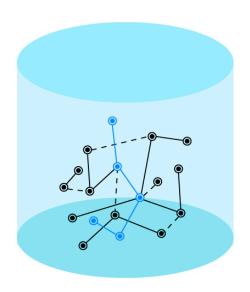
# CITS5504 Data Warehouse Project 2 Report



Graph Database Design and Cypher Query

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\*Disclaimer: The project adopted recommendations from using ChatGPT 3.5 in help of identifying issues to validating Python syntax and complicated Neo4j queries, and checking grammars and spellings for the report (OpenAI, 2022). Moreover, we have no performance issue while running all the Cypher queries, thus we did not apply data filtering.

### 1.Datasets

### 1.1 Dataset Overview

The dataset contains information about 736 players who participated in the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The columns include:

- Player id: Unique identifier for each player.
- Player: Name of the player.
- Position: Position played by the player (e.g., Forward, Midfielder, Defender, Goalkeeper).
- Number: Jersey number of the player.
- Club: Club the player belongs to.
- Club (country): Country where the player's club is located.
- D.O.B: Date of birth of the player in DD.MM.YYYY format.
- Age: Age of the player during the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Height (cm): Height of the player in centimeters.
- Country: National team country of the player.
- Caps: Number of times the player has represented their national team in international matches before the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- International goals: Number of goals scored by the player for the national team before the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Plays in home country?: Indicates whether the player plays for a club in their home country (TRUE/FALSE).

### 1.2 Assumptions

In the 2014 FIFA World Cup dataset, each player is unique and associated with only one club based on the below observation excel figure. Consequently, one player only plays for one club and finding a path of length 2 between two clubs via a player (i.e., Club  $\leftarrow$  Player  $\rightarrow$  Club) is not possible.

To identify paths of at least length 2 between clubs, it needs to incorporate additional entities and relationships into graph database design. Specifically:

- 1. Club Country: Represent the country each club is based in.
- 2. BASES\_IN Relationship: Establish a relationship between each club and its respective country. This allows finding paths like:
  - Club → Club Country ← Club: A path where clubs are connected through club located countries.

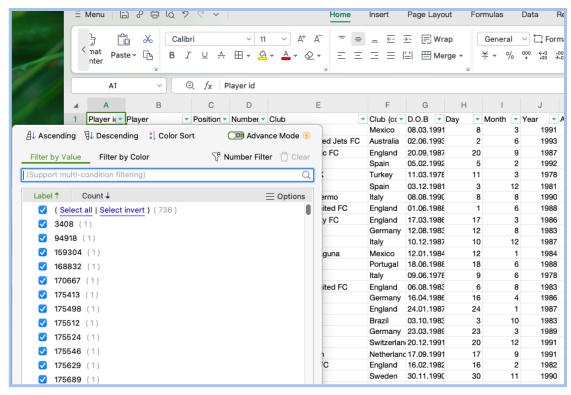


Figure 1.2. Each player only plays for one club.

# 2. Graph Database Design

# 2.1 Design Rationale

This project will adopt graph database design and its design rationale are as below:

### 2.11. Natural Data Modeling

- Entities and Relationships: Graph databases use nodes to represent entities and edges to represent relationships in FIFA2014-all players dataset, mirroring FIFA 2014 players' relationships and entities more naturally than relational databases.
- Flexibility: Graph databases support schema-less data structures, allowing for easier and more flexible updates to the data model as requirements evolve in the future.

### 2.12 Node and Relationship Design

The reason why the project is designed with below nodes and relationships, as it can satisfy all the potential queries with simple relationships, and especially "find the length of 2 between two clubs" via common clubCountry node, instead of via player node taking at least 4 length between clubs considering one player can only play for one club.

Node	Properties
Player	playerID, player, position, number, DOB (day, month, year), age, height, caps, internationalGoals, playsInHomeCountry
Club	clubID, club
Country	countryID, country
ClubCountry	clubCountryID, club_country

Relationship	From Node	To Node
PLAYS_FOR	Player	Club
REPRESENTS	Player	Country
BASES_IN	Club	ClubCountry

Figure 2.12. Nodes and Relationship Design Overview

### 2.13 Data Type Design for Node ID and Property

The project will *utilize the original dataset's player ID* since it is unique and sufficient for the project's scope, despite the original generation algorithm being unknown. Additionally, Neo4j can automatically generate *surrogate keys* for nodes during creation. As the project only involves *one dataset,* there is no need to create custom IDs for easier integration with other data sources. Consequently, ClubID, CountryID, and ClubCountryID are self-created, while the player ID retains its original format from the dataset.

