

# Life Science Database Integration Using Linked Data

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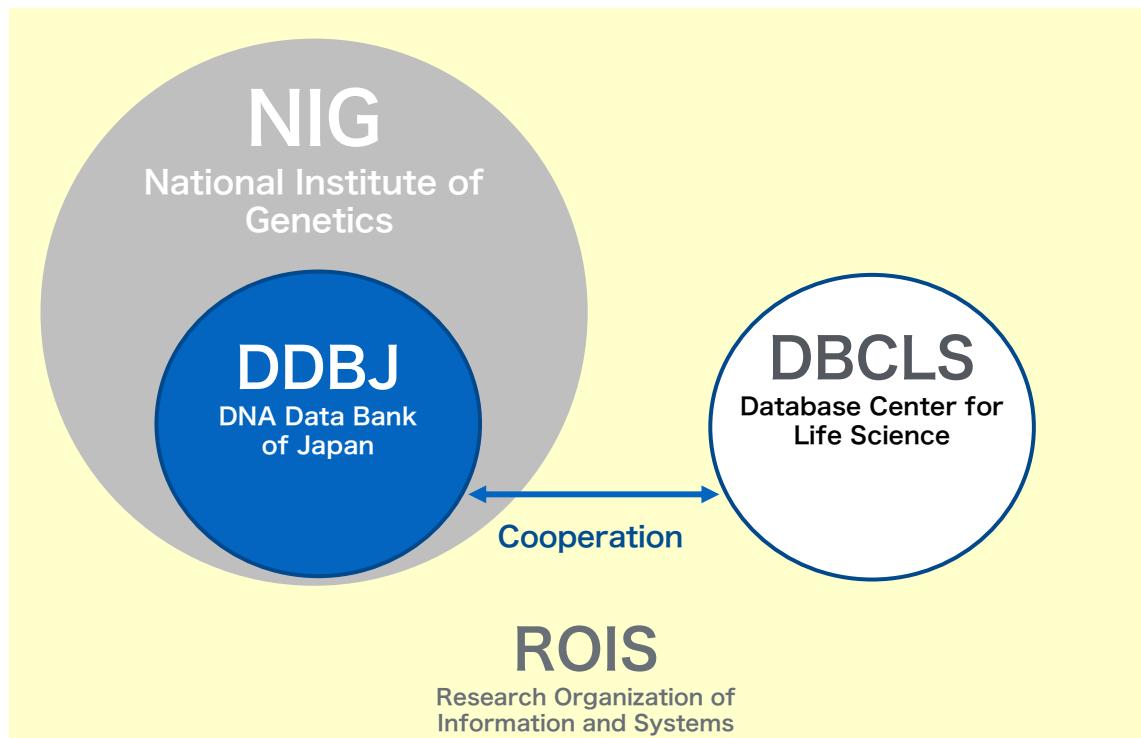
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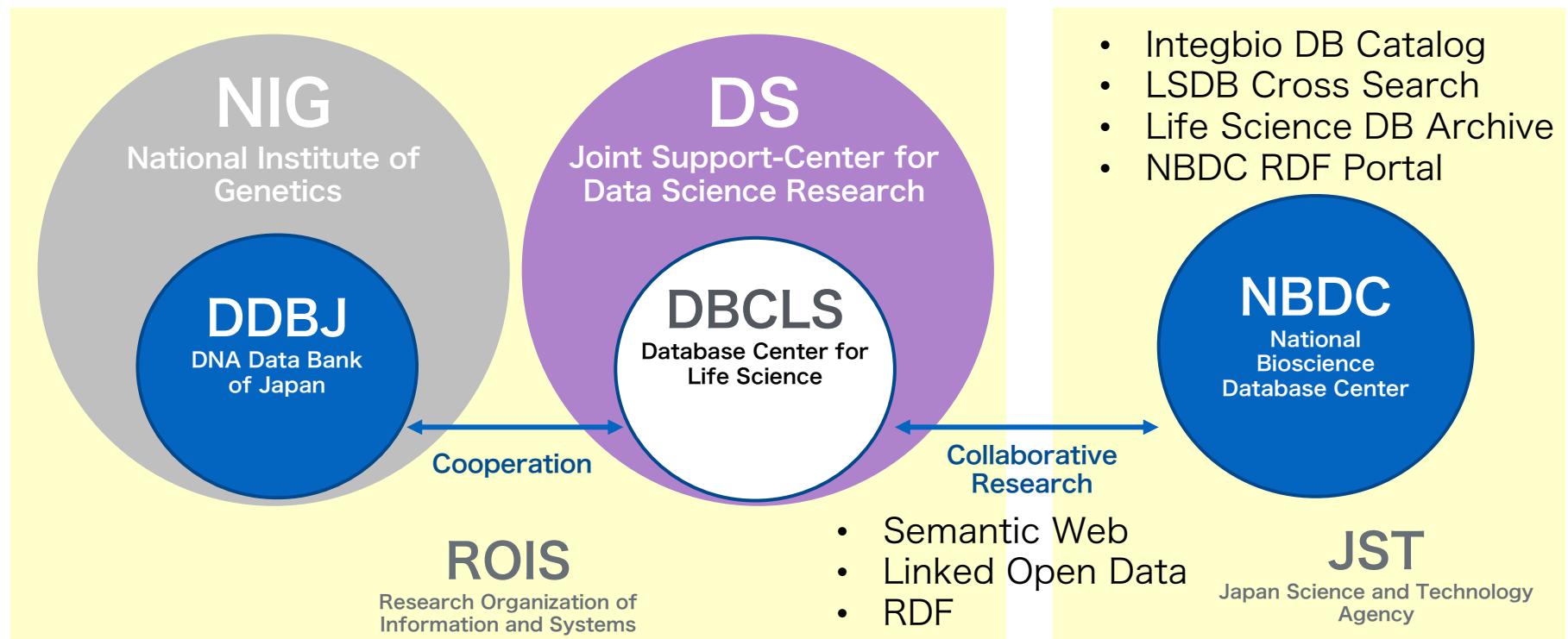
- Integbio DB Catalog
- LSDB Cross Search
- Life Science DB Archive
- Technology development

