

# Modular Schema Development for Wikibase



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# Knowledge Graphs vs. Linked (Open) Data



**Knowledge Graphs are like linked data, with**

- **linking de-emphasized**
- **openness de-emphasized**
- **renewed consideration of schema quality**
- **tighter and central control**
- **clear transition from academia to industry**


**Goal is to produce a flexible, extendable, end-user friendly but in the end rather tightly controlled repository of integrated, re-useable data.**

Authors from: Google, Microsoft, IBM, Facebook, eBay

PRACTICE

# Industry-Scale Knowledge Graphs: Lessons and Challenges

By Natasha Noy, Yuqing Gao, Anshu Jain, Anant Narayanan, Alan Patterson, Jamie Taylor  
 Communications of the ACM, August 2019, Vol. 62 No. 8, Pages 36-43  
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↑ Knowledge graphs are critical to many enterprises today: They provide the structured data and factual knowledge that drive many products and make them more intelligent and "magical."

In general, a knowledge graph describes objects of interest and connections between them. For example, a knowledge graph may have nodes for a movie, the actors in this movie, the director, and so on. Each node may have properties such as an actor's name and age. There may be nodes for multiple movies involving a particular actor. The user can then traverse the knowledge graph to collect information on all the movies in which the actor appeared or, if applicable, directed.

Many practical implementations impose constraints on the links in knowledge graphs by defining a *schema* or *ontology*. For example, a link from a movie to its director must connect an object of type *Movie* to an object of type *Person*. In some cases the links themselves might have their own properties: a link connecting an actor and a movie might have the name of the specific role the actor

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# Wikidata

**Started 2012 at Wikimedia Deutschland, with funding by Google, Yandex, Allen Institute for AI.**



**Crowdsourced knowledge graph,  
like Wikipedia is a crowdsourced encyclopedia.**

**Wikibase Software, Mediawiki interface.**

**Constrains graph shapes wrt. context information, references,  
datatype use.**

**Otherwise crowdsourced.**

**Wikibase can be set up locally, used for your own knowledge graph.**

- **powerful tool support for management, including interface**

# Eero Hyvönen (Q56331940)

Finnish professor

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Language	Label	Description
English	Eero Hyvönen	Finnish professor

doctoral student



Osma Suominen

 edit

start time 2010

end time 2013

▼ 1 reference

stated in LinkedIn

reference URL <https://www.linkedin.com/in/osmasuominen/>

+ add reference

+ add value



<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q56331940>

what does this look like in RDF?

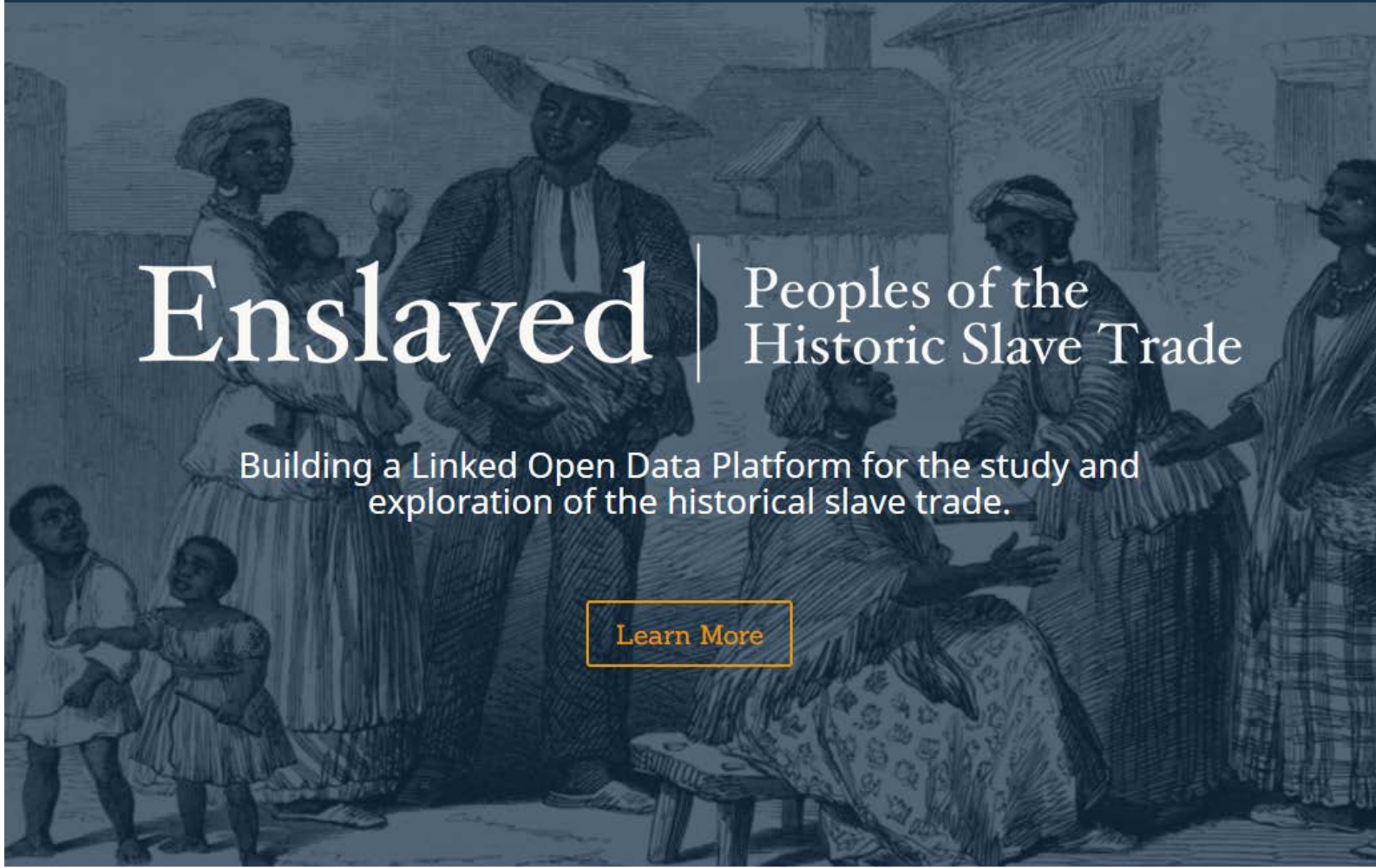


# Enslaved

## Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade

Building a Linked Open Data Platform for the study and exploration of the historical slave trade.

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# enslaved.org process

1. Quality Ontology Design.
2. Realization of ontology-based schema in Wikibase.
3. Knowledge graph construction and interaction through Wikibase as engine.
4. Additional front-end (simplified view)



	People	552009
	Events	341732
	Places	14376
	Sources	2599



(4) <https://enslaved.org/>

(3) <https://lod.enslaved.org/>

>53M RDF triples from Wikibase export

Focus of this talk: Going from (1) to (2)

PEOPLE

Gender ▾

Age Category ▾

Ethnodescriptor ▾

Role Types ▾

Occupation ▾

Status ▾

EVENT

Event Type ▾

Date ▾

PLACE

Place Type ▾

# Showing 20 of 55 2009 Results



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People

**Ardealah**

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Person Status</i>	<i>Place</i>
Female	Enslaved Person	<b>Multiple</b>

*Person's Connections*

4 3 3

**Chemorowee**

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Person Status</i>	<i>Place</i>
Female	Enslaved Person	<b>Multiple</b>

*Person's Connections*

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**Allarbah**

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Person Status</i>	<i>Place</i>
Female	Enslaved Person	<b>Multiple</b>

*Person's Connections*

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**Arnahyajumah**

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Person Status</i>	<i>Place</i>
Female	Enslaved Person	<b>Multiple</b>

*Person's Connections*

4 3 3



# Sannom (Q358958)



LSD-PER-075163  
LSD-PER-075163



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Language	Label	Description
English	Sannom	LSD-PER-075163

## Statements

instance of	  <b>Person</b>
	<a href="#">0 references</a>

hasName	  <b>Sannom</b>
	<b>recordedAt</b> <b>Sale of unnamed enslaved persons by Mathurin Guerin and sons (1817-6-7)</b>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

hasSex	  <b>Male</b>
	<b>recordedAt</b> <b>Sale of unnamed enslaved persons by Mathurin Guerin and sons (1817-6-7)</b>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

hasPersonStatus	  <b>Enslaved Person</b>
	<b>hasStatusGeneratingEvent</b> <b>Sale of unnamed</b>

# Sale of unnamed enslaved persons by Mathurin Guerin and sons (1817-6-7) (Q310252)

LSD-EVE-SAL-27571  
LSD-EVE-SAL-27571



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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Sale of unnamed enslaved persons by Mathurin Guerin and sons (1817-6-7)	LSD-EVE-SAL-27571	LSD-EVE-SAL-27571

