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LOD – The logic of Descriptions Theories



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- LOD theories
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LOD - TBox (definition)

Definition (TBox) A TBox is a finite set of **concept inclusions**, i.e. a finite set of expressions of the type

$$C \sqsubseteq D$$

where C is a concept (an etype) and D is an atomic formula.

Observation 1: “T” in “TBox stands for “Term”

Observation 2: TBox is a theory, according to our earlier terminology

Observation 3: A LOD theory is a set of constraints on the domain structure

Observation 4: In general C is allowed to be an atomic formula. Our constraint is motivated by our interest in modeling language (definitions and descriptions).

LOD – acyclic TBox (definition)

Definition (Acyclic TBox). A TBox is **acyclic** if it satisfies the following properties:

1. any concept can appear at most once on the left side of a definition
2. it is acyclic (there are no definition cycles)

Observation 1: the simplest case of cycle is the subsumption

$$C \sqsubseteq C$$

Observation 2: Acyclicity is crucial in the definition of concepts and in the description of their properties (as etypes).

LOD - Terminology (definition)

Definition (Definitional TBox, Terminology) A TBox is **definitional** (it is a **terminology**) if it satisfies the following properties:

1. It is acyclic
2. It contains only concept equivalences

Observation: A concept inclusion $A \sqsubseteq C$ can always be transformed in a definition $A \equiv C \sqcap A_C$ with a suitable A_C

LOD Terminology (example)

Family relations

- $\text{Person} \equiv \exists \text{hasname.String} \sqcap \forall \text{HasJob.Organization}$
- $\text{Woman} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}$
- $\text{Man} \equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \neg \text{Woman}$
- $\text{Mother} \equiv \text{Woman} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- $\text{Father} \equiv \text{Man} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- $\text{Parent} \equiv \text{Father} \sqcup \text{Mother}$



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Natural language Lexicon

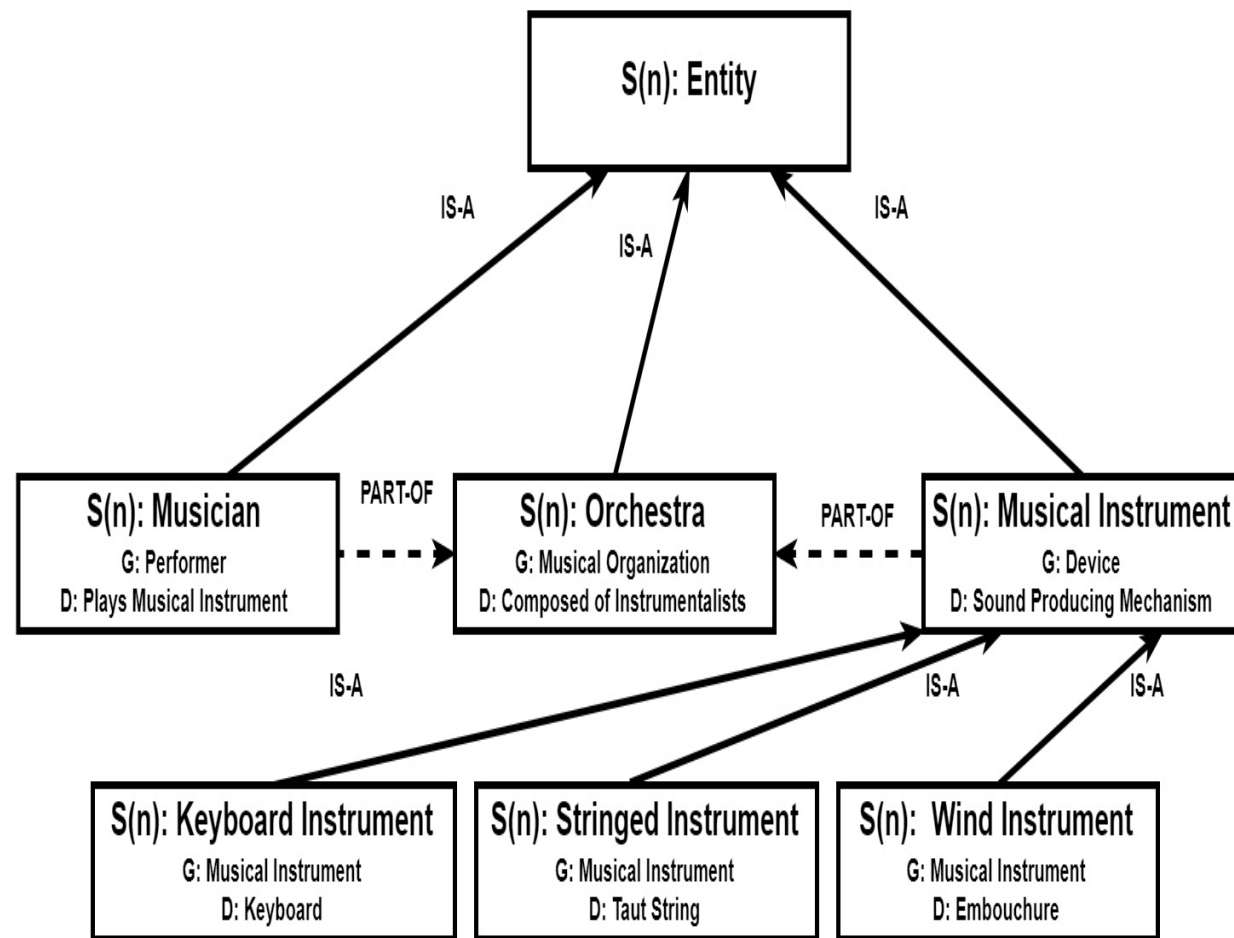
Lexicons are *informal hierarchies* which encode natural language(s) via Genus-Differentia: an ISA hierarchy of synsets.

Sense? One of the many concepts denoted by a polysemous word (e.g., *car* stands for *automobile* and *railway car*).

Synsets? sets of synonyms, e.g., words having same or similar meaning for the same sense (e.g., *car*, *automobile*)

Genus? set of properties which define the scope of a sense, e.g., *musical instrument (G)* for *stringed instrument*.

Differentia? Set of properties which qualify / differentiate senses with the same genus, e.g., *Taut String (D)* for *Stringed Instrument*.





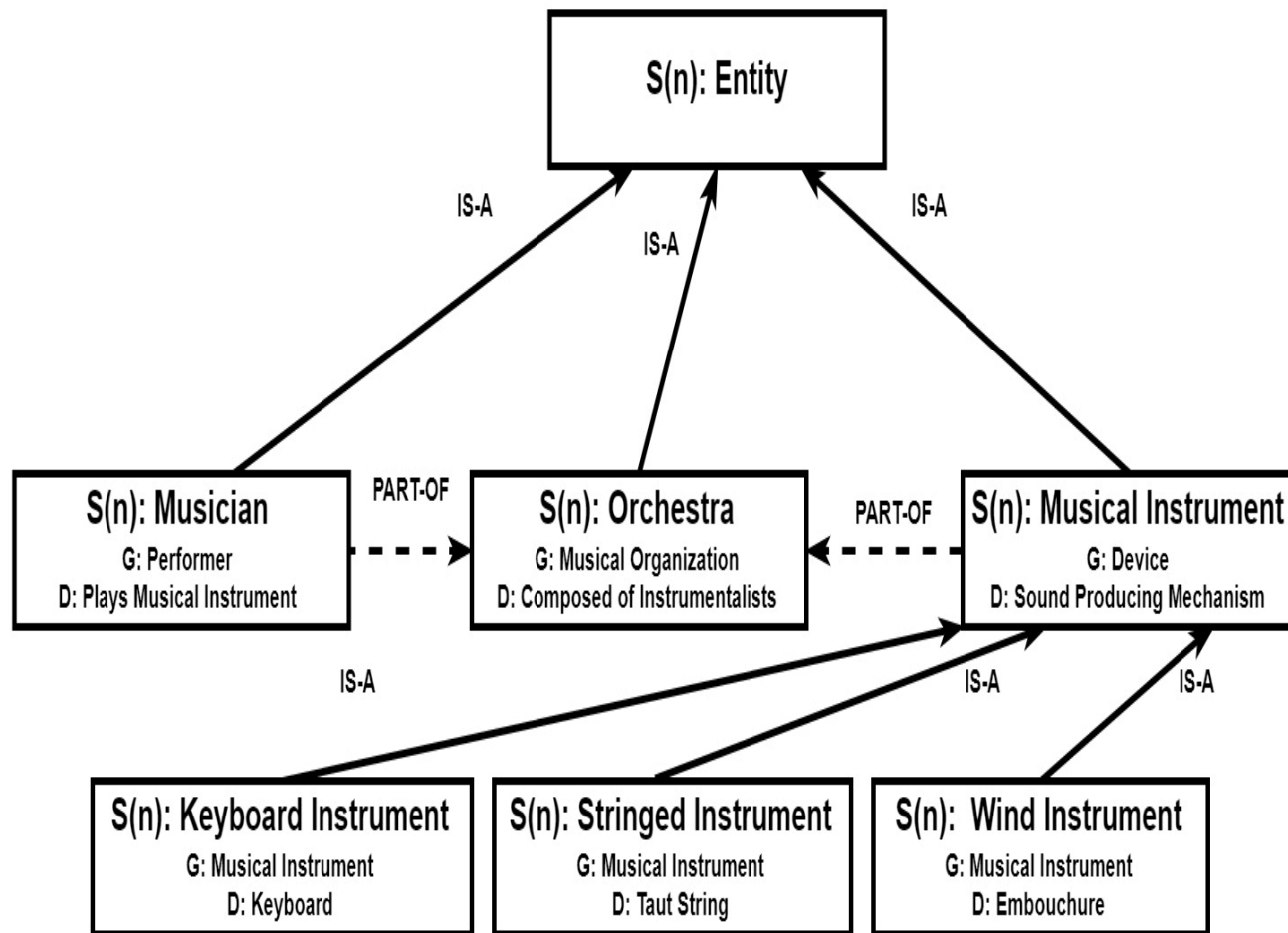
Natural language Lexicon (continued)

The IS-A hierarchy semantically models superclass - subclass relations between senses based on genus-differentia

Each sense is identified via a unique identifier named *GID*, e.g., 588967 for *Musician* (not visible to user)

Each word is (implicitly) defined via a universal quantification over its differentia, e.g., Stringed Instrument's differentia with respect to Musical instrument is $\forall D. TautStrings$.