- FAIR
- Findable
  - Accessible
  - Interoperable
  - Reusable



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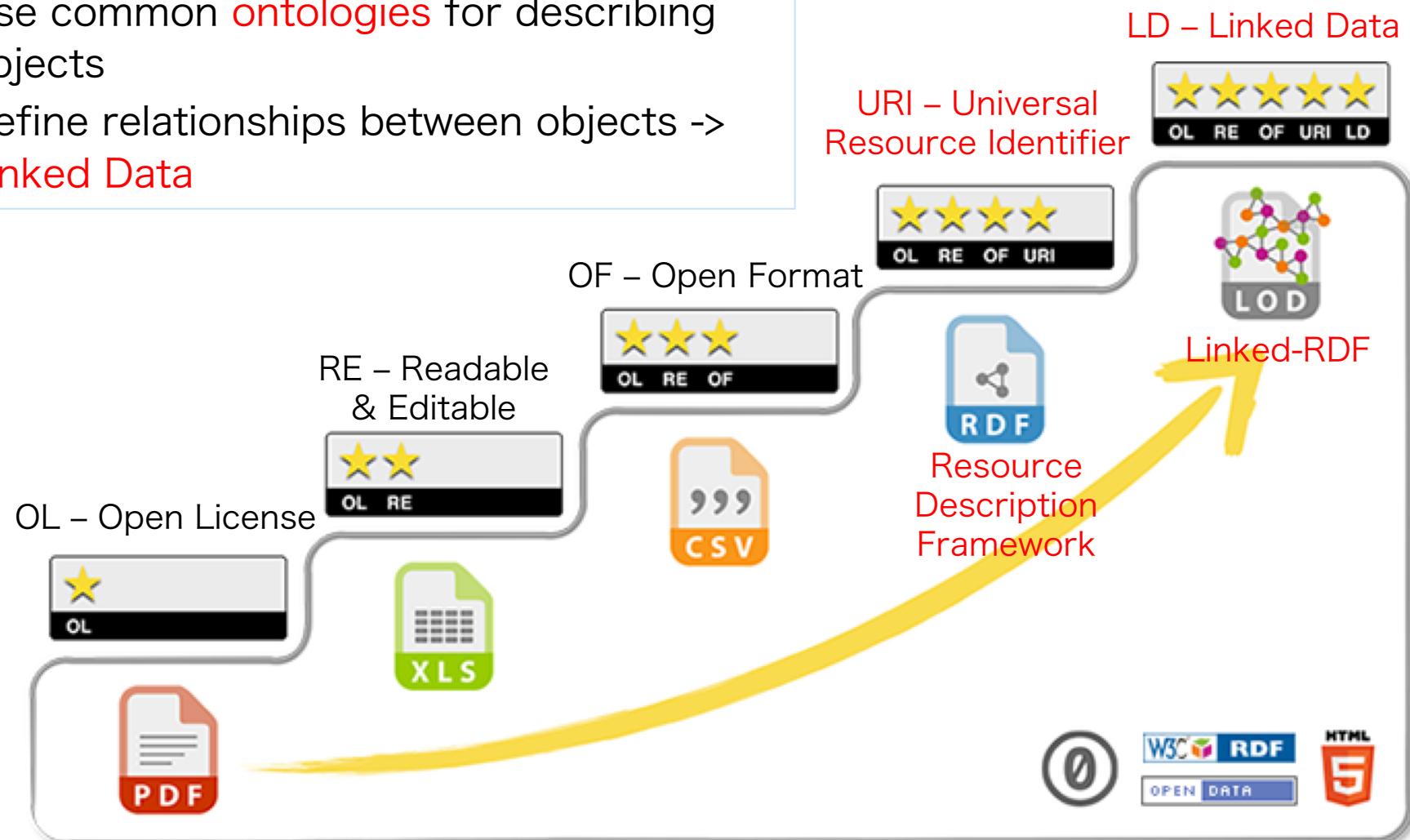


