

RDF for chemistry

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C-SHALS 2009 (*Conference on Semantics in Healthcare and Life Sciences*) has just started, and has coverage in a [blog](#) and in a [FriendFeed room](#). It nicely coincides with Rich' blog on [What the Heck is the Semantic Web?](#) , and the RDF work I have recently done on [rdf.openmolecules.net](#) and [Bioclipse](#) . (Oh, do I wish I could have attended that conference.)

Anyway, I was proudly surprised to see [sechemtic](#) show up in the [Semantic Web technologies: Introduction and Survey](#) tutorial by Lee Feigenbaum of [Cambridge Semantics](#):

RDFa Example: Chemicals

InChI is a textual identifier for chemical substances. Consider `incl`

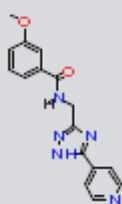
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<table>
<tr>
  <th>Familiar name</th><th>InChI</th>
</tr><tr>
  <td>Methane</td>
  <td about="http://example.org/methane" property="chem:inchi"
    xmlns:chem="http://www.blueobelisk.org/chemistryblogs/">
    InChI=1S/CH4/h1H4
  </td>
  ...
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Use? Rich was asking what could be done with RDF for chemistry... here is a [nice mashup by Phil Ashworth](#): a [Google Map](#) showing the locations where certain chemical can be bought:

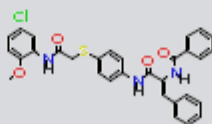


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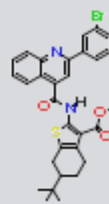
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