

# The Web Service Modeling Language WSML

## An Overview

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# The World Wide Web

What is the WWW?

- ▶ Largest document repository ever ( $> 8$  billion Web pages indexed by Google)
- ▶ Highly distributed
  - ▶ Millions of publishers
  - ▶ No control over consistency of published content
- ▶ Web Technologies
  - ▶ HTTP for transferring documents
  - ▶ HTML for marking up documents
  - ▶ URI for addressing documents
- ▶ Most content on the Web is in natural language (HTML)
  - ▶ Natural language not suitable for machine reading
  - ▶ Current Web is “syntactic”
  - ▶ Problems in automatically:
    - ▶ Retrieving documents
    - ▶ Extracting relevant information from retrieved documents
    - ▶ Combining information from different sources

# The Semantic Web

- ▶ Making the Web machine-readable
- ▶ Publishing data in machine-readable format
- ▶ Relating data on the Web to established vocabularies (ontologies)
- ▶ Ontologies specified in formal language to allow reasoning
- ▶ Ontologies enable automation in:
  - ▶ Retrieval of relevant information
  - ▶ Extracting relevant information from retrieved document
  - ▶ Combination of information from different sources (as long as they are related to the same ontology)

# Web Services

- ▶ Next step in software engineering:
  - ▶ 1960s: Procedural
  - ▶ 1980s: Object Orientation
  - ▶ 1990s: Component-based
  - ▶ 2000s: Web Services
- ▶ Loosely coupled, reusable components
- ▶ Add new level of functionality to the Web
- ▶ Web Service Technologies
  - ▶ SOAP for accessing Web Services
  - ▶ WSDL for describing Web Services
  - ▶ UDDI for publishing and looking up Web Services

# Web Services are not enough

- ▶ Like the current Web, Web Services are “syntactic”
- ▶ No automation in:
  - ▶ Finding services
  - ▶ Selecting services
  - ▶ Negotiation with service provider
  - ▶ Composing services
  - ▶ Executing services

# Combining Semantic Web and Web Services

## Semantic Web Services

- ▶ Semantic Web + Web Services = Semantic Web Services
- ▶ Using Semantic Web technologies to describe Web Services
- ▶ Enable automation in:
  - ▶ Publication
  - ▶ Discovery
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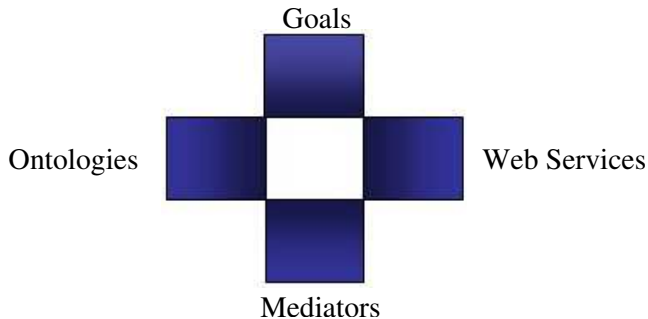
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## Introduction

- ▶ An ontology for Semantic Web Services
- ▶ Provides conceptual model for SWS
- ▶ Based on the Web Service Modeling Framework WSMF
- ▶ Principles of WSMO:
  - ▶ Ontology-based descriptions
  - ▶ Strict decoupling of components
  - ▶ Strong mediation between components
  - ▶ Interface vs. Implementation

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## Ontologies

- ▶ Provide terminology for:
  - ▶ Data exchanged between service requesters and providers
  - ▶ Description of other WSMO elements
- ▶ Ontologies consist of:
  - ▶ Concepts
    - ▶ Attributes
  - ▶ Relations
  - ▶ Functions
  - ▶ Instances
  - ▶ Axioms

