

Writing Schemas for Wikidata

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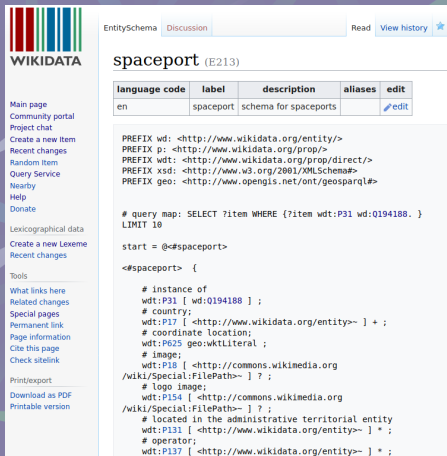
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Spaceport



Figure 1: Tanegashima Space Center, Photo Credit: NASA/Bill Ingalls, via Wikimedia Commons

Finding a Schema



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spaceport (E213)

language code	label	description	aliases	edit
en	spaceport	schema for spaceports		edit

```
PREFIX wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
PREFIX p: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/>
PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geo sparql#>

# query map: SELECT ?item WHERE {?item wdt:P31 wd:Q194188. }
LIMIT 10

start = @<#spaceport>

<#spaceport> {

  # instance of
  wdt:P31 [ wd:Q194188 ] ;
  # country:
  wdt:P17 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/> ] + ;
  # coordinate location;
  wdt:P625 geo:wktLiteral ;
  # image;
  wdt:P18 [ <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Special:FilePath>~ ] ? ;
  # logo image;
  wdt:P154 [ <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Special:FilePath>~ ] ? ;
  # located in the administrative territorial entity
  wdt:P131 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/> ] * ;
  # operator;
  wdt:P137 [ <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/> ] * ;
```

Figure 2: E213 Schema for Spaceports

Schemas are data models

Schema Namespace

- Wikidata's E Namespace is dedicated to schemas.
- 300+ schemas have been contributed since the namespace became available in May, 2019.
- Wikidata supports multiple data models per domain.
- In some cases this is necessary, in other cases it will be possible to build consensus around one shared model.

ShEx

- ShEx is a formal modeling and validation language for RDF graphs
- Allows humans and machines communicate unambiguously about data assets
- Supports agile development of data models
- Learn more: <http://shex.io>

Humans and Machines Together

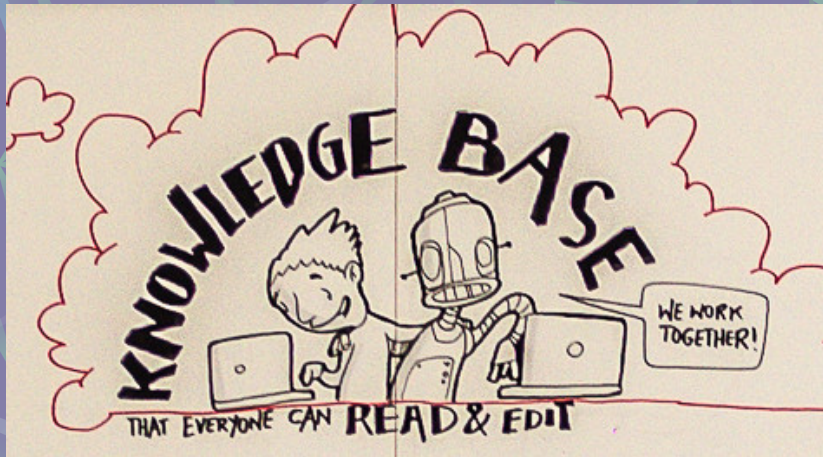


Figure 3: Detail of mural by Magdalena Wiegner

Members of National Academies of Science with academic degree PhD

```
SELECT ?item ?itemLabel ?id WHERE  
{  
  ?item wdt:P5380 ?id .  
  ?item wdt:P512 wd:Q752297.  
}
```


Members of National Academies of Science, educated at statement, academic degree as a qualifier

```
SELECT ?item ?id
WHERE
{
  ?item wdt:P5380 ?id .
  ?item p:P69 [
    ps:P69 ?inst ;
    pq:P512 wd:Q752297 ].
}
```

Building Consensus

- Frequency of usage of the 2 patterns?
- Propose a schema
- Discuss on talk page of schema

A Shared Data Model for Academic Degrees is Desirable

- People who would like to reuse Wikidata data could become frustrated by needing to identify multiple related modeling patterns.

