Nuns and Monks – Prosopographical Interfaces



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Outline

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NAMPI - Core: Fully realized open source prosopographical database system based on RDF and the factoid model adaptable to different projects

NAMPI – Monastic Life: A prosopographical database of early modern nuns and monks (and other persons related to the life in early modern monasteries) created using NAMPI – Core

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Current state

- Generic Backend and Frontend available on GitHub
- Generic Editor still WIP
- Currently 450 persons with 1500 events
- Manual source interpretation in progress
- Automated data interpretation from external databases in progress

Web-Addresses (all work in progress)

Primary website

• https://nampi.icar-us.eu

Canonical data website

• https://data.nampi.icar-us.eu

Github repository with the code

• https://github.com/nam-pi

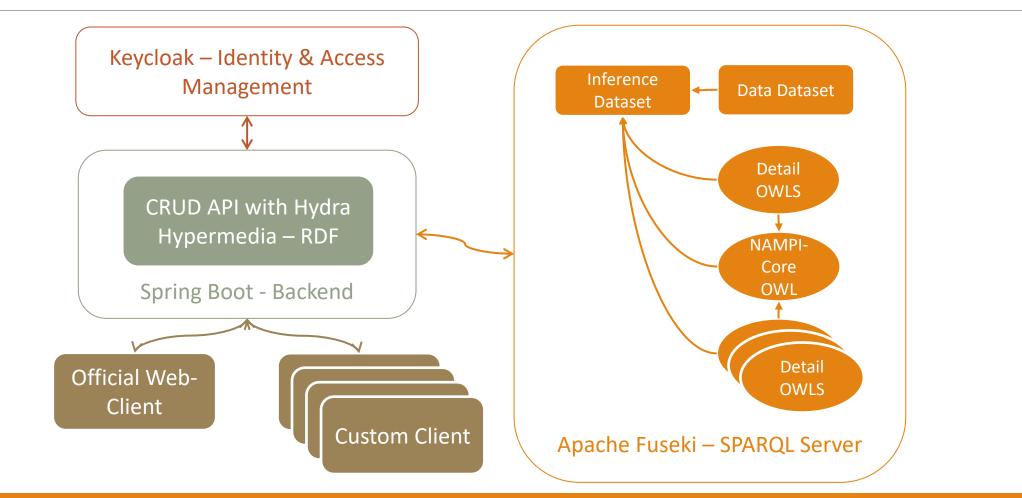
Core ontology

<u>https://github.com/nam-pi/core-owl/blob/master/core.owl</u>

Monastic-Life ontology

<u>https://github.com/nam-pi/monastic-life-owl/blob/master/monastic-life.owl</u>

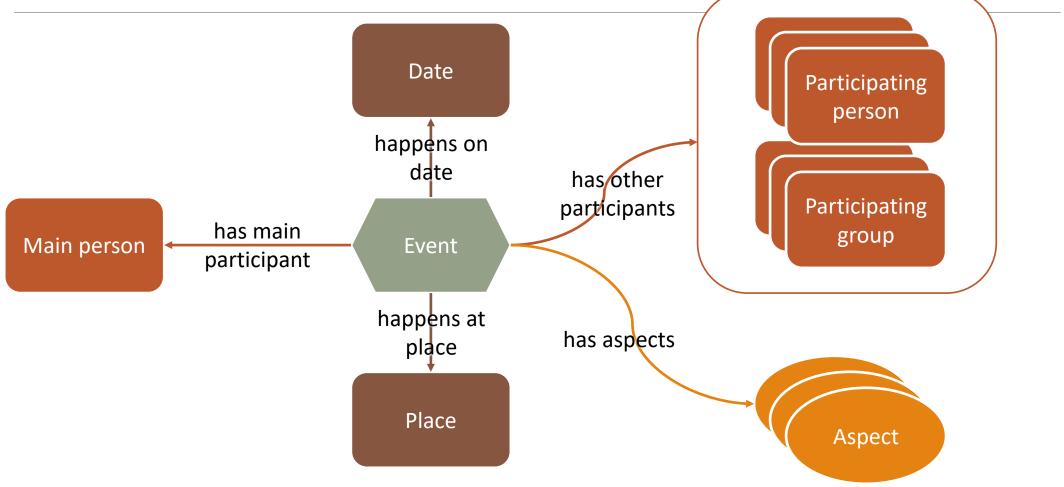
NAMPI-Core: Architecture



NAMPI-Core: Document interpretation act



NAMPI-Core: Event model



Important entities

Person

• A person

Group

• A group of persons; can be used to represent families, companies, monastic communities, sports teams, government bodies etc.

Event

• Something that happens on a specific day at a specific location in the life of a single person. It is focussed on the main person, a "real-life" event with different participants would be multiple events in NAMPI.

Aspect

• What is actually happening at the event, can be a new job, an office started, a title gained, a new role or status in a group