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## Web Service descriptions

- ▶ Functionality offered by the Web Service
- ▶ Functional description, in the form of a *capability*:
  - ▶ Assumptions
    - ▶ Cannot be checked
    - ▶ Usually indicate dependency on real world
  - ▶ Preconditions
    - ▶ Conditions over the input
  - ▶ Effects
    - ▶ Changes in the real world as a result of execution of the Web Service
  - ▶ Postconditions
    - ▶ Relation between the input and the output

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## Web Service descriptions (cont'd)

- ▶ Behavioral description, in the form of an *interface*:
  - ▶ Choreography
    - ▶ How to interact with the service
  - ▶ Orchestration
    - ▶ Use of external Web Service to realize the functionality
  - ▶ Both choreography and orchestration are decompositions of the capability

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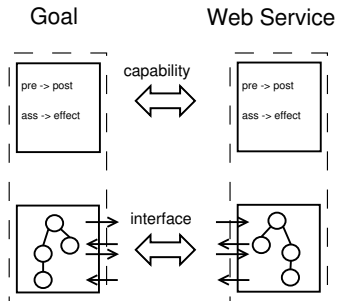
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## Mediators

- ▶ Connect heterogeneous components
- ▶ Resolve heterogeneity in different levels
  - ▶ Data - differences in data representation
  - ▶ Protocol - differences in interaction styles
  - ▶ Process - differences in business processes

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## Types of Mediators

- ▶ OO Mediators
  - ▶ Connect ontologies to any other component (including mediators)
  - ▶ Resolve mismatches conflicts between ontologies
- ▶ WW Mediators
  - ▶ Link Web Services to services they depend on
  - ▶ Resolve representation differences through OO Mediators
- ▶ WG Mediators
  - ▶ Link Goals and Web Services
  - ▶ Resolve differences in data, protocol and process between requester and provider
- ▶ GG Mediators
  - ▶ Connect generic and refined Goals

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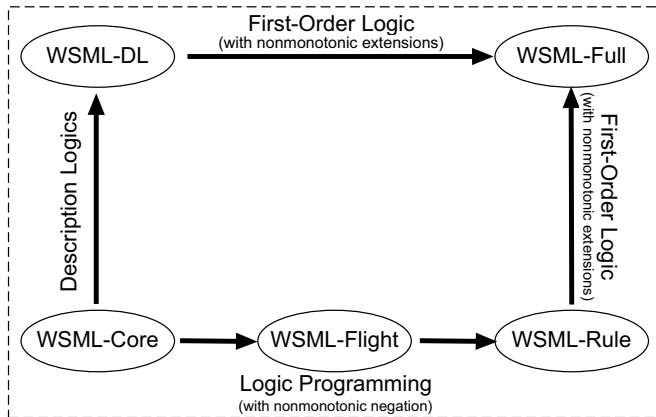
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## WSML Language Variants



# First Order Logic - Syntax

## Symbols

Constants	$a, b, john, \dots$
Function symbols	$f, g, +, married - to, \dots$
Predicate Symbols	$p, q, >, marriage, \dots$
Variables	$x, y, \dots$
Connectives	$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \leftarrow, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$
Quantifiers	$\forall, \exists$
(Equality)	$=$

# Terms

- ▶ Every constant is a term
  - ▶  $a, b, john$
- ▶ Every variable is a term
  - ▶  $x, y$
- ▶ If  $f$  is an  $n$ -place function symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term
  - ▶  $f(x), f(a), f(g(a))$
  - ▶ *father – of(john), married – to(mary)*

## Atomic formulas

- ▶ If  $p$  is an  $n$ -place predicate symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, then  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is an atomic formula
  - ▶  $p(x), q(f(a), y)$
  - ▶ *marriage(father – of(john), mary, date(2005, 4, 6))*
- ▶ If  $t_1, t_2$  are terms, then  $t_1 = t_2$  is an atomic formula
  - ▶  $f(x) = a, \text{married – to}(mary) = \text{father – of}(john)$

