

# Design and Development of Job Ontology using Semantic Web for Job and Skill Search

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**Abstract :** Semantic search has become the next level searching concept for promoting web searching. Semantic web based search promotes semantic-based (meaning) search and gives exact match. In the proposed paper we have developed a Job Search Ontology for Effective Job Searching in the domain of IT in Protégé 5.1.1. The first part of paper shows the job search ontology consisting of various classes, the Dataset and axioms set on it and SQL Queries executed on it. Multiple SPARQL queries are executed on the created Ontology to get the desired output. Second part of paper shows the use of Jena Framework, for creating a Java interface to accept the input data from the Job Search OWL file and same queries are executed to get the required output to provide match between Job Seeker (Applicant) and Job Provider (Company) using Semantic Web. Future work can be corresponding to executing the SPARQL query in a de-centralized database, where multiple ontologies belonging to different URL are combined, to improve the job search results.

**IndexTerms -** Web, Ontology, Job Search, Jena Framework, SPARQL, OWL

## I. INTRODUCTION

Ontology is a formal specification of shared conceptualization<sup>10</sup>. It is description of concepts in a domain of classes, properties and attributes. It also refers to crafting hierarchies of categories so that things can be organized and efficiently accessed. Ontology can be defined through following steps:

- Determine the scope of the Ontology.
- Define concepts (classes) to be modeled in Ontology and relationship among them.
- Reuse concepts which are available in similar existing Ontology, if any.
- Arrange the concepts in a hierarchy (sub class-super class hierarchy).
- Determine attributes and properties (slots) for each class and constraints on their values.
- Define instance and fill the slot values for each class.

## II. ONTOLOGY FRAMEWORK

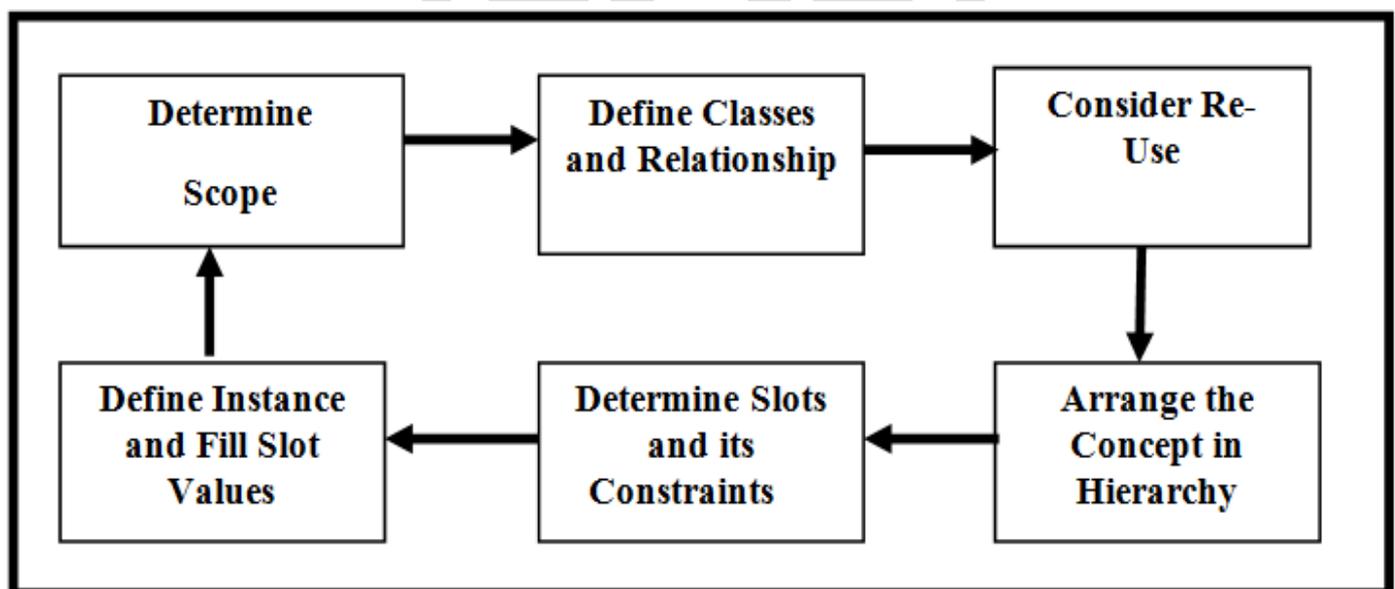


Figure 1 Ontology Framework

### Importance of Ontology

- A. To share common understanding of the structure of information among people or software agents.
- B. To enable reuse of domain knowledge.
- C. To make domain assumptions explicit.
- D. To separate domain knowledge from the operational knowledge.