## Statements



instance of	  <b>Event</b>
	<a href="#">0 references</a>

hasName	  <b>Sale of unnamed enslaved persons by Mathurin Guerin and sons (1817-6-7)</b>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

hasEventType	  <b>Sale</b>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

date	  <b>7 June 1817</b> <i>Gregorian</i>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

atPlace	  <b>St. James</b>
	<a href="#">1 reference</a>

providesParticipantRole	  <b>Sold Person</b>
	<b>hasParticipantRole</b> <b>Isaac</b>
	<b>James</b>
	<b>John</b>
	<b>Sarrah</b>
	<b>Angelique</b>
	<b>Congo Francoise</b>
	<b>Alexandre</b>
	<b>S...</b>

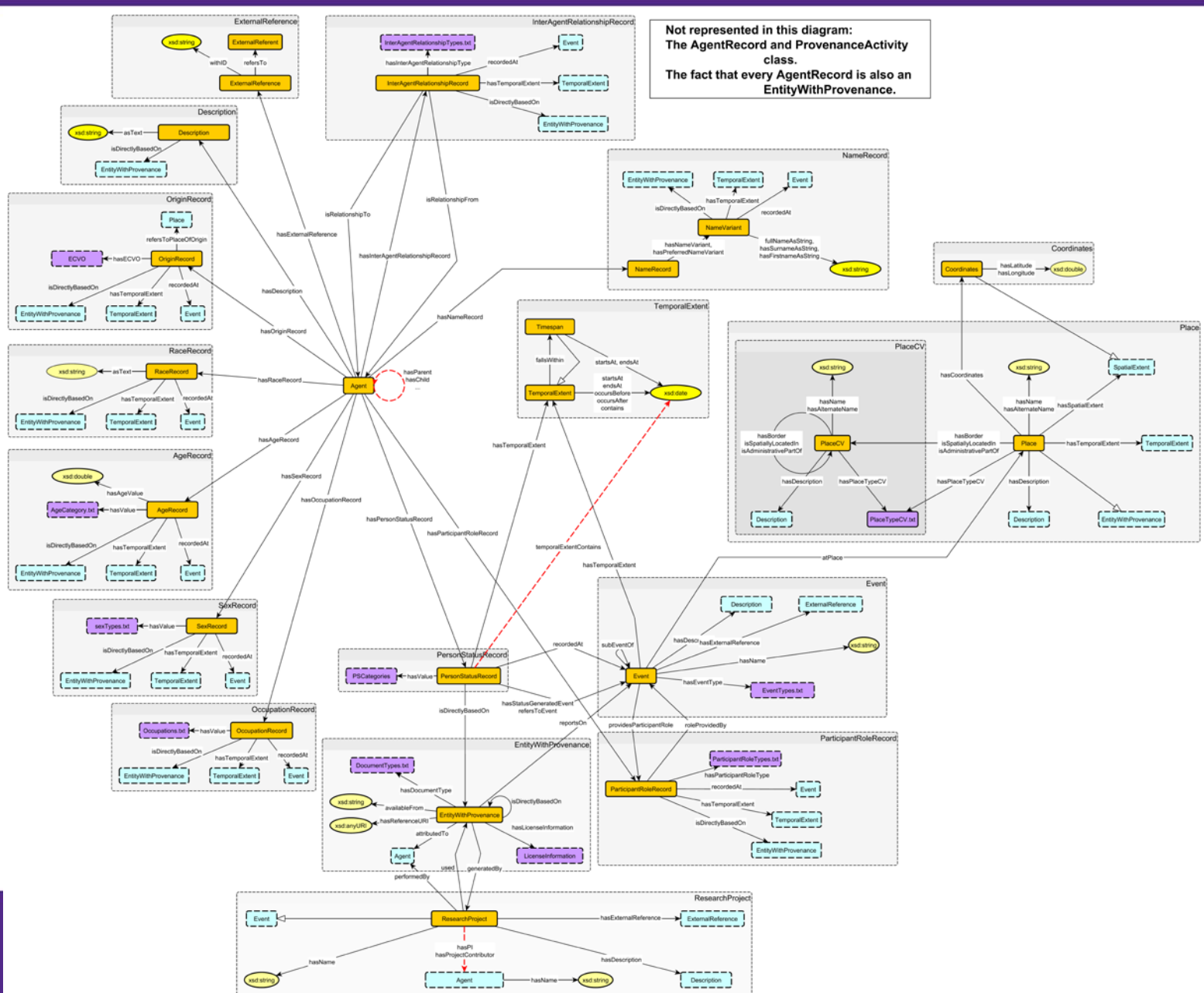


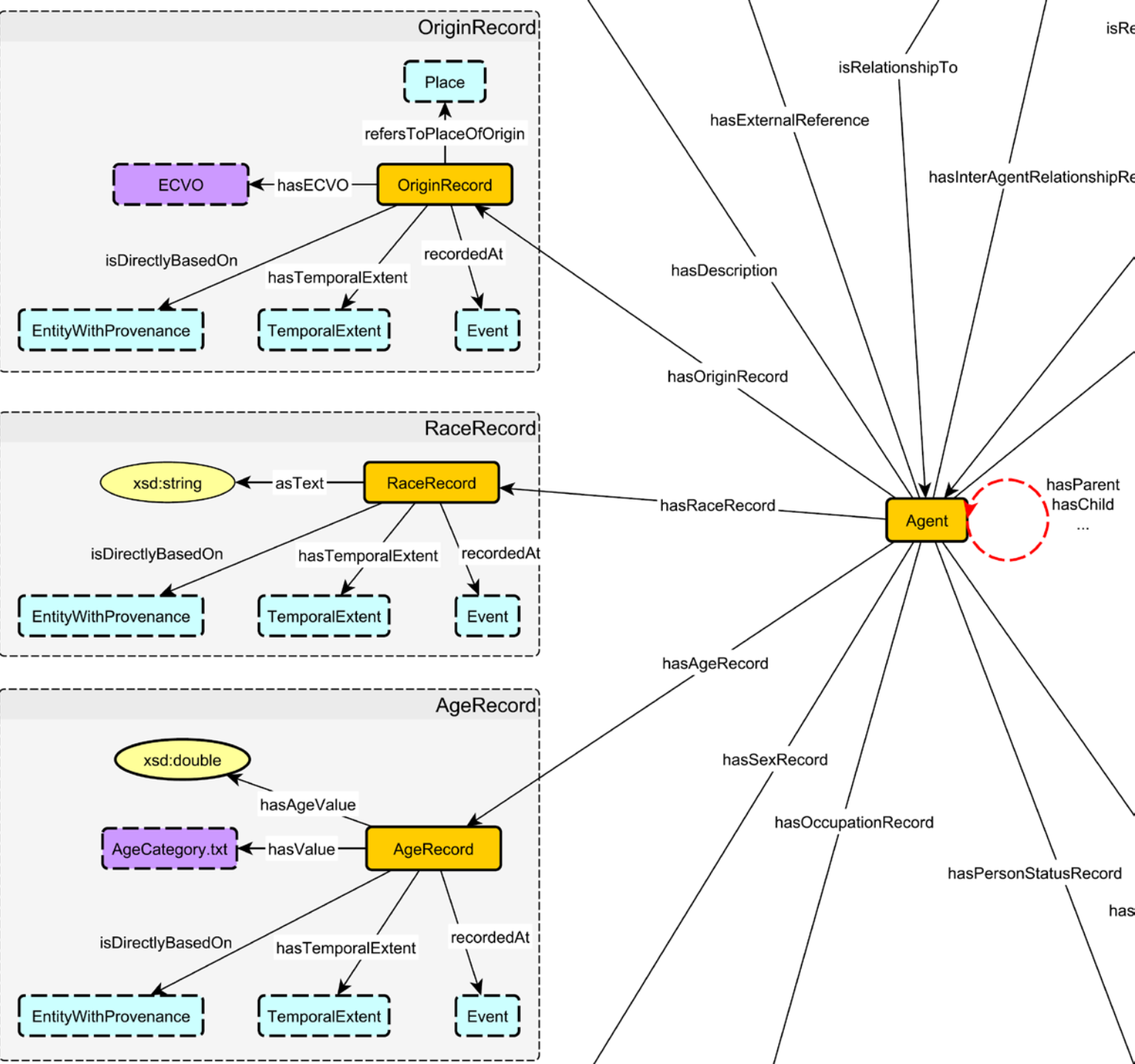
- **Modular ontology modeling process to obtain a high-quality knowledge graph schema. [Shimizu et al, 2021]**
- **Focus on Persons, Events, Places.**
- **Developed using an ontology design patterns approach.**
- **Primary concern: quality of the ontology for later re-use and/or extension.**
- **In particular: We ignored Wikibase constraints.**

