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Interest in APL Outside the APL Community

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## Interest in APL Outside the APL Community
### APL: the execution

Side/hobby projects, code golfing, teaching, snippet usage, etc.

[April](https://github.com/phantomics/april)
The APL programming language (a subset thereof) compiling to Common Lisp.

An alloy of Common Lisp and APL.


[May](https://github.com/justin2004/may)
Clojure -> Dyalog APL

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Interest in APL Outside the APL Community
APL: the thinking

Language (discreteness + composition => generativity), information theory, semantic web, etc.

I'm focusing on this aspect.

Semantic Web

Knowledge Graphs and Linked (Open) Data

[article](media/2001article.png)

The Semantic Web

A new form of Web content that is meaningful to computers will unleash a revolution of new possibilities

by TIM BERNERS-LEE, JAMES HENDLER and ORA LASSILA

The entertainment system was belting out the Beatles' "We Can Work It Out" when the phone rang. When Pete answered, his phone turned the sound down by sending a message to all the other *local* devices that had a *volume control*. His sister, Lucy, was on the line from the doctor's office: "Mom needs to see a specialist and then has to have a series of physical therapy sessions. Biweekly or something. I'm going to have my agent set up the appointments." Pete immediately agreed to share the chauffeuring. At the doctor's office, Lucy instructed her Semantic Web agent through her handheld Web browser. The agent promptly retrieved information about Mom's *prescribed treatment* from the doctor's agent, looked up several lists of *providers*, and checked for the ones *in-plan* for Mom's insurance within a *20-mile radius* of her *home* and with a *rating* of *excellent* or *very good* on trusted rating services. It then began trying to find a match between available *appointment times* (supplied by the agents of individual providers through their Web sites) and Pete's and Lucy's busy schedules. (The emphasized keywords indicate terms whose semantics, or meaning, were defined for the agent through the Semantic Web.)

In a few minutes the agent presented them with a plan. Pete didn't like it—University Hospital was all the way across town from Mom's place, and he'd be driving back in the middle of rush hour. He set his own agent to redo the search with stricter preferences about *location* and *time*. Lucy's agent, having *complete trust* in Pete's agent in the context of the present task,

Semantic Web
RDF

RDF is a metamodel for expressing directed graphs.

a triple:

- subject
- predicate
- object

The database is a triplestore.

Semantic Web
RDF

```turtle
@prefix ex:   <http://www.example.com/kg/> .
@prefix gist: <https://ontologies.semanticarts.com/gist/> .

ex:FredPenner a gist:Person .
ex:FredPenner gist:name "Fred Penner" .
ex:FredPenner gist:hasBiologicalParent ex:LydiaPenner .
ex:LydiaPenner gist:name "Lydia Penner" .
```

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## Semantic Web
### RDF

Where do the primitives come from?
```

```
## Semantic Web
### Ontologies

"In the context of computer and information services, an ontology defines a set of
representational primitives with which to model a domain of knowledge or discourse."
[Gruber](https://tomgruber.org/writing/ontology-in-encyclopedia-of-dbs.pdf)

