

# A Hitchhiker's guide to Ontology

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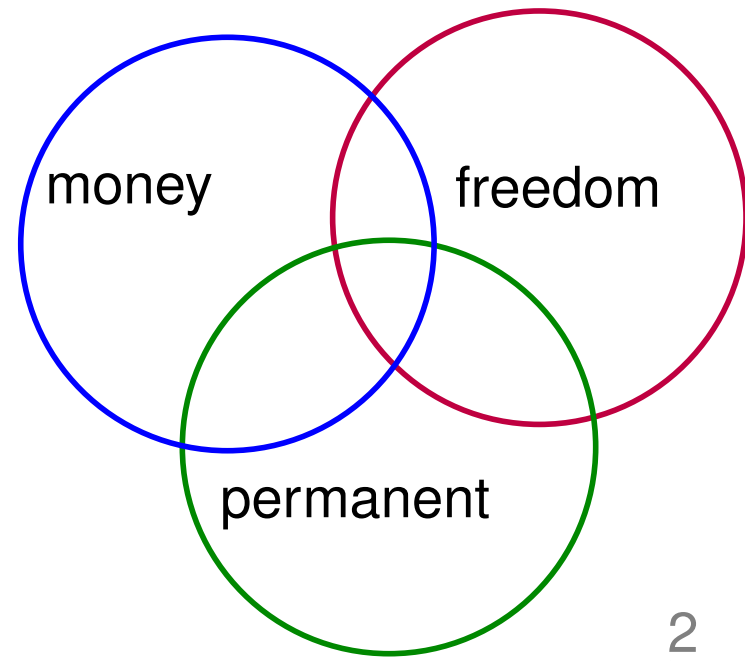
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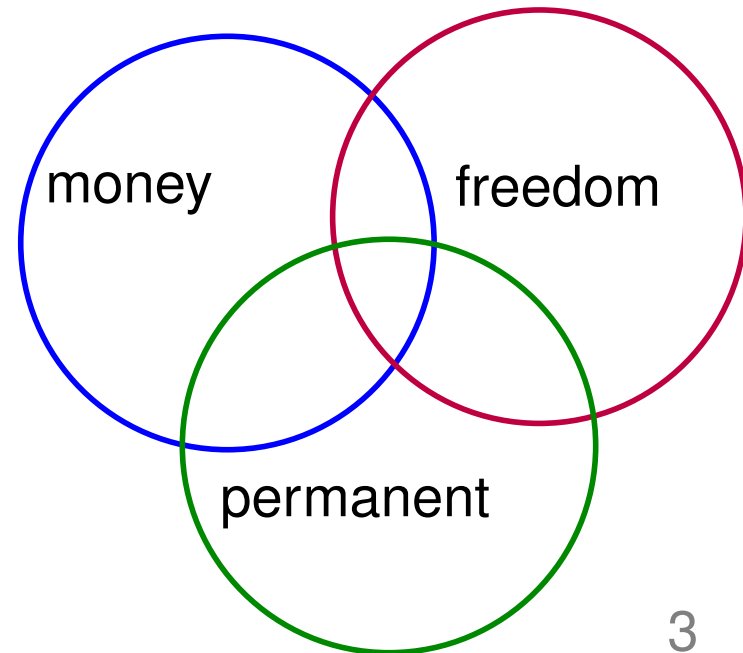
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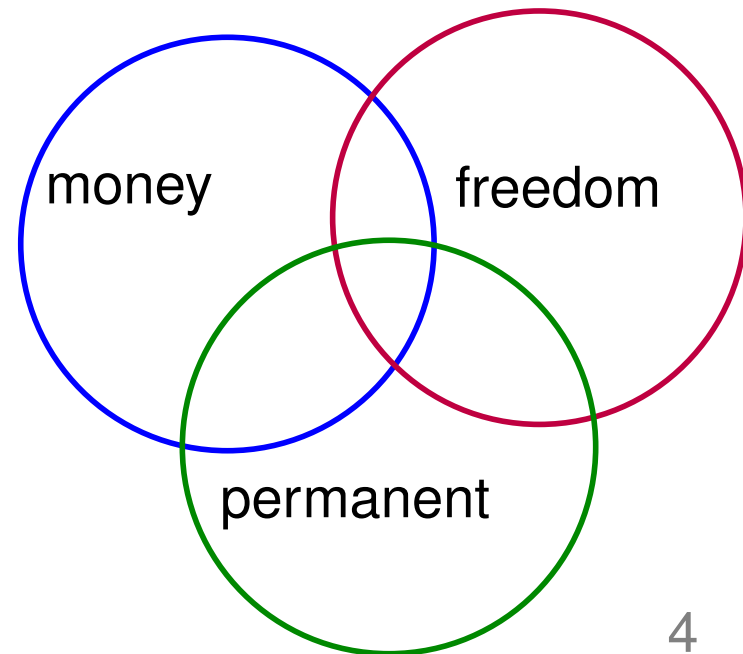
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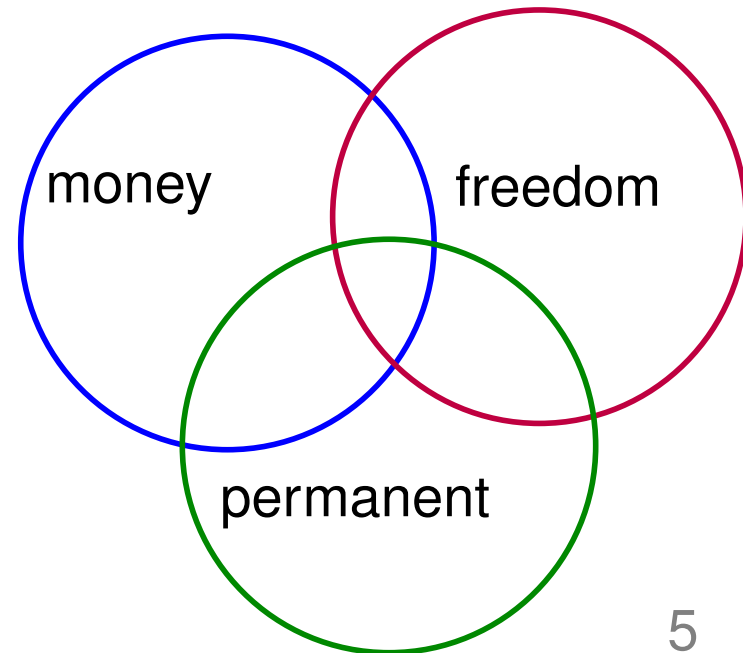
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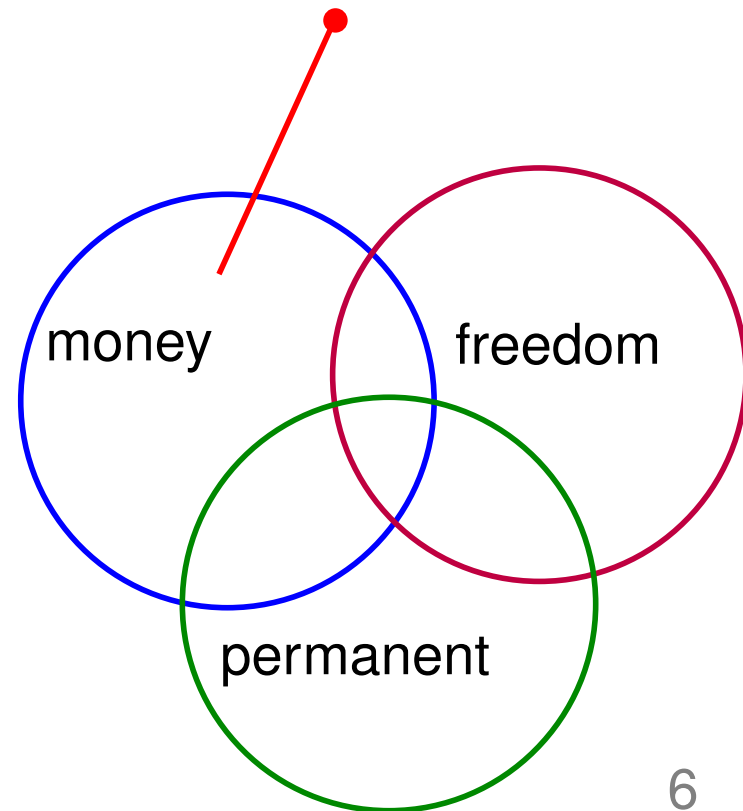
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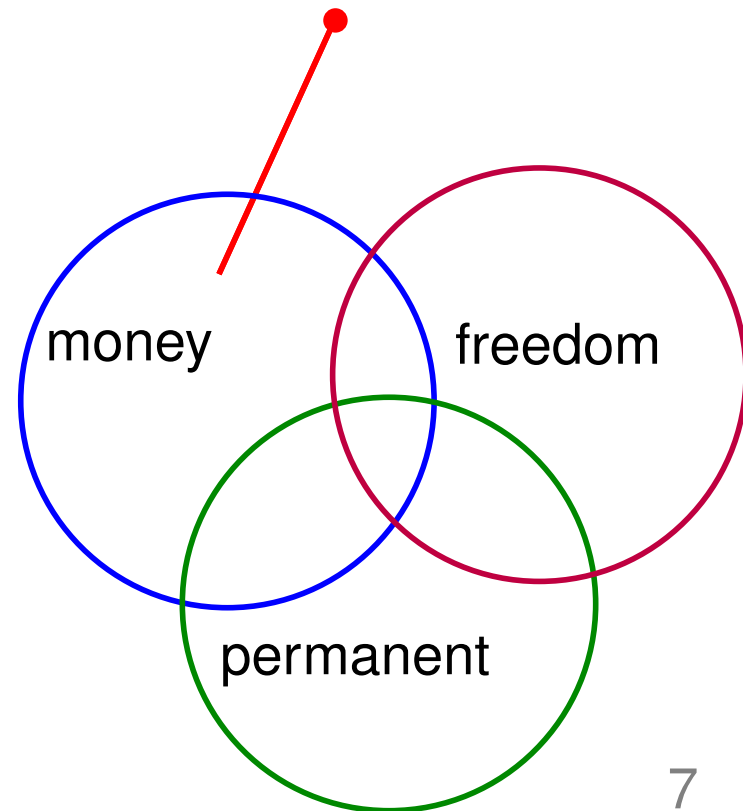
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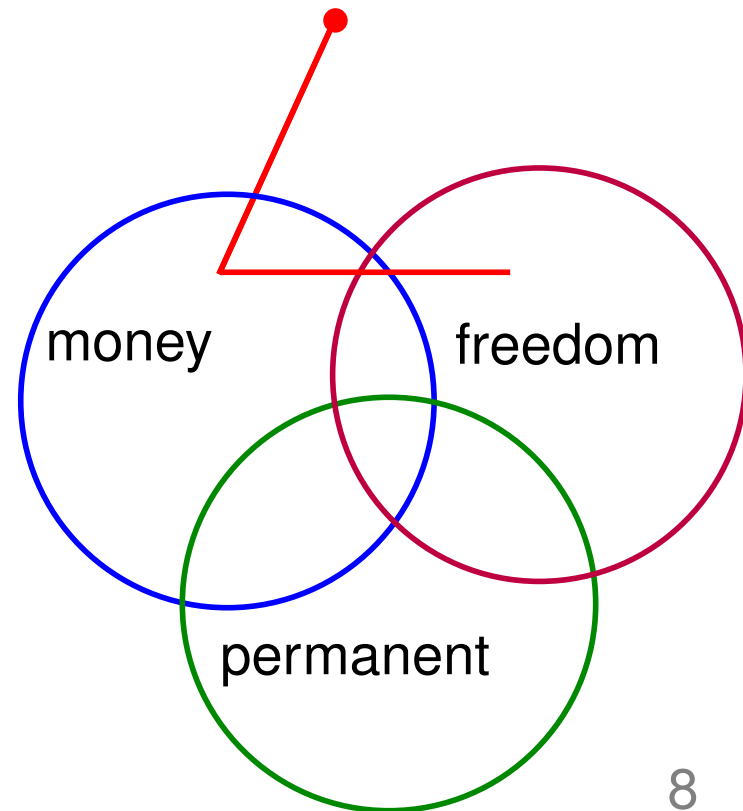
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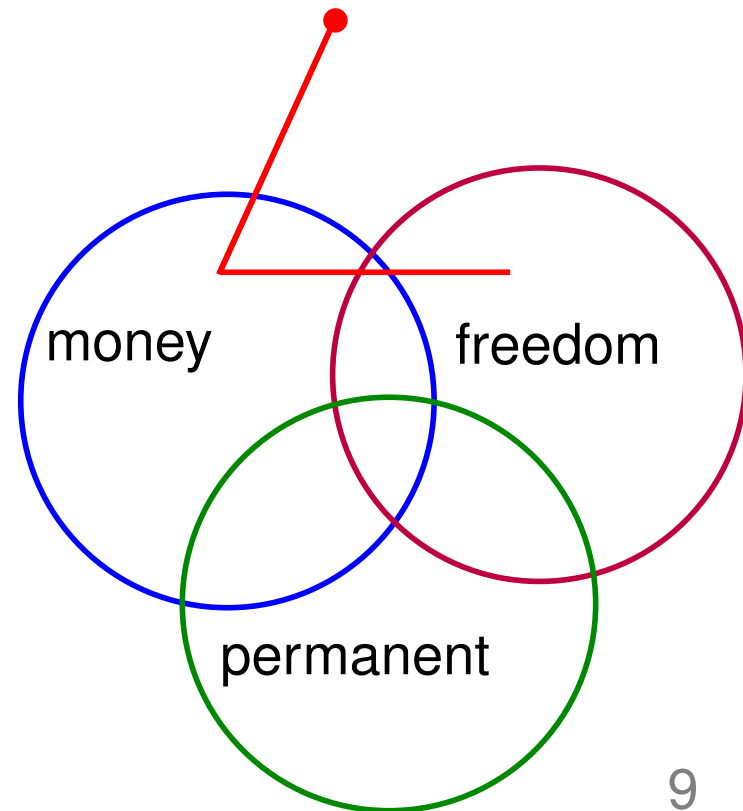


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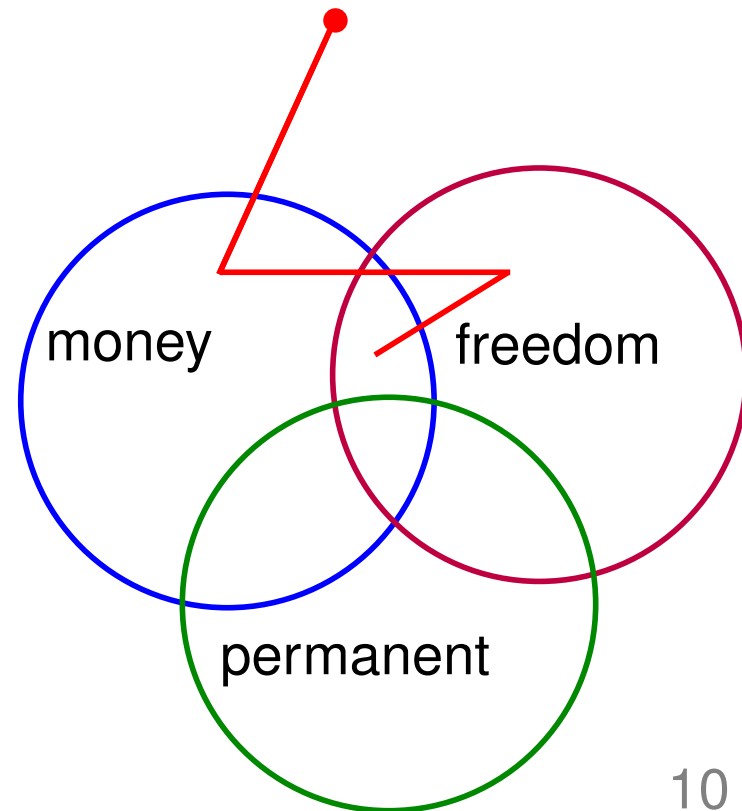


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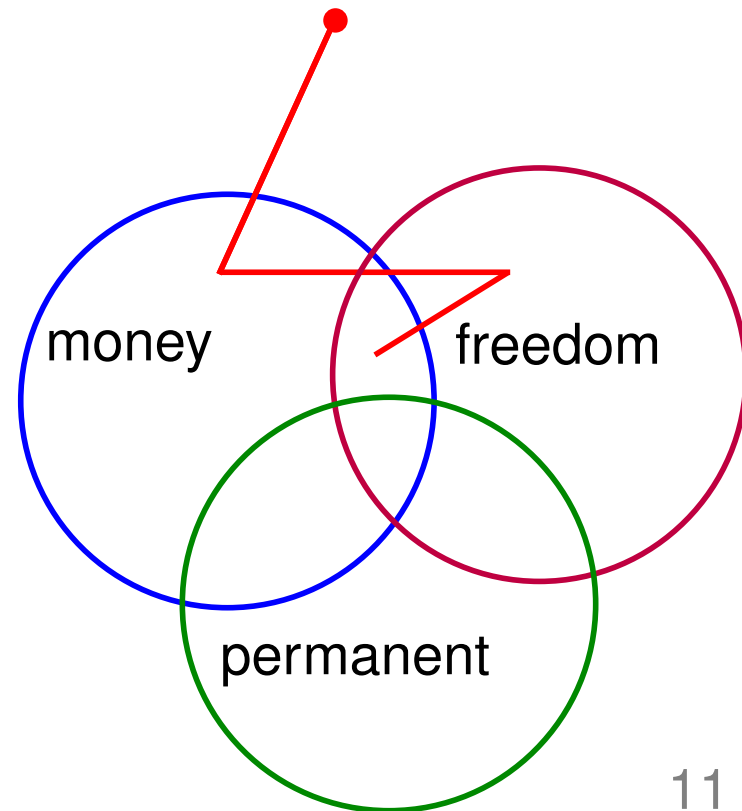
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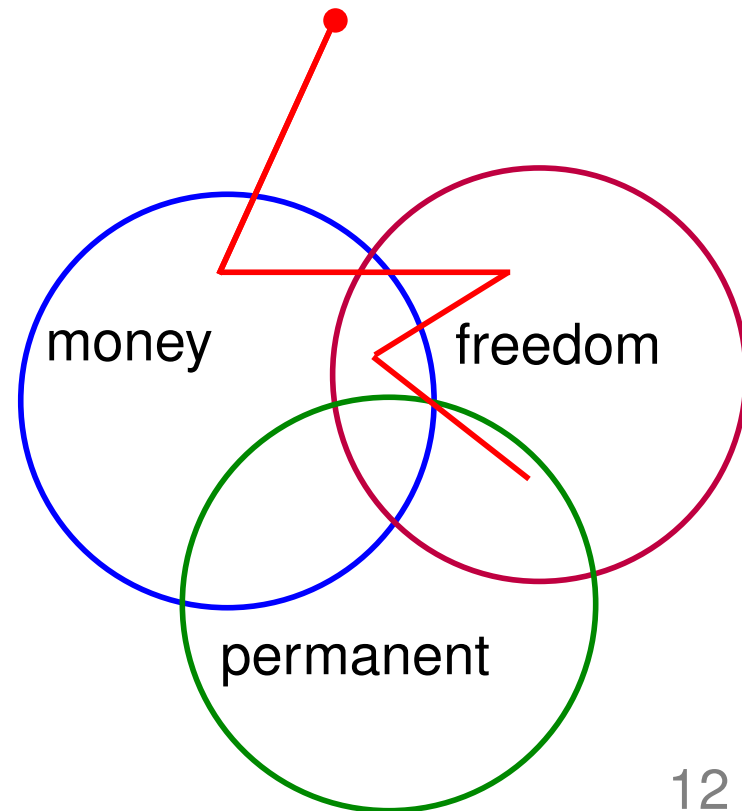
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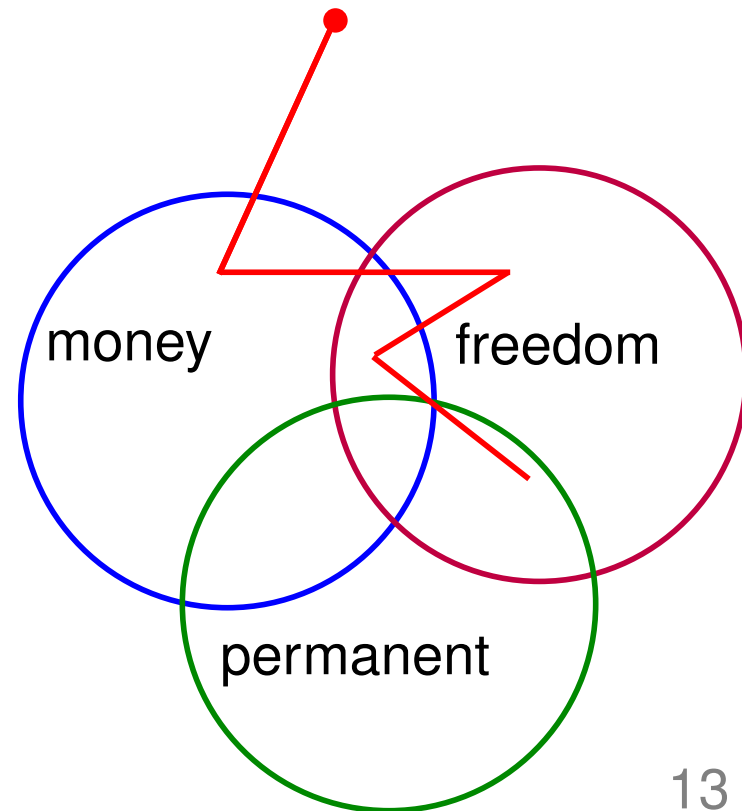
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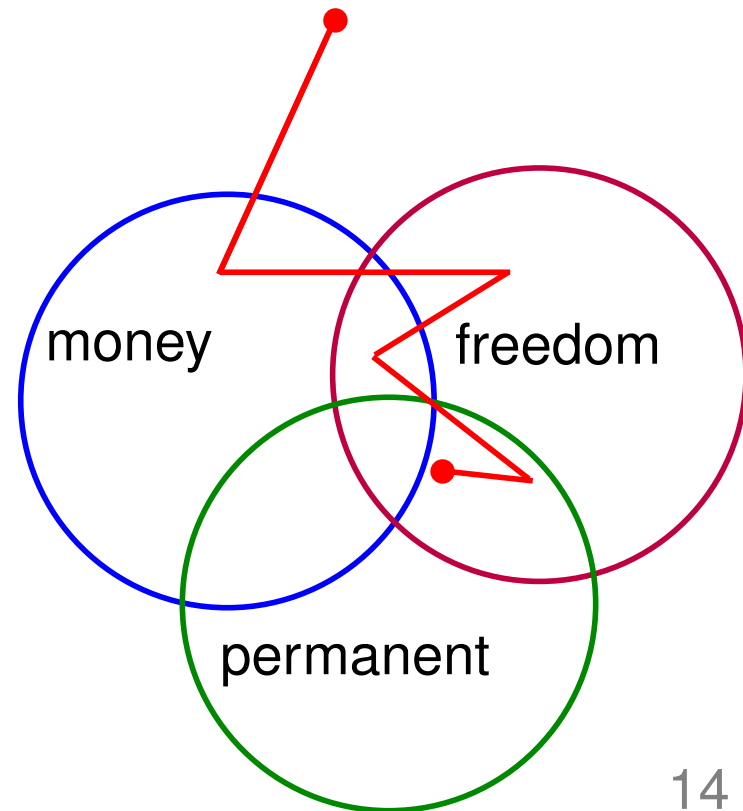
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# I am an Elvis Fan!



