critiques:
  - source attribution, incl. Wikipedia / Wikidata

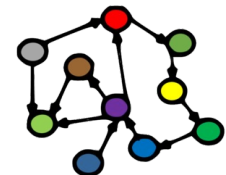
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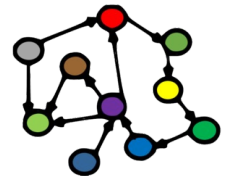
# Google's Knowledge Vault Project

- Google Knowledge Vault
  - extends the Knowledge Graph
  - covers resources not from open semantic datasets
  - facts extracted from the whole web
    - NLP of text documents
    - HTML trees and tables
    - human annotated pages (e.g., schema.org)
  - probabilistic reasoning
    - graph-based priors
    - knowledge fusion

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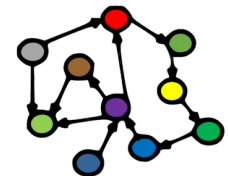


# Amazon's Knowledge Graph



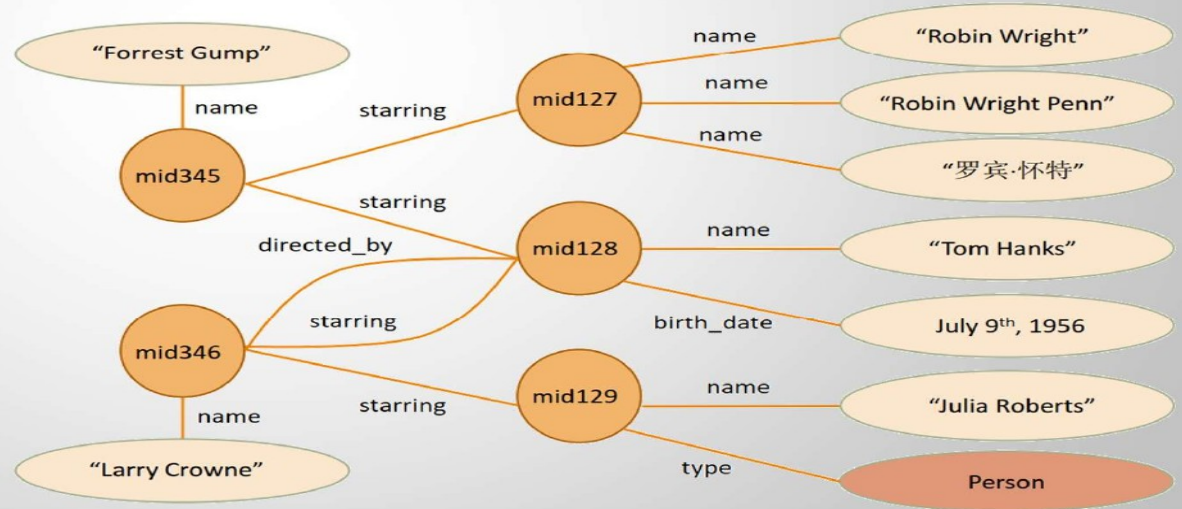
# Amazon's ambition

- Let shoppers find the best products that fit their needs
  - allow greater variation in search terms
  - allow complex queries
- Structure all of the world's information as it relates to everything available on Amazon
- Describe every product on Amazon
  - concrete and abstract concepts
  - products and non-products
  - link different entities
- Enriched customer experience
  - visit Amazon to see what's new or interesting
  - discover ways to simplify and enrich their lives