"a formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualization" [Studer](https://www.
sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0169023X97000566)
```

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## Semantic Web
### gist

gist ~~ APL

[gist](https://www.semanticarts.com/gist/) is a minimalist upper ontology.
It is designed to have the maximum coverage of typical business ontology concepts with
the fewest number of primitives and the least amount of ambiguity.
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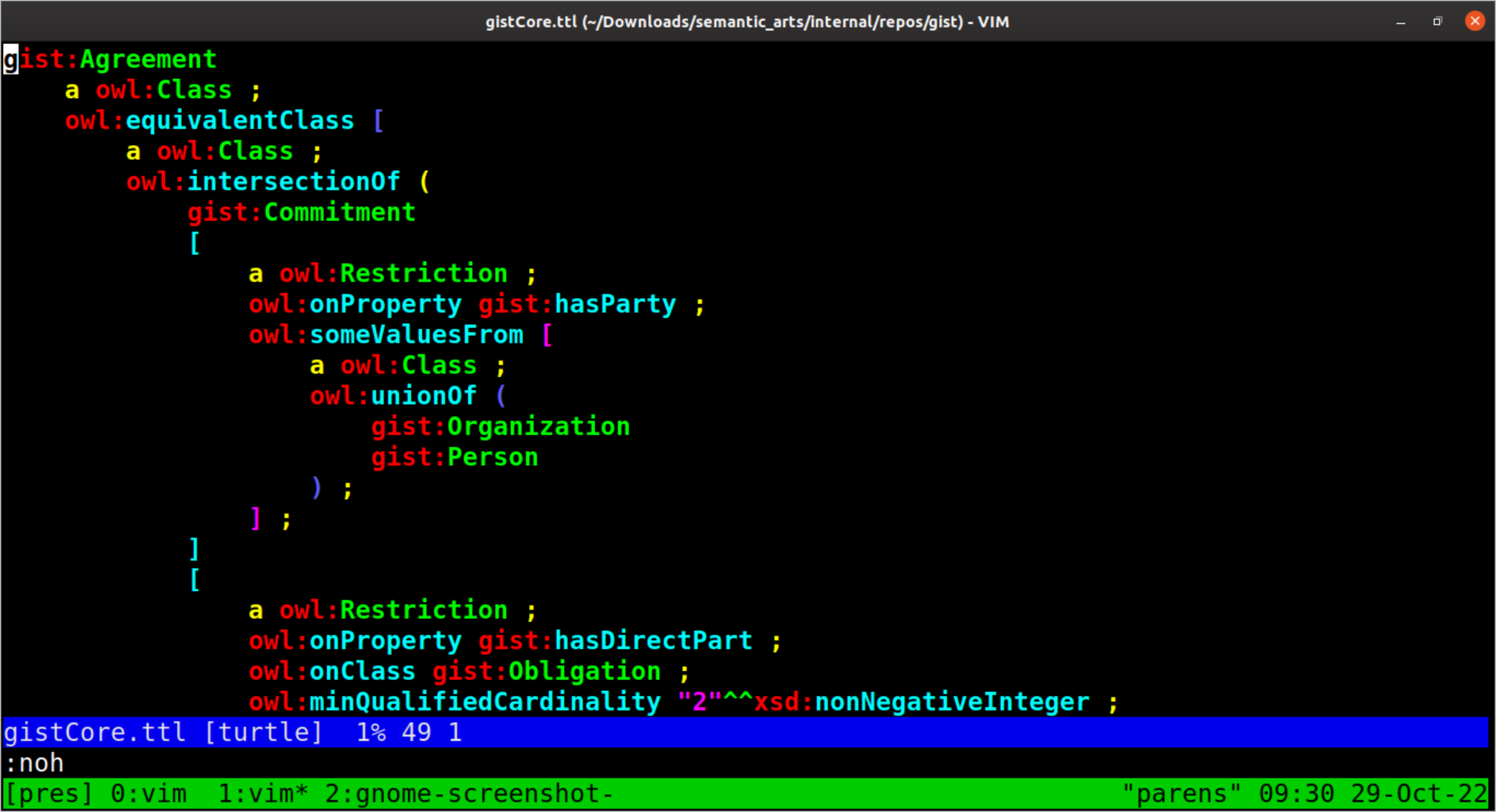
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a owl:Class ;
owl:equivalentClass [
a owl:Class ;
owl:intersectionOf (
gist:Commitment
[
a owl:Restriction ;
owl:onProperty gist:hasParty ;
owl:someValuesFrom [
a owl:Class ;
owl:unionOf (
gist:Organization
gist:Person
) ;
] ;
]
[
a owl:Restriction ;
owl:onProperty gist:hasDirectPart ;
owl:onClass gist:Obligation ;
owl:minQualifiedCardinality "2"^^xsd:nonNegativeInteger ;
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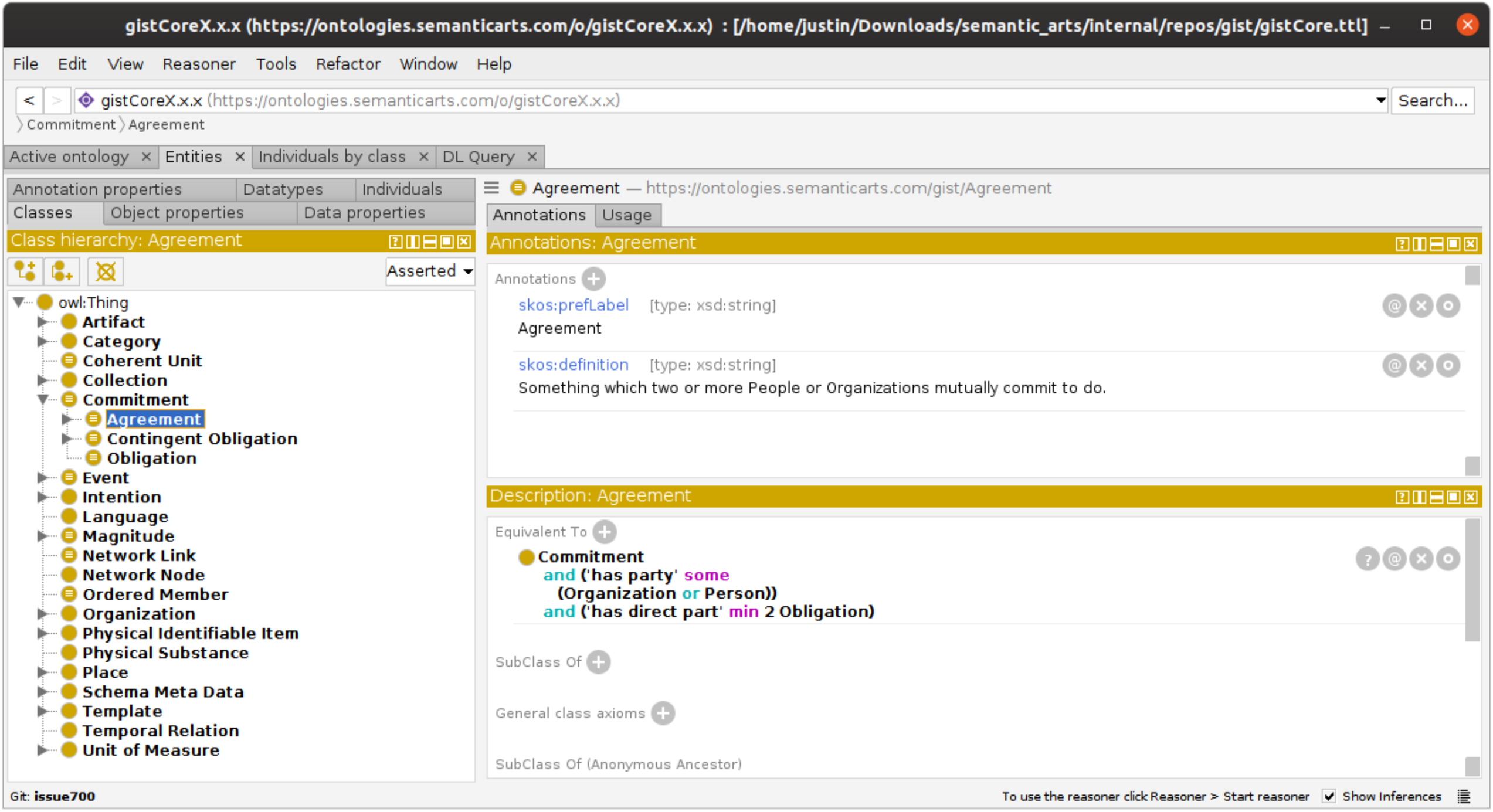
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Search...
Commitment Agreement
Active ontology
Entities
Individuals by class
DL Query
Annotation properties
Datatypes
Individuals
Classes
Object properties
Data properties
Class hierarchy: Agreement
Asserted
owl:Thing
Artifact
Category
Coherent Unit
Collection
Commitment
Agreement
Contingent Obligation
Obligation
Event
Intention
Language
Magnitude
Network Link
Network Node
Ordered Member
Organization
Physical Identifiable Item
Physical Substance
Place
Schema Meta Data
Template
Temporal Relation
Unit of Measure
Agreement — https://ontologies.semanticarts.com/gist/Agreement
