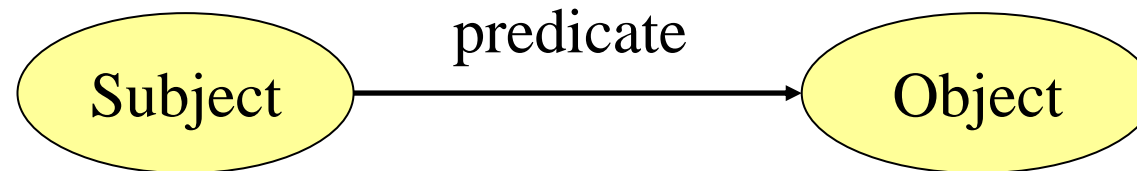


RDF

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Semantic Web

- Resources (Subject, Object) connected by Predicates (relationships)



▪ Resources

- ♦ A resource is a referenced entity (Class, Individual, Relationship, ...)
- ♦ Resources *must* have
 - URIs – Uniform Resource Identifiers *or*
 - IRIs - Internationalized Resource Identifiers

- URI
 - ◆ <http://www.w3.org/Addressing/>
 - ◆ <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3987.txt>
- IRI (generalization of URI)
 - ◆ Normalized path: <http://a.b.c/d/../d> = <http://a.b.c/d>
 - ◆ Special characters: <http://häuser.und.bäume.de>
 - ◆ Right-to-left and left-to-right notation
 - Logical representation: <http://ab.CDE.FGH/ij/kl/mn/op.html>
 - Visual representation: <http://ab.HGF.EDC/ij/kl/mn/op.html>

- (re)Use already known URIs
 - ◆ Search engines: Swoogle, Okkam
- Have a document that URI points to
 - ◆ Good: <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>
 - ◆ Bad: <http://ThisSiteDoesNotExist/#groupISWeb>
- Use known standards/conventions for specific types of URIs:
 - ◆ Phone number, ISSN, etc.
- Do not use URLs as URIs for people or organizations.
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de> is just a website, not the ISWeb group identifier
 - ◆ Bad: <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de> for ISWeb group
 - ◆ Better: <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>
- Derive new URIs from the websites (addresses) you can control :
 - ◆ Good: <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#new> for me
 - ◆ Bad: <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#new> for you

- **Resource**
 - ♦ Resource is a referenced entity (Class, Object, Entity, Relationship, ...)
 - ♦ Resource must have:
 - URIs – Uniform Resource Identifiers *or*
 - IRIs - Internationalized Resource Identifiers
- **Property (relationship)**
 - ♦ Similar to association in UML or relationship in database
 - ♦ Relationships between Resources and other Resources, or Resources to Literals
 - ♦ Property is also a Resource (have URI)
- **Literal**
 - ♦ Simple (atomic) data type (e.g String, int ...)
- **Statements**
 - ♦ “Resource has Property with Value”
 - ♦ Format: **Subject** –[Property]→ **Object**
 - ♦ Resources and/or literals are included in statement

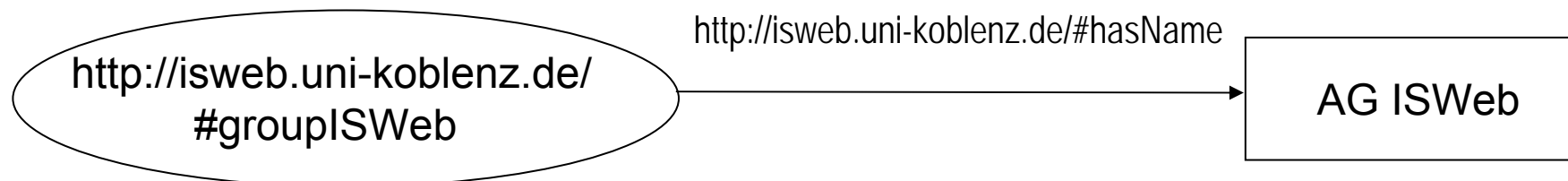
■ Statement

- ◆ “Resource <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb> has name AG ISWeb”

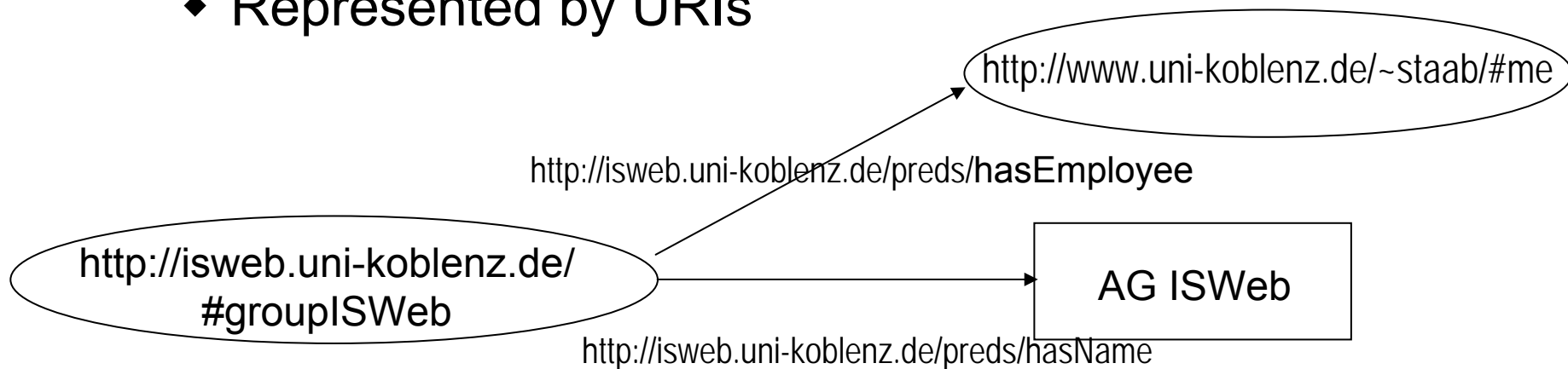
■ Structure

- ◆ Resource (subject) <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>
- ◆ Property (predicate) <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#hasName>
- ◆ Value (object) “AG ISWeb”
here: literal

■ Related Graph



- **Nodes:**
 - ◆ Resources represented by URIs
 - ◆ Unnamed Resources (Blank Nodes)
 - ◆ Literals represented by Strings
- **Directed Edges:**
 - ◆ Represented by URIs



