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# An Example JAPE Rule

```
1 Rule: University1
   {Token.string == "University"}
   {Token.string == "of"}
   {Lookup.minorType == city}
7 -->
8 :orgName.Organisation =
9 {kind = "university", rule = "University1"}
```

Left hand side specifies annotations to match, optionally labelling some of them for use on the right hand side.



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### **LHS Patterns**

Combinations

Pattern elements can be combined in various ways

- Sequencing: {Token} {Token}
- Alternatives: {Token} | {Lookup}
- Grouping with parentheses

Usual regular expression multiplicity operators

- **zero-or-one**: ({MyAnnot})?
- **Zero-or-more**: ({MyAnnot}) \*
- one-or-more: ({MyAnnot})+
- exactly n: ({MyAnnot})[n]
- between *n* and *m* (inclusive): ({MyAnnot}) [n,m]

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#### **LHS Patterns**

Elements

Left hand side of the rule specifies the pattern to match, in various ways

- Annotation type: {Token}
- Feature constraints:
  - {Token.string == "University"}
  - {Token.length > 4}
  - Also supports <, <=, >=, != and regular expressions =~, ==~, !~,!=~.
- Negative constraints:

```
{Token.length > 4, !Lookup.majorType == "stopword"}
```

- This matches a Token of more than 4 characters that does not start at the same location as a "stopword" Lookup.
- Overlap constraints:

```
{Person within {Section.title == "authors"}}
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#### **LHS Patterns**

Labelling

Groups can be labelled. This has no effect on the matching process, but makes matched annotations available to the RHS

```
{Token.string == "University"}
   {Token.string == "of"}
   ({Lookup.minorType == city}):uniTown
5 ):orqName
```

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#### **RHS Actions**

On the RHS, you can use the labels from the LHS to create new annotations:

```
6 -->
7 :uniTown.UniversityTown = {},
8 :orgName.Organisation =
9 {kind = "university", rule = "University1"}
```

The :label.AnnotationType = {features} syntax creates a new annotation of the given type whose span covers all the annotations bound to the label.

■ so the Organisation annotation will span from the start of the "University" Token to the end of the Lookup.



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### **Templates**

- Templates are to values as macros are to pattern fragments.
- Declare a template once, reference it many times.
- Template value can be a quoted string, number or boolean (true or false).
- Template reference can go anywhere a quoted string could go.

```
1 Template: threshold = 0.6
2 Template: source = "Interesting location finder"
3
4 Rule: IsInteresting
5 ({Location.score > [threshold]}):loc
6 -->
7 :loc.Entity = { kind = "Location", source = [source]}
```

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#### Macros

You may find yourself re-using the same patterns in several places in a grammar.

```
■ e.g.

({Token.string ==~ "[A-Z]"}({Token.string == "."})?)+

to match initials.
```

■ JAPE allows you to define *macros* - labelled patterns that can be re-used.

```
1 Macro: INITIALS
2 ({Token.string ==~ "[A-Z]"}({Token.string == "."})?)+
3
4 Rule: InitialsAndSurname
5 ( (INITIALS)?
6 {Token.orth == "upperInitial"} ):per
7 -->
8 :per.Person = {rule = "InitialsAndSurname"}
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### Templates (cont)

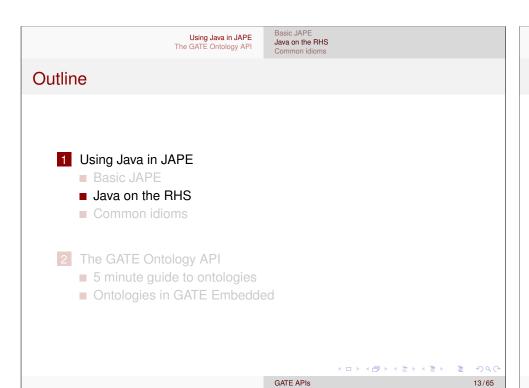
- String templates can have *parameters*, parameter values supplied in the call.
- Useful if you have many similar strings in your grammar.

```
1 Template:
2  wp = "http://${lang}.wikipedia.org/wiki/${page}"
3
4 Rule: EnglishWPCat
5 ({a.href =~ [wp lang="en", page="Category:"]}):wp
6 -->
7 :wp.WPCategory = { lang = "en" }
```

■ In a multi-phase grammar, templates and macros declared in one phase can be used in later phases.