Lexicons are built by adhering to quality principles for modelling, e.g., how to differentiate a node into children nodes, etc.



Natural language Lexicon (continued)

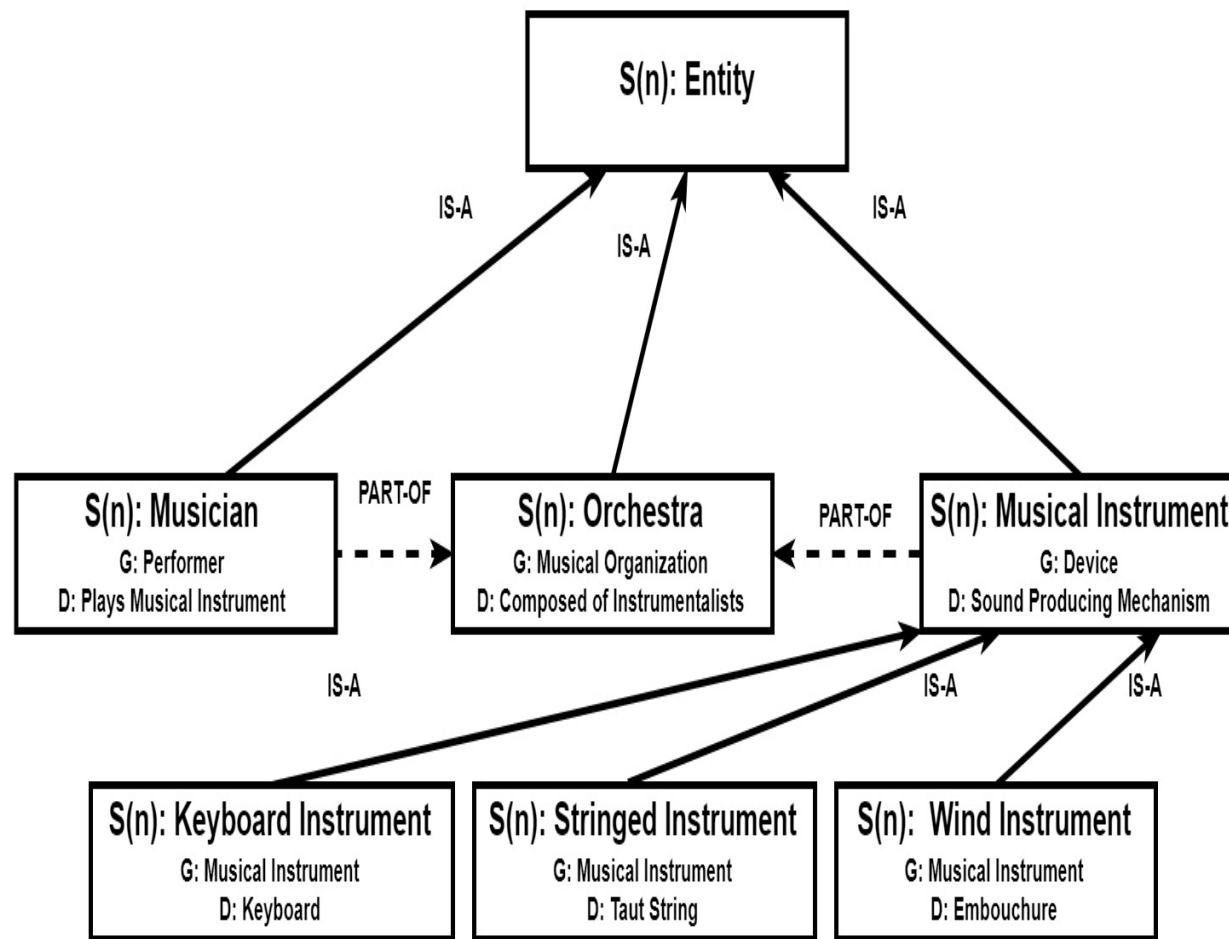
In addition to the IS-A hierarchy, lexicons are also organized according to a PART-OF hierarchy.

All concepts have *parts*. For any part there is a “bigger” *whole* which somehow “contains” it. For instance Musicians and Musical Instruments are part-of Orchestras. Musicians have parts, Musicians have parts, ..., and so on, down to materials.

Part-of links model the part-whole relation which exists between a whole (the Unity) and possibly multiple diverse parts.

The whole defines the spatial context within whose boundaries the EG is built.

The PART-OF hierarchy defines the relevant component parts of the whole, namely those which will ultimately be considered in an ETG/EG (as, e.g. selected in ER/EER models)



Natural language Lexicon (continued)

The IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies are independent orthogonal hierarchies

The PART-OF hierarchy models containment. Space containment with objects, Time containment with events.

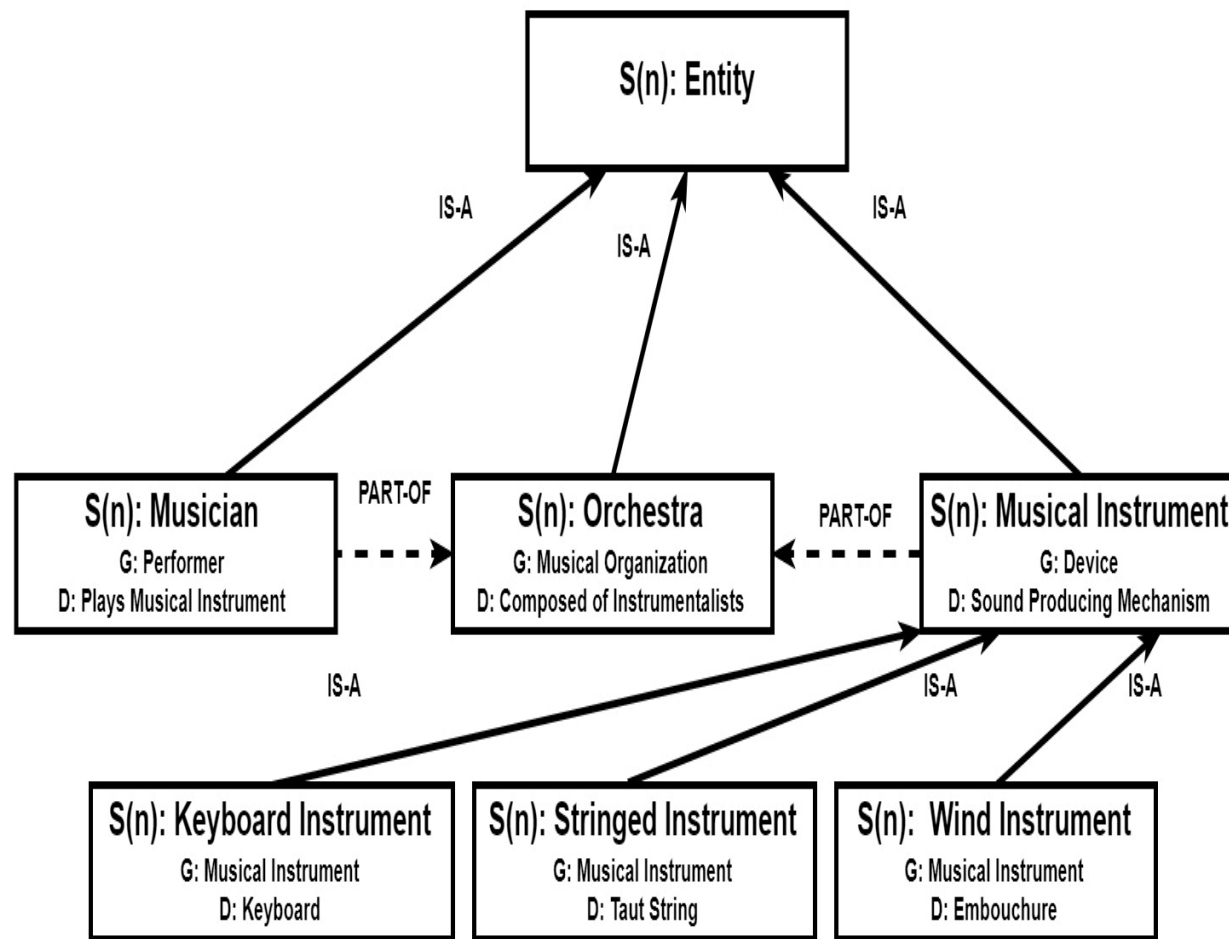
The IS-A hierarchy models the behavior of entities, that is how objects specialize in their properties (i.e., their functions and actions).

Entity (=anything), the top concept of the IS-A has no properties and no parts. But it is PART-OF everything.

Everything, the top concept of the PART-OF hierarchy contains all parts and therefore has all properties.

If PART-OF(part, whole) then
Property(part, P) ≡ Part-Property (whole, P)

The IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies form a *lattice*.