Schemas: Internal or External

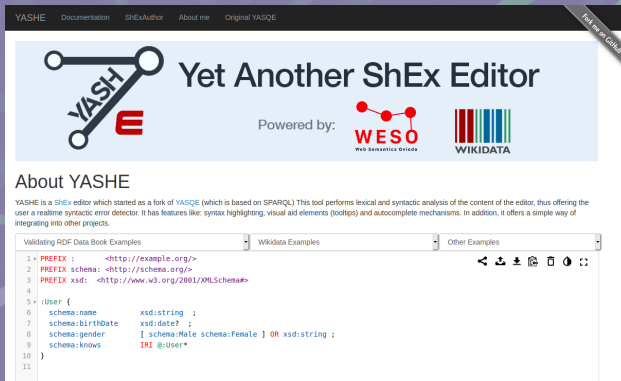
Bringing an External Schema into Wikidata

- Expressing a model from a database, ontology, system external to Wikidata
- PRONOM technical registry of file formats
- file format with PRONOM id (E79) and
- File format with identification pattern (E237)

Extracting an Internal Schema from Wiki- data

- What if there is no schema yet?
- Then we can extract a schema
- Tools to try:
 - [sheXer](#)
 - [Shape Designer](#)

Extract Schemas from Wikibase



The screenshot shows the YASHE website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'YASHE', 'Documentation', 'ShExAuthor', 'About me', and 'Original YASQE'. A diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'Fork me on GitHub'. The main header features the YASHE logo (a stylized 'Y' and 'E' with a red 'E') and the title 'Yet Another ShEx Editor'. Below the title, it says 'Powered by:' followed by logos for 'WESO' (Web Semantics Online) and 'WIKIDATA'. The main content area is titled 'About YASHE' and contains a paragraph describing the tool as a ShEx editor based on SPARQL, offering lexical and syntactic analysis, a real-time error detector, syntax highlighting, and autocompletion. Below the text are three dropdown menus: 'Validating RDF Data Book Examples', 'Wikidata Examples', and 'Other Examples'. A code editor displays the following RDF schema:

```
1 PREFIX : <http://example.org/>
2 PREFIX schema: <http://schema.org/>
3 PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
4
5 :User {
6   schema:name xsd:string ;
7   schema:birthDate xsd:date? ;
8   schema:gender [ schema:Male schema:Female ] OR xsd:string ;
9   schema:knows IRI @:User*
10 }
11
```

Figure 4: Try **YASHE** out!

ShEx Implementations

- shex.js (runs on n3.js)
- SHACLex (Scala)
- ShexJava
- PyShEx
- Ruby ShEx

ShEx Test Suite

- 1103 validation tests
- 99 negative syntax tests
- 14 negative structure tests
- 431 schema conversion tests between ShExC, ShExJ and ShExR

Online Validators for ShEx

- [ShEx2 Simple Online Validator](#) (JavaScript)
- [RDF Shape](#) (Scala)

Interlinked ecosystem of schemas


Schema Gallery

chemistry [\[edit \]](#)

label ↕	description ↕	aliases ↕	class/Property ↕	dependencies ↕
chemical compound (E239)			chemical compound (Q11173)	Imported by: lipid (E232), natural product (E240), stereoisomer (E241)
chemical element (E46)	Concept from chemistry allowing properties of atoms to be consistently described		chemical element (Q11344)	
lipid (E232)	class of chemical compounds		chemical compound (Q11173), LIPID MAPS ID (P2063)	Imports: chemical compound (E239)
natural product (E240)			chemical compound (Q11173), natural product of taxon (P1582)	Imports: chemical compound (E239)
pharmaceutical drug (E72)	basic schema of a pharmaceutical drug		medication (Q12140)	
racemic mixture (E47)	mixture of chemicals with the same structure but different stereochemistry		racemic mixture (Q467717)	Imports: stereoisomer (E241)
stereoisomer (E241)	chemical compound with a particular stereochemistry		chemical compound (Q11173), isomeric SMILES (P2017)	Imports: chemical compound (E239) Imported by: racemic mixture (E47)

Figure 5: Chemistry schemas available in Wikidata

Multilingual Schemas



WIKIDATA

- Main page
- Community portal
- Project chat
- Create a new Item
- Recent changes
- Random item
- Query Service
- Nearby
- Help
- Donate

Lexicographical data

- Create a new Lexeme
- Recent changes

Tools

- What links here
- Related changes
- Special pages
- Permanent link
- Page information
- Cite this page
- Check sitelink

