

A formalization of one of the main claims of “The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship” by Wilkinson et al. 2016¹

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Abstract. Wilkinson et al. claimed in previous work that Adherence of a dataset to the FAIR Guiding Principles enables its automated discovery. We present here a formalization of that claim, stating that all things of class “adherence to the FAIR Guiding principles” that are in the context of a thing of class “data set” can generally have a relation of type “enables” to a thing of class “automated discovery” in the same context.

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1. Introduction

Wilkinson et al. state that “the FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data” [2]. We present here a formalization of the main scientific claim from this quote by using a semantic template called the super-pattern [1].

2. Formalization

Our formalization looks as follows:

¹As RDF/nanopublication: <http://purl.org/np/RA22JAQihYeiJkNIjvwnxLPmjuG74yPcRXpPyVX8DV6fA>

CONTEXT-CLASS (“in the context of all ...”):	data set
SUBJECT-CLASS (“things of type ...”):	adherence to the FAIR guiding principles
QUALIFIER:	can generally
RELATION-TYPE (“have a relation of type...”):	enables
OBJECT-CLASS (“to things of type...”):	automated discovery

In the context class we use the “data set” (Q1172284) class from Wikidata. In subject class, we use a new minted class “adherence to the FAIR guiding principles” that is a subclass of “adherence” (Q85315455) and is related to the class “FAIR data principles” (Q29032644) from Wikidata. In the object class we minted a new class “automated discovery” that is a subclass of “discovery” (Q12772819) and is related to the class “automation” (Q184199) from Wikidata.

3. RDF code

This is our formalization as a nanopublication in TriG format:

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@prefix this: <http://purl.org/np/RA22JAQihYeiJkNIjvwnxLPmjuG74yPcRXpPyVX8DV6fA> .
@prefix sub: <http://purl.org/np/RA22JAQihYeiJkNIjvwnxLPmjuG74yPcRXpPyVX8DV6fA#> .
@prefix np: <http://www.nanopub.org/nschema#> .
@prefix dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix nt: <https://w3id.org/np/o/ntemplate/> .
@prefix npx: <http://purl.org/nanopub/x/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix orcid: <https://orcid.org/> .
@prefix prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#> .
@prefix sp: <https://w3id.org/linkflows/superpattern/terms/> .

