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Introduction to Linked Open Data

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- Web of Data
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- Properties of the Web of Linked Data
- Linked Data

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Linked Open Data - What is it?



A nice video by EuropeanaEU in YouTube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uju4wT9uBIA

Semantic/ Data Web/ Web 3.0?

"The goal of the Semantic Web is to create a universal medium for the exchange of DATA", W3C.



"The Semantic Web is a **web of data**, in some ways like a **global database**", *Tim Berners-Lee – Inventor of the WWW.*





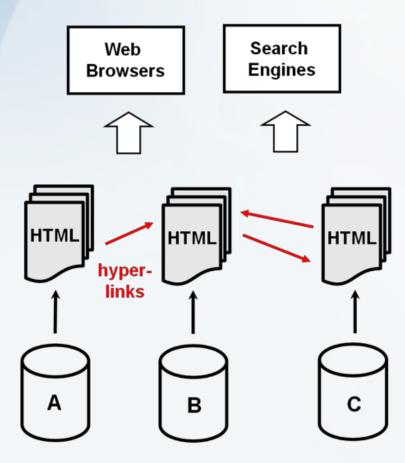
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The Web as we know it today is a global information space of linked documents.

The same vision is applied to data: publishing and connecting structured data on the web.



Classical Web



The classical web is a global information space of linked documents.

Primary Units of the hypertext Web are:

- HTML Documents,
- Connected by Hyperlinks



The problem is that the information on the classical web is not structured.

- Programs cannot use such information in a useful way.

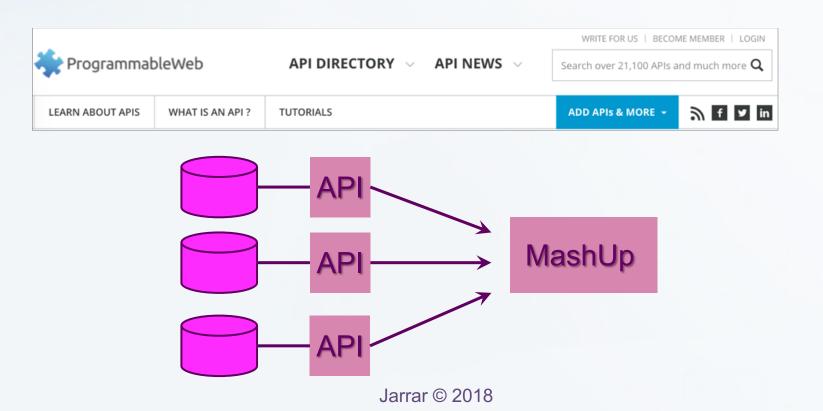
The solution is to increase the structure of published information.

Based on [1]

Web APIs and Mashups

Many major data sources such as (Amazon, Yahoo!, eBay, Google, WikiData, OpenStreetMap, GeoNames,...) provide access to their data through APIs.

Currently, programmableweb.com lists 21,100 APIs (up to 14. March 2019).



Web APIs and Mashups

The challenges are:

- APIs provide proprietary interfaces,
- Data retrieved from these APIs is represented using different formats (different data models).
- Mashups created using these APIs are based on a fixed set of data sources. This is because entities in different APIs are not linked.
- You cannot set hyperlinks between entities.



APIs separates data





Beyond Web APIs and Mashups: The Data Web and Linked Data

The Data Web envisions the web as a world-wide interlinked structured data.

Linked data refers to the set of best practices for publishing and connecting structured data on the web.

Linked data best practices has lead to the extension of the web connecting data from diverse domains such as:

People, companies, land marks, locations, events, books, scientific publications, films, music, television and radio programs, genes, proteins drugs, clinical trials, online communities, statistical and scientific data, reviews, ...

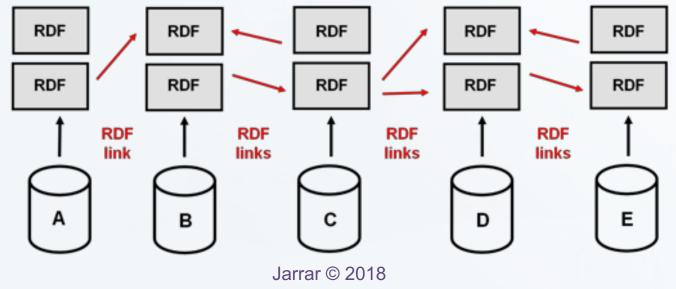
The Data Web and Linked Data

Based on [1]

While the primary units of the hypertext Web are HTML documents connected by un-typed Hyperlinks, Linked Data relies on documents containing data in RDF.

However, rather than simply connecting these documents, Linked Data uses RDF to make typed statements that link arbitrary things in the world.

The result is a web of things in the world, described by data on the Web



How to create linked-data?

The four principles (By Tim Berners-Lee)

Berners-Lee (2006) outlined a set of 'rules' for publishing data on the Web in a way that all published data becomes part of a single global data space:

- 1. Use URIs to denote things. Most things are referenced by unique URIs.
- 2. Use HTTP URIs so that these things can be referred to and looked up ("dereferenced") by people and user agents.
- 3. Provide useful information about the thing when its URI is dereferenced, leveraging standards such as RDF, SPARQL.
- 4. Include links to other related things (using their URIs) when publishing data on the Web.

Properties of the Web of Linked Data

Based on [2]

Anyone can publish data to the Web of Linked Data

Entities are connected by links

 Creating a global data graph that spans data sources and enables the discovery of new data sources.

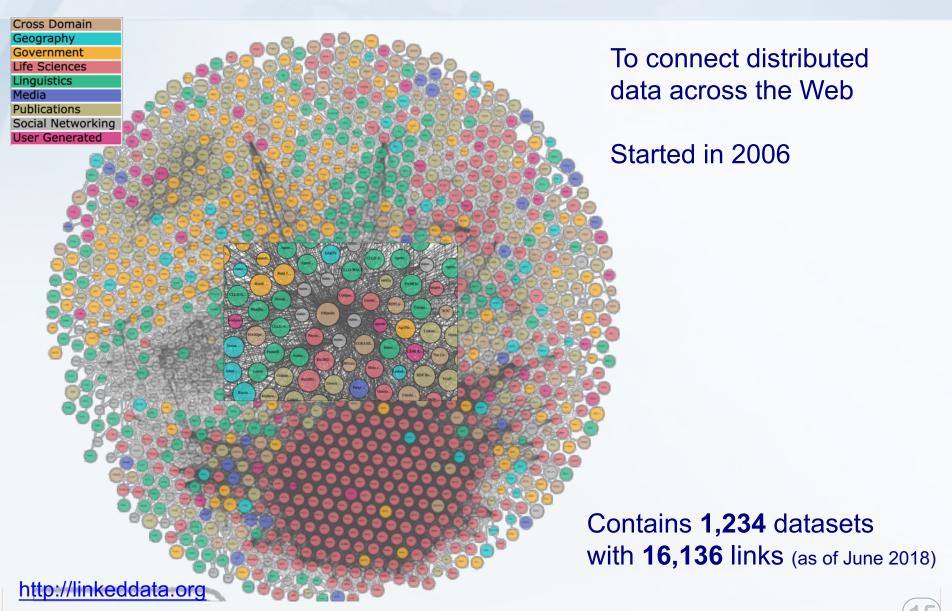
Data is self-describing

 If an application encounters data represented using an unfamiliar vocabulary, the application can resolve the URIs that identify vocabulary terms in order to find their RDFS or OWL definition.

The Web of Data is open

 Meaning that applications can discover new data sources at runtime by following links.

The Linked Open Data Cloud



The Linked Open Data Cloud

A community project to publish various open datasets as RDF on the Web and by setting RDF links between data items from different data sources.

Data items are linked across datasets (Palestine in DBPedia is the same Palestine in Yago, in Fliker, YouTube,)



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Linking Data

How are same entities described in different datasets linked? By linking the Global Identifier, that is, the URI! Let's have a look at real examples from real datasets:

<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Bethlehem> owl:sameAs <http://sws.geonames.org/284315/>

- Linking the entity "Bethlehem" between the DBPedia dataset and the Geonames dataset in the Linking Open Data cloud.
- This is done by linking the URIs of "Bethlehem" in both datasets using owl:sameAs.

<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Tim_Berners-Lee> owl:sameAs

<http://www4.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/dblp/resource/person/100007>

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Resources

About: Bethlehem

An Entity of Type : populated place, from Named Graph : http://dbpedia.org, within Data Space : dbpedia.org

Bethlehem is a Palestinian city in the central West Bank, approximately 8 kilometers (5 0 m) south of Jerusalem, with a population of about 30,000 people. It is the capital of the Bethlehem culture and tourism. The Hebrew Bible identifies Beit Lehem as the city David was from and the location where he was crowned as the king of Israel

Property dbpedia-nel abstract

- Betiehem ist eine Stadt im Westjordanland mit 29.930 Einwehnem. Die Stadt gehört zu den Palästinensischen Autonomiegebeiten und grenzt im Agglomeration Betiehem gehören auch Beit Dischala und Beit Sahur; letzterer Ort hat wie Betiehem biblische Bedeutung. Bürgermeister der Stadt sionierte Auzt Victor Batarseh. Für die 2,1 Mrd. Christen ist die Stadt von besonderer Bedeutung, weil sie der Überlieferung nach als der Gebus Bethlehem is a Palestinian city in the central West Bank, approximately 8 kilometers (5.0 mi) south of Jerusalem, with a population of about 30.0 National Authority and a hub of Palestinian culture and tourism. The Hebrew Bible identifies Beit Lehem as the city David was from and the locatio of Matthew and Luke identify Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth. The town is inhabited by one of the oldest Christian con the matter and both sensitive to the sensitive sensitive sensitive sensitive sensitive sensitive of point and other constant contract contractive emplotion. The city was secked by the Samattan S 529 AD, during their revet, to was rebuilt by the Byzantine emperor Justman I. Sethisher guaranteed safety for the city's eligious strives. In 1999, Crucaders captured and finited Bethelem and replaced of its Greek Orthodox cleagy with Sadadin, the subtan of Expyt and Syna. With the coming of the Marchiks in 1250, the city's walk were denoted by an entire subsequently rebuilt city from the Ottomans during World War I and it was to be included in an international zone under the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan for Pale occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War. Since 1995, Bethlehem has been governed by the Palestinian National Authority. Bethlehem has a M communities. The Bethlehem agglomeration includes the towns of Bet Jata and Bet Sahour, as well as the refugee camps of Auta and Azza. Bet Christmas season when Christian pilgrims throng to the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehern has over thirty hotels and three hundred handicraft work orthern entrance of Bethlehern
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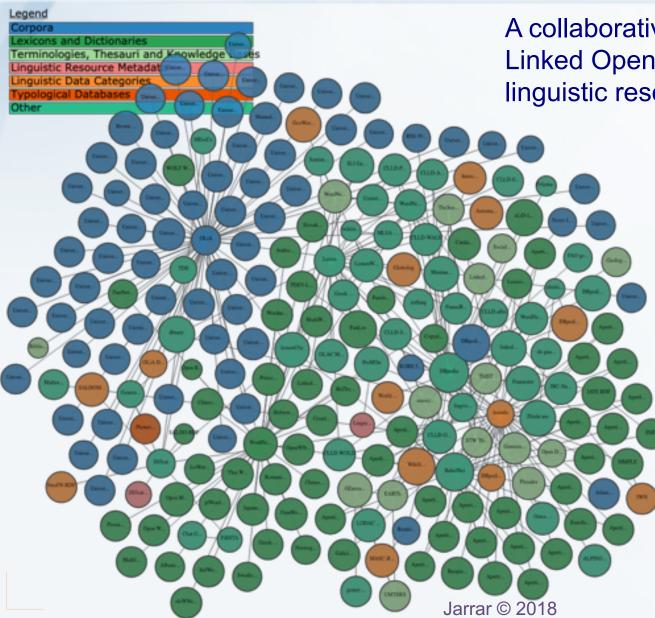
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Linguistic Linked Open Data Cloud



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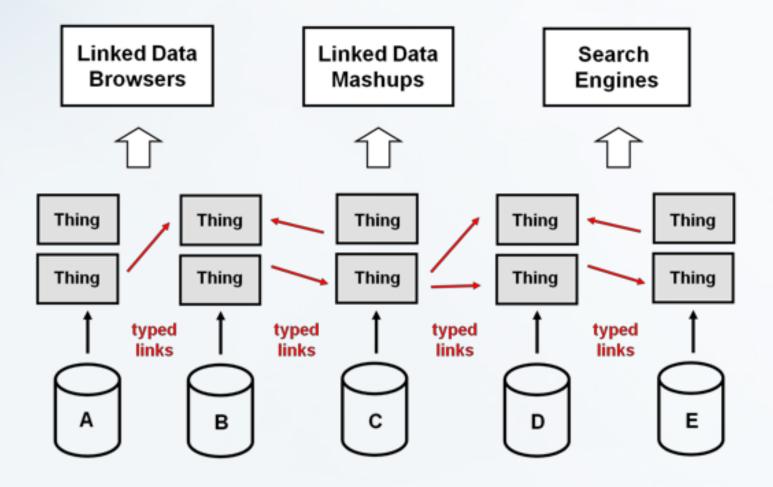
> Represent (lexical entries, concepts, synsets, and other) using Lemon RDF model, then interlinked.

Applications

Based on [1]

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What can I do with this?



Ideas for projects

Each student can (1) download data about entities (e.g., related to Ramallah) from the following sources (but you may find other sources), (2) represent it in RDF, then (3) link his/her data with other student(s):

Google Maps Google street maps GeoNames Google Scholar Research Gate ORCID PubMed

WikiData YouTube Twitter

Some students can build a store to publish data from all students allows people to search/query it.

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