**SPARQL**

- **SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language**

- W3C Recommendation 15 January 2008
  - [http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-query/](http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-query/)

- Standard query language for RDF
  - Native RDF knowledge bases
  - Knowledge bases viewed as RDF via middleware

- Language for querying for graph patterns
  - Includes unions, conjunctions and optional patterns
  - No support for inserts or updates

- Supports extensible testing for values and constraints
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Revision and extension
http://www.w3.org/2009/sparql/wiki/Main_Page

Working Draft documents, 2010-01-26:

- SPARQL 1.1 Query - Adds support for aggregates, subqueries, projected expressions, and negation to the SPARQL query language.
- SPARQL 1.1 Update - Defines an update language for RDF graphs.
- SPARQL 1.1 Protocol - Defines an abstract interface and HTTP bindings for a protocol to issue SPARQL Query and SPARQL Update statements against a SPARQL endpoint.
- SPARQL 1.1 Service Description - Defines a vocabulary and discovery mechanism for describing the capabilities of a SPARQL endpoint.
- SPARQL 1.1 Uniform HTTP Protocol for Managing RDF Graphs - Describes the use of the HTTP protocol for managing named RDF graphs on an HTTP server.
- SPARQL 1.1 Entailment Regimes - Defines conditions under which SPARQL queries can be used with entailment regimes such as RDF, RDF Schema, OWL, or RIF.
- SPARQL 1.1 Property Paths - Defines a more succinct way to write parts of basic graph patterns and also extend matching of triple pattern to arbitrary length paths.
Semantic Web Language Layer Cake

- **Query:** SPARQL
- **Ontology:**
  - OWL
  - RDFS
- **Rules:** RIF
- **Data Interchange:**
  - RDF
  - XML
- **Protocol:** HTTP/URI/IRI

Existing standards
SPARQL Query

Schemas used in query

PREFIX ...  
SELECT ...  
FROM ...

WHERE { ... }

Values to be returned

Identify source data to query

Triple patterns and other conditions to match the graph
SPARQL Query types

- **SELECT**
  - returns the set of variables bound in a query pattern match

- **CONSTRUCT**
  - returns an RDF graph constructed by substituting variables in a set of triple templates

- **DESCRIBE**
  - returns an RDF graph that describes the resources found

- **ASK**
  - returns whether a query pattern matches any triples or not
    - True / False query
Basic SPARQL patterns

- **Triple Pattern**
  - Similar to an RDF Triple
    - subject, predicate, object
  - Any component can be a query variable
  - Any combination of variables in the query is allowed

- **Matching patterns in the WHERE clause**
  - Matching conjunction of Triple Patterns
  - Matching a triple pattern to a graph
    - Finding bindings between variables and RDF Terms
  - Underneath use of reasoners
    - Infering triples originally not present in the knowledge base
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
    ?person foaf:name ?name
}
Query example

Data

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Steffen Staab" .
_:a foaf:homepage <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~staab> .
_:b foaf:name "Maciej Janik" .
_:b foaf:homepage <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~janik> .

Query

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Query Result

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Querying for blank nodes

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_:b foaf:homepage <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~janik> .

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
SELECT ?person ?name ?page
WHERE {
  ?person foaf:name ?name
}

Query

<table>
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<tr>
<th>person</th>
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Filters

- **FILTER**
  - Further constrain graph patterns
  - Applies to the **whole group** of triple patterns

- **FILTER** clause
  - Support for AND and OR logic operators
  - Extensive applications for testing literals
  - Support for numerical operations
  - Support for math equality operators for literals
    - Less than …equal … greater than
  - Use of regular expressions
  - Support for datatypes defined in XSL
    - e.g. comparison of dates, time
  - Possible comparison of resources
    - Equal or not equal
  - Even possible user extensions
Filter – Value Constraints

Data

@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns: <http://example.org/ns#> .
ex:book1 ns:price 42 .

