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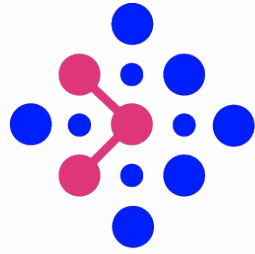


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SHACL (R|r)ules Interoperability

**Enabling cross-model interoperability
with rule-based reasoning**

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Bringing Confidence to AI

LLM Grounding with Multimodal Data



Enhance AI performance and optimize costs



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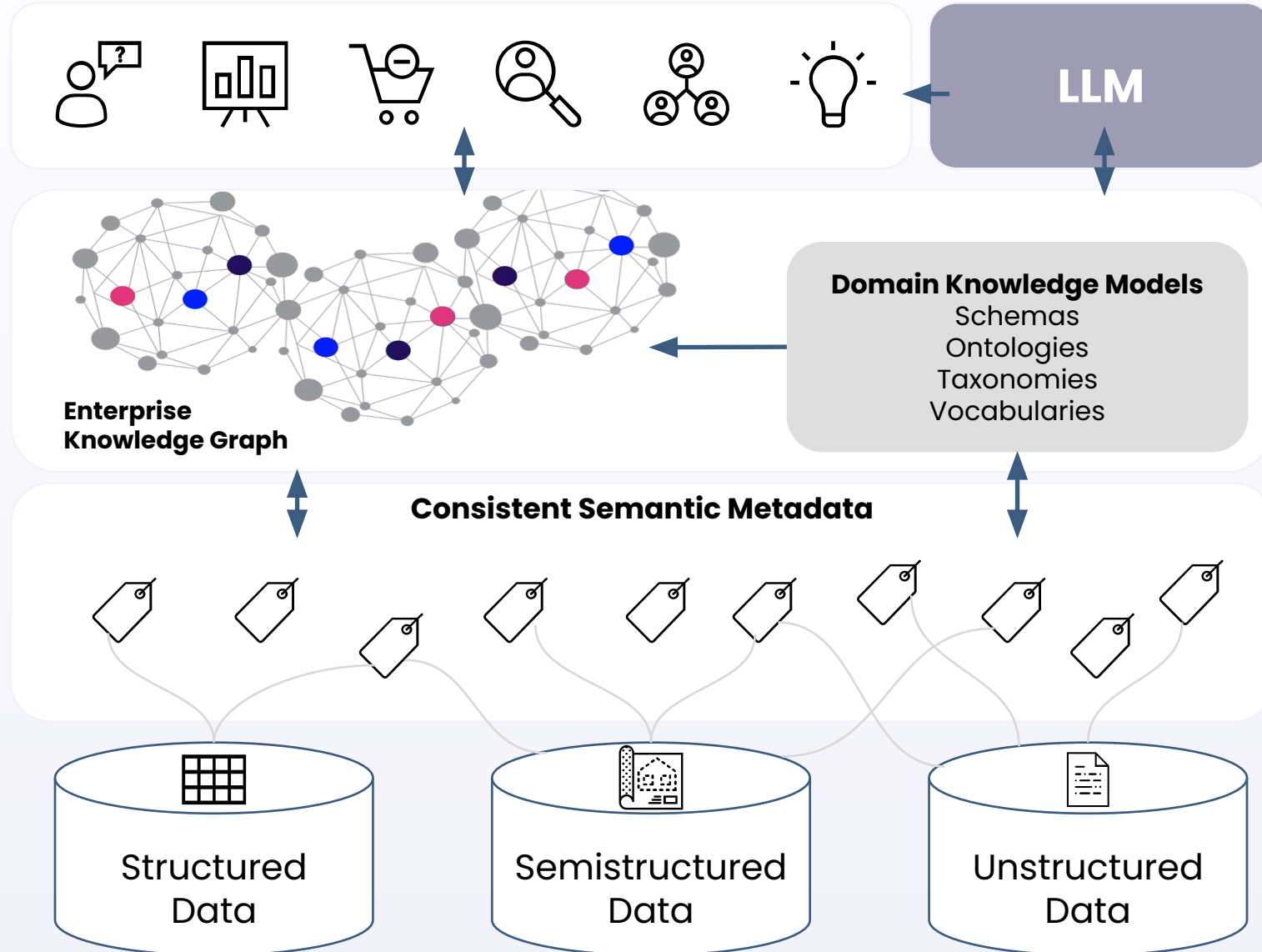


Semantic Layer for AI Applications



GraphRAG & AI Applications

Semantic Layer





Models for DPP & Initiatives



- Digital Product Passports (DPPs) are a core element of the EU circular economy strategy.
- DPPs are intended as digital records containing essential data on a product's properties.
- Several data models were developed
 - Asset Administration Shell (AAS)
 - United Nations Transparency Protocol (UNTP)
 - RDF and Ontologies (e.g. CEON)
- They server different purposes and use different modeling schemes.



