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I-ADOPT: A systematic Way to Represent Variables

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I-ADOPT Framework – A Semantic Broker

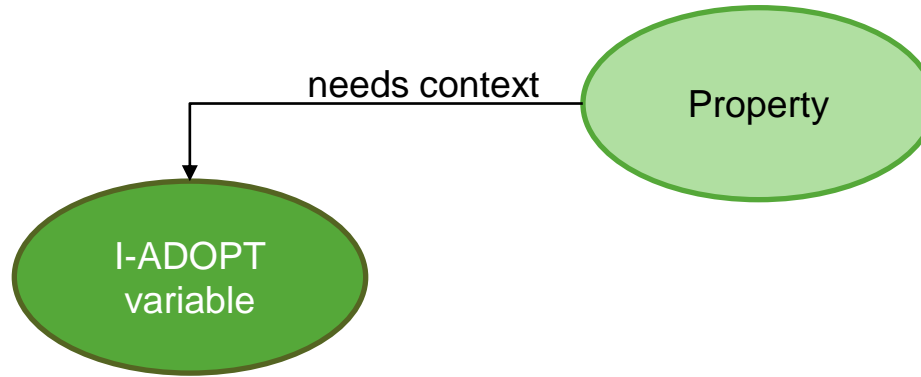
I-ADOPT provides a **standardized descriptions for variables** and supports **interoperability** between existing terminologies by

- ❑ Enabling **mappings** between variable descriptions **across terminologies**
- ❑ Requiring **no change to existing structures**
- ❑ Adding rich (**human-readable and machine-actionable**) descriptions with **qualified references**