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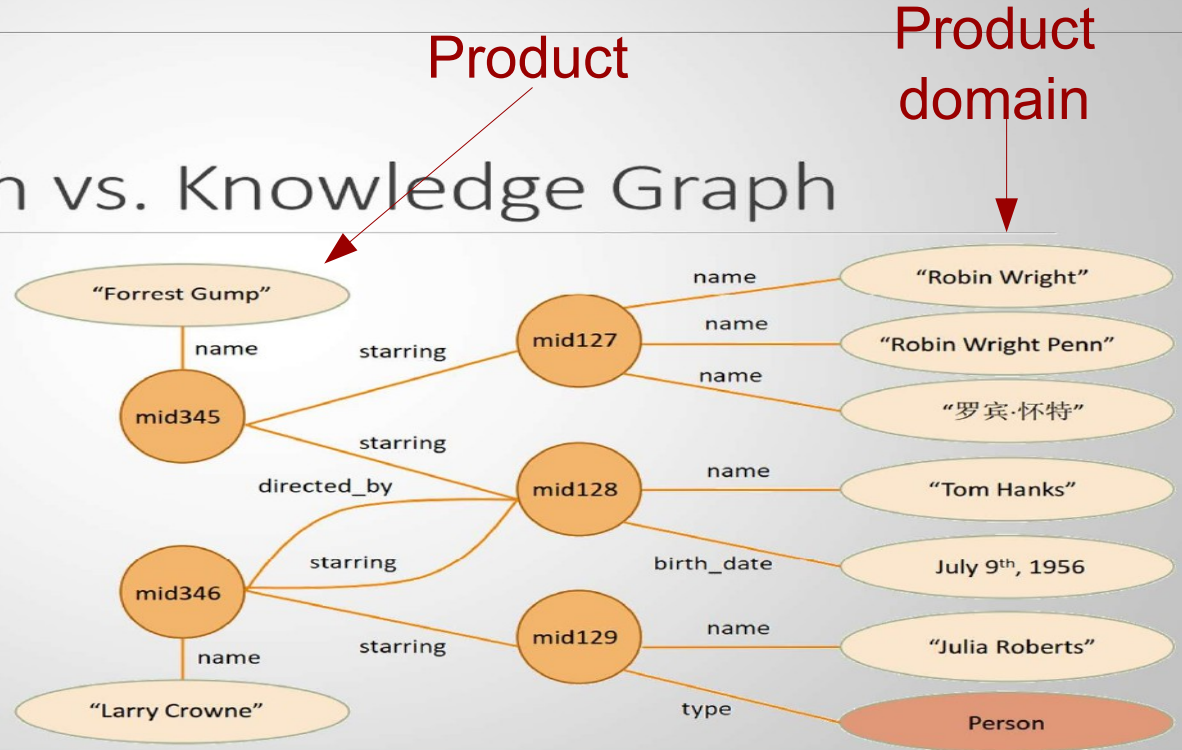
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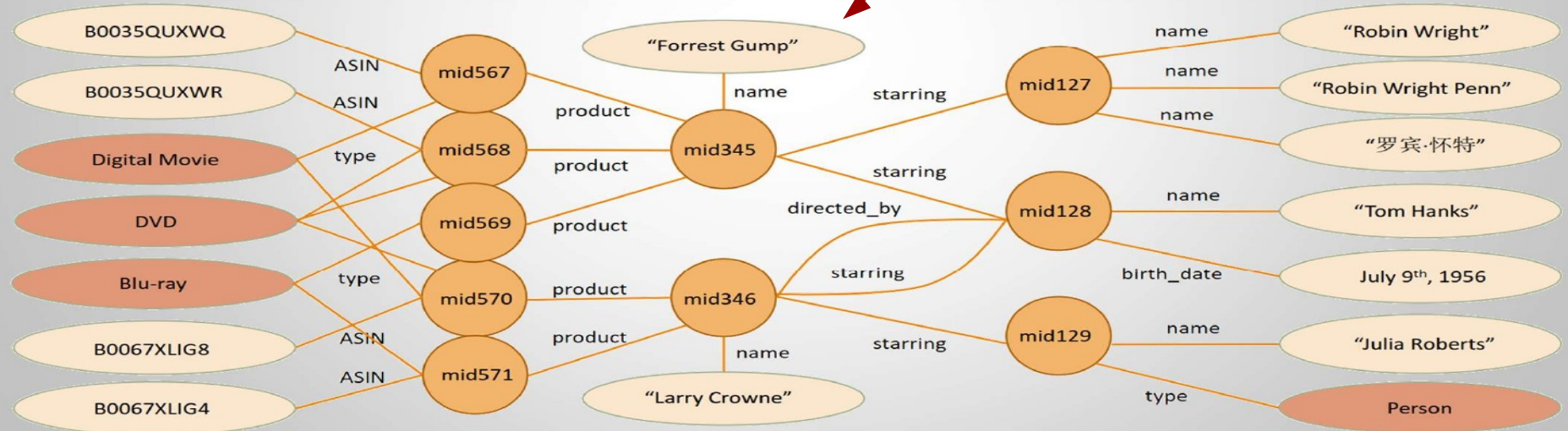
# Amazon

