

An Introduction to Knowledge Graphs

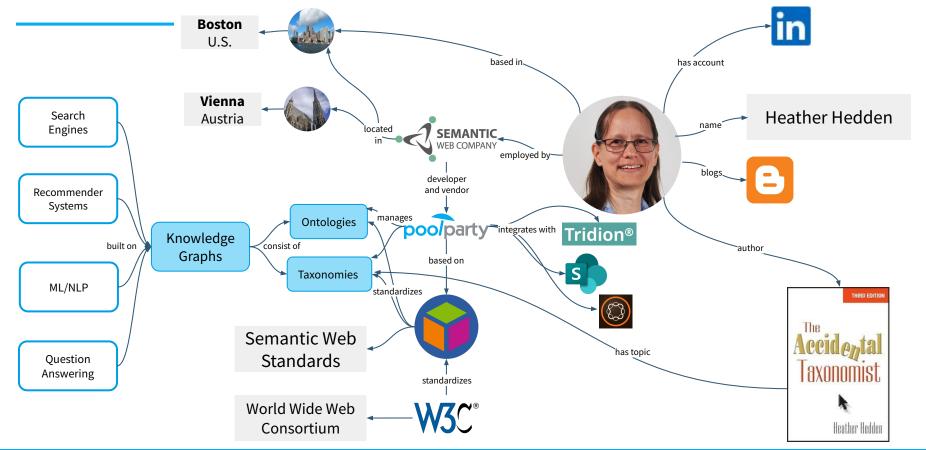
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 - Building knowledge graphs
 - Applications based on knowledge graphs



Knowledge Graph Background

Information Architecture Domain

Evolving the Practice of IA

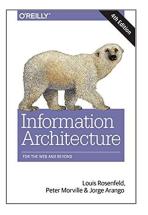
As we consider change and resilience, we'd like to consider:

What can adjacent and complementary fields... teach IAs? And what can we learn from our sibling domains ...

IA Definitions

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Information Architecture Domain



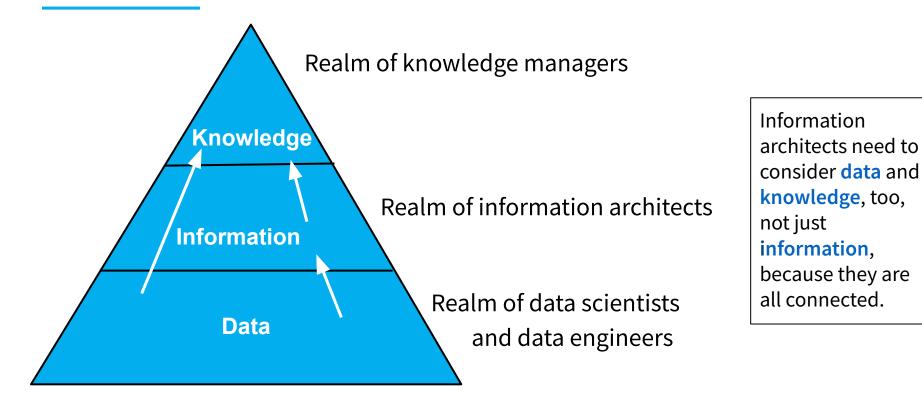
"Information Environments"

- Not limited to a single web site, intranet, application, or online community
- Within an organization/enterprise environment, information that should be shared, pooled, linked, related, is often scattered in different applications and sources:
 - multiple content management systems
 - document management systems
 - digital asset management systems
 - employee experience platforms
 - internal collaboration software
 - external/partner collaboration spaces

- ▶ policies, procedures, guidelines
- ▷ customer information
- Product info/technical documentation
- marketing content/collateral
- internal research information
- external/market research information
- people/experts
- Users want to access disparate information together.
- Users prefer a single user interface and experience.

Information Architecture Domain





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Problems

- ▶▶ Data and content silos
 - Heterogeneous sources
 - Mix of unstructured and structured data
 - Mix of data and content
 - Same things with different names
 - Localized meanings
 - Change

Causing

- Inefficiencies
- Missed opportunities
- Poor decisions
- Poor user experience

Solutions

- Sharing data
- Reusing data
- Linking data
- Linking content
- Semantic links
- Unified views

Provided by

- Data-centric architecture
- Ontologies
- Knowledge graphs

Results in

- Knowledge discovery
- Better decisions
- User/customer satisfaction

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Content/data silos need not (or cannot) be fully broken down

- Content is in systems/applications with specific features.
- Content is owned and managed by their subject matter experts.
- Content is for specific users and delivery systems.

