Getting the Most Out of Wikidata

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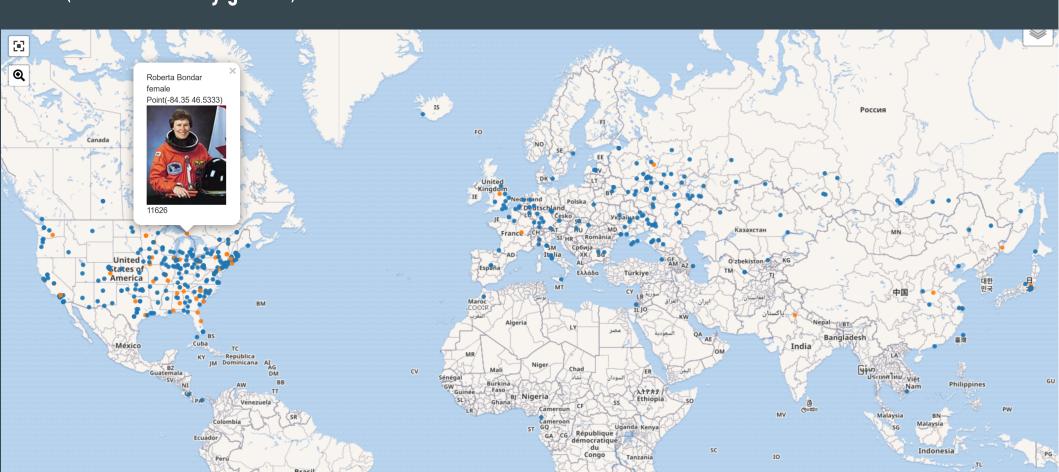
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cityLabel	mayorLabel •	population
Tokyo	Yuriko Koike	13742906
Hong Kong	Carrie Lam	7336585
Baghdad	Zekra Alwach	6960000
Surabaya	Tri Rismaharini	4975000
Yokohama	Fumiko Hayashi	3733234
Madrid	Manuela Carmena	3182981
Rome	Virginia Raggi	2873494
Kaohsiung City	Chen Chu	2777384
Antananarivo	Lalao Ravalomanana	2610000
Paris	Anne Hidalgo	2206488

"Where are people born who travel to space?"

(Colour-coded by gender)



"Which days of the week do disasters occur on?"

Date	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri \$	Sat •	Sun 💠
1	25	33	22	18	26	28	23
2	24	26	23	23	22	32	12
3	24	27	21	31	23	28	38
4	24	25	33	25	26	26	24
5	37	23	32	18	19	17	29
6	25	28	32	20	24	33	22
7	18	22	25	16	22	18	17
8	32	28	19	25	22	23	19
9	20	25	29	29	27	21	23
10	20	20	19	14	25	25	29
11	30	34	28	23	22	20	20
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"Which 19th century paintings show the moon?"

































































"Which UK bands' members' average age is 70 or greater?"

bandLabel	avgAge
The Searchers	80
Rory Storm	79
The Animals	77
Quintessence	77
The Corporation	76.2
The Hollies	76
Cream	75.666666666666666666
Soft Machine	75.5
The Moody Blues	75.3333333333333333333



"The free knowledge base that anyone can edit"

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Wikipedia and the Semantic Web - The Missing Links [edit]

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- Slides: collected but not uploaded yet
- Video: 16:44 ₺ (talk given by Denny Vrandečić)
- Note: Presentation, paper also at Wikipedia and the Semantic Web
 (PDF, 164K)

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Being enthusiastic users and contributors of various Wikis, the authors also have special interest in making emerging semantic technologies available within Wikis, where computer-assisted organization and processing of knowledge plays an important role.

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A Simple Idea (2005): "Let's annotate Wikipedia links!"

Lyon

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses, see Lyon (disambiguation)

Lyon (UK: /liːɒ̃/,^[3] US: /liˈɒ̃/; French: [ljɔ̃] (♠) listen), locally [lijɔ̃]; Arpitan: *Liyon* [ʎjɔ̃]), also known in British English as Lyons (/laɪənz/), is the third-largest city of France. It is located in the

place of birth

Louis Néel

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Louis Eugène Félix Néel ForMemRS (22 November 1904 – 17 November 2000) was a

French physicist born in Lyon.^[2]

country

award received

France

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"La France" redirects here. For other uses of "La For other uses of "France", see France (disambig

France (French: [fʁɑ̃s]), officially the French
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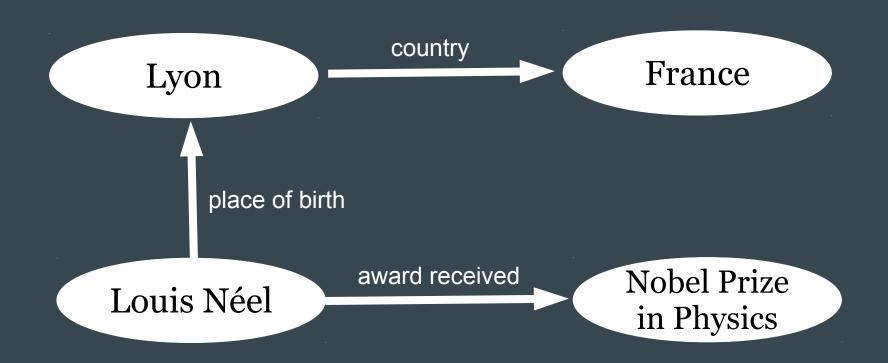
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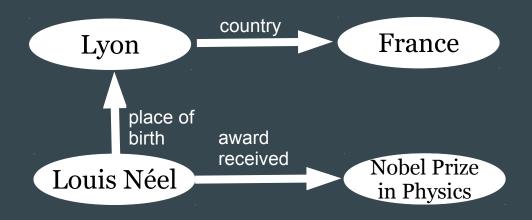
The Nobel Prize in Physics (Swedish:

Nobelpriset i fysik) is a yearly award given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for those who conferred the most outstanding contributions for mankind in the field of physics. It is one of the

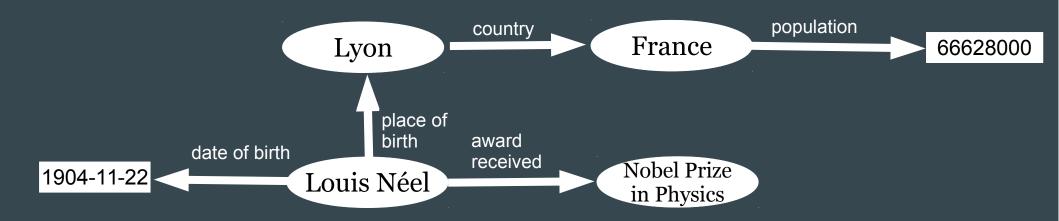
Semantic MediaWiki (2005): From Links to Graphs



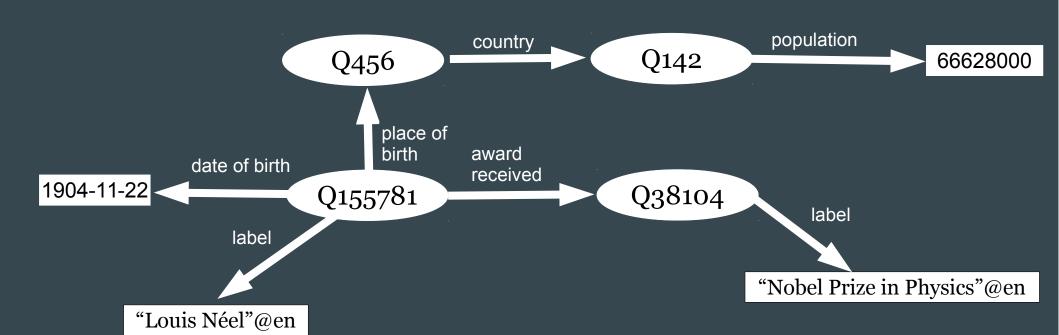
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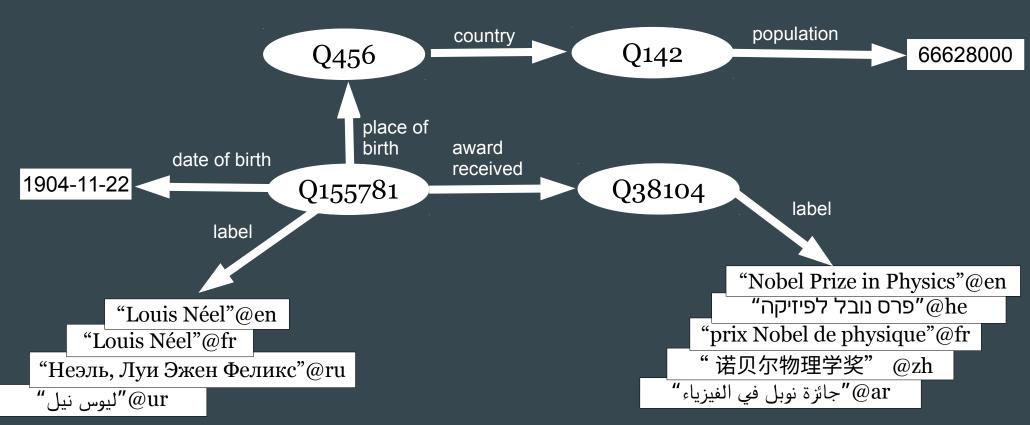
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Wikidata: One Graph for Many Languages