Product details

Product

Product domain

## Product Graph vs. Knowledge Graph



Ratings & reviews

# Amazon

Delivery services

Customers

Product details

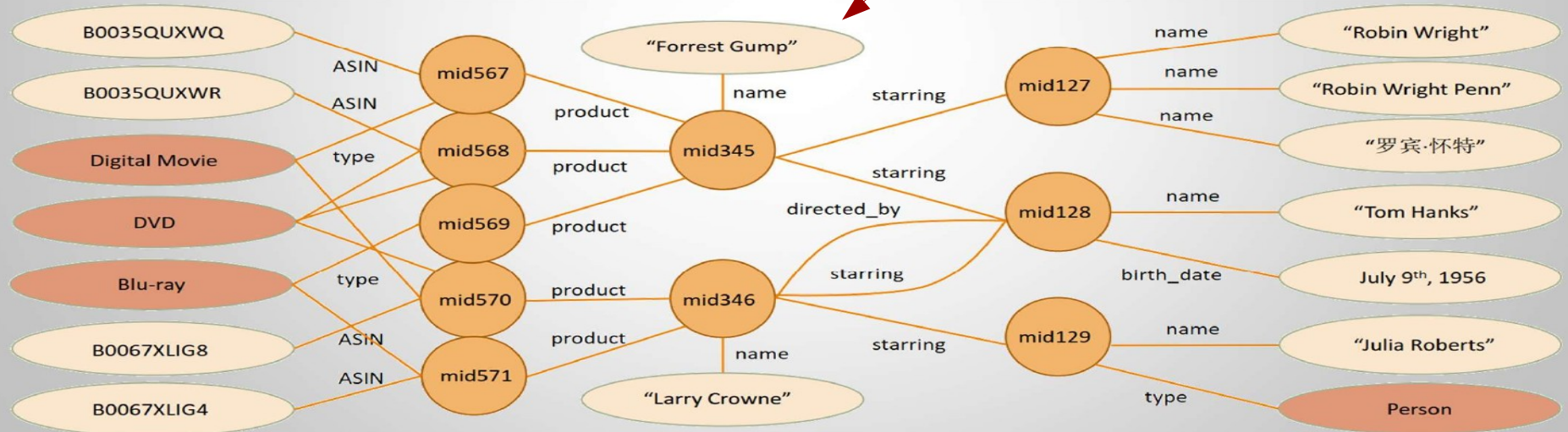
Suppliers

Support

Product

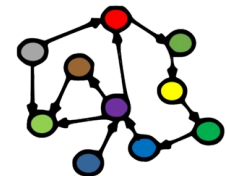
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## Product Graph vs. Knowledge Graph



# Challenges

- Ingest product-related information from Amazon's detail pages and from the Internet at large
  - product information is largely unstructured
  - trustworthiness of sources
- Machine learning techniques for
  - knowledge extraction, linkage and cleaning
  - distantly supervised learning
    - train on more structured subset of data
    - run on larger unstructured data space
  - open information extraction
  - graph mining techniques to identify interesting hidden patterns (buying product-X  $\rightarrow$  buying product-Y)

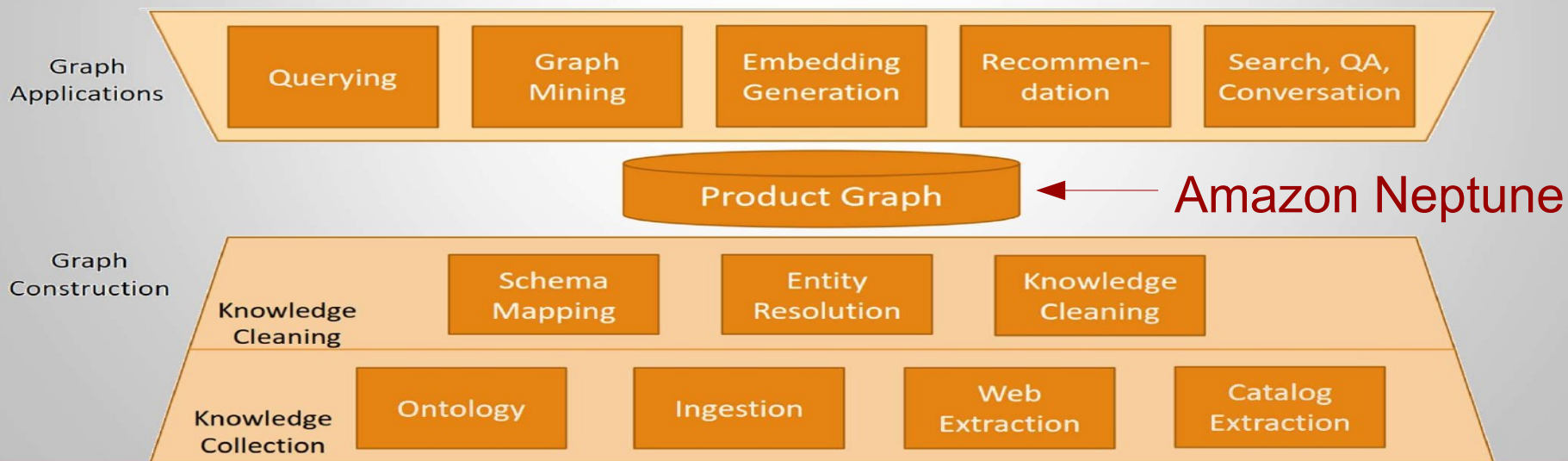


# Amazon

“We aim at building an authoritative knowledge graph for all products in the world”