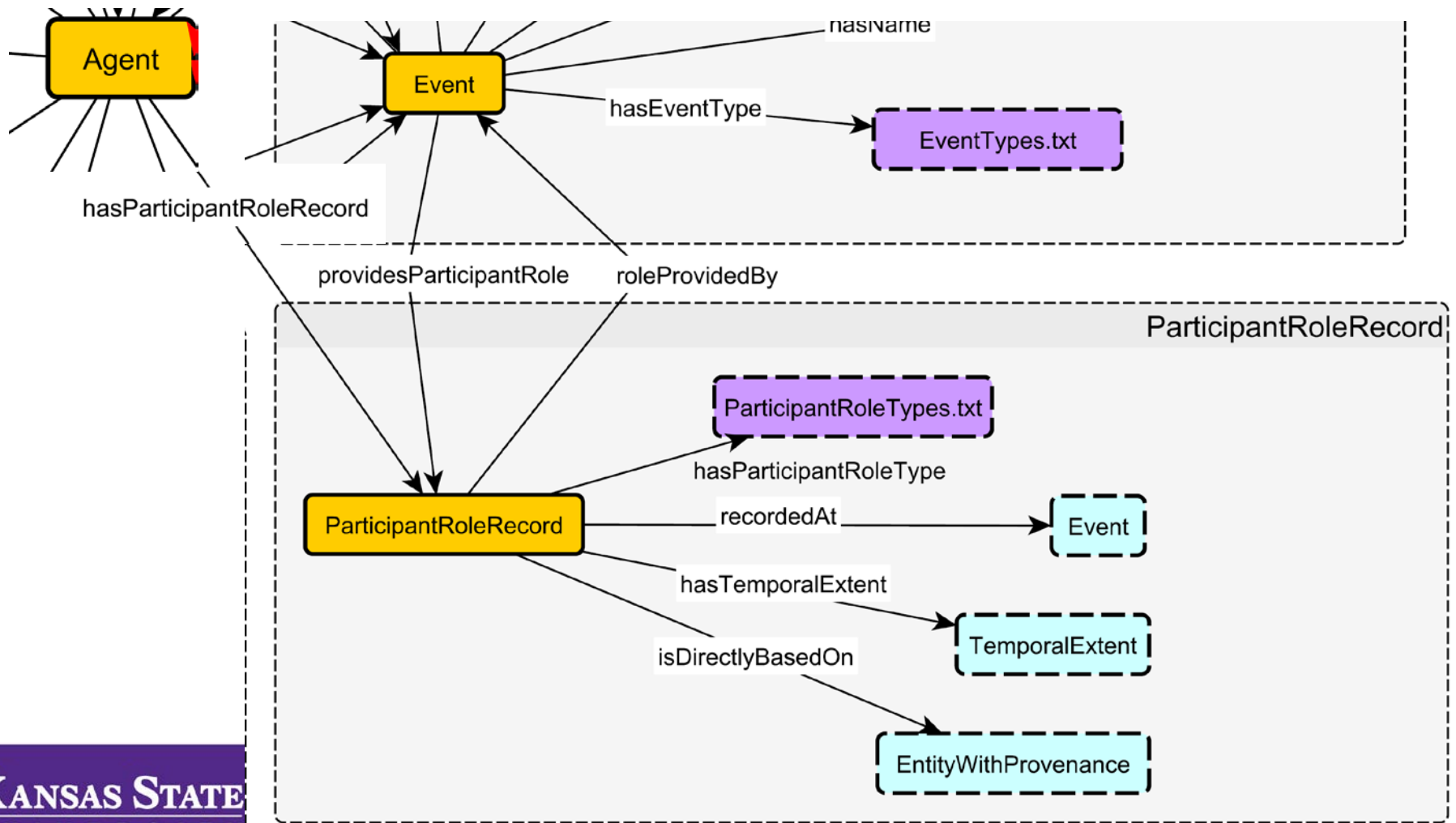
# Enslaved Ontology [JWS 2020]

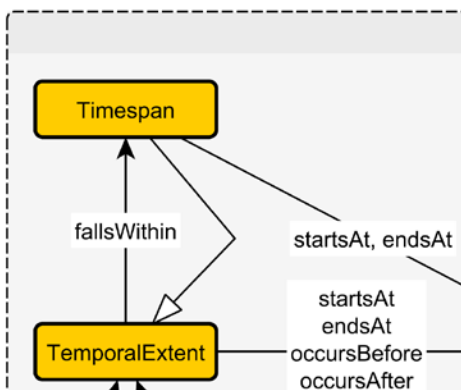
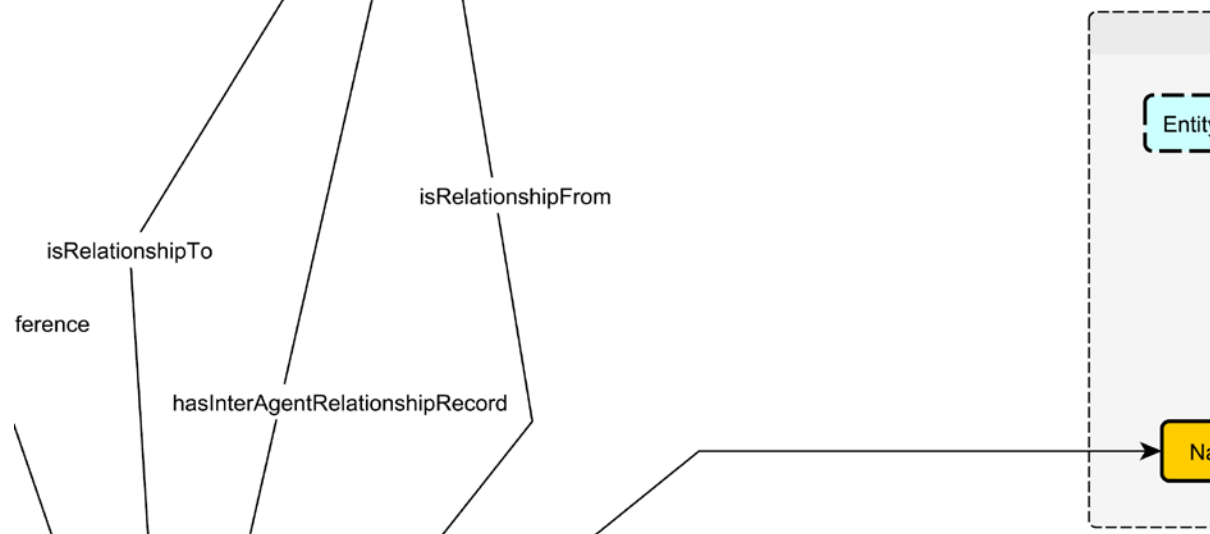
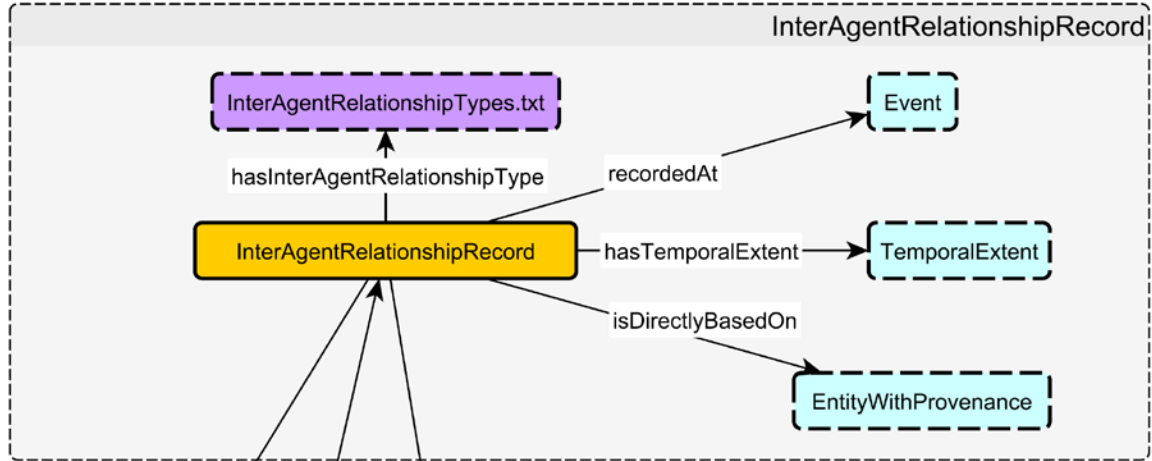