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## **Beyond Simple Actions**

It's often useful to do more complex operations on the RHS than simply adding annotations, e.g.

- Set a new feature on one of the matched annotations.
- Delete annotations from the input
- More complex feature value mappings, e.g. concatenate several LHS features to make one RHS one.
- Collect statistics, e.g. count the number of matched annotations and store the count as a document feature.
- Populate an ontology (later).

JAPE has no special syntax for these operations, but allows blocks of arbitrary Java code on the RHS.

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## Java on the RHS

```
1 Rule: HelloWorld
2 (
3    {Token.string == "Hello"}
4    {Token.string == "World"}
5 ):hello
6 -->
7    {
8         System.out.println("Hello world");
9 }
```

The RHS of a JAPE rule can have any number of :bind.Type = {} assignment expressions and blocks of Java code, separated by commas.

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### How JAPE Rules are Compiled

For each JAPE rule, GATE creates a Java class

```
1 package japeactionclasses;
2 // various imports, see below
 public class /* generated class name */
      implements RhsAction {
   public void doit(
        Document doc,
        Map<String, AnnotationSet> bindings,
        AnnotationSet annotations, // deprecated
9
        AnnotationSet inputAS,
10
        AnnotationSet outputAS,
11
        Ontology ontology) throws JapeException {
12
      // ...
13
14
15 }
```

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#### **JAPE Action Classes**

- Each block or assignment on the RHS becomes a block of Java code.
- These blocks are concatenated together to make the body of the doit method.
  - Local variables are local to each block, not shared.
- At runtime, whenever the rule matches, doit is called.



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# **Bindings**

- bindings is a Map from string to AnnotationSet
- Keys are labels from the LHS.
- Values are the annotations matched by the label.

```
1 (
2 {Token.string == "University"}
3 {Token.string == "of"}
4 ({Lookup.minorType == city}):uniTown
5 ):orgName
```

- bindings.get("uniTown") contains one annotation (the Lookup)
- bindings.get("orgName") contains three annotations (two Tokens plus the Lookup)

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#### Java Block Parameters

The parameters available to Java RHS blocks are:

doc The document currently being processed.

inputAS The AnnotationSet specified by the inputASName runtime parameter to the JAPE transducer PR. Read or delete annotations from here.

outputAS The AnnotationSet specified by the outputASName runtime parameter to the JAPE transducer PR. Create new annotations in here.

ontology The ontology (if any) provided as a runtime parameter to the JAPE transducer PR.

bindings The bindings map...

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#### Hands-on exercises

- The easiest way to experiment with JAPE is to use GATE Developer.
- The hands-on directory contains a number of sample JAPE files for you to modify, which will be described for each individual exercise.
- There is an .xgapp file for each exercise to load the right PRs and documents.
  - Good idea to *disable* session saving using Options  $\rightarrow$  Configuration  $\rightarrow$  Advanced (or GATE 6.0-beta1  $\rightarrow$  Preferences  $\rightarrow$  Advanced on Mac OS X).



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## Exercise 1: A simple JAPE RHS

- Start GATE Developer.
- Load hands-on/jape/exercise1.xgapp
- This is the default ANNIE application with an additional JAPE transducer "exercise 1" at the end.
- This transducer loads the file hands-on/jape/resources/simple.jape, which contains a single simple JAPE rule.
- Modify the Java RHS block to print out the type and features of each annotation the rule matches. You need to right click the "Exercise 1 Transducer" and reinitialize after saving the . jape file.
- Test it by running the "Exercise 1" application.



