

# INFO216: **Knowledge Graphs**

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# Session S14: OWL DL

- Themes:
  - description logic
  - decision problems
  - OWL DL
  - Manchester OWL-syntax



# Readings

- Forum links (cursory):
  - <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/>
    - show: Turtle and Manchester syntax
    - hide: other syntaxes
  - Description Logic Handbook:
    - Chapter 1: Nardi & Brachman:  
Introduction to Description Logics
    - Chapter 2: Baader & Nutt:  
Formal Description Logics (*gets hard*)



# Description Logic (DL)



# Description logics

- Description Logic (DL)
  - a simple *fragment* of predicate logic
    - ...or, rather, a *family of such fragments*
  - not very *expressive* (“uttrykkskraftig”)
  - but (can have) *good decision problems*, i.e.,
    - it answers *decision problems* (rather) quickly
- Suitable for describing *concepts* (“begreper”)
  - formal basis for *OWL DL*
  - can be used to:
    - describe *concepts* and their *roles* (“Tbox”)
    - describe *individuals* and their *roles* (“ABox”)



# Relationship to other logics

- *Proposition logics* are about *statements* (*propositions*):  
    “Martha is a Woman”  $\Leftarrow$   
        “Martha is Human”  $\wedge$  “Martha is Female”
- (First order) *predicate logics* are about *predicates* and *objects*:
  - $\forall x. (\text{Woman}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{Human}(x) \wedge \text{Female}(x))$
- *Description logics* are about *concepts*:
  - **Woman**  $\doteq$  **Human**  $\sqcap$  **Female**
  - ...and also about *roles* and *individuals*
- There are many other logic systems:
  - *modal logics*: necessarily  $\square$ , possibly  $\diamond$
  - *temporal logics*: always  $\square$ , sometimes  $\diamond$ , next time  $\circ$



# Definition of concepts (“begreper”)

- **Woman**  $\doteq$  **Human**  $\sqcap$  **Female**
- **Man**  $\doteq$  **Human**  $\sqcap$   $\neg$  **Woman**
- **Parent**  $\doteq$  **Mother**  $\sqcup$  **Father**
  - **concepts**: **Human, Female, Woman...**
  - **definition**:  $\doteq$
  - **conjunction** (and):  $\sqcap$
  - **disjunction** (or):  $\sqcup$
  - **negation** (not):  $\neg$
  - **nested expressions**: ( )
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- **Parent**  $\doteq$  **Mother**  $\sqcup$  **Father**
  - atomic concepts: **Human, Female, Woman...**
  - complex concepts / concept expressions:  
     $\neg$  **Woman, Human**  $\sqcap$  **Female...**
  - (atomic) base concepts: **Human, Female...**
    - only used on the r.h.s. of definitions
  - (atomic) defined concepts: **Woman, Man...**
    - used on the l.h.s. of *a single* definition
    - *unequivocality*: each defined (or named) concept occurs in the l.h.s. of only one definition
    - acyclicity



# Base and defined concepts and roles

- *Atomic base concepts* are given
  - corresponds to OWL-NamedClasses that are *not* composed from other classes/properties/...
- *Atomic defined / named concepts*
  - corresponds to OWL-NamedClasses that are *composed from other classes*
  - defined by *concept expressions*
  - name appears on the left side of an  $\doteq$  definition
  - concept expression appears on the right side
- ...similar distinction between *base* and *defined roles* later



# Roles

- **Mother**  $\doteq$  **Female**  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ **hasChild**. $\top$
- **Bachelor**  $\doteq$  **Male**  $\sqcap$   $\neg\exists$ **hasSpouse**. $\top$
- **Uncle**  $\doteq$  **Male**  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ **hasSibling**.**Parent**
  - **roles**: **hasChild**, **hasSibling**...
  - **universal concept** (“top”):  $\top$
  - **existential restriction**:  $\exists$
- **Grandparent**  $\doteq$  ..using **Human**, **hasChild**, **Parent**..
- **Grandparent**  $\doteq$  ..using only **Human**, **hasChild**..
- **Uncle**  $\doteq$  ..using **Male**, **hasSibling**, **hasChild**..



