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Querying Freebase: Get More From MQL

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The Freebase Landscape

Looking at Links

Property driven programming

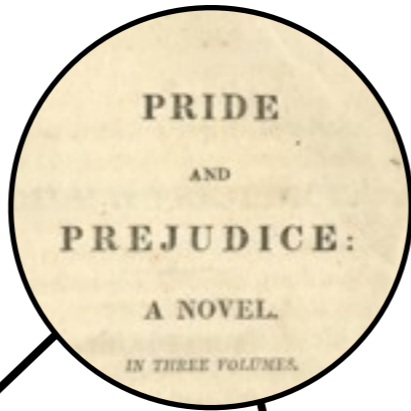
Doing more with less

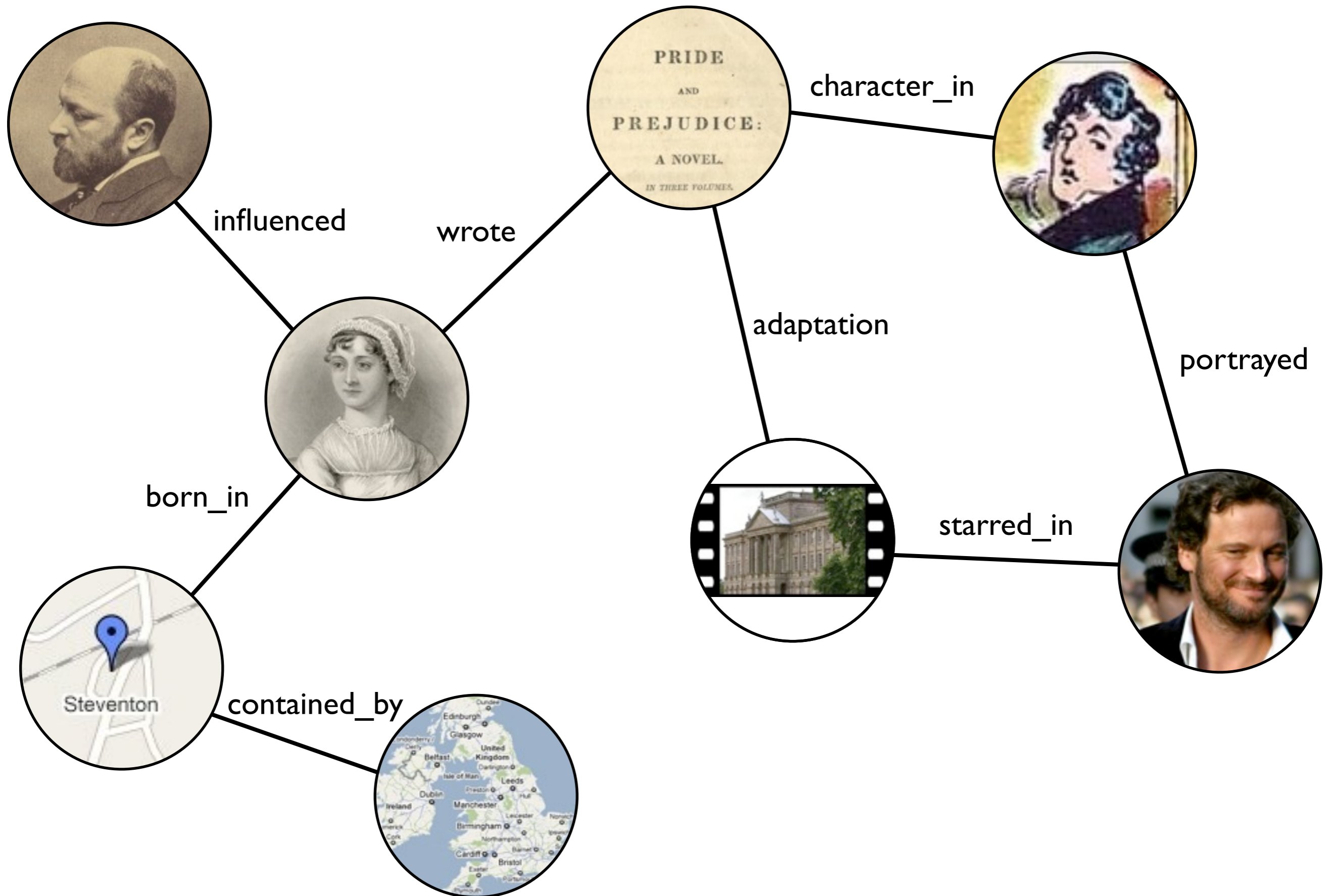
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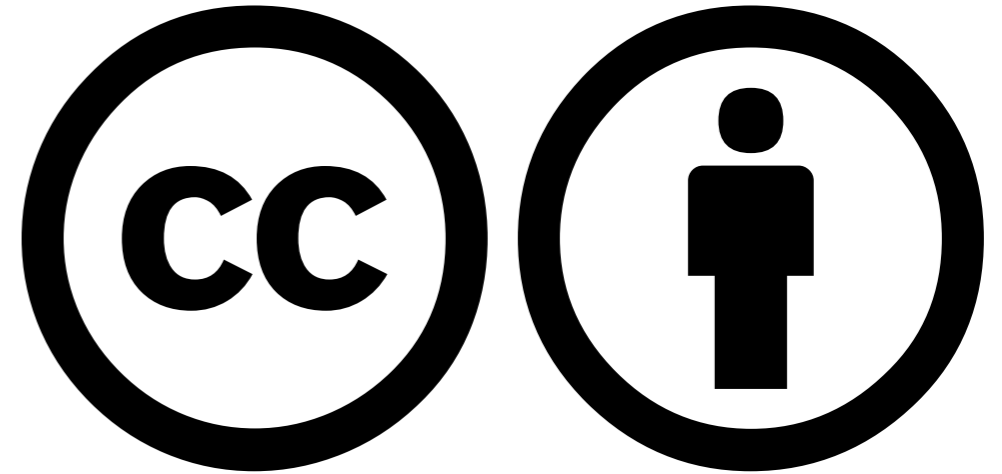
Freebase: The landscape





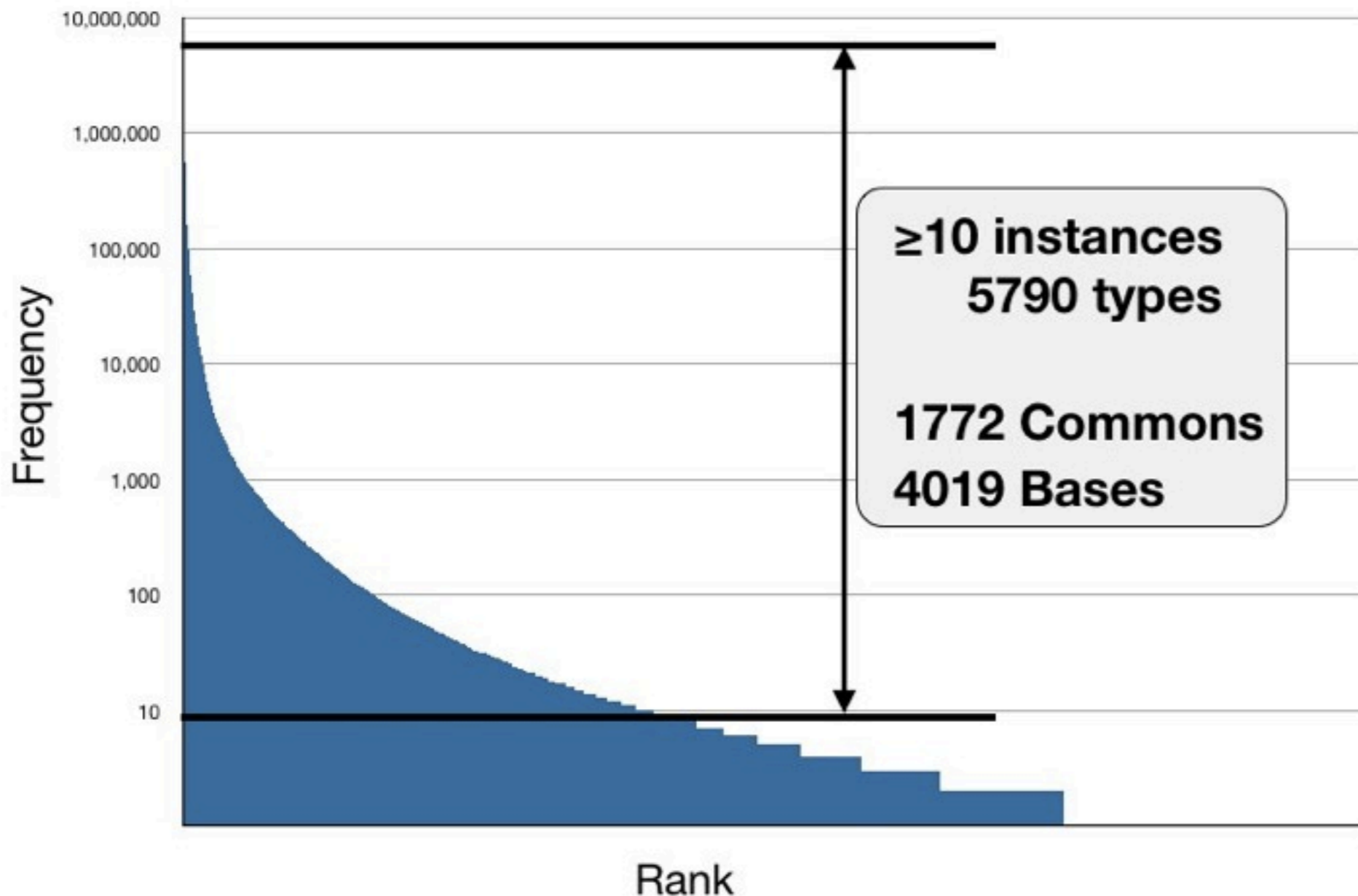
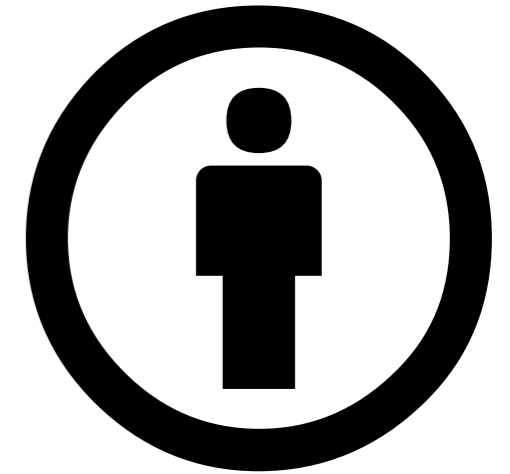
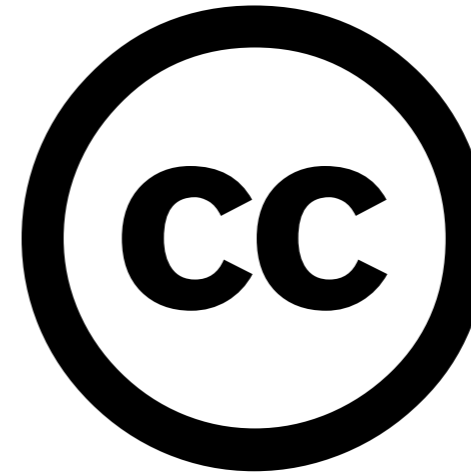
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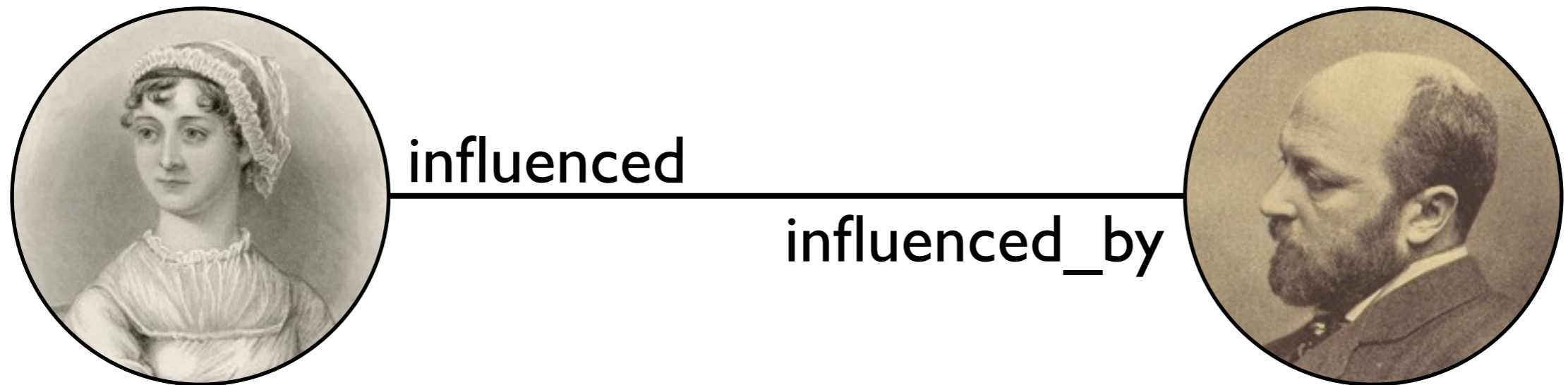


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- Objects have id's
- Id's are not names

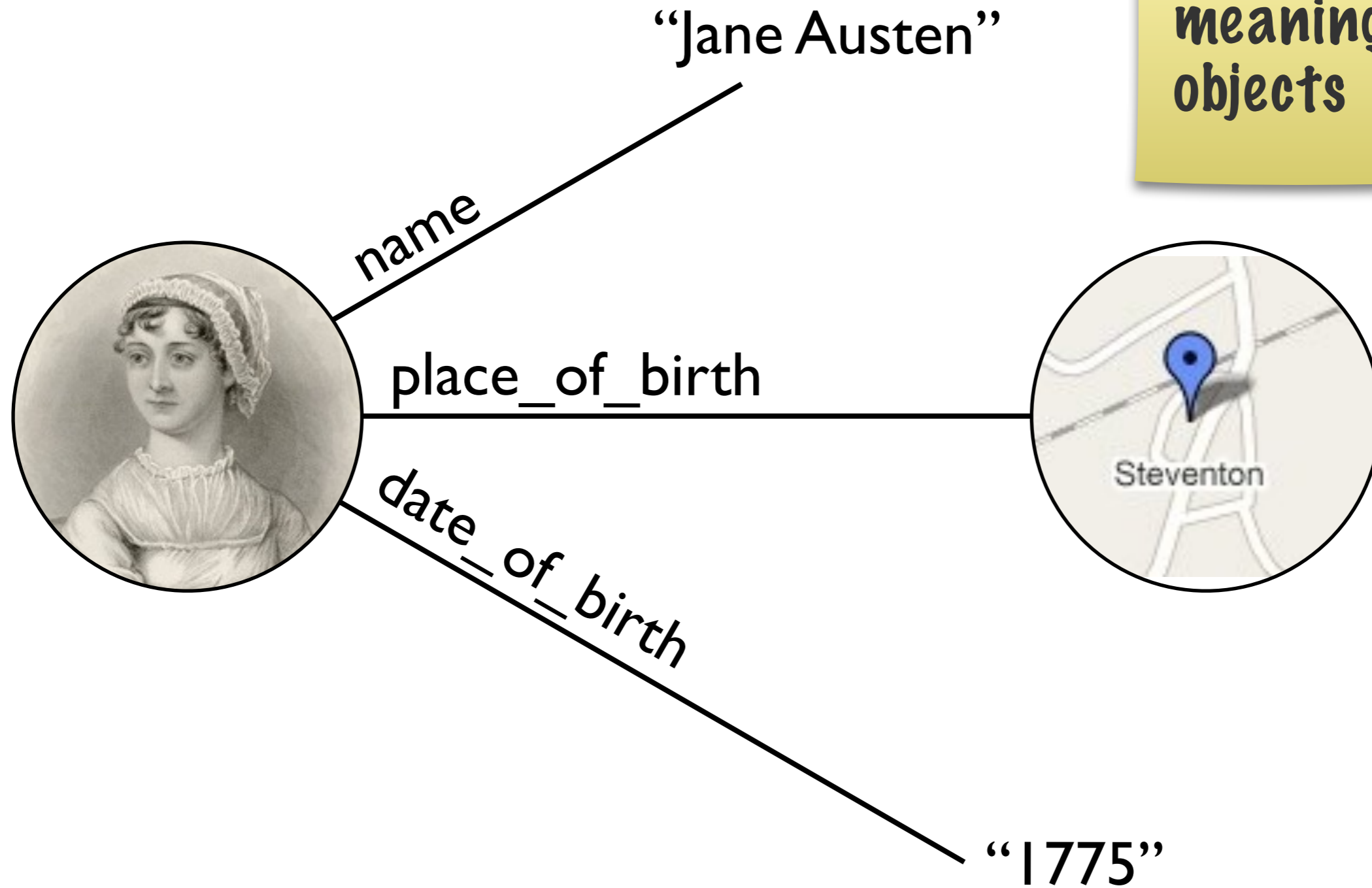
Properties: relationships between objects



- Bidirectional
- Unique names in each direction

Properties: create meaning

links give meaning to objects





MQL: Ask the Graph

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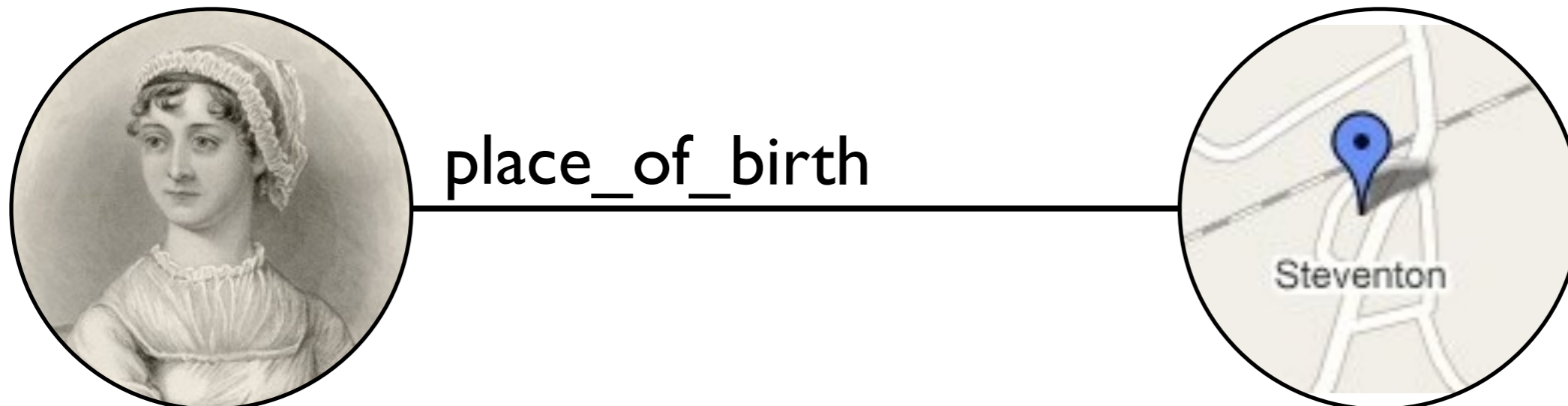


place_of_birth



MQL: Ask the Graph

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
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```