# 5 ★ Linked Open Data

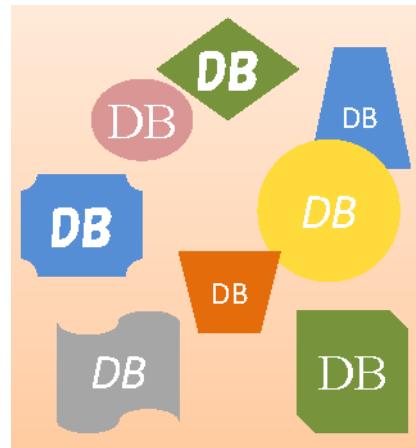


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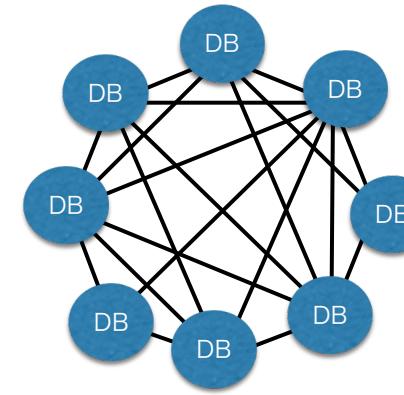
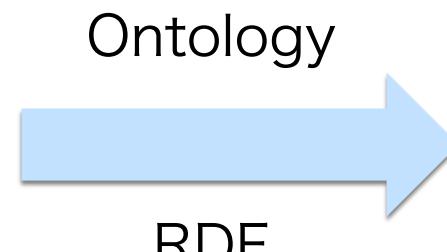
- To give a unique ID to every object -> **URI**
- Use common **ontologies** for describing objects
- Define relationships between objects -> **Linked Data**



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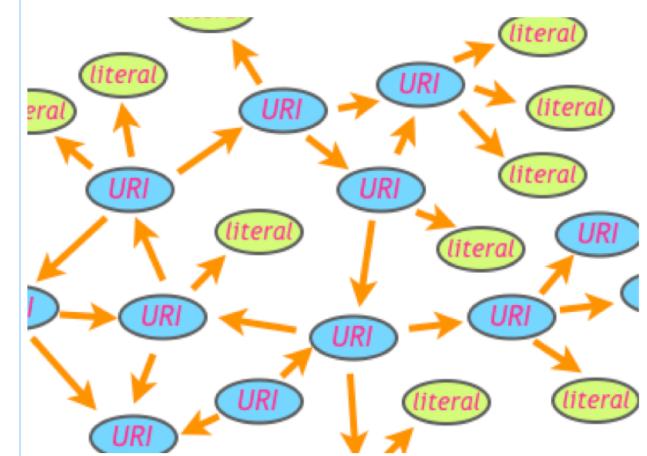


Highly heterogeneous databases  
using their own terms and formats

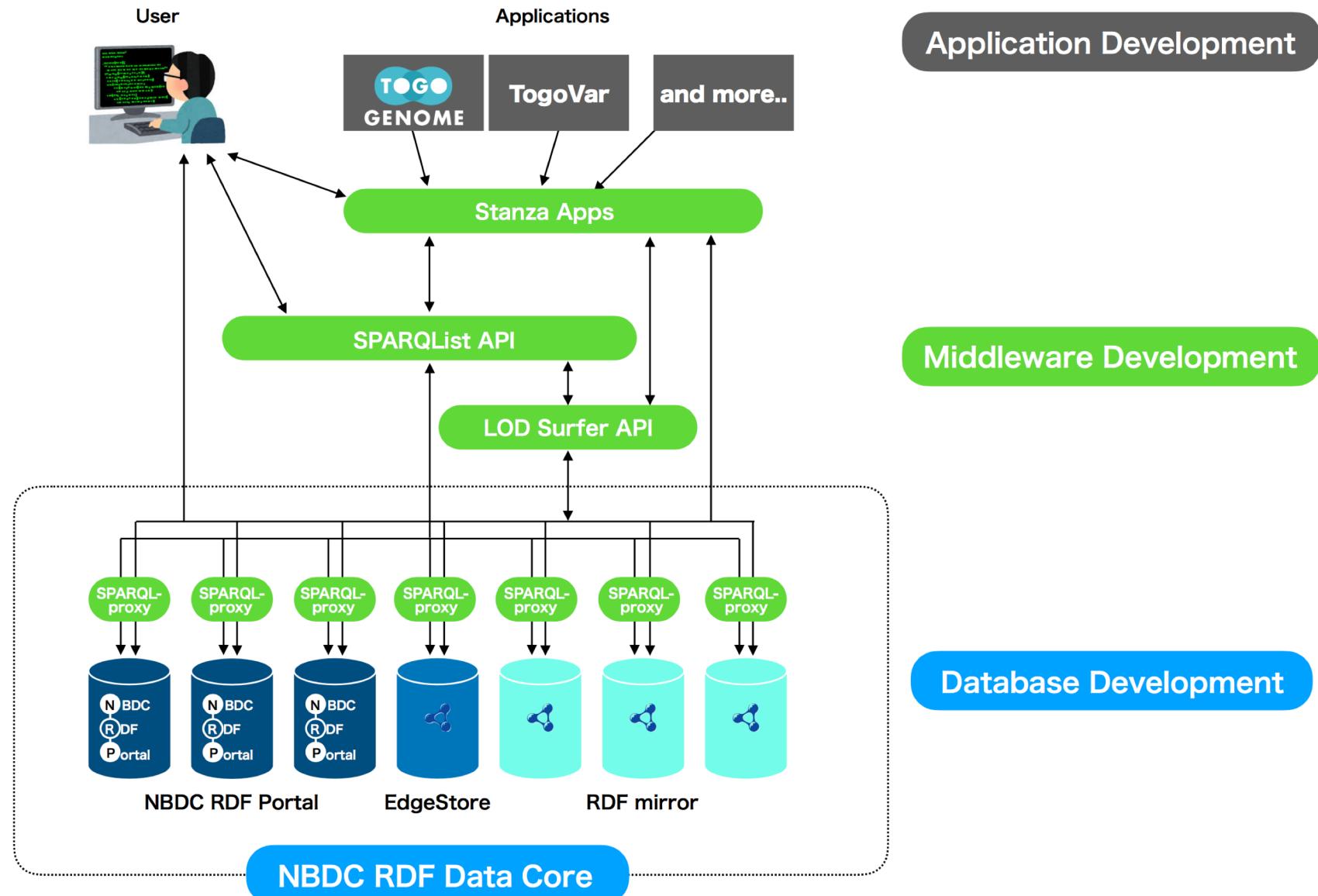


Databases integration for seamless  
access and knowledge mining

- RDF: Resource Description Framework
- Triples consisting of Subject, Predicate and Object
  - Subject: ID (URI) for an object
  - Predicate: Attribute (URI) defined by an ontology
  - Object: ID (URI) or value (literal) for another object