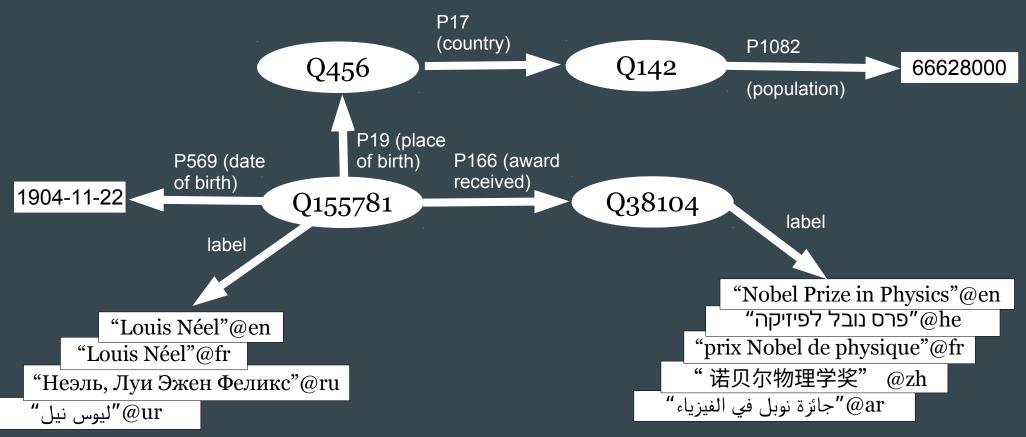


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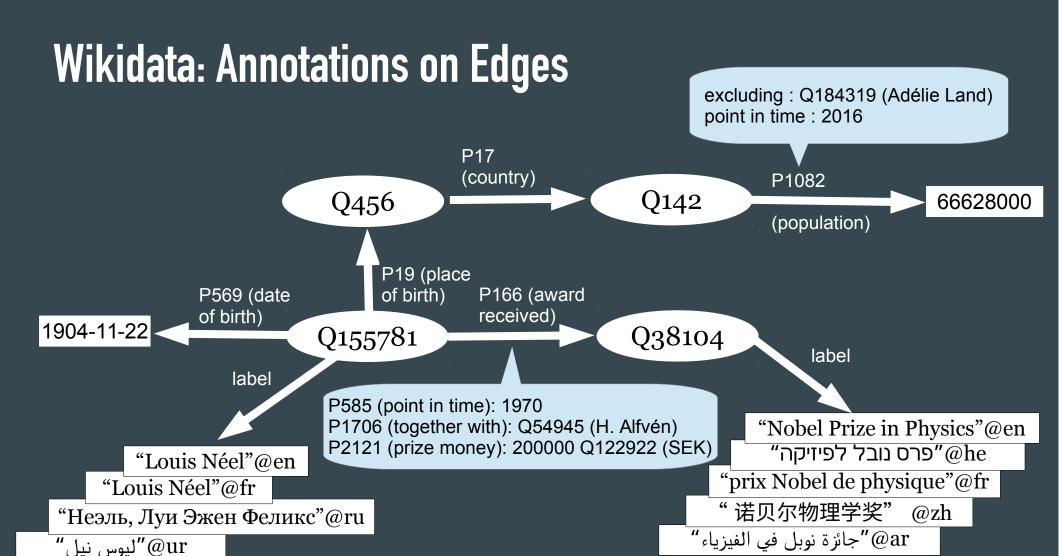


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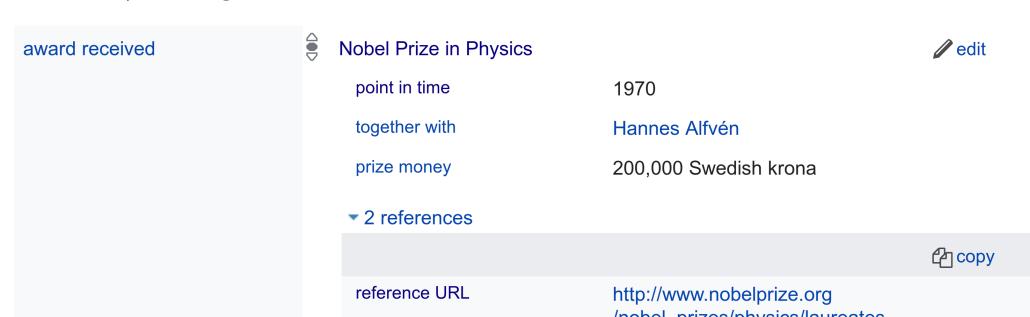


A Not-So-Simple Idea (2012): Wikidata

Louis Néel (Q155781)

French physicist

Louis Neel | Louis Eugène Felix Néel



Wikidata in April 2018

- >400M statements on >45M entities
- >60M links to Wikipedia articles
- >200M labels and aliases
- >1,200M disambiguating descriptions
- >200K registered contributors



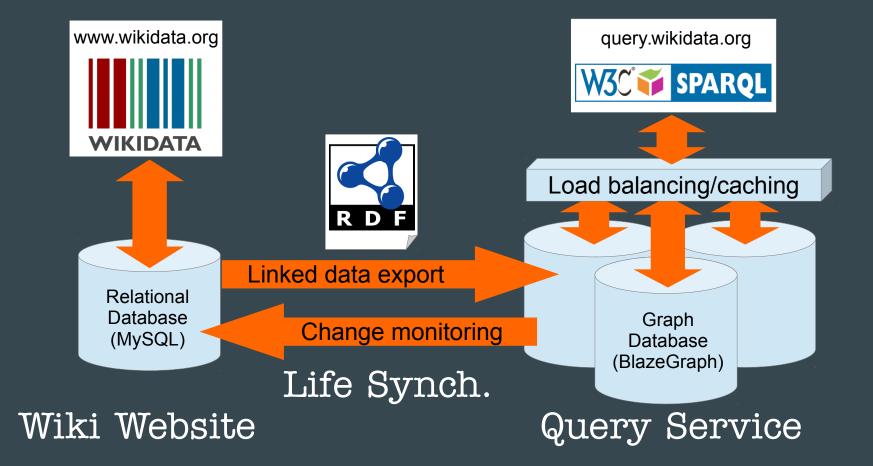
"How to query Wikidata?"

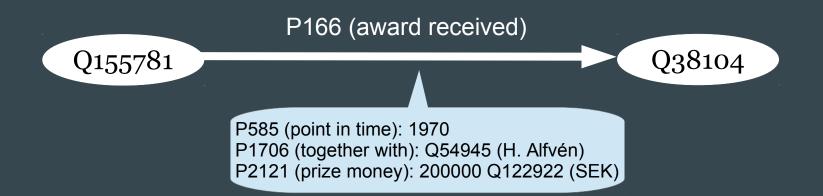
The Wikidata Query Service



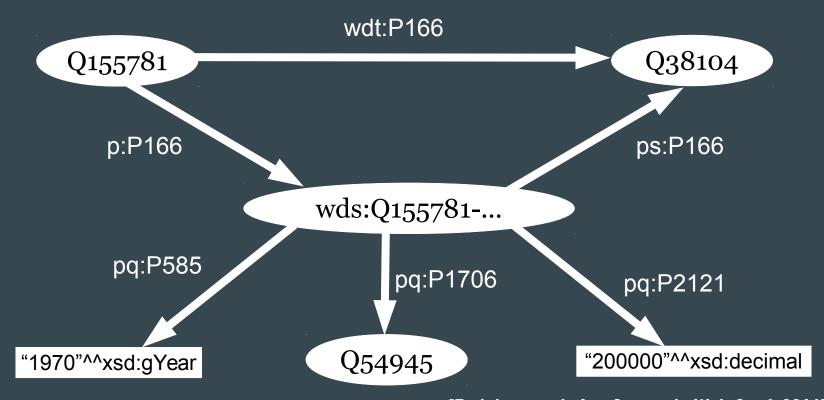
Wiki Website

The Wikidata Query Service









[Erxleben et al., Int. Semantic Web Conf. 2014]