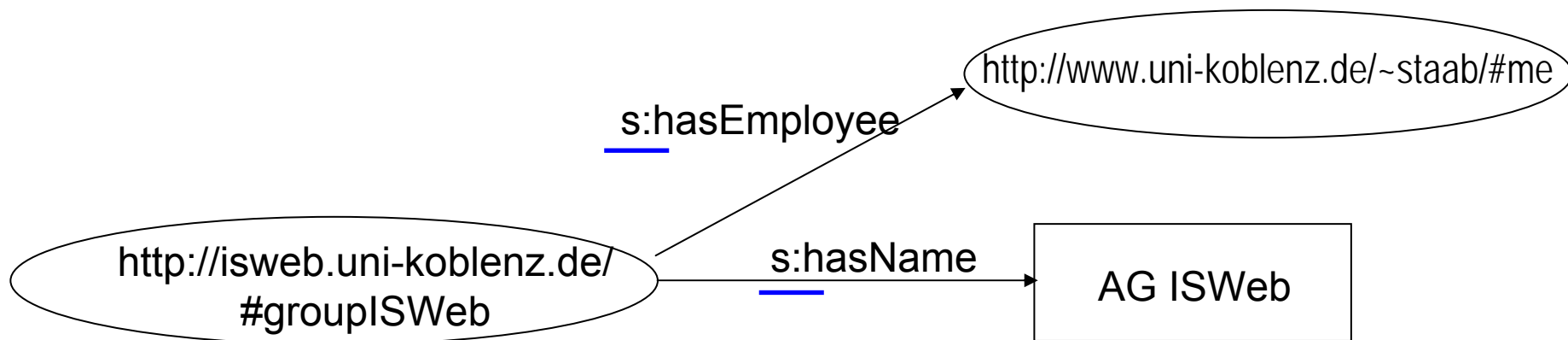
Turtle

```
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>  
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds/hasEmployee>  
<http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~staab/#me>
```

Turtle with Namespaces

```
@prefix s <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds/>
```

```
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>  
s:hasEmployee <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~staab/#me>
```



```
@prefix s <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds/>
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb> s:hasEmployee <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~staab/#me> .
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb> s:hasEmployee <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~sizov/#me> .
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb> s:hasEmployee <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~janik/#me> .
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb> s:hasName "AG ISWeb"
```

Shorter version

```
@prefix s <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds>
@prefix u <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/>
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>          s:hasEmployee u:~staab/#me;
                                                    s:hasEmployee u:~sizov/#me;
                                                    s:hasEmployee u:janik/#me;
                                                    s:hasName "AG ISWeb".
```

Even shorter

```
@prefix s <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds>
@prefix u <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/>
<http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/#groupISWeb>
    s:hasEmployee u:~staab/#me, u:~sizov/#me, u:janik/#me;
    s:hasName "ISWeb".
```

- RDF namespace

```
xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/  
1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
```

- rdf:XMLLiteral
- rdf:Property
- rdf:type

- rdf:Bag
- rdf:Seq
- rdf:Alt
- rdf:_1
- rdf:_2
- ...

- rdf:List
- rdf:first
- rdf:rest
- rdf:nil




- rdf:Statement
- rdf:subject
- rdf:predicate
- rdf:object

- rdf:value

RDF Data types

s:thisLecture

title

- „Semantic Web“,  untyped
- „Semantic Web“@en,  untyped, but assigned „english“ (en) language
- „Semantic Web“^^xsd:string.  explicit type String

These are **three different** literals in the system.

Assigning type (e.g. String) cannot be combined with language

- Trend: all simple data types defined in XML
- Example

```
<xs:complexType name=„Name“>
```

```
<xs:sequence>
```

```
<xs:element name= „Title“ type=„String„ minOccurs=„0“/>
```

```
<xs:element name= „FirstName“ type=„String„ minOccurs=„1“/>
```

```
<xs:element name= „LastName“ minOccurs=„1“/>
```

```
</xs:sequence>
```

```
<xs:attribute name=„Birthday“ type="xs:date"/>
```