### III. SEMANTIC WEB

The semantic web facilitates publishing the data in different languages designed for data namely

1. **Resource Description Framework (RDF)**- Resource Description Framework is a framework that is used to express data in a meaningful way. Data is expressed in form of triples, which can be easily expressed in form of a graph.<sup>42</sup>
2. **Web Ontology Language (OWL)** – It is a formal representation of a new Ontology in semantic web.<sup>43</sup>
3. **Extensible markup Language (XML)** – It is a markup language used for exchanging data over the Internet.<sup>44</sup>

In contrast to HTML that describes data and provides links between them, here RDF, OWL and XML are combined to add description and meaning to the terms, which enables machine to process data as human being with reasoning and inference and result with meaningful data gathering and research.

In non-semantic web page a tag is represented as

```
<item>blog</item>
```

Using semantic web page the same is represented as

```
<item rdf:about="http://example.org/semantic-web/">Semantic web</item>
```

### IV. METHODOLOGY

#### 4.1 Design of the Job Search Ontology

The Job search ontology is represented in a hierarchical manner of a chart. The hierarchy represents the data requirement flow in an IT domain.

#### 4.2 Hierarchical representation of Ontology for Job Search

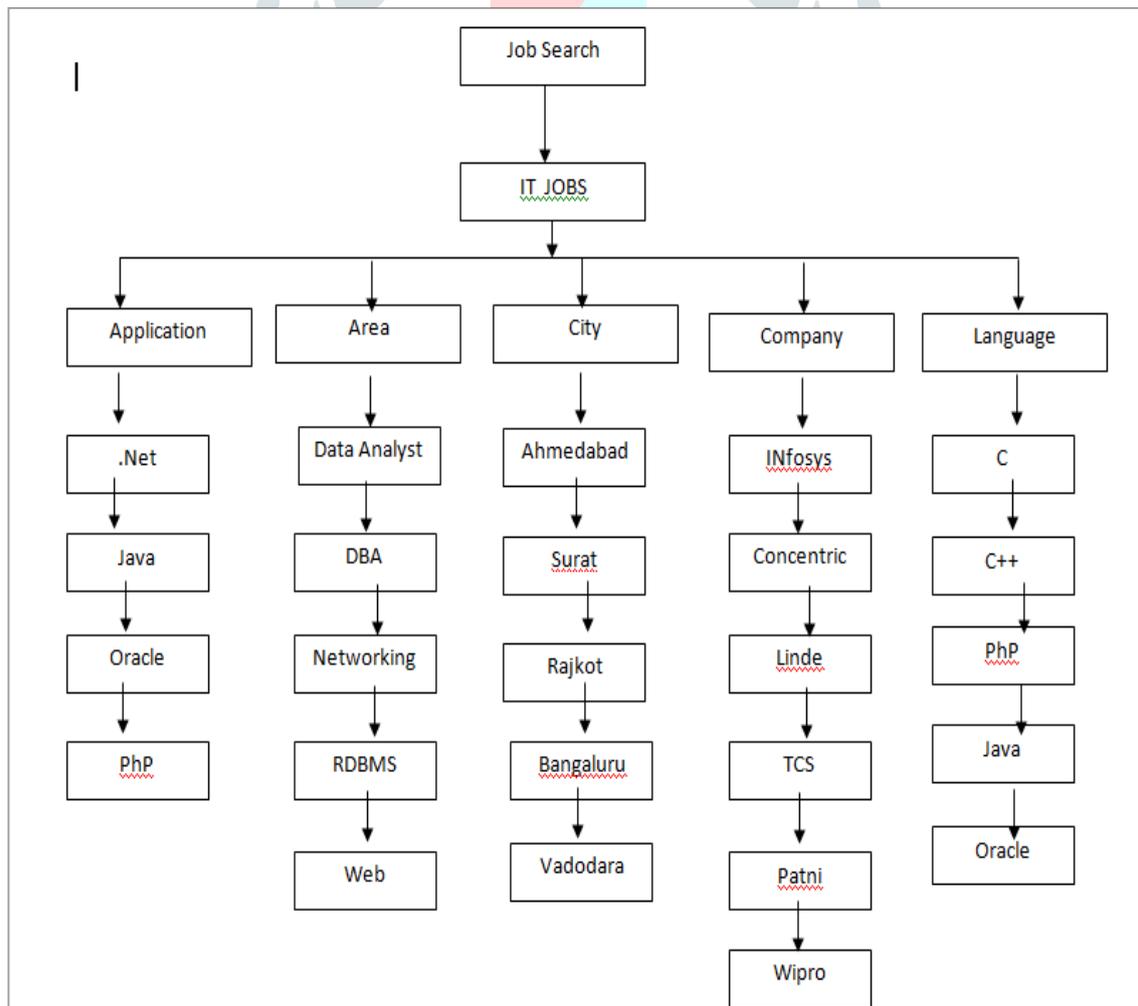


Figure 2. JobOntology Hierarchical view

### 4.3 Structure of JobOntology

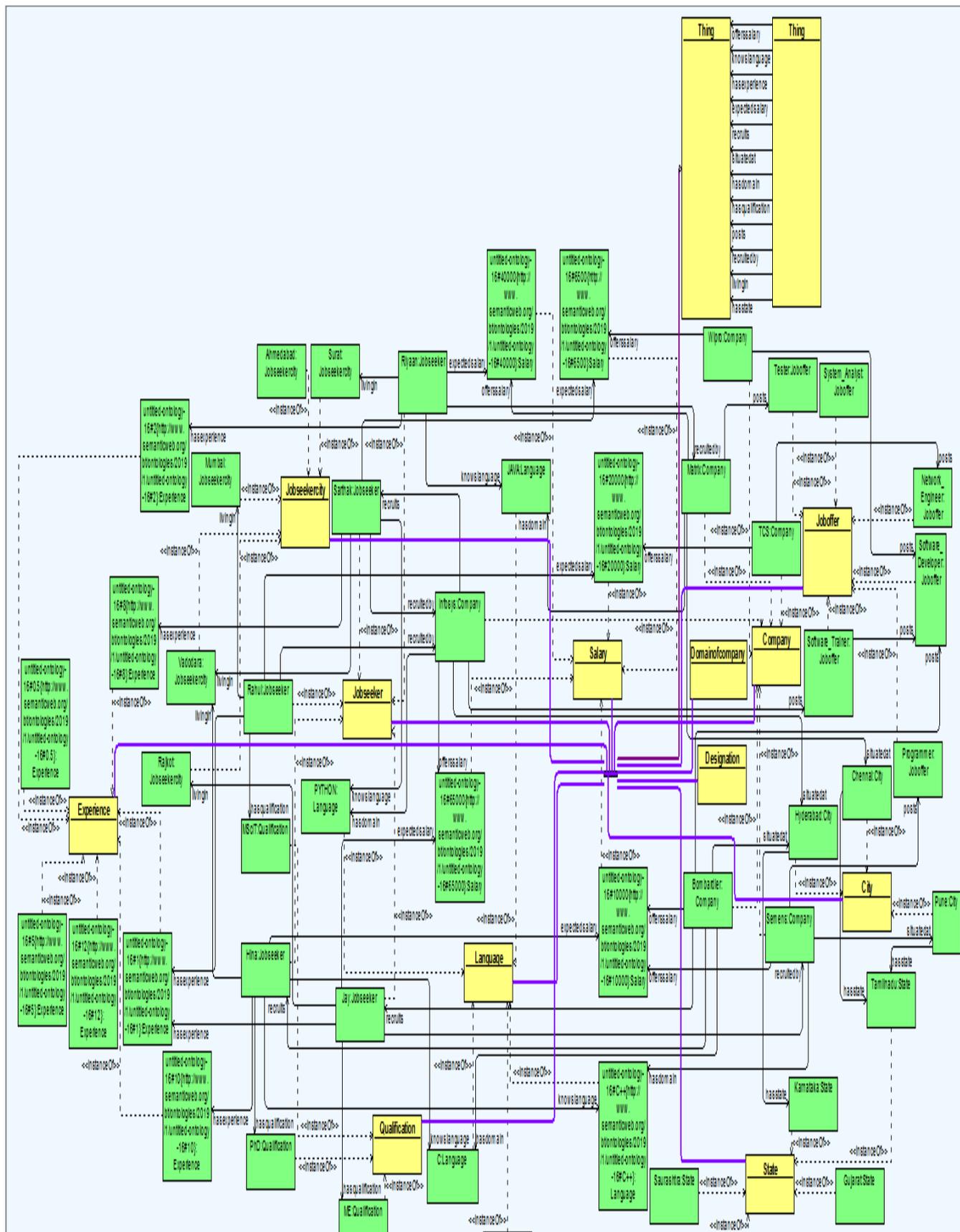


Figure 3. Job Search Ontology Design structure through OWLGrEd

4.4 Formation of class hierarchy in protégé

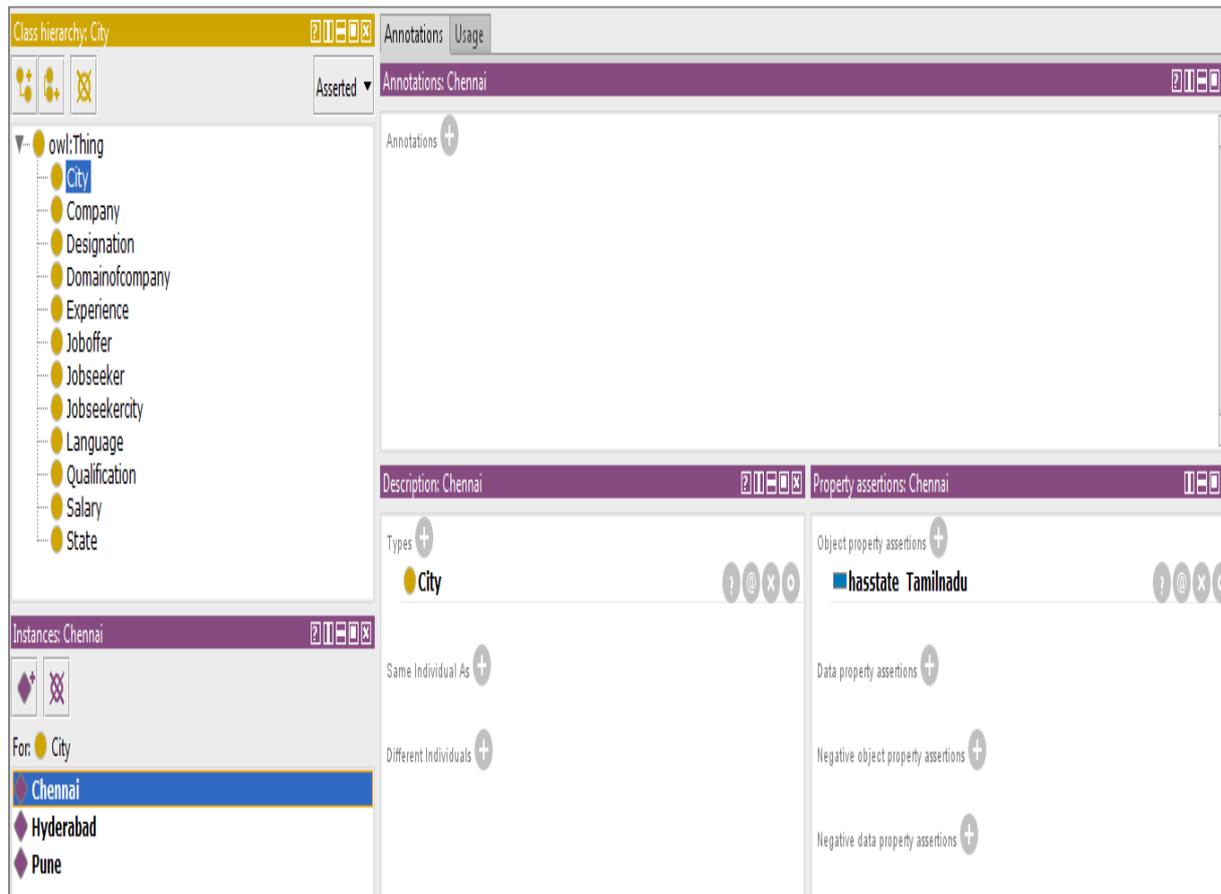


Figure 4 Class/Entity description of JobOntology in Protege

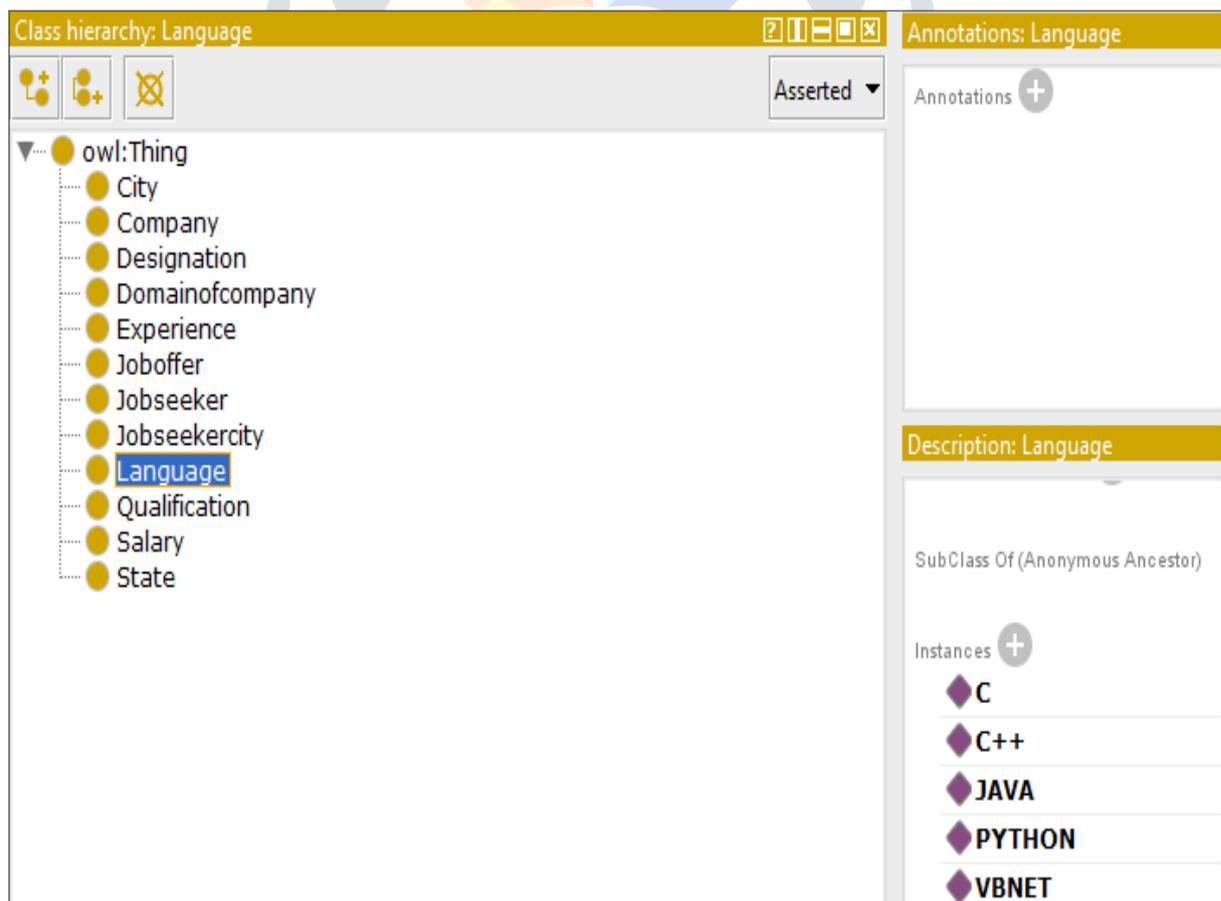


Figure 5 JobOntology instance representation through Protégé