- Statements get own objects in graph
- Some simple statements also stored directly
- Each Wikidata property becomes many RDF properties
- Complex values get own objects too (not shown)

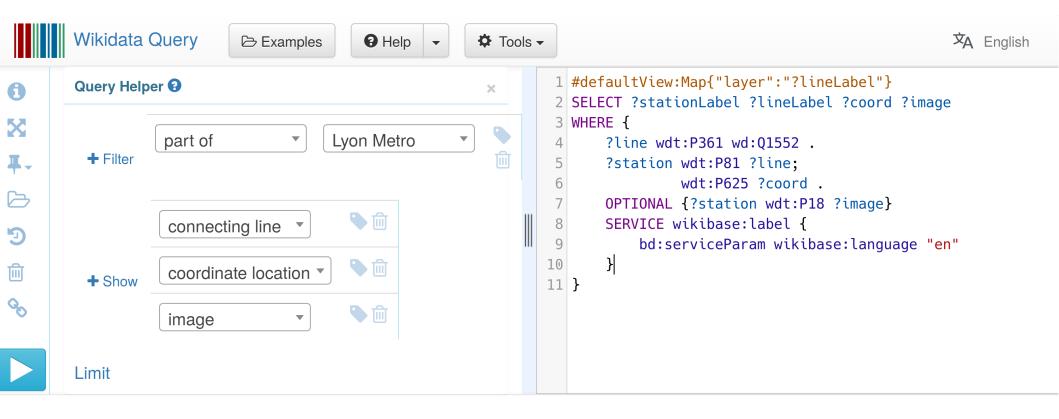
Wikidata RDF Exports

- Weekly full dumps
 - Currently 4.9 billion triples (32 GBit Turtle compressed)
 - At https://dumps.wikimedia.org/wikidatawiki/entities/
- Linked Data Exports
 - Live data in many formats
 - E.g., http://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Special:EntityData/Q42.nt

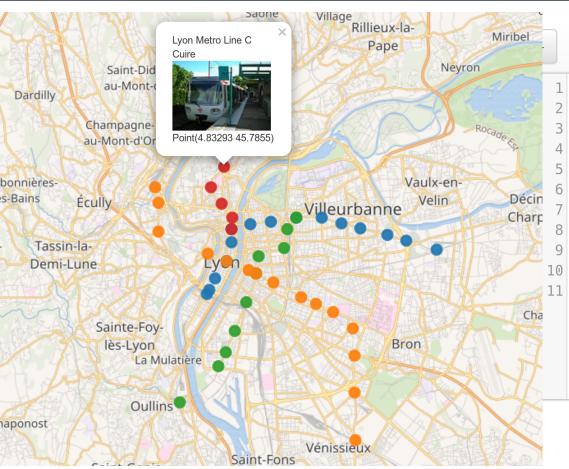
Wikidata SPARQL Query Service

- Official query service since mid 2015
 - User interface at https://query.wikidata.org/
- All the data (4.9B triples), live (latency<60s)
- No limits (well, almost):
 - 60sec timeout
 - No limit on result size (!)
 - No limit on query numbers per IP
 - Clients might be paused after too many parallel requests

A simple SPARQL query

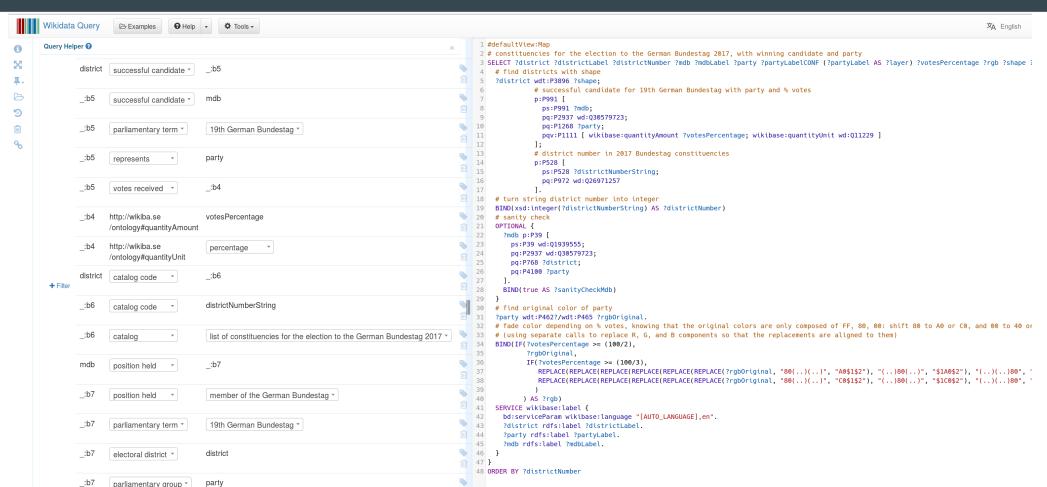


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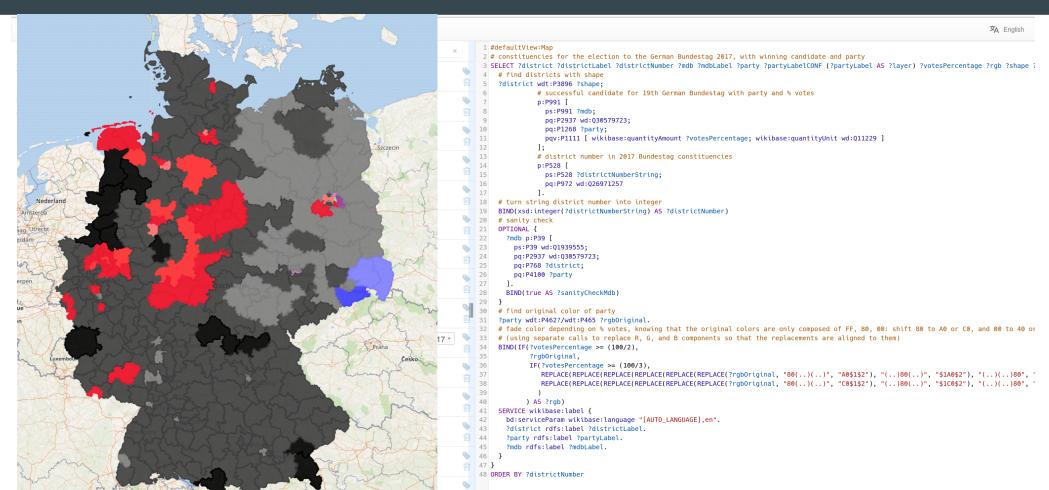


