

# Standardization of Ontologies

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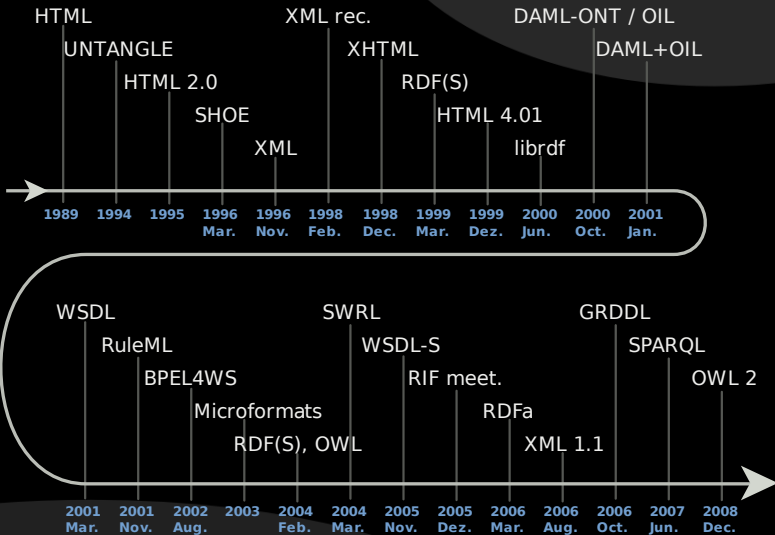
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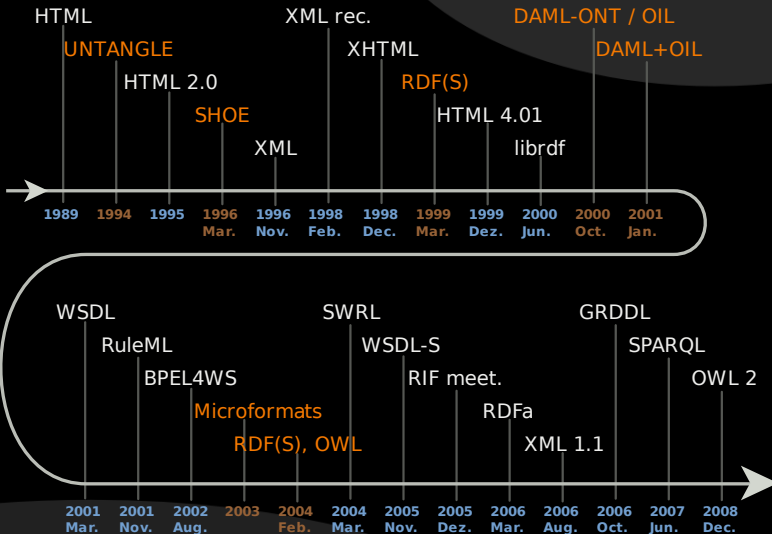
Related technologies

