

BLINKG: A Benchmark for LLM-Integrated Knowledge Graph Generation

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Abstract

Generating Knowledge Graphs (KGs) remains one of the most time-consuming and labor-intensive tasks for knowledge engineers, as they need to identify semantic equivalences between input data sources and ontology terms. While declarative solutions (e.g., RML, SPARQL-Anything) have helped to generalize this process, aligning input schema elements with ontology terms still involves intricate transformations and requires considerable manual effort. With the advent of Large Language Models (LLMs), there is growing interest in leveraging their capabilities to assist KG engineers. Although some studies have explored using LLMs to automate KG construction, there is still no standardized framework for assessing how effectively they establish correspondences between data schemes and onto-

logy concepts. Therefore, in this paper, we propose BLINKG, a benchmark designed to evaluate the mapping capabilities of LLMs in constructing KGs from heterogeneous data sources. The benchmark includes a set of scenarios with increasing complexity, based on real-world use cases. We conduct an extensive experimental evaluation of several state-of-the-art LLMs using BLINK and observe that they already offer promising solutions. However, their performance remains limited in complex scenarios. Thanks to this benchmark we can already assess the current capabilities of LLMs for KG construction. Additionally, we define a set of requirements for achieving (semi)automated (LLM-driven) KG construction, opening new research lines in this area.

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24 **1** Introduction

25 Knowledge engineering (KE) covers tasks required to make data and knowledge computationally
 26 accessible, tasks that traditionally depend on extensive manual work by domain experts and
 27 knowledge engineers. Large Language Models (LLMs) are increasingly used to support these
 28 processes, such as formulating competency questions [43], taking on expert roles in ontology
 29 engineering methodologies [14, 53], and verbalizing knowledge graph queries [36]. The growing
 30 number of LLM-based KE approaches has also motivated new benchmarking and evaluation
 31 initiatives like Alharbi et al. [2], Garijo et al. [16], Herwanto et al. [18], Rebboud et al. [42], and
 32 Tsaneva et al. [48] to assess their current capabilities and limitations.

33 Constructing KG from heterogeneous data sources is one of the most time-consuming and
 34 manual tasks that a knowledge engineer must perform [13]. The difficulty of the task lies in the
 35 need to understand the ontology terms and map the input data to these terms [38]. In some cases,
 36 the process can be relatively simple (e.g., mapping a table Sport to an ontology class Sport), but
 37 in many situations it requires a deeper understanding of the data and the domain. Often, domain
 38 experts are needed to correctly interpret implicit semantics and resolve ambiguities between the
 39 data and the ontology. In large-scale, real-world projects [6, 44], this task is often a bottleneck,
 40 with the mapping phase frequently exceeding six person-months [6].

41 Several solutions have recently explored using LLMs to reduce the effort required for semantic
 42 alignment between data sources and ontologies. For example, in Hofer et al. [21], the authors
 43 propose an automated KG construction pipeline where RML mappings [26] are generated by
 44 an LLM using the ontology and source data as inputs. In Schmidt et al. [45], the generation
 45 of YARRRML mappings [20] with LLMs is explored in the manufacturing domain. Similarly,
 46 [R2]RML-ChatGPT [41] presents a framework to refine mapping rules using ChatGPT. Recently,
 47 Freund et al. [15] evaluates its proposal (the *ReMap* tool) against LLM-based RML [26] mapping
 48 generation. However, all these solutions have been evaluated across diverse scenarios and use
 49 cases, using different parameters and metrics, which makes it difficult to compare them fairly. In
 50 the SW and KG community, SemTab¹ is positioned as an initiative and challenge for automatic
 51 annotation of tabular data, providing its own benchmark [27] for testing solutions that automate
 52 table interpretation. However, it typically targets an already created knowledge graph (e.g.,
 53 Wikidata) rather than a non-populated ontology, focuses on three specific tasks (Cell Entity

¹ <https://github.com/sem-tab-challenge>

54 Annotation, Cell Property Annotation, and Cell Type Annotation), and most of the approaches
55 are implemented using end-to-end pipelines, limiting traceability and transparency.

56 In this context, to assess the potential of LLMs for generating semantic mappings from
57 heterogeneous data sources to ontology terms, we present BLINKG, a **Benchmark for LLM-**
58 **Integrated Knowledge Graph Generation**. The goal is to support the generation of explicit and
59 declarative mappings, providing traceability and transparency in the knowledge graph construction
60 process, as opposed to black-box end-to-end approaches. The main contributions of this work are
61 summarized as follows:

- 62 ■ **C1:** A comprehensive and domain-agnostic framework composed of multiple scenarios, gold
63 standards, and evaluation metrics designed to assess the behavior of LLMs in KG construction
- 64 ■ **C2:** Three progressively complex scenarios that reflect real-world challenges in KG construction,
65 each covering a representative set of typical mapping tasks.
- 66 ■ **C3:** Open and reusable resources, fostering reproducibility and facilitating adoption and
67 extension by the community².
- 68 ■ **C4:** A comprehensive evaluation of six state-of-the-art LLMs, analyzing their performance
69 and generalization capabilities, focusing on traceability and transparency.
- 70 ■ **C5:** Practical recommendations, lessons learned, and new research directions for advancing
71 the (semi-)automation of LLM-driven knowledge graph construction.

72 The paper is structured as follows: Section 2 describes the related work on the automation of
73 KG Construction, with special focus on novel proposals that use LLMs. Section 3 describes the
74 BLINKG benchmark, with the proposed scenarios and metrics. Section 4 presents the experimental
75 evaluation of our benchmark over state-of-the-art LLMs, and Section 5 reports the main points of
76 discussion. We finalize the paper with the conclusions and future work in Section 6.

77 **2 Related Work**

78 Despite recent advances in automatic knowledge extraction, the creation of knowledge graphs
79 remains an inherently manual and resource-intensive process. The main challenge lies in establishing
80 semantic correspondences between heterogeneous data sources and the concepts defined in the
81 target ontologies. In complex scenarios, this process requires not only a knowledge engineer
82 but also a domain expert who can accurately identify and validate these mappings. Although
83 declarative tools help streamline and simplify the process [50], it remains a challenging task that
84 heavily relies on domain expertise. Existing work can be roughly grouped into (i) approaches
85 that focus on mapping generation, mostly focused on relational databases as input sources, (ii)
86 benchmarks and datasets that evaluate partial aspects of the KG Construction process, and
87 (iii) more recent LLM-based systems, which exhibit different strengths and failure modes from
88 traditional methods.

89 With the introduction of R2RML [9] and Direct Mapping [3], W3C recommendations for
90 defining mappings between relational databases (RDB) and ontologies in the context of Ontology-
91 Based Data Access (OBDA) [51], a number of approaches emerged aiming to automate the creation
92 of these mapping rules. Most of these approaches followed the directives of Direct Mapping,
93 which defines a set of rules to produce a plain RDF representation of a relational database
94 without considering any ontology. MIRROR [11], D2RQ [4], and Ontop [5] follow a similar
95 approach, extracting from the Relational Database (RDB) schema a target ontology and the
96 mapping correspondences. On the other hand, AutoMap4OBDA [46] and BootOX [28] consider

² <https://github.com/citiususc/blinkg>

97 an input ontology and generate actual R2RML mappings from the RDB. However, these solutions
98 are limited to relational databases and rely heavily on heuristic-based approaches for mapping
99 generation, which significantly constrains their applicability and flexibility in broader Knowledge
100 Graph Construction (KGC) workflows that involve multiple formats, complex transformations,
101 and non-relational sources.

102 All these proposals used RODI for the evaluation, a benchmark for RDB-to-ontology mapping
103 generation [37]. RODI is designed to evaluate the quality of system-generated relational-to-
104 ontology mappings, aiming to provide a generic and comparable evaluation framework for mapping
105 generation systems. RODI employs an end-to-end evaluation approach, assessing mapping utility
106 by comparing the accuracy of SPARQL query results over the generated RDF data against reference
107 SQL query results on the original relational database. Similar to our proposal the benchmark
108 incorporates diverse test scenarios from domains such as scientific conferences, geographical data,
109 and oil and gas exploration. These scenarios are configured with databases, ontologies, and
110 specific query workloads designed to test a variety of mapping challenges, including naming
111 conflicts, structural RDB heterogeneity (e.g., normalization, denormalization, class hierarchies,
112 key conflicts, and dependency conflicts). However, the authors acknowledge certain limitations in
113 the scope of evaluation, particularly concerning the complexity of data transformations. RODI
114 explicitly excluded complex data transformations such as unit conversions, string cleaning, or
115 string compositions from its default benchmark configurations. This exclusion was justified by
116 the observation that, at the time of its publication, “no current relational-to-ontology mapping
117 generation system implements any such transformation functionality”. Therefore, the benchmark
118 primarily focused on evaluating systems’ capabilities in RDB-schema-level matching and mapping
119 rule generation, often resolvable through heuristic techniques, rather than addressing more
120 complex data-level transformations or advanced relationships beyond basic structural mappings.
121 In summary, RODI focuses on relational-to-ontology mappings, primarily evaluating schema-level
122 correspondences and basic structural mappings over relational databases. BLINKG shares this
123 emphasis on mapping generation, but generalises it beyond RDBs to multiple data formats (CSV,
124 JSON, XML) and decomposes the mapping problem into a richer set of subtasks (e.g., class
125 selection, subject generation, property selection, data reference identification, functions, joins),
126 enabling more fine-grained and format-agnostic evaluation.

127 Beyond relational databases, the recent SemTab challenge³ introduces a collection of tabular
128 datasets [27] aimed at automatically matching them to external knowledge graphs such as DBpedia
129 and Wikidata. Several solutions have been proposed, leveraging techniques ranging from heuristic
130 rules and fuzzy matching (e.g., JenTab [1], DAGOBAB[23], and MTAB4D[31]) to knowledge
131 graph embeddings (e.g, TorchicTab [10]). However, SemTab is primarily designed as a benchmark
132 for evaluating end-to-end systems that annotate tables against a pre-existing knowledge graph,
133 rather than aligning them with an ontology. Moreover, most of these systems do not produce
134 explicit, declarative mappings, making it difficult to understand or reproduce how the annotations
135 are actually generated.

136 In this context, Large Language Models (LLMs) have emerged as a promising solution to
137 automate the transformation of (semi)structured data into KGS, leveraging their advanced natural
138 language understanding capabilities. Several recent studies have explored the use of LLMs for
139 generating declarative mapping rules. For instance, Schmidt et al. [45] investigate LLM-assisted
140 and context-enhanced YARRRML mapping generation in the manufacturing domain, addressing
141 the challenge of consolidating inventory data in large companies such as Bosch. Their approach
142 supports schema evolution and data integration through semi-automated mapping generation,

³ <https://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/isg/challenges/sem-tab/>

■ **Table 1** Comparison between RODI, SemTab, and BLINKG in terms of their main focus, evaluation strategy, dependency on existing KGs, supported input formats, granularity and expected mapping outputs.

	RODI	SemTab	BLINKG
Main focus	RDB-to-ontology	Table/column/entity annot.	Data-to-ontology
Evaluation	SPARQL vs. SQL	Links to KG	Explicit Mappings
Granularity	Graph-level	Annotation-level	Task-level
Requires existing KG	No	Yes	No
Supported formats	RDB	Tabular data	Any
Expected Mapping Output	R2RML	Not explicit	Table/RML

and they report both qualitative and quantitative evaluations.

In the construction sector, H ltgen et al. [22] examine how LLMs can be used to convert relational infrastructure data into RDF using a four-step pipeline: SQL query generation, SQL-to-ontology mapping, R2RML mapping generation, and final RDF materialization. Although their results indicate that current LLMs struggle to fully automate this pipeline—due to limitations in handling R2RML syntax and a tendency to hallucinate ontology elements—models like GPT-4o show promising performance, especially under few-shot prompting. In particular, they note the model’s ability to infer implicit relationships in join tables.

Similarly, Hofer et al. [21] explore the use of LLMs for generating RML files from JSON data in the context of movie knowledge graphs. Their evaluation, using data from the IMDB and a target movie ontology, shows that Claude 3 Opus outperforms GPT-4 in mapping accuracy, while earlier models (e.g., Claude 2.1, GPT-3.5, Gemini-Pro) often produce invalid outputs, highlighting the models’ difficulty in handling precise syntax and semantically constrained tasks. Freund et al. [15] introduce ReMap, a deterministic reverse engineering pipeline to generate RML mappings from non-RDF source data and an expected RDF graph. In their evaluation, mappings generated by LLMs were used as a comparison baseline to assess the performance of ReMap. Additionally, Val-Calvo et al. [49] developed OntoGenix, an LLM-powered pipeline for automating ontology development that also generates mappings and RDF data.

While these studies highlight the growing interest in using LLMs for mapping generation, their evaluation strategies remain inconsistent and fragmented. Each proposal defines its own tasks, datasets, and success criteria, making it difficult to compare results or generalize findings. Moreover, most of the evaluations focus primarily on syntactic correctness such as the validity of the generated RML or R2RML files, rather than on the semantic quality or relevance of the mappings. There is a lack of shared tasks, reference datasets, and standardized evaluation parameters. This fragmentation underscores the need for a comprehensive and systematic benchmark like BLINKG, which provides a common ground for evaluating LLM-generated mappings across diverse scenarios, with clear tasks, gold standards, and metrics.