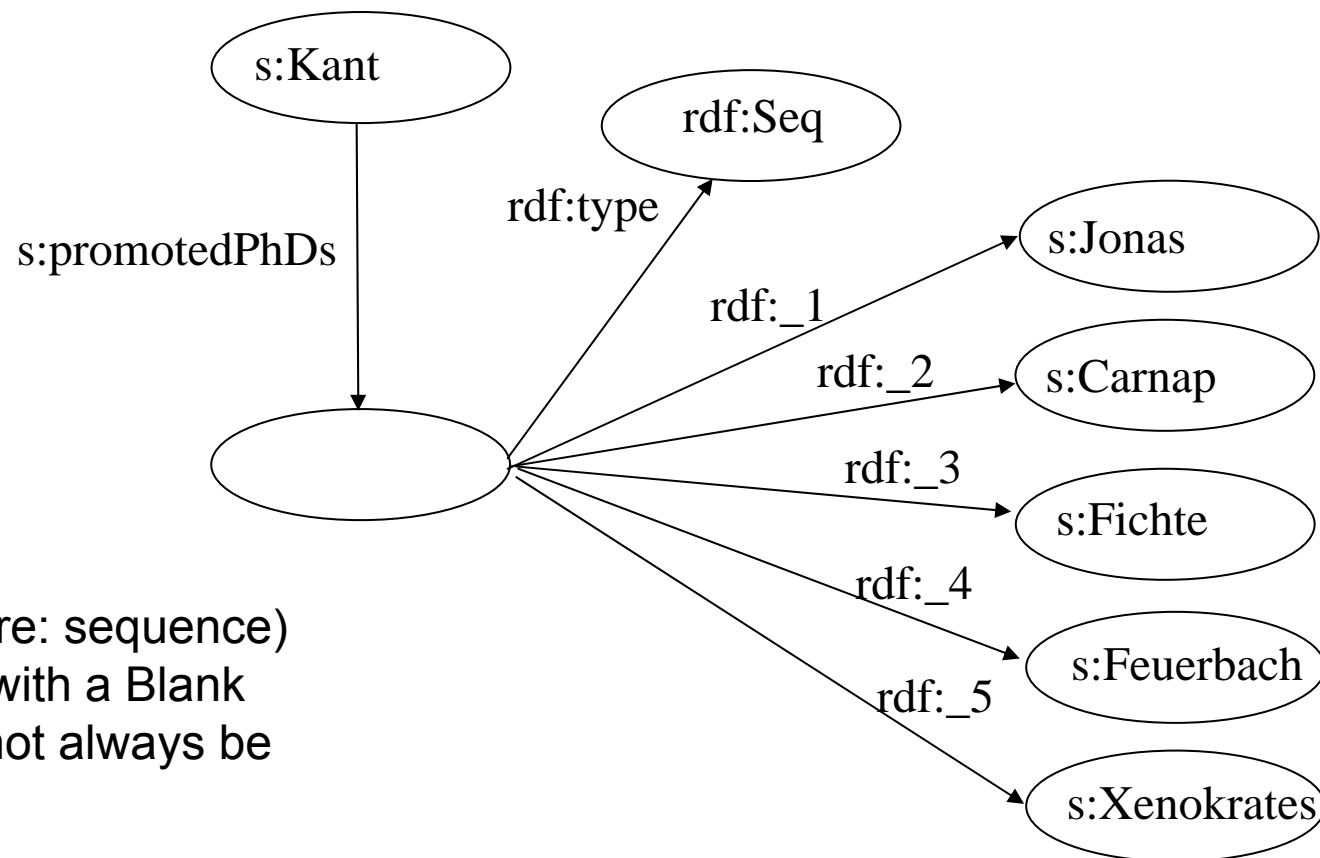
```
</xs:complexType>
```

Container

- Typed container
- Standard predicate names

List

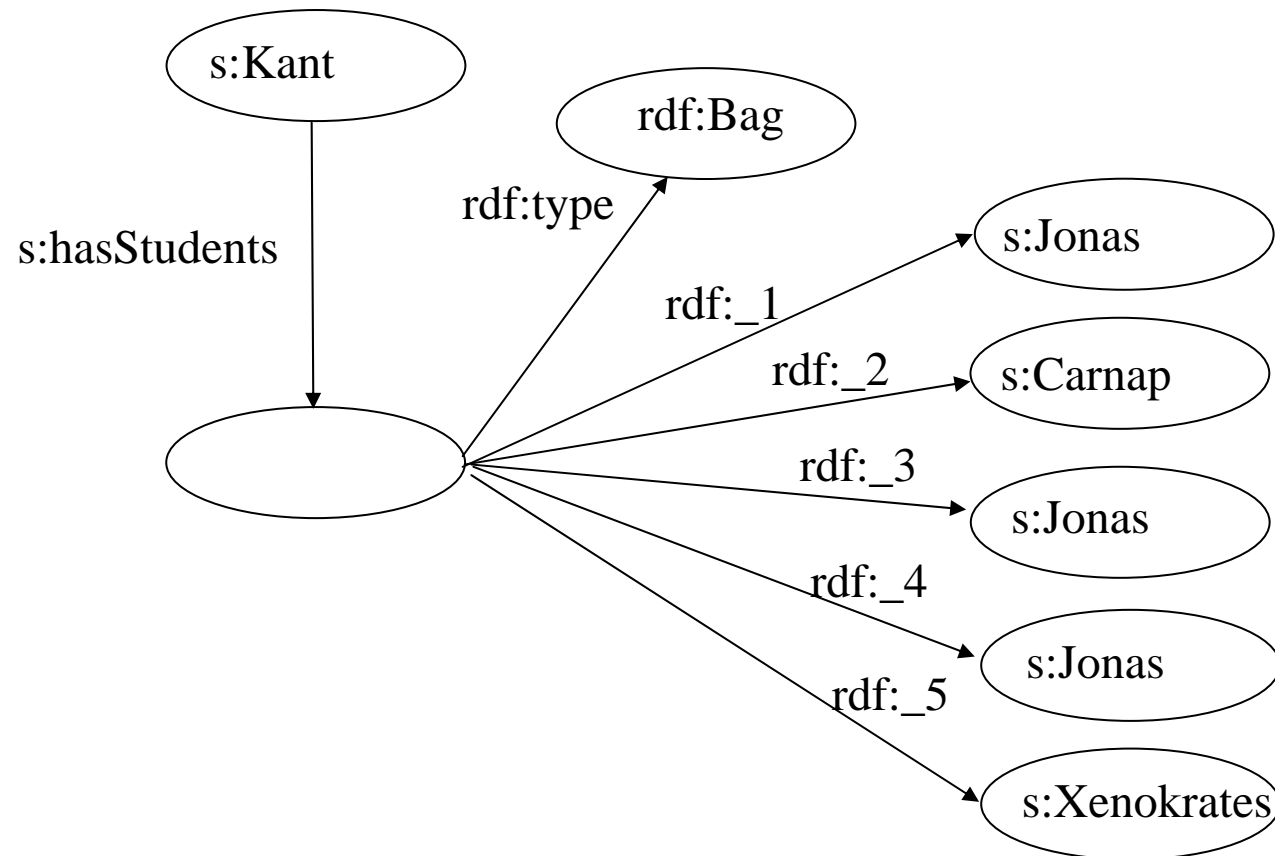
Number in the predicate is meaningful (used for indicating order); the same element can occur multiple times.



A container (here: sequence) is represented with a Blank Node – it may not always be necessary