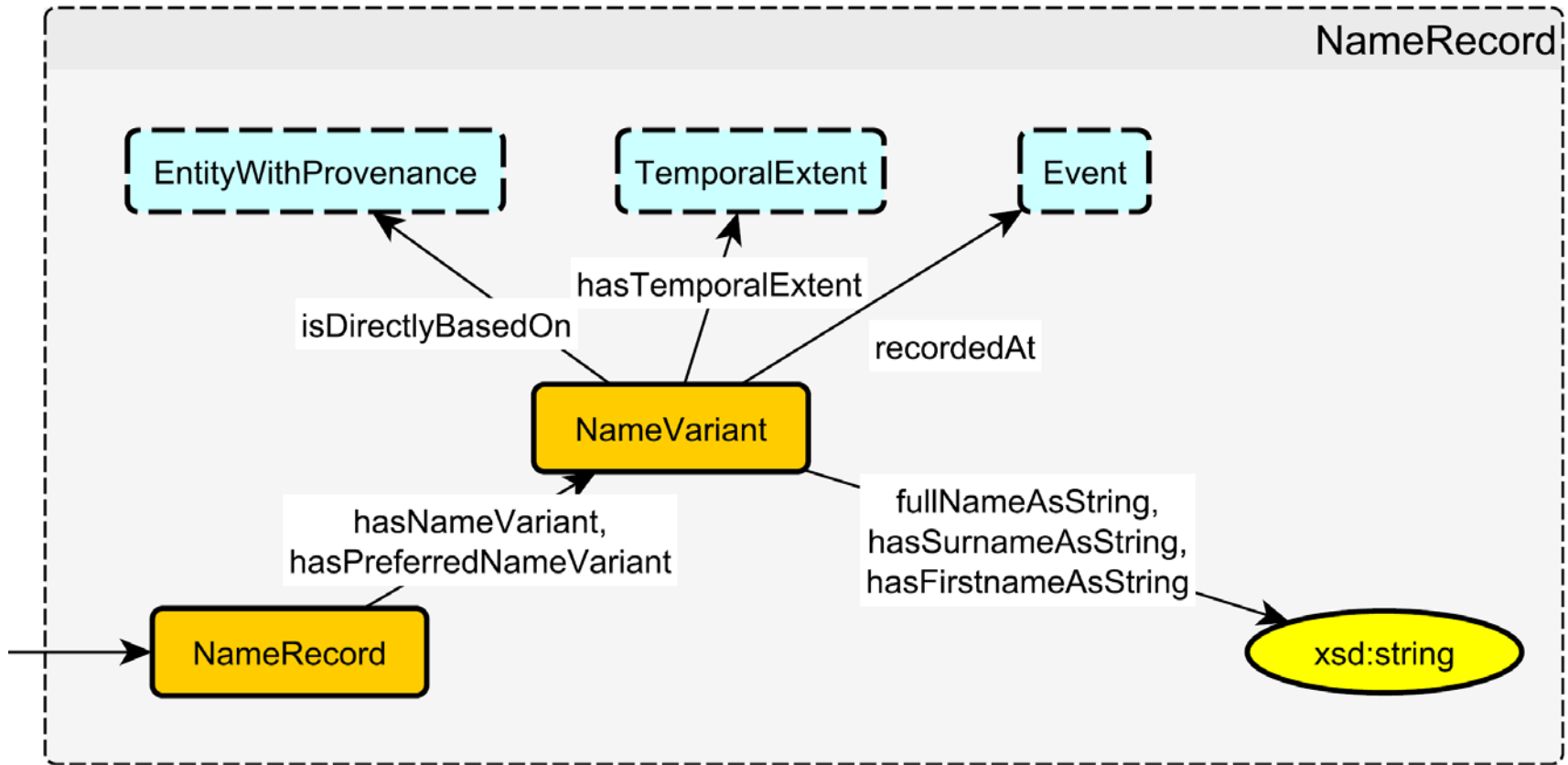
Not represented in this diagram:  
 The AgentRecord and ProvenanceActivity class.  
 The fact that every AgentRecord is also an EntityWithProvenance.











# Ontology into Wikibase: Issues



- The Wikibase realization is similar but not identical to the ontology.
- The RDF export is based on an ontology (graph schema) that is inferred from the Wikibase realization.
- How difficult is it to map between these two ontologies (and thus, between these to graphs?)
- We used this as basis for an OAEI “complex ontology alignment” benchmark, published at CIKM 2020
  - This realistic benchmark is currently **way beyond** capabilities of automated ontology alignment systems.



# Enslaved benchmark example mapping rules



$enslaved : Person(x) \wedge enslaved : hasRaceRecord(x, y) \wedge enslaved : RaceRecord(y) \wedge enslaved : asText(y, z) \leftrightarrow$   
 $ed : Q410(Person)(x) \wedge ep : P32(hasRaceorColor)(x, y) \wedge wikibase : Statement(y) \wedge eps : P32(hasRaceorColor)(y, z)$

$enslaved : Person(w) \wedge enslaved : hasAgeRecord(w, x) \wedge enslaved : AgeRecord(x) \wedge enslaved : hasAgeValue(x, z) \leftrightarrow$   
 $ed : Q410(Person)(w) \wedge ep : P42(hasAge)(w, x) \wedge wikibase : Statement(x) \wedge eps : P42(hasAge)(x, y) \wedge$   
 $ed : Q424(AgeRecord)(y) \wedge edt : P3(hasAgeValue)(y, z)$

$enslaved : Person(x) \wedge enslaved : hasInterAgentRelationshipRecord(x, y) \wedge enslaved : InterAgentRelationshipRecord(y) \wedge$   
 $enslaved : hasInterAgentRelationshipType(y, z) \wedge enslaved : InterAgentRelationshipTypes(z) \leftrightarrow$   
 $ed : Q410(Person)(x) \wedge ep : P39(hasInterAgentRelationshipTypeTo)(x, y) \wedge wikibase : Statement(y) \wedge$   
 $eps : P39(hasInterAgentRelationshipTypeTo)(y, z) \wedge ed : Q463(InteragentRelationship)(z)$

$enslaved : Person(x) \wedge enslaved : hasParticipantRoleRecord(x, y) \wedge enslaved : ParticipantRoleRecord(y) \wedge$   
 $enslaved : roleProvidedBy(y, z) \wedge enslaved : Event(z) \leftrightarrow$   
 $ed : Q410(Person)(x) \wedge ep : P17(hasParticipantRole)(x, y) \wedge wikibase : Statement(y) \wedge$   
 $epq : P19(roleProvidedBy)(y, z) \wedge ed : Q238(Event)(z)$

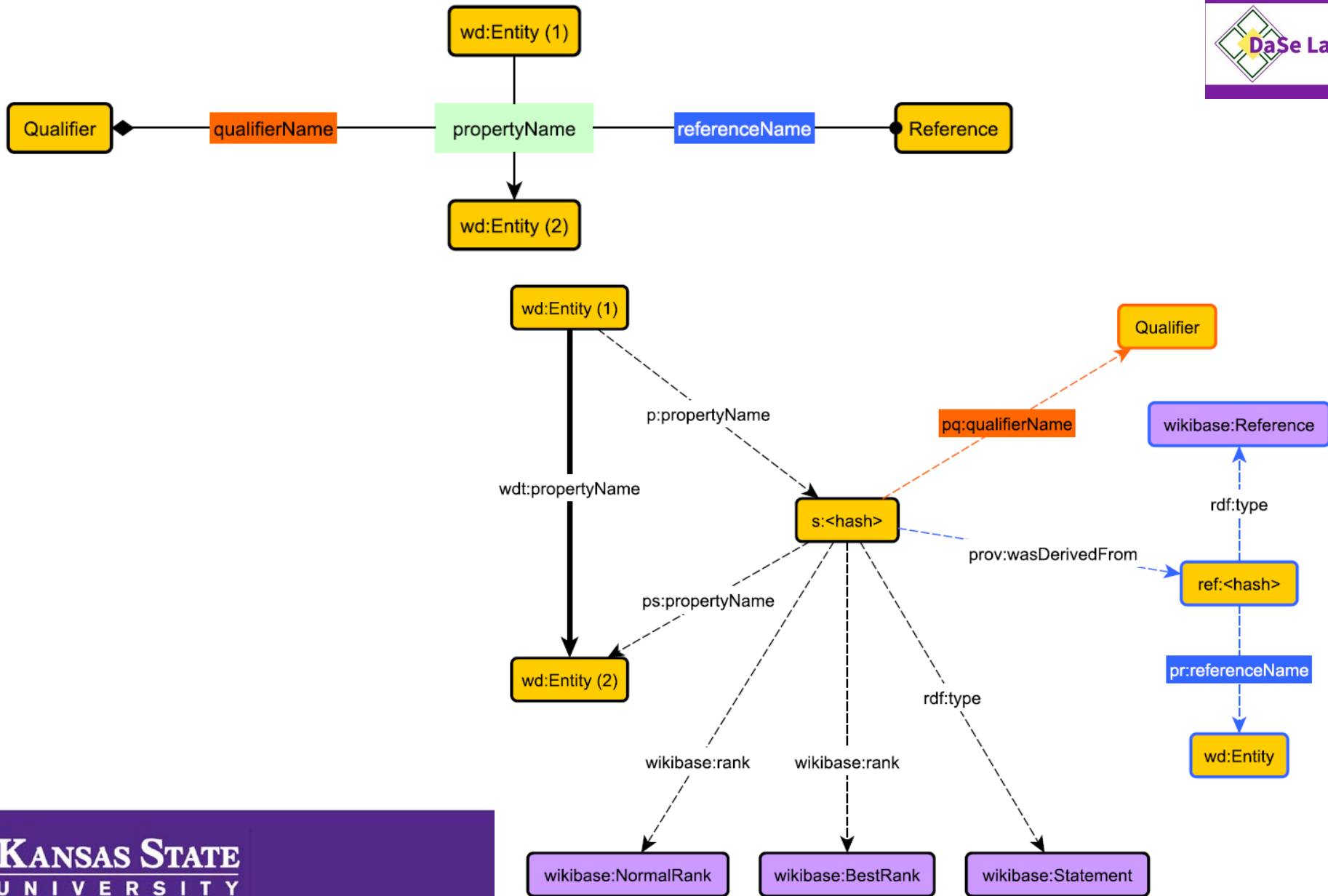
$enslaved : Person(w) \wedge enslaved : hasNameRecord(w, x) \wedge enslaved : NameRecord(x) \wedge$   
 $enslaved : hasPreferredNameVariant(x, y) \wedge enslaved : NameVariant(y) \wedge enslaved : fullNameAsString(y, z) \leftrightarrow$   
 $ed : Q410(Person)(w) \wedge ep : P20(hasName)(w, x) \wedge wikibase : Statement(x) \wedge eps : P20(hasName)(x, z)$

