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# LinkML Tutorial

## ISMB 2024

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# Getting Started Together!

Shared google drive for this workshop: [bit.ly/LinkML-2024-Drive](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024-Drive)



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## Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to create a new LinkML Schema Project.
- Learn the basics of LinkML model development by understanding the components of a LinkML model.
- Understand how to validate schema syntax and data conformity to a LinkML Schema.
- Understand how to generate JSONSchema and Pydantic models from a LinkML Schema.
- Understand how to automatically deploy documentation.



# Logistics

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have during the tutorial.

- Juno Q/A, chat
- [google doc for questions and answers](#)

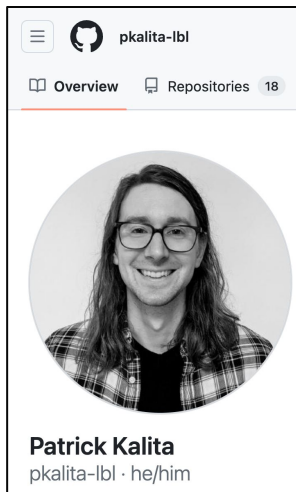
## Our Presenters:

Sierra Moxon  
Patrick Kalita  
Kevin Schaper

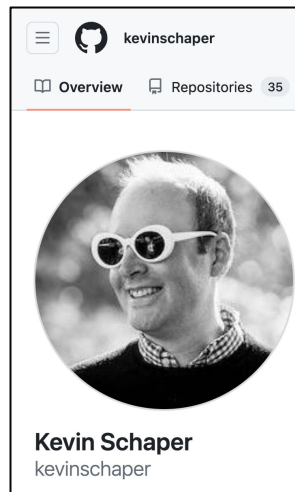
Mark Miller will be  
monitoring the google  
doc for offline  
questions.



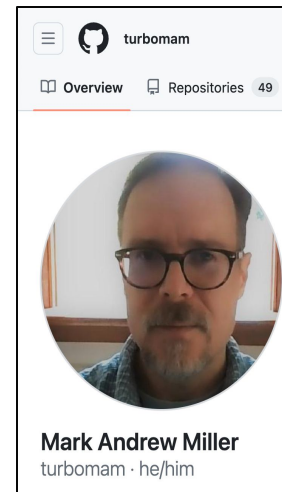
[github.com/sierra-moxon](https://github.com/sierra-moxon)



[github.com/pkalita-lbl](https://github.com/pkalita-lbl)



[github.com/kevinschaper](https://github.com/kevinschaper)



[github.com/turbomam](https://github.com/turbomam)

# Thank you!!

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INITIATIVE



# Code Of Conduct

## LinkML Code of Conduct:

- Use welcoming and inclusive language
- Be respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accept constructive criticism
- Focus on what is best for the community
- Show empathy towards other community members

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# Tutorial schedule

Time (ET)	Topic	Presenter
14:00	<b>Introduction</b>	Sierra Moxon
14:20	<b>Section 0: Set up a LinkML repository</b>	Patrick Kalita
14:50	<b>Section 1: Authoring a LinkML model</b> A. Model components B. Classes and slots C. Hierarchies	Sierra Moxon
15:10	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:25	<b>Section 2: Authoring a LinkML model (cont.)</b> C. Mappings, enumerations	Sierra Moxon
15:40	<b>Section 3: Schema best practices, including linting</b>	Patrick Kalita
15:55	<b>Section 4: Generating code from your model</b> A. Generating Documentation B. Pydantic, JSONSchema	Kevin Schaper
16:35	<b>BREAK</b>	
16:45	<b>Section 5: Validating Data</b>	Patrick Kalita
17:35	<b>Wrap up/Questions</b>	Sierra Moxon

# Software prerequisites for tutorial

- A [GitHub account](#)
- [Python 3.9](#) and higher
- [pipx](#)

# Rest stops along the way

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- You can clone the linkml-tutorial-2024 repository and checkout the appropriate tag.

Step 0 - [basic project creation](#)

Step 1 - [modeling](#)

Step 2 - [linting](#)

Step 3 - [documentation](#)

Step 4 - [code generation](#)

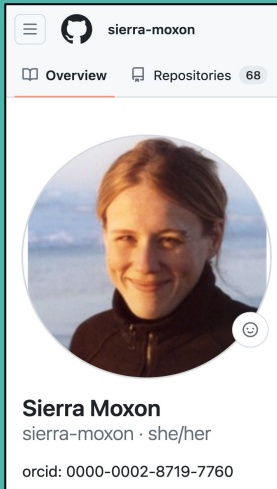
Step 5 - [validation](#)

```
> git checkout step_0_basic_project_creation
```





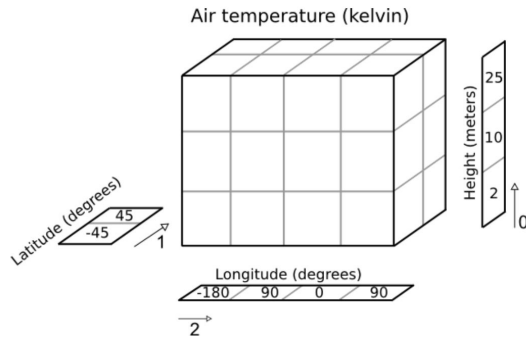
# Introduction: Why LinkML?



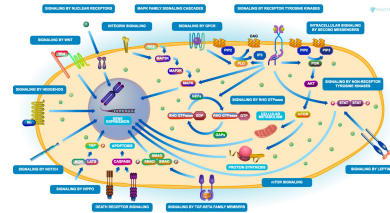
Sierra Moxon  
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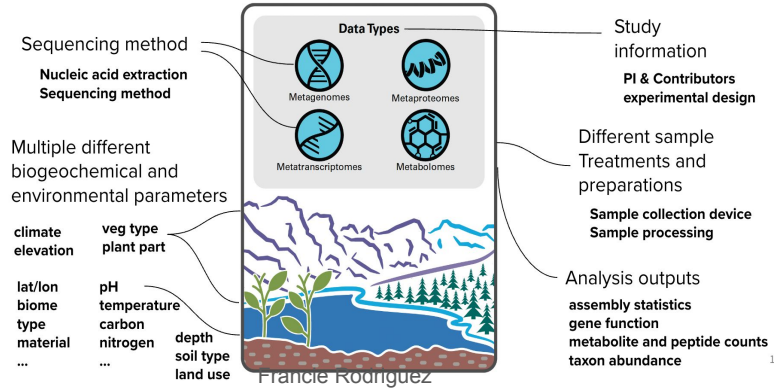
# Biological data is complex...



- clearly labeled attributes
- whole numbers
- all integers
- harmonized units
- everyone is recording the same attributes
- easy to compare and reuse



<https://www.mdpi.com/jour>



- Complex, relational, contextual knowledge
- >100k of named entities and terms
- Most knowledge exists in unstructured form (literature, figures, lab notebooks, spreadsheets)



# Invalid and incomplete metadata

Unstandardized variables

Wide sparse tables

(100s of variables)

ID	dep	lat	lon	env	Ca	Mn	P	Zn	pH	C	K	meth	...	...
S1	5 cm			soil							220.8			
S2	2ft			sand							208.9			
S3	100			forest							169.3			
S4	0-20			island							148.1			
S5	3.149			gut							289.8			
S6	n/a			oil							300.3			
S7	1,5,8			root							153.7			

**depth**

N40.1164\_W88.2543

25 santimeters

0 – 20 cm

3.149

30-60cm replicate6

Surface soil from deep water

Metamorph4 (19dpf) biological replicate 3

No global IDs

Free text categorical information

No units

Sparse data

# Data Integration, Collection, and Distribution

- **Start with shared standards (ontologies, etc)**
  - reuse and contribute to existing efforts when possible!
- **Make implicit models explicit**
  - use an open, community driven approach
  - meet tool developers, subject matter experts, and organizations where they are
  - make documentation easy

# Example: biosample datasets

**Lake Albert Sample Dataset**

depth	species
22 cm	x
23 cm	x, y, z



**Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset**

depth	species
22 cm	p
22 cm	g



**Crater Lake Sample Dataset**

depth	species
22 inches	x
15 feet	x, p



Can I compare bacterial compositions of bodies of water?

Can I compare the bacterial compositions of samples taken from the epipelagic zones?

Can I compare bacterial compositions from salt water samples of epipelagic zones?

# Example: biosample datasets

Lake Albert Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 cm	x	lake
23 cm	x, y, z	lake

Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 cm	p	ocean
22 cm	p	ocean

Crater Lake Sample Dataset

depth	species	type
22 inches	x	lake
15 feet	x, p	lake



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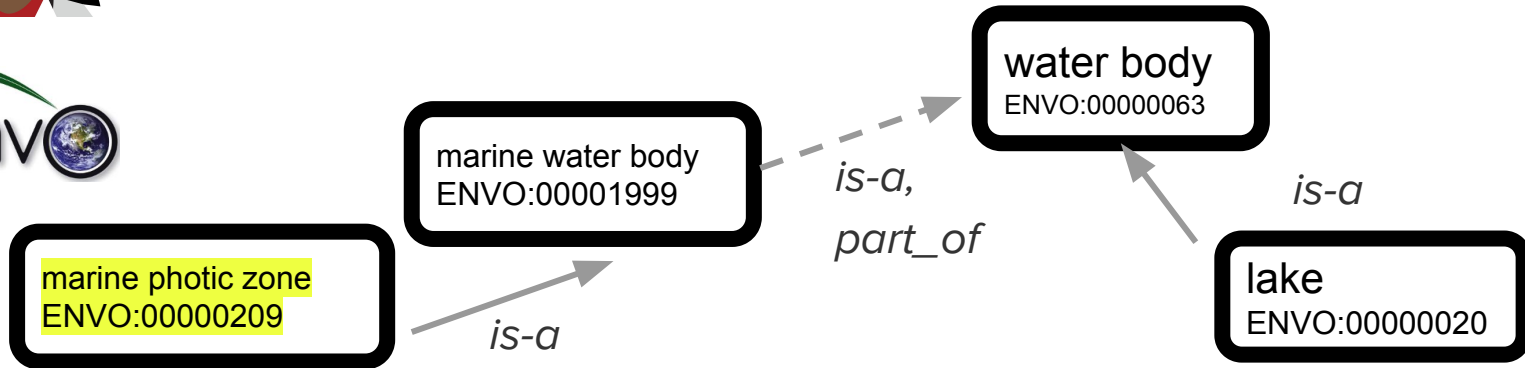
# Common vocabularies are key



Can I compare bacterial compositions of bodies of water? ✓

Can I compare the bacterial compositions of samples taken from the epipelagic zones? ✓

Can I compare bacterial compositions from salt water samples?