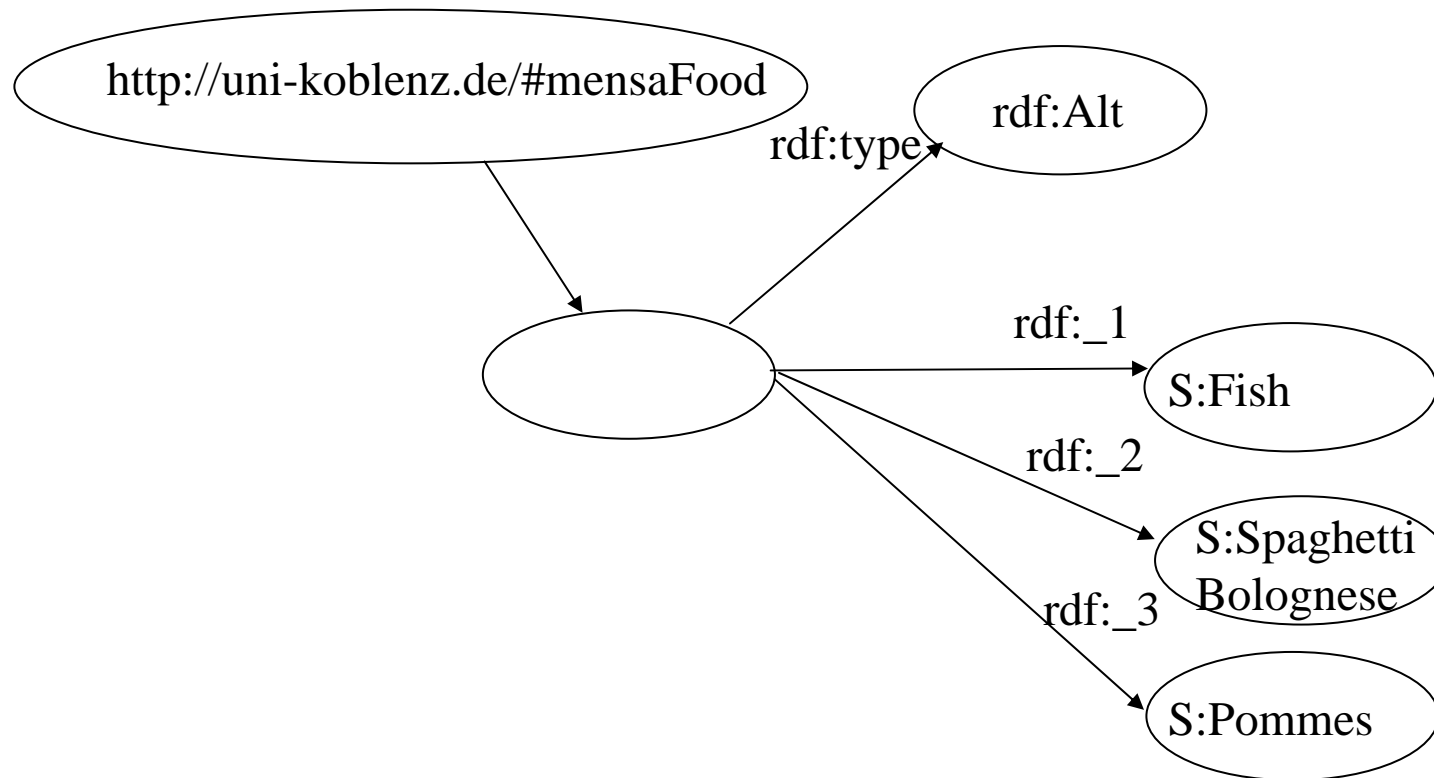
Multi-set

Numbers in predicates do not carry a specific meaning; this is a (multi) set of unordered resources; the same resource can appear more than once



