Writing Schemas for Wikidata

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Spaceport

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

Finding a Schema

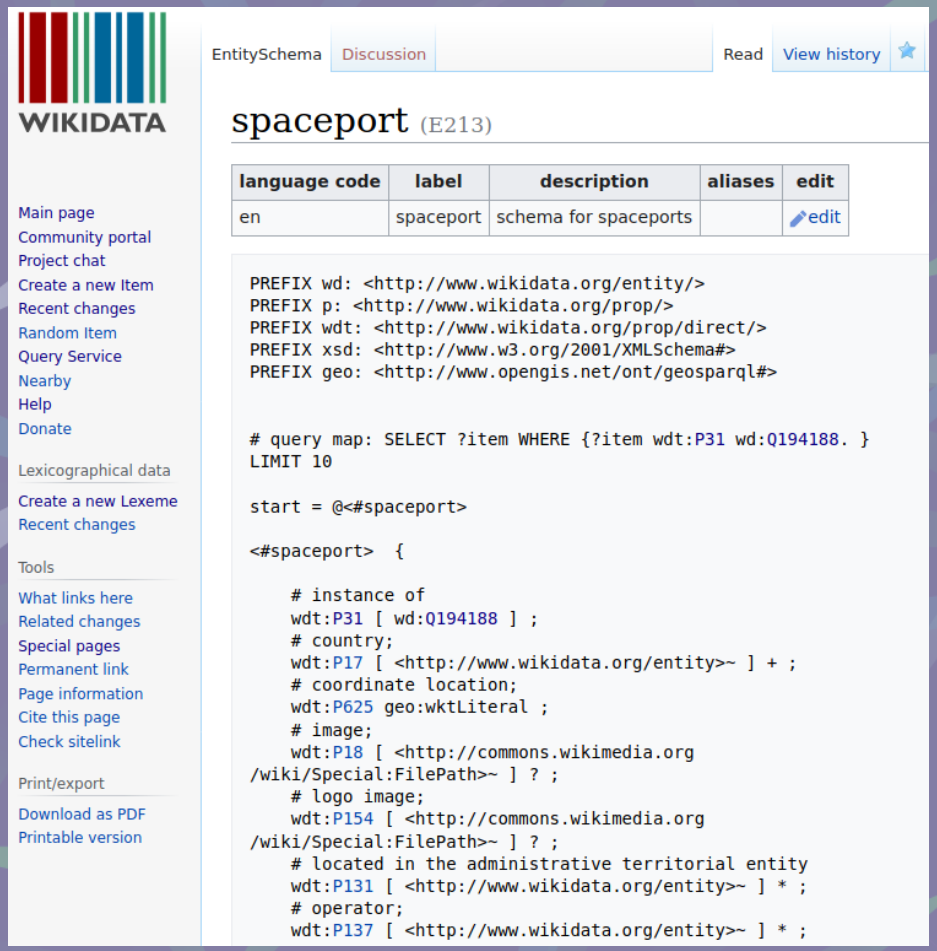


Figure 2: E213 Schema for Spaceports

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

