

Data Publishing with DaPaaS

~ Data-as-a-Service for Open Data ~

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What can open data do for you?

(Source: The ODI, <https://vimeo.com/110800848>)



Outline statements

- **Open Data**
... is changing the nature of business and reflects a cultural shift to an open society
- **Linked Data**
... is great technology for Open Data but has been ignored by the mainstream
- **Data-as-a-Service (DaaS)**
... is emerging as a cost-effective solution for publishing and consuming Linked Open Data
... DaPaaS: an emerging solution for DaaS

Case study: PLUQI

PLUQI: Personalized and Localized Urban Quality Index
isA

Application (mobile/Web) showing a customizable index that represents and visualize the level of well-being and sustainability for given cities based on individual preferences.

The index model includes **various domains**:

Daily life satisfaction: weather, transportation, community etc.;

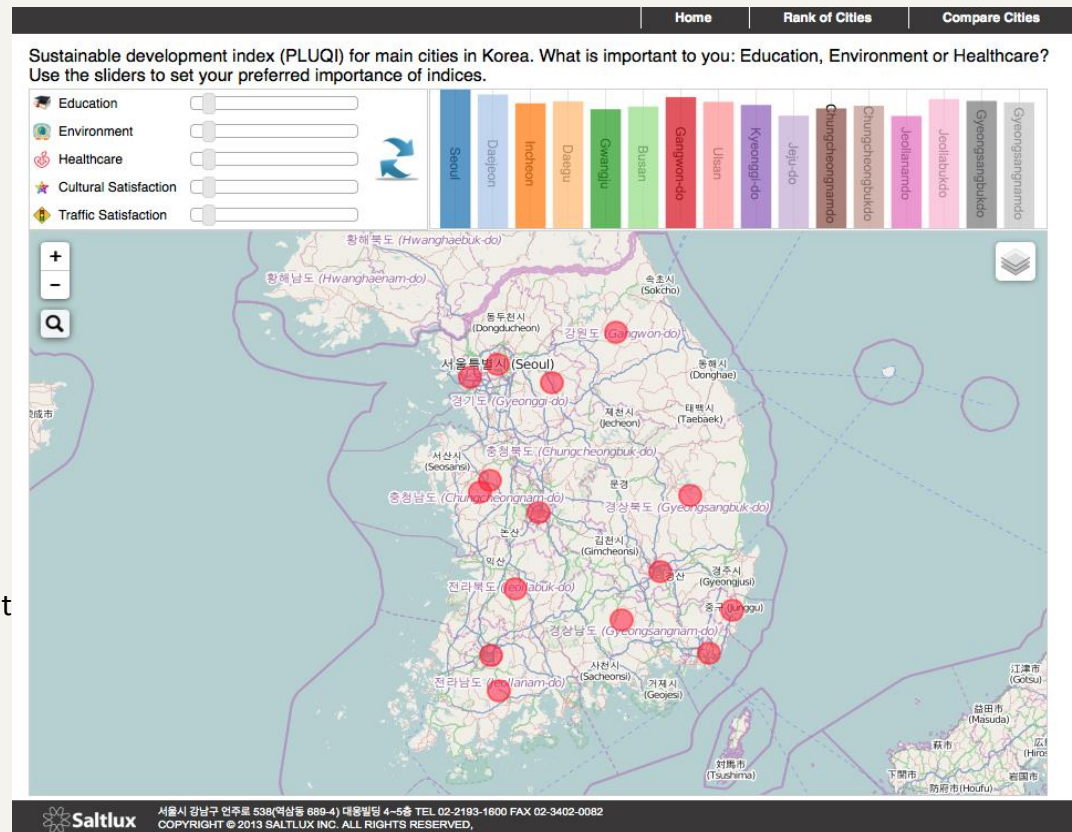
Healthcare level: number of doctors, hospitals, suicide statistics, etc.;

Safety and security: number of police stations, fire stations, crimes per capita, etc.;

Financial satisfaction: prices, incomes, housing, savings, debt, insurance, pension, etc.;

Level of opportunity: jobs, unemployment education, re-education, economic dynamics, etc.;

Environmental needs and efficiency: green space, air quality, etc.;



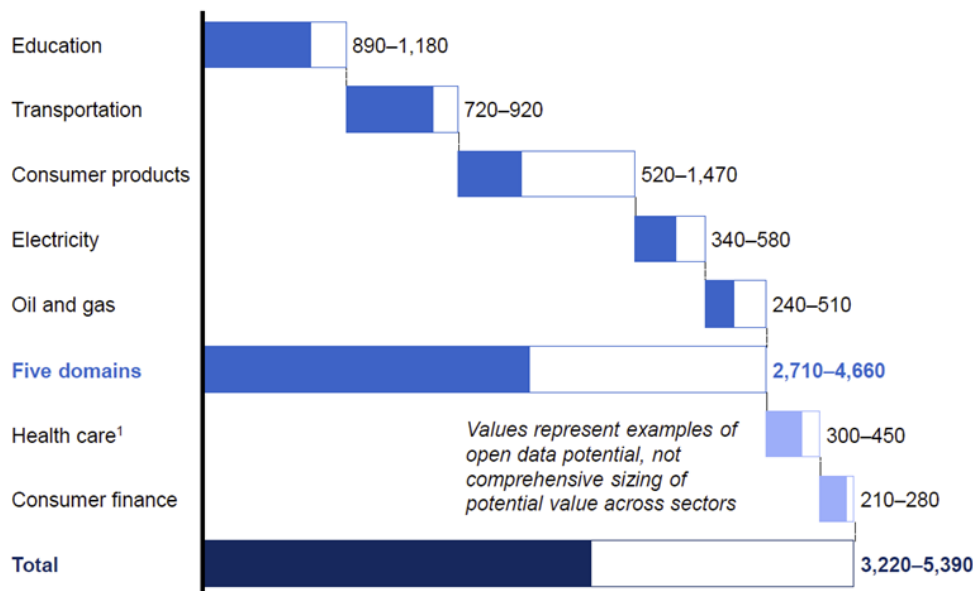
PLUQI – potential usage

- Place recommendation for travel agencies or travelers
- Policy analysis and optimization for (local) government
- Understanding the citizen's voice and demands regarding environmental conservation
- Commercial impact analysis for retailer and franchises
- Location recommendation and understanding local issues for real estate
- Risk analysis and management for insurance and financial companies
- Local marketing and sales force optimization for marketers

Open Data

- *Businesses* can develop new ideas, services and applications; improve decision making, cost savings
- Can increase *government* transparency and accountability, quality of public services
- *Citizens* get better and timely access to public services

\$ billion



Source: McKinsey

http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/business_technology/open_data_unlocking_innovation_and_performance_with_liquid_information

Gartner:

By 2016, the use of "open data" will continue to increase — but slowly, and predominantly limited to Type A enterprises.

By 2017, over 60% of government open data programs that do not effectively use open data internally, will be scaled back or discontinued.

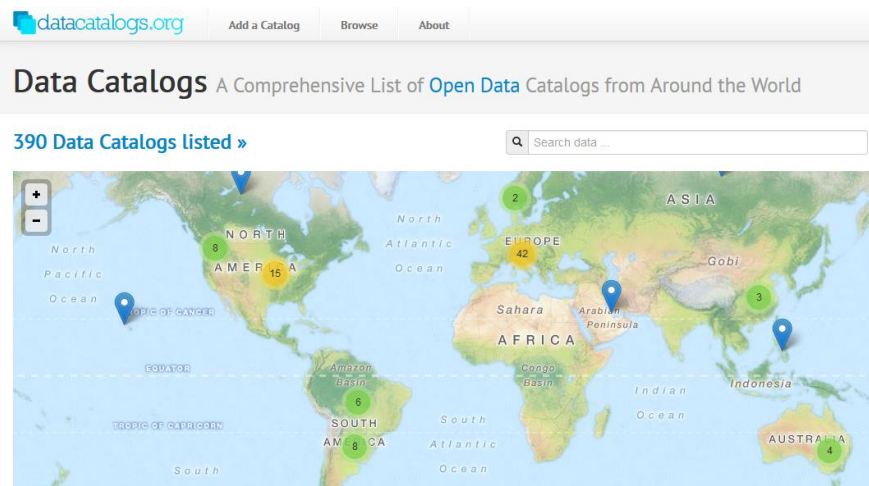
By 2020, enterprises and governments will fail to protect 75% of sensitive data and will declassify and grant broad/public access to it.

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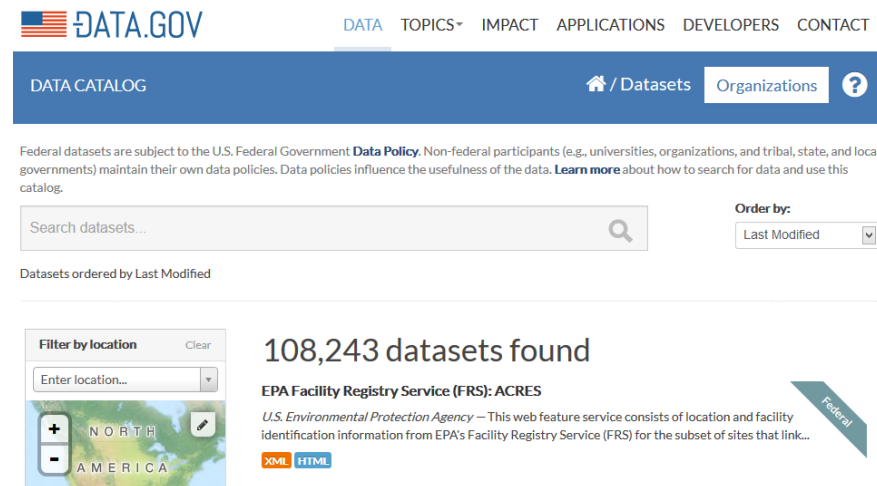
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Lots of open datasets on the Web...