Natural language Lexicon – example (WordNet - Koto)

- **S: (n) koto** (Japanese stringed instrument that resembles a zither; has a rectangular wooden sounding board and usually 13 silk strings that are plucked with the fingers)
 - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
 - **S: (n) stringed instrument** (a musical instrument in which taut strings provide the source of sound)
 - **S: (n) musical instrument, instrument** (any of various devices or contrivances that can be used to produce musical tones or sounds)
 - **S: (n) device** (an instrumentality invented for a particular purpose) *"the device is small enough to wear on your wrist"; "a device intended to conserve water"*
 - **S: (n) instrumentality, instrumentation** (an artifact (or system of artifacts) that is instrumental in accomplishing some end)
 - **S: (n) artifact, artefact** (a man-made object taken as a whole)
 - **S: (n) whole, unit** (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) *"how big is that part compared to the whole?"; "the team is a unit"*
 - **S: (n) object, physical object** (a tangible and visible entity; an entity that can cast a shadow) *"it was full of rackets, balls and other objects"*
 - **S: (n) physical entity** (an entity that has physical existence)
 - **S: (n) entity** (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving))

On the left hand side is the WordNet lexical hierarchy generalizing the concept for Koto. See [Princeton WordNet](#)

S(n) indicates a synset associated to a word (here Koto) (one of the possibly many) of synonymous nouns. Here Koto has no synonyms

Hyponym/ Hypernym indicate subclass and superclass IS-A relationship

Meronym indicates the part-of relation.

Each synset is described by a gloss (an definition, most of the time incomplete, provided informally) and an example (between quotes in the figure on the left).

Domain Lexicon

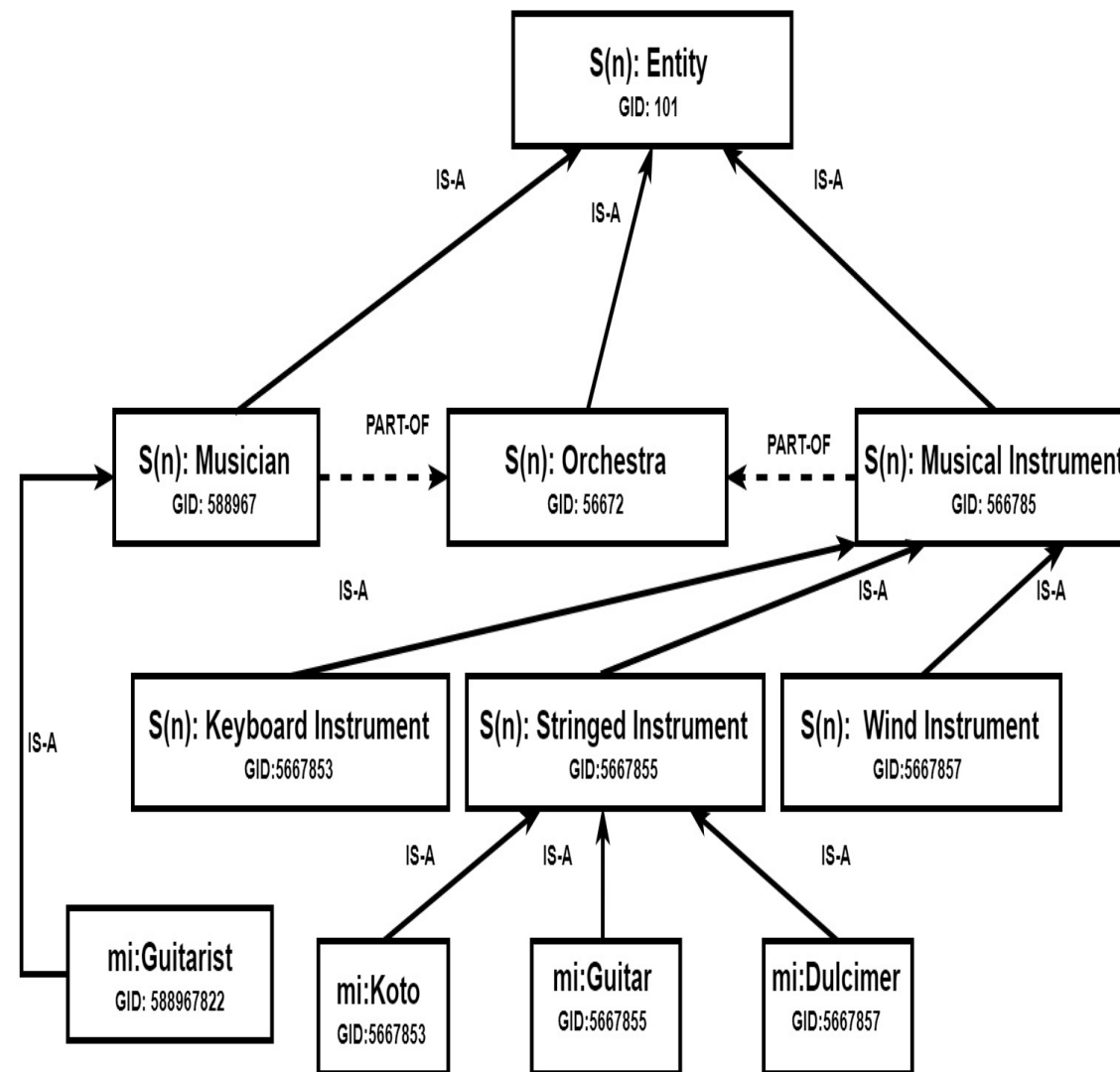
Domain Lexicons (XML name spaces) are informal hierarchies which encode domain language(s)

They extend natural language lexicons with domain-specific terminology. They are therefore language aware.

Words in domain languages follow the same rules as those in natural languages with one exception: they are NOT polysemous, i.e., they have only one sense.

Each word has a prefix, e.g., *mi:* (e.g., for musical instruments) to indicate the domain language/ name space to which the words is associated.

As with lexicons, each sense is identified via a unique identifier named *GID*, e.g., 5667853 for *mi:Koto*, denoting the single sense of that word.





LOD – Lexicon formalization (IS-A Hierarchy)

Label \equiv Genus \sqcap Differentia

As from the example above on musical instruments:

- KeyboardInstr \equiv MusicalInstr \sqcap
 - \exists meansOfSoundProduction.Keyboard \sqcap
 - \forall meansOfSoundProduction.Keyboard ...
- KeyboardInstr $\sqsubseteq \neg$ StringedInstr
- KeyboardInstr $\sqsubseteq \neg$ WindInstr



LOD – Lexicon formalization (IS-A Hierarchy) (cont)

Observation 1: only one etype: concept (etype *concept* and not dtype *string* as we need to define object properties)

Observation 2: The label appears only once in the left of a definition and on the right of all its children

Observation 3: In a definition only conjuncts (as many as needed), where each conjunct consists only of exists and forall quantification

Observation 4: The subsumption relation holds between a label and its genus. For instance

KeyboardInstr \sqsubseteq MusicalInstr

Observation 5: A formalized lexicon is a subsumption hierarchy

LOD – Lexicon formalization (IS-A Hierarchy) (cont)

Observation 6: For each definition as many pairwise disjointness constraints as there are siblings. For instance (the left hand side is a complex assertion)

$$\text{KeyboardInstr} \sqcap \text{StringedInstr} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

Observation 7: Disjointness constraints can be formalized in two ways (check yourself in Venn Diagram)

$$\text{KeyboardInstr} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{StringedInstr}$$

$$\text{StringedInstr} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{KeyboardInstr}$$

In this formulation, the left hand side is a concept and not a complex assertion

Observation 8: Negation applies only to assertions

Observation 9: The relation between Genus and differentia could also be stated as

$$\text{Genus} \equiv \text{Label1} \sqcap \text{Label2} \sqcap \dots \sqcap \text{UnknownLabel}$$

with UnknownLabel optional and defined as

$$\text{UnknownLabel} \equiv \text{Genus} \sqcap \text{UnknownDifferentia}$$

Observation 10: The IS-A hierarchy of a formalized lexicon is a terminology



LOD – Lexicon formalization (part-of hierarchy)

Part-of(part, whole)

with inverse relation

Whole-of(label2,label1)

Observation 1: A hierarchy but with no property inheritance

Observation 2: Whole defines the physical (space) boundaries within which the parts are located

Observation 3: Whole provides reference coordinate system, parts provide functionalities