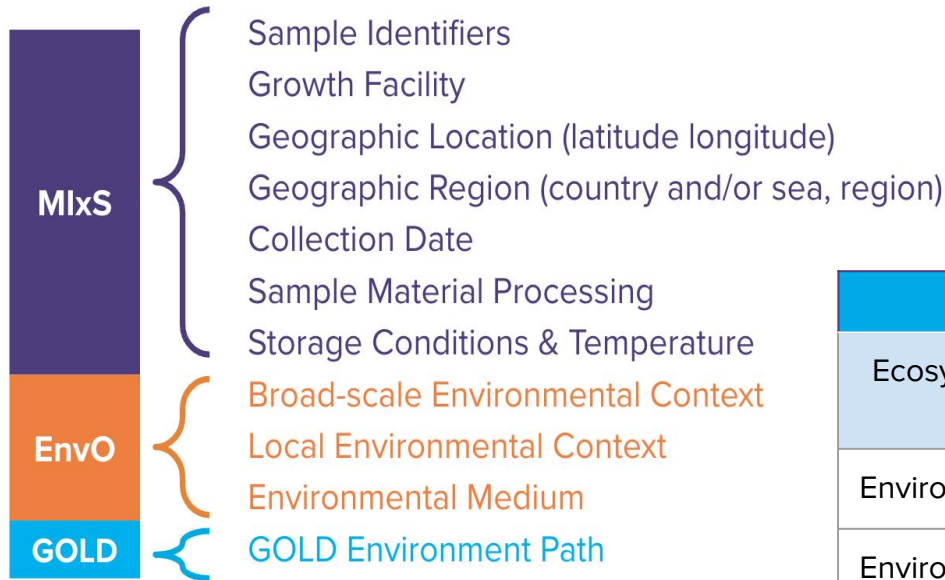
Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

Crater Lake Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
CL1	22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
CL2	15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

# Ontologies combined in annotations



MIxS / EnvO		
Broad-scale environment	Local-scale environment	Environmental Medium
Freshwater lake biome	Lake Shore	Sediment

GOLD Ecosystem classification				
Ecosystem	Ecosystem Category	Ecosystem Type	Specific Ecosystem	Ecosystem Tree
Environment	Aquatic	Freshwater	Lake	Sediment
Environment	Aquatic	Freshwater	Lake	Algal bloom

Francie Rodriguez



# Are ontologies enough?

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25 <u>santimeters</u>
0 – 20 cm
3.149
30-60cm <u>replicate6</u>
Surface soil from deep water
Metamorph4 (19dpf) biological replicate 3

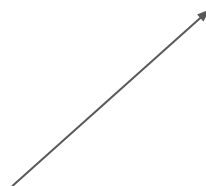
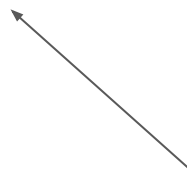
# Models hiding in plain sight

**Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset**

depth	species	type
22 cm	p	ENVO:00001999
22 cm	g	ENVO:00001999

**Crater Lake Sample Dataset**

depth	species	type
22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020



These are “standards” (and “models”), but they are not computable without a human.

# Existing frameworks not designed for interop



Pacific Ocean Sample

```
CREATE TABLE biosample (
  acc varchar primary
  key,
  depth float,
  lat float,
  long float,
  environment varchar
  )
  ...
  )
```

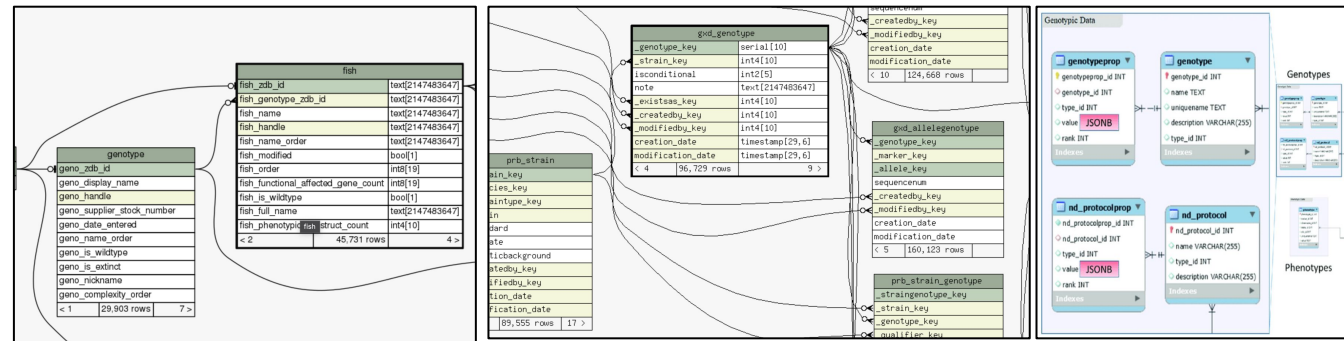


Crater Lake Sample Dataset

```
CREATE TABLE lake_sample (
  id varchar primary key,
  depth foreign key,
  location foreign key,
  environment foreign key
  )
  ...
  )
```



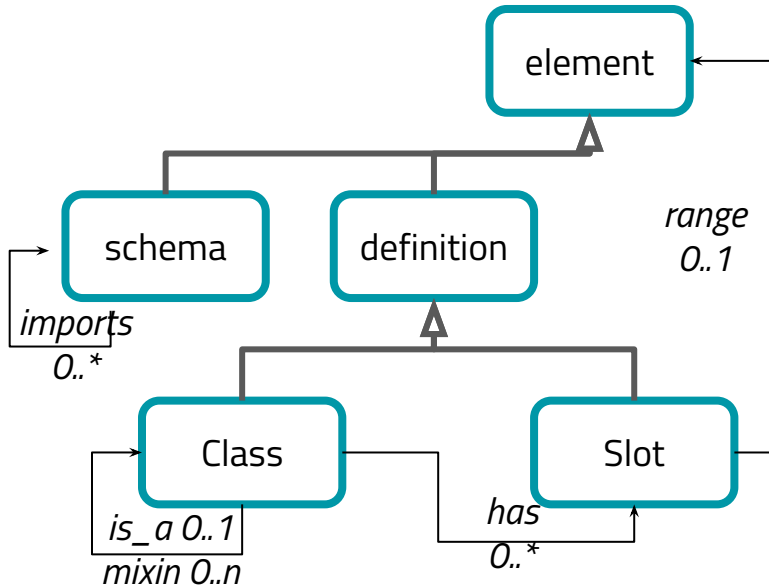
<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/dna>



# LinkML: Modeling Language & Toolkit

## THE STANDARD

A **meta-datamodel** for structuring your data



## TOOLS

Pragmatic developer and curator friendly tools for working with data

Validators

Data Converters

Compatibility tools

Data entry

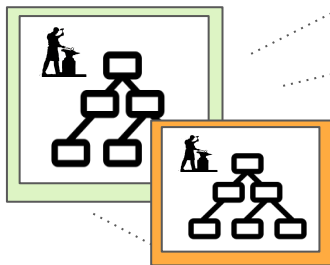
Schema inference

# LinkML Syntax

## Pacific Ocean Sample Database

depth	salinity	bacteria	latitude	longitude	sample_type
22 cm	35	x,p	44.8084° N	24.0632° W	ENVO:00001999

LinkML ❤️'s ontologies



```
imports:
  linkml:types
classes:
  Sample:
    description: a sample of biological material.
    attributes:
      depth:
        slot_uri: ENVO:3100031
      salinity:
        exact_mappings:
          -PATO:0085001
      bacteria:
        multivalued: true
      latitude:
        type: string
      longitude:
      sample_type:
        required: true
        type:
          range: SampleType
    enums:
      SampleType:
        reachable_from:
          source_ontology: obo:envo
```

# Import LinkML models from other LinkML models

classes:

BioSample:

description: a sample of biological material.

attributes:

longitude:

latitude:

depth:

slot\_uri: ENVO:3100031

depth\_units:

---

imports:

- PSOD:Biosample

LakeSample:

is\_a: BioSample

attributes:

salinity:

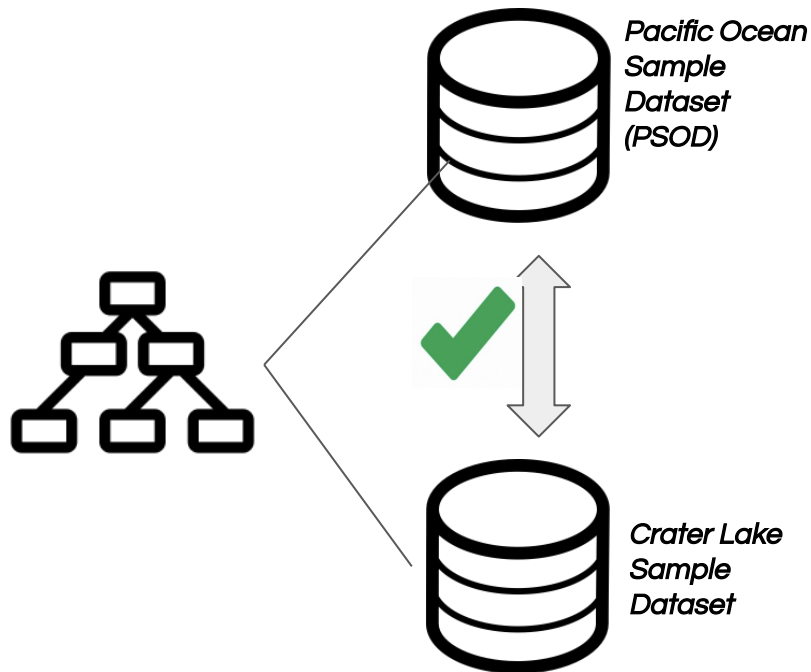
exact\_mappings:

-PATO:0085001

slot\_usage:

depth\_units:

equals\_string: cm



Take the tutorial!

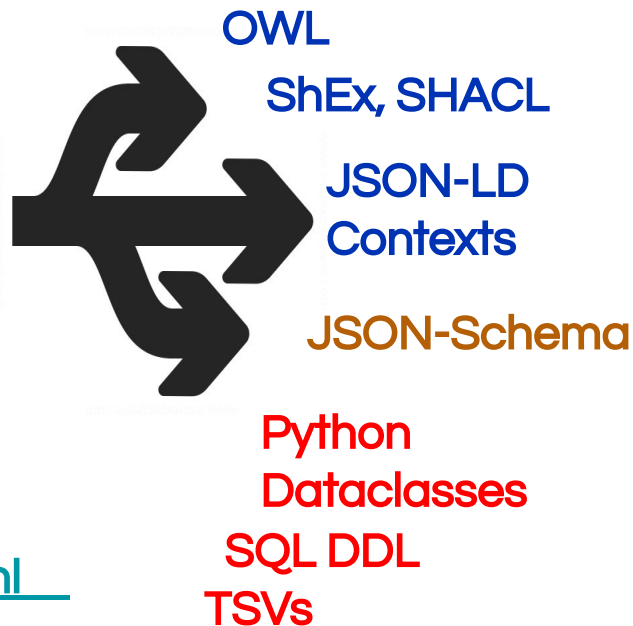
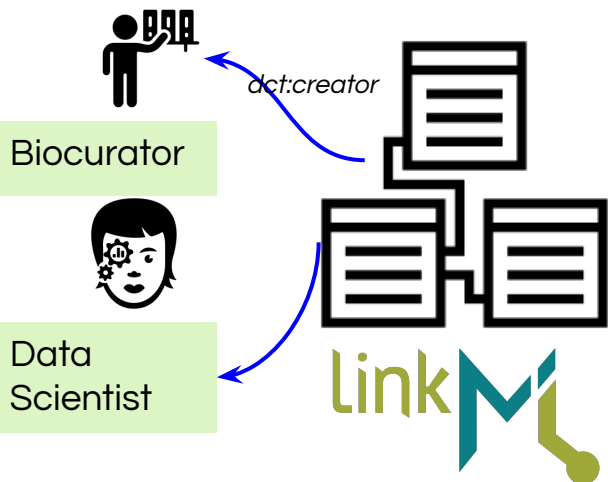
<https://github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial>  
<https://linkml.io/linkml/intro/tutorial.html>