Models for DPP & Interoperability



- Different models use different underlying (semantic) representations.
 - Asset Administration Shell (AAS)
 - **SAMM** - RDF representation of AAS models
 - United Nations Transparency Protocol (UNTP)
 - **JSON-LD** - JSON as a common data format + LD as an RDF representation
 - RDF and Ontologies (e.g. CEON)
 - native RDF + **ontologies** formalise the semantics of a domain
- All models make sense and there is no unified model to replace them.
- Still, managing DPP EU-wide and beyond requires interoperability of all these models.



Interoperability via Semantic Layer

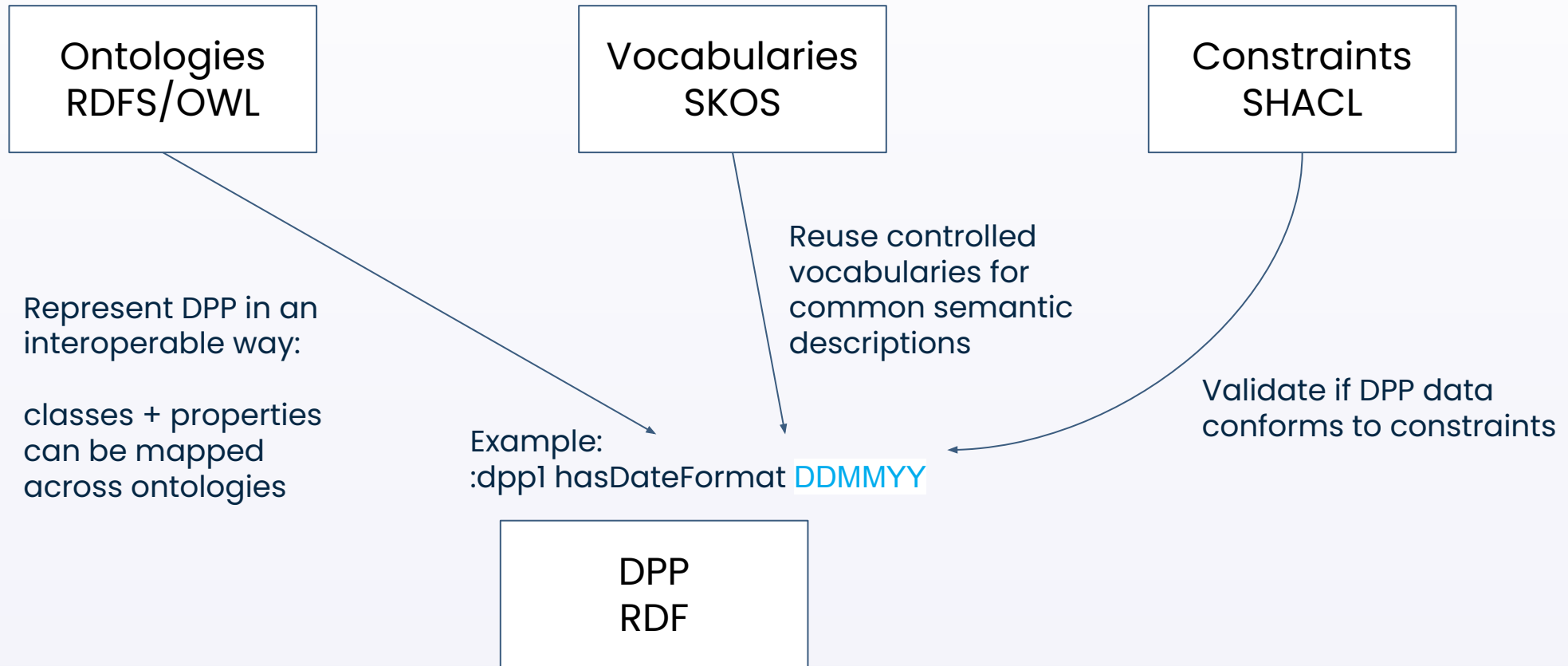


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- Semantic Standards enable Interoperability
 - RDF - basic graph representation of data - semantics via triples
 - RDFS - Schemas for RDF to express classes, properties, ...
 - OWL - ontology language to express domain semantics
 - SKOS - vocabulary representation, e.g. for UNCL
 - SHACL - constraint language for RDF graphs
- These standards can be combined to
 - express domain semantics in an **interoperable** way
 - to **infer** knowledge from data
 - to **validate** if the data is correct