Ontology development

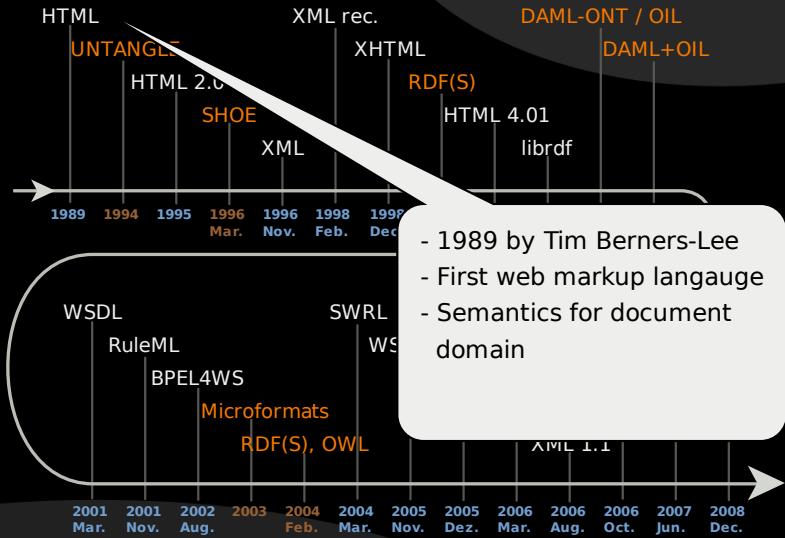
# General history



# Ontology history

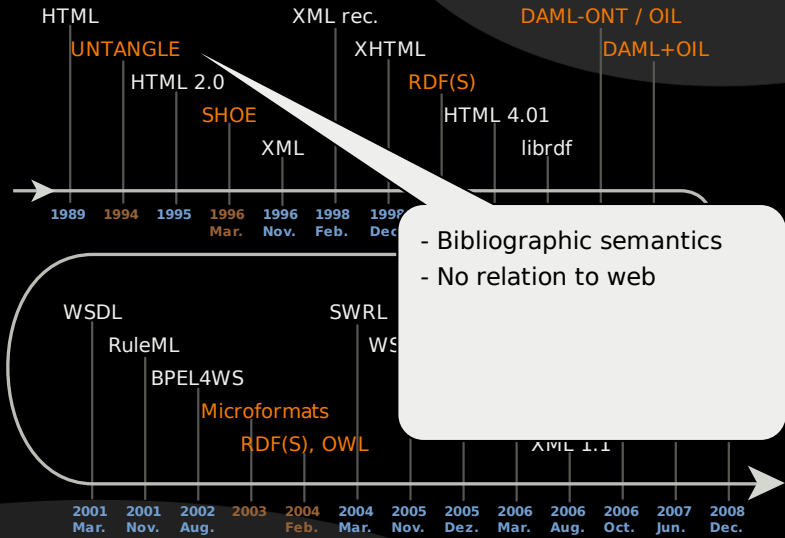


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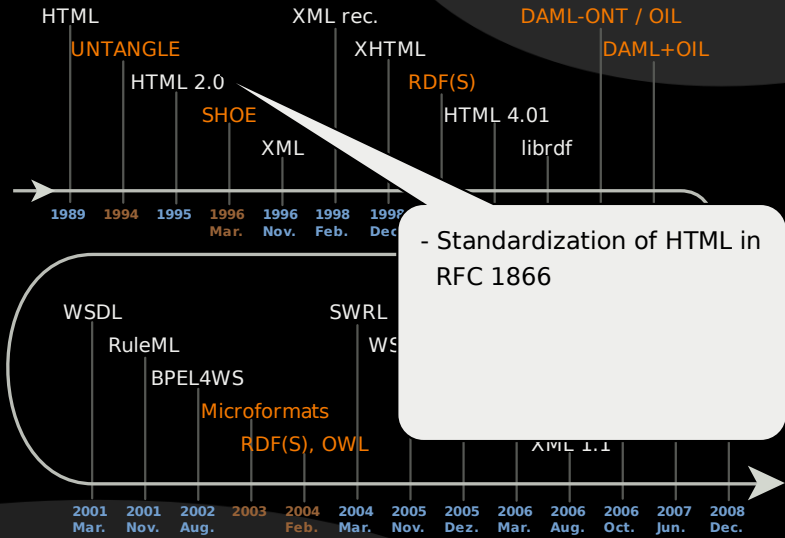
- 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee
- First web markup language
- Semantics for document domain

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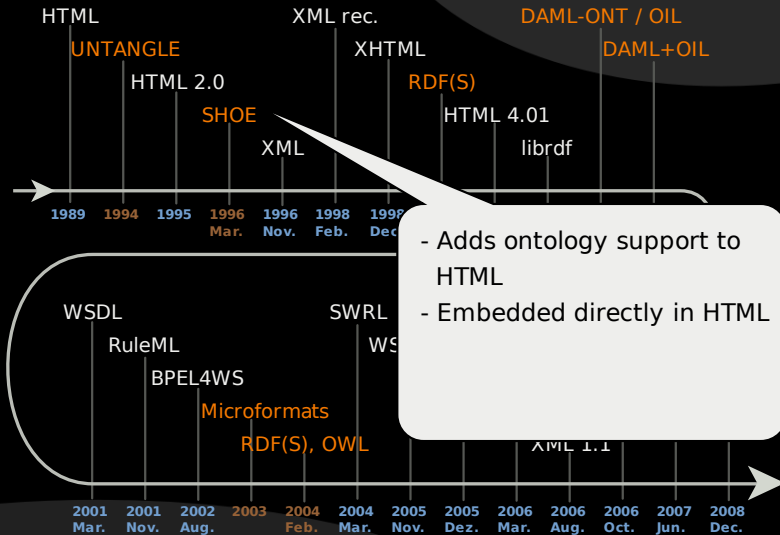
- Bibliographic semantics  
- No relation to web

# Ontology history



- Standardization of HTML in RFC 1866

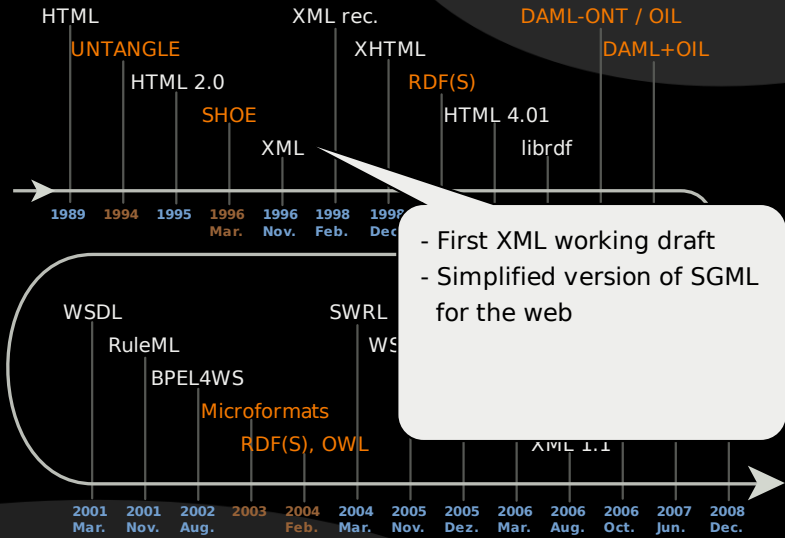
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- Adds ontology support to HTML
- Embedded directly in HTML