1961

# Meeting Elvis Presley



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2015



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At Elvis' ranch  
in New Zealand

# Knowledge Cards



## Elvis Presley

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### Songs

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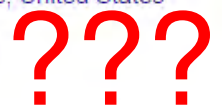
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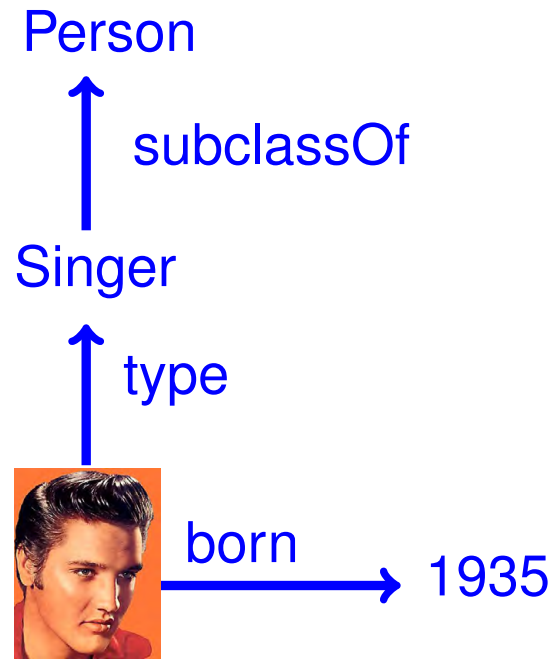
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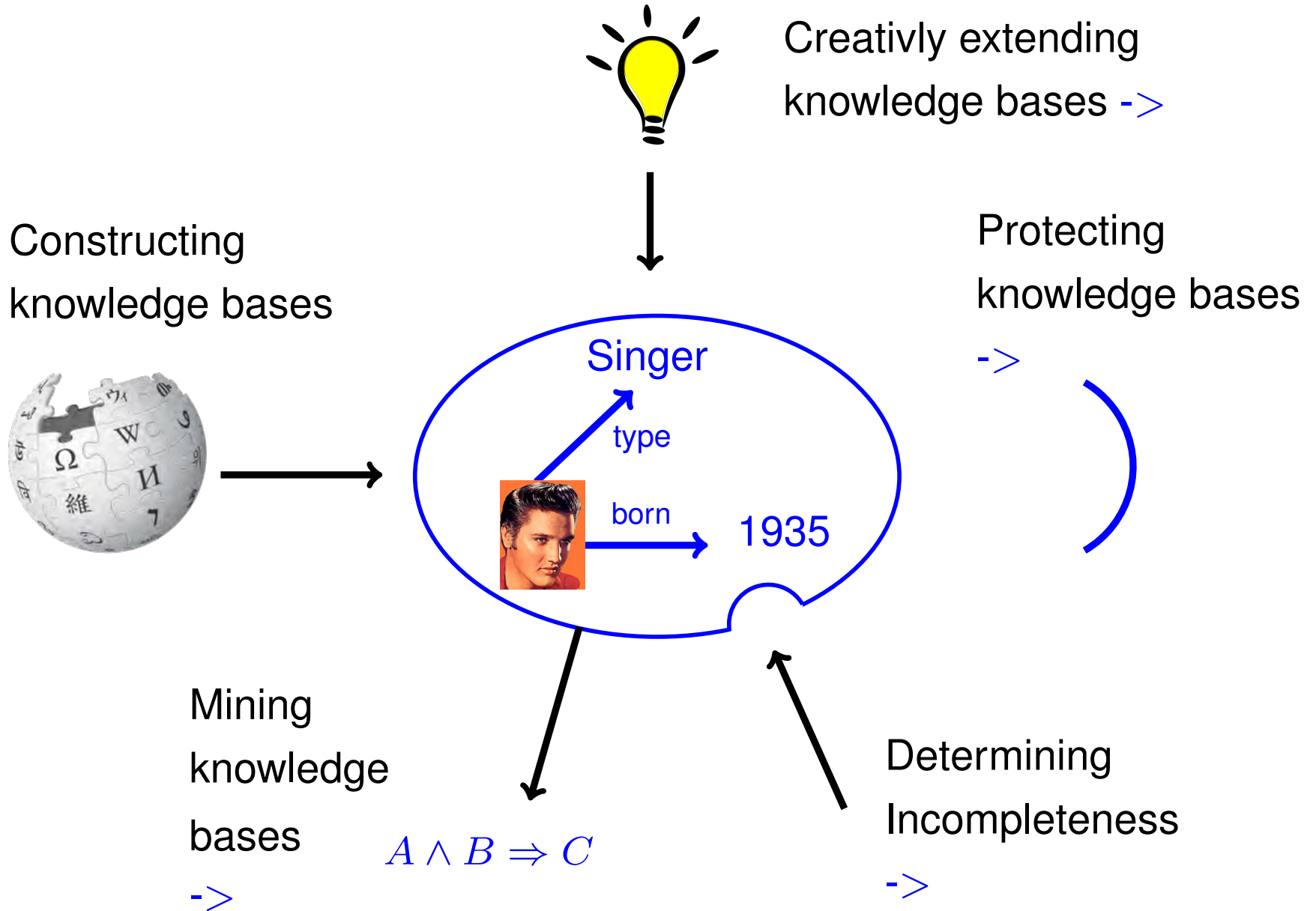
# Knowledge Bases



For us, a knowledge base (“KB”, “ontology”) is a graph, where the nodes are entities and the edges are relations.

(We do not distinguish T-Box and A-Box.)

# Knowledge Base Life Cycle



# Extracting from Wikipedia

Elvis Presley



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The Free Encyclopedia

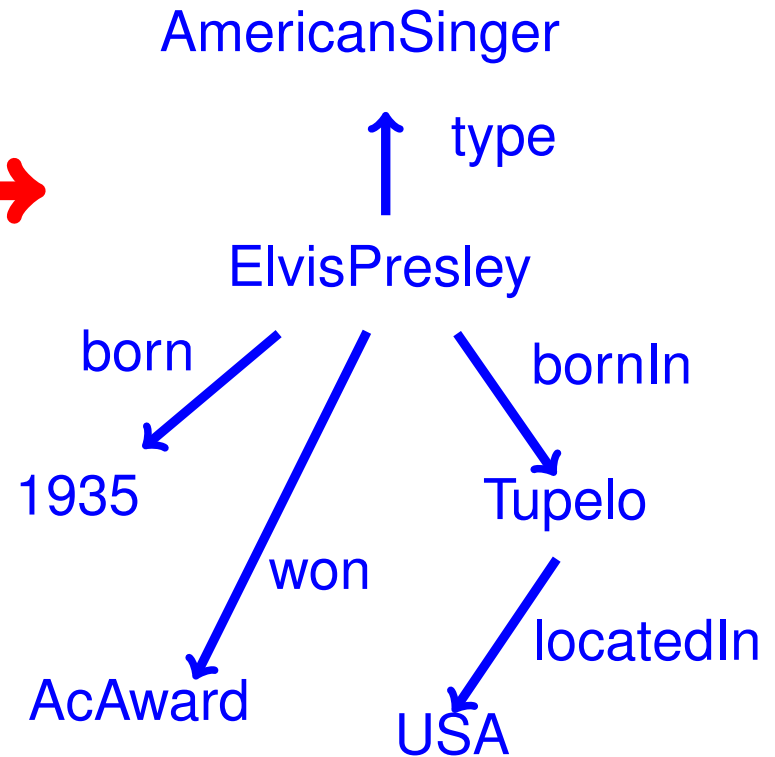
Elvis Presley was one of the best blah blah blub blah don't read this, listen to the speaker! blah blah blah blubl blah you are still reading this! blah blah blah blah blabbel blah



Born: 1935  
In: Tupelo  
...

Categories:

Rock&Roll, American Singers,  
Academy Award winners...



# Creating a large knowledge base

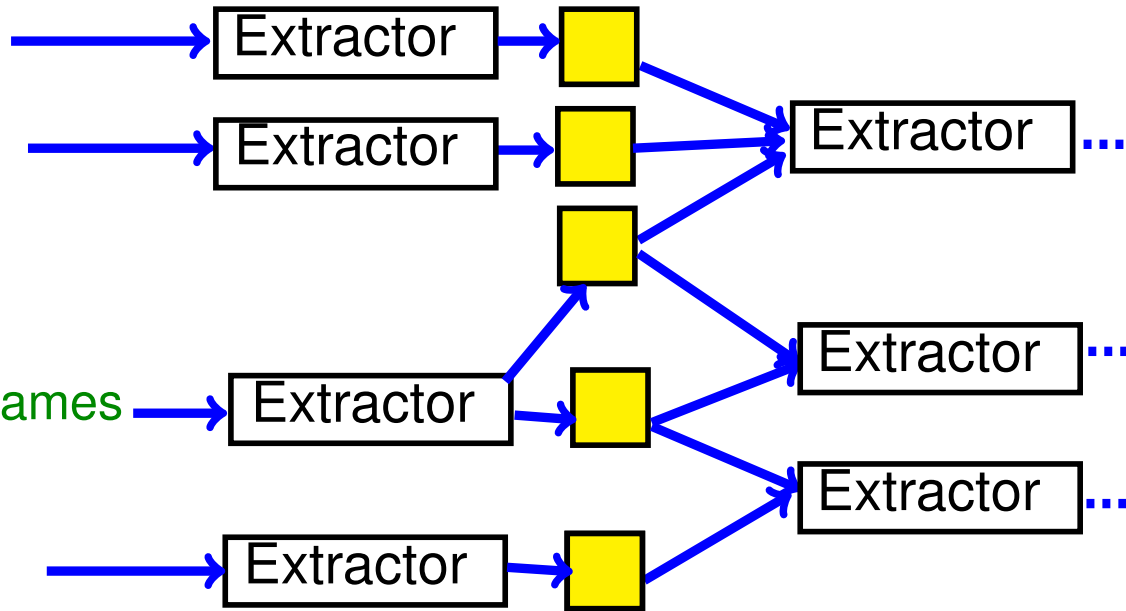


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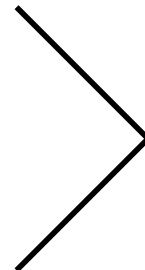
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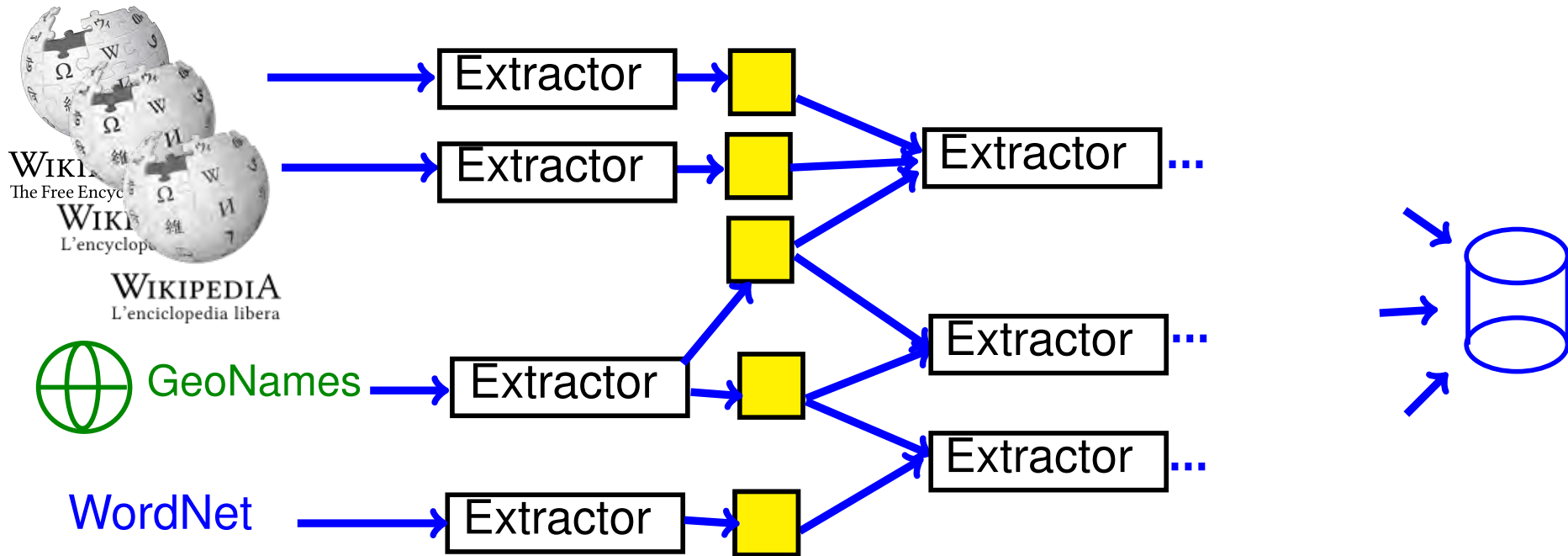
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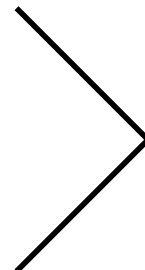
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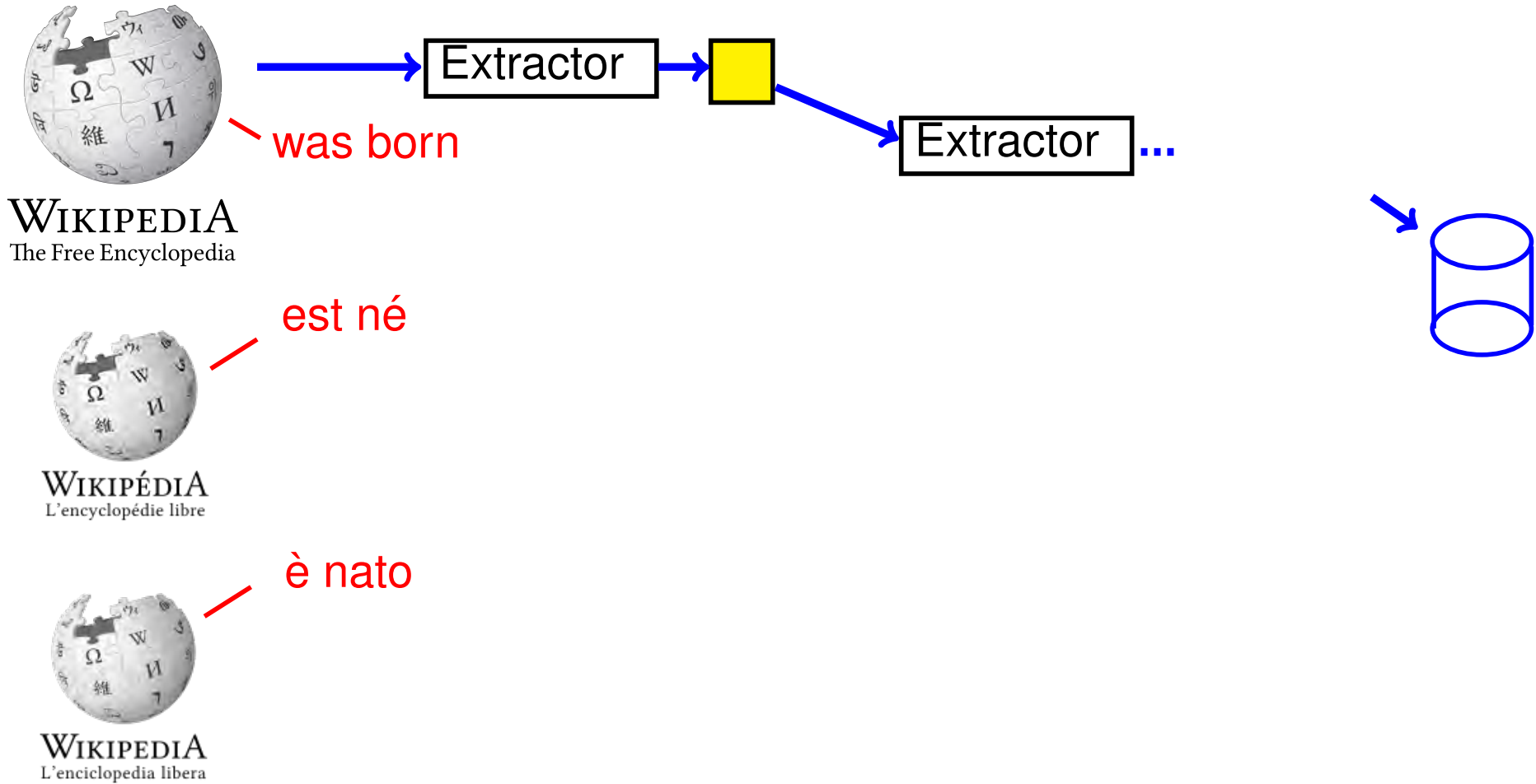
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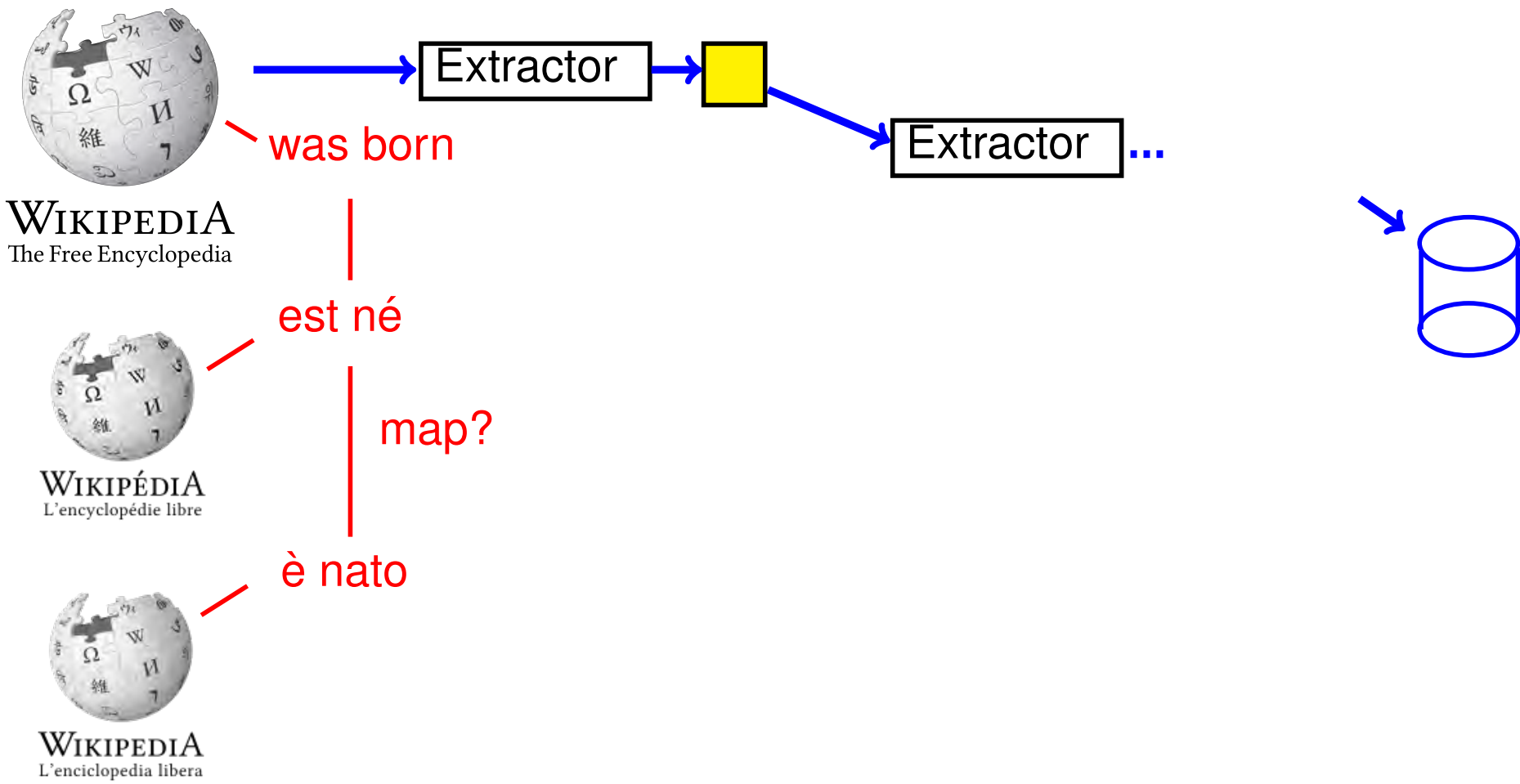
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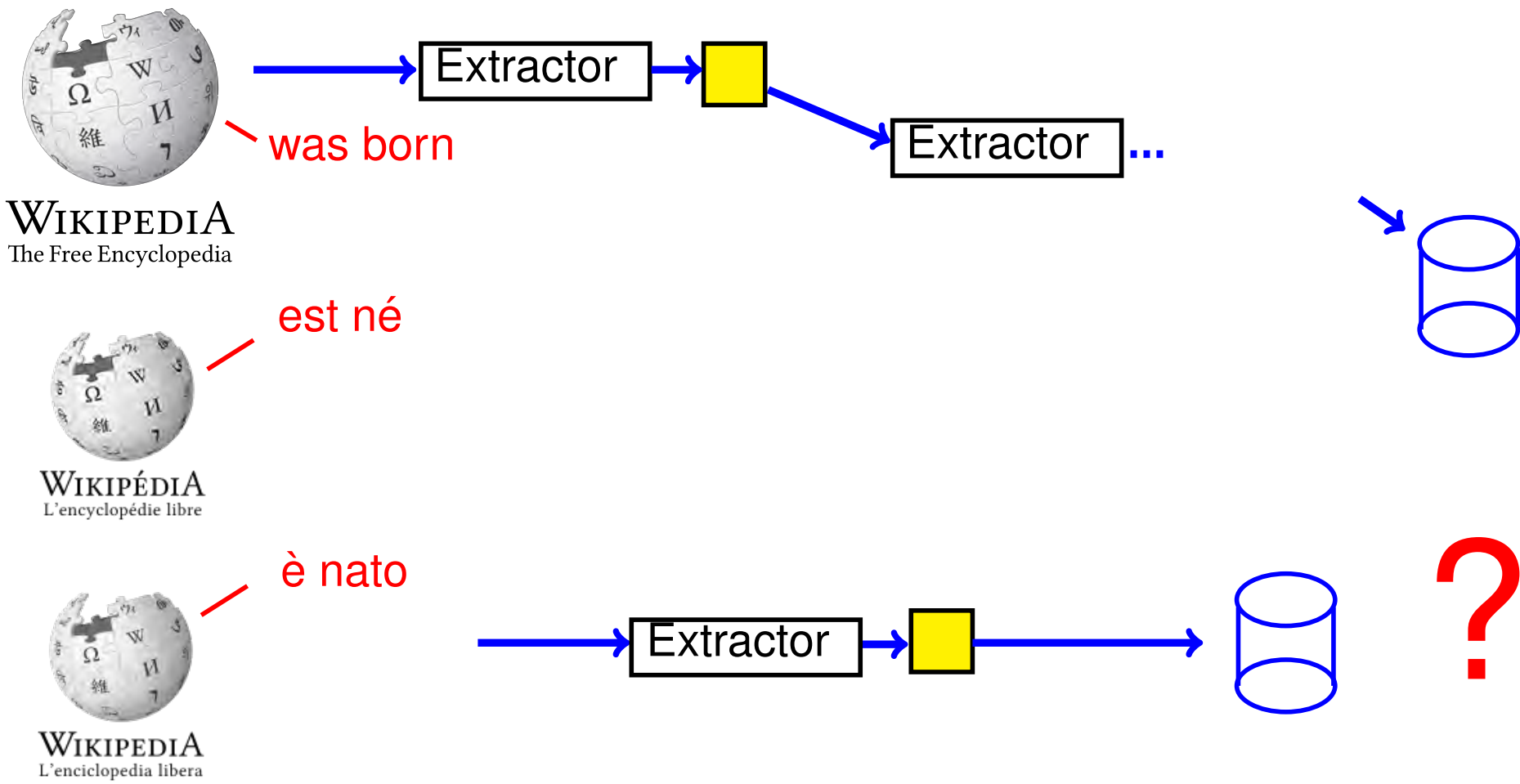
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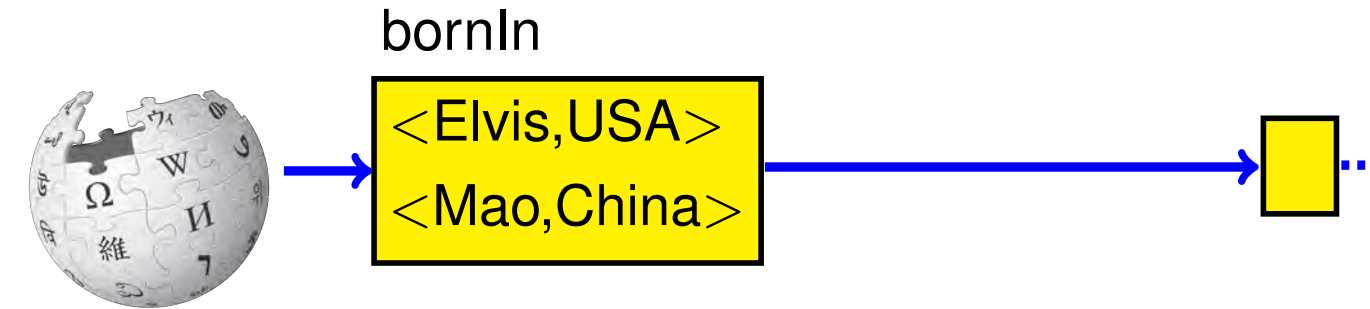
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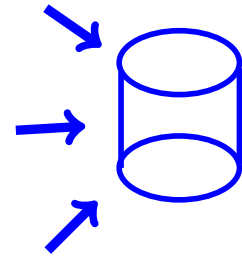