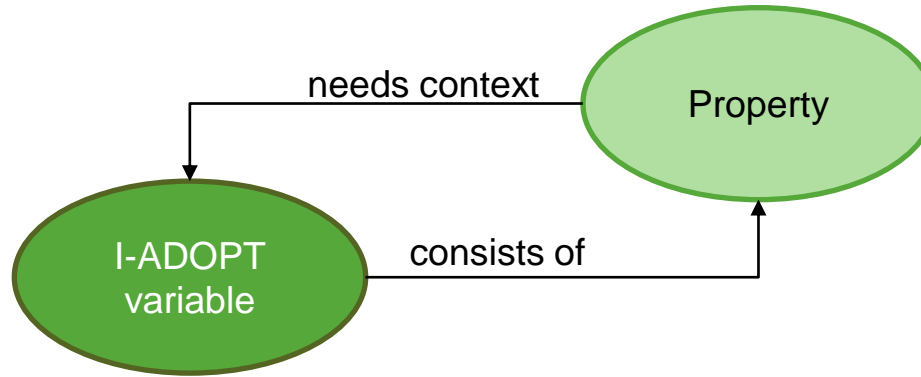
Descriptions of Properties



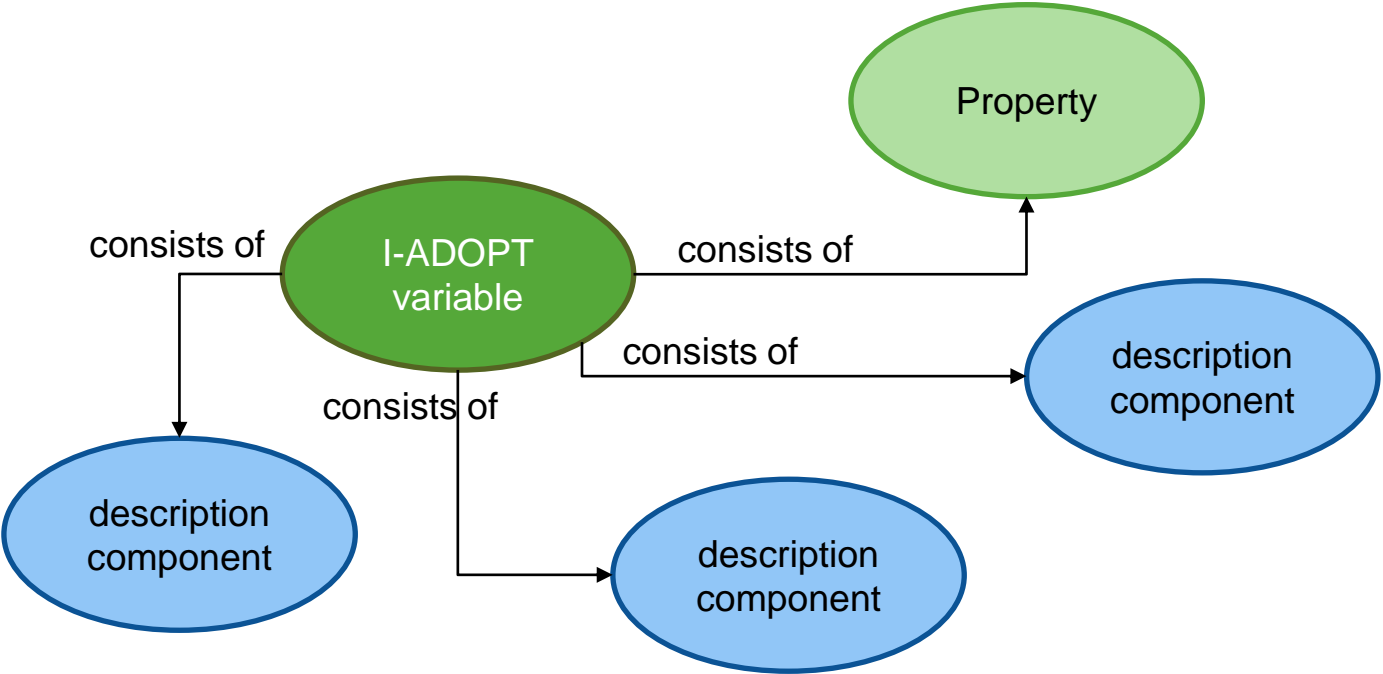
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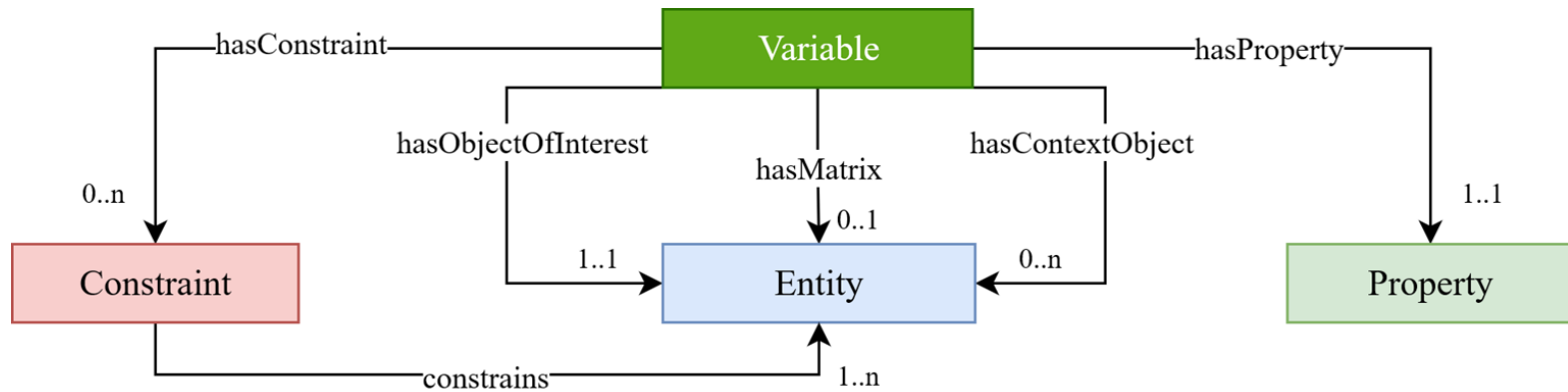


