TypeDB Fundamentals Lecture Series

TypeDB: the Polymorphic Database



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Core features of TypeDB

- Conceptual data model
- Type-theoretic language
- Strong type system
- Symbolic reasoning



Conceptual model

Polymorphic schemas





• Represent independent concepts.

- Can own attributes.
- Can play roles in relations.
- Can be subtyped.
- Can be abstract.



- Represent concepts dependent on other concepts.
- Have one or more roles.
- Can own attributes.
- Can play roles in relations.
- Can be subtyped.
- Can be abstract.



- Represent literal values in a domain.
- Have value types.

- Can be subtyped.
- Can be abstract.











define

user sub entity, owns email, plays resource-ownership:resource-owner;

resource sub entity, abstract
 owns id,
 plays resource-ownership:resource;

file sub resource,
 owns path as id;

resource-ownership sub relation,
 relates resource,
 relates resource-owner;

id sub attribute, abstract, value string; email sub id; path sub id;







https://typedb.com/lectures/typedb-polymorphic-database



















file

































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Polymorphic features of this model:

- Abstraction.
- Inheritance polymorphism.
- Interface polymorphism.
- N-ary relations.



define

```
user sub entity,
   owns email,
   owns password-hash,
   owns created-timestamp,
   owns active;
```

admin sub user;

```
user-group sub entity,
owns name,
owns created-timestamp;
```

```
resource sub entity, abstract,
    owns id,
    owns created-timestamp,
    owns modified-timestamp;
```

file sub resource, owns path as id;

directory sub resource, owns path as id;

access sub entity, owns name;

id sub attribute, abstract, value string; email sub id; name sub id; path sub id; password-hash sub attribute, value string; event-timestamp sub attribute, abstract, value datetime; created-timestamp sub event-timestamp; modified-timestamp sub event-timestamp; active sub attribute, value boolean;



define

user sub entity, owns email, owns password-hash, owns created-timestamp owns active;

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user-group sub entity, owns name, owns created-timestamµ

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owns id, owns created-timestamp, owns modified-timestamp;



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access sub entity, owns name;

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define

user sub entity, owns email, owns password-hash, owns created-timestamp, owns active;

admin sub user;

user-group sub entity, owns name, → owns created-timestamp;

resource sub entity, abstract, owns id, owns created-timestamp, owns modified_timestamp:

NTERFACE POLYMORPHISM file sub resource, owns path as id;

directory sub resource, owns path as id;

access sub entity, owns name;

id sub attribute, abstract, value string; email sub id; name sub id; path sub id; password-hash sub attribute, value string; event-timestamp sub attribute, abstract, value datetime; created-timestamp sub event-timestamp; modified-timestamp sub event-timestamp; active sub attribute, value boolean:


define

ownership sub relation, abstract, relates owned, relates owner;

group-ownership sub ownership, relates group as owned, relates group-owner as owner;

resource-ownership sub ownership, relates resource as owned, relates resource-owner as owner;

membership sub relation, abstract, relates parent, relates member;

group-membership sub membership, relates group as parent, relates group-member as member; directory-membership sub membership, relates directory as parent, relates directory-member as member;

permission sub relation, relates subject, relates object, relates access;

login-event sub relation,
 relates subject,
 owns login-timestamp,
 owns success;

login-timestamp sub event-timestamp; success sub attribute, value boolean;



define

ownership sub relation, abstract, relates owned, relates owner;

group-ownership sub ownership, relates group as owned, relates group-owner as owner

resource-ownership sub ownership, relates resource as owned, relates resource-owner as owner

membership sub relation, abstract, relates parent, relates member;

group-membership sub membership, relates group as parent, relates group-member as member directory-membership sub membership, relates directory as parent, relates directory-member as member;

permission sub relation, relates subject, relates object, relates access:

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directory-membership sub membership, relates directory as parent, relates directory-member as member

permission sub relation, relates subject, relates object, relates access;

login-event sub relation, relates subject, owns login-timestamp, owns success;

login-timestamp sub event-timestamp; success sub attribute, value boolean;



define

user plays resource-ownership:resource-owner, plays group-membership:group-member, plays permission:subject, plays login-event:subject;

admin plays group-ownership:group-owner;

user-group plays group-ownership:group, plays resource-ownership:resource-owner, plays group-membership:group, plays permission:subject, plays permission:object;

file plays directory-membership:directory-member;

access plays permission:access;



define

user plays resource-ownership:resource-owner,
 plays group-membership:group-member,
 plays permission:subject,
 plays login-event:subject;

admin plays group-ownership:group-owner;

user-group plays group-ownership:group, plays resource-ownership:resource-owner, plays group-membership:group, plays permission:subject, plays permission:object;

resource plays resource-ownership:resource, plays permission:object;

file plays directory-membership:directory-member;

directory plays directory-membership:directory,
 plays directory-membership:directory-member;

access plays permission:access;





insert
\$rhonda isa user,
 has email "rhonda@vaticle.com",
 has active true,
 has created-timestamp 2023-11-10T15:19:43,
 has password-hash "6f1127d4b8ee9bd64df9b0ae3f8a7f58";

insert

```
$cedric isa admin,
has email "cedric@vaticle.com",
has active true,
has created-timestamp 2023-01-01T00:00:00,
has password-hash "e0d29e328f65b8074d7df218c73b1726";
```

match
\$rhonda isa user, has email "rhonda@vaticle.com";
insert
(subject: \$rhonda) isa login-event,
 has login-timestamp 2023-12-29T13:38:51,
 has success true;



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\$rhonda	isa user,				
has	email "rhonda@vaticle.com",	Valid:	user	owns	email;
has	active true,	Valid:	user	owns	active;
has	created-timestamp 2023-11-10T15:19:43,	Valid:	user	owns	<pre>created-timestamp;</pre>
has	password-hash "6f1127d4b8ee9bd64df9b0ae3f8a7f58":	Valid:	user	owns	password-hash:

insert

<pre>\$cedric</pre>	isa admin,							
has	email "cedric@vaticle.com",	Valid:	admin	sub	user;	user	owns	email;
has	active true,	Valid:	admin	sub	user;	user	owns	active;
has	created-timestamp 2023-01-01T00:00:00,	Valid:	admin	sub	user;	user	owns	<pre>created-timestamp;</pre>
has	password-hash "e0d29e328f65b8074d7df218c73b1726";	Valid:	admin	sub	user;	user	owns	password-hash;

match

```
$rhonda isa user, has email "rhonda@vaticle.com";
```

insert

(subject: \$rhonda) isa login-event,

```
has login-timestamp 2023-12-29T13:38:51,
```

has success true;

Valid: login-event relates subject; user plays login-event:subject; Valid: login-event owns login-timestamp; Valid: login-event owns success;



insert
\$omar isa user,
 has path "/vaticle/omar",
 has success true;

insert
\$avon isa user, has email "avon@vaticle.com";
\$researchers isa user-group, has name "researchers";
(group: \$researchers, group-owner: \$avon) isa group-ownership;



insert
\$omar isa user,
 has path "/vaticle/omar",
 has success true;

Error> [CXN05] The transaction is closed because of the error(s):
 [THW03] Invalid Write: Attribute of type 'success' is not defined to be owned by type 'user'.
Terminated

insert
\$avon isa user, has email "avon@vaticle.com";
\$researchers isa user-group, has name "researchers";
(group: \$researchers, group-owner: \$avon) isa group-ownership;

Error> [CXN05] The transaction is closed because of the error(s):
 [THW08] Invalid Write: The type 'user' does not play the role type 'group-ownership:group-owner'.
Terminated



Conceptual model

- PERA model captures polymorphism in data.
- TypeQL schema directly implements model without mismatch.
- Inserted data is semantically validated against the schema.



Type-theoretic language

Declarative polymorphic querying



Types of polymorphic querying

- Querying with inheritance polymorphism.
- Querying with interface polymorphism.
- Querying with parametric polymorphism.
- Querying the schema.