From this discussion, three insights emerge. First, RODI evaluates mappings indirectly, by measuring query-answering quality over the constructed RDF graph, so mapping errors are only observed through their impact on SPARQL results. In contrast, BLINKG focuses on the mapping layer itself: it evaluates the individual mapping decisions (e.g., class, property, subject template, data reference) before materialisation, providing direct evidence of where systems succeed or fail. Second, SemTab assumes an existing knowledge graph and concentrates on entity linking and annotation against that graph, whereas BLINKG targets the prior step of mapping heterogeneous data sources to an ontology, without requiring a pre-populated KG; in this sense, SemTab and BLINKG are complementary, but they address different parts of the pipeline. Third, BLINKG

179 generalises these ideas beyond relational databases to multiple data formats (CSV, JSON, XML)
 180 and offers explicit gold standards and metrics for a richer set of mapping-related subtasks, which
 181 makes it suitable for systematically evaluating both LLM-based and non-LLM systems under a
 182 common, mapping-centric perspective. In Table 1, we present an overview of this comparison
 183 between RODI and SemTab with BLINKG.

184 **3 BLINKG: A Benchmark for LLM-Integrated Knowledge Graph** 185 **Generation**

186 To evaluate the performance of automation in mapping generation between ontology and input
 187 sources, we designed a benchmark comprising three different scenarios that reflect varying levels
 188 of alignment between data sources and ontology schemes: (i) Basic, where column names and
 189 ontology terms are lexically similar; (ii) Schema-aligned, where source schemes follow the structure
 190 of the ontology but with less obvious lexical overlap; and (iii) Schema-distant, where the source
 191 schema is semantically related to the ontology but structurally and lexically distant. These
 192 scenarios allow us to systematically test the ability of LLMs to generalize across different mapping
 193 difficulties. We also define a set of metrics to evaluate the quality of the generated mappings,
 194 considering precision, recall, and F1-score at the level of the task.

195 **3.1 Knowledge Graph Construction Tasks**

196 To define the tasks considered in this benchmark, we conducted a thorough review of: i) existing
 197 related initiatives, such as SemTab [27]; ii) the capabilities defined by declarative mapping
 198 languages, mainly extracted from the complete analysis presented in Iglesias et al. [25] and the
 199 mapping features presented in Chaves-Fraga et al. [7]. Based on this analysis, we identified the
 200 following key tasks:

- 201 ■ **Ontology Class Identification:** This task involves identifying the class of the instance to
 202 be generated. For example, if the ontology defines the class `foaf:Person` and the input data
 203 contains a `person-id`, the output would include a triple such as: `ex:person/{id} rdf:type`
 204 `foaf:Person`. This task is related to the Column Type Annotation (CTA) task proposed in
 205 SemTab [27]. However, a key distinction is that input files frequently contain information
 206 about multiple types of entities (e.g., denormalized CSV files, XML trees, or JSON documents).
 207 Meanwhile, CTA is made at the table level.
- 208 ■ **Subject Generation:** This task refers to the generation of the subject in RDF triples. It
 209 typically involves two key aspects: i) Following best practices for URI creation [40], usually by
 210 combining the base URI (e.g., `http://example.org`) with the class label (e.g., `Person`); and
 211 ii) Identifying data references that ensure instance uniqueness within the dataset, similar to
 212 a primary key (PK) in relational databases. In this work, we refer to subject generation as
 213 *simple* when a single data reference is sufficient to identify an instance, and as *complex* when
 214 multiple data references must be combined, analogous to composite primary keys in relational
 215 databases. While this task is somewhat related to the Cell Entity Annotation (CEA) task in
 216 SemTab, it is fundamentally different: CEA focuses on linking a cell value to an existing entity
 217 in a KG, whereas the task here is about creating new entities.
- 218 ■ **Ontology Property Identification:** This task involves selecting the ontology property
 219 that links either a data reference or a related entity class, ensuring the property’s domain
 220 matches the identified class. For example, given a column named `fullname` and an ontology
 221 property `foaf:name` whose domain is `foaf:Person`, it is very likely that they are semantically
 222 equivalent. This task resembles the Column Property Annotation (CPA) task in SemTab;

223 however, our approach leverages ontology restrictions (property domains), whereas CPA relies
224 on already instantiated entities to discover such properties in the target KG.

- 225 ■ **Data Reference⁴ Identification:** This task consists of identifying the reference to the input
226 data, such as a CSV column, a JSONPath/XPath expression, or an SQL query, that will be
227 used to construct triples. These references are typically used as the object of a triple when the
228 identified property is a datatype property. Similarly to subject generation, we refer to object
229 generation as *simple* when a single data reference suffices to construct the object value, and as
230 *complex* when multiple data references need to be combined via standard string concatenation
231 to obtain the final literal used in the triple.
- 232 ■ **Related Entity Class and Joins:** For object properties defined in the ontology, this
233 task involves specifying how the subject of the related entity (i.e. the range of the prop-
234 erty) is generated and under which conditions the relationship is established (i.e., the join
235 condition). For instance, continuing with our earlier example, the triple `ex:person/1`
236 `foaf:works` `ex:organization/1` would be generated for the object property `foaf:works`
237 (domain: `foaf:Person`, range: `foaf:Organization`) under the condition that `person.org`
238 equals `organization.id`.
- 239 ■ **Language Annotation.** This task entails assigning the correct language tag to text literals
240 based on their content and context. For each string value in the dataset, such as labels,
241 comments, or descriptions, the system must detect the natural language and annotate it with
242 the appropriate tag (e.g., `@en` for English, `@es` for Spanish).
- 243 ■ **Datatype Annotation.** This task consists of determining and assigning to each literal the
244 most appropriate RDF datatype IRI, often drawn from XSD but not restricted to it, based on
245 its lexical form and semantic intent. For example, strings matching ISO-8601 date patterns
246 might be annotated as `xsd:date`, integer numeric values as `xsd:integer`, boolean-like values
247 as `xsd:boolean`, or any custom datatype.
- 248 ■ **Transformation Functions:** This refers to any transformation that must be applied to
249 data references before triple generation. For instance, dates may need to be transformed
250 from heterogeneous input formats (e.g., "26/11/2025" or "11-26-2025") into a canonical
251 representation such as `xsd:date` literals, or boolean-like codes (e.g., 1/0, "Y"/"N") may need
252 to be normalised to explicit `true/false` values before triple generation. Additionally, one
253 common task is to convert enumerated values (e.g., SQL `ENUMs`) into standardized taxonomies,
254 such as those represented using SKOS, where each enumerated code is systematically mapped
255 to the URI of the corresponding SKOS concept (e.g., mapping 'OPEN' or 'RESTRICTED'
256 in a procurement system to the appropriate SKOS concepts in a controlled vocabulary).
257 This is particularly relevant in scenarios where KGs leverage standardized datasets (e.g.,
258 authority tables from the European Commission that provide standardized taxonomies for
259 public procurement procedures, country names and codes, or currencies⁵). These kinds of
260 transformations are aligned with the function mapping capabilities defined in the RML-FNML
261 module⁶, which explicitly supports the specification of such data transformation functions in
262 mapping documents.

263 Although we have split the work into separate tasks for clarity, experts tackle them as a
264 single, intertwined challenge: parsing diverse data formats, mapping fields to the right classes and
265 properties, picking accurate datatypes and language tags, and applying any needed transformations.
266 Pulling this off usually demands deep domain knowledge, meticulous schema analysis, and plenty

⁴ The concept is defined in the RML ontology: <http://w3id.org/rml/core/spec#reference-rml-reference>

⁵ <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/authority-tables>

⁶ <https://w3id.org/rml/fnml/spec>

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■ **Table 2** Summary of ontology metrics and input data characteristics.

Scenarios	Classes	Data prop.	Object prop.	SKOS	Input features
1	3	8	3	0	Artificial data based in RML test cases
2	17	49	10	10	GTFS-Madrid’s Metro feed
3	11	4	10	3	Real life data from CODICE

■ **Table 3** Features distributed by each scenario. Scenario 1 is divided in several atomic cases, while Scenarios 2 and 3 represent realistic KG construction scenarios.

Features/Scenarios	Scenario 1								Scenario 2	Scenario 3
	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	1G	1H	GTFS	PPDS
One data reference	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Two or more data references		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Complex object generation				x		x	x		x	x
Simple subject generation	x	x	x		x			x	x	x
Complex subject generation				x		x	x		x	x
Self join			x				x		x	x
Join					x	x	x		x	x
Two or more input sources						x	x	x	x	x
Datatypes generation				x			x	x	x	x
Language annotations							x	x		
Transformation Functions									x	x
Distant Schemes										x

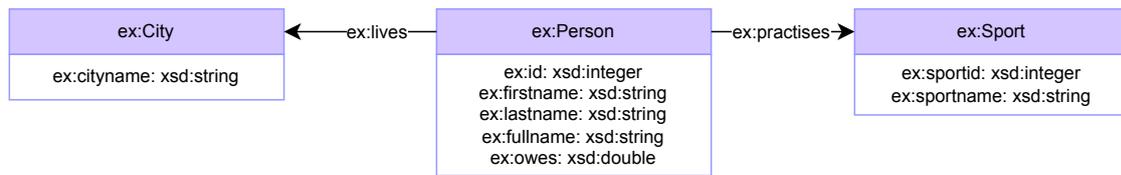
267 of careful judgment. Additionally, it would be possible to include more advanced tasks based on
 268 the capabilities of newer declarative mapping languages (e.g., RML [26]), such as list generation
 269 (RML-CC), statements about statements (RML-Star), or advanced input/output descriptions
 270 (RML-IO), we decided not to include them in this first version of the benchmark. We consider
 271 these to be advanced features, and our current focus is on understanding how proposed solutions
 272 perform on the core aspects of KG construction. These more complex features are planned for
 273 inclusion in a future version of the benchmark, when more tools are expected to support and
 274 process such constructs efficiently.

275 3.2 Benchmark Scenarios

276 For the BLINKG benchmark, we define three scenarios designed to evaluate the performance of
 277 automation proposals, categorizing them by difficulty. Each scenario comprises multiple use cases
 278 that adhere to its difficulty level. All use cases within a scenario share a common ontology and
 279 controlled vocabularies, ensuring the comparability of the results. Each case is accompanied by
 280 one or more datasets in various formats, as well as an expected output that serves as the baseline
 281 for evaluation. Table 2 presents the statistics and data sources of each scenario while Table 3
 282 provides an overview of the features included in each scenario, which are described in the following
 283 sections.

284 Scenario 1: Basic Knowledge Graph Construction

285 This scenario comprises a total of eight atomic cases, and it is inspired by the features defined in
 286 RML-core [35] and RML test cases [19]. Its objective is to evaluate the creation of KGs for basic
 287 use cases with simple input sources. An ontology was created to accommodate all of them, shown



■ **Figure 1** A basic ontology used for the Scenario 1

288 in Figure 1. It is comprised of three classes, related by two object properties, and for each class,
 289 there are several data properties.

290 Input data is provided for each use case in three different formats with the same content:
 291 CSV, JSON, and XML. The selection of one format over the other will be an evaluation choice.
 292 Regardless of the selected format, the resulting KG will remain the same.

293 In this scenario, the aim is to test basic and atomic behavior, so all the cases are chosen for
 294 this purpose. Case 1A seeks to test the ability to generate a unique mapping, which relates a
 295 single column to a data property. The entry refers to the name of an entity whose class is a
 296 **ex:Person**. Since there is insufficient information to conclude whether it is a first name or a last
 297 name, the property to be joined with is **ex:fullname**. As this is the only information available,
 298 the subject URI is generated by the same column, acting as a primary key.

299 Use case 1B increases the complexity of the previous one, performing two mappings on the
 300 same entity instead of one, using the same file source in both cases. Each mapping involves a
 301 single column and a data property. In addition to the previous use case, the **ex:id** property
 302 would be linked this time, changing the primary key from the column **Name** to the column **ID**. As
 303 a result, the subject URI would be generated by the **ID** column.

304 For use case 1C, two mappings are considered again, coming from the same file, but referring
 305 to entities from two different classes, **ex:Person** and **ex:Sport**. Thus, each mapping relates to a
 306 single data property of each of the entities involved, **ex:fullname** and **ex:sportname**. The URIs
 307 of the subjects are generated by the corresponding column for each of the entities. By having
 308 two entities from different classes, they can be related to each other through an object property,
 309 **ex:practises**, employing a self-join of the triples mapping.

310 For the 1D use case, four mappings are performed over entities from class **ex:Person**. Three
 311 of them directly relate a column to a data property, such as the first name, last name, or owed
 312 amount. The other one links **ex:fullname** with a literal generated by concatenating the columns
 313 for first name and last name. As there is no identifier, the primary key will be established as the
 314 concatenation of the first name and last name. The comprehension of the URI concept would be
 315 tested, as there are two repeated rows, which refer to the same entity, so the same URI must be
 316 considered for both rows. Finally, data types will be checked for consistency with the ontology, as
 317 more complex types such as floating-point numbers are included.