I-ADOPT variable consists of various description components



The I-ADOPT Ontology

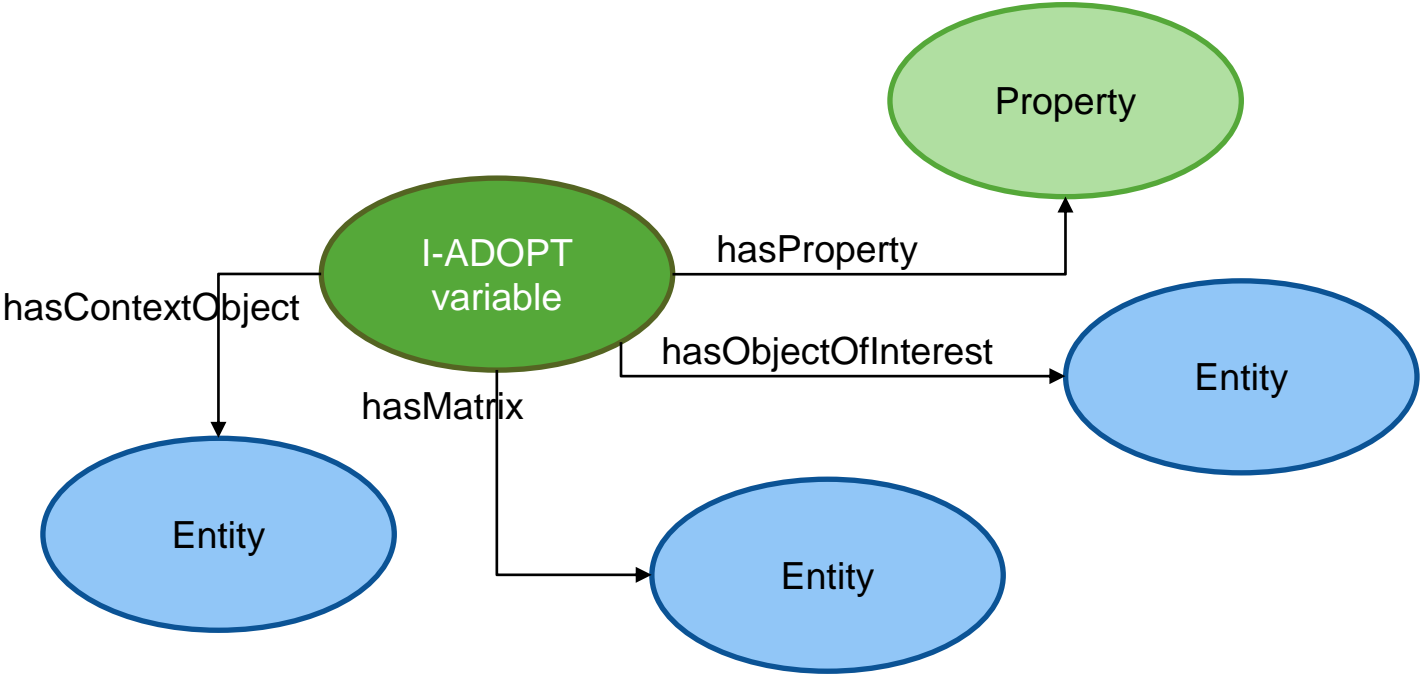
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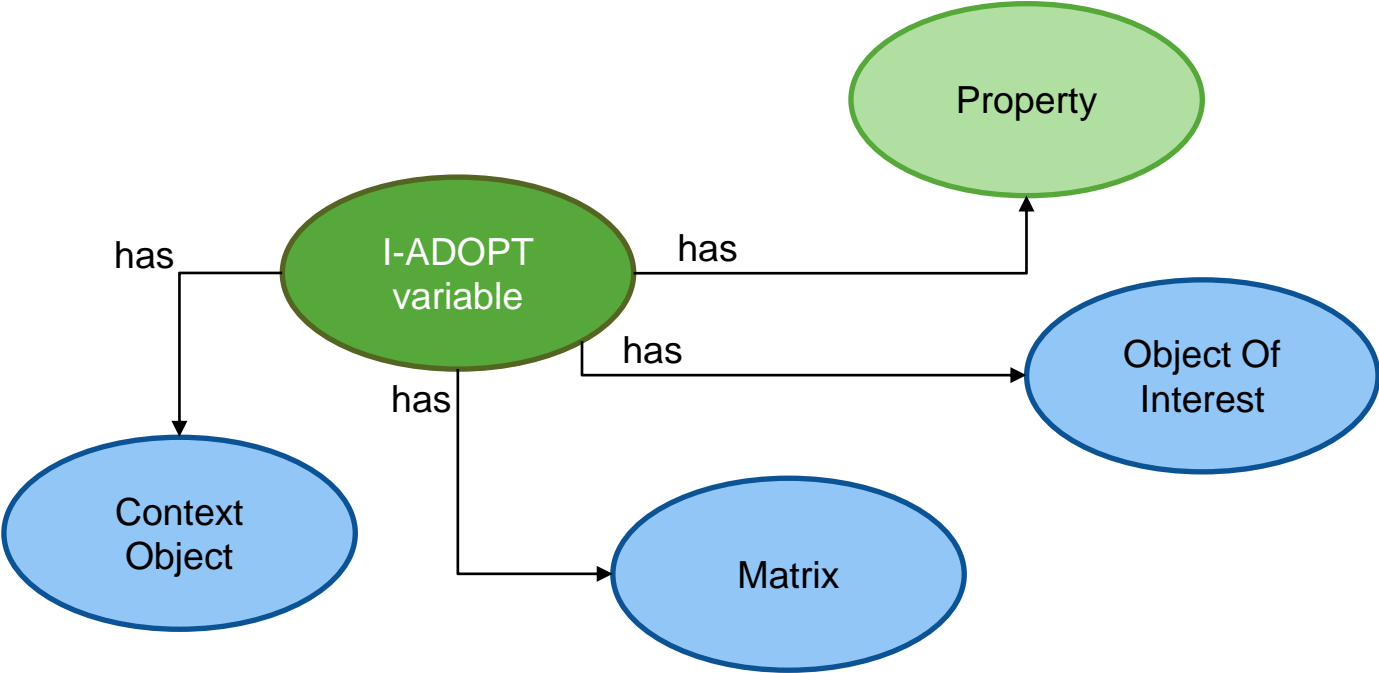
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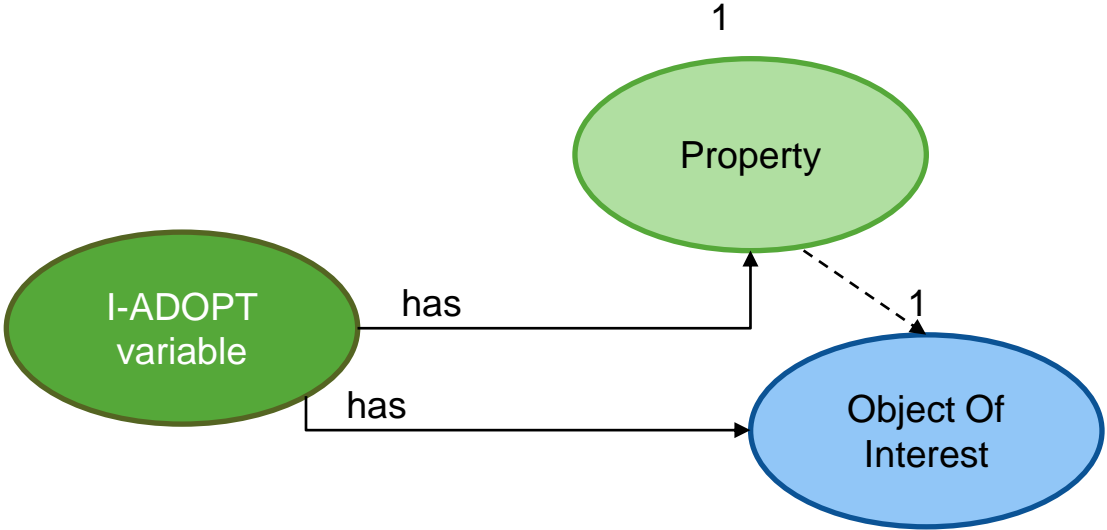
I-ADOPT ontology explained