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#### Named Java Blocks

```
1 -->
2 :uniTown{
   uniTownAnnots.iterator().next().getFeatures()
      .put("hasUniversity", Boolean.TRUE);
```

- You can label a Java block with a label from the LHS
- The block will only be called if there is at least one annotation bound to the label
- Within the Java block there is a variable labelAnnots referring to the AnnotationSet bound to the label
  - i.e. AnnotationSet xyAnnots = bindings.get("xy")

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## **Imports**

- By default, every action class imports java.io.\*, java.util.\*, gate.\*, gate.jape.\*, gate.creole.ontology.\*, gate.annotation.\*, and gate.util.\*.
- So classes from these packages can be used unqualified in RHS blocks.
- You can add additional imports by putting an import block at the top of the JAPE file, before the Phase: line:

```
1 Imports: {
   import my.pkq.*;
   import static gate.Utils.*;
```

You can import any class available in the GATE core or in any loaded plugin.

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## **Exceptions**

- Any JapeException or RuntimeException thrown by a Java RHS block will cause the JAPE Transducer PR to fail with an ExecutionException
- For non-fatal errors in a RHS block you can throw a gate.jape.NonFatalJapeException
- This will print debugging information (phase name, rule name, file and line number) but will not abort the transducer execution.
  - However it will interrupt this rule, i.e. if there is more than one block or assignment on the RHS, the ones after the throw will not run.



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## Returning from RHS blocks

■ You can **return** from a Java RHS block, which prevents any later blocks or assignments for that rule from running, e.g.

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#### Common Idioms for Java RHS

Setting a new feature on one of the matched annotations

```
1 Rule: LcString
2 ({Token}):tok
3 -->
4 :tok {
5    for(Annotation a : tokAnnots) {
6        // get the FeatureMap for the annotation
7    FeatureMap fm = a.getFeatures();
8        // get the "string" feature
9    String str = (String) fm.get("string");
10        // convert it to lower case and store
11    fm.put("lcString", str.toLowerCase());
12  }
13 }
```

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## **Exercise 2: Modifying Existing Annotations**

- Load hands-on/jape/exercise2.xgapp
- As before, this is ANNIE plus an extra transducer, this time loading

hands-on/jape/resources/general-pos.jape.

- Modify the Java RHS block to add a generalCategory feature to the matched Token annotation holding the first two characters of the POS tag (the category feature).
- Remember to reinitialize the "Exercise 2 Transducer" after editing the JAPE file.

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■ Test it by running the "Exercise 2" application.

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### Common Idioms for Java RHS

Removing matched annotations from the input

This can be useful to stop later phases matching the same annotations again.



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# Utility methods

- gate.Utils provides static utility methods to make common tasks easier
  - http://gate.ac.uk/gate/doc/javadoc/gate/Utils.html
- Add an import static gate.Utils.\*; to your Imports: block to use them.
- Accessing the string becomes stringFor(doc, locAnnots)
- This is also useful for division of labour
  - Java programmer writes utility class
  - JAPE expert writes rules, importing utility methods

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#### Common Idioms for Java RHS

Accessing the string covered by a match

```
1 Rule: Location
2 ({Lookup.majorType = "location"}):loc
4 :loc {
    try {
      String str = doc.getContent().getContent(
           locAnnots.firstNode().getOffset(),
           locAnnots.lastNode().getOffset())
8
         .toString();
10
11
    catch(InvalidOffsetException e) {
       // can't happen, but won't compile without the catch
12
13
14 }
```

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### Example: start and end

To get the start and end offsets of an  ${\tt Annotation}, {\tt AnnotationSet}$  or