318 For use case 1E, two entities would be involved, **ex:Person** and **ex:Sport**, but this time the
 319 source files would be different for each entity. Students and sports would be in different files. This
 320 does not change the linking of data properties but adds a new difficulty to the establishment of
 321 an object property between entities. To achieve that, a conditional join would be necessary that
 322 states explicitly the equivalence between the **Sport** column in the student file and the **ID** column
 323 in the sport file.

324 Use case 1F explores an alternative way of establishing an object property between entities, by
 325 using an additional file that contains the information of the relation. The entities are the same
 326 as in the previous use case, but the relation between them is established in a third file. This file
 327 contains the **ID** of the student and the **ID** of the sport, so two conditional joins would be necessary

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328 between the ID column of the student file and the `Student_ID` column of the relation file, and
329 between the ID column of the sport file and the `Sport_ID` column of the relation file.

330 For use case 1G, entities from both classes `ex:Person` and `ex:City` are considered. The added
331 difficulty in this use case lies in linking the object property `ex:livesIn` correctly. There are two
332 possible ways of doing it: by a self-join within the same file or by a conditional join between two
333 different files. In this case, unlike the previous ones, the direction to take is not so direct and
334 clear. To generate the mapping, the LLM must be able to avoid being influenced by ambiguity
335 and focus on decision-making. Additionally, the use of language tags for literals is tested, as the
336 city name is a string with language annotations. Although language information is not provided,
337 the context suggests that all city names are in English.

338 Use case test 1H evaluates the ability to add language annotations to the same data properties
339 of a single entity. Specifically, it involves two instances of the class `ex:City`, each representing the
340 same city but with names in different languages (English and Spanish). These language differences
341 must be expressed using language tags, not by creating separate entities for each language version.
342 The city identifier serves as the primary key, so the subject URI must remain the same across
343 both language annotations.

344 In summary, Scenario 1 provides eight atomic cases over a minimal three-class ontology and
345 plain and simple inputs to validate each core mapping task: from class and subject generation to
346 property identification, joins, datatype, and language annotations. By keeping the setup basic yet
347 varied, we can pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of automatic pipelines on these foundational
348 building blocks of KG construction.

349 Scenario 2: Schema-Aligned Knowledge Graph Construction

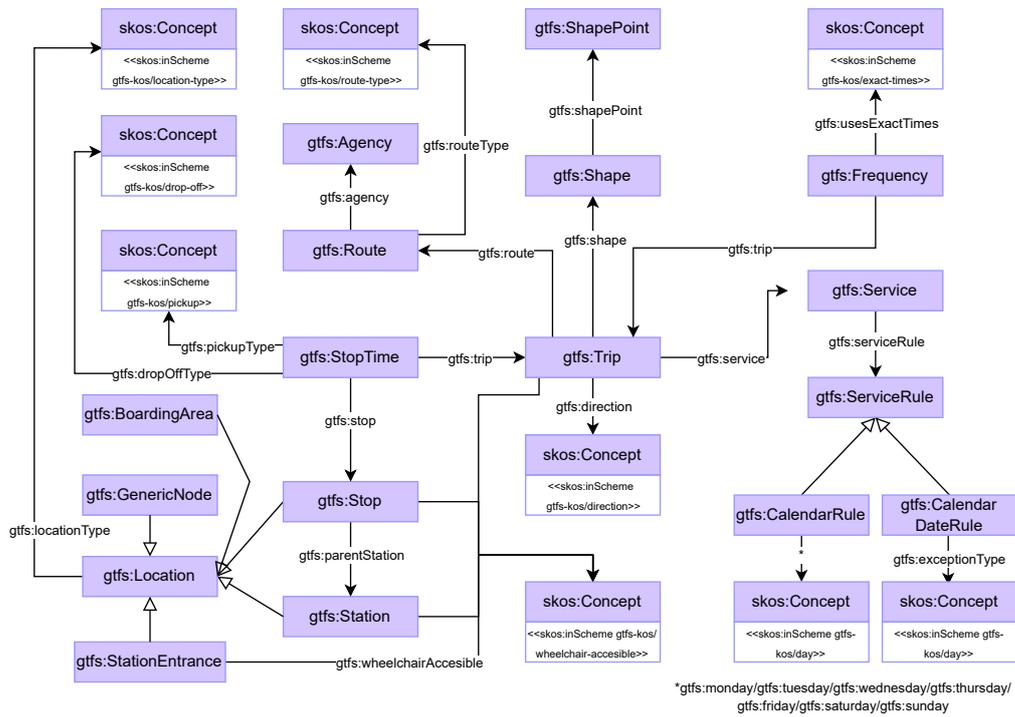
350 This scenario focuses on building a KG in the transportation domain. We drew inspiration from
351 the GTFS-Madrid-Bench [8] use case, a benchmark designed to evaluate performance throughout
352 the KG construction process. Unlike Scenario 1, which isolates individual tasks, this one presents
353 a more realistic and complex setting where those tasks frequently overlap and interact. However,
354 the main feature of this scenario is the very high alignment between the input data and the
355 ontology. The ontology itself was built bottom-up directly from the official GTFS specification⁸.
356 In other words, the ontology can be seen as a near-mirror of the GTFS specification, yet it diverges
357 in important ways as OWL and RDF supports richer modeling constructs (e.g. complex class
358 hierarchies, property restrictions, controlled vocabularies) that GTFS's flat, tabular-based format
359 cannot express.

360 The goal of this scenario is to assess whether automated solutions operating in a context where
361 input schemes and the ontology closely align can still understand ontology peculiarities, such as
362 richer modeling constructs, for correctly transforming the input data into a KG. From a technical
363 perspective, it has the objective of testing, in addition to everything included in Scenario 1 (see
364 Table 3), the handling of transformation functions and the management of a larger amount of
365 data, as in a more realistic use case. The ontology considered is represented in Figure 2, and has
366 seventeen classes that are described in Table 4. The input data are 10 files extracted from the
367 GTFS-Madrid-Bench [8] database⁹. Two examples of input sources (stops and routes) are shown
368 in Listing 1 and Listing 2. The information contained in them covers the entire set of classes and
369 properties considered in this scenario.

370 The main difference from Scenario 1 is the introduction of more complexity at the ontology

⁸ <https://gtfs.org>

⁹ Note that the benchmark provides support for different data formats such as RDB, CSV, XML, or JSON



■ **Figure 2** The Linked-GTFS Ontology⁷, used for Scenario 2. We omit datatype properties for the sake of simplicity. White arrows indicate that the source class is an `rdfs:subClassOf` of the target class, whereas black arrows represent object properties between classes.

■ **Table 4** Class descriptions for ontology of Scenario 2

Class	Description
Agency	Transit companies with service.
BoardingArea	Location where passengers can board and/or alight vehicles.
CalendarRule	Service dates specified using a weekly schedule with start and end dates.
CalendarDateRule	Exception dates for the services.
Frequency	Trip gap for frequency service or condensed schedule.
GenericNode	A location within a station, not matching any other location type.
Location	Places where vehicles pick up or drop off riders.
Route	Group of trips that are displayed to riders as a single service.
Service	Set of ServiceRules.
ServiceRule	Rule that associates dates with services (CalendarRule/CalendarDateRule).
Shape	Rules for mapping vehicle travel paths.
ShapePoint	One point in a Shape.
Station	Large transit location that may contain multiple Stops.
StationEntrance	Location where passengers can enter or exit a station from the street.
Stop	Physical location where a vehicle stops or leaves.
StopTime	Times that a vehicle arrives at and departs from stops for each trip.
Trip	Sequence of two or more stops that occur during a specific time period.

371 level, such as class hierarchies and constraints on classes and properties. The ontology introduces
 372 two distinct hierarchies: one for describing locations (stops, stations, station entrances, boarding

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373 areas, and generic nodes) and another for modeling service calendars. The calendar hierarchy
374 maps directly to GTFS, since the specification defines two separate input files (`calendar.txt`
375 and `calendar_dates.txt`), each corresponding to one of these classes. In contrast, the location
376 hierarchy depends on the value of the `location_type` column in `stops.txt` (see Listing 1), adding
377 complexity to the mapping rules for these subclasses. Notably, the same `location_type` value
378 also determines inter-location relationships via the `parent_station` property, which entails a
379 self-join on `stops.txt` to generate different subclasses.

```
stop_id,stop_code,name,stop_desc,lat,lon,location_type,parent_station,wheelchair_boarding
acc411,1,Plaza de Castilla,P. de la Castellana 189,40.46682,-3.68918,0,est9021,0
acc41040,1,Ascensor,Pz. de Castilla 9,40.46555,-3.68877,2,est9021,1
acc41043,1,Intercambiador Superficie,P. de la Castellana 191 B,40.46728,-3.68915,2,est9021,0
acc41044,1,Ascensor,P. de la Castellana 189,40.46702,-3.68918,2,est9021,0
acc412,1,Castellana impares,P. de la Castellana 189,40.46722,-3.68952,2,est_90_21,0
acc413,1,Bravo Murillo,C. de Bravo Murillo 377,40.46629,-3.69036,1,est_90_21,1
```

■ **Listing 1** Excerpt of the input source stops in CSV

```
route_id,agency_id,route_short_name,route_long_name,route_type,route_color,route_text_color
41,CRTM,1,Pinar de Chamartín-Valdecarros,1,2DBEFO,FFFFFF
410,CRTM,10,Hospital del Norte-Puerta del Sur,1,005AA9,FFFFFF
411,CRTM,11,Plaza Elíptica-La Fortuna,1,009B3A,FFFFFF
412,CRTM,12,MetroSur,1,A49800,FFFFFF
```

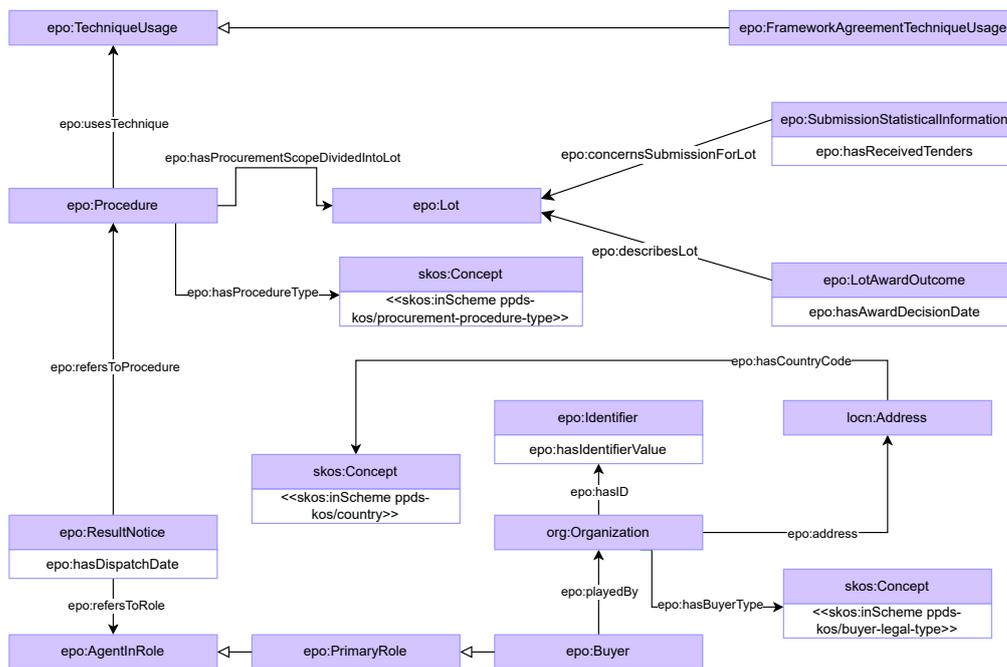
■ **Listing 2** Excerpt of the input source routes in CSV

380 In terms of constraints, many properties such as `gtfs:id`, apply to multiple classes, forcing
381 its domain to be defined as the union of those classes and increasing the complexity of linking
382 classes to input sources. We also propose the use of value restrictions on datatype properties. For
383 example, the `gtfs:longName` of class `gtfs:Route` must start with an uppercase letter and consist
384 of an alphanumeric string. All such restrictions may be encoded as transformation functions that
385 ensure incoming data conforms to the ontology’s rules before KG generation.

386 Finally, the scenario incorporates controlled vocabularies. When input data contains enumer-
387 ated types (data types defined by a fixed set of named values), these are usually transformed
388 into independent taxonomies outside the ontology, often leveraging the W3C SKOS standard
389 vocabulary¹⁰. By extracting the enumerated fields from GTFS, we generated eleven controlled
390 vocabularies: Wheelchair Accessibility, Location Type, Route Type, Pickup, Drop-off, Direction
391 ID, Bikes Allowed, Timepoint, Service Availability, Exception Type, and Exact Times. The
392 essential task in this phase is to interpret each input value and map it to the corresponding
393 concept within its scheme. For example, GTFS defines three numeric codes for bicycle access
394 (0—no information; 1—allowed; 2—not allowed), and our controlled vocabulary represents these
395 as URIs: `wheel-chair-kos:no-information`, `wheel-chair-kos:no-information:accessible`, `wheel-chair-`
396 `kos:no-information:inaccessible`¹¹. The main challenge is understanding the meaning of these codes
397 (often provided without context) and assigning them to the correct taxonomy entries. In the KG
398 construction pipeline, this can be handled by transformation functions that convert raw input
399 data into valid controlled vocabulary values.