Observation 4: Part-of hierarchy formalized much less frequently

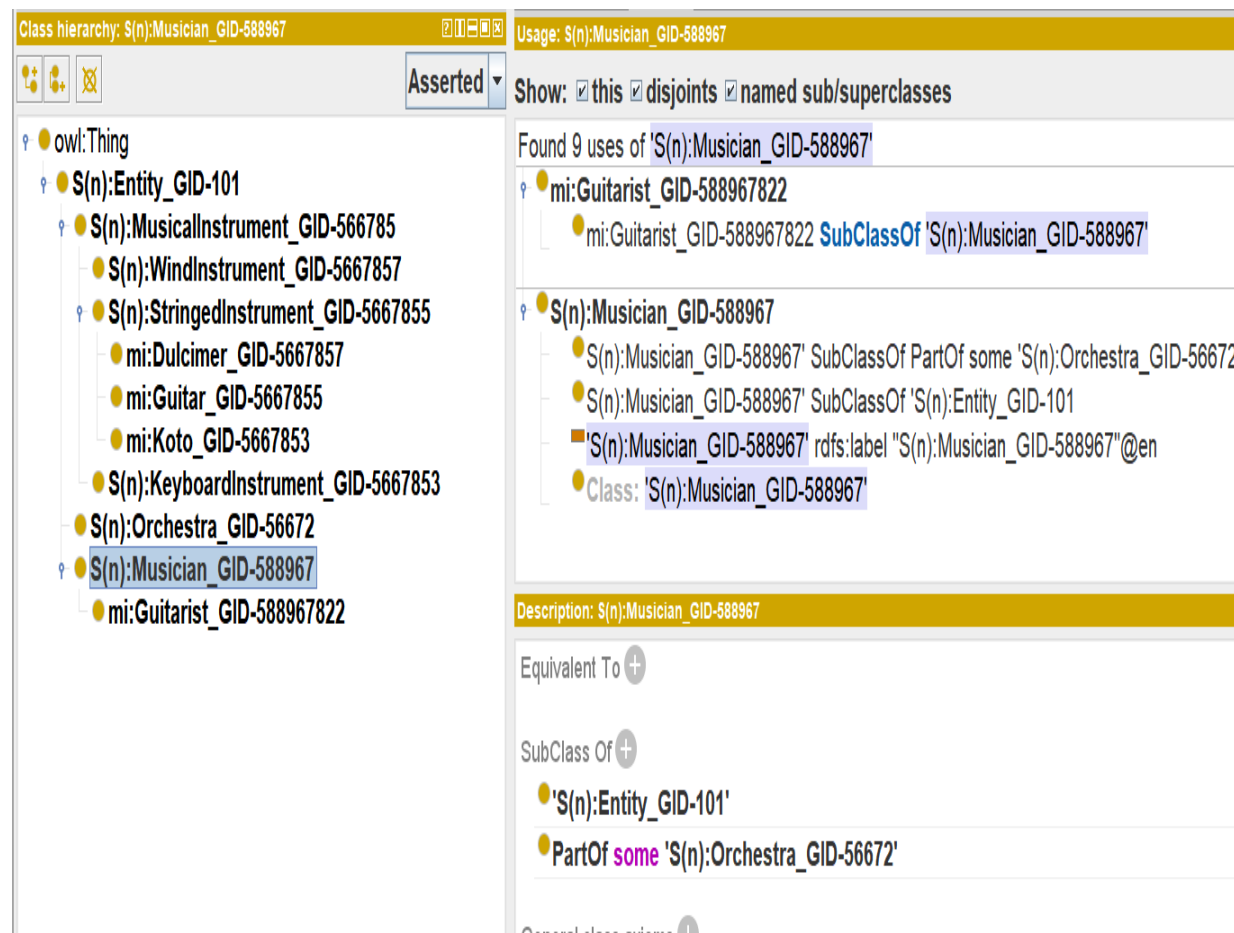
LOD - Protégé (General Example)

Left: concept IS-A hierarchy

- owl:Thing (predefined root)

Right: concept property specification

- Class name (Class)
- IS-A hierarchy dependency (SubClassOf)
- Data property with its codomain (Domain)
- How and in which language a concept is named (rdfs:label)
- **some** ~ keyword for existential quantification.



The screenshot displays the Protégé interface for the class `S(n):Musician_GID-588967`. The left pane shows the class hierarchy, starting from `owl:Thing` and including `S(n):Entity_GID-101`, `S(n):MusicalInstrument_GID-566785`, `S(n):WindInstrument_GID-5667857`, `S(n):StringedInstrument_GID-5667855`, `mi:Dulcimer_GID-5667857`, `mi:Guitar_GID-5667855`, `mi:Koto_GID-5667853`, `S(n):KeyboardInstrument_GID-5667853`, `S(n):Orchestra_GID-56672`, and `S(n):Musician_GID-588967`. The right pane shows the usage of the class, including `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822` which is a `SubClassOf` `S(n):Musician_GID-588967`. The description pane shows the class `S(n):Musician_GID-588967` is equivalent to `S(n):Entity_GID-101` and `PartOf some S(n):Orchestra_GID-56672`.

LOD – Lexicon example (Protégé)

The snippet on the right side shows the domain lexicon formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

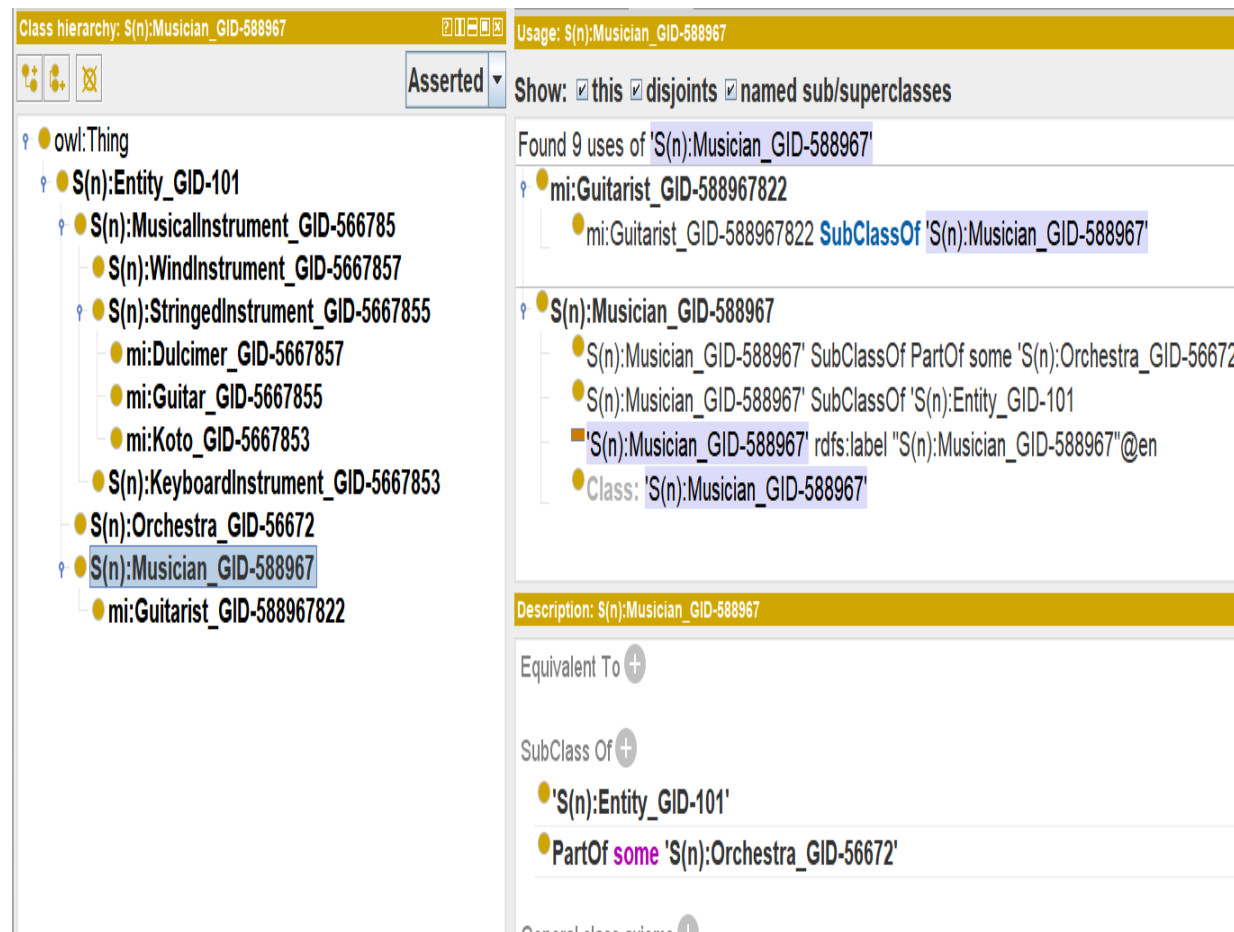
You can see the entire class hierarchy starting from Entity downwards depicting the concepts with their unique GIDs.

Notice mi:Koto, mi:Guitar etc, belong to domain lexicon and not natural language lexicon.

You can also see (partial) visualization of LOD formalization of the example domain lexicon, e.g.,

Musician is - PartOf - (some) Orchestra

Observation: Formalization language: OWL/
RDF



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. On the left, a class hierarchy is shown starting from 'owl:Thing'. The hierarchy includes 'S(n):Entity_GID-101', 'S(n):MusicalInstrument_GID-566785', 'S(n):WindInstrument_GID-5667857', 'S(n):StringedInstrument_GID-5667855', 'mi:Dulcimer_GID-5667857', 'mi:Guitar_GID-5667855', 'mi:Koto_GID-5667853', 'S(n):KeyboardInstrument_GID-5667853', 'S(n):Orchestra_GID-56672', 'S(n):Musician_GID-588967', and 'mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822'. The 'S(n):Musician_GID-588967' class is selected. On the right, the 'Usage' panel shows 'Found 9 uses of 'S(n):Musician_GID-588967''. Below this, a snippet shows 'mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822 SubClassOf 'S(n):Musician_GID-588967''. The 'Description' panel for 'S(n):Musician_GID-588967' shows 'Equivalent To' and 'SubClass Of' relationships, including 'S(n):Entity_GID-101' and 'PartOf some 'S(n):Orchestra_GID-56672''.