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- **Male**  $\sqcap$  **Female**  $\sqsubseteq \perp$ 
  - *null concept* (“bottom”):  $\perp$
  - *subsumption* (sub concept):  $\sqsubseteq$
  - *equivalence*:  $\equiv$
- $\doteq$  is used for *definitions* (or just  $\equiv$ )
- $\equiv$  are used for *equivalence axioms*
- $\sqsubseteq$  are used for *subsumption axioms*
  - *or*: containment / specialisation axioms
- Note the use of  $\dots \sqsubseteq \perp$  (“subsumption of bottom”)
  - to say that something is not the case
- *This was our first proper axiom!*
  - so far we have just defined *concepts*
  - we have not used them in proper *axioms*



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- Note the use of  $\dots \sqsubseteq \perp$  (“subsumption of bottom”)
  - to say that something is not the case
- *But:*
  - definitions are a special type of *equivalence axioms*
  - with a single atomic (defined) concept on the l.h.s.





# More uses of roles

- **HappyFather**  $\doteq$  **Father**  $\sqcap$   $\forall$  **hasChild.HappyPerson**
  - universal restriction:  $\forall$
- **MotherOfOne**  $\doteq$  **Mother**  $\sqcap$  **=1 hasChild.T**
- **Polygamist**  $\doteq$   **$\geq 3$  hasSpouse.T**
  - number restrictions:  $=, \geq, \leq$
- **Narsissist**  $\doteq$   **$\exists$ hasLoveFor.Self**
  - self references: Self
- **MassMurderer**  $\doteq$  ...using **hasKilled, Human...**



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# Inverse and transitive roles

- **Child**  $\doteq$  **Human**  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ **hasChild**<sup>-</sup>.**T**
- **hasParent**  $\doteq$  **hasChild**<sup>-</sup>
- **hasSibling**  $\doteq$  **hasSibling**<sup>-</sup>
- **BlueBlood**  $\doteq$   $\forall$ **hasParent**<sup>\*</sup>.**BlueBlood**
  - inverse role: **hasChild**<sup>-</sup>
  - symmetric role: **hasSibling**<sup>-</sup>
  - transitive role: **hasParent**<sup>\*</sup>
- **Niece**  $\doteq$  **..Woman, hasChild, hasSibling..**



# Inverse and transitive roles

- $\text{Child} \doteq \text{Human} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}^- . \top$
- $\text{hasParent} \doteq \text{hasChild}^-$
- $\text{hasSibling} \doteq \text{hasSibling}^-$
- $\text{BlueBlood} \doteq \forall \text{hasParent}^* . \text{BlueBlood}$ 
  - inverse role:  $\text{hasChild}^-$
  - symmetric role:  $\text{hasSibling}^-$
  - transitive role:  $\text{hasParent}^*$
- $\text{Niece} \doteq \text{Woman} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}^- . \text{hasSibling} . \top$
- *We have started to define roles*
  - so far, we have only defined *concepts*



# Composite roles

- Similar to composite concepts, e.g.:
  - **hasUncle**  $\doteq$  **hasParent**  $\circ$  **hasBrother**
  - **hasLovedChild**  $\doteq$  **hasChild**  $\sqcap$  **hasLoveFor**
  - **hasBrother**  $\doteq$  (**hasSibling** | **Male**)
- Mostly *not* supported by reasoning engines
  - they have “bad decision problems”
    - meaning that they compute slowly or intractably
  - ...with some exceptions
- **hasDaughter**  $\doteq$  ..using **hasChild**, **Female**..