## V. SPARQL QUERY

SPARQL stands for **SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language**. Information in the Web is represented using SPARQL which is a semantic based database query language that fetches and updates data stored in the RDF(Resource Description Framework) format.

For the proposed JobOntology queries are created using SPARQL for the purpose of creating and retrieving data from the OWL file using the Java interface.

### 5.1 Structure of a SPARQL query

The SPARQL query consists of four main components namely Prefix, Select, From and Where Clause.

SPARQL query comprises of the following, in order:

- Prefix declarations: used for abbreviating URIs.
- Dataset definition: which states what RDF graphs are being queried for.
- Result clause: Identifies what data has to be returned from the query.
- Query pattern: Specifies what the data set has to be queried for
- Query modifiers: Used for data slicing, ordering, and rearranging query results

#### # prefix declarations using the

```
PREFIX foo: <http://example.com/resources/>
```

```
...
```

#### # dataset definition using FROM Keyword

```
FROM ...
```

#### # result clause using the SELECT clause

```
SELECT ...
```

#### # query pattern using the WHERE clause

```
WHERE {
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

#### # query modifiers like

```
ORDER BY ...
```

### 5.2 Executing SPARQL Query for JobOntology in Protégé

Different SPARQL queries are created and executed on JobOntology, for extracting information related to Company, Jobseeker and Domain.

#### ❖ Displaying all Company Names offering Jobs

SPARQL query:	
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>	
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>	
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>	
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>	
PREFIX : <http://www.owl-ontologies.com/untitled-ontology-424#>	
SELECT DISTINCT ?companyname	
WHERE {	
?companyname rdf:type :Company.	
}	
	companyname
Wipro	
Tcs	
Infosys	

Figure 6 Query to retrieve Company offering Jobs

❖ **Displaying all JobSeekers name with their Citynames**

SPARQL query:

```

PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX : <http://www.semanticweb.org/bt/ontologies/2019/1/untitled-ontology-16#>
SELECT ?jobseekername ?jobseekercityname
      WHERE { ?jobseekername :livingin ?jobseekercityname}
    
```

jobseekername	jobseekercityname
Rahul	Mumbai
Hina	Vadodara
Sarthak	Vadodara
Riyaan	Surat
Jay	Rajkot

Figure 7 Query to retrieve JobSeeker information

❖ **To find all company name which are in Gujarat State working in Dotnet Domain, and which is paying minimum salary 45000.**

```

SPARQL query:

PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX : <http://www.owl-ontologies.com/untitled-ontology-424#>

SELECT ?companyname
WHERE {
?companyname :situatedAt ?cityname.
?cityname :hasState :Gujarat.
?companyname :hasDomain :Dotnet.
?companyname :payingsalary ?salary.
    FILTER(?salary >= 45000).
}
    