¹⁰ <https://www.w3.org/TR/skos-reference/>

¹¹ `wheel-chair-kos:` is the prefix of <http://transport.linkeddata.es/kos/wheelchair-accessible/>



■ **Figure 3** The subset of the e-Procurement Ontology used for the Scenario 3. White arrows indicate that the source class is an `rdfs:subClassOf` of the target class, whereas black arrows represent object properties between classes.

400 This scenario brings everything together in a more realistic setting: a GTFS-based ontology that
 401 mirrors the standard but adds OWL-style class hierarchies, property constraints, and controlled
 402 vocabularies. Beyond the tasks from Scenario 1, we now also put transformation functions and a
 403 more complex environment to the test. The goal is to see if automated pipelines can tackle these
 404 added challenges and still build a robust KG.

405 Scenario 3: Schema-Distant Knowledge Graph Construction

406 This scenario is the most complex scenario, focusing on building a KG for public procurement. It
 407 follows Scenario 2's methodology but pushes it further by operating in a realistic setting where
 408 tasks frequently interact and overlap. The key difference is that, unlike Scenario 2, the input
 409 data models and the ontology are not closely aligned. Although they cover the same domain and
 410 share similar concepts, their schemes and lexical descriptions diverge significantly, meaning that
 411 deep domain expertise is required to create the relationships between the input sources and the
 412 provided ontology.

413 The ontology for Scenario 3 is drawn from the eProcurement Ontology (ePO)¹², the official,
 414 pan-European data model for public procurement maintained by the European Publications Office.
 415 Given the domain's complexity, ePO is organized into 13 ontology modules, each targeting a
 416 specific aspect of the procurement lifecycle, from contract notices and award procedures to financial
 417 executions and legal frameworks. For our purposes, we extracted a focused subset of classes
 418 from the epo-core module, which alone defines nearly 150 classes and is under active, continuous
 419 development. This ontology supports multiple initiatives, such as the EU Public Procurement

¹²<https://github.com/OP-TED/ePO>

■ **Table 5** Class descriptions for ontology of Scenario 3

Class	Description
AgentInRole	Ties an agent to a part they play in a given situational context.
Buyer	Role of an agent that awards a contract and/or purchases items.
FrameworkAgreementTechniqueUsage	Technique that establishes the terms governing contracts to be awarded.
Identifier	String to distinguish uniquely one instance of an object.
Lot	Division of the services to be procured, allowing the award of contracts.
LotAwardOutcome	Result concerning the Lot attributed by the awarder.
PrimaryRole	A primary role within the procurement process that ties an agent to a part.
Procedure	Set of administrative activities conducted to conclude one or more contracts.
ResultNotice	Announcement of the award or non-award of a contract by a buyer.
SubmissionStatisticalInformation	Statistical information about submissions on a given Lot.
TechniqueUsage	Methods used for conducting procurement procedure.

420 Data Space (PPDS)¹³, which aims to harmonize heterogeneous procurement datasets from all EU
 421 Member States into a common semantic layer based on ePO. A key objective of PPDS is to support
 422 the standardized computation and comparison of public procurement transparency indicators, as
 423 published in the Single Market Scoreboard¹⁴. Moreover, each Member State typically operates
 424 its own national procurement platform, with distinct data formats, schemas, and publication
 425 workflows. As a result, manually integrating all these sources with respect to the ePO ontology is
 426 extremely costly, error-prone, and must be tailored to the specific characteristics of each country.

427 The ontology used in this scenario is shown in Figure 3. It comprises 13 classes that capture
 428 details of public procurement processes, their outcomes, award procedures, and the organizations
 429 involved as contractors. Their definitions are also provided in Table 5. Furthermore, each
 430 procurement process can be divided into multiple lots, each of which may follow a distinct
 431 awarding procedure. From a technical standpoint, this ontology features deep, nested class
 432 hierarchies such as `epo:Buyer` \rightarrow `epo:PrimaryRole` \rightarrow `epo:AgentRole` and, despite a reduction
 433 in datatype properties compared to Scenario 2, it defines a large set of object properties to
 434 capture the rich relationships inherent in the public procurement domain. Nevertheless, we observe
 435 repetitive restriction patterns w.r.t. Scenario 2, such as properties reused across multiple classes
 436 and explicit cardinality constraints imposed on certain classes. Regarding controlled vocabularies,
 437 ePO reuses those provided by the Publications Office (the so-called authority tables¹⁵), so input
 438 data must be mapped and linked to these external taxonomies. As shown in Figure 3, this scenario
 439 leverages three controlled vocabularies: Procedure Types¹⁶, Country Codes¹⁷, and Buyer Types¹⁸.

440 The input data for this scenario comes from the Spanish public procurement platform CO-
 441 DICE¹⁹. CODICE supports the entire procurement lifecycle and provides a suite of standard
 442 XSD schemas to ensure interoperability across all public administrations. Listing 3 shows a brief
 443 XML excerpt of these input files, conforming to the official CODICE XSD definitions. The main
 444 challenge in transforming this data into a KG based on the ePO ontology lies in the complex, deeply
 445 nested XML tree: entities corresponding to each ontology class and their properties are scattered

¹³ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/single-market/public-procurement/digital-procurement/public-procurement-data-space-ppds_en

¹⁴ <https://single-market-scoreboard.ec.europa.eu/business-framework-conditions/public-procurement>

¹⁵ <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/authority-tables>

¹⁶ <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/procurement-procedure-type>

¹⁷ <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/country>

¹⁸ <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/buyer-legal-type>

¹⁹ <https://contrataciondelestado.es/wps/portal/codice>

```

<entry>
  <id>https://contrataciondelestado.es/.../6854467</id>
  <title>Suministro de piezas de recambio [...] EMAYA.</title>
  <updated>2021-01-07T10:47:01.782+01:00</updated>
  <summary type="text">
    Id licitacion: 942P LOTE 2; Organo de Contratacion: Gerencia de EMAYA
  </summary>
  <cac-place-ext:ContractFolderStatus>
    <cac:Party>
      <cbc:WebsiteURI>http://www.emaya.es</cbc:WebsiteURI>
      <cac:PartyIdentification>
        <cbc:ID schemeName="NIF">A07000029</cbc:ID>
      </cac:PartyIdentification>
      <cac:PartyName>
        <cbc:Name>Gerencia de EMAYA, Empresa Municipal [...]</cbc:Name>
      </cac:PartyName>
      <cac:PostalAddress>
        <cbc:CityName>Palma</cbc:CityName>
        <cbc:PostalZone>07010</cbc:PostalZone>
        <cac:AddressLine>
          <cbc:Line>
            Camino de los Reyes 400, Edificio Central de Son Pacs
          </cbc:Line>
        </cac:AddressLine>
      </cac:PostalAddress>
    </cac:Party>
  </cac-place-ext:ContractFolderStatus>
  <!--...and more nested tags...-->
</entry>

```

■ **Listing 3** Excerpt from CODICE, the Public Procurement Spanish Platform

446 throughout the document. Consequently, the pipeline must parse each branch independently,
 447 leveraging element names and attribute values to instantiate ontology classes correctly. Since
 448 CODICE and ePO were developed independently (they cover the same domain but lack the high
 449 alignment of Scenario 2), a thorough understanding of both models is crucial to establish accurate
 450 mappings. From a technical point of view, this scenario incorporates all the challenges already
 451 presented in Scenario 2 and adds an extra layer of complexity when defining join conditions for
 452 object-property triples. In some cases, these joins must span different levels of the XML tree,
 453 linking elements on separate branches, which requires robust mapping logic to correlate related
 454 entities accurately.

455 In summary, Scenario 3 tests the full spectrum of challenges: from multi-level XML parsing and
 456 independent schema-ontology alignment to nested joins and controlled-vocabulary linking—within
 457 a real-world public procurement setting. By combining the rich, modular ePO ontology with
 458 CODICE’s complex XML structures and national variations, this scenario pushes automated KG
 459 pipelines to demonstrate both domain expertise and flexible mapping strategies under realistic
 460 conditions.

461 3.3 Metrics and Expected Output

462 Reliable, quantitative metrics are essential for evaluating how well automated systems handle each
 463 of the identified tasks involved in KG construction. Defining a fair metric is complex: semantic
 464 equivalence can be expressed in many ways, and simple string matching misses valid paraphrases
 465 or alternate URIs. It is also known that LLMs struggle with syntax problems when generating
 466 RML or SPARQL-Anything rules [21, 29], so BLINKG does not focus on evaluating whether
 467 systems can produce syntactically valid mapping languages. Instead, for each scenario we ask

■ **Table 6** Expected output table from the execution of each experiment.

Column	Description
Data Reference	Each data reference from the input data source files.
Ontology Property	Name of the ontology property related with the column.
Entity Class	Class of the subject considered.
Related Entity Class	Class of the corresponding object.
Subject Generation	Template to generate the subject URI.
Join	Equivalence condition in a join.
Datatype	Object’s datatype.
Language Annotations	Object’s language tag.
Function Name	Name of the function needed.
Function Output	Transformation applied to data reference using the function.

■ **Table 7** Example of the expected output from Shape and ShapePoint classes from the LinkedGTFS ontology and the shapes.txt file from GTFS spec. All ontology references starting from : mean that are using the base ontology IRI, while all subjects should start with `ex:shape/`. Functions are not shown due to the lack of space

Data Ref.	Property	Class	Rel. Class	Subject (ex:shape/)	Join Con.	Datatype
shape_id	:id	:Shape		{shape_id}		xsd:string
shape_pt_lat	:latitude	:ShapePoint		{shape_id}- {shape_pt_seq}		geo:lat
shape_pt_lon	:longitude	:ShapePoint		{shape_id}- {shape_pt_seq}		geo:lon
shape_pt_seq	:pointSequence	:ShapePoint		{shape_id}- {shape_pt_seq}		xsd:integer
shape_dist	:distanceTraveled	:Shape		{shape_id}		xsd:float
shape_id	:shapePoint	:Shape	:ShapePoint	{shape_id}	shape_id = shape_id	

468 the model to produce a structured, tabular output that explicitly lists, for example, the selected
 469 classes, properties, and data references for each column or field. A detailed description of the
 470 expected output is shown in Table 6 and Table 7 shows illustrative example of this expected
 471 output format extracted from the Scenario 2. Thus, for evaluation, we frame each identified task
 472 (Ontology Class Identification, Subject URI Generation, Ontology Property Identification, etc.) as
 473 a binary outcome: the model’s output is either correct or incorrect. By breaking the pipeline into
 474 these subtasks, BLINKG can measure Precision, Recall, and F-score on each task independently.

475 We quantify performance on each KG-construction task using precision, recall and F-score.
 476 Precision measures the fraction of an approach’s correct outputs, recall is the fraction of expert-
 477 validated items the model recovers, and F-score balances the two as their harmonic mean. Applying
 478 these metrics to each binary task outcome yields a clear, repeatable assessment of model strengths
 479 and weaknesses.

480 Since relying on a single execution of a prompt may lead to unstable or biased results, we
 481 propose to run the same prompt multiple times under identical conditions. We then compute a
 482 macro-average of all metrics over these runs, where n denotes the number of evaluations of the
 483 same prompt:

$$Macro-Precision = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Precision_i, \quad Macro-Recall = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Recall_i$$

$$\text{Macro-F-score} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F\text{-score}_i$$

484 Although these metrics provide good support for quantifying the quality of the results, relying
 485 on a manual evaluation is not scalable, and strict string-equality checks fall short: an automatic
 486 approach might express the same output with a paraphrase, synonym, or alternate URI that could
 487 not match the reference ground truth. Similar to what is done in other domains such as NLP, we
 488 enhance precision, recall, and F-score by inserting a preliminary similarity check between each
 489 output and the ground truth. We compute three complementary measures:

- 490 ■ Levenshtein distance for a straightforward string-level similarity score.
- 491 ■ Cosine similarity over a language model embeddings (such as SBERT) of the raw output,
 492 capturing semantic closeness beyond exact text matches.
- 493 ■ Cosine similarity on ontology-driven verbalizations, where we replace the raw output with the
 494 canonical label or description of the target class/property (retrieved via lookup) and computing
 495 the embeddings on that text.

496 Because the identified tasks range from simple class identification to complex joins, we compute
 497 all three similarity scores (Levenshtein, raw-embedding cosine and verbalization-embedding cosine)
 498 for each candidate mapping and take the highest value. We then compare that top score against a
 499 predefined threshold: if it exceeds the threshold, the annotation is marked correct; otherwise, it’s
 500 deemed incorrect. In detail, the proposed metric would be:

$$\text{correct annotation} = \begin{cases} 1, & \max\{s_{\text{lev}}, s_{\text{raw}}, s_{\text{verbal}}\} \geq \tau, \\ 0, & \max\{s_{\text{lev}}, s_{\text{raw}}, s_{\text{verbal}}\} < \tau \end{cases}$$

501 Where s_{lev} is the normalized Levenshtein similarity, s_{raw} is the cosine similarity with raw-input
 502 embeddings, s_{verbal} is the cosine similarity of verbalized-ontology embeddings, and τ is the chosen
 503 threshold.