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# NBDC RDF Portal

- Portal site for RDF data from research groups in Japan
  - 20 data sets including nine from NBDC funded databases comprising 45 billion triples (as of Nov. 2017)
  - Microbial genomes, protein 3D structures, glycan structures, ...
  - RDF file download, SPARQL endpoints, Statistics, Metadata, ...



<http://integbio.jp/rdf/>  
Network of Databases

# Two important topics

- RDFizing database guideline
    - <http://wiki.lifescienceedb.jp/mw/BH14.14/RDFizingDatabaseGuidelineEnglishDraft0.1>
  - BioHackathons and SPARQLthons

# SPARQLthon

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- Two days hackathon held every month from 2012 October.
- Theme: Life science database integration by **semantic web technologies**.
- >60 times in total and 1,328 (138 unique) participants from 45 institutes (15 universities, 13 research institutes, 17 private companies).
- From 2014, researchers from integrated database project funded by NBDC have attended and collaborated for creating RDF data and ontologies.



# Biohackathon

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- International hackathon hosted by DBCLS/NBDC once a year in Japan from 2008
- Discuss and develop up-to-date technologies and systems for database integration and its applications
- One week intense development by international collaboration
- Summary papers have been published
- FAIR principle paper acknowledges biohackathon



# Currently Available RDF Data

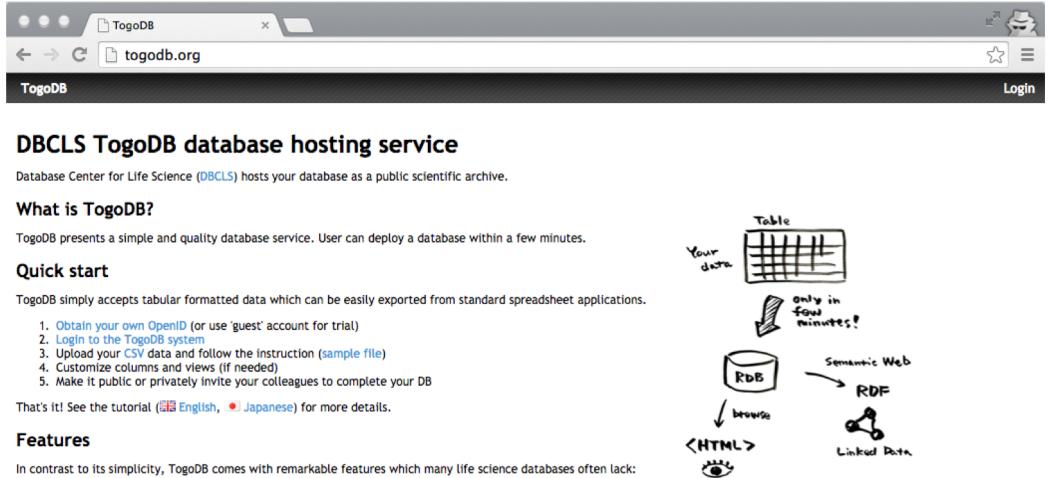
Type	RDF Data Set	Type	RDF Data Set
<i>Gene</i>	DDBJ	<i>Ortholog</i>	MBGD, PGDBj Orthology
<i>Genome</i>	Ensembl	<i>Protein interaction</i>	IntAct, Instruct, HINT
<i>Metagenome</i>	MicrobeDB.jp	<i>Pathway</i>	REACTOME, WikiPathway
<i>Epigenome</i>	KERO, ChIP-Atlas, iMETHYL	<i>Systems biology</i>	BioModels, SSBD
<i>Genome variation</i>	Linked ICGC, ClinVar, ExAC	<i>Bioassay</i>	ChEMBL, PubChem
<i>Protein</i>	UniProt	<i>Disease</i>	PACOnto, GGDonto, DisGeNet, ClinVar, MedGen
<i>Protein structure</i>	wwPDB, BMRB, FAMSBASE	<i>Dictionary</i>	MeSH, Allie, LSD
<i>Glycan</i>	GlyTouCan, GlycoEpitope, WURCS	<i>Transcriptome</i>	ExpressionAtlas, RefEx, KERO, Open TG-GATEs
<i>Chemical compound</i>	PubChem, Nikkaji	<i>Proteome</i>	neXtProt, The Human Protein Atlas, jPOSTdb
<i>Meta data</i>	Quanto, integbio DB catalog, Colil, First Authors	<i>Metabolome</i>	MassBank, metabolonote
<i>Sample</i>	BioSamples, JCM	<i>Ontology</i>	BioProtal, OLS

# Tools for RDFyizing Data

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## TogoDB

Converting table  
data to RDB / RDF



**DBCLS TogoDB database hosting service**  
Database Center for Life Science (DBCLS) hosts your database as a public scientific archive.