"List the email and active status for each user."

match
\$user isa user;
fetch
\$user: email, active;



```
"user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "email": [ { "value": "cedric@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "type": { "label": "admin", "root": "entity" }
}
"user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": "reginald@vaticle.com", value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": {
    "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "email": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "user": { "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
    "email": [ { "value": true, "root": "attribute" } ],
    "type": { "label": "user", "root": "entity" }
}
```







```
"user": {
 "email": [ { "value": "cedric@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"user": {
 "email": [ { "value": "reginald@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"user": {
 "email": [ { "value": "tommy@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
  The email of $user
```



```
"user": {
 "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"user": {
 "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"user": {
 "active": [ { "value": true, "value_type": "boolean", "type": { "label": "active", "root": "attribute" } } ],
             "value": "tormy@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
  "type": { "label": "user", "root": "entity" }
                                                                          The active status of $user
```











```
"resource": {
 "event-timestamp":
   { "value": "2023-08-08T11:57:54.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-08-13T13:16:10.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-10-10T13:22:37.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-10-10T13:39:19.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-11-29T09:17:47.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-06-14T22:44:22.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
 ],
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/research/prototypes/nlp-query-generator.py", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "type": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" }
"resource": {
 "event-timestamp": [
   { "value": "2023-11-23T07:05:18.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
     "value": "2023-10-01T01:46:23.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/projects/typedb-3.0", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
```







```
"resource": {
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/research/prototypes/nlp-query-generator.py", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"resource": {
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/projects/typedb-3.0", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
                                                              path is a subtype of id
```



created-timestamp is a subtype of event-timestamp

modified-timestamp is a "List the ID and event timestamps of every resource." subtype of event-timestamp "resource": { "event-timestamp": { "value": "2023-08-08T11:57:54.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-08-13T13:16:10.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-10-10T13:22:37.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-10-10T13:39:19.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-11-29T09:17:47.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-06-14T22:44:22.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }], "id": [{ "value": "/vaticle/research/prototypes/nlp-query-generator.py", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }], "resource": { "event-timestamp": { "value": "2023-11-23T07:05:18.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }, "value": "2023-10-01T01:46:23.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],

"List the ID and created timestamps of everything that was created."

match
 \$x has created-timestamp \$created;
 fetch
 \$x: id, created-timestamp;

The type of \$x is not explicitly specified



"List the ID and created timestamps of everything that was created."

{
 "x": {
 "created-timestamp": [{ "value": "2023-01-31T19:39:32.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "id": [{ "value": "/vaticle/research/prototypes/root-cause-analyzer.py", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" }
 }
 //
 "x": {
 "created-timestamp": [{ "value": "2023-03-11T02:30:39.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "id": [{ "value": "reginald@vaticle.com", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "user", "root": "entity" }
 }
 //
 "x": {
 "created-timestamp": [{ "value": "2023-09-07T17:47:57.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "user", "root": "entity" }
 }
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 "created-timestamp": [{ "value": "2023-09-07T17:47:57.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }],
 "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" }],
 "type": { "label": "user-group", "root": "entity" }
 }
}



"List the ID and created timestamps of everything that was created."









```
{
    "owner": {
        "id": [ { "value": "engineers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "name", "root": "attribute" } } ],
        "type": { "label": "user-group", "root": "entity" }
    },
    "resource": {
        "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
        "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
    }
    {
        "owner": {
            "owner": {
                "id": [ { "value": "cedric@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
        "type": { "label": "admin", "root": "entity" }
    },
        "resource": {
        "id": [ { "value": "cedric@vaticle.com", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "email", "root": "attribute" } } ],
        "type": { "label": "admin", "root": "entity" }
    },
        "resource": {
        "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/projects/typedb-3.0/traversal-engine.rs", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
        "type": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" }
    }
    }
    }
}
```









user-group and admin both play resouce-owner in resource-ownership



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

Possible pairs of return types

\$resource	\$owner
file	user
file	admin
file	user-group
directory	user
directory	admin
directory	user-group



Querying with parametric polymorphism

"List the type and ID of everything that has a multivalued attribute."





