

# Netgraph

A Tool for Easy Searching  
in Prague Dependency Treebank 2.0

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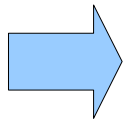
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# Linguistic Requirements

## *The Basics*

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*T-manual, page 1:* The basic unit of annotation on the tectogrammatical layer of PDT 2.0 is a sentence. The representation of the tectogrammatical annotation of a sentence is a rooted dependency tree. It consists of a set of nodes and a set of edges. Each node is a complex unit consisting of a set of pairs attribute-value. The edges express dependency relations between nodes.



The query language should be able to express node evaluation and tree dependency among nodes richly and in the most direct way.

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Valency*

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To study valency, the query language should be able to:

- ➔ control a presence of a particular type of son (both in positive and negative meaning)
- ➔ control number of sons

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Coordination etc.*

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Tree dependency is not always linguistic dependency.

➡ skip a node (etc. coordination, apposition)

➡ even better: set a linguistic dependency



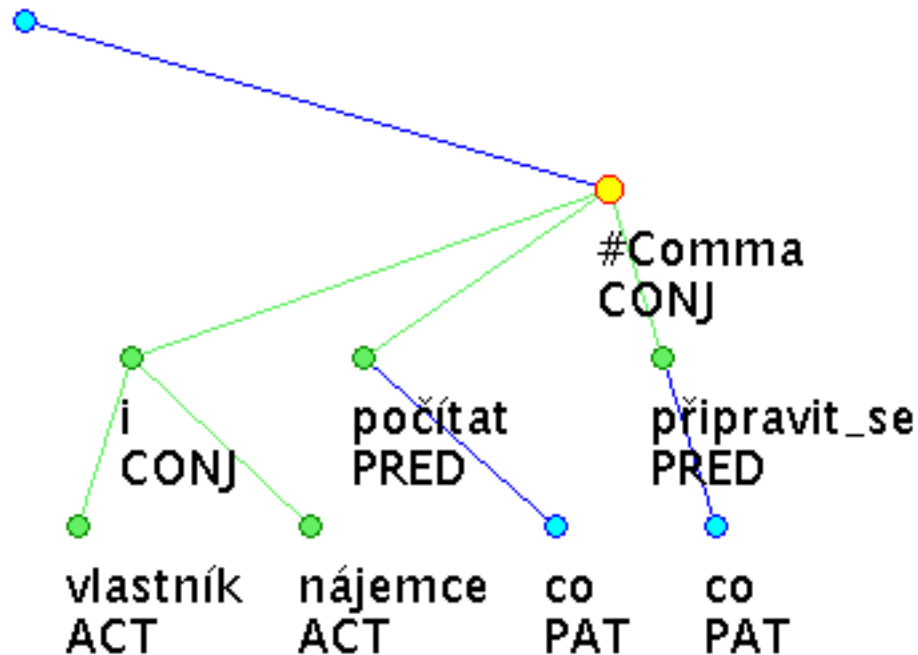
# Linguistic Requirements

## *Complex Example of Coordination*

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Czech: S čím mohou vlastníci i nájemci počítat, na co by se měli připravit?

English (lit.): What can owners and tenants expect, what they should get ready for?

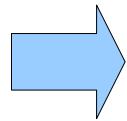


# Linguistic Requirements

## *Predicative Complement*

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Dual dependency is represented by means of a reference to another node (attributes `compl.rf` and `id`).

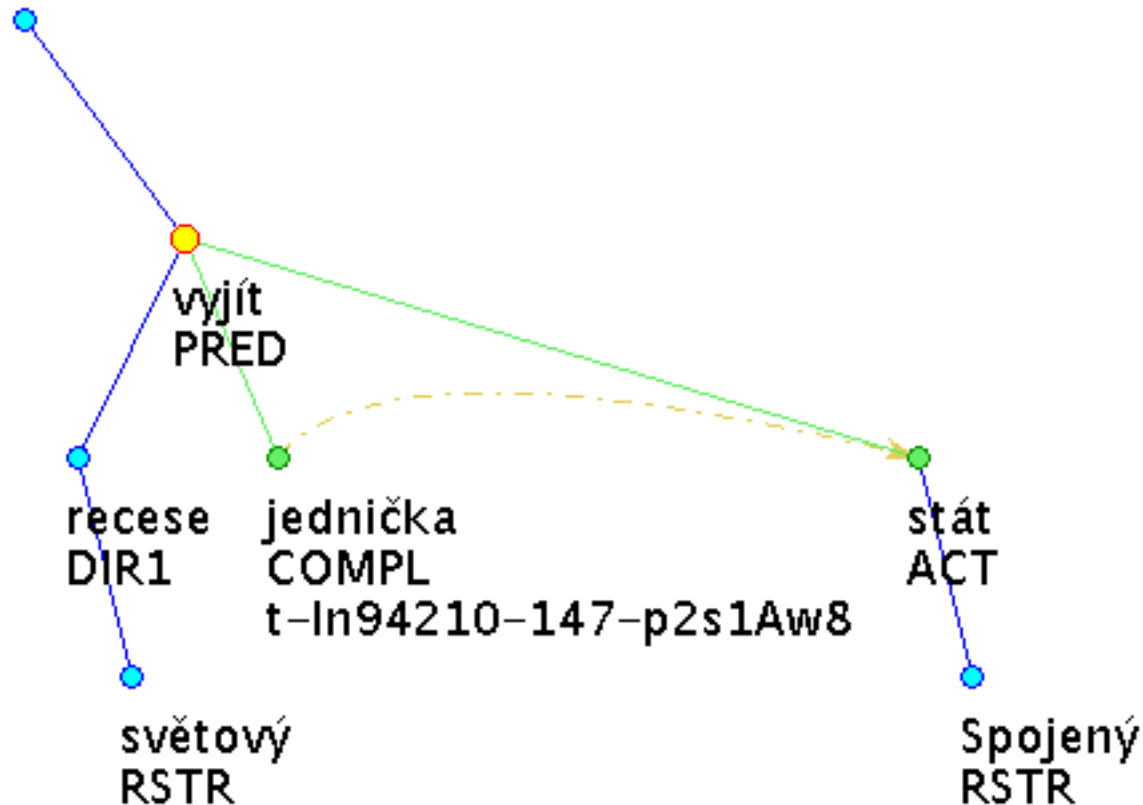
 match a value unknown at the time of creating the query

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Predicative Complement*

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Czech: Ze světové recese vyšly jako jednička Spojené státy.  
English (lit.): The United States emerged from the world recession as number one.

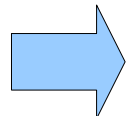


# Linguistic Requirements

## *Coreferences*

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Represented by means of references  
(attributes `coref_gram.rf` and  
`coref_text.rf` (and `id`))

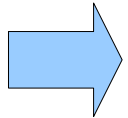
 as before, match a value unknown at the time  
of creating the query

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Topic-Focus Articulation*

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- *Contextual boundness* – attribute tfa
- *Communicative dynamism* – deep word order (attribute deepord)



set references to other nodes with other relations than “equal to”

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Topic-Focus Articulation*

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*Focus proper* – the rightmost contextually non-bound node in the tectogrammatical tree

- ➔ define that there is no node (contextually non-bound) with bigger `deepord` in the whole tree
- ➔ combine references, non-existence of a node and transitive closure of dependency

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Topic-Focus Articulation*

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*Rhematizers* – closest left brother of its scope (or closest left son if the governing predicate belongs to its scope)

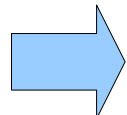
 define distance between nodes in deep word order

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Topic-Focus Articulation*

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*(Non-)Projectivity* – between a father and its son there can only be direct or indirect sons of the father.

 define multiple-tree query to combine several one-tree queries representing different orientations of non-projective edges

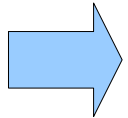


# Linguistic Requirements

## *Idioms etc.*

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Not everything is annotated, not everything is easily accessible in the tree.



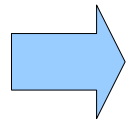
search in the linear form of the sentence

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Layers with non-1:1 Relation*

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There are multiple layers of annotation, the relation among nodes on the analytical and tectogrammatical layers is not 1:1.



have special means of accessing lower layers

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Summary*

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### *Evaluation of a node*

- multiple attributes evaluation
- alternative values
- alternative nodes (alternative evaluation of the whole set of attributes)
- wild cards (regular expressions)
- negation, relations other than “equal to”

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Summary*

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### *Dependencies between nodes* *(vertical relations)*

- direct, transitive (existence, non-existence)
- vertical distance (from root, from one another)
- number of sons (zero for lists)

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Summary*

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### *Horizontal relations*

- precedence, immediate precedence, distance
- negation of it

### *Secondary relations*

- secondary dependencies, coreferences

# Linguistic Requirements

## *Summary*

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### *Other features*

- multiple-tree queries
- accessing several layers of annotation at the same time
- searching in the linear form of the sentence

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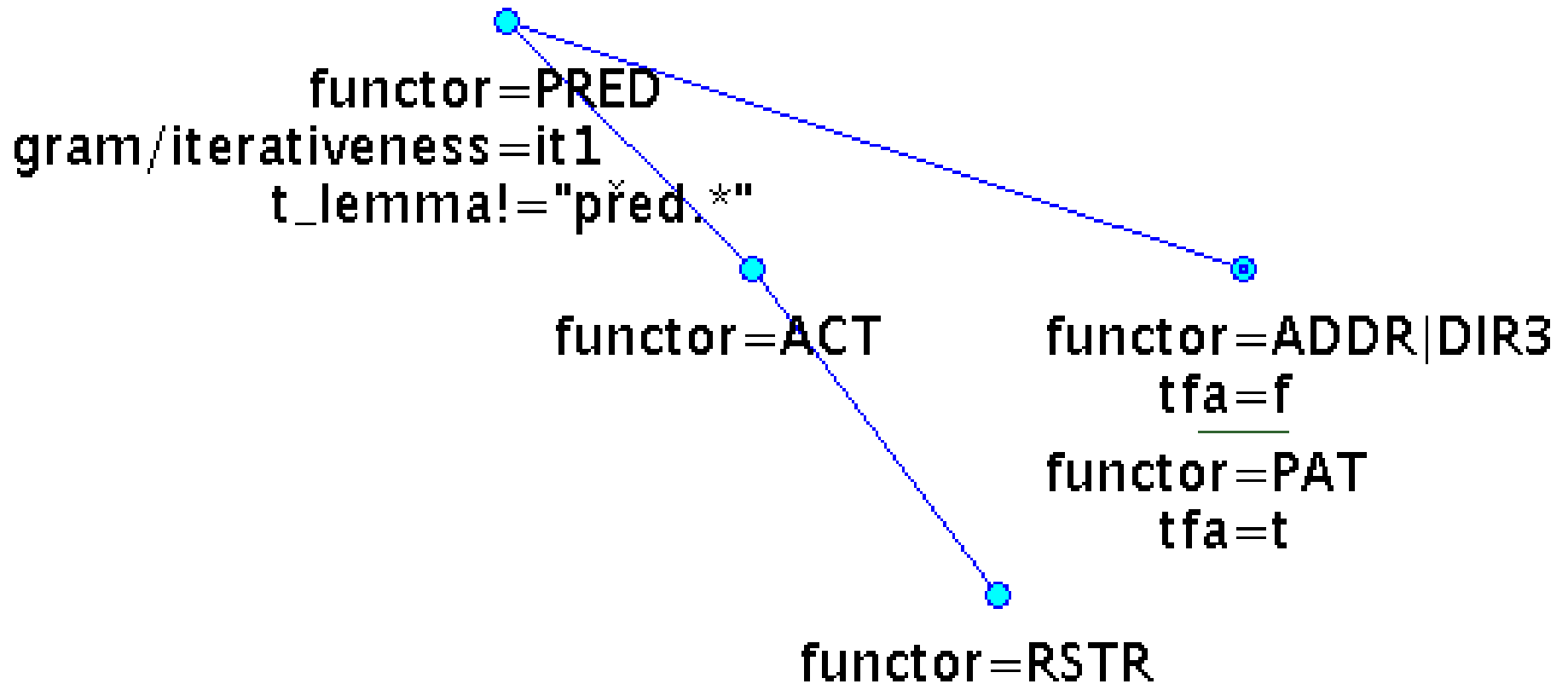
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- ➔ **Introduction to the query language**
- ➔ Using the query language (examples in Netgraph)