# Ontology modeling for Wikibase

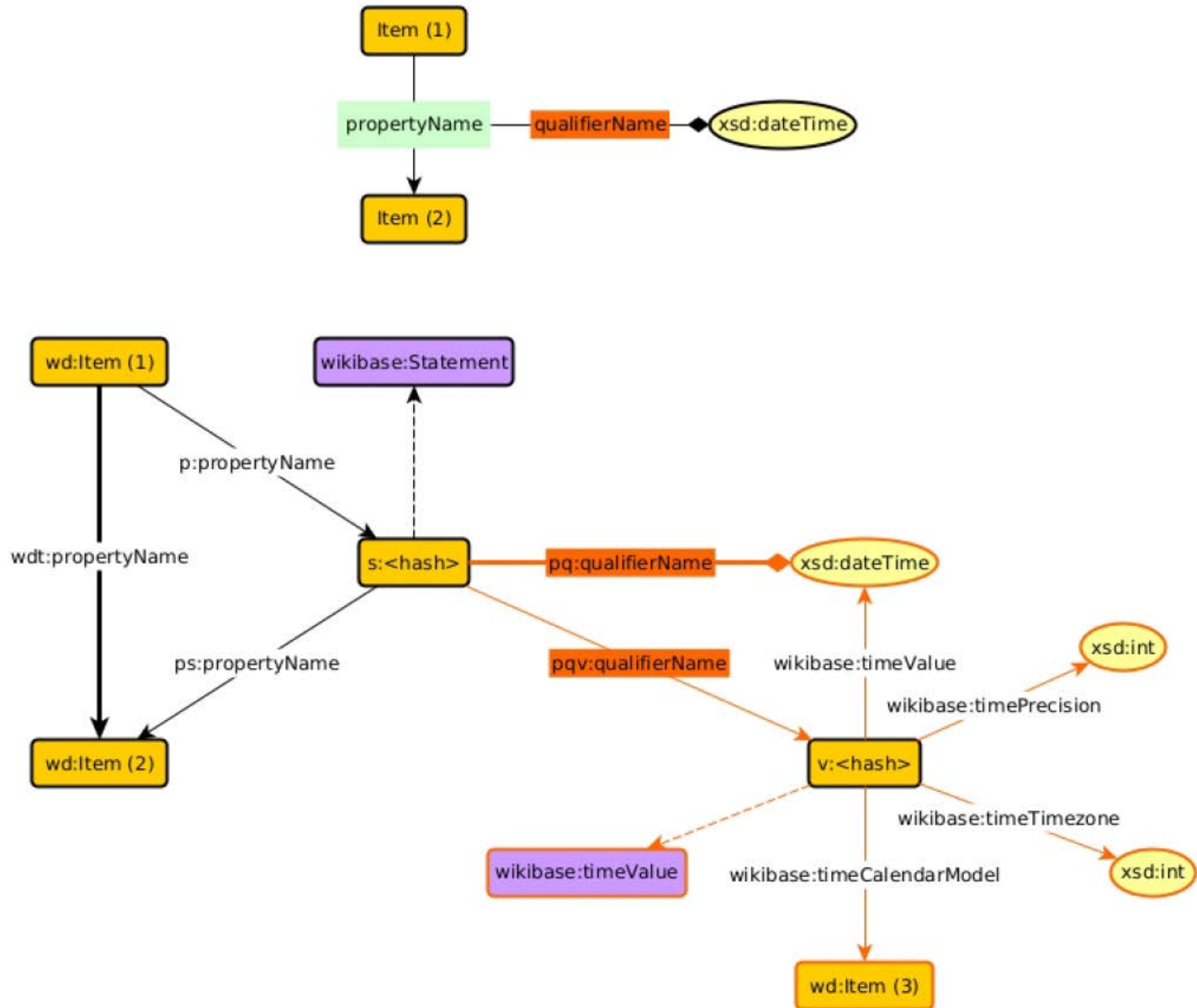


- **Provide “patterns” (Ontology design patterns) that bridge the gap between modular ontology modeling and Wikibase use for the corresponding graph.**
- **The patterns shall give a traditional modeling look-and-feel,**
- **while at the same time restricting the modeling to seamless transfer to Wikibase.**
- **Modeling with domain experts done mostly via schema diagrams**
  - **technique taken from Modular Ontology Modeling**
  - **there is always an underlying (OWL) axiomatization of course.**

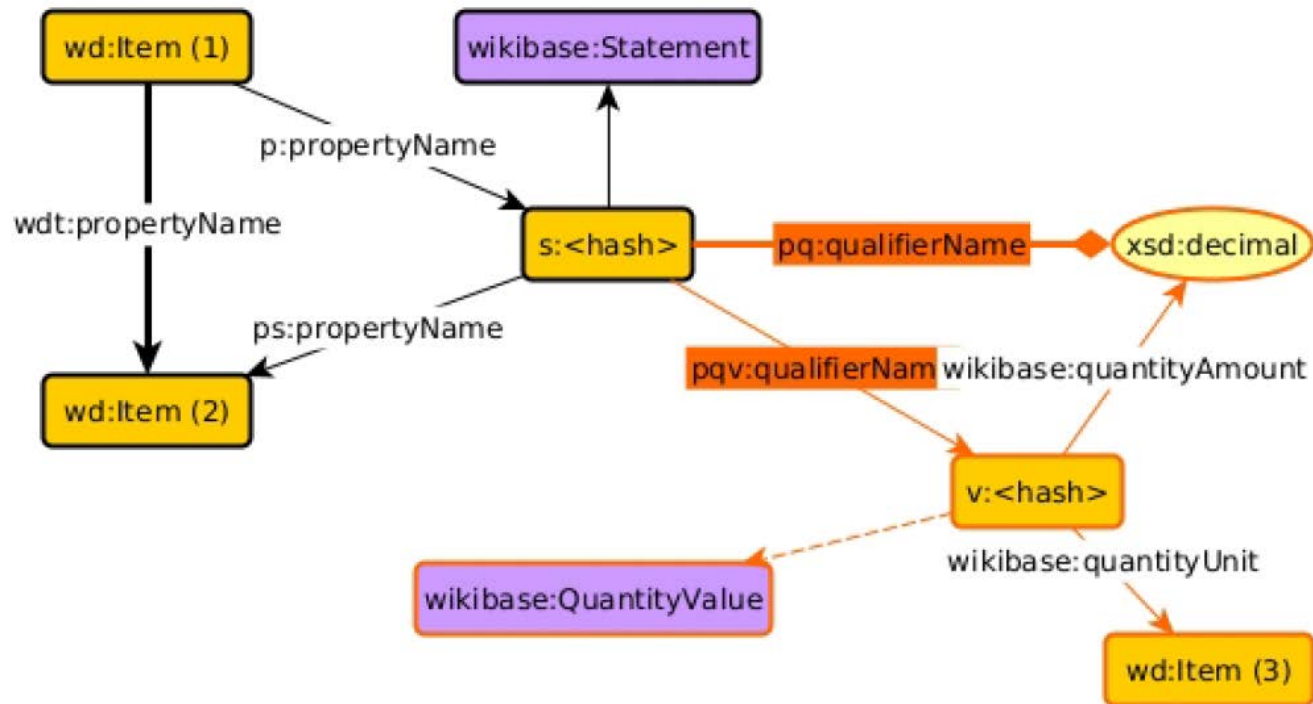
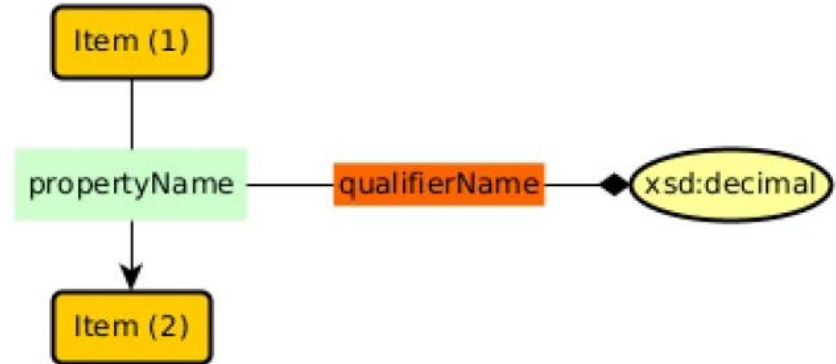
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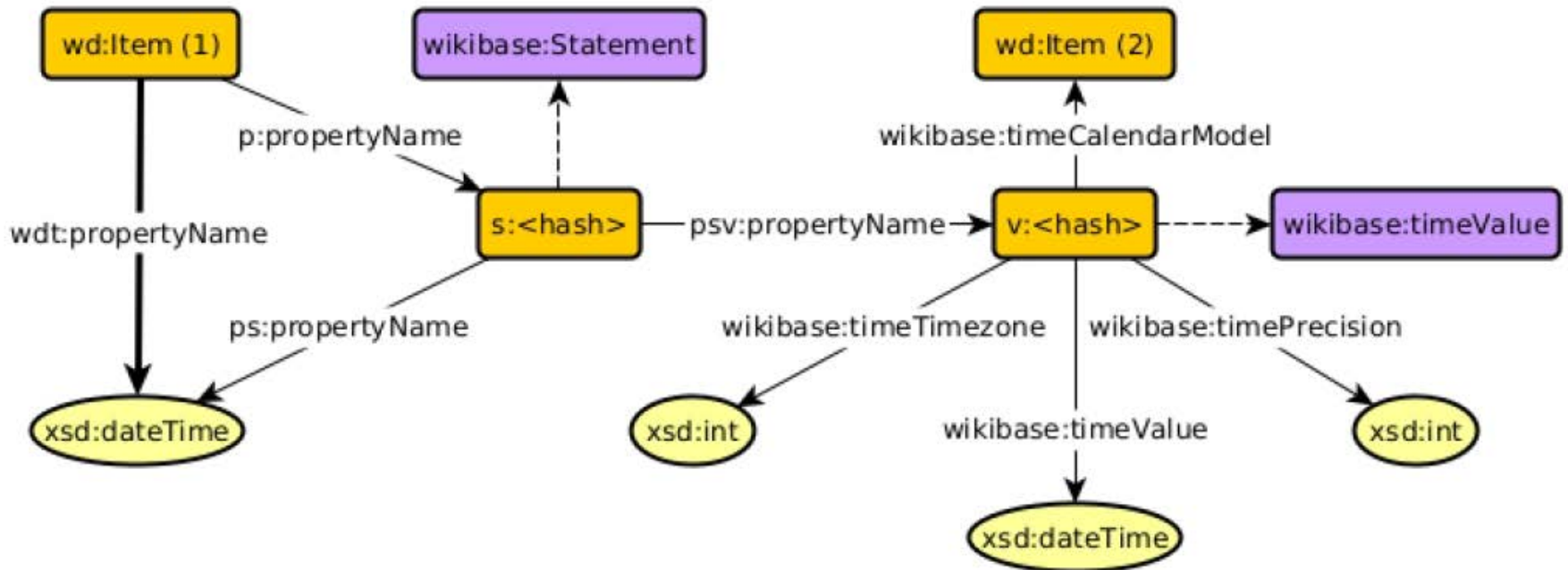
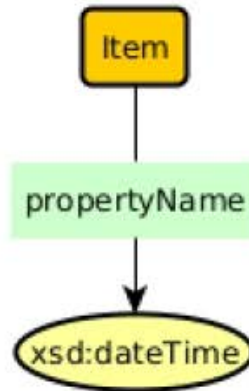
# Wikibase ODPs: dateTime