Print/export

- Download as PDF
- Printable version

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hospital (Malayalam) (E210)

language code	label	description	aliases	edit
en	hospital (Malayalam)	entity schema of hospital (Malayalam)		edit


```
PREFIX എക്സ്എസ്എം: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX പ്രൊ: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX റി: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>

#PREFIX പ്രൊ: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
#PREFIX റി: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
#
#SELECT ?ആശുപത്രി {
# ?ആശുപത്രി പ്രൊ:P31 റി:Q16917
#}
#LIMIT 10

start = @<ആശുപത്രി>

<ആശുപത്രി> EXTRA പ്രൊ:P31 {
  പ്രൊ:P31 [ റി:Q16917 റി:Q7257872 ] ;# ആശുപത്രി
  പ്രൊ:P17 .{1} ;# രാജ്യം
  പ്രൊ:P131 .{1} ;# സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന ഭാഗസ്ഥലം
  പ്രൊ:P625 .+ ;# ഔദ്യോഗിക വെബ്സൈറ്റ്
  പ്രൊ:P6801 എക്സ്എം:decimal ? ;# ആശുപത്രി കിടക്കകളുടെ എണ്ണം
  പ്രൊ:P856 IRI* ;# ഔദ്യോഗിക വെബ്സൈറ്റ്
  പ്രൊ:P1705 .* ;# തദ്ദേശനാമം
  പ്രൊ:P6375 .* ;# സ്വിറ്റ് നിലവാരം
}
```

Importing One Schema into Another



EntitySchema Discussion Read View history

Danish verb (E56)

language code	label	description
en	Danish verb	basic schema for Danish verbs
da	dansk udsagnsord	
eo	dana verbo	
ja	デンマーク語の動詞	デンマーク語の動詞を記述するための基本的なスキーマ
nl	Deens werkwoord	basisschema voor een Deens werkwoord
pt	verbo (danés)	

IMPORT <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntitySchemaText/E15>
PREFIX E15: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntitySchemaText/E15>

PREFIX dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
PREFIX ontolex: <http://www.w3.org/ns/lemon/ontolex#>
PREFIX p: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/>
PREFIX ps: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/statement/>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
PREFIX wdo: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/nowalue/>
PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX wikibase: <http://wikiba.se/ontology#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>

```
# SELECT ?lexeme {  
  ?lexeme dct:language wd:Q9035 ;  
  wikibase:lexicalCategory wd:Q24905 }  
  
start = @danish-verb  
  
<danish-verb {  
  
  dct:language [ wd:Q9035 ]  
  // rdf:label "Danish language"  
  // rdf:comment "must be Danish language" ;  
  
  wikibase:lexicalCategory [ wd:Q24905 ]  
  // rdf:label "verb"  
  // rdf:comment "Lexeme must have verb as the lexical category" ;  
  
  wdt:P5187 [ @da ]  
  // rdf:label "word stem"  
  // rdf:comment "the word stem must be Danish" ;  
  
  wdt:P5401 [ wd:L3B28 wd:L5025 ] [1,2]  
  // rdf:label "auxilliary verb"  
  // rdf:comment "Danish verb must have one or two auxilliary verbs" ;  
  
  p:P6140 @E15:dannet-statement  
  // rdf:label "DanNet"  
  // rdf:comment "DanNet, either a value or novalue" ;  
  
  p:P5912 @E15:ogaailleriffik-statement +  
  // rdf:label "Ogaailleriffik ID"  
  // rdf:comment "Must have novalue or one or more" ;
```

What's Next?

- More editors will contribute schemas
- More schemas will be interlinked via `IMPORT`
- This ecosystem of interlinking schemas will support the work of more editors
- Wikidatans will create more tooling that leverages schemas

Find ShEx Papers

- Scholia is a Wikidata-based service that generates scholarly profiles
- [Scholia for shex](#)

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topic

ShEx (Q29377880)

Shape Expressions (ShEx) is a language for validating and describing RDF. It was proposed at the 2012 RDF Validation Workshop as a high-level, concise language for RDF validation. The shapes can be defined in a human-friendly compact syntax called ShExC or using any Resource Description Framework (RDF) serialization formats like JSON-LD or Turtle. ShEx expressions can be used both to describe RDF and to automatically check the conformance of RDF data. ... (from the [English Wikipedia](#))

Recently published works on the topic

Show entries

Search:

Date	Work	Topics
2019-05-25	Using Shape Expressions (ShEx) to Share RDF Data Models and to Guide Curation with Rigorous Validation	ShEx
2018-09-14	XMLSchema2ShEx: Converting XML validation to RDF validation	Extensible Markup Language // ShEx

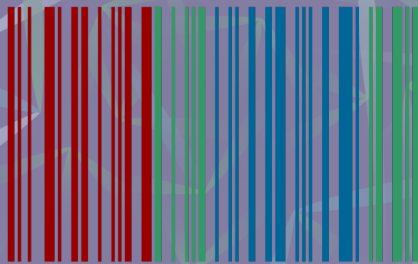
Quick Start

- Jose Labra's [Wikipedia Weekly Entity Schemas and Shape Expressions](#) session
- Primer: <http://shex.io/shex-primer/>
- ISWC 2020 Tutorial [Shapes applications and tools](#)
- Read the book [Validating RDF Data](#)

Getting started with ShEx on Wikidata

- [Wikidata Wikiproject ShEx](#)
- [Schema namespace](#)
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Wikidata's E Namespace: Where the Ecosystem of Schemas Thrives



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