- A large number of datasets have been published as open data in the recent years



The screenshot shows the homepage of datacatalogs.org. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'datacatalogs.org', 'Add a Catalog', 'Browse', and 'About'. Below this is a header 'Data Catalogs A Comprehensive List of Open Data Catalogs from Around the World'. A sub-header indicates '390 Data Catalogs listed »'. There is a search bar labeled 'Search data ...'. The main content is a world map with colored markers and numbers indicating the number of catalogs in various regions: North America (8), South America (6), Europe (2), Africa (42), Asia (3), and Australia (4). The map also shows major geographical features like the Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, and various oceans and basins.



The screenshot shows the homepage of data.gov. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'DATA.GOV', 'DATA', 'TOPICS', 'IMPACT', 'APPLICATIONS', 'DEVELOPERS', and 'CONTACT'. Below this is a blue header 'DATA CATALOG' with navigation links for 'Datasets' and 'Organizations'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search datasets...'. Below the search bar, it says 'Datasets ordered by Last Modified'. A filter section titled 'Filter by location' shows a dropdown menu with 'NORTH AMERICA' selected. To the right, it displays '108,243 datasets found' and a featured dataset: 'EPA Facility Registry Service (FRS): ACRES'. A description of the FRS dataset is provided, along with 'XML' and 'HTML' format options. A 'Federal' badge is visible in the bottom right corner.

- Many kinds of data: cultural, science, finance, statistics, transport, environment, ...
- Popular formats: tabular (e.g. CSV, XLS), HTML, XML, JSON, ...

...but few actually used

- Few applications utilizing open and distributed datasets at present

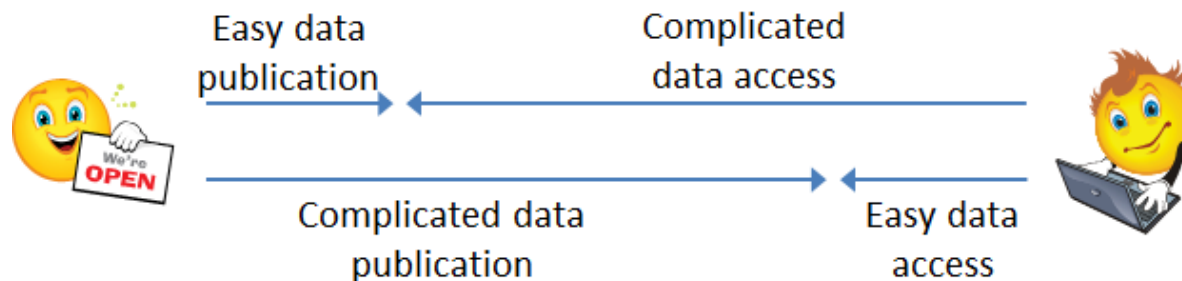
Open Data Portal	Datasets	Applications
data.gov	~ 110 000	~ 350
publicdata.eu	~ 50 000	~ 80
data.gov.uk	~ 20 000	~ 350
data.norge.no	~ 300	~ 40

- **Challenges for data consumers**

- Data quality issues
- Difficult or unreliable data access
- Licensing issues

- **Challenges for data publishers**

- Lack of expertise & resources: not easily to publish & maintain high quality data
- Unclear monetization & sustainability



Open Data is mostly tabular data

Tabular datasets

publicdata.eu

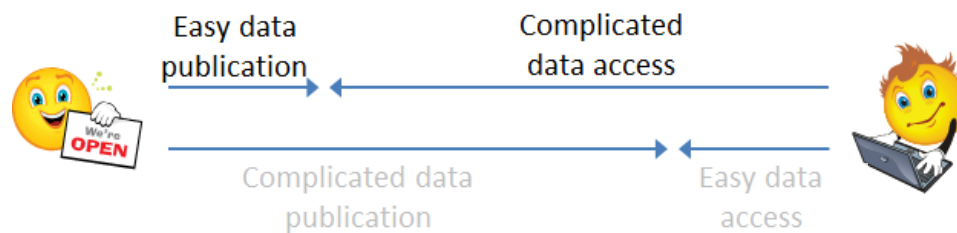
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File Formats
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XLS (6132)
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RESOURCE FORMAT
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HTML (1354)
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RDF (275)

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1	administrative divisions	2012	2011	2010	2009
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3	Seoul	47	260	257	259
4	Busan	12	12	12	12
5	Daegu	7	7	7	7
6	Incheon	7	19	16	15
7	Gwangju	4	4	4	4
8	Daejeon	3	90	90	90
9	Ulsan	8	23	19	17
10	Gyeonggi-do	28	194	178	154
11	Gangwon-do	19	29	27	17
12	Chungcheongbuk-do	32	36	39	33
13	Chungcheongnam-do	5	48	47	42

- Records organized in silos of collections
- Very few links within and/or across collections
- Difficult to understand the nature of the data
- Difficult to integrate / query



Linked Data

- Method for **publishing data on the Web**
- **Self-describing** data and relations
- **Interlinking**
- Accessed using **semantic queries**