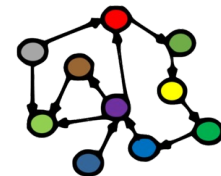
Xin Luna Dong, Amazon,  
at WSDM conf, Feb 2018

## Architecture

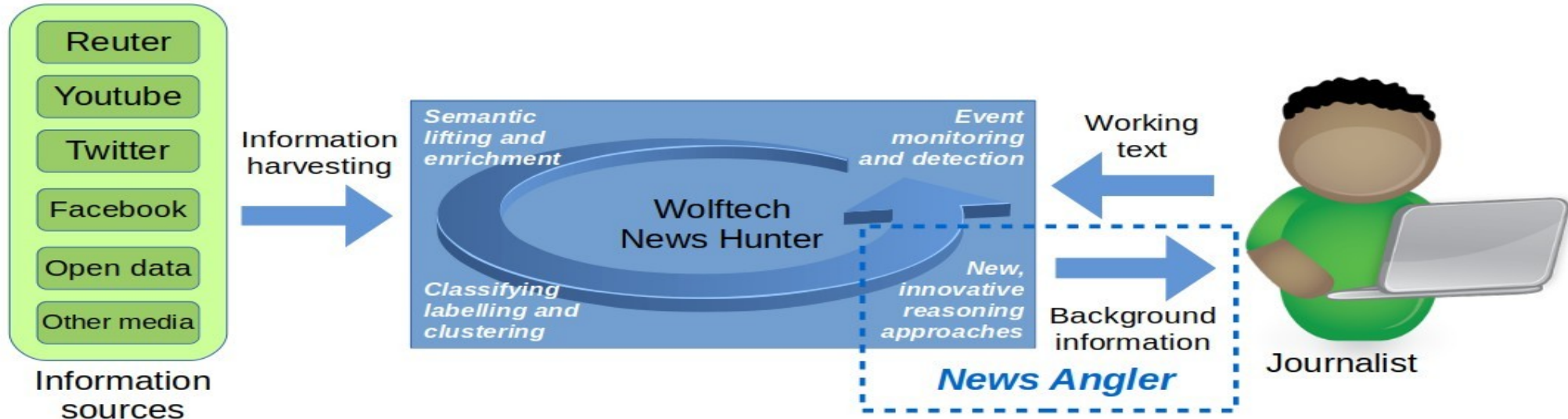




# The News Hunter Platform



# Ongoing project: News Angler



*“Wolftech News supports and improves the workflows in a newsroom through mobile solutions for field work that are integrated with central systems for news monitoring, resource management, news editing, and multi-platform publishing”*

- 1) Harvesting and analysing messages
  - 2) Growing a semantic news graph
    - concepts, named entities, context...
  - 3) Analysing working texts (stories)
  - 4) Identifying background information
  - 5) Prioritising and preparing
  - 6) Journalistic and editorial preferences
- Research:* graph, searches, preparation, preferences, language, scaling