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  "/people/person/place_of_birth": null }
```

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": "Steventon" }
```



place_of_birth



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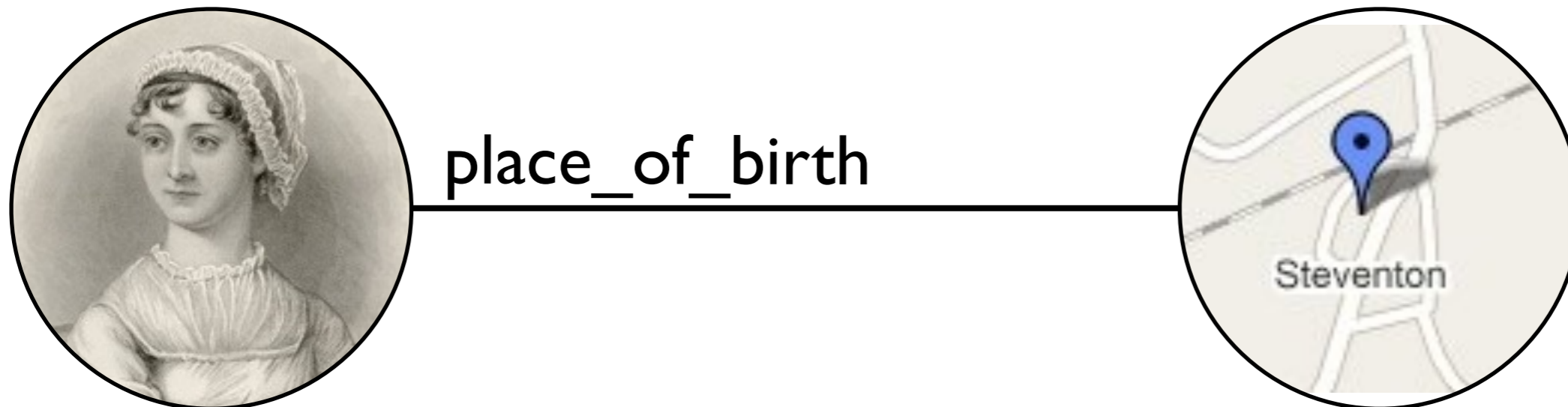


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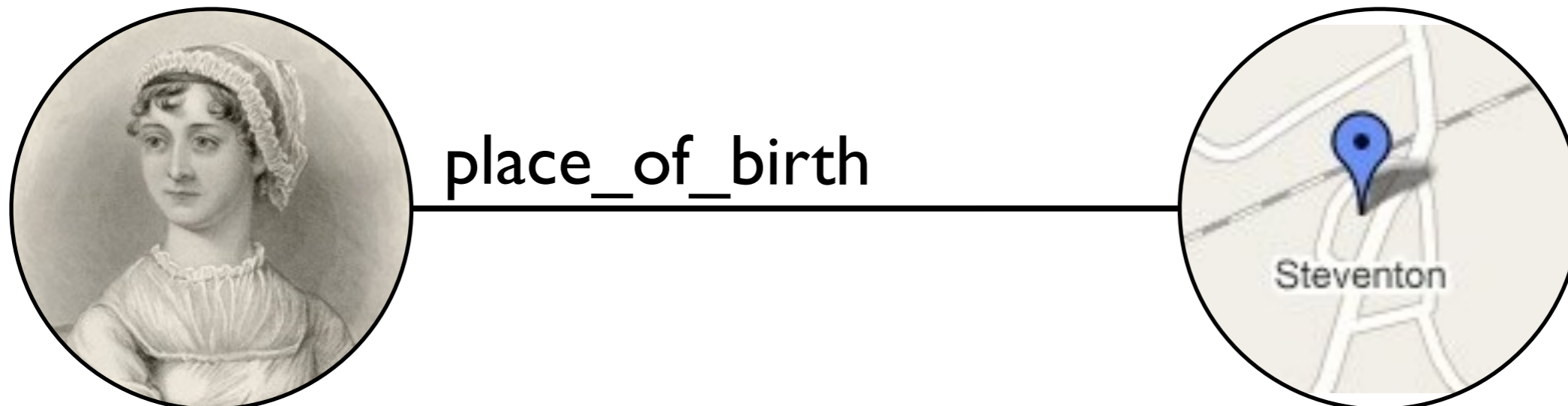
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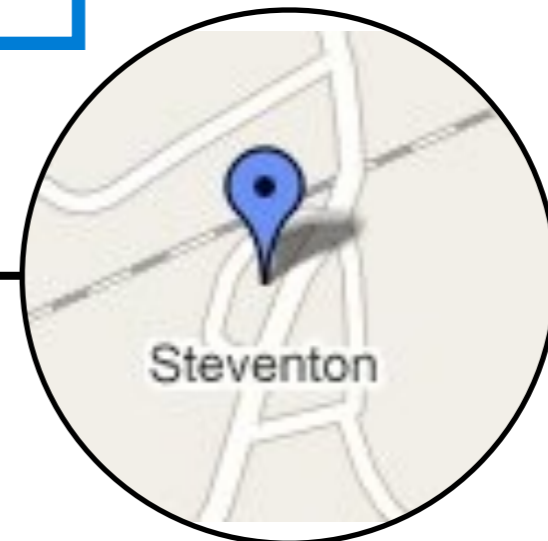
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```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": { } }
```

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
    "id": "/en/steventon",  
    "name": "Steventon",  
    "type": [  
      "/common/topic",  
      "/location/location",  
      "/location/citytown",  
      ..... ] } }
```



place_of_birth



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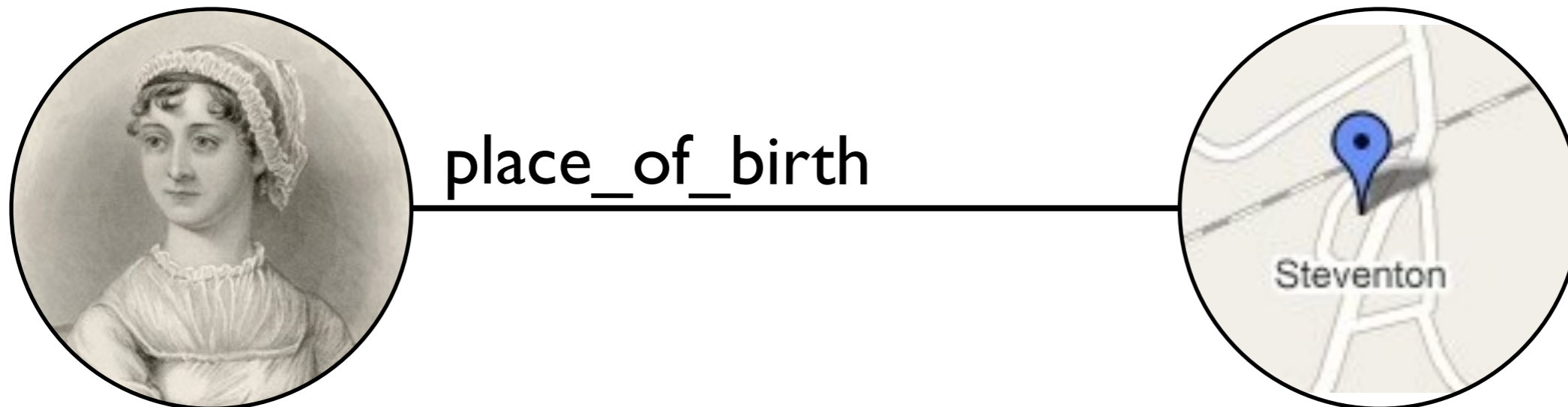


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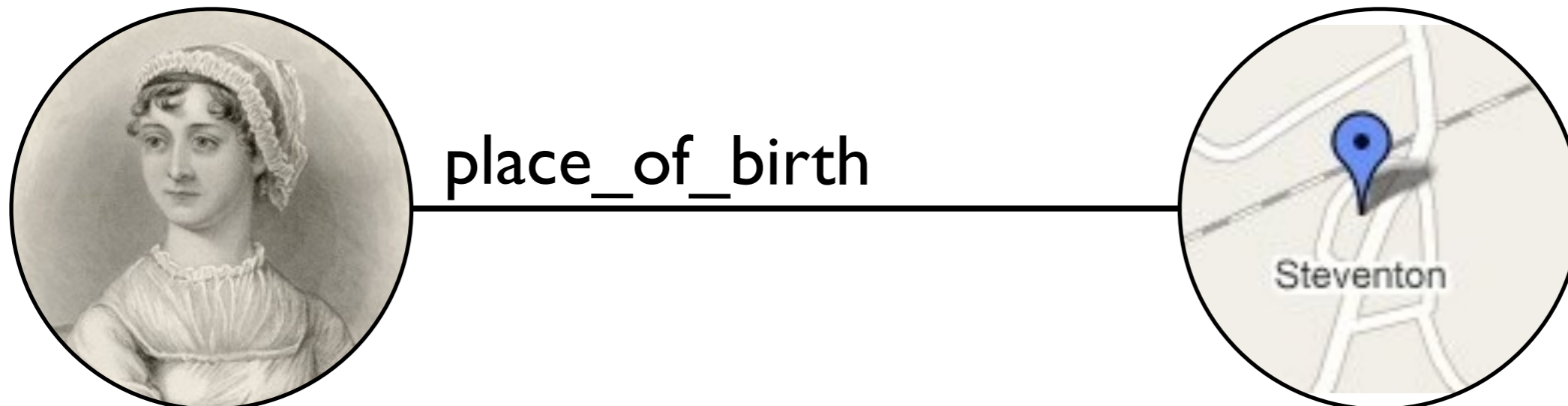
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```



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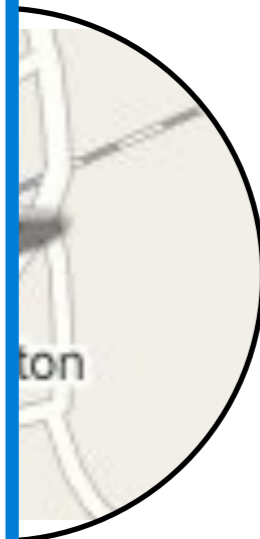
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  "/people/person/place_of_birth": { "*" : null } }
```



MQL: As

```
{ "id": "/en/  
"/people
```

```
[{ "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
  "area": null,  
  "containedby": [ "United Kingdom",  
                  "Hampshire" ],  
  "contains": [],  
  "coterminous_with": [],  
  "creator": "/user/metaweb",  
  "geolocation": null,  
  "geometry": [],  
  "guid": "#9202a8c04000641f80000000006ea9ed",  
  "id": "/en/steventon",  
  "key": [ "Steventon$002C_Hampshire",  
          "867121",  
          "3864309" ],  
  "mid": [ "/m/06ybhf" ],  
  "name": "Steventon",  
  "near": [],  
  "type": [ "/common/topic",  
            "/location/location",  
            "/location/citytown" ],  
  "usb_name": []  
},  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
}]
```



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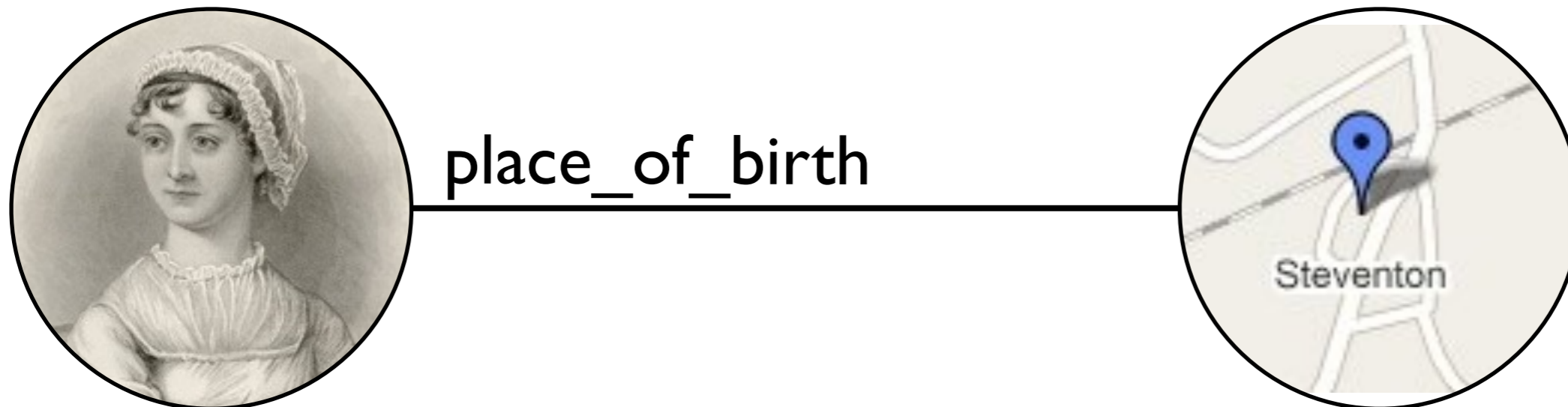


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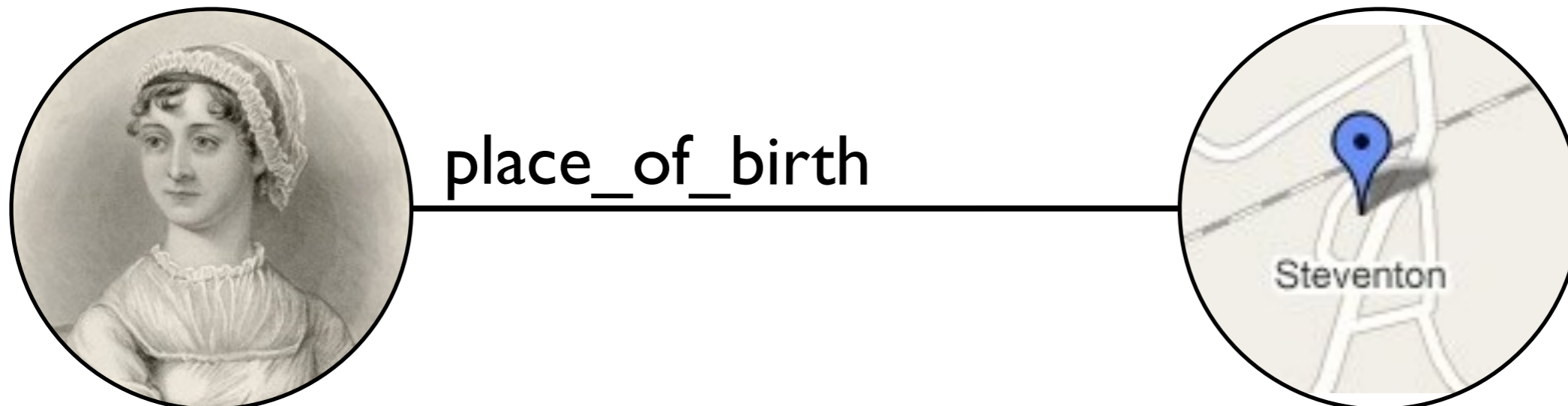
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{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
    "id": "/en/steventon"  
  } }
```



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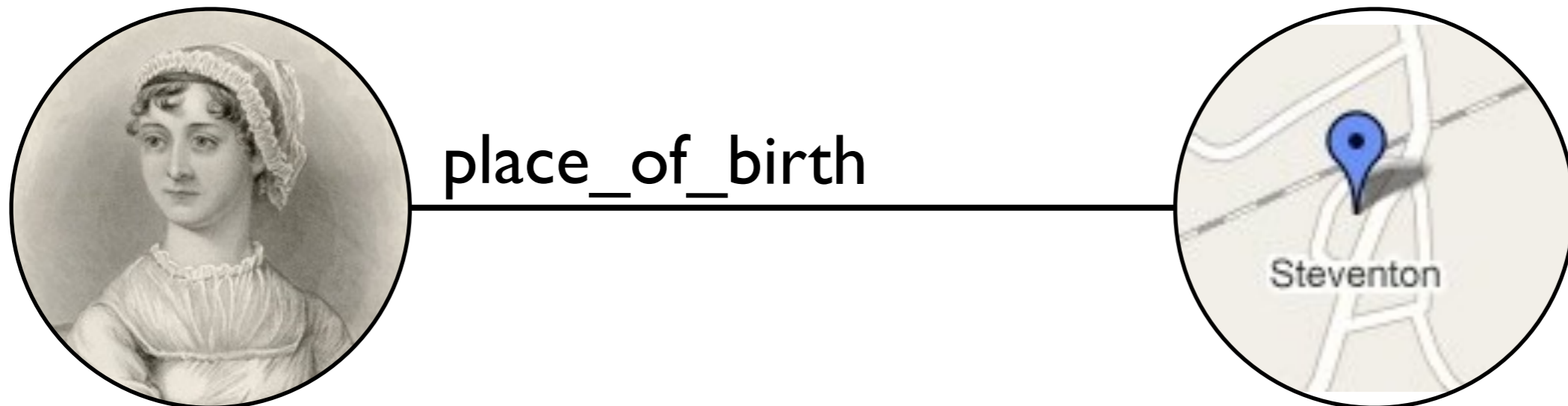


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```
[{ "id":null,  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth":{ "id":"/en/steventon" } }]
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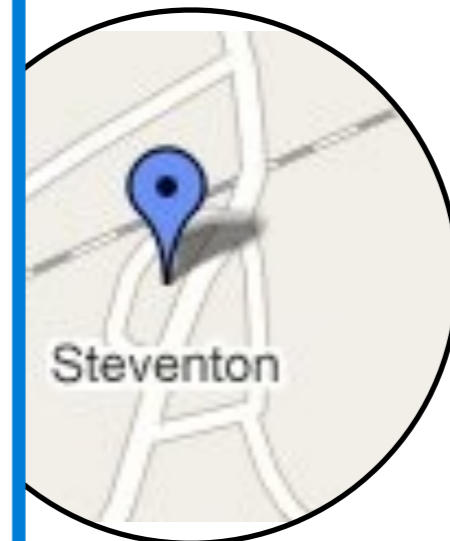