# Formulas

- ▶ Any atomic formula is a formula
- ▶ If  $A, B$  are formulas and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are variables then:
  - ▶  $\neg A$  is a formula
  - ▶  $A \wedge B$  is a formula
  - ▶  $A \vee B$  is a formula
  - ▶  $A \leftarrow B$  is a formula
  - ▶  $A \rightarrow B$  is a formula
  - ▶  $A \leftrightarrow B$  is a formula
  - ▶  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n : A$  is a formula
  - ▶  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n : A$  is a formula
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶  $\forall x, y, d : \text{marriage}(x, y, d) \rightarrow \text{married} - \text{to}(x) = y \wedge \text{married} - \text{to}(y) = x$
  - ▶  $\forall x : \text{number}(x) \rightarrow \exists y : y > x$



## Horn subset

- ▶ A Horn formula is a disjunction of literals with one positive literal, with all variables universally quantified:
  - ▶  $(\forall)\neg B_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg B_n \vee H$
- ▶ Can be written as an implication:
  - ▶  $(\forall)B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n \rightarrow H$
- ▶ Horn formulas are the basis for Logic Programming

# First-Order Logic - Semantics

## Interpretation

- ▶ The meaning of a First-Order formula is assigned using an *interpretation*
- ▶ An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  consists of:
  - ▶ Domain  $\Delta$ : a set of objects
  - ▶ A set of relations  $R: \Delta^1 \times \dots \times \Delta^n$
  - ▶ A set of functions  $F: \Delta^1 \times \dots \times \Delta^n \mapsto \Delta$
  - ▶ A mapping function  $\cdot$  which:
    - ▶ Maps constants to objects
    - ▶ Maps predicate symbols to relations
    - ▶ Maps function symbols to functions
- ▶ An interpretation is a *model* of a formula  $A$  if it makes the formula *true*:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{I} \models A$

## Truth of a formula

$A$ (atomic formula)	is true iff	$A^{\mathcal{I}}$ is in the model
$\neg A$	is true iff	$A^{\mathcal{I}}$ is <i>not</i> true
$A \wedge B$	is true iff	$A^{\mathcal{I}}$ and $B^{\mathcal{I}}$ are true
$A \vee B$	is true iff	$A^{\mathcal{I}}$ or $B^{\mathcal{I}}$ is true (or both)
$A \rightarrow B$	is true iff	in every case where $A^{\mathcal{I}}$ is true, $B^{\mathcal{I}}$ is true

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- ▶ Quantifiers:
  - ▶  $\exists xA$ : there exists an assignment for  $x$  which makes  $A$  true
  - ▶  $\forall xA$ : for all possible assignments of  $x$ ,  $A$  is true



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- ▶ **Note!** Negation-as-failure in LP is an *extension* of Horn rules
  - ▶  $\neg \neq \textit{not}$

# Logic Programming - Semantics

## Herbrand Universe and Herbrand Base

- ▶ The Herbrand Universe  $U_P$  is the set of all ground terms which can be formed from constants and function symbols in program  $P$ .

Example:

$a, b, f(a), f(b), f(f(a)), f(f(b)), f(f(f(a))), \dots$

- ▶ The Herbrand Base  $B_P$  is the set of all ground atoms which can be built from predicate symbols in  $P$ , using ground terms from  $U_P$  as arguments.

Example:  $p(a), p(b), q(a), q(b), p(f(a)), q(f(a)), \dots$

## Logic Programming - Semantics

### Herbrand Interpretation and Least Herbrand Model

- ▶ A Herbrand Interpretation  $IP$  is a subset of the Herbrand Base  $BP$ .
- ▶ A Herbrand Model  $MP$  is a Herbrand Interpretation which makes every formula true, i.e.:
  - ▶ Every fact in  $P$  is in  $MP$ , and
  - ▶ For every rule  $R$  in  $P$  holds: if every positive literal in the body is in  $MP$ , then also the head literal is in  $MP$ .

Note: this only works for positive programs, i.e., programs without negation!