Annotations
Usage
Annotations: Agreement
Annotations
skos:prefLabel [type: xsd:string]
Agreement
skos:definition [type: xsd:string]
Something which two or more People or Organizations mutually commit to do.
Description: Agreement
Equivalent To
Commitment
and ('has party' some
(Organization or Person))
and ('has direct part' min 2 Obligation)
SubClass Of
General class axioms
SubClass Of (Anonymous Ancestor)
Git: issue700
To use the reasoner click Reasoner > Start reasoner
Show Inferences

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governs

Active ontology × | Entities × | Individuals by class × | DL Query ×

Annotation properties | Datatypes | Individuals
Classes | Object properties | Data properties

Object property hierarchy: governs

Asserted

- owl:topObjectProperty
  - accepts
  - affects
  - allows
  - comes from place
  - conforms to
  - contains geographically
  - contributes to
  - directs
  - follows directly
  - goes to place
  - governs
  - has address
  - has altitude
  - has biological parent
  - has denominator
  - has goal
  - has incumbent
  - has magnitude
  - has member
  - has multiplicand
  - has multiplier
  - has navigational child
  - has navigational parent
  - has numerator

governs — https://ontologies.semanticarts.com/gist/governs

Annotations | Usage

Annotations: governs

Annotations

skos:prefLabel [type: xsd:string]
governs

skos:definition [type: xsd:string]
The subject controls or inhibits the object in some way

Characterist

- Functional
- Inverse functional
- Transitive
- Symmetric
- Asymmetric
- Reflexive
- Irreflexive

Description: governs

Inverse Of
'is governed by'

Domains (intersection)
Intention or Organization or Person or Template

Ranges (intersection)