Document.

```
1 Rule: NPTokens
2 ({NounPhrase}):np
3 -->
4 :np {
    List<String> posTags = new ArrayList<String>();
    for(Annotation tok : inputAS.get("Token")
        .getContained(start(npAnnots), end(npAnnots)))
7
      posTags.add(
          (String) tok.getFeatures().get("category"));
9
10
    FeatureMap fm =
11
      npAnnots.iterator().next().getFeatures();
12
    fm.put("posTags", posTags);
13
    fm.put("numTokens", (long)posTags.size());
14
15 }
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```

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# Exercise 3: Working with Contained Annotations

- Load hands-on/jape/exercise3.xgapp
- As before, this is ANNIE plus an extra transducer, this time loading

hands-on/jape/resources/exercise3-main.jape.

- This is a multiphase grammar containing the general-pos. jape from exercise 2 plus num-nouns.jape.
- Modify the Java RHS block in num-nouns. jape to count the number of nouns in the matched Sentence and add this count as a feature on the sentence annotation.
- Remember to reinitialize the "Exercise 3 Transducer" after editing the JAPE file.
- Test it by running the "Exercise 3" application.

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# Passing state between rules

- Remember from yesterday a FeatureMap can hold any Java object.
- So can pass complex structures between rules, not limited to simple strings.

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## Passing state between rules

To pass state between rules, use document features:

```
1 Rule: Section
2 ({SectionHeading}):sect
4 :sect {
    doc.getFeatures().put("currentSection",
        stringFor(doc, sectAnnots));
7
9 Rule: Entity
10 ({Entity}):ent
    entAnnots.iterator().next().getFeatures()
13
      .put ("inSection",
14
           doc.getFeatures().get("currentSection"));
15
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```

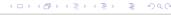
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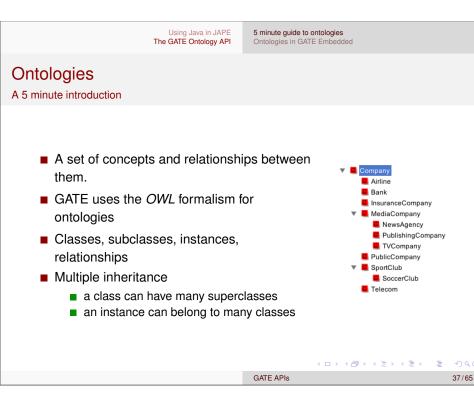
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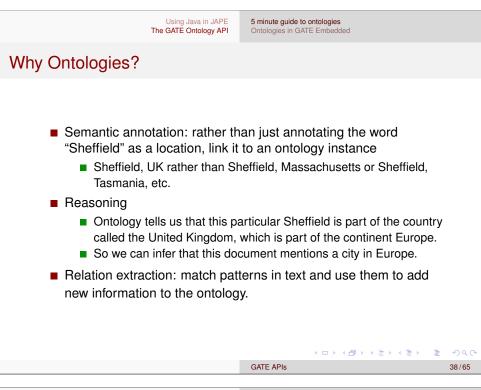
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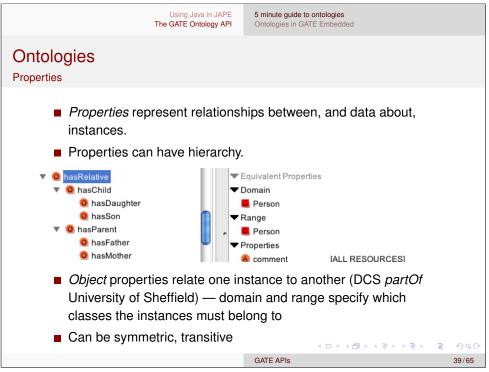
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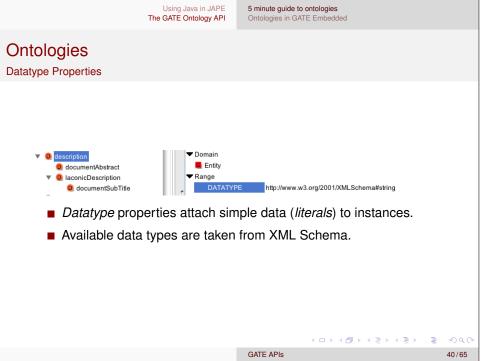
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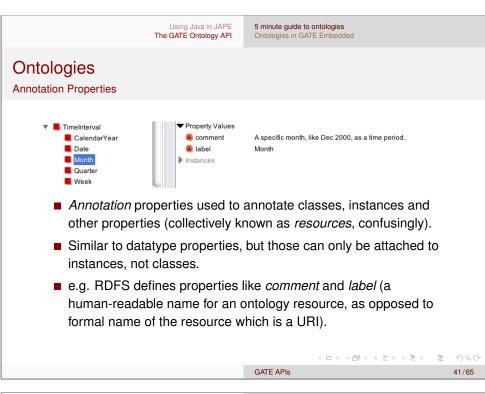