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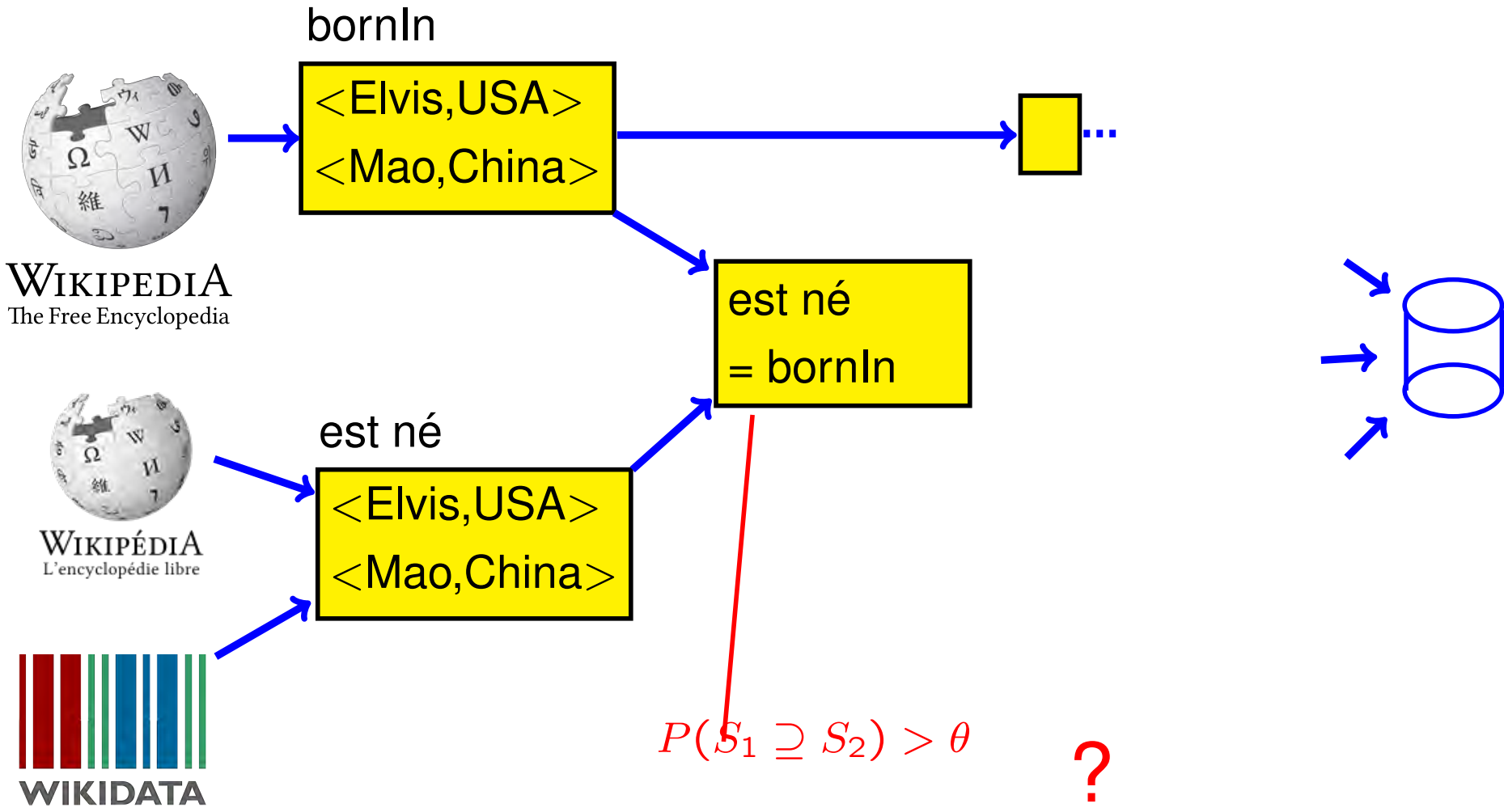


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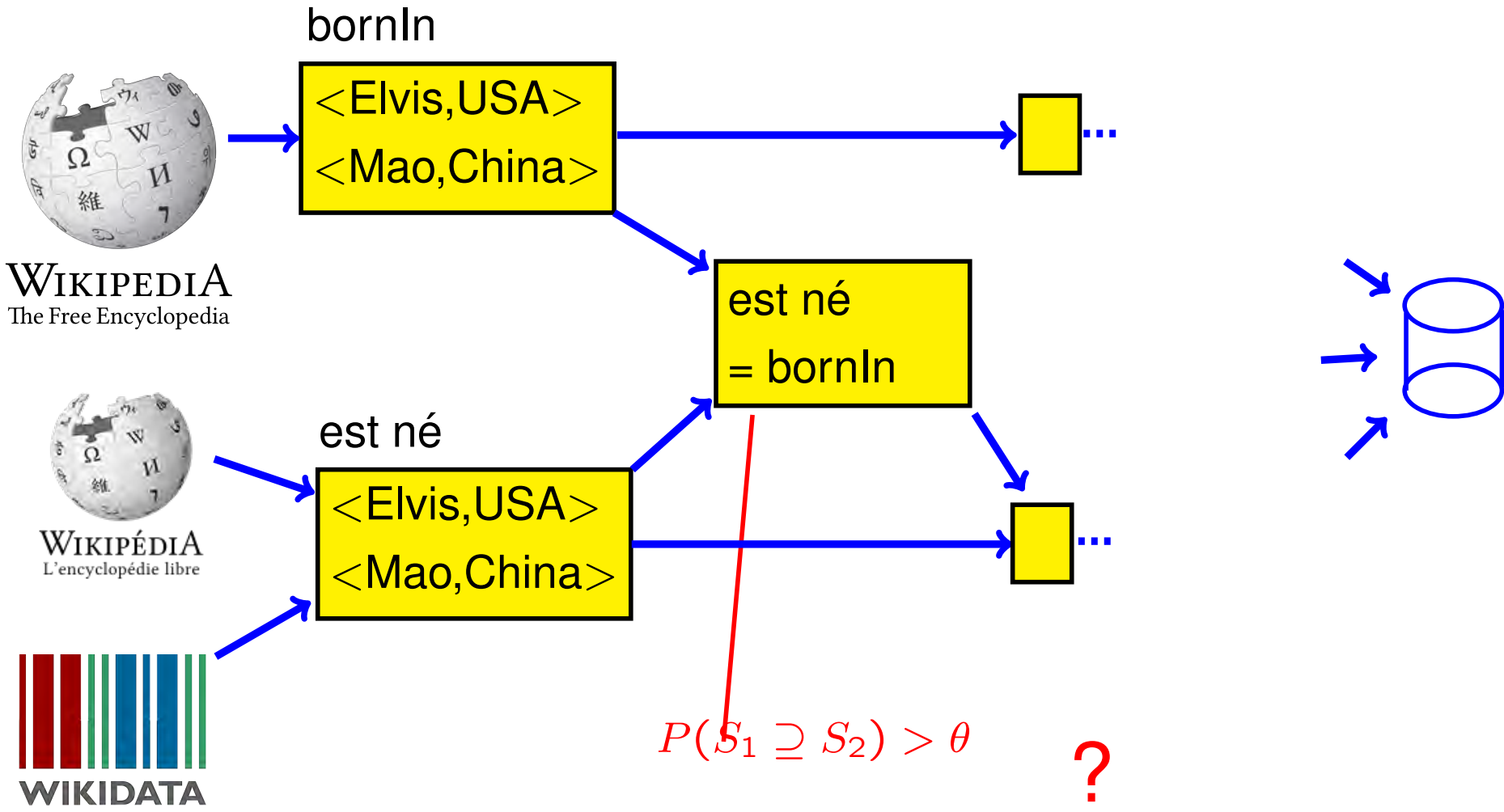
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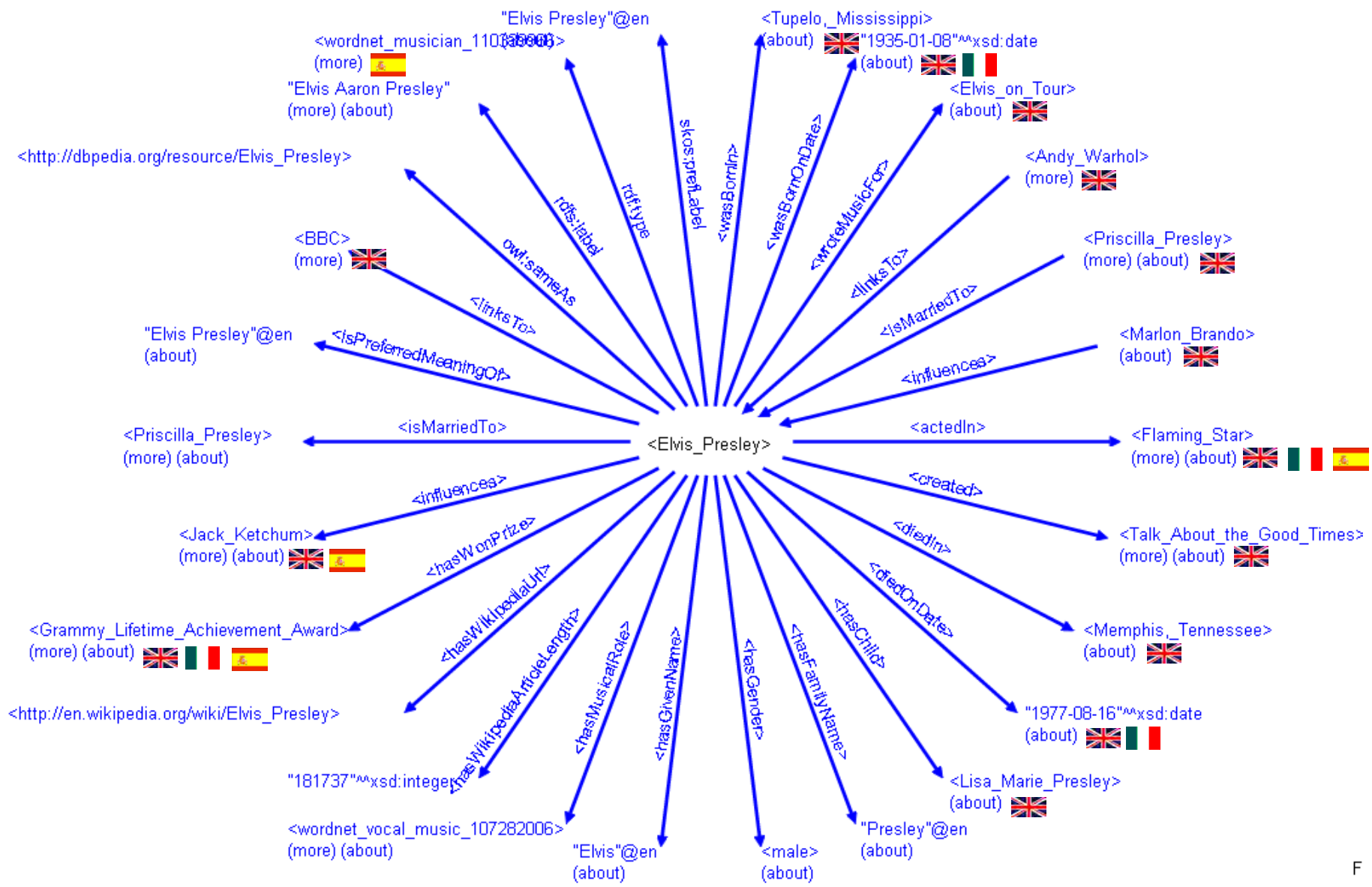
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# Example: YAGO about Elvis



# YAGO: a large knowledge base



<http://yago-knowledge.org>

soon open-source!

Wikipedia + WordNet  
time and space  
10 languages  
100 relations  
100m facts  
10m entities  
95% accuracy  
used by DBpedia  
and IBM Watson

**Caveat:**  
focus on  
precision!



[WWW2007, JWS2008, WWW2011 demo, AIJ2013, WWW2013 demo, CIDR20

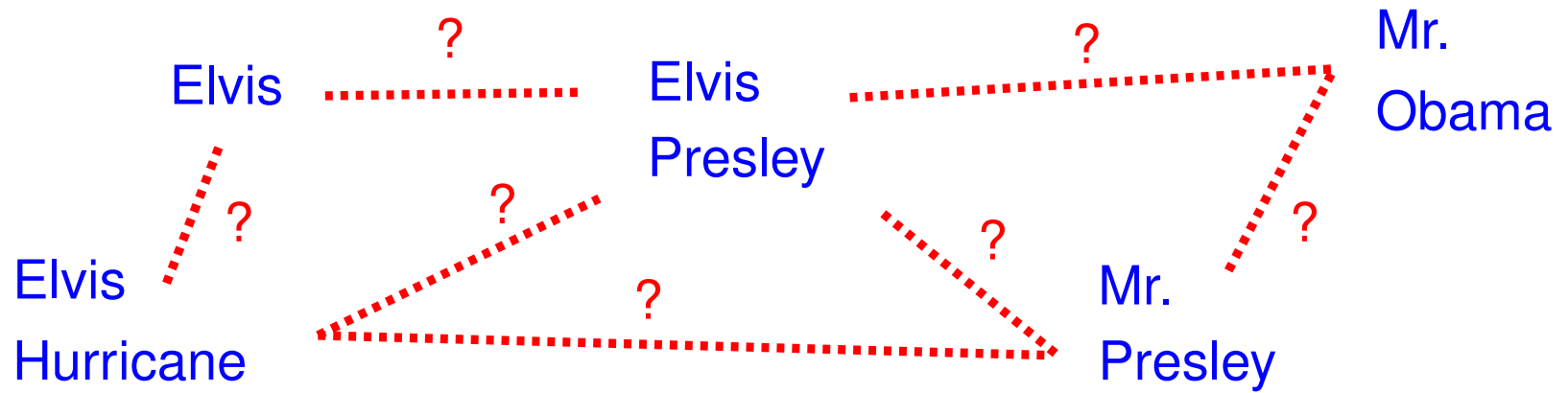


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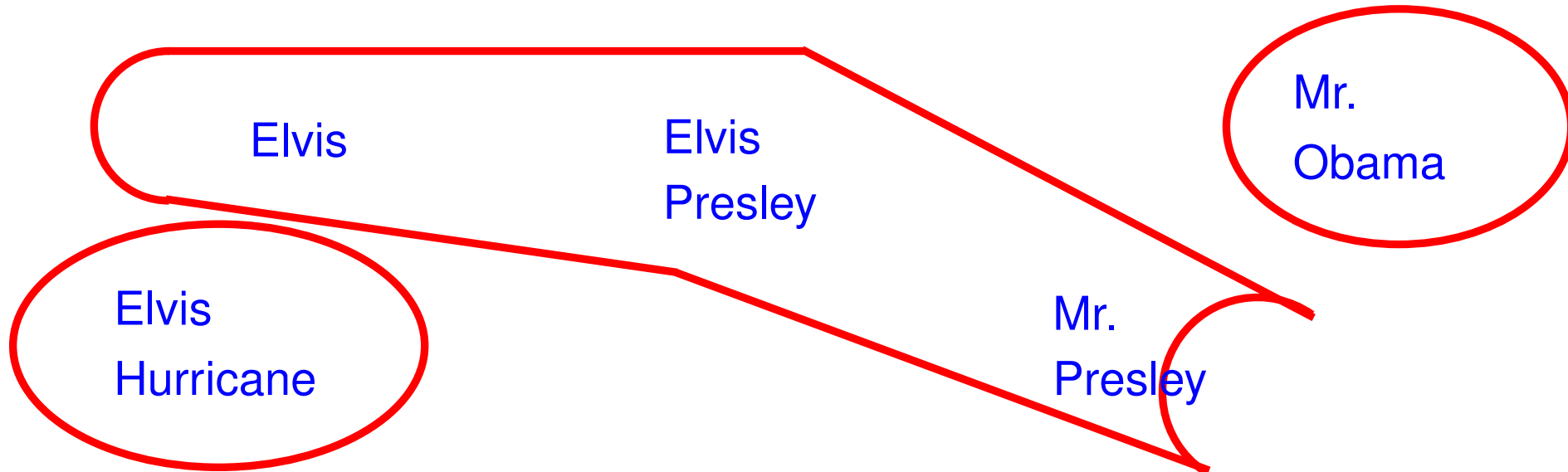
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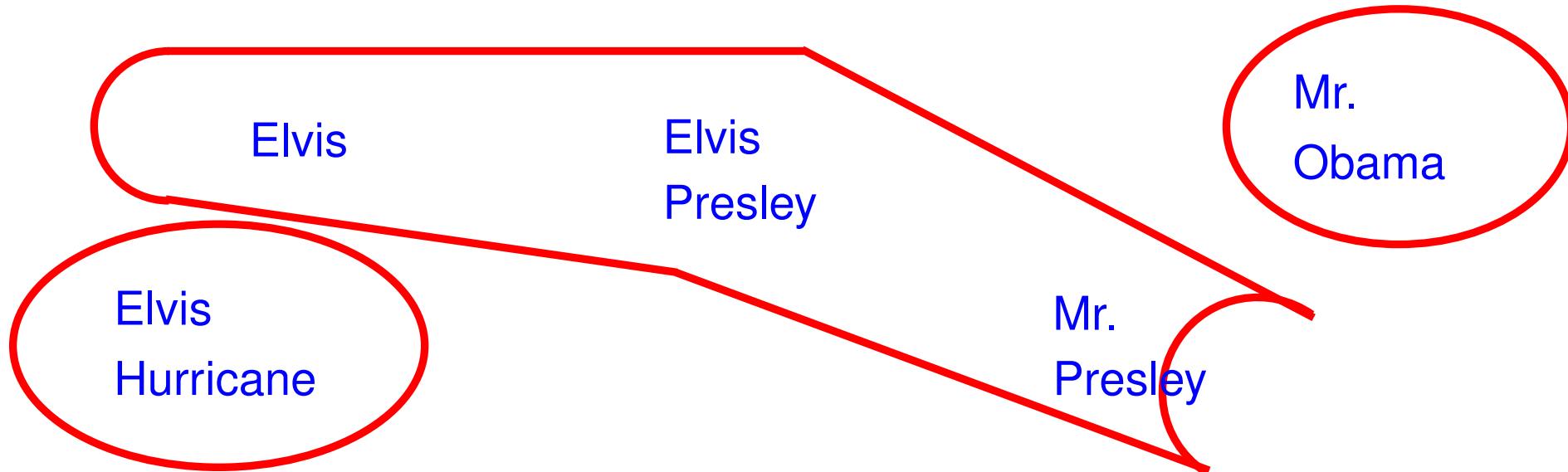
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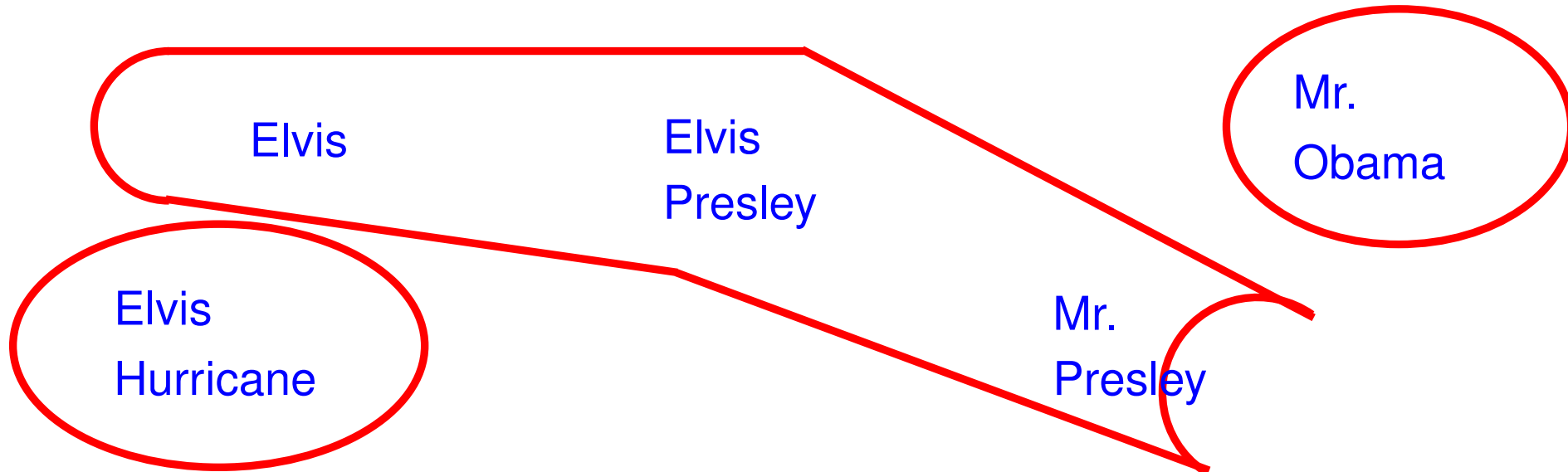
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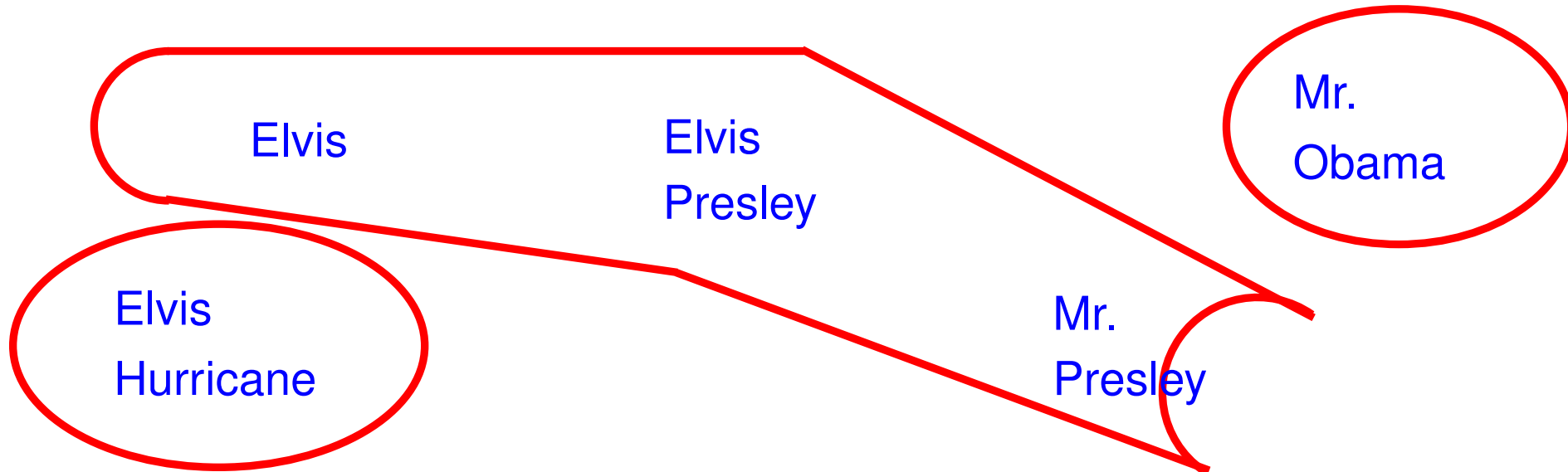
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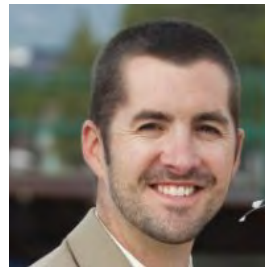
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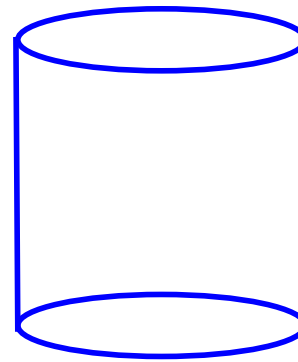
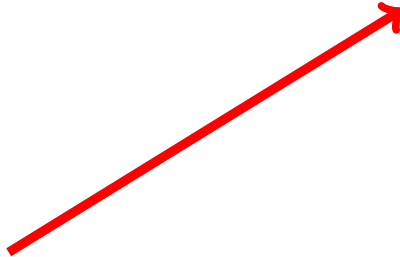
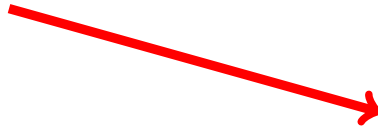
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[CIKM 2014] IBEX>4

# Goal: Harvest entities from the Web



# IBEX: Collect unique ids

Puma PowerTech Blaze Running Shoe - Mens - Black/Silver Select Width-M - UPC # 887128476661



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larger image

AUD99.02

Please Choose:

Size

- (EUR):40/(US)8.5/(UK):6
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Add to Cart:



Item # 307110

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Go big or go home in the men's Puma PowerTech Blaze running shoe! This performance trainer has upgraded technical features with its OrthoLite® footbed, PowerTech™ cushioning and EverTrack™ abrasion-resistant outsole.