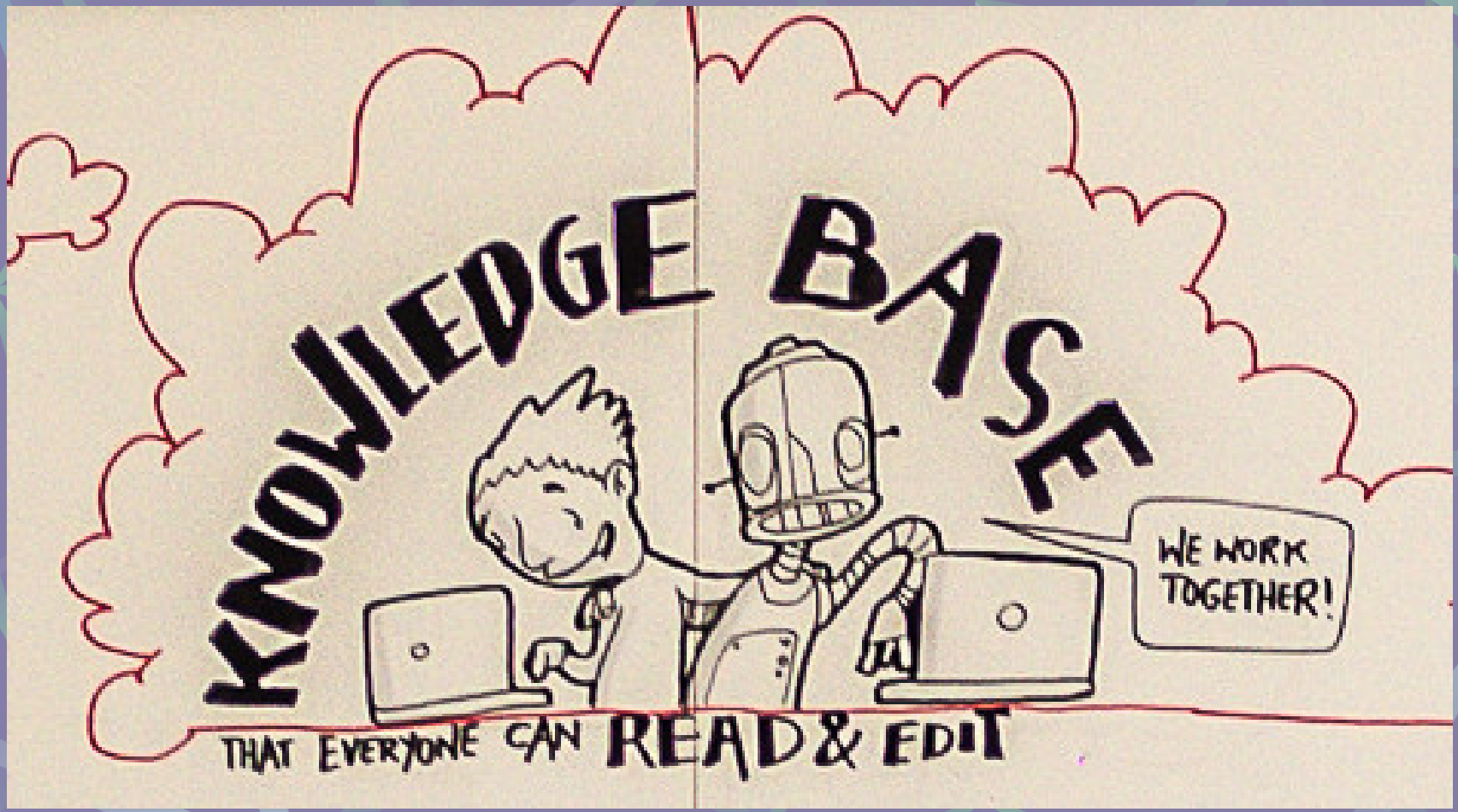


Figure 3: Detail of mural by Magdalena Wiegner

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 Wikidata

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

Extract Schemas from Wikibase

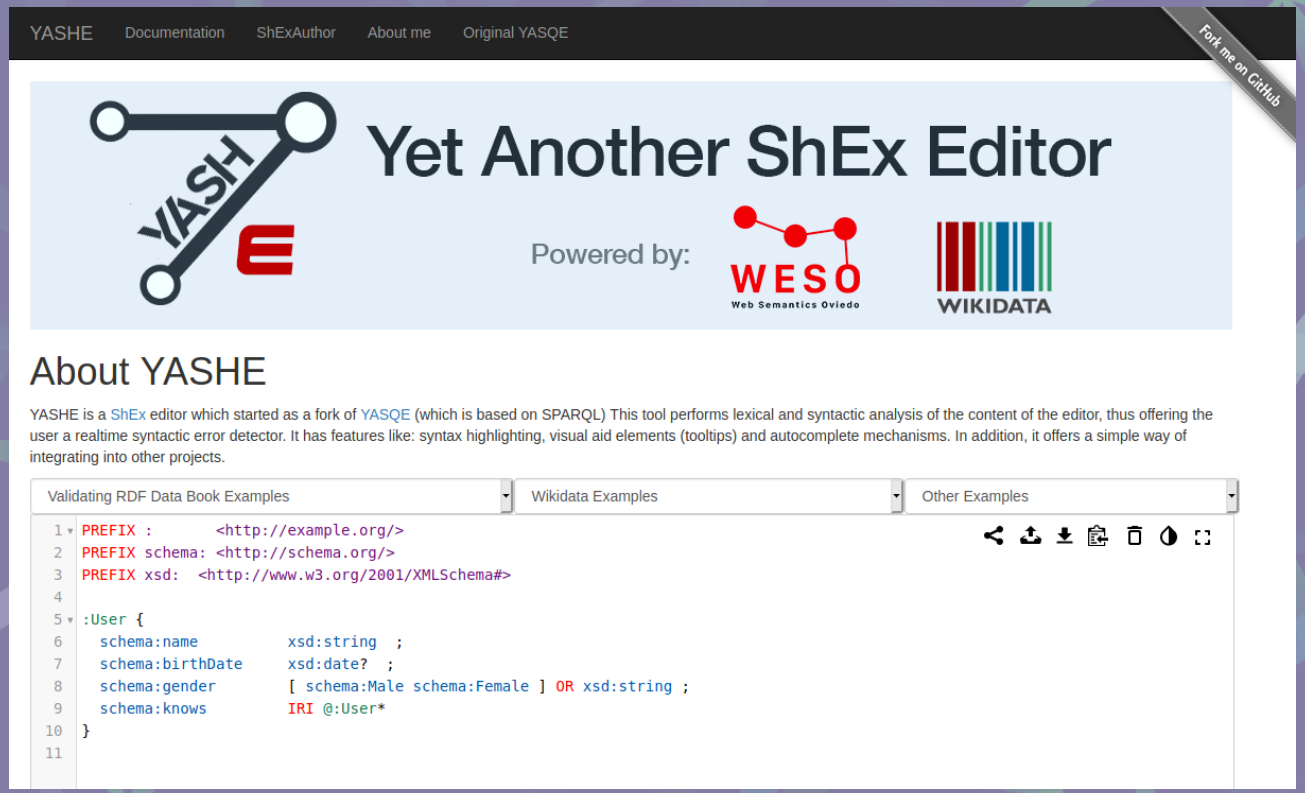


Figure 4: Try YASHE out!

