

# Using Wikipedia categories for research

Opportunities, Challenges, and Solutions

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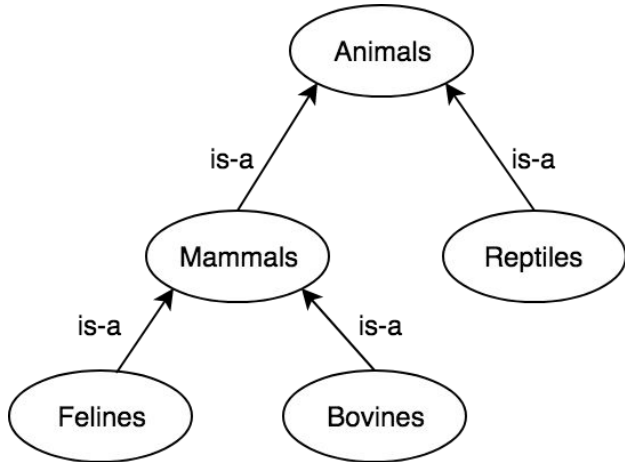


# Taxonomy (general)

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Taxonomy** is the practice and science of classification. Originally, *taxonomy* referred only to the classification of organisms or a particular classification of organisms. In a wider, more general sense, it may refer to a classification of things or concepts, as well as to the principles underlying such a classification.



Hierarchical organization of  
concepts

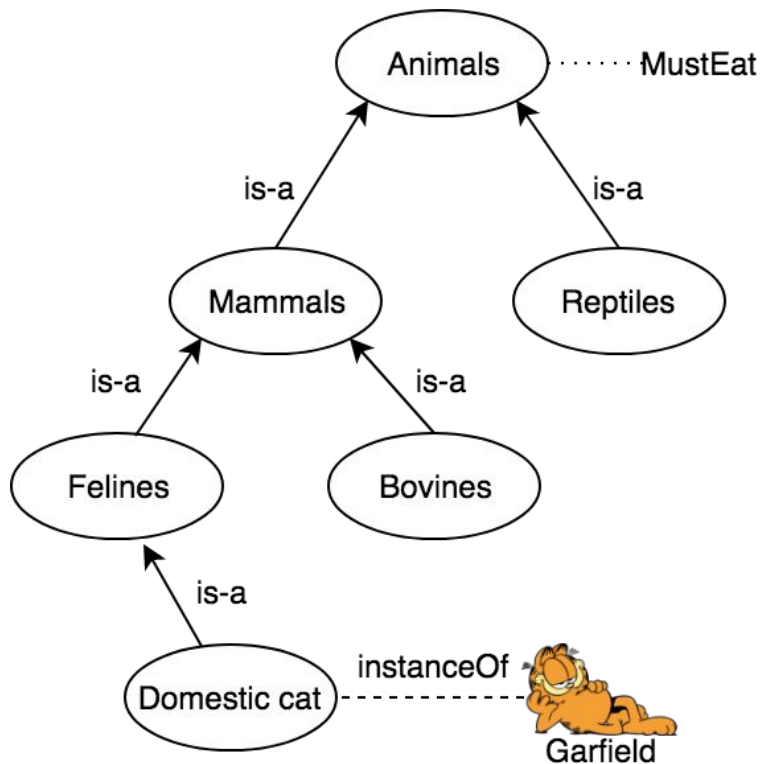
# Taxonomies are useful in many different domains:

Image classification

Medical domain

Q&A bots

# An automated reasoning tool can infer new knowledge



$is-a(Mammals, Animals)$

$is-a(Felines, Mammals)$



$is-a(Felines, Animal)$

1

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Statement: Animals must eat to live

Question: Does Garfield eat?  $\Rightarrow$  Yes

2

# ... and in sections recommendation!

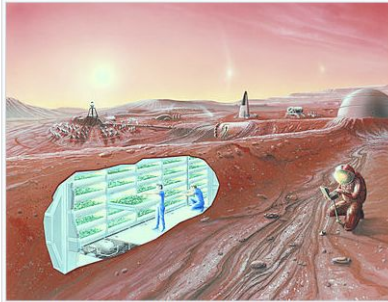
## Colonization of Mars

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mars is the focus of much scientific study about possible human colonization. Its surface conditions and the presence of water on Mars make it arguably the most hospitable of the planets in the Solar System, other than Earth. Mars requires less energy per unit mass (delta-v) to reach from Earth than any planet except Venus.

Permanent human habitation on a planetary body other than the Earth is one of science fiction's

most prevalent themes. As technology has advanced, and concerns about the future of humanity on Earth have increased, the argument that space colonization is an achievable and worthwhile goal has gained momentum.<sup>[1][2]</sup> Other reasons for colonizing space include economic interests, long-term scientific research best carried out by humans as opposed to robotic probes, and sheer curiosity.



An artist's conception of a human Mars base, with a cutaway revealing an interior horticultural area

### Sections you can add

[Relative similarity to Earth](#)

[Differences from Earth](#)

[Conditions for human habitation](#)

[Radiation](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Equipment needed for colonization](#)

[Robotic precursors](#)

[Mission concepts](#)

[Economics](#)

[Possible locations for settlements](#)

[Planetary protection](#)

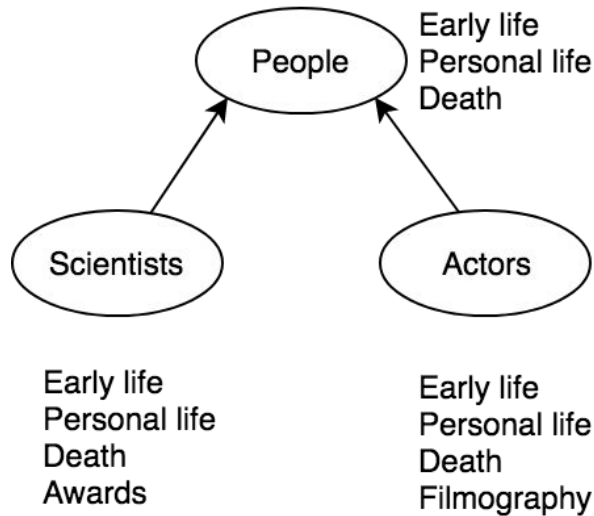
Given an article A in language L, recommend the list of sections to be added to the article considering similar articles to article A in language L.