**What is TogoDB?**  
TogoDB presents a simple and quality database service. User can deploy a database within a few minutes.

**Quick start**  
TogoDB simply accepts tabular formatted data which can be easily exported from standard spreadsheet applications.

1. Obtain your own OpenID (or use 'guest' account for trial)
2. Login to the TogoDB system
3. Upload your CSV data and follow the instruction (sample file)
4. Customize columns and views (if needed)
5. Make it public or privately invite your colleagues to complete your DB

That's it! See the tutorial ([English](#), [Japanese](#)) for more details.

**Features**  
In contrast to its simplicity, TogoDB comes with remarkable features which many life science databases often lack:

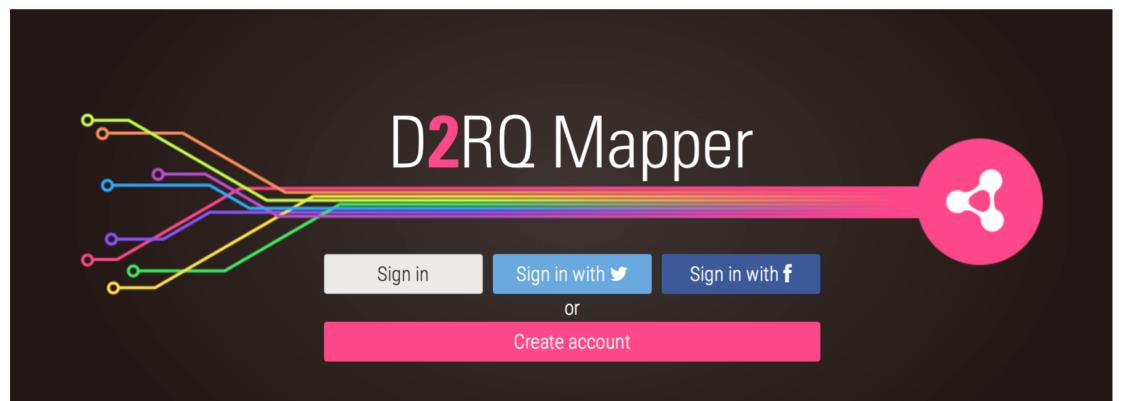
- Highly customizable options including HTML/CSS/JavaScript codes
- All databases can be released as CSV, JSON and RDF (XML, Turtle) files with semantic annotations
- Built-in advanced search engine including numerical ranges and regular express
- Database records are shown by default without requiring users to seek for app
- QuickLook-like interface offers ultrafast browsing experience throughout larg
- You can also embed your database into any web page via JSONP API

Diagram illustrating the conversion process:  
 Your data (Table) → Only in four minutes! (RDB) → Semantic Web (HTML) → RDF (Linked Data)

