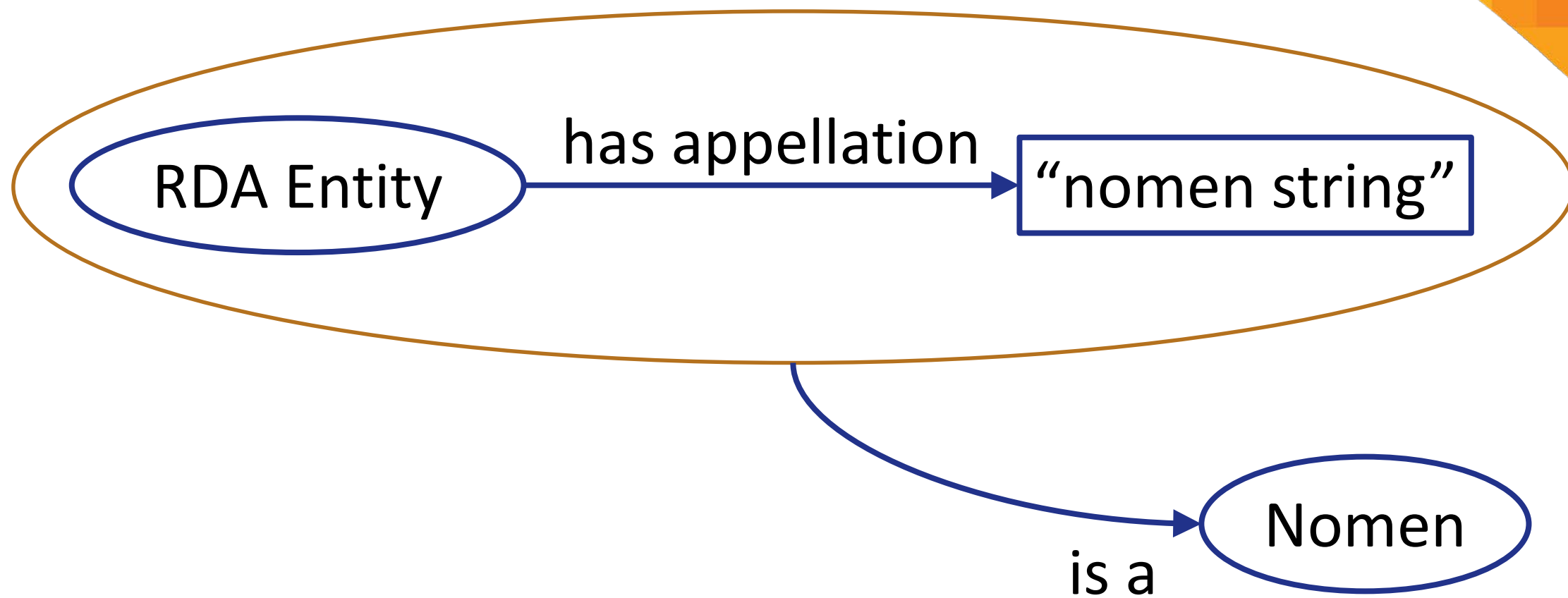# A deeper dive into Nomen and appellations