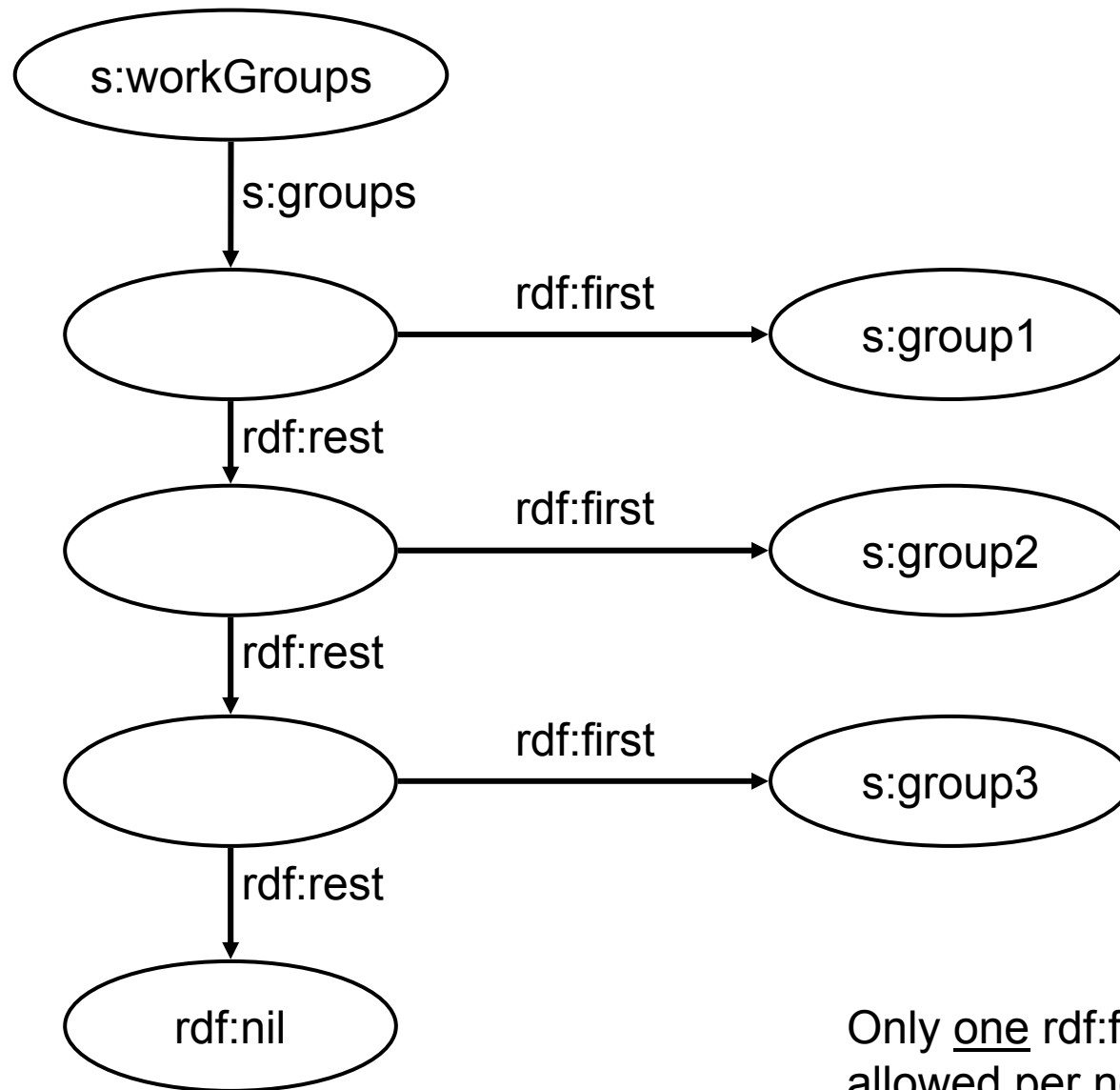
Example: Alternative

- Only one resource can be selected
- Numbers in predicates have no meaning



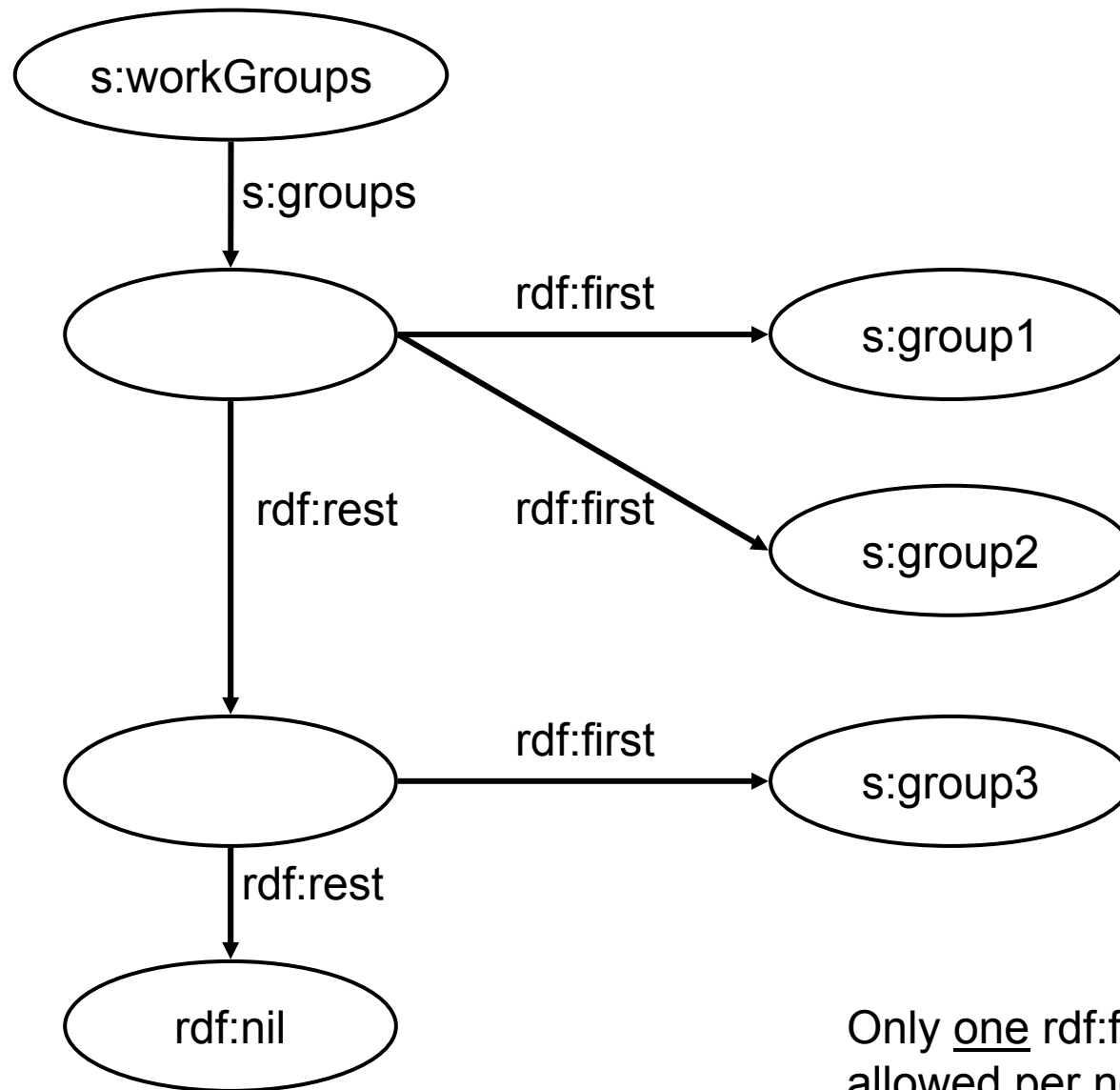
Collections

Way to represent multiple objects



Only one `rdf:first` and `rdf:rest` is allowed per node.

Linked list – what is the meaning of this?



Only one `rdf:first` and `rdf:rest` is allowed per node.

Reification

Statements about statements

How can I express following fact:

„Kant“ examined „Jonas“ in class „Introduction to CS“ and gave him grade „1.0“

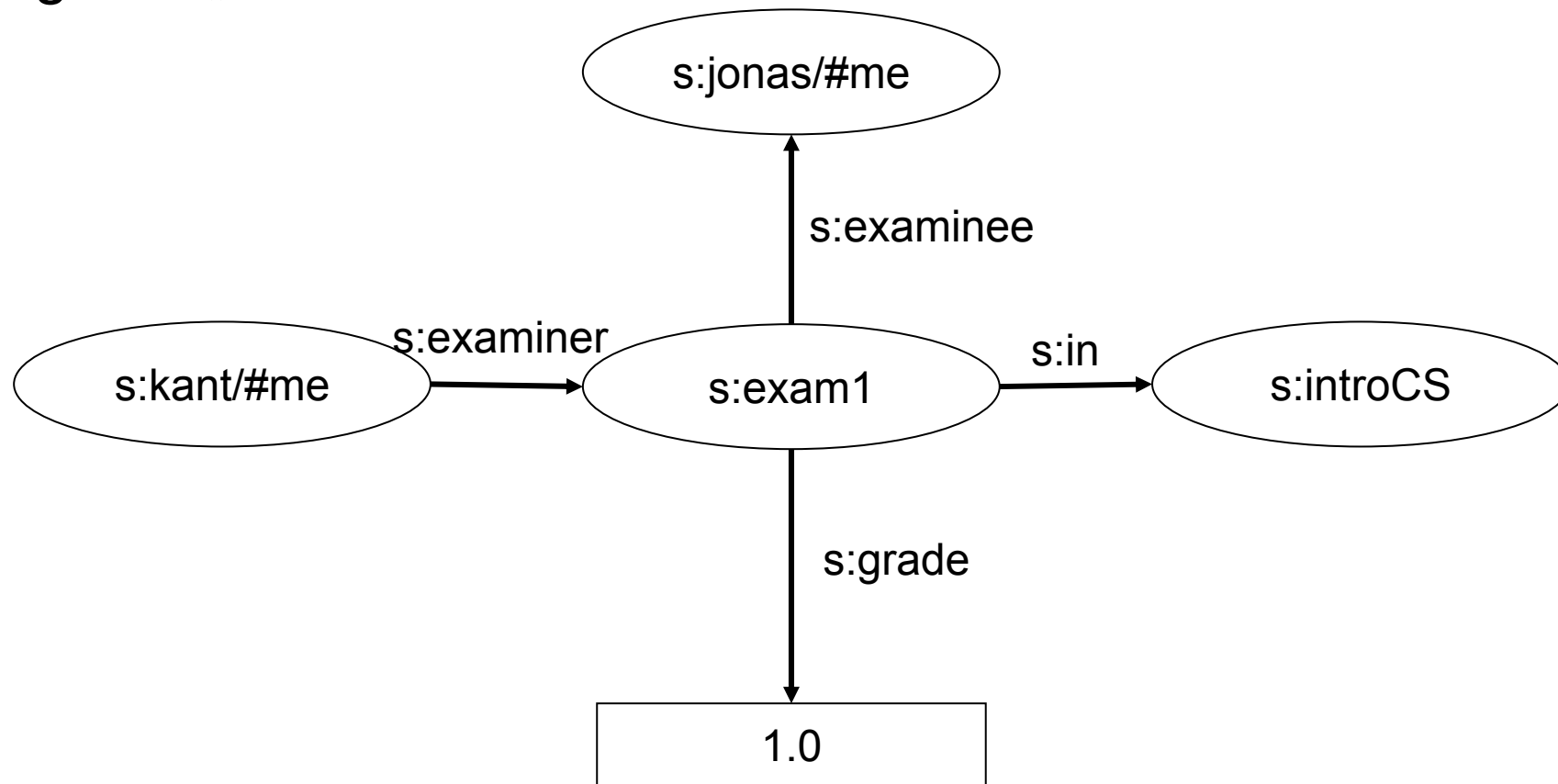
⇒ need for multi-relationship

Reification = refers to situation in natural language where statement is transformed so actions and events in it become quantifiable; here „Jonas exam“ becomes a described object

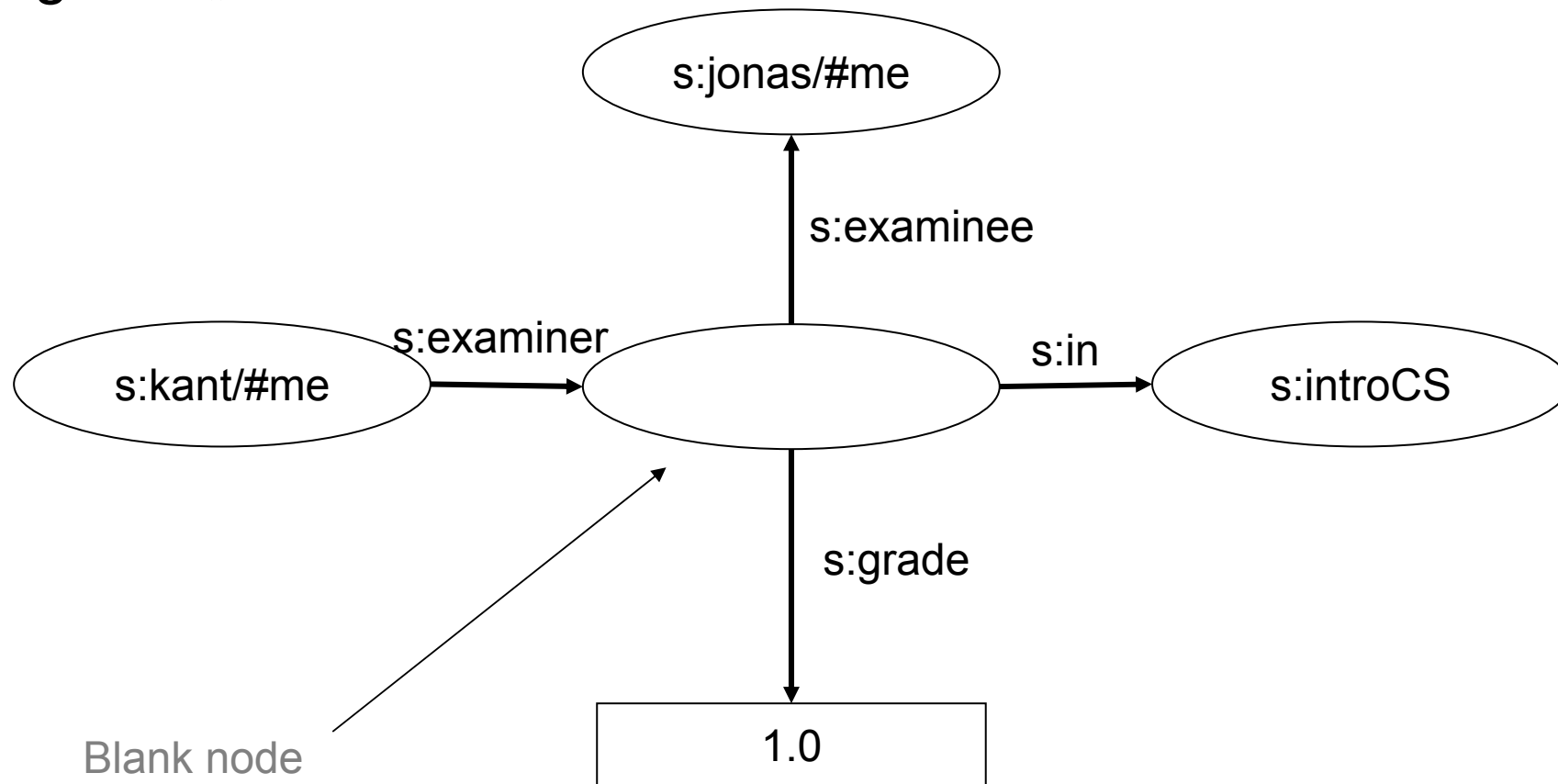
Forms of reification

- Ad hoc Reification
- RDF Reification
- Named Graphs
- Reification using other Design Patterns

