Security & Knowledge Management

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Topics

- **Knowledge Management**
  - Semantic Technologies
    - How to represent knowledge?
  - Semantic Web, Web of Data, Linked Data
    - How to use and share knowledge
  - SPARQL query language
    - How to search for knowledge?
  - Ontologies engineering
    - How to develop an ontology?
  - Inference & reasoning
    - How to create new knowledge?
  - Natural language processing

- **Security**
  - Security of web applications
  - Security of mobile applications
  - Security of Internet of Things (IoT)
  - Privacy and user profiling, GDPR
Dettagli

- **Modalità di esame**
  - Un progetto su argomenti del corso in gruppi di 1 o 2 persone
    - Es. sviluppo di una ontologia, valutazione di RDF store, ...
- **Sito del corso**
  - [https://www.disit.org/sekm](https://www.disit.org/sekm)
- **Corso**
  - mar. 16:00 – 19:00
  - ven. 16:00 – 19:00
- **Ricevimento**
  - dopo e nell'intervallo delle lezioni
  - a S. Marta su appuntamento

The Web

- Web of (HTML) documents
- A lot of **human readable** knowledge (e.g. wikipedia)
- Not easily usable by machines
Web of Data / Semantic Web

- Machine friendly interlinked data

- Machine friendly
- Linked Data
  - easily accessible using the web protocols (HTTP)
  - resources identified using URLs
  - machine friendly description of the Resources
    - (W3C RDF – Resource Description Framework)
  - links among different data providers
RDF

- W3C Resource Description Framework
- a W3C recommendation for the description of resources
- Basics:
  - each resource is identified by a not unique URI
  - resources are connected with other resources or primitive data using properties
  - also properties are identified by URIs

```
R1 property R2
```

RDF basics - triples

- triples used to represent facts
  - subject
  - predicate
  - object
- Examples:
  - `<Leonardo da Vinci> painted <Gioconda>`
  - `<Gioconda> locatedIn <Room 154>`
  - `<Room 154> inside <Museo del Louvre>`
If we consider that:

- located in = inside
- inside is a transitive property

we can infer that:

La Gioconda inside Museo del Louvre
RDF basics - triples

- Triples can be used to associate data to entities
  - `<Leonardo da Vinci> born "1452-04-15"`
  - `<Firenze> population "379122"`
- The data provided can be associated with a type (using the types used in XMLSchema) like `xsd:date`, `xsd:time`, `xsd:dateTime`, `xsd:integer`, `xsd:float`, `xsd:int`, ....
- or with a language identifier: "it", "en", "fr", "de", ...

Resource identification

- In semantic web each entity (or Resource) is identified by an URI (possibly not unique)
  - `http://dbpedia.org/resource/Florence`
  - `http://it.dbpedia.org/resource/Firenze`
  - `http://it.dbpedia.org/resource/Leonardo_da_Vinci`
- URI = URL or URN but in general we use URLs
- In Linked Data using the URL via HTTP protocol we can obtain an RDF description of the resource
Refer to an "unnamed" resource, are used to aggregate and structure entities, the name used for the definition is only local and in general cannot be used any more to refer to the part.

PREFIXES are used to shorten URIs
- PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
- dbr:Florence translated to http://dbpedia.org/resource/Florence

Are similar to namespaces
There are some standard prefixes:
- rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
- rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
- owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
- skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
- ...

use http://prefix.cc to search for common prefix definitions
A set of triples makes a Graph

Resources are grouped in Classes

a resource \( R \) belong to a Class \( C \) if:

\[ \langle R \rangle \text{ rdf:type } \langle C \rangle \]
RDF description of classes

- Also classes are described using RDF
  - `<C1> rdfs:subClassOf <C2>`
    - states that C1 is a subclass of C2
  - `<X> owl:equivalentClass <Y>`
    - states that class X and Y are equivalent

Ontology

- An Ontology (aka Vocabulary) is a description of a domain defining:
  - classes
  - properties
  - and their relations and properties

- Different "languages" are available:
  - The first attempt RDFS (RDF Schema)
  - after it was introduced Ontology Web Language 1.0
  - and then OWL 2.0
RDF file formats