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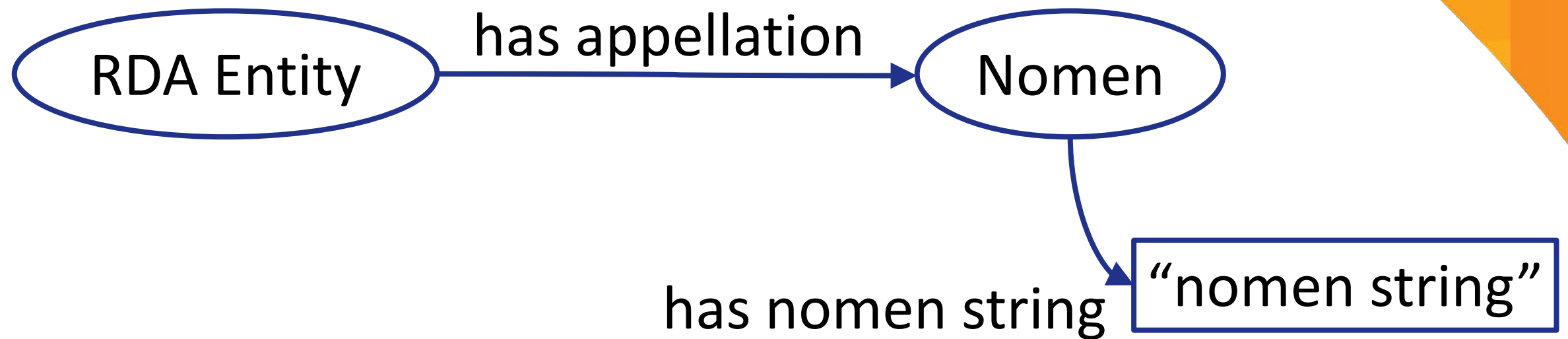January 28, 2019, Seattle, USA

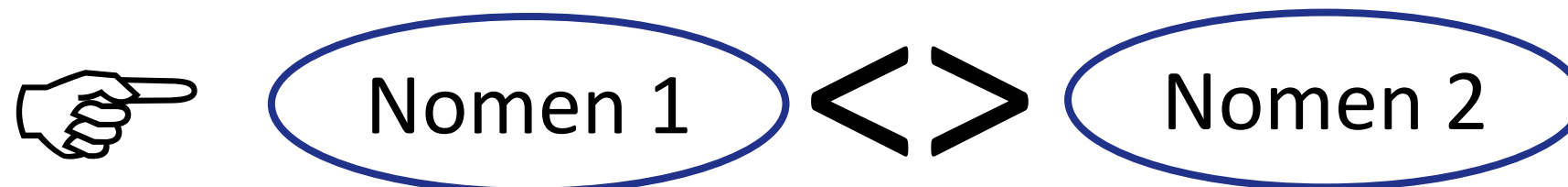R | D | A
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Nature of Nomen

RDA Entity → has appellation → "nomen string"

is a → Nomen

Reification of "this entity has this name"

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Nomen in RDA

RDA Entity —— has appellation ——▶ Nomen

has nomen string ——▶ "nomen string"

Nomen is distinguished by both the RDA Entity **and** the nomen string

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Nomen strings

RDA Entity 1 → Nomen 1 → "my string"

RDA Entity 2 → Nomen 2 → "my string"