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```

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```
{  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
    "id": "/en/steventon"  
  },  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
}, {  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
    "id": "/en/steventon"  
  },  
  "id": "/en/francis_austen"  
}, {  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": {  
    "id": "/en/steventon"  
  },  
  "id": "/en/cassandra_austen"  
}]
```



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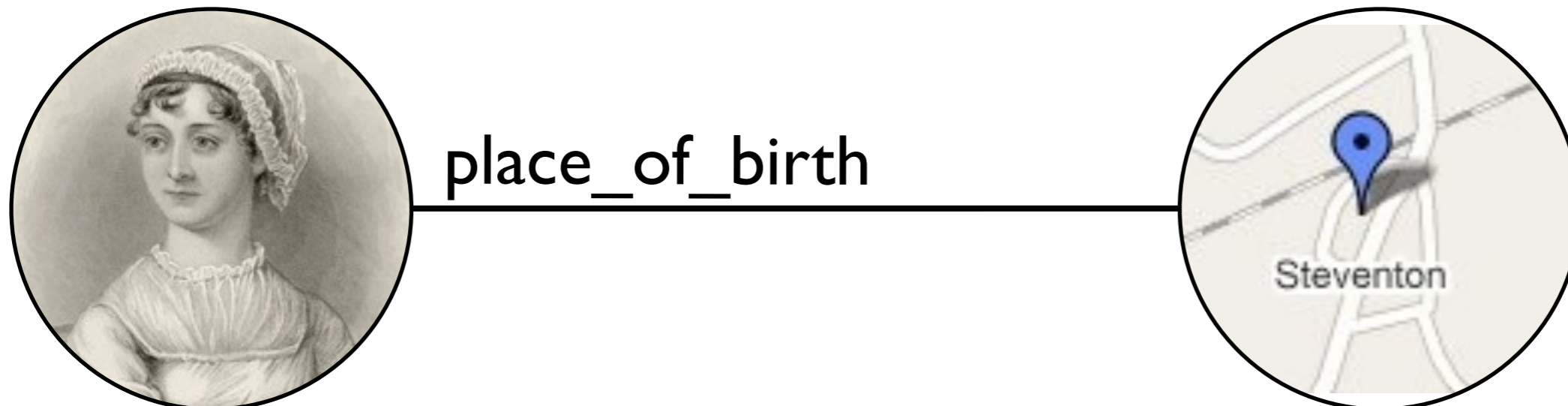


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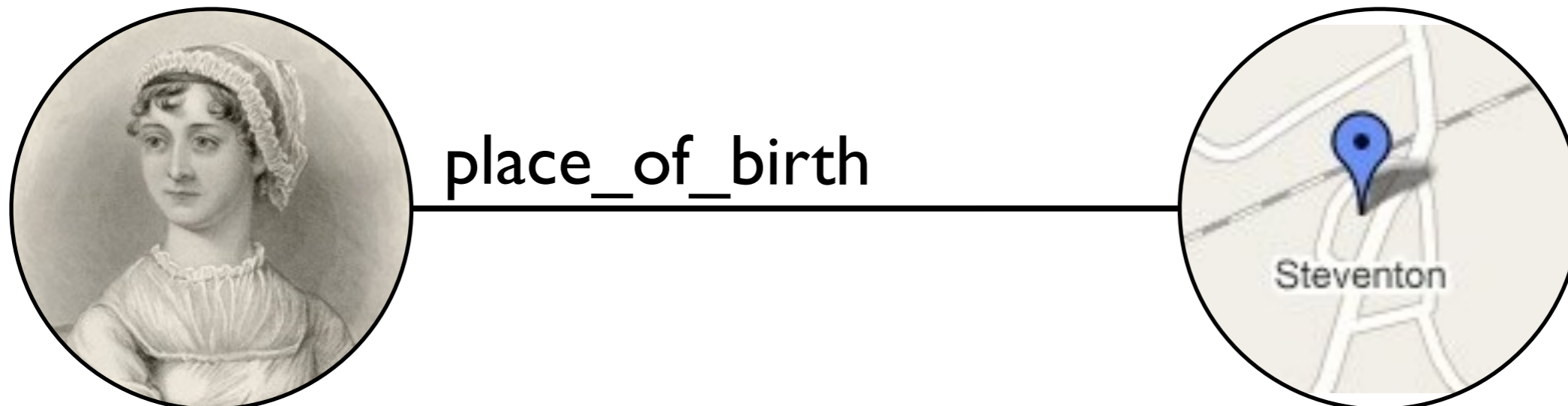
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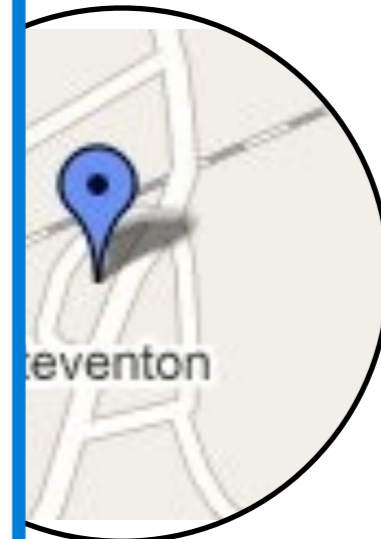
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[{ "id": "/en/steventon",  
  "type": "people/person",  
  "place_of_birth": [{ "id": null }] }]
```



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[{ "id": "/en/steventon",  
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```
[{  
  "id": "/en/steventon",  
  "people/person/place_of_birth": [  
    {  
      "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "/en/cassandra_austen"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "/en/francis_austen"  
    }  
  ]  
}]
```





Schema:

What to expect

Becoming Jane (the person)

How do we know Jane Austen is a person?

What makes us think she has a "place of birth?"



Everything is an object (/type/object)

Properties

What are Properties?

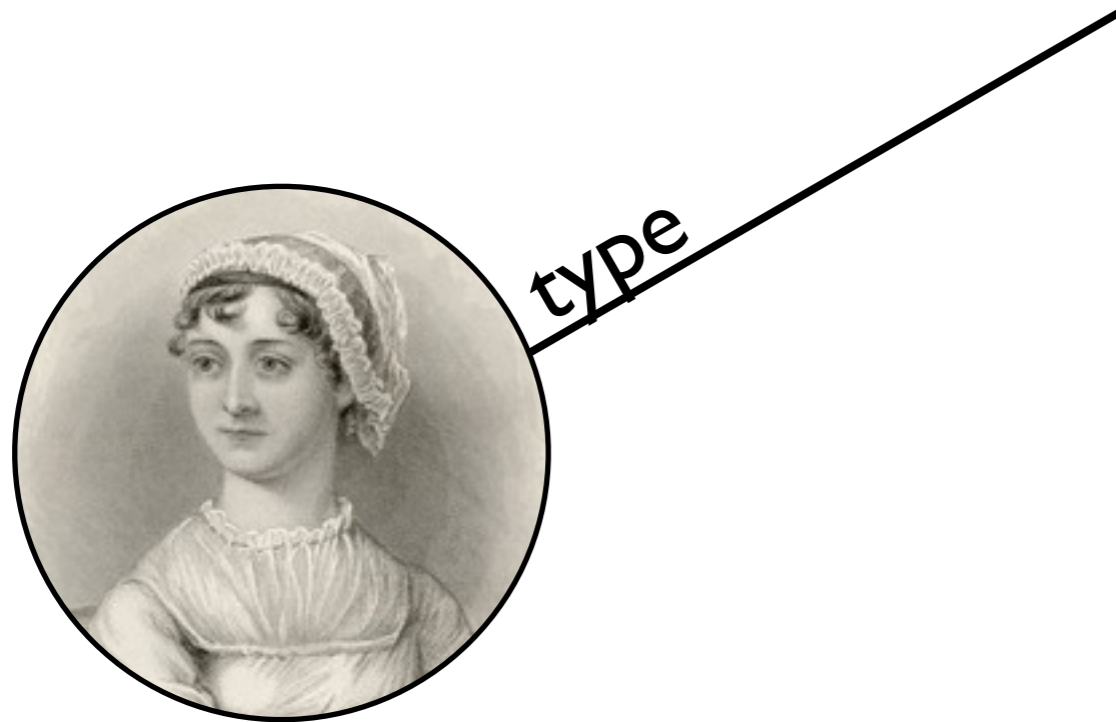
Property	ID	Expected Type	Description
id	/type/object/id	/type/id	Friendly identifier for the object. Each object has a preferred id, but may be reachable via multiple namespace paths. <i>master, unique</i>
guid	/type/object/guid	/type/id	Unique numeric identifier of an object. Each object has only one guid. <i>master, unique</i>
type	/type/object/type	/type/type ↔	TYPE property available to all objects
name	/type/object/name	/type/text	a textual display name <i>master, unique, hidden</i>
key	/type/object/key	/type/key ↔	any object may be entered in a namespace <i>reverse</i>
timestamp	/type/object/timestamp	/type/datetime	the creation time of this primitive. <i>master, unique</i>
permission	/type/object/permission	/type/permission ↔	the permission of this object <i>master, unique</i>
creator	/type/object/creator	/type/user	the user who initially created this object <i>master, unique</i>
attribution	/type/object/attribution	/type/attribution ↔	<i>master, unique</i>
search	/type/object/search		<i>master</i>
machine id	/type/object/mid	/type/id	Machine identifier for the object. This identifier is assigned when the object is created and used to track the object throughout its lifetime. <i>master</i>

<http://www.freebase.com/schema/type/object>

Becoming Jane (the person)



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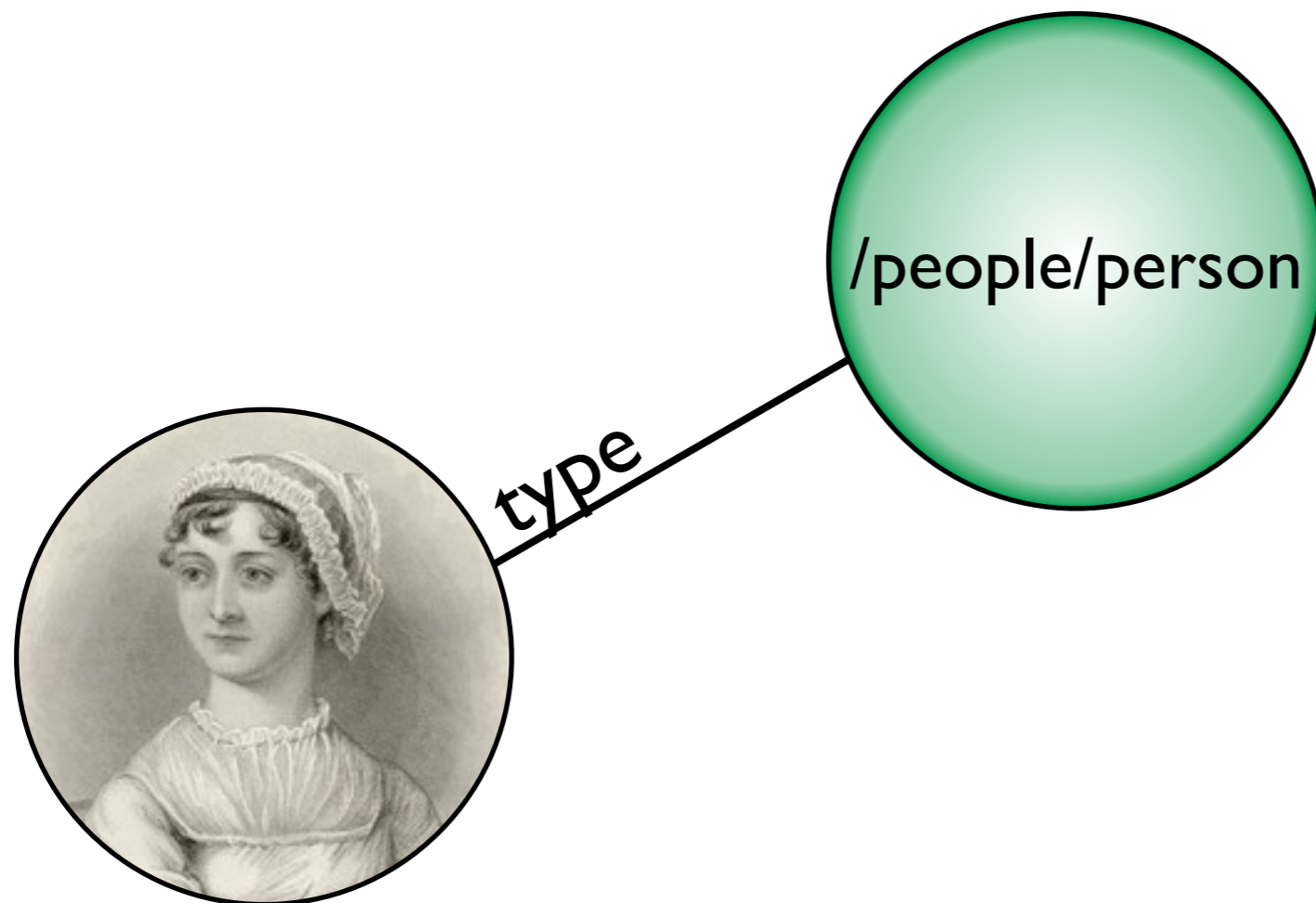
Becoming Jane (the person)



type

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [ { "id": null } ] }
```

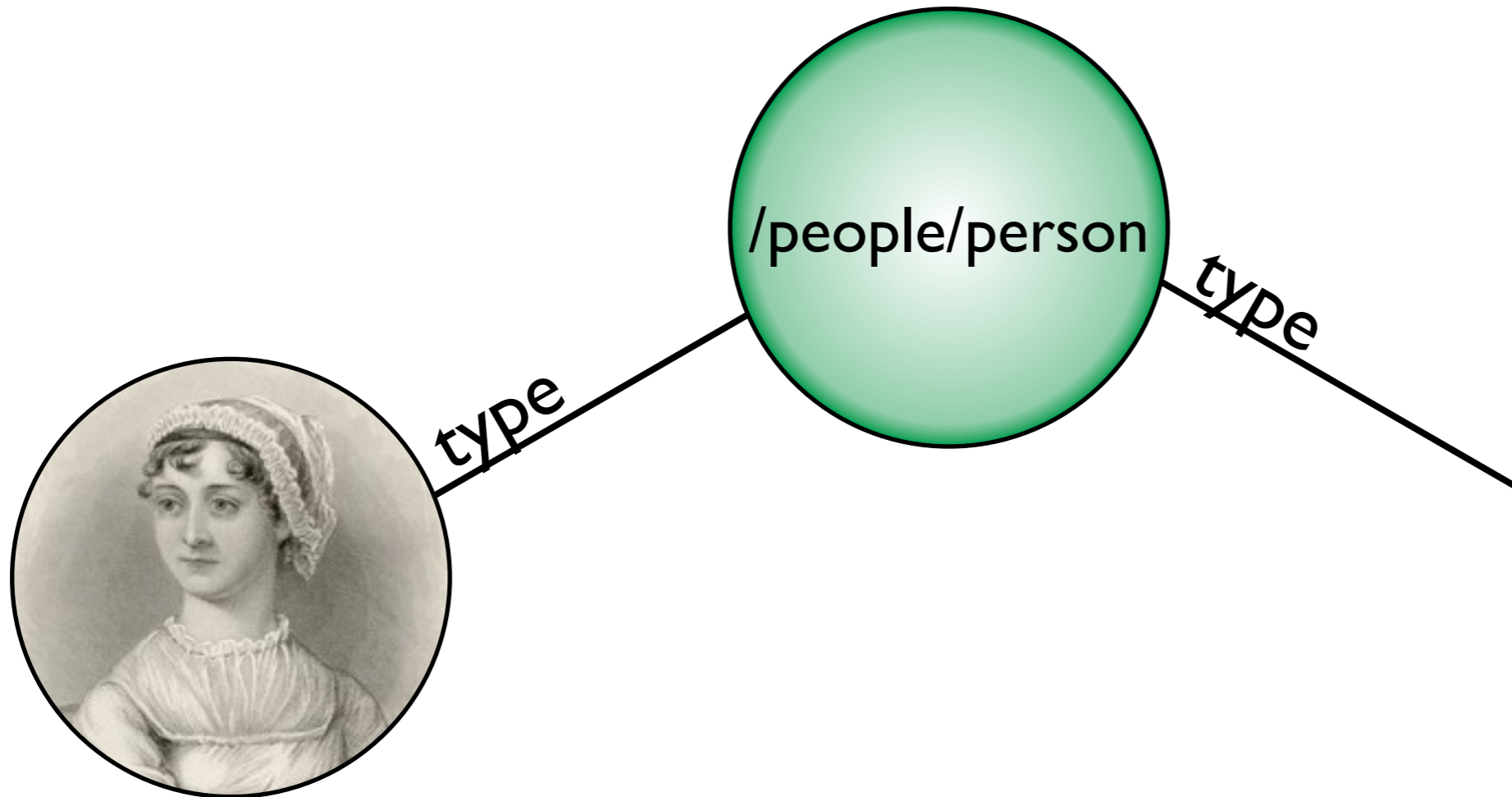
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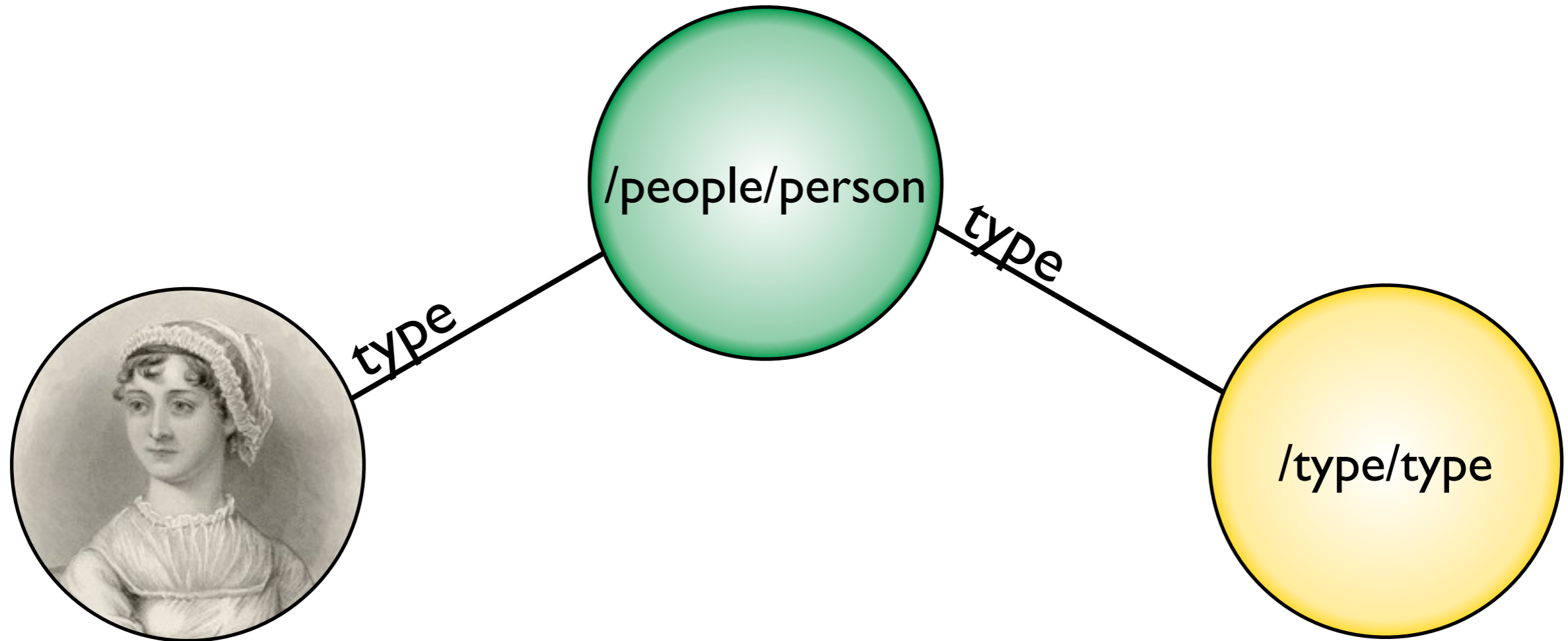
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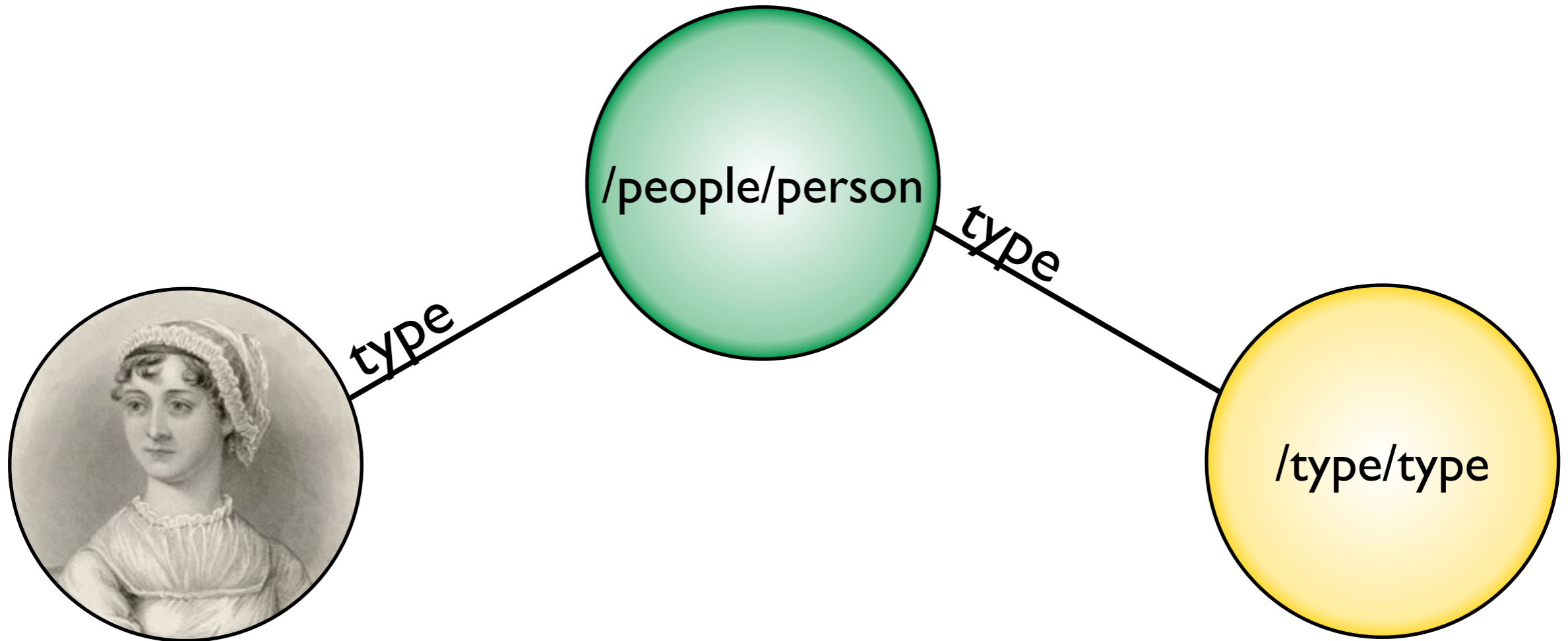
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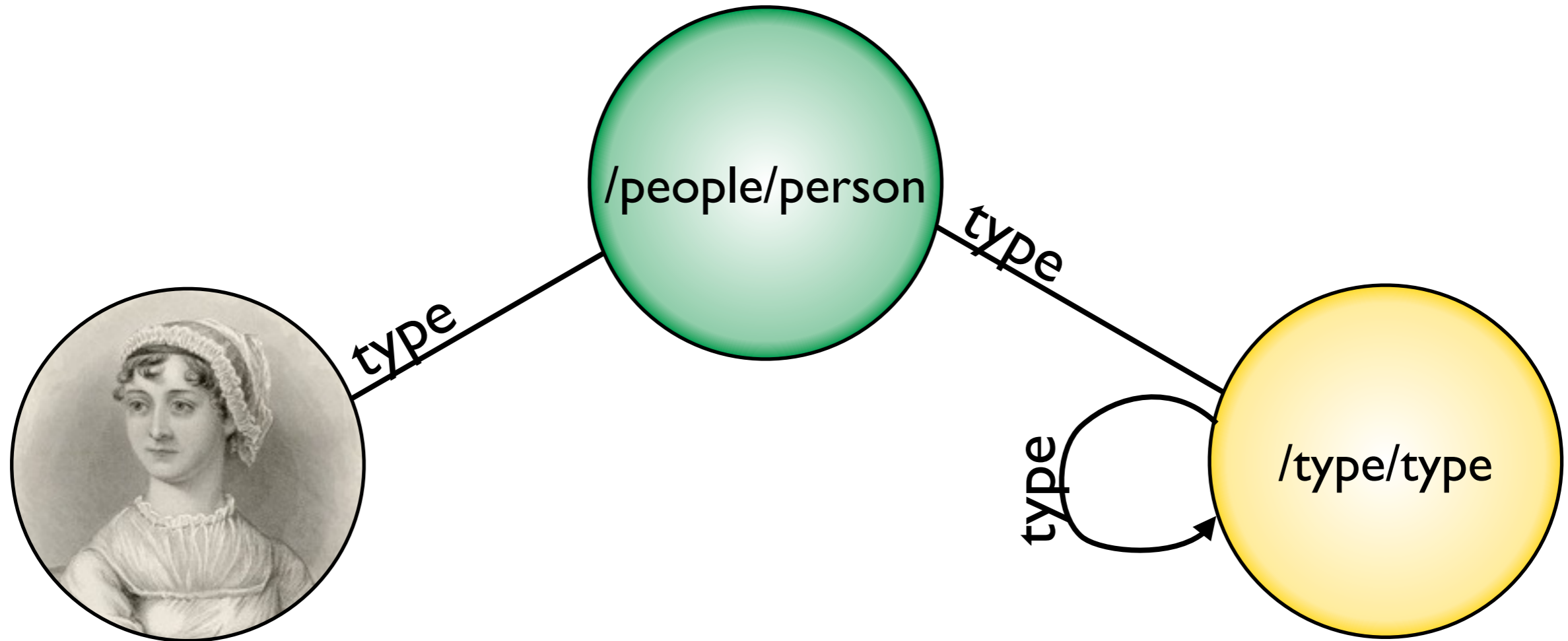


```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [ { "id": null } ] }
```

```
{ "id": "/type/type",  
  "type": [ { "id": null } ] }
```