# LinkML as a universal converter box

Create data models in simple YAML files,  
optionally annotated using ontologies

Compile to other  
frameworks

Choose the right tools  
for the job; no lock-in



Semantic Web  
Applications  
and  
Infrastructure



JSON-LD

“Traditional”  
Applications and  
Infrastructure

{JSON}

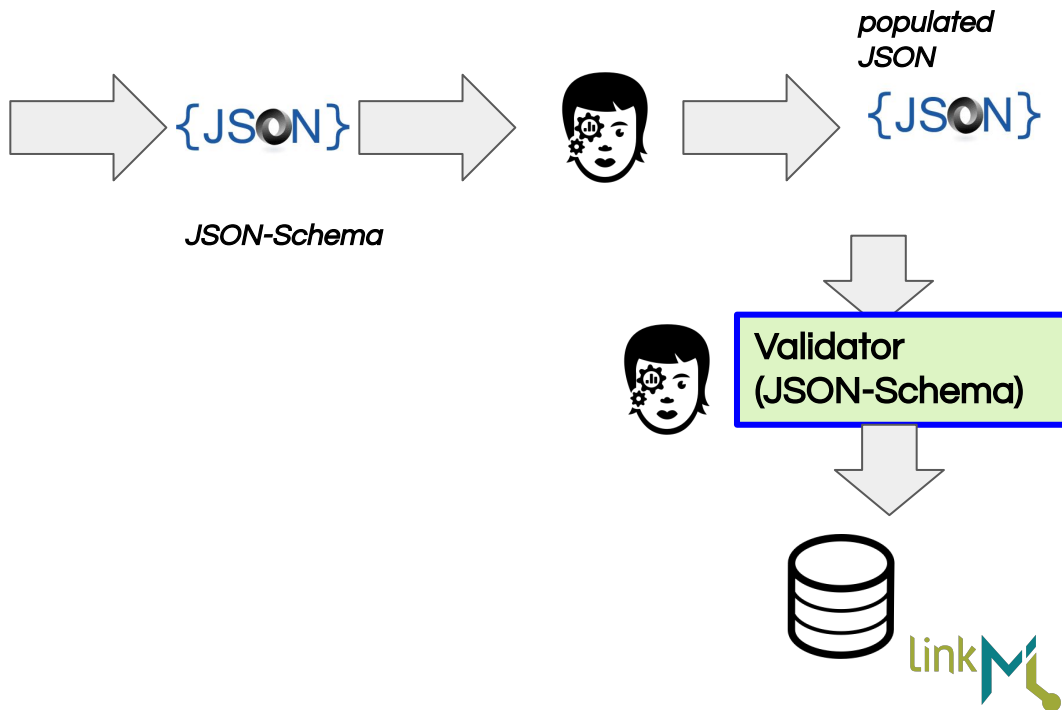


<https://linkml.io>

<https://github.com/linkml/linkml>

# LinkML has built in validators

classes:  
BioSample:  
description: a sample of biological material.  
attributes:  
depth:  
slot\_uri: ENVO:3100031  
species:  
multivalued: true  
salinity:  
exact\_mappings:  
-PATO:0085001  
longitude:  
latitude:  
type:  
required: true  
range: EnvironmentEnum  
enums:  
EnvironmentEnum  
reachable\_from:  
source\_ontology: ENVO





# Generate LinkML

Get intelligent assistance  
from auto schema tools



refine



```
id: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world
title: Really basic LinkML model
name: hello-world
version: 0.0.1

prefixes:
  linkml: https://w3id.org/linkml/
  sdo: https://schema.org/
  ex: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world/

default prefix: ex
default curi maps:
  - semweb_context

imports:
  - linkml:types

classes:
  Person:
    description: Minimal information about a person
    class uri: sdo:Person
    attributes:
      id:
        identifier: true
        slot uri: sdo:taxID
      first name:
        required: true
        slot uri: sdo:givenName
        multivalued: true
      last name:
        required: true
        slot uri: sdo:familyName
    knows:
      range: Person
      multivalued: true
      slot uri: foaf:knows
```

Metadata

Namespaces

Dependencies

Actual Datamodel

YAML  
conformant to  
LinkML standard

Schema-automator

X

X

Semi-structure  
d data sources

# LinkML auto-generates documentation

Slot: id

*A unique identifier for a thing. Must be either a CURIE shorthand for a URI or a complete URI*

URI: nmdc:id

Applicable Classes

Name	Description	Modifies Slot
Biosample	Biological source material which can be characterized by an experiment	yes
Study	A study summarizes the overall goal of a research initiative and outlines the...	yes

Inheritance

- Activity
  - WorkflowExecutionActivity
  - MagsAnalysisActivity

Slots

Name	Cardinality and Range	Description	Inheritance
type	1..1 String	An optional string that specifies the type object	direct
input_contig_num	0..1 Integer		direct
binned_contig_num	0..1 Integer		direct

NMDC Schema Documentation

Search

GitHub v10.1.4

## Class: Material Entity (MaterialEntity)

**Note**  
This is an abstract class and should not be instantiated directly.

URI: nmdc:MaterialEntity

```
graph TD; NamedThing --> MaterialEntity; Biosample --> MaterialEntity; ProcessedSample --> MaterialEntity; AnalyticalSample --> MaterialEntity; Site --> MaterialEntity;
```

Inheritance

- NamedThing
  - MaterialEntity

<https://microbiomedata.github.io/nmdc-schema/>

## Onwards!

Enough with the intro already!

- Let's LinkML-ize!!!



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Step 1 - modeling

Step 2 - linting

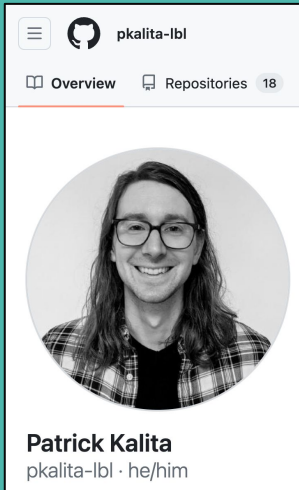
Step 3 - documentation

Step 4 - code generation

Step 5 - validation



# Section 0: Setting up a LinkML project



Patrick Kalita  
<https://github.com/pkalita-lbl>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)

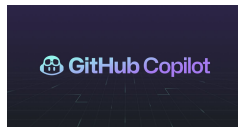


# Option A: Write your schema in LinkML YAML



Option A: Author  
YAML *directly*

Optional  
productivity tools



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  sdo: https://schema.org/
  ex: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world/

default_prefix: ex
default_curie_maps:
  - semweb_context

imports:
  - linkml:types

classes:
  Person:
    description: Minimal information about a person
    class_uri: sdo:Person
    attributes:
      id:
        identifier: true
        slot_uri: sdo:taxID
      first_name:
        required: true
        slot_uri: sdo:givenName
        multivalued: true
      last_name:
        required: true
        slot_uri: sdo:familyName
      knows:
        range: Person
        multivalued: true
        slot_uri: foaf:knows
```

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Actual data model

YAML  
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# Option B: Use Excel or Google Sheets

Option B: Author using *schemasheets*



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  sdo: https://schema.org/
  ex: https://example.org/linkml/hello-world/

default_prefix: ex
```

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
record	field	key	multiplicity	range	parents	desc	schema.org	wikidata	be
> class	slot	identifier	cardinality	range	is_a	description	exact_mappings	exact_mappings in	
>								curie_prefix: wikida	
	id	yes	1	string		any identifier	identifier		
	description	no	0..1	string		a textual description	description		: a person
Person		n/a	n/a	n/a		a person, living or dead	Person	Q215627	
Person	id	yes	1	string		identifier for a person	identifier		
Person Organiza	name	no	1	string		full name	name		
Person	age	no	0..1	decimal		age in years			
Person	gender	no	0..1	decimal		age in years			
Person	has medical hist	no	0..*	MedicalEvent		medical history			
Event						grouping class for events		Q1656682	a
MedicalEvent		n/a	n/a	n/a	Event	a medical encounter			b
ForProfit					Organization				
NonProfit					Organization			Q163740	

Actual Datamodel



```
knows:
  range: Person
  multivalued: true
  slot_uri: foaf:knows
```

YAML  
conformant to  
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# Option C: Use semi-automated approaches

**Option C:** Get intelligent assistance from schema-automator tools



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    required: true
    slot uri: sdo:givenName
    multivalued: true
  last name:
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  knows:
    range: Person
    multivalued: true
    slot uri: foaf:knows
```

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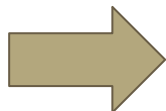
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Schema Automator /  
model enrichment  
framework



**SCHEMA AUTOMATOR**  
AUTOMATE YOUR METADATA



*Semi-structure  
d data sources*

{JSON}



[linkml.io/schema-automator](https://linkml.io/schema-automator)



# LinkML schema repositories come with best practices

- Licensing information
- Git initialization and actions
- Generated documentation
- Schema linting
- An automatic update system so that projects do not get out of date as LinkML evolves

 These benefits come bundled in a template that can be customized on initialization: the [linkml-project-cookiecutter](#)

# linkml-project-cookiecutter overview

- Ensure we have the right tools installed (one-time setup)
- Create and setup the project

# A brief word about virtual environments

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`linkml==1.7.3`

`click`

`pydantic>=2.0`

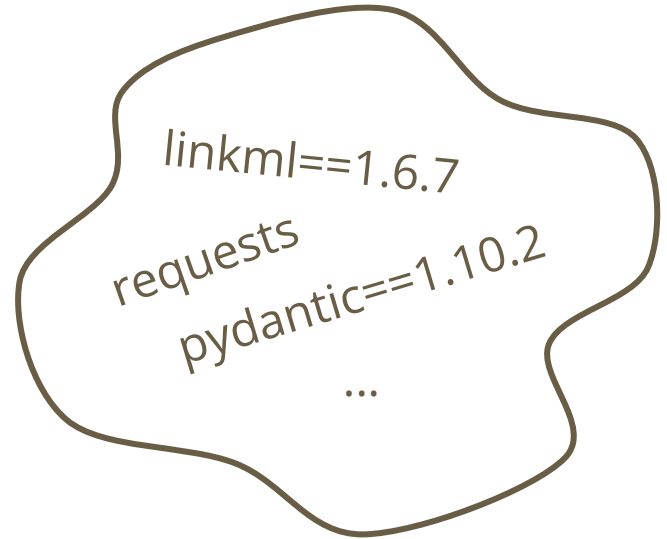
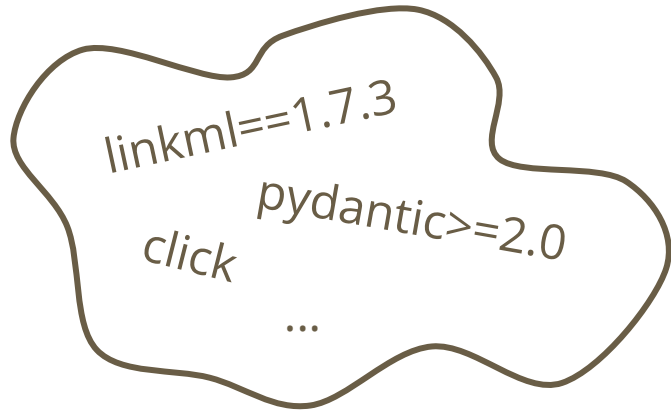
...

# A brief word about virtual environments

`linkml==1.7.3`  
`pydantic>=2.0`  
`click`  
...

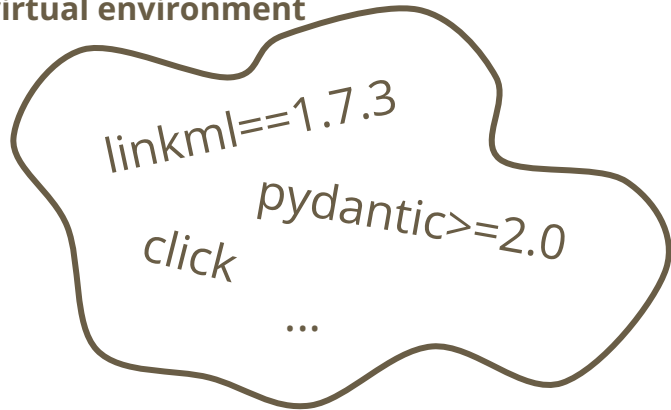
`linkml==1.6.7`  
`requests`  
`pydantic==1.10.2`  
...

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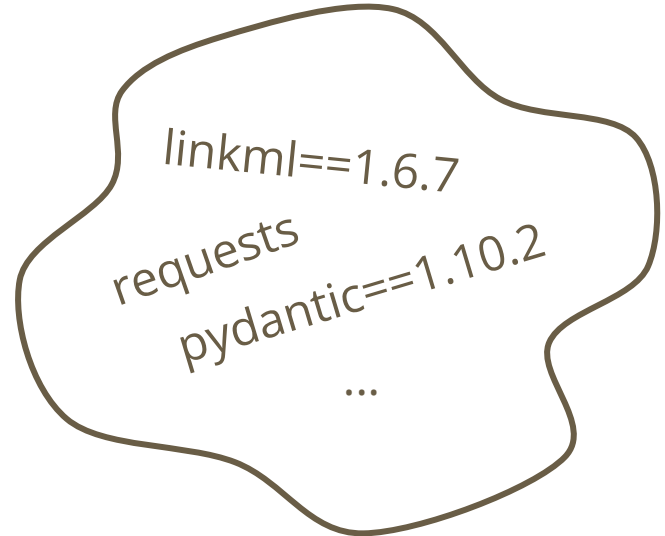


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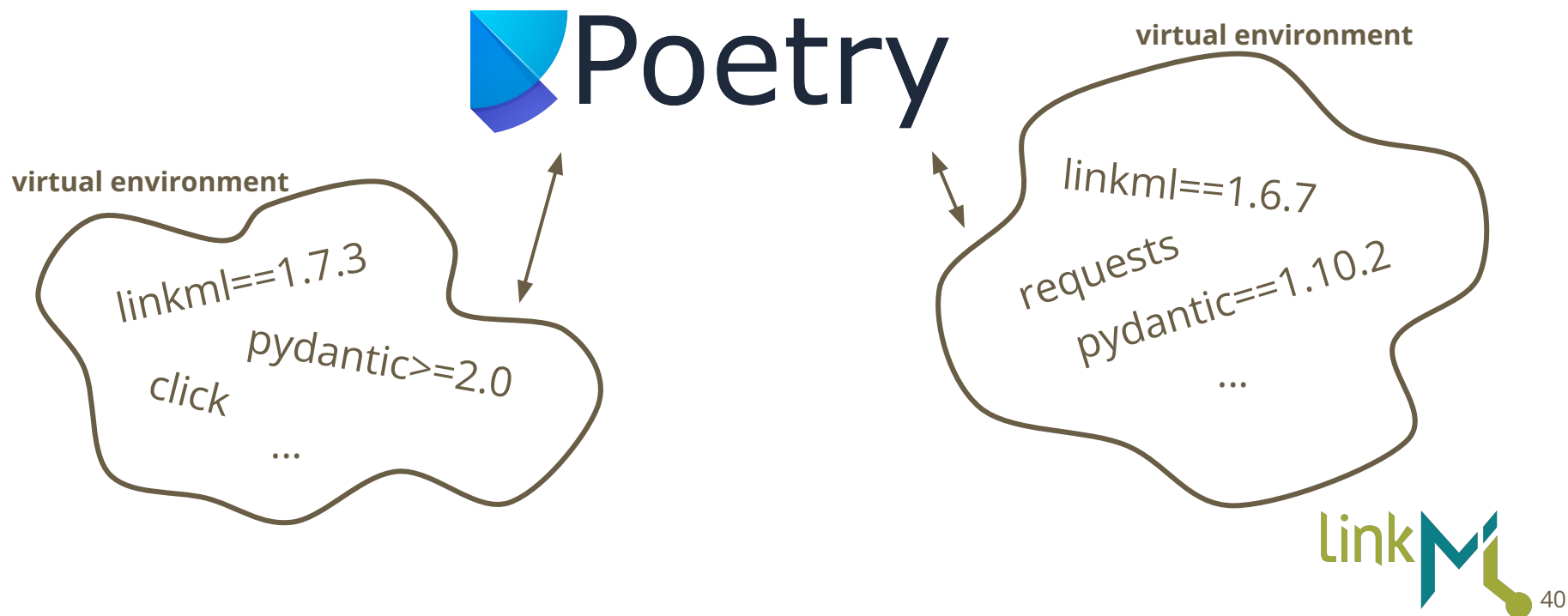
virtual environment



virtual environment



# A brief word about virtual environments





# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if you already have Poetry installed