504 3.4 Sustainability and Community

505 BLINKG is designed as a living, community-driven benchmark rather than a one-off snapshot.
 506 All resources (ontologies, datasets, gold standards, evaluation library, and examples) are released
 507 in an open repository²⁰, so that scenarios and baselines can evolve over time while preserving
 508 reproducibility of past results. The benchmark is proposed as method-agnostic: although in the
 509 paper we are focused on testing LLM-based approaches, the same scenarios and evaluation pipeline
 510 can be used to assess rule-based systems, hybrid pipelines, or human-in-the-loop workflows. We
 511 provide detailed documentation, example configurations, to lower the barrier for its adoption.

512 To foster community engagement, we explicitly invite contributions of new scenarios, baselines,
 513 and results through GitHub issues, pull requests, and discussions. We provide dedicated issue
 514 templates and guidelines for submitting additional resources, so that contributors can extend
 515 BLINKG in a structured and consistent way (e.g., by covering new domains, data formats, levels
 516 of schema distance, or mapping subtasks). We also plan to align future iterations of BLINKG
 517 with the Knowledge Graph Construction Challenge²¹, where the benchmark can be used in new
 518 tracks (e.g., automatic KG Construction) and enriched with more demanding configurations,
 519 including scenarios based on synthetic ontologies and input data. This tight integration between

²⁰ <https://github.com/citiususc/blinkg>

²¹ <http://w3id.org/kg-construct/workshop/#challenge>

520 an open benchmark, a public repository, and a recurring community event is intended to ensure
521 the long-term sustainability, relevance, and extensibility of BLINKG.

522 **4 Evaluation**

523 In this section, we outline the BLINKG evaluation in three steps. First, we introduce the selected
524 LLMs. Next, we detail our evaluation procedure and methodology. Finally, we present and discuss
525 the results.

526 **4.1 Selected LLMs**

527 Several promising LLMs have been selected from the state-of-the-art, combining both open-access
528 and fee-based options, as well as reasoning models. This selection was motivated by the use of
529 these models in previous works [15, 21, 22], which show medium-to-high performance, aiming for
530 a balanced representation of both proprietary and open-source LLMs. In all our experiments,
531 we set the LLM temperature to 0.3, as preliminary runs with different values indicated that
532 this configuration provided the best trade-off between stability and diversity in the generated
533 mappings.

534 **DeepSeek-R1.** DeepSeek-R1 [12], developed by DeepSeek AI in 2025, is a reasoning founda-
535 tional model trained exclusively through large-scale reinforcement learning, eliminating the need
536 for supervised fine-tuning. This approach allows it to develop strong reasoning and problem-solving
537 skills by learning directly from interactions, optimizing for adaptability and long-term outcomes.
538 Its architecture excels at complex tasks such as logical inference and decision-making.

539 **Gemini 2.5 Pro.** Gemini 2.5 Pro [47], developed by Google in 2025, is a multimodal
540 foundational model that excels in language understanding, reasoning, and complex task resolution.
541 It integrates text, images, audio, and video data for deeper contextual insights, enabling accurate
542 inferences and efficient problem-solving. Optimized for scalability and adaptability, it leverages
543 self-supervised learning and domain-specific fine-tuning.

544 **GPT-4 Omni.** GPT-4o [32] is an autoregressive foundational model developed by OpenAI
545 in 2024. It is a multimodal model, capable of processing and generating text, images, and audio
546 within a unified architecture. This model excels in complex problem-solving and contextual
547 understanding. Additionally, it achieves high proficiency in code generation, producing accurate
548 and efficient code across multiple programming languages.

549 **OpenAI o3.** OpenAI o3 [34] is a reasoning foundational model developed by OpenAI in
550 2025, as an evolution of OpenAI o1 [33], which was trained with large-scale reinforcement learning
551 to reason using a chain of thought. As a result of this targeted training, GPT-o3 demonstrates
552 advanced reasoning abilities across a wide range of cognitive tasks, including complex problem-
553 solving and logical inference.

554 **LLaMa 3.3 70B Instruct.** Llama 3.3 [17] is an instruction-tuned generative model in
555 70B released by Meta in 2024. It is an autoregressive language model that uses an optimized
556 transformer architecture. The tuned versions use supervised fine-tuning and reinforcement learning
557 with human feedback to align with human preferences for helpfulness and safety. LLaMa 3.3 70B
558 Instruct is an instruct fine-tuned version of LLaMa 3.3 70B.

559 **Mixtral 8x22B Instruct.** Mixtral 8x22B [30] is a foundational model developed by Mistral
560 AI. It is a sparse Mixture-of-Experts (SMoE) model that uses only 39B active parameters out of
561 141B, offering unparalleled cost efficiency for its size. It delivers good performance in complex
562 natural language processing tasks, such as text comprehension, content generation, and advanced
563 reasoning, rivaling larger models while reducing computational costs. Its ability to handle extensive

■ **Table 8** Statistics for the ontology and input data used in each scenario, together with the expected number of task instances in the gold standard.

	Scenario 1								Scenario 2	Scenario 3	
	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	1G	1H	GTFS	PPDS	
Task	Class	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	12	8
	SubjectGen	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	10	13
	Prop.	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	1	42	16
	DataRef	1	2	2	4	5	7	6	3	44	7
	Rel.Entity			1		1	1	1		10	16
	Joins			1		1	1	1		9	16
	Lang.Tag							1	2		
	Datatype				2			3		14	3
	Functions									10	3
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	3	72	26
OWL Ontology	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	AdHoc	LinkedGTFS	Subset of ePO
SKOS									10	3	
Input Data	1 CSV	1 CSV	1 CSV	1 CSV	2 CSV	3 CSV	2 CSV	2 CSV	13 CSV	CODICE XML Entry	

564 contexts and adapt to various domains makes it a versatile tool. Mixtral 8x22B Instruct is an
 565 instruct fine-tuned version of Mixtral 8x22B.

566 4.2 Methodology and Setup

567 This section describes how BLINKG is used to evaluate the performance of the different LLMs
 568 presented in the previous section. It is important to note that our goal is not to compare different
 569 prompting strategies or output formats. The primary objective of BLINK is to provide a set
 570 of resources and a baseline evaluating general-purpose solutions. The intention is to establish
 571 a starting point for a new line of research focused on developing more effective and specialized
 572 approaches. The proposed procedure is designed to be generalizable across all benchmark scenarios.

573 We provide an overview of the benchmark size and configuration in Table 8, which reports,
 574 for each scenario, the number of instances per evaluation task, the ontology in use, and the
 575 characteristics of the input data. As we detailed in the benchmark description, Scenario 1 consists
 576 of eight progressively more complex cases, where we use CSV files as input data; we also tested
 577 the same experiments switching to JSON and XML, but we did not find significant variances.
 578 Scenario 2 relies on a complete version of the LinkedGTFS ontology and aggregates a total
 579 of 72 gold-standard mapping instances across the identified tasks. We use 13 GTFS-CSV files
 580 as input, provided as GTFS-1-CSV by GTFS-Madrid-Bench [8]. In order to stay within the
 581 LLMs’ context-window limits, we keep the full schema (i.e., column names) but only a small,
 582 representative sample of 5–10 rows per CSV in this scenario. Scenario 3 is grounded in a CODICE
 583 XML entry (see Listing 3) mapped to a subset of ePO, with 26 task instances; here we use the full
 584 XML fragment, since data references are expressed as XPath expressions.

585 The evaluation process begins by constructing a standardized prompt template to ensure
 586 consistency across use cases. Each prompt clearly defines the task the LLM is expected to perform
 587 and includes a request to output the results in a structured table, with one column per predefined
 588 mapping task. This formatting constraint minimizes variability and facilitates direct comparison
 589 across models. The prompt also incorporates the data sources associated with the use case. For
 590 each source, its filename is included along with either its full content or, if input length becomes a
 591 constraint, a representative subset that preserves the original file’s structure and semantics. The
 592 ontology and SKOS taxonomies, defined in OWL and RDF respectively, are appended at the end
 593 of the prompt to ensure all necessary context is available to the model. This setup is designed to
 594 isolate model behavior from prompt formulation artifacts and provide traceable, interpretable
 595 outputs. We also evaluate different prompting strategies (zero-shot, one-shot, and few-shot) in the

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596 most complex setting (Scenario 3), and providing examples for the various tasks involved. The
597 same prompt is run 3 times.

Prompt template

I have these/this input file(s) [that follow this schema [CODICE/GTFS]] and I want to build a knowledge graph with all possible mappings between them using this ontology. Could you make a table with the data references and a links to the corresponding ontology properties? Link all the properties that you can with the information that you have. Provide also the class of the entities or both the classes that they relate to, and a way to generate the subject of them. Use the following header: Data Reference, Ontology Property, Class Entity, ...

{INPUT_FILES}

...

{ONTOLOGY+SKOS}

...

598 To cope with the context-window limitations of the LLMs, we had to split Scenarios 2 and 3 into
599 smaller sub-scenarios. Concretely, we isolated groups of ontology entities and built sub-scenarios
600 around them, thereby reducing the number of classes, properties, and input files that needed to
601 be processed in a single prompt. This allowed us to stay within the available token budget while
602 preserving the structure of the original tasks. After running the models on each sub-scenario, we
603 merged the outputs to compute the overall metrics for the full scenario. In practice, Scenario 2
604 was decomposed into six sub-scenarios, whereas Scenario 3 was split into two.

605 Before conducting the evaluation of the actual tasks, it is necessary to align each row in the
606 model output with its corresponding row in the gold standard. To achieve this, we apply a two-step
607 matching strategy. The primary approach is to use the ontology property column, which typically
608 contains unique values per row. We compute similarity using the metrics described in Section 3.3
609 (i.e. Levenshtein distance and embedding-based similarity) to identify the closest match. If this
610 initial matching fails (due to duplicate values or low similarity) we extend the matching criteria
611 by incorporating two additional columns: ontology entity class and data reference. These columns
612 were selected based on an analysis of multiple test cases from Scenario 1, where they consistently
613 exhibited the highest similarity scores and helped disambiguate otherwise uncertain matches. The
614 way of matching rows of tables is inspired by the baselines presented in Pugnaroni et al. [39].

615 For each of the proposed scenarios, we conducted three different evaluation procedures. These
616 are designed not only to measure the performance of the LLMs on the mapping tasks, but also to
617 assess the effectiveness of the evaluation metrics introduced earlier:

- 618 ■ **Expert evaluation:** Multiple experts in knowledge graph construction manually validate
619 each LLM output to determine whether the identified mappings are correct with respect to
620 the gold standard.
- 621 ■ **Raw evaluation:** The performance of each LLM is assessed using the proposed metrics
622 directly on the raw outputs, without any modification or filtering.
- 623 ■ **Post-processed evaluation:** A set of heuristics is applied to clean the raw outputs. These
624 included typical cleaning steps such as removing extra whitespace, discarding incoherent
625 fragments, and eliminating incorrect columns from unrelated tasks. The goal is to improve
626 the structural consistency of the output and provide a more realistic input to the evaluation
627 metrics.

4.3 Results

For each scenario, we report the results in two stages. First, we present the similarity scores to analyze in depth how each LLM performs across the different mapping tasks. Then, we include three separate figures showing the F-score values, one for each evaluation setting (expert-based, raw, and post-processed). Additionally, each scenario is accompanied by a table in Appendix A, detailing the precision, recall, and F-score for every task, LLM, and evaluation type.

To select an appropriate similarity threshold for our proposed metric, we test several values and chose the one that produced results most closely aligned with the expert evaluation. We measured this alignment using Mean Absolute Error (MAE), which quantifies the average absolute difference between the automatically computed metric values and those obtained from expert judgments. In our case, the optimal threshold (minimizing MAE) was found to be 0.8.

Scenario 1

Figure 4 summarizes the average similarity scores across all atomic test cases in Scenario 1, grouped by task and LLM. We only provide the similarity over the post-processed outputs as there are no significant differences between them and the raw ones (see Figure 5). The results show that Entity Class identification consistently yields the highest similarity, with most models achieving values above 0.95, and several reaching perfect alignment with the gold standard. This suggests that LLMs are particularly effective at inferring the class of an entity from tabular data. Ontology Property identification also performs reliably across models, though with slightly more variability than entity classification. Scores remain high overall, indicating that models are able to associate columns with ontology properties in a consistent manner. Related Entity Class shows performance similar to the class detection, though slightly more sensitive to model differences.