\* Leila's talk -- Showcase Dec 2017



Edit to add new sections

# Generating concept-based templates



An article about a person can be represented with:

- Early life
- Personal life
- Death

The structure shared between multiple children

Generating the complete taxonomy  
manually is not feasible!

*288 languages*  
*hundreds of thousands concepts*



**Wikipedia has  
a category network!**



# Claude Picasso

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Claude Ruiz Picasso** (born 15 May 1947) is a [photographer](#), [cinematographer](#), [movie director](#), [visual artist](#), [graphic designer](#), and [businessman](#) born 15 August 1947, in [Boulogne-Billancourt](#) next to [Paris](#) in [France](#).

## Biography [[edit](#)]

Claude is the son of [Françoise Gilot](#) and [Pablo Picasso](#)<sup>[1]</sup> and the older brother of [Paloma Picasso](#)

	<b>Claude Picasso</b>
<b>Born</b>	15 May 1947 (age 70) <a href="#">Boulogne-Billancourt, France</a>
<b>Nationality</b>	French, Spanish
<b>Known for</b>	Cinematographer, photographer, movie director, visual artist, graphic designer, businessman
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	<a href="#">Sara Lavner</a> (m. 1969; div. 1972)

Categories: [French artists](#) | [French photographers](#) | [French photojournalists](#) | [1947 births](#) | [Living people](#) | [Légion d'honneur recipients](#) | [Pablo Picasso](#) | [20th-century French artists](#) | [21st-century French artists](#) | [French photographer stubs](#)

# Category:French artists

 Help

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## Subcategories

This category has the following 52 subcategories, out of 52 total.

- ▶ [French erotic artists](#) (1 C, 23 P)
- ▶ [French artists by city or town](#) (4 C)
- ▶ [French artists by century](#) (9 C)
- !**
  - ▶ [LGBT artists from France](#) (17 P)
- .**
  - ▶ [Guadeloupean artists](#) (1 C)
  - ▶ [Martiniquais artists](#) (1 C, 2 P)
- #**
  - ▶ [Breton artists](#) (2 C, 21 P)
  - ▶ [Basque artists](#) (2 C, 8 P)
- G**
  - ▶ [French graffiti artists](#) (20 P)
- I**
  - ▶ [French illustrators](#) (5 C, 262 P)
  - ▶ [French installation artists](#) (23 P)
- L**
  - ▶ [French lithographic artists](#) (4 P)
- M**
  - ▶ [Members of the Académie royale de peinture et de sculpture](#) (1 C, 5 P)

Potential hyponym  
of French artists

Potential hypernym  
of French artists

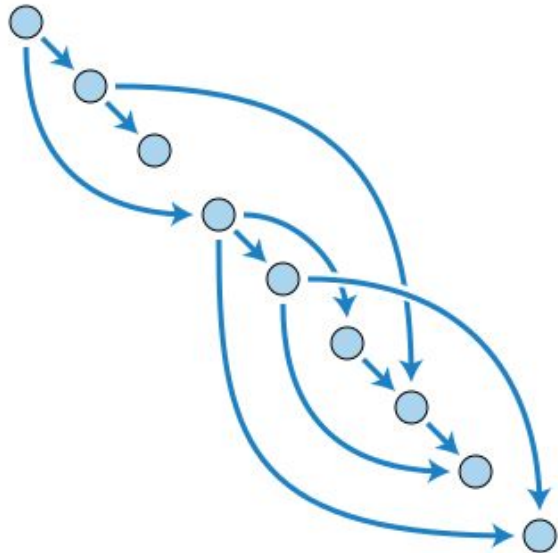
Categories: [French people in arts occupations](#) | [Artists by nationality](#) | [French art](#)

Wait, it's not so easy...

# The category network has loops!

Government → Public administration → Public economics → Economic policy → Government

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A fast and effective heuristic for  
the feedback arc set problem

Peter Eades, Xuemin Lin, W.F. Smyth

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Multiple entities don't respect the **is-a** relation

~~**is-a**(*French artists*, *French art*)~~

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# Related work

## MultiWiBi

MultiWiBi: The multilingual Wikipedia bitaxonomy project.

*Tiziano Flati, Daniele Vannella, Tommaso Pasini, Roberto Navigli.*

## Head Taxonomy

Revisiting Taxonomy Induction over Wikipedia

*Amit Gupta, Francesco Piccinno, Mikhail Kozhevnikov, Marius Pasca, Daniele Pighin*

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Generated with language-based heuristics

# Goal:

Generate a set for sections to recommend  
based on the categories of the article



We need to preserve as much as possible the  
original topology and remove what could add  
“noise”

Our method!



Assuming we have a generic high-level type for each article in Wikipedia

Taxonomic categories should contain articles of the same type!