# Introduction to the Query Language

## *The Basics*

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# Introduction to the Query Language

## *Meta-Attributes*

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Attributes not present in the corpus,  
treated like normal attributes:

- **\_transitive** (*transitive edge*)
- **\_optional** (*optional node(s)*)
- **\_#sons** (*number of sons*)
- **\_#hsons** (*number of hidden sons*)
- **\_#descendants** (*number of nodes  
in the subtree*)

# Introduction to the Query Language

## *Meta-Attributes*

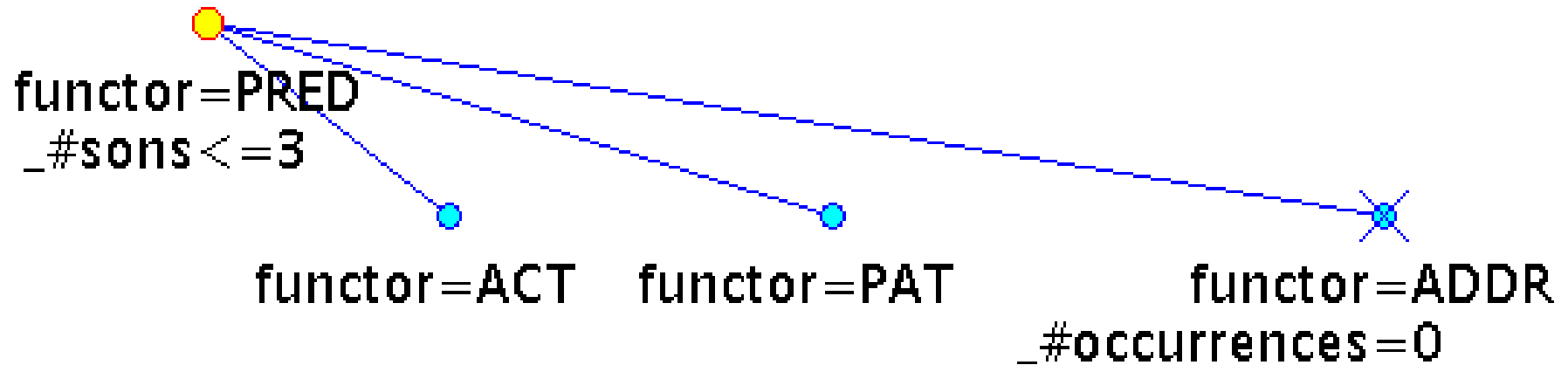
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- **\_#lbrothers** (*number of left brothers*)
- **\_#rbrothers** (*number of right brothers*)
- **\_depth** (*distance from the root*)
- **\_#occurrences** (*exact number of a particular type of sons/descendants*)
- **\_name** (*label of a node for references*)
- **\_sentence** (*linear form of the sentence*)

# Introduction to the Query Language

## *An Example Query*

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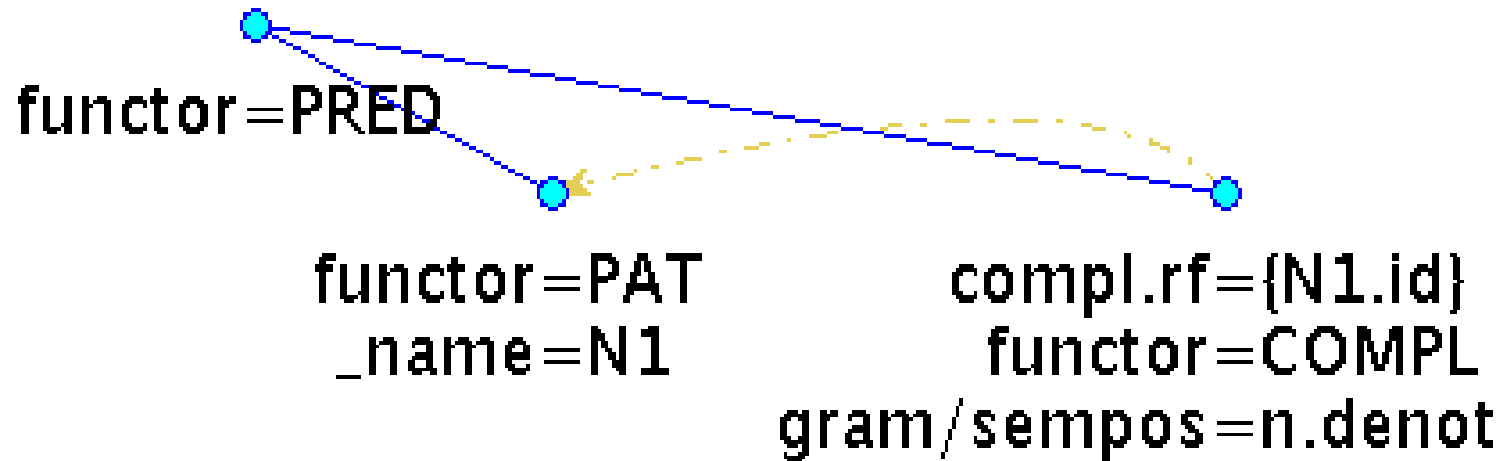


- No more than three sons
- One **ACT**or, one **PAT**ient, no **ADDR**essee

# Introduction to the Query Language

## *References*

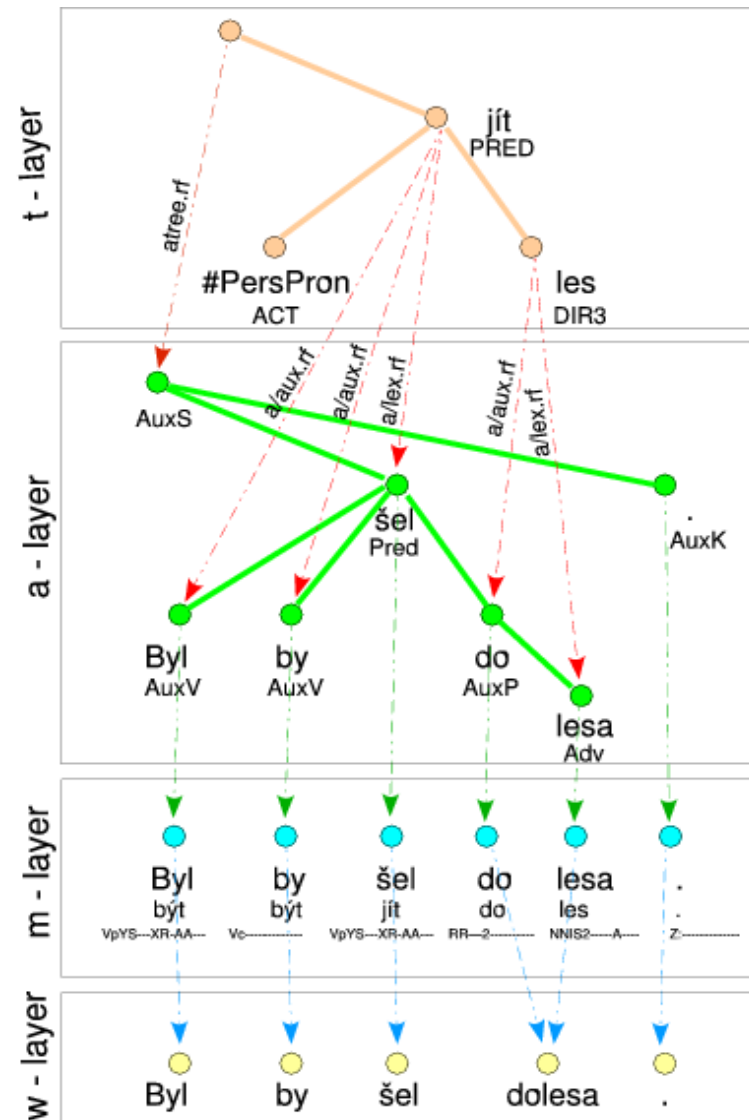
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- Predicative complement expressed by a noun
- Second dependency on a **PAT**ient

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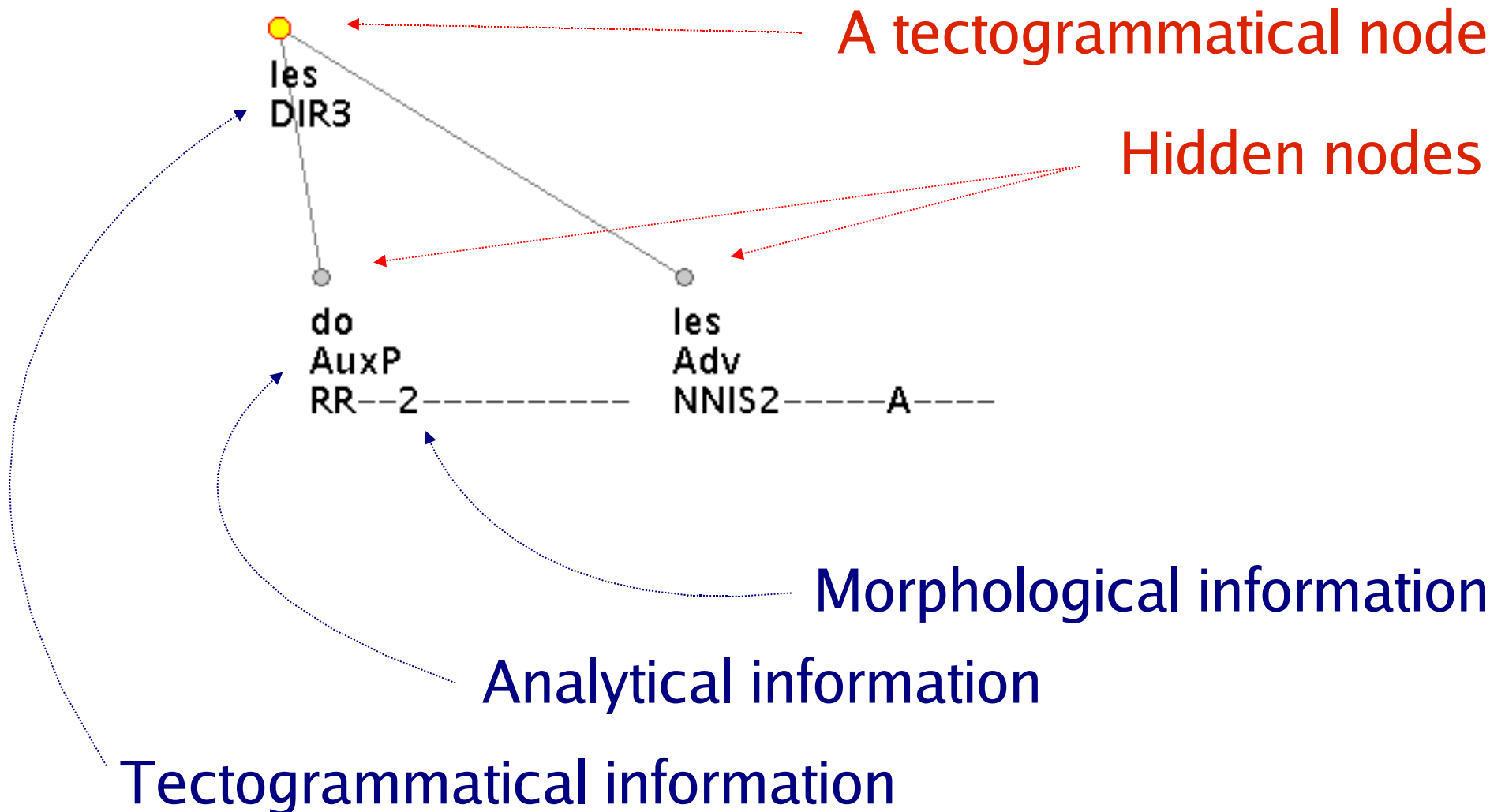
## *Layers in PDT 2.0*