This men's running shoe is best for the **neutral** runner. What is pronation?

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Unique identifiers can be verified by a checksum.

They exist for products, books, documents, chemicals,...



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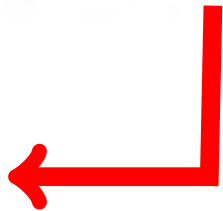
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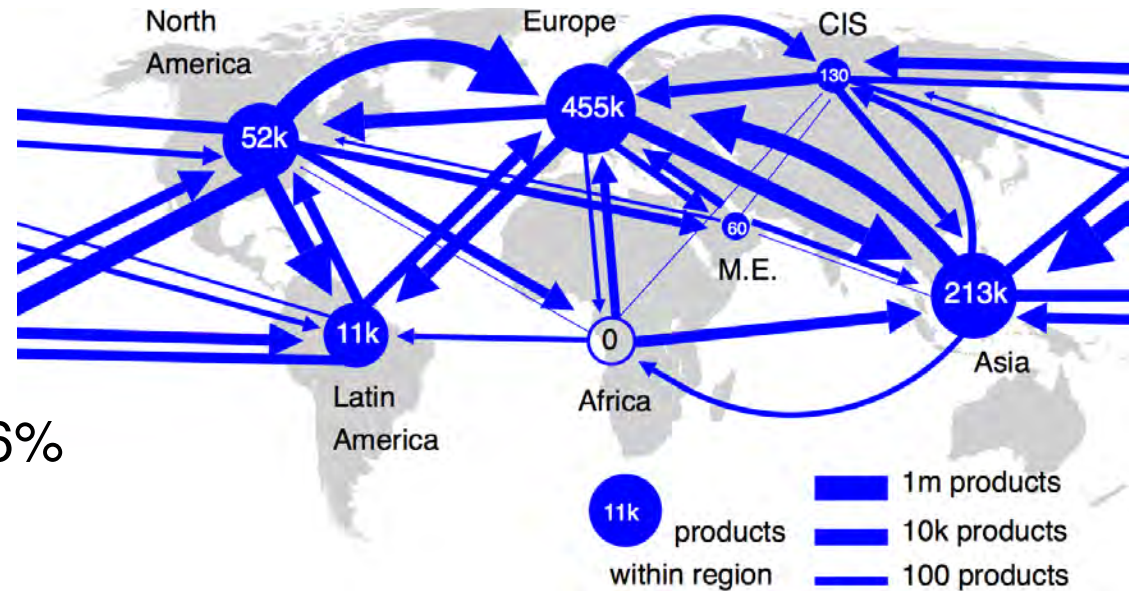
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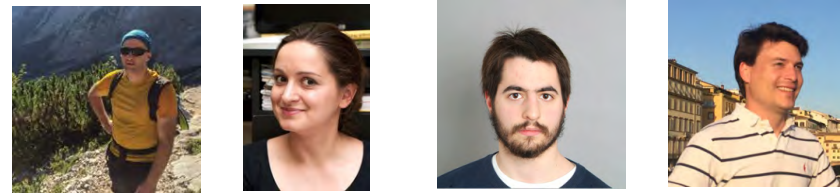
## Found

- 13m email addresses with their name
  - 235K chemical products
  - 1.4m books
  - 1.1m products
- ... with an accuracy of 73%-96%



## Analyzed

- Global trade flow
- frequent email providers
- frequent people names and more

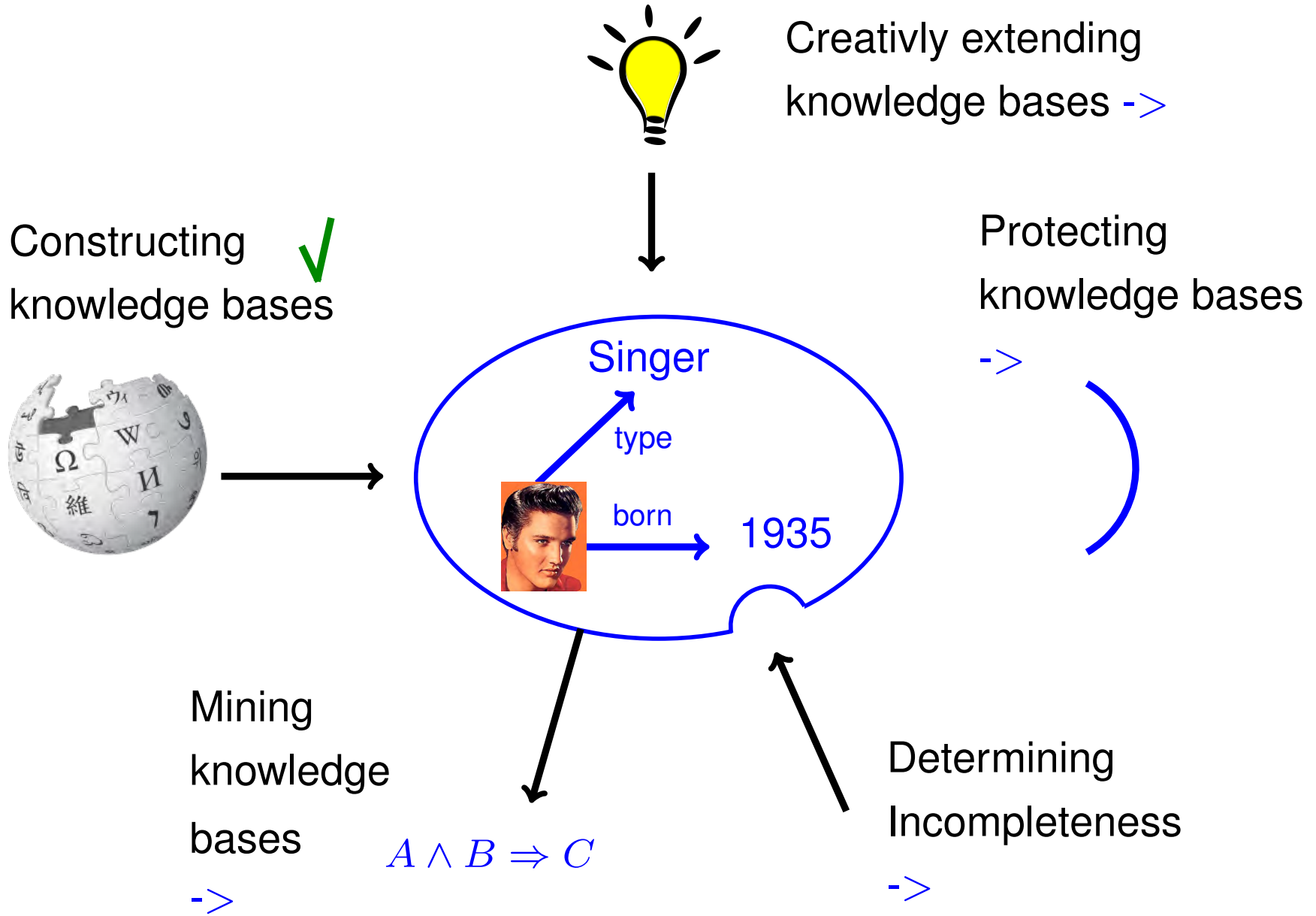


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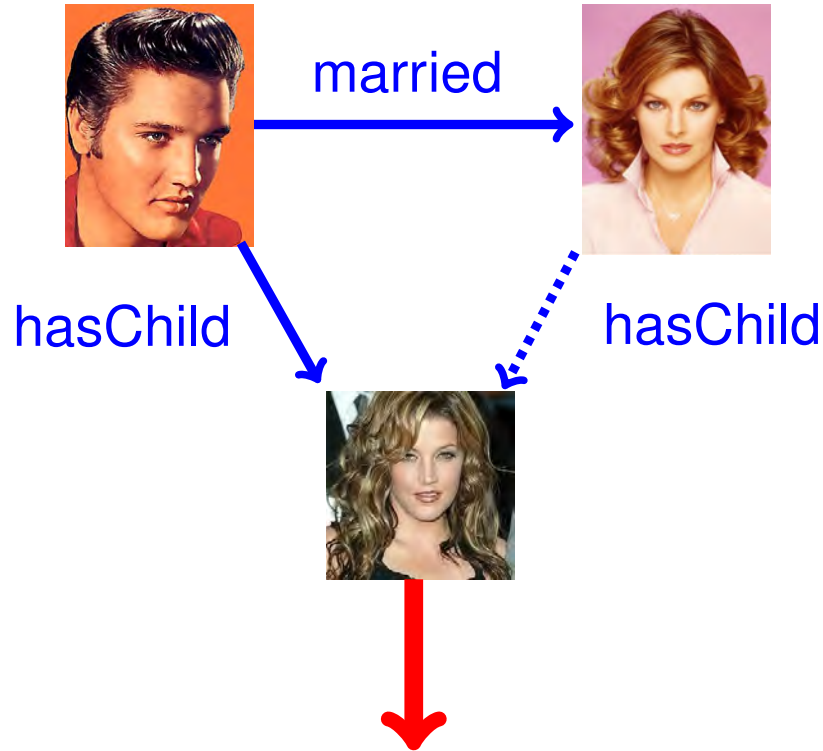
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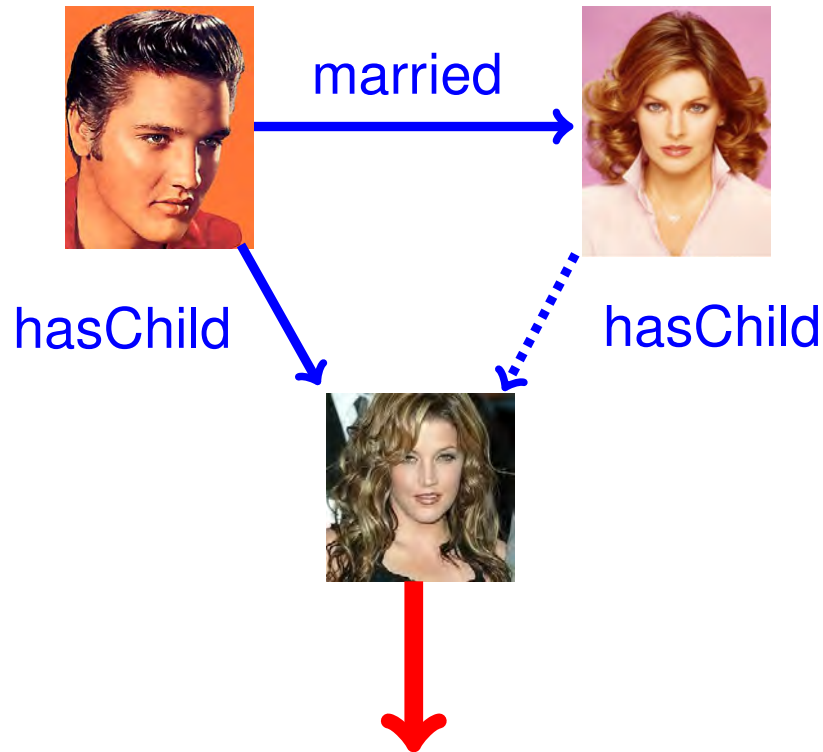


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But: Rule mining needs counter examples  
and RDF ontologies are positive only

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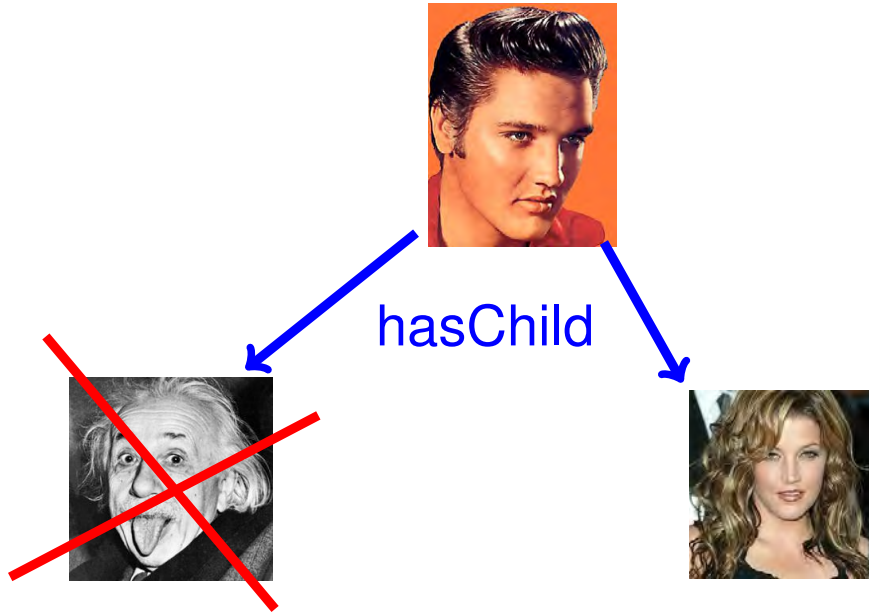
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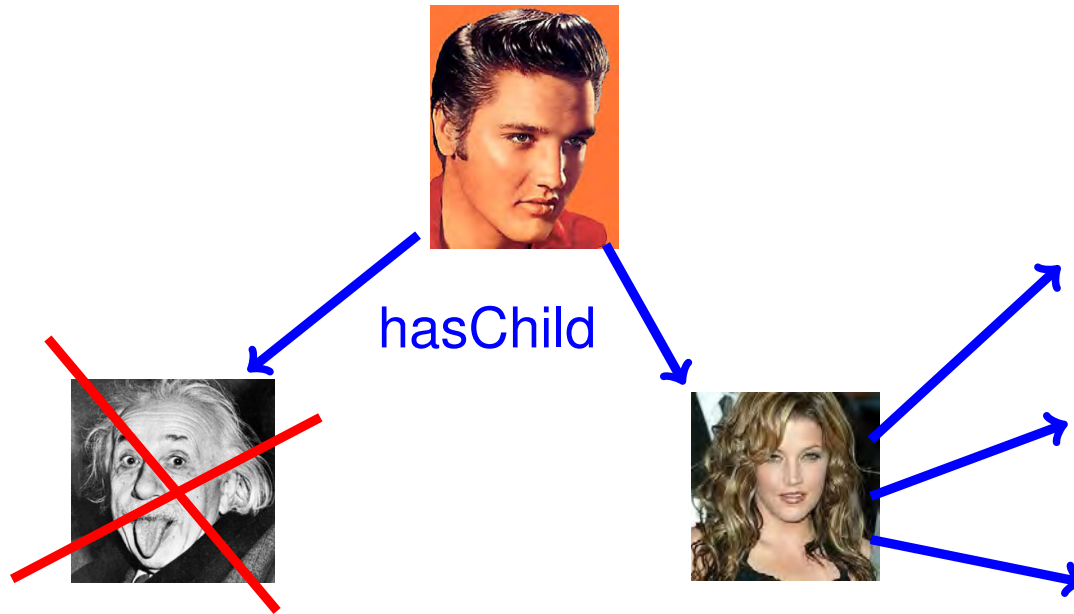
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$married(z, x) \wedge hasChild(z, y) \Rightarrow hasChild(x, y)$

$\vec{B} \Rightarrow r(x, y)$

$$conf(\vec{B} \Rightarrow r(x, y)) = \frac{\#x, y: \vec{B} \wedge r(x, y)}{\#x, y: \exists y': \vec{B} \wedge r(x, y')}$$

# of parent-child relations that we predict correctly in the KB

# of parent-child relations that we predict and where a child is known

# AMIE finds rules in ontologies



AMIE  
(5min)

$$r(x, y) \wedge r'(z, y) \Rightarrow r''(x, z)$$

AMIE is based on an efficient in-memory database implementation.

Caveat: rules cannot predict the unknown with high precision

# AMIE finds rules in ontologies



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$type(x, pope) \Rightarrow$   
 $diedIn(x, Rome)$



[WWW 2013, VLDB journal 2015]



# Matching heterogeneous KBs



bornInCountry



USA



bornInCity



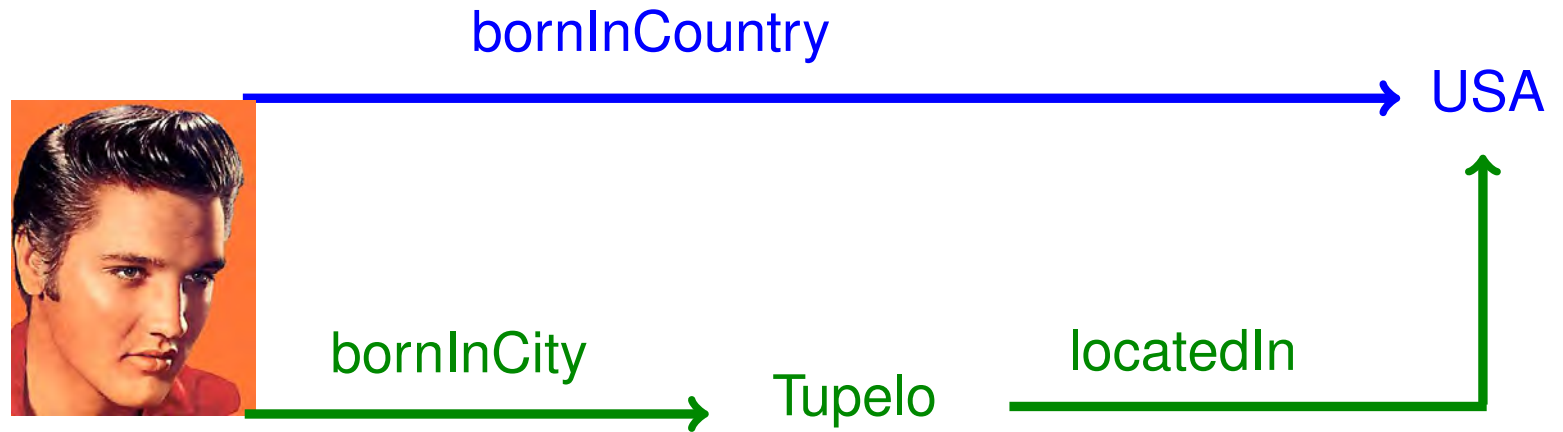
Tupelo

locatedIn

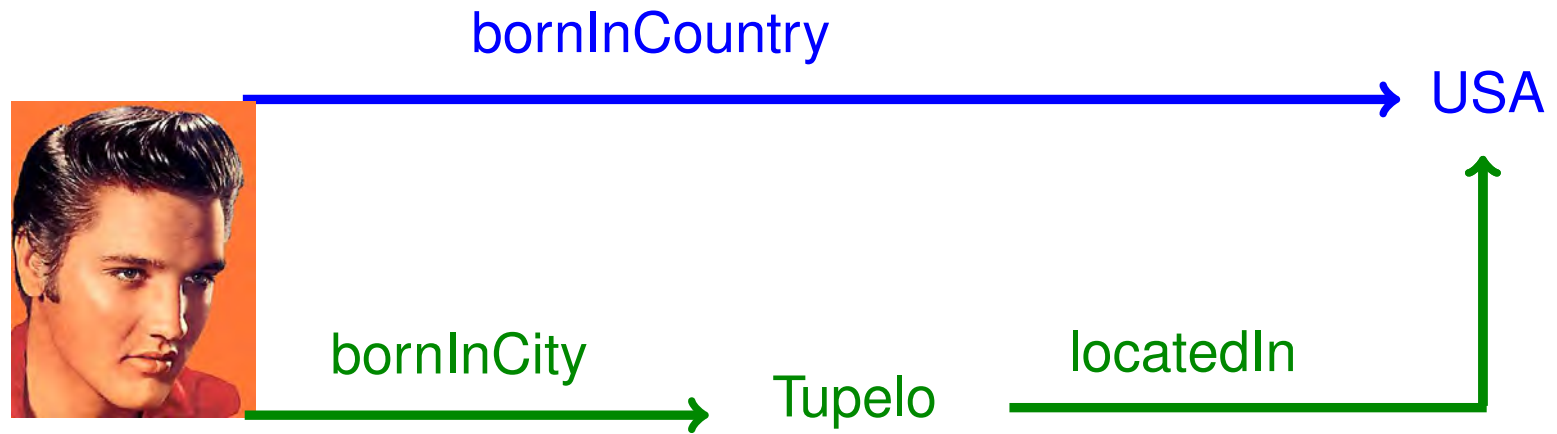


USA

# 1. Coalesce the KBs



# 2. Mine rules



↓ AMIE

$$\text{bornInCity}(x, y) \wedge \text{locatedIn}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{bornInCountry}(x, z)$$

“ROSA rule”

Caveat:  
Spurious  
correlations

# ROSA rules match ontologies

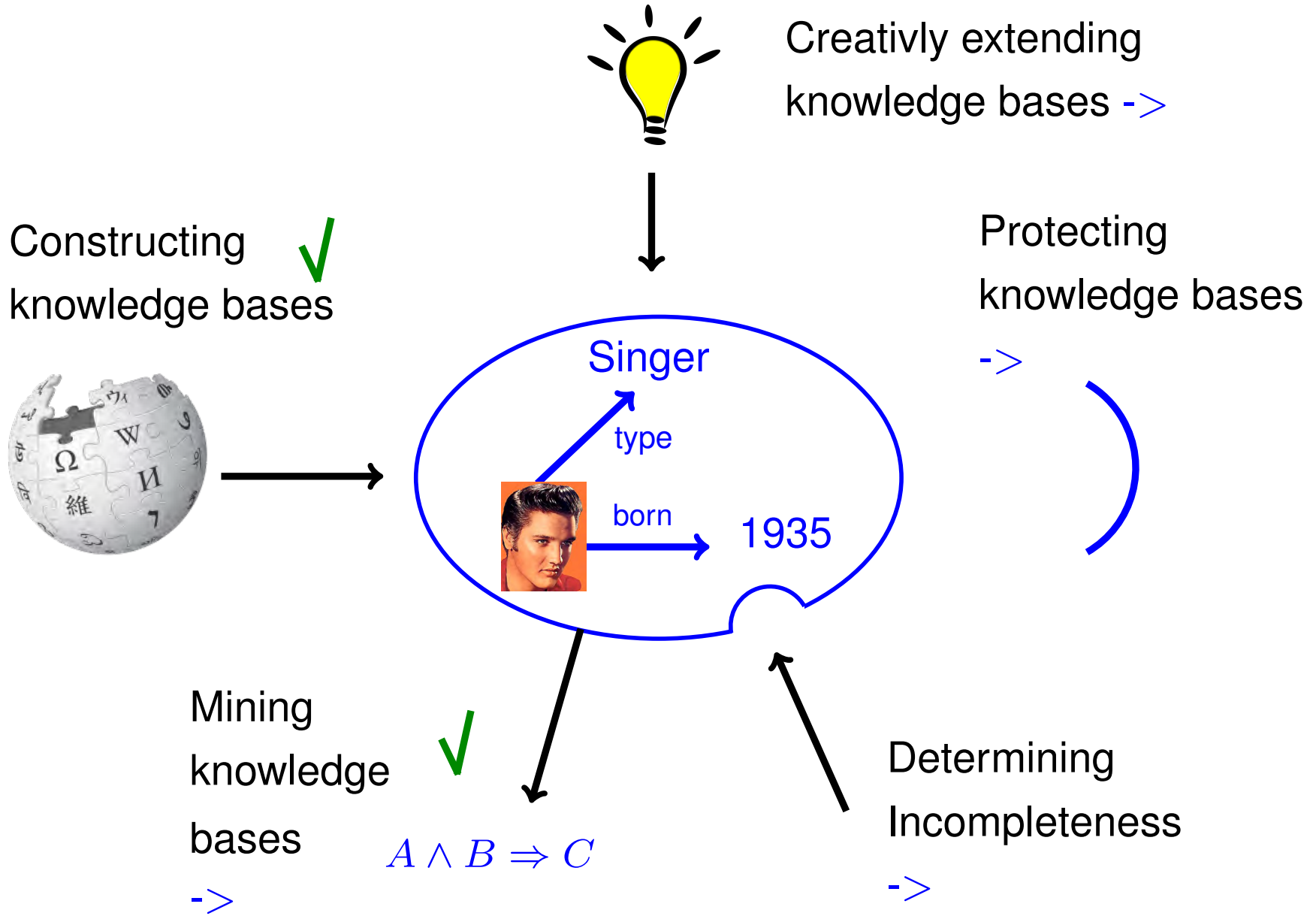


[AKBC 2013]