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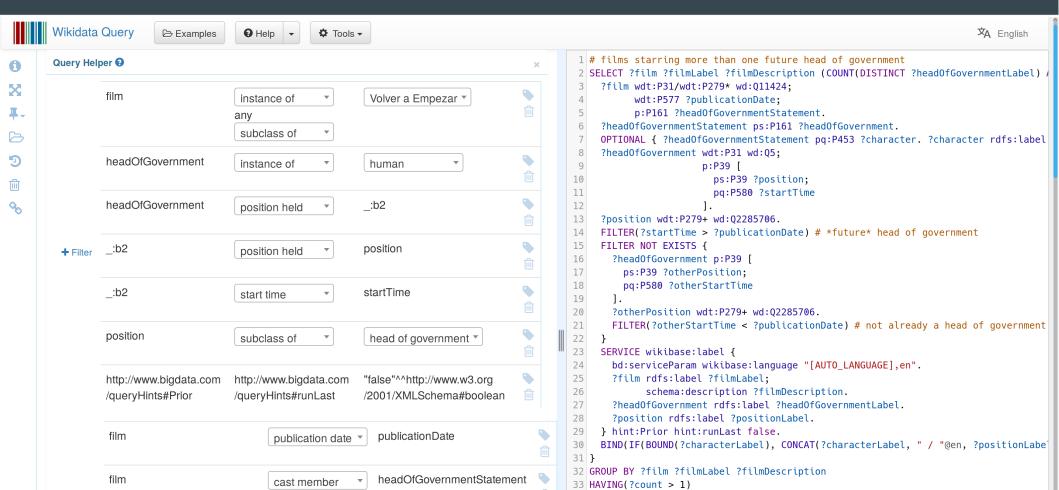
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An advanced SPARQL query



You expect normal people to use SPARQL?!

- If they want ... it's really not that difficult
 - Extensive online documentation
 - Over 300 example queries
 - Tutorials and workshops at community events
- But SPARQL is often hidden from users
 - Embedded results on Web pages (incl. Wikipedia)
 Mobile apps and online apps
 - Crowdsourcing platforms

Shortcut: WD:RAQ

Wikidata:Request a query

This is a page where SPARQL 1.1 Query Language (Q32146616) queries can be requested. Please provide feedback if a query is written for you.

For sample queries, see Examples. Property talk pages include also summary queries for these.

For help writing your own queries, or other questions *about* queries, see Wikidata talk:SPARQL query service/queries.

Help resources about <u>Wikidata Query Service (Q20950365)</u> and SPARQL: Wikidata:SPARQL query service/Wikidata Query Help and Category:SPARQL.

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Fishing in the Wikidata river requires both an idea where to look for fish and a suitable fishing method. If you have the former, this page can help you find the latter.

Current Usage

- SPARQL is widely used
 - >100M requests per month (3.8M per day) in 2018
- Excellent availability and performance
 - 50% of queries answered in <40ms (95% in <440ms; 99% in <40s)
 - Less than 0.05% of queries time out
 - Service has never been down so far
- All software/customisations free & open source
 - See https://github.com/wikimedia/wikidata-query-rdf



"What can we learn from all these SPARQL queries?"

SPARQL Queries Are Interesting

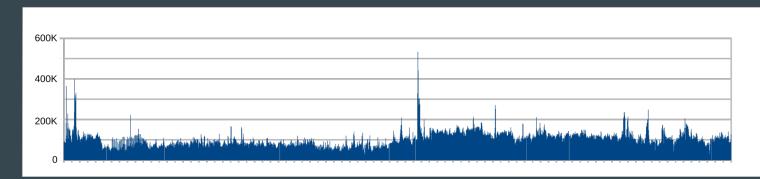
- Which data is actually asked for?
- Which SPARQL features are most important?
- Who is using SPARQL through which tools?

We have analysed complete Wikidata SPARQL query logs (Wikimedia Research Collaboration)

[Bielefeldt et al., "Linked Data on The Web" @ WWW 2018]

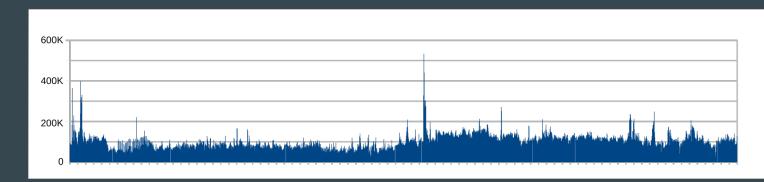
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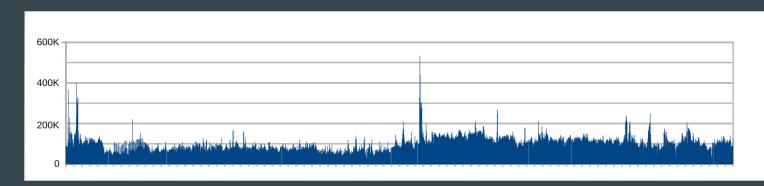
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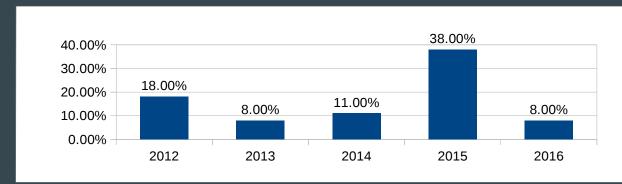
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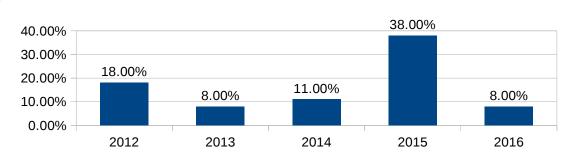
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- Hypothesis: Organic traffic also exists
 - · Representing human information need during some interaction
 - Composed of many diverse sources
 - Continuous change over months