- ▶ The semantics of a program  $P$  is characterized in terms of the least Herbrand Model, which is the intersection of all possible Herbrand Models.
- ▶ Each positive program has one unique least Herbrand Model.

## Relationship between FOL and LP

- ▶ Semantics LP defined in terms of minimal Herbrand model
  - ▶ Only one minimal model
- ▶ Semantics FOL defined in terms of First-Order models
  - ▶ Typically, infinitely many First-Order models
- ▶ The minimal Herbrand model is a First-Order model
- ▶ In fact, every Herbrand model is a First-Order model
- ▶ There exist First-Order models which are not Herbrand models

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► General First-Order entailment:

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- ▶ Logic Programming only defines ground entailment
- ▶ Horn Logic (i.e., Horn subset of FOL) is equivalent to Logic Programming wrt. ground entailment
  - ▶ For any set of Horn formulas  $\phi$  and a ground Horn formula  $\psi_{ground}$ :  $\phi \models_{FOL} \psi_{ground}$  iff  $\phi \models_{LP} \psi_{ground}$
  - ▶  $\models_{FOL}$  is classical First-Order entailment;  $\models_{LP}$  is LP entailment

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    - ▶ *Exception: transitive properties*
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*SHIQ* - Syntax

Concept descriptions

$C, D \longrightarrow A$		(atomic concept)
$\top$		(universal concept)
$\perp$		(bottom concept)
$C \sqcap D$		(intersection)
$C \sqcup D$		(disjunction)
$\neg C$		(negation)
$\forall R.C$		(value restriction)
$\exists R.C$		(existential quantification)
$\geq nR.C$		(minimal cardinality)
$\leq nR.C$		(maximal cardinality)

## *SHIQ* - Syntax

Individual assertions

$$a \in C$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle \in R$$

# *SHIQ* - Syntax

## Axioms

$C \sqsubseteq D$	(class subsumption)
$C \equiv D$	(equivalence)
$Q \sqsubseteq R$	(property subsumption)
$R \equiv Q^{-}$	(inverse roles)
$R \equiv R^{-}$	(symmetric roles)
$R^{+} \sqsubseteq R$	(transitive properties)

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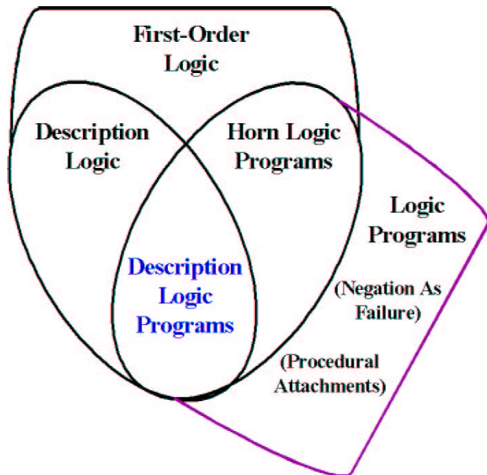
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 \langle a, b \rangle \in R & R(a, b)
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 R \equiv Q^- & \forall x, y : R(x, y) \leftrightarrow Q(y, x) \\
 R^+ \sqsubseteq R & \forall x, y, z : R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)
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## Relation between DL and LP



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- ▶ General idea:
  1. Translate *SHIQ* axiom to First-Order Logic
  2. Rewrite to Horn Logic
    - ▶ If rewriting not possible: formula not in DLP
  3. Reduce to Logic Program

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- ▶ Based on Description Logic Programs
  - ▶ Expressive intersection of Description Logic *SHIQ* and Datalog
  - ▶ Allows to take advantage of many years of established research in Databases and Logic Programming
  - ▶ Allows reuse of existing efficient Deductive Database and Logic programming reasoners