# Introduction to the Query Language

## *Hidden Nodes*

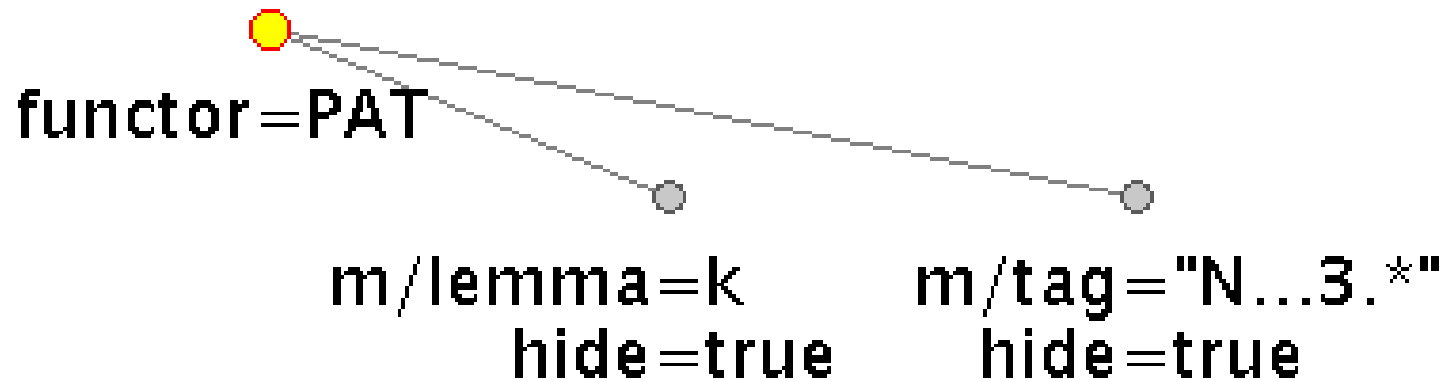
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## *Hidden Nodes – A Query*

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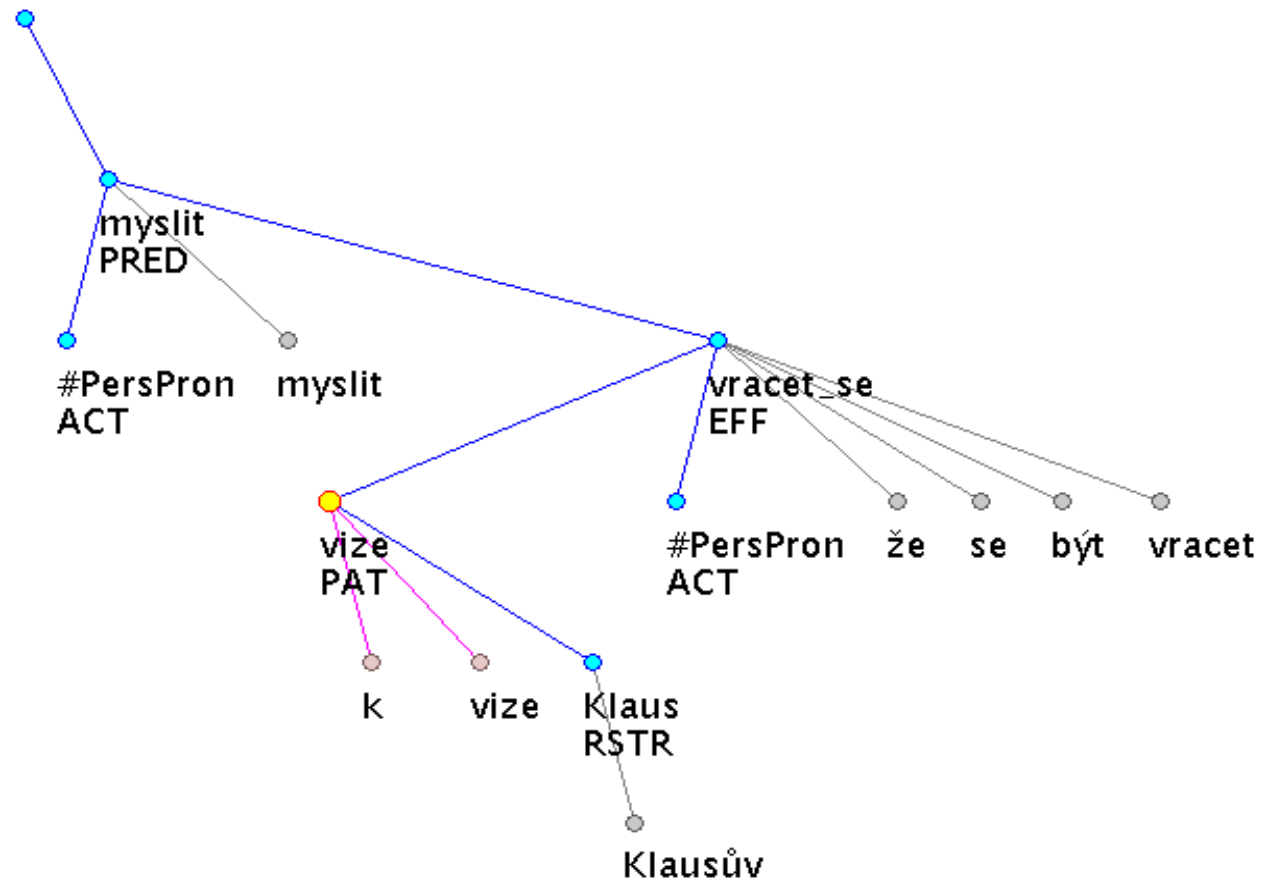
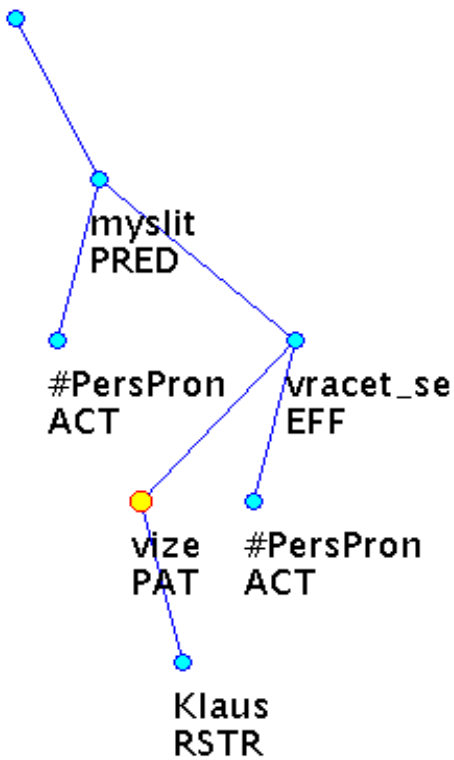


- **PAT**ient expressed with preposition **k** and a **Noun** in **3.** case on the morphological layer

# Introduction to the Query Language

## *Hidden Nodes – A Result Tree*

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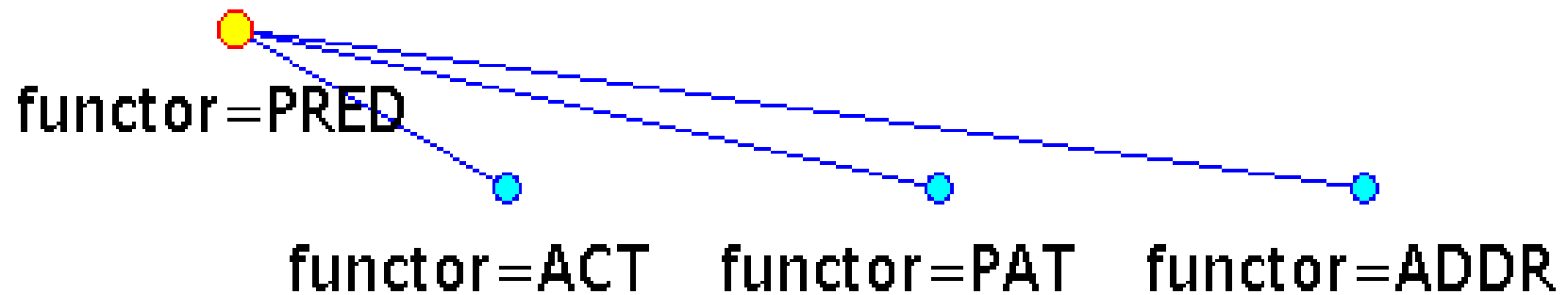
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# Using the Query Language

## *A Simple Query*

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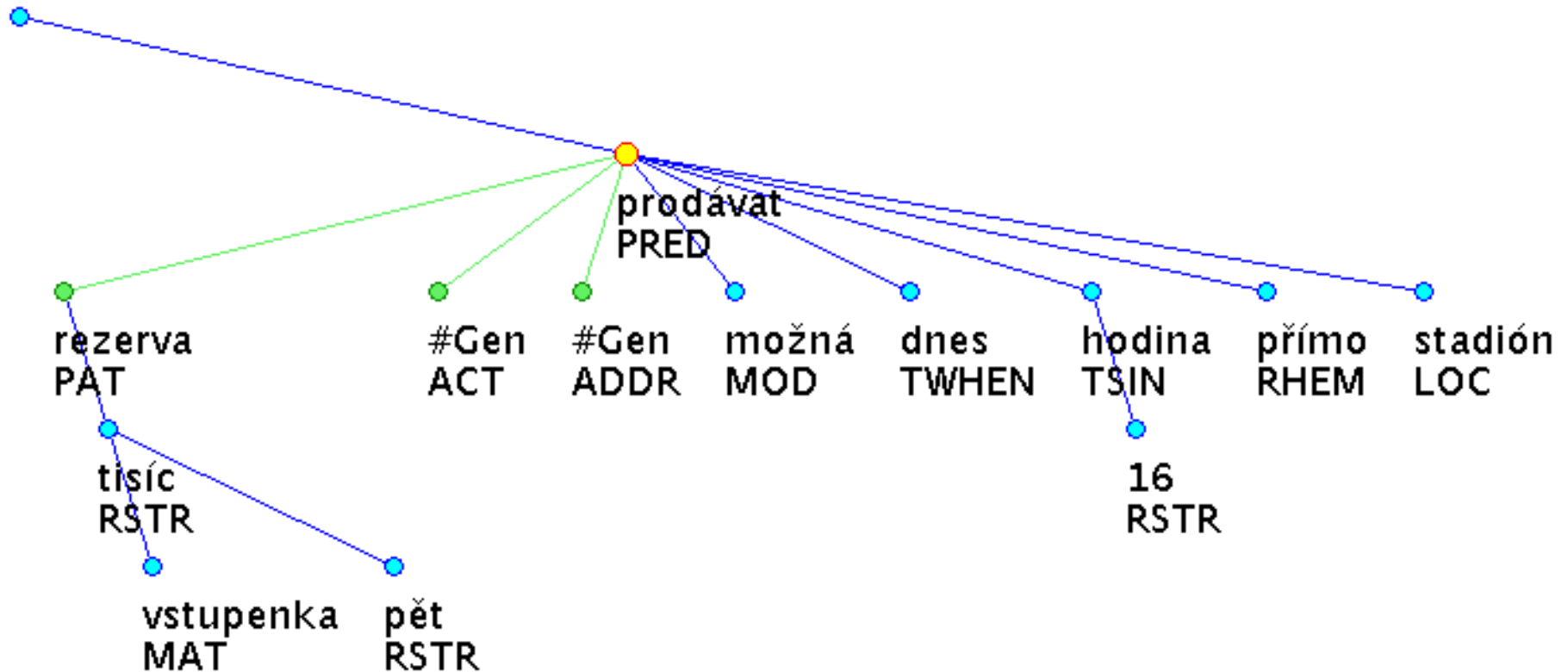