*bornInCity(x, y) ∧ locatedIn(y, z) ⇒ bornInCountry(x, z)*

“ROSA rule”

# Knowledge Base Life Cycle





# Incompleteness



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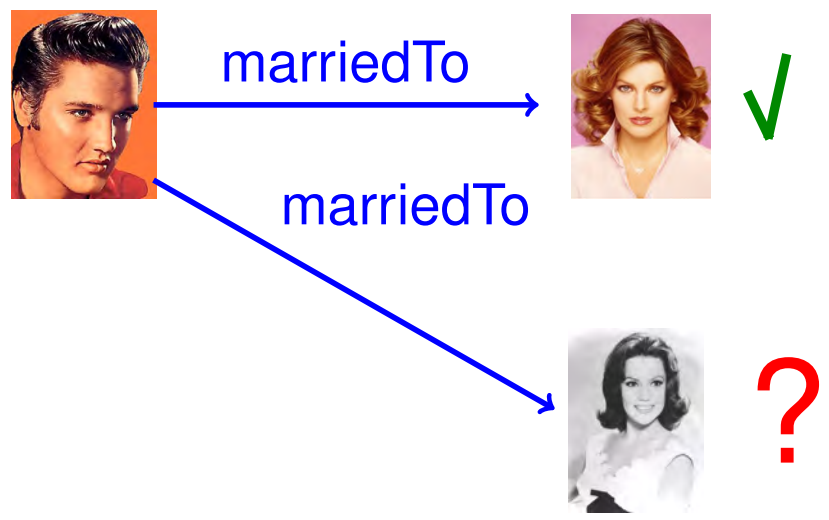
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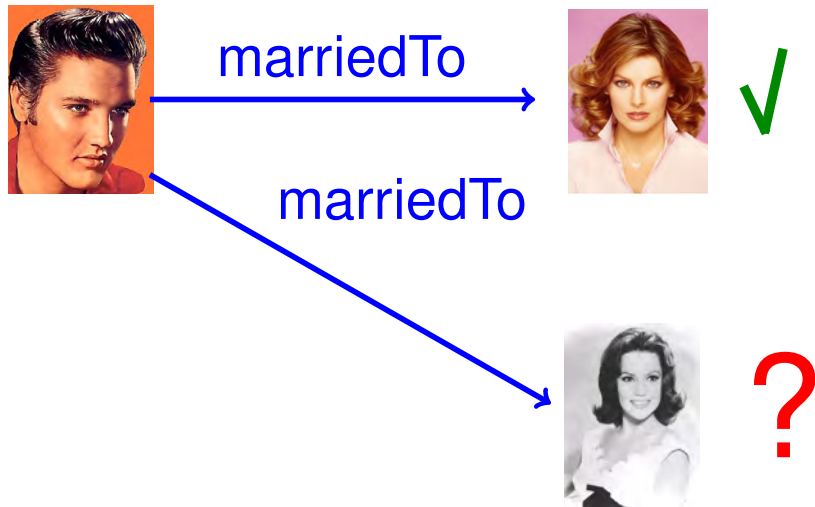


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Given a subject  $s$  and  
a relation  $r$ , do we know  
all  $o$  with  $r(s, o)$  ?

# Signals for Incompleteness



Closed World Assumption  
Partial Completeness Assumption  
Popularity oracle

No-change oracle  
Star-pattern oracle  
Class-oracle

AMIE oracle: Learn rules such as  
 $moreThan_1(x, hasParent) \Rightarrow complete(x, hasParent)$



[>Details](#)

# Signals for Incompleteness (F1)

Relation	CWA	PCA	card <sub>2</sub>	Popularity	No change	Star	Class	AMIE
diedIn	60%	22%	—	4%	15%	50%	<b>99%</b>	96%
directed	40%	96%	19%	7%	71%	0%	0%	<b>100%</b>
graduatedFrom	89%	4%	2%	2%	10%	89%	<b>92%</b>	87%
hasChild	71%	1%	1%	2%	13%	40%	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>
hasGender	78%	<b>100%</b>	—	2%	—	86%	95%	<b>100%</b>
hasParent*	1%	54%	<b>100%</b>	—	—	0%	0%	<b>100%</b>
isCitizenOf*	4%	98%	11%	1%	4%	10%	5%	<b>100%</b>
isConnectedTo	87%	34%	19%	—	—	68%	88%	<b>89%</b>
isMarriedTo*	55%	7%	0%	3%	12%	37%	<b>57%</b>	46%
wasBornIn	28%	<b>100%</b>	—	5%	8%	0%	0%	<b>100%</b>



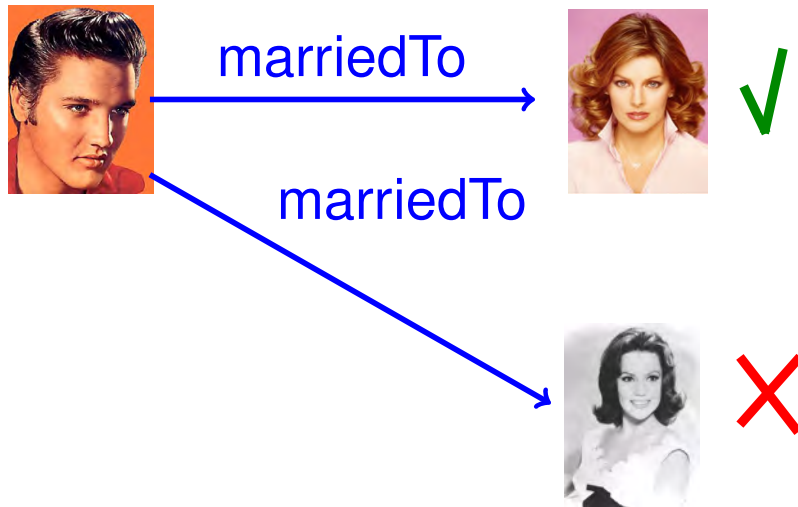
Relation	CWA	PCA	card <sub>2</sub>	Popularity	Star	Class	AMIE
alma_mater	<b>90%</b>	14%	5%	1%	87%	87%	87%
brother	93%	1%	—	1%	94%	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>
child	70%	1%	—	1%	<b>79%</b>	72%	73%
country_of_citizenship*	42%	97%	10%	3%	0%	0%	<b>98%</b>
director	81%	<b>100%</b>	—	3%	94%	89%	<b>100%</b>
father*	5%	<b>100%</b>	6%	9%	89%	8%	<b>100%</b>
mother*	3%	<b>100%</b>	3%	10%	67%*	5%	<b>100%</b>
place_of_birth	53%	<b>100%</b>	7%	5%	55%	0%	<b>100%</b>
place_of_death	89%	35%	1%	2%	81%	81%	<b>96%</b>
sex_or_gender	81%	<b>100%</b>	6%	3%	92%	91%	<b>100%</b>
spouse*	<b>57%</b>	7%	—	1%	54%	54%	55%



\* = biased training sample

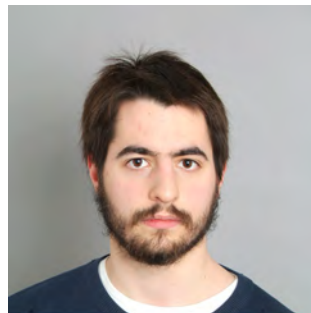


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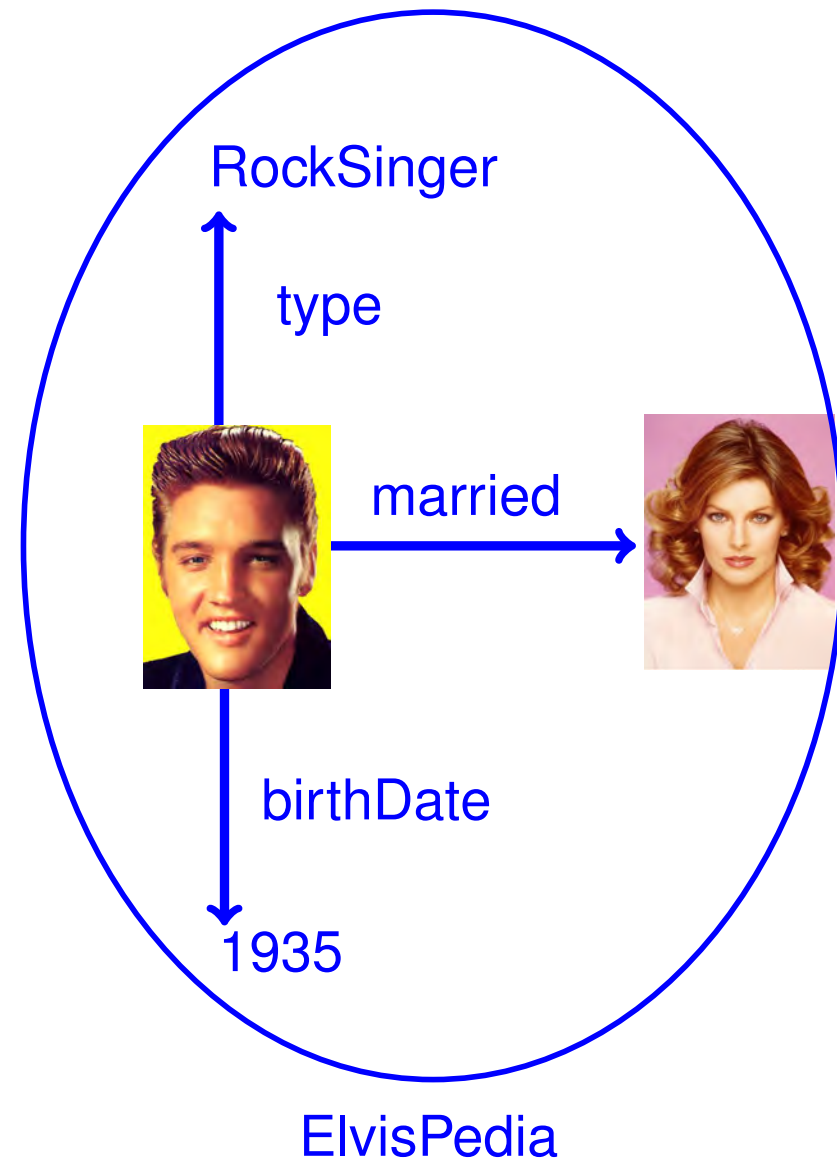
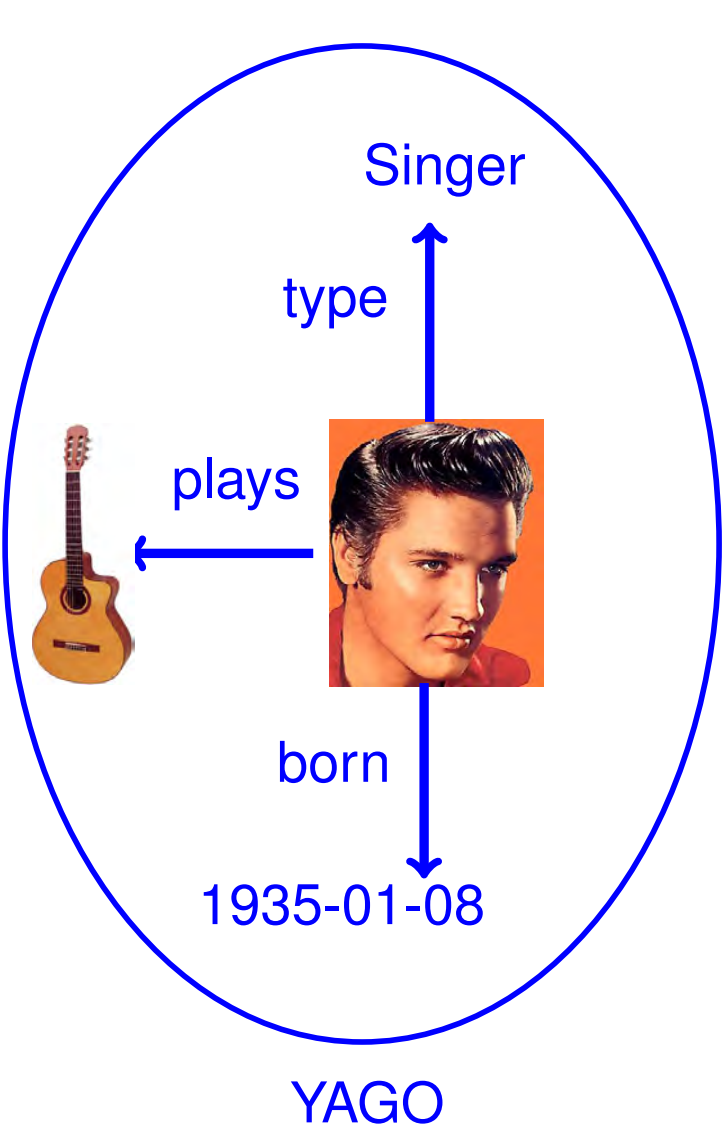
AMIE can predict incompleteness

- bornIn: 100% F1-measure
  - diedIn: 96%
  - directed: 100%
  - graduatedFrom: 87%
  - hasChild: 78%
  - isMarriedTo: 46%
- ... and more.

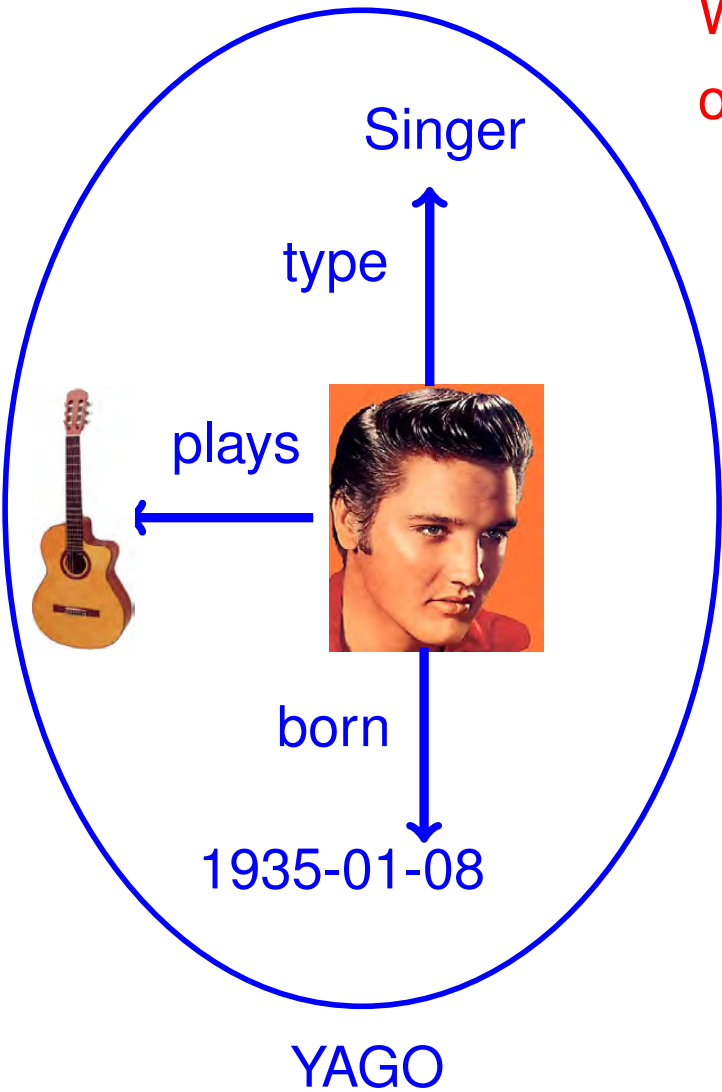


[WSDM 2017]

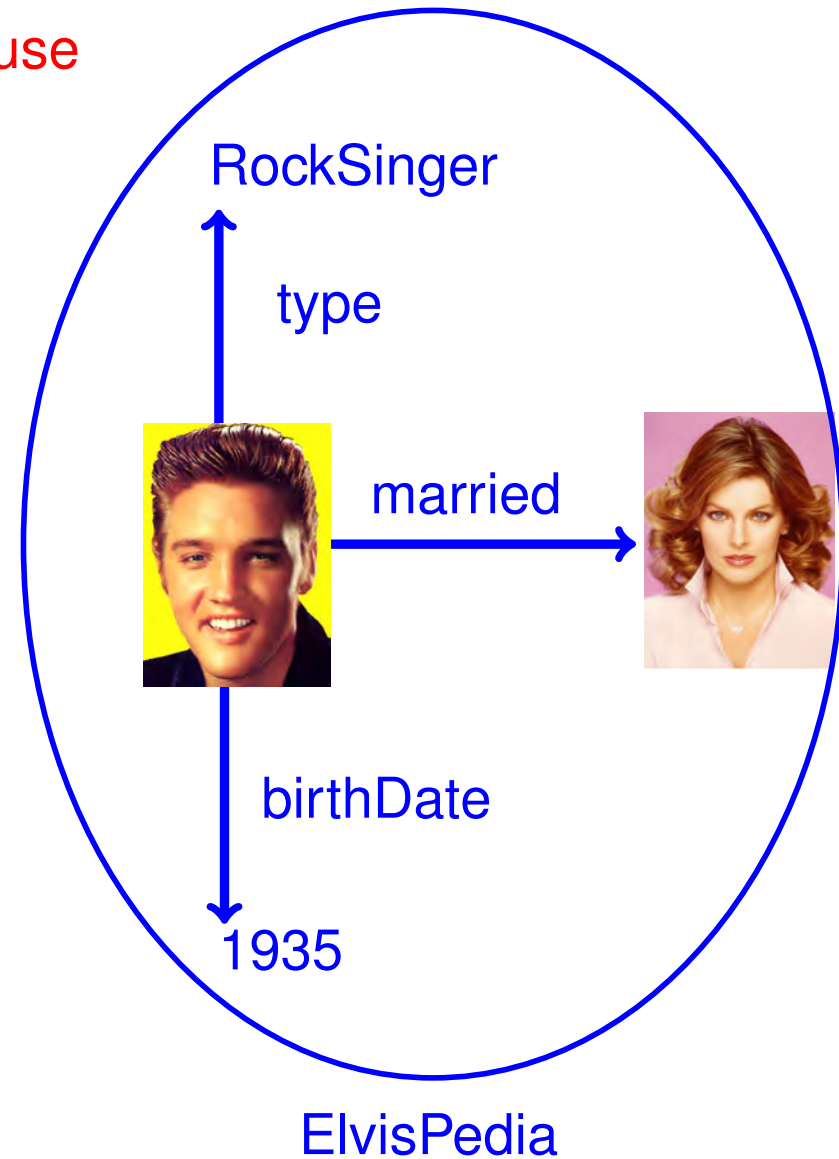
# If incomplete, use another KB



# No Links => No Use

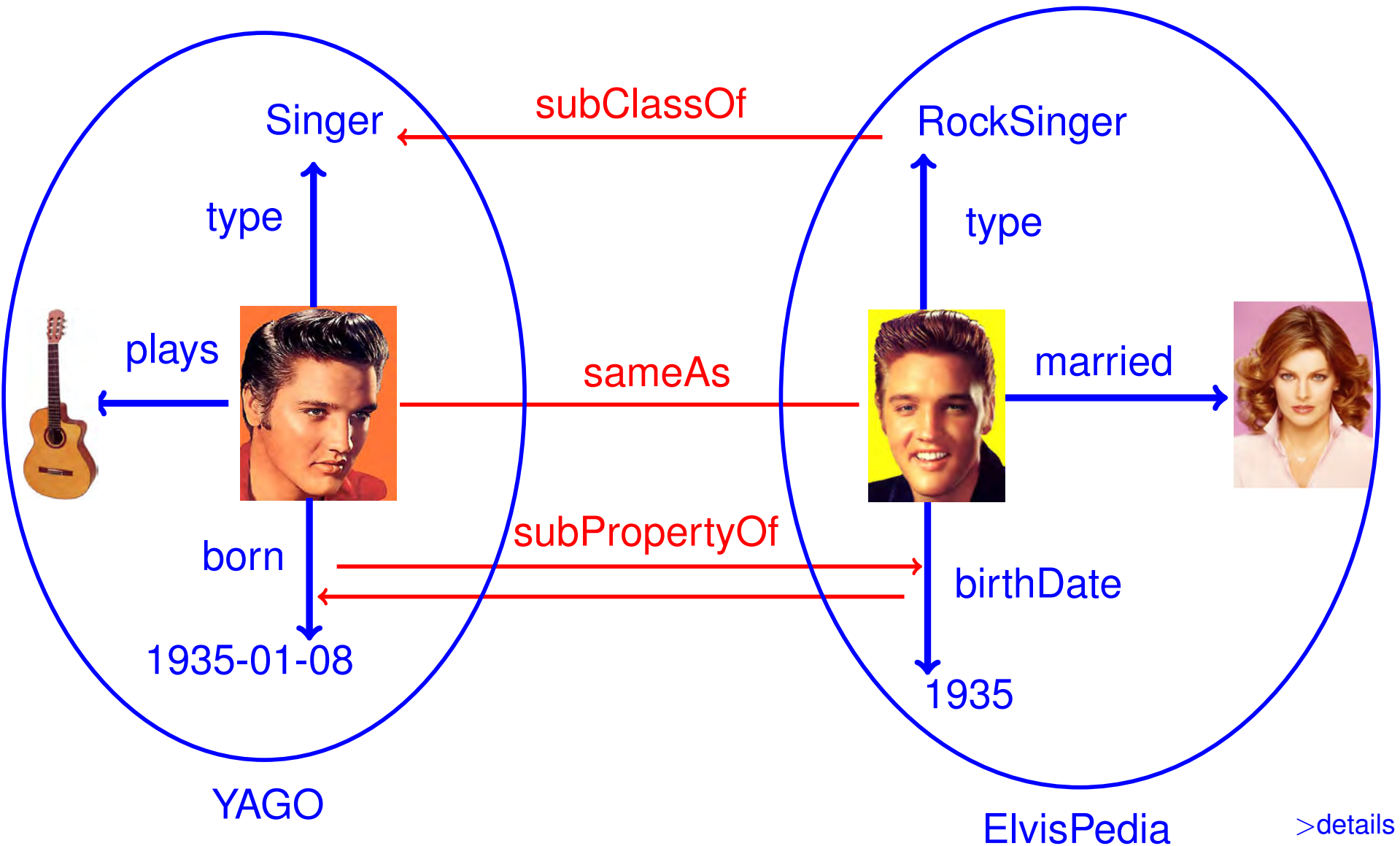


Who is the spouse  
of the guitar  
player?