Becoming Jane (the person)

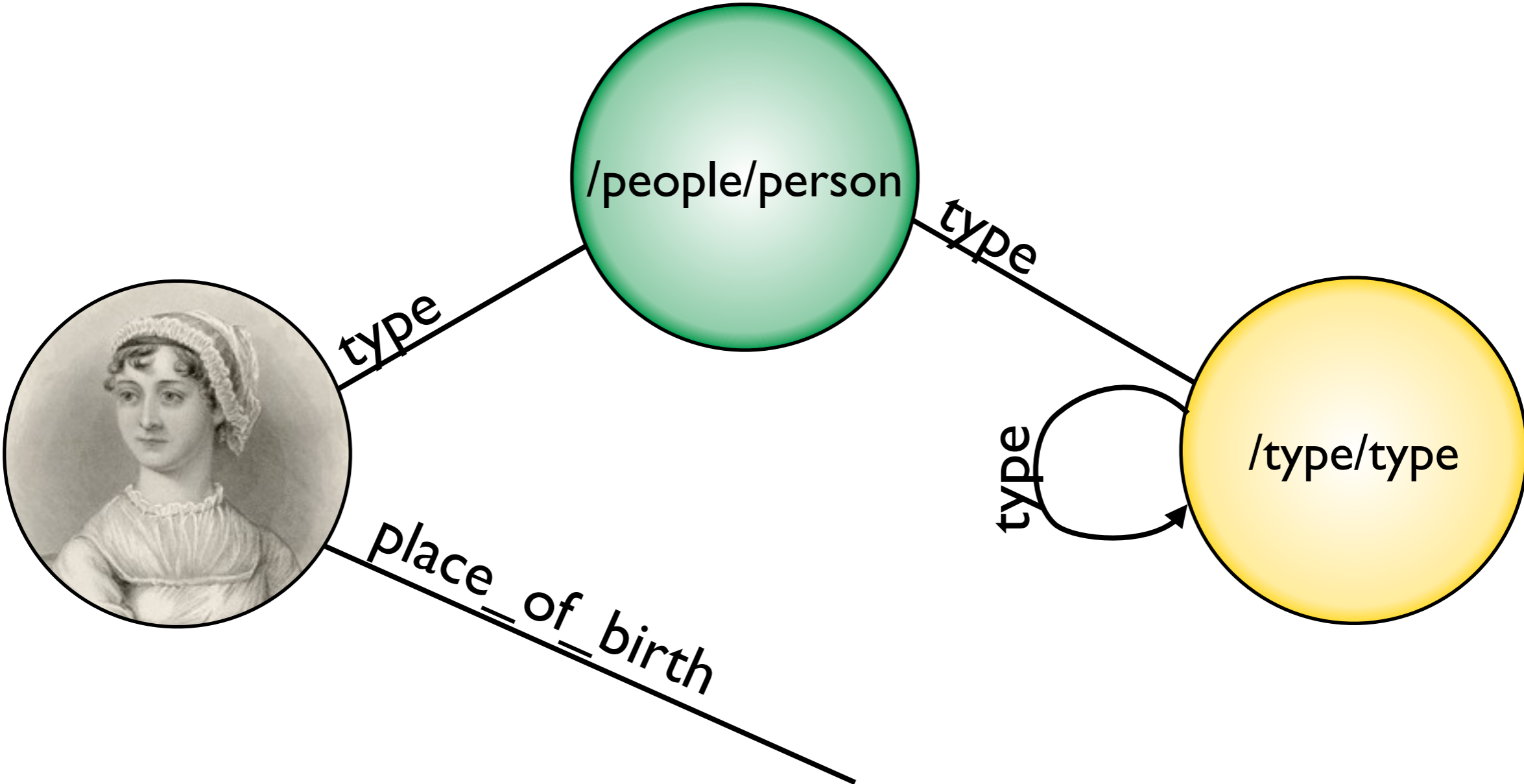
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  "type": [ { "id": null } ] }
```

```
{ "id": "/type/type",  
  "type": [ { "id": null } ] }
```

Becoming Jane (the person)



/type/type

Type Type

Key: /type/type

Type More



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Table

Diagram



Browse 20,402 Instances



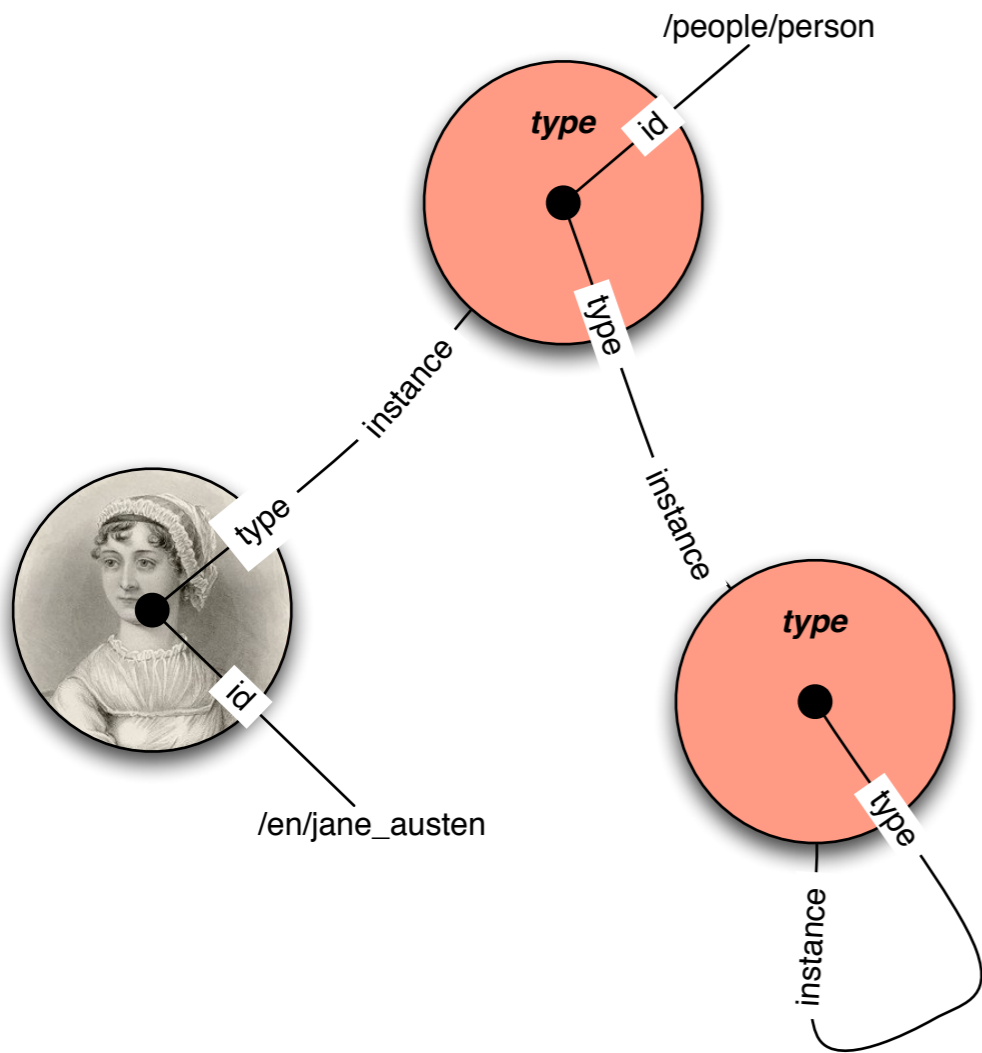
Build Query

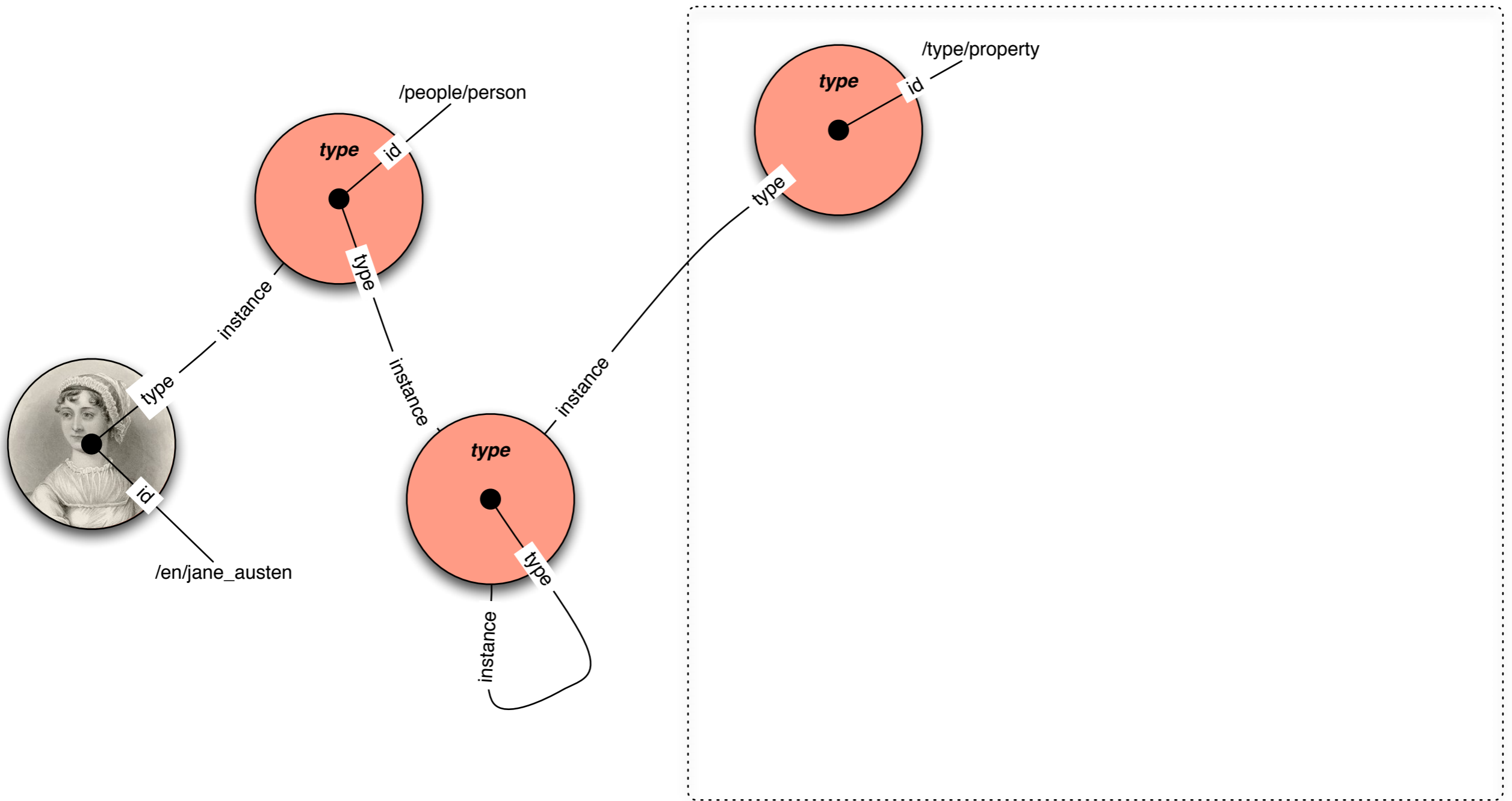
Properties

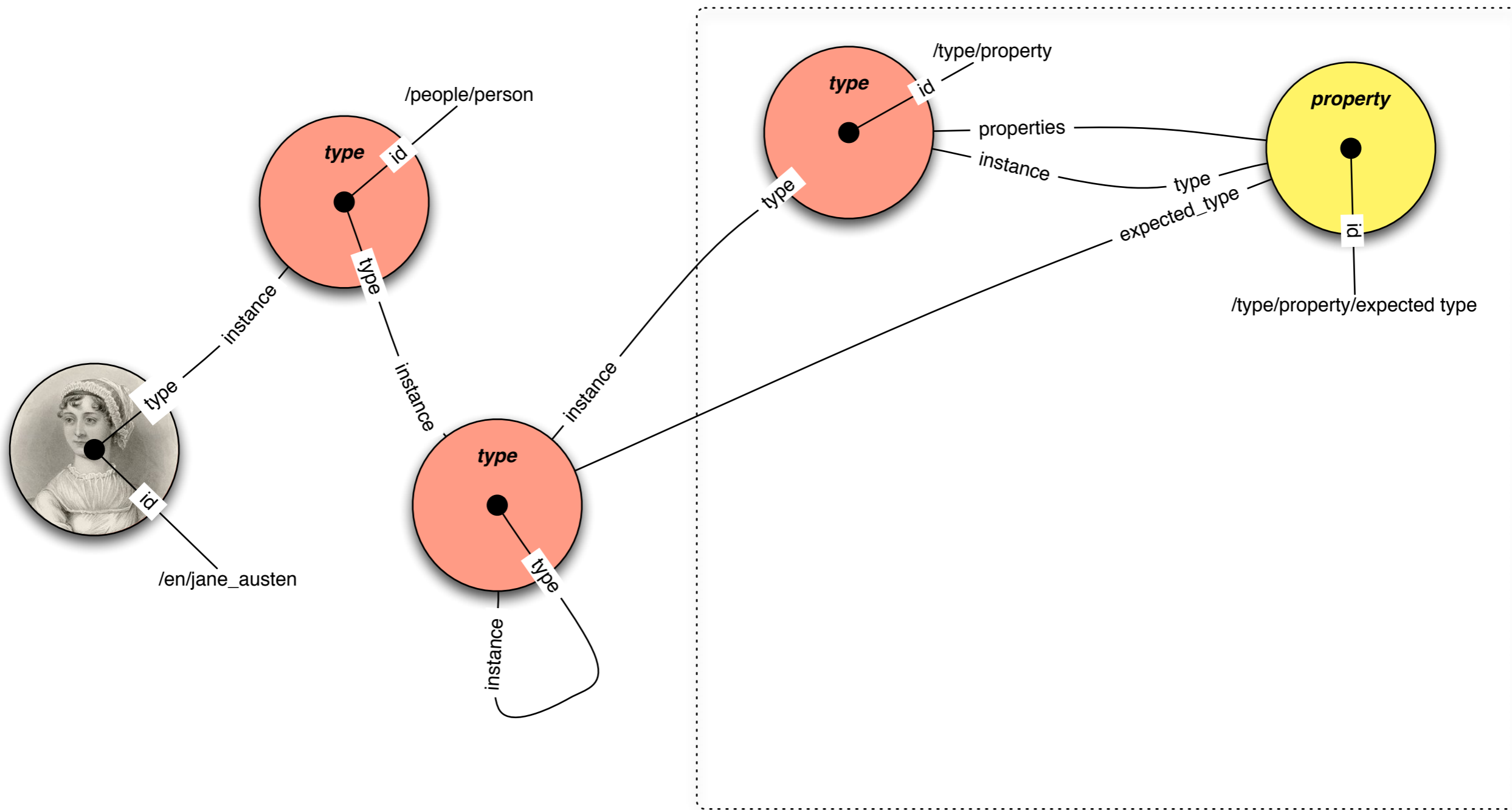
[What are Properties?](#)

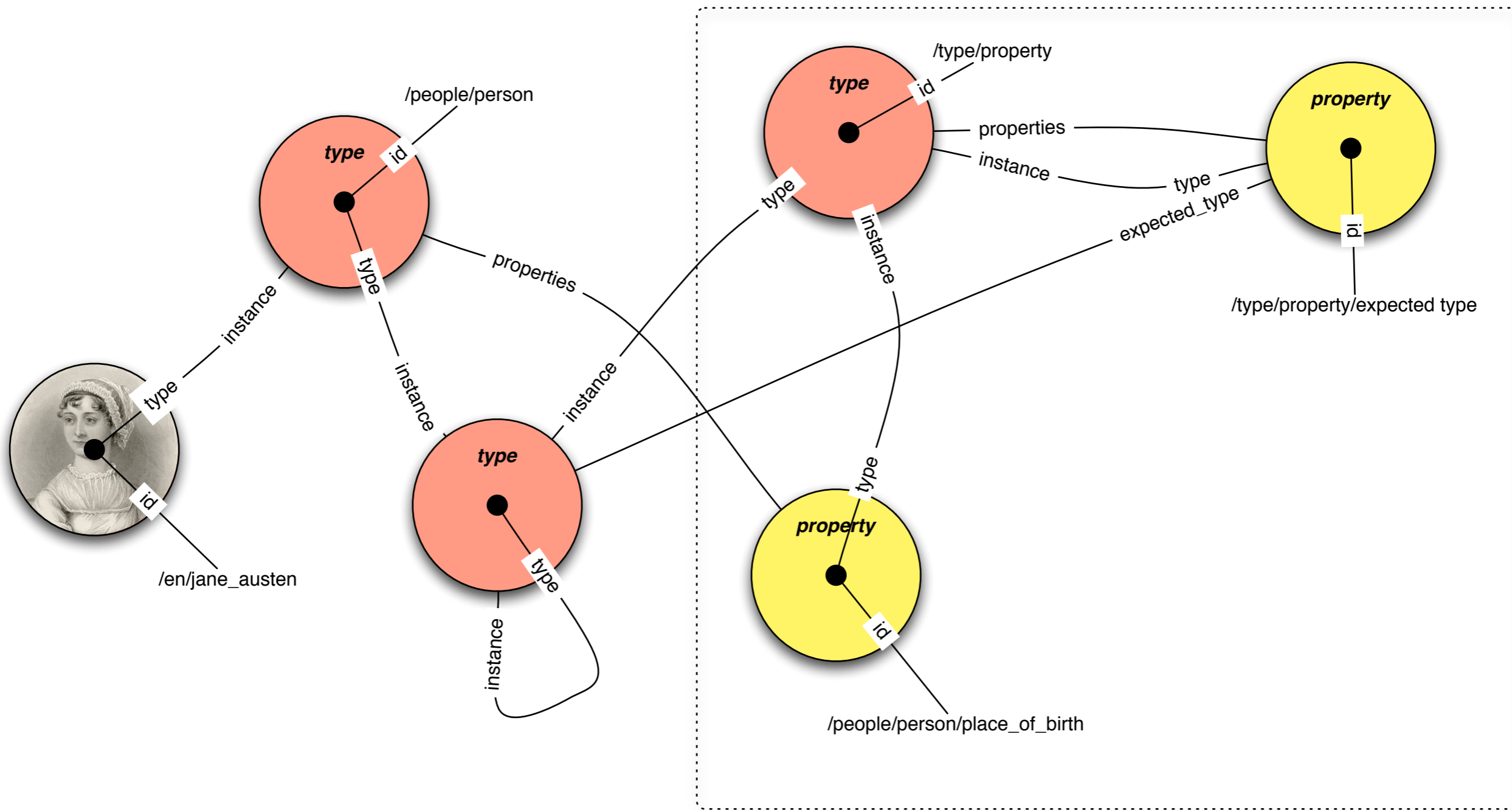
Property	ID	Expected Type	Description
properties	/type/type/properties	/type/property ↔	Every TYPE has PROPERTY properties that expect /type/property
instance	/type/type/instance	/type/object ↔	the instances of this type <i>reverse</i>
domain	/type/type/domain	/type/domain ↔	the domain containing this type <i>master, unique</i>
expected_by	/type/type/expected_by	/type/property ↔	properties which expect this type as their value <i>reverse</i>
default_property	/type/type/default_property	/type/rawstring	this is the property used when a single value is expected out of the type. It may be name, id, or value. <i>master, unique</i>
extends	/type/type/extends	/type/type	used internally by hi json <i>master</i>

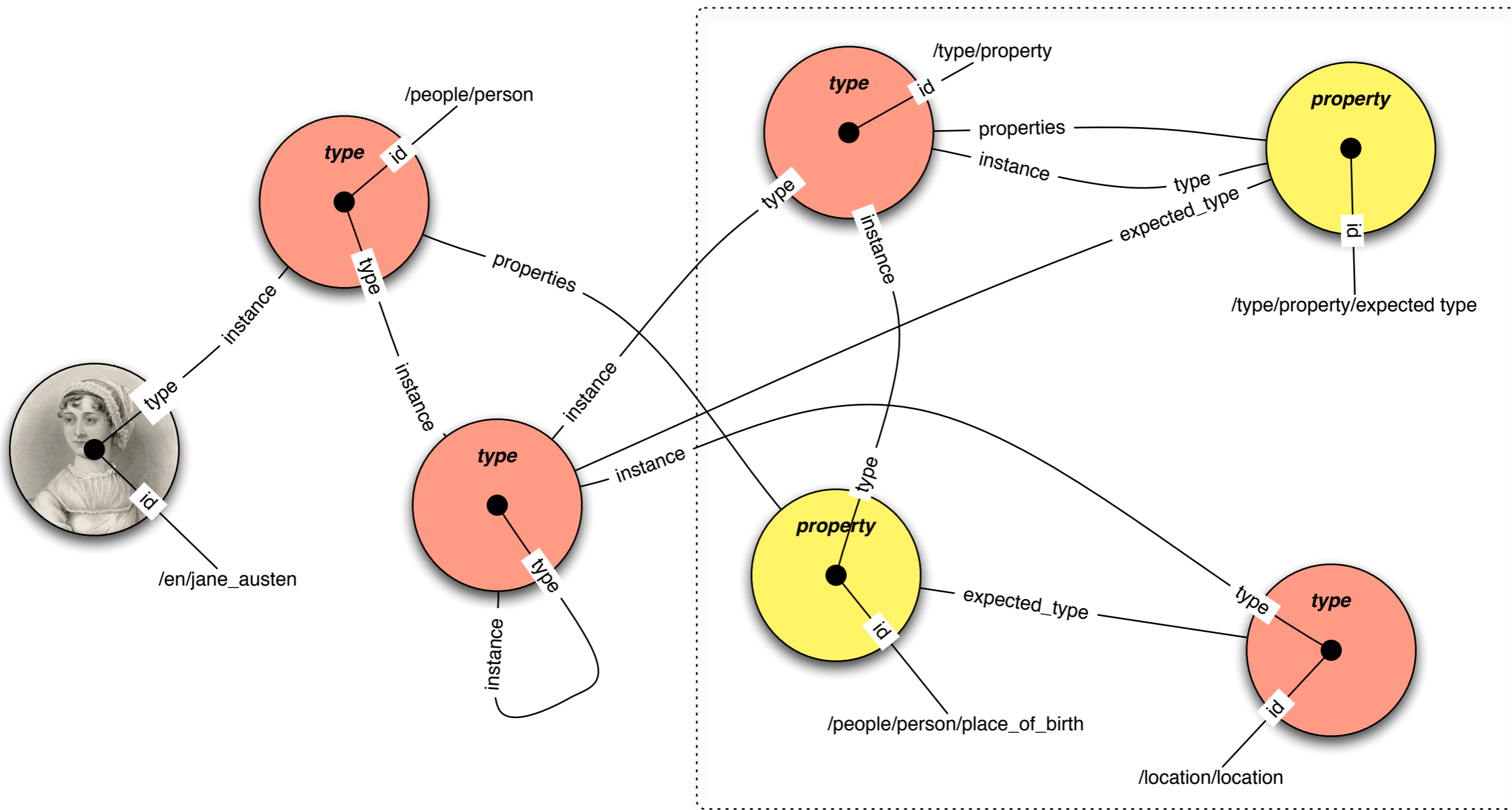
<http://www.freebase.com/schema/type/type>











SCHEMA described by objects IN THE GRAPH
 (so we can query/explore it just like Topics using MQL)

Find all the properties that are defined for people:

```
{  
  "id":    "/people/person",  
  "type":  "/type/type",  
  "properties": []  
}
```

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{  
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  "properties": []  
}
```

```
"/people/person/date_of_birth",  
"/people/person/place_of_birth",  
"/people/person/gender",  
"/people/person/profession",  
"/people/person/places_lived",  
"/people/person/languages"  
....
```


What is the expected type for place of birth?

```
{  
  "id": "/people/person/place_of_birth",  
  "type": "/type/property",  
  "expected_type": null  
}
```

What is the expected type for place of birth?

```
{  
  "id": "/people/person/place_of_birth",  
  "type": "/type/property",  
  "expected_type": null  
}
```

"/location/location"

Find all the types that have a property that has an expected_type of /location/location:

```
[ {  
  "id": null,  
  "type": "/type/type",  
  "properties": [ {  
    "id": null,  
    "expected_type": {  
      "id": "/location/location"  
    }  
  } ]  
} ]  
]
```

Phylogeny!

Find all the types that have a property that has an expected_type of /location/location:

```
[ {  
  "id": null,  
  "type": "/type/type",  
  "properties": [ {  
    "id": null,  
    "expected_type": {  
      "id": "/location/location"  
    }  
  } ]  
} ]  
]
```

Phylogeny!

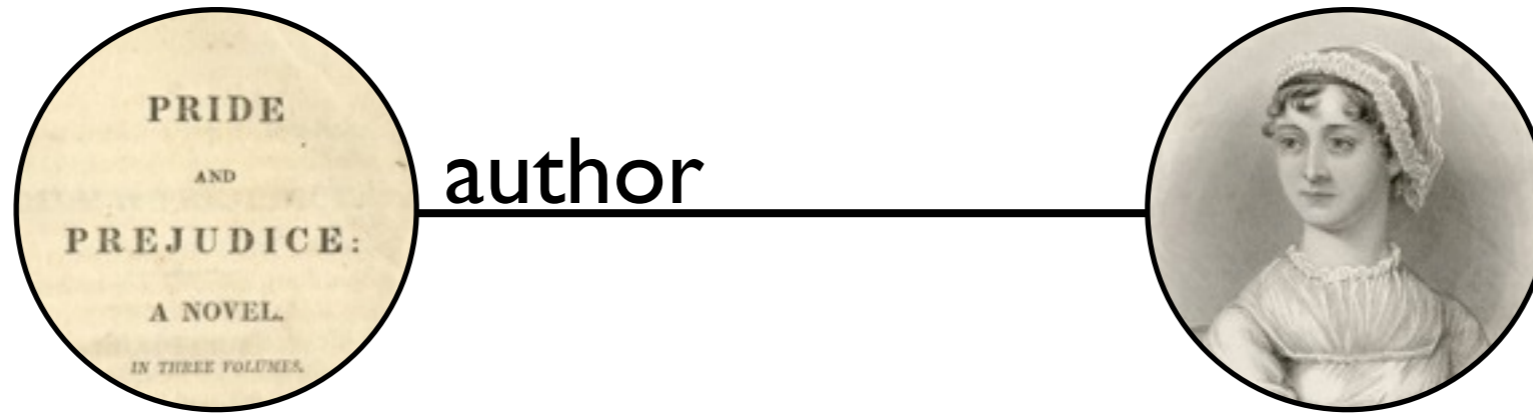
/location/location (contains)
/location/location (containedby)
/language/human_language (region)
/people/person (place_of_birth)
....

Master Properties (and Reverse Properties)



```
{  
  "id": "/book/written_work/author",  
  "type": "/type/property",  
  "master_property": null,  
  "reverse_property": null  
}
```

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{  
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```

```
{  
  "id": "/book/written_work/author",  
  "type": "/type/property"  
  "master_property": "/book/author/works_written",  
  "reverse_property": null,  
}
```



Link:

Looking into connections

A simple query

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "id": null } ] }
```



languages



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A simple query

Link Directive

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "link": { "*" : null }, "id": null } ] }
```



languages



A simple query

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```
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```
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```



languages

/type/link

- creator
- timestamp
- master_property
- reverse

.....



/type/link: "Used to access advanced features of MQL"

Link Type

Key: /type/link

Link is a pseudo type, used to access advanced features of MQL.

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Table Diagram Build Query

Properties

What are Properties?

Property	ID	Expected Type	Description
type	/type/link/type	/type/type	master, unique
timestamp	/type/link/timestamp	/type/datetime	master, unique
creator	/type/link/creator	/type/user	master, unique
master_property	/type/link/master_property	/type/property ↔	master, unique
reverse	/type/link/reverse	/type/boolean	master, unique
operation	/type/link/operation	/type/rawstring	master, unique
valid	/type/link/valid	/type/boolean	master, unique
attribution	/type/link/attribution	/type/attribution ↔	master, unique
source	/type/link/source	/type/object	master, unique
target	/type/link/target	/type/object	master, unique

/type/link: "Used to access advanced features of MQL"

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Properties of /type/link:

timestamp

creator

operation

valid

master_property

reverse

source

target

target_value

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Schema

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Reflection

Who made the link?

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "link": { "creator": null }, "id": null } ] }
```



languages



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```
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```



"/user/jamie"



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The history of Jane (Austen's Types)

By an impartial, unprejudiced & informed historian

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [{  
    "link": {  
      "timestamp": null,  
      "operation": null,  
      "valid": null  
    },  
    "id": null,  
    "sort": "link.timestamp"  
  ] }
```

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```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [{  
    "link": {  
      "timestamp": null,  
      "operation": null,  
      "valid": null  
    },  
    "id": null,  
    "sort": "link.timestamp"  
  ] } }
```

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [  
    {  
      "id": "/common/topic",  
      "link": {  
        "operation": "insert",  
        "timestamp": "2006-10-22T09:07:06.0063Z",  
        "valid": true  
      },  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "/people/person",  
      "link": {  
        "operation": "insert",  
        "timestamp": "2006-11-14T18:31:13.0003Z",  
        "valid": true  
      },  
    },  
  ],  
}
```


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```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [{  
    "link": {  
      "timestamp": null,  
      "operation": null,  
      "valid": null  
    },  
    "id": null,  
    "sort": "link.timestamp"  
  ] }  
}
```

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [  
    {  
      "id": "/common/topic",  
      "link": {  
        "operation": "insert",  
        "timestamp": "2006-10-22T09:07:06.0063Z",  
        "valid": true  
      },  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "/people/person",  
      "link": {  
        "operation": "insert",  
        "timestamp": "2006-11-14T18:31:13.0003Z",  
        "valid": true  
      },  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "/film/writer",  
      "link": {  
        "operation": "insert",  
        "timestamp": "2006-11-30T18:50:40.0093Z",  
        "valid": false  
      },  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

The history of Jane (Austen's Types)

By an impartial, unprejudiced & informed historian

```
{  
  "id": "/film/writer",  
  "link": {  
    "operation": "delete",  
    "timestamp": "2010-07-12T21:34:29.0000Z",  
    "valid": false  
  },  
}
```

/type/link: Used to access advanced features of MQL

Properties of /type/link:

timestamp
creator
operation
valid

History

Schema

master_property
reverse

source
target
target_value

Reflection

About the property for this link....

```
{  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [{  
    "link": {  
      "master_property": null  
      "reverse": null  
    },  
    "id": null  
  }]  
}
```



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About the property for this link....

```
{  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [{  
    "link": {  
      "master_property": "/people/person/languages"  
      "reverse": false  
    },  
    "id": null  
  }]  
}
```



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About the property for this link....

```
{  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [{  
    "link": {  
      "master_property": {  
        "name": null,  
        "expected_type": null  
      },  
      "reverse": null  
    },  
    "id": null  
  }]  
}
```



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About the property for this link....

```
{  
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [{  
    "link": {  
      "master_property": {  
        "name": "Languages"  
        "expected_type": "/language/human_language"  
      },  
      "reverse": false  
    },  
    "id": null  
  }]  
}
```



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Cheating?!

```
{
  "id": "/en/ridley_scott",
  "/film/director/film": [
    {
      "link": {
        "master_property": {
          "name": null,
          "expected_type": null,
          "reverse_property": {
            "name": null,
            "expected_type": null
          }
        },
        "reverse": null
      },
      "id": null
    },
  ]
}
```

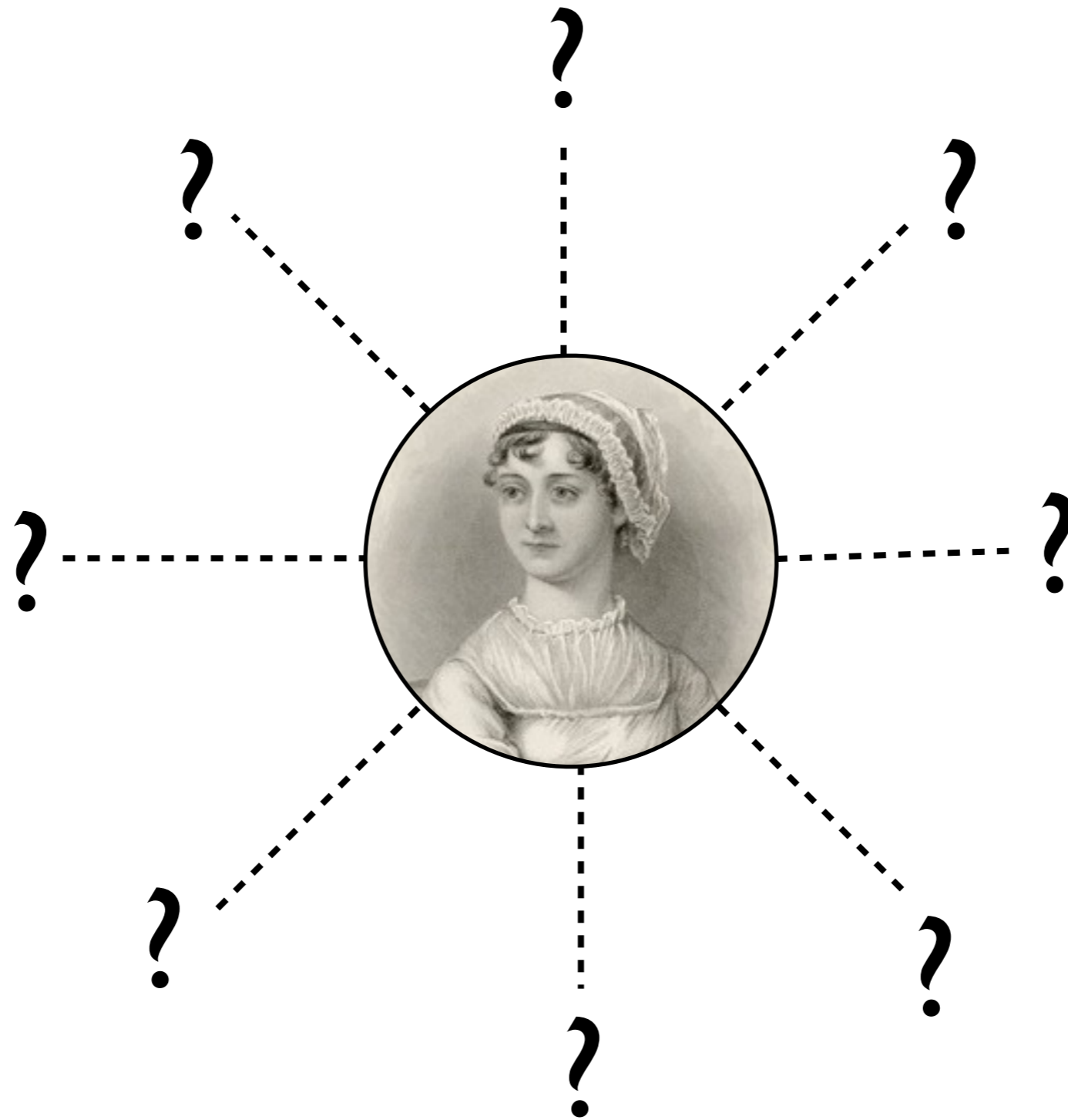

Cheating?!