But silos can be bridged

- Extracting and transforming data into standard linked data formats
- Linking content with metadata, taxonomies, ontologies



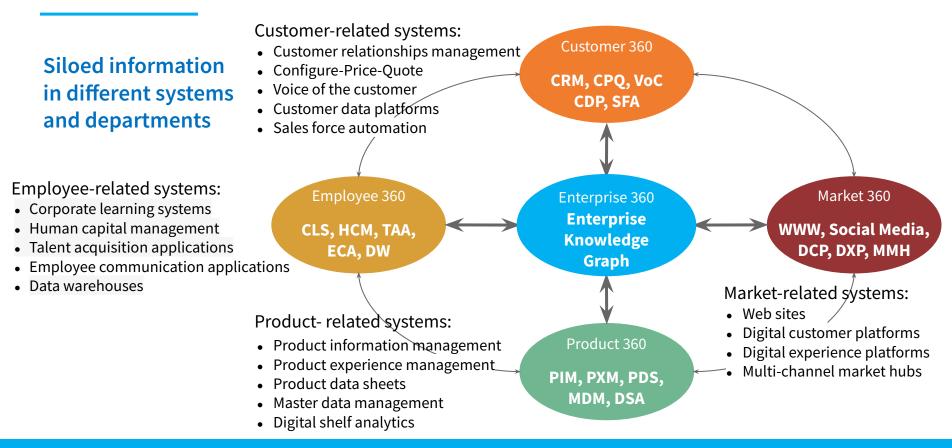
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What knowledge graphs can do

- Integrate knowledge
- Serve data governance
- Provide semantic enrichment
- Bring structured and unstructured data together
- Provide unified view of different kinds of unconnected data sources
- Provide a semantic layer on top of the metadata layer
- Improve search results beyond machine learning and algorithms
- Answer complex user questions instead of merely returning documents on a topic
- Combine with deep text analytics, semantic AI, and machine learning

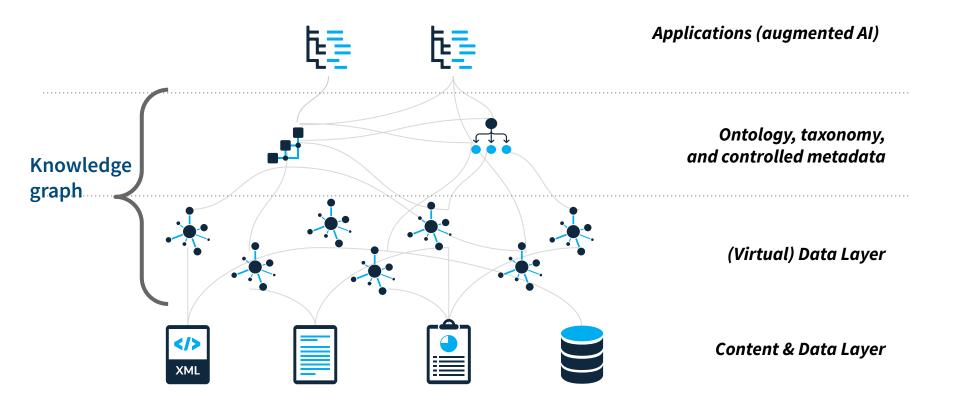


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Knowledge Graphs Defined





Knowledge Graphs Defined

What is a knowledge graph?

- A model of a knowledge domain combined with instance data
- Represents unified information across a domain or an organization, enriched with context and semantics.
- Contains business objects and topics that are closely linked, classified, and connected to existing data and documents.
- A layer between the actual content and the querying layer.
- Both machine-readable and human-readable through some form of display.
- Gets its name from knowledge base + graph database and optional graph visualizations.





Knowledge Graphs Defined



"Knowledge graphs" have different meanings from different perspectives.