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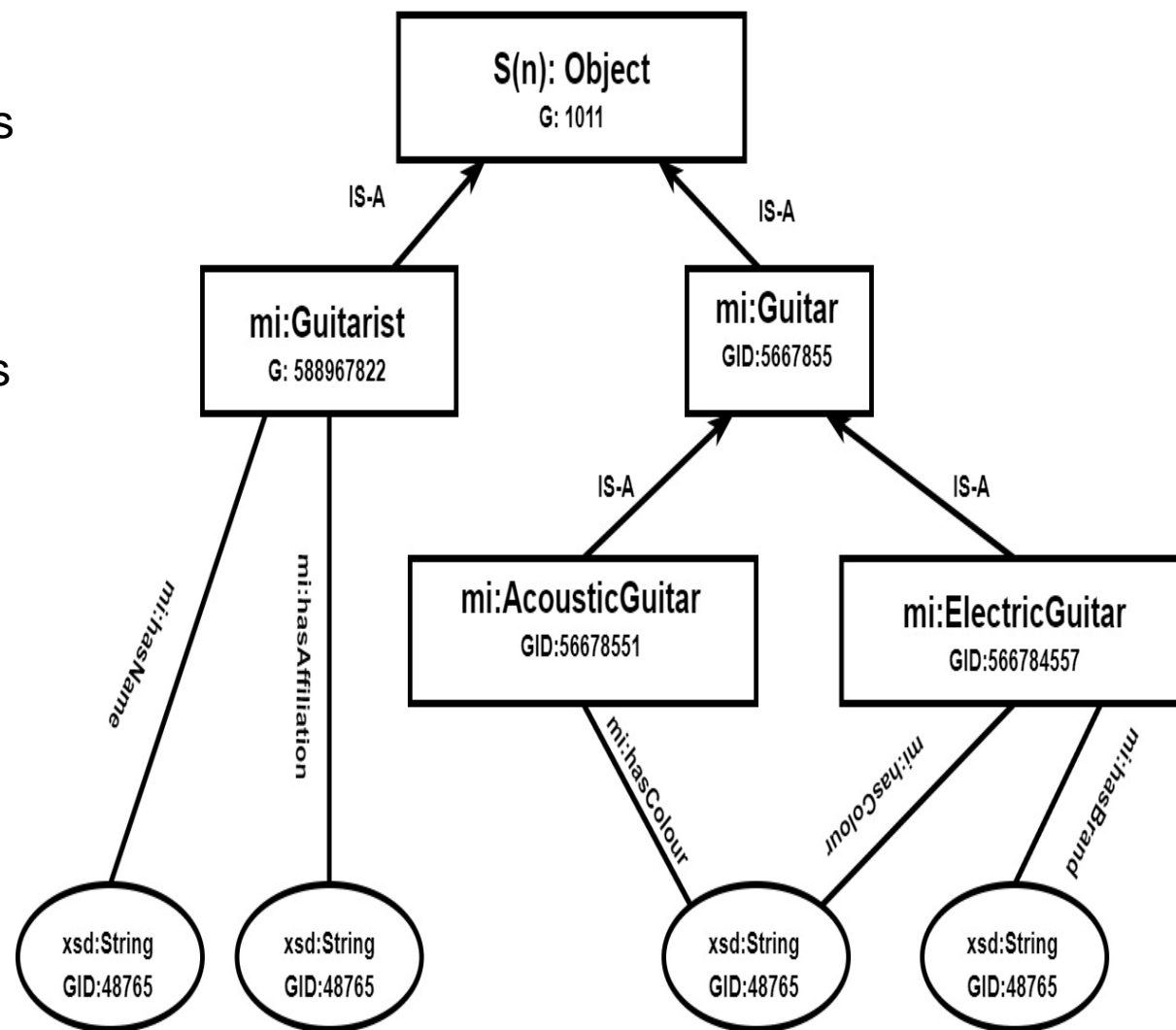
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Lexical Teleontology

Lexical Teleontologies are specialized lexicons which focus on a purpose-specific (application dependent) part of a lexicon.

Lexical teleontologies are obtained from lexicons by:

- Identifying the root concept, as from the purpose. This is a whole defining the reference space or time containment
- Keeping the relevant concepts among those which are part-of the root in the PART-OF hierarchy
- Keeping the relevant concepts which specialize, via the IS-A and PART-OF hierarchies, the concepts from previous step
- Keeping the part-of relations as needed
- Dropping irrelevant concepts (below/ above the whole)
- Substituting the root concept with most specific concept in the IS-A hierarchy which subsumes all the parts (e.g., from Orchestra to Object)





LOD – Lexical teleontology formalization

A lexical teleontology is obtained from a formalized lexicon according to the process described in the previous slide, that is:

- Eliminate the irrelevant concepts
- Define the root concept
- Add in the metadata information about the whole being formalized.

LOD - Lexical teleontology Example (Protégé)

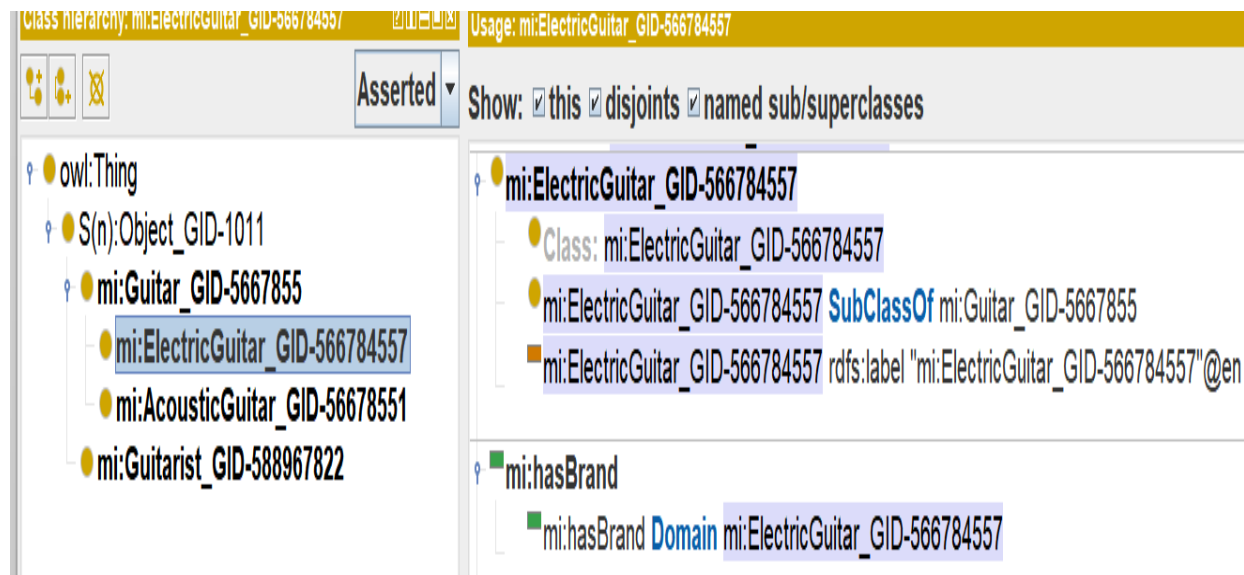
The snippet on the right side shows the lexical teleontology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

You can see the entire class hierarchy starting from Object downwards depicting the lexical teleontology concepts, with their unique GIDs. Irrelevant concepts such as Koto, Dulcimer, etc. have been eliminated.

You can see (partially) data properties, e.g., ElectricGuitar - mi:hasBrand - String

You can also see (partially) visualization of LOD formalization of lexical teleontology,

e.g., Electric Guitar is: SubClassOf Guitar.



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. On the left, a class hierarchy is shown starting from `owl:Thing` and including `S(n):Object_GID-1011`, `mi:Guitar_GID-5667855`, `mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557`, `mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551`, and `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`. The `mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557` class is selected. On the right, the detailed view for `mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557` is shown, including its superclass `mi:Guitar_GID-5667855` and the property `mi:hasBrand` with domain `mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557`.



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Knowledge teleontology

Knowledge Teleontologies extend lexical teleontologies by

- Adding new additional concepts (as etypes) and dtypes as needed by the application
- For each new or already existing etype, add new object and data properties which describe the specific aspects which are relevant to the selected context (the whole and parts selected in the lexical teleontology)

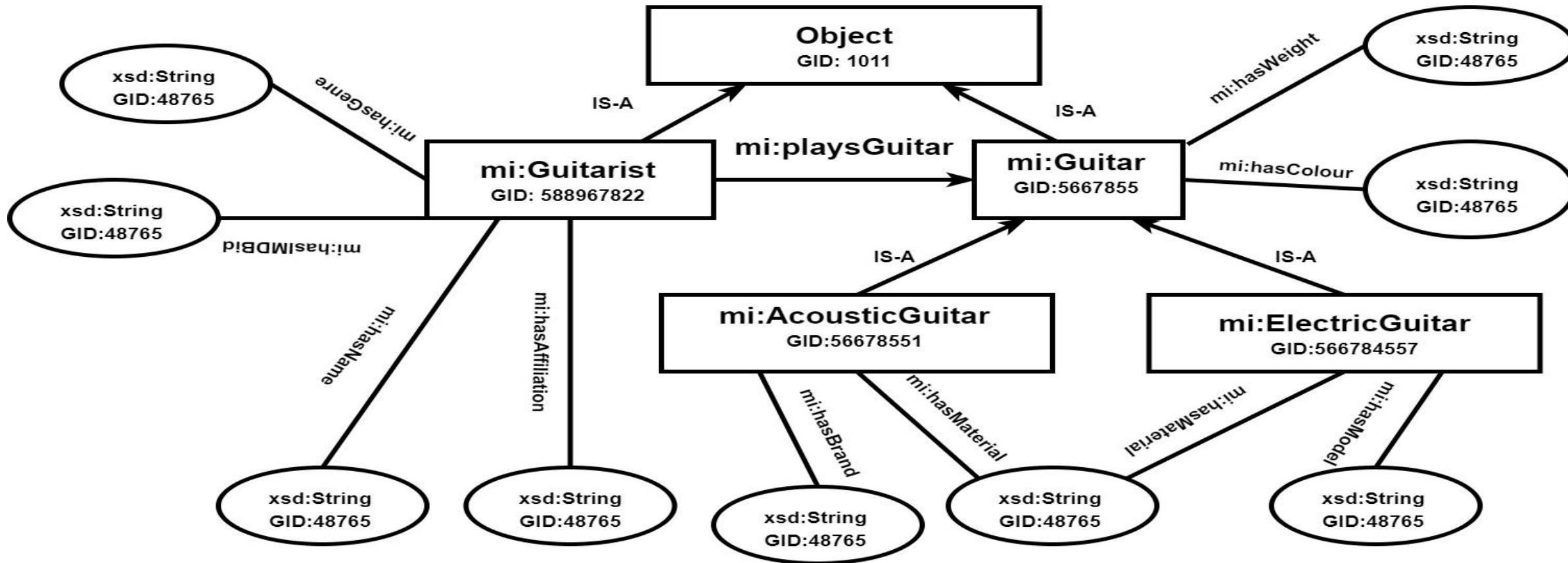
Observation 1: lexical teleontologies/ lexicons define linguistic concepts modeling the elements of the world.