Additionally, we will design the Node ID as an integer rather than a string. *Using integers for Node IDs* has several *advantages*:

- 1. Memory Efficiency: Integers consume less memory compared to strings. This is particularly important in large datasets, as it reduces the overall memory footprint of the database.
- 2. Performance: Integer comparisons and lookups are faster than string comparisons. This improves the performance of queries, especially those involving large numbers of nodes and relationships.
- 3. Indexing: Indexing on integer fields is more efficient and faster than indexing on string fields. This enhances the speed of retrieval operations and ensures quicker access to nodes.
- 4. Storage Optimization: Integer IDs take up less storage space compared to string IDs. This optimization is beneficial for both in-memory operations and disk storage, contributing to overall database efficiency.
- 5. Consistency: Using integers ensures consistency in the format of Node IDs, avoiding issues related to varying string formats (e.g., case sensitivity, leading/trailing spaces).

By opting for integer Node IDs, we can achieve better performance, *lower memory consumption*, and more efficient storage, ultimately leading to a more robust and scalable graph database design.

Property	age, caps, height (cm) and International goals	Integer
Property	playsInHomeCountry	Boolean(true/false)
Property	player, position, number, DOB,day, month, year	String
Node ID	playerID,clubID,countryID,clubCountryID	Integer

Figure 2.13: Data type of properties and nodes

### 2.14. Performance and Efficiency

Graph database are optimized for traversing relationships, making it efficient to answer complex queries such as:

- Finding the country where the club of a specific player is based.
- Listing all players at a specific club in ascending order of age.
- Listing all players in a specific position for a national team, ordered by caps.
- Finding players born in a specific year and their national team, ordered by caps.
- Identifying players from the same club in a national team, ordered by international goals.
- Find the path with a length of 2 or 3 between <two specific clubs>
- Counting the number of players born in a specific year.
- Identifying the age with the highest participation in the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Identifying top countries with players having the highest average international goals.
- Identify pairs of players from the same national team who play in different positions but have the closest number of caps.

### 2.15. Neo4j Visualization

The project will use Neo4j for Cypher queries. Neo4j graph databases integrate well with visualization tools, enabling intuitive exploration of the data, such as visualizing the network of player movements between clubs and national teams.

# 2.2 Design Property Graph Via Arrows App

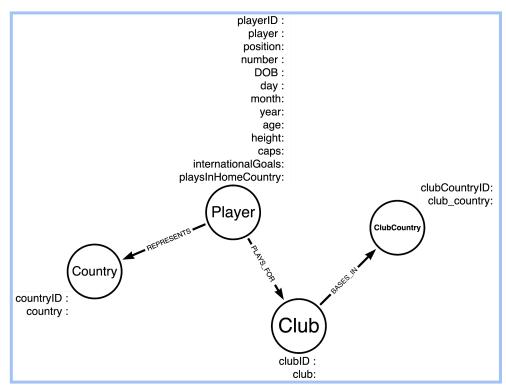


Figure 2.2. Property Graph

### **Explanation of Nodes and Relationships**

#### Nodes:

- 1. Player: Represents each player in the dataset. Key properties include player ID, name, position, jersey number, date of birth, day,month, year, age, height, number of international caps, number of international goals, and whether the player plays in their home country.
- 2. Club: Represents the football club each player belongs to. Key properties include club ID and club.
- 3. Country: Represents the national team country of the player. Key properties include country ID and country name.
- 4. ClubCountry: Represents the country where a player's club is located. Key properties include club country ID and country.

### Relationships:

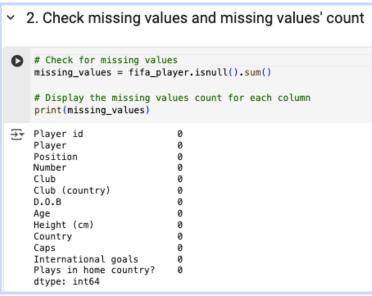
- 1. PLAYS\_FOR: Connects a Player node to a Club node, indicating the club a player plays for.
- 2. REPRESENTS: Connects a Player node to a Country node, indicating the national team the player represents.
- 3. BASES\_IN: Connects a Club node to a ClubCountry node, indicating the country where the club is based.

# 3. ETL

We use the Python 3.8.8 version to implement the ETL steps. We first import the original raw data "FIFA2024 - all players.csv", and we conduct a test to check if there is any missing value or null entries in the data. Identifying and handling missing values can prevent potential errors or inconsistencies before we populate all the processed files to Neo4j.