Note: "Organic" \neq "hand-written SPARQL" (user apps might use SPARQL to get user-requested data without users actually writing queries)

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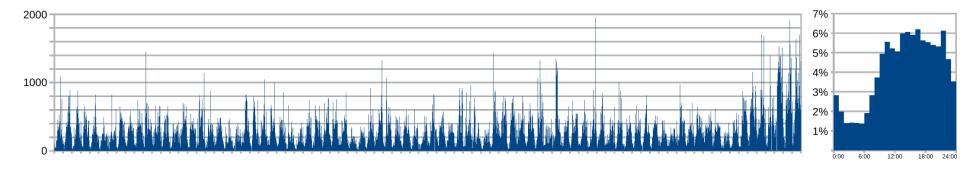
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- 2nd signal: query comments
 - Some browser-based tools mark queries using comments
- 3rd signal: activity spikes
 - Group queries by query pattern (following [Raghuveer, USEWOD'12])
 - Find agent-pattern pairs that spike (>2K requests/month)
 - Manually inspect these queries to decide if organic or robotic
 - → About 300 further browser-based sources classified "robotic"

Results: Organic component

• Jun-Sep 2017: 658,890 queries (<0.5%)

Temporal distribution of organic queries (12 weeks / time of day)



- More triples
 organic 17%: 1, 97%: ≤11 vs. robotic 57%: 1, 96%: ≤7
- More varied (vocabulary, SPARQL features)

Insights on Wikidata Usage

Robotic traffic:

- Mainly information integration bots (comparing database contents)
- Potentially also selective data download (spider-like)
- Most queries from a few dominant bots (>60% from top-three bots)

Organic traffic:

- Data browsers (often general-purpose)
- Mobile apps (often topical)
- Most queries from of unidentified "small" sources
- Reified statements in 4%–10% of queries



What's Next?

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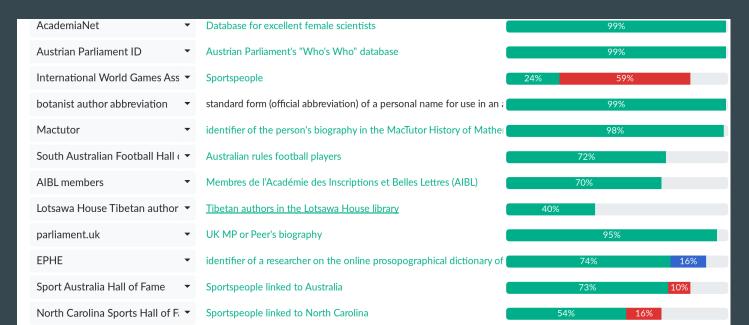
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 - Notability? Well, sometimes ...
 - Community support! Who will maintain this?

More data: current efforts

- Data donation guidelines
- Wikidata aligns with >2500 databases and catalogues
- Supervised data alignment with crowdsourcing (Mix'n'Match)



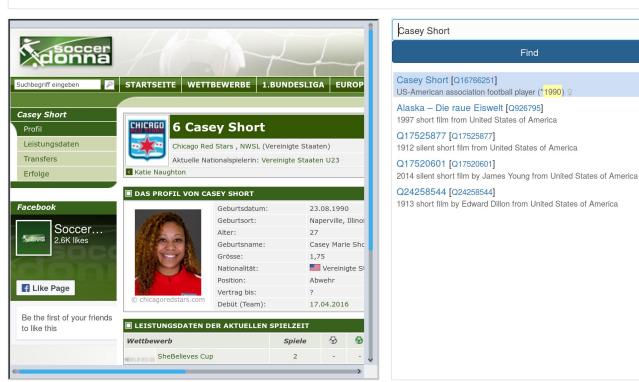
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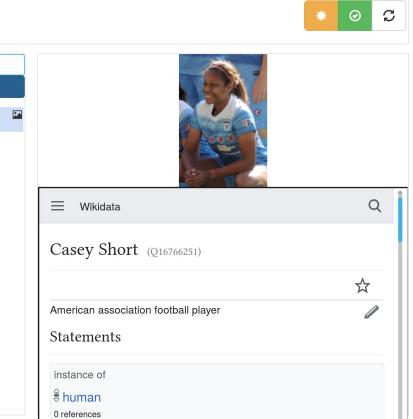


Soccerdonna website female association football player db

Casey Short

' player, born 23.08.1990 at Naperville, Illinois plays '





Markus Krötzsch

Load next entry on

empty search results

New kinds of data

- Coming soon: **lexical data** (dictionary/thesaurus)
 - Exciting & dangerous
- Planned: media (meta-)data (Wikimedia Commons)
- Factual knowledge that is not in catalogues?
- Common sense?