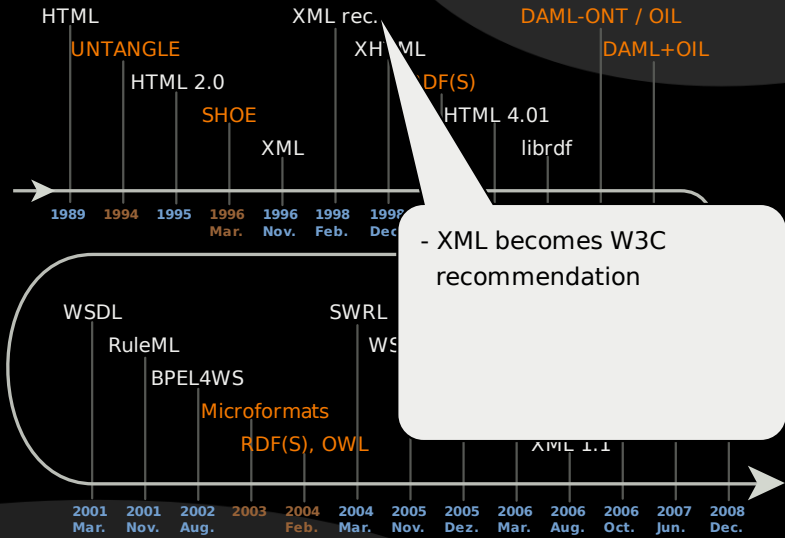


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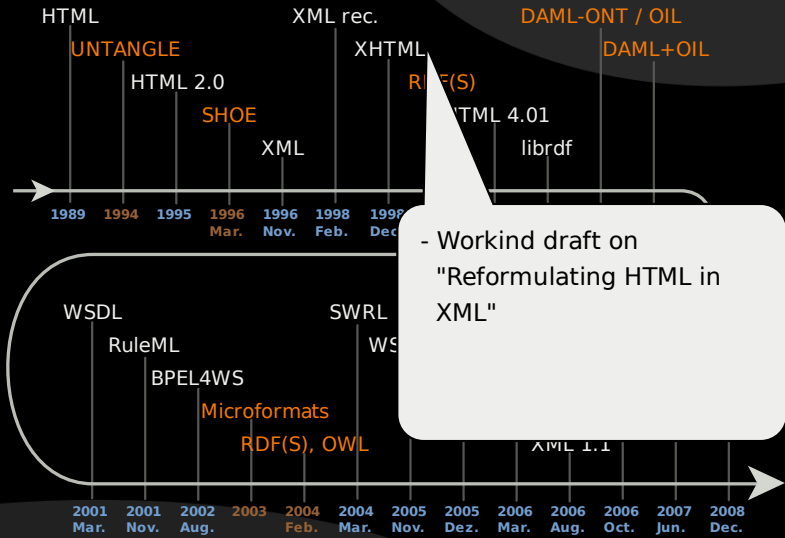
- First XML working draft
- Simplified version of SGML for the web

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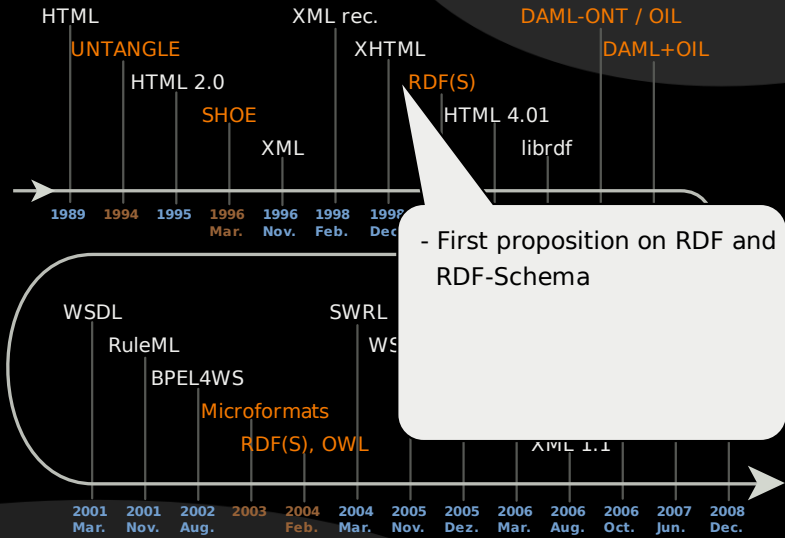
- XML becomes W3C recommendation

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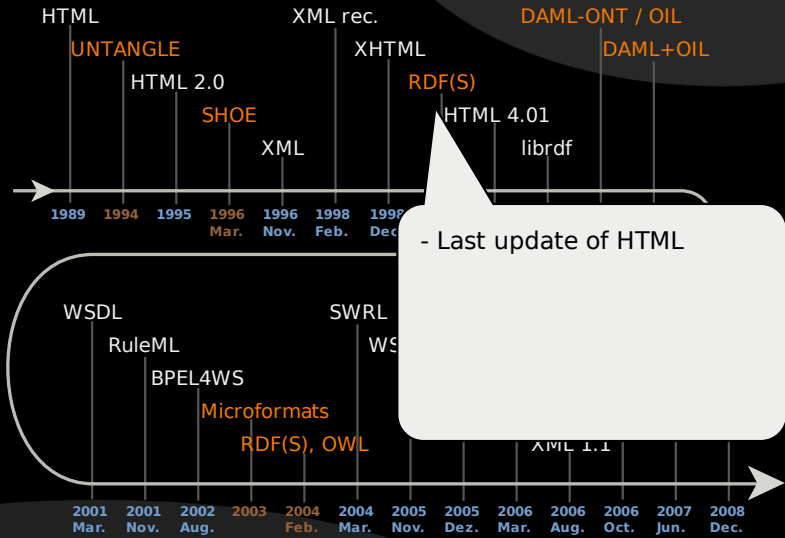
- Workind draft on "Reformulating HTML in XML"

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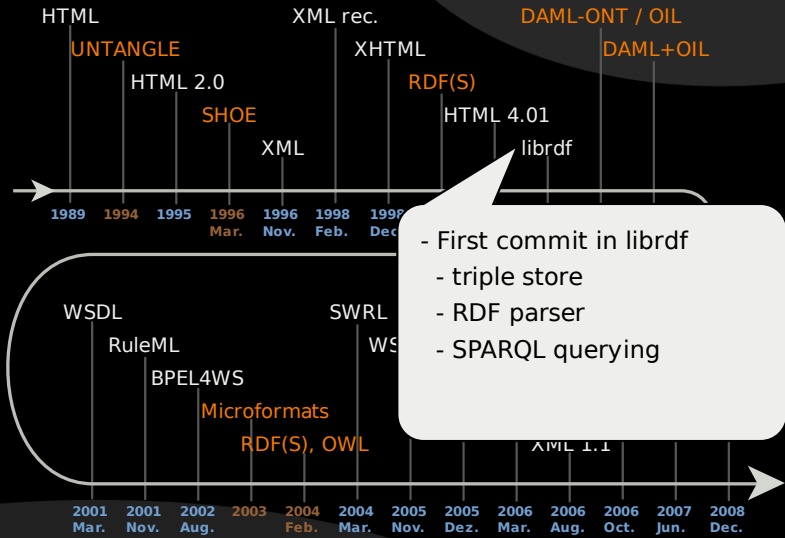


