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prop(Object, Property, Value) is the only relation needed: object-property-value representation



Universality of prop

To represent "a is a parcel"

- prop(a, type, parcel), where type is a special property
- prop(a, parcel, true), where parcel is a Boolean property

Reification

- To represent scheduled(cs422, 2, 1030, cc208). "section 2 of course cs422 is scheduled at 10:30 in room cc208."
- Let b123 name the booking:

```
prop(b123, course, cs422).
prop(b123, section, 2).
prop(b123, time, 1030).
prop(b123, room, cc208).
```

- We have reified the booking.
- Reify means: to make into an object.

Semantics Networks

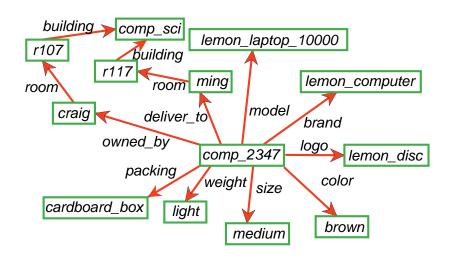
When you only have one relation, *prop*, it can be omitted without loss of information.

Write

as

$$Obj \xrightarrow{Att} Val$$

An Example Semantic Network



Equivalent Logic Program

```
prop(comp_2347, owned_by, craig).
prop(comp_2347, deliver_to, ming).
prop(comp_2347, model, lemon_laptop_10000).
prop(comp_2347, brand, lemon_computer).
prop(comp_2347, logo, lemon_disc).
prop(comp_2347, color, brown).
prop(craig, room, r107).
prop(r107, building, comp\_sci).
```

Turtle: a simple language of triples

A triple is written as

Subject Verb Object.

A comma can group objects with the same subject and verb.

$$S \ V \ O_1, O_2.$$
 is an abbreviation for $\begin{array}{c} S \ V \ O_1. \\ S \ V \ O_2. \end{array}$

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Square brackets can be used to define an individual that is not given an identifier. It can then be used as the object of a triple.



Turtle Example

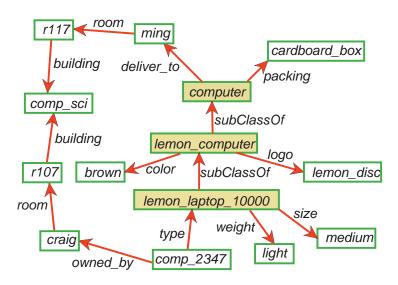
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\label{eq:comp_3645} $$ \langle \# owned\_by \rangle \ \langle \# fran \rangle ; $$ $ \langle \# color \rangle \ \langle \# green \rangle , \langle \# yellow \rangle ; $$ $ \langle \# managed\_by \rangle \ [ \ \langle \# occupation \rangle \ \langle \# sys\_admin \rangle ; $$ $ \langle \# serves\_building \rangle \ \langle \# comp\_sci \rangle ].
```

Primitive versus Derived Properties

- Primitive knowledge is that which is defined explicitly by facts.
- Derived knowledge is knowledge defined by rules.
- a class is a set of individuals that are grouped together as they have similar properties.
- Example: All lemon laptops may have have size = medium. Associate this property with the class, not the individual.
- Allow a special property type between an individual and a class.
- Use a special property *subClassOf* between two classes that allows for property inheritance.



A Structured Semantic Network



Logic of Property

An arc $\xrightarrow{p} n$ from a class c with a property p to value n means every individual in the class has value n of property p:

```
prop(Obj, p, n) \leftarrow prop(Obj, type, c).
```

Example:

```
prop(X, weight, light) \leftarrow prop(X, type, lemon\_laptop\_10000).
prop(X, packing, cardboard\_box) \leftarrow prop(X, type, computer).
```

Logic of Property Inheritance

You can do inheritance through the subclass relationship:

$$prop(X, type, T) \leftarrow prop(S, subClassOf, T) \land prop(X, type, S).$$

Multiple Inheritance

- An individual is usually a member of more than one class. For example, the same person may be a mother, a teacher, a football coach,....
- The individual can inherit the properties of all of the classes it is a member of: multiple inheritance.
- If there are default values, we can have a problem when an individual inherits conflicting defaults from the different classes: multiple inheritance problem.

Choosing Primitive and Derived Properties

- Associate an property value with the most general class with that property value.
- Don't associate contingent properties of a class with the class.
 For example, if all of current computers just happen to be brown.