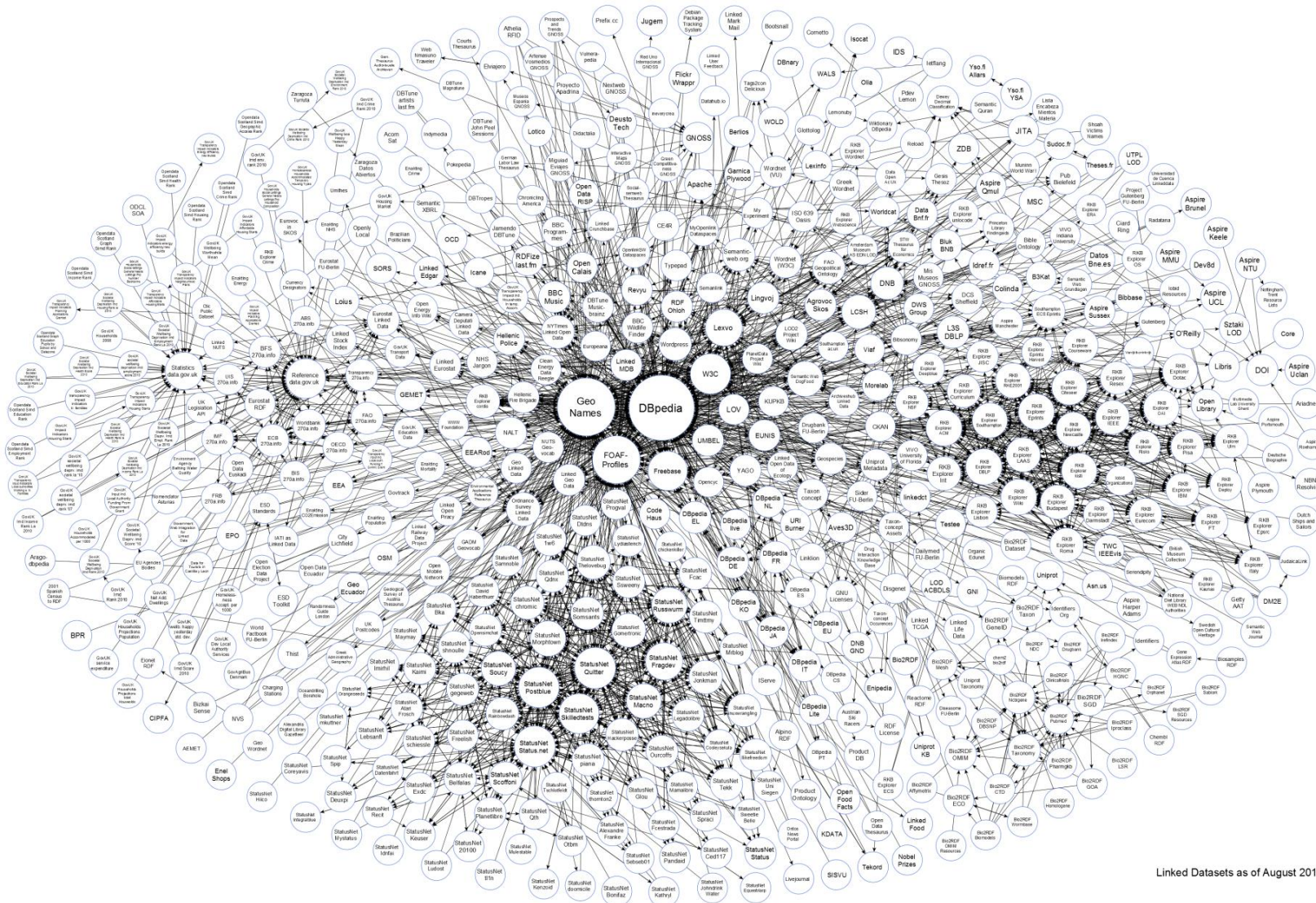


<http://www.w3.org/standards/semanticweb/data>

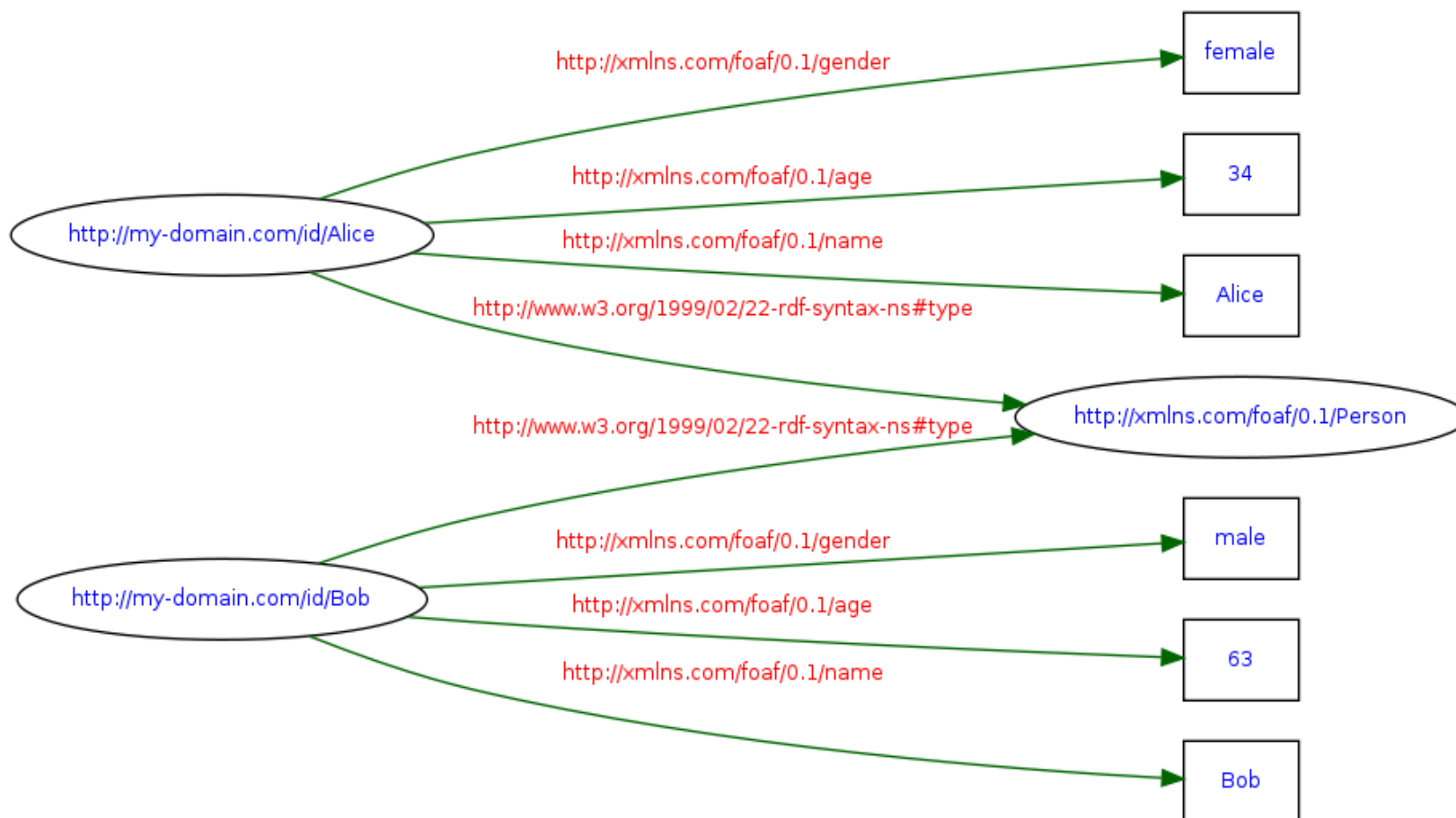
- A set of standards developed by W3C
 - Data format: RDF
 - Knowledge representation: RDFS/OWL
 - Query language: SPARQL
 - Linking medium: HTTP



Linked Open Data Cloud

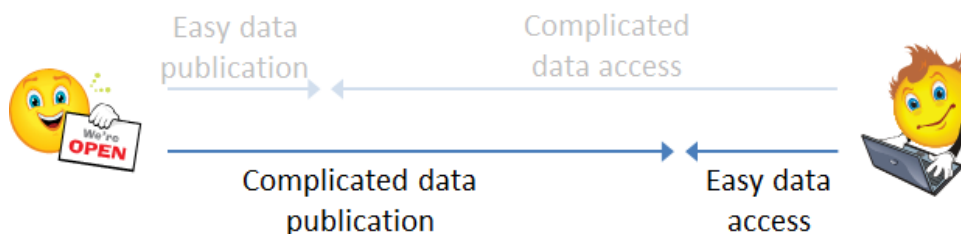


Example



Linked Data is great for Open Data

- Linked Data as a great means to represent and integrate disparate and heterogeneous open data sources
- How Linked Data can improve Open Data:
 - Easier integration, free data from silos
 - Seamless interlinking of data
 - Understand the data
 - New ways to query and interact with data
- Challenges with using Linked Data
 - Lack of tooling & expertise to publish high quality Linked Data
 - Lack of resources to host LOD endpoints / unreliable data access



Linked Data has been ignored by the mainstream

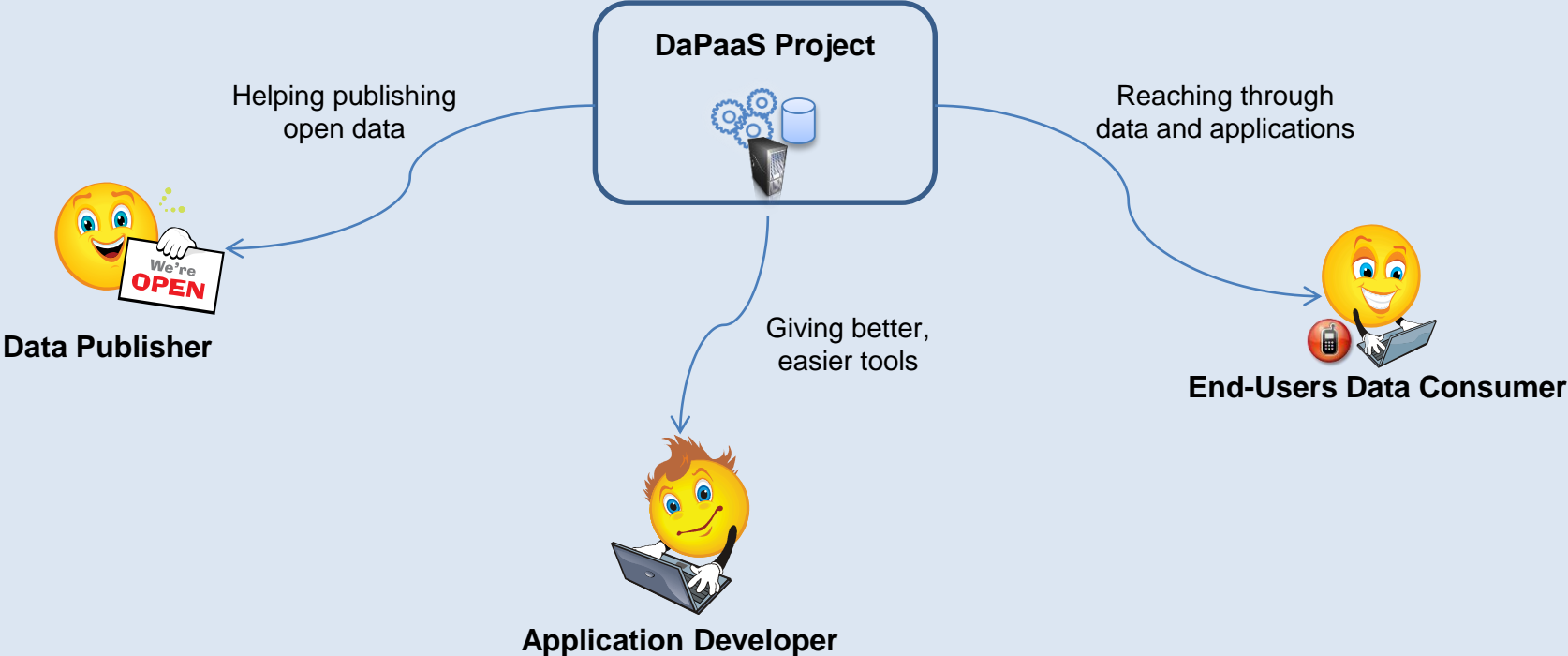
- Difficult to make it accessible to people
 - Publishers
 - Developers
 - Data workers



- DaPaaS: packaging Linked Data to make it more approachable to the open data community



DaPaaS – one package 3 audiences



DaPaaS means to making Open (Linked) Data easier to use

- A **platform/hosting**: to make it easy for publishers to put data on the web, and developers to publish their applications
- A **portal**: to help advertising data and applications availability - and enticing new users
- **Tool-supported data transformation methodology**: to make it easy for people with Excel knowledge to publish large amounts of high quality data
- **API's with high-quality documentation**: for processing large amounts of data reliably in order to create interactives, visualisations and transformations

Make Linked Data more accessible to everyone!