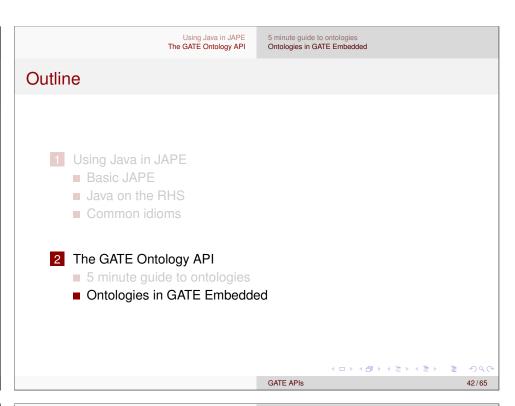












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### Ontologies in GATE Embedded

- GATE represents ontologies using abstract data model defined by interfaces in gate.creole.ontology package in gate.jar
- Ontology interface represents an ontology, OClass, OInstance, OURI etc. represent ontology components.
- Implementation provided by Ontology plugin, based on OWLIM version 3.
  - Alternative OWLIM 2-based implementation in Ontology\_OWLIM2 plugin for backwards compatibility only
  - Not possible to load both plugins at the same time.
- You need to load the plugin in order to create an Ontology object, but code should only interact with the interfaces.
  - http://gate.ac.uk/gate/doc/javadoc/?gate/ creole/ontology/package-summary.html

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Creating an empty ontology

Gate.init();
// load the Ontology plugin
Gate.getCreoleRegister().registerDirectories(
new File(Gate.getPluginsHome(), "Ontology")
toURI().toURL());

Ontology emptyOnto = (Ontology)Factory.createResource(
gate.creole.ontology.impl.sesame.OWLIMOntology");

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### Loading an existing OWL file

More useful is to load an existing ontology. OWLIMOntology can load RDF-XML, N3, ntriples or turtle format.

```
1 // init GATE and load plugin as before...
3 URL owl = new File("ontology.owl").toURI().toURL();
4 FeatureMap params = Factory.newFeatureMap();
5 params.put("rdfXmlURL", owl);
7 Ontology theOntology = (Ontology) Factory.createResource(
      "gate.creole.ontology.impl.sesame.OWLIMOntology",
     params);
```



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Persistent Repositories

■ When loading an OWLIMOntology LR from RDF/ntriples, etc. OWLIM parses the source file and builds internal representation

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- Can set persistent parameter to true and specify a dataDirectoryURL to store this internal representation on disk as a Sesame repository.
- ConnectSesameOntology PR can use the existing repository — much faster to init, particularly for large ontologies (e.g. 12k instances, 10 seconds to load from RDF, < 0.2s to open repository).