# 3.1 Data Processing





# 3.2 Create CSV Tables for Populating Graph Database

Based on the graph database, we need two types of CSV files which are node tables and relationship tables to connect the nodes. The node CSV files include *club.csv, club\_country.csv, country.csv,* and *player.csv.* The relationship tables include rel\_plays\_for.csv, *rel\_represents.csv* and *rel\_based\_in.csv* 

First, we start with the node tables:

club.csv: We create a def club () function to extract the club from fifa\_player data frame which includes Club with ID for each unique club. We have dropped duplications for the file in the function.

```
■ club.csv
                                                                                       ,Club ID,Club
def club(dataframe):
                                                                                       0,1,Tigres UANL
                                                                                       1,2,Newcastle United Jets FC
   Create Club.csv file from the dataframe
                                                                                       2,3,Charlton Athletic FC
   Columns: Club ID, Club
                                                                                      3,4,FC Barcelona
   Parameters
                                                                                   6 4,5,Galatasaray SK
                                                                                       5,6,Atletico Madrid
   dataframe : dataframe
       The dataframe that contains the Fifa player data
                                                                                      6,7,US Citta di Palermo
                                                                                      7,8,Manchester United FC
   Returns
                                                                                  10 8,9,Manchester City FC
                                                                                  11 9,10,FC Schalke 04
    club table : dataframe
       The club table
                                                                                  12
                                                                                       10,11,SSC Napoli
                                                                                      11,12,Club Santos Laguna
                                                                                  13
                                                                                      12,13,Sporting CP
    club table = dataframe[['Club']].copy()
                                                                                      13,14,SS Lazio
   club_table = club_table.dropna().drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True)
                                                                                      14,15,FSV Mainz 05
                                                                                      15,16,Liverpool FC
   club_table.insert(0, 'Club ID', range(1, 1 + len(club_table)))
                                                                                      16,17,Fluminense FC
   club_table.to_csv('club.csv')
                                                                                      17,18,FC Basel
                                                                                       18,19,SC Heerenveen
    return club_table
                                                                                       19,20,Southampton FC
```

club\_country.csv: This file will contain information about the country of the club. We create the def clubcountry() function to extract the Club (country) column from the fifa\_player data frame with the ID for each unique value. We have removed duplications for the file in the function.

■ club.csv ×

```
club_country.csv
def clubcountry(dataframe):
                                                                                                   ,Club Country ID,Club (country)
                                                                                                  0,1,Mexico
    Create ClubCountry.csv file from the dataframe
                                                                                                  1,2,Australia
   Columns: Club Country ID, Club (country)
                                                                                                  2,3,England
    Parameters
                                                                                                  3,4,Spain
                                                                                                  4,5,Turkey
    dataframe : dataframe
       The dataframe that contains the Fifa player data
                                                                                                  5,6,Italy
                                                                                                  6,7,Germany
   Returns
                                                                                                  7,8,Portugal
   clubcountry_table : dataframe
                                                                                                  8,9,Brazil
                                                                                             10
       The clubcountry table
                                                                                                  9,10,Switzerland
                                                                                             11
                                                                                                  10,11,Netherlands
                                                                                             12
   clubcountry_table = dataframe[['Club (country)']].copy()
                                                                                                  11,12,Sweden
                                                                                             13
                                                                                             14
                                                                                                  12,13,United Arab Emirates
   clubcountry_table = clubcountry_table.dropna().drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True)
                                                                                                  13,14,Croatia
                                                                                             15
   clubcountry_table.insert(0, 'Club Country ID', range(1, 1 + len(clubcountry_table)))
                                                                                                  14,15,USA
                                                                                             16
                                                                                                  15,16,Ukraine
                                                                                             17
   clubcountry_table.to_csv('club_country.csv')
                                                                                                  16,17,Honduras
                                                                                             18
   return clubcountry_table
                                                                                                  17,18,Japan
                                                                                             19
```

club\_country.csv ×

country.csv: We create a def country () function to extract the country from the fifa\_player data frame which includes Country with ID for each unique country. We have removed duplications for the file in the function.

```
def country(dataframe):
    Create country.csv file from the dataframe
    Columns: Country
    Parameters
    dataframe : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the Fifa player data
    Returns
    country table : dataframe
        The country table
    country_table = dataframe[['Country']].copy()
    country_table = country_table.dropna().drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True)
    country_table.insert(0, 'Country ID', range(1, 1 + len(country_table)))
    country_table.to_csv('country.csv')
    return country_table
```

```
■ country.csv ×
 country.csv
       ,Country ID,Country
       0.1.Mexico
       1,2,Australia
       2,3,Iran
       3,4,Brazil
  6
       4,5, Ivory Coast
       5,6,Spain
       6,7,Uruguay
  8
       7,8,Bosnia & Herzegovina
  9
 10
       8,9,Netherlands
       9,10,Argentina
 11
 12
       10,11,Algeria
 13
       11,12,Germany
```

player.csv: In our player dataset, we utilise FIFA player IDs as they provide a unique identifier for each player. To come with this decision, we check the player Id column to ensure they are unique values. These IDs are distinct, therefore, we employ FIFA player IDs to maintain consistency across datasets and systems. We create a def player () function to extract relevant information of the player from fifa\_player data frame which includes Player id, Player, Position, Number, D.O.B','Age, Height (cm), Caps, International goals, Plays in home country?. We have removed duplications for the file in the function. To make the data more suitable for utilization in Neo4j and to avoid challenges with data types later on, we split the 'Date of Birth' into three separate columns: Day, Month, and Year.

```
# Check if the 'Player id' column is unique column