Querying with parametric polymorphism

"List the type and ID of everything that has a multivalued attribute."

```
"attribute-type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" },
"x-id": [ { "id": { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools/data-generator.rs", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
"x-type": [ { "t": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" },
"x-id": [ { "id": { "value": "/vaticle/research/papers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } ],
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"x-type": [ { "t": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } ]
```



Querying with parametric polymorphism

"List the type and ID of everything that has a multivalued attribute."

. "attribute-type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" },

"x-id": [{ "id": { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools/data-generator.rs", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
"x-type": [{ "t": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" } }]

"attribute-type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" },

"x-id": [{ "id": { "value": "/vaticle/research/papers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
"x-type": [{ "t": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" } }]

"attribute-type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" },

"x-id": [{ "id": { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
"x-type": [{ "t": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" } }]

modified-timestamp is the only multivalued attribute at this point



Querying the schema

"List the attribute types that files can have."





Querying the schema

"List the attribute types that files can have."

{ "attribute-type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
{ "attribute-type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }
{ "attribute-type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }


Querying the schema

"List the concrete types that can play roles in ownerships."





Querying the schema

"List the concrete types that can play roles in ownerships."

```
{
  "player": { "label": "user-group", "root": "entity" },
  "role": { "label": "group-ownership:group", "root": "relation:role" }
  "player": { "label": "admin", "root": "entity" },
  "role": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" },
  "role": { "label": "resource-ownership:resource", "root": "relation:role" }
}
```

resource-ownership is a subtype of ownership











resource has a new subtype **Extending** the schema id resource user sub owns define owns repository sub resource, name created timestamp owns name as id, plays commit:repository; sub commit sub relation, sub owns relates repository, relates author, author owns hash, owns created-timestamp; owns repository user plays commit:author; hash sub id; repository owns commit created-timestamp has a new implementation



"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource."

match
\$resource isa resource;
fetch
\$resource: id, event-timestamp;



```
"resource": {
 "event-timestamp": [ { "value": "2023-05-20T19:12:11.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/projects/typedb-3.0/query-parser.rs", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "type": { "label": "file", "root": "entity" }
"resource": {
 "event-timestamp":
   { "value": "2023-11-23T07:05:18.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } },
   { "value": "2023-10-01T01:46:23.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
 ],
 "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/projects/typedb-3.0", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
"resource": {
 "event-timestamp": [ { "value": "2023-06-05T14:13:23.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "created-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "id": [ { "value": "typedb-cloud", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "name", "root": "attribute" } } ],
 "type": { "label": "repository", "root": "entity" }
```







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Type-theoretic language

- Type variablization allows declarative polymorphic queries.
- Results of declarative queries extend when the schema is extended.



Strong type system

Type inference and semantic validation





"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource."

match
\$resource isa resource;
fetch
\$resource: id, event-timestamp;

Query returns three variables: \$resource \$resource: id \$resource: event-timestamp Query has three return types: type(\$resource) type(\$resource: id) type(\$resource: event-timestamp)

Note: type() is not actually a TypeQL function





"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource."

match
\$resource isa resource;
fetch
\$resource: id, event-timestamp;

type(\$resource)





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fetch
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Abbreviation: type(\$x: y) <type(\$x)> → type(\$x: y)


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"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource." match \$resource isa resource; fetch \$resource: id, event-timestamp; type(\$resource) type(\$resource: id) type(\$resource: event-timestamp) directory file path created-timestamp < repository name modified-timestamp





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"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource." match \$resource isa resource; fetch \$resource: id, event-timestamp; type(\$resource) type(\$resource: id) type(\$resource: event-timestamp) created-timestamp <</pre> repository name



Type inference

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"List the ID and event timestamps of every resource."

match
\$resource isa resource;
fetch
\$resource: id, event-timestamp;

type(\$resource)	type(\$resource: id)	type(\$resource: event-timestamp)
file	path	created-timestamp
file	path	modified-timestamp
directory	path	created-timestamp
directory	path	modified-timestamp
repository	name	created-timestamp
repository	name	modified-timestamp



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match
(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