```
> poetry --version
```

- If you get a “command not found” error, install Poetry with pipx

```
> pipx install poetry
```

- Don't have pipx installed? See <https://pipx.pypa.io/>
- Verify Poetry is installed

```
> poetry --version
```

# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if you already have [cruft](#) installed

```
> cruft --help
```

- If you get a “command not found” error, install cruft with pipx

```
> pipx install cruft
```

- Verify that cruft is installed

```
> cruft --help
```

# Cookiecutter step 1: install prerequisites

- Check to see if git is configured correctly

```
> git config --global user.name  
> git config --global user.email  
> git config --global init.defaultBranch
```

- If any do not return something, set the values as needed

```
> git config --global user.name "Your Name"  
> git config --global user.email "you@example.org"  
> git config --global init.defaultBranch main
```

## Cookiecutter step 2: create LinkML project

```
> cd <directory where you want to create your new project directory>  
> cruft create https://github.com/linkml/linkml-project-cookiecutter
```

- You will be prompted to enter a few values, like:
  - ***name***: linkml-tutorial-2024
  - ***github\_org***: <org-name>
  - ***description***: brief one line description of schema
  - ***full\_name***: full name of schema author
  - ***email***: email id of schema author
  - ***main\_schema\_class***: Person
  - ***create\_python\_project***: set project up as Python project with dataclasses

## Cookiecutter step 3: set up LinkML project

- The setup process takes care of 3 things for you:
  - Creation of a virtual environment and installation of listed dependencies within it
  - Generation of all artifacts by LinkML suite of generators
  - Generation of Markdown and HTML documentation
  - Initialization of schema project as Git repository

```
> cd linkml-tutorial-2024  
> make setup
```

# Cookiecutter bonus step 4: pushing to GitHub

- Go to <https://github.com/new> and follow the instructions
  - Being sure to NOT add a README, .gitignore file or a LICENSE file (the cookiecutter template will take care of this for you)
- Add the remote to your local git repository

```
> git remote add origin https://github.com/<my-org>/linkml-tutorial-2024.git  
> git push -u origin main
```

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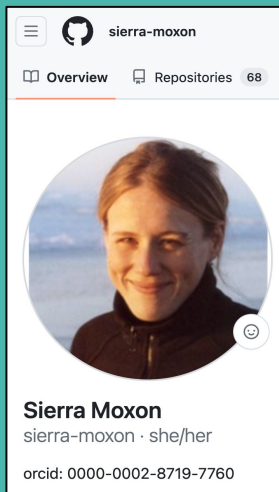
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## Feeling lost?

```
> git clone https://github.com/linkml/linkml-tutorial-2024.git
> git checkout step_0_project_setup
```



# Section 1: Developing the Model

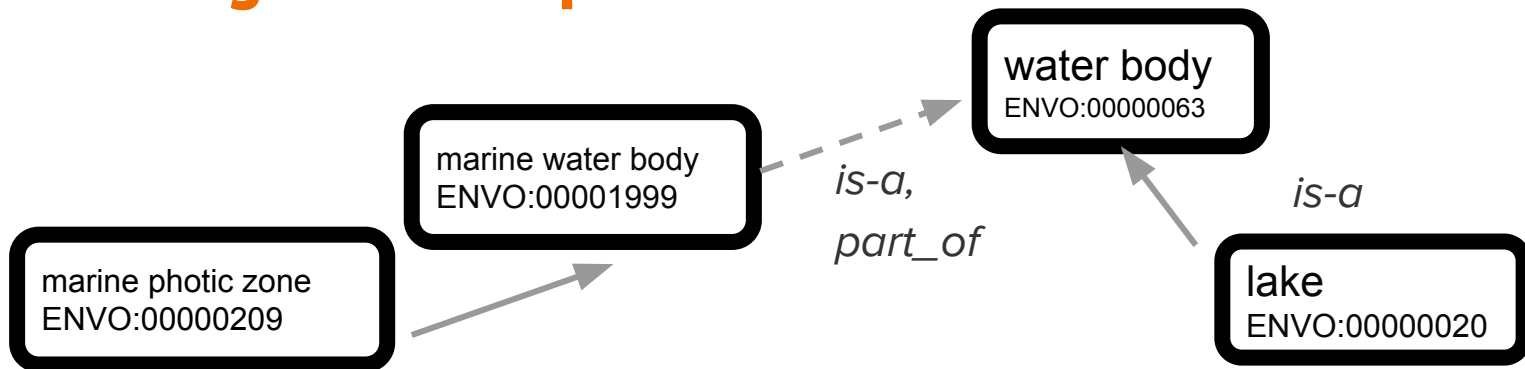


Sierra Moxon  
<https://github.com/sierra-moxon>





# Describing a Biosample



Pacific Ocean Sample Dataset

id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

id	depth	species	type
CL1	22 inches	x	ENVO:00000020
CL2	15 feet	x, p	ENVO:00000020

# LinkML Metamodel Syntax

## LinkML Model (YAML)

### Classes:

Biosample:

### Slots:

latitude:

range: integer

## OWL (ttl)

```
owl:Person a owl:Class
```

```
person:age_in_years a owl:ObjectProperty;  
rdfs:label "age in years";  
rdfs:range int;
```

## SQLDDL

```
CREATE TABLE "Biosample"  
(latitude INTEGER)
```

## Java

```
package org.biosample.model  
  
import java.util.List;  
import lombok.*;  
  
@Data  
@EqualsAndHashCode(callSuper=false)  
public class Biosample {private Integer latitude}
```

## Pydantic Classes

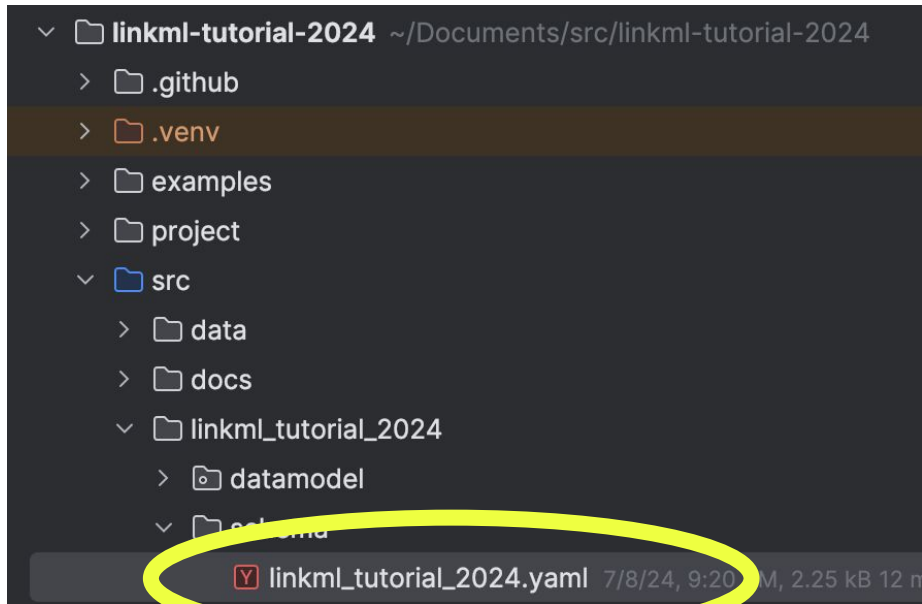
```
class Biosample(NamedThing):  
    latitude: Optional[int] = Field(None,  
description="the latitude of the sample")
```

## JSONSchema

```
"Biosample": {  
  "properties": {  
    "latitude": {  
      "type": "integer"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Step 1: Model Components

Documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/models.html>



# Assignment: Add a class with attributes

**Problem statement 1:** A researcher is collecting data on microbial content of water samples and they want to ensure that each sample has the same set of collection metrics.

The researcher wants to collect information about the sample site, including depth, latitude, longitude, the species of microbe(s) found, and a consistent way of representing the biome of the sample site.