<http://togodb.org/>

## D2RQ Mapper

Converting RDB to  
RDF

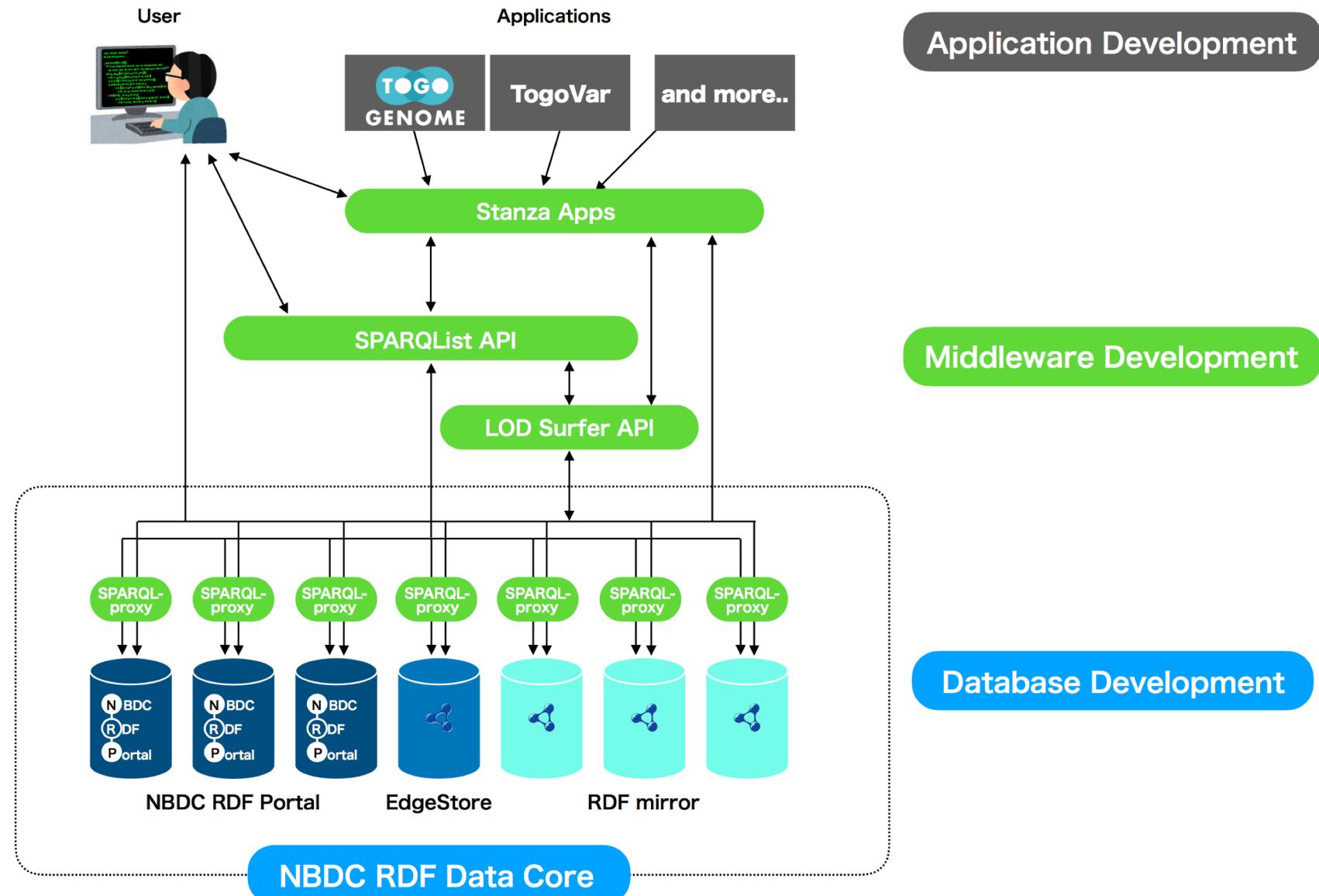


**D2RQ Mapper**

Sign in   Sign in with Twitter   Sign in with Facebook  
or  
Create account

<http://d2rq.dbcls.jp/>

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# Middleware: Accessing SPARQL EPs



**TOGO GENOME**

Organism name   Genome information   Genomic context   Ortholog profile   Taxonomic information   Culture collections   Medium information   Phenotype information   Geno

**Organism report**

ID: 282459   Label: **Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus MSSA476**

Genome size <b>2.8 Mb</b>	Number of genes Gene: 2852 tRNA: 59 rRNA: 19 ncRNA: 3	Organism GC  32%	Cell shape  Staphylococcus arrangement	Growth pH No data	Pathogenicity 
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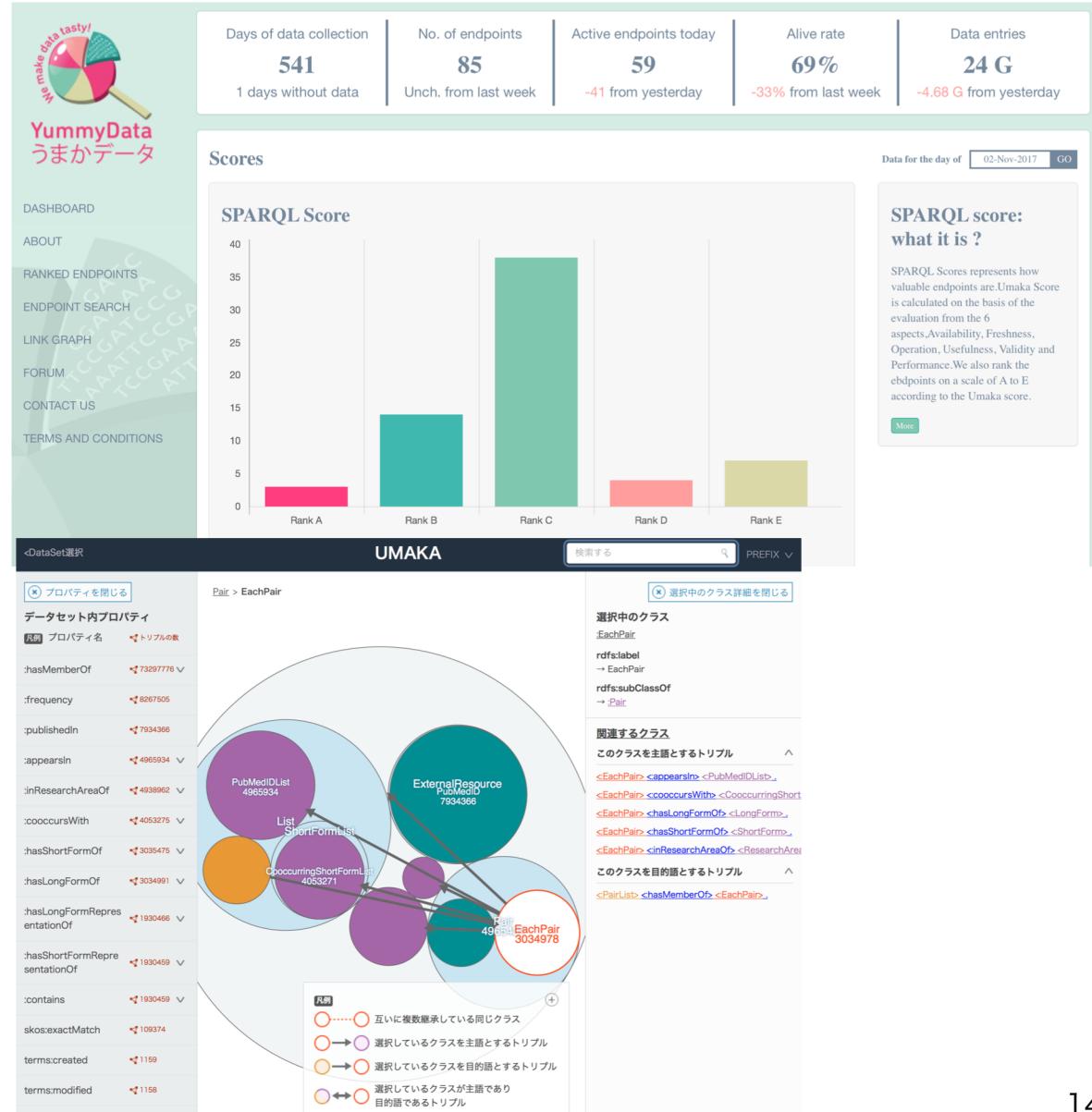
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- TogoStanza: generic web framework for reusable web components
- SPARQList: API for accessing SPARQL endpoints
- SPARQL support, SPARQL builder: web interface to support building SPARQL queries
- YummyData: listing and monitoring SPARQL endpoints