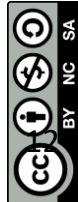
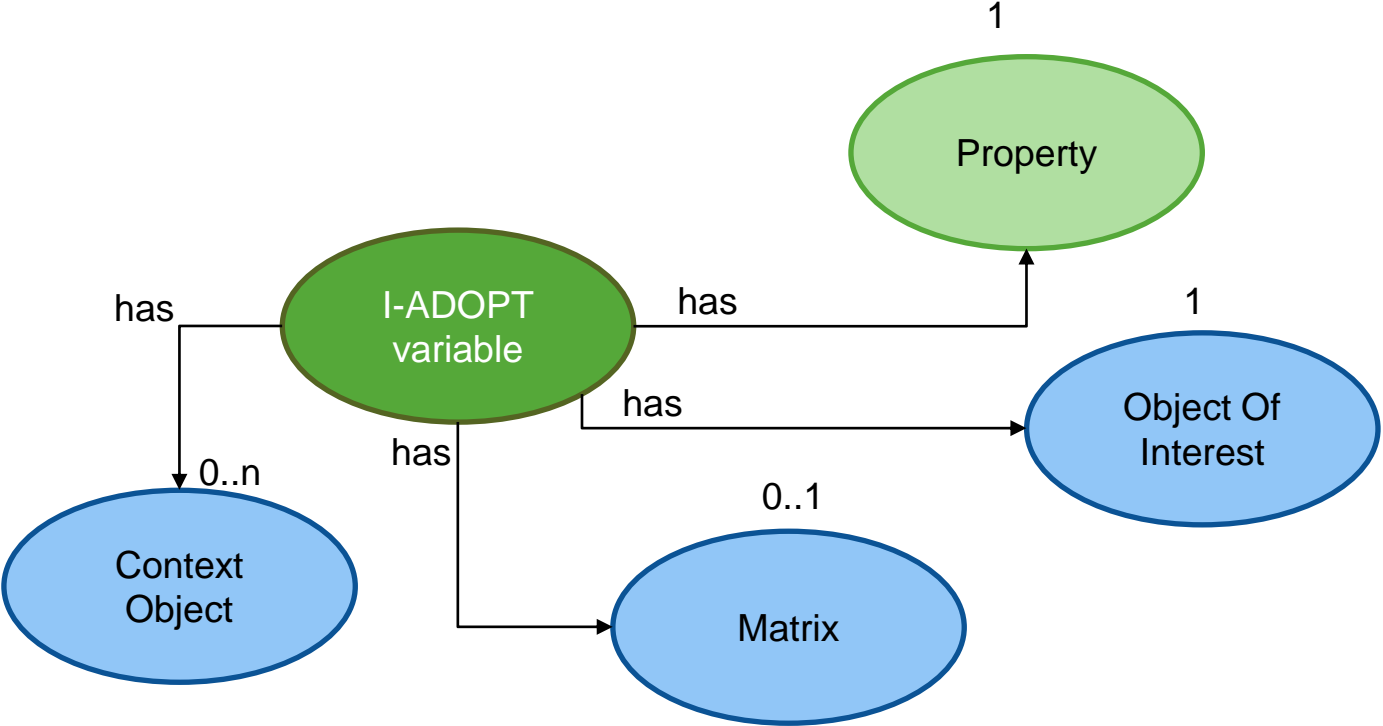
I-ADOPT ontology simplified explanation