# LinkML Classes and Slots



id	depth	species	type
PO1	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209
PO2	22 cm	p	ENVO:00000209

LinkML modeling language:

- description
- aliases
- identifier
- range
- multivalued
- required

## LinkML

Sample:

aliases: ["Biosample", "Environmental Sample"]

description: >-

A sample is a limited quantity of something (e.g. an individual or set of individuals from a population, or a portion of a substance) to be used for testing, analysis, inspection, investigation, demonstration, or trial use.

slots:

- id
- latitude
- longitude
- species
- sample\_biome

# Assignment: Establish a hierarchy of classes

**Problem statement 2:** Researcher establishes a collaboration with another PI who wants to collect samples from the air. Air has different attributes than water samples, but many are the same. The second researcher would like to analyze data from both collected datasets.

Extend the model to allow collection of both kinds of data.



# Hierarchies

- Hierarchical classes

**depth**  
latitude  
longitude  
biome



shared characteristics



*latitude*  
*longitude*  
*biome*



**altitude**  
latitude  
longitude  
biome

- Helpful testing infrastructure
  - Sample\_Collection
    - tree\_root

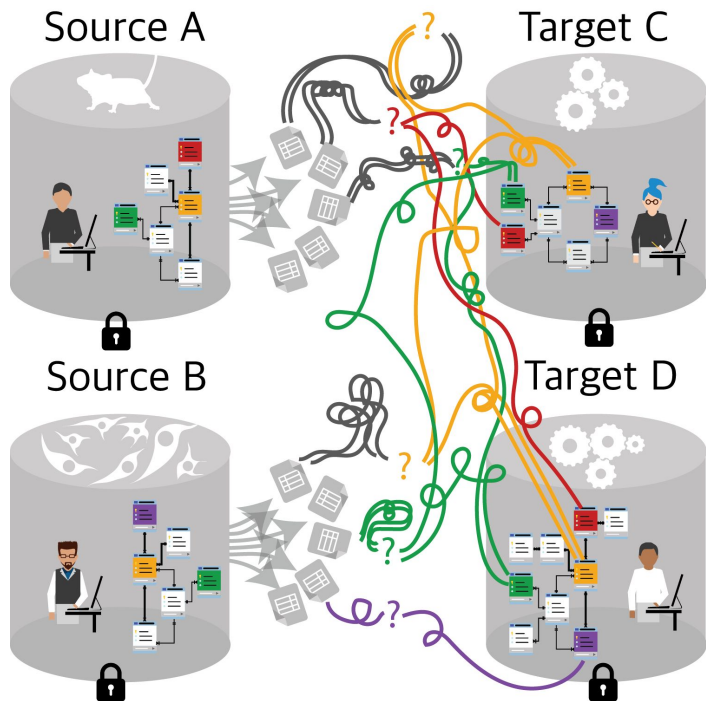
# Assignment: Make sure model is interoperable

**Problem statement:** After publication, other researchers start reaching out and making Researcher 1 and 2 aware of alternative models for capturing Sample metadata. They ask the data producers to give them a translation table to map collected samples to the National Microbiome Data Collaborative model. Then they ask how the new model relates to the work done at SIO ontology.

Ensure there is a computable way to map a class in the model to other models.



# Definition refinement, mappings, and URIs



LinkML To The Rescue!

- mappings
- URIs

# Assignment: Constrain and Train

**Problem statement:** The schema Researcher 1 and 2 have put together has become widely used for several groups collecting sample data. So much so that research 1 and 2 have had to delegate maintenance of the schema and datasets to their staff. Over time, it's apparent that training helps with consistency of data entry. But neither researcher 1 nor 2 have time each semester to train their students. They need the model to do the heavy lifting in terms of keeping the data harmonized.



**beach** biome?

Beach

Sandbox

Desert

Freshwater lake sand

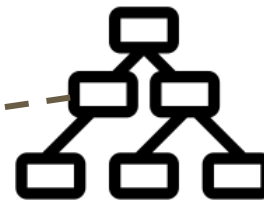
# Ontology support via value sets (enums)

## prefixes:

```
COB: http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/COB_  
BFO: http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/BFO_  
RO: http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/RO_  
CHEBI: http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/CHEBI_  
CHEMINF: http://semanticscience.org/resource/CHEMINF_  
SIO: http://semanticscience.org/resource/SIO_  
PUBCHEM.ELEMENT: https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/element/  
LANL.ELEMENT: https://periodic.lanl.gov/
```

## enums:

```
nanostructure_morphology_enum:  
  permissible_values:  
    nanotube:  
      meaning: CHEBI:50796  
    nanoparticle:  
      meaning: CHEBI:50803  
    nanorod:  
      meaning: CHEBI:50805  
    nanotubosome:  
      meaning: CHEBI:50806  
    quantum dot:  
      meaning: CHEBI:50853  
    nanofibre:  
      meaning: CHEBI:52518  
    nanocrystal:  
      meaning: CHEBI:52529  
    nanoribbon:  
      meaning: CHEBI:52530  
    nanosheet:  
      meaning: CHEBI:52531  
    nanowire:  
      meaning: CHEBI:52593
```



- *Used to constrain categorical values*
- *Better than free text strings*
- *Can drive drop-downs*

# Ontology support via value sets (enums)

```
enums:  
  Biome:  
    reachable_from:  
      source_ontology: obo:envo  
      source_nodes:  
        - ENVO:00000428 ## biome  
    include_self: false  
    is_direct: false  
    relationship_types:  
      - rdfs:subClassOf
```



<http://environmentontology.org>

<https://douroucouli.wordpress.com/2022/07/15/using-ontologies-within-data-models-and-standards>



# Boolean combinations supported

enums:

NonAquaticBiome:

reachable\_from:

source\_ontology: obo:envo

source\_nodes:

- ENVO:00000428 ## *biome*

include\_self: false

is\_direct: false

relationship\_types:

- rdfs:subClassOf

minus:

reachable\_from:

source\_ontology: obo:envo

source nodes:

- ENVO:00002030 ##

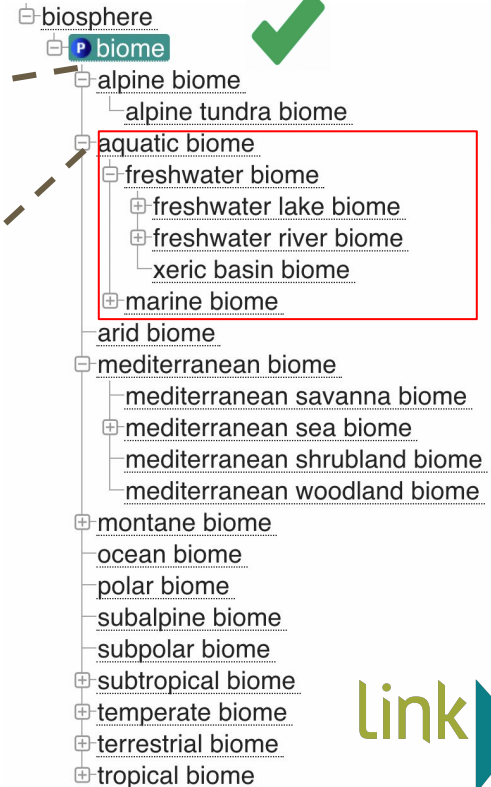
*aquatic*

include\_self: true

is\_direct: false

relationship\_types:

- rdfs:subClassOf



# Enumerations

- Basic enumerations annotated with ontologies
  - meaning
  - reachable\_from

# Other constraints

- Validating slot values with patterns
  - slot\_usage
  - pattern constraints
  - id\_prefixes

Rules syntax: <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/advanced.html#rules>

# Assignment: Deprecation

**Problem statement:** Latitude and longitude are becoming less prevalent in the data as more advanced technology becomes accessible. Instead, researchers are starting use GPS coordinates. Refactor the schema so that “GPS location” replaces latitude and longitude. Be sure to think about all the labs using the model and how they will programmatically migrate their existing data and tools to use the new model





# Why not delete elements?

- Give notice to downstream consumers.
- Be backward compatible with earlier versions of the schema that might be used to validate data in the wild.
- Preserve links to schema elements that may have already been published, referred to by other pages or otherwise publicly available previously.
- Reminder of the decisions that have been made.

# Modeling step 7: Deprecation

- Use “deprecated” metamodel values
- Track provenance of deprecation
- Track date/time of deprecation

## LinkML Metamodel components

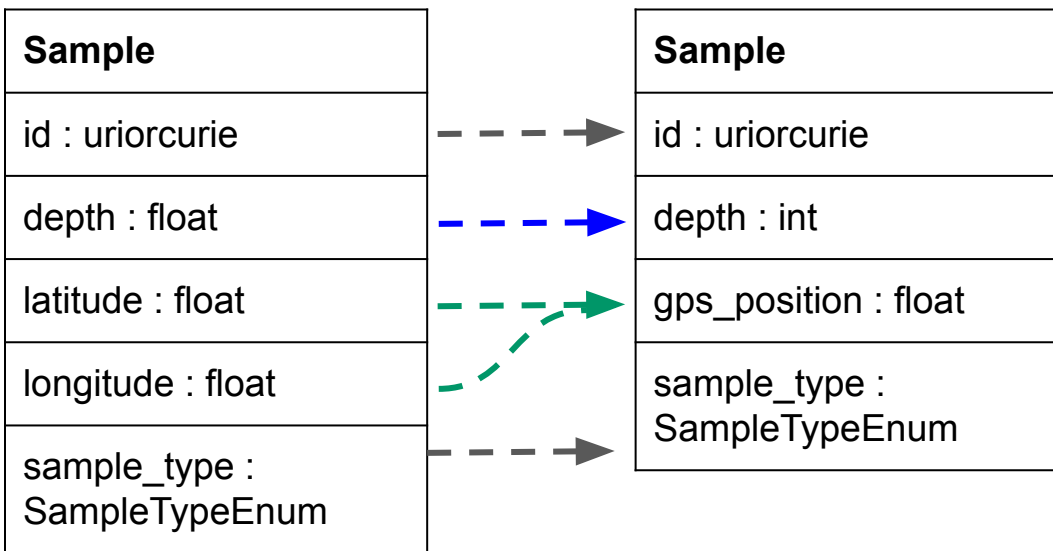
1. deprecated
2. deprecated\_element\_has\_exact\_replacement
3. last\_updated\_on
4. modified\_by

```
> poetry run gen-doc --include  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/deprecated.yaml  
src/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024/linkml-tutorial-2024.yaml
```

# Declarative Transformations (Beta)

```
> poetry add linkml-map
```

<https://linkml.io/linkml-map/#examples/Tutorial/>



```
class_derivations:  
  Sample:  
    populated_from: Sample  
    slot_derivations:  
      gps_position:  
        expr: "{latitude} + ' ' + {longitude}"
```

```
> poetry run map-data -T  
  transformation.yaml -s  
  linkml-tutoria-2024.yaml  
  src/data/examples/Sample-001.yaml
```

# LinkML & LLMs

- Use free versions of LLM tools (e.g. Gemini, ChatGPT, etc. )
- Don't be afraid to ask direct questions - LLMs are like teenagers, they "know" everything but they need some redirection to give the answers you're looking for.
- LLMs can generate LinkML schemas.
- LLMs love to hallucinate ontology ids.
- LLMs make syntax mistakes sometimes.

Use LLMs as a tool to help you bootstrap your knowledge of schema development with LinkML.

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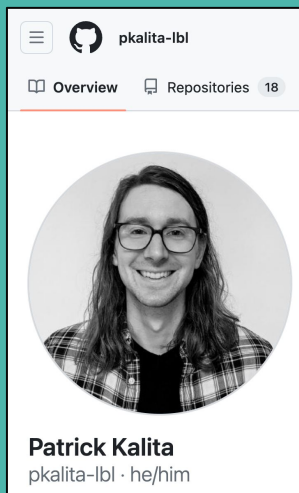
Step 5 - validation

**Feeling lost?**

```
> git checkout step_1_modeling
```



## Section 2: Linting



Patrick Kalita  
<https://github.com/pkalita-lbl>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)

# Motivating Example

schema.yaml

```
id: https://example.org/my-schema
name: my-schema

classes:
  latitude longitude:
    slots:
      ...
```

# Motivating Example

schema.yaml → Generate Python → schema.py

```
id: https://example.org/my-schema
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```

```
...

class latitude longitude:
    pass

...
```



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    slots:
      ...
```



```
...

class LatitudeLongitude:
    pass

...
```

# LinkML Linter

The Linter is a rule-based, configurable command line utility to help enforce best practices and identify suspicious patterns in your schema.