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

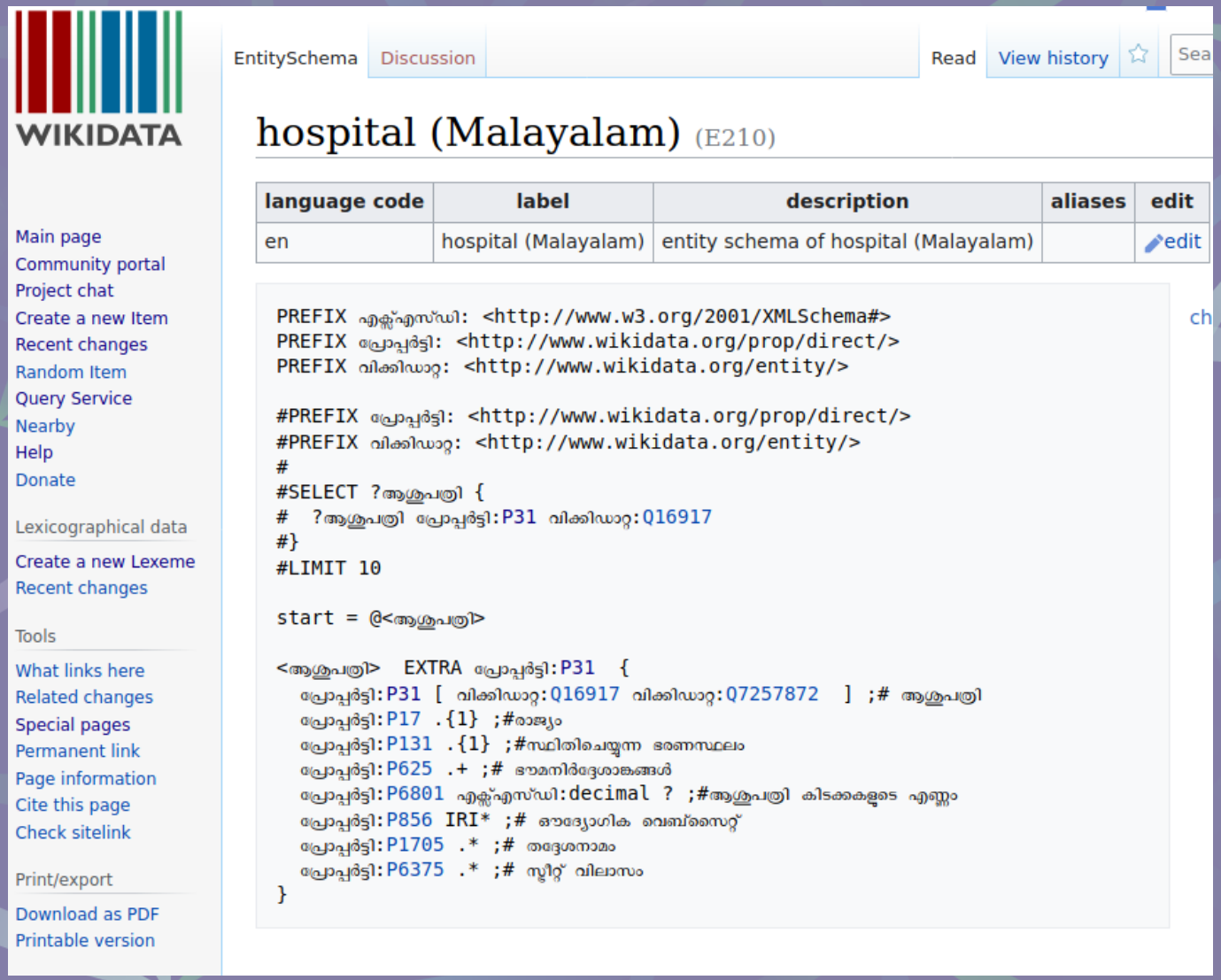
Schema Gallery

chemistry [edit]

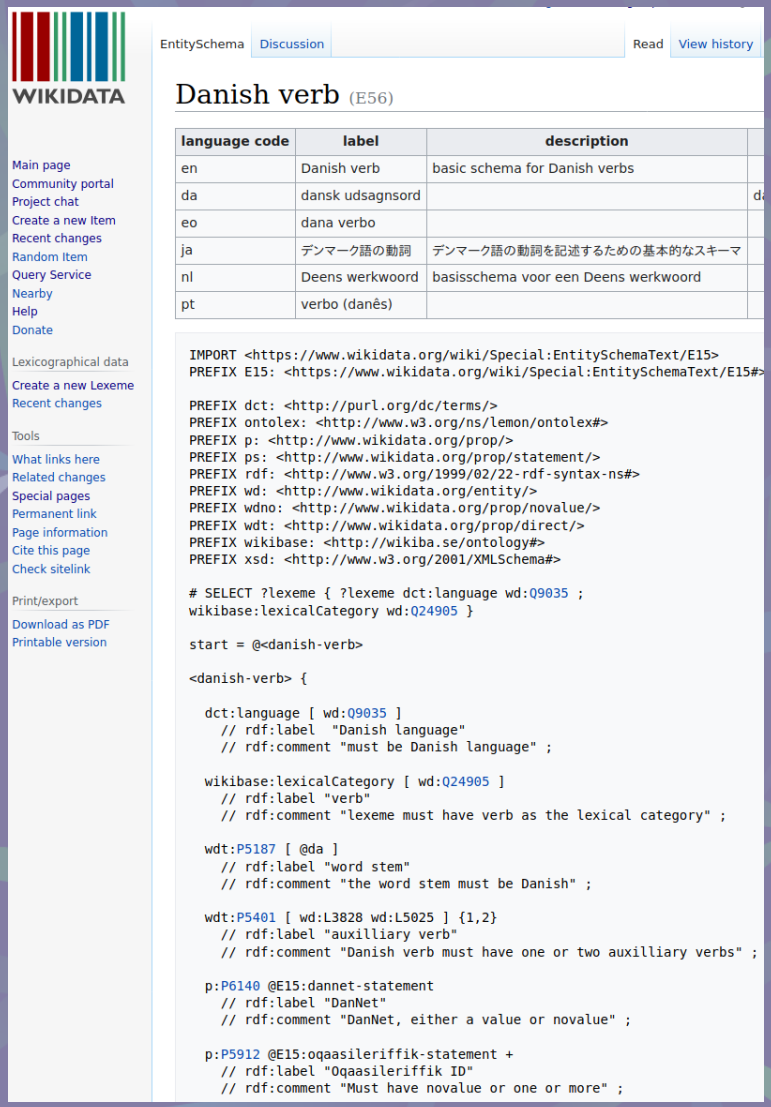
label	description	aliases	class/Property	dependencies
chemical compound (E239)			chemical compound (Q11173)	Imported by: lipid (E232), natural product (E240), stereoisomer (E241)
chemical element (E46)	Concept from chemistry allowing properties of atoms to be consistently described		chemical element (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