In many cases: technical changes/extensions needed

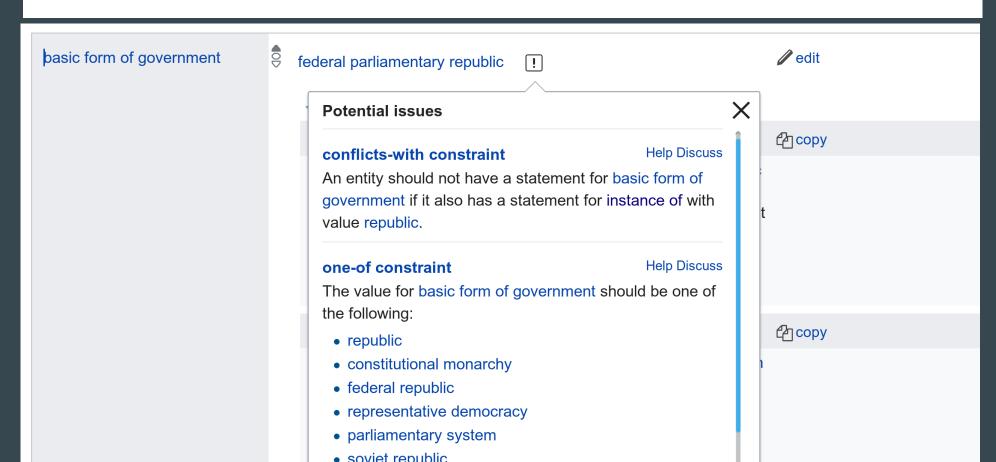
Quality!

- Errors, spam, vandalism
- Global coherency of modelling
- Sources & alignments
- Incompleteness
- Change & data rot

$Germany \ (Q183)$

federal parliamentary republic in central-western Europe

FRG | BRD | Bundesrepublik Deutschland | Federal Republic of Germany | de | 🥌





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Nauru (Q697)

Republic of Nauru | Pleasant Island | Naoero | nr | 👄

republic in Oceania

head of state	Baron Waqa (Nauruan politician) ★ start time: 2013-06-11						
2+28 statements ❤	Sprent Dabwido (president of Nauru)		>				
	Frederick Pitcher (President of Nauru) start time: 2011-11-10 end time: 2011-11-15	(Proposal) Source: MARS	>				
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Semantic Web Conf. 2017] https://tools.wmflabs.org/sqid/	Ludwig Scotty (Nauruan politician, president) start time: 2004-06-22 end time: 2007-12-19	(Proposal) Source: MARS	>				

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Frederick Pitcher (Q917601)
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start time : 2011-11-10 end time : 2011-11-15

replaces: Marcus Stephen (Nauruan sportperson and politician)
replaced by: Sprent Dabwido (president of Nauru)

President of Nauru (head of state and government in Nauru)

replaced by : Sprent

Nauru (Q697)

position held

office held by head of government President of Nauru (head of state and government in Nauru)

A rule of inference:

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(?headOfState.position held<sup>P39</sup> = ?headOffice)@?X,

(?country.office held by head of state<sup>P1906</sup> = ?headOffice)@?Y

\rightarrow (?country.head of state<sup>P35</sup> = ?headOfState)@{start time<sup>P580</sup> = ?X.start time<sup>P580</sup>,

end time<sup>P582</sup> = ?X.end time<sup>P582</sup>}
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[Marx et al., International Joint Conf. On Artif. Intellig. 2017]

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Conclusion and Outlook

- · Wikidata is a fascinating, fast-moving project
 - Large amounts of quality data & much more to come
 - Data export and analysis services for all needs
 - Innovation-friendly community
- Many unsolved questions for research
 - Quality, provenance, social aspects, performance challenges, data integration, internationalisation, ...

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Films with future heads of government

Star in the Dust	1956 film by Charles F. Haas	2	Clint Eastwood, mayor; George Wallace, Governor of Alabama
The Two Who Stole the Moon	1962 Polish film by Jan Batory	2	Jarosław Kaczyński, Prime Minister of Poland; Lech Kaczyński, Mayor of Warsaw
Ragasiya Police 115	1968 film by B. R. Panthulu	2	M. G. Ramachandran, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu; Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Québec : Duplessis et après	documentary	2	Bernard Landry, Premier of Quebec; René Lévesque, Premier of Quebec
Q3541438	1994 film by Claude Lanzmann	2	Ariel Sharon, Prime Minister of Israel; Ehud Barak, Prime Minister of Israel
Batman & Robin	1997 American superhero	2	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mr. Freeze / Governor of California;