CLI: `> linkml-lint [--config myconfig.yaml] [schema file or directory]`

Documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml/schemas/linter.html>

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Run the Linter on our schema using the default configuration

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warning Schema maps prefix 'example' to namespace 'https://example.org/' instead of namespace 'http://www.example.org/rdf#' (canonical_prefixes)
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Severity (warning or error)



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Rule name (see  
documentation for details)



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```

Detailed description

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- Change the `canonical_prefixes` rule with a configuration file

```
# .linkmllint.yaml
extends: recommended      # Start with the recommended configuration
rules:                   # Customize rules here
  canonical_prefixes:
    prefixmaps_contexts:
      - obo
```

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Not required when using the conventional  
`.linkmllint.yaml` filename

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# Let's be More Strict

- Enabling the `tree_root_class` rule in the configuration file

```
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extends: recommended      # Start with the recommended configuration
rules:                   # Customize rules here
  canonical_prefixes:
    prefixmaps_contexts:
      - obo
  tree_root_class:
    level: error
    root_class_name: SampleCollection
    validate_existing_class_name: true
```

# Let's be More Strict

- Enabling the `tree_root_class` rule in the configuration file
- Add the `--validate` command line flag

```
> poetry run linkml-lint --validate src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema
```

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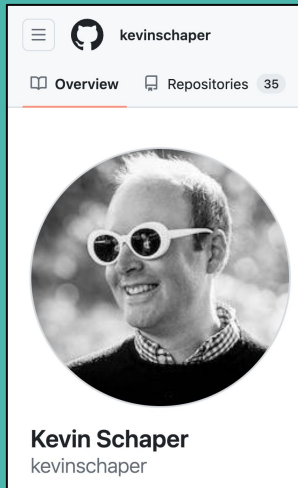
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**Feeling lost?**

```
> git checkout step_2_linting
```



# Section 3: Generating documentation



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[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)



# Documentation

- Critical and undervalued (until it's needed) resource for any schema.
- Keeping documentation close to the “code” is important.
  - onboarding new members is faster
  - small, iterative changes are easier
- Not all users navigate YAML easily.
- Socializing a model is almost as important as writing one.

LinkML can generate nice documentation websites while still allowing developers to keep documentation for specific components close to the code.

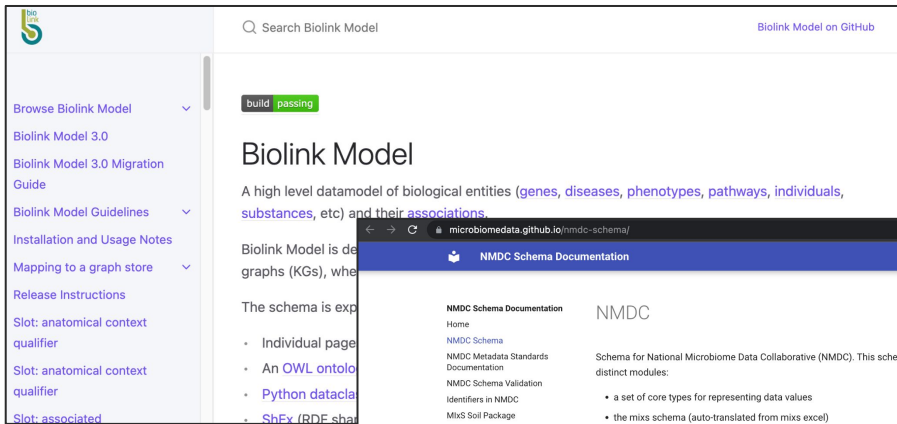
# Generate and deploy documentation

- LinkML has an automatic Markdown and HTML documentation [generator](#)
- There are [GitHub Actions](#) workflows that are available for you to use when you create a LinkML cookiecutter project
  - [deploy-docs.yaml](#): automatically build and publish mkdocs style web documentation pages to GitHub Pages, accessible on the **gh-pages** branch of your project repo
- Running the following commands will allow you to preview the HTML documentation locally before deploying it to [GitHub Pages](#)

```
> make testdoc
```

```
http://127.0.0.1:8000/my-project/
```

# Documentation customization



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for the Biolink Model. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like 'Browse Biolink Model', 'Biolink Model 3.0', and 'Installation and Usage Notes'. The main content area displays the repository name 'Biolink Model' and a description: 'A high level datamodel of biological entities (genes, diseases, phenotypes, pathways, individuals, substances, etc) and their associations.' A 'build passing' badge is visible at the top.

## Just The Docs:

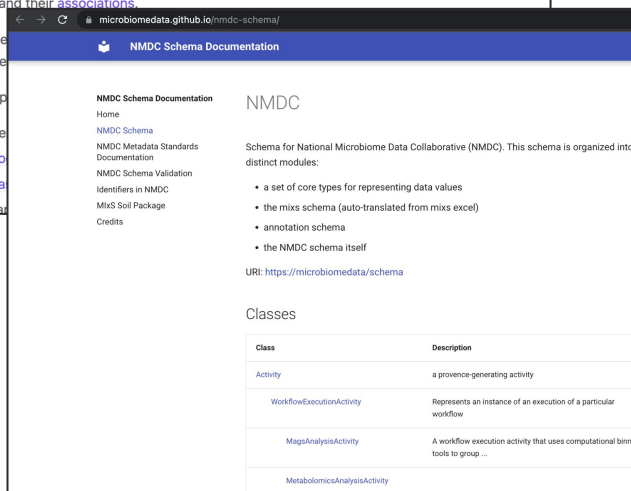
<https://biolink.github.io/biolink-model/>

## Mkdocs Material:

<https://microbiomedata.github.io/nmdc-schema/>

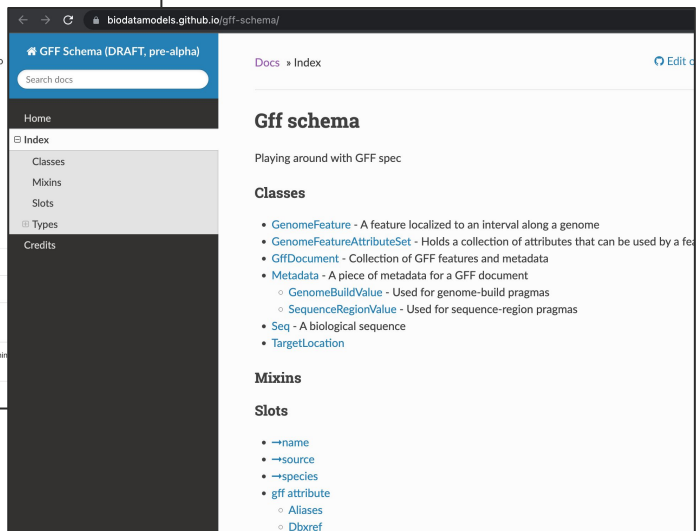
## ReadTheDocs:

<https://github.com/biodatamodels/gff-schema>



The screenshot shows the 'NMDC Schema Documentation' website. The page title is 'NMDC' and the subtitle is 'Schema for National Microbiome Data Collaborative (NMDC). This schema is organized into distinct modules:'. Below this, there is a list of modules: 'a set of core types for representing data values', 'the mixes schema (auto-translated from mixes excel)', 'annotation schema', and 'the NMDC schema itself'. The page also includes a 'Classes' section with a table listing various classes and their descriptions.

Class	Description
Activity	a provenance-generating activity
WorkflowExecutionActivity	Represents an instance of an execution of a particular workflow
MagsAnalysisActivity	A workflow execution activity that uses computational binning tools to group ...
MetabolomicsAnalysisActivity	



The screenshot shows the 'GFF Schema (DRAFT, pre-alpha)' documentation website. The page title is 'Gff schema' and the subtitle is 'Playing around with GFF spec'. Below this, there is a 'Classes' section with a list of classes and their descriptions: 'GenomeFeature', 'GenomeFeatureAttributeSet', 'GffDocument', 'Metadata', 'GenomeBuildValue', 'SequenceRegionValue', 'Seq', and 'TargetLocation'. There is also a 'Mixins' section and a 'Slots' section with a list of slots: 'name', 'source', 'species', 'gff attribute', 'Aliases', and 'Dbxref'.

# Documentation customization (themes)

LinkML Model 1.7.x

- LinkML Model
- About
- Specification >
- Appendix >
  - Metamodel Index
- Profiles >

LinkML is self-described by this metamodel.

Core metaclasses:

- SchemaDefinition
- ClassDefinition
- SlotDefinition
- TypeDefinition

Biolink Model Documentation

## Biolink-Model: a data model for life-sciences data.

The Biolink Model is a high-level, open-source data model designed to standardize types and relationships in biological knowledge graphs, covering entities like genes, diseases, chemical substances, organisms, genomics, phenotypes, and more. Biolink Model can be used to formalize the relationships between data structures in translational science. It incorporates object-oriented classification and graph-oriented features. The core of the model is a set of hierarchical, interconnected classes (or categories) and relationships between them (or predicates). The model provides class and edge attributes and associations that guide how entities should relate to one another. The goal of the Biolink Model is to provide a consistent framework for representing biological knowledge across different domains. For more information, see: [understanding the model](#)

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- Classes (Visualization)
- Class Properties
- Predicates (Visualization)
- Qualifiers (Visualization)
- Associations
- Association Properties
- Enumerations
- Subsets
- Citing Biolink Model

### Classes (Visualization)

Class	Description
<a href="#">AccessibleDnaRegion</a>	A region (or measured to or TnS Trans
<a href="#">Activity</a>	An activity i

NMDC Schema Documentation

## NMDC

Schema for National Microbiome Data Collaborative (NMDC). This schema is organized into multiple modules, such as:

- a set of core types for representing data values
- a subset of the mixs schema
- an annotation schema
- the NMDC schema itself, into which the other modules are imported

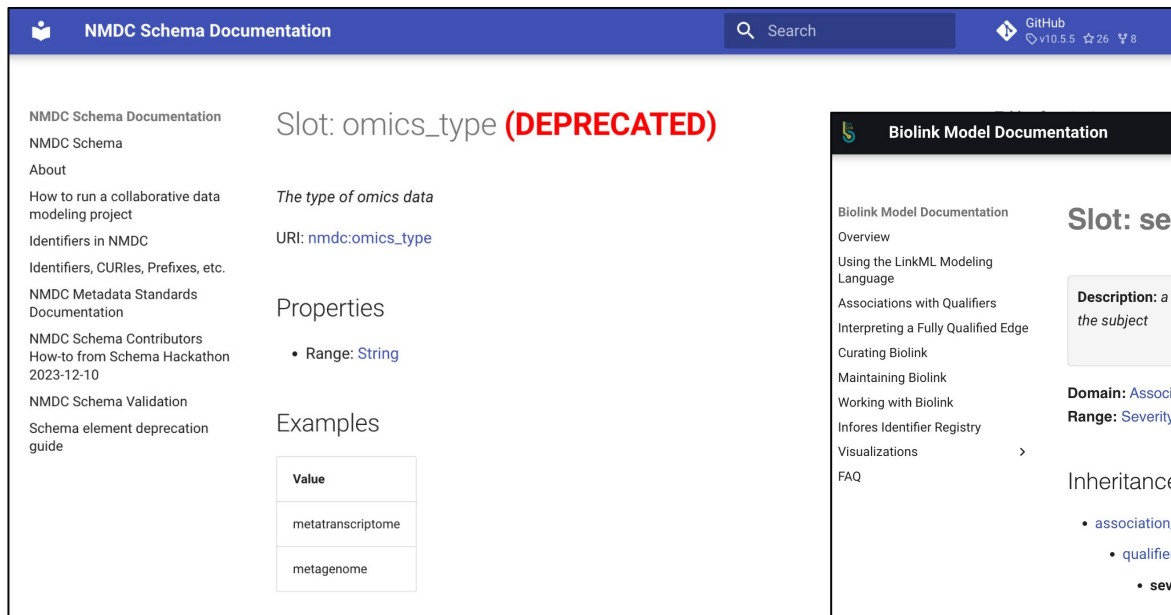
URI: <https://w3id.org/nmdc/nmdc>

### Classes

Class	Description
<a href="#">Activity</a>	Something that occurs over a period of time and acts upon or with entities; I.
<a href="#">WorkflowExecutionActivity</a>	Represents an instance of an execution of a particular



# Documentation customization (templates)



The screenshot shows the NMDC Schema Documentation page for the deprecated slot `omics_type`. The page has a blue header with the title "NMDC Schema Documentation", a search bar, and a GitHub repository link for `v10.5.5`. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like "About", "How to run a collaborative data modeling project", "Identifiers in NMDC", "Identifiers, CURIs, Prefixes, etc.", "NMDC Metadata Standards Documentation", "NMDC Schema Contributors", "How-to from Schema Hackathon 2023-12-10", "NMDC Schema Validation", and "Schema element deprecation guide". The main content area displays the slot name in red, its description "The type of omics data", the URI `nmdc:omics_type`, and a "Properties" section with a range of `String`. Below this is an "Examples" section with a table showing values like `metatranscriptome` and `metagenome`.