DaPaaS – Data Value Chain

- **End-user Data Consumer**
 - Browse/Search Datasets&Apps Catalogue
 - App execution

- **App Developer**
 - Browse/Search Datasets Catalogue
 - App deployment and metadata creation

- **Data Publisher**
 - Dataset and Metadata creation
 - Data import and transformation
 - Data exploration
 - Data-driven portal configuration
 - Data export
 - Browse/Search Datasets Catalogue



Publishing and consuming data

- Data creates value when it is used:
 - help **users** find, understand and use data
 - help **data owners** publish it in the best way for re-use
 - support **intermediaries** to add value for end users by creating applications
 - reduce effort, increase quality during the publishing and consumption lifecycle
- **Rich structure of data allows development of rich applications**

Requirements for data publishing software

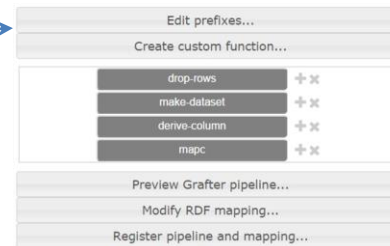
- Well-suited to producing RDF as the target output
- Already have a Graphical User Interface (GUI), or be suitable for one to be added
- Ability to use via an API, so that it can be automated and incorporated into other software tools
- Ability to serialise, export, version control and exchange transformation definitions
- Ability to accept a range of input types
 - CSV files, spreadsheets, relational database, geographical data formats, web form, copy of external RDF, extraction of data from an API
- Perform well with large datasets, both via API and via the GUI

DaPaaS Enablers

Grafter



Grafterizer (Graphical Tool & DSL)



DaPaaS platform

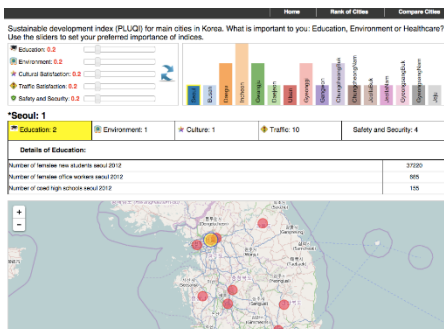


RDF

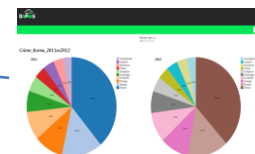
database-as-a-service



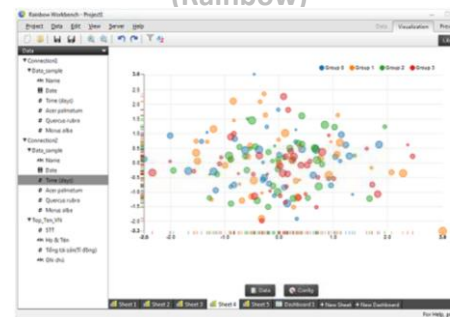
PLUQI



RDF DDP



Open Data Visualization-as-a-service (Rainbow)





Grafter

- Grafter is a Clojure library, a DSL and a suite of tools for data transformation and processing
 - Clojure is a functional programming language similar to Lisp
- Primarily used for handling data conversions from:
 - tabular data formats to tabular data formats
 - tabular data formats to RDF Linked Data format
- Open Source
 - Eclipse Public License (EPL)

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(defn normalise-header [ds f]
  (let [[div type & years-row] (->> (select-row ds 0)
                                       (drop 3))
        type-row (->> (select-row ds 1)
                      (drop 3))

        new-header (->> (map #(str %1 " " %2) years-row type-row)
                        (concat ["file" "division" "type"])
                        (map f))]
    (make-dataset ds (map str new-header))))
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- <http://github.com/dapaas/graf-terizer>

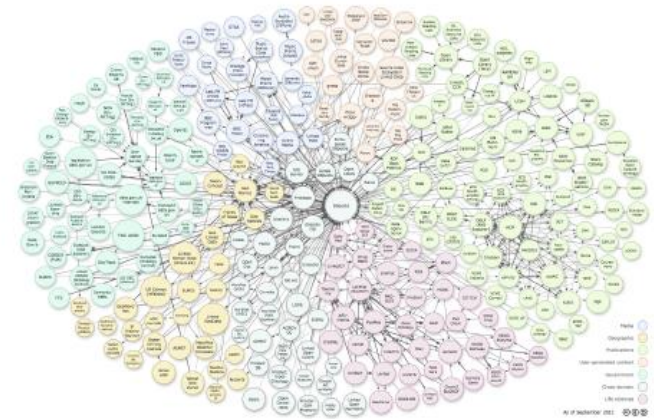
Tabular data (spreadsheet) to RDF Linked Data (graph)



Repeatable



Transformation



1. **Specify a pipeline**, of tabular transformations for data cleaning and transformation
2. **Create the graph fragments**, resulting in the generation of an RDF graph

administrative division	type	2013		# of girl's high schools	# of coed highschools	# of teachers	# of waman teachers	# of office workers	# of female office worker
		# of highschools	# of man high schools						
Seoul	total	318	73	88	157	23,190	11,063	2,162	70
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Busan	total	144	40	36	68	8,940	4,083	1,053	39
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	private	49	16	14	19	3,633	1,072	324	7
Incheon	total	122	39	35	48	7,798	4,283	712	28
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Daejeon	total	62	16	12	34	4,144	1,866	390	12
	national	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	public	34	4	3	27	2,400	1,347	229	9
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	public	40	6	5	29	2,567	1,624	218	10
	private	13	3	2	8	760	166	68	1
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	public	95	17	14	64	3,422	1,507	351	13
	private	21	5	5	11	981	357	139	5
Chungcheongbuk-do	total	83	10	12	61	3,933	1,687	488	15
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시도별	구분별	# of highschools	# of man high schools	# of girl's high schools	# of coed highschools	# of teachers	# of woman teachers
Seoul	total	318	73	88	157	23,190	
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	public	115	11	11	93	8,891	
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Busan	total	144	40	36	68	8,940	
	national	4	2	-	2	303	
	public	62	16	11	35	4,008	
	private	78	22	25	31	4,629	
Daegu	total	92	23	18	51	6,966	
	national	1	-	-	1	71	
	public	42	7	4	31	3,262	
	private	49	16	14	19	3,633	
Incheon	total	122	39	35	48	7,798	
	national	1	1	-	-	47	
	public	89	27	23	39	5,770	
	private	32	11	12	9	1,981	
Gwangju	total	67	16	19	32	4,281	
	national	1	-	-	1	67	
	public	24	3	4	17	1,568	
	private	42	13	15	14	2,646	
Daejeon	total	62	16	12	34	4,144	
	national	-	-	-	-	-	
	public	34	4	3	27	2,400	
	private	28	12	9	7	1,744	
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	national	-	-	-	-	-	
	public	40	6	5	29	2,567	
	private	13	3	2	8	760	
Sejong	total	7	1	1	5	291	

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	national	3	-	-	3	142	94	48
	public	115	11	11	93	8,891	5,291	3,600
	private	200	62	77	61	14,157	5,678	8,479
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	national	4	2	-	2	303	132	171
	public	62	16	11	35	4,008	2,362	1,646
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	national	1	1	-	-	47	17	30
	public	89	27	23	39	5,770	3,560	2,210
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	national	1	-	-	1	67	47	20
	public	24	3	4	17	1,568	899	669
	private	42	13	15	14	2,646	838	1,808
Daejeon	total	62	16	12	34	4,144	1,866	2,278
	national	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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  (apply-columns {:division fill-when}))
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Grafterizer

- GUI tool for the Grafter suite; Open Source (EPL)
 - <http://github.com/dapaas/grafterizer>
- Specify tabular data transformations
 - Interactively preview results
 - Specialise transformations using custom functions
 - Use prefixes to form URIs

Transformation ▼ 22: Alice and Bob ▼

Edit prefixes...

Create custom function...

- drop-rows + x
- make-dataset + x
- derive-column + x
- mapc + x

Preview Grafter pipeline...

Modify RDF mapping...

:Name ▼	:Sex ▼	:Age ▼	:Person-Uri ▼
Alice	female	34	http://my-domain.co...
Bob	male	63	http://my-domain.co...