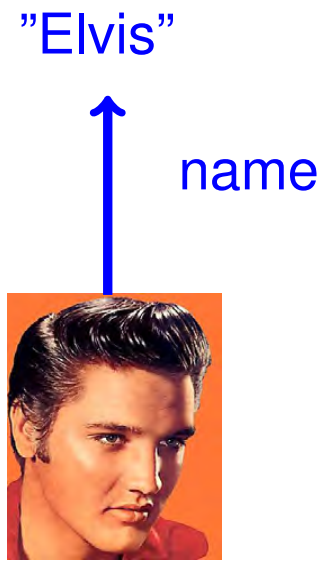
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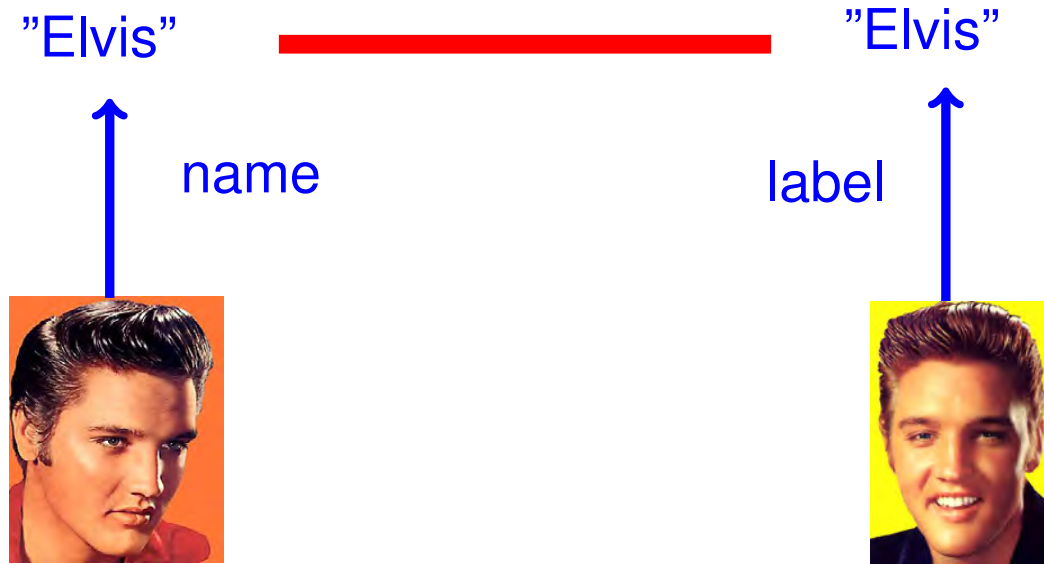


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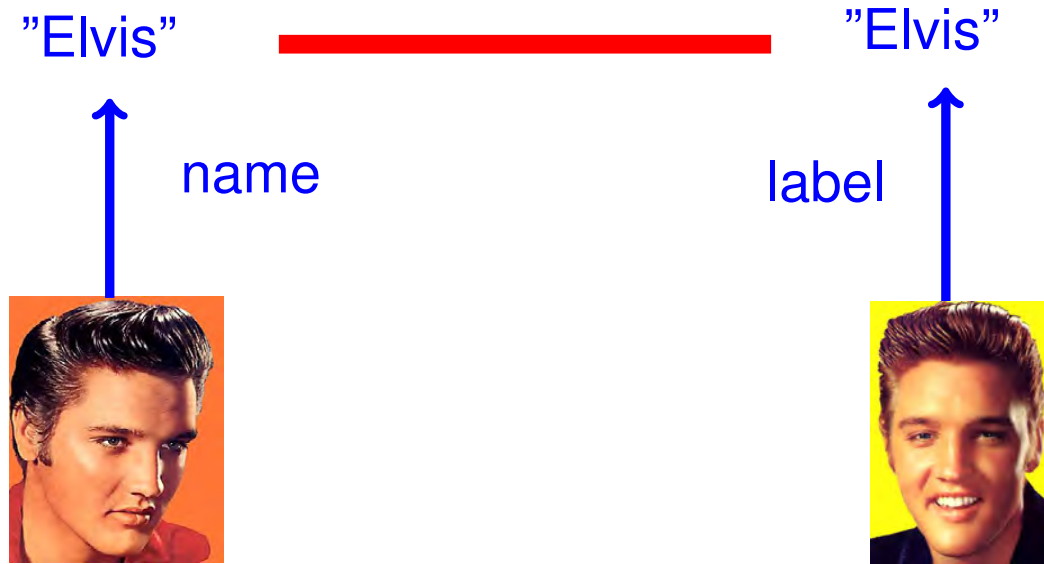
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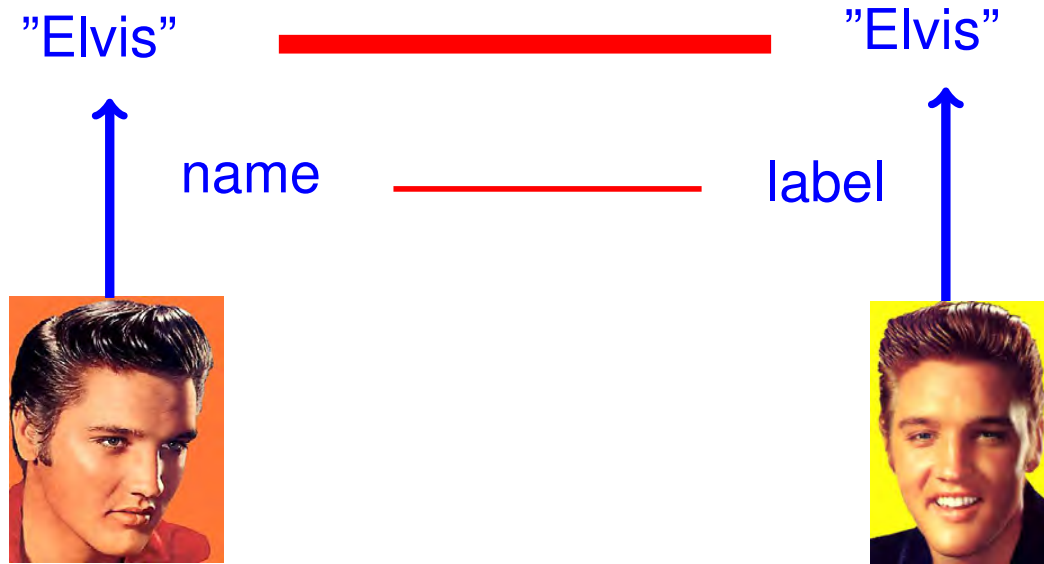
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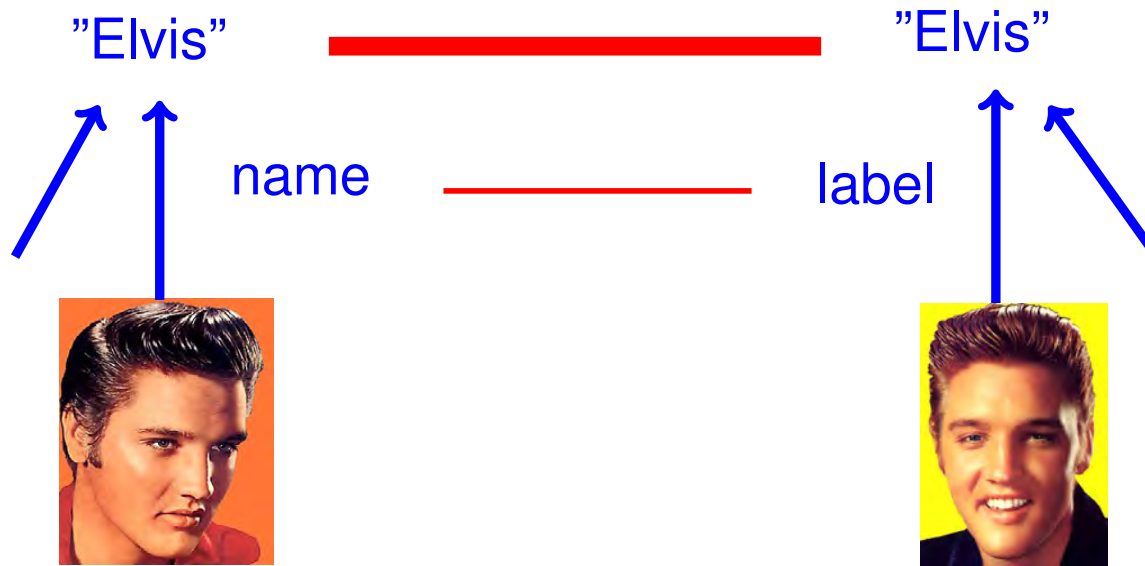
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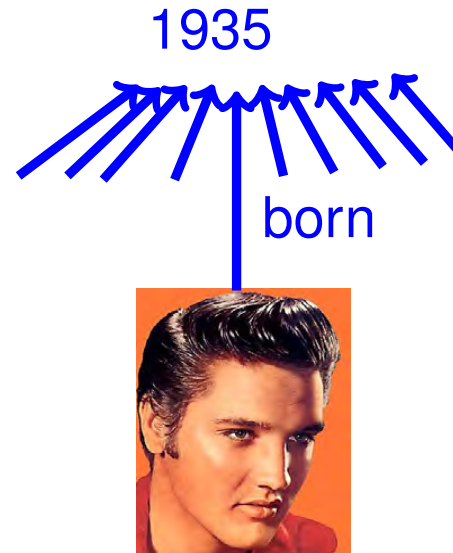
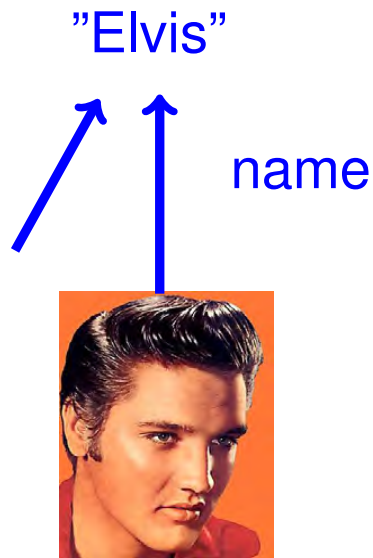
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What about matching the entities?

What does it mean that both Elvises share the same name?

# Inverse Functionality



$$ifun(r, y) = \frac{1}{\#x:r(x,y)}$$

$$ifun(\text{name}, \text{Elvis}) = 1 / 2$$

$$ifun(\text{born}, 1935) = 1/10$$

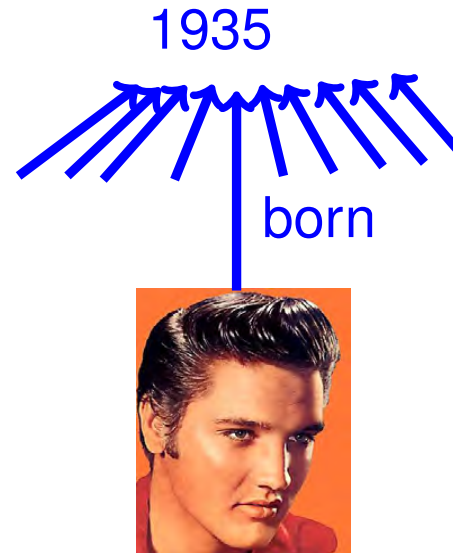
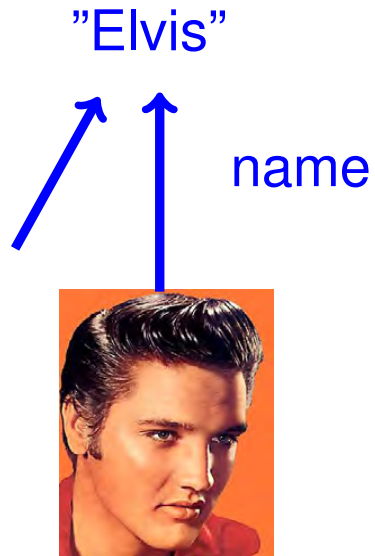
$$ifun(r) = HM_y ifun(r, y)$$

$$ifun(\text{name}) = 0.9$$

$$ifun(\text{born}) = 0.1$$



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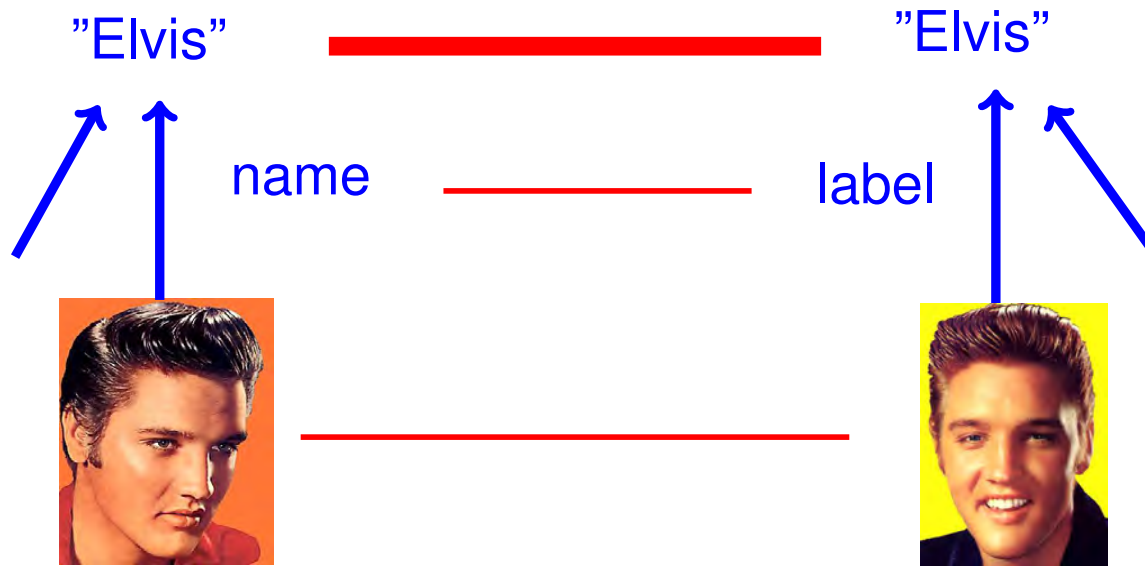
$$ifun(r) = \frac{\#x:\exists y:r(x,y)}{\#x,y:r(x,y)}$$

# of subjects  
divided by  
# of facts



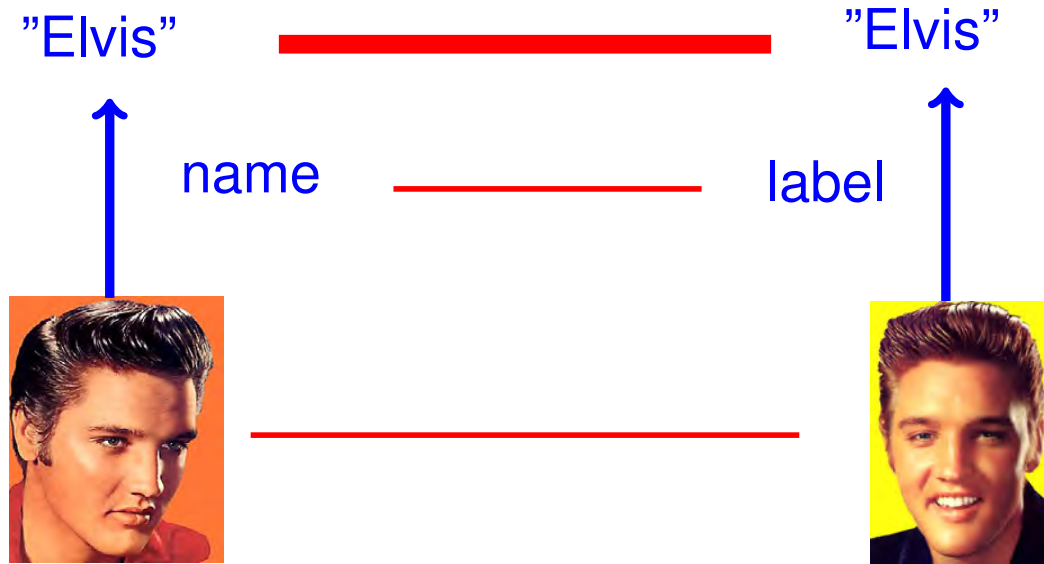
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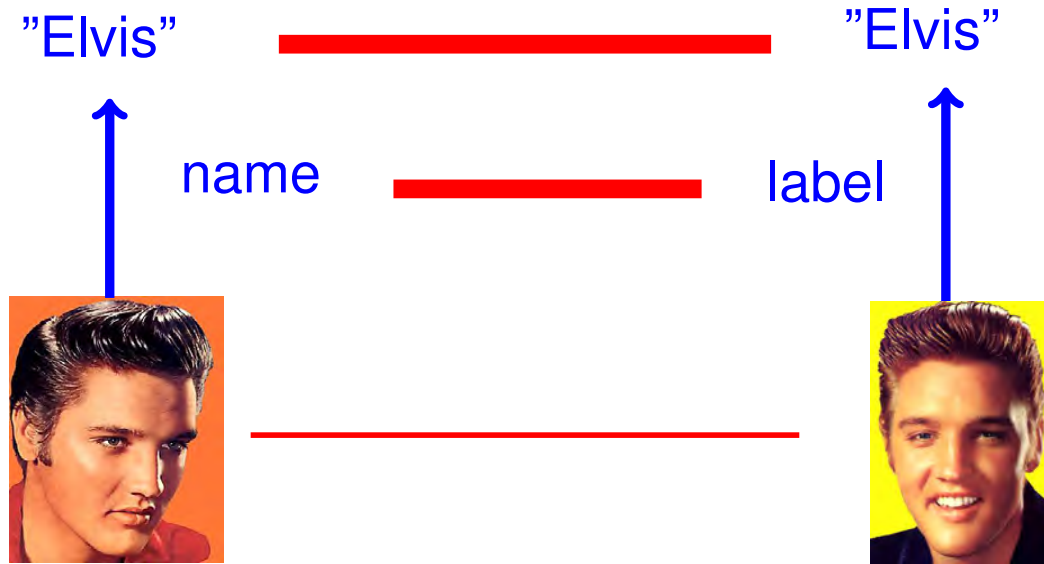
3. If subjects share a relation that is highly inverse functional, and the object is matched, then match the subjects.

# Match classes, entities, & relations



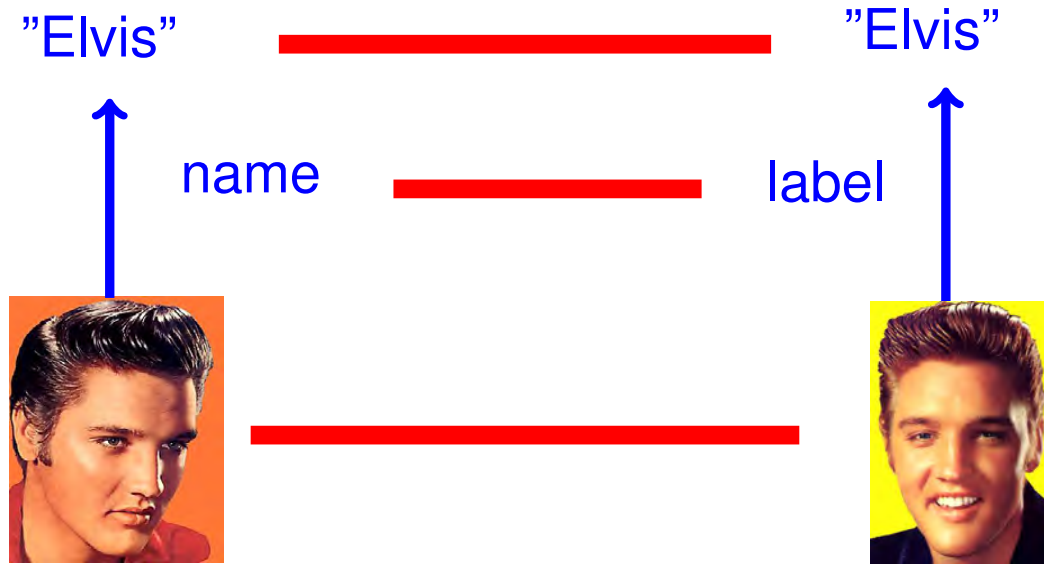
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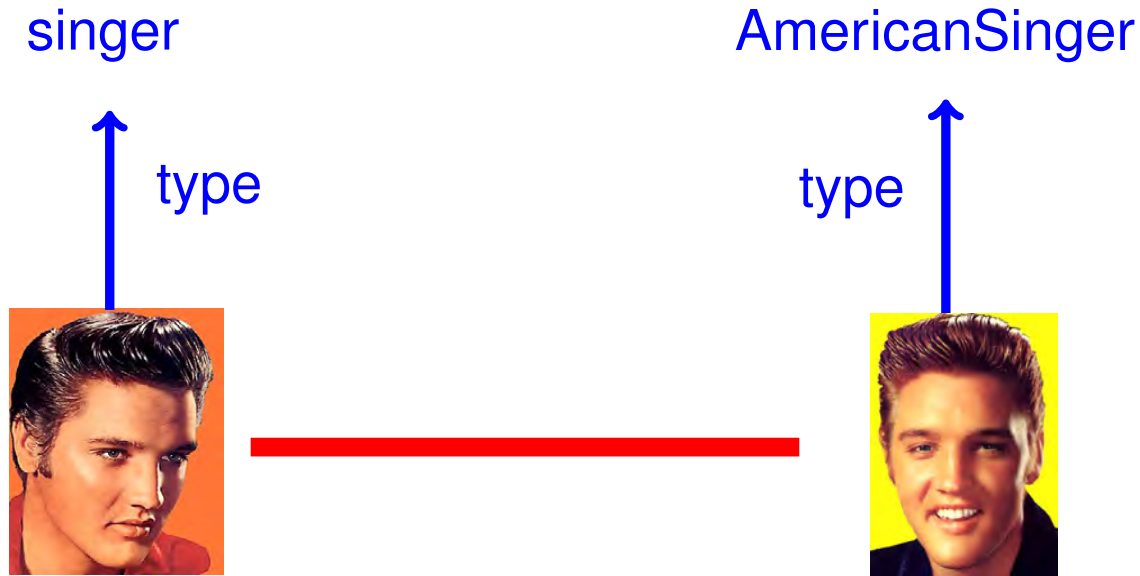
5. Iterate

$$P(e_1 \equiv e_2) = \prod_{42}^1 \alpha^\beta \dots P(r_1 \subseteq r_2) \dots$$

$$P(r_1 \subseteq r_2) = 42\phi^\gamma \sum \dots P(e_1 = e_2) \dots$$

Caveat: Convergence proof only in subcase

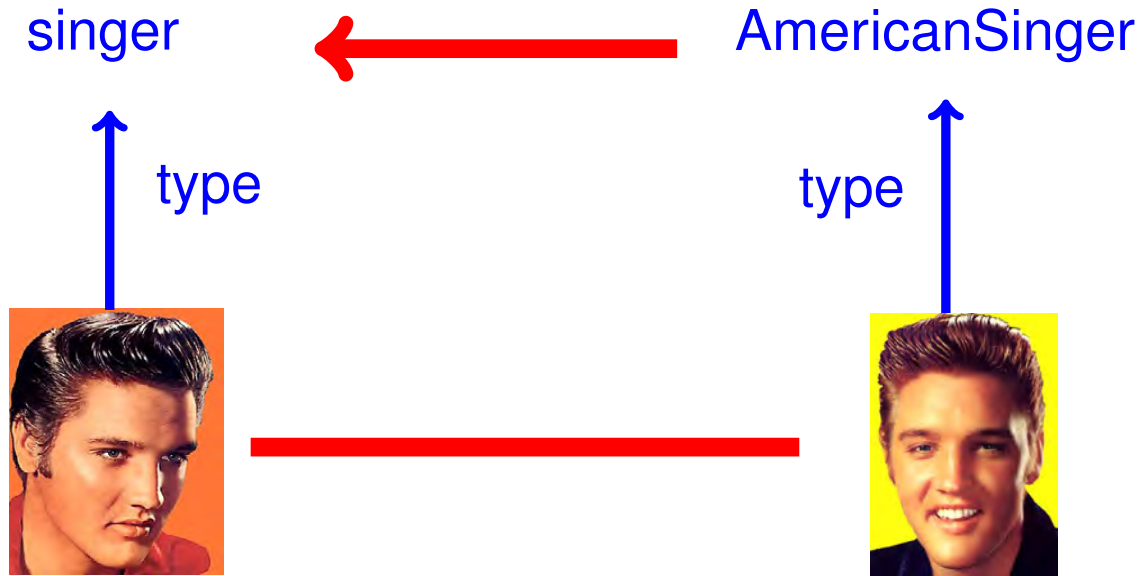
# Match classes, entities, & relations



## 6. Compute class subsumption

$$P(c_1 \subseteq c_2) = \arcsin(4.1125) \times P(e_1 \equiv e_2) \times \dots$$

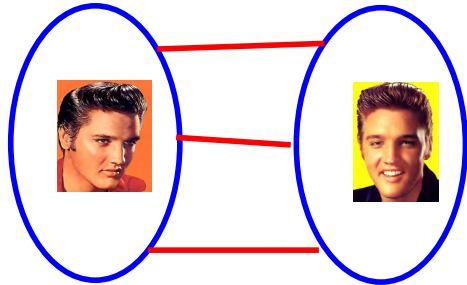
# Match classes, entities, & relations



6. Compute class subsumption

Caveat: Class alignment works with “only” 85% precision due to spurious correlation.