Query returns four variables: \$resource \$owner \$resource: id \$owner: id

Query has four return types: type(\$resource) type(\$owner) type(\$resource: id) type(\$owner: id)



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match
(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

type(\$resource)



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

type(\$resource)

resource plays resource-ownership:resource;



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;



file sub resource; directory sub resource; repository sub resource;



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;







"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;







"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;



email sub id; name sub id; path sub id; hash sub id; resource abstract; file owns path; directory owns path; repository owns name;



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;

match

fetch \$resource: id; \$owner: id; type(\$owner) type(\$resource) type(\$resource: id) directory file path repository name





"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

user plays resource-ownership:resource-owner; user-group plays resource-ownership:resource-owner;





match

"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership; fetch \$resource: id; \$owner: id; type(\$owner) type(\$resource) type(\$resource: id) user directory admin file path user-group repository name





"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;







"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."





match

fetch

"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."





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match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;







"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;

match

fetch







"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$owner: id;

type(\$resource)	type(\$resource: id)	type(\$owner)	type(\$owner: id)
file	path	user	email
file	path	admin	email
file	path	user-group	name
directory	path	user	email
directory	path	admin	email
directory	path	user-group	name
repository	name	user	email
repository	name	admin	email
repository	name	user-group	name



"List the ID and owner ID of every resource."

match

(resource: \$resource, resource-owner: \$owner) isa resource-ownership;
fetch
\$resource: id;

\$owner: id;

Possible pairs of return types

\$resource	\$owner	
file	user	
file	admin	
file	user-group	
directory	user	
directory	admin	
directory	user-group	

type(\$resource)	type(\$resource: id)	type(\$owner)	type(\$owner: id)
file	path	user	email
file	path	admin	email
file	path	user-group	name
directory	path	user	email
directory	path	admin	email
directory	path	user-group	name
repository	name	user	email
repository	name	admin	email
repository	name	user-group	name



"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."

match
\$permission (subject: \$subject, object: \$object, access: \$access) isa permission;
fetch
\$permission: id;
\$subject: id;
\$object: id;
\$access: id;



"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."

match
\$permission (subject: \$subject, object: \$object, access: \$access) isa permission;
fetch
\$permission: id;
\$subject: id;
\$object: id;
\$access: id;

type(\$permission)





"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."





"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."



email sub id; name sub id; path sub id; hash sub id; resource abstract;



"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."



permission does not own email, name, path, or hash


"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."





permission does not own

email, name, path, or hash

"List the ID of every permission and its roleplayers."

match
\$permission (subject: \$subject, object: \$object, access: \$access) isa permission;
fetch
\$permission: id;
\$subject: id;
\$object: id;
\$access: id;

Error> [CXN05] The transaction is closed because of the error(s):

[PR006] Invalid projection operation: Projection from '\$permission' to attribute type 'id' is illegal, since '\$permission' could be of type 'permission' which does not own the attribute type or any of its subtypes. ## Terminated



"List the login timestamps of every group owner."

match
(group: \$group, group-owner: \$owner) isa group-ownership;
\$login (subject: \$group) isa login-event;
fetch
\$group: name;
\$login: login-timestamp, success;
\$login: login-timestamp, success;



"List the login timestamps of every group owner."

match
(group: \$group, group-owner: \$owner) isa group-ownership;
\$login (subject: \$group) isa login-event;
fetch
\$group: name;
\$login: login-timestamp, success;



user-group plays group-ownership:group;



"List the login timestamps of every group owner."







user plays login-event:subject;

"List the login timestamps of every group owner."







admin sub user;

"List the login timestamps of every group owner."

match
(group: \$group, group-owner: \$owner) isa group-ownership;
\$login (subject: \$group) isa login-event;
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"List the login timestamps of every group owner."

match
(group: \$group, group-owner: \$owner) isa group-ownership;
\$login (subject: \$group) isa login-event;
fetch
\$group: name;
\$login: login-timestamp, success;

Error> [CXN05] The transaction is closed because of the error(s):
 [QRY16] Invalid Query Pattern: Could not infer compatible types for the match pattern.
Terminated



Strong type system

- Type inference resolves queries against the schema.
- Semantically invalid queries throw errors.



