

# Ordered Lists as Fundamental Concept

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- Ordered collections are important
- Ordered collections are used in many standard interchange formats
- In contrast almost everything in XML is ordered unless stated otherwise
- XML developers need good support for ordered collections before they would consider moving to RDF



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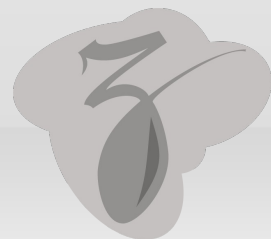
```
<basket> <hasFruit>  
  ( <banana> <apple> <pear> ) .
```

```
<basket> <hasFruit> _:b1 .  
_:b1 rdf:first <banana> ; rdf:rest _:b2 .  
_:b2 rdf:first <apple> ; rdf:rest _:b3 .  
_:b3 rdf:first <pear> ; rdf:rest rdf:nil .
```



# Ordered Lists as Fundamental Concept

- RDF Term
  - Node
    - IRI
    - Blank
  - Literal
    - Plain
    - Typed
  - List



# Ordered Lists as Fundamental Concept

- Ordered lists as an RDF term
- Treat ordered lists as a single term
- All RDF formats must be able to serialize ordered lists
  - May use `rdf:first/rdf:rest` vocab
- Parsers should parse lists as a term
  - This includes `rdf:first/rdf:rest` vocab
- Writers should use compact list syntax



# SPARQL

- SPARQL should treat lists as a single term
- All SPARQL responses should include the complete list if a list at all
- SPARQL result XML must have a syntax for lists



Thanks