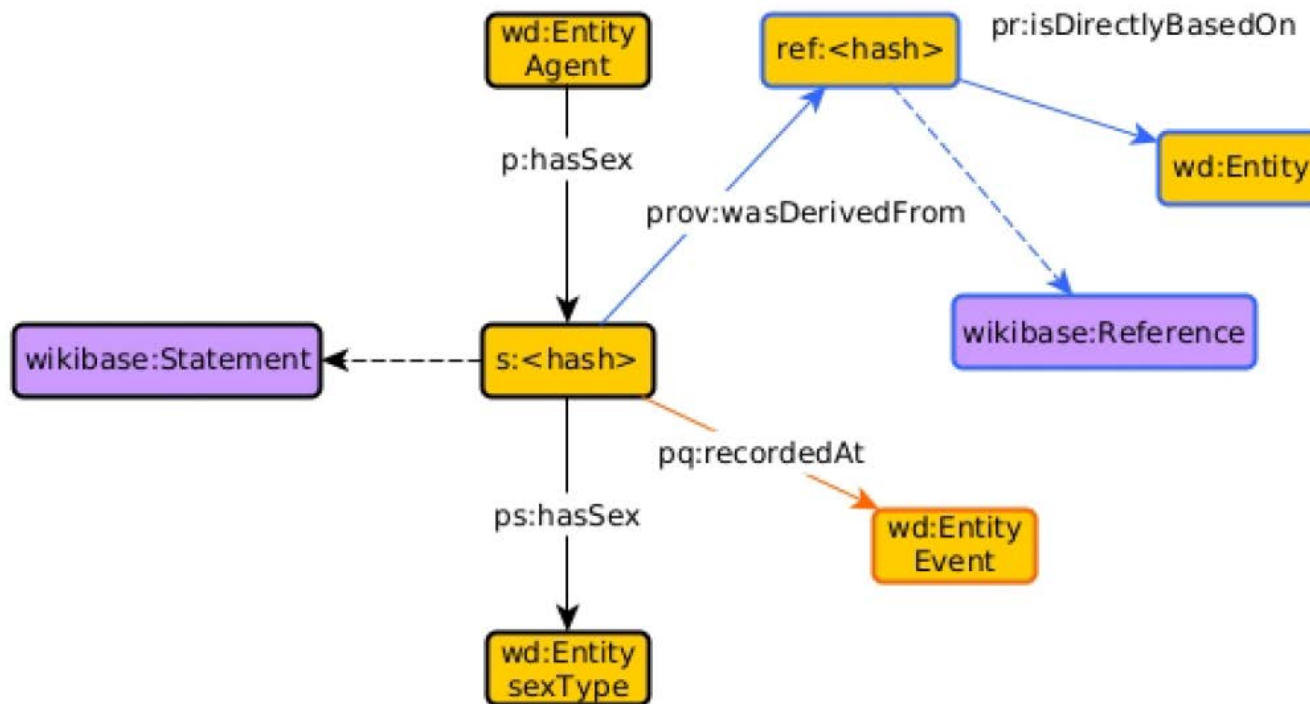
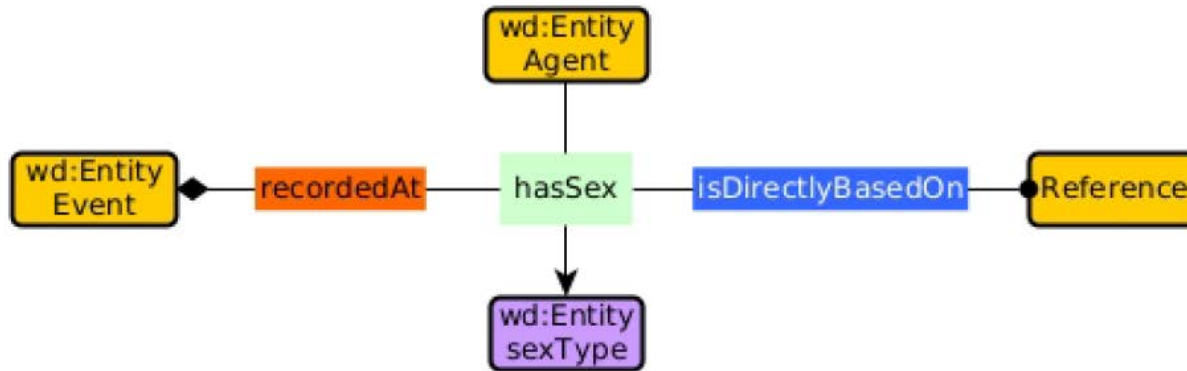
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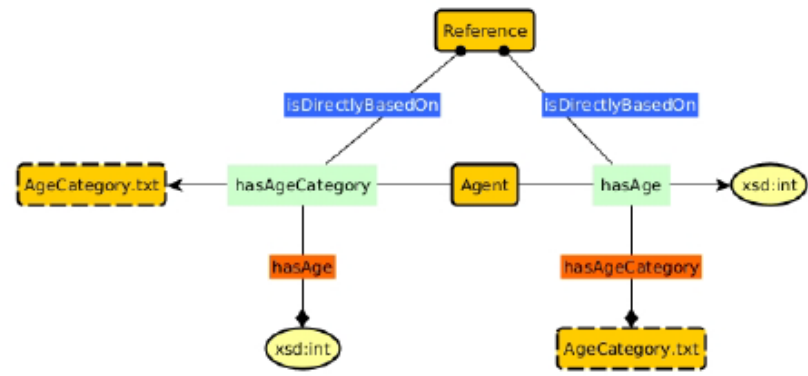
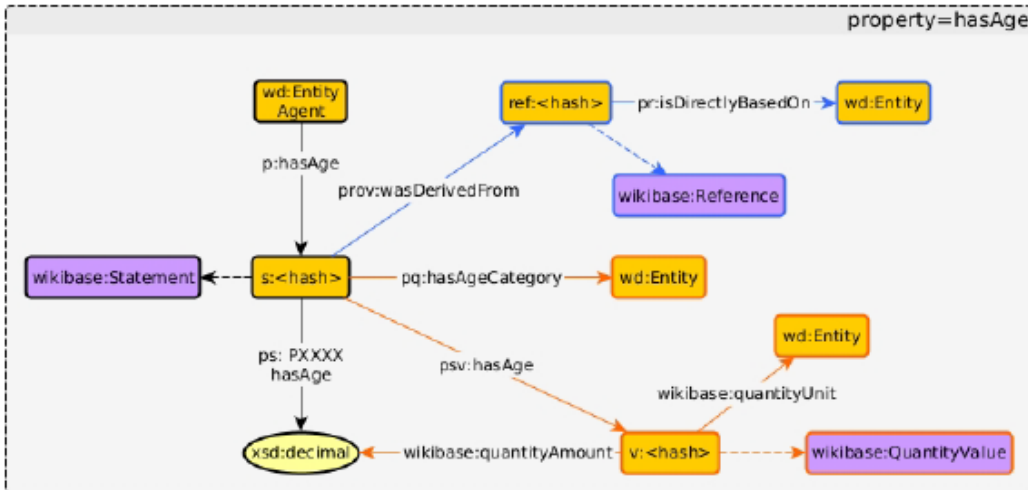
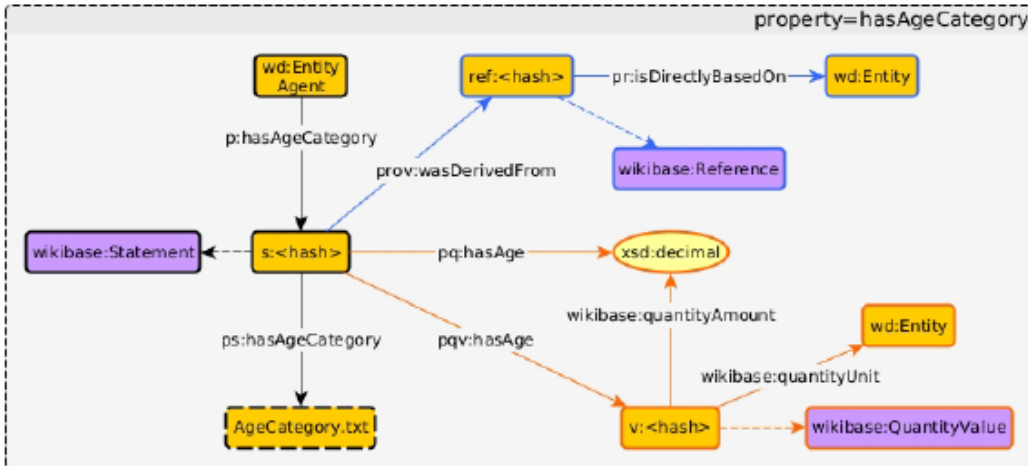
# Wikibase ODPs: datatype properties