Grafterizer (cont')

- Specify mappings from tabular data to RDF

Define RDF mapping...
✕

Graph URI: + ✕

<input type="text" value=":person-uri"/> + ✕ ⊞	<input type="text" value="rdf:a"/> + ✕ ⊞	<input type="text" value="foaf:Person"/> + ✕ ⊞
	<input type="text" value="foaf:gender"/> + ✕ ⊞	<input type="text" value="sex"/>
	<input type="text" value="foaf:age"/> + ✕ ⊞	<input type="text" value="age"/>
	<input type="text" value="foaf:name"/> + ✕ ⊞	<input type="text" value="name"/>

Grafterizer concept

Transformation Page

Explore Dashboard *John S.*

Title:

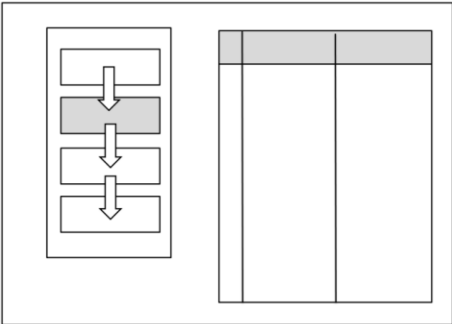
Description:

Expose as public

Owner: **John S.**

Input

Pipeline and mapping to RDF



Data Page

Explore Dashboard *John S.*

Title:

Description:

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Keywords:

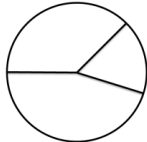
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SPARQL

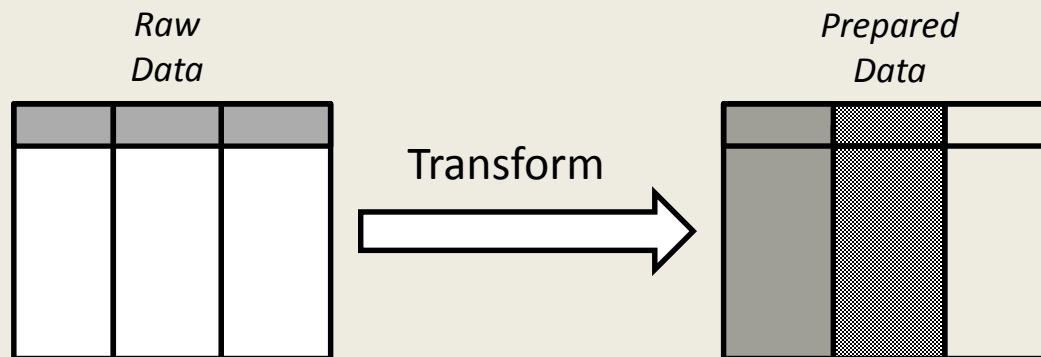
```
select ?s ?p ?o
where {
  ?s ?p ?o
}
```

Visualisations



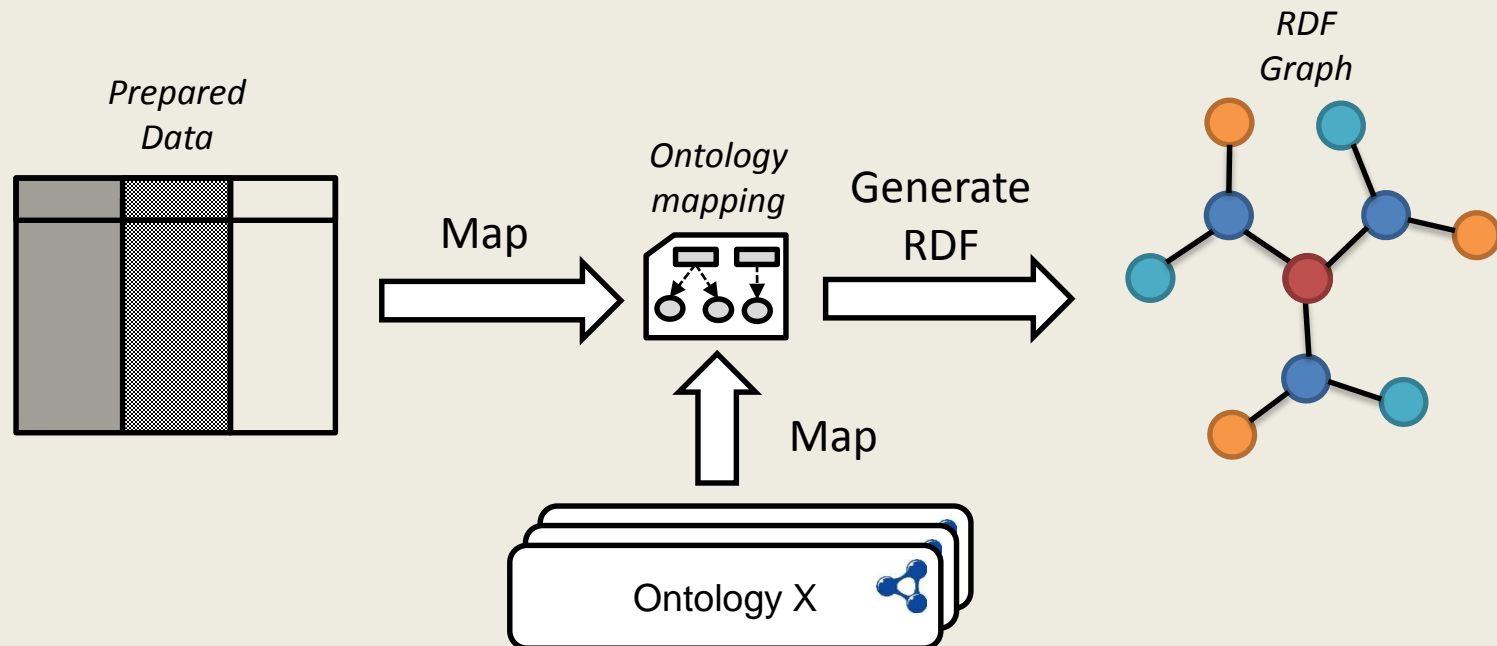
Use Case: Data Transformation

- Import raw tabular data
- Clean up and transform data using Grafterizer



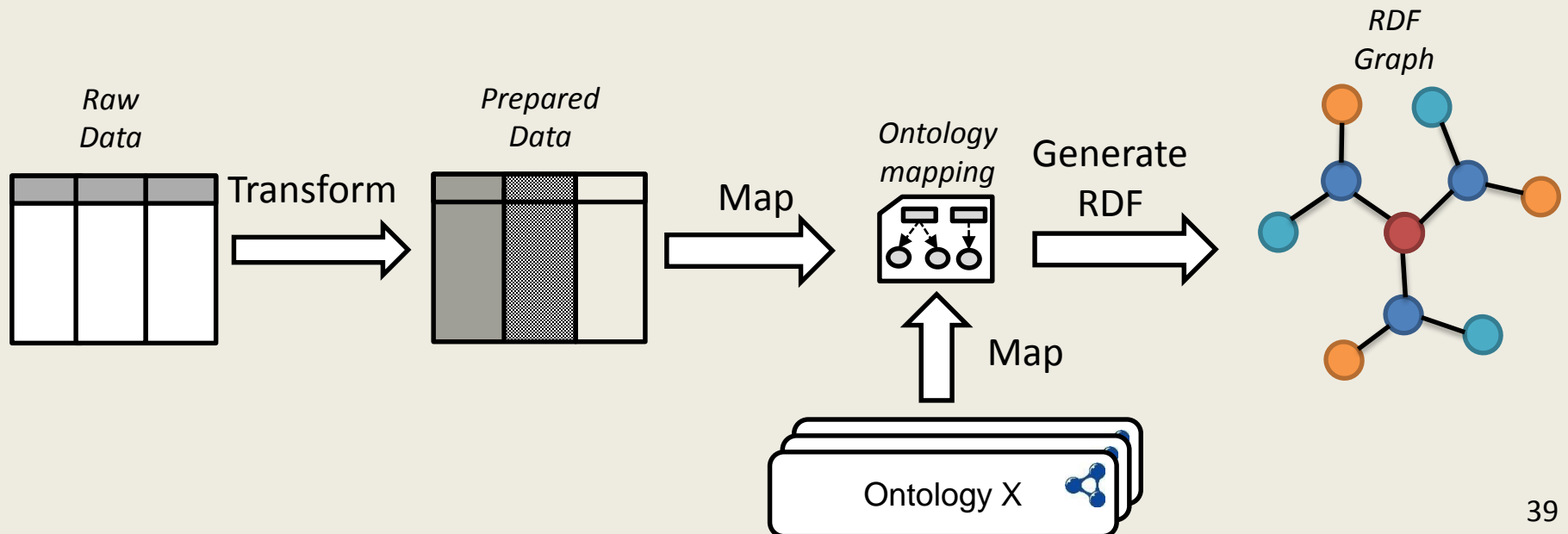
Use Case: Mapping to RDF

- Import prepared data
- Define ontology mapping using Grafterizer
- Generate RDF graph



Use Case: Transformation and Mapping to RDF

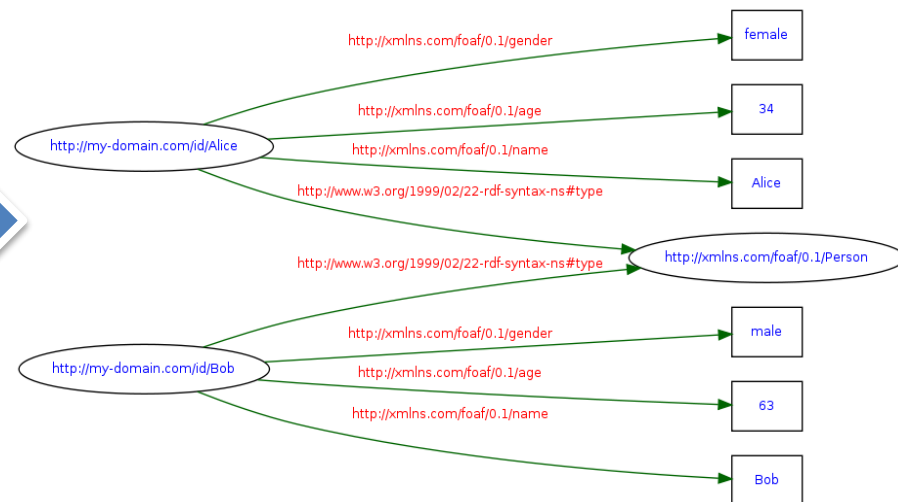
- Import raw data
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- Generate RDF Graph



