



Combining Object-centered Representation and Logic Programming

ObjectLogic

- ObjectLogic is a deductive, object oriented database language which combines
 - ◆ the declarative semantics and expressiveness of logic programming
 - ◆ with the rich data modeling capabilities supported by the object oriented data model.
- ObjectLogic is a kind of successor of F-Logic, a kind of successor of PROLOG

ObjectLogic: Schema-level Statements

- Signature F-atoms define methods of classes
- Methods correspond to roles in Description Logic

Subclass Relation

Car::Vehicle.
Bike::Vehicle.

Every car is a vehicle
Every bike is a vehicle

Signature statements
(methods, cardinalities
and ranges)

Person[name {1:*} *=> xsd#string].
Person[friend {0:*} *=> Person].
Vehicle[owner {1:*} *=> Person].

A person has
at least one
name, which is
a string

A vehicle has a owner
which is a person

ObjectLogic: Schema-level Statements

- Several signature-F-atoms may be combined in an F-molecule

```
Vehicle[owner {1:*} *=> {Person, Adult}].
```

This is equivalent to the conjunction of the two lines:

```
Vehicle[owner {1:*} *=> Person].  
Vehicle[owner {1:*} *=> Adult].
```

- In the following signature-F-atom the method **owner** has a parameter object of the datatype **integer**. It should denote the year of ownership.

```
Vehicle[owner(xsd#integer) {1:1} *=> Person].
```

ObjectLogic: Instance-level Statements

- The application of a method on an object is expressed by data-F-atoms which consist of a host object, a method and a result object
- Relating instances to classes

peter:Man.
paul:Person.
car74:Car.

peter is of class man
paulis of class person
car74is of class car

- Method invocation: assigning values to methods

paul[friend -> mary].
peter[friend ->{paul, mary}].
car74[owner(2007) -> paul].
car74[owner(2008) -> peter].

paul has a friend who is mary
peter has friends paul and mary

the owner of car74 are paul in year
2007 and peter in year 20089

- Combining class associations and method invocations

peter:Man[friend-> mary:Woman].

Peter is of class man and has a friend
who is mary, who is a woman.

Abbreviations

- Instead of giving several individual atoms, information about an object can be collected in F-molecules, which combine multiple F-atom statements in a concise way
- Assignments about a single object can be combined into one expression

```
jacob:man[has_father -> isaac;  
           has_son -> {joseph:man,  
                      benjamin:man[has_mother -> rahel]}].
```

is equivalent to:

```
jacob:man.  
joseph:man.  
benjamin:man  
jacob[has_father -> isaac].  
jacob[has_son -> joseph].  
jacob[has_son -> benjamin].  
benjamin[has_mother -> rahel].
```

ObjectLogic: Rules

- Rules consist of a head and a body – as in logic programming
 - ◆ Variables start with a question mark «?»
- Example:

?X[has_son -> ?Y] :- ?Y:man[has_father -> ?X].

Head

Conditions

„For all X and Y : X has a son Y, if Y is a man and has the father X. ”

Queries

- Queries are rules without a head
- Example:

```
?- car74[admissibleDriver -> ?Y].
```

Complex Queries

- More complex queries can be formulated that also contain arbitrary first-order formulas in the (rule) body
- The following query computes the maximum value $?X$ for which $p(?X)$ holds. The rule body expresses that all $?Y$ for which $p(?Y)$ (also) holds must be less or equal to the searched $?X$.

```
p(1).  
p(2).  
p(3).  
?- p(?X) AND (FORALL ?Y (p(?Y) --> ?Y <= ?X)).
```

