

# Wellness-Rules: A Web 3.0 Case Study in RuleML-Based Prolog-N3 Profile Interoperation

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# WellnessRules Overview

- WellnessRules supports an online-interactive wellness community.

This rule-supported community has the ability to:

- **Create profiles** about themselves containing their preferences for activities and nutrition, their event days, and their fitness levels
- **Compare and collaborate with others** in the community to track progress and schedule group wellness events
- Rules about wellness opportunities are
  - created by participants in rule languages such as Prolog and N3
  - interoperated within a wellness community using RuleML/XML



# Profile Interoperation (POSL ↔ N3)

- Support for both *logic-relational* (e.g., POSL) and *graph-oriented* (e.g., N3) knowledge representations
- Users may write their profile in either language
- Support for **OO jDREW** and **Euler** engines to execute queries issued to **POSL** and **N3** knowledge bases, respectively
- *Previously seen in the demo:*  
By using a RuleML subset as interchange language and Rule Responder as interchange platform, queries are applied to all supported engines, with answers returned in RuleML



# POSL

- POSL integrates **p**ositional and **s**lotted knowledge for humans (e.g.: Prolog's positional and F-logic's slotted knowledge)
- WellnessRules uses **p**ositional POSL for **l**ogic-**r**elational knowledge, displayed in a Prolog-like syntax

- Positional Notations:

- Relation names:

- Each fact or rule has a relation name

```
season(?StartTime,summer).
```

- Values:

- Values can be upper or lower case, separated by a comma (,)

```
season(?StartTime,summer).
```

- Variables:

- Can be named (prefix "?"), or anonymous (stand-alone "?")

```
season(?StartTime,?).
```





# Notation 3 – N3

- A language which is a compact and readable alternative to **RDF**'s XML syntax. Uses RDF triples (**subject, property, object**) to represent knowledge
- WellnessRules uses **N3** for *graph-oriented* knowledge

- **Slotted Notations:**

- **Subject names:**

- Each fact or rule has a subject name

'.' here denotes a local knowledge base

```
:season_1
rdf:type    :Season;
:startTime ?StartTime;
:period     :summer.
```

- **Variables:**

- Can be named (prefix “?”), or anonymous (stand-alone “?”)

```
:season_1
rdf:type    :Season;
:startTime ?StartTime;
:period     ?.
```

- **Values (property-object pairs):**

- Each value must have a **property** (slot name):

```
:season_1
rdf:type    :Season;
:startTime ?StartTime;
:period     :summer.
```

- Each value must also have an **object** (slot value):

```
:season_1
rdf:type    :Season;
:startTime ?StartTime;
:period     :summer.
```



# Global Knowledge Base

- Contains knowledge that is relevant to everyone in the WellnessRules community
- Knowledge Areas:
  - **Season**
    - Defines timeframe of the seasons
  - **Forecast**
    - Describes the weather forecast within timeframes
  - **Meetup**
    - Contains activity meet up locations for maps



# Local Knowledge Base

- Contains local knowledge that is specific to each participant in the WellnessRules community
- Knowledge Areas:
  - **Calendar**
    - Used for event planning. Allows for sharing of calendars between profiles
  - **Map**
    - Links to Meetup locations. Allows for sharing of maps between profiles
  - **Fitness**
    - Defines expected fitness level for specific a period of time (scale of 1-10)
  - **Event**
    - Possible/Planned/Performing/Past
  - **MyActivity**
    - Derive participant's individual activity preferences





# Example MyActivity Rule - POSL

```
myActivity(p0001,Running,out,?MinRSVP,?MaxRSVP,?StartTime,?EndTime,?Place,?Duration,?Level)
:-
  calendar(p0001,?Calendar),
  event(?Calendar,?:Running,possible,?StartTime,?EndTime),
  participation(p0001,run,out,?MinRSVP,?MaxRSVP),
  season(?StartTime,summer),
  forecast(?StartTime,sky,?Weather),
  notEqual(?Weather,raining),
  map(p0001,?Map),
  meetup(?Map,run,out,?Place),
  level(p0001,run,out,?Place,?Duration,?Level),
  fitness(p0001,?StartTime,?ExpectedFitness),
  greaterThanOrEqualTo(?ExpectedFitness,?Level),
  goodDuration(?Duration,?StartTime,?EndTime).
```

□ Based on this rule the following are p0001's preferences for Running outdoors:

- The number of **participants** must be **within** the **minimum** and **maximum**
- The season must be **summer**
- It must **not** be **raining** outside
- p0001's **fitness level** is **greater than** or **equal** to the **required fitness level**



# POSL ↔ N3 Transformation-1

- N3 requires the use of subjects for naming relationships.  
The **subject name** uses the relation name followed by “\_#” where ‘#’ is the **iteration number**
- Each corresponding N3 rule’s ‘**relation name**’ is defined via **rdf:type** and the uppercase version of the name

**POSL** `season(?StartTime,?Season).`



```
:season_1
  rdf:type    :Season;
  :startTime  ?StartTime;
  :period     ?Season.
```

**N3**

- In positional POSL slot names are not needed. Therefore, **slot names** (properties) must be created for N3, while the **slot variables** (variable objects) use the **same variable names** as POSL