Category or Content or 'Geo Region' or 'Intellectual Property' or Intention or Organization or Person or 'Physical Identifiable Item' or 'Physical Substance'

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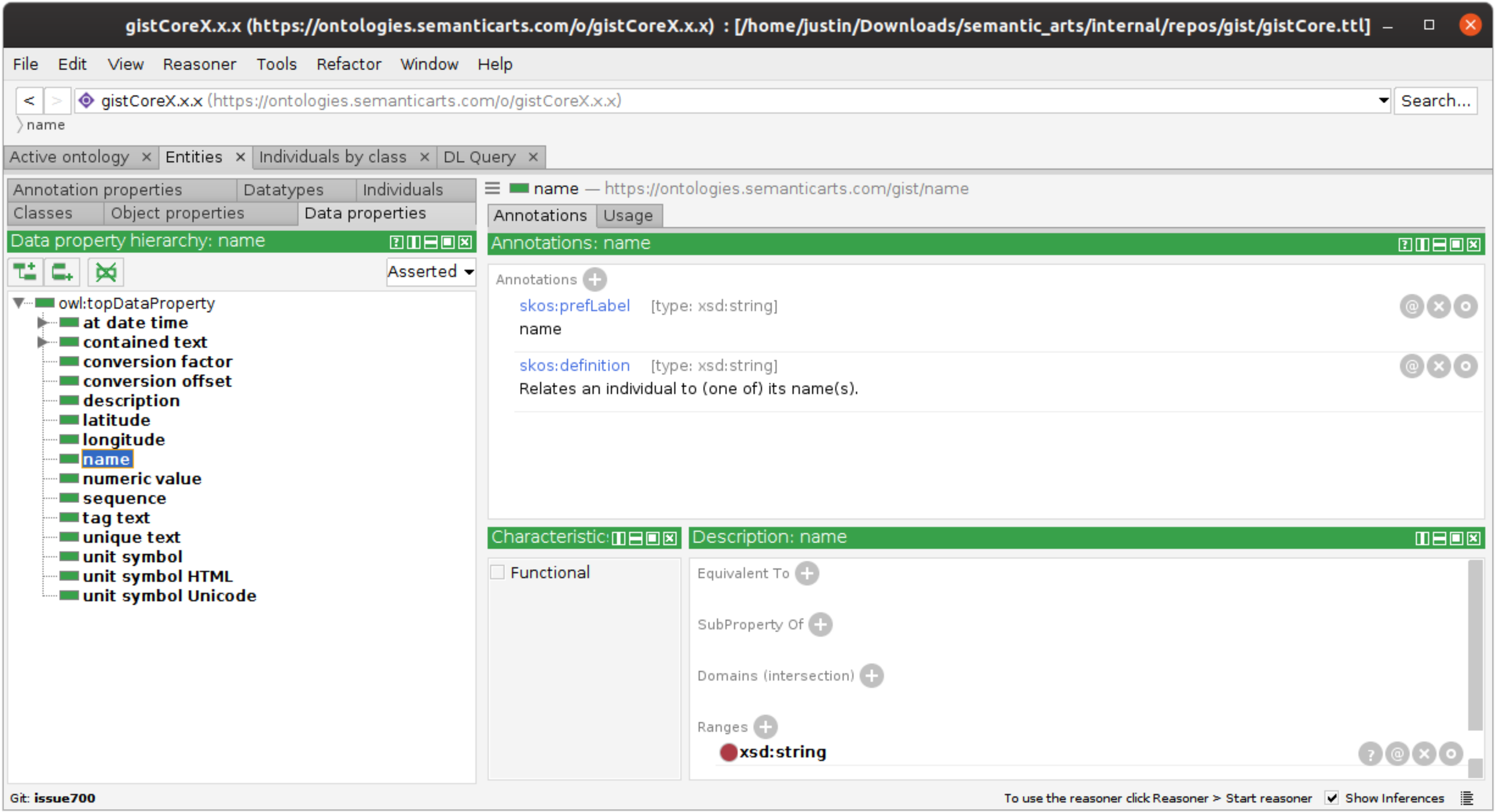
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name
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sequence
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unit symbol
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unit symbol Unicode
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Annotations
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Relates an individual to (one of) its name(s).
Characteristics:
Functional
Description: name
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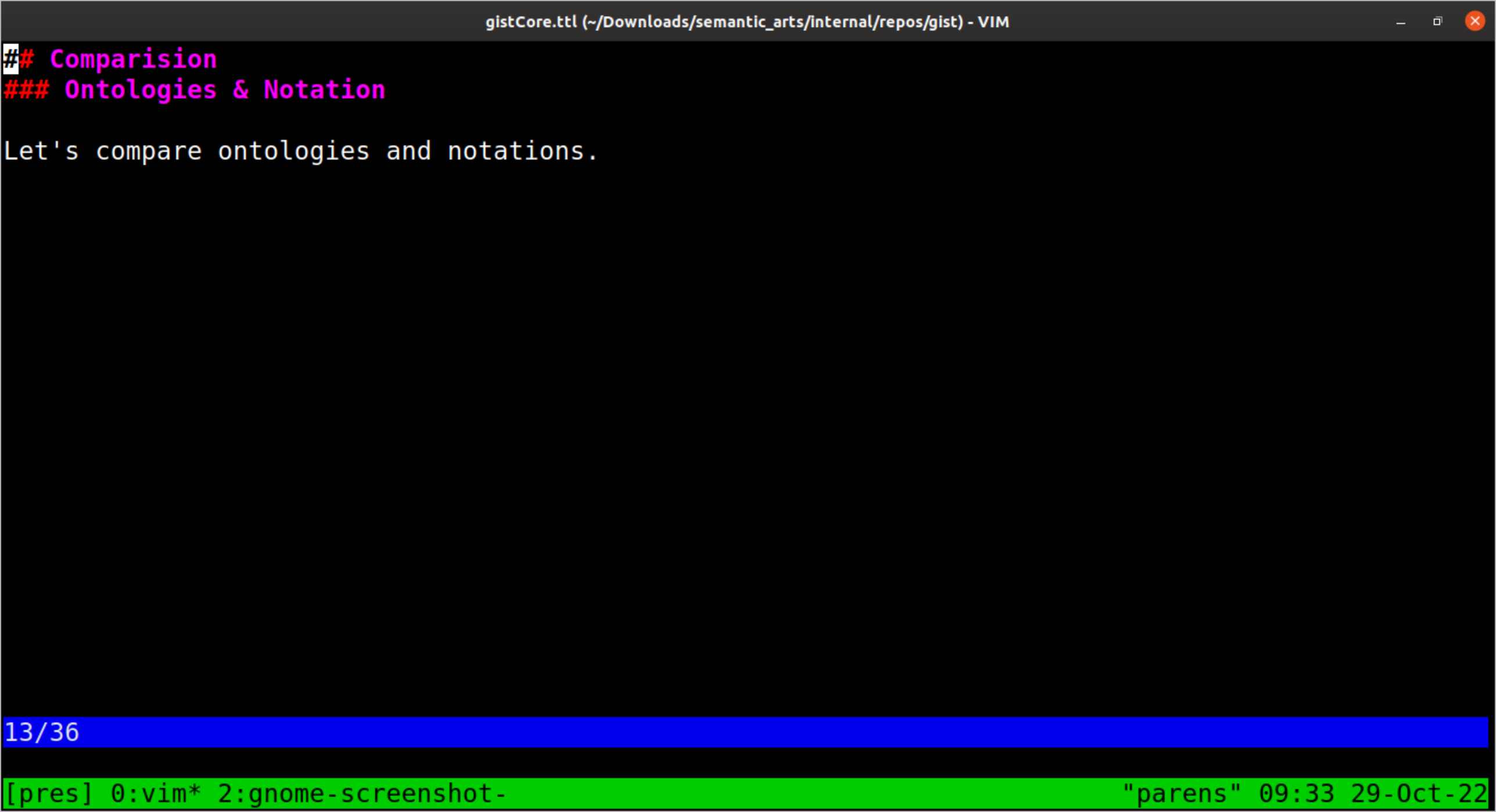
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Comparision
Ontologies & Notation
Let's compare ontologies and notations.
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Comparision
Ontologies & Notation
Ontologies and notations are languages.
Both have a tendency to nudge thinking.
An ontology that is domain-netural-ish is a TLO (top level ontology or upper ontology).
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Comparision
Notation as a Tool of Thought
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Comparision
Notation as a Tool of Thought

> The quantity of meaning compressed into small space by algebraic signs ... facilitates ... [reasoning]

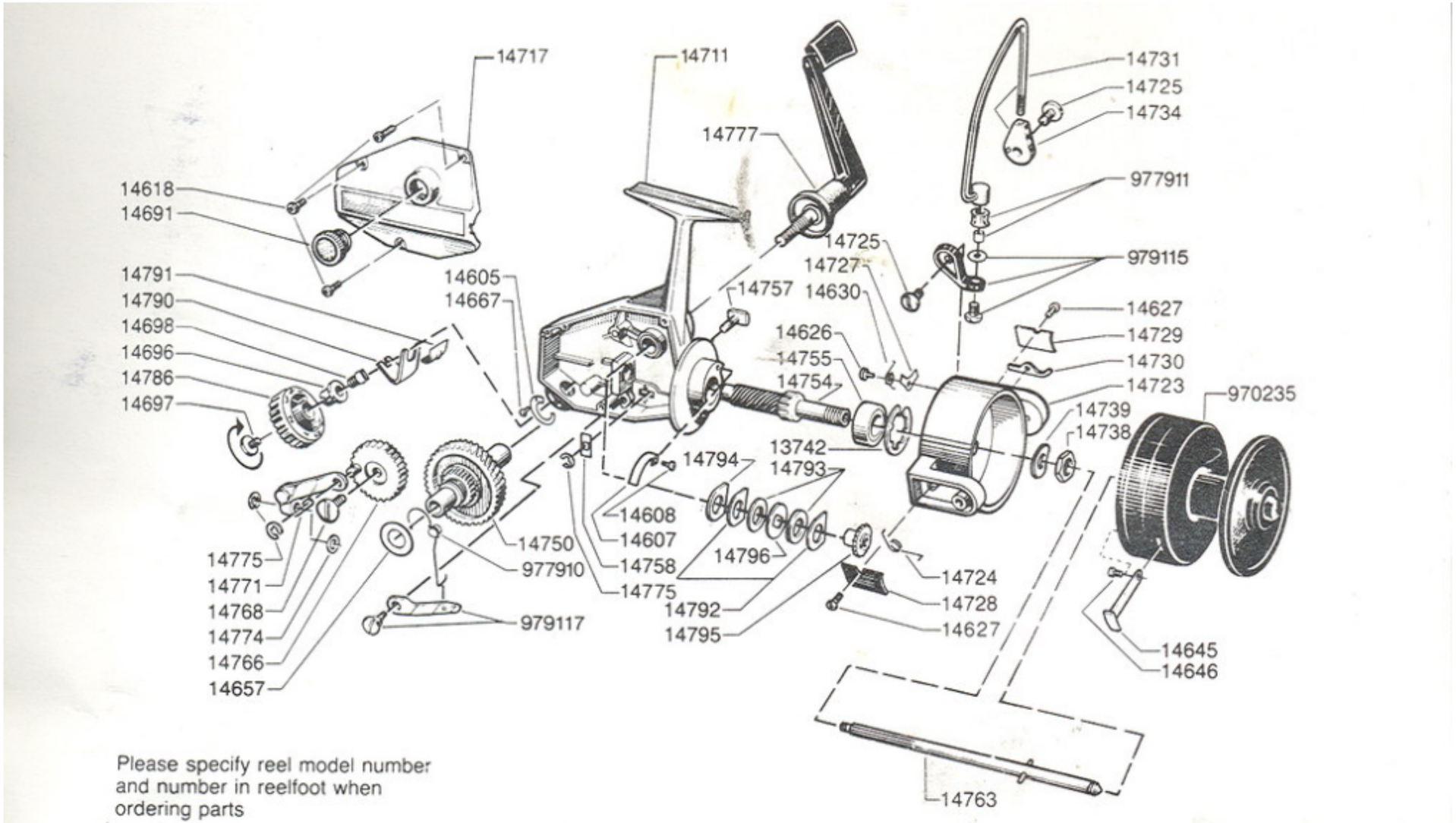
Agreement ≡ Commitment ⊓ (∃ hasParty.(Organization ⊔ Person)) ⊓ (≥ 2 hasDirectPart.Obligation)

Although typically we think of the use of ontologies as unpacking meaning rather than compressing it.