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#### Under the Covers: Sesame

- The Ontology plugin implementation is built on OpenRDF Sesame version 2.
- OWLIMOntology LR creates a Sesame repository using a particular configuration of OWLIM as the underlying SAIL (Storage And Inference Layer)
- Other configurations or SAIL implementations can be used via alternative LRs: CreateSesameOntology (to create a new repository) and ConnectSesameOntology (to open an existing one).
  - though some parts of the GATE ontology API depend on the reasoning provided by OWLIM, so other SAILs may not behave exactly the same.

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# Exploring the ontology

```
1 // get all the 'top' classes
2 Set<OClass> tops = ontology.getOClasses(true);
4 // list them along with their labels
5 for (OClass c : tops) {
    System.out.println(c.getONodeID() +
         " (" + c.getLabels() + ")");
7
8
9
  // find a class by URI
11 OURI uri = ontology.createOURIForName("Person");
12 OClass personClass = ontology.getOClass(uri);
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# Exploring the ontology

```
1 // get direct instances of a class
2 Set<OInstance> people = ontology.getOInstances(
3     personClass, OConstants.Closure.DIRECT_CLOSURE);
4
5 // get instances of a class or any of its subclasses
6 Set<OInstance> allPeople = ontology.getOInstances(
7     personClass, OConstants.Closure.TRANSITIVE_CLOSURE);
```



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## Exploring the ontology

```
// University of Sheffield instance
OURI uosURI = ontology.createOURIForName(
"UniversityOfSheffield");
OInstance uosInstance = ontology.getOInstance(uosURI);

// worksFor property
OURI worksForURI = ontology.createOURIForName(
"worksFor");
ObjectProperty worksFor = ontology.getObjectProperty(
worksForURI);

// find all the people who work for the University of Sheffield
List<OResource> uniEmployees =
ontology.getOResourcesWith(worksFor, uosInstance);
```

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# Exploring the ontology

```
1 // get a datatype property
2 OURI namePropURI = ontology.createOURI(
       "http://example.org/stuff/1.0/hasName");
4 DatatypeProperty nameProp = ontology
       .getDatatypeProperty(namePropURI);
7 // find property values for an instance
8 for (OInstance person : allPeople) {
    List<Literal> names =
         ontology.getDatatypePropertyValues(nameProp);
    for(Literal name : names) {
11
      System.out.println("Person " + person.getONodeID()
12
           + " hasName " + name.toTurtle());
13
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```

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A note about URIs

- Ontology resources are identified by URIs.
- URI is treated as a *namespace* (everything up to and including the last #, / or :, in that order) and a *resource name* (the rest)
- Ontology LR provides factory methods to create OURI objects:
  - createOURI takes a complete URI string
  - createOURIForName takes the resource name and prepends the ontology LR's default namespace
  - generateOURI takes a resource name, prepends the default NS and adds a unique suffix.
- Only ASCII letters, numbers and certain symbols are permitted in URIs, other characters (including spaces) must be escaped.
  - OUtils defines common escaping methods.

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# Extending the ontology

```
OURI personURI = ontology.createOURIForName("Person");
Collass personClass = ontology.getOClass(personURI);

// create a new class as a subclass of an existing class

OURI empURI = ontology.createOURIForName("Employee");

OClass empClass = ontology.addOClass(empURI);

personClass.addSubClass(empClass);

// create an instance

OURI fredURI = ontology.createOURIForName("FredSmith");

OInstance fred = ontology.addOInstance(fredURI,

empClass);

// Fred works for the University of Sheffield

fred.addObjectPropertyValue(worksFor, uosInstance);
```

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# Ontology API in JAPE

- Recall that JAPE RHS blocks have access to an ontology parameter.
- Can use JAPE rules for ontology *population* or *enrichment*
- Create new instances or property values in an ontology based on patterns found in the text.

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# Exporting the ontology

- false means don't include OResources that came from an import (true would embed the imported data in the exported ontology).
- Other formats are TURTLE, N3 and NTRIPLES.

