

# SPARQL FOR LINKED DATA

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# Agenda

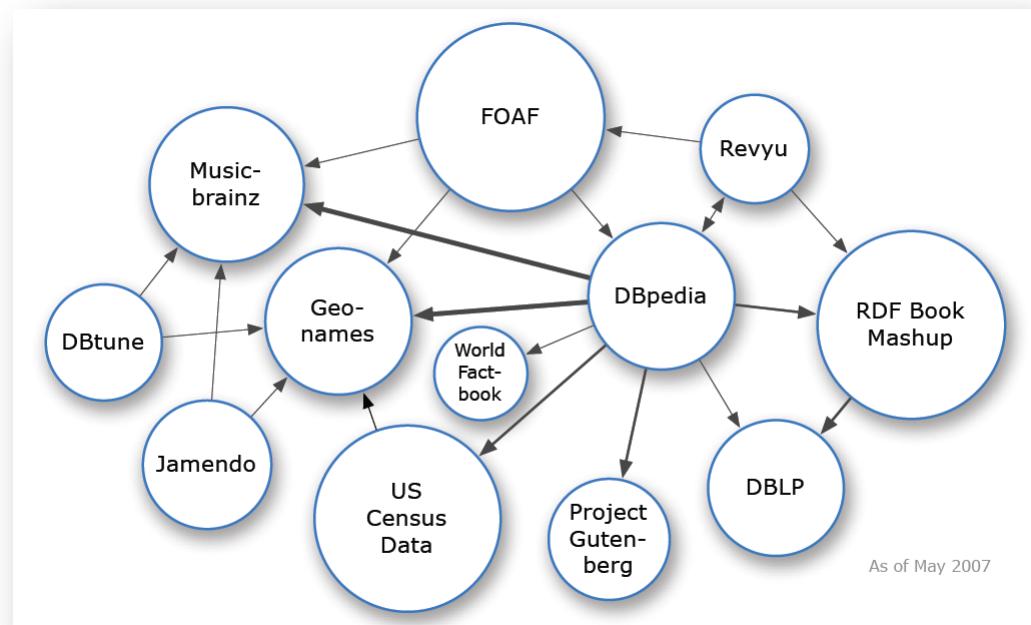
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# Linked Data - Reminder

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- “*a recommended best practice for exposing, sharing, and connecting pieces of data, information, and knowledge on the Semantic Web using URIs and RDF.*“



# Linked Data - Reminder

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## □ Principles

- use URIs as names for things
- use HTTP URIs so that people can look up those names
- when someone looks up a URI, provide useful RDF information
- include RDF statements that link to other URIs so that they can discover related things