- The result is

$?X = 3.0$

Namespaces

- In OntoStudio each object name is a URI (uniform resource indicator)
- A URI looks like a legal internet address. It starts consists of a protocol identifier followed (e.g. http: oder ftp:) followed by an address, e.g.
 - ◆ <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc791.txt>
 - ◆ <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee>
- The „#“ refers to the default namespace, i.e. the namespace of the current knowledge base
- An ObjectLogic file can contain namespace declarations that associate namespace URIs with aliases

```
:- prefix cars="http://www.cars-r-us.tv/".  
:- prefix finance="http://www.financeWorld.tv/".  
:- prefix xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#".  
:- default prefix ="http://www.myDomain.tv/private#".
```

Namespace Expressions

- Every concept, method, object, predicate and function may be qualified by a namespace. To separate the namespace from the name the "#"-sign is used

```
cars#Person[ cars#name {1:*} *=> xsd#string,  
             cars#age {1:1} *=> xsd#integer,  
             cars#drivingLicenseId {1:1} *=> xsd#string].
```

```
finance#Bank[ finance#customer {1:*} *=> finance#Person,  
              finance#location {1:*} *=> finance#City].
```

- During parsing of the ObjectLogic program the aliases are resolved
 - ◆ `finance#Person` stands for `<http://www.financeWorld.tv/Person>`
 - ◆ `cars#Person` stands for `<http://www.cars-r-us.tv/Person>`

ObjectLogic vs Logic Programming

- Class names correspond to 1-ary predicates
 - ◆ `person(X)`.
 - ◆ `person(abraham)`.
- Methods correspond to binary predicates
 - ◆ `has_father(X,Y)`.
 - ◆ `has_father(isaac,abraham)`.
- Subclass relations correspond to simple rules
 - ◆ `person(X) :- man(X)`.
 - ◆ `person(X) :- woman(X)`.

ObjectLogic vs. Logic Programming

	<i>ObjectLogic</i>	<i>Logic Programming</i>
Subclass definition	man::person	person(X) :- man(X).
Signature statement	person[has_father *=> man]	---
Instances	abraham:man isaac:man sarah:woman	man(abraham). man(isaac). woman(sarah).
Method invocation	isaac[has_father->abraham]. isaac[has_mother->sarah]. abraham[has_son->>isaac].	has_father(isaac,abraham). has_mother(isaac,sarah). has_son(abraham,isaac).

ObjectLogic vs. Logic Programming

- Rules correspond to Horn clause rules

```
?X[has_son -> ?Y] :- ?Y:man[has_father -> ?X].
```

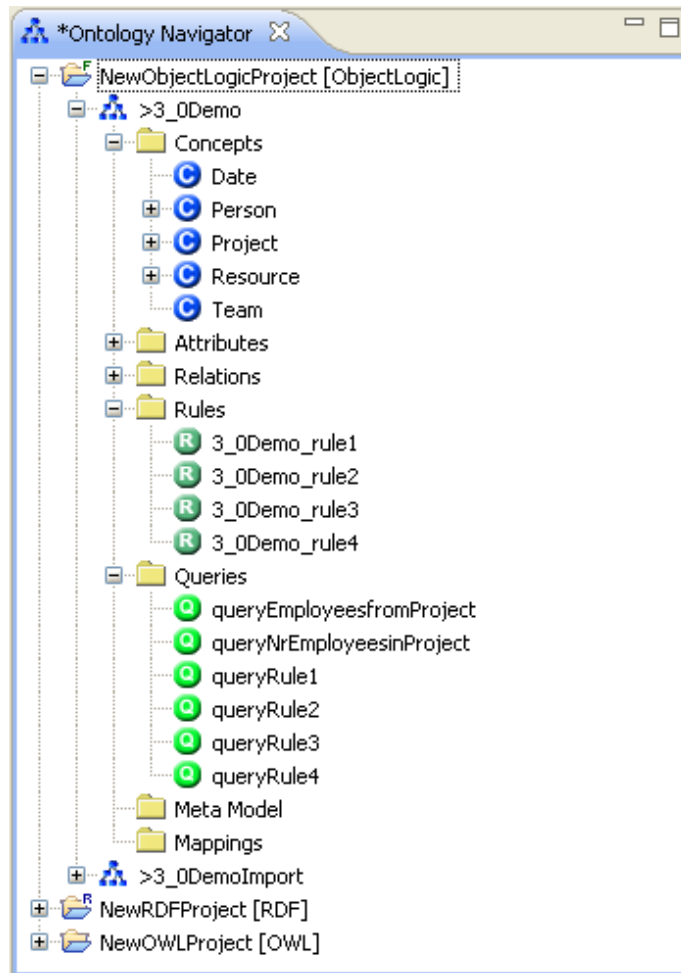
Corresponds to

```
has_son(X,Y) :- man(Y), has_father(Y,X).
```



