

# Dynamic provenance for SPARQL Updates using Named Graphs

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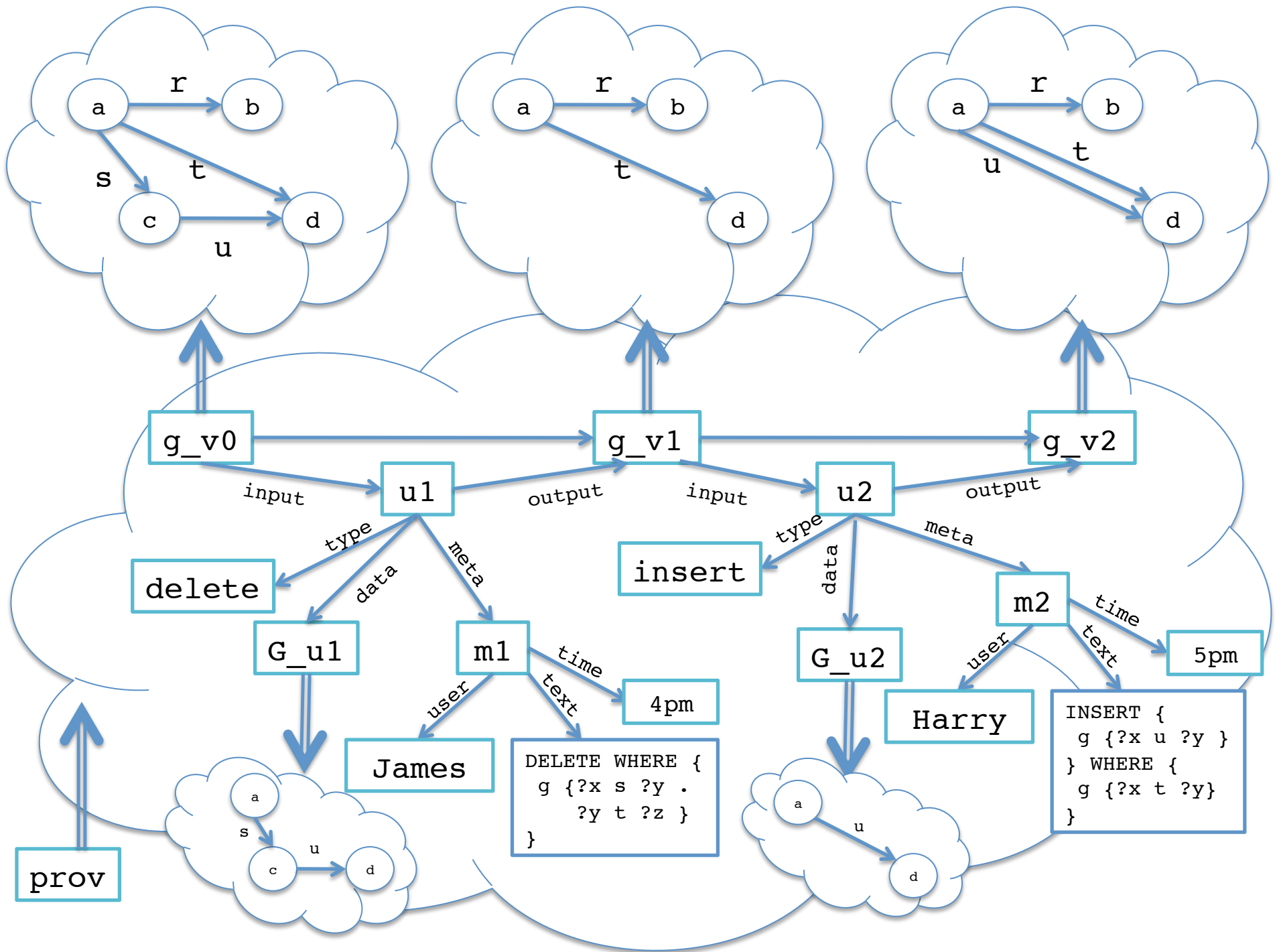


# Buzzword detox

- **Linked Data** = exporting RDF using stable ids
  - = the part of the “semantic web” that works
- **RDF** = <subject, predicate, object> triples (graphs)
- **Named graphs** = RDF graphs with a (URI) name
  - duh
- **SPARQL** = query language for RDF
  - think conjunctive queries with a few wrinkles
- **SPARQL Updates** = update language for RDF
  - Work in progress (part of SPARQL 1.1)

# Dynamic provenance

- By this, I basically just mean version history
  - this would cover large fraction of things people seem to want right off the bat
- Plus minimal ability to track sources of data copied from other places
  - i.e., copy-paste provenance for RDF
- Use of URIs makes this possible.
- This paper: translate updates to self-maintain provenance.



# Update language

```
U ::= INSERT {C} WHERE P
    | DELETE {C} WHERE P
    | LOAD g INTO g' | CLEAR g
    | CREATE g | DROP g
```

where  $C$  is a SPARQL graph expression (possibly with variables) and  $P$  is a SPARQL pattern that queries a graph and binds the variables to URIs or literals.

# Graph creation (CREATE g):

```
CREATE g;  
CREATE gv0;  
INSERT DATA {GRAPH prov {  
  g version gv0.  g current gv0.  
  u1 type create.  u1 output gv0.  
  u1 meta m1. ... (other metadata)  
}  
}
```

## Graph deletion (DROP g):

```
DROP g;  
DELETE WHERE {  
  GRAPH prov { g current gvi }  
};  
INSERT DATA {GRAPH prov {  
  ui type drop.    ui input gvi.  
  ui meta mi.    ... (other metadata)  
}
```



# Graph load (LOAD g INTO g')

```
LOAD h INTO g;  
DELETE WHERE {GRAPH prov {  
  g current gvi  
}  
};  
INSERT DATA {GRAPH prov {  
  g version gvi+1.  g current gvi+1.  
  ui type load.  ui input gvi.  
  ui output gvi+1.  ui source hj.  
  ui meta mi.  ... (other metadata)  
}
```

# Insertion (INSERT {C} WHERE P)

```
CREATE gui;  
INSERT {GRAPH gui {C}} WHERE P;  
INSERT {GRAPH g {C}} WHERE P;  
CREATE gvi+1;  
LOAD g INTO gvi+1;  
DELETE DATA {GRAPH prov {<g current gvi>}};  
INSERT DATA {GRAPH prov {  
    g version gvi+1.          g current gvi+1.  
    ui input gvi.            ui output gvi+1.  
    ui type insert.          ui data gui.  
    ui source S1. ...      ui source Sm.  
    ui meta mi.      ... (other metadata)  
    }  
}
```

# Also in paper

- Provenance querying via SPARQL
  - implicitly
  - SPARQL is not really enough: no recursion.
  - Not my problem.
- Strawman for provenance retrieval over HTTP

# Next steps

- Implementation 😊
  - should be straightforward to implement slow version
- Mapping dynamic provenance from other data models / DBMSs
  - copy-paste DBs/DBWiki
  - export from Oracle with metadata??
- Reconcile with OPM / W3C PIL?