# Advantages

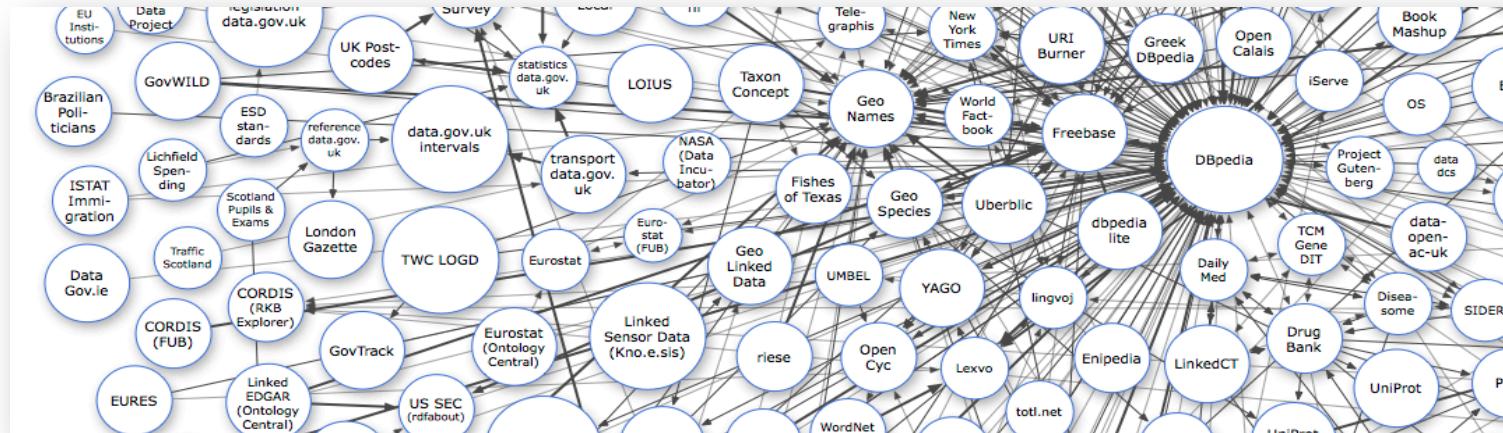
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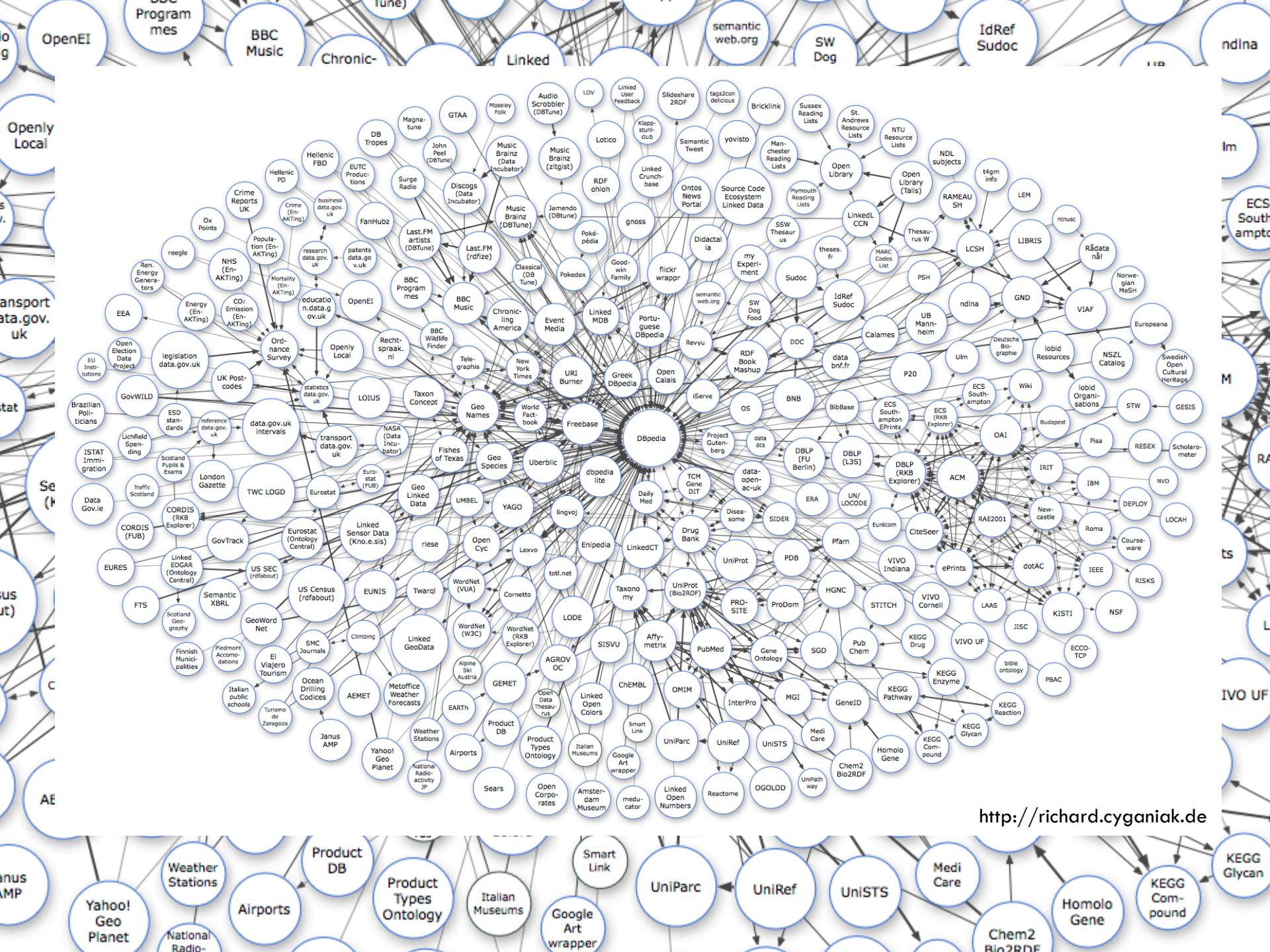
- Openness
  - virtually unbound set of data sources
  - data from different data sources can be aggregated
  - fragmentary information from multiple sources can be integrated to achieve a more complete view.