Query

PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> 
PREFIX ns: <http://example.org/ns#>
SELECT ?title ?price 
WHERE { ?x ns:price ?price .
FILTER ?price < 30 .
?x dc:title ?title }

Query Result

<table>
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<tr>
<th>title</th>
<th>price</th>
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<td>&quot;The Semantic Web&quot;</td>
<td>23</td>
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Filters are applied to the whole group of patterns where it appears

{ ?x foaf:name ?name .
  ?x foaf:homepage ?page .
  FILTER regex(?name, "Steffen") }

{ ?x foaf:name ?name .
  FILTER regex(?name, "Steffen") .
  ?x foaf:homepage ?page }

{ FILTER regex(?name, "Steffen") .
  ?x foaf:name ?name .
  ?x foaf:homepage ?page }

These patterns are equivalent – have the same solution.
Filter – regular expression

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PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
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WHERE {
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FILTER regex(?name, "Steffen")
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Query

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {

?person foaf:name ?name .
FILTER regex(?name, "i", "janik")
}

Query Result

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Optional patterns

- **OPTIONAL**
  - Include optional triple patterns to the match
  - Optional is a pattern itself – can include further constraints

```sql
SELECT
WHERE {
  ...
  OPTIONAL { ... }
}
```

- **OPTIONAL** is left-associative

  pattern OPTIONAL { pattern } OPTIONAL { pattern }

  is the same as

  { pattern OPTIONAL { pattern } } OPTIONAL { pattern }
Query example

Data

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Steffen Staab" .
_:a foaf:homepage <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~staab> .
_:b foaf:name "Maciej Janik" .
_:b foaf:mbox <janik@uni-koblenz.de> .

Query

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
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Query example - OPTIONAL

Data

```
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_:b foaf:name "Maciej Janik" .
_:b foaf:mbox <janik@uni-koblenz.de> .
```

Query

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
  ?person foaf:name ?name .
  OPTIONAL ( ?person foaf:homepage ?page )
}
```

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Union of graph patterns

- **UNION**
  - Combining alternative graph patterns
  - If more than one of the alternatives matches, all the possible pattern solutions are included in result

```
SELECT
WHERE {
  { pattern } UNION
  { pattern }
}
```
Union of graph patterns

@prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
@prefix dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .

prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
SELECT ?title

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Modification to the result set

Result of SPARQL query can be further modified

- **ORDER BY**
  - Sort results alphabetically / numerically by specific variable

- **LIMIT**
  - Limit number of returned results (only top n results)

- **OFFSET**
  - Skip n top results, and return the rest

These expressions can be combined in one query
Sequencing and limiting results

Results 11 to 30 sorted by name

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?page
WHERE {
  ?person foaf:name ?name
}
ORDERBY ?name
LIMIT 20
OFFSET 10
Bound variables

- One of the FILTER expressions
- Supports testing if a variable in a query can be bound to an instance in the knowledge base
- Mostly used for negation as failure

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE {
    ?person foaf:name ?name .
    ?person foaf:knows ?x .
    FILTER (! bound(?x))
}
Tricky negation

Find people who do not know Steffen

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE {
    ?person foaf:name ?name .
    ?person foaf:knows ?x .
    FILTER ( ?x != "Steffen" )
}

... we know that ...

"Maciej" foaf:knows "Steffen"
"Maciej" foaf:knows "Sergej"

... so "Maciej" is still a valid answer, and we do not want it.
Negation with bound

Find people who do not know Steffen
now the correct way using bound expression and optional graph pattern

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name
WHERE {
    ?person foaf:name ?name .
    OPTIONAL { ?person foaf:knows ?x .
        FILTER ( ?x = "Steffen" ) }
    FILTER ( ! bound(?x) ) }
}
### Other SPARQL filter expressions

**isBlank**
- Testing if bounded variable is a blank node

```sparql
SELECT ?given ?family
WHERE { ?annot dc:creator ?c .
    OPTIONAL {
    }
    FILTER isBlank(?c)
}
```

**lang**
- Accessing the language of a literal

```sparql
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
    FILTER ( lang(?name) = "DE" )
}
```
Other SPARQL filter expressions

- **isLiteral**
  - Testing if bounded variable is a literal (not a resource)
  
  ```sparql
  SELECT ?name ?mbox
  WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
  FILTER isLiteral(?mbox) }
  ```

- **str**
  - Converting resource URI to string for regular expression matching
  
  ```sparql
  SELECT ?name ?mbox
  WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .
  FILTER regex(str(?mbox), "@uni-koblenz.de") }
  ```
Equal terms and same terms

- Check if two terms are equal or if they describe the same entity
  - Same entity can have even different URIs, but connected with owl:sameAs

\[ \text{term1} = \text{term2} \]

or

\[ \text{sameTerm}(\text{term1}, \text{term2}) \]

Returns true, if
- terms are of the same type (URI, literal, blank node)
- two terms represent URIs are equivalent
- two terms represent literals are equivalent
- two terms are bound by the same blank node
Equal terms

- Find people who have the same email address, but use different names

```sparql
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Alice".
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .
_:b foaf:name "Ms A." .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example> .