- First proposition on RDF and RDF-Schema

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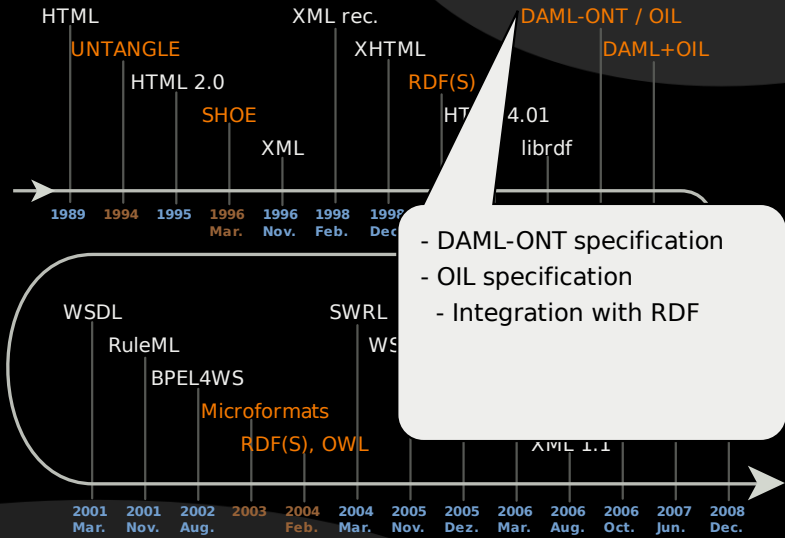


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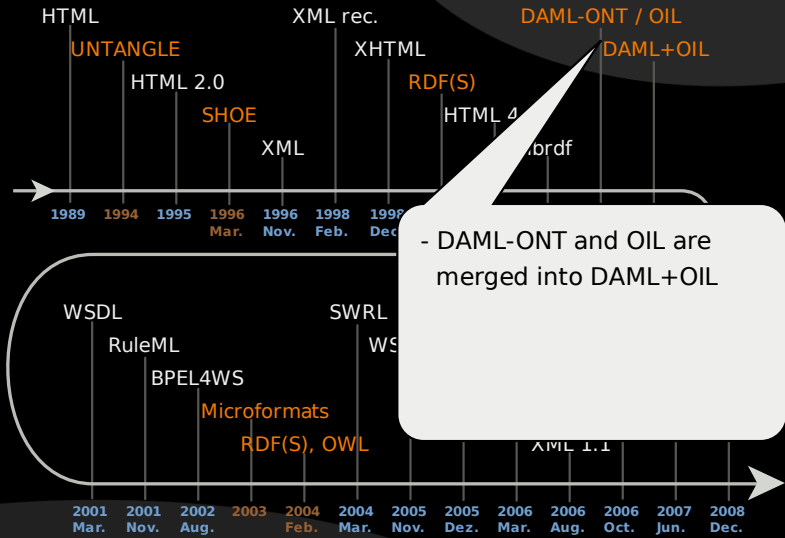
- First commit in librdf
- triple store
- RDF parser
- SPARQL querying

# Ontology history



- DAML-ONT specification
- OIL specification
- Integration with RDF

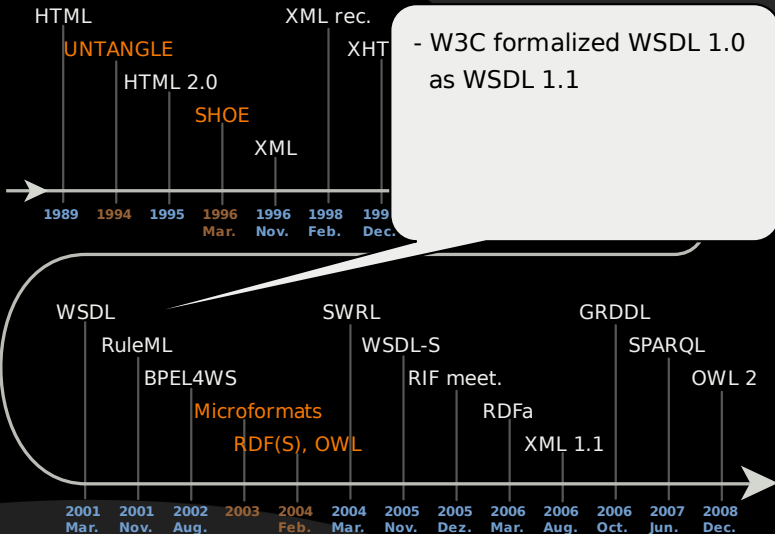
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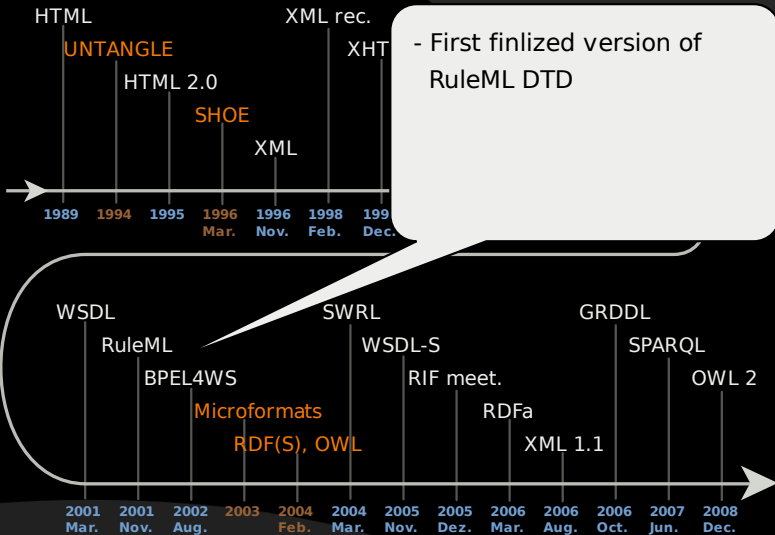
- DAML-ONT and OIL are merged into DAML+OIL