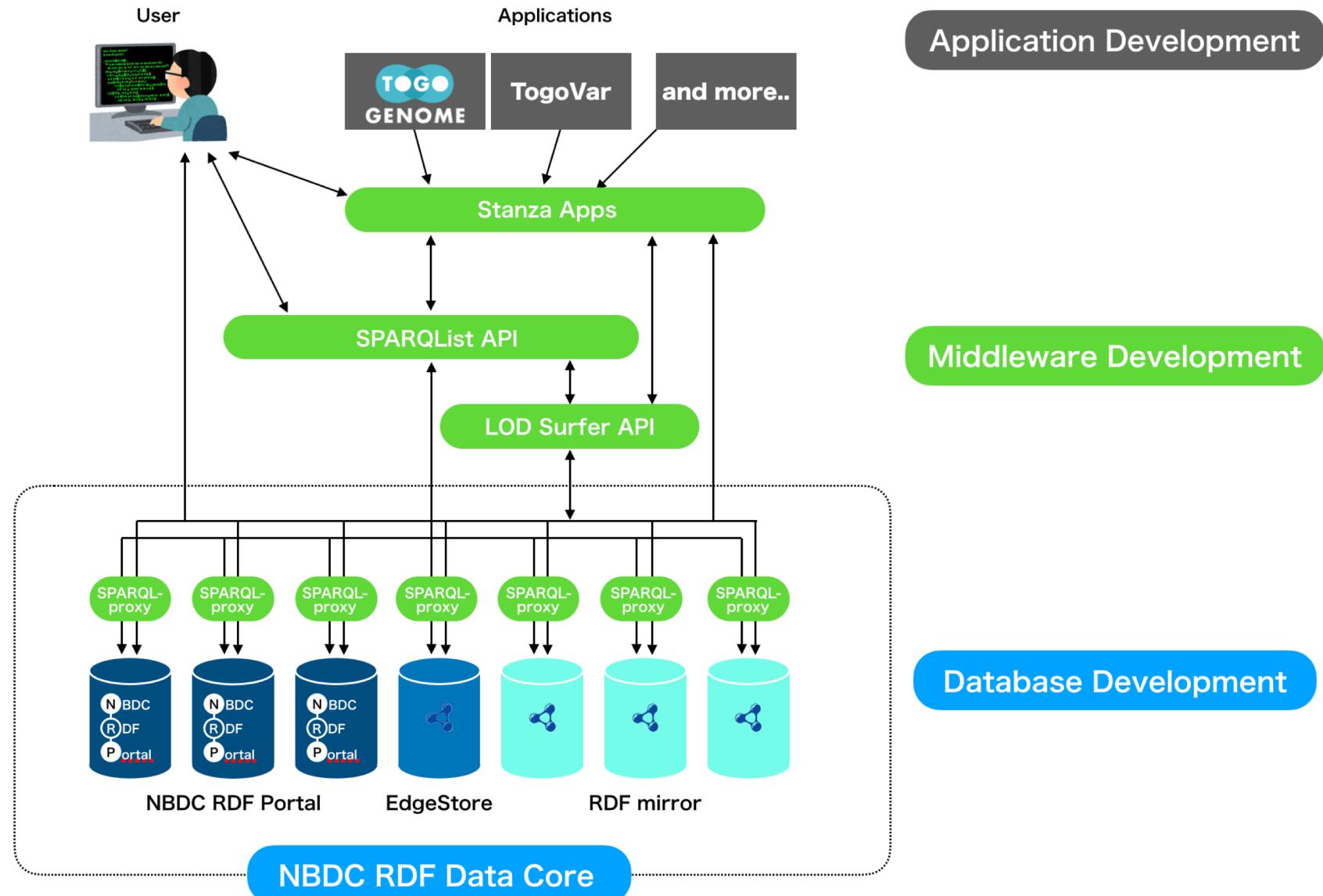
# YummyData: Information for SPARQL endpoint