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>.
SELECT ?name1 ?name2
WHERE {
    ?x foaf:name ?name1 .
    FILTER (sameTerm(?mbox1, ?mbox2) && ?name1 != ?name2)
}
```
User-defined functions

- FILTER enables using user-defined expressions

PREFIX aGeo: <http://example.org/geo#>
SELECT ?neighbor WHERE {
    ?a aGeo:placeName "Koblenz" .
    ?b aGeo:placeName ?neighbor .
FILTER
}

Definition of user function
Geometric distance between two points described by \((x, y)\) coordinates

\[
\text{xsd:double aGeo:distance (numeric } x_1, \text{ numeric } y_1, \\
\text{ numeric } x_2, \text{ numeric } y_2)\]
Querying for inferred knowledge

- SPARQL do not have specific constructs for accessing inferred knowledge
  - Underlying knowledge base is responsible for supporting inference, e.g.
    - Class hierarchy
    - Property hierarchy
    - Transitive or symmetric properties
    - OWL restrictions
    - Defining classes by unions and/or intersections
- Different knowledge bases can offer different level of support
  - Same knowledge in different knowledge bases may return different results for the same query, depending on supported entailment
Query example

Find ancestors of Alice

Query

```
SELECT ?x
WHERE ?x ancestorOf "Alice"
```

Result

“Clare”
“Bob”
CONSTRUCT queries

- Special type of query to construct a new RDF graph from the existing knowledge base

PREFIX ......
CONSTRUCT
{
  ... graph pattern ...
  ... definition of triples ...
}
WHERE
{
  constraint triple patterns, filters, etc
}
Constructing graphs

Data:
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:givenname "Alice" .
_:a foaf:family_name "Hacker" .
_:b foaf:firstname "Bob" .
_:b foaf:surname "Hacker" .

Query:
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
PREFIX vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .
CONSTRUCT { ?x vcard:N _:v .
  _:v vcard:givenName ?gname .
  _:v vcard:familyName ?fname }
WHERE {
  { ?x foaf:firstname ?gname } .
  UNION
  { ?x foaf:givenname ?gname } .
  UNION
  { ?x foaf:surname ?fname } .
  UNION
  { ?x foaf:family_name ?fname } .
}

Result:
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .
_:v1 vcard:N _:x .
_:x vcard:givenName "Alice" .
_:x vcard:familyName "Hacker" .
_:v2 vcard:N _:z .
_:z vcard:givenName "Bob" .
_:z vcard:familyName "Hacker" .
ASK queries

- True / false queries – checks if given set of triple patterns have at least one match in knowledge base
- Does not include ORDER BY, LIMIT or OFFSET

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:homepage <http://work.example.org/alice/> .
_:b foaf:name "Bob" .
_:b foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@work.example>

PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
ASK { ?x foaf:name "Alice" .
    ?x foaf:mbox ?y }

Answer: NO
DESCRIBE queries

- Returns a graph that includes description of specific resources

- Results of DESCRIBE query reveal metainformation not returned by standard SELECT query
  - Type of bounded resources
  - Types of relationships used in query pattern

- Exact description of resources is determined by the query service
  - No common standard of description
  - Can even include information about related resources
DESCRIBE query example

PREFIX ent: <http://org.example.com/employees#>  
DESCRIBE ?x  
WHERE { ?x ent:employeeId "1234" }

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .  
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0> .  
@prefix exOrg: <http://org.example.com/employees#> .  
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .  
@prefix owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>

_:a exOrg:employeeId "1234" ;  
foaf:mbox_sha1sum "ABCD1234" ;  
vcard:N  
  [ vcard:Family "Smith" ;  
    vcard:Given "John" ] .  

foaf:mbox_sha1sum rdf:type owl:InverseFunctionalProperty
Named Graphs

- RDF data stores may hold multiple RDF graphs:
  - record information about each graph
  - queries that involve information from more than one graph
  - default graph (does not have a name)
  - multiple named graphs (identified by URI reference)
  - direct implementation for reification

- Accessing named graphs
  - FROM
    - access knowledge in default graph
  - FROM NAMED
    - access information from specific named graph
"Kant" examined "Jonas" in "Introduction to CS" and gave him grade "1.0"
„Kant“ examined „Jonas“ in „Introduction to CS“ and gave him grade „1.0“
Named graph examples

# Default graph (http://example.org/friends)
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
<http://example.org/bob> dc:publisher "Bob" .
<http://example.org/alice> dc:publisher "Alice" .

# Graph: http://example.org/bob
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Bob" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:bob@oldcorp.example.org> .