# A single central news graph

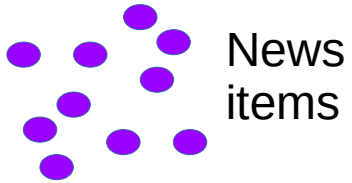




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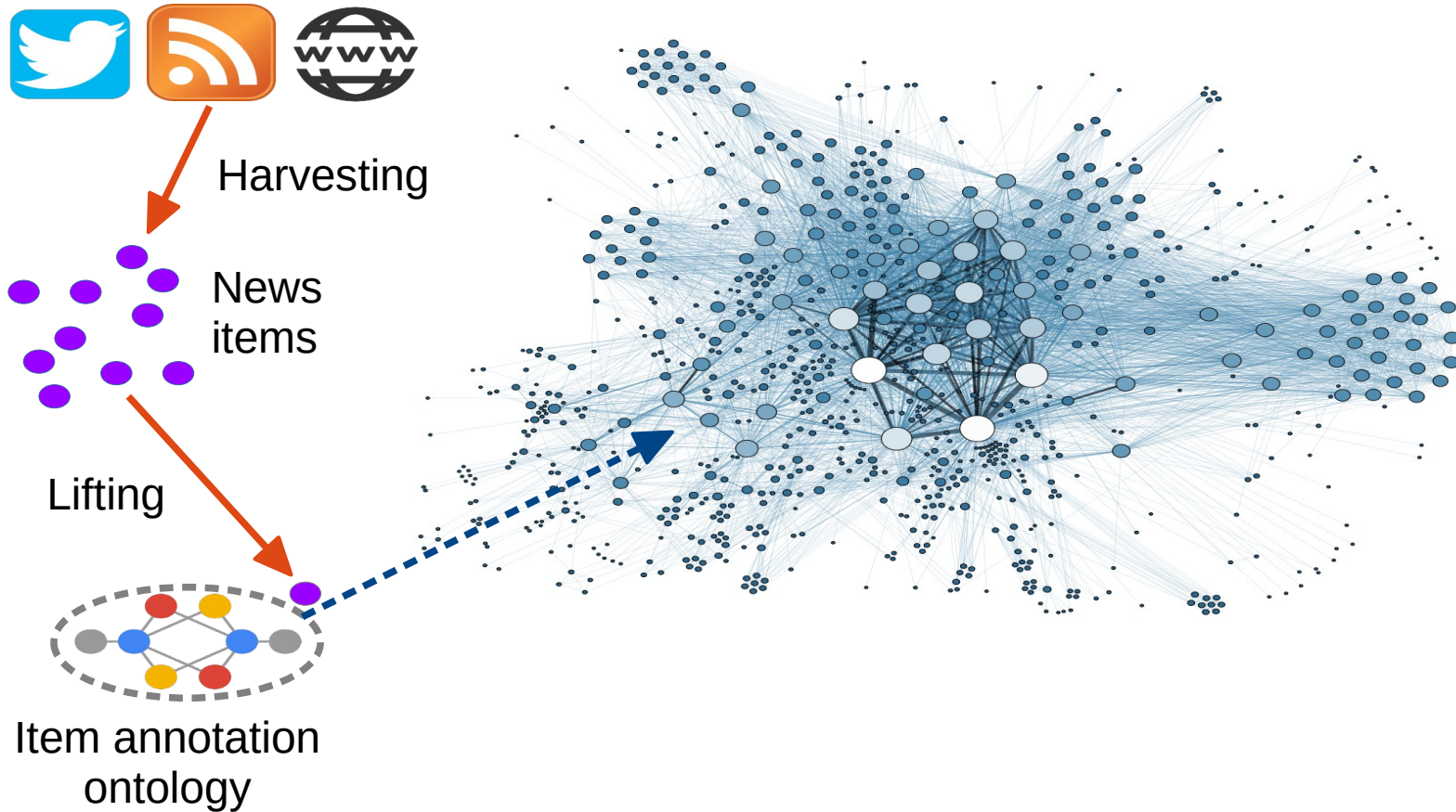
Harvesting