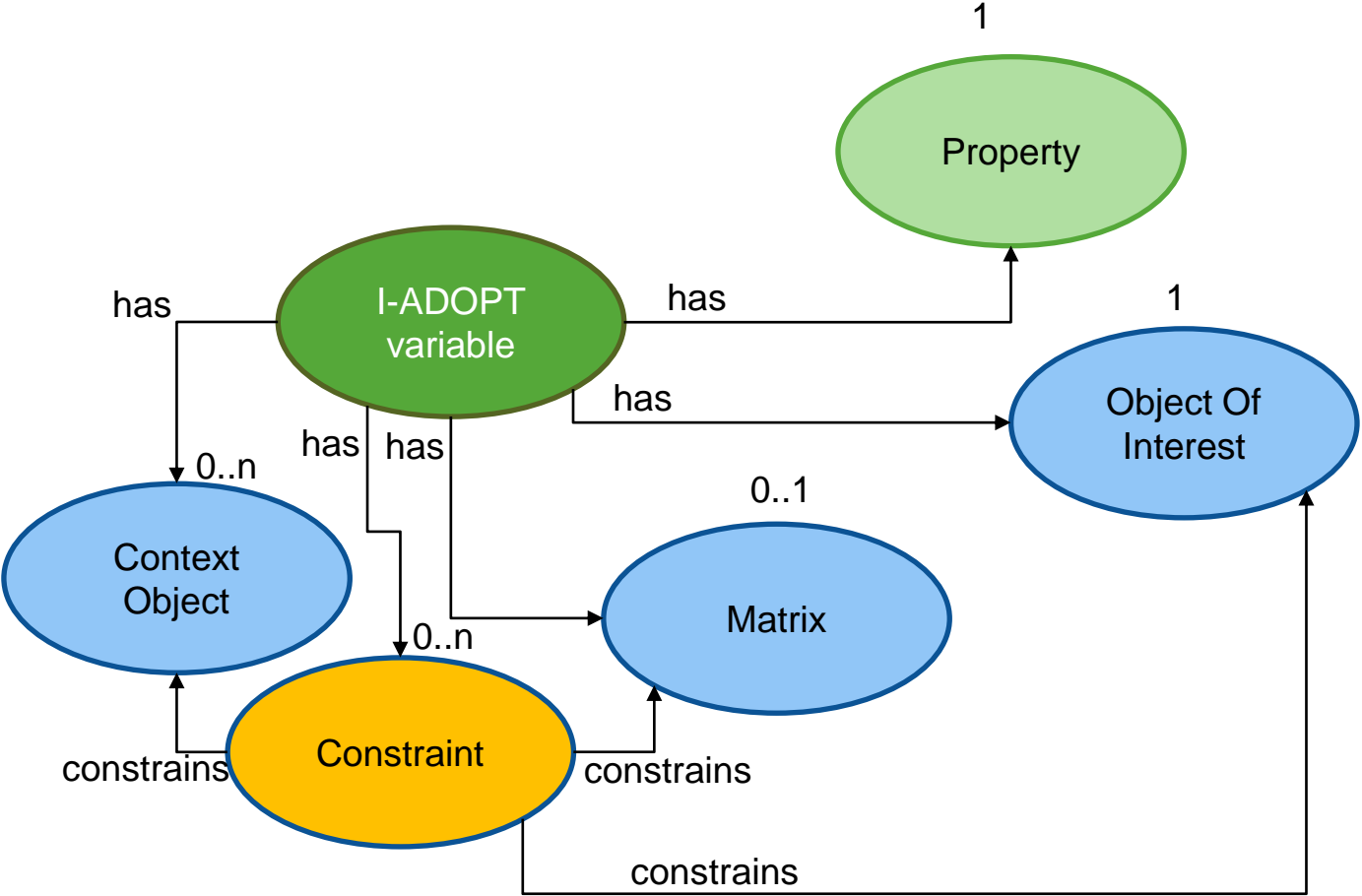
I-ADOPT ontology simplified explanation – minimal description



I-ADOPT ontology simplified explanation – extended description



I-ADOPT (simplified) in an OWL ontology



RDA I-ADOPT recommendations (DOI: 10.15497/RDA00071)

1. *Descriptions should be human and machine-readable*

Data creators and data curators or data publishers should describe the variable(s) of their datasets in a human- and machine-readable format.