ONTOSTUDIO

OntoStudio



- OntoStudio is a tool from Ontoprise GmbH. It supports graphical representation of
 - ◆ OWL
 - ◆ RDF
 - ◆ ObjectLogic

ObjectLogic Perspective in OntoStudio: Defining Objects and Attributes/Relations

The screenshot shows the OntoStudio interface. On the left, the 'Ontology Navigator' displays a tree structure with 'Person' selected under 'Concepts'. The 'Entity Properties' window on the right shows the 'Person' entity with a local name of 'Person'. Below this, a table lists the attributes and relations for 'Person'.

Attribute/Relation	Range	Min	Max	
A name	DT string	1	N	X
R friend	C Person	0	N	X
R has_daughter	C Woman	0	N	X
R has_father	C Man	1	1	X
R has_mother	C Woman	1	1	X
R has_son	C Man	0	N	X

Instances and Relation Values

The screenshot shows the ObjectLogic - OntoStudio application window. The interface is divided into several panes:

- Ontology Navigator:** Shows a tree view of the ontology structure. The 'family [ObjectLogic]' ontology is expanded to show a hierarchy: 'family' > 'at' > 'Concepts' > 'person' > 'woman' > 'man'. Other categories like 'Attributes', 'Relations', 'Rules', 'Queries', 'Meta Model', and 'Mappings' are also visible.
- Entity Properties:** The 'Identifier' tab is active, showing the 'Local name' as 'isaac'. Below, the 'Attributes & Relations' section contains a table with columns 'Identifier' and 'Value'.

Identifier	Value
has_daughter	
has_father	
has_father	abraham
has_mother	
has_mother	sarah
has_son	
- Instances:** The 'Instances' tab is active, showing a list of instances: 'abraham' and 'isaac'.

Instances and Relation Values

The screenshot shows the ObjectLogic software interface. On the left, the 'Ontology Navigator' displays a tree structure with folders for Concepts, Attributes, Relations, Rules, Queries, Meta Model, and Mappings. Under 'Concepts', 'Vehicle' is expanded to show 'Bike' and 'Car'. 'Person' is expanded to show 'Woman' and 'Man'. Under 'Relations', 'friend' is selected. At the bottom left, the 'Instances' window shows 'paul' and 'peter'.

The main 'Entity Properties' window shows the 'Identifier' as 'peter'. Below it, the 'Attributes & Relations' table is displayed:

Identifier	Value	
A name		
R friend		
friend	mary	✗
friend	paul	✗
R has_daughter		
R has_father		
R has_mother		
R has_son		

At the bottom of the window, there are tabs for 'Attributes and Relations', 'Description and Representations', and 'Synonyms'.

Rule Diagrams

The screenshot displays the ObjectLogic software interface. On the left, the 'Ontology Navigator' shows a tree structure with folders for Concepts, Attributes, Relations, Rules, Queries, and Meta Model. Under Relations, the 'friend' relation is selected. The main workspace shows the 'Entity Properties' for 'rule1302567690645'. The 'Rule Diagram' section contains two boxes, each representing a 'Person' concept with 'Relations and Attributes'. The top box has a dashed green border around the 'friend' relation, and the bottom box has a solid border. A vertical orange bar is present on the left side of the image.