```
"/film/director/film": [  
  {  
    "id": "/en/1492_conquest_of_paradise",  
    "link": {  
      "master_property": {  
        "expected_type": "/film/director",  
        "name": "Directed by",  
        "reverse_property": {  
          "expected_type": "/film/film",  
          "name": "Films directed"  
        }  
      },  
      "reverse": true  
    }  
  }  
]
```



Reflection:
Tell me about yourself

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Jane Austen Rename



Jane Austen (16 December 1775 – 18 July 1817) was an English novelist whose works of romantic fiction, set among the landed gentry, earned her a place as one of the most widely read writers in English literature, her realism and biting social commentary cementing her historical importance among scholars and critics. Austen lived her entire life as part of a close-knit family located on the lower fringes of the English landed gentry. She was educated primarily by her father and older brothers as... [More](#)

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People

Person /people/person

edit	Date of birth:	Dec 16, 1775	
edit	Place of birth:	location	contained by
		Steventon	United Kingdom Hampshire Basingstoke and Deane
edit	Country of nationality:	United Kingdom, England	detail view >
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edit	Ethnicity:	English	
edit	Parents:	person	date of birth country of nationality
		Cassandra Austen	1739 United Kingdom

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namespace /m	
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The New York Times	1
Internet Movie Database	1
Wikipedia	12
Daylife	1
Ellerdale	1
Open Library	1
TVRage	1
Virtual International Authority File	1
/user/jamie/nytdatad	1
/wikipedia/ru id	1

http://www.freebase.com/view/en/jane_austen Google

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reverse

source
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target_value

Reflection

What's Connected Here

```
[{  
  "type": "/type/link",  
  "source": {  
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
  },  
  "master_property": null,  
  "target": {  
    "type": "/common/topic",  
    "id": null  
  }  
}]
```

What's Connected Here

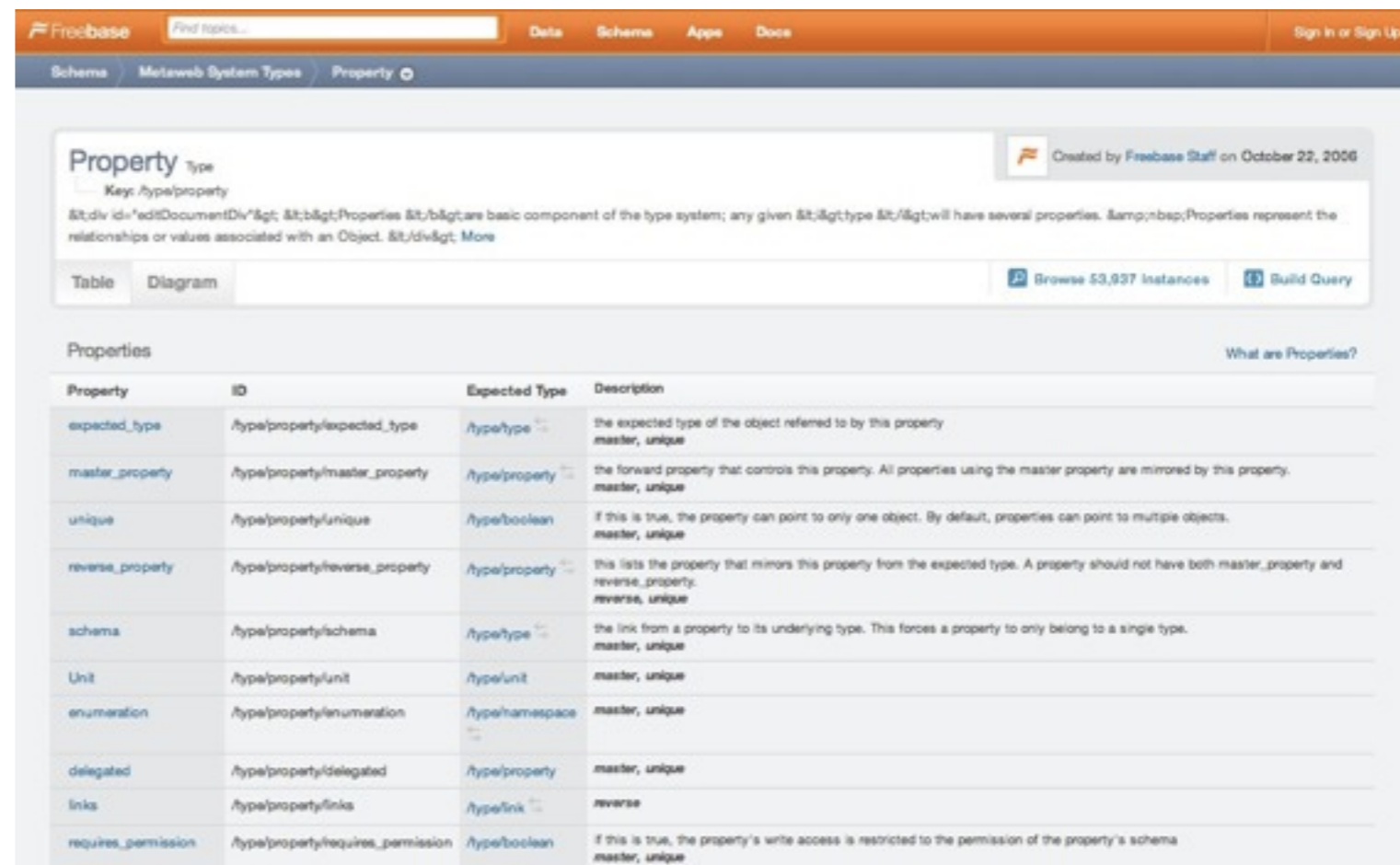
```
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  "type": "/type/link",
  "source": {
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"
  },
  "master_property": null,
  "target": {
    "type": "/common/topic",
    "id": null
  }
}]
```

```
{
  "master_property": "/people/person/place_of_birth",
  "source": {
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"
  },
  "target": {
    "id": "/en/steventon",
    "type": "/common/topic"
  },
  "type": "/type/link"
}, {
  "master_property": "/people/deceased_person/place_of_death",
  "source": {
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"
  },
  "target": {
    "id": "/en/winchester",
    "type": "/common/topic"
  },
  "type": "/type/link"
}, {
  "master_property": "/people/person/gender",
  "source": {
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"
  },
  "target": {
    "id": "/en/female",
    "type": "/common/topic"
  },
  "type": "/type/link"
}.....
```


Property "Links"

Only works on Master Properties!

Property "Links"



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Schema Metaweb System Types Property

Property type

Key: /type/property

Properties are basic component of the type system; any given type will have several properties. Properties represent the relationships or values associated with an Object. More

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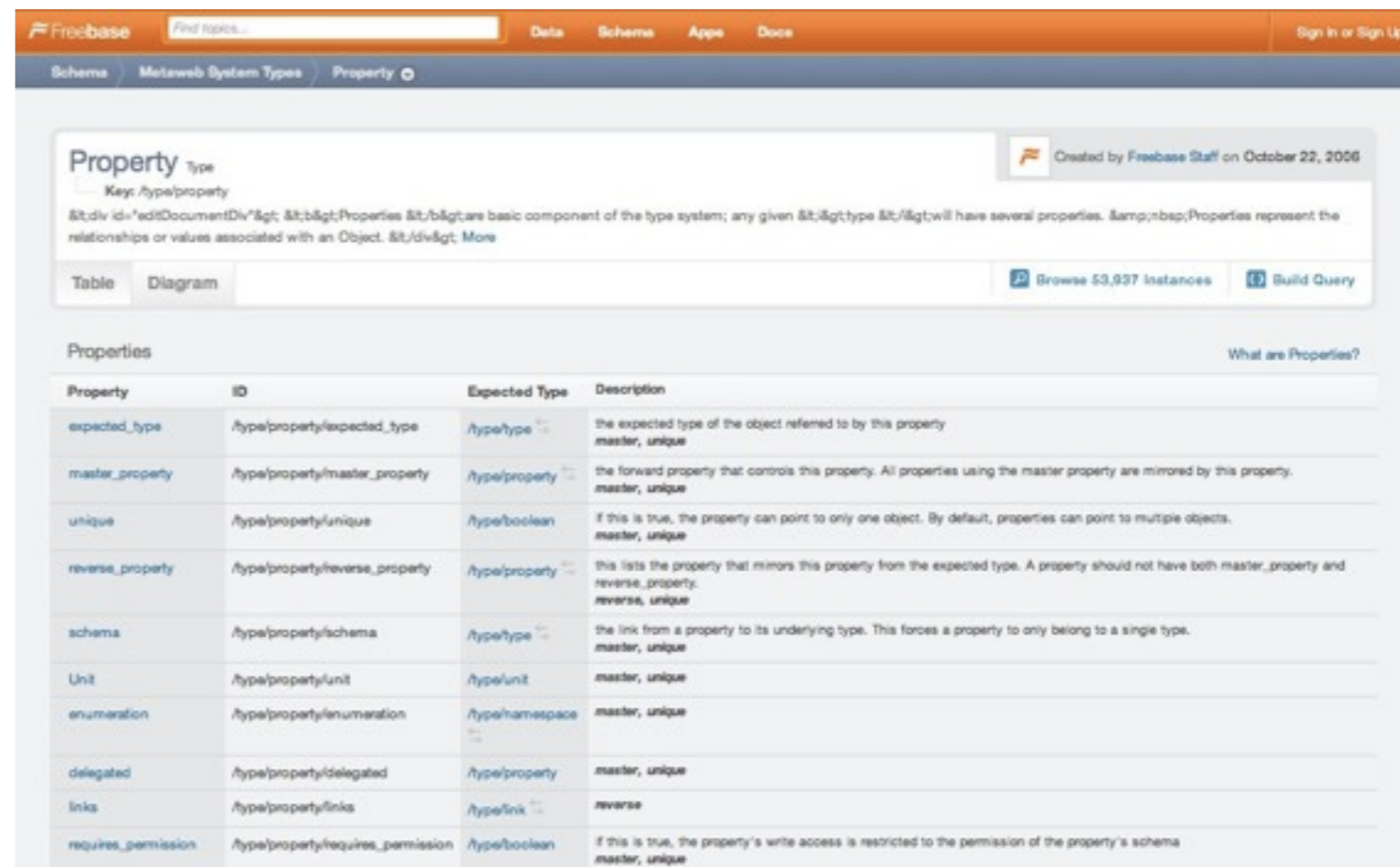
Properties [What are Properties?](#)

Property	ID	Expected Type	Description
expected_type	/type/property/expected_type	/type/type	the expected type of the object referred to by this property master, unique
master_property	/type/property/master_property	/type/property	the forward property that controls this property. All properties using the master property are mirrored by this property. master, unique
unique	/type/property/unique	/type/boolean	if this is true, the property can point to only one object. By default, properties can point to multiple objects. master, unique
reverse_property	/type/property/reverse_property	/type/property	this lists the property that mirrors this property from the expected type. A property should not have both master_property and reverse_property. reverse, unique
schema	/type/property/schema	/type/type	the link from a property to its underlying type. This forces a property to only belong to a single type. master, unique
Unit	/type/property/unit	/type/unit	master, unique
enumeration	/type/property/enumeration	/type/namespace	master, unique
delegated	/type/property/delegated	/type/property	master, unique
links	/type/property/links	/type/link	reverse
requires_permission	/type/property/requires_permission	/type/boolean	if this is true, the property's write access is restricted to the permission of the property's schema master, unique

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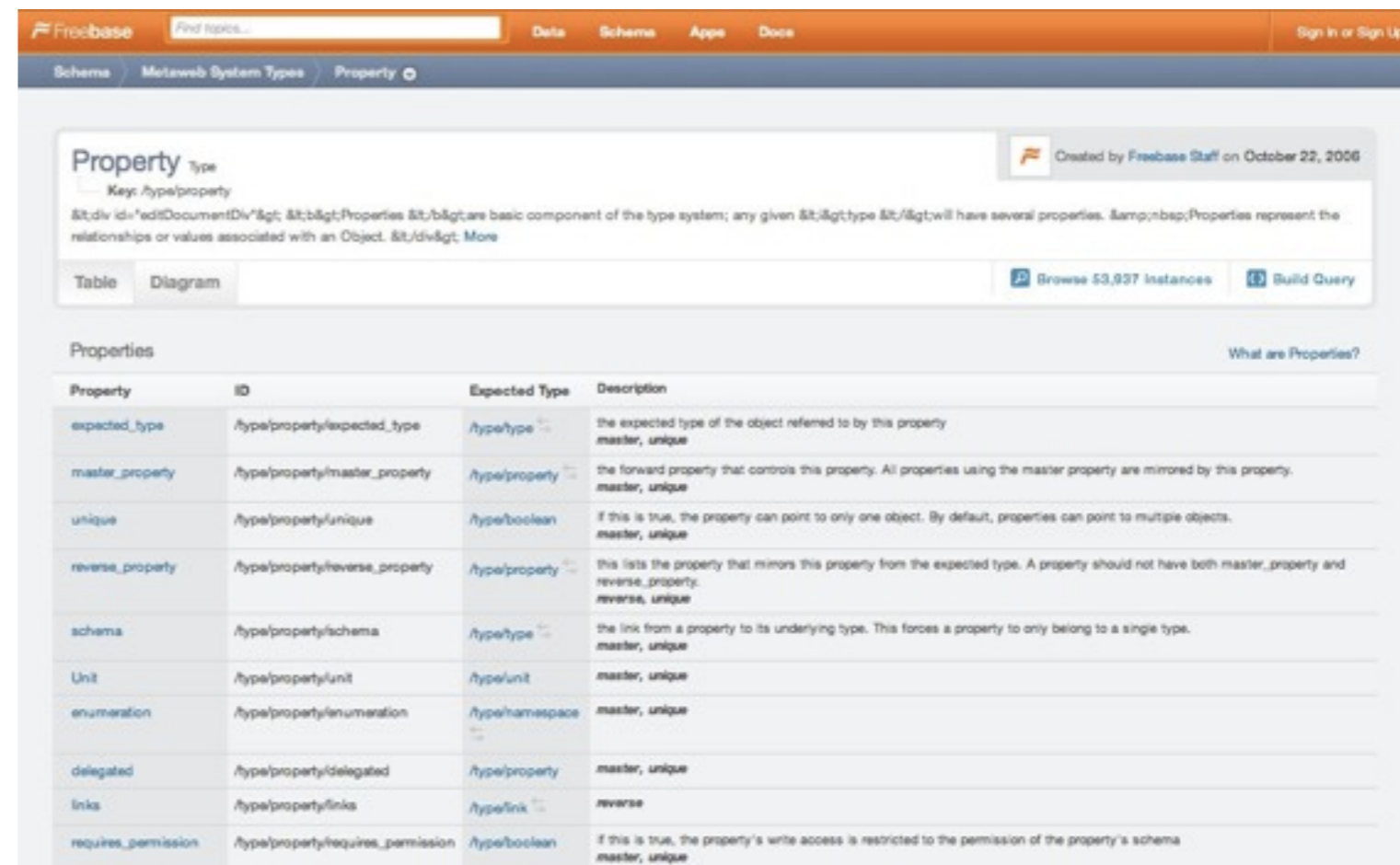
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<http://www.freebase.com/schema/type/property>

```
{  
  "id": "/type/property",  
  "type": "/type/type",  
  "properties": [{  
    "id": null,  
    "expected_type": "/type/link"  
  }]  
}
```

Only works on Master Properties!

Property "Links"



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<http://www.freebase.com/schema/type/property>