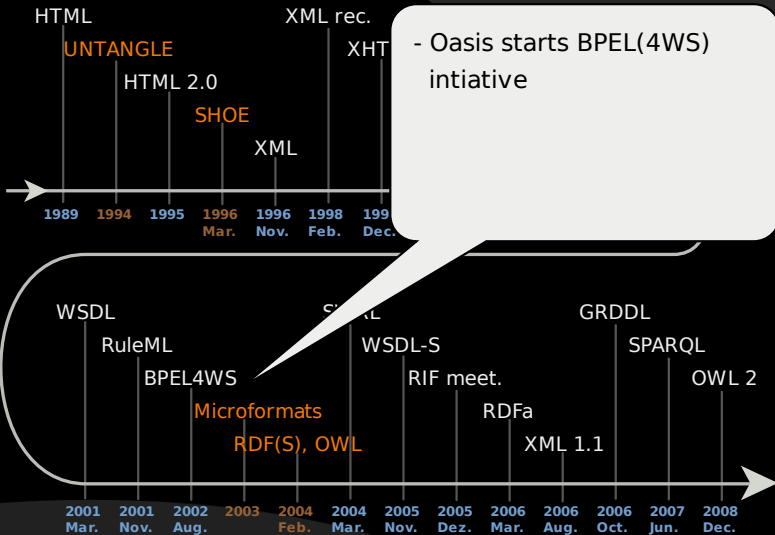
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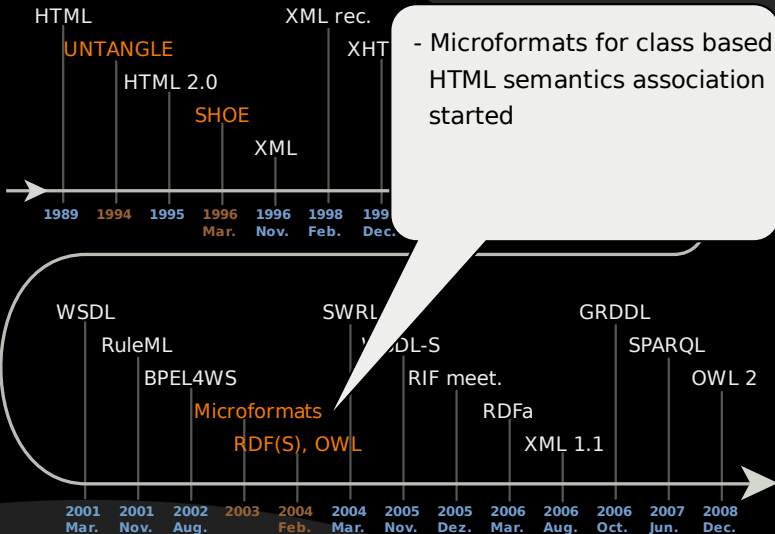


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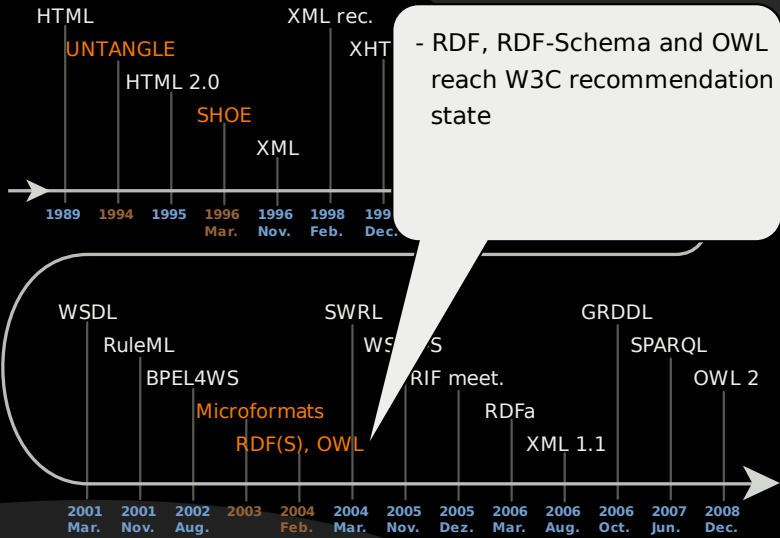
- Oasis starts BPEL(4WS) initiative

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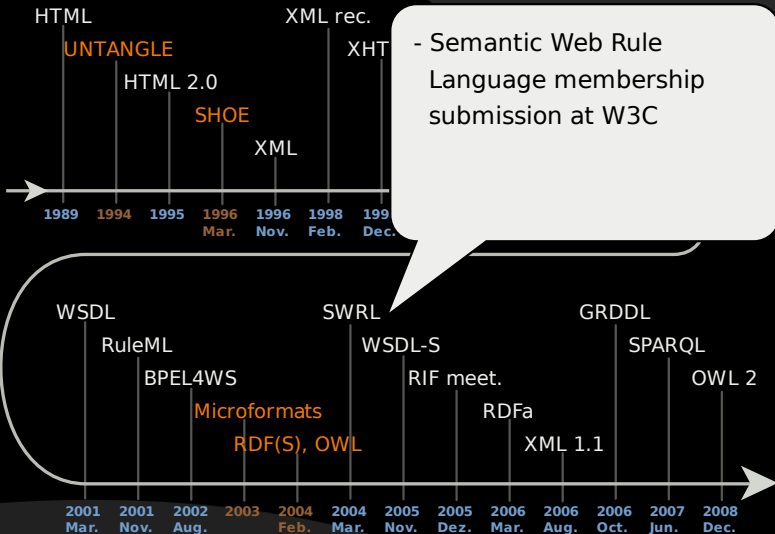
- Microformats for class based HTML semantics association started

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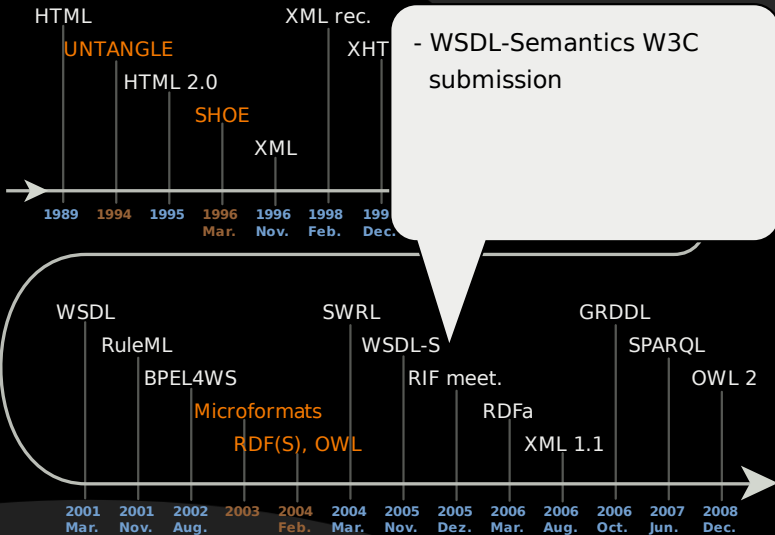