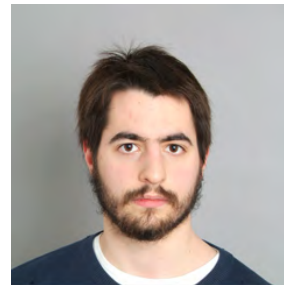
# PARIS:match entities, classes, relations



PARIS matches DBpedia & YAGO

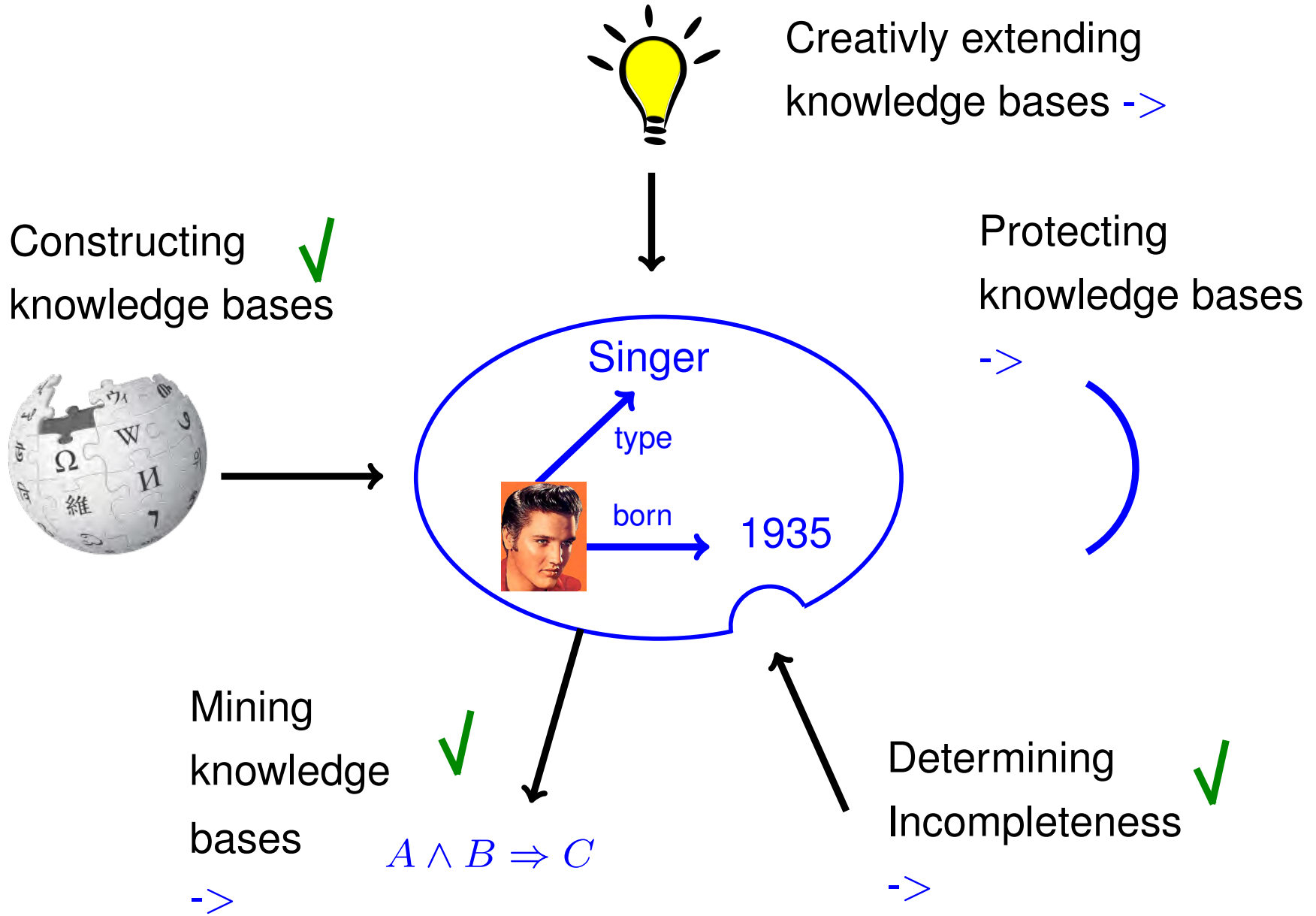
- in 2 hours
- with 90% accuracy

[VLDB 2012, APWeb 2014 invited paper]



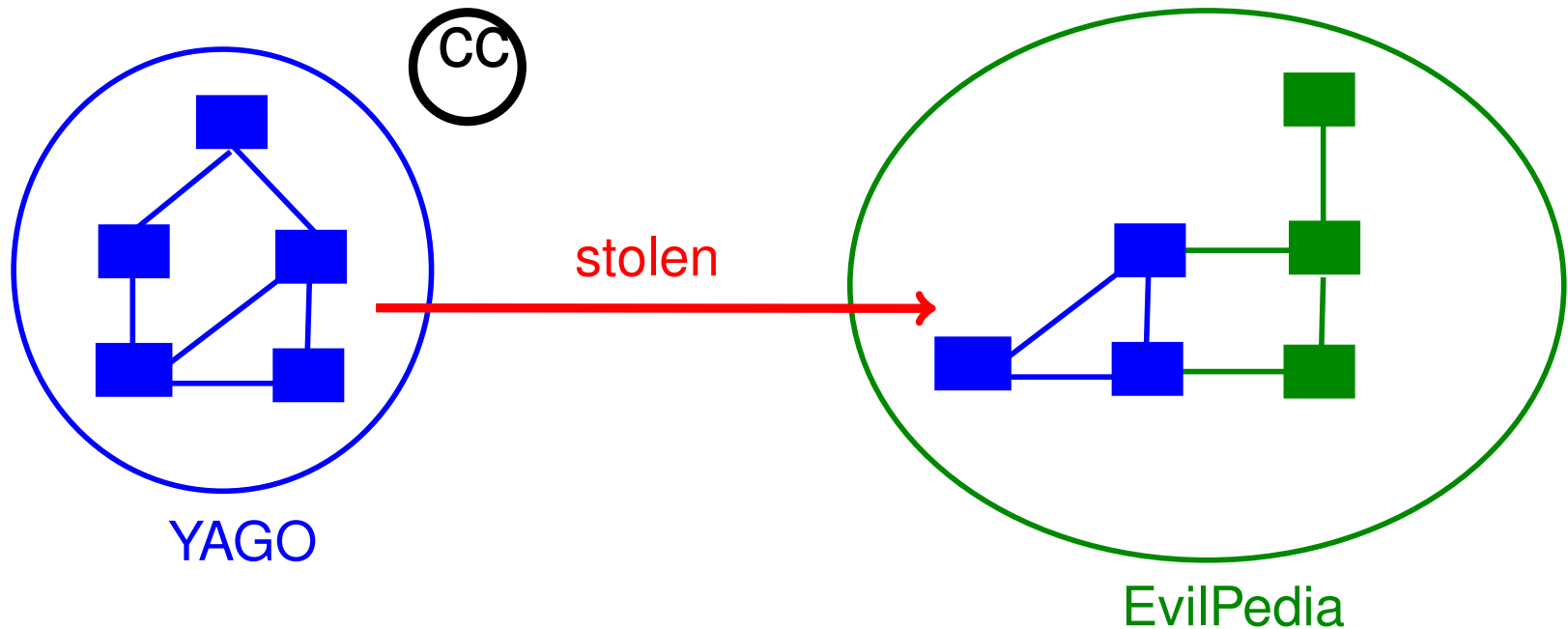


# Knowledge Base Life Cycle



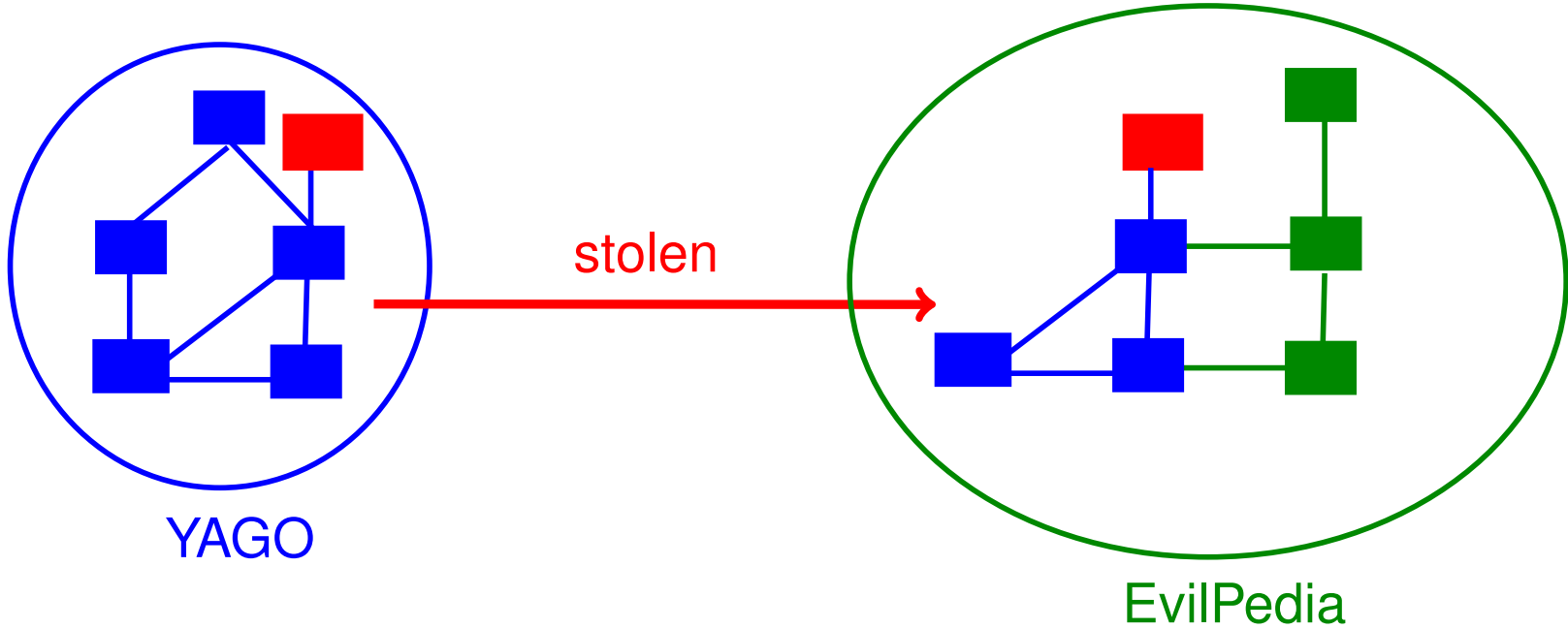
# Plagiarism

People may “steal” from other ontologies without giving due credit.  
Most ontologies have licenses that require attribution.



# Additive Watermarking

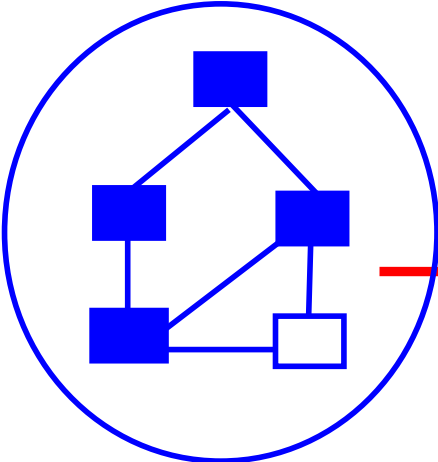
By adding a few fake facts to the source ontology, one can prove theft in the target ontology.



[WWW 2012 demo]

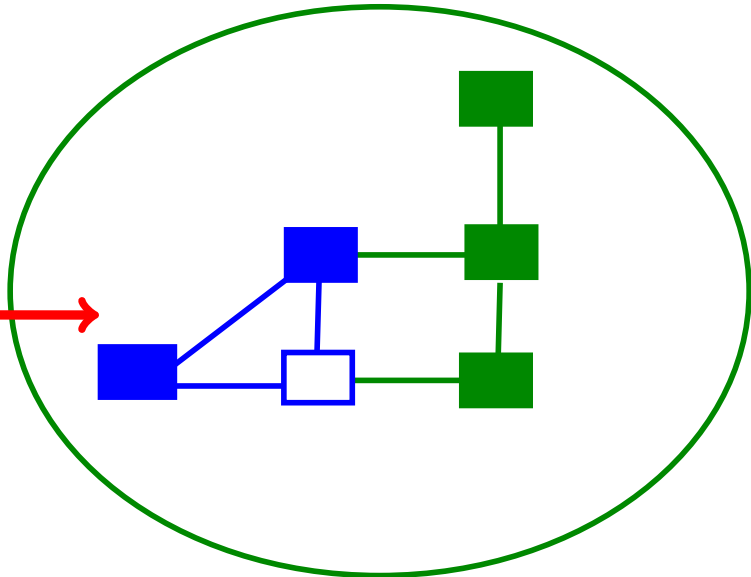
# Subtractive Watermarking

One can also prove theft by selectively removing facts from the source ontology.



YAGO

stolen



EvilPedia

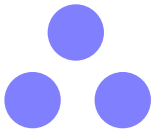
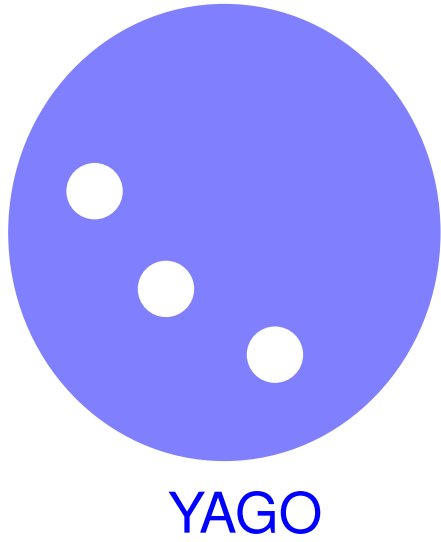


[ISWC 2011]

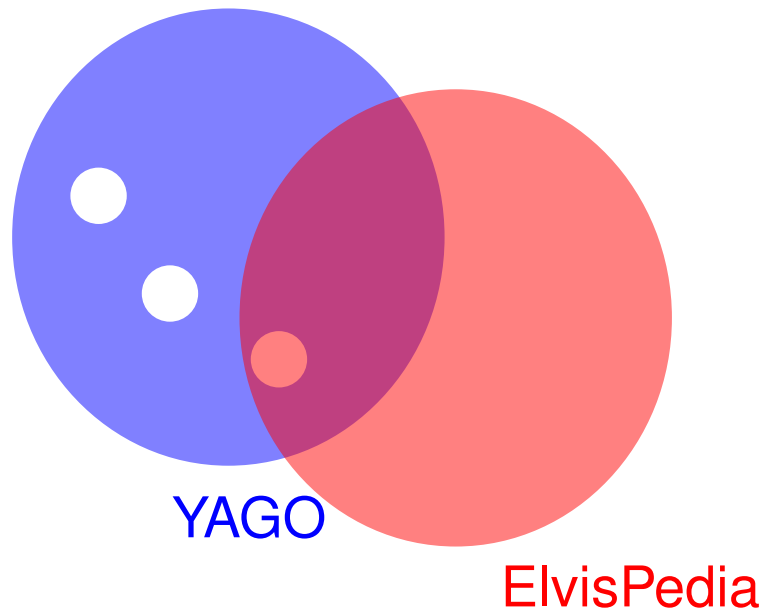
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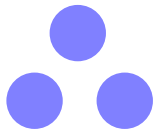
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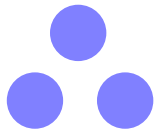
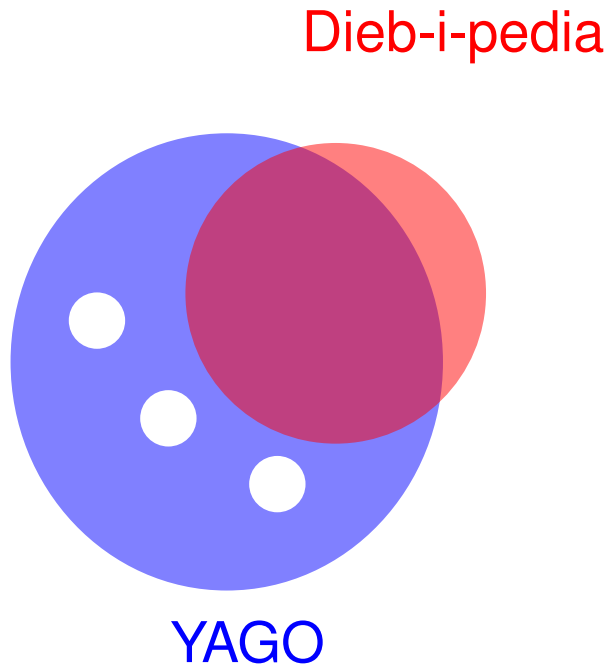
ratio of overlap

$\approx$

ratio of covered holes



# A Stolen KB



high overlap

*but*

no holes covered

Probability that this happens by chance

$$\sim (1 - \alpha)^n$$

$\alpha$  : overlap ratio

$n$  : number of holes

# Protecting the user



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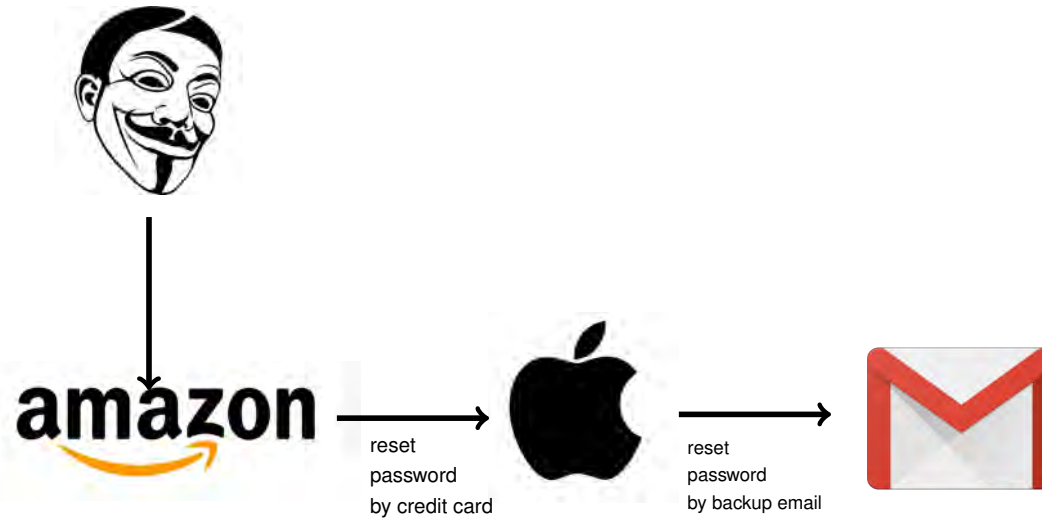
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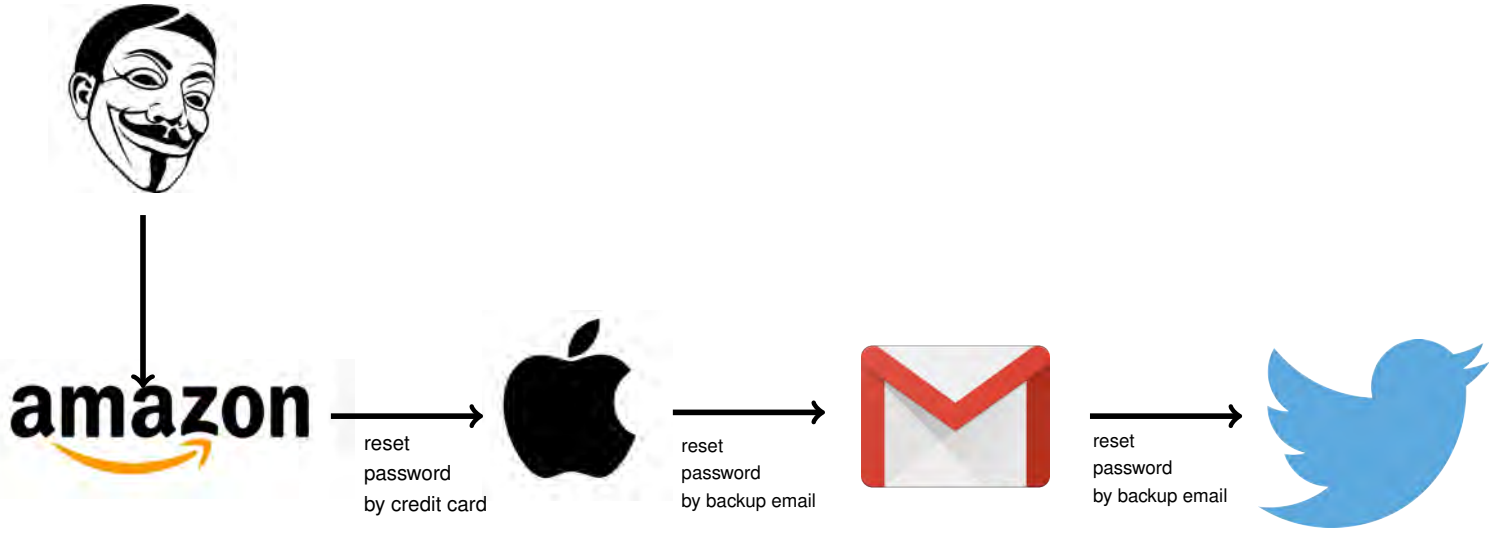
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reset  
password  
by credit card



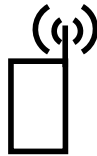
reset  
password  
by backup email



reset  
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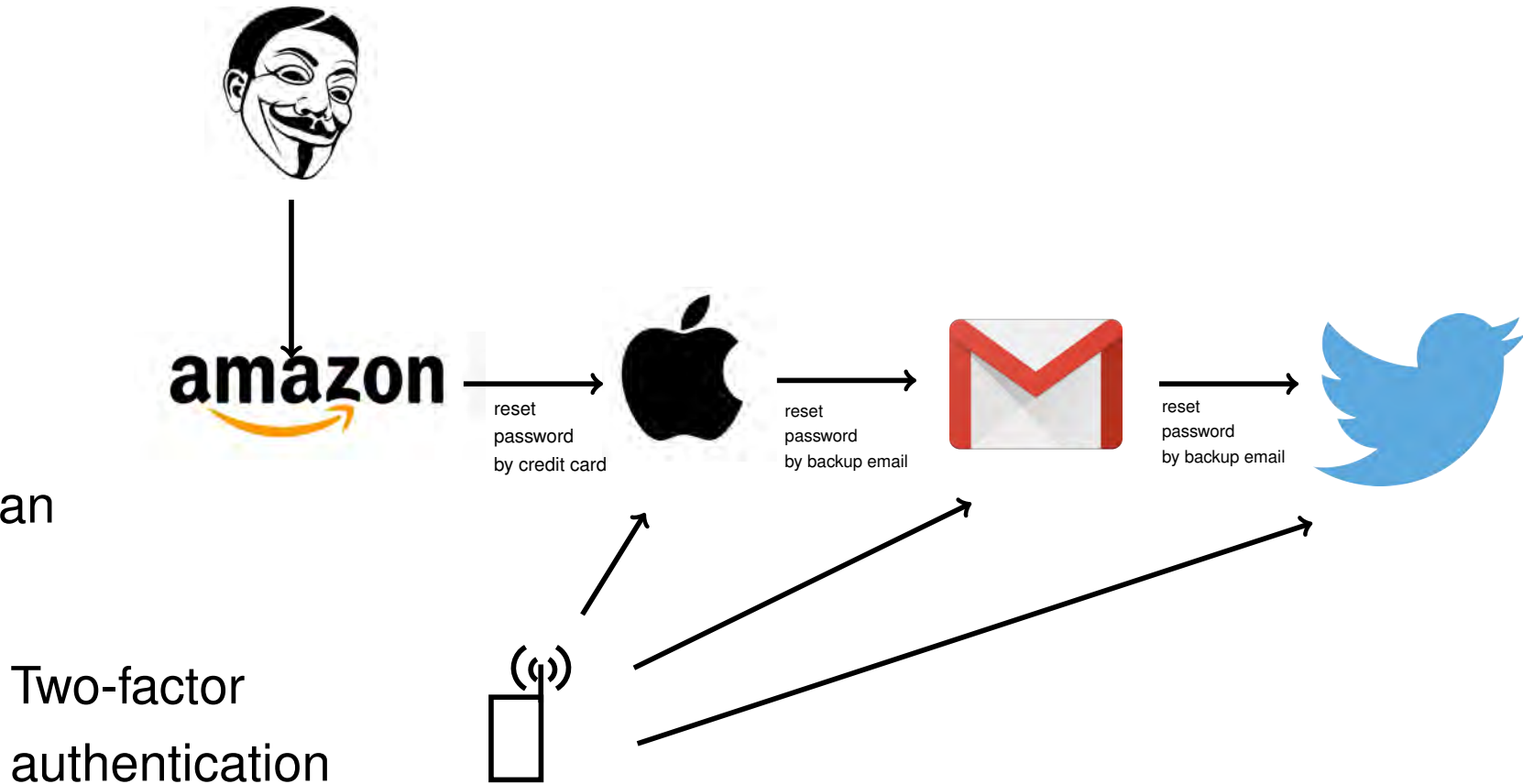
Two-factor  
authentication