- A **PRED**icate governing an **ACT**or, a **PAT**ient, and an **ADDR**essee
- No condition on the order of the sons or their number

# Using the Query Language

## *A Simple Query (Result)*

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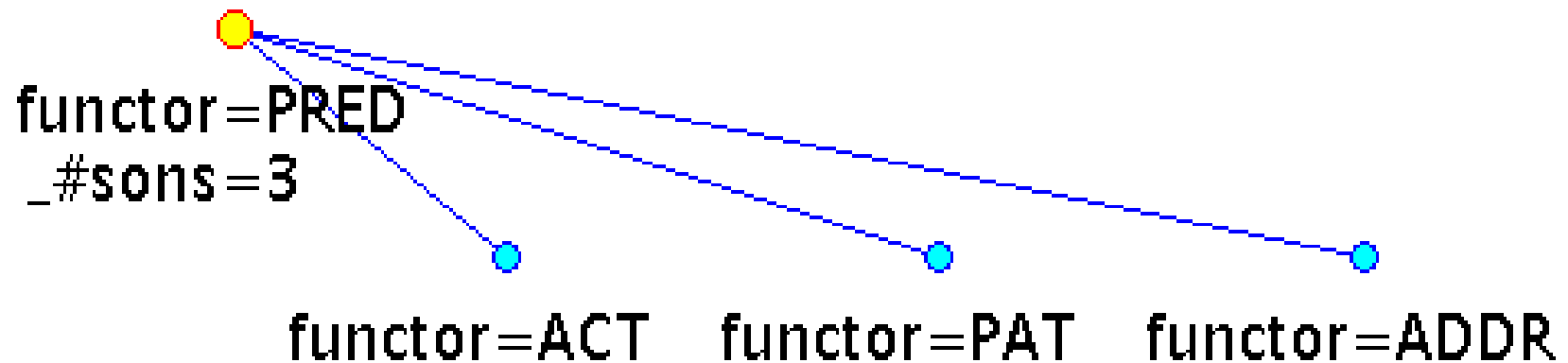


- Additional sons and different order of the sons

# Using the Query Language

## *Restricting Number of Sons*

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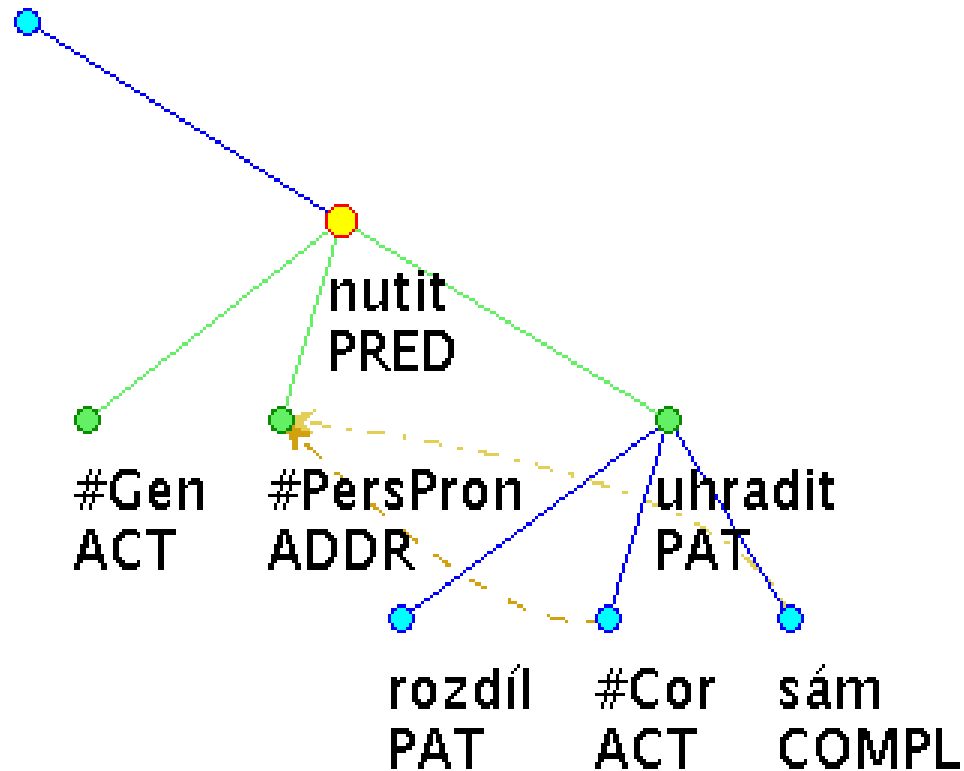


- A **PRED**icate governing an **ACT**or, a **PAT**ient, and an **ADDR**essee
- No other sons allowed

# Using the Query Language

## *Restricting Number of Sons (Result)*

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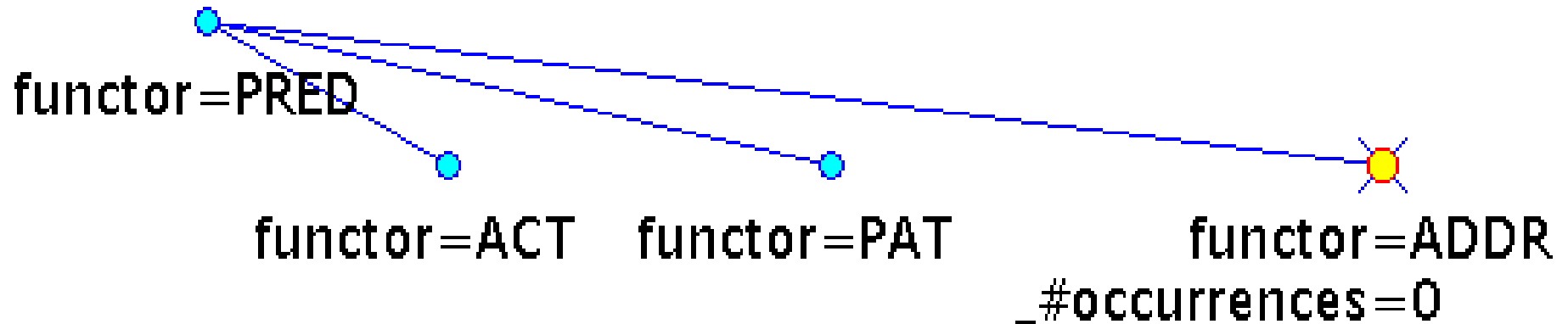


- No additional sons (though a different order)

# Using the Query Language

## *Restricting the Type of Sons*

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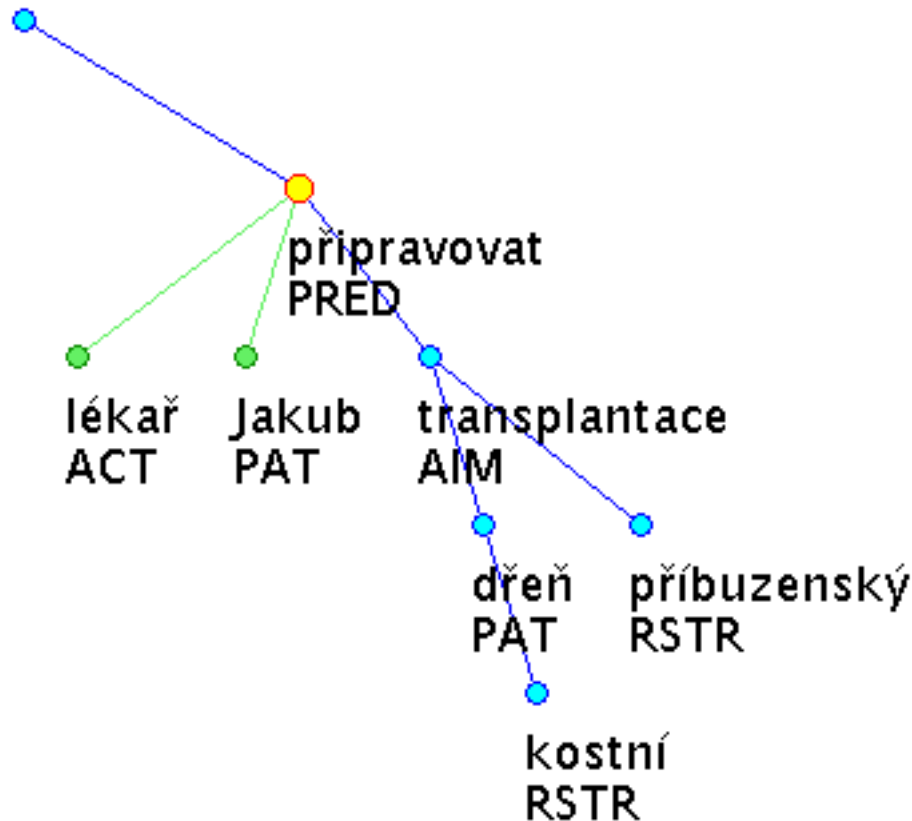


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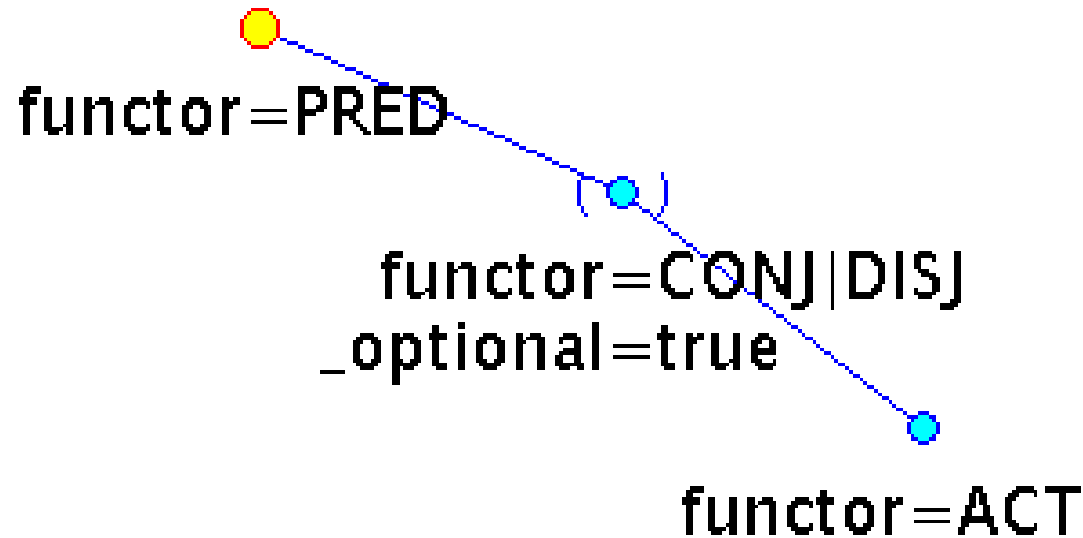