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## Identifiers

- ▶ Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRIs) are basic identifiers
  - ▶ Concepts, attributes, relations, instances, etc... are all IRIs
  - ▶ IRI is successor of URI
  - ▶ Using in newer W3C recommendations, e.g., XML, RDF
  - ▶ e.g., `"http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax#" ,`  
`"http://example.org/myOntology#myConcept"`
- ▶ sQNames
  - ▶ Abbreviations for IRIs ("serialized QNames")
  - ▶ e.g., `wsml#concept`, `dc#title`, `ont#location`
- ▶ Data values
  - ▶ Elementary data values: strings, int, decimals
  - ▶ Structured data values
    - ▶ Derived from XML Schema Datatypes
    - ▶ date, float, etc...
    - ▶ e.g., `_date(2005,6,23)`, `_float(12.567)`

# Prologue

By Example

```
wsmlVariant _" http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax/wsml-flight"
```

```
namespace { _" http://www.example.org/example#" ,  
  dc _" http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" }
```

```
ontology _" http://www.example.org/exampleOntology"  
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## WSML Specification

A WSML specification has the following structure:

- ▶ Type of specification (Ontology/Web Service/Goal/Mediator)
- ▶ Header
  - ▶ Non-Functional Properties
  - ▶ Imported Ontologies
  - ▶ Used Mediators
- ▶ Content of the specification

# Ontologies

## Header

```
[.. prologue ..]
```

```
ontology _" http://www.example.org/ontologies/example"
```

```
  nonFunctionalProperties
```

```
    dc#title hasValue "WSML example ontology"
```

```
  endNonFunctionalProperties
```

```
  importsOntology {_" http://www.wsmo.org/ontologies/location" }
```

```
  usesMediator {_" http://www.wsmo.org/mediators/" }
```

# Concepts

- ▶ Form the basic terminology of the domain of discourse
- ▶ May be organized in a hierarchy (using **subConceptOf**)
- ▶ Has a number of attributes:
  - ▶ Attributes have a type:
    - ▶ Type constraint (**ofType**)
    - ▶ Type inference (**impliesType**)
  - ▶ Attributes may have cardinality constraints
  - ▶ Attributes may have a number of features:
    - ▶ Transitive
    - ▶ Symmetric
    - ▶ Reflexive
    - ▶ Inverse of another attribute



# Concepts

## Example