# Challenges

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- not possible to know all data sources that might be relevant for answering





# Iterator-based Query Execution

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## □ Iterator

- Each iterator is responsible for a single triple pattern

## □ Query Execution uses a chain of iterators

```
SELECT ?c ?u WHERE {  
  <http://mymovie.db/movie2449> mov:filming_location ?c .  
  ?c geo:statistics ?cStats .  
  ?cStats stat:unempRate ?u . }
```



# I<sub>2</sub> - Get the statistics

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$$tp_2 = (?c \text{ geo:statistics } ?cStats)$$

$$\mu_{cur} = \{ ?p \rightarrow http://geo.. , ?c \rightarrow http://geo..\}$$

1. Substitute  $tp_{cur} = \mu_{cur}[tp_2]$

$$tp_{cur} = (http://geo.. geo:statistics ?cStats)$$

2. Find matching triples  $match(tp_{cur})$  in queried data set

$(http://geo.. geo:statistics http://1..), (http://geo.. geo:statistics http://2..)$

3. Create solution  $\mu'$  for each  $t$  in  $match(tp_{cur})$

$$\mu' = \{ ?cStats \rightarrow http://1..\}$$

4. Return each  $\mu_{cur} \cup \mu'$  as a result

$$\mu_{cur} = \{ ?p \rightarrow http://geo.. , ?c \rightarrow http://geo.., ?cStats \rightarrow http://1..\}$$

# Automated Link Traversal

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- retrieve further data by looking-up relevant URLs
  - queried data set grows
- **Look-up Requirement**
  - Don't evaluate  $tp_{cur}$  until queried data set contains all data that can be retrieved from all URLs in  $tp_{cur}$

# Automated Link Traversal

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1. Substitute  $tp_{cur} = \mu_{cur}[tp_i]$
2. Ensure look-up requirement for  $tp_{cur}$
3. Find matching triples  $match(tp_{cur})$  in queried data set
4. Create solution  $\mu'$  for each  $t$  in  $match(tp_{cur})$
5. Return each  $\mu_{cur} \cup \mu'$  as a result

**Waiting for the URI look-ups blocks  
the query execution!**



# URI Prefetching – a solution?

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- When a URI is bound to a variable initiate look-up in the background



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3. Find matching triples  $match(tp_{cur})$  in queried data set
4. Create solution  $\mu'$  for each  $t$  in  $match(tp_{cur})$
5. **Initiate parallel look-up for each new URI in  $\mu'$**
6. Return each  $\mu_{cur} \cup \mu'$  as a result

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- No! Since it can also block the query execution



# Extension of the Iterator paradigm

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- **POSTPONE**
  - take most recently provided result back
  - allows to temporarily reject input solution  $\mu_{cur}$
- Rejected results are kept for later requests and are dismissed if they haven't been rejected again

# Extension of the Iterator paradigm

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1. Substitute  $tp_{cur} = \mu_{cur}[tp_i]$
2. POSTPONE  $\mu_{cur}$  if look-up requirement fails for  $tp_{cur}$
3. Find matching triples  $match(tp_{cur})$  in queried data set
4. Create solution  $\mu'$  for each  $t$  in  $match(tp_{cur})$
5. Initiate parallel look-up for each new URI in  $\mu'$
6. Return each  $\mu_{cur} \cup \mu'$  as a result

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