From a Knowledge Engineer's perspective

A Knowledge Graph is a **model of a knowledge domain** created by subject-matter experts with the help of intelligent machine learning algorithms.

From a Data Architect's perspective

Structured as an additional virtual data layer, the KG lies on top of existing databases or data sets to **link all your data together at scale**.

From a Data Engineer's perspective

It provides a **structure and common interface** for all of your data and enables the creation of smart multilateral relations throughout your databases.





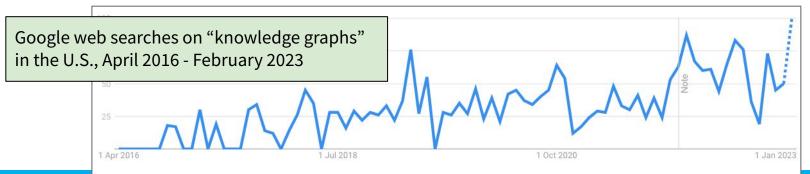
"A knowledge base that uses a graph-structured data model or topology to integrate data."

Knowledge base: "A technology used to store complex structured and unstructured information used by a computer system." - *Wikipedia*

Knowledge Graphs History



- "Knowledge Graphs" project for mathematics by researchers of the University of Groningen and University of Twente, Netherlands, 1982
- Rise of topic-specific knowledge bases: e.g. <u>Wordnet</u> in 1985; <u>Geonames</u> in 2005
- General graph-based knowledge repositories, <u>DBpedia</u> (based on linked data) in 2006, <u>Freebase</u> in 2007
- Google introduced its <u>Knowledge Graph</u> (based on Freebase) to improve search results value in 2012.
- Large data-heavy companies adopted knowledge graphs: Airbnb, Amazon, Apple, Bank of America, Bloomberg, Facebook, Genentech, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, LinkedIn, Microsoft, Uber, Wells Fargo
- Knowledge graphs became a topic at various conferences by 2019.
- Enterprise knowledge graphs become the focus.





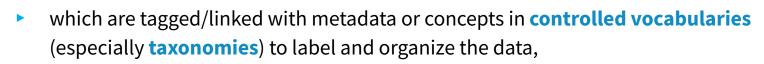
Knowledge Graph Components

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Knowledge graph components

- Extracted **data**, stored in either
 - ▶ A graph database, of either
 - ► RDF-based triple store
 - ► Labeled property graph
 - A search index (if not large)
 - RDF-based triple store



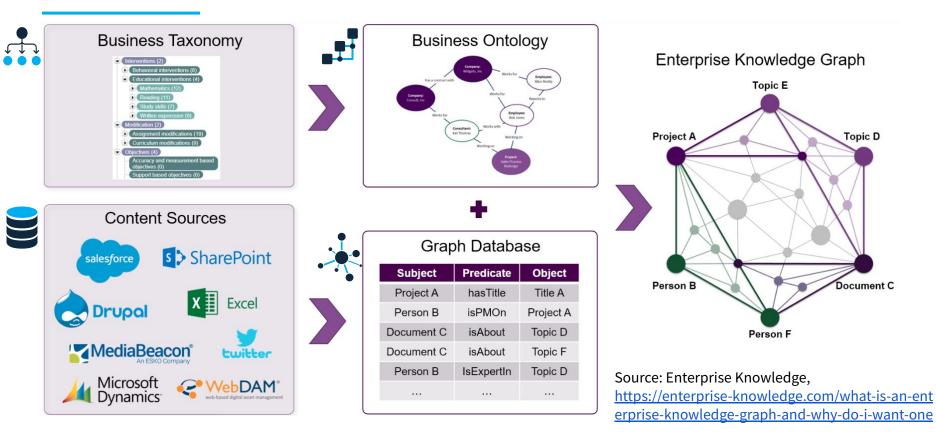
which in turn are semantically linked to represent conceptual relationships and enriched with additional metadata attributes in an **ontology**.