sub:Head {
  this: np:hasAssertion sub:assertion ;
  np:hasProvenance sub:provenance ;
  np:hasPublicationInfo sub:pubinfo ;
  a np:Nanopublication .
}
sub:assertion {
  sub:spi a <https://w3id.org/linkflows/superpattern/terms/SuperPatternInstance> ;
  rdfs:label "Adherence of a dataset to the FAIR Guiding Principles enables its automated discovery." ;
  sp:hasContextClass <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q1172284> ;
  sp:hasSubjectClass <http://purl.org/np/RAoU4AmRjfyjwTJK3lu00iyRJPUBjkijKwDlMHvack#adherenceToTheFAIRGuidingPrinciples> ;
  sp:hasQualifier sp:canGenerallyQualifier ;
  sp:hasRelation sp:enables ;
  sp:hasObjectClass <http://purl.org/np/RAFQovt9yQDn722tdZ9_Uhpb7CsfT3k64pK7dh63xd-50#automatedDiscovery> .
}
sub:provenance {
  sub:activity a sp:FormalizationActivity ;
  prov:used sub:quote , <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18> ;
  prov:wasAssociatedWith orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 .
  sub:assertion prov:wasGeneratedBy sub:activity .
  sub:quote prov:value "the FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data" ;
  prov:wasQuotedFrom <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18> .
}
sub:pubinfo {
  sub:sig npx:hasAlgorithm "RSA" ;
  npx:hasPublicKey
  "MIGfMA0GCsGqIb3DQEBAAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCTQs+mANCSHWIw/YPio468UdGNHsPvADpjfaW8um/v2L4AoDIANginfoU65VNbPT5D0ADt1y0uFNne3VEMr9Y+I2H
  Faz6IKj+LdYmJk6VUf5WJoImRHIX6BZQwC22CbTBFYxvqvp3UmmHrCrhLIZjSytExK3toTRoMDjGowIDAQAB" ;
  npx:hasSignature
  "hHeN9qAHbRXgslk6ztdFWPThPTPyrIjclGL+nH6YX7A88Qqj70dJFXZyBFGcv7OpOiemEVsAlNs2Xn7oefCmpsFBTIivwVPLf8SWzXrpnDU2p9naIr6YmlrNJ3wLg61
  pXWaOH82njsVr1GMtL7y0VGw8cCmhdvzASigRCfLAQs=" ;
  npx:hasSignatureTarget this: .
  this: dct:created "2021-11-08T09:09:11.999+01:00"^^xsd:dateTime ;
  dct:creator orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 ;
  npx:introduces sub:spi ;
  <https://w3id.org/linkflows/reviews/isUpdateOf> <http://purl.org/np/RAPLW0EA5t6_Kx6vVhtibWm92pglXTN6FIzWuaTyoy9g> ;
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    nt:wasCreatedFromProvenanceTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RAE1wniOy0y039P1K9QkQ-wqbC3q-R2nXraP5huu8W39k> ;
    nt:wasCreatedFromPubinfoTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RAA2MfqdBcZmz9yVWjKLNbyfBNcwsMmOqcNUxkk1maIM> ,
<http://purl.org/np/RAOGu9Lh0BD4tbIRB9RG6RGRA_ObDh75NTbIqaWgxxs8M> ;
    nt:wasCreatedFromTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RAV68imZrEjfcP2rnEglhzoBqEVc0cQMtp9_1Za0BxNM4> .
}

```

The following nanopublications introduce the newly minted classes in TriG format. This is the class definition of “adherence to the FAIR guiding principles”:

```

@prefix this: <http://purl.org/np/RAodU4AmRjfyjwJK3lu00iyRJJPUbjkijKWdlMHvack> .
@prefix sub: <http://purl.org/np/RAodU4AmRjfyjwJK3lu00iyRJJPUbjkijKWdlMHvack#> .
@prefix np: <http://www.nanopub.org/nschema#> .
@prefix dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix nt: <https://w3id.org/np/o/ntemplate/> .
@prefix npx: <http://purl.org/nanopub/x/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix orcid: <https://orcid.org/> .
@prefix prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .

sub:Head {
  this: np:hasAssertion sub:assertion ;
  np:hasProvenance sub:provenance ;
  np:hasPublicationInfo sub:pubinfo ;
  a np:Nanopublication .
}
sub:assertion {
  sub:adherenceToTheFAIRGuidingPrinciples a <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#Class> ;
  rdfs:label "adherence to the FAIR Guiding Principles" ;
  rdfs:subClassOf <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q85315455> ;
  skos:definition "everything that adheres to the FAIR Guiding Principles" ;
  skos:relatedMatch <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q29032644> .
}
sub:provenance {
  sub:assertion prov:wasAttributedTo orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 .
}
sub:pubinfo {
  sub:sig npx:hasAlgorithm "RSA" ;
  npx:hasPublicKey
"MIgfMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBQCTQs+mANCSHWHIW/YPio468UdGNHsPvADpJfaW8um/v2L4AoDIANGinfoU65VNbPT5D0Adt1y0uFNne3VEMr9Y+I2H
Faz6IKj+LdYmJk6VUF5WJoImRHX6BZQwC22CbTBFYxvqvp3UmmHrCrhLIzJdSyutExK3tOTRMDjGowIDAQAB" ;
  npx:hasSignature
"FU2AFDANf5T1Fg9rVBkFRUGz01XkE+kB6avmaGd2vxwc+1qHRQ39yVXfLs41BZl19QURYVwCAT9ogv+rs/ZMkyboGgEHPFzogatUPyKlqimfEh+XK2TMvcPP71W3GRJ
qjmo/ZJ/7CGocR022MkmYf0IeyzPWRTrAdD41IXDvfs=" ;
  npx:hasSignatureTarget this: .
  this: dct:created "2021-06-25T16:31:54.801+02:00"^^xsd:dateTime ;
  dct:creator orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 ;
  npx:introduces sub:adherenceToTheFAIRGuidingPrinciples ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromProvenanceTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RANwQa4ICWS5SOjw7gp99nBpXBasapwtZF1fIM3H2gYTM> ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromPubinfoTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RAA2MfqdBcZmz9yVWjKLNbyfBNcwsMmOqcNUxkk1maIM> ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RApgrPigXtt8iPV9uOPf3wIT3qzOI8Sg2Q72CNV8g-Yo> .
}

```

This is the class definition of “automated discovery”:

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@prefix this: <http://purl.org/np/RAFQovt9yQD7nZ2tdZ9_Uhpb7CsfT3k64pK7dh63xd-50> .
@prefix sub: <http://purl.org/np/RAFQovt9yQD7nZ2tdZ9_Uhpb7CsfT3k64pK7dh63xd-50#> .
@prefix np: <http://www.nanopub.org/nschema#> .
@prefix dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix nt: <https://w3id.org/np/o/ntemplate/> .
@prefix npx: <http://purl.org/nanopub/x/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix orcid: <https://orcid.org/> .
@prefix prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .

sub:Head {
  this: np:hasAssertion sub:assertion ;
  np:hasProvenance sub:provenance ;
  np:hasPublicationInfo sub:pubinfo ;
  a np:Nanopublication .
}

```

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}
sub:assertion {
  sub:automatedDiscovery a <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#Class> ;
  rdfs:label "Automated Discovery" ;
  rdfs:subClassOf <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q12772819> ;
  skos:definition "Everything that is discoverable through automation" ;
  skos:relatedMatch <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q184199> .
}
sub:provenance {
  sub:assertion prov:wasAttributedTo orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 .
}
sub:pubinfo {
  sub:sig npx:hasAlgorithm "RSA" ;
  npx:hasPublicKey
  "MIGfMA0GCsGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCTQs+mANCSHWIw/YPio468UdGNHsPvADpJfaW8um/v2L4AoDIANGinfoU65VNbPT5D0ADtly0uFNne3VEMr9Y+I2H
  Faz6IKj+LdYmJk6VUf5WJoImRHIX6BZQwC22CbTBFYxvqvp3UmmHrCrhLIZjDSyutExK3t0TRoMDjGowIDAQAB" ;
  npx:hasSignature
  "hji2+/D20zQjL8dUsjumjW760vBuClRwU4luJQL8PvmjaenF0hFwF/1qRIqqVLjJ9/unF5nVM2kWKi8frsruGqZdGzy3/8gKnuH6D1RROX3Z11VqEJJQ8a5gG18ZpArQ
  7JNRUPYnCDsfPgEaGlFM8HNw4ECttpJUvDlYlnuPxKU=" ;
  npx:hasSignatureTarget this: .
  this: dct:created "2021-06-25T16:45:52.256+02:00"^^xsd:dateTime ;
  dct:creator orcid:0000-0003-4727-9435 ;
  npx:introduces sub:automatedDiscovery ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromProvenanceTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RANwQa4ICWS5SOjw7gp99nBpXBasapwtZF1fIM3H2gYTM> ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromPubinfoTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RAA2MfgdBCzmz9yVWjKLXNbyfBNcwsMmOgcNUxkk1maIM> ;
  nt:wasCreatedFromTemplate <http://purl.org/np/RADpgRpigXtt8iPV9uOPf3wIT3qzOI8Sg2Q72CNV8g-Yo> .
}

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