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## Exercise 1: Basic Ontology API

- Start GATE Developer.
- Load hands-on/ontology/exercise1.xgapp
- This xgapp loads two controllers. "Exercise 1 application" is a "trick" application containing a JAPE grammar exercise1.jape with a single rule that is guaranteed to fire exactly once when the application is run.
- The application loads hands-on/ontology/demo.owl and configures the JAPE transducer with that ontology.
- We treat the RHS of the rule as a "scratch pad" to test Java code that uses the ontology API.
- Also loads "Reset ontology" application you can use to reset the ontology to its original state.

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## Exercise 1: Basic Ontology API

- The initial JAPE file contains comments giving some suggested tasks.
- See how many of these ideas you can implement.
- Each time you modify the JAPE file you will need to re-init the "Exercise 1 transducer" then run the "Exercise 1 application".
- Open the ontology viewer to see the result of your changes.
- You will need to close and re-open the viewer each time.
- Use the reset application as necessary.

Remember: ontology API JavaDocs at

http://gate.ac.uk/gate/doc/javadoc/?gate/
creole/ontology/package-summary.html



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# **Ontology Population**

- Ontology population is the process of adding instances to an ontology based on information found in text.
- We will explore a very simple example, real-world ontology population tasks are complex and domain-specific.

## Ontology-aware JAPE

- When supplied with an ontology parameter, JAPE can do ontology-aware matching.
- In this mode the feature named "class" on an annotation is special: it is assumed to be an ontology class URI, and will match any subclass.
- If the class feature is not a complete URI, it has the ontology's default namespace prepended.
  - e.g. {Lookup.class == "Location"} with our demo
    ontology would match Lookup annotations with any subclass of
    http://www.owl-ontologies.com/unnamed.owl#Location,
    in the class feature, including "City", "Country", etc.

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■ When an ontology parameter is *not* specified, class is treated the same as any other feature (not the case prior to GATE 5.2).

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## Ontology population example

- The demo ontology from exercise 1 contains a "Location" class with subclasses "City", "Country", "Province" and "Region".
- These correspond to subsets of the ANNIE named entities.
- We want to populate our ontology with instances for each location in a document.
- Very simple assumption if two Location annotations have the same text, they refer to the same location.
  - Typically you would need to disambiguate, e.g. with coreference information.



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## Exercise 2: Ontology population

- Start GATE Developer
- Load hands-on/ontology/exercise2.xgapp
- This xgapp again loads the demo ontology and defines the ontology reset controller.
- Second controller in this case is a normal ANNIE with two additional JAPE grammars.

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## Populating the ontology

- Given these Mention annotations, we can now populate the ontology.
- We want to create one instance for each distinct entity.
- Use the RDFS "label" annotation property to associate the instance with its text.
- So for each Mention of a Location, we need to:
  - determine which ontology class it is a mention of
  - see if there is already an instance of this class with a matching label, and if not, create one, and
  - store the URI of the relevant ontology instance on the Mention annotation.

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## ANNIE locType to Ontology Class

- ANNIE creates Location annotations with a locType feature, and Organization annotations with an orgType feature.
  - e.g. locType = region
- The first of the two additional grammars ("NEs to Mentions") creates annotations of type Mention with a "class" feature derived from the locType or orgType.
- Location (or Organization) annotations without a locType (or orgType) are mapped to the top-level Location (Organization) class.

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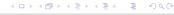
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### Exercise 2: Ontology population

#### Over to you!

- Fill in hands-on/ontology/exercise2.jape to implement this algorithm.
- As before, you need to re-init the Exercise 2 transducer each time you edit the JAPE file.
- Use the "Reset ontology" application to clean up the ontology between runs (though if you do it right it won't create extra instances if you run again without cleaning).



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# Conclusions and further reading

- This is a good example of a case where utility classes are useful.
- We have used this technique in other projects, e.g. gate.ac.uk/sale/icsd09/sprat.pdf
- Lots of tutorial materials on ontologies, OWL, etc. available online.
- For GATE, best references are the user guide and javadocs.