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# TBox

- *Terminology box* (TBox):
  - a collection of axioms and definitions
  - axioms are equivalences or subsumptions:
    - *equivalence axioms* ( $\equiv$ ):
      - composite concept (role) expressions on both sides
    - *subsumption axioms* ( $\sqsubseteq$ ):
      - composite concept (role) expressions on both sides
  - terminology boxes can also contain definitions:
    - *definition axioms* ( $\doteq$ ):
      - atomic defined / named concept (role) on the l.h.s.
      - composite concept (role) expression on the r.h.s
  - make it easier to write other axioms



# Acyclic, definitional TBox

Woman  $\equiv$  Person  $\sqcap$  Female

Man  $\equiv$  Person  $\sqcap$   $\neg$ Woman

Mother  $\equiv$  Woman  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasChild.Person

Father  $\equiv$  Man  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasChild.Person

Parent  $\equiv$  Father  $\sqcup$  Mother

Grandmother  $\equiv$  Mother  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasChild.Parent

MotherWithManyChildren  $\equiv$  Mother  $\sqcap$   $\geq 3$  hasChild

MotherWithoutDaughter  $\equiv$  Mother  $\sqcap$   $\forall$ hasChild. $\neg$ Woman

Wife  $\equiv$  Woman  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ hasHusband.Man

*Acyclic, and  
contains only definitions!*



# TBox

- *Acyclic TBoxes:*
  - contains only definitions
  - subsumption axioms can (sometimes) be removed:
    - $T \sqsubseteq C$  is transformed into  $T \doteq \bar{T} \sqcap C$ 
      - Example:
        - Male**  $\sqsubseteq$  **Human** is transformed into
        - Male**  $\doteq$  **Maleness**  $\sqcap$  **Human**
      - *when only a single l.h.s. term*
    - every defined concept (or role) can be *expanded* into an expression of only atomic base concepts (or roles)
- *Expanded concepts* (or *roles*)
  - defined only in terms of *atomic base concepts* (and *roles*)
  - expanded, definitional TBox



# Expanded definitional TBox

*Only atomic base concepts  
on the right hand sides!*

Woman  $\equiv$  Person  $\sqcap$  Female

Man  $\equiv$  Person  $\sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})$

Mother  $\equiv$  (Person  $\sqcap$  Female)  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$

Father  $\equiv$  (Person  $\sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$

Parent  $\equiv$  ((Person  $\sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person})$   
 $\sqcup ((\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}) \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person})$

Grandmother  $\equiv$  ((Person  $\sqcap$  Female)  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$ )  
 $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\left(\left(\left(\text{Person} \sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})\right)\right.\right.$   
 $\left.\left.\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}\right)\right)$   
 $\sqcup \left(\left(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}\right)\right.$   
 $\left.\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}\right)$

MotherWithManyChildren  $\equiv$  ((Person  $\sqcap$  Female)  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$ )  $\sqcap \geq 3 \text{ hasChild}$

MotherWithoutDaughter  $\equiv$  ((Person  $\sqcap$  Female)  $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$ )  
 $\sqcap \forall \text{hasChild}.\left(\neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})\right)$

Wife  $\equiv$  (Person  $\sqcap$  Female)  
 $\sqcap \exists \text{hasHusband}.\left(\text{Person} \sqcap \neg(\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female})\right)$

# Statements about individuals

- So far axioms about concepts and roles (*TBox*)
- Also two types of axioms about individuals (*ABox*):
  - *class assertion* (using a *concept*):  
Märtha : Female  $\sqcap$  Royal
  - *role assertion* (using a *role*):  
<Märtha, EmmaTallulah> : hasChild  
<Märtha, HaakonMagnus> : hasBrother
- *Axioms* about concepts/roles and *assertion axioms* about individuals/roles are used to create knowledge bases:
  - concepts, roles in the *TBox* (aka “the tags”)
  - individuals, roles in the *ABox* (“the tagged data”)



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# Summary of axioms

- Terminology axioms (in the TBox):

- subsumptions:  $C \sqsubseteq D$

*C and D are expressions,  
A is a defined concept!*

- equivalences:  $C \equiv D$

- corresponds to:  $C \sqsubseteq D, D \sqsubseteq C$

- definitions:  $A \doteq C$

- Individual assertion axioms (in the ABox):

- class assertions:  $a : C$

*a and b are individuals.  
R is a role!*

- role assertions:  $\langle a, b \rangle : R$

- A knowledge base  $\mathbf{K} = ( \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{A} )$  consists of