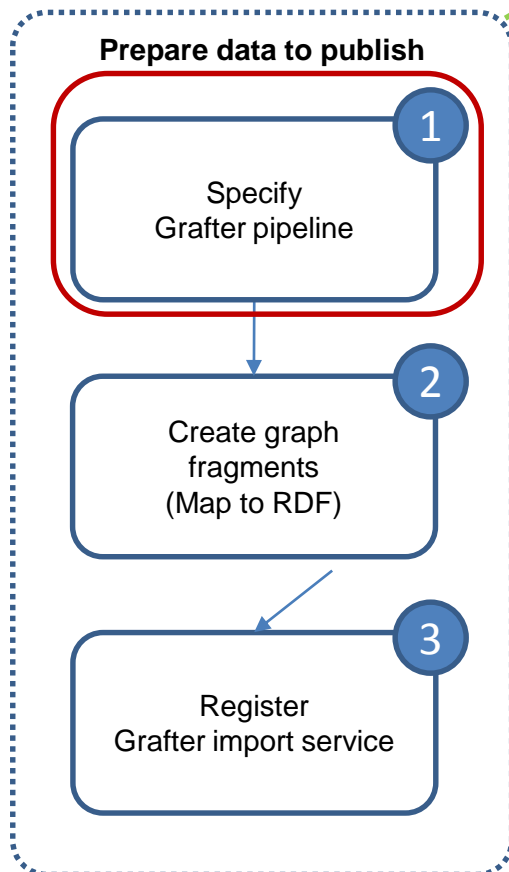
Example: Transformation and Mapping to RDF

Name	Sex	Age
Alice	f	"34"
Bob	m	"63"

Transform
and generate
RDF



Example: Transformation and Mapping to RDF



Simple example

Example dataset input:

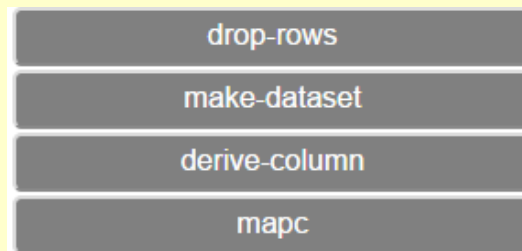
Name	Sex	Age
Alice	f	"34"
Bob	m	"63"

Example output: An RDF graph where

- Each row represents a foaf:Person
- 'Name', **as a URI**, represents the row node
- 'Sex' is **transformed to a full string** ('f' -> 'female'; 'm' -> 'male') and then mapped to foaf:gender
- 'Age' is mapped to foaf:age directly, after **parsing it as integer**

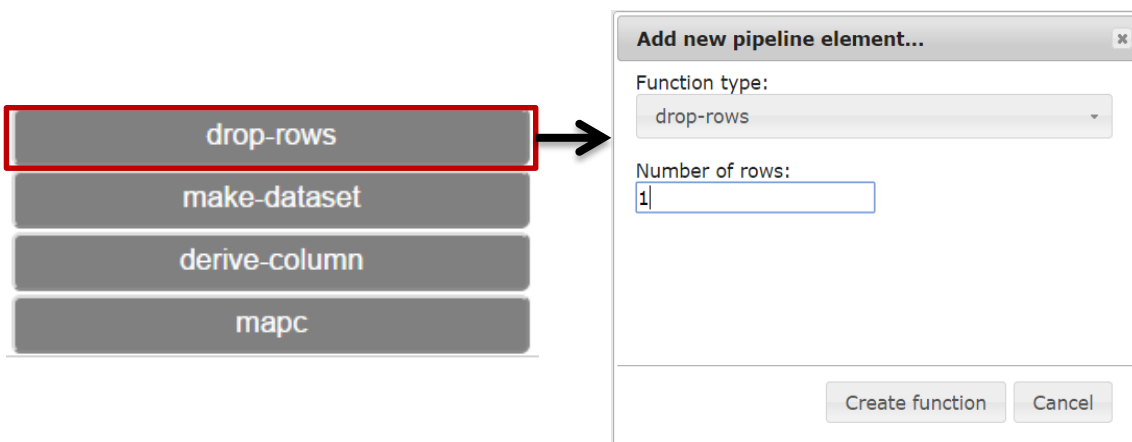
Pipeline (Data cleaning and transformation)

1. **Create a URI** based on the '**Name**' column
2. **Transform 'Sex' column** contents from single letter strings to full gender names
3. **Transform 'Age' column** contents to integers



Development process Grafterizer: Step 1 (pipeline)

1. Removing the header row from the dataset



drop-rows

make-dataset

derive-column

mapc

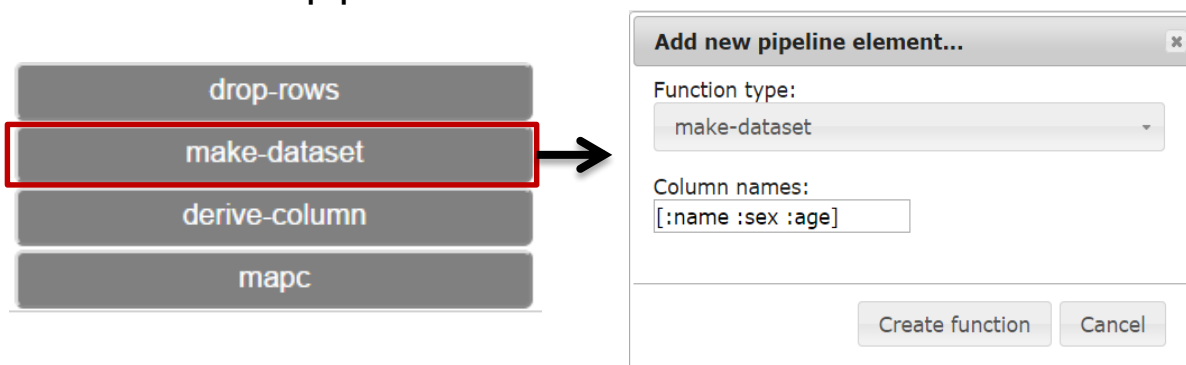
Add new pipeline element...

Function type:
drop-rows

Number of rows:
1

Create function Cancel

2. Creating aliases - for referencing the columns in the rest of the pipeline



drop-rows

make-dataset

derive-column

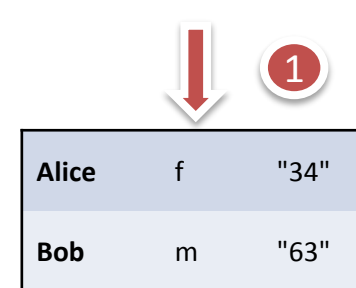
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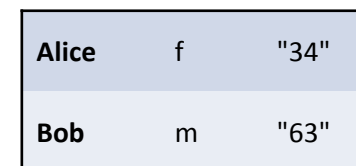
Function type:
make-dataset

Column names:
[:name :sex :age]

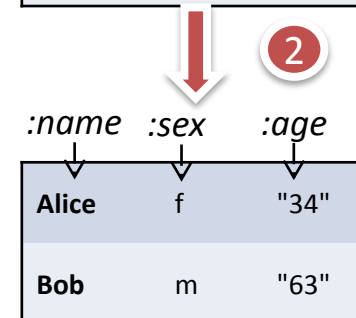
Create function Cancel



Alice	f	"34"
Bob	m	"63"



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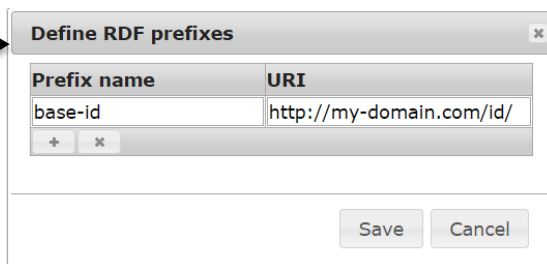
<i>:name</i>	<i>:sex</i>	<i>:age</i>
Alice	f	"34"
Bob	m	"63"

Development process Grafterizer: Step 1 (prefixes)

3. URI-ifying the name column

a) Creating the prefix definition

Edit prefixes...