# DBpedia - Types extraction

55 top-level types

## About: Lausanne

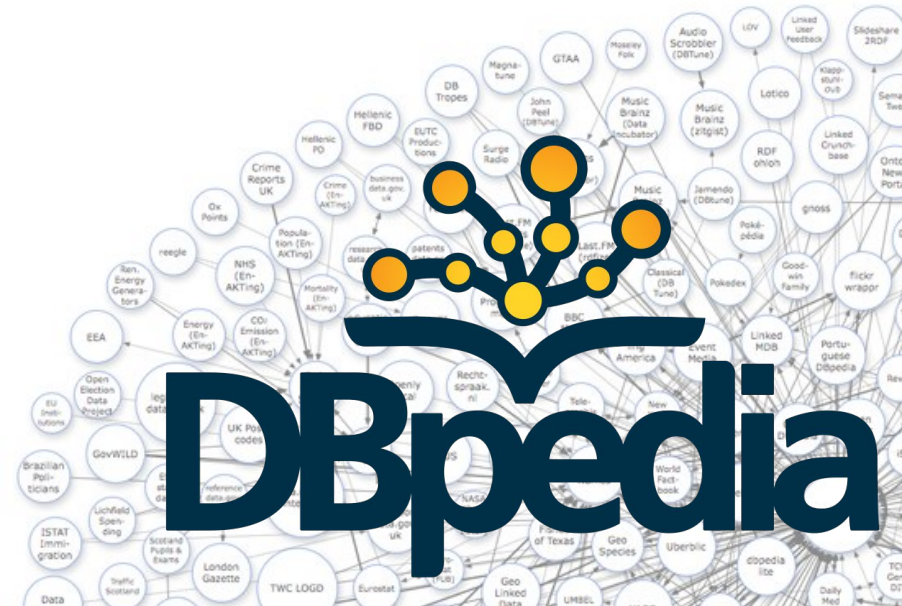
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dbo:wikiPageID

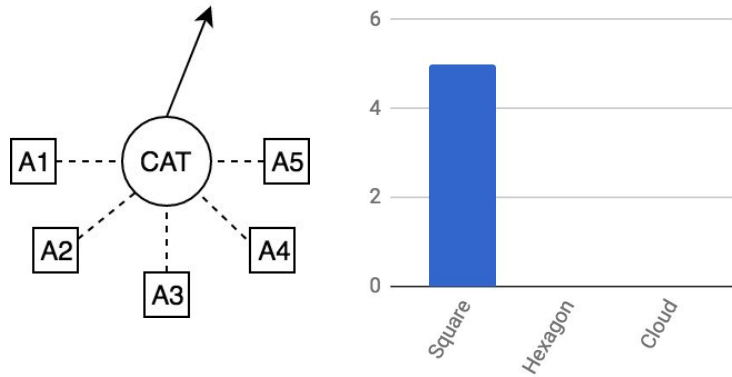
▪ 18623 (xsd:integer)

rdf:type

- owl:Thing
- wikidata:Q486972
- dbo:PopulatedPlace
- dbo:Settlement
- geo:SpatialThing
- schema:Place
- dbo:Place
- dbo:Location
- umbel-rc:PopulatedPlace

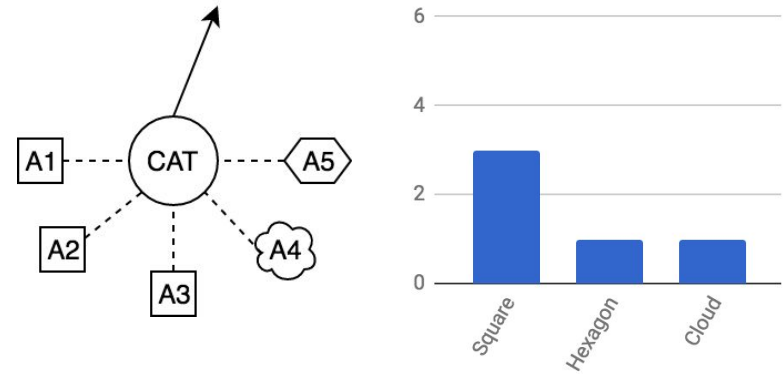


# The concept of purity



**Pure category**  
*The distribution of types is homogeneous*

Scientists → “Person”