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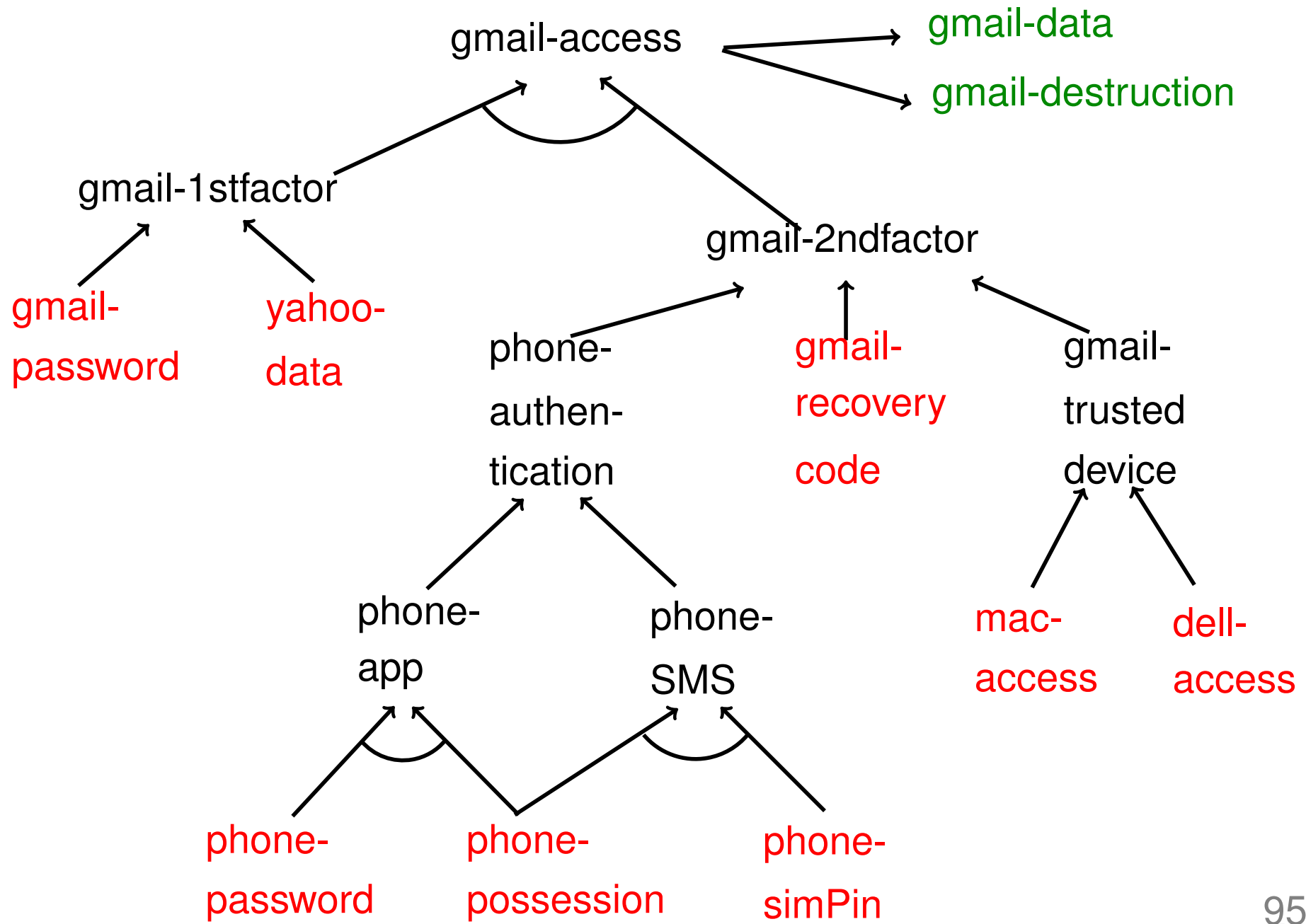


**Security:** How many keys does a hacker need?

**Safety:** How many keys can I afford to lose?

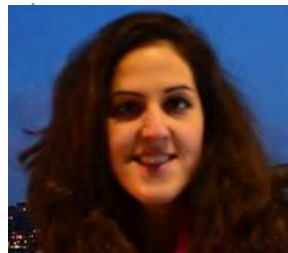
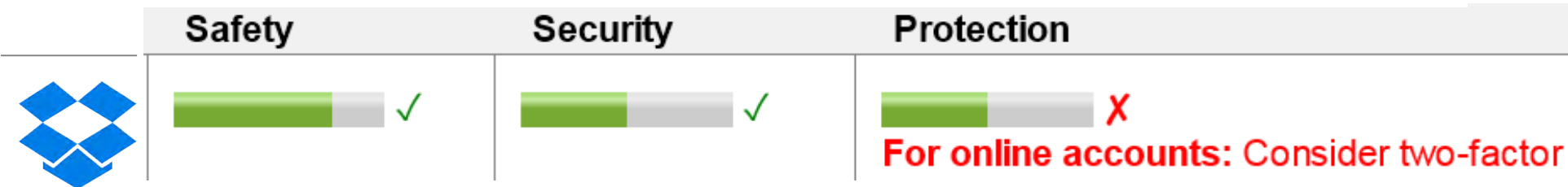
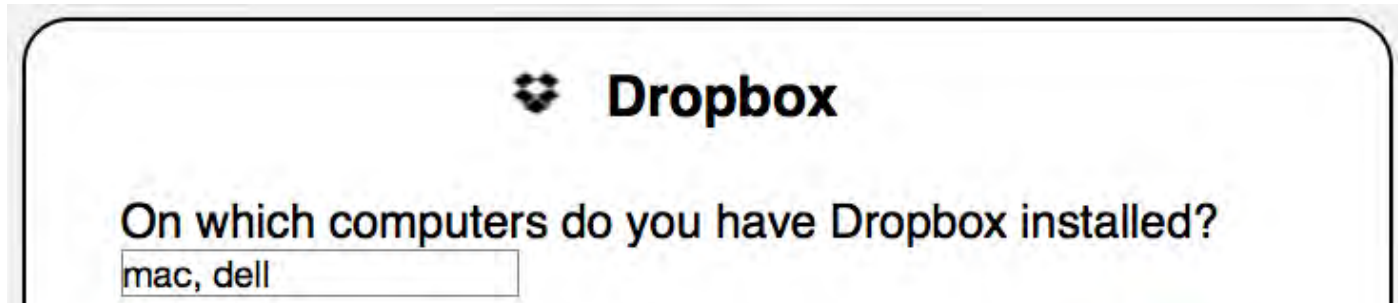
**Protection:** How many keys to destroy my data?

# Account Dependencies



# DIVINA

## Discovering Vulnerabilities of Internet Accounts

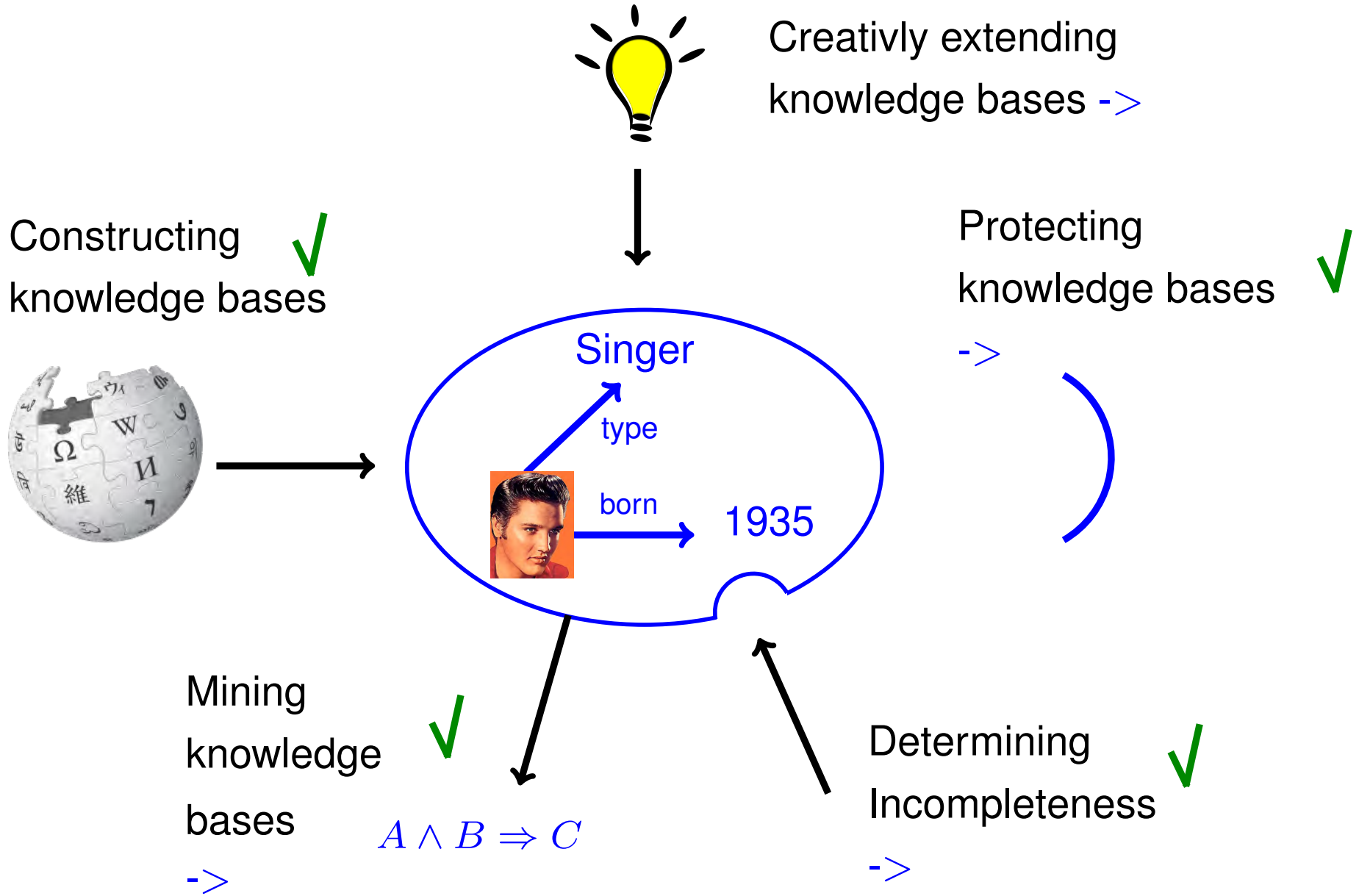


[WWW 2015 demo]

<https://suchanek.name/programs/divina>



# Knowledge Base Life Cycle



# Combinatorial Creativity



# Description Logics do not work

$$Mop \equiv Tool \sqcap \exists has.Stick \sqcap \exists has.Strings$$
$$BabyMop \equiv$$
$$Romper \sqcap \exists has.(Mop \sqcap \neg \exists has.Stick) \sqcap \exists has.Baby$$
$$\equiv \perp$$


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# Language for Combinatorial Creativity

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Succession:  $Mop \rightarrow \exists r.\top \equiv Stick$

Selection\*:  $Mop \uparrow \exists has.\top \equiv \exists has.Stick$

$$Romper + \exists has.(Mop - \exists has.Stick) + \exists has.Baby \\ \equiv BabyMop$$



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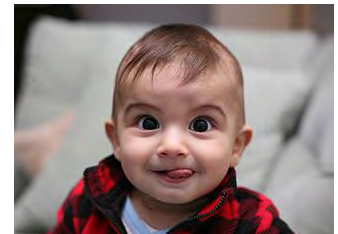


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## 1) Descriptive experiments



## 2) Generative experiments

1/3 nonsense, 1/3 exists,  
1/3 “imaginable”

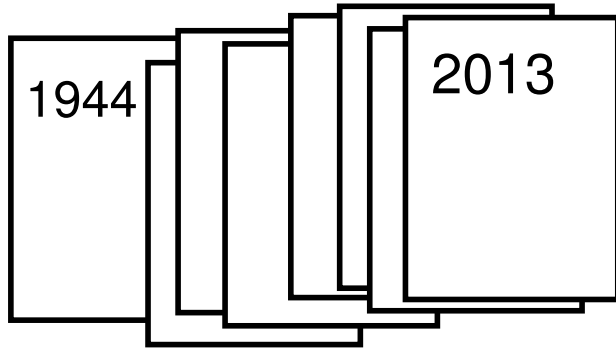


[ISWC 2016  
paper & demo]

>LeMonde

# Another creative idea...

## *Le Monde*



# Mining Le Monde

## Le Monde

time

place

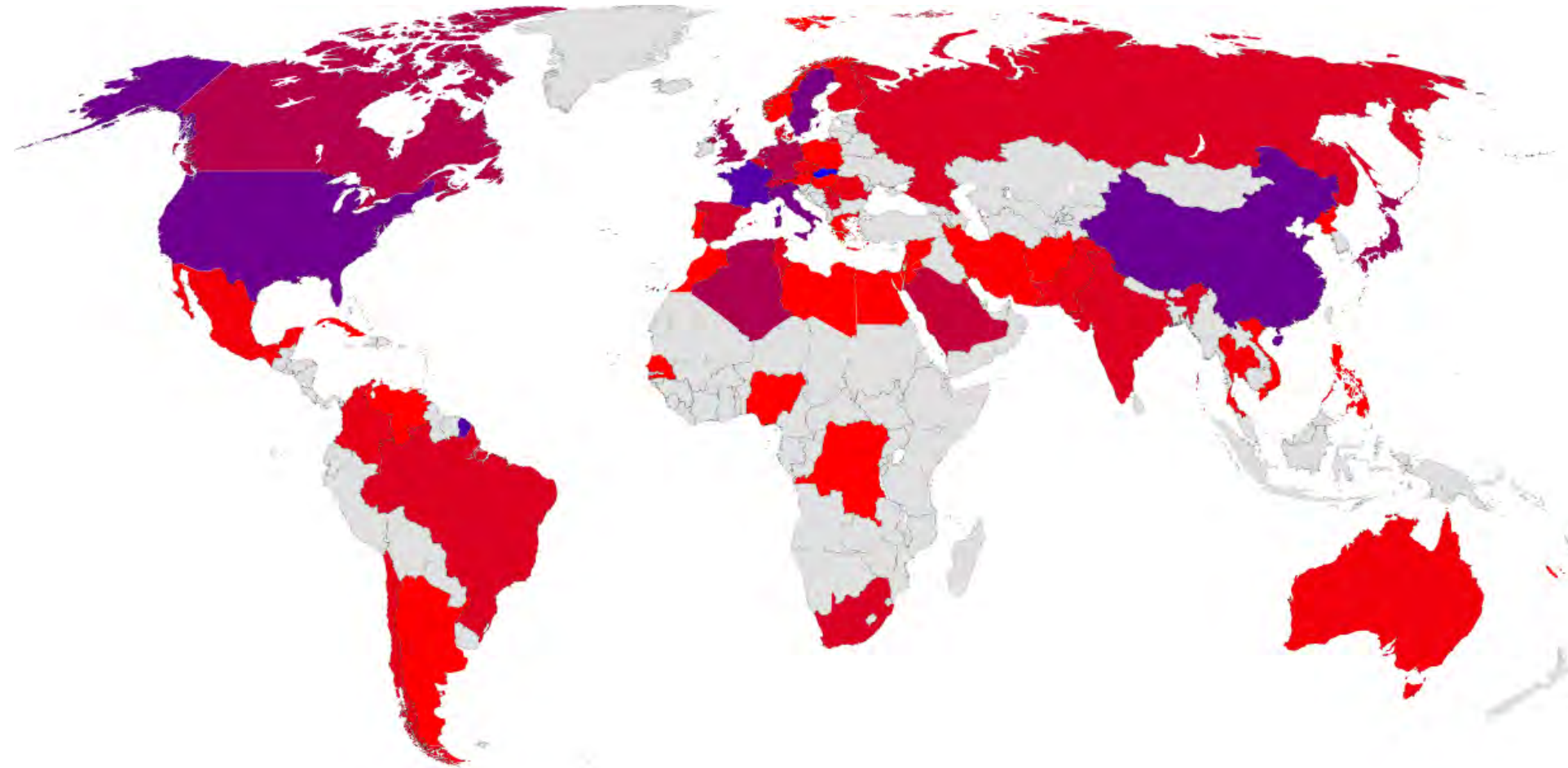
entity

1967

USA



# Presence of foreign companies



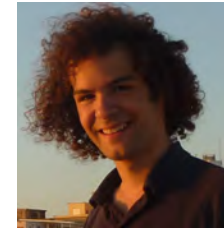
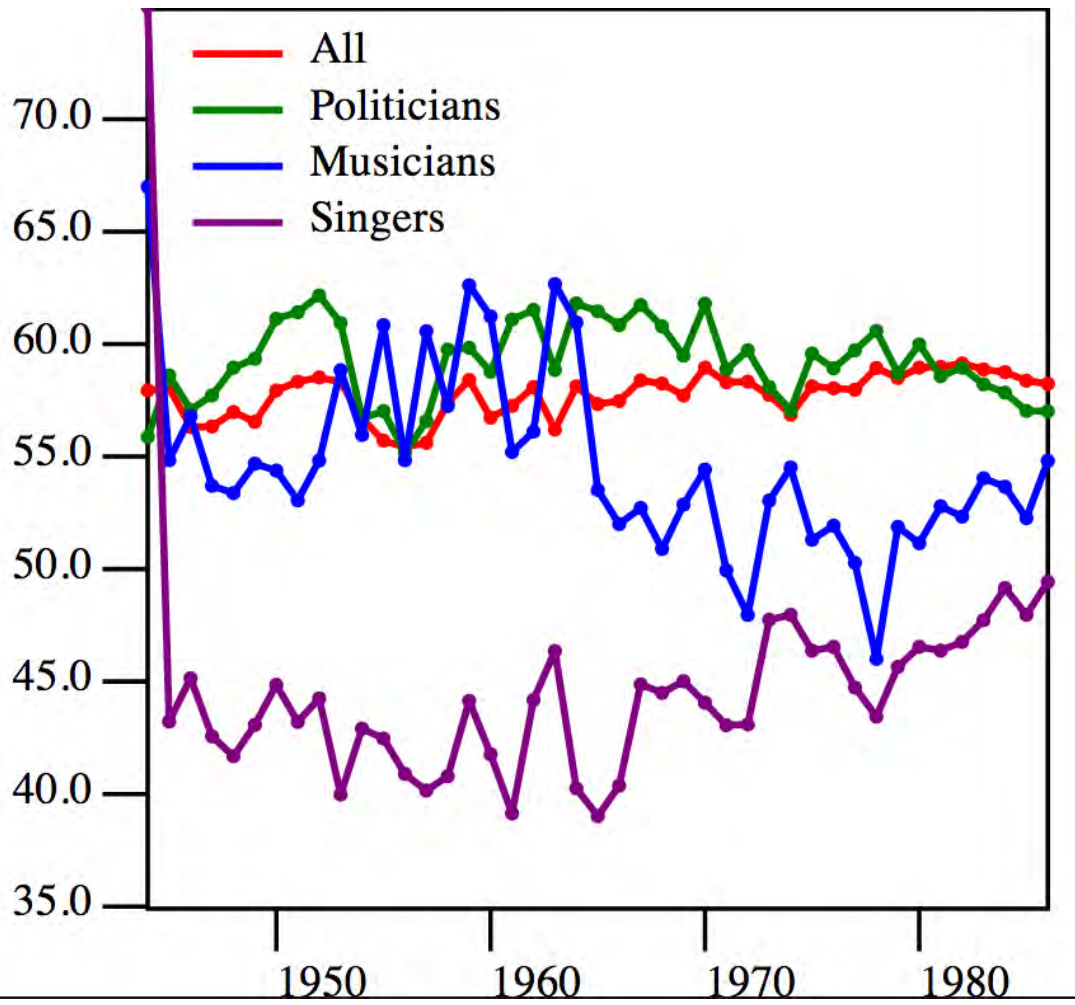
red: many foreign companies mentioned

blue: few foreign companies mentioned



# Average age of people mentioned

Le Monde

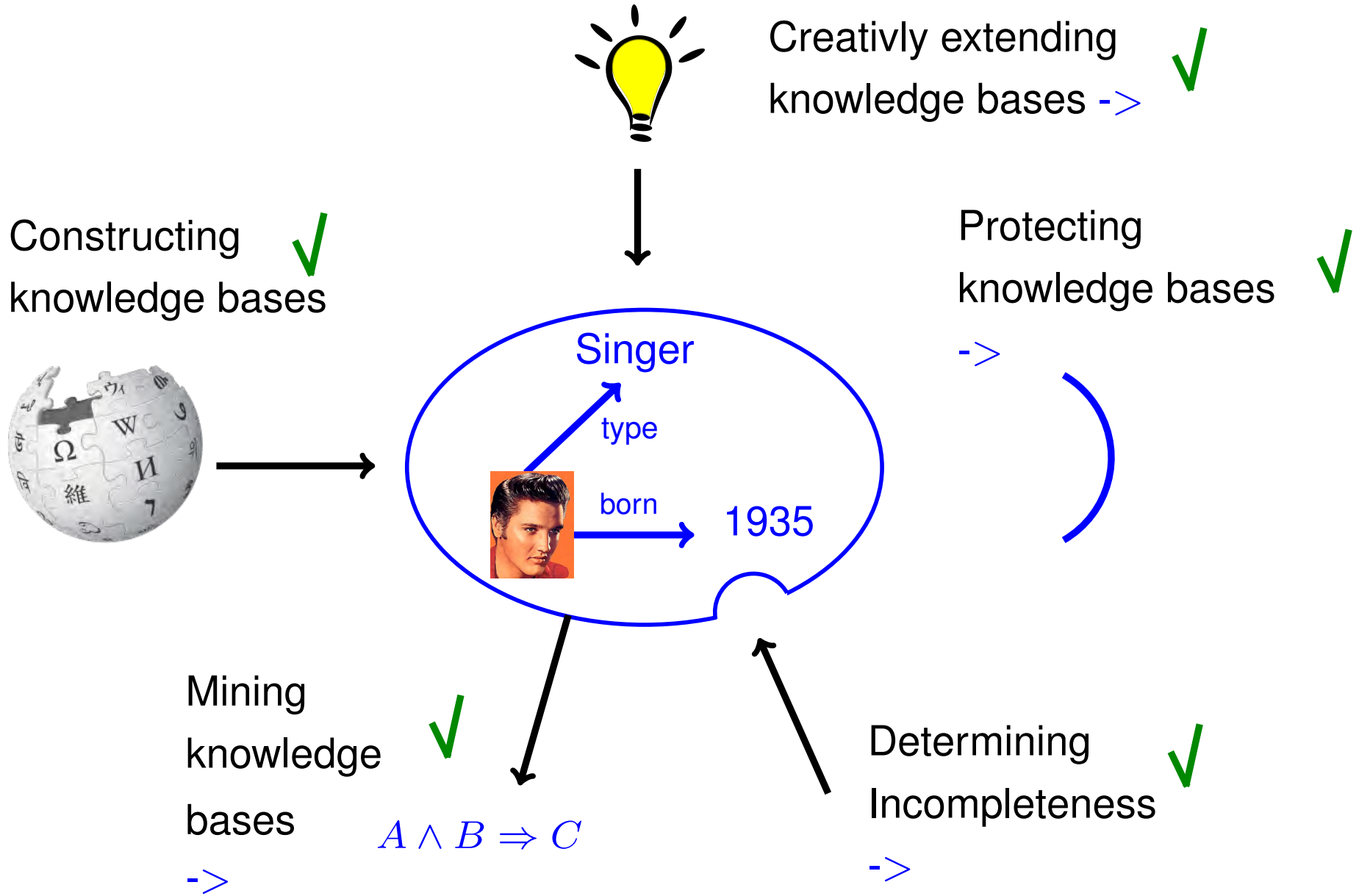


[AKBC 2013]



[VLDB 2014 vision]

# Knowledge Base Life Cycle



# Is Elvis dead?



???



## Elvis Presley

Singer

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100m statements

95% precision

-> 5m wrong statements

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