**POSL** `season(?StartTime,?Season).`



```
:season_1
  rdf:type    :Season;
  :startTime  ?StartTime;
  :period     ?Season.
```

**N3**



# POSL ↔ N3 Transformation-2

- **Rules** are represented and handled differently.  
OO jDREW (using POSL) is essentially a **top-down** (**:-**) reasoner.  
Euler (using N3) is a **bottom-up** reasoner (**=>**):
- Assumes previous slide  
**(Transformation-1)**

```
myActivity(p0001,Running,in,?MinRSVP,?MaxRSVP,  
           ?StartTime,?EndTime,?Place,?Duration,?Level)
```

POSL

```
:-  
...  
forecast(?StartTime,sky,?Weather),  
notEqual(?Weather,raining),  
...  
.
```



```
{  
...  
?forecast  
  rdf:type           :Forecast;  
  :startTime         ?StartTime;  
  :aspect            :sky;  
  :value             ?Weather.  
  
  ?Weather log:notEqualTo :raining.  
...  
}  
=>  
{  
  _:myActivity  
    rdf:type           :MyActivity;  
    :profileID        :p0001;  
    :activity         :Running;  
    :inOut            :in;  
    :minRSVP          ?MinRSVP;  
    :maxRSVP          ?MaxRSVP;  
    :startTime        ?StartTime;  
    :endTime          ?EndTime;  
    :location         ?Place;  
    :duration         ?Duration;  
    :fitnessLevel     ?FitnessLevel.  
}
```

N3



# POSL ↔ N3 Transformation-3

- The POSL handling of **negation as failure** (NAF) is via a built-in:

```
naf( event(?Calendar, ?Running, past, ?StartTimeYDay, ?EndTimeYDay)),
```

**POSL**

N3 does not have a built-in to handle NAF. Therefore, NAF is encoded by a **e:findall** searching for an **empty list**

```
?NAF e:findall
  (?event
    {?event
      rdf:type      :Event;
      :calendarID  ?CalendarID;
      :aspect       :Running;
      :tense        :past;
      :startTime   ?StartTimeYDay;
      :endTime      ?EndTimeYDay.}
    ).
```

**N3**

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- **POSL** has **built-in** math operations. **N3** uses **package-prefixed** math operations.

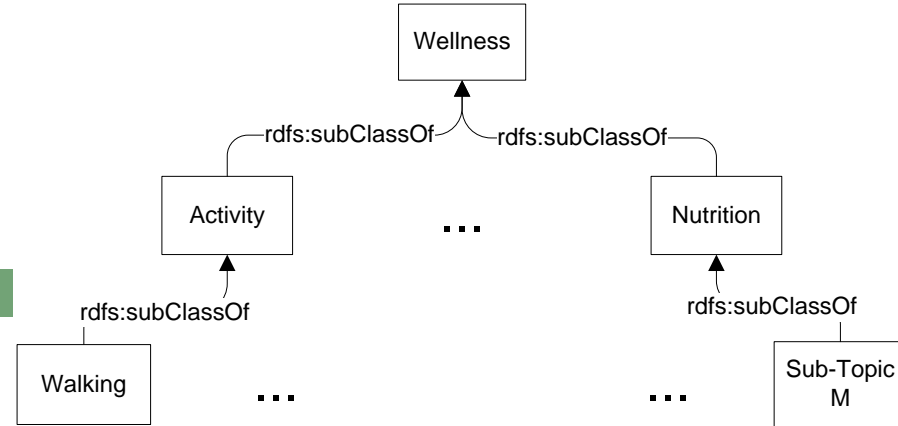
```
POSL greaterThanOrEqualTo(?ExpectedFitness,?Level),
```



```
?ExpectedFitness math:notLessThan ?FitnessLevel.
```

**N3**

# Taxonomy



- The WellnessRules taxonomy is broken into two topics: Activity and Nutrition
- Each of these contains multiple sub-topics (e.g. Walking or Running)
- Both representations use **rdf:type**, **rdfs:Class** and **rdfs:subClassOf**
- Taxonomy classes function as user-defined types to restrict rule variables

## RDF (used by POSL)

N3

```

<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">
  <rdf:Description rdf:ID="Wellness">
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#Class"/>
  </rdf:Description>
  <rdf:Description rdf:ID="Activity">
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#Class"/>
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="#Wellness"/>
  </rdf:Description>
  <rdf:Description rdf:ID="Walking">
    <rdf:type rdf:resource="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#Class"/>
    <rdfs:subClassOf rdf:resource="#Activity"/>
  </rdf:Description>
  ...

```



```

@prefix : <wellnessRules#>.
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>.
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>.

:Wellness    rdf:type          rdfs:Class.
:Activity    rdf:type          rdfs:Class;
             rdfs:subClassOf  :Wellness.
:Walking     rdf:type          rdfs:Class;
             rdfs:subClassOf  :Activity.
...

```

# Wrap Up

- The WellnessRules case study:
  - Demonstrates **profile interoperation** between both **logic-relational** (e.g., POSL) and **graph-oriented** (e.g., N3) knowledge representations
  - Provides **transformation** techniques in the context of WellnessRules **between** these knowledge representation **formats**
  - *Previously seen in the demo:*  
*With an exciting use case, creates an* **online-interactive wellness community** through the WellnessRules Rule Responder system