- No **ADDR**essee dependent on the **PRED**icate

# Using the Query Language

## *An Optional Node*

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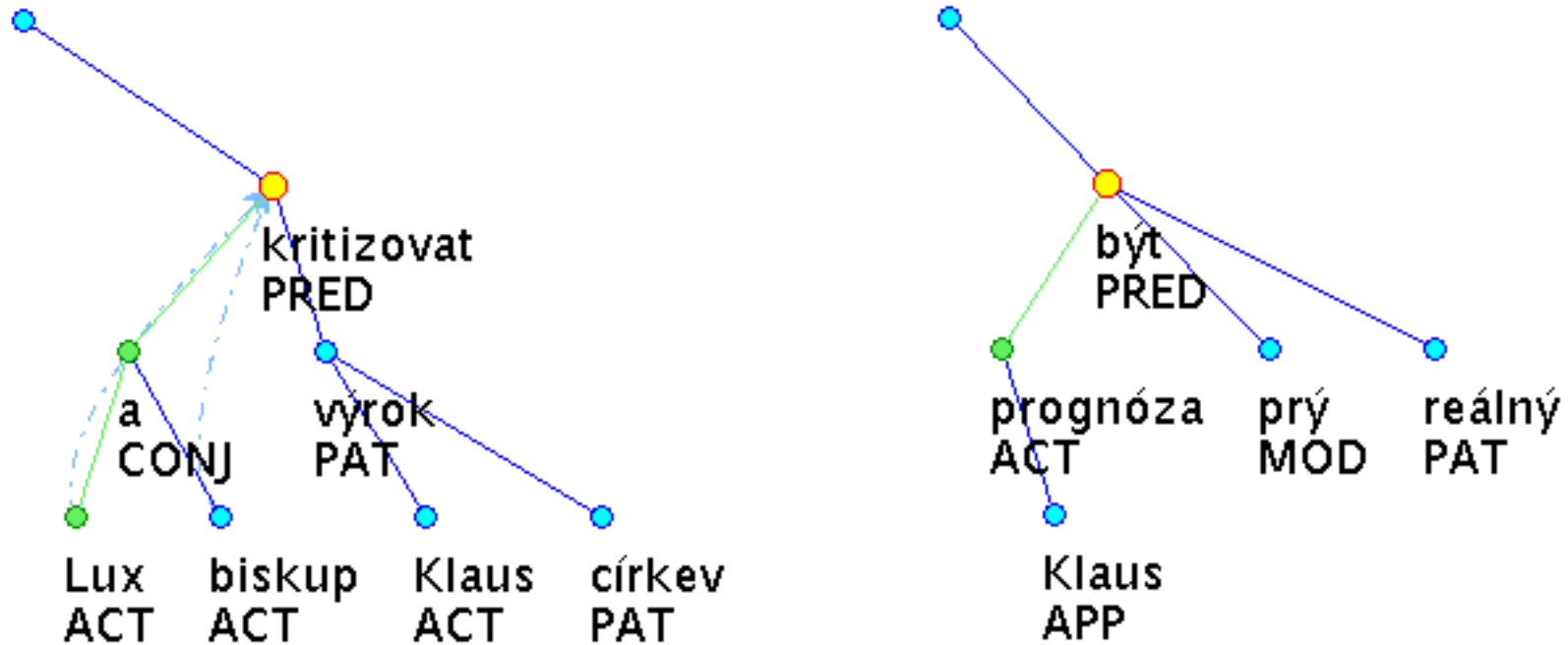
- A **PRED**icate governing an **ACT**or with an optional **CONJ**unction or **DISJ**unction inbetween (the **ACT**or may be coordinated)



# Using the Query Language

## *An Optional Node (Result)*

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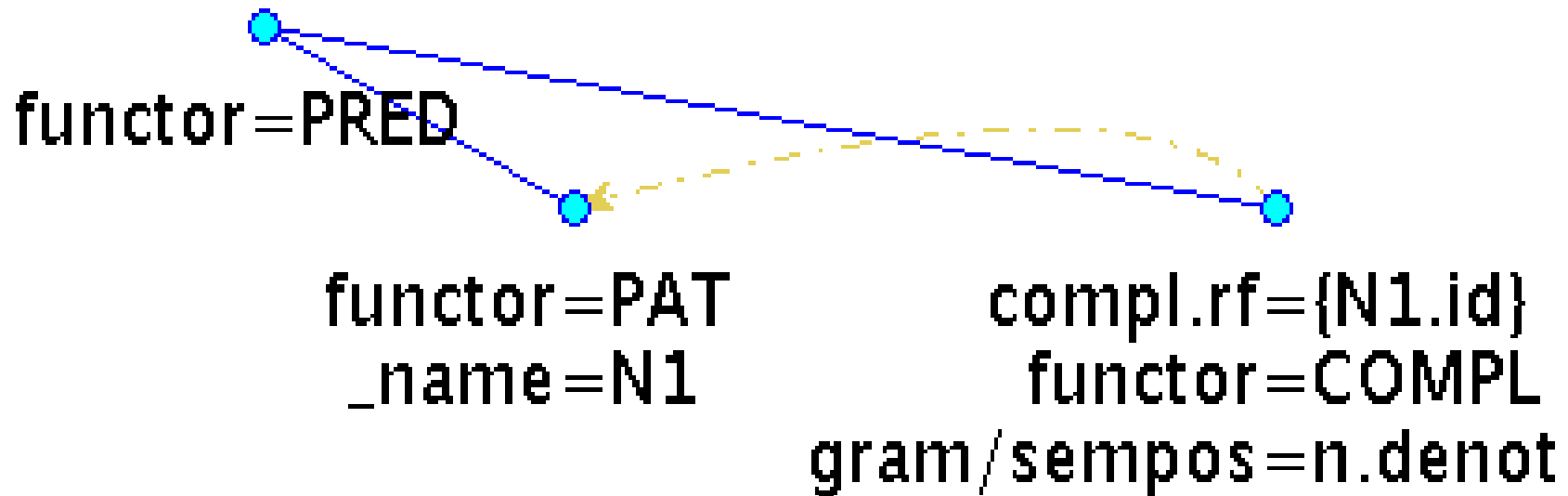


- Two possible types of results: with and without the optional coordination

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## *Predicative Complement*

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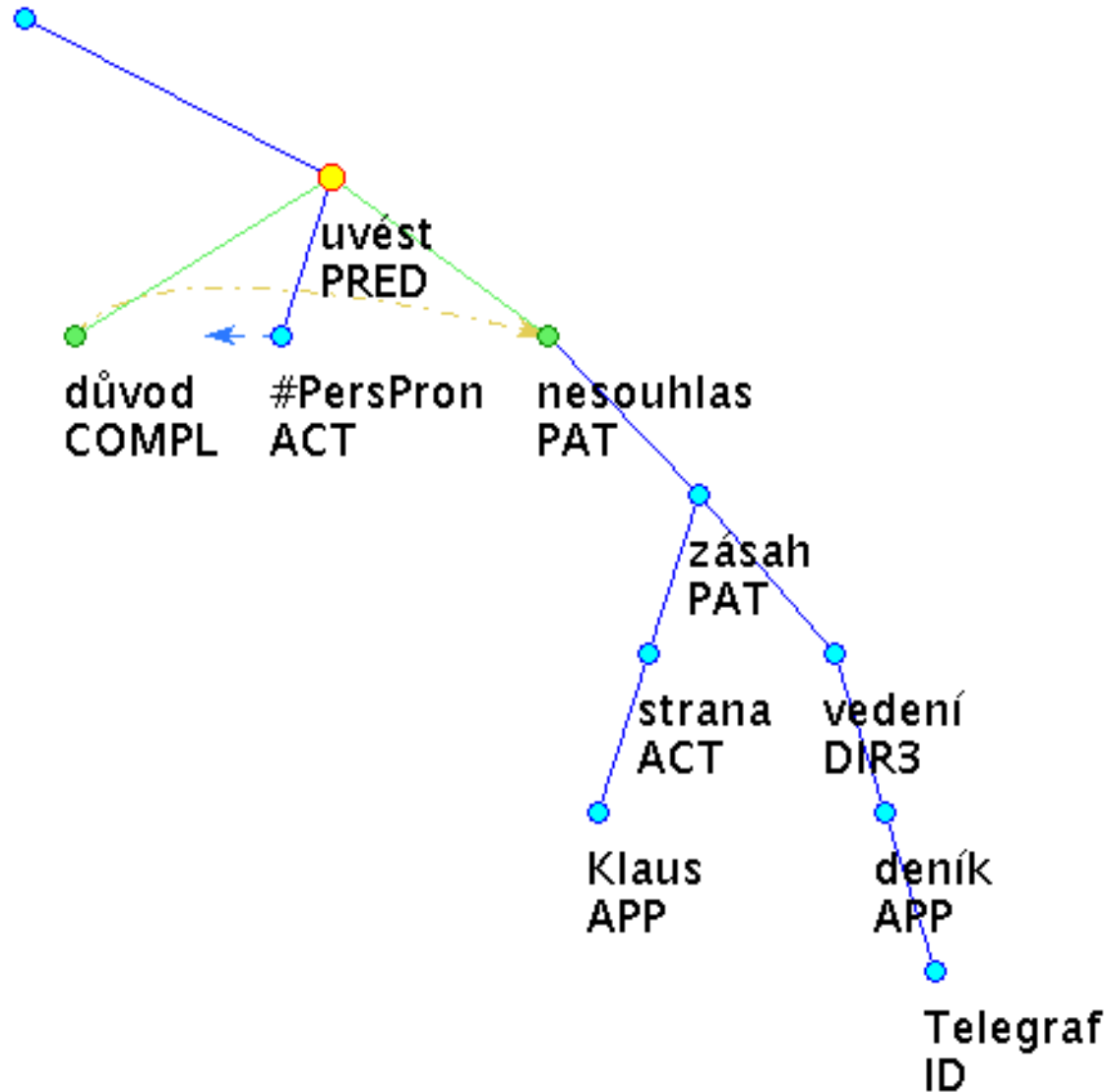


- A nominal predicative **COMPL**ement with second dependency on a **PAT**ient

# Using the Query Language

## *Predicative Complement (Result)*

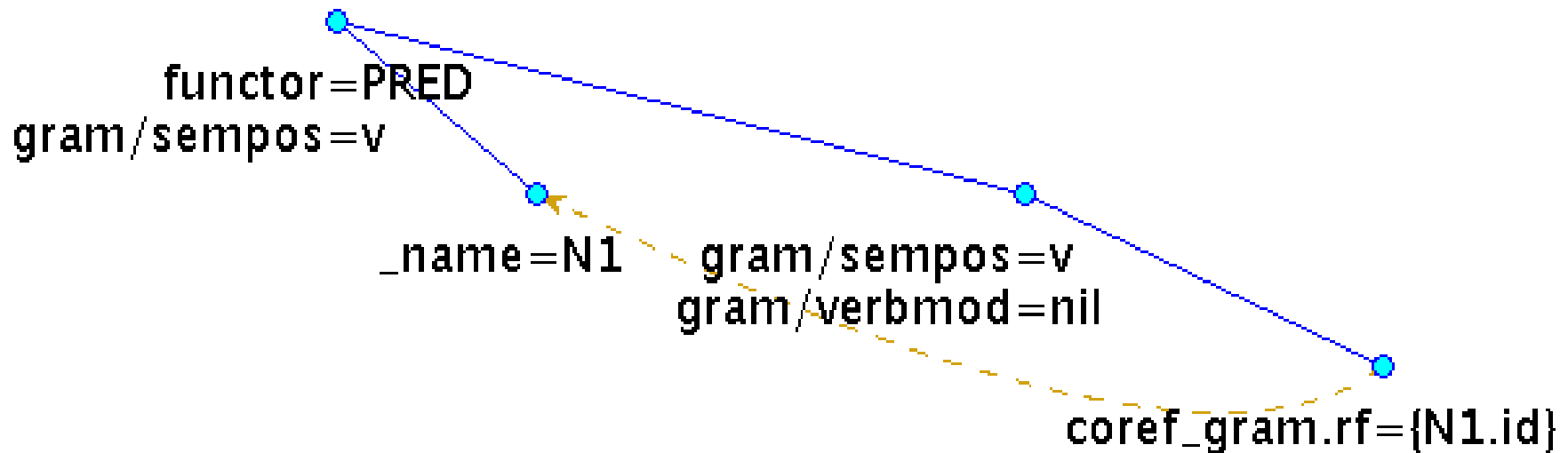
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## *Type-1 Control Construction*