- Triples can be serialized using many different standard formats
  - ntriples
  - turtle
  - rdf-xml
  - json-ld
- These formats are used for sharing data among different data providers

ntriples format

- Very simple textual format, 1 row per triple

```xml
<http://...subject...> <http://...predicate...> <http://...object...> .
<http://...subject...> <http://...predicate...> "...text..." .
<http://...subject...> <http://...predicate...> "...text..."@"en" .
<http://...subject...> <http://...predicate...> "...data..."^^<http://...data type...>. 
<http://...subject...> <http://...predicate...> _id1 . 
_id1 <http://...predicate...> ...
```

Blank node, identifier valid for the whole file
**turtle format (1)**

- textual format, more compact

```turtle
@prefix dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
@prefix dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/>

dbr:Florence dbo:birthPlaceOf dbr:Dante_Alighieri .
```

- equivalent to ntriple

```turtle
```

**turtle format (2)**

- if some triples share the same subject we can write:

  ```turtle
dbr:Dante_Alighieri dbo:deathPlace dbr:Ravenna ;
  dbo:birthDate "1265-5-0"^^xsd:date .
```

- that is equivalent to:

  ```turtle
dbr:Dante_Alighieri dbo:deathPlace dbr:Ravenna .
dbr:Dante_Alighieri dbo:birthDate "1265-5-0"^^xsd:date .
```
if some triples share the same subject and predicate we can write:


that is equivalent to write:

dbr:Dante_Alighieri dbo:occupation dbr:Poet .
dbr:Dante_Alighieri dbo:occupation dbr:Politician .

unnamed blank nodes can be represented using [ ]:


that is equivalent to:

ex:ScuolaIngegneria ex:address _:addr1. _:addr1 ex:street "Via S. Marta". _:addr1 ex:civic "3". _:addr1 ex:city dbr:Florence .
RDF-XML format

- textual format, quite verbose

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
 xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
 xmlns:dbo="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/"
 <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Florence">
   <dbo:population>132000</dbo:population>
 </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

JSON-LD format (1)

- quite compact textual format, JSON extension

```json
{
   "@context": {
     "name": "http://schema.org/name",
     "image": { "@id": "http://schema.org/image",
                "@type": "@id" },
     "homepage": { "@id": "http://schema.org/url",
                   "@type": "@id" },
     "@id": "http://people.org/resource/manu_sporny",
     "@type": "http://schema.org/Person",
     "name": "Manu Sporny",
     "homepage": "http://manu.sporny.org/",
     "image": "http://manu.sporny.org/images/manu.png"
   }
}
```
**JSON-LD format (2)**

- equivalent to (using Turtle)

```
PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>

<http://people.org/resource/manu_sporny> rdf:type schema:Person;
    schema:name "Manu Sporny";
    schema:url <http://manu.sporny.org>;
    schema:image <http://manu.sporny.org/images/manu.png>

{ "@context": {
    "name": "http://schema.org/name",
    "image": { "@id": "http://schema.org/image",
        "@type": "@id" },
    "homepage": { "@id": "http://schema.org/url",
        "@type": "@id" },
    "@id": "http://people.org/resource/manu_sporny",
    "@type": "schema:Person",
    "name": "Manu Sporny",
    "homepage": "http://manu.sporny.org/",
    "image": "http://manu.sporny.org/images/manu.png" }
```

Used to provide machine readable information directly in the HTML document:

```
<div vocab="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/" about="#me">
    My name is <span property="name">John Doe</span> and my blog is called <a rel="homepage" href="http://example.org/blog/">Understanding Semantics</a>.
</div>
```

it encodes the following triples (expressed using Turtle)

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>

#me foaf:name "John Doe";
    foaf:homepage <http://example.org/blog/> .
```
Google – Structured Data

- Use JSON-LD or RDFa in HTML
- Using properties and classes defined by [http://schema.org](http://schema.org)
- To provide rich results on google search results

