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Steps towards CRM OWL

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Motivation

- The CIDOC CRM document is now very well structured
- Automatic processing on RDF layer proofs to be good
- No „electorial process“ is necessary anymore for most of the things
- The RDF and the ECRM OWL are now much closer than ever before



Aim

- (Semi-)automatically create an CIDOC CRM OWL
- Have this CIDOC CRM OWL with CIDOC and Erlangen namespaces for the classes for backward compatibility (owl:sameAs or owl:equivalentClass)
- At best: Have one ruleset for RDF and OWL and only do different things where it is really necessary
- However there are currently some differences between RDF and OWL that are more or less cosmetic -> We need to decide which way to go



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- Multilingual Labels:
 - ECRM has only english labels, rdf has multiple languages

```
<rdfs:label xml:lang="en">E1 CRM Entity</rdfs:label>
```

```
<rdfs:Class rdf:about="E1_CRM_Entity">  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="en">CRM Entity</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="de">CRM Entität</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="el">Οντιότητα CIDOC CRM</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="fr">Entité CRM</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="pt">Entidade CRM</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="ru">CRM Сущность</rdfs:label>  
  <rdfs:label xml:lang="zh">CRM实体</rdfs:label>  
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- Structure of I
- ECRM inclu

<rdfs:label xml:lang="en">E1 CRM

- owl:topObjectProperty
- approximates
- beeinflusste
- bekam Merkmal zugewiesen durch
- benutzte Objekt des Typus
- besitzt
- besteht aus
- besteht aus
- bestimmt für
- betreute kuratorisch
- bewegte bis zu
- bewegte weg von
- bezeichnet
- bezeugte
- bietet Zugang zu
- bildet ab
- bildet Teil von
- bildet Teil von
- bildet Teil von
- covered parts of
- defines
- defines typical parts of
- defines typical wholes for
- ends after or with the start of
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- SKOS Notation:
 - ECRM has additionally a skos:notation element, rdf does not have that

```
<skos:notation rdf:datatype="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string">E1</skos:notation>
```



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- Structure of comments:
 - RDF just has the scope note, ECRM has scope note, examples and FOL

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] <rdfs:comment>This class comprises all things in the universe of discourse of the CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model.  
It is an abstract concept providing for three general properties:  
Identification by name or appellation, and in particular by a preferred identifier  
Classification by type, allowing further refinement of the specific subclass an instance belongs to  
Attachment of free text and other unstructured data for the expression of anything not captured by formal properties  
-All other classes within the CIDOC CRM are directly or indirectly specialisations of E1 CRM Entity.</rdfs:comment>
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All other classes within the CIDOC CRM are directly or indirectly specialisations of E1 CRM Entity.  
  
Examples:  
- the earthquake in Lisbon 1755 (E5) (Chester, 2001)  
  
In First Order Logic:  
-E1(x)</rdfs:comment>
```



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- Comments and where to place them:
 - ECRM and RDF place the comments only on Classes and forward-Properties with only some exceptions.
 - Decision: Keep it like that or also put it on inverses?



- Support for .1 properties
 - RDF has a „special“ support for .1 properties. This approach would also be possible for OWL.
- Transitive/SymmetricProperty where it fits
 - RDF does not have that, so it is not implemented. OWL should implement it
- Reflexive/Non-Reflexive
 - won't be implemented by both as it is not really possible yet.
- Multiple Inheritance for „primitives“ like P1
 - No multiple inheritance -> ObjectProperty in OWL
- Restrictions?
- OWL 1 vs. OWL 2?



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Thank you!