Scope issue/question: What kind of data is included or not? Data vs. content



Knowledge Graph Components



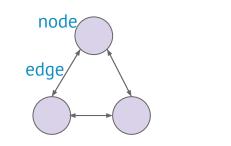


KG Components: Data in a Graph Database



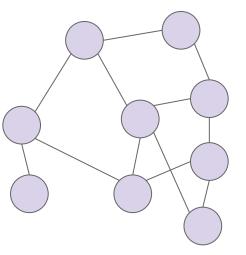


Graph databases structure data in the form of graphs, comprising **nodes** (points, vertices) and **edges** (lines, links), *not* as tables of rows and columns, as relational database are.



Undirected graph

Directed graph



Two kinds of graph databases: RDF Triple Stores, and Labeled Property Graphs (LPGs)

KG Components: Data in a Graph Database



	RDF Triple Store	Labeled Property Graph
Standardization	World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)	Different vendors
Designed for	Linked Open Data, publishing and linking data with formal semantics and no central control	Graph representation for analytics
Processing strengths	Set analysis operations	Graph traversal
Data management strengths	Interoperability via global identifiers and a standard. Data validation, data type support.	Compact serialization, shorter learning curve.
Main use cases	Data-driven architecture, data integration, metadata management, knowledge representation	Graph analytics, path search, network analysis
Additional options	Inferencing	Shortest path calculations
Formal semantics	Yes	No

KG Components: Data in a Graph Database



RDF Triple Store Graph Databases

- Store data
- Store links to content
- Store metadata, controlled vocabularies, taxonomies, ontologies

Based on RDF: Resource Description Framework

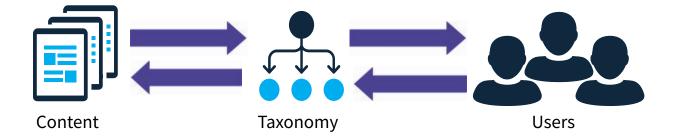
- A World Wide Web (W3C) recommendation <u>www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-concepts</u>
- "A standard model for data interchange on the Web"
- Requires the use of URIs to specify things and to specify relations.
- Models information as subject predicate object triples.





What and why taxonomies?

- A taxonomy is a controlled vocabulary organized into a hierarchical structure.
- Concepts/terms are used to tag/index/categorize content to make it easier to be found and retrieved
 - supporting better findability than search alone
- The taxonomy is an intermediary that links the user to the desired content.



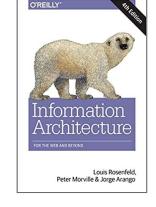


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What is a taxonomy?

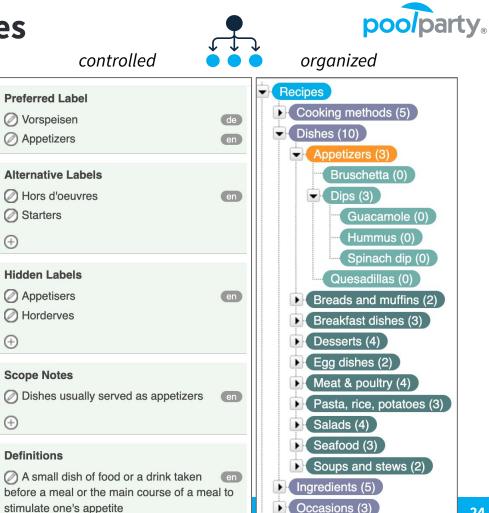
Controlled and *organized*

Controlled: 1.

A kind of controlled vocabulary or knowledge organization system, based on unambiguous concepts, not just words: things, not strings

2. **Organized**:

Concepts are arranged in a structure of hierarchies, categories, or facets to organize them.





SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organization System)

- A data model ("standard") to represent knowledge Organization systems.
- A World Wide Web (W3C) recommendation (initial version 2004 revised 2009)
- "A common data model for sharing and linking knowledge organization systems via the Web" <u>www.w3.org/TR/skos-reference</u>
- To enable easy publication and use of such vocabularies as linked data.
- Based on RDF (Resource Description Framework), and encoded in XML, JSON, JSON-LD, etc.
- Concepts and relations are resources with URIs.
- A KOS built on SKOS is machine-readable and interchangeable.
- Different KOS types (name authority, glossary, classification scheme, thesaurus, taxonomy) can all be built in SKOS.