- TBox:  $\mathbf{T}$  and ABox:  $\mathbf{A}$



# Decision Problems



# Reasoning over knowledge bases

- *What more can we do with ontologies?*
- For example:
  - a *security ontology* that describes an organisation and its computer systems as concepts, roles and individuals
  - can answer *competency questions*, e.g.:
    - are all the *security levels* subclasses of one another?
    - what is the highest security level of a *temporary*?
    - what is the necessary security level of a *component*?
    - which employees have access to *critical data*?
    - for which *security roles* is an employee qualified?
    - which individuals are *suspicious persons*?
  - *DL offers a clear and compact way of representing and reasoning about questions such as these!*



# Decision problems

- A computational problem with a yes/no answer, e.g.
  - is C *subsumed* by D ( $\mathbf{K} \models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{D}$ )?
  - are C and D *consistent* ( $\mathbf{K} \models \mathbf{a} : (\mathbf{C} \sqcap \mathbf{D})$ )?
  - does a *belong* to C ( $\mathbf{K} \models \mathbf{a} : \mathbf{C}$ )?
  - is a *R-related* to b ( $\mathbf{K} \models \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle : \mathbf{R}$ )?
- *Decidability* (“bestembarhet”):
  - we can always calculate the yes/no answer in finite time
- *Semi-decidability* (“semibestembarhet”):
  - we can always calculate a yes-answer in finite time,  
...but not always a no-answer
- *Undecidability* (“ubestembarhet”):
  - we cannot always calculate the answer in finite time

C and D are classes,  
a and b are individuals.  
R is a role!



# Decision problems for concepts

- There are four basic decision problems for concepts:
  - consistency: whether there is an individual **a** so that

$$\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{a}:\mathbf{C},$$

$$\mathbf{T} \not\models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

- subsumption:  $\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{D},$

$$\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqcap \neg\mathbf{D} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

- equivalence:  $\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{C} \equiv \mathbf{D}$  or  $\mathbf{C} \equiv_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{D},$

$$\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{D} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{C}$$

- disjunction:  $\mathbf{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqcap \mathbf{D} \sqsubseteq \perp$

- *All four can be reduced to subsumption or consistency!*
- **T** can be *emptied*, by expanding all its concepts



