# NIE-PDB | Advanced Database Systems | 2025/26 Winter

# Assignment A02 – SPARQL

#### Assignment

- Create a TTL document with sample RDF triples within your individual topic
  - Use the Turtle notation in particular
  - Work with mutually interlinked resources of at least **3 different types** (e.g., lines, flights, tickets)
    - Use rdf:type properties to associate the type information
  - Insert data about at least 15 particular resources (e.g., 3 lines, 4 flights, 8 tickets)
- Use each of the following constructs at least once
  - Object list or predicate-object list
  - Blank nodes (either using \_ prefix or brackets [])
- Create expressions for exactly 5 different SPARQL queries (SELECT query form in particular)
- Use each of the following constructs at least once
  - Basic graph pattern
  - Group graph pattern
  - Optional graph pattern (OPTIONAL)
  - Alternative graph pattern (UNION)
  - Difference graph pattern (MINUS)
  - Filter constraint (FILTER)
  - Aggregation (GROUP BY with or without HAVING clause)
  - Sorting (ORDER BY clause)

#### Requirements

- Both the TTL document and queries must be well-formed (i.e., syntactically correct)
- Put each SPARQL query expression into a standalone file (e.g., query1.sparq1)
- Always add a comment describing the intended query meaning in natural language
  - Comments are written as # comment
- Each query expression must be evaluated to a non-empty solution sequence
- Both the data file a query files must contain declarations of all prefixes used (including rdf:)
  - Use @prefix rdf: <a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns</a> . in your data file
  - Use PREFIX rdf: <a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns</a> in your query file
- Do not use FROM clauses in your queries, the input data file will automatically be accessible as the default graph

#### Submission

- data.ttl: TTL document with your RDF data to be queried
- query1.sparql, ..., query5.sparql: files with SPARQL query expressions

#### Execution

- Execute the following shell command to evaluate each individual SPARQL query expression
  - sparql --data \$DataFile --query \$QueryFile
    - \$DataFile is the input RDF document to be queried, i.e., data.ttl
    - \$QueryFile is a file with query expression to be evaluated, e.g., query1.sparq1
- Note that you need to work with our NoSQL server nosql.kti.in.fit.cvut.cz within this assignment
  - I.e., the Virtuoso database https://nosql.opendata.cz/ we used during the lab cannot be used

### Tools

• IDLab Turtle Validator - http://ttl.summerofcode.be/

## References

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  - W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013) https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/