People are central to many research datasets, and the same persons often appear in multiple datasets. Good findability, re-usability and interoperability of persons' data is therefore crucial to digital humanities researchers.

The PNV allows data providers to achieve this, while maintaining the level of detail in which the persons' names are described. As such, the vocabulary is instrumental in automated entity linkage processes and in tailoring the display and sorting of persons' names in user interfaces.

The PNV is maintained by a working group of researchers, archivists and digital data specialists.

Name elements

- pnv:prefix
- pnv:initals
- pnv:givenName
- pnv:patronym
- pnv:givenNameSuffix
- pnv:infixTitle
- pnv:surnamePrefix
- pnv:baseSurname
- pnv:trailingPatronym
- pnv:snorificSuffix
- pnv:disambiguatingDescription

Example rdf

```rdf
@prefix pnv: <https://w3id.org/pnv#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .

<http://example.com/24008889> a pnvPerson ;
  rdfs:label      "Pieter Sjoerds Gerbrandy (person)" ;
  skos:prefLabel: "Pieter Sjoerds Gerbrandy" ;
  pnv:hasName [ a pnv:PersonName ;
               rdfs:label        "Pieter Sjoerds Gerbrandy" ;
               pnv:literalName   "Pieter Sjoerds Gerbrandy" ;
               pnv:givenName     "Pieter" ;
               pnv:patronymic    "Sjoerds" ;
               pnv:baseSurname   "Gerbrandy" ,
               ] a pnv:PersonName ;
  pnv:nameSpecification "Name as observed in birth register" .
```

Example: Pieter Sjoerds Gerbrandy

- use multiple pnv:PersonName classes to specify name variants
- wide array of choices in name elements
- also spelled ‘Gerbrandij’