[exploded](https://github.com/justin2004/weblog/tree/master/git_repo_as_rdf)

You are encouraged (if you use a thoughtful upper ontology such as Gist) to unpack meaning.

I think of the semantic web as something like the exploded part diagram for the web's data.



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Comparision
Notation as a Tool of Thought

> [mathematical notation] lacks universality, and must be interpreted differently according to the topic, according to the author, and even according to the immediate context.

So does non-RDF data

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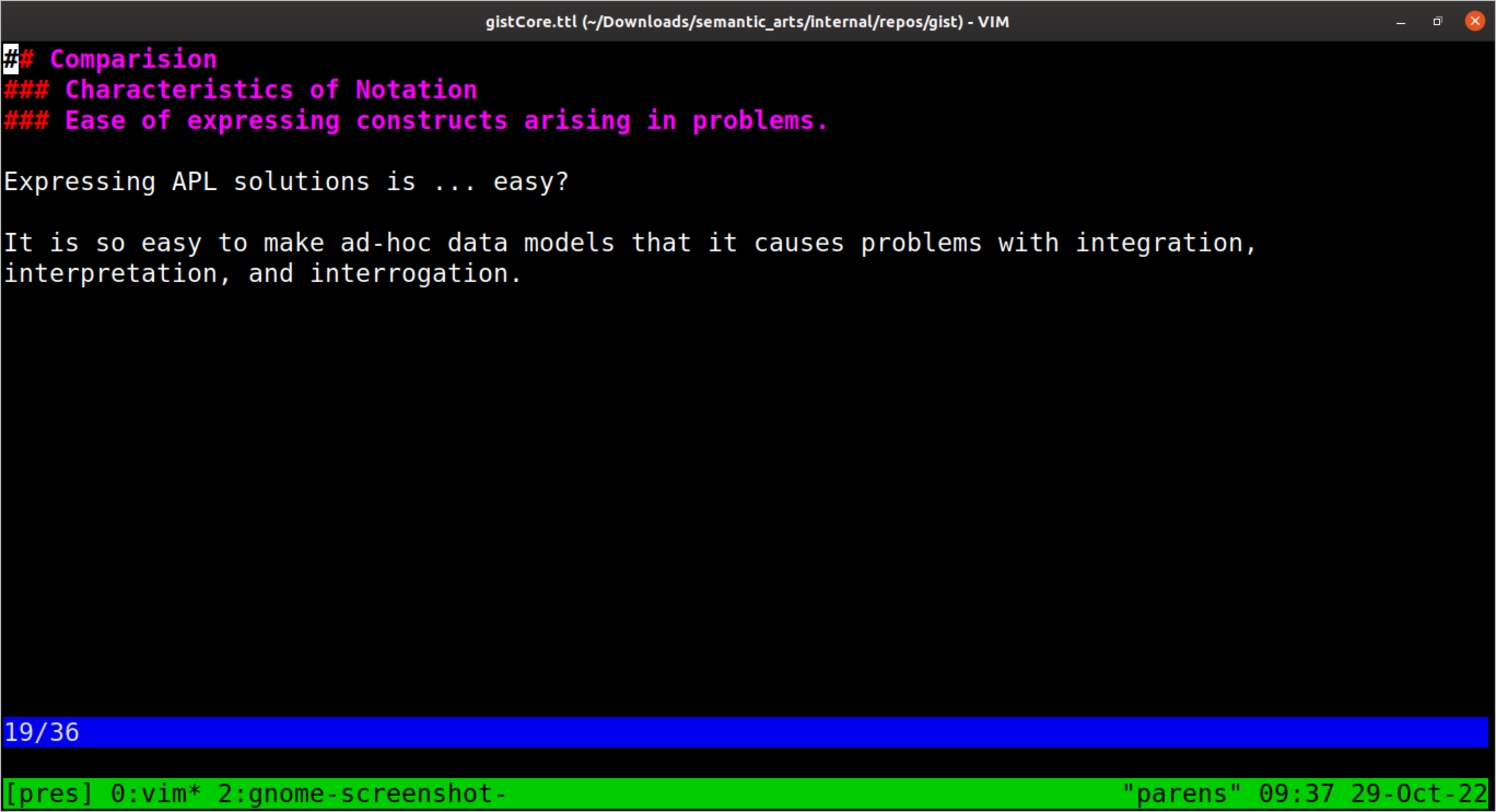
Comparision
Notation as a Tool of Thought

> [Programming languages] are ... universal ... they are also executable and unambiguous.

Non-RDF data is mostly non-executable and ambiguous UNLESS paired with a specific program.

That is, the pairing of non-RDF data with a specific program is needed to give the data meaning.

[manifesto](http://www.datacentricmanifesto.org/)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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Ease of expressing constructs arising in problems.
Expressing APL solutions is ... easy?
It is so easy to make ad-hoc data models that it causes problems with integration,
interpretation, and interrogation.
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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Suggestivity.

> ... the forms of the expressions arising in one set of problems suggest related expressions which find application in other problems.

e.g.
semantic widening that moves across domains

Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Suggestivity.