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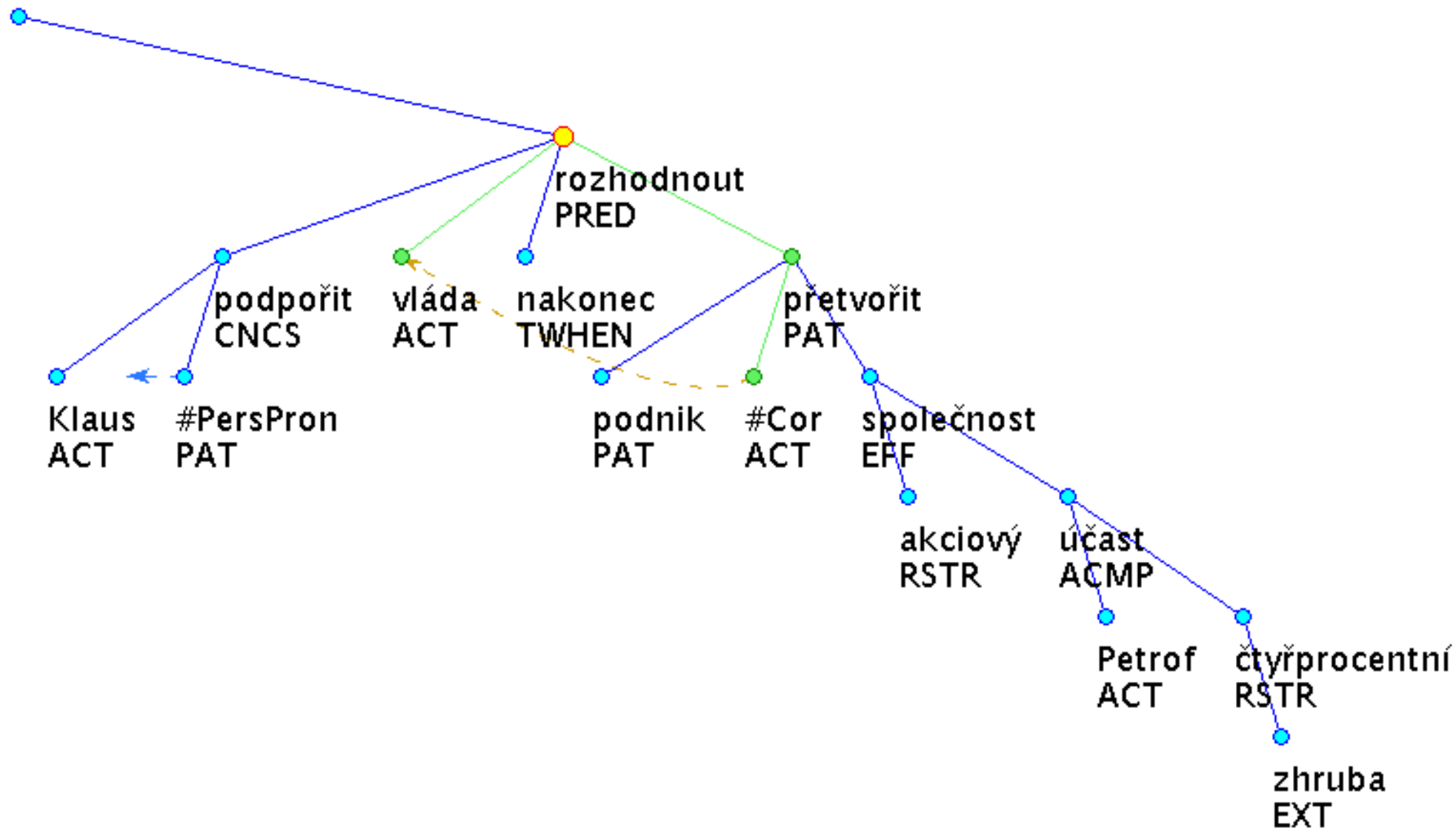


- Type-1 control construction (an infinitive depends on a verbal control **PRED**icate)

# Using the Query Language

## *Type-1 Control Construction (Result)*

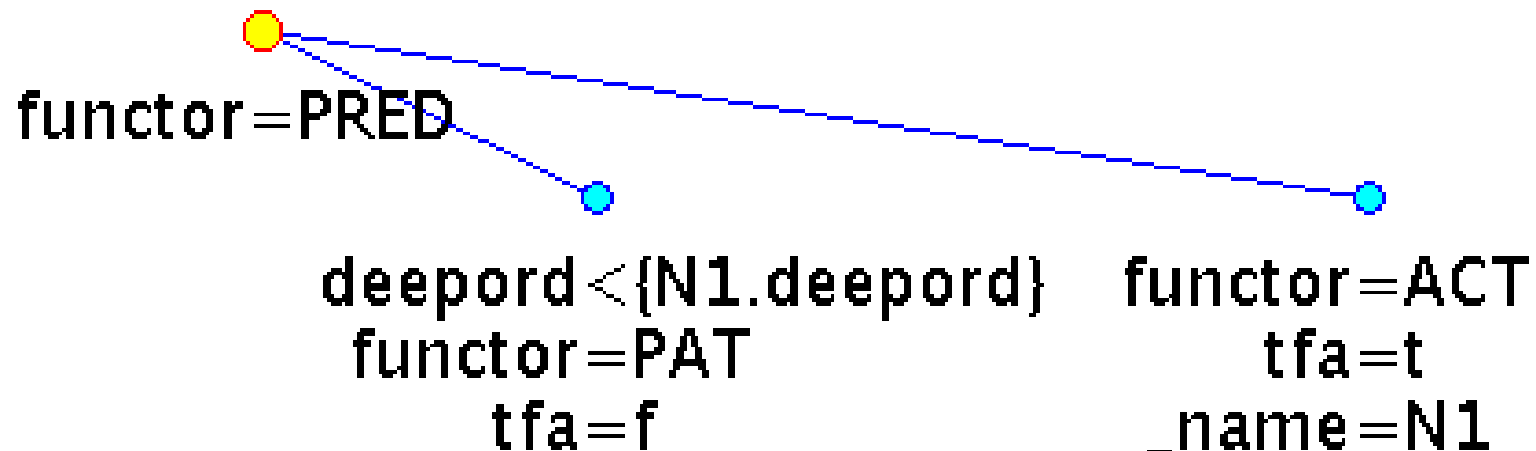
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## *Topic-Focus (Deep Word Order)*

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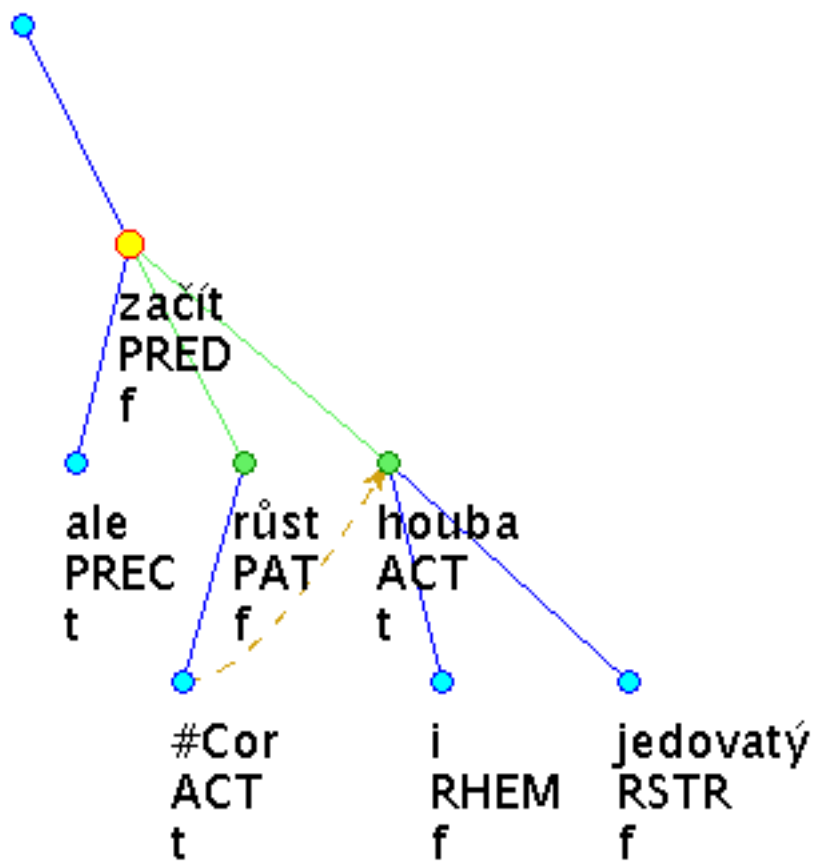


- A **PAT**ient in focus on the left side (less dynamic) from an **ACT**or in topic

# Using the Query Language

## *Topic-Focus (Deep Word Order) (Result)*

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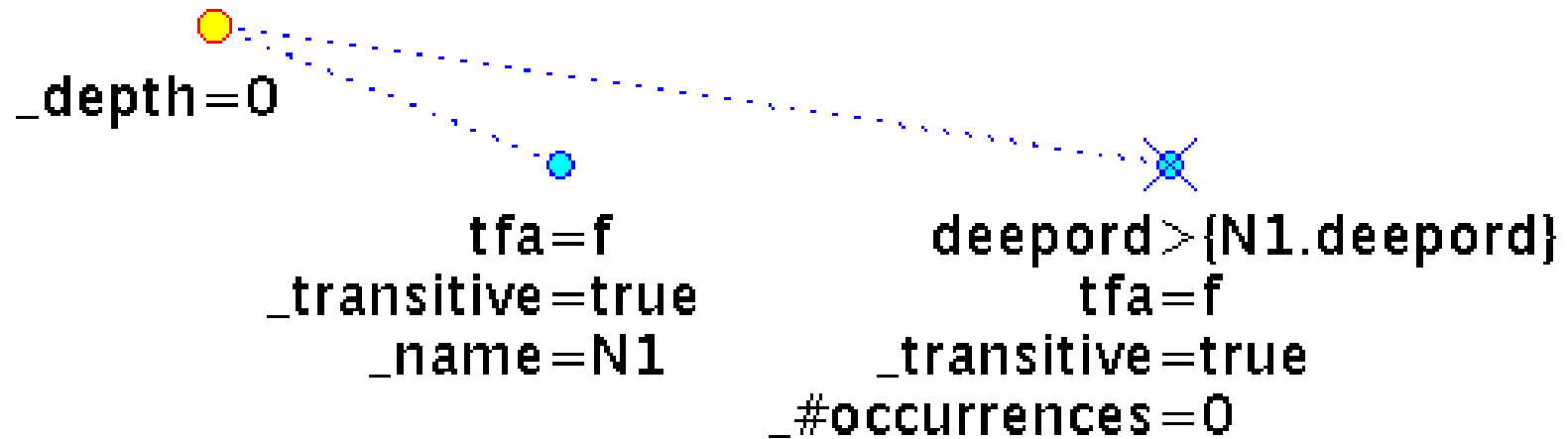
Czech: Začaly ale **růst** i **houby** jedovaté.

English (lit.): But also poisonous **mushrooms** started **to grow**.