2. *Descriptions should be explicit and sufficient*

The variable description should contain sufficient information so that the data can be re-used with minimum reliance on free-text documentation.

3. *Use of semantic artefacts*

The description should use FAIR semantic artefacts (e.g., controlled vocabularies or ontological relationships) and be compatible with Linked Data.

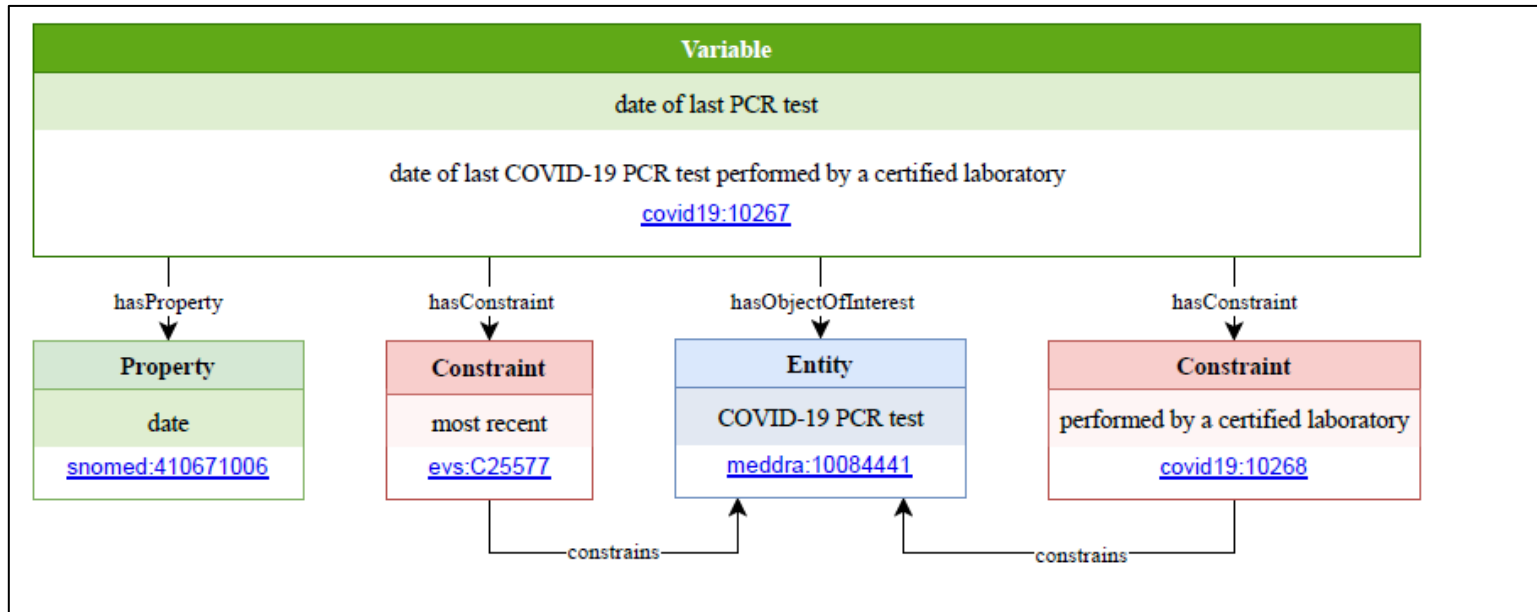
4. *Use of I-ADOPT ontology*

The description should follow a decomposition approach consistent with the classes and relations defined in the I-ADOPT ontology

5. *Reuse of I-ADOPT aligned terminology*

Reuse existing FAIR terminologies that are aligned with the I-ADOPT Framework. If no such terminology is available, you may either extend the existing variable description or create a new variable following the I-ADOPT framework.