NMDC Schema Documentation

NMDC Schema

About

How to run a collaborative data modeling project

Identifiers in NMDC

Identifiers, CURIs, Prefixes, etc.

NMDC Metadata Standards Documentation

NMDC Schema Contributors

How-to from Schema Hackathon 2023-12-10

NMDC Schema Validation

Schema element deprecation guide

## Slot: omics\_type (DEPRECATED)

*The type of omics data*

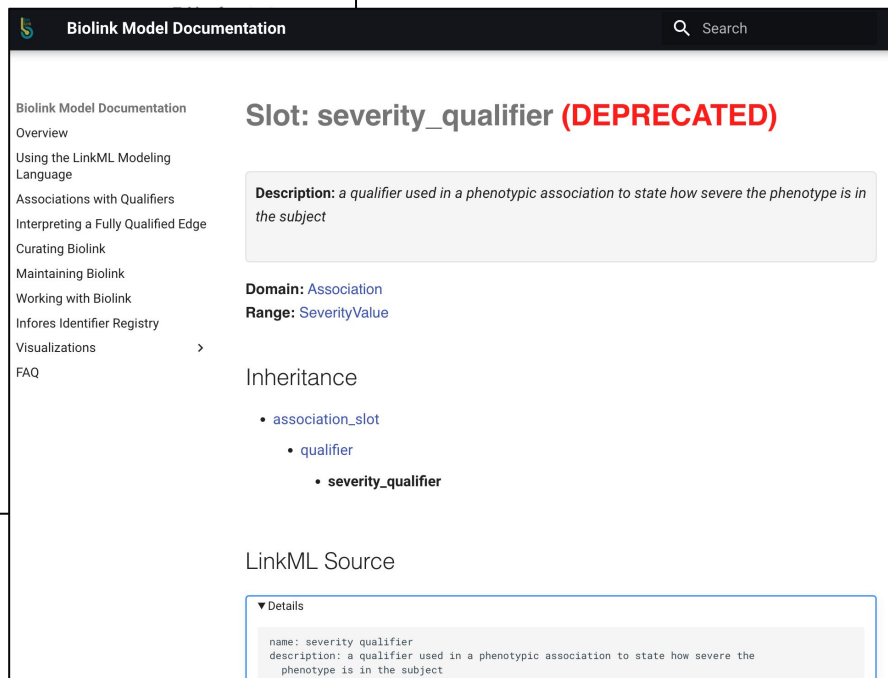
URI: `nmdc:omics_type`

### Properties

- Range: `String`

### Examples

Value
<code>metatranscriptome</code>
<code>metagenome</code>



The screenshot shows the Biolink Model Documentation page for the deprecated slot `severity_qualifier`. The page has a dark header with the title "Biolink Model Documentation" and a search bar. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like "Overview", "Using the LinkML Modeling Language", "Associations with Qualifiers", "Interpreting a Fully Qualified Edge", "Curating Biolink", "Maintaining Biolink", "Working with Biolink", "Infoges Identifier Registry", "Visualizations", and "FAQ". The main content area displays the slot name in red, its description "a qualifier used in a phenotypic association to state how severe the phenotype is in the subject", its domain `Association`, and its range `SeverityValue`. Below this is an "Inheritance" section showing a hierarchy from `association_slot` to `qualifier` to `severity_qualifier`. At the bottom, there is a "LinkML Source" section with a "Details" dropdown showing the slot's name and description.

Biolink Model Documentation

Overview

Using the LinkML Modeling Language

Associations with Qualifiers

Interpreting a Fully Qualified Edge

Curating Biolink

Maintaining Biolink

Working with Biolink

Infoges Identifier Registry

Visualizations

FAQ

## Slot: severity\_qualifier (DEPRECATED)

*Description: a qualifier used in a phenotypic association to state how severe the phenotype is in the subject*

**Domain:** `Association`

**Range:** `SeverityValue`

### Inheritance

- `association_slot`
  - `qualifier`
    - `severity_qualifier`

### LinkML Source

▼ Details

```
name: severity_qualifier
description: a qualifier used in a phenotypic association to state how severe the phenotype is in the subject
```

# Assignment: Customizing Automatic Documentation

**Problem statement:** Researcher 1 asks her postdoc to show deprecated elements are shown documentations pages.

Modify the existing jinja template for class and slot pages, to include “deprecated” metadata when an element is deprecated.

# Documentation customization (jinja templates)

- Jinja is a templating system that allows pages to be displayed dynamically via makedocs.
- Customizing elements on the page requires some understanding of LinkML's metamodel (which is also a LinkML model)

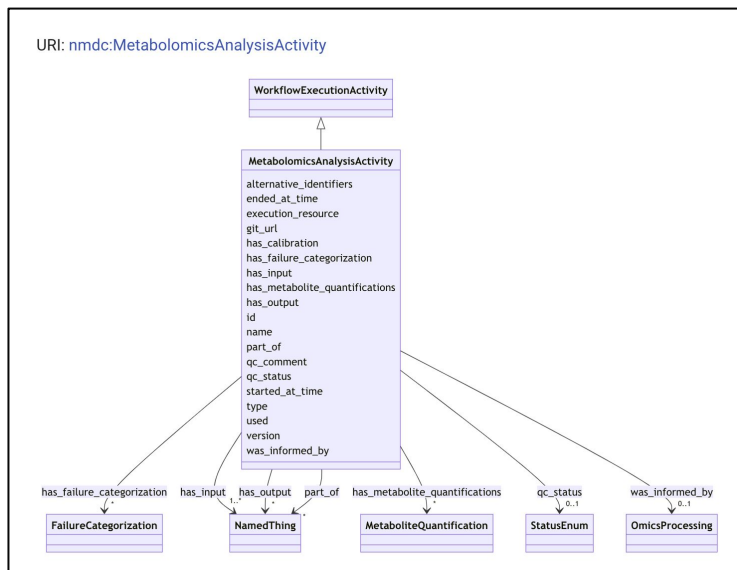
```
edit: src/doc-templates/class.md.jinja2
```

```
> make doctest
```

```
https://linkml.io/linkml-model/latest/docs/
```

# Documentation: schema diagrams

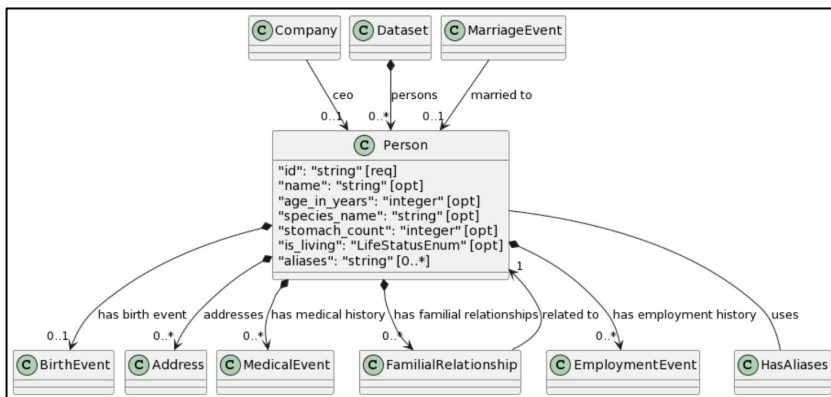
- By default, each generated LinkML class documentation page, has a narrowly scoped schema diagram for the class included.



- parent classes
- child classes
- slot names for the class of interest
- cardinality and identification of the slot that relates parent to child

# Documentation: schema diagrams

- Customization is possible, and more kinds of diagrams are possible including: PlantUML diagrams and ER-diagrams



PlantUML rendering

- Similar features to the default mermaid diagrams
- Includes slot types as well as slot names.
- More feature-rich UML implementation

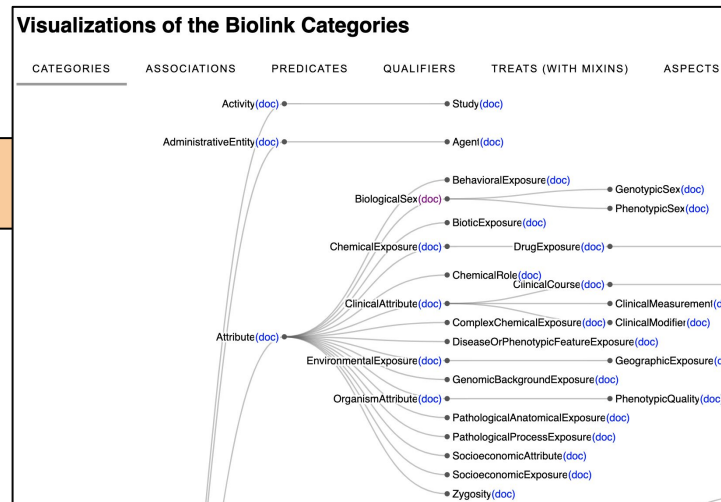
# Documentation: full model diagrams

```
> poetry run gen-plantuml > out.puml
```

<https://www.plantuml.com/plantuml/> (test viewer)

```
> poetry run gen-erdiagram > out.er
```

- Useful for looking at more than a single family of classes at once.
- Can be overwhelming for larger models
- Some models develop custom javascript
- Consult the LinkML registry for different implementations



# Documentation: Auto-deployment to GH pages

\*Note: our tutorial site has been building and deploying a GH pages site on every push to the “main” branch by default.

<https://linkml.io/linkml-tutorial-2024/>

Gotcha:

Make sure you configure GitHub project to use the gh-pages branch to display the doc.