# Using the Query Language

## *Focus Proper*

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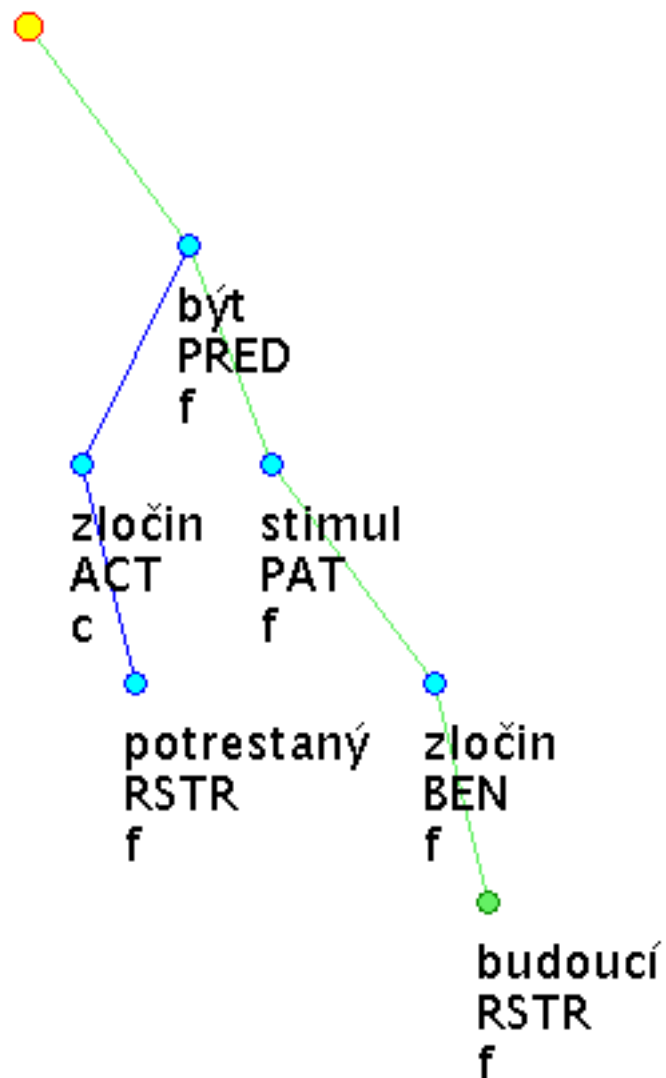
- There is not a more dynamic node in focus anywhere in the tree



# Using the Query Language

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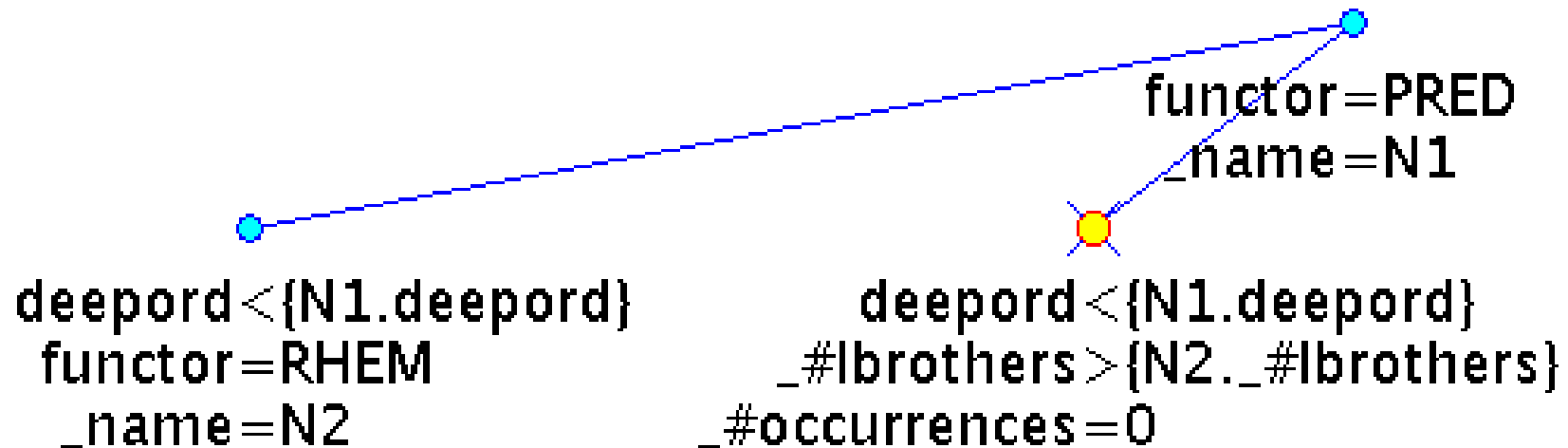


Czech: Nepotrestaný zločin  
je stimulem pro zločiny  
**budoucí.**

English (lit.): An unpunished  
crime is a stimulant for  
**future** crimes.

# Using the Query Language *Rhematizer with Predicate in its Scope*

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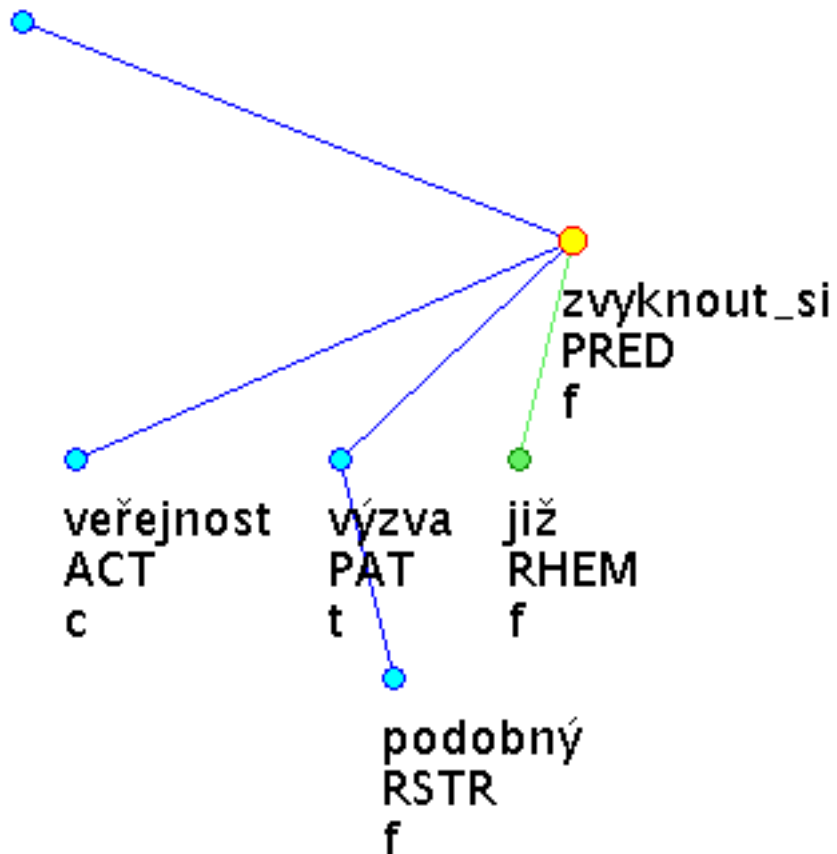


- A **RHEM**atizer that is the leftmost son of a **PRED**icate (no left son of the **PRED**icate is on the right side from the **RHEM**atizer)

# Using the Query Language

## *Rhematizer with Predicate in its Scope (Result)*

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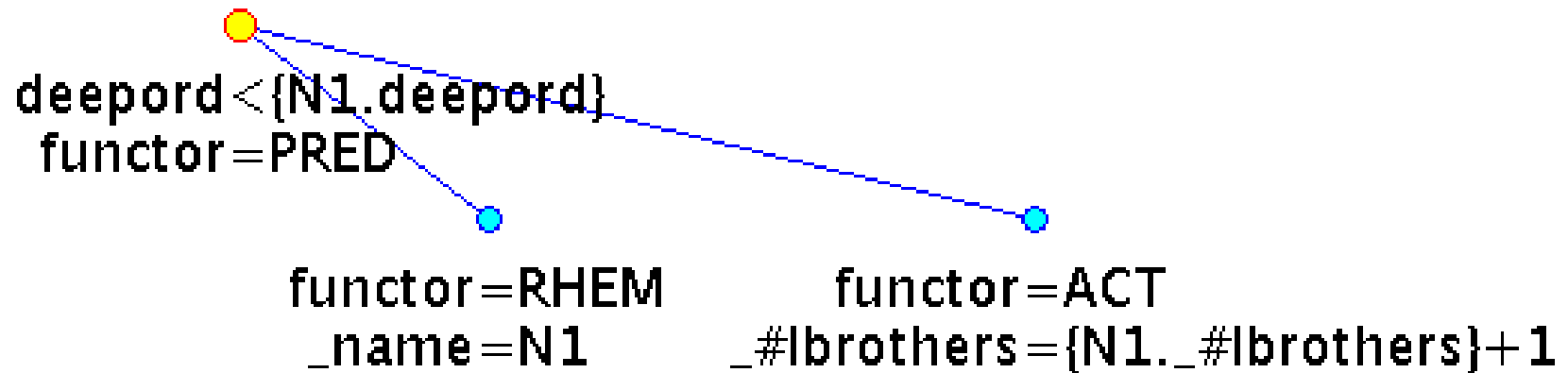


Czech: Veřejnost si na podobné výzvy **již zvykla**.

English (lit.): The public has **already got accustomed** to such calls.

# Using the Query Language *Rhematizer without Predicate in its Scope*

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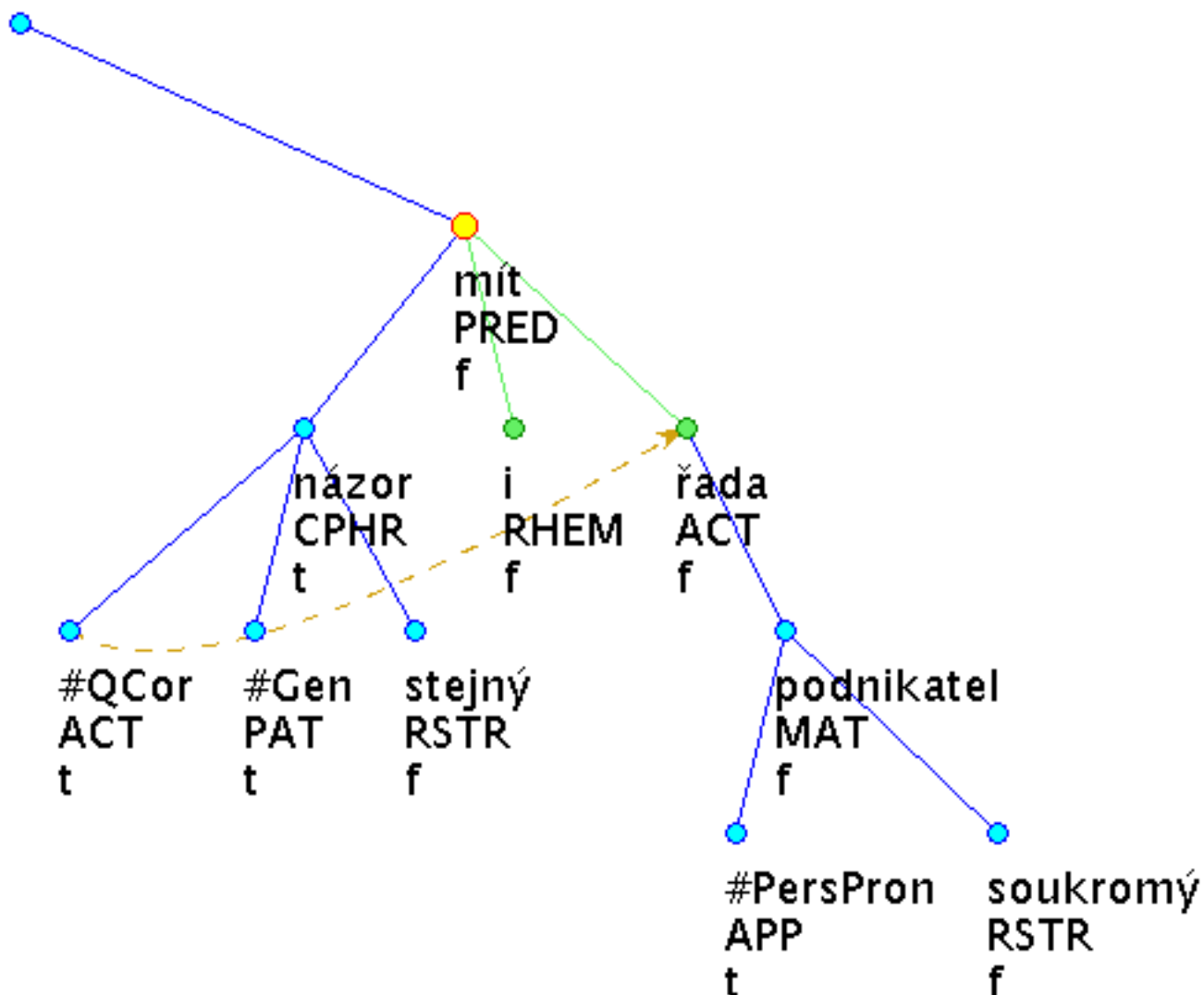