Standards for interoperable DPPs





Standards for **interoperable** DPPs



AAS

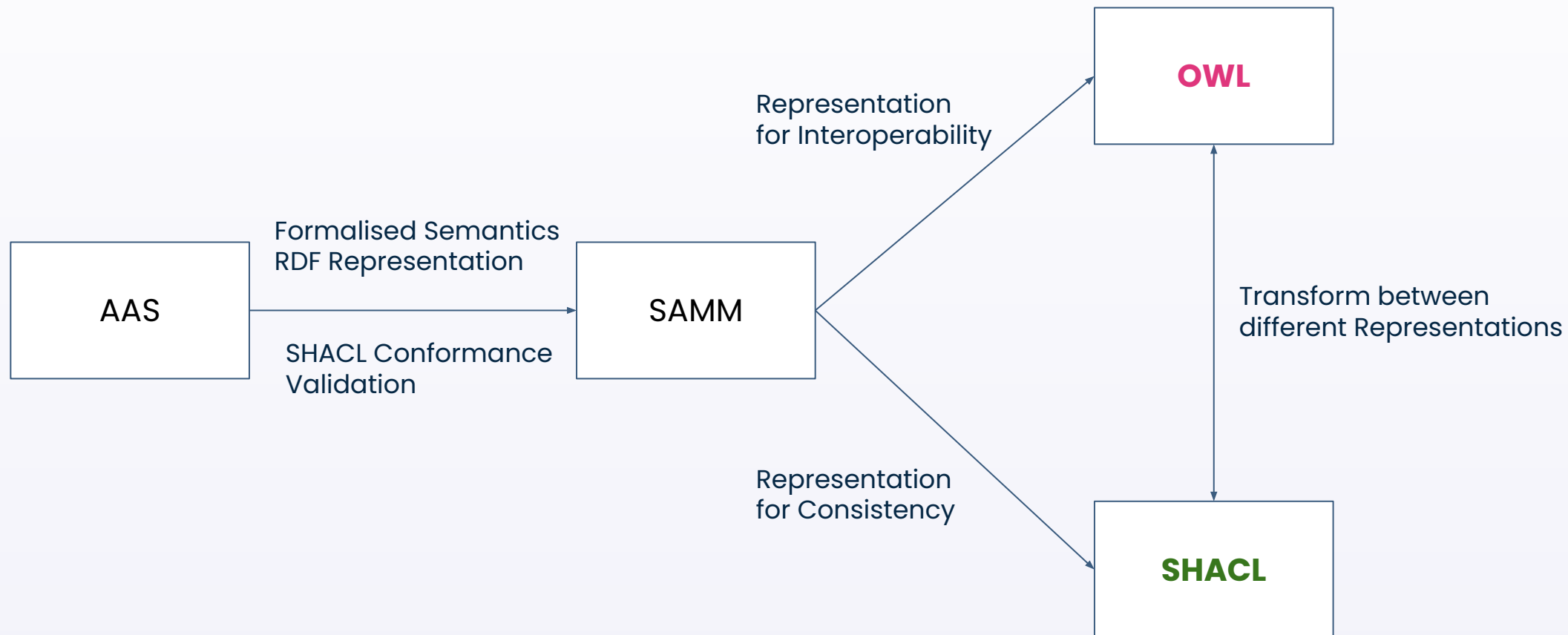


Standards for **interoperable** DPPs



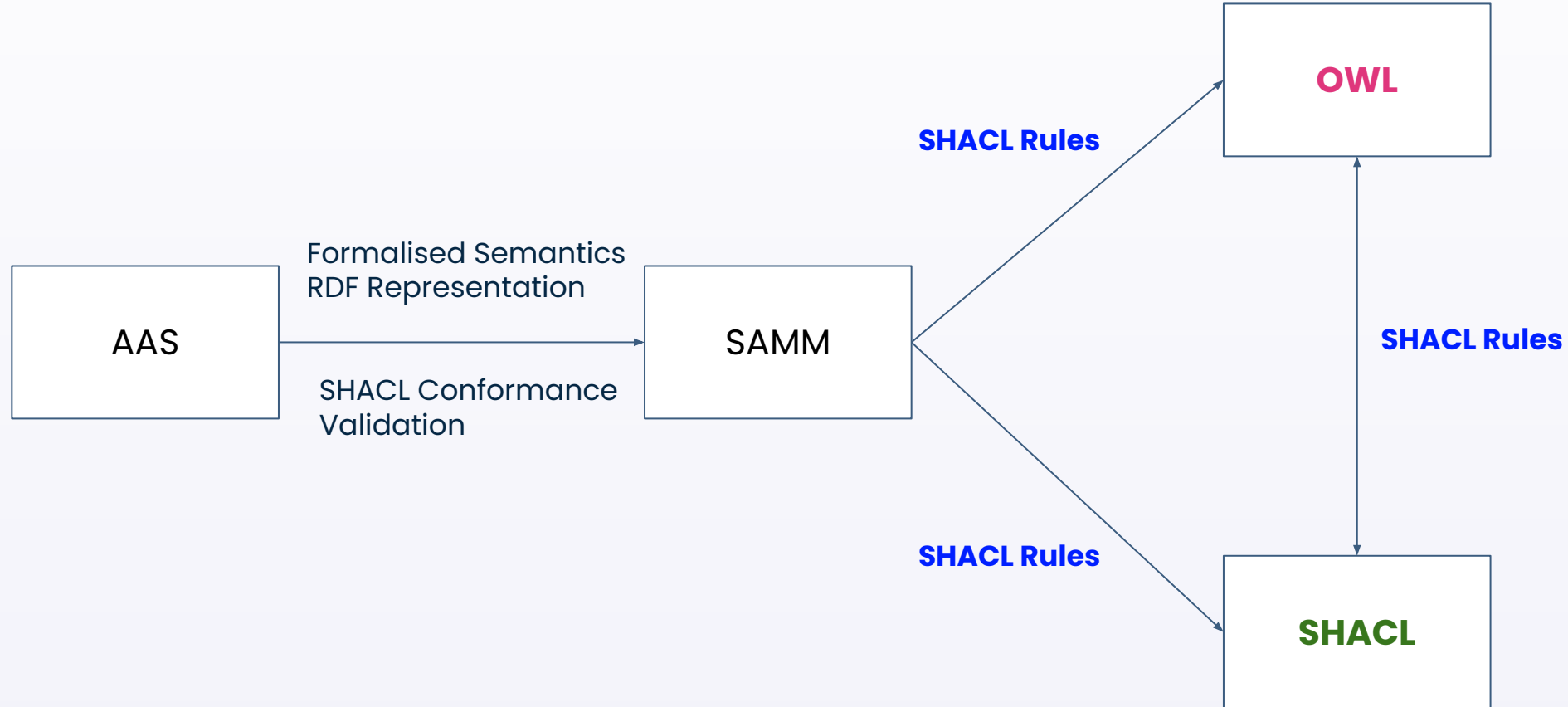


Standards for **interoperable** DPPs





Standards for **interoperable** DPPs





Transformations via SHACL Rules



- SHACL 1.2
 - Upcoming new version of the SHACL W3C recommendation
 - Beyond validation, add new sub-modules for node expressions, UI, Profiles and Rules
 - General toolkit for data validation, inference and transformation
- SHACL 1.2 Rules
 - based on Datalog, RDF adaption of rule language
 - not coupled to validation; can be used standalone
 - supports non-monotonic reasoning with recursion, negation, aggregation