> Part of the suggestive power of a language resides in the ability to represent identities in brief, general, and easily remembered forms.

Why are identities important?

They are different ways of looking at the same thing.

Those different ways often have different machinery that can be brought to bear on them.

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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Suggestivity.
Identities...
Difference between formal definition and an identity?
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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Suggestivity.

Definition is an explicit assignment:

Agreement ≡ Commitment ⊓ (∃ hasParty.(Organization ⊔ Person)) ⊓ (≥ 2 hasDirectPart.
Obligation)

Identity is a noteworthy consequence of the whole system (rules + assertions):

Agreement ≡ Account ⊓ (∃ hasParty.(Organization ⊔ Person)) ⊓ (≥ 2 hasDirectPart.Obligation)
Agreement ≡ Contract ⊓ (∃ hasParty.(Organization ⊔ Person)) ⊓ (≥ 2 hasDirectPart.Obligation)
...

Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Ability to subordinate detail.

> ... brevity facilitates reasoning. Brevity is achieved by subordinating detail
>
> three important ways of doing this:
>
> - the use of arrays

Because of scalar/rank extension and "since functions defined on vectors are extended systematically to arrays of higher rank."

Scalar/rank extension is a way to allow underspecification.

Erring on the side of underspecification is desireable (and often more honest) with RDF.

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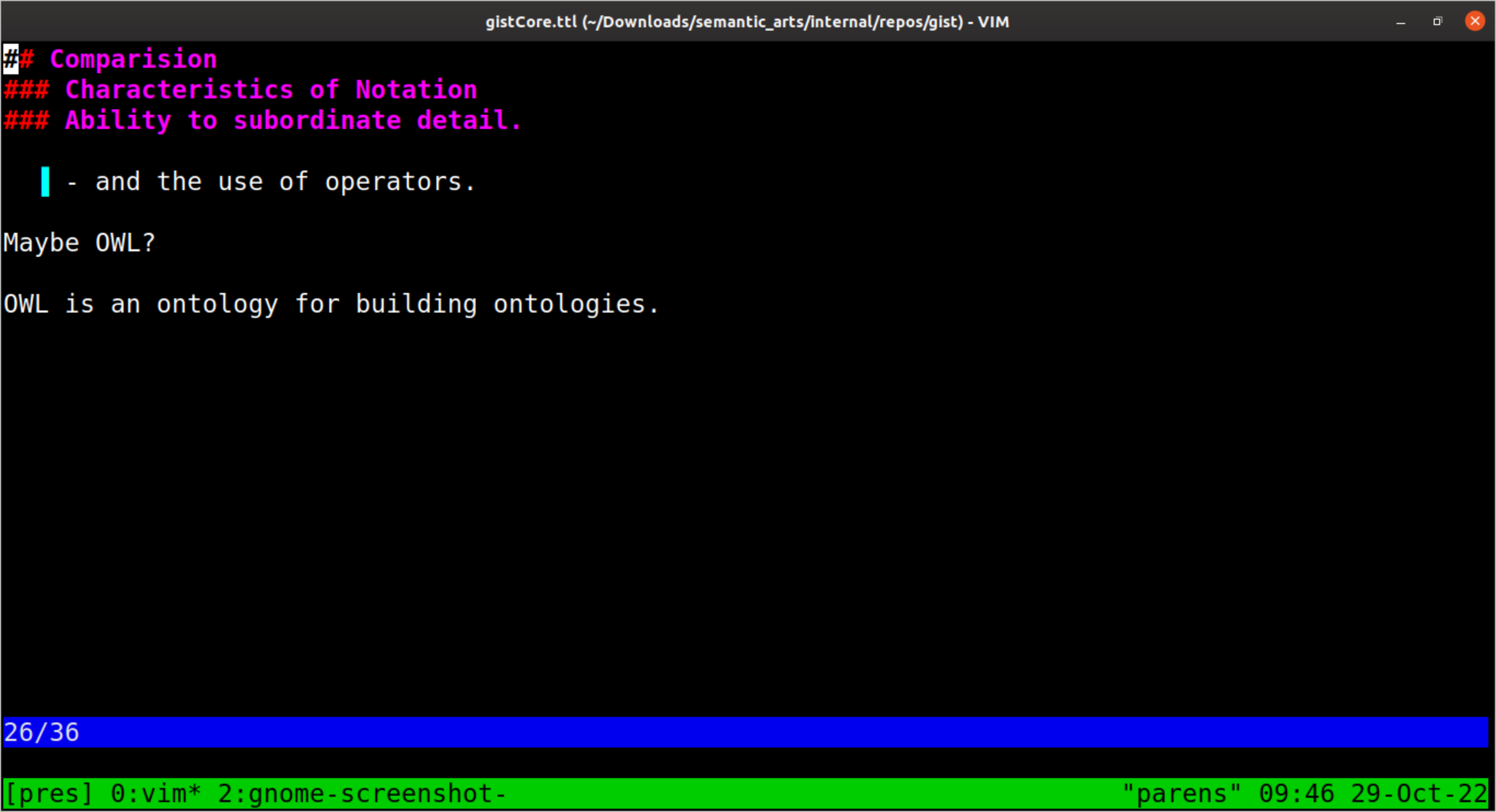
- the assignment of names to functions and variables

In RDF we mint URIs to stand for things.