Symbolic reasoning

Integrated application logic



Defining rules

- Simple rules.
- Rule branching.
- Rule chaining.
- Rule recursion.



```
"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."
```

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
    $t-2 > $t;
};
fetch
$resource: id;
$t;

{
    "resource": {
    "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
    "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
},
"t": { "value": "2023-11-19T18:32:25.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
```



"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
    $t-2 > $t;
};
fetch
$resource: id;
$t;
```

define

last-modified sub attribute, value datetime; resource owns last-modified;

```
rule resource-last-modified:
    when {
```

} then {

};



```
"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."
```

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                              define
    t-2 > t;
};
                                                              last-modified sub attribute, value datetime;
fetch
                                                              resource owns last-modified;
$resource: id;
$t;
                                                              rule resource-last-modified:
                                                                  when {
                                                                      # The original query pattern
                                                                      $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
                                                                      not {
                                                                          $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                                          $t-2 > $t:
                                                                      };
                                                                   } then {
                                                                  };
```



```
"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."
```

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                              define
    t-2 > t;
};
                                                              last-modified sub attribute, value datetime;
fetch
                                                              resource owns last-modified;
$resource: id;
$t;
                                                              rule resource-last-modified:
                                                                  when {
                                                                      # The original query pattern
                                                                      $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
                                                                      not {
                                                                          $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                                          $t-2 > $t;
                                                                      };
                                                                      # Copy the value of $t
                                                                      ?last-t = $t;
                                                                  } then {
                                                                  };
```



```
"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."
```

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                              define
    $t-2 > $t;
};
                                                              last-modified sub attribute, value datetime;
fetch
                                                              resource owns last-modified;
$resource: id;
$t;
                                                              rule resource-last-modified:
                                                                  when {
                                                                       # The original query pattern
                                                                      $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
                                                                       not {
                                                                           $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                                           $t-2 > $t;
                                                                      };
                                                                       # Copy the value of $t
                                                                      ?last-t = $t;
                                                                  } then {
                                                                       # Generate a new attribute with the same value
                                                                       $resource has last-modified ?last-t;
                                                                  };
```



```
"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."
```





"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."

```
match
$resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
    $t-2 > $t;
};
fetch
$resource: id;
$t;
```

match
\$resource isa resource, has last-modified \$t;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$t;



```
match sessurce is resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
not {
    Sresource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
    St-2 > $t;
};
fetch
$resource: id;
$t;
};
fetch
$resource:: id;
$t;
}
{
    "resource": {
    "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }],
    "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
    },
    "type": { "value": "2023-11-19T18:32:25.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "modified-timestamp", "root": "attribute" } }
```



"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."

```
match
                                                          $resource isa resource, has last-modified $t;
                                                          fetch
                                                          $resource: id;
                                                          $t;
 "resource": {
   "id": [ { "value": "/vaticle/engineering/tools", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } ],
   "type": { "label": "directory", "root": "entity" }
 },
 "t": { "value": "2023-11-19T18:32:25.000", "value_type": "datetime", "type": { "label": "last-modified", "root": "attribute" } }
}
                    An instance of last-modified is returned instead of
```

modified-timestamp, with the same value



```
match
$resource isa resource, has last-modified $t;
fetch
$resource: id;
$t;
```

```
rule resource-last-modified:
    when {
        $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
        not {
            $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
            $t-2 > $t;
        };
        ?last-t = $t;
    } then {
        $resource has last-modified ?last-t;
    };
```



```
match
$resource isa resource, has last-modified $t;
fetch
                                                                  rule resource-last-modified:
$resource: id;
                                                                      when {
$t;
                                                                          $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
                                                                         not {
                                                                             $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                                             $t-2 > $t;
                                                                         };
                                                                         ?last-t = $t;
                                                                      } then {
                                                                          $resource has last-modified ?last-t;
                                                                      };
  If there are no instances of modified-timestamp,
  then no last-modified instance will be generated
```



};

\$resource has last-modified ?last-t;