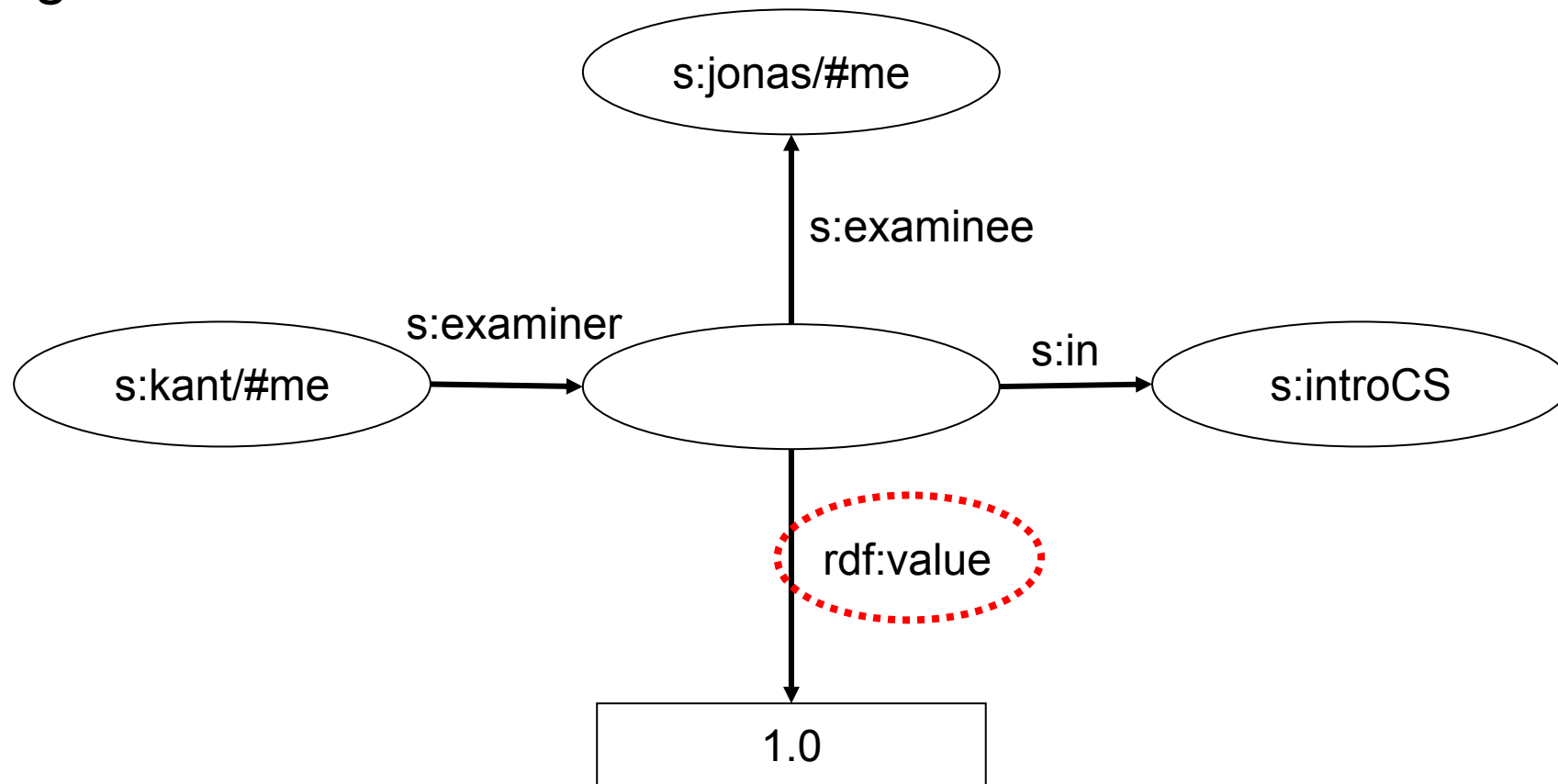
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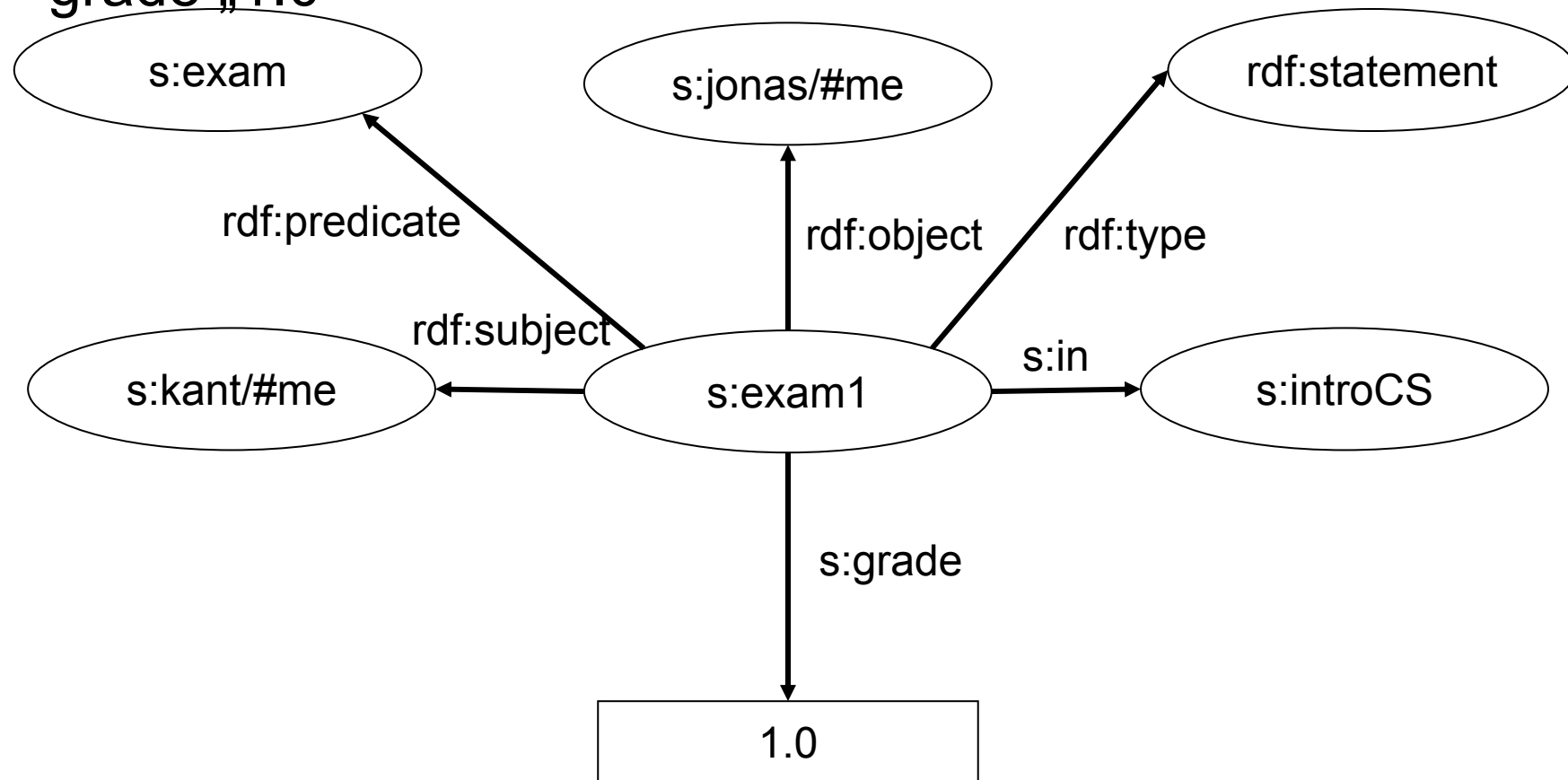