W3C SKOS

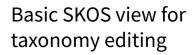
SKOS principles and elements

- A KOS is a group of **concepts** identified with URIs and
- Concepts can be grouped hierarchically into concept schemes.
- Concept can be labeled with any number of lexical strings (labels) in any natural language.
 - Concepts have one preferred label in any natural language, and any number of alternative labels and hidden labels.
- Concepts can be linked to each other using hierarchical and associative semantic relations:
 - broader/narrower and related.
- Concepts of different concept schemes can be linked using various mapping relations.
- Concepts can be documented with notes:
 - scope note, definition, editorial note, history note
- Concepts can additionally be members of **collections**, which can be labeled or ordered.





Concepts	Labels & Notation	Documentation	Semantic Relations	Mapping Relations	Collections
Concept	prefLabel	scopeNote	broader	exactMatch	Collection
ConceptScheme	altLabel	definition	narrower	closeMatch	orderedCollection
inScheme	hiddenLabel	example	related	broaderMatch	member
hasTopConcept	notation	changeNote	broaderTransitive	narrowerMatch	memberList
topConceptOf		editorialNote	narrowerTransitive	relatedMatch	
		historyNote	semanticRelation		



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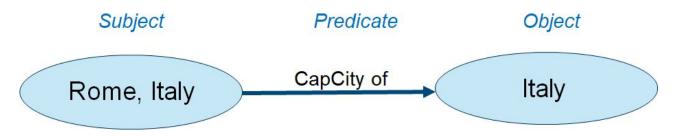


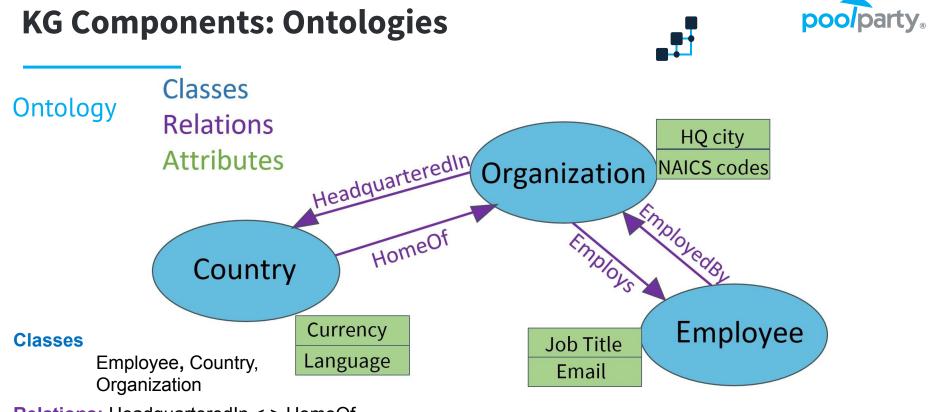
- Centrally managed taxonomies (not a taxonomy built in a siloed application), now tend to be built on the SKOS data-exchange model.
- Since SKOS is based on RDF, SKOS taxonomies are easily managed in RDF graph databases, and connect to the data, other taxonomies, and ontologies, in addition to linking to content.



Ontology

- A model of a knowledge domain
- Similar to (most of) a knowledge graph, but excludes the actual instance data
- A formal naming and definition of the types, properties and interrelationships of entities in a particular domain.
 - Relations contain meaning, are "semantic."
 - Properties are customized attributes of entities.
- Common standards provided by W3C: Web Ontology Language (OWL) and RDF-Schema.
- Comprises classes, relations, and attributes, which are linked in triples.





Relations: HeadquarteredIn < > HomeOf EmployedBy < > Employs

Attributes: Email address, Job title, HQ city, NAICS codes, Currency, Language

W3C Standards and Guidelines for Ontologies

RDF (Resource Description Framework) www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-concepts

www.w3.org/2001/sw/wiki/RDFS

OWL (Web Ontology Language)

www.w3.org/OWL

RDFS (RDF-Schema)



"A Semantic Web language designed to represent rich and complex knowledge about things, groups of things, and relations between things" Based on RDF and RDFS; OWL is an extension of RDFS.