Extending NAMPI Core

Custom ontologies based on NAMPI-Core

Extending aspect definitions

Extending group types

Extending group relations

Extending source types

NAMPI-Monastic Life

Ontology based on NAMPI-Core

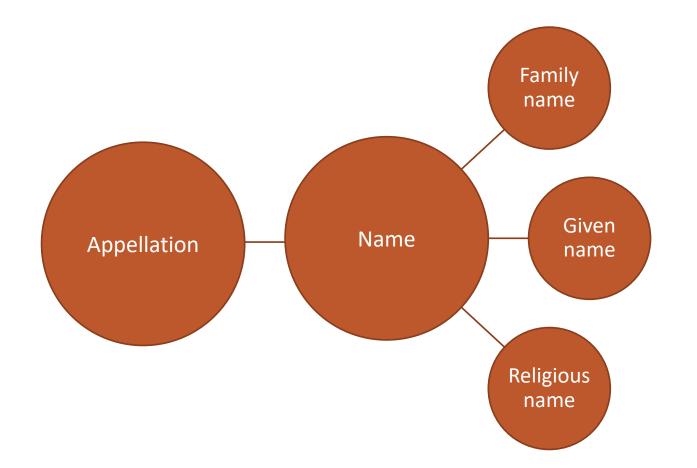
Work-in-progress

Focus on life in and around early modern monastic communities

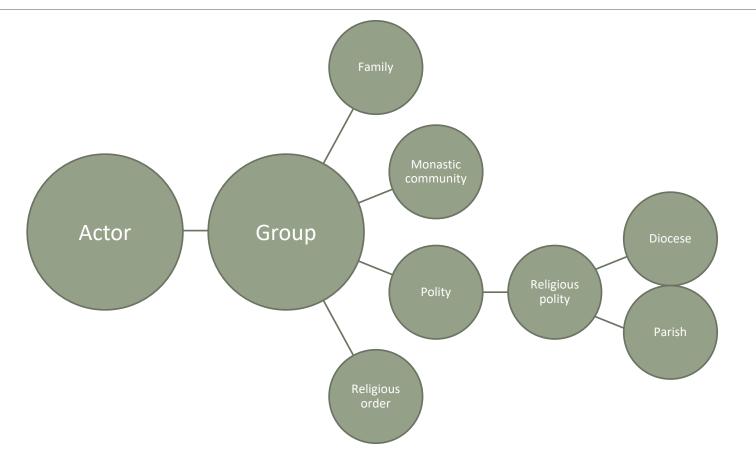
Extended groups

Extended aspects

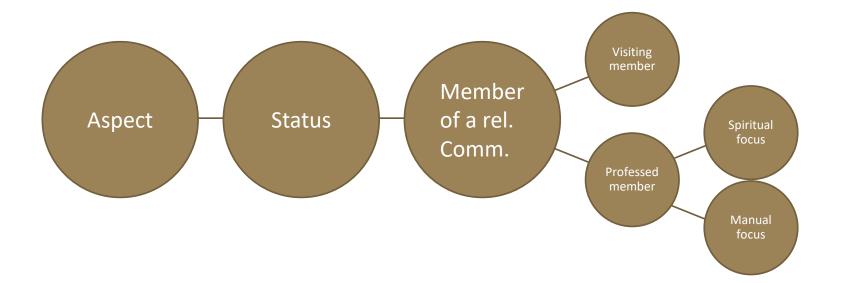
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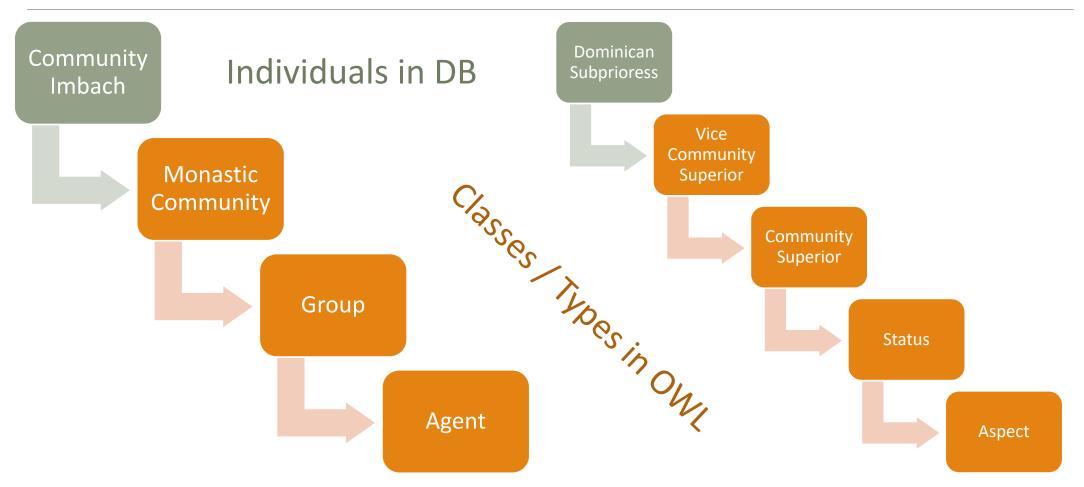
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Monastic aspects



RDF inference



Possible queries

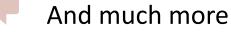
All superiors of a specific monastery

All Priors in Carthusian monasteries that got this status before a certain time

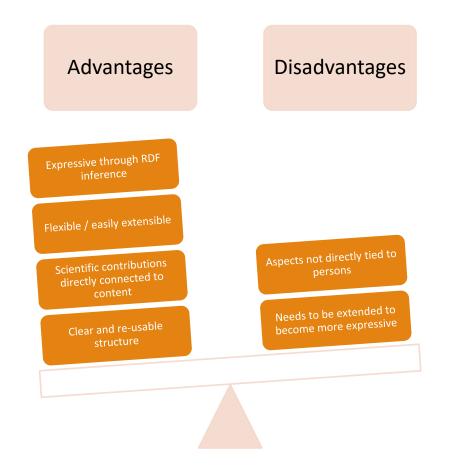
All monasteries that had someone classified as "Community administrator"

All events in the life of a specific person

All events that happened at a specific place in a specific time interval



Advantages / Disadvantages



Event example: Election to prioress of Imbach

Source: Chronik Dominikanerinnen Imbach 1659, 54r

Date: not later than April 24, 1524

Location: Imbach, Dominican Monastery

Main participant: Anna von Chayau

Other participant: **Community Imbach**

Aspect: **Dominican prioress**

Representation in <u>NAMPI</u>

Event example: Profession as choir monk in Gaming

Source: Professbuch Gaming 1604 - 1734, 2v

Date: February 11, 1624

Location: Gaming, Carthusian Monastery

Main participant: Bernardus Thomae

Other participant: **Community Gaming**

Aspect: Dominus (Title); Choir monk (Status)

Representation in NAMPI