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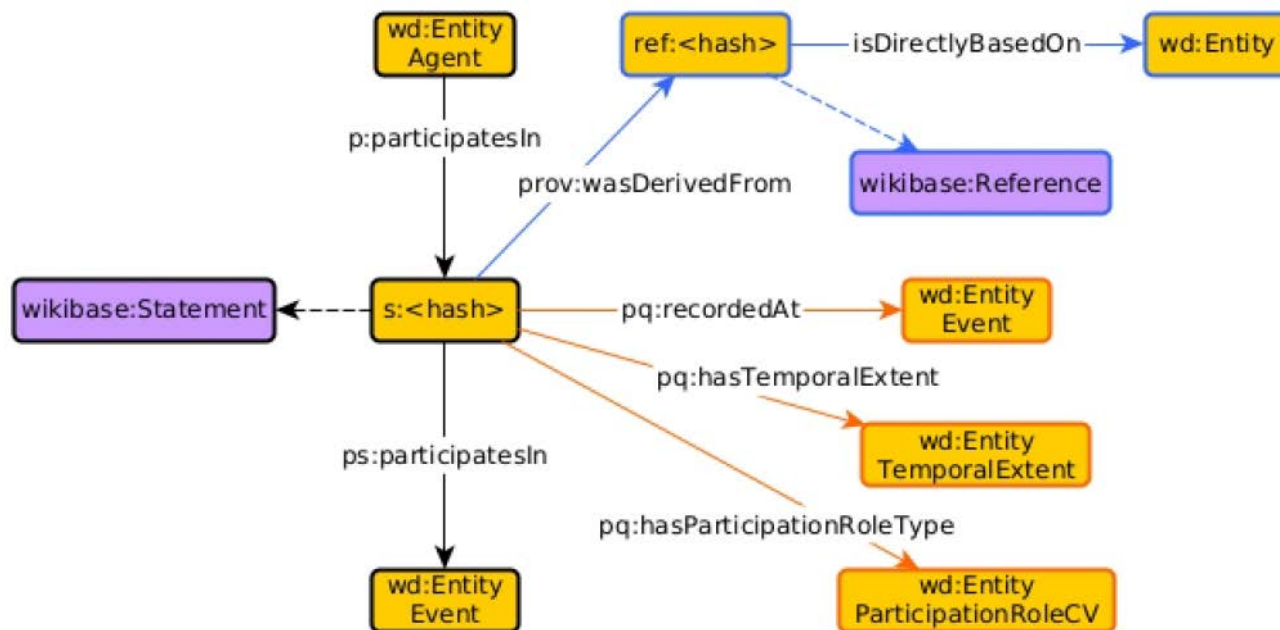
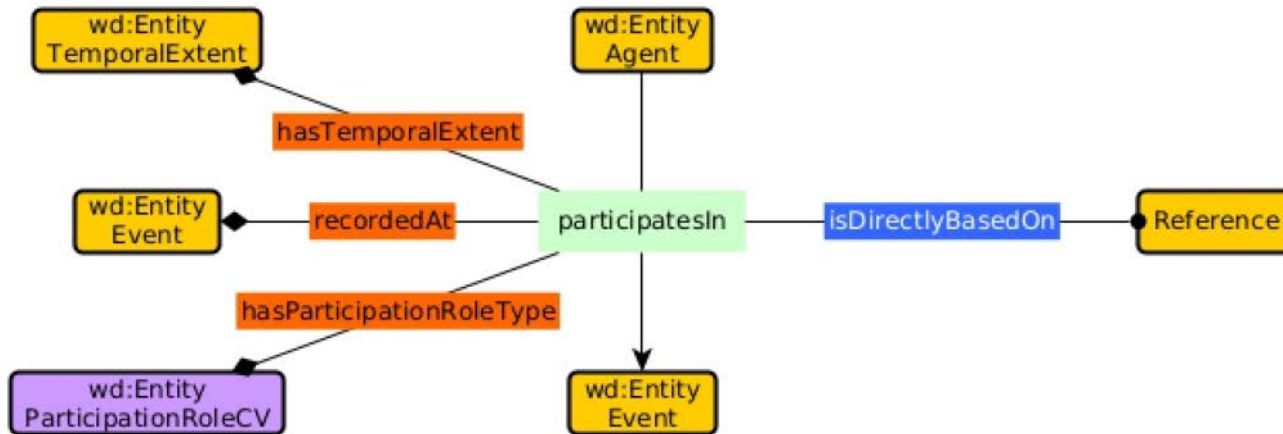