Observation 2: Knowledge teleontologies describe knowledge concepts by providing relevant local description properties

Observation 3: Knowledge teleontologies “are” formalized EER models

Terminology: We drop the attribute lexical/ knowledge when the context makes clear the meaning

Knowledge teleontology (example)



LOD – teleontology formalization

Lexical teleontology: Definition from the above example of musical instruments

ElectricGuitar \equiv Guitar $\sqcap \forall$ hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack

Plus disjointness axioms

- ElectricGuitar $\sqsubseteq \neg$ AcousticGuitar
- ... more disjointness axioms

Knowledge Teleontology: Description of the concept define in a lexical ontology:

ElectricGuitar#1 \equiv ElectricGuitar $\sqcap \exists$ hasColour.String $\sqcap \exists$ hasBrand.String

LOD – teleontology formalization (cont)

Observation 1: ElectricGuitar#1 \sqsubseteq ElectricGuitar

Observation 2: A description is a definition enriched with data properties (only conjuncts)

Observation 3: A description (like a definition) contains only conjuncts

Observation 4: The same definition can be associated multiple diverse descriptions

Observation 5: when building a description constraints (e.g., no disjointness constraints) on the selected properties used only if needed as part of the description

Observation 6: no changes to the PART-OF hierarchy (additional etypes are only specializations generalizations based on properties)

Teleontology - Example

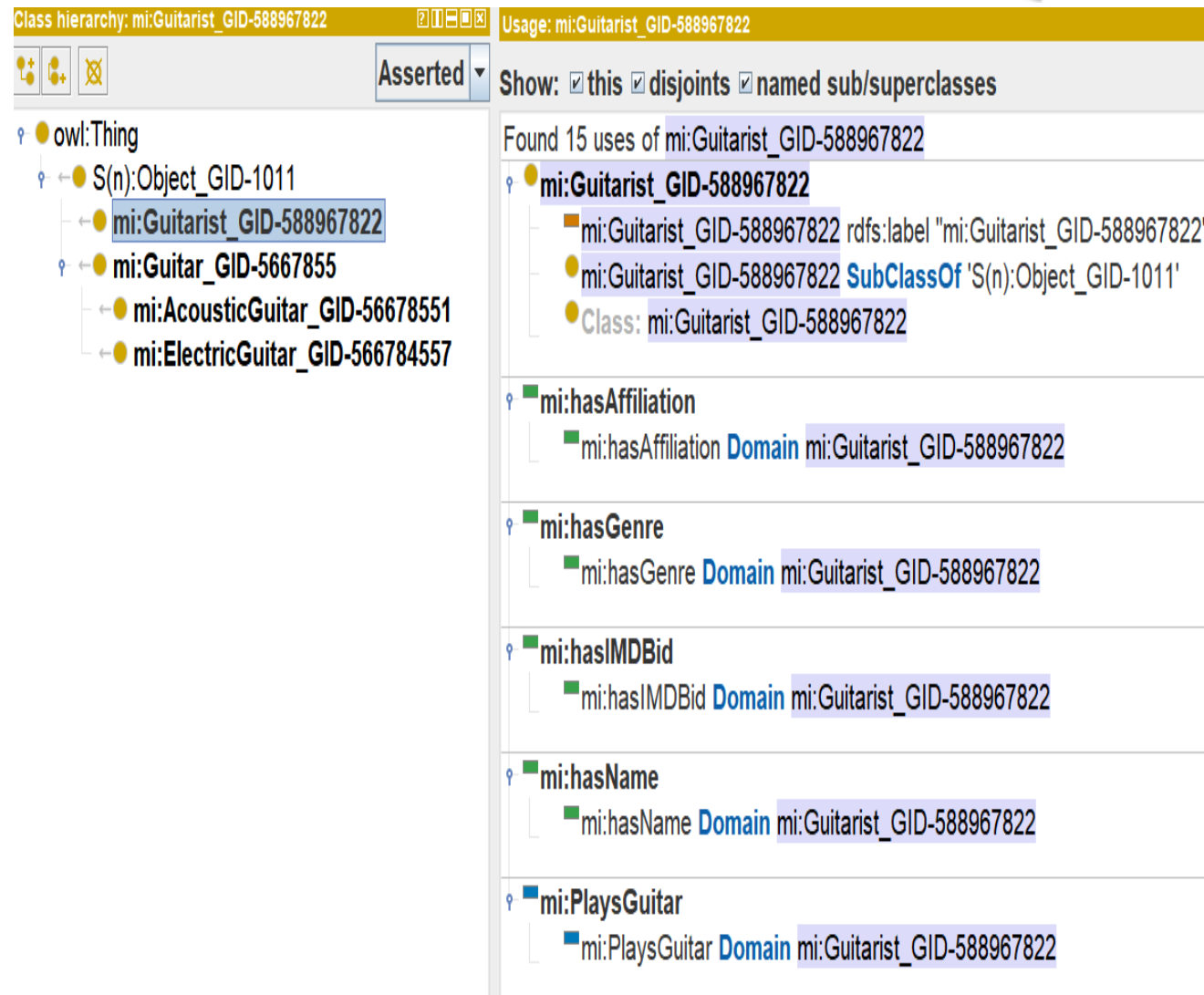
The snippets on the right hand side shows the knowledge teleontology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

We add object properties (e.g., playsGuitar) and additional data properties (e.g., hasIMDBid) here.

You can see some (partial) visualization of LOD formalization for, e.g.,

e.g., *mi:Guitarist - mi:PlaysGuitar - mi:Guitar* is an object property-based assertion which indicates that a guitarist plays a guitar.

mi:Guitarist - mi:hasIMDBid - xsd:String is a data property-based assertion which indicates that a guitarist has an IMDB id encoded as a string.



The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. The top bar shows the class hierarchy for `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822` and its usage. The left pane shows a class hierarchy starting with `owl:Thing`, which includes `S(n):Object_GID-1011`, `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`, `mi:Guitar_GID-5667855`, `mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551`, and `mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557`. The right pane shows the usage of `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`, including 15 uses of the class, its domain for various properties, and its role as a subclass of `S(n):Object_GID-1011`.

Class hierarchy: `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822` Usage: `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

Asserted

Show: this disjoints named sub/superclasses

Found 15 uses of `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

- `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`
- `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822` rdfs:label "mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822"
- `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822` SubClassOf 'S(n):Object_GID-1011'
- Class: `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

`mi:hasAffiliation`

- `mi:hasAffiliation` Domain `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

`mi:hasGenre`

- `mi:hasGenre` Domain `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

`mi:hasIMDBid`

- `mi:hasIMDBid` Domain `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

`mi:hasName`

- `mi:hasName` Domain `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

`mi:PlaysGuitar`

- `mi:PlaysGuitar` Domain `mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822`

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Teleology / ETG

Teleologies are flattened teleontologies.

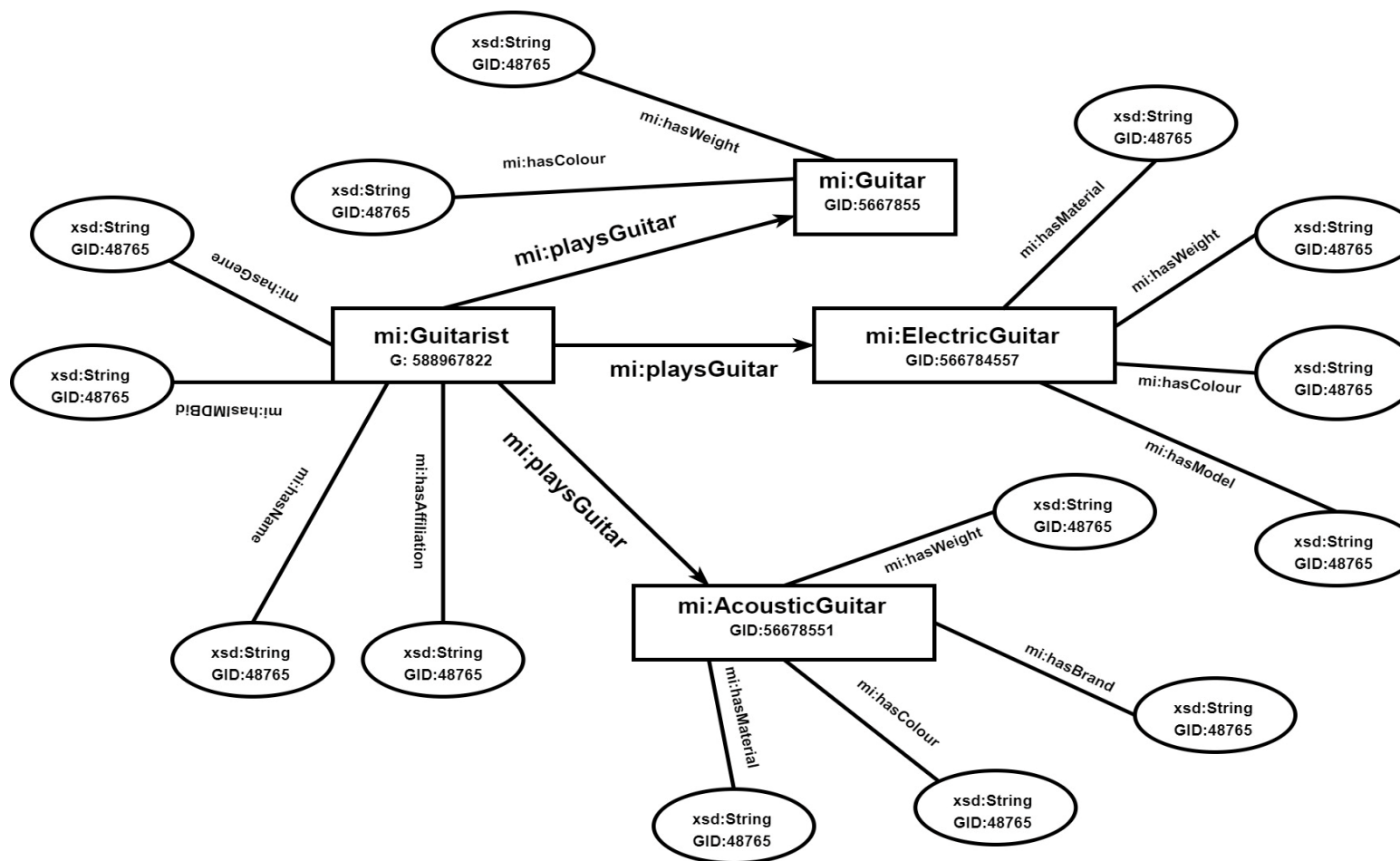
Flattening Process:

- Starting from the root, each concept is defined in terms of the concept one level above in the hierarchy
- Remove the dependence from the more general concept by expanding the definition
- Iterate the process till the leaf nodes

Observation 1: Teleologies are formalizations of ER models

Observation 2: Teleologies are formalisations of ETGs

Teleology



LOD – Teleology formalization

ISA-Hierarchy: From the above example of musical instruments teleontology :

ElectricGuitar#1 \sqsubseteq ElectricGuitar $\sqcap \exists$ hasColour.String $\sqcap \exists$ hasBrand.String

-- [description = definition enriched with data properties]

AcousticGuitar#1 \sqsubseteq AcousticGuitar $\sqcap \exists$ hasMaterial.String $\sqcap \exists$ hasModel.String

-- [description = definition enriched with data properties]

Guitarist (leaf in teleology) \sqsubseteq

Musician (implicit in teleology) $\sqcap \exists$ hasName.String $\sqcap \exists$ hasAffiliation.String

PART-OF-Hierarchy: From the above example of musical instruments teleontology

Teleology - Example

The snippet on the right hand side shows (partially) the teleology formalized via the Protégé ontology editor.

Notice that the class hierarchy is completely flattened, i.e., there are no IS-A links asserting superclass-subclass subsumption relationships.

You can see some (partial) visualization of LOD formalization for, e.g.,

e.g., *mi:AcousticGuitar* - *mi:hasColour* - *xsd:String* is a data property-based assertion which indicates that an acoustic guitar has a color which is encoded as a String.

e.g., *mi:AcousticGuitar* - *mi:hasModel* - *xsd:String* is a data property-based assertion which indicates that an acoustic guitar is of a specific model specification encoded as a String.

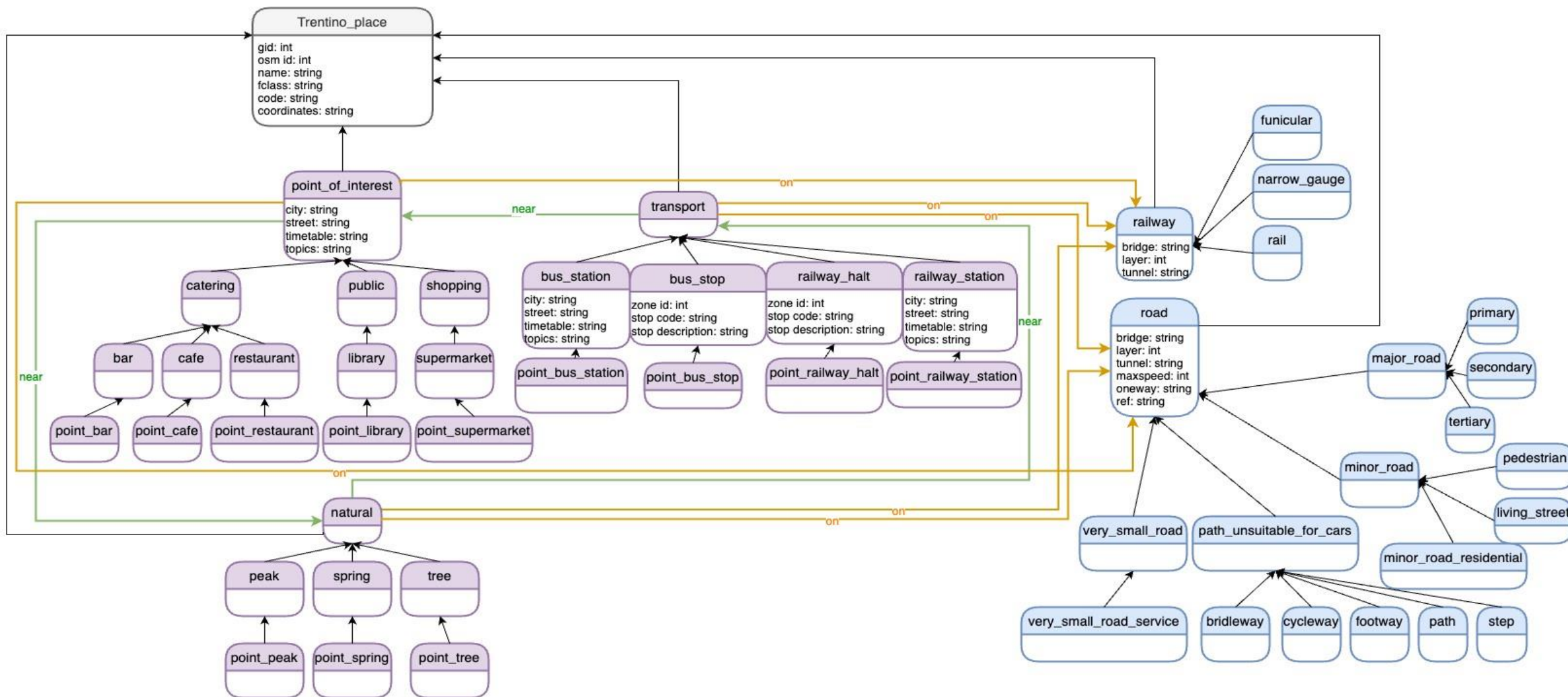


The screenshot displays the Protégé ontology editor interface. On the left, the 'Class hierarchy' window shows a flattened structure starting with 'owl:Thing' and listing classes: 'mi:Guitar_GID-5667855', 'mi:Guitarist_GID-588967822', 'mi:ElectricGuitar_GID-566784557', and 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551'. The 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551' class is highlighted. On the right, the 'Show:' window is set to 'this', 'disjoints', and 'named sub/superclasses'. It lists several properties: 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551' with an 'rdfs:label' 'mi:Acoustic' and a 'Class' 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551'; 'mi:hasColour' with a 'Domain' 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551'; 'mi:hasMaterial' with a 'Domain' 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-5667855'; and 'mi:hasModel' with a 'Domain' 'mi:AcousticGuitar_GID-56678551'.

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EER diagram of Open Street Maps data



Teleontology of Open Street Maps data

The screenshot displays a web-based ontology editor interface with the following panels:

- Class hierarchy: point_peak_GID-10005**: Shows a tree structure of classes. The selected class is `point_peak_GID-10005`, which is a subclass of `peak_GID-46388`. Other classes include `Trentino_place_GID-10043`, `natural_GID-10044`, `spring_GID-50318`, `tree_GID-69557`, `point_of_interest_GID-10045`, `catering_GID-10046`, `bar_GID-14950`, `cafe_GID-15804`, `restaurant_GID-22500`, `public_GID-10047`, `library_GID-20054`, `shopping_GID-387`, and `supermarket_GID-24168`.
- Annotations: point_peak_GID-10005**: Shows the annotation `rdfs:label [language: en] point_peak_GID-10005`.
- Object property hierarchy:** Shows the hierarchy of object properties. The selected class is `near_GID-84218`, which is a subclass of `on_GID-10031`.
- Data property hierarchy:** Shows the hierarchy of data properties. The selected class is `city_GID-45969`, which is a subclass of `bridge_GID-15577`. Other data properties include `code_GID-35741`, `coordinates_GID-10027`, `fclass_GID-10026`, `gid_GID-10024`, `layer_GID-33577`, `maxspeed_GID-10030`, `name_GID-2`, `oneway_GID-10029`, `osm_id_GID-10025`, `ref_GID-10028`, `stop code_GID-10037`, and `stop description_GID-10039`.

Teleology of Open Street Maps data

The screenshot displays a Semantic Web browser interface with the following components:

- Left Panel (Class Hierarchy):** Lists various classes under 'owl:Thing', including 'point_bar_GID-10000' which is highlighted in blue.
- Top Panel (Annotations):** Shows the URI 'http://www.semanticweb.org/lix' and the label 'point_bar_GID-10000' with the annotation 'rdfs:label [language: en] point_bar_GID-10000'.
- Bottom Panel (Description):** Lists instances of 'point_bar_GID-10000' with their associated classes and the word 'some' in pink, such as 'near_GID-84218 some point_bus_stop_GID-10002'.
- Right Panel (Object Property Hierarchy):** Shows a tree structure under 'owl:topObjectProperty' with 'near_GID-84218' and 'on_GID-10031' highlighted in blue.
- Bottom Right Panel (Data Property Hierarchy):** Shows a tree structure under 'owl:topDataProperty' with 'timetable_GID-34825' highlighted in blue.