```
match
$resource isa resource, has last-modified $t;
fetch
                                                                      rule resource-last-modified:
$resource: id;
                                                                          when {
$t;
                                                                               $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
                                                                              not {
                                                                                   $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
                                                                                  $t-2 > $t;
    define
                                                                              };
                                                                              ?last-t = $t;
    rule implicit-resource-last-modified:
                                                                          } then {
        when {
                                                                               $resource has last-modified ?last-t;
            $resource isa resource, has created-timestamp $t;
                                                                          };
            not { $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2; };
            ?last-t = $t;
        } then {
```



```
match
$resource isa resource, has last-modified $t;
fetch
                                                                     rule resource-last-modified:
$resource: id;
                                                                         when {
$t;
                                                                             $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
    rule implicit-resource-last-modified:
                                                                         } then {
        when {
                                                                         };
            not { $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2; };
        } then {
        };
                 Rule conditions are mutually exclusive
```























"List the most recent modified timestamp for each resource."

match
\$resource isa resource, has last-modified \$t;
fetch
\$resource: id;
\$t;



"List the most recent modified timestamp for each repository."

match
\$repository isa repository, has last-modified \$t;
fetch
\$repository: id;
\$t;









```
match
$repository isa repository, has last-modified $t;
fetch
$repository: id;
$t;

define
rule repository-modified-timestamps:
    when {
        $repository isa repository;
        (repository: $repository) isa commit, has created-timestamp $t;
        ?new-t = $t;
    } then {
        $repository has modified-timestamp ?new-t;
    }
}
```

```
};
```

```
rule resource-last-modified:
    when {
        $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
        not {
            $resource has modified-timestamp $t-2;
            $t-2 > $t;
        };
        ?last-t = $t;
    } then {
        $resource has last-modified ?last-t;
    };
```



```
match
                                                                           rule resource-last-modified:
$repository isa repository, has last-modified $t;
                                                                               when {
fetch
                                                                                   $resource isa resource, has modified-timestamp $t;
$repository: id;
$t;
                                                                               } then {
 rule repository-modified-timestamps:
                                                                               };
     when {
     } then {
         $repository has modified-timestamp ?new-t;
     };
                                  Condition of resource-last-modified matches
                               the conclusion of repository-modified-timestamps
```
























"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$paper isa file, has path "/vaticle/research/papers/type-theory.tex";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$paper) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$paper isa file, has path "/vaticle/research/papers/type-theory.tex";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$paper) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;

{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle/research/papers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } }



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$papers isa directory, has path "/vaticle/research/papers";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$papers) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;

{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle/research", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } }



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$research isa directory, has path "/vaticle/research";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$research) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;

{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } }



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

define

```
implicit-directory-membership sub directory-membership;
```

```
rule transitive-directory-memberships:
    when {
        (directory: $directory-1, directory-member: $directory-2) isa directory-membership;
        (directory: $directory-2, directory-member: $x) isa! directory-membership;
    } then {
        (directory: $directory-1, directory-member: $x) isa implicit-directory-membership;
    };
```



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

define

```
implicit-directory-membership sub directory-membership;
```





"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$paper isa file, has path "/vaticle/research/papers/type-theory.tex";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$paper) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;

{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle/research/papers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } } }



"List the directories that the 'type theory' paper is in."

match
\$paper isa file, has path "/vaticle/research/papers/type-theory.tex";
\$directory isa directory, has path \$path;
(directory: \$directory, directory-member: \$paper) isa directory-membership;
fetch
\$path;

{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle/research/papers", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }
{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle/research", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }
{ "path": { "value": "/vaticle", "value_type": "string", "type": { "label": "path", "root": "attribute" } }



Symbolic reasoning

- Domain logic can be integrated with rules.
- Rule combinations lead to complex behaviour from simple rules.
- Many more advantages!



Summary

- Conceptual data model
- Type-theoretic language
- Strong type system
- Symbolic reasoning



Summary

- Conceptual data model → No object model mismatch
- Type-theoretic language → Declarative polymorphic queries
- Strong type system → Guaranteed semantic integrity
- Symbolic reasoning → Integrated application logic



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