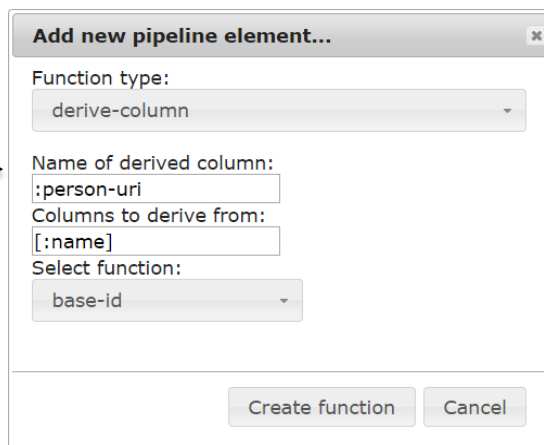


Prefix name	URI
base-id	http://my-domain.com/id/
+ x	

Save Cancel

b) Creating the pipeline element

- drop-rows
- make-dataset
- derive-column
- mapc



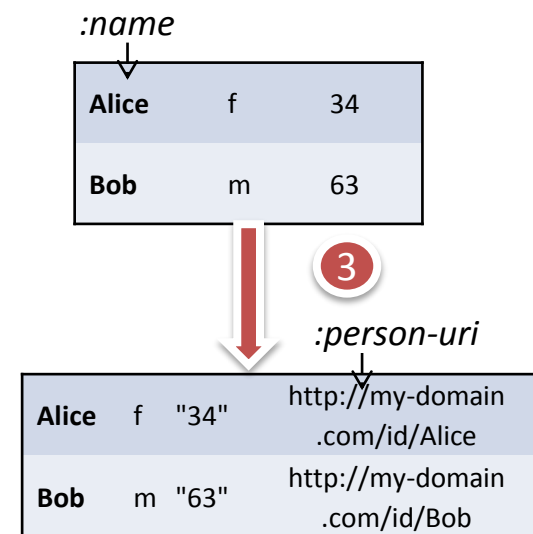
Function type:
derive-column

Name of derived column:
:person-uri

Columns to derive from:
[:name]

Select function:
base-id

Create function Cancel



Development process Grafterizer: Step 1 (custom functions)

4. Apply transformations to the :age and :sex columns

a) Defining the custom transformations in Clojure

Define custom function... x

Create new function... ▾

Code:

```
1 (defn ->gender
2   [str]
3   {
4     "f" (s "female")
5     "m" (s "male")
6   })
7 )
```

Define custom function... x

->integer ▾

Code:

```
1 (defn ->integer
2   "An example transformation function that converts a
3   string to an integer"
4   [s]
5   (Integer/parseInt s))
```

b) Applying the transformations to each of the columns

drop-rows

make-dataset

derive-column

mapc

Add new pipeline element... x

Function type:
mapc ▾

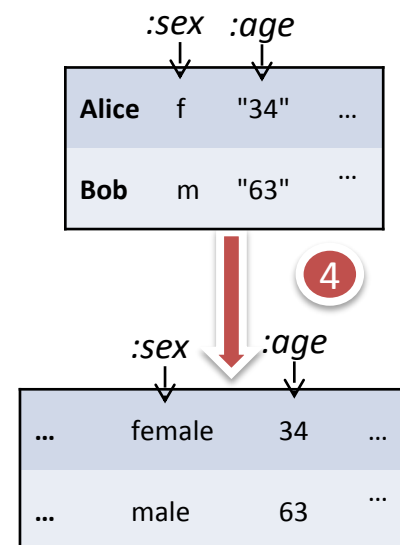
Map columns to functions

Column key	Function
:age	Choose... ▾
:sex	Choose... ▾
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> + x </div>	

Existing functions

- base-id
- >integer
- >gender
- Create custom function...

Create function
Cancel



Development process Grafterizer: Step 1 (preview)

5. Preview Grafter pipeline

Preview Grafter pipeline...

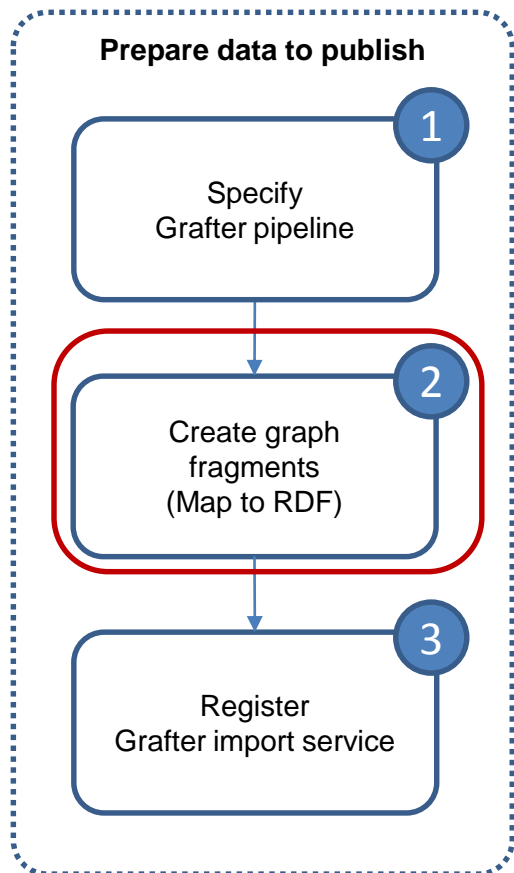


```

datasets make-dataset move-first-row-to-header ] [grafter.rdf.sesame
:as ses] [grafter.rdf.ontologies.rdf :refer :all]
[grafter.rdf.ontologies.foaf :refer :all] [grafter.rdf.ontologies.void
:refer :all] [grafter.rdf.ontologies.dctterms :refer :all]
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:refer :all] [grafter.rdf.ontologies.qb :refer :all]
[grafter.rdf.ontologies.os :refer :all] [grafter.rdf.ontologies.sdmx-
measure :refer :all]))
2
3 (def base-domain (prefixer "http://my-domain.com"))
4 (def base-graph (prefixer "http://my-domain.com/graph/"))
5 (def base-id (prefixer "http://my-domain.com/id/"))
6 (def base-vocab (prefixer "http://my-domain.com/def/"))
7 (def base-data (prefixer "http://my-domain.com/data/"))
8
9 (defn base-id (prefixer (base-domain "/id/")))
10 (defn ->integer "An example transformation function that converts a
string to an integer" [s] (Integer/parseInt s))
11 (defn ->gender [str] {"f" (s "female") "m" (s "male")})
12
13 (defn pipeline [dataset] (-> dataset (drop-rows 1) (make-dataset [:name
:sex :age]) (derive-column :person-uri [:name] base-id) (mapc {":age" -
>integer ":sex" ->gender})))

```

Development process Grafterizer: Step 2 (RDF mapping)



Modify RDF mapping...



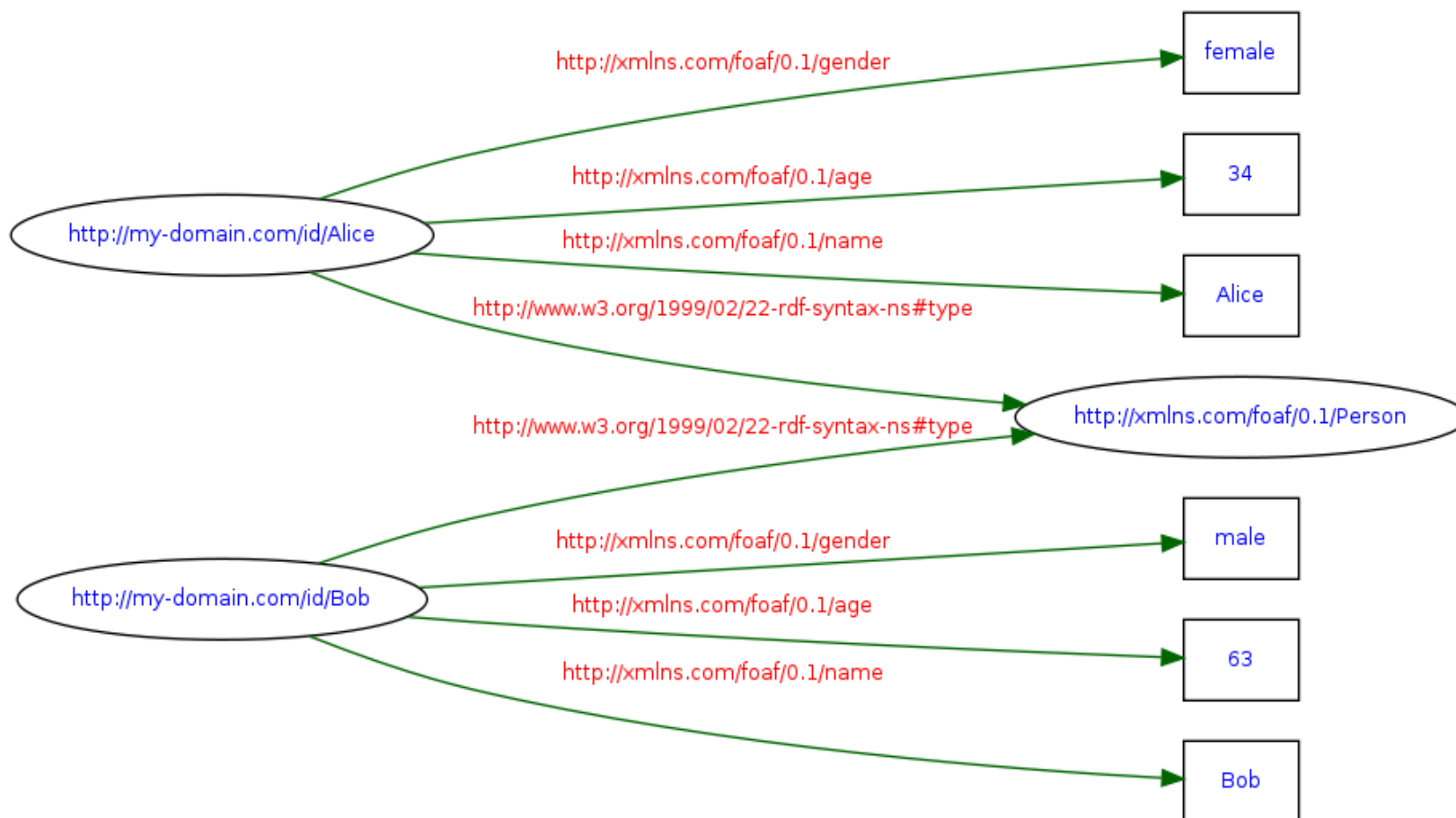
Define RDF mapping...