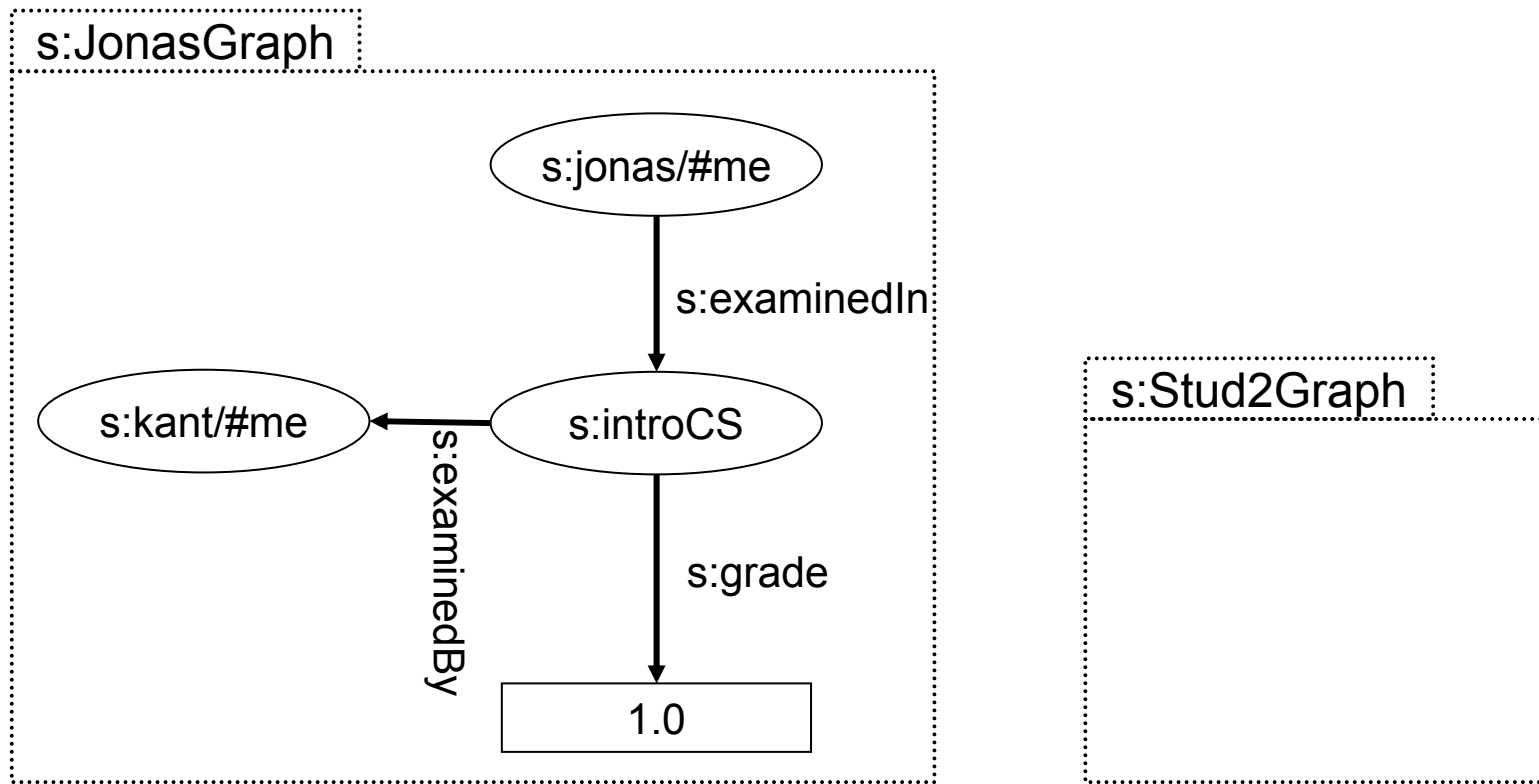
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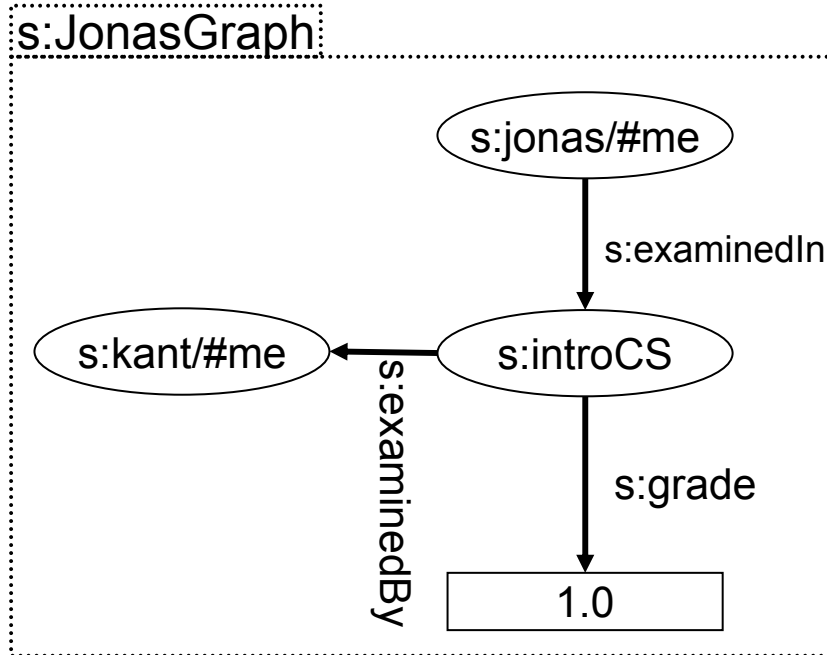


Best Practice

„Kant“ examined „Jonas“ in „Introduction to CS“ and gave him grade „1.0“







Based on Turtle notation

@prefix s <http://isweb.uni-koblenz.de/preds>

s:JonasGraph

```
{  
  s:jonas/#me s:examinedIn s:introCS.  
  s:introCS  
    s:grade "1.0" ;  
    s:examinedBy s:kan/#me .  
}
```

- RDF is a standard syntax to represent (edge labeled) directed graphs in XML
- Uses resources with unique IRIs / URIs
- Describes named relationships between resources
- Has a limited vocabulary and semantics
- Supports
 - ◆ Collections (bag, alternative, set)
 - ◆ Lists
 - ◆ Reification (!)
- Good to describe ground facts, but not to describe simple model / schema → **RDFS (RDF Schema)**