- YummyData for endpoint information



- YummyViewer for visualization of class relationships

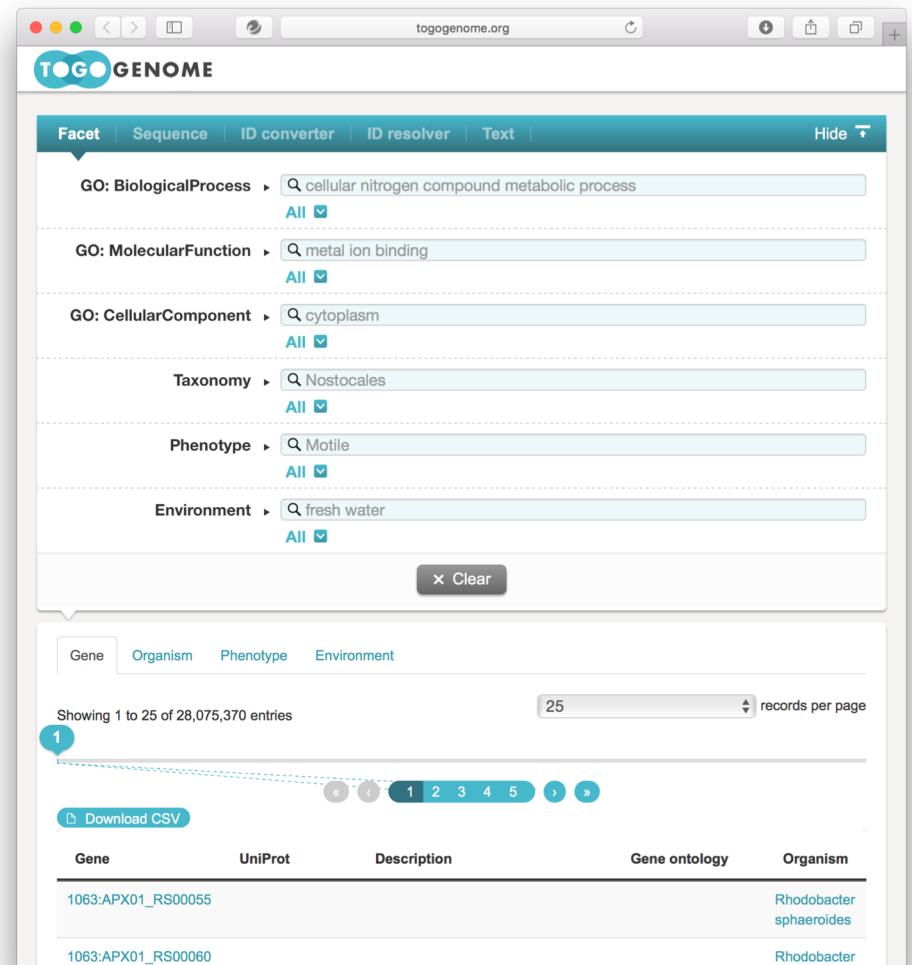
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# Application: TogoGenome

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- Genome database based on semantic web technology.
- Unique: implemented only by RDF data stores.
- >10,000 species including 360 eukaryotes.
- > 1 billion triples
- Genes and genomes, environmental and growth conditions, links to other DBs



The screenshot shows the TogoGenome web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Facet, Sequence, ID converter, ID resolver, Text, and Hide. Below the navigation bar are several search facets:

- GO: BiologicalProcess: Search term: cellular nitrogen compound metabolic process, All checked
- GO: MolecularFunction: Search term: metal ion binding, All checked
- GO: CellularComponent: Search term: cytoplasm, All checked
- Taxonomy: Search term: Nostocales, All checked
- Phenotype: Search term: Motile, All checked
- Environment: Search term: fresh water, All checked

Below the facets is a search bar with a 'Clear' button. Underneath the search bar are four tabs: Gene, Organism, Phenotype, and Environment. The Organism tab is selected. The page displays a message: "Showing 1 to 25 of 28,075,370 entries". A table below shows two entries:

Gene	UniProt	Description	Gene ontology	Organism
1063:APX01_RS00055				Rhodobacter sphaeroides
1063:APX01_RS00060				Rhodobacter



# Application: Easy access to omics data

## 1. Exhaustive, but functional index for public raw data repository

### DBCLS SRA



Yellow pages for Sequence Read Archive(SRA)

<http://SRA.dbcls.jp/>



### Next generation reads(SRA)

Samples(BioSample)



Studies(BioProject)

Capillary reads

Annotated sequences

### INSDC

## 4. Sequence analysis tools for nucleotides

<http://ggrna.dbcls.jp/>



<http://gggenome.dbcls.jp/>



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### AOE(All Of gene Expression)



Graph shortcut for gene expression data

<http://AOE.dbcls.jp/>



### Public gene expression DB

### Refseq



## 2. Curated dataset for functional analysis

→ Reference transcriptome data



<http://RefEx.dbcls.jp/>

→ Curation and visualization of public ChIP-seq data

<http://chip-atlas.org/>



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# Application: Natural language Q&A

**LODQA @qald-biomed**

**Natural Language Query** [i](#)

what genes are associated with alzheimer disease?

**Graph Editor** [i](#)

New Node [+](#) to be connected as *chain* [●](#) or *star* [○](#).



**Term Finder** [i](#)

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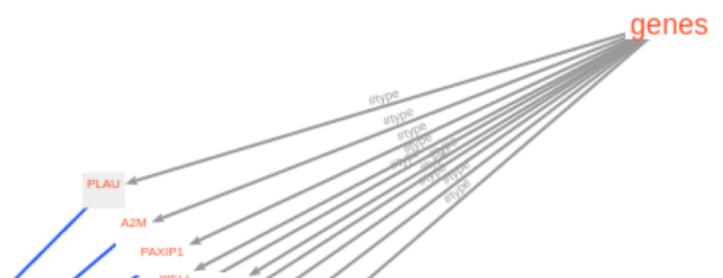
**Graph Finder**

[Begin Search](#)

sparql	answer
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Show solutions in table

<http://www4.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/diseasome/resource/genes/APOE>



# Summary

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- Database integration via semantic web technology
  - RDF, Linked Open Data
  - RDF Portal and converting tools
- Tools to utilize integrated database
  - <http://dbcls.jp/services>
- Community for the development and utilization
  - Biohackathon
  - SPARQLthon
  - Lecture series, TogoTV for lecture videos

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