Jesse Ventura, Governor of Minnesota

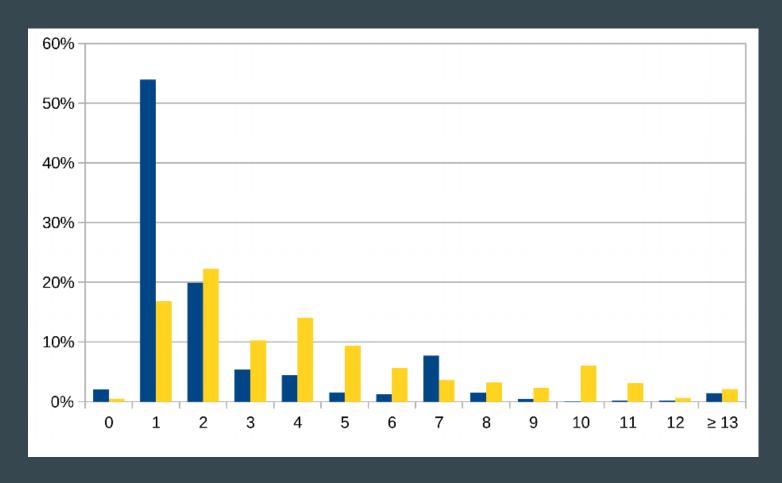
film based on the DC

Comics character Batman

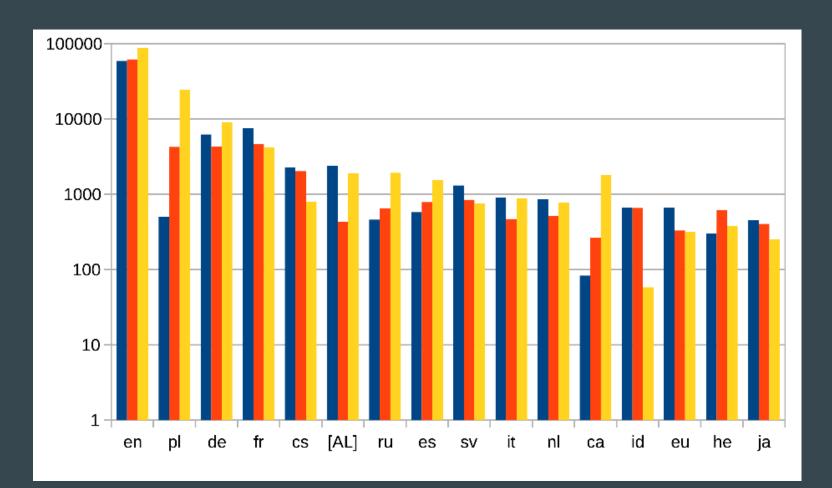
SPARQL Feature Distribution (2017/2018)

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Limit	31.08%	39.55%	46.56%	52.31%	51.23%	36.87%	21.12%	16.86%	17.42%	20.38%	11.47%	15.17%		
Distinct	26.50%	31.40%	19.05%	59.30%	60.42%	63.78%	15.84%	5.48%	4.27%	4.32%	7.54%	12.25%		
Order By	17.29%	14.75%	13.22%	46.89%	46.99%	34.53%	12.97%	8.01%	6.78%	8.76%	7.68%	17.46%		
Offset	0.40%	2.92%	0.37%	0.09%	0.08%	0.06%	7.73%	6.07%	6.29%	0.10%	0.07%	0.10%		
Join	87.59%	87.82%	89.76%	82.50%	91.70%	87.02%	88.48%	78.53%	67.41%	73.26%	61.39%	70.19%		
Optional	42.36%	46.24%	55.92%	50.90%	41.30%	41.15%	25.08%	11.63%	11.45%	12.73%	15.41%	30.71%		
Filter	25.89%	29.12%	22.24%	12.59%	11.76%	11.76%	21.64%	17.92%	13.79%	14.70%	16.83%	29.02%		
Path with *	15.02%	15.59%	12.88%	40.92%	32.43%	30.34%	16.43%	19.19%	14.80%	20.56%	17.26%	24.81%		
Subquery	13.09%	15.30%	12.79%	6.45%	5.07%	5.39%	0.34%	0.28%	0.33%	0.09%	0.13%	0.11%		
Bind	9.85%	9.23%	8.68%	4.72%	3.99%	4.15%	16.29%	12.07%	9.60%	11.94%	13.79%	24.03%		
Union	5.10%	5.76%	12.62%	2.56%	2.07%	3.39%	11.26%	8.63%	7.61%	13.96%	13.05%	18.57%		
Values	4.44%	3.07%	10.88%	3.29%	3.23%	3.20%	35.72%	30.74%	28.92%	29.82%	23.80%	11.90%		
Not Exists	3.31%	3.37%	2.46%	1.24%	0.94%	0.69%	0.19%	0.21%	0.19%	0.27%	0.29%	0.35%		
Minus	2.04%	2.91%	1.60%	0.82%	0.57%	0.71%	0.53%	0.92%	1.07%	1.46%	1.26%	1.78%		
Service (lang)	44.63%	42.09%	54.78%	50.88%	41.71%	42.95%	10.40%	6.15%	4.27%	7.15%	7.91%	8.90%		
Service (other)	11.49%	10.53%	10.32%	7.30%	13.14%	2.31%	4.51%	0.19%	1.16%	0.17%	0.18%	0.51%		
Group By	17.12%	19.93%	13.04%	7.00%	5.40%	5.07%	0.41%	0.37%	0.48%	0.22%	0.23%	0.39%		
Sample	8.85%	10.93%	4.60%	1.61%	1.63%	1.69%	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%	0.10%		
Count	7.55%	7.60%	8.15%	5.22%	3.88%	3.73%	1.15%	4.30%	0.30%	1.52%	0.65%	0.89%		
GroupConcat	1.80%	2.79%	1.17%	0.86%	0.86%	0.74%	0.06%	0.09%	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.28%		
Having	1.17%	1.14%	0.72%	0.65%	0.26%	0.33%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%		

Triples per query: organic (blue)/robotic (yellow)



Languages of labels in organic queries



SPARQL feature co-occurrence

				organic		robotic						organic		robotic			
J	\mathbf{F}	O U P	\mathbf{v} \mathbf{s}	I1–I3	I4–I6	I1-I3	I4-I6	J	F (0	U I	P V	\mathbf{S}	I1–I3	I4-I6	I1–I3	I4–I6
		(none))	8.04	9.22	19.67	27.67	J	F (O				2.66	1.32	2.13	1.18
J				13.29	31.35	11.26	10.09	J	(0	U			3.49	0.25	0.02	0.01
	F			1.10	0.98	1.92	1.31	J	(O		V		3.38	0.41	0.11	0.43
J	F			6.68	2.39	2.61	1.68	J	(O]	P V		1.01	0.06	0.16	0.07
J		P		2.98	1.62	13.50	13.94	J					S	2.76	1.41	0.06	0.01
J	F	P		2.48	0.58	0.39	0.07	J	(O			S	4.78	0.62	0.00	0.01
J			V	0.39	2.01	30.42	17.47	J	F				S	3.19	2.28	0.03	0.01
		O		1.26	1.64	0.11	0.63	J	F (O			S	1.02	0.13	0.00	0.00
J		O		22.32	7.04	1.86	1.95	J	F (O]	P		0.79	0.31	0.64	1.58
J		O P		2.07	29.10	0.35	0.05	J			U I	P V		0.01	0.02	0.05	1.92
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