```
concept Person subConceptOf {Primate, LegalAgent}  
nfp  
// Related axiom  
dc#relation hasValue personUncle  
endnfp  
// A functional attribute (maximal cardinality=1)  
hasName ofType (0 1) _string  
// hasParent is the inverse of hasChild  
hasChild inverseOf(hasParent) ofType Person  
hasParent ofType Person  
hasBrother ofType Person
```

## Relations

- ▶ Inspired by relations in mathematics
- ▶ Have arbitrary arity
- ▶ May have typing associated with its arguments
- ▶ May be organized in a hierarchy (using **subRelationOf**)

relation Marriage (ofType Person, ofType Person, ofType \_date)

**nfp**

dc#description **hasValue** "Marriage is a relation between two persons, which are the participants in the marriage, and the date in the marriage."

**endnfp**

## Instances

- ▶ Are the objects in the domain
- ▶ May be member of one or more concepts
- ▶ May have a number of attribute values associated with it

**instance** john **memberOf** Person

**nfp**

dc#description **hasValue** "The person John Smith"

**endnfp**

hasName **hasValue** "John Smith"

## Relation Instances

- ▶ Are tuples in a relation

**relationInstance** Marriage(john,mary,\_date(2005,03,03))

**nfp**

dc#description **hasValue** " John and Mary married on 2005-03-03."

**endnfp**

# Axioms

- ▶ Refine concept and relation definitions in Ontologies using logical expressions
- ▶ Add arbitrary knowledge and constraints
- ▶ Allowed logical expressions depend on WSML variant

**axiom** personUncle

**nfp**

dc#description **hasValue** "The brother of a person's parent is that person's uncle."

**endnfp**

**definedBy**

?x[hasUncle **hasValue** ?z] **impliedBy** ?x[hasParent **hasValue** ?y] **and** ?y[hasBrother **hasValue** ?z].

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  - ▶ Functional description of Web Service
- ▶ Interfaces
  - ▶ Behavioural description of Web Service
  - ▶ Communications pattern of Web Service

**webService** \_" http://www.example.org/exampleService"

**capability** ...

**interface** ...

# Capability

- ▶ Syntactical framework for Functional description
- ▶ Functionality defined through logical expressions:
  - ▶ Preconditions
  - ▶ Postconditions
  - ▶ Assumptions
  - ▶ Effects
- ▶ Shared variables
  - ▶ Variables shared by description elements
  - ▶ Quantified over the entire capability

# Capability

Example

**capability**

**sharedVariables** ?x,?y,...

**precondition**

**definedBy**

..

**postcondition**

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**assumption**

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**effect**

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# Interfaces

- ▶ Choreography
  - ▶ Communication interface of Web Service
- ▶ Orchestration
  - ▶ Usage of external Web Services
  
- ▶ Currently, choreography and orchestration are external to WSML

## interface

**choreography** \_" http://example.org/choreographies/1"

**orchestration** \_" http://example.org/orchestration/1"

# Goals

- ▶ Describe requested functionality
- ▶ Description symmetric to Web Services:
  - ▶ Header
  - ▶ Capability
  - ▶ Interfaces

**goal** \_ "http://www.example.org/exampleGoal"

**capability**

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# Mediators

- ▶ Mediators connect WSML elements in two ways:
  - ▶ Referencing mediators through **usesMediator**
  - ▶ Specifying **source** and **target** in mediator specification
  
- ▶ Mediation is achieved by mediation service (**usesService**)
  - ▶ Web Service
  - ▶ Goal

**wgMediator** \_" http://www.example.org/exampleMediator"

**source** \_" http://www.example.org/exampleGoal"

**target** \_" http://www.example.org/exampleService"

**usesService** \_" http://www.example.org/mediationService"

## Logical Expression syntax

- ▶ Used for refining Ontologies and specifying Web Service functionality
- ▶ Allow to use the full expressive power of the underlying logic
- ▶ First-Order Logic with Frame syntax (F-Logic)
- ▶ Specific extensions to capture Logic Programming constructs
  - ▶ Negation-as-failure
  - ▶ LP implication
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Disjunction	-	X	-	-	X
Meta Modeling	-	-	X	X	X
Default Negation ( <b>naf</b> )	-	-	X	X	X
LP implication	-	-	X	X	X
Integrity Constraints	-	-	X	X	X
Function Symbols	-	-	-	X	X
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- ▶ Syntax for exchange over the Web
- ▶ Translation between human-readable and XML syntax
- ▶ XML Schema for WSML has been defined

# WSML XML

## Example

```
<!ENTITY ex "http://www.example.org/ontologies/example#" >
<!ENTITY wsml "http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax#" >
<wsml xmlns=" &wsml;"
variant="http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax/wsml-flight" >
  <importsOntology>
    http://www.wsmo.org/ontologies/location
  </importsOntology>
  <concept name=" &ex;Person" >
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    <attribute name=" &ex;hasName" type="constraining" >
      <range>&wsml;string</range>
      <maxCardinality>1</maxCardinality>
    </attribute>
    [.]
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- ▶ Interoperability with RDF applications
- ▶ Maximal reuse of RDF and RDFS vocabulary
- ▶ WSML RDF includes most of RDF
- ▶ Translation between human-readable and RDF syntax
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# WSML RDF

## Example

```

<http://www.example.org/ontology> rdf#type wsml#ontology
<http://www.example.org/ontology> wsml#variant
  <http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax/wsml-flight>
<http://www.example.org/ontology> wsml#nfp _:nfp1
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<http://www.example.org/ontology> wsml#hasAxiom
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WSML resources

<http://www.wsmo.org/wsml/wsml-syntax#>

Questions?