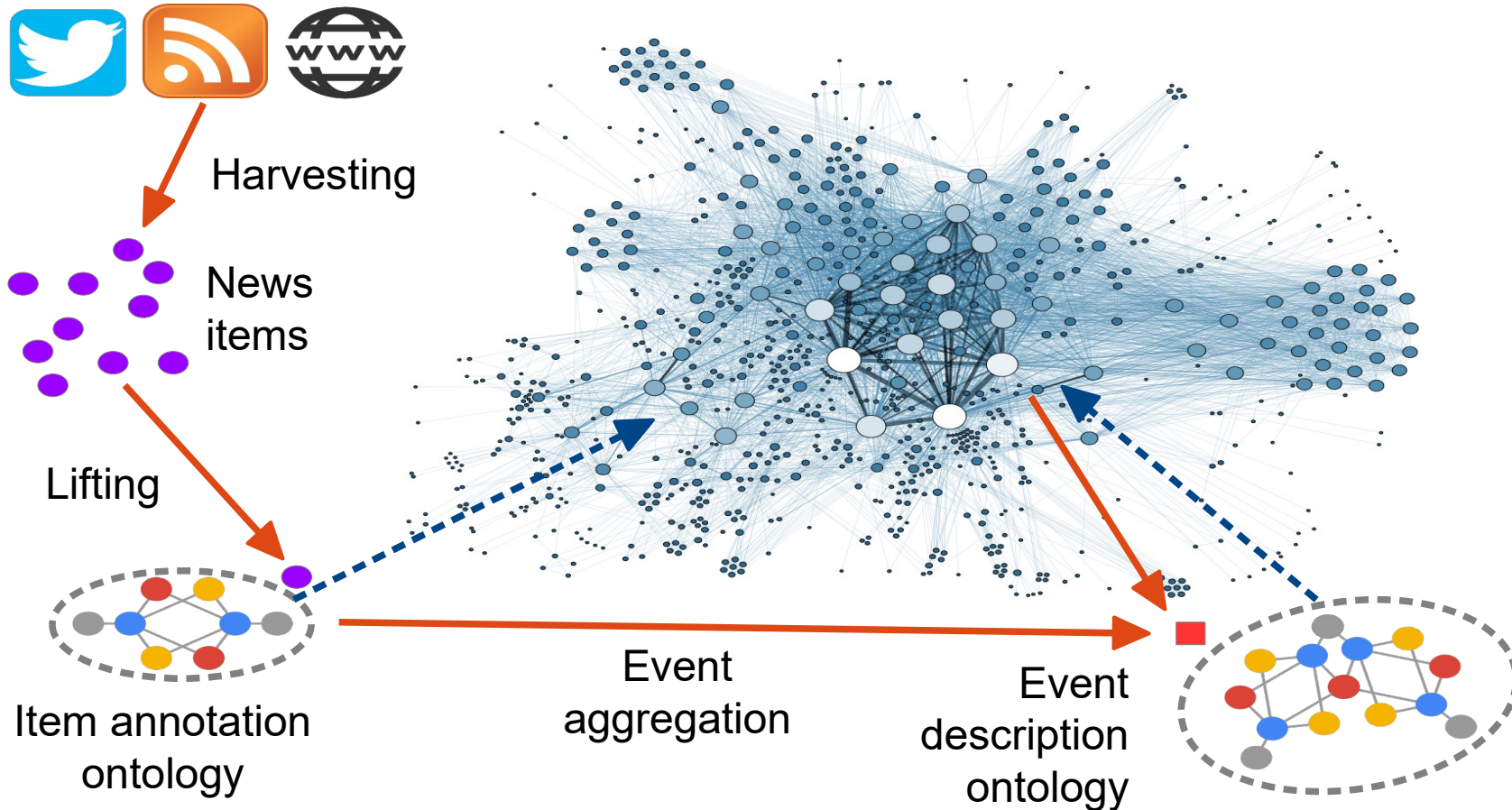
News items



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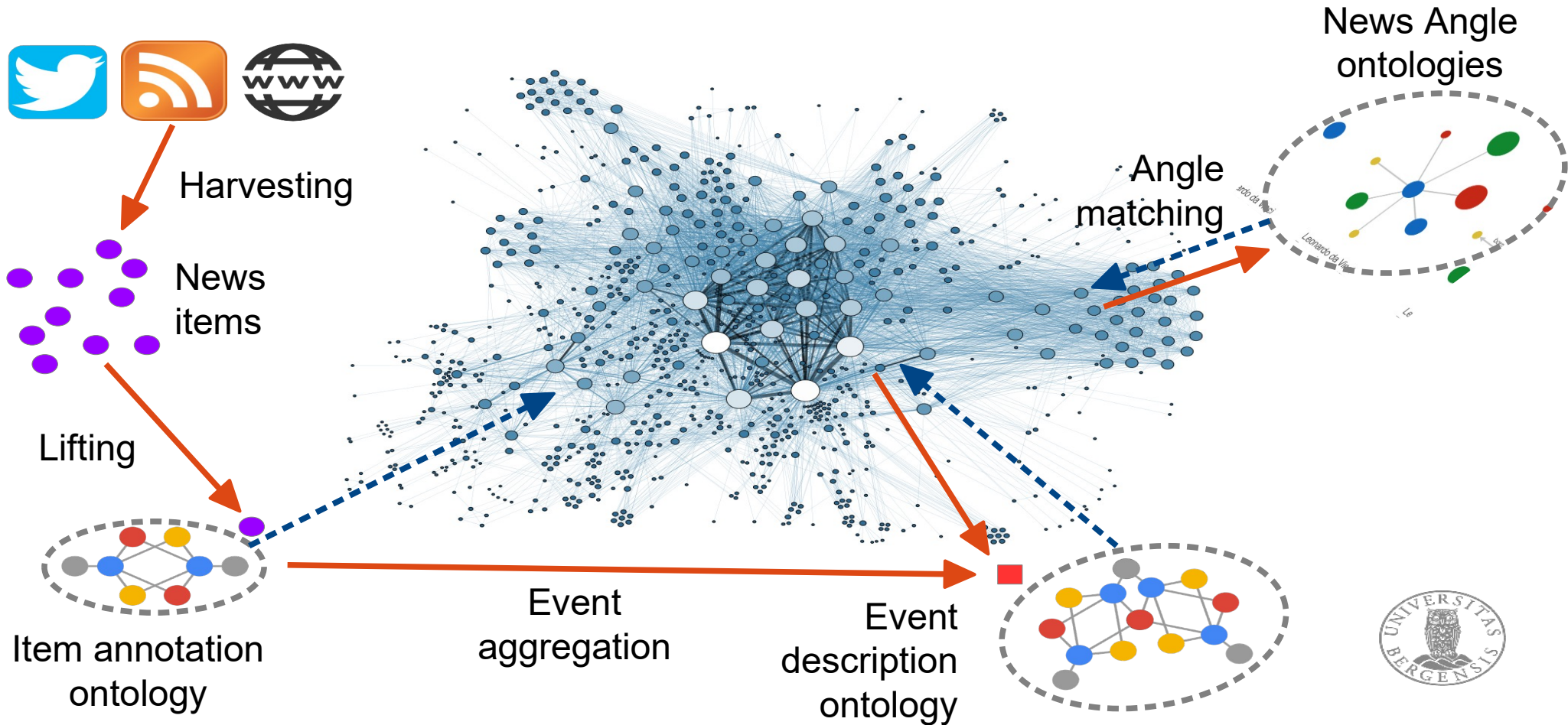