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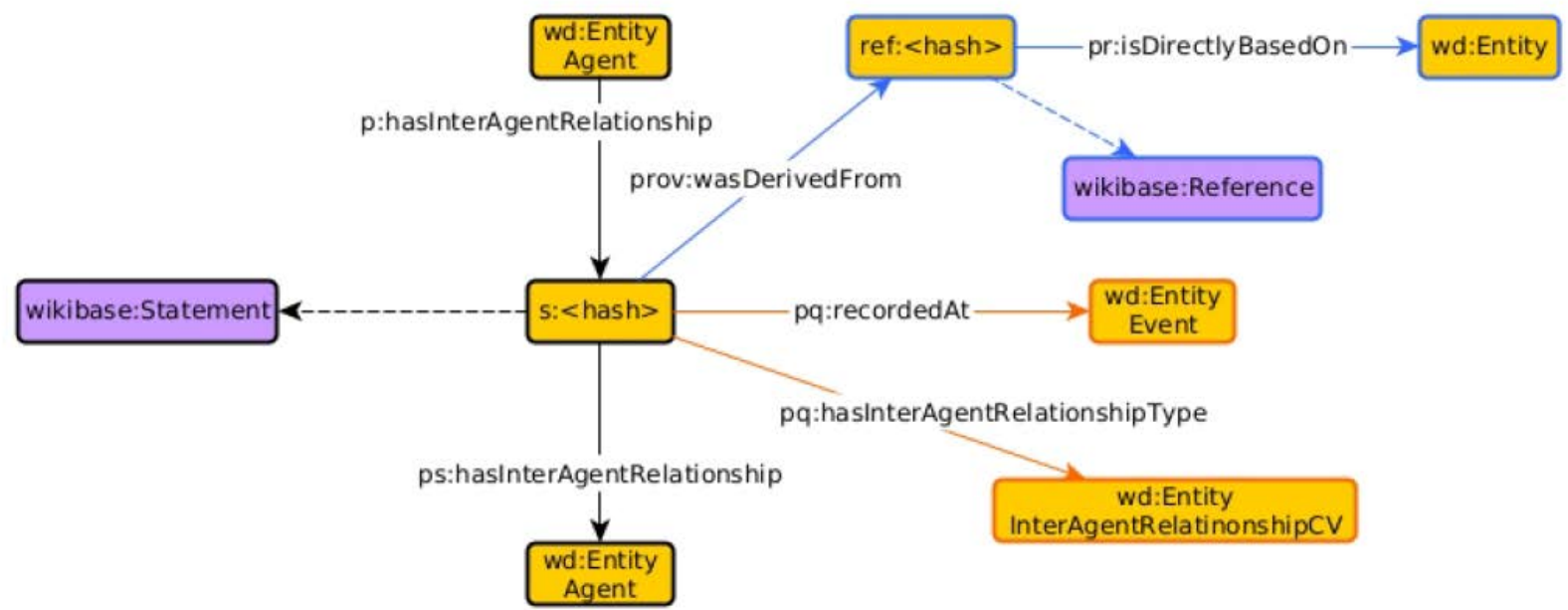
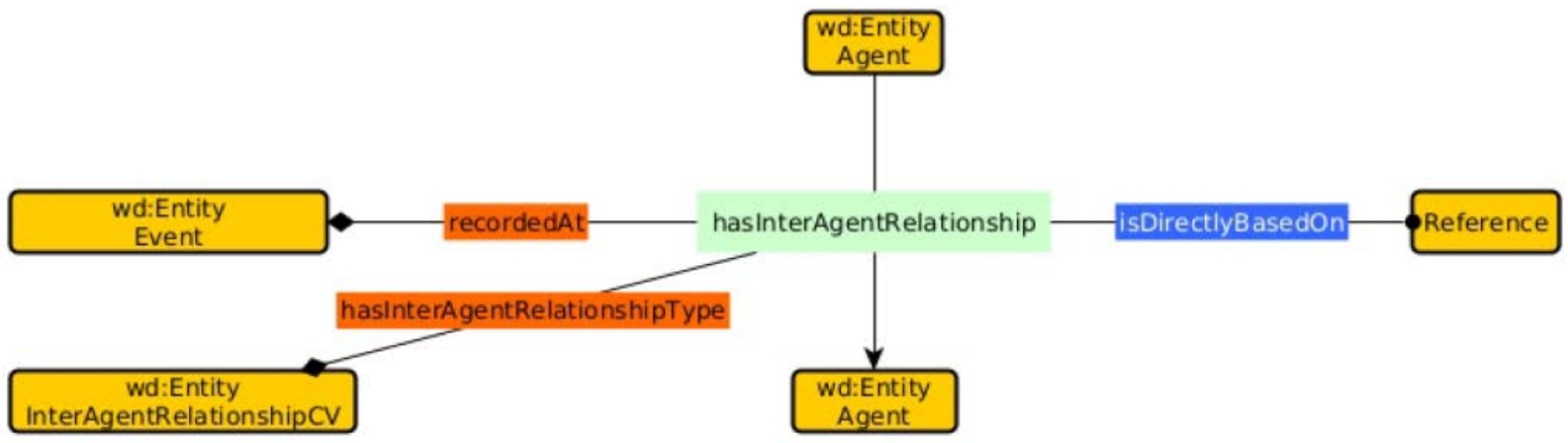




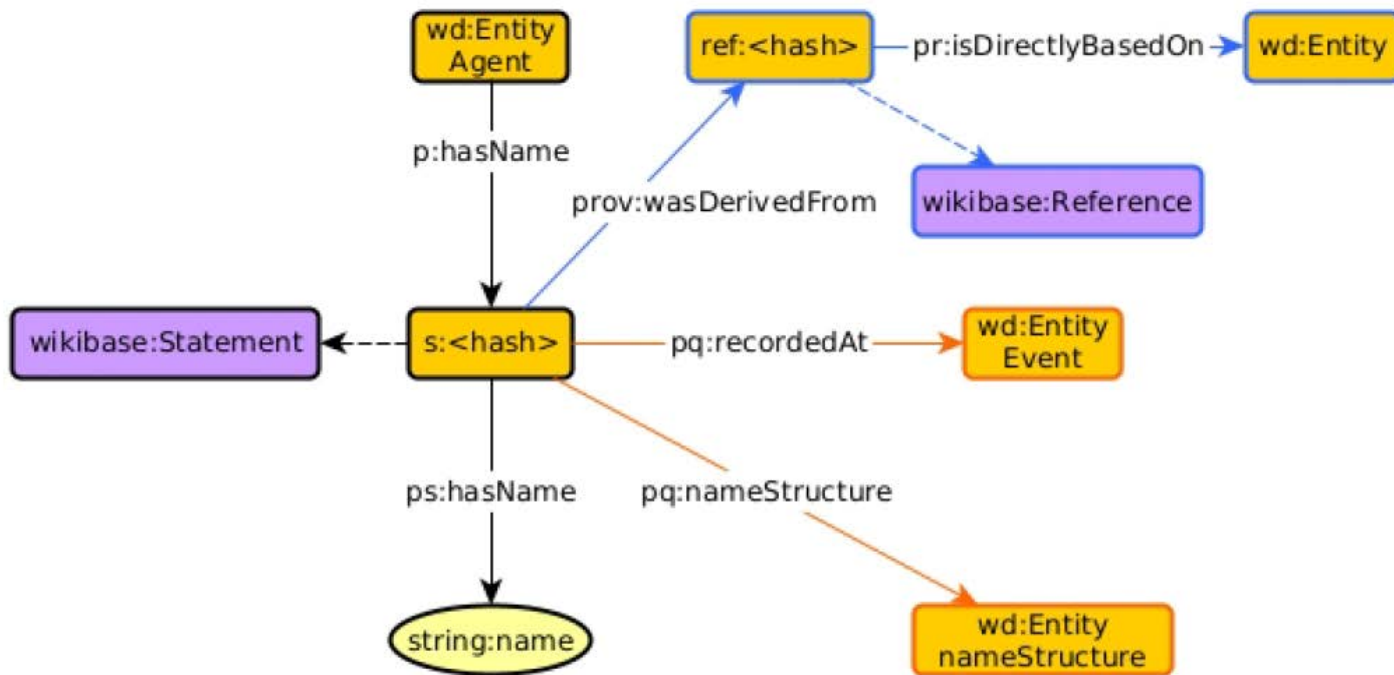
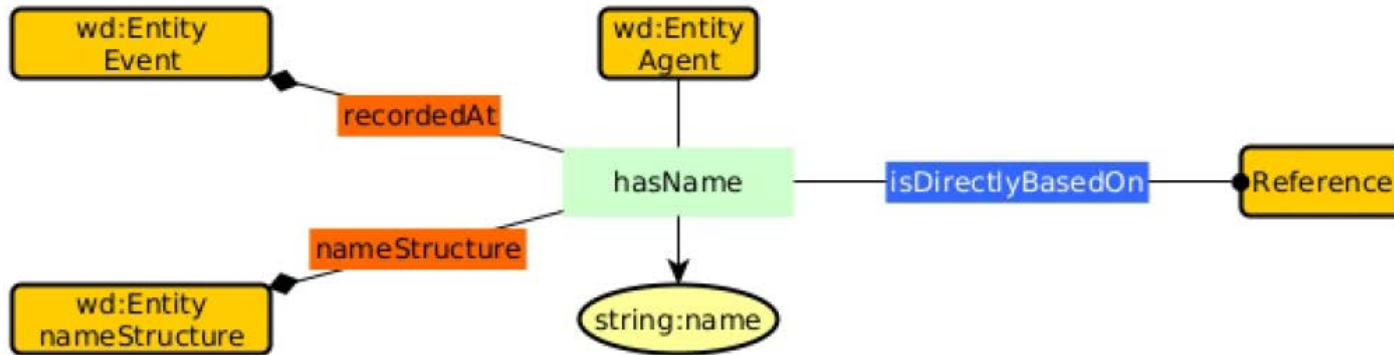
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# Forthcoming?



## **Certainly:**

- **Axiomatization, ShEx**

## **Possibly:**

- **a variety of tool support**

# Contribution Summary



- **With the patterns we now have, we could have saved a lot of time earlier.**
- **Patterns and approach should be adoptable by anybody who is interested in bridging**
  - **traditional ontology modeling and**
  - **use of Wikibase as graph platform.**
- **Perhaps it can even help stimulate discussions on recommended patterns for Wikibase?**

# Thanks!

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