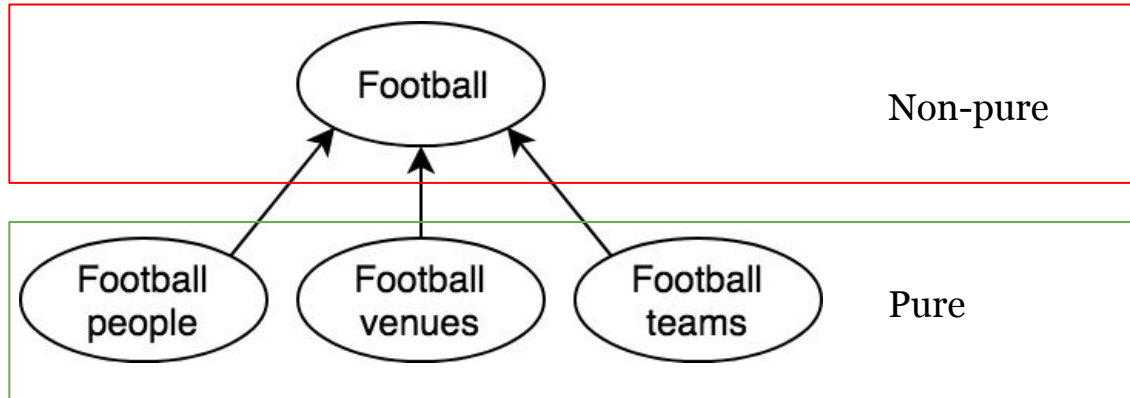


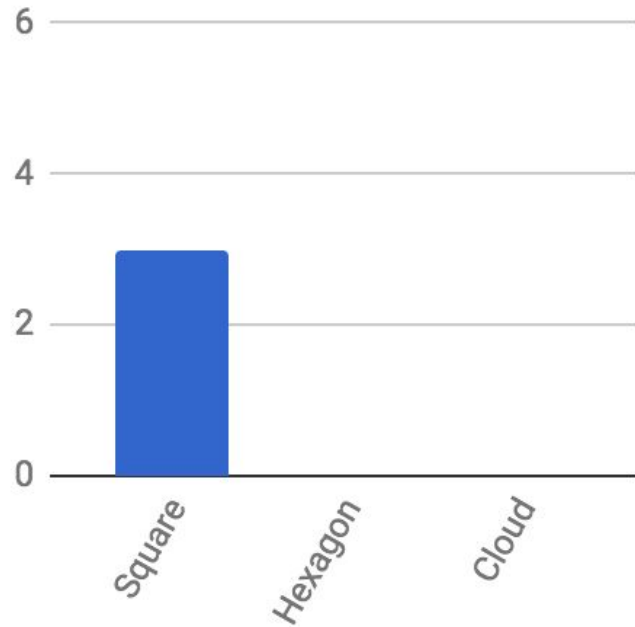
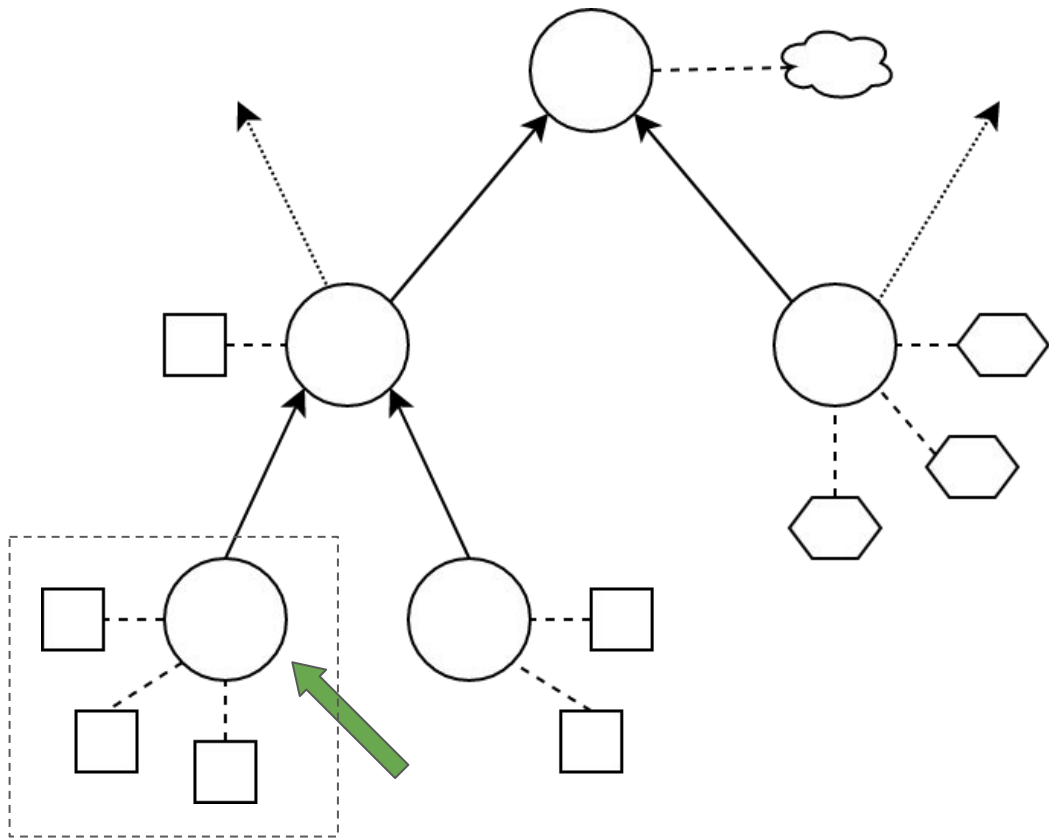
**Non-pure category**  
*The distribution of types is heterogeneous*