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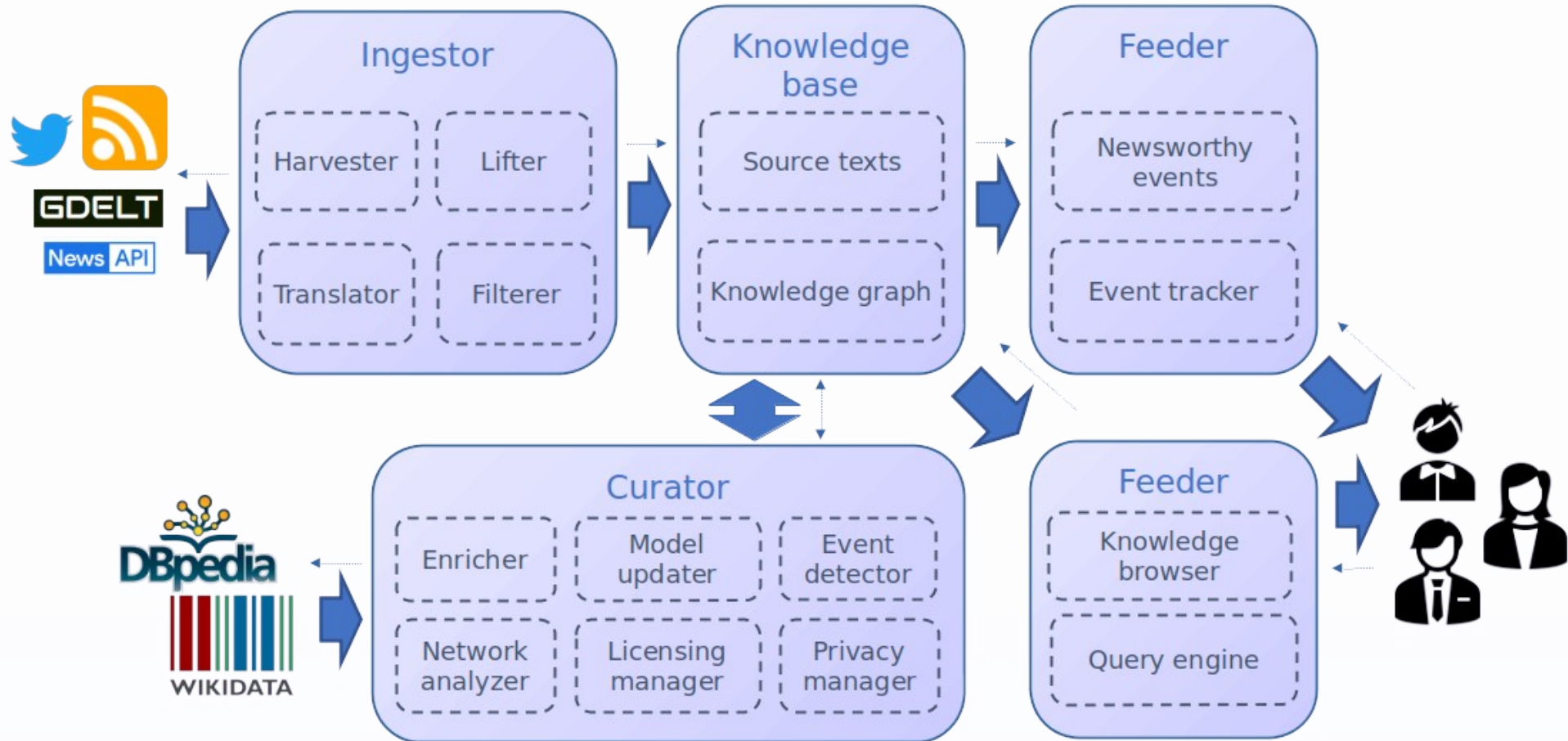
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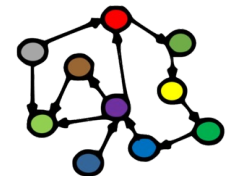
# The News Hunter architecture

Harvesting news-related information from social media and other sources; analysing, organising, enriching and presenting news-related information to journalists. Implemented state-of-the-art big data and distributed technologies.