- RDF, RDF-Schema and OWL reach W3C recommendation state

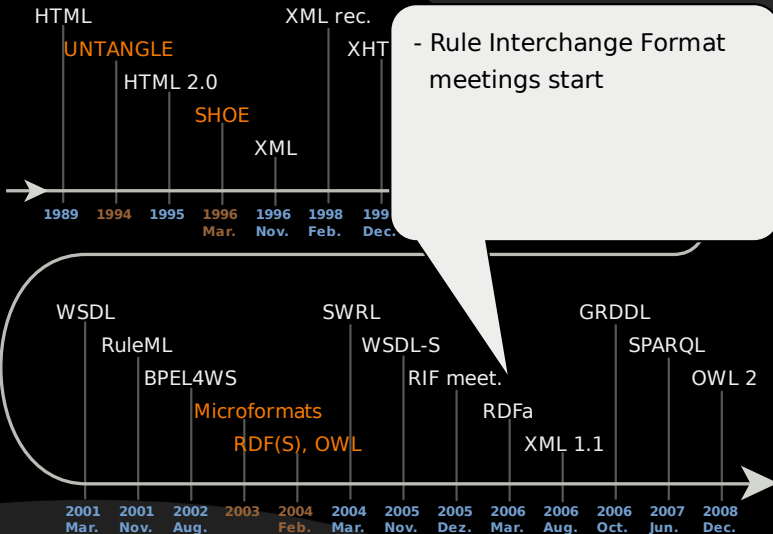
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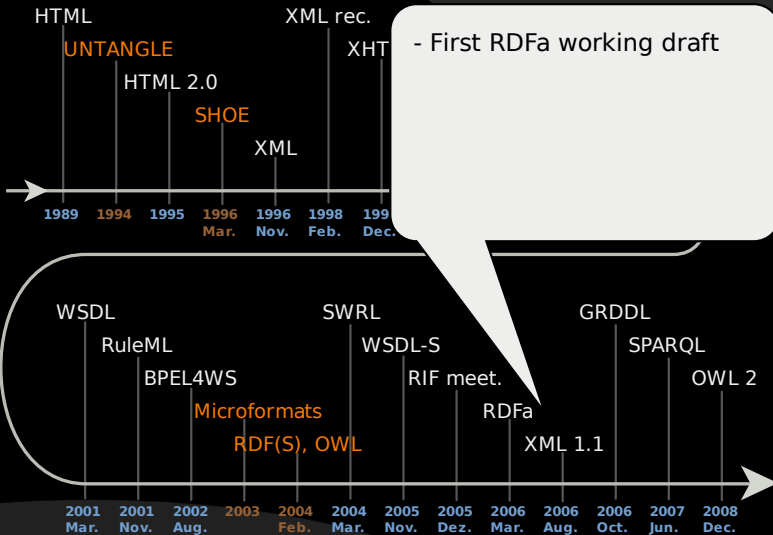


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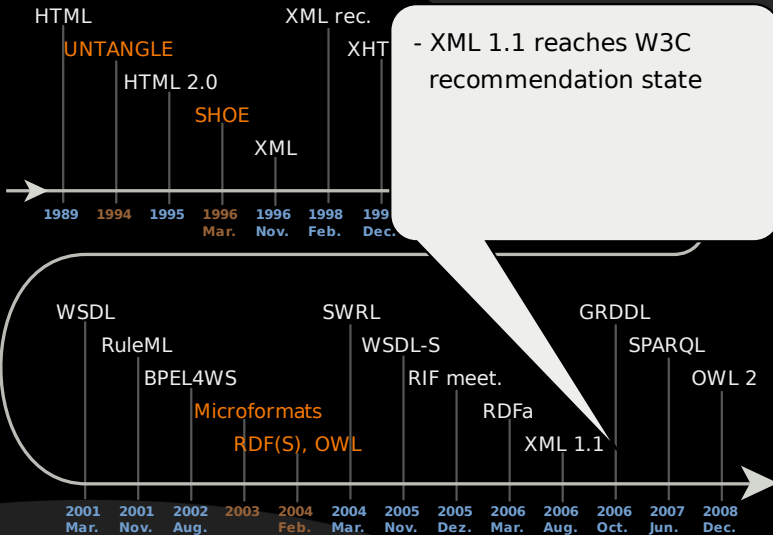


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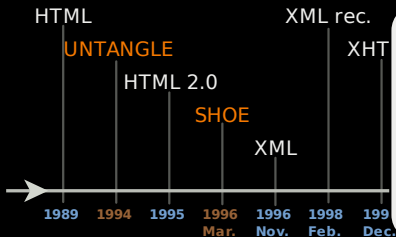