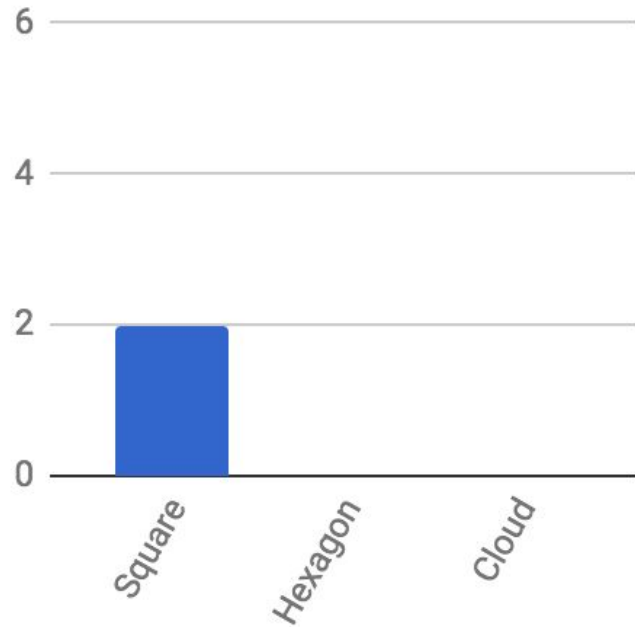
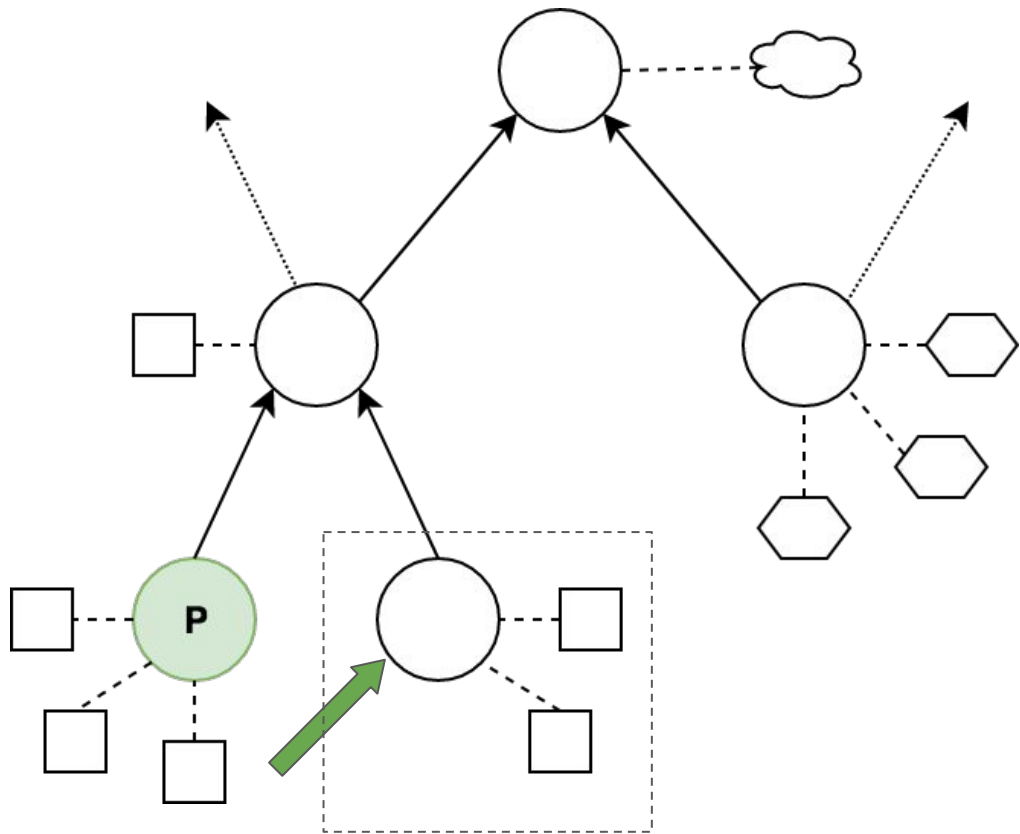
Football → “Person”, “Event”, “Organization”