"A general-purpose language for representing simple RDF vocabularies on the Web"

Goes beyond RDF to designate **classes** and **properties** of RDF resources, as ontology basics

"A standard model for data interchange on the Web" modeling triples

SPARQL (SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language)

www.w3.org/TR/2008/REC-rdf-spargl-query-20080115

Language to query and update RDF data











OWL-Specified Ontology Components

Entities – subjects or objects of triples (domains and ranges)

- Classes
 - Named sets of concepts that share characteristics and relations
 - May group subclasses or individuals (instances of the class)
- Individuals
 - Members or instances of a class. (Could be managed in a separate, linked taxonomy)

Properties – predicates of triples, about individuals

- Object properties
 - Relations between individuals
 - May be directed (single direction), symmetric, or with an inverse (different in each direction)
- Datatype properties
 - Attributes or characteristics of individuals
 - ▷ The object of a datatype property is a *value*.

Literals – values of attributes (metadata values) <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/2012/REC-owl2-primer-20121211</u>







	Knowledge organization systems	
Less	Semantic Expressiveness	More

Term List	Name Authority	Taxonomy	Thesaurus	Ontology
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What you can do with ontologies, that you cannot do with taxonomies alone

- Modeling complex interrelationships, such as those in processes, regulatory compliance, etc.
- Complex multi-part searches from different aspects
- Exploring explicit relationships between concepts beyond merely broader/narrower and generic related
- Searching across datasets as well as content
- Searching using more specific criteria that vary based on a category (class), such as ecommerce product attributes
- Merging information from multiple sources, internal and on the Web
- Rules-based auto-classification driven by specific classes and relationships
- Visualizing concepts and semantic relationships
- Reasoning based on statements (axioms) and inferencing

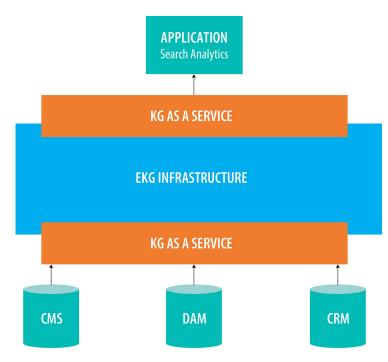


Knowledge Graph Building and Applications

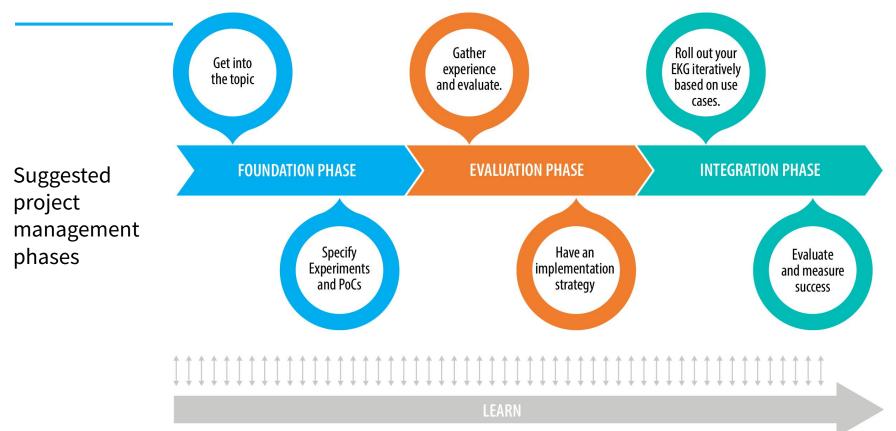


Steps to build a knowledge graph

- Identify use cases, problems to be solve
- Inventory and organize relevant data and content
- Identify relationships across data: design ontologies
- Incorporate sample data in a graph database connected to the ontology/taxonomy, as a test proof of concept.
- Connect to or build user applications and interfaces.
- Automate and scale with data pipelines, auto-tagging, and AI.







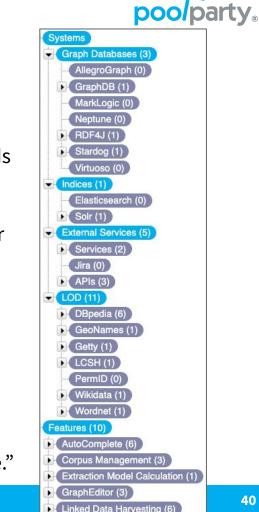
Software and technology needed

- Graph database management software
- Taxonomy/ontology management software based on W3C standards
- Search software (such as Solr or Elasticsearch)
- Front-end (web) application
 - whether commercial software or custom web developed user interface based on an API connection

Optional:

- Data catalog software
- Text mining/natural language processing/entity extraction tool
- Machine-learning auto-classification tool
- Capabilities (such as algorithms for weighting/scoring relations) specified in SPARQL query language for RDF

Often these are combined, but there is no single "knowledge graph software."