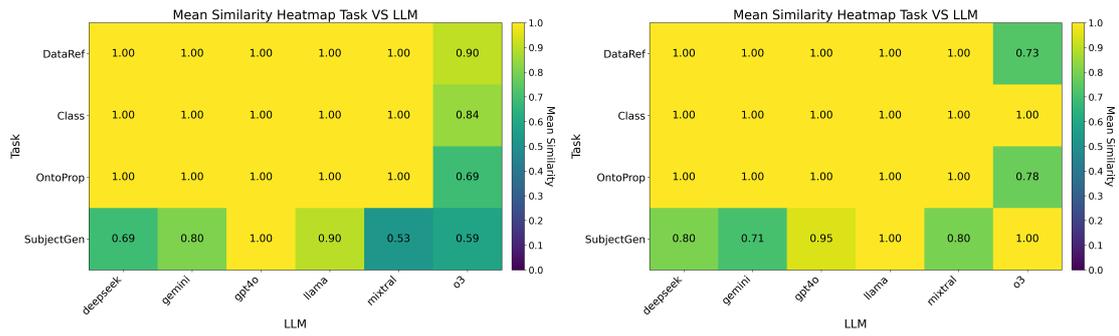
Datatype prediction is generally strong for most models (≥ 0.89), with the exception of o3, which shows a lower similarity score (0.72), possibly due to inconsistencies in literal typing or formatting in the outputs. In contrast, Join Condition generation remains the most challenging task, with similarity scores ranging from 0.37 (Llama) to 0.69 (Gemini 2.5). This reflects the difficulty LLMs face when inferring logical conditions to connect entities across data sources. Language Annotation exhibits substantial variance between models. Deepseek R1 and Gemini achieve relatively high scores (> 0.83), but models like Mixtral and Llama perform below 0.53. This inconsistency suggests that detecting or generating correct language tags is not yet robustly handled by current LLMs. Finally, Data Reference matching shows medium-to-high performance across models. Gemini leads with an average score of 0.88, while GPT4o trails behind at 0.74.

As shown in Figure 5, the obtained F-score in the raw evaluation tends to underestimate model performance, particularly in tasks that are sensitive to formatting or structural correctness, such as Join Condition and Language Annotations. In environments as simple as those proposed in Scenario 1, the differences between raw and post-processed outputs are negligible. This indicates that LLMs are capable of closely adhering to the prompt instructions, producing structured outputs with minimal syntactic or formatting noise. As a result, postprocessing has little impact, since most of the relevant information is already correctly and cleanly expressed in the raw outputs.

Scenario 2

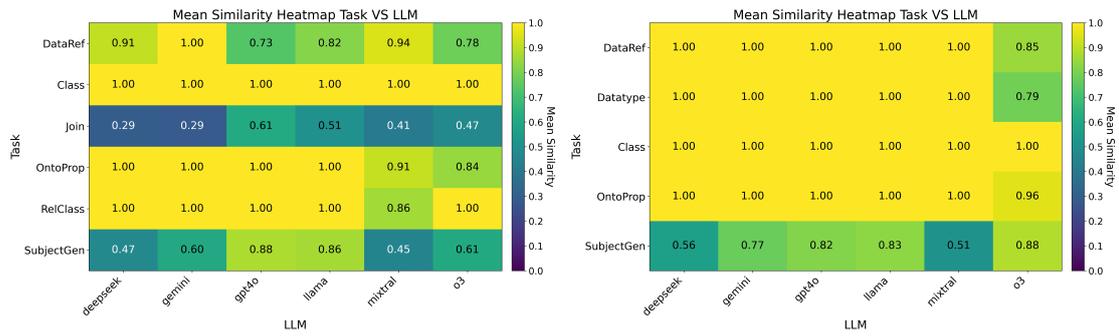
Scenario 2 was designed to test LLMs in tasks that go beyond simple entity or property alignment, requiring them to handle structured data transformations and schema-level logic. As shown in the similarity results (Figure 6), this scenario exposes greater variability across LLMs and highlights significant gaps between raw and post-processed outputs. *Entity Class* and *Data Reference* remain the most reliably handled tasks, with post-processed similarity scores exceeding 0.90 in several

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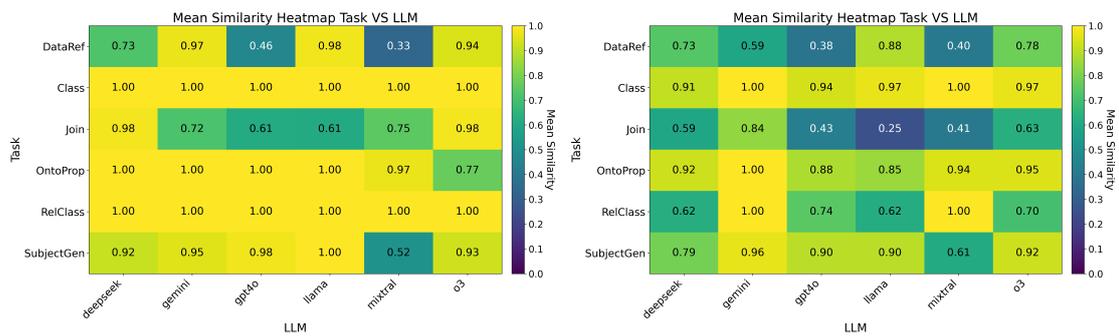
(a) Similarity score for 1A

(b) Similarity score for 1B



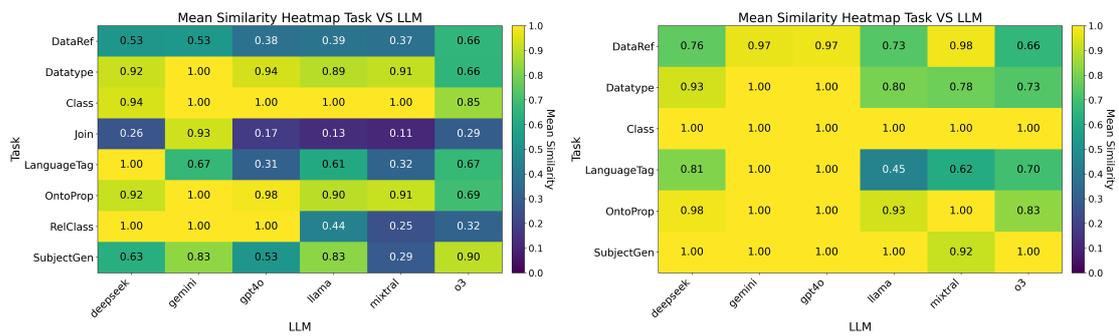
(c) Similarity score for 1C

(d) Similarity score for 1D



(e) Similarity score for 1E

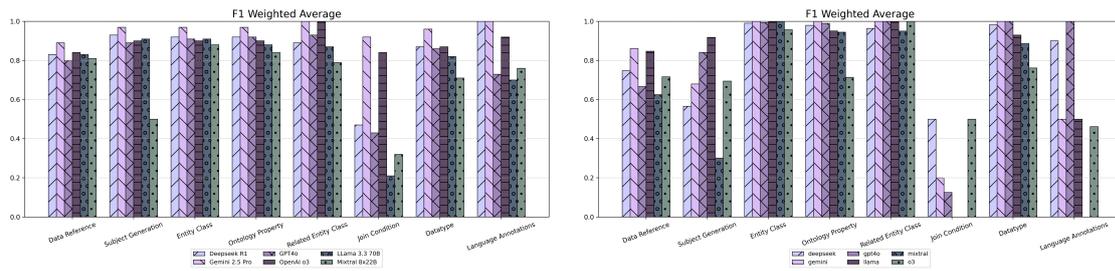
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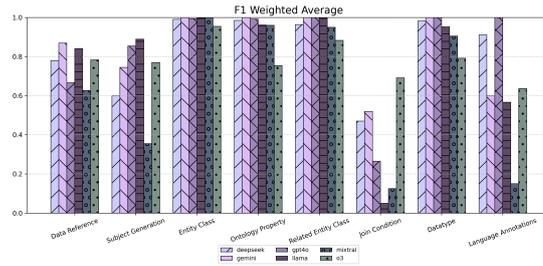
(g) Similarity score for 1G

(h) Similarity score for 1H

Figure 4 Similarity scores across the eight configurations with respect to the gold standard in the Scenario 1.

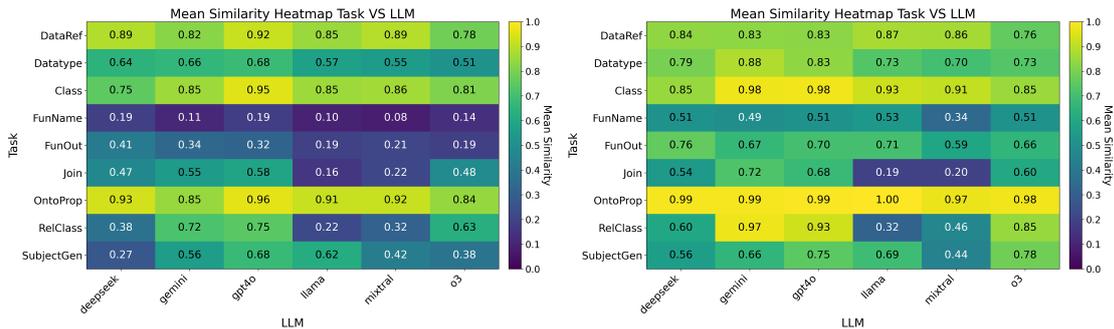


(a) Expert F-score of the different tasks and LLMs. (b) Raw F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.



(c) Post-processed F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.

Figure 5 Comparison of the F-score between the three different evaluations in the Scenario 1.



(a) Similarity Raw Results

(b) Similarity Post-processed Results

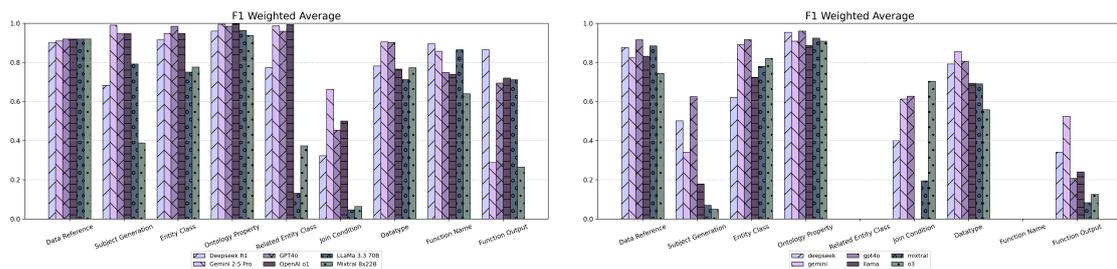
Figure 6 Comparison of similarity metrics between raw and post-processed configurations with respect to the gold standard in Scenario 2.

673 models—most notably GPT4o (0.91 in *Data Reference*) and Deepseek (0.95 in *Entity Class*). These
 674 tasks are typically guided by strong lexical cues in the input and are less affected by verbosity or
 675 syntactic inconsistencies.

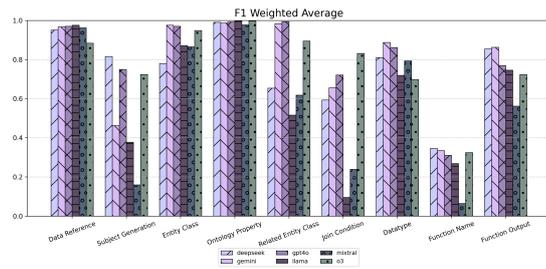
676 Other concept-matching tasks, such as *Ontology Property* and *Related Entity Class*, also achieve
 677 strong performance. For example, Deepseek improves from 0.74 (raw) to 0.80 (post-processed)
 678 in *Ontology Property*, while Gemini reaches 0.86 in *Related Entity Class*. This suggests that
 679 LLMs can effectively leverage contextual signals to identify relevant ontology terms, as long as
 680 surface-level alignment exists and the output is properly cleaned.

681 In contrast, tasks requiring structural reasoning show much weaker results. *Join Condition*, in
 682 particular, remains challenging for all models: even after post-processing, no model exceeds 0.60.
 683 The difficulty in inferring relational logic between entities mirrors observations from Scenario 1
 684 and illustrates the persistent gap between language generation capabilities and symbolic reasoning.

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(a) Expert F-score of the different tasks and LLMs. (b) Raw F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.



(c) Post-processed F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.

■ **Figure 7** Comparison of the F-score between the three different evaluations in the Scenario 2.

685 Function-related tasks perform worst. Most models score below 0.20 in *Function Name* and
 686 below 0.41 in *Function Output*, even after cleaning. These tasks require abstraction, domain-
 687 specific function knowledge, and precise formatting—areas where current LLMs often hallucinate,
 688 misinterpret, or produce vague and irrelevant output. Similarly, *Subject Generation* remains
 689 sensitive to output formatting, but shows moderate improvement with post-processing (e.g.,
 690 GPT4o rises from 0.64 to 0.71), indicating that some errors are more syntactic than semantic.