I-ADOPT example: Date of last PCR Test



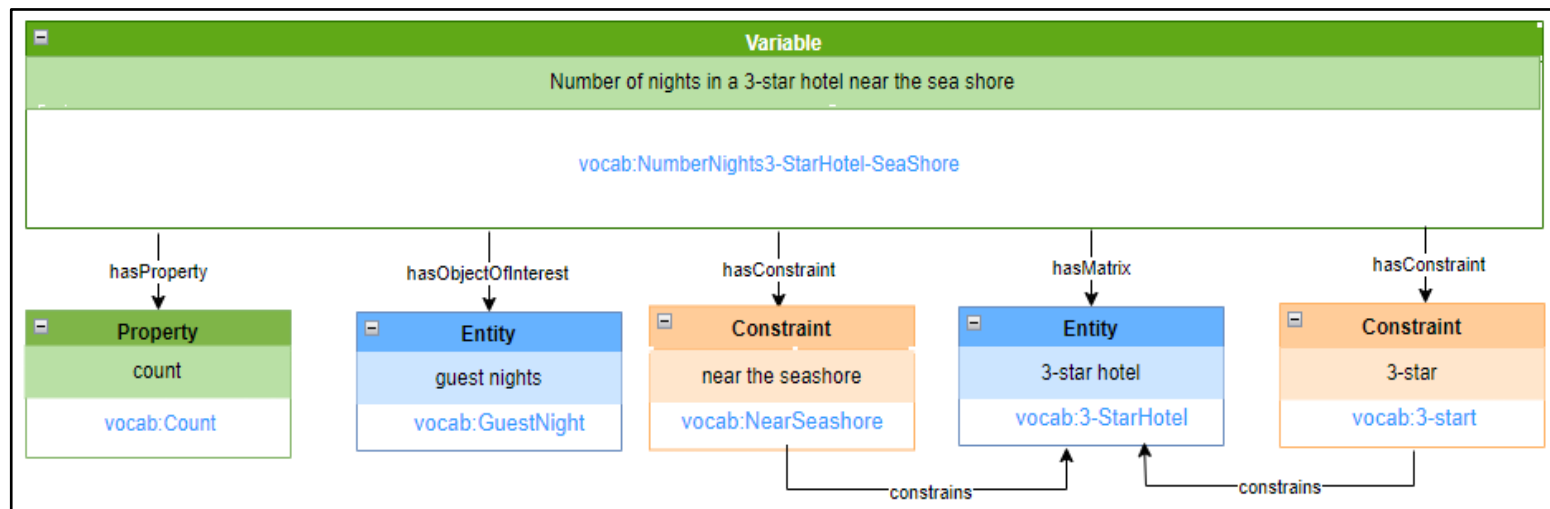
Object of interest: *COVID-19 PCR test*

Property: *date*

Constraint: *most recent* (constrains *COVID-10 PRC test*)

Constraint: *performed by a certified laboratory* (constrains *COVID-10 PRC test*)

I-ADOPT example: Number of nights in a 3-star hotel near the seashore



Object of interest: *guest nights*

Property: *count*

Matrix: *hotel*

Constraint: *3-star (constrains hotel)*

Constraint: *near the seashore (constrains hotel)*

Disambiguate variable descriptions using I-ADOPT

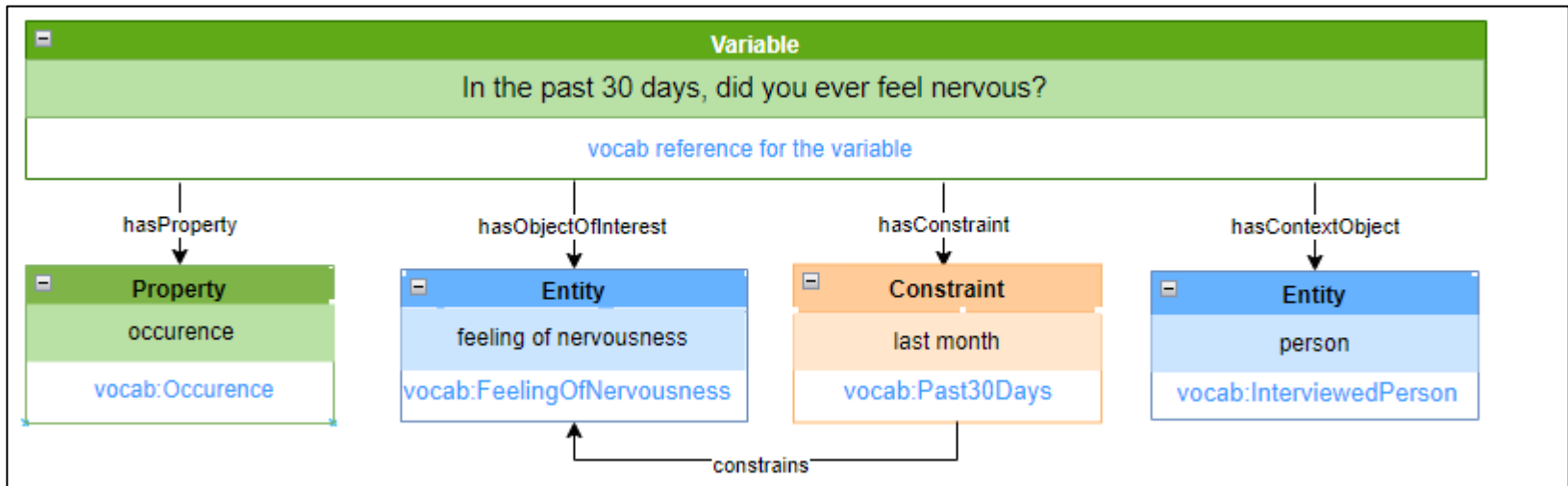
3 questions about feeling nervous

Consider these three questions:

Q1: In the past 30 days, did you ever feel nervous?