Graph URI: `http://my-domain.com/example`

<code>:person-uri</code>	→	<code>rdf:a</code>		<input type="checkbox"/> foaf:Person
	→	<code>foaf:age</code>		<input type="checkbox"/> age
	→	<code>foaf:gender</code>		<input type="checkbox"/> sex
	→	<code>foaf:name</code>		<input type="checkbox"/> name

Done

Result of the process



DaPaaS RDF database-as-a-service

- Designed for live data services, instead of static datasets
 - A new RDF database can be operational within seconds
- Automated backups, operations, maintenance
- Based on an enterprise-grade RDF database
- Designed for scalability & availability, in the cloud
- Data import services (Grafter pipelines)

Related approaches for data cleaning and publication: WebKarma and OpenRefine

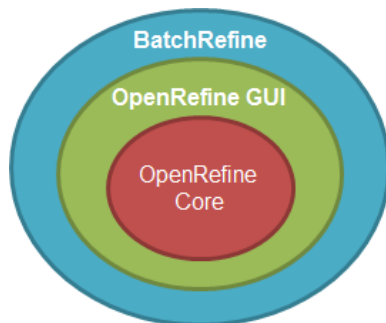
- Open-source software for data integration (support for mapping datasets to RDF)
 - High-level functionality wrapped using GUI functions
 - E.g. importing, adding columns, modifying cells, etc.
 - More sophisticated GUI functionality includes: clustering, automatic reconciliation of the data, ontology mapping
- | | |
|---|--|
| + Ready-to-use UI | - No programmatic/service APIs exposed |
| + Stable, tested | - Tight coupling hinders distribution |
| + Support for many input formats out-of-the-box | - No graphical DSL |

Comparison with OpenRefine: Transformations over more than one dataset

OpenRefine

1. Defining the transformation
 - a) Create new project and import dataset
 - b) Define transformation through GUI
 - c) Export JSON transformation
2. Transforming a new dataset (cannot be done in batch by default)
 - a) Create new project and import dataset
 - b) Import the JSON transformation
 - c) Execute transformation and obtain result

BatchRefine wraps the GUI APIs, instead of directly accessing the core



Grafter/Grafterizer (DaPaaS)

1. Defining the transformation
 - a) Import dataset in Grafter GUI
 - b) Define transformation through GUI
 - c) Export and store **executable JAR** on the DaPaaS platform
2. Transforming a new dataset (in batch mode if necessary)
 - a) Access the executable transformation through **REST service call** (dataset given as input parameter)

Relevant DaaS solutions

Windows Azure
Marketplace

Socrata

DataMarket

Factual

Junar

PublishMyData

DaPaaS

...

Other relevant solutions

- **Comprehensive Knowledge Archive Network (CKAN)** (<http://ckan.org/>) – web-based open source data management system for the storage and distribution of open data; datahub (<http://datahub.io/>)
- **LOD2** (<http://lod2.eu/>) – research project aimed at providing an open source, integrated software stack for managing the lifecycle of Linked Data, from data extraction, enrichment, interlinking, to maintenance; not meant to be as-a-service solution
- **Project Open Data** (<http://project-open-data.github.io/>) – a set of open source tools, methodologies and use cases for publishing and utilising Open Data
- **COMSODE** (<http://www.comsode.eu/>) – research project aiming to create a publication platform for Open Data called Open Data Node

DaPaaS – targeted impacts

- A **reduction in the cost** for organisations (e.g. SMEs, public organizations, etc) which lack sufficient expertise and resources to publish open data
- A **reduction on the dependency** of open data publishers on generic Cloud platforms to build, deploy and maintain their open/linked data from scratch
- An **increase in the speed of publishing** new datasets and updating existing datasets

DaPaaS – targeted impacts (cont')

- A **reduction in the cost and complexity of developing** applications that use open data
- An **increase in the reuse of open data** by providing fast and seamless access to numerous open data sets to the applications hosted on the DaPaaS platform

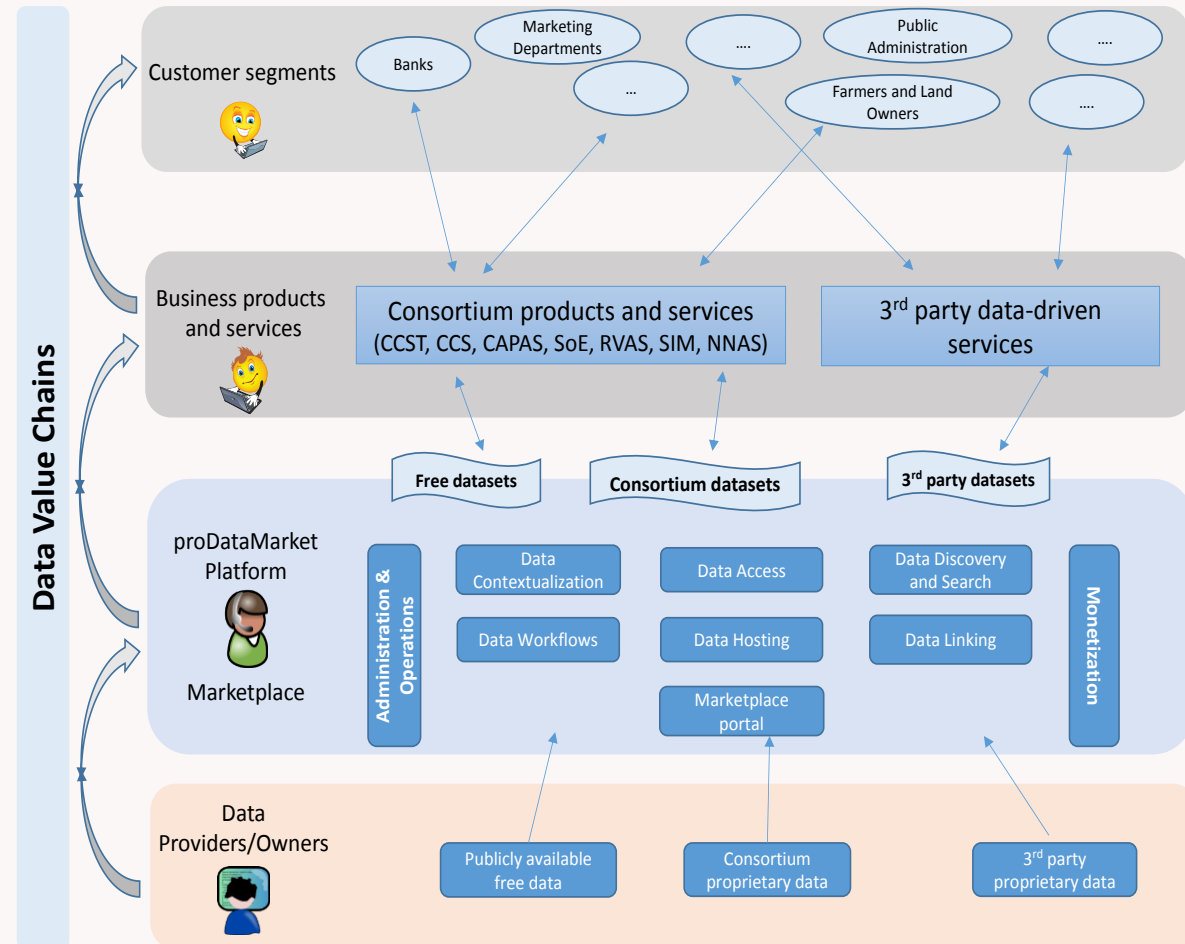
Follow-up project: proDataMarket



proDataMarket™

<http://prodatamarket.eu/>

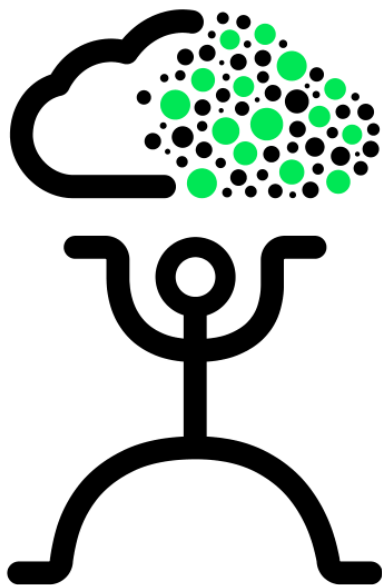
- How can we innovate (and make money) with (property-related) Open Data?
- H2020 Innovation action
- Duration: 2015-2017
- Budget: ~ 3.4M Euro



Summary

- Lots of open datasets, but very few actually used (e.g. low number of applications using them)
- Linked Data is a promising technology for Open Data, but difficult to use for publishers, developers, data workers
- DaPaaS – emerging solution (as-a-Service) for making Open (Linked) Data more accessible
 - Platform, portal, methodology, APIs
 - (Repeatable) Data Transformation is a core aspect of DaPaaS
 - Public release expected this year – stay tuned!

Thank you!



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Event announcement

- “Data Labs” – Open Data Workshop/Tutorial
- When: July 2nd 2015
- Where: Oslo, Norway
- Organized by The ODI and SINTEF in the context of DaPaaS