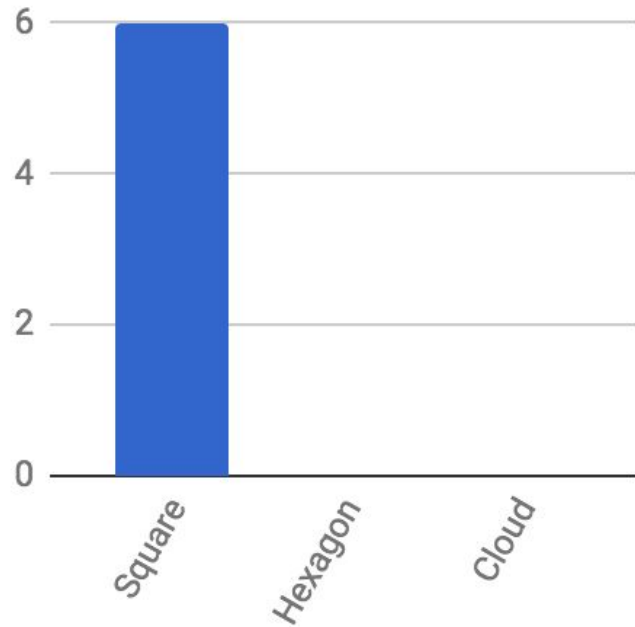
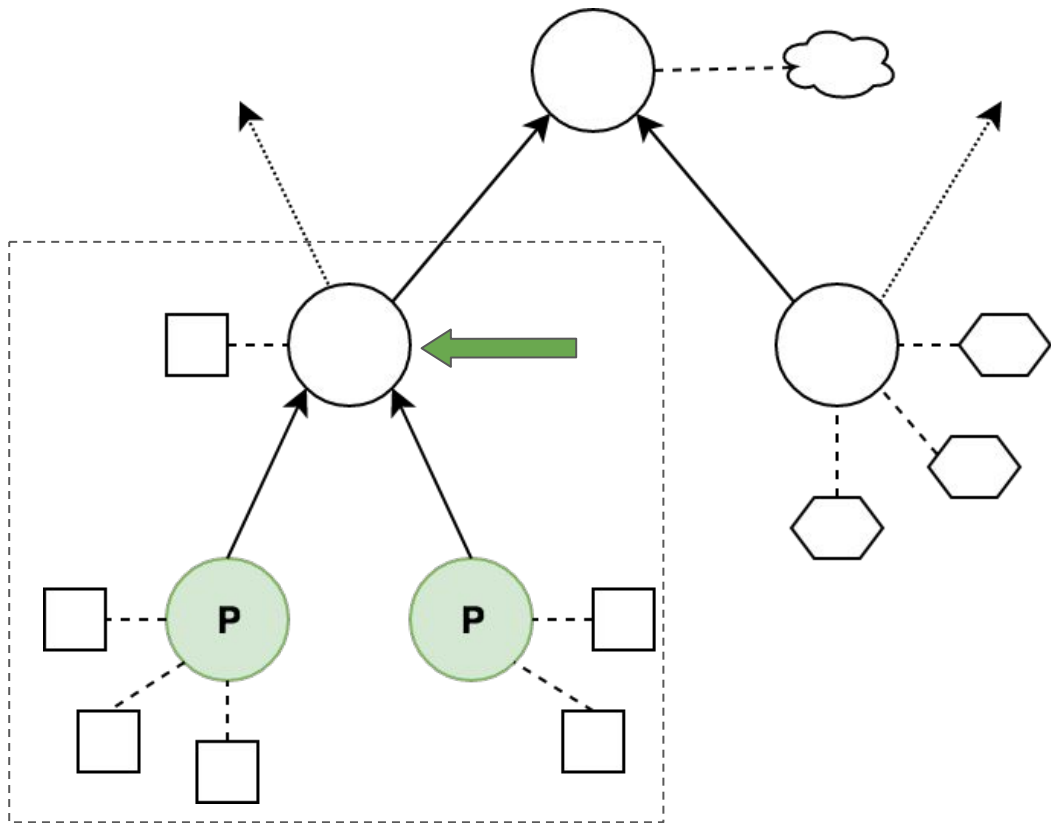
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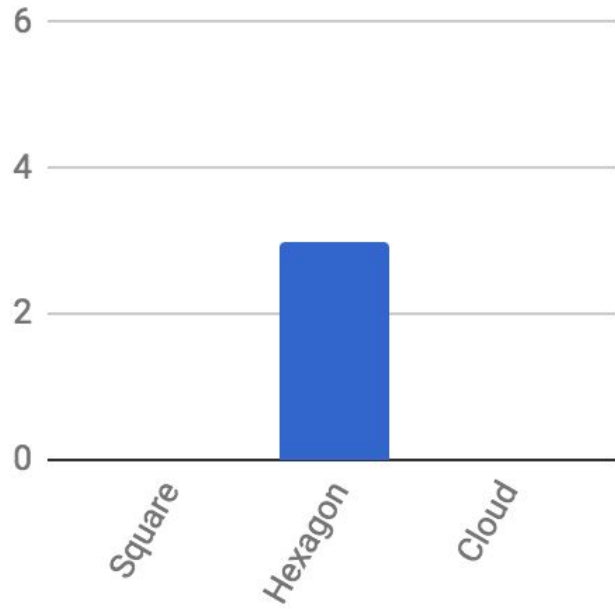
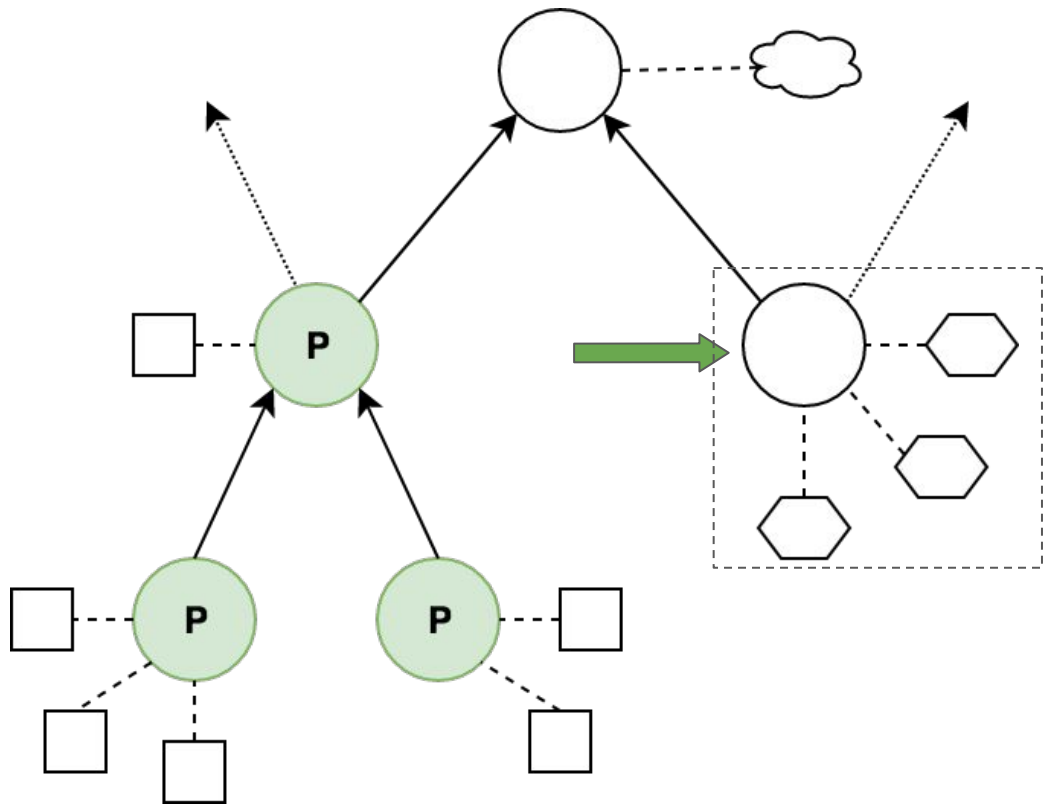
With a bottom-up approach, we can remove the categories where different types converge