```

companyname
Tcs

Figure 8 Query to retrieve Company name

## VI. JAVA FRAMEWORK

To develop Semantic Web Applications Apache Jena which is a semantic web Java framework is used. Apache Jena provides Java libraries for creating code that handles RDF, RDFs and OWL, SPARQL. It provides an API to extract data from and write to RDF graphs. It includes a rule-based inference engine to perform reasoning based on OWL and RDFS ontologies, and different types of storage strategies to store RDF triples in memory or disk.

### 6.1 Java Interface

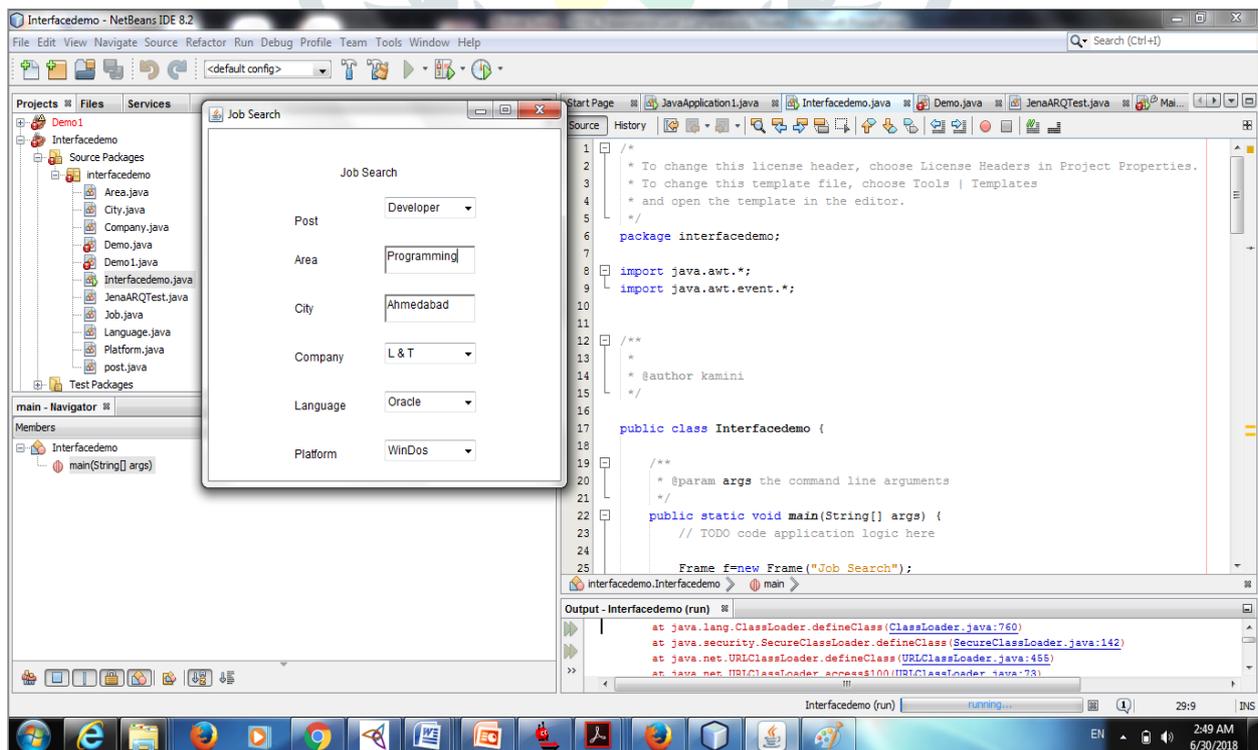


Figure 9 Snapshot of JavaInterface

## 6.2 SPARQL Query implemented on Java Interface

```

package JobOntology;
public class JavaApplication1 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String fname="//JobOntology.owl ";
        Model model1=ModelFactory.createDefaultModel();
        model1=ModelFactory.createOntologyModel(OntModelSpec.OWL_DL_MEM);
        try
        {
            File file=new File(fname);
            FileReader reader= new FileReader(file);
            model1.read(reader,null);

            String query1= "PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>\n" + "PREFIX owl:
            <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>\n" + "PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>\n" + "PREFIX
            xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>\n" + "SELECT ?subject ?object\n" + "      WHERE { ?subject
            rdfs:subClassOf ?object }";

            org.apache.jena.query.Query query= QueryFactory.create(query1);
            QueryExecution exe=QueryExecutionFactory.create(query, model1);
            ResultSet results =exe.execSelect();
            ResultSetFormatter.out(System.out, results, query);
        }
        catch(Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace(); }}

```

The above code when executed on Java Platform shall return subjects and predicates.

## VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper we proposed an Ontology of Job Search in IT domain. The proposed Ontology design includes matching the job seekers requirement exactly with the company's requirement. Different queries formations are shown depicting their usage. Job seeker can get more relevant opportunities for selecting the Job. Our future work shall correspond to executing the SPARQL query in a de-centralized database, where multiple ontologies belonging to different URL are combined together and executed, to improve the job search results.

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