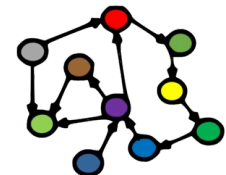
# Services

- Written in Python 3.8-3.9
- All services are deployed in docker containers
- FastAPI as the main python library for writing APIs



# Services - harvesters

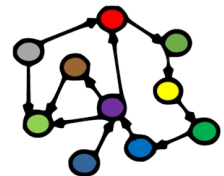
- Twitter harvester: connects to the Twitter API to read streams of tweets from news organizations accounts
- RSS harvester: downloads RSS feeds from news organisations
- GDELT harvester: gets the events and GKG datasets from GDELT projects
- NewsAPI harvester: use NewsAPI.org API to get real-time feeds of news from thousands of news outlets



# Services - lifters

Lifters for news and GDELT that use NER to represent the information into knowledge graphs

- DbpediaSpotlight NEL: using DBpediaSpotlight for named entity linking
- SpaCy NEL: using SpaCy for named entity linking
- Kolitsas NEL: using Kolitsas algorithm for named entity linking







# The News Hunter infrastructure



## Service nodes

Web scraping, API, user interfaces, semantic lifting processes

- Light-to-medium processing
- Python, REST API, ...

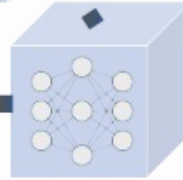
FastAPI

RDF

spaCy



NumPy



## Computation-intensive nodes

Complex AI services and training processes.

- CPU, RAM, GPU intensive
- *Python, spaCy, ...*

## Management nodes

Service orchestration and monitoring

- Lighter processing
- Docker Swarm

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## Message queue nodes

Message exchange, queueing (TBD)

- Lighter processing
- Kafka

## Raw data nodes

Distributed storage for raw data files (textual, multimedia)

- Disk intensive
- *Cassandra, ...*

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## Configuration nodes

- Lighter processing
- *MongoDB, files*

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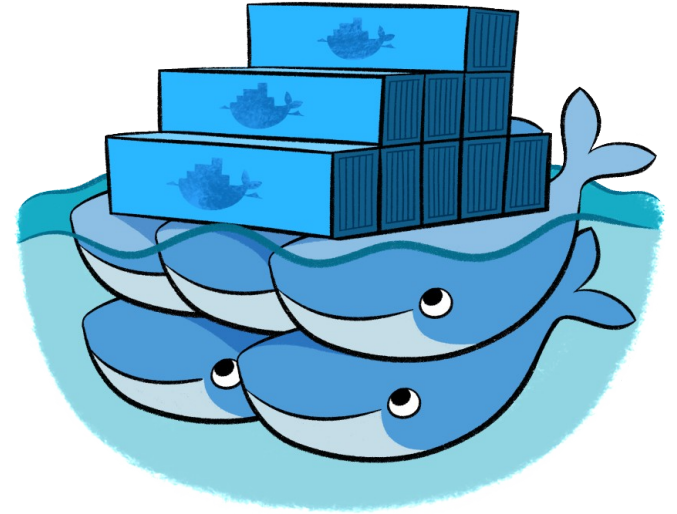
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## Knowledge graph nodes

News semantic representation storage.

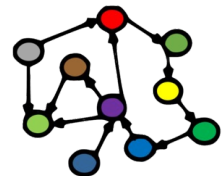
- Disk, CPU and RAM intensive
- *Blazegraph*

# Cloud infrastructure deployment tools



# Technologies

- Docker Swarm
- Kafka (as pub/sub message queue to communicate between all services in the platform)
- Zookeeper
- Cassandra (storing raw data in a distributed cluster)
- Blazegraph (knowledge graph of news and events)
- MongoDB (configuration and metadata)
- All of them have been deployed using Docker containers



## **News Hunter Platform:**

- **38 vCPUs**
- **152GB RAM**
- **20TB Disk**
- **17 Instances**

**+**

**1 Launcher instance for deploying  
the cloud infrastructure:**

- **1 vCPU**
- **4 GB RAM**

1 vCPU = 0.5CPU

Next week:  
Rules (RDFS)