



# Tracker

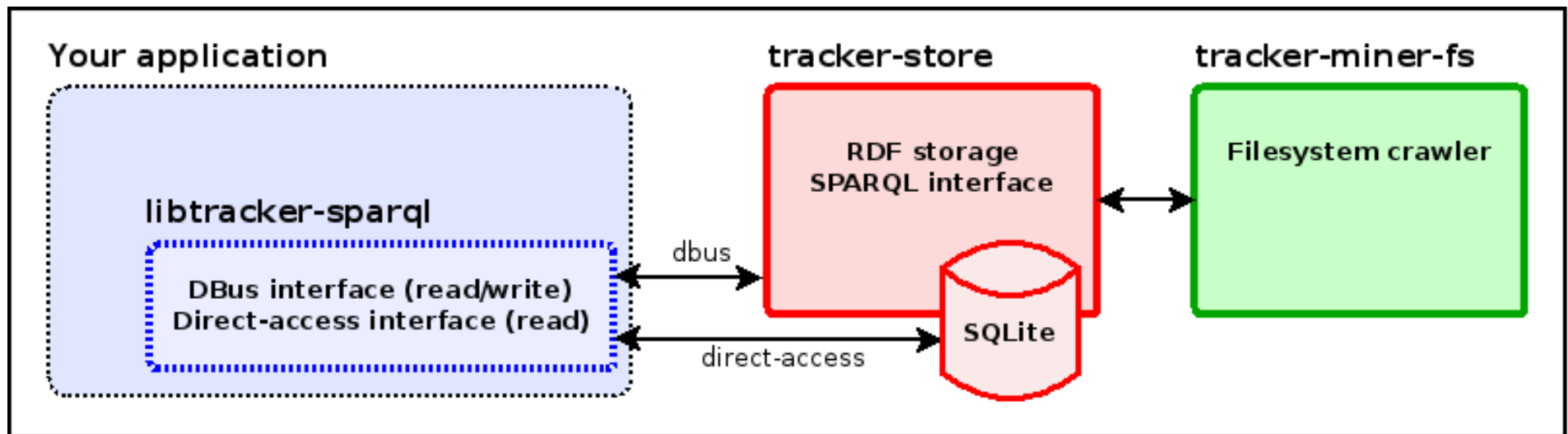
A crash course

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## Tracker, in pieces

- Structured storage
- Data miners



# Structured storage

- Information is a graph [1]
  - Vertices are objects
  - Edges establish relations
- RDF for the ones familiar with it

[1] A labeled directed multi-graph for the picky

## Structured storage (II)

- Insertions
  - Fundamentally a set of triples of data:  
subject / predicate / object
    - Subject = object → Vertices
    - Predicate → Edge

## Example 1. Inserting an element

```
INSERT {  
  <fooBar> a          nie:InformationElement .  
  <fooBar> dc:creator "The king of the world" .  
  <fooBar> dc:date    "2013-07-24T09:45:09Z" .  
  <fooBar> nie:plainTextContent "Lorem ipsum..."  
}
```

## Example 2. Inserting an element

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INSERT {  
  <fooBar> a          nie:InformationElement ;  
              dc:creator "The king of the world" ;  
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## Structured storage (III)

- Queries (`SELECT ... WHERE { ... }`)
  - The Select clause let you define the returned data
  - The Where clause let you define a minimal graph,
    - all returned items satisfy it
  - Named variables (starting with '?')
    - Act as placeholders on the Select clause
    - Act as the '\*' wildcard on the Where clause



Example 3. Querying the creator

```
SELECT ?creator WHERE {  
  <fooBar> dc:creator ?creator .  
}
```

Example 4. Querying all properties on an object

```
SELECT ?predicate ?object WHERE {  
  <fooBar> ?predicate ?object .  
}
```

Example 5. Querying all elements with a creator

```
SELECT ?subject ?object WHERE {  
  ?subject dc:creator ?object .  
}
```

## Structured storage (IV)

- Query filters
  - `SELECT ... WHERE { ... }` as shown only matches graphs, doesn't evaluate content
  - Filters let you apply arbitrary restrictions on the content
    - Comparisons
    - Substring matching
    - ...

Example 6. Filtering results

```
SELECT ?subject ?object WHERE {  
  ?subject dc:creator ?object .  
  FILTER (fn:starts-with (?object, 'The king')) .  
}
```

Example 7. Performing text search

```
SELECT ?subject WHERE {  
  ?subject fts:match 'ipsu*' .  
}
```

## Structure of data (O#\*%logy)

- A predefined, comprehensive set of schemas
  - Separated by domains of data, visible as prefixes in object definitions
- Defined on the same terms than data itself
- Both objects and relations between them are subject to inheritance and more specific definitions

Example 8. Querying all schema namespaces

**SELECT**

**?shortname ?prefix**

**WHERE {**

**?prefix** a tracker:Namespace ;

tracker:prefix **?shortname** .

**}**



# Schemas

- xsd: Basic data types
- rdf/rdfs: Resources and properties
- dc: Common set of superproperties
- nie: Topmost classes
- nao: Tags, ratings and other annotations
- nco: Contacts
- nfo: Files and local resources
- nmo: Messaging
- ncal / scal: Calendars and events
- nmm: Multimedia objects
- mfo: Feeds
- mtp: Media transfer
- tracker: Tracker additions
- slo: geolocation

Example 9. Querying all information from an  
schema object

**SELECT**

`?predicate ?object`

**WHERE** {

`rdfs:Resource ?predicate ?object .`

}

Example 10. Querying all subclasses of an schema object

**SELECT**

`?resource`

**WHERE** {

`?resource rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Resource .`

}

Example 11. Querying the entire schema object hierarchy

**SELECT**

**?resource ?subclass**

**WHERE {**

**?resource rdfs:subClassOf ?subclass .**

**}**

Example 12. Querying all properties that can be defined on an schema object

```
SELECT
    ?property
WHERE {
    ?property rdfs:domain rdfs:Resource .
}
```

Example 13. Querying all properties that can be defined on any object

**SELECT**

**?property ?resource**

**WHERE {**

**?property rdfs:domain ?resource .**

**}**

Example 14. Querying the entire hierarchy of properties

**SELECT**

**?property ?parent**

**WHERE {**

**?property rdfs:subPropertyOf ?parent .**

**}**

## Thanks!



- Website:

<http://projects.gnome.org/tracker>

- Wiki:

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Tracker>

- Mailing list:

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