Primitives, defined by the ontology, also get URIs.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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Ability to subordinate detail.
- and the use of operators.
Maybe OWL?
OWL is an ontology for building ontologies.
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Ability to subordinate detail.

> - Economy.

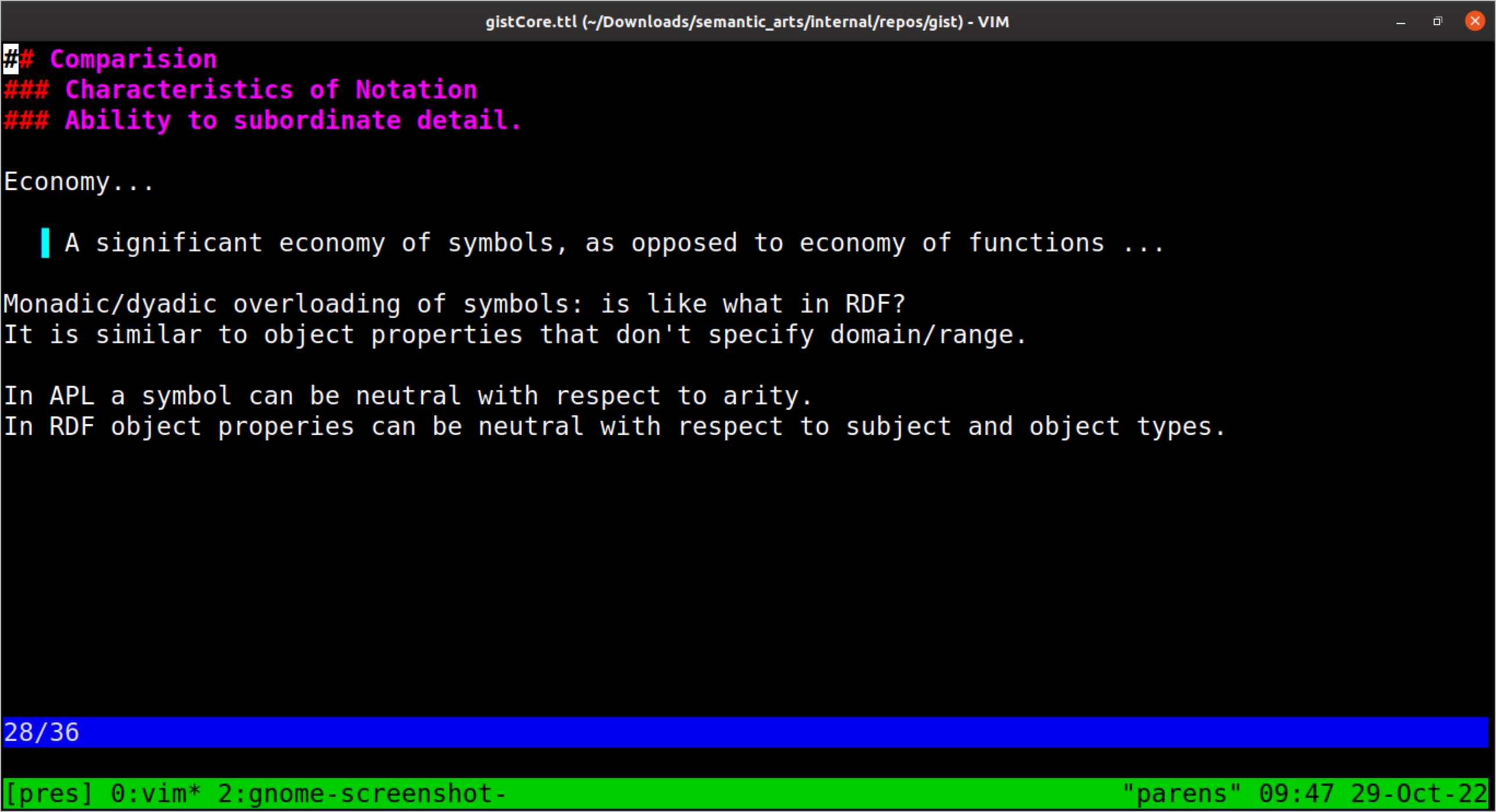
> The utility of a language as a tool of thought increases with the range of topics it can treat, but decreases with the amount of vocabulary and the complexity of grammatical rules which the user must keep in mind.

Topics: An ideal TLO is domain neutral ("covers" any topic).

Vocabulary: The number of primitives in an ideal TLO is low (dozens of each: classes, object properties, datatype properties, and individuals)

Rules: Building a TLO and building with/upon a TLO's primitives is done with OWL:

- owl:inverseOf, owl:intersectionOf, owl:unionOf, owl:oneOf, owl:Restriction, owl:(min/max)cardinality, rdfs:subClassOf, owl:equivalentClass, owl:disjointWith, rdfs:subPropertyOf, owl:propertyChainAxiom, owl:FunctionalProperty, etc.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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Ability to subordinate detail.
Economy...
A significant economy of symbols, as opposed to economy of functions ...
Monadic/dyadic overloading of symbols: is like what in RDF?
It is similar to object properties that don't specify domain/range.
In APL a symbol can be neutral with respect to arity.
In RDF object properies can be neutral with respect to subject and object types.
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Characteristics of Notation
Ability to subordinate detail.

e.g. `gist:produces`

"The subject creates the object."