691 F-score scores (Figure 7) align with these observations. Manual annotations consistently yield
 692 high results across well-structured tasks, with several models exceeding 0.94 in *Entity Class* and
 693 *Subject Generation*. However, raw evaluations often underestimate LLM performance due to
 694 noisy output structures. For instance, in *Join Condition*, some raw scores drop by over 0.30
 695 compared to the manual gold standard. Post-processing significantly narrows this gap in most
 696 tasks, particularly for *Ontology Property* and *Function Output*, where models like GPT4o and
 697 Deepseek improve by 20+ points after cleaning. Nevertheless, difficult tasks like *Function Name*
 698 and *Join Condition* still show marked discrepancies, highlighting the limitations of current LLMs
 699 and automatic scoring.

700 Overall, Scenario 2 confirms that while LLMs are increasingly capable in aligning entities and
 701 interpreting schema-level concepts when lexical clues are present, they continue to struggle with
 702 structural logic and semantic transformation. Post-processing is essential to extract structured
 703 meaning from raw outputs, but human-in-the-loop evaluation remains critical to ensure correctness
 704 in more abstract or structurally complex mapping tasks.

705 Scenario 3

706 Scenario 3 was designed to challenge LLMs with schema-distant inputs, where the structure
 707 and terminology of the source data differ significantly from the target ontology. As shown in
 708 the similarity results (Figure 8), this setting reveals critical limitations in the models' ability to

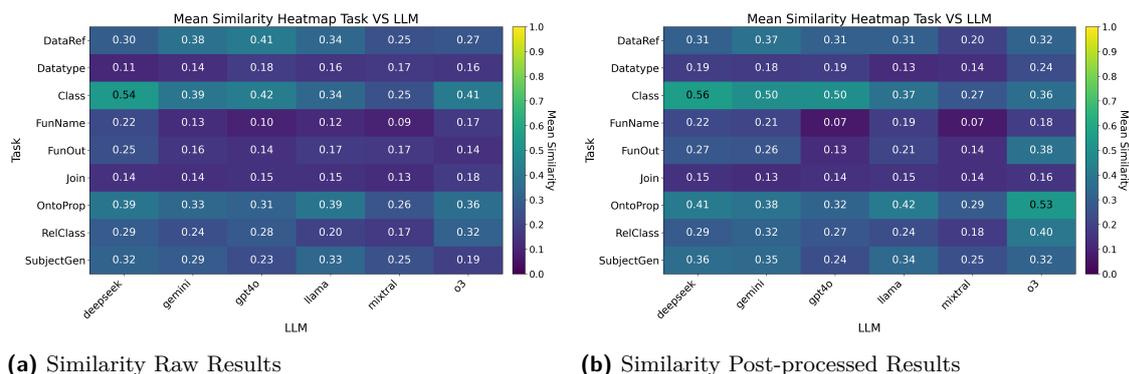


Figure 8 Comparison of similarity metrics between raw and post-processed configurations with respect to the gold standard in Scenario 3.

709 generalize and abstract. Across all tasks, we observe a sharp drop in similarity scores compared to
 710 Scenarios 1 and 2, with no task surpassing a mean of 0.53—even after postprocessing.

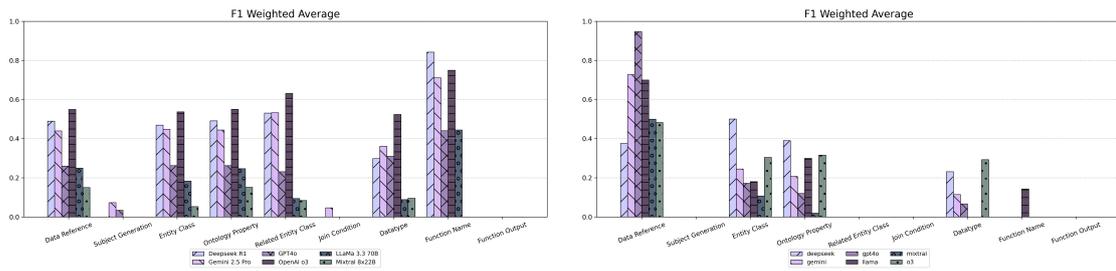
711 Among all tasks, *Entity Class* remains the best-performing one, with Deepseek achieving 0.53
 712 and GPT4o 0.42. Other concept alignment tasks, such as *Related Entity Class* and *Ontology*
 713 *Property*, yield moderate results (0.35–0.47), but fall significantly short of earlier scenarios. For
 714 example, Gemini reaches 0.47 in *Ontology Property*, yet fails to generalize in structurally dependent
 715 tasks. This suggests that while some lexical cues may still be leveraged, LLMs struggle to ground
 716 predictions in ontology-aware semantics without alignment.

717 Performance deteriorates further in structurally complex tasks. *Join Condition*, *Datatype*, and
 718 *Subject Generation* typically remain below 0.40, even for strong models like GPT4o. Function-
 719 related tasks (*Function Name* and *Function Output*) are especially problematic, with all models
 720 scoring below 0.25. The models often produce verbose, unrelated operations, failing to extract
 721 functional meaning from schema-distant representations.

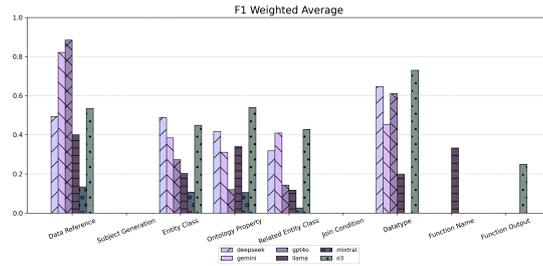
722 F-score evaluations (Figure 9) reinforce this picture. Manual annotations yield higher scores,
 723 especially in concept-level tasks, but even the best-performing models rarely exceed 0.55. Raw
 724 evaluations, however, show a marked underestimation of performance due to unstructured outputs,
 725 inconsistencies, and hallucinated content. For instance, *Subject Generation* frequently scores near
 726 zero in the raw setting, despite partially correct structures. *Join Condition* and *Function Output*
 727 also suffer heavily, with most raw scores below 0.10.

728 Post-processing yields moderate improvements. For example, GPT4o’s score in *Datatype*
 729 increases from 0.14 (raw) to 0.31, and similar trends are observed in *Function Name* and *Subject*
 730 *Generation*. This confirms that while relevant information is often present in LLM outputs,
 731 superficial noise prevents accurate scoring, and lightweight cleaning helps restore structure.
 732 Nonetheless, the gap with manual evaluation remains considerable, especially in tasks requiring
 733 symbolic alignment or reasoning.

734 In Scenario 3, we also analyse the effect of different prompting strategies for DeepSeek. We
 735 select DeepSeek as it reports the best performance in the most scenarios. Table 12 shows that, while
 736 there are noticeable differences across strategies for tasks such as Data Reference identification,
 737 Ontology Property and Entity Class recognition, or Subject Generation, all configurations obtain
 738 an F-score of 0 for join-related and function-related tasks. These results highlight that, at least
 739 for DeepSeek, changing the prompt (zero-shot, one-shot, or few-shot with examples) helps to a
 740 certain extent on “local” tasks that only require selecting classes, properties, or data references,
 741 but it does not suffice to trigger more complex reasoning steps such as specifying joins or data
 742 transformation functions. This suggests that prompt engineering helps to obtain better results



(a) Expert F-score of the different tasks and LLMs. (b) Raw F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.



(c) Post-processed F-score of the different tasks and LLMs.

Figure 9 Comparison of the F-score between the three different evaluations in the Scenario 3.

Table 9 F-score per task for different prompting strategies with DeepSeek in Scenario 3. Join and function-related tasks are not reported, as all strategies obtain an F-score of 0 on these dimensions.

Method	Data Ref.	Ont. Prop.	Ent. Class	Rel. Ent.	Subj. Gen.	Datatype
0-shot	0.3750	0.3900	0.5009	0.3852	0.0000	0.2308
1-shot	0.875	0.4167	0.3553	0.2361	0.4444	0.3333
few-shot	0.8636	0.3239	0.3900	0.2222	0.7101	0.0000

743 but alone is not enough to build robust mappings for the more compositional aspects of KG
 744 Construction.

745 In summary, Scenario 3 confirms that schema-distant mappings remain largely out of reach for
 746 current general-purpose LLMs. While postprocessing helps mitigate output noise, it does not bridge
 747 the semantic gap. These findings underscore the need for hybrid approaches—combining LLMs
 748 with ontology-aware reasoning components, intermediate representations, or human-in-the-loop
 749 validation—to achieve reliable results in such challenging contexts.

750 5 Discussion and Lessons Learned

751 The BLINKG benchmark reveals both the potential and the limitations of current LLMs when
 752 applied to knowledge graph construction through ontology-based mapping generation. Although
 753 LLMs demonstrate encouraging results in controlled scenarios, several critical issues emerge when
 754 tasks become more complex or less directly aligned with the training distribution of the models.
 755 Below, we summarize the main findings and observations:

- 756 ■ LLMs perform well in simple scenarios, especially when the input schema and ontology share
 757 lexical or structural similarities. However, they tend to hallucinate entities or relationships
 758 and produce incorrect outputs as the complexity of the mappings increases, particularly in

- 759 schema-distant cases.
- 760 ■ Core identification tasks (class, property, related entity) are handled reasonably well, showing
761 low error rates and good semantic alignment with manual annotations. These tasks benefit
762 from contextual cues and general language modeling capabilities.
- 763 ■ More technically grounded tasks, such as joins, datatype assignment, or language tagging,
764 remain challenging, with higher error rates and inconsistencies. These tasks often require strict
765 syntax, explicit constraints, or domain knowledge that LLMs do not reliably internalize.
- 766 ■ The openness of the prompt and input representation has a significant impact on the outcome.
767 Allowing too much flexibility often leads to overly verbose outputs, fabricated mappings, or
768 unintended generalizations. More constrained and structured prompting will tend to yield
769 better results.
- 770 ■ Controlled vocabulary linking is an area where LLMs show unexpected strength. Despite the
771 complexity of these tasks for human annotators, due to the need for specialized knowledge,
772 LLMs are often able to identify the correct concept within a taxonomy when enough context
773 is provided.
- 774 ■ Evaluation metrics are critical for understanding model behavior. General-purpose metrics
775 are useful but insufficient to capture performance nuances across tasks. We observe that
776 task-specific evaluation measures are likely needed to fairly assess LLM performance, especially
777 for cases involving structure, reasoning, or semantic correctness.
- 778 ■ A key limitation of current LLM-based benchmarks, including BLINKG, is the potential impact
779 of memorization and data leakage, since some of the ontologies and datasets we use (i.e., GTFS,
780 ePO) are available on the Web and may partially overlap with the models' training corpora.
781 Although our results already reveal clear weaknesses in the models' ability to construct semantic
782 mappings, we acknowledge that a more rigorous disentanglement of genuine reasoning from
783 memorised artefacts is needed [52]. In future iterations of BLINKG should evolve towards the
784 systematic use of synthetic ontologies and input data generated through controlled procedures
785 (i.e. ontology and schema generators), so that the benchmark can better isolate the underlying
786 capabilities of LLMs in KG construction.
- 787 ■ General-purpose LLMs are unlikely to produce valid solutions in highly complex semantic
788 environments. In these cases, hybrid approaches that combine LLM capabilities with symbolic
789 reasoning, such as OWL-based inference or constraint validation, are essential. Techniques like
790 OWL2RML²² may offer a middle ground between full automation and expert-driven mappings.
- 791 ■ Mappings should be characterized not only by task type or schema distance, but also by
792 structural features that may impact their generation, such as star-shaped mappings [24].
793 Capturing these properties can help isolate factors that affect LLM performance and guide
794 more fine-grained benchmarking.
- 795 ■ LLMs may be valuable for generating initial mapping drafts, but the involvement of a human
796 expert remains essential. A human-in-the-loop approach is crucial for validating mappings,
797 correcting hallucinations, and ensuring that the resulting knowledge graphs are semantically
798 and structurally sound.
- 799 ■ Conducting reproducible and in-depth research with proprietary LLMs poses significant
800 challenges. In our case, some of the models initially used in the evaluation, such as OpenAI's
801 o1 [33] and Google's Gemini 2.0 Pro, were removed or restricted on their respective platforms
802 during the course of the evaluation. This forced us to adapt the benchmark execution and
803 repeat the entire evaluation process with the latest models, highlighting the fragility of relying
804 on closed, commercial systems for scientific experimentation.

²²<https://github.com/citiususc/owl2yarrml>

805 These observations confirm that, while LLMs represent a promising tool for supporting semantic
 806 mapping tasks, their use must be carefully framed within controlled and assisted workflows.
 807 BLINKG helps identify where LLMs succeed or fail, and also reveals the importance of hybrid
 808 strategies, structured prompting, and task-specific evaluation. As the field advances, we expect
 809 that more refined methodologies (combining statistical models with symbolic reasoning and expert
 810 oversight) will be key to unlocking the full potential of LLMs in knowledge graph construction.