- A rhematized **ACT**or with a **PRED**icate outside the scope of the **RHEM**atizer

# Using the Query Language

## *Rhematizer without Predicate in its Scope (Result)*

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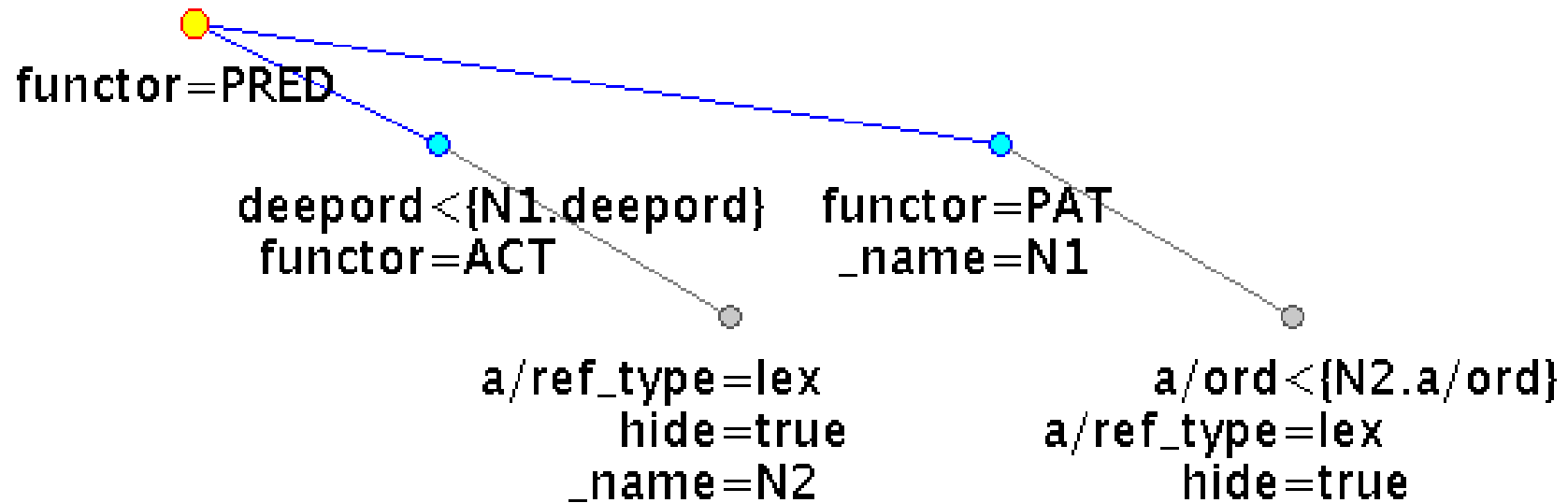
Czech: Stejný  
názor má i řada  
našich soukromých  
podnikatelů.

English (lit.): Also a  
number of our  
private investors  
has the same  
opinion.

# Using the Query Language

## *Accessing Lower Layers*

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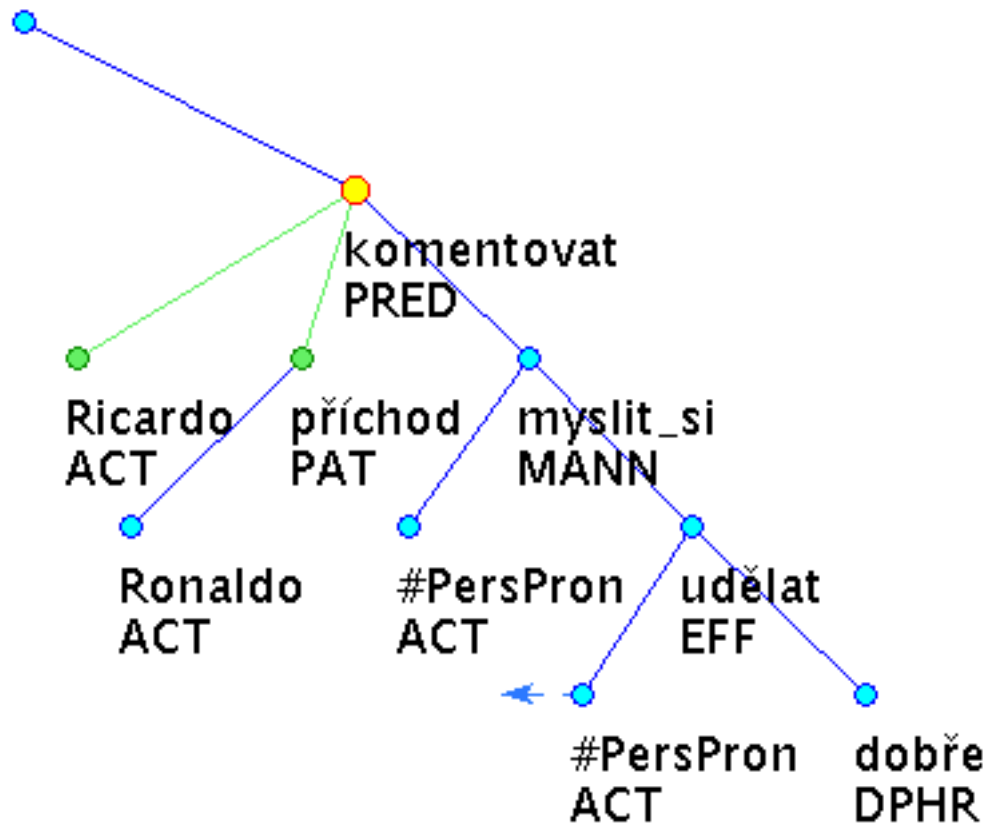


- An **ACT**or less dynamic than a **PAT**ient, but on the right side from it on the surface
- Lower layers accessible via hidden nodes

# Using the Query Language

## *Accessing Lower Layers (Result)*

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Czech: Myslím si, že udělal dobře, komentuje **příchod** Ronaldo **Ricardo**.

English (lit.): I think that he did well, **Ricardo** says about Ronald's coming.

# Using the Query Language

## *Effective Parentage*

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functor=PRED  
\_name=N1

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eparents={N1.id}  
functor=ACT

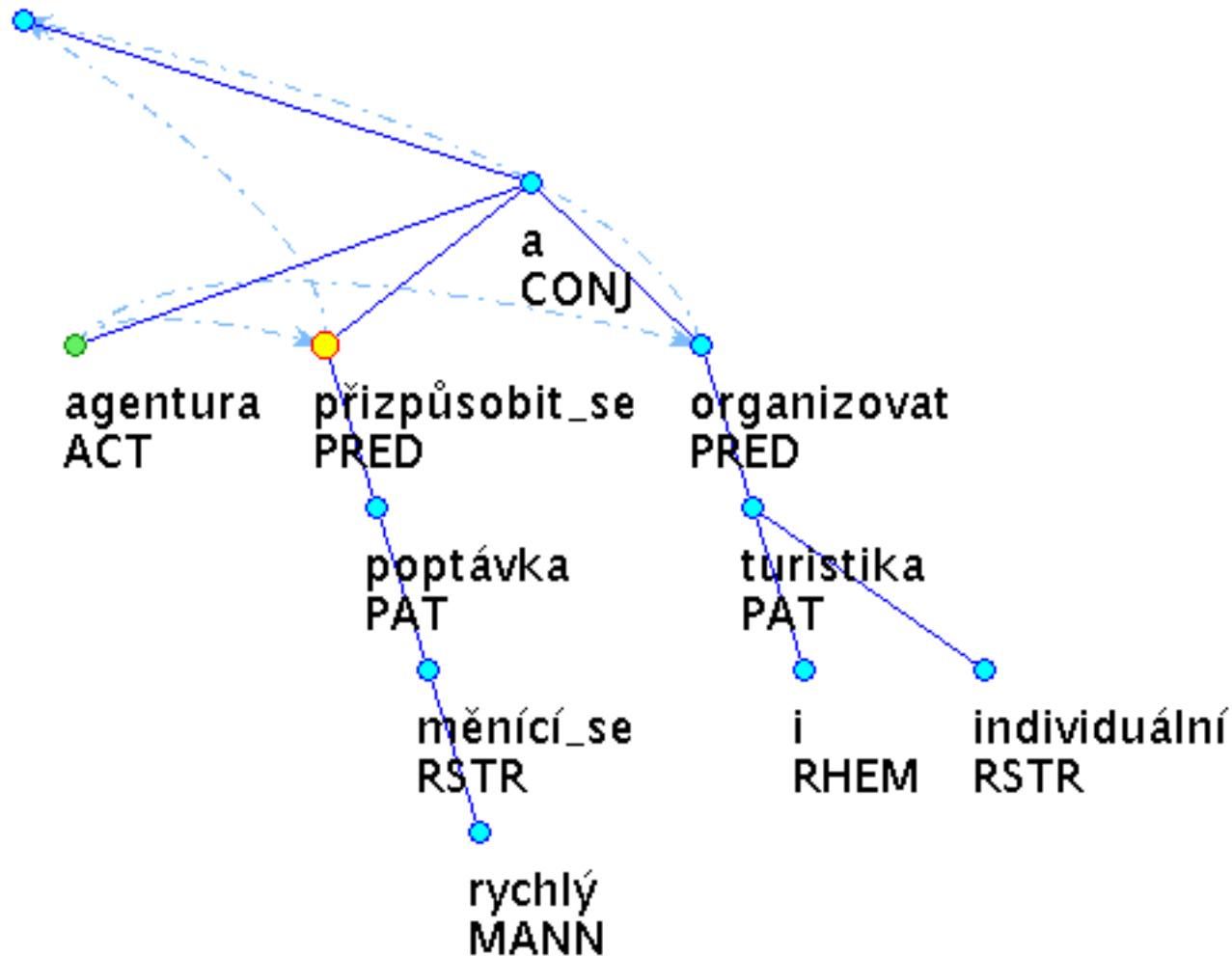
- A **PRED**icate effectively governing an **ACT**or (regardless of any possible combination of coordination)



# Using the Query Language

## *Effective Parentage (Result)*

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Czech: **Agentura se přizpůsobila** rychle se měnící poptávce a organizuje i turistiku individuální.

English (lit.): **The agency has adapted** to a fast changing demand and organizes also an individual tourism.

# References

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## *Netgraph home page*

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