Importing One Schema into Another



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 (danês)	

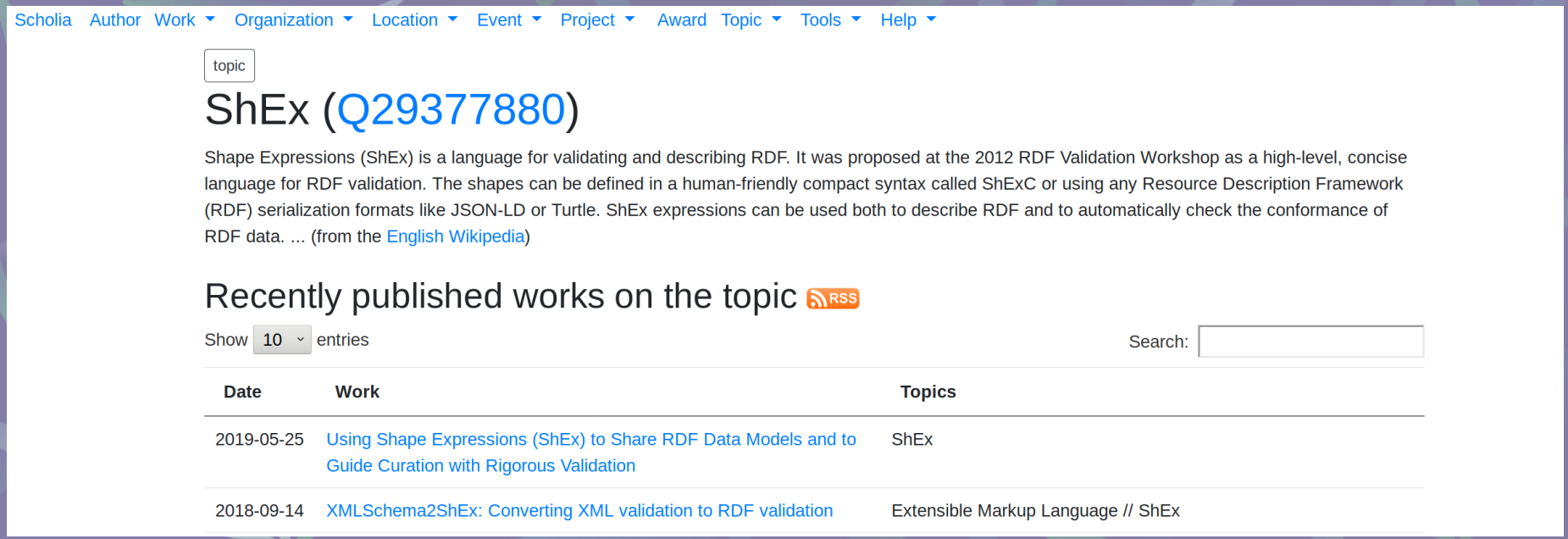
```
IMPORT <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntitySchemaText/E15>
PREFIX E15: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntitySchemaText/E15#>

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 wdno: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/novalue/>
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:L3828 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:oqaasileriffik-statement +
    // rdf:label "Oqaasileriffik 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



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
- Browse a gallery of schemas

Wikidata's E Namespace: Where the Ecosystem of Schemas Thrives

Thank you!

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