LOD - The logic of Descriptions

- TBoxes and terminologies
- LOD theories
- **Unfolding**
- Reasoning

Unfolding a Concept (notion)

Definition (Definiendum, definiens): The left hand side of a definition $A \equiv C$ (that is, A) is called *definiendum*, the right hand side (that is, C) is called the *definiens*.

Definition (Defined and primitive concept): Given a TBox, a *defined* concept is a concept which appears on the left of a definition of the TBox. A *primitive* concept is a concept which only appears on the right of the definitions.

Definition (Concept unfolding) A defined concept is *unfolded* if all the defined concepts occurring in its definiens are substituted with their definition.

Observation (unfolded concept): The definition of an unfolded concept contains only primitive concepts

Example. From:

$\text{ElectricGuitar} \equiv \text{Guitar} \sqcap \forall \text{hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack}$

$\text{ElectricGuitar\#1} \equiv \text{ElectricGuitar} \sqcap \exists \text{hasColour.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasBrand.String}$

To:

$\text{ElectricGuitar\#1} \equiv \text{Guitar} \sqcap \forall \text{hasSoundAmplification.withInputJack} \sqcap \exists \text{hasColour.String} \sqcap \exists \text{hasBrand.String}$

Remark: In an acyclic terminology the process of concept unfolding can be applied recursively up to any level, with the possibility to primitive concepts (etypes).



Unfolding a TBox (notion)

Observation (Defined and primitive concept): We restrict to the case where a defined concept appears once on the left or a definition. Defined and primitive concepts can appear on the right of definitions any number of times.

Definition (TBox unfolding). A definitional TBox T can be unfolded into a Tbox T' by (recursively) unfolding all its defined concepts.

Theorem: Let T be a terminology . Let T' the result of unfolding T . Then M is a model of T if and only if it is a model of T' .

Complexity of unfolding

TBox definitions are like macros that can be expanded into primitive concepts

The size of the unfolded TBox grows exponentially with the depth of the TBox induced subsumption hierarchy. For instance, from

$$A_2 \equiv \exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3$$

$$A_1 \equiv \exists A_2 \sqcup \forall A_2$$

$$A_0 \equiv \exists A_1 \sqcup \forall A_1$$

We obtain

$$A_1 \equiv \exists(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \sqcup \forall(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \quad (2 \text{ times})$$

$$A_0 \equiv \exists(\exists(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \sqcup \forall(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3)) \sqcup \forall(\exists(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3) \sqcup \forall(\exists A_3 \sqcup \forall A_3)) \quad (4 \text{ times})$$

TBox to unfold (example 1 (reprise))

- ~~Person $\equiv \exists \text{hasname.String} \sqcap \forall \text{HasJob.Organization}$~~
- Woman $\equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \text{Female}$
- Man $\equiv \text{Person} \sqcap \neg \text{Woman}$
- Mother $\equiv \text{Woman} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- Father $\equiv \text{Man} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild.Person}$
- Parent $\equiv \text{Father} \sqcup \text{Mother}$

Observation 1: The deletion of the first definition makes Person a primitive concept. The choice of the primitive terms is up to the modeler

Observation 2: definition of Man not minimalistic (Woman instead of Female)

Observation 3: definition of Parent redundant (IsParent \equiv HasChild)

$$\mathcal{T}' = \begin{cases} \textit{Woman} \equiv \textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female} \\ \textit{Man} \equiv \textit{Person} \sqcap \neg(\textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female}) \\ \textit{Mother} \equiv (\textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female}) \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild} . \textit{Person} \\ \textit{Father} \equiv (\textit{Person} \sqcap \neg(\textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female})) \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild} . \textit{Person} \\ \textit{Parent} \equiv (\textit{Person} \sqcap \neg(\textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female})) \sqcap \\ \quad \exists \textit{hasChild} . \textit{Person} \sqcup (\textit{Person} \sqcap \textit{Female}) \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild} . \textit{Person} \end{cases}$$

Observation: Unfolding generates disjunctions. In fact (check Venn Diagram

$$\neg(A \sqcap B) \equiv \neg A \sqcup \neg B$$

TBox to unfold (example 2 (example 1 revised))

Woman \equiv Person \sqcap Female

Man \equiv Person \sqcap \neg Female

Mother \equiv Woman \sqcap \exists HasChild.Person

Father \equiv Man \sqcap \exists HasChild.Person

~~isParent \equiv HasChild~~

Observation 1: The dependence of Man on Woman has been eliminated

Observation 2: Parent has been formalized for what it is, that is the inverse relation of HasChild (IsParent \equiv HasChild)

Observation 3: The TBox has now become a teleontology

TBox unfolded (example 2)

Woman \equiv Person \sqcap Female

Man \equiv Person \sqcap \neg Female

Mother \equiv Person \sqcap Female \sqcap \exists HasChild.Person

Father \equiv Person \sqcap \neg Female \sqcap \exists HasChild.Person

TBox unfolded (example 2 (cont))

Observation 1: The flattened TBox contains only conjuncts, no disjuncts

Observation 2: $\text{Female} \equiv \exists \text{Female.T}$ means that there are no restrictions on the codomain of Female

Observation 3: $\neg \text{Female} \equiv \forall \text{Female}.\perp$ means that there are no females (coherently with the definition of Man)

Observation 4: The flattened TBox is a teleology constructed by flattening a teleontology (no disjuncts generated as negation applied only to atomic assertions)

Theorem: The unfolding of a teleontology always results into a teleology where definitions contain only conjunctions

TBox to unfold (example 3 (reprise))

- ~~Undergraduate $\sqsubseteq \neg$ Teach~~
- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Master \sqcap Research
- Assistant \equiv PhD \sqcap Teach

Observation 1: The inclusion is more a description rather than a definition

Observation 2: The TBox resulting from the deletion is a teleontology

Observation 3: The TBox has now become a lexical teleontology

TBox unfolded (example 3 (cont))

- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
- Assistant \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
 \sqcap Teach

Observation: The inclusion

$$\text{Undergraduate} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Teach}$$

was not needed as Teach applies only to students who are not undergraduate

Complexity of unfolding of a teleontology

Teleontologies are like macros that can be expanded into teleologies

The size of the unfolded definition grows polynomially with the depth of the teleontology. For instance, from

$$L2 \equiv G2 \sqcap D2$$

$$L1 \equiv L2 \sqcap D1$$

$$L0 \equiv L1 \sqcap D0$$

we obtain

$$L1 \equiv G2 \sqcap D2 \sqcap D1 \quad (\text{times } 2+1 \text{ Differentia})$$

$$L0 \equiv G2 \sqcap D2 \sqcap D1 \sqcap D0 \quad (\text{times } 2 +2 \text{ Differentia})$$

Observation 1: The number of paths grows exponentially with the number of childrens for the same node

Observation 2: The growth is local to the subtree and not global



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Entailment (reprise)

Definition (Entailment \models)

1. $M \models w1 \sqsubseteq w2$ iff $I(w1) \subseteq I(w2)$
2. $M \models w1 \equiv w2$ iff $I(w1) = I(w2)$
iff $I(w1) \subseteq I(w2)$ and $I(w2) \subseteq I(w1)$
3. $M \models w1 \sqsubseteq \neg w2$ iff $I(w1) \cap I(w2) \subseteq \emptyset$

with

- $w1, w2 \in L$;
- $w1 \supseteq w2$ a notational variant of $w2 \sqsubseteq w1$;
- $w1 \perp w2$ a notational variant of $w1 \sqsubseteq \neg w2$



Entailment with teleontologies

Observation 1 (reprise): We are in presence of TBoxes with only conjuncts

Observation 2: Teleontologies are nested subsumption hierarchies. Teleologies / ETGs are constructed from teleontologies via unfolding

Observation 3: All the reasoning problems for a teleontology can be solved in a Teleology (which contains only primitive concepts)

Entailment with teleontologies)

Theorem 1: $M \models w1 \sqsubseteq w2$ iff, after unfolding, the conjuncts in $w1$ and in $w2$ are a superset or equal to those of $w2$

Theorem 2: $M \models w1 \equiv w2$ iff, after unfolding, the conjuncts in $w1$ and in $w2$ are exactly the same as those of $w2$

Theorem 3 : $M \models w1 \sqsubseteq \neg w2$ iff, after unfolding, one of the conjuncts occurs negated in $w1$ and not negated in $w2$, or vice versa

Observation: all the LOD reasoning problems for teleontologies can be resolved by unfolding them into teleologies

Satisfiability with teleontologies (reprise)

- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
- Assistant \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research \sqcap Teach

Is
Bachelor \sqcap PhD
satisfiable? NO!

Subsumption with teleontologies (reprise)

- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
- Assistant \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research \sqcap Teach

Is

PhD \sqsubseteq Student

satisfiable? YES!

Equivalence with teleontologies (reprise)

- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
- Assistant $\stackrel{I(A)}{\sqcup} \equiv$ Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research \sqcap Teach

Is (assuming extended query language)

Student \equiv Bachelor \sqcup Master

satisfiable? YES!

Disjointness with teleontologies (reprise)

- Bachelor \equiv Student \sqcap Undergraduate
- Master \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate
- PhD \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research
- Assistant \equiv Student $\sqcap \neg$ Undergraduate \sqcap Research \sqcap Teach

Is

Assistant $\sqsubseteq \neg$ Undergraduate

satisfiable? YES!



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