- First RDFa working draft

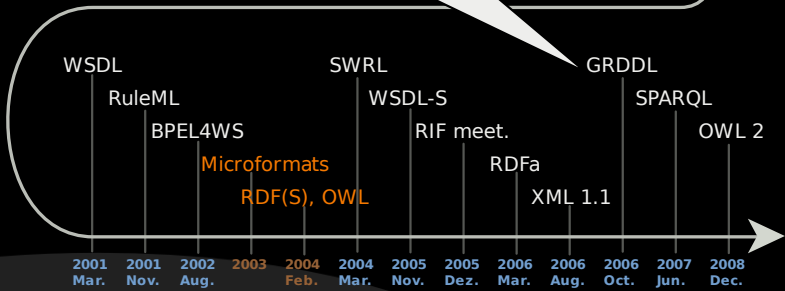
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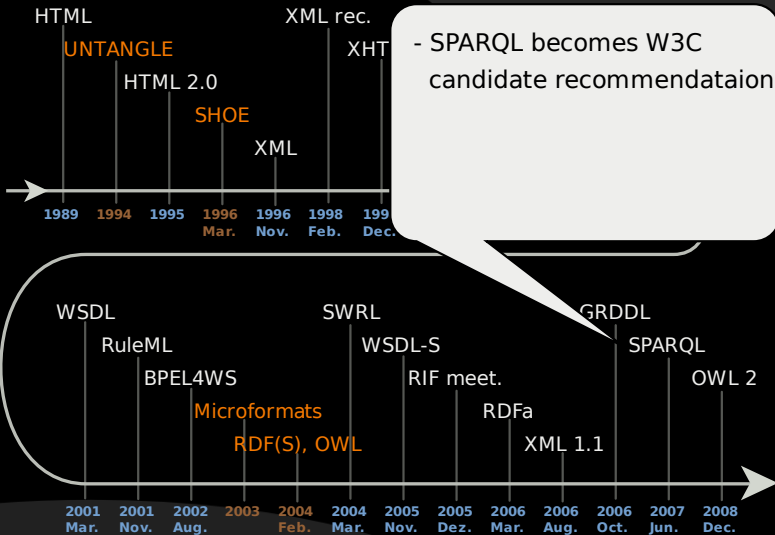
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- First GRDDL working draft
- Gleaning Resource Descriptions from Dialects of Languages

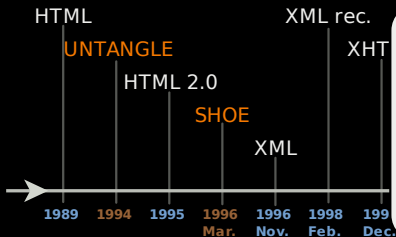


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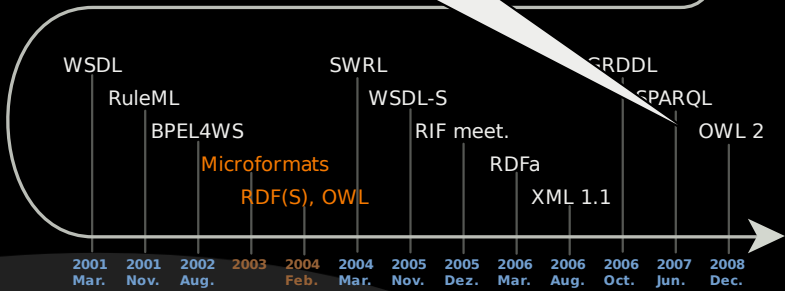


- SPARQL becomes W3C candidate recommendataion

# Ontology history



- OWL 2 profiles working draft
- Small, but useful, feature sets for effective reasoning algorithms



History

Related technologies

Ontology development

- ▶ Reuse (X)HTML class attributes for trivial semantics association
- ▶ No support for namespaces
- ▶ No extensibility, or forward compability

```
1 <div class="vevent">
2   <span class="summary">Semantische Services</
   span>:
3   <abbr class="dtstart" title="2009-02-09">
   February 9th</abbr>
4   <abbr class="dtend" title="2009-04-18">April 18
   th</abbr>,
5   at <span class="location">TU Dortmund</span>
6 </div>
```

- ▶ Resource Description Framework
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```
1 @prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>.
2   </blog/the_long_way_to_semantic_web.html>
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- ▶ Embed RDF tripels directly in XHTML
- ▶ Still in draft state

```
1 <div xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
2   <h2 property="dc:title">Das semantische Web</h2
3     >
4   <h3 property="dc:creator">Kore Nordmann</h3>
</div>
```

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► RDF triple store query language

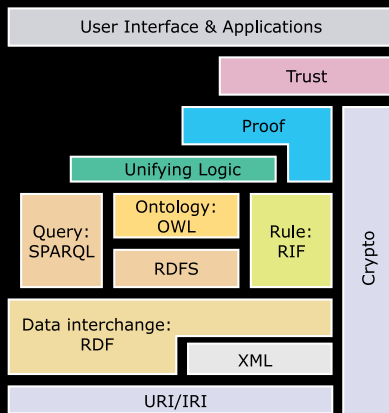
```
1 PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/#>
2 SELECT ?title
3 WHERE {
4     ?doc dc:title ?title .
5     ?doc dc:creator "Kore Nordmann" .
6 }
```

- ▶ Rule language operating on XML
  - ▶ reaction rules, transformation rules, derivation rules, facts, queries, integrity constraints
- ▶ Specification of explicit inference rules
- ▶ Integration in DAML-ONT planned, but not finished
- ▶ Integrated with OWL using SWRL

- ▶ Rule Interchange Format
- ▶ W3C working group
- ▶ Horn logic rule semantics, "well-studied sublanguage of First-Order Logic" [Haw05]
  - ▶ Low reasoning complexity  $P_{TIME}$
- ▶ Recommendation state scheduled for June 2009 [Haw05]



## W3C Semantic Web Activity "layercake" diagram [Her09]



History

Related technologies

Ontology development

- ▶ Embedding ontologies in HTML [HPsH03]
- ▶ Frame-based language

- ▶ Frames consist of
  - ▶ Name
  - ▶ More general class(es)
  - ▶ List of "slots", property-value pairs or value constraints
- ▶ Similar to Object-Oriented-Software

# SHOE - Example - Taxonomy

- ▶ Personal Ontology (draft) [Hef00]
- ▶ Categories followed by an asterisk are defined in another ontology but are provided with a local alias.

```
1      [gen . base . SHOEEntity ]
2          Gender
3      Activity*
4          Process*
5          Recreation*
6          Work*
7      Address*
8      Image*
9      SocialGroup*
10         Organization*
11     Person*
12         Employee*
```