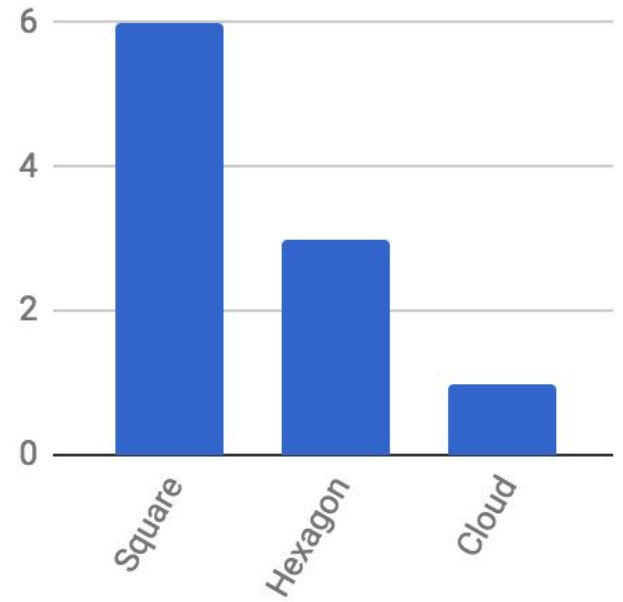
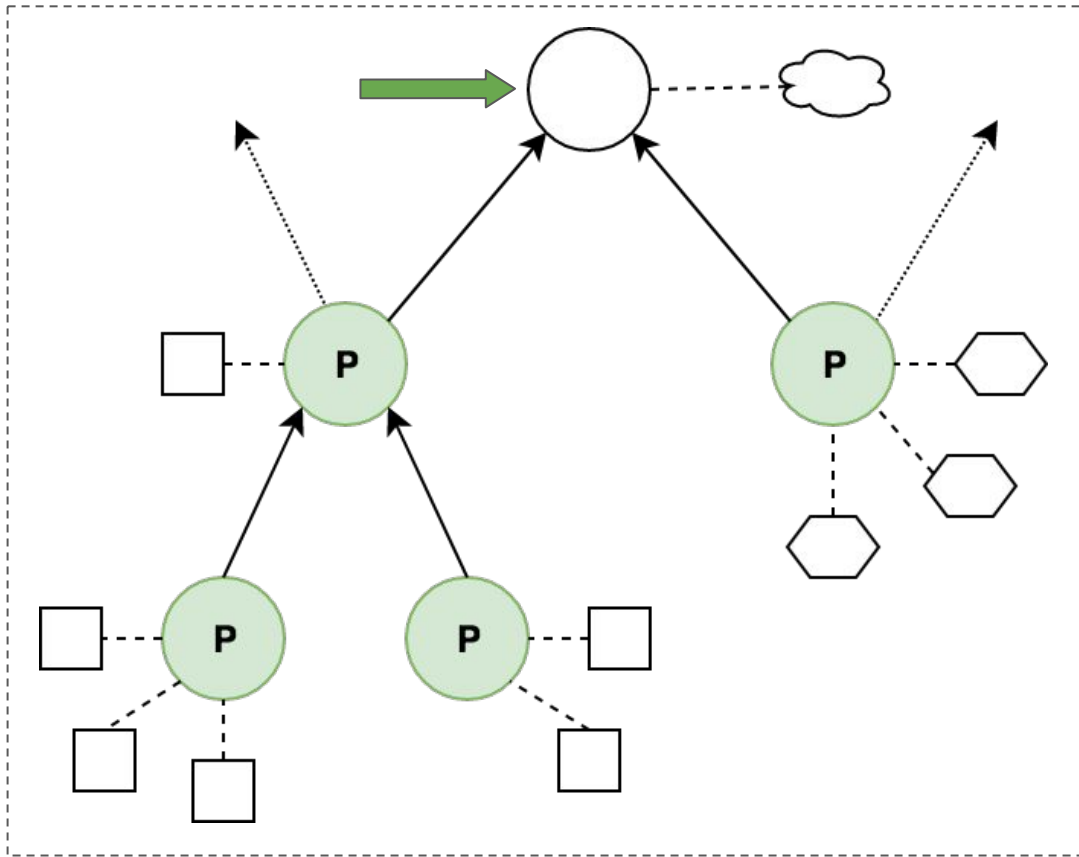