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Section 5 - validation

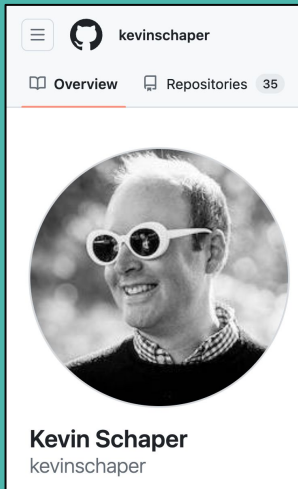
**Feeling lost?**

```
> git checkout step_3_documentation
```





# Section 4: Code Generation



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<https://github.com/kevinschaper>

[bit.ly/LinkML-2024](https://bit.ly/LinkML-2024)

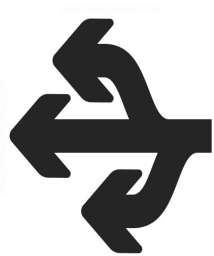


# Why distribute your model in many serializations?

**Case Study:** Alliance of Genome Resources and National Microbiome Data Collaborative use of LinkML



{JSON}



linkM

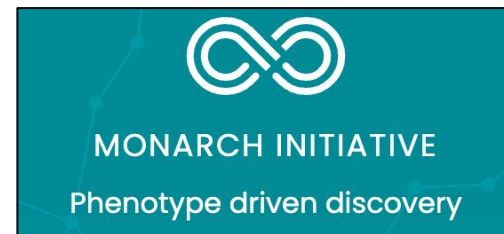
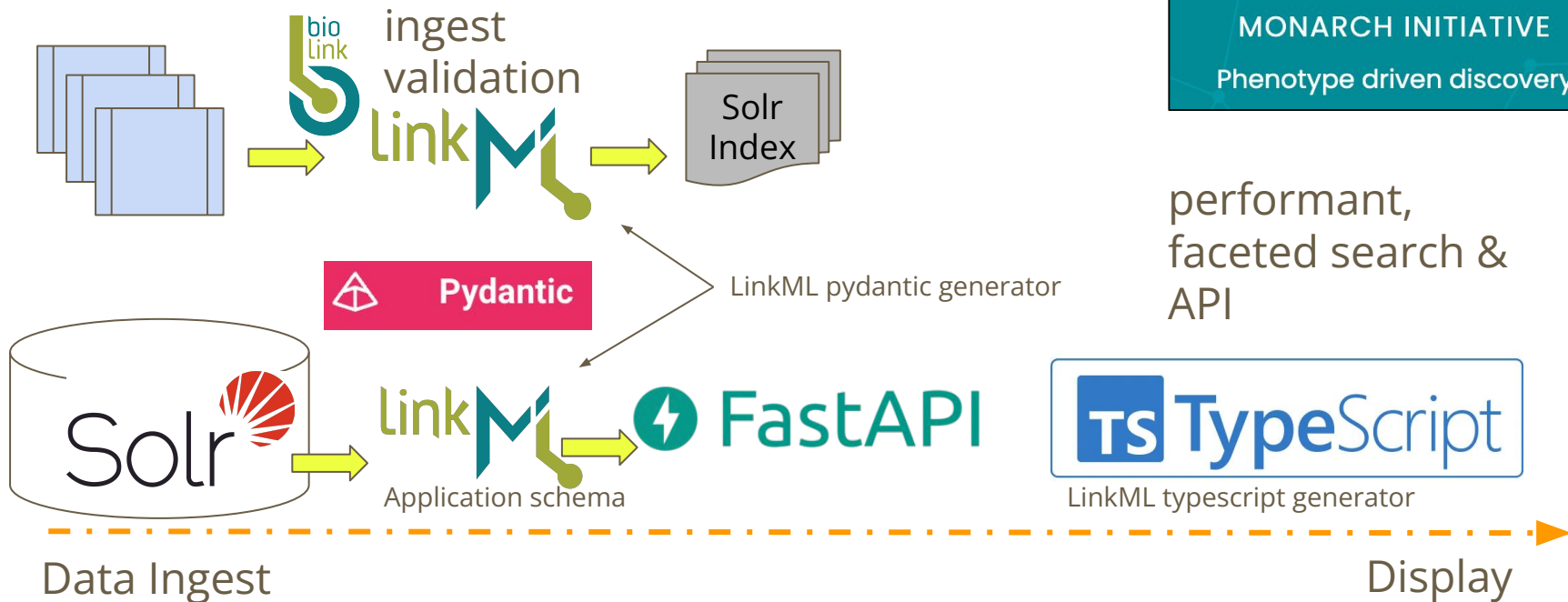
Serialize LinkML Model as JSONSchema and/or PostgreSQL DDL in order to constrain data submission

Data Ingest

Display

# Why distribute your model in many serializations?

**Case Study:** Monarch Initiative's use of LinkML



performant,  
faceted search &  
API

# Assignment: Generate and push pydantic models to PyPi

**Problem statement:** Working with a group of bioinformaticians, you're given the requirement that they would like to write tools to display the sample data on a webpage. They use python, they want a code-based representation of the model.

Generate python and/or pydantic data models from your LinkML YAML model and distribute them on pypi for use in python applications

## Step 5: Run a generator directly

```
> poetry run gen-pydantic  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml >  
linkml_tutorial_2024_pydantic_model.py
```

Optional experiment, generate a typescript model:

```
> poetry run gen-typescript  
src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml >  
linkml_tutorial_2024_typescript_model.ts
```

## Step 5: gen-project

```
> make gen-project
```

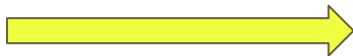
- We can configure this builder on the command line (see Makefile).
  - The LinkML cookiecutter generates a Makefile target to run gen-project out of the box with some default serializations.
- Configured with a `config.yaml` file.

```
edit: config.yaml
```

## Step 5: gen-project

Configuring with a `config.yaml` file.

```
edit: config.yaml
```



`config.yaml` is a simple YAML dictionary

- Pass custom generator parameters via **generator\_args**
- “includes” are the serializations to **include** in gen-project
- “excludes” are the serializations to **exclude** in gen-project
- **merge\_imports** controls whether you want to include imported LinkML schemas in the resulting serialization (default here is “true”)

```
generator_args:  
  jsonschema:  
  
includes:  
- jsonschema  
- python  
excludes:  
- graphql  
- owl  
- shex  
- shacl  
- sqlschema  
- protobuf  
- prefixmap  
mergeimports: true
```

## Step 5: Generate and deploy model serializations

- make is a wrapper around poetry
- gen-project is a grouping of many popular model serialization generators (JSONSchema, python dataclasses, pydantic classes, doc, OWL, etc.)
- we can always run individual generators via poetry

```
> make gen-project
```



# Deployment to PyPI

- LinkML cookiecutter does most of the work for you.
  - Creates a project structure that automatically makes python serializations available in the correct directory to be bundled into a pypi package
  - Creates a GitHub action that will run “on release” and push your “main” branch to PyPI
- Two additional steps:
  - Create a pending publisher:  
<https://docs.pypi.org/trusted-publishers/creating-a-project-through-oidc/#github-actions>
  - Make the GH action use that pending publisher (official docs have more information, this is the TL;DR recipe that can provide a nice summary of the effort):  
<https://pgjones.dev/blog/trusted-publishing-2023/> (on first use, the pending publisher becomes a trusted publisher)

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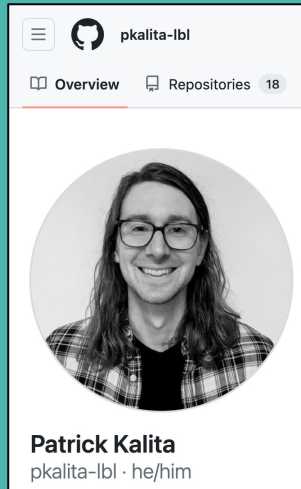
**Step 5 - validation**

**Feeling lost?**

```
> git checkout step_4_code_generation
```



# Section 5: Validating Data



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# Motivating Scenario

- A soil researcher wants to submit data to us
- We want to verify that their data conform to our schema before accepting it

# Validating an Example Data File

The linkml-validate command is a configurable command line utility for validating data instances against a schema.

CLI: `> linkml-validate --schema [schema file] [data source...]`

Documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml/data/validating-data.html>

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
id: "soilsample:002"
latitude: 40.7128
longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBITaxon:1423
sample_biome: desert
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

No issues found

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
id: "soilsample:002"
```

```
latitude: 40.7128
```

```
longitude: -74.0060
```

```
species:
```

```
- NCBITaxon:1423
```

```
sample_biome: backyard
```

```
depth: 15
```

```
sample_type: SoilSample
```



**Not a permissible value  
in BiomeTypeEnum**



# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

Severity (info, warning, error, fatal)

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

Location of the invalid data instance

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

**Pointer within the data instance  
where the issue occurred**

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/0] 'backyard' is not one of ['forest',  
'lake', 'ocean', 'desert', 'air'] in /sample_biome
```

Detailed description of the issue

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
id: "soilsample:002"
latitude: 40.7128
longitude: -74.0060
species:
  - NCBITaxon:1423
sample_biome: desert
depth: 15
sample_type: SoilSample
---
id: "soilsample:003"
latitude: 123.456
longitude: -0.1278
species:
  - NCBITaxon:287
sample_biome: forest
depth: 30
sample_type: SoilSample
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

No issues found

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
id: "soilsample:002"
```

```
latitude: 40.7128
```

```
longitude: -74.0060
```

```
species:
```

```
- NCBITaxon:1423
```

```
sample_biome: desert
```

```
depth: 15
```

```
sample_type: SoilSample
```

```
---
```

```
id: "soilsample:000"
```

```
latitude: 123.456
```

```
longitude: -0.1270
```

```
species:
```

```
- NCBITaxon:287
```

```
sample_biome: forest
```

```
depth: 30
```

```
sample_type: SoilSample
```





# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml
```

```
slots:
```

```
...
```

```
  latitude:
```

```
    description: >-
```

```
      Latitude is a geographic coordinate which refers to the angle from  
      a point on the Earth's surface to the equatorial plane.
```

```
    range: float
```

```
    slot_uri: schema:latitude
```

```
...
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
# src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml

slots:
...
  latitude:
    description: >-
      Latitude is a geographic coordinate which refers to the angle from
      a point on the Earth's surface to the equatorial plane.
    range: float
    minimum_value: -90
    maximum_value: 90
    slot_uri: schema:latitude
...
```

# Validating an Example Data File

```
> poetry run linkml-validate \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml \  
  --target-class SoilSample \  
  src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml
```

```
[ERROR] [src/data/examples/SoilSample.yaml/1] 123.456 is greater than the maximum of  
90 in /latitude
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

The `linkml-run-examples` command ensures that all data files in a `examples` directory pass validation and that all data files in a `counter-examples` directory do not pass validation.

CLI: `> poetry run linkml-run-examples --help`

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/  
└─ data/  
  └─ examples/  
    └─ invalid/  
      └─ SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml  
    └─ valid/  
      └─ SoilSample.yaml
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/  
└─ data/  
  └─ examples/  
    ├── invalid/  
    │   └─ SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml  
    └─ valid/  
        └─ SoilSample.yaml
```

```
> poetry run linkml-run-examples \  
  --output-formats yaml \  
  --counter-example-input-directory src/data/examples/invalid \  
  --input-directory src/data/examples/valid \  
  --output-directory examples/output \  
  --schema src/linkml_tutorial_2024/schema/linkml_tutorial_2024.yaml
```

# Validation as a Schema Development Aid

```
src/  
└─ data/  
  └─ examples/  
    └─ invalid/  
      └─ SoilSample-latitude-too-high.yaml  
    └─ valid/  
      └─ SoilSample.yaml
```

See also: the `test-examples` target in Makefile.

# Going Further with Validation

- Programmatic validation in Python code
- Advanced command line configuration
- See: <https://linkml.io/linkml/data/validating-data.html>



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**Feeling lost?**

```
> git checkout step_5_validation
```

# Questions? Discussion?

# Learning more and staying connected

- Our website: <https://linkml.io>
- GitHub:
  - Issues: <https://github.com/linkml/linkml/issues>
  - All feature requests, comments, questions are welcome!
  - We ❤️ pull requests!
- Connecting directly
  - Developers currently meet on OBO Workspace slack
    - <https://obo-communitygroup.slack.com/archives/C04EU7JL1NF>

# Join the LinkML community!

- LinkML documentation: <https://linkml.io/linkml>
- Issue Tracker: <https://github.com/linkml/linkml/issues> (Feature voting)
- Mailing list: <https://groups.google.com/g/linkml-community>
- LinkML Community Slack channel:  
<https://obo-communitygroup.slack.com/archives/C04EU7JL1NF>
- LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14303246/>
- Mastodon: <https://qoto.org/@linkml>

# ISMB tutorial survey

Please fill out this survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrjbxGdE45OFPOgM58JDt59B--gonwjuKw1HkHrR4FLvhhw/viewform>