# Decision problems for individuals

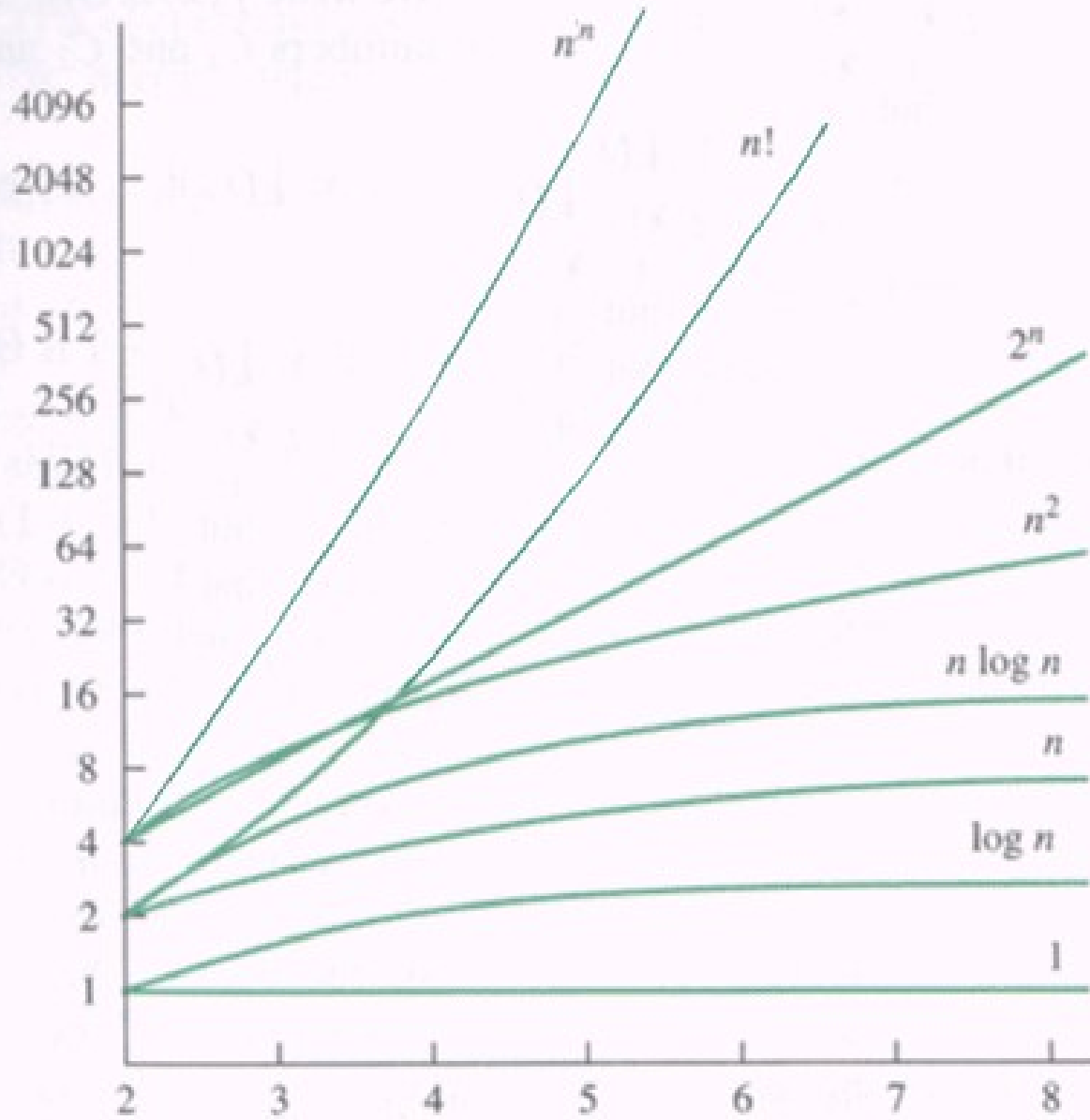
- Decision problems for individuals and roles:
  - instance checking:  $\mathbf{A} \models \mathbf{a} : \mathbf{C}$ ,  
 $\not\models \mathbf{A} \sqcap \neg (\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{C})$   
*is individual  $\mathbf{a}$  member of class/concept  $\mathbf{C}$ ?*
  - role checking:  $\mathbf{A} \models \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle : \mathbf{R}$ ,  
 $\not\models \mathbf{A} \sqcap \neg (\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle : \mathbf{R})$   
*is individual  $\mathbf{a}$   $\mathbf{R}$ -related to individual  $\mathbf{b}$ ?*
  - classifications (not yes/no):  
to which classes/concepts does  $\mathbf{a}$  belong?  
all individuals of class/concept  $\mathbf{C}$ ?
- *Everything boils down to consistency checking for ABoxes*
  - ...under certain (rather weak) conditions



# Complexity

- Decidability is often necessary
  - but not enough
  - we also want a decision “in reasonable time”
  - different DL-variants have different *complexity*
  - many different *complexity classes*
    - polynomial (**P**), exponential (**EXP**)...
    - ...in time and space
- *Tractable* (or *feasible*) complexity
  - acceptable complexity for large knowledge bases
  - typically *polynomial* complexity (**P**)
  - complexity grows  $O(n^c)$  of problem size  $n$





**EXPTIME,  
NEXPTIME,  
EXPSPACE**

**P, NP, PSPACE**



# DL-complexity

- We have presented many DL-notations
  - *do not* use all at the same time!
  - that gives high complexity
  - which is why we have different OWL Profiles
- Complexity calculator on the net:
  - *Complexity of reasoning in Description Logics*  
<http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/~ezolin/dl/>



# OWL DL



# Relation to OWL

- OWL DL and description logic are closely matched
  - everything in OWL DL has a DL-counterpart
  - most everything in DL can be expressed in OWL DL
- DL is a family of logic systems:
  - some of them correspond to particular OWL profiles
  - OWL1 DL: **S H O I N ( D )**
  - OWL2 DL: **S R O I Q ( D )**