# Graph: http://example.org/alice
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org> .

SELECT ...
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/alice>
FROM NAMED <http://example.org/bob>
...

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Relationships between named graphs

# Default graph
```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:y foaf:name "Alice" .
_:y foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org> .
_:y foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@oldcorp.org> .
```

# Graph: http://example.org/alice
```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org> .
```

# Graph: http://example.org/alice_prev
```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@oldcorp.org> .
```
Accessing named graphs

# Graph: http://example.org/alice
_:a foaf:name "Alice".
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org>.

# Graph: http://example.org/alice_prev
_:a foaf:name "Alice".
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@oldcorp.org>.

SELECT ?src ?mbox
WHERE {
  GRAPH ?src
  { ?x foaf:name "Alice".
    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox
  }
}

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Restricting access by graph name

# Graph: http://example.org/alice
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@work.example.org> .

# Graph: http://example.org/alice_prev
_:a foaf:name "Alice" .
_:a foaf:mbox <mailto:alice@oldcorp.org> .

PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/>
SELECT ?mbox
WHERE {
    GRAPH ex:alice
    { ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox } 
}

Result:

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Networked Graphs

Simon Schenk and Steffen Staab.
Networked Graphs

Basic Idea: Define RDF graphs
- *extensionally* by listing statements or
- *intensionally* using *views*
  - possible to have view within a view (recursion)

*Integrate* with existing SemWeb infrastructure

Easy exchange

Use existing *data sources*
Mashing up is the generation of new content or services by reusing and recombining existing content.

Examples:
- Combination of multiple newsfeeds into one
- Find „appartment in Mountain View“ and display results in Google Maps
Mashups and Semantic Web

Dominating Mashup-Modell:
- *Hack-and-Hope*

Disadvantages:
- Screen-Scraping
- No agreed-upon data model
- Sometimes one cannot help:
  - Google Web Service
  - Amazon Web Service

Dominating Semantic Web-Model:
- *Crawl-Integrate-and-Reason*

Disadvantages:
- Data are *stale*,
- Data integration is *not declarative*, but given by programmes with only implicit semantics
- Lack of *scalability* of one server
- *Access rights*: Not all data may be copied
- *Provenance* of data becomes unclear
Declarative, dynamic semantic mashups facilitate the generation of mashups.

CONSTRUCT {:
  foaf:knows ?x} FROM DBLP
WHERE
{?
?p dc:creator ?x.}
2 Networked Graphs

The „pessimistic“ IT student: „If I know someone and I do not indicate anything else then the Person is male.“

The „optimistic“ IT student: „If I know someone and I do not indicate anything else then the Person is female.“

:SimonFOAF

:Steffen hasCoAuthor :Andrea
:Andrea :type :female
:Andrea :type :male

:SteffenFOAF

:Steffen hasCoAuthor :Andrea
:Andrea :type :male
:Andrea :type :female
Networked RDF Graphs

- Im Semantic Web: Recursion and Negation unavoidable
- Solution:
  Mapping of RDF Graphs and SPARQL Queries to logic programmes
  - Evaluation using three valued Well-founded Semantics or four valued stable model semantics
  - Non-monotonic logics with fixed point semantics
  - Conflicts with OWL Tarski-Semantik
Mashups and Semantic Web

Dominating Mashup-Modell:
- *Hack-and-Hope*

Disadvantages:
- Screen-Scraping
- No agreed-upon data model
- Sometimes one cannot help:
  - Google Web Service
  - Amazon Web Service

Dominating Semantic Web-Model:
- *Crawl-Integrate-and-Reason*

Disadvantages:
- Data are *stale*,
- Data integration is *not declarative*, but given by programmes with only implicit semantics
- Lack of *scalability* of one server
- *Access rights*: Not all data may be copied
- *Provenance* of data becomes unclear

Improvements:
- Reuse of data (telefono numbers!) instead of screen-scraping
- fresh views
- Definition of data integration may be exchanged as graph
- Evaluation possible on sources or on client sides
- Networked, dynamic Semantic Web
Formally: $G^N = (n, G, [G^N_1, ..., G^N_n], v)$

- $G$: RDF Graph
- $G^N_i$: Networked Graphs
- $v$: view definition
Motivation scenario

http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~sschenk/foaf.rdf

Simon Schenk

"Networked Graphs"

Simon Schenk

"A SPARQL Semantics Based on Datalog"

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?x dc:creator [ foaf:name "Simon Schenk"]

Networked Graphs Syntax

- Based on named graphs and SPARQL