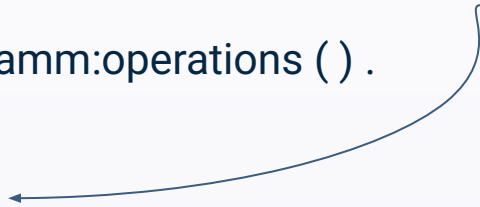


Example: SAMM

```
:MachineOnlineStatus a samm:Aspect ;
```

```
    samm:properties ( :onlineStatus ) ;
```

```
    samm:operations ( ) .
```



```
:onlineStatus a samm:Property ;
```

```
    samm:description "The current machine online status."@en ;
```

```
    samm:characteristic [
```

```
        a samm-c:Enumeration ;
```

```
        samm:dataType xsd:string ;
```

```
        samm-c:values ( "ON" "OFF" "BOOTING" ) ] .
```

Example: SAMM Triples



:MachineOnlineStatus rdf:type samm:Aspect

:MachineOnlineStatus samm:properties _:N003a204d285f4918bfac75aaf00fee3b

_:N003a204d285f4918bfac75aaf00fee3b rdf:first :onlineStatus

_:N003a204d285f4918bfac75aaf00fee3b rdf:rest rdf:nil

:onlineStatus rdf:type samm:Property

:onlineStatus samm:characteristic _:N15fee727b0b6465da147a6639dc9ec0a

_:N15fee727b0b6465da147a6639dc9ec0a samm:dataType xsd:String

_:N15fee727b0b6465da147a6639dc9ec0a samm:values _:N6bade8ba119d4834b690ae6c16b18aef

_:N6bade8ba119d4834b690ae6c16b18aef rdf:first "ON"

_:N6bade8ba119d4834b690ae6c16b18aef rdf:rest _:Nd679068094854026a7473a43e6281a40

_:Nd679068094854026a7473a43e6281a40 rdf:first "OFF"

.....



Example: OWL



:MachineOnlineStatus a **owl:Class** .

:onlineStatus a **owl:DatatypeProperty** ;

rdfs:comment "The current machine online status."@en ;

rdfs:domain **:MachineOnlineStatus** ;

rdfs:range **:OnlineStatusValues** ;

:OnlineStatusValues a **rdfs:Datatype** ;

owl:oneOf ("ON"^^xsd:string "OFF"^^xsd:string "BOOTING"^^xsd:string) .



Example: SHACL Constraints



```
:MachineOnlineStatusShape a sh:NodeShape ;  
  
  sh:class :MachineOnlineStatus ;  
  
  sh:property [  
  
    sh:path: :onlineStatus;  
  
    sh:description "The current machine online status."@en ;  
  
    sh:datatype xsd:string ;  
  
    sh:in ( "ON"^^xsd:string "OFF"^^xsd:string "BOOTING"^^xsd:string )  
  
  ].
```



Example: Rule Transformation



- SHACL 1.2 Datalog-style Rules

<https://w3c.github.io/data-shapes/shacl12-rules/>

- 3 basic rule formats

- `DATA { triple template }`
- `RULE { head template } WHERE { body pattern }`
- `IF { body pattern } THEN { head template }`

Examples:

```
RULE { ?x rdf:type owl:Class . } WHERE { ?x rdf:type samm:Aspect . }
```

```
RULE { ?x rdf:type owl:DatatypeProperty . }
```

```
WHERE { ?x rdf:type samm:Property . ?x samm:characteristic ?c . ?c samm:dataType xsd:string . }
```



Example: Rule Transformation



Input:

```
:onlineStatus rdf:type samm:Property
```

```
:onlineStatus samm:characteristic _:N15fee727b0b6465da147a6639dc9ec0a
```

```
_:N15fee727b0b6465da147a6639dc9ec0a samm:dataType xsd:String
```

Rule:

```
RULE { ?x rdf:type owl:DatatypeProperty . }
```

```
WHERE { ?x rdf:type samm:Property . ?x samm:characteristic ?c . ?c samm:dataType xsd:string . }
```

Output:

```
:onlineStatus rdf:type owl:DatatypeProperty
```



SHACL 1.2 Rules: pros & cons



- Pro:
 - General declarative language for data transformations
 - Works on any RDF graph
 - Supports non-monotonic inference with recursion, negation, aggregation
 - Semantics defined in the W3C spec
- Cons:
 - No disjunction in rules and stratified negation, aggregation; therefore no multiple models as result
 - Difficult to represent error handling in rules; no empty model on non-match



SHACL (R|r)ules Interoperability

- SHACL 1.2 Rules provide a declarative approach to transform between different models and representations.
- SHACL validation helps to avoid quality problems with transformations.
- Rules and constraints combine into a human-in-the-loop approach to develop model interoperability.

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