# OWL profiles revisited

- **OWL “1”** (2002):
  - OWL Full – “anything goes”
  - OWL DL – fragment of OWL Full,
    - formal semantics through *description logic*
  - OWL Lite – simple fragment of OWL DL, not much used
- **OWL 2** (2008):
  - OWL2 Full – “anything goes”
  - OWL2 DL – fragment of OWL2 full, extension of OWL DL
    - OWL2 EL – quick reasoning, fragment of OWL2 DL
    - OWL2 RL – rule language, fragment of OWL2 DL
      - OWL LD – linked data, fragment of OWL2 RL
    - OWL2 QL – query language, fragment of OWL2 DL



# And there is more...

- A few other constructions
- Formal definitions of
  - syntax (rules for valid expressions, reasoning)
  - semantics (rules for interpreting expressions)
- Tools and techniques
- Lots of applications



# Protege-OWL



# Protege-OWL

- Extension of Protegé
  - ordinary Protegé supports *frames*
  - Protegé-OWL
    - reuses much of the Protege-Frames GUI



# Old Protege-OWL (3.x and older)

- Supported OWL 1.1:
  - used *Jena* internally
  - wrapped Jena's API with a *Protege-OWL API*
    - uses Jena's graph metaphor
    - you “create the ontology as a graph”
  - many plug-ins:
    - SWRL, Jess, reasoning...
  - still available,
    - but not so actively developed



# Protege-OWL 4 and later

- Supports OWL 2:
  - complete reimplementations of internals
  - *not* based on Jena
  - offers a dedicated *OWL API* (in Java)
    - description-logic metaphor
    - you “build the ontology from axioms”
  - more and more plug-ins
  - most OWL DL reasoners have moved to the OWL API



# Manchester OWL syntax



# Manchester OWL-syntax

- A simple DL notation without special symbols
  - used by Protege-OWL to construct classes
  - similar to DL syntax
- **Class: Woman**  
**EquivalentTo: Human and Female**
- **Class: Man**  
**EquivalentTo: Human and not Female**
- **Class: Parent**  
**EquivalentTo: Mother or Father**
- Can be used to *serialise* complete ontologies
  - ...we will look mostly at TBox expressions
- <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-manchester-syntax/>



# Comparison

- DL:

**Male**  $\doteq$  **Human**  $\sqcap$   $\neg$ **Female**

- Manchester OWL:

**Class: Man**

**EquivalentTo: Human and not Female**

- TURTLE:

family:Man owl:equivalentClass

owl:intersectionOf (

family:Human

[ a owl:Class ;

owl:complementOf family:Woman

]

).





# Roles in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class: Mother**  
**EquivalentTo:**  
**Female and hasChild some owl:Thing**
- **Class: Bachelor**  
**EquivalentTo:**  
**Male and not hasSpouse some owl:Thing**
- **Class: Uncle**  
**EquivalentTo:**  
**Male and hasSibling some Parent**
  - universal concept (top): **owl:Thing**
  - existential restriction: **some**



# Null concept in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class:** <class-name>
  - EquivalentTo:** Male and Female
  - SubClassOf:** owl:Nothing
  - null concept (bottom): owl:Nothing
  - subsumption (subconcept): SubClassOf:
  - equivalence: **EquivalentTo:**
    - ...used both for *definitions* and for *axioms*



# More roles in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class:** HappyFather  
**EquivalentTo:** Father **and** hasChild **only** Happy  
– value restriction: **only**
- **Class:** MotherOfOne  
**EquivalentTo:** Mother **and** hasChild **exactly** 1
- **Class:** Bigamist  
**EquivalentTo:** hasSpouse **min** 2  
– number restriction: **exactly, min, max**
- **Class:** Narcissist  
**EquivalentTo:** loves **some** Self



# Inverse, symmetric and transitive roles

- **Class: Child**  
**EquivalentTo:**  
**Human and inverse hasChild some owl:Thing**
- **Class: hasParent**  
**EquivalentTo: inverse hasChild**
- **ObjectProperty: hasSibling**  
**Characteristic: Symmetric**
- **ObjectProperty: hasAncestor**  
**Characteristic: Transitive**
- **inverse role: inverse**
  - **symmetric role:**  
**Characteristic: SymmetricProperty**
  - **transitive role:**  
**Characteristic: TransitiveProperty**