RDA Entity 1 <> RDA Entity 2

☞ Nomen 1 <> Nomen 2

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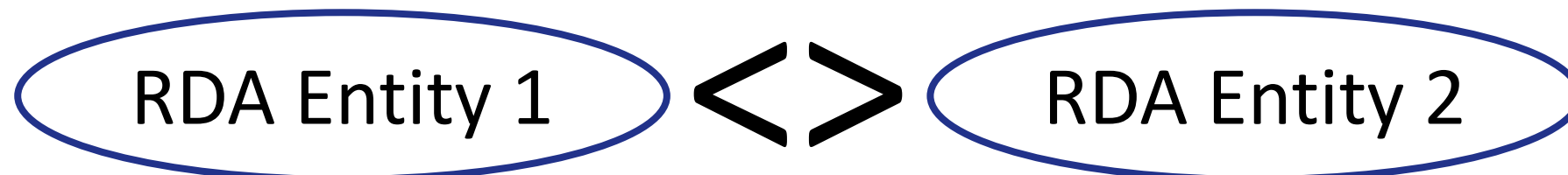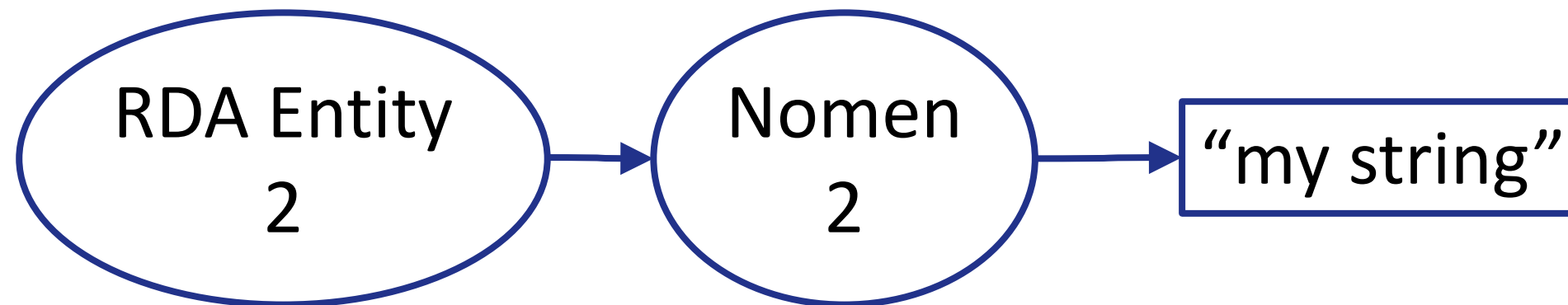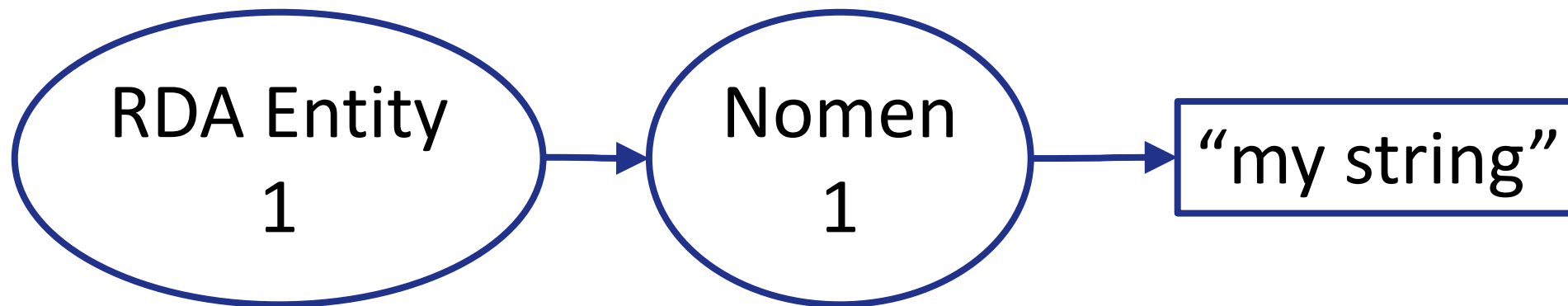
Utility in RDA

Make statements about a Nomen/string
Who assigned the name?
What is the script of the name?
What other names is the name related to?

Useful for name authority control

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Name metadata

Nomen
- is assigned by agent → Agent
- is appellation of → RDA Entity
- has nomen string → "nomen string"
- has date of usage → Timespan
- is part of → Nomen