811 **6 Conclusion and Future Work**

812 In this paper, we presented BLINKG, a benchmark specifically designed to evaluate the capabilities
 813 of Large Language Models (LLMs) in generating semantic mappings between heterogeneous data
 814 sources and ontology terms. Unlike previous efforts, which often focus on end-to-end pipelines
 815 or syntactic correctness, BLINKG defines a set of explicit, traceable tasks and provides reusable
 816 resources including gold standards, metrics, and diverse scenarios to enable systematic, comparable
 817 evaluation across a wide range of conditions. Our experimental results demonstrate that current
 818 LLMs are already able to produce promising mappings in well-aligned and controlled scenarios.
 819 However, we observe significant limitations when models are faced with schema-distant data,
 820 implicit semantics, or complex transformations. In these cases, performance drops notably,
 821 particularly in tasks such as conditional joins or function generation. These findings reinforce the
 822 need for structured benchmarks like BLINKG to better understand the strengths and weaknesses
 823 of LLMs in the context of knowledge graph construction.

824 Despite its contributions, BLINKG also reveals areas for future improvement. Current evalu-
 825 ation procedures still rely partly on manual inspection or simplified metrics, and handling semantic
 826 equivalence beyond syntactic matches remains a challenge. Moreover, the benchmark currently
 827 focuses on a core set of tasks; more advanced mapping requirements such as multi-source fusion,
 828 list generation, or statement reification are intentionally left for future versions. Finally, as new
 829 declarative languages and hybrid AI systems emerge, BLINKG can evolve to include additional
 830 modules that evaluate reasoning, transformation chaining, or explainability.

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A Detailed evaluations of the different scenarios

The Mean Absolute Error of F-score between expert evaluation and Post-processed in the Scenario 1 are Deepseek: 0.106, Gemini: 0.166, GPT4o: 0.133, o3: 0.169, Llama: 0.123 and Mixtral: 0.236.

	deepseek			gemini			gpt4o			o3			llama			mixtral		
	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post
<i>Data Reference</i>																		
P	0.84	0.88	0.88	0.92	1.00	1.00	0.81	0.75	0.75	0.76	1.00	0.88	0.84	0.88	0.63	0.80	0.63	1.00
R	0.82	0.69	0.69	0.87	0.82	0.83	0.80	0.65	0.65	0.94	0.58	0.59	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.63	0.63
F1	0.83	0.77	0.77	0.89	0.86	0.91	0.80	0.67	0.70	0.84	0.72	0.71	0.83	0.85	0.71	0.81	0.63	0.77
<i>Ontology Property</i>																		
P	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.94	1.00	1.00	0.82	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.81	1.00	1.00
R	0.91	0.97	0.96	0.95	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.62	0.58	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.87	0.82	0.91
F1	0.92	0.98	0.98	0.97	1.00	1.00	0.92	1.00	0.99	0.90	0.76	0.74	0.88	0.93	0.95	0.84	0.89	0.95
<i>Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.92	1.00	1.00	0.82	1.00	1.00	0.93	1.00	1.00	0.86	1.00	1.00
R	0.91	0.98	0.98	0.95	1.00	1.00	0.90	0.99	0.99	1.00	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.99	0.99	0.90	1.00	1.00
F1	0.92	0.99	0.99	0.97	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.99	0.99	0.90	0.96	0.96	0.91	1.00	1.00	0.88	1.00	1.00
<i>Related Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.87	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.78	1.00	1.00	0.87	1.00	1.00
R	1.00	0.94	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.79	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.92	0.92
F1	0.89	0.96	0.97	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.88	0.87	1.00	1.00	0.79	0.95	0.96
<i>Subject Generation</i>																		
P	0.96	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.82	0.75	0.75	0.93	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.50
R	0.91	0.47	0.47	0.94	0.58	0.58	0.88	0.77	0.77	1.00	0.65	0.68	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.49	0.25	0.25
F1	0.93	0.57	0.58	0.97	0.68	0.73	0.89	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.69	0.72	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.50	0.30	0.34
<i>Join Condition</i>																		
P	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.92	0.25	0.50	0.32	0.25	0.25	0.79	0.50	0.75	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00
R	0.58	0.50	0.50	0.92	0.17	0.42	0.67	0.08	0.08	1.00	0.50	0.63	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00
F1	0.47	0.50	0.50	0.92	0.20	0.45	0.43	0.13	0.12	0.84	0.50	0.68	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00
<i>Datatype</i>																		
P	0.92	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.89	1.00	1.00	0.77	1.00	1.00	0.82	1.00	1.00	0.71	1.00	1.00
R	0.83	0.96	0.97	0.92	1.00	1.00	0.83	0.98	1.00	1.00	0.59	0.65	0.83	0.91	0.92	0.72	0.91	0.85
F1	0.87	0.98	0.98	0.96	1.00	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.00	0.87	0.71	0.79	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.71	0.94	0.92
<i>Language Annotations</i>																		
P	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.81	1.00	1.00	0.87	0.50	0.50	0.58	0.50	0.50	0.83	0.00	0.00
R	1.00	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.78	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.43	0.43	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.78	0.00	0.00
F1	1.00	0.90	0.91	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.73	1.00	1.00	0.92	0.46	0.46	0.70	0.50	0.50	0.76	0.00	0.00

Table 10 Evaluation metrics (Precision, Recall, F1-score) for Scenario 1 across all models and evaluation types.

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834 The Mean Absolute Error of F-score between expert evaluation and Post-processed in the
 835 Scenario 2 are Deepseek: 0.16, Gemini: 0.22, GPT4o: 0.13, o3: 0.21, Llama: 0.21 and Mixtral:
 836 0.22.

	deepseek			gemini			gpt4o			o3			llama			mixtral		
	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post
<i>Data Reference</i>																		
P	0.85	1.00	1.00	0.84	1.00	1.00	0.85	1.00	1.00	0.84	1.00	1.00	0.88	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	1.00
R	0.96	0.80	0.91	1.00	0.72	0.95	1.00	0.86	0.95	0.94	0.63	0.79	0.96	0.76	0.96	0.94	0.82	0.94
F1	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.91	0.82	0.97	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.74	0.86	0.92	0.83	0.98	0.92	0.88	0.96
<i>Ontology Property</i>																		
P	0.98	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.00
R	0.94	0.92	0.98	1.00	0.84	0.98	0.99	0.93	0.99	1.00	0.84	1.00	0.93	0.83	1.00	0.90	0.87	0.95
F1	0.96	0.95	0.99	1.00	0.91	0.99	0.99	0.96	0.99	1.00	0.91	1.00	0.96	0.89	1.00	0.94	0.92	0.98
<i>Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.93	0.83	1.00	0.95	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.95	1.00	1.00	0.78	1.00	1.00	0.82	1.00	1.00
R	0.90	0.57	0.65	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.99	0.86	0.94	0.95	0.73	0.90	0.73	0.66	0.79	0.74	0.71	0.77
F1	0.91	0.62	0.73	0.95	0.89	0.97	0.99	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.82	0.93	0.75	0.72	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.82
<i>Related Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.84	0.67	0.83	0.98	0.83	1.00	1.00	0.83	1.00	1.00	0.33	0.50	0.12	0.50	0.67	0.41	0.83	1.00
R	0.73	0.38	0.54	1.00	0.81	0.97	0.92	0.79	0.98	0.99	0.32	0.50	0.14	0.38	0.59	0.35	0.66	0.82
F1	0.77	0.47	0.63	0.99	0.82	0.98	0.96	0.81	0.99	0.99	0.32	0.50	0.13	0.43	0.62	0.37	0.72	0.88
<i>Subject Generation</i>																		
P	0.95	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.83	0.83	0.97	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.17	0.83	0.82	0.33	0.33	0.45	0.17	0.17
R	0.53	0.37	0.68	1.00	0.23	0.30	0.93	0.51	0.63	0.95	0.03	0.59	0.76	0.13	0.22	0.34	0.04	0.06
F1	0.68	0.50	0.75	0.99	0.34	0.42	0.95	0.62	0.71	0.95	0.05	0.67	0.79	0.18	0.27	0.39	0.07	0.08
<i>Join Condition</i>																		
P	0.23	0.50	0.67	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.36	0.83	0.83	0.38	0.83	1.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.33	0.33
R	0.53	0.33	0.50	0.73	0.57	0.59	0.70	0.53	0.56	0.80	0.64	0.79	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.14	0.14
F1	0.32	0.40	0.55	0.66	0.61	0.62	0.45	0.63	0.65	0.50	0.70	0.85	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.19
<i>Datatype</i>																		
P	0.79	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.89	1.00	1.00	0.76	1.00	1.00	0.74	0.83	0.83	0.84	1.00	1.00
R	0.77	0.67	0.70	0.90	0.77	0.82	0.91	0.74	0.79	0.77	0.40	0.52	0.69	0.63	0.64	0.72	0.59	0.70
F1	0.78	0.79	0.81	0.90	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.81	0.86	0.77	0.56	0.68	0.71	0.69	0.72	0.77	0.69	0.80
<i>Function Name</i>																		
P	1.00	0.00	0.20	0.98	0.00	0.20	0.86	0.00	0.20	0.71	0.00	0.20	1.00	0.00	0.20	0.80	0.00	0.00
R	0.81	0.00	0.20	0.76	0.00	0.20	0.67	0.00	0.20	0.78	0.00	0.20	0.76	0.00	0.20	0.56	0.00	0.00
F1	0.89	0.00	0.20	0.86	0.00	0.20	0.75	0.00	0.20	0.74	0.00	0.20	0.86	0.00	0.20	0.64	0.00	0.00
<i>Function Output</i>																		
P	0.93	0.67	1.00	0.33	0.83	1.00	0.75	0.33	1.00	0.75	0.33	1.00	0.76	0.33	0.80	0.30	0.17	1.00
R	0.81	0.27	0.79	0.25	0.43	0.80	0.65	0.18	0.63	0.70	0.08	0.58	0.67	0.19	0.68	0.24	0.06	0.35
F1	0.86	0.34	0.86	0.29	0.52	0.86	0.69	0.21	0.73	0.72	0.13	0.67	0.71	0.24	0.73	0.26	0.08	0.49

■ **Table 11** Evaluation metrics (Precision, Recall, F1-score) for Scenario 2 across all models and evaluation types.

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The Mean Absolute Error of F-score between expert evaluation and Post-processed in the Scenario 3 are Deepseek: 0.42, Gemini: 0.38, GPT4o: 0.35, o3: 0.32, LLaMa: 0.35, Mixtral: 0.34

	deepseek			gemini			gpt4o			o3			llama			mixtral		
	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post	Manual	Raw	Post
<i>Data Reference</i>																		
P	0.05	1.00	1.00	0.07	1.00	1.00	0.08	1.00	1.00	0.02	1.00	1.00	0.02	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
R	0.05	0.24	0.33	0.10	0.64	0.70	0.06	0.84	0.79	0.03	0.24	0.40	0.03	0.31	0.29	0.00	0.17	0.08
F1	0.05	0.39	0.49	0.09	0.78	0.82	0.07	0.91	0.88	0.02	0.38	0.54	0.02	0.42	0.40	0.00	0.25	0.13
<i>Ontology Property</i>																		
P	0.42	0.50	1.00	0.39	0.50	1.00	0.34	0.50	1.00	0.53	1.00	1.00	0.21	0.00	0.50	0.15	0.00	0.00
R	0.59	0.15	0.51	0.53	0.06	0.31	0.22	0.04	0.56	0.58	0.17	0.60	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.15	0.00	0.00
F1	0.49	0.23	0.65	0.44	0.11	0.45	0.26	0.07	0.61	0.53	0.29	0.73	0.25	0.00	0.20	0.15	0.00	0.00
<i>Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.40	1.00	1.00	0.39	1.00	1.00	0.34	1.00	1.00	0.51	1.00	1.00	0.16	1.00	1.00	0.05	1.00	1.00
R	0.56	0.33	0.32	0.54	0.14	0.25	0.22	0.09	0.16	0.56	0.18	0.30	0.23	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.06	0.06
F1	0.47	0.50	0.49	0.45	0.25	0.38	0.26	0.17	0.27	0.54	0.30	0.45	0.18	0.18	0.20	0.05	0.11	0.11
<i>Related Entity Class</i>																		
P	0.52	1.00	1.00	0.51	1.00	1.00	0.31	0.50	1.00	0.60	1.00	1.00	0.08	0.50	0.50	0.07	0.00	0.50
R	0.54	0.24	0.19	0.56	0.16	0.27	0.19	0.11	0.08	0.67	0.19	0.30	0.13	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.01
F1	0.53	0.39	0.32	0.53	0.27	0.41	0.23	0.18	0.14	0.63	0.31	0.43	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.00	0.03
<i>Subject Generation</i>																		
P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Join Condition</i>																		
P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Datatype</i>																		
P	0.22	1.00	1.00	0.25	1.00	1.00	0.89	0.50	0.50	0.44	1.00	1.00	0.09	1.00	1.00	0.10	0.50	0.50
R	0.48	0.25	0.27	0.67	0.12	0.18	0.91	0.07	0.07	0.67	0.19	0.38	0.10	0.18	0.20	0.10	0.01	0.06
F1	0.30	0.39	0.42	0.36	0.21	0.31	0.90	0.12	0.12	0.52	0.32	0.54	0.09	0.30	0.34	0.10	0.02	0.11
<i>Function Name</i>																		
P	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
R	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.08	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
F1	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.14	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Function Output</i>																		
P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 12 Evaluation metrics (Precision, Recall, F1-score) for Scenario 3 across all models and evaluation types.

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