Collaboration of people:

- Data engineers
- Data scientists
- Data analysts
- Data architects

- Knowledge engineers
- Taxonomists
- Ontologists
- Content strategists

- Solutions architects
- Software engineers
- Web developers
- Information architects

Challenges/Requirements:

- A specific business/use case, not just curiosity to try new technologies
- Implementation expertise with software tools and guidance from consultants
- Commitment from all stakeholders
- Sufficient time, effort, and expertise to deal with a very complex project
- Data quality



Applications



Semantic search



Recommendation

Personalization and insight engines

- An organization typically builds its own web-browser-based knowledge graph application.
- The application UI and UX also utilize information architecture.



Question-answering engines / natural language search across data



Compliance and risk prediction



Chatbots and voice assistants



Expert finder

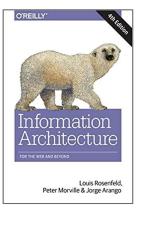


Customer 360 – view of everything known about customers

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Knowledge Panels delivery of information from the Google **Knowledge Graph**



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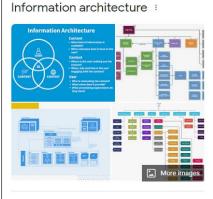
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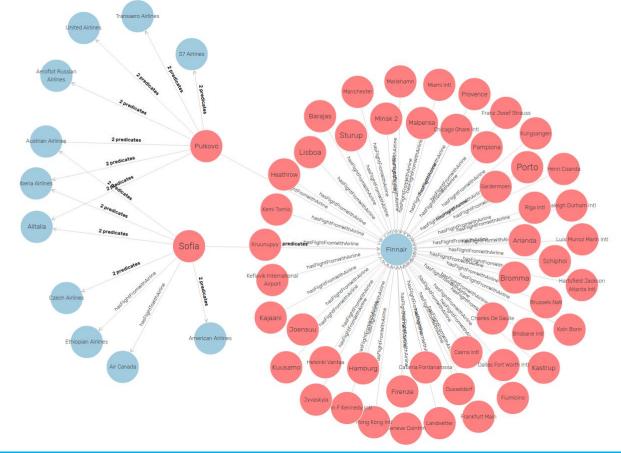


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Graph visualizations

Airlines and destinations from GraphDB, a triple store graph database





Sample Applications

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- Semantic Web Company's HR Recommender proto-type <u>https://hr-recommender.poolparty.biz/hr-recommender/overview</u>
- Semantic Web Company's Wine & Cheese Harmonizer <u>https://ppil-dev.semantic-web.at/PPIL</u>
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Conclusions



- Information architects who work on taxonomies:
 - should understand that a growing use of taxonomies is in knowledge graphs
 - may expect to work on taxonomies used in knowledge graphs
 - may have the opportunity and interest in designing ontologies
- Information architects who work on search/browse/faceted navigation user interfaces:
 - may contribute to the UIs of knowledge graph applications
- Information architects can raise awareness of the benefits of knowledge graphs within their organizations.

Knowledge Graph Resources



- The Knowledge Graph Conference, New York, NY, and hybrid virtual, May 8-12, 2023
- The Knowledge Graph Conference Slack Channel community and other resources
- "<u>Unlocking Digital Transformation with Knowledge Graphs</u>," webinar recording, Andreas Blumauer (Semantic Web Company) and Bram Wessel (Factor), April 7, 2022
- "<u>How to Build a Knowledge Graph in Four Steps: The Roadmap From Metadata to AI</u>" by Lulit Tesfaye, September 9, 2019, Enterprise Knowledge Blog.
- The Knowledge Graph Cookbook, by Andreas Blumauer and Helmut Nagy, 2020, paperback or free as ebook. www.poolparty.biz/the-knowledge-graph-cookbook



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