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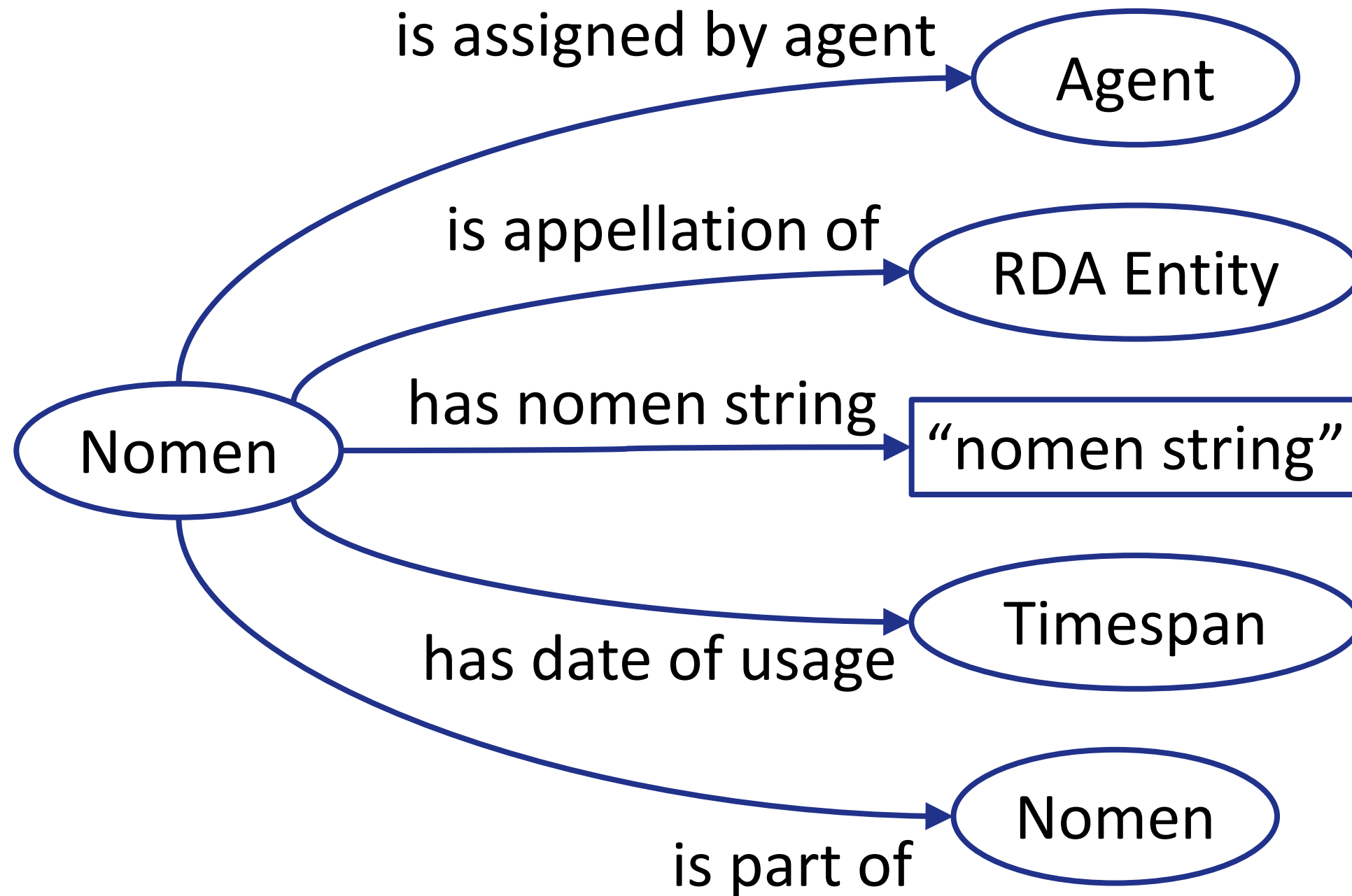
Categories of Nomen

Category	RDA element sub-type
Common name (or title)	name of RDA entity preferred name variant name
Browse name	access point for RDA entity authorized access point variant access point
Identifier	identifier for RDA entity

IRI is not a Nomen because it is self-reified (IRI of IRI?)

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Recording methods

has related RDA entity of RDA entity

RDA Entity

RDA Entity

has name ...

"common name" unstructured

has access point ...

"browse name" structured

has identifier ...

"identifier" identifier

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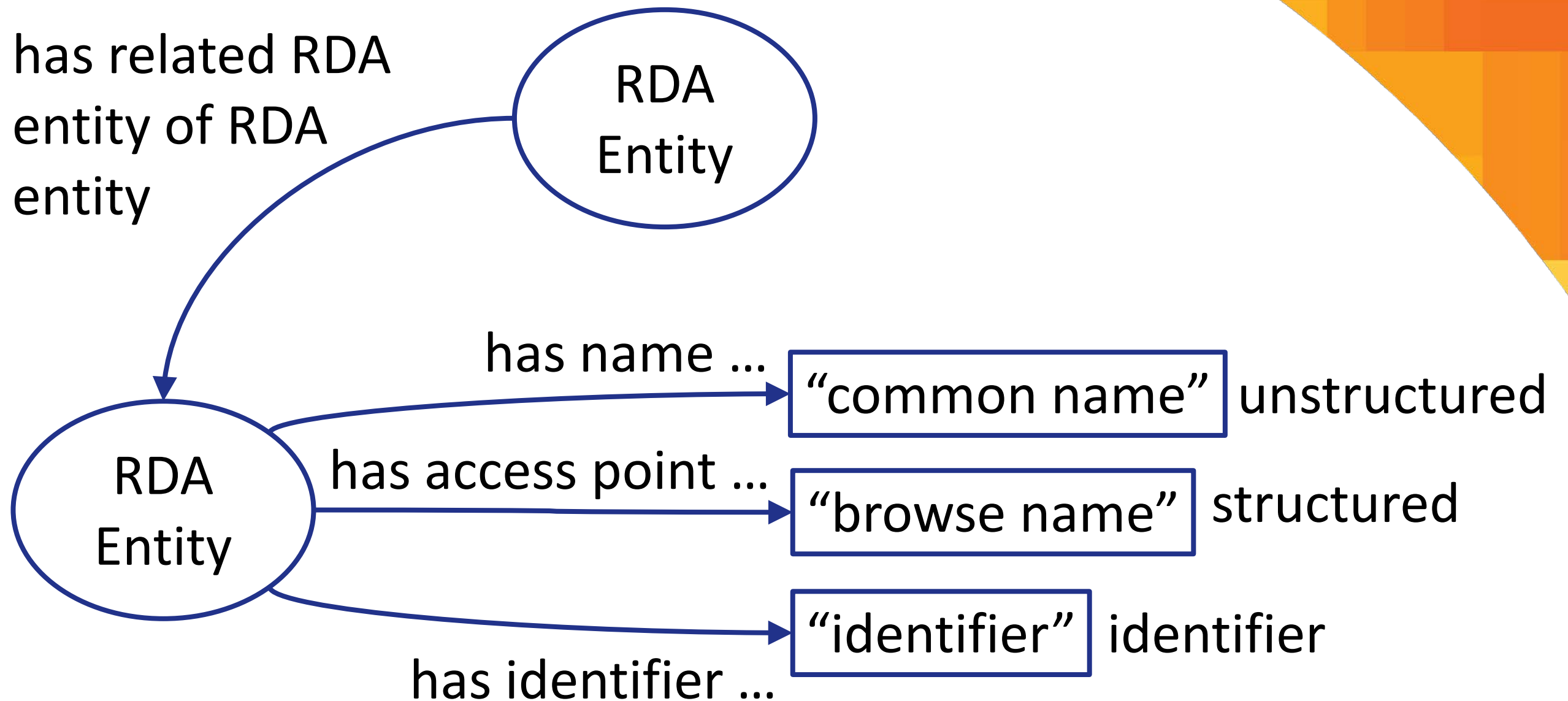
Other ontologies

skosxl

SKOS Simple Knowledge Organization System eXtension for Labels (SKOS-XL)

Skosxl:Label skosxl:literalForm "nomen string"

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Classes: Identifier, Title, VariantTitle, KeyTitle, AbbreviatedTitle, ParallelTitle, CollectiveTitle, AudioIssueNumber, Barcode, Coden, CopyrightNumber, + 20 other identifiers (No "Name")

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Conclusions

Nomen is essential for name authority control

  But only nomen string likely to be used for resource description and related entities

Nomen model is similar to SKOSXL

There may be issues in interoperating with BIBFRAME

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Questions, comments

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