```
{  
  "id": "/type/property",  
  "type": "/type/type",  
  "properties": [{  
    "id": "/type/property/links",  
    "expected_type": "/type/link"  
  }]  
}
```

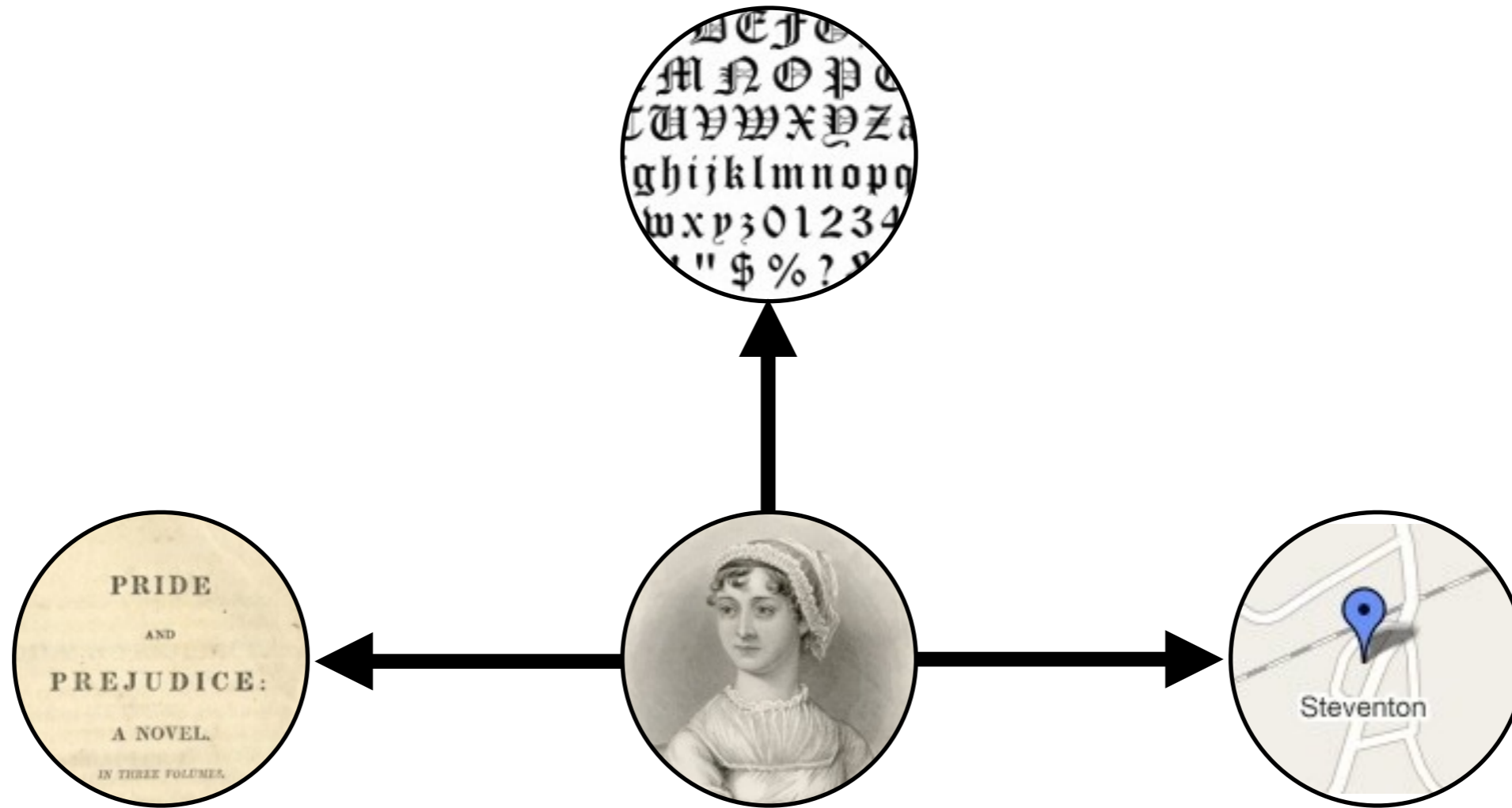
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Property "Links"

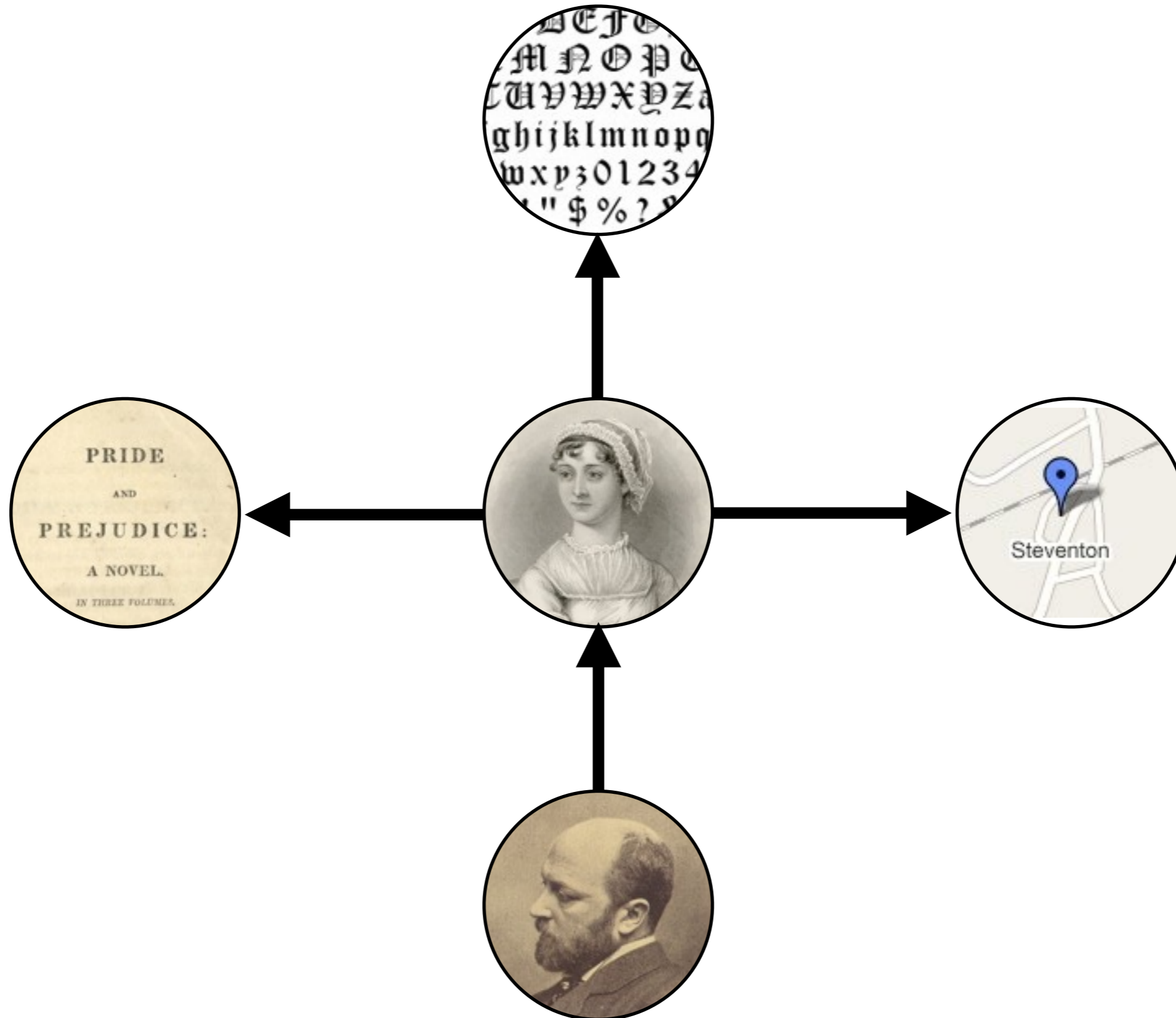
```
{  
  "id": "/people/person/place_of_birth",  
  "type": "/type/property",  
  "links": [{"*": null}]  
}
```

```
{  
  "id": "/people/person/place_of_birth",  
  "links": [  
    {  
      "attribution": "/user/robert",  
      "creator": "/user/robert",  
      "master_property": "/people/person/place_of_birth",  
      "operation": "insert",  
      "reverse": false,  
      "source": "Steve Martin",  
      "target": "Waco",  
      "target_value": null,  
      "timestamp": "2006-12-02T01:12:05.0000Z",  
      "type": "/type/link",  
      "valid": true  
    }.....  
  ]  
}
```

What's Connected Here



What's Connected Here



Two Query Approach

```
[{  
  "type": "/type/link",  
  "source": {  
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
  },  
  "master_property": null,  
  "target": {  
    "type": "/common/topic",  
    "id": null  
  }  
}]
```


Two Query Approach

```
[{  
  "type": "/type/link",  
  "source": {  
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
  },  
  "master_property": null,  
  "target": {  
    "type": "/common/topic",  
    "id": null  
  }  
}]
```

```
[{  
  "type": "/type/link",  
  "source": {  
    "id": null,  
    "type": "/common/topic"  
  },  
  "master_property": null,  
  "target": {  
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
  }  
}]
```

What's Connected Here v.2

```
{
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",
  "type": [{
    "id": null,
    "properties": [{
      "id": null
    }]
  }]
}
```

What's Connected Here v.2

```
{
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",
  "type": [{
    "id": null,
    "properties": [{
      "id": null,
      "links": [{
        "source": {"id": "/en/jane_austen"},
        "target": {"id": null}
      }]
    }]
  }]
}
```

What's Connected Here v.2

```
{
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",
  "type": [{
    "id": null,
    "properties": [{
      "id": null,

      "links": [{
        "source": {
          "id": "/en/jane_austen"
        },
        "target": {
          "id": null,
          "optional": true
        },
        "optional": true,
        "target_value": null
      }],

      "master_property": {
        "optional": true,
        "links": [{
          "source": {
            "id": null
          },
          "target": {
            "id": "/en/jane_austen"
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```



Property driven programming: Acting on meaning

The typical approach



The typical approach

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": null }
```



The typical approach

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth": null }
```

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "id": null } ] }
```



The typical approach



```
{ "id":"/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/place_of_birth":null }
```

```
{ "id":"/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages":[{"id":null} ] }
```

```
{ "id":"/en/jane_austen",  
  "/book/author/works_written":[{"id":null} ] }
```

```
{ "id":"/en/jane_austen",  
  ".....": [{"id":null} ] }
```

```
{ "id":"/en/jane_austen",  
  ".....": [{"id":null} ] }
```

What queries for Liszt?



Reflect and React

```
{
  "id": YOUR TOPIC HERE,
  "type": [{
    "id": null,
    "properties": [{
      "id": null,

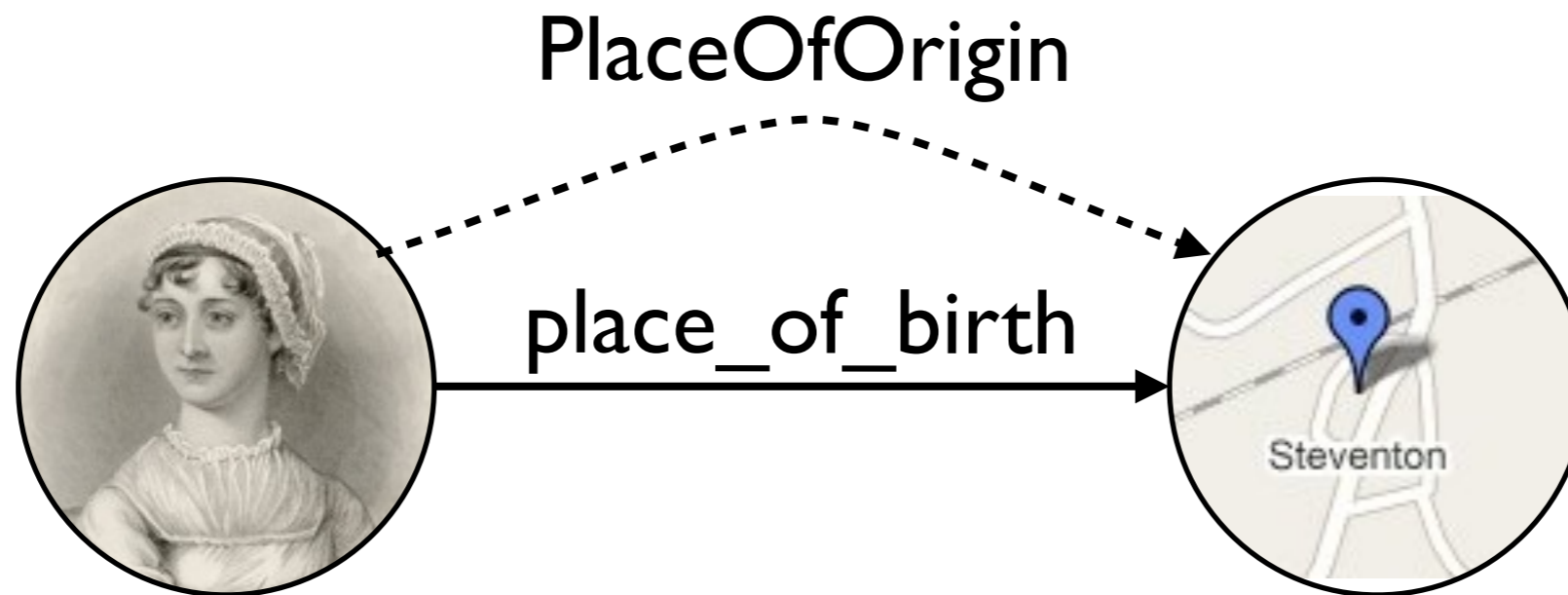
      "links": [{
        "source": {
          "id": YOUR TOPIC HERE
        },
        "target": {
          "id": null,
          "optional": true
        },
        "optional": true,
        "target_value": null
      }],