```plaintext
foaf.rdf {
    n

    #me foaf:name "Simon Schenk".
    #me foaf:depiction .
    foaf.rdf ng:definedBy

    "CONSTRUCT {
    ?paper dc:creator #me; dc:title ?title; rdfs:seeAlso ?cr }

    FROM DBLP
    FROM ISWEB

    WHERE {
        OPTIONAL {?paper dblp:crossref ?cr} .
    foaf.rdf ng:definedBy "CONSTRUCT ..."^^ng:Query.

    ...
}
```

Networked Graphs Semantics (sketch)

- Graph $G^N_1$ depends on $G^N_2$, if $G^N_1$ is defined by a view, which has $G^N_2$ in its dataset.

- Interdependence Set of $G^N$: contains $G^N$ and all graphs in the transitive closure of the depends on relation for $G^N$.

- Semantics of an interdependence set:
  - Iteratively evaluate all views in all graphs until a fixpoint is reached.

Problems:
- Need to prove termination
- Need to deal with negation

KI07: Map SPARQL to non-recursive Datalog with negation
Networked Graphs can be mapped to Datalog with negation
Evaluated under Well Founded Semantics (Gelder et al.)
SPARQL Protocol
SPARQL protocol

- Protocol is used to send queries and results over the network
  - Query
    - HTTP binding
    - SOAP binding
  - XML result binding
**SPARQL query binding**

**HTTP binding**

**GET** /sparql/?query=<encoded query> HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.uni-koblenz.de  
User-agent: neon-sparql-client/0.1

**SOAP binding**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope
   xmlns:soapenv="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/"
   xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <soapenv:Body>
    <query-request xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/09/sparql-protocol-types/#">
      <query>SELECT ?x ?y WHERE {?x isRelatedTo ?y}</query>
    </query-request>
  </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```
SPARQL result XML binding

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#">
    <head>
        <variable name="name"/>
        <variable name="mbox"/>
        <link href="metadata.rdf"/>
    </head>
    <results>
        <result>...</result>
        <result>...</result>
    </results>
</sparql>
```
<result>
  <binding name="x">
    <bnode>r2</bnode>
  </binding>
  <binding name="hpage">
    <uri>http://work.example.org/bob/</uri>
  </binding>
  <binding name="name">
    <literal xml:lang="en">Bob</literal>
  </binding>
  <binding name="age">
    <literal datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer">30</literal>
  </binding>
  <binding name="mbox">
    <uri>mailto:bob@work.example.org</uri>
  </binding>
</result>
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sparql xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/sparql-results#">
  <head>
    <variable name="name"/>
    <variable name="mbox"/>
  </head>

  <results>
    <result>
      <binding name="name"> ... </binding>
      <binding name="mbox"> ... </binding>
    </result>

    <result>
      <binding name="name"> ... </binding>
      <binding name="mbox"> ... </binding>
    </result>

    ...
  </results>
</sparql>
SPARQL extensions

(partially) discussed in the SPARQL-2 working group
Some examples of SPARQL extensions

http://esw.w3.org/topic/SPARQL/Extensions/

- Aggregate functions
  - COUNT, SUM, MIN, MAX, GROUP_BY, HAVING

- Paths expressions and property chains
  - Extend SPARQL beyond set of individual connected triples, allow variable length
  - PSPARQL SPARQuL, SPARQ2L

- Imprecise matching
  - Use similarity measures to access triples
  - Similar idea as Soudex in relational database
  - iSPARQL
SPARQL

- Standard query language for RDF
  - **SELECT, CONSTRUCT, ASK, DESCRIBE**
  - Extensive filters, optional and alternative patterns
- Protocol for queries and results
- Based on triples model (subject-predicate-object)
  - No logic inference in language, only in underlying knowledge base
- Named graphs
  - Separate or specialized knowledge
- Networked graphs
  - Presenting (recursive) views of RDF data
  - Connecting external graphs over the network