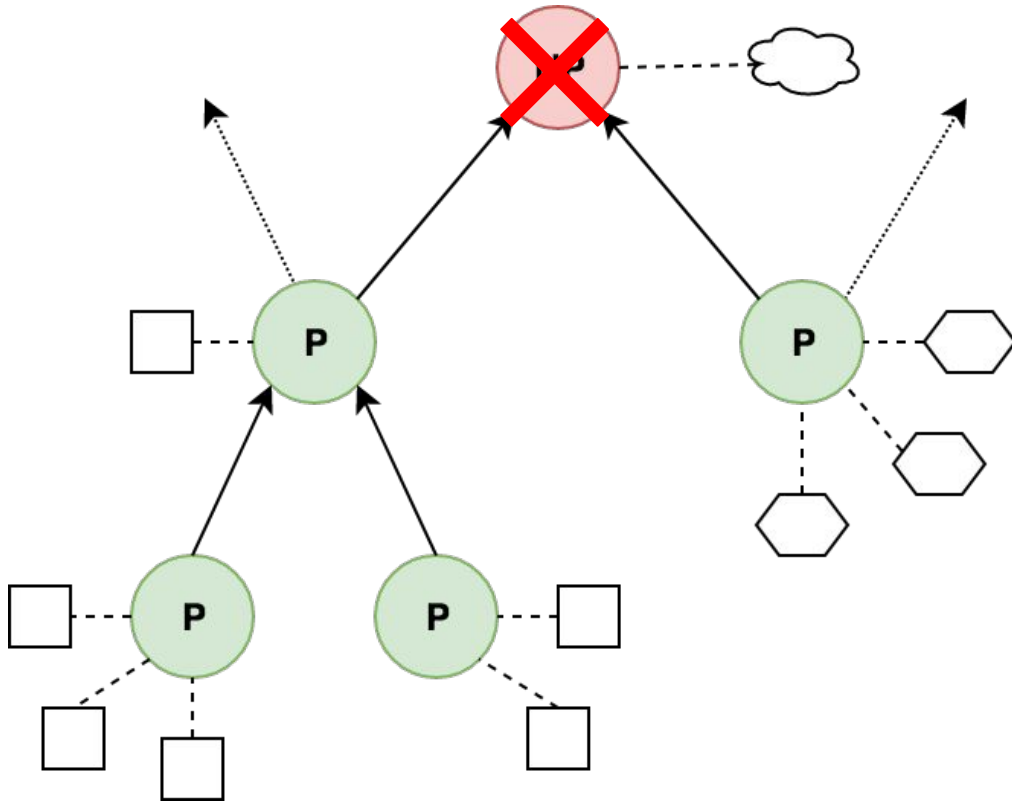




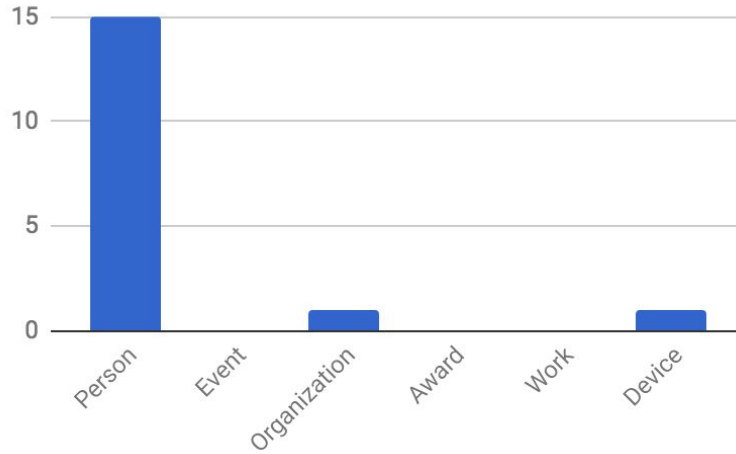








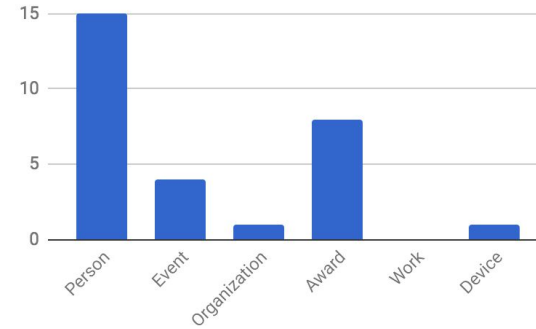
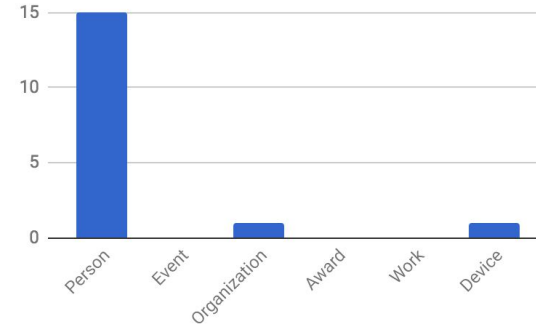
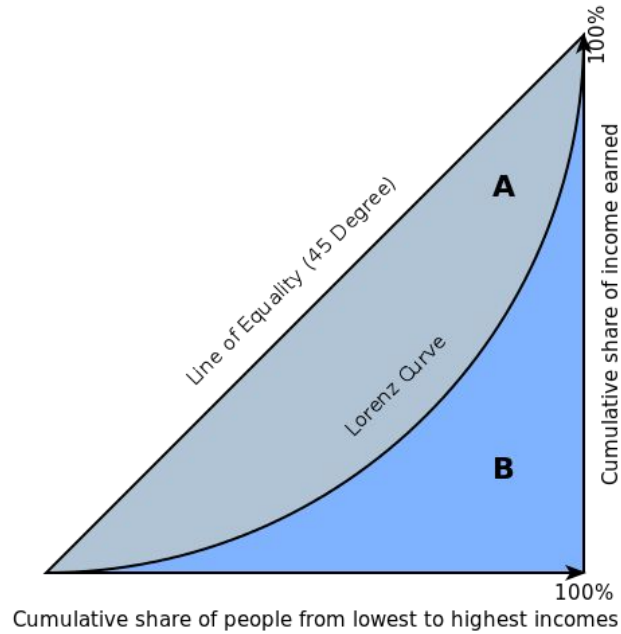
The category is  
marked as  
not-pure



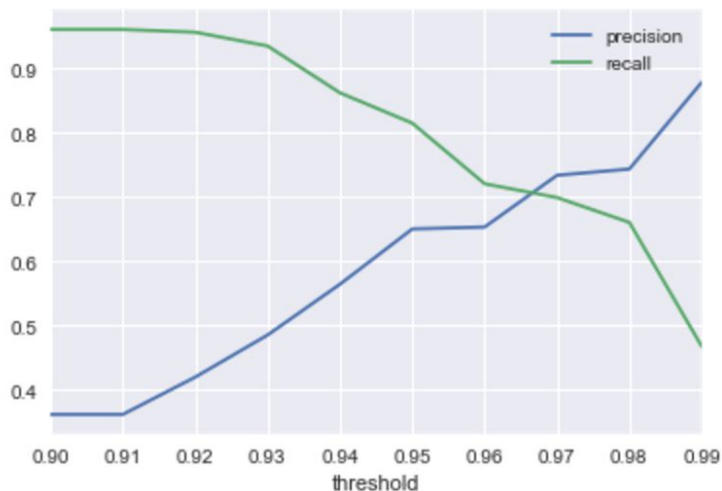
In the real world we don't have perfect pure categories!

Pure categories have a high unbalanced types distribution

# Gini coefficient



## How can we select a Gini good threshold?



We manually annotated ~700  
**is-a** (transitive)

**is-a**(*British scientist, People*) ✓

**is-a**(*Gaelic games grounds, Football*) ✗

We can prune the network with different thresholds

# Conclusion

We presented a language-independent framework to clean the category network

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## **Customizations:**

Types from Wikidata, DBPedia, etc

Dynamic threshold for the Gini coefficient

Gini coefficient selection

Deletion of edges vs. nodes

Read more about sections recommendation:

<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/>

[Research:Expanding Wikipedia articles across languages](#)

# Thank You

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**"Thank you"** is a common expression of [gratitude](#). It often refers to a [thank you letter](#), a letter written to express appreciation.

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