      "master_property": {
        "optional": true,
        "links": [{
          "source": {
            "id": null
          },
          "target": {
            "id": YOUR TOPIC HERE
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
} ] ] ] }
```

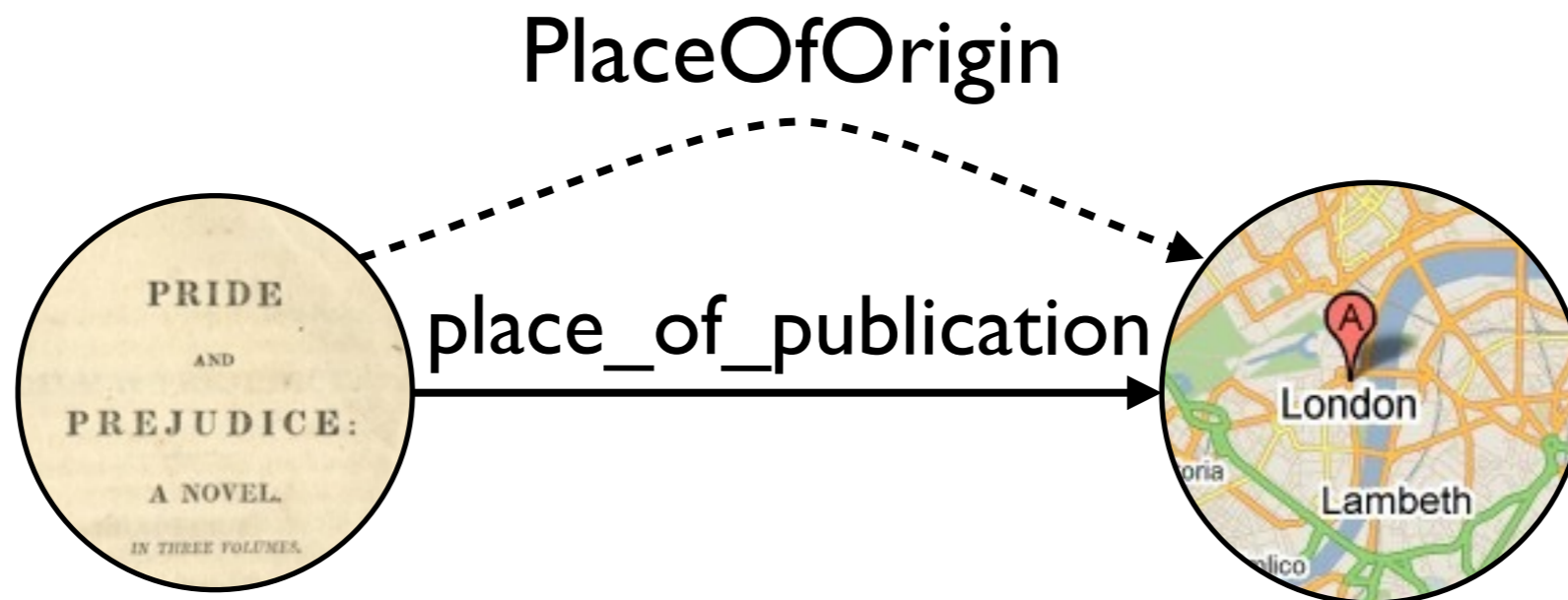
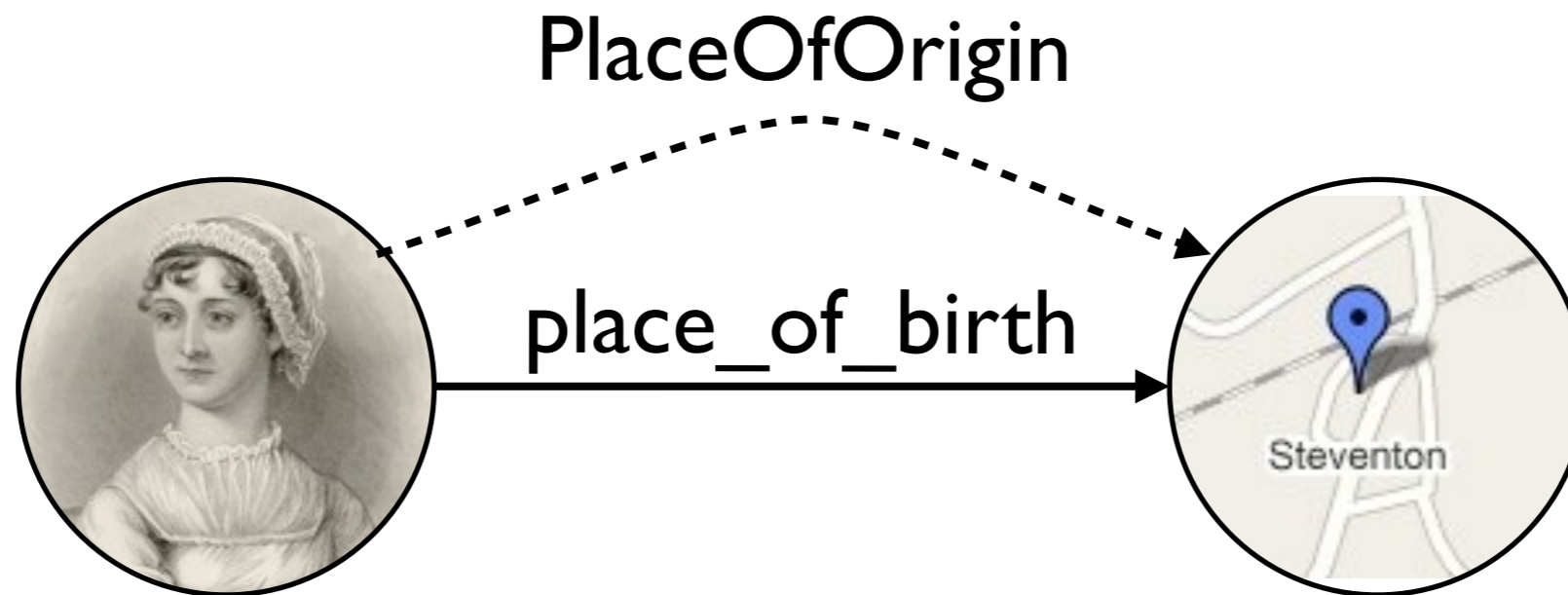


Metaschema: Doing more with less

Generalized relationships

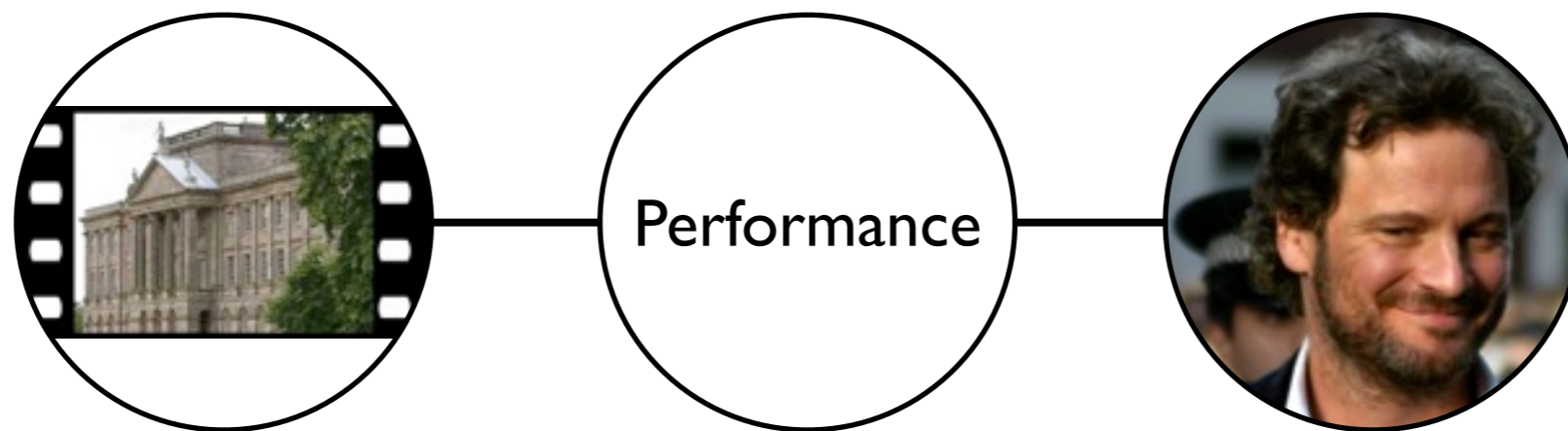


Generalized relationships

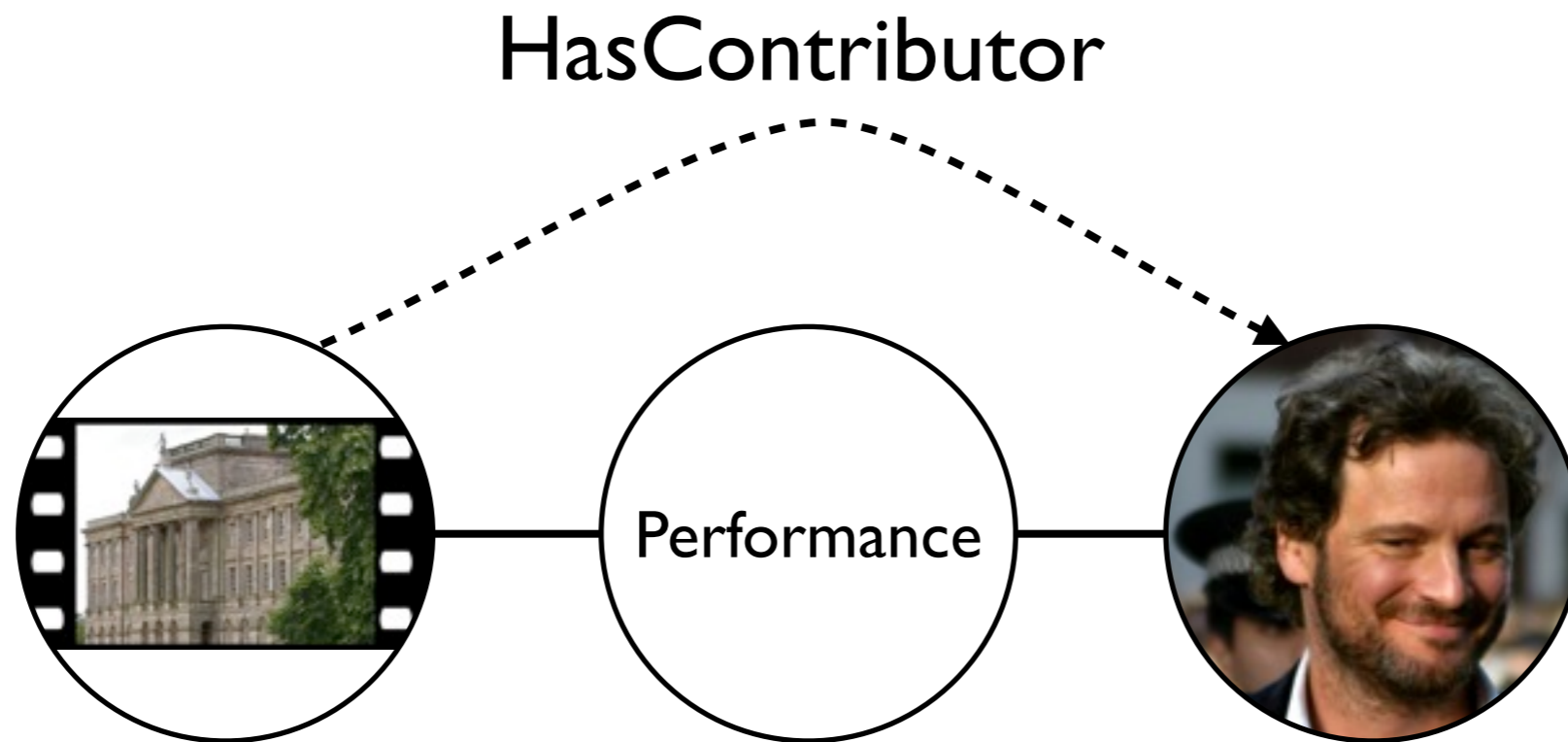


Generalized relationships

Generalized relationships



Generalized relationships



Higher Order Relationships

Participation

Practitioner

Creation

Service Area

Place of Origin

Means of Demise

Character Portrayal

Categorical

Administration

Place of Occurrence

Production

Location

Title

Whole/Part

Composition

Discovery

Contribution

Broader/Narrower

Peer

Time Point

Exhibition

Distribution

Name

Superclass/Subclass

Status

Symbol

Parent/Child

Publication

Membership

Leadership

Ownership

Adaptation

Event/Location

Fictional

Genre

Succession

Permitted Use

Identifier

Organizational Center

Character Appearance

Means of Expression

Certification

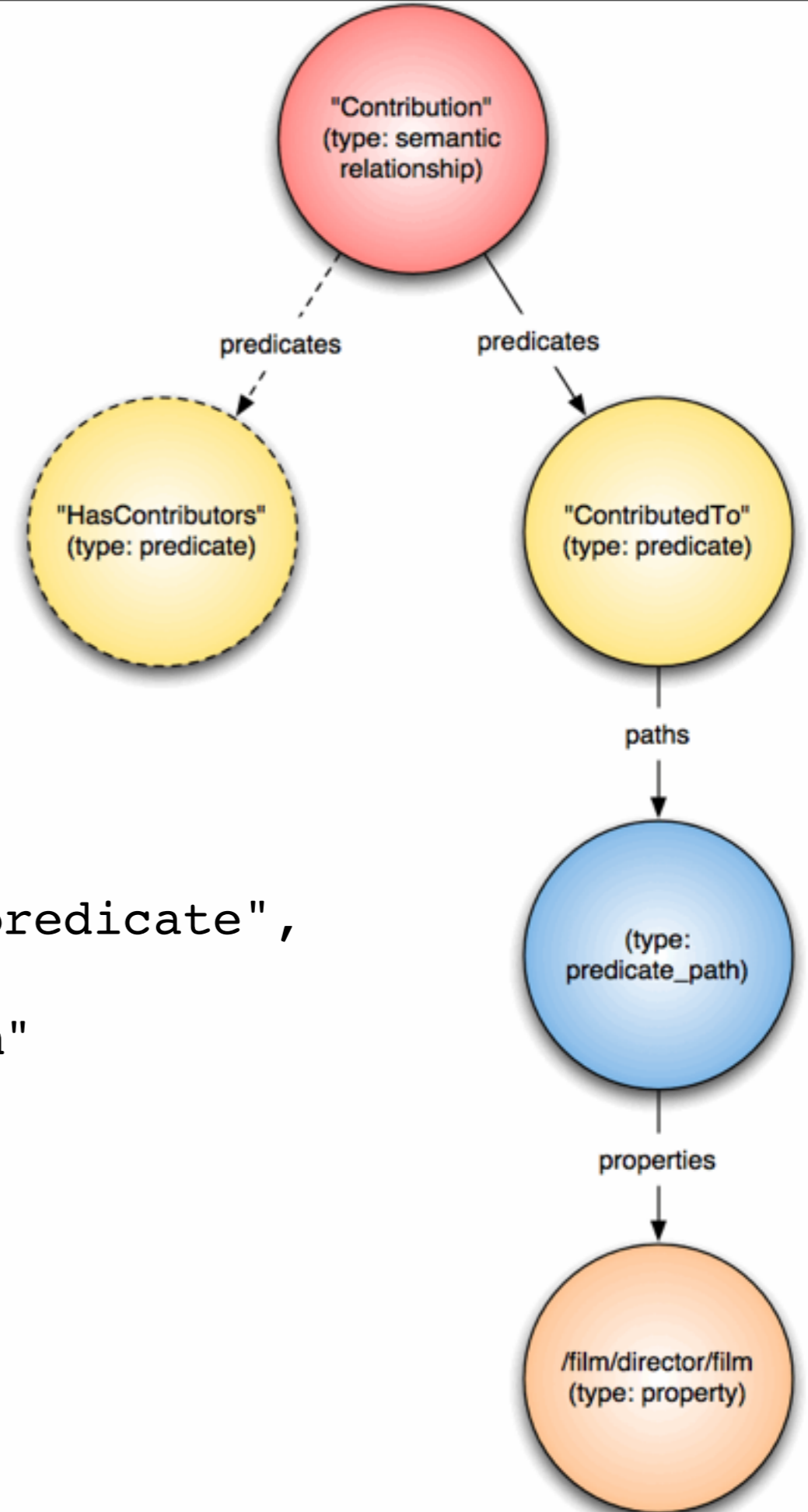
Series

Measurement

Abstract/Concrete

Subject

Metaschema Schema



```
[ {  
  "name": null,  
  "type": "/base/fbontology/semantic_predicate",  
  "paths": {  
    "properties": "/film/director/film"  
  }  
}]
```

Metaschema Reflection

```
{
  "id": "/en/jane_austen",
  "type": [{
    "properties": [{
      "id": null,
      "!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties": [{
        "predicate": null
      }]
    }]
  }]
}
```

Metaschema Reflection

`/en/robert_redford`

```
"/people/person"  
"/film/actor"  
"/film/producer"  
"/film/director"  
"/theater/theater_actor"  
"/tv/tv_actor"  
"/tv/tv_producer"  
"/award/award_winner"  
"/award/award_nominee"  
"/influence/influence_node"  
"/business/board_member"
```

Metaschema Reflection

```
{
  "id": "/en/robert_redford",
  "type": [{
    "properties": [{
      "id": null,
      "!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties": [{
        "predicate": null
      }]
    }]
  }]
}
```

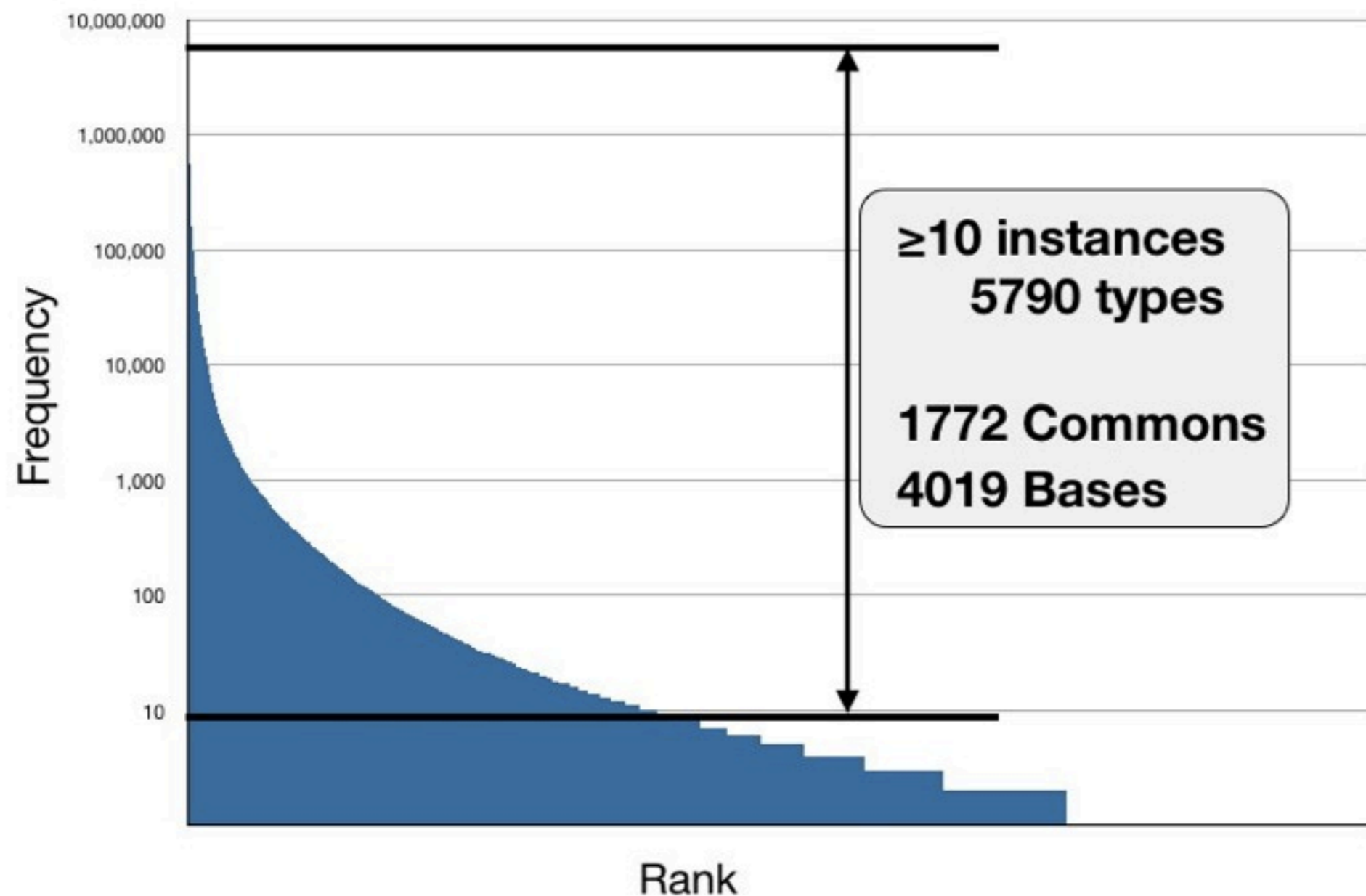

Metaschema Reflection

```
[{  
  "type": "/type/link",  
  "source": {  
    "id": "/en/jane_austen"  
  },  
  ,
```

```
  "master_property": {  
    "!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties": {  
      "predicate": null  
    }  
  },
```

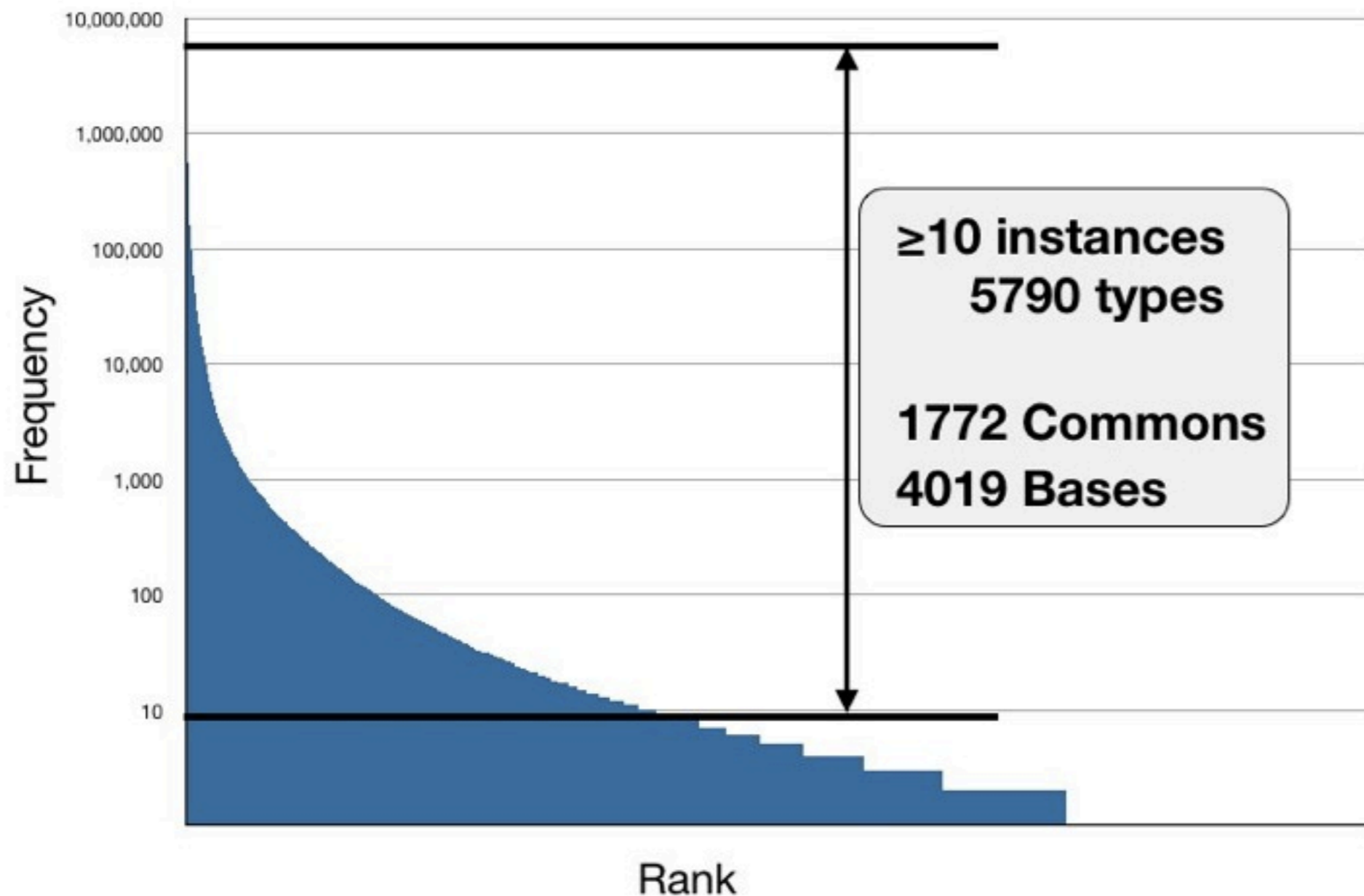
```
  "target": {  
    "type": "/common/topic",  
    "name": null  
  }  
}]
```

Reduce the number of properties your program needs to "understand" with Metaschema!



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Link Queries

Information about Jane Austen's language link

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "link": { "*" : null }, "id": null } ] }
```

Try It!

Who made Jane Austen's language link?

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "/people/person/languages": [ { "link": { "creator": null }, "id": null } ] }
```

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The history of Jane Austen's Types

```
{ "id": "/en/jane_austen",  
  "type": [ {  
    "link": {  
      "timestamp": null,  
      "operation": null,  
      "valid": null  
    },  
    "id": null,  
    "sort": "link.timestamp"  
  } ] }
```

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Info about the language property

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1 //returns a chunk of HTML to display for the id
2 function reflection(id){
3   output = "";
4
5   //FOR METASCHEMA: change "reflect" to "metareflex" in this next line
6   var reflectquery = acre.require("reflect").query;
7
8   //the metareflex query is almost exactly the same as the reflect query.
9   //the one small change lets us see the property as a metaschema relationship
10
11  reflectquery = acre.freebase.extend_query(reflectquery, {"id":id});
12
13  //we can also extend the query structure ourselves
14  reflectquery["type"][0]["properties"][0]["links"][0]["source"]["id"] = id;
15  reflectquery["type"][0]["properties"][0]["master_property"]["links"][0]["target"]["id"] =
id;
16
17  var rez = acre.freebase.mqlread(reflectquery).result;
18  console.log(rez); //for console debug mode
19
20  //iterate through the result structure
21  for(typeindex in rez["type"]){
22    for(propindex in rez["type"][typeindex]["properties"]){
23      var propstruc = rez["type"][typeindex]["properties"][propindex];
24
25      //what property is this
26      var theprop = propstruc["id"];
27
28      //the metaschema version of this query has one more structure to inspect
29      //but using propstruc["!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties"][0] is a CHEAT!
30      //this version will only get you single property path relations
31      //to do this fully we need to change the metareflex query to dig a little deeper
32
33      if(propstruc["!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties"] != undefined){
34        theprop = propstruc["!/base/fbontology/predicate_path/properties"][0]["predicate"];
35      }
36
```

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Not a very pretty app - but clone this app and try adding prop_action functions.
 You can switch to a Metaschema representation by following the comment on line 6 of "doreflex."

To clone this app (so you have edit rights):

- 1) click the "view source" link at the bottom of this page,
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