```html
<script type="application/ld+json">
{
"@context": "http://schema.org/",
"@type": "Recipe",
"name": "Grandma's Holiday Apple Pie",
"author": "Elaine Smith",
"image": "http://images.org/receipe1.jpg",
"description": "A classic apple pie.",
"aggregateRating": {
"@type": "AggregateRating",
"ratingValue": "4",
"reviewCount": "276",
"bestRating": "5",
"worstRating": "1"
},
...
</script>
```

RDF Store

- A particular kind of NoSQL database
  - the only one with a **standard data model** (RDF)
  - the only one with **standard interchange formats** (RDFXML, Turtle, Ntriple, JSON-LD)
  - the only one with a **standard query language** SPARQL and
    with a standard communication protocol
  - the only one with a **standard manipulation language** SPARUL
- We can have many different standard implementations
  that guarantee:
  - interoperability
  - avoids vendor lock-in
A tool that can store a lot of "triples" \(<s,p,o>\) 
- Query using SPARQL 
- Triples manipulation using SPARUL (insert/delete) 
- **is basically Schemaless**  
  - triples are not necessary structured in a predefined schema 
  - the ontology that describes data is stored with the triples and it is used to infer new triples more than guarantee a schema  
  - triples can be grouped in graphs identified by an URI 
  - \(<\text{subject}> \,<\text{predicate}> <\text{object}> <\text{context}>\) 
  - the context/grafo URI indicate the context where the triple is true, we can have other triples where the subject is the context URI. 
  - A typical use is to associate metadata to a set of triples 
    - ex. associate provenience and license information to a dataset
Triples or Quadruples

- Quadruples can also be used to:
  - indicate that the fact expressed by a triple is true in a certain temporal interval
    - John has Wife Jane (from 1980 to 2010)
    - John has Wife Jody (from 2013)
  - group a set of triples that we want to easily remove from the store (all together), useful in the case of complex relationships and when using blank nodes.

RDF Store

- Could allow other types of indexes (non standard):
  - full text,
  - geographic,
  - temporal
- Every RDF store define a dialect of SPARQL language to use these indexes.
RDF Store - inference

- RDF stores could or not provide a form of inference on the triples
- Two strategies are possible:
  - build the inferred triples when triples are added to the store
  - make inference when the query is made.
- In the first case
  - the big problem it to maintain coherence (truth maintenance) when triples are removed.
  - the equivalence and transitive properties could generate MANY triples that could impact performance of queries
- In the second case
  - The query it is typically rewritten to consider the possible inference and it is more complex to execute and generally the inference supported is less expressive.

RDF Store implementation

- using SQL database as backend
  - one or more tables that contains the triples
  - SPARQL queries are translated to SQL queries over these tables
- using custom indexes (e.g. B-trees, hashtables)
  - e.g. s p o, p o s, s o p, p s o, o s p,
  - query is translated to searches over these indexes
Big RDF store

- Some RDF Store support storing millions of triples up to billions of triples with good query performance.

- The main strategies are:
  - compress as much as possible in a way to keep data in memory and on a single computer
  - use indexes based on B-trees or hash tables to access to disk
  - partition data among many machines
  - split query in different parts that can be executed in parallel

BIG RDF Stores

- **AllegroGraph** 1 trillion triples (240 CPU, 1.28 TB RAM)
- **Oracle** 1 trillion triples (cluster 8 nodes)
- **Virtuoso** 150 billions triples (cluster 8 nodes)
- **Blazegraph** 50 billions triples on a single node
- **GraphDB** 10 billions triples on a single node

- Benchmarks for performance evaluation, synthetic dataset+ set of queries
  - LUBM - Lehigh University Benchmark (university)
  - BSBM - Berlin SPARQL Benchmark (e-commerce)
  - LDBC - Linked Data Benchmark Council (social media, semantic publishing)
  - ...

Semantic Data publishing

1. allow download of triples as files
   files can be uploaded on a personal RDF store and used locally
2. linked data access
   pieces of the RDF descriptions are accessible
3. allow access to a SPARQL endpoint for online queries
   typically some limitations are present as result size or query time limit

Frequently data is internally available on a SQL database, there are tools to allow publishing these data as RDF.

Linked Data

- Entities represented using URLs
  - es: http://dbpedia.org/resource/Florence
- Using the HTTP protocol we can obtain from URL a description of the entity:
  - human readable (HTML)
  - or machine readable
- The machine readable description use RDF/XML or similar standard formats
- We have links towards other entities managed by other sites
Linked Open Data (LOD)

- LOD = Linked Data + Open Data
- data is available with an open license (ex. creative common attribution)
- LOD Cloud
  - interconnected data
  - see next slide
Linked Open Graph
http://log.disit.org
A bus stop info....
Extract "triples" from unstructured text (aka Information Extraction)

- use Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques

Example:
- Named-Entity Recognition (find names in the text)