# SHOE - Example - Relationships

```
1    addressCity( Address , .STRING)*
2    addressState( Address , .STRING)*
3    addressStreet( Address , .STRING)*
4    addressZip( Address , .STRING)*
5    age( Person , .NUMBER)
6    alumnus( Organization , Person)*
7    birthDate( Person , .DATE)
8    child( Person:" parent" , Person:" child")
9    emailAddress( Person , .STRING)*
10   engagesIn( gen.Agent , Activity)*
11   father( Person:" child" , Person:" father")
12   friend( Person , Person)
13   [...]
```

# SHOE - Example - Inference rules

- 1 Child and parent are inverse relations.
- 2 If  $\text{child}(x,y)$  then  $\text{parent}(y,x)$ . If  $\text{parent}(x,y)$   
then  $\text{child}(y,x)$ .
- 3 All fathers are parents.
- 4 If  $\text{father}(x,y)$  then  $\text{parent}(x,y)$ .
- 5 All mothers are parents.
- 6 If  $\text{mother}(x,y)$  then  $\text{parent}(x,y)$ .
- 7 The male parent of a child is their father.
- 8 If  $\text{parent}(x,y)$  and  $\text{sex}(y,\text{Male})$  then  $\text{father}(x,y)$
- 9 The female parent of a child is their mother.
- 10 If  $\text{parent}(x,y)$  and  $\text{sex}(y,\text{Female})$  then  $\text{mother}(x,$   
 $y)$
- 11 Spouse is a symmetric relation.
- 12 If  $\text{spouse}(x,y)$  then  $\text{spouse}(y,x)$ .
- 13 Sibling is a symmetric relation.
- 14 If  $\text{sibling}(x,y)$  then  $\text{sibling}(y,x)$ .

# RDF-Schema

- ▶ RDF-Schema, developed and proposed with RDF
- ▶ Defines the semantics of data models, modeled with RDF
- ▶ Frame-based

```
1 <rdf:RDF
2   xmlns:rdf=" http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns
   #"
3   xmlns:rdfs=" http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">
4
5   <rdfs:Class rdf:about=" http://example.org/#Location">
6 <rdfs:Label>Location</rdfs:Label>
7   </rdfs:Class>
8
9   <rdfs:Class rdf:about=" http://example.org/#City">
10 <rdfs:Label>City</rdfs:Label>
11 <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="#Location" />
12 </rdfs:Class>
13 </rdf:RDF>
```



- ▶ Darpa Agent Markup Language
- ▶ Aimed to be more expressive than RDF-Schema
- ▶ Frame-based

- ▶ Ontology Inference Layer
- ▶ Combine elements from description logics (DL), frame languages and standards like XML and RDF
- ▶ Explicitly designed to match *SHIQ* [HPsH03], *NEXPTIME* [wTAiST01]

- ▶ Merges DAML-ONT and OIL
- ▶ "The DL derived language constructors of OIL were retained in DAML+OIL, but the frame structure was largely discarded in favour of DL style axioms, which were more easily integrated with RDF syntax." [HPsH03]
- ▶ Uses RDF as "syntax"

- ▶ Formal knowledge representation [BCM<sup>+</sup>03]
  - ▶ Concept descriptions with inference logic
  - ▶ Can be translated to first-order predicate logic
  - ▶ Often limited in computational complexity, decidable
- ▶ Name given since 1980
  - ▶ Priorly known as: terminological systems, concept languages
- ▶ Terminology
  - ▶ Concepts reference to classes in OWL
  - ▶ Roles reference to properties in OWL

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    - ▶ *Ontology basics, as described in "Semantic Web: Grundlagen" [HKRS07]*

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- ▶ RDF semantics defined in 2003
- ▶ Conflicts with used properties in DAML+OIL [HPsH03]
- ▶ RDF tripels are monotone propositions like in model theory [Hay03]
- ▶ DAML+OIL properties like `oil:hasSlotConstraint` do not follow these semantics [HPsH03]

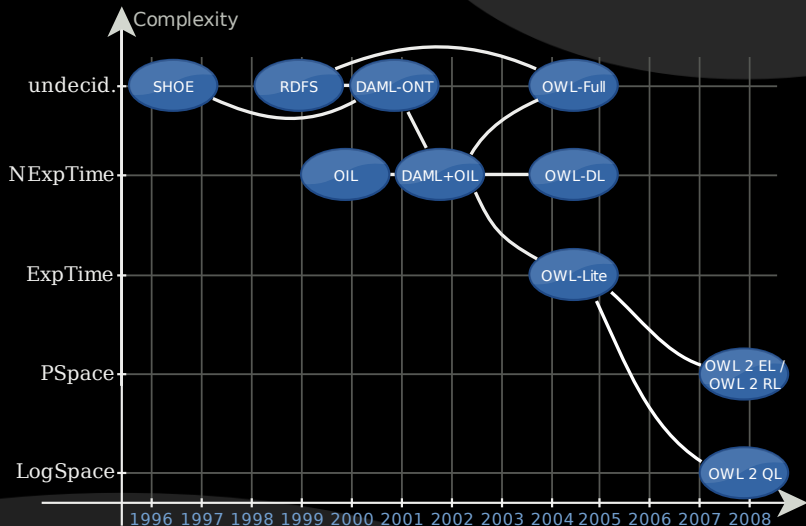
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- ▶ Different profiles for different applications
  - ▶ OWL Lite,  $SHIF(\mathcal{D})$  [HPsH03],  $EXPTIME$  [wTAiST01]
  - ▶ OWL DL,  $SHOIN(\mathcal{D})$  [HPsH03],  $NEXPTIME$  [wTAiST01]
  - ▶ OWL Full, no DL equivalence, not decidable, extends RDF-Schema [HPsH03]

- ▶ Web Ontology Language 2, working draft
- ▶ Trades expression power for effective reasoning
- ▶ Different profiles
  - ▶ OWL 2 EL, PSPACE [BM08, BBL05]
  - ▶ OWL 2 QL, LOGSPACE [BM08]
  - ▶ OWL 2 RL, PSPACE [BM08]
- ▶ OWL Lite can be considered a OWL 2 profile



# History, Complexity, Inheritance



# The end

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