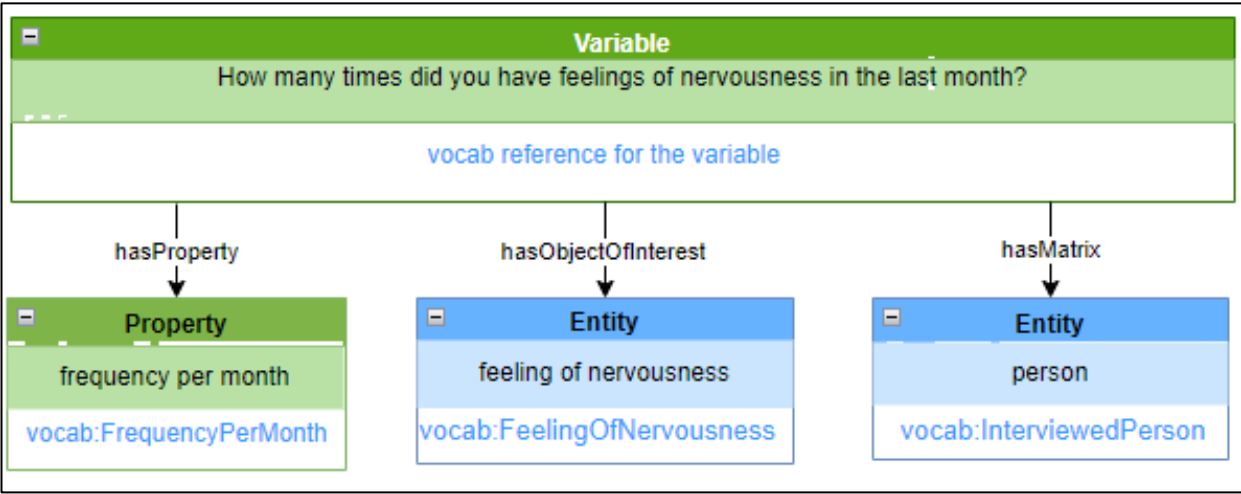
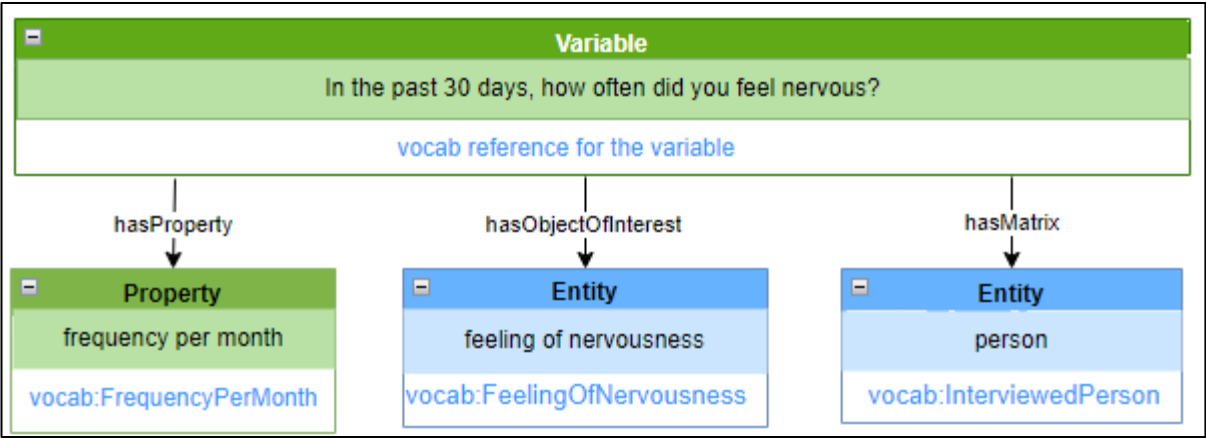
Q2: In the past 30 days, how often did you feel nervous?

Q3: How many times did you have feelings of nervousness in the last month?



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Outlook: Developing I-ADOPT services for reuse by researchers

❑ Based on:

- ❑ User input (free text description) and specify FSRs (vocabularies) chosen by the research community
- ❑ Named Entity Recognition (NER) and/or
- ❑ Large Language Models (LLM)
both require large sets of pre-modelled I-ADOPT variables (training set)

Results into:

- ❑ Decomposition in atomic parts based on NER
- ❑ Arrangement of parts in I-ADOPT roles based on Variable Design Patterns