```turtle
:task4 a gist:Task .
:task4 gist:produces :building8 .
:building8 a gist:Building .
```

```turtle
:equipment2 a gist:Equipment .
:equipment2 gist:produces :cuttingEvent9 .
:cuttingEvent9 a gist:Event .
:cuttingEvent9 gist:isCategorizedBy :Cutting .
```

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Comparision
Characteristics of Notation
Ability to subordinate detail.
- Amenability to formal proofs.
RDFS/OWL Reasoners:
• logical consequences (entailment)
• explanability
• consistency
• satisfiable
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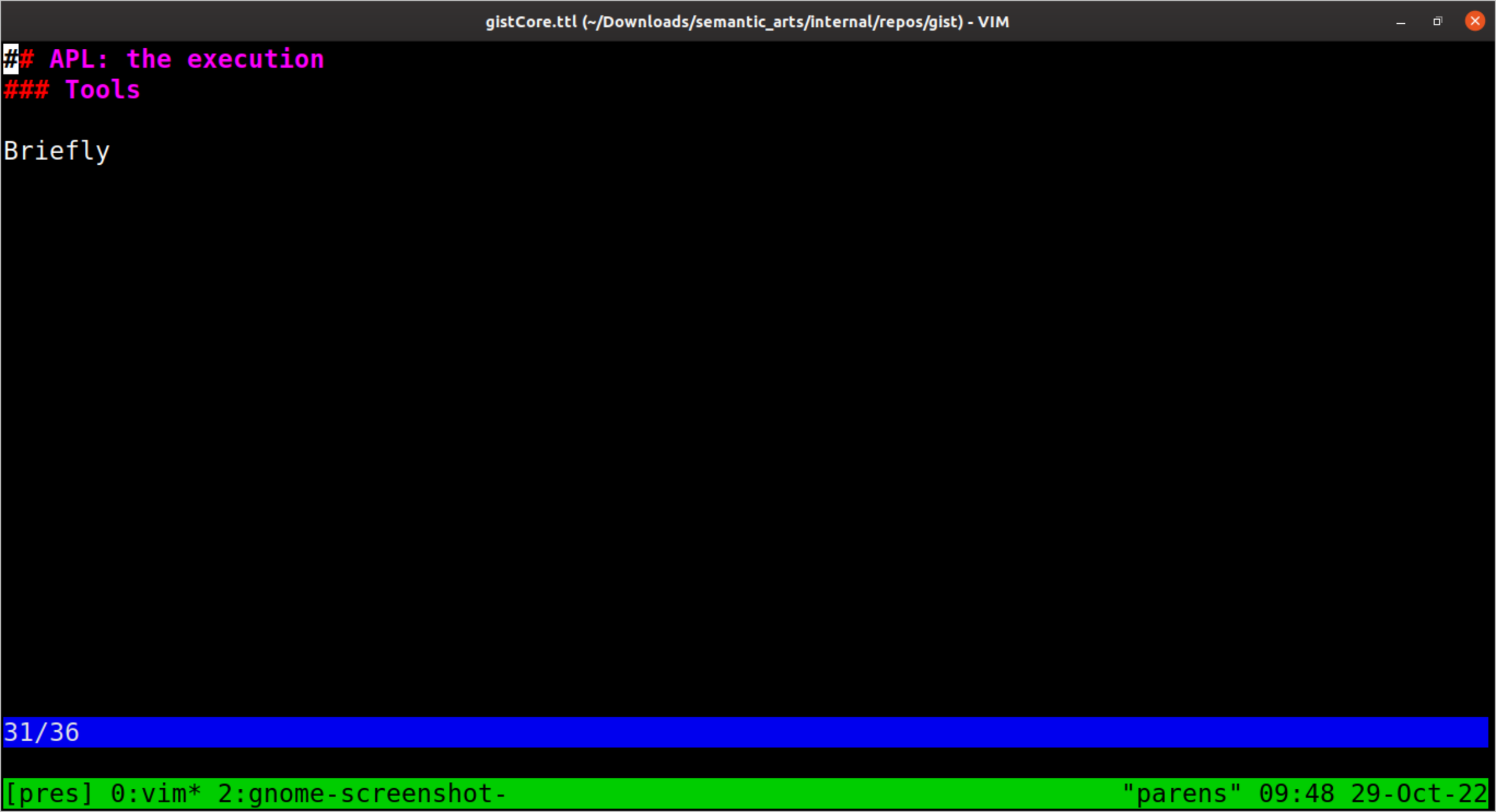
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APL: the execution
Tools
Briefly
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## APL: the execution
### Tools

### [April](https://github.com/phantomics/april)

• What is it
• Why
• How it's implemented
• How to use it
• How I discovered 180 bugs

### [May](https://github.com/justin2004/may)

• What is it
• Why
• How to use it
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