RDF Basics



- RDF is a language that enable to describe making statements on resources
 - John is father of Bill
- Statement (or triple) as a logical formula P(x, y), where the binary predicate P relates the object x to the object y
- Triple data model:

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<subject, predicate, object>
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- Subject: Resource or blank node
 Predicate: Property
 Object: Resource (or collection of resources), literal or blank node
- Example:

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<ex:john, ex:father-of, ex:bill>
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· RDF offers only binary predicates (properties)

Resources



- A resource may be:
 - Web page (e.g. http://www.w3.org)
 - A person (e.g. http://anna.fensel.com)
 - A book (e.g. urn:isbn:0-345-33971-1)
 - Anything denoted with a URI!
- A URI is an identifier and not a location on the Web
- RDF allows making statements about resources:
 - http://www.w3.org has the format text/html
 - http://anna.fensel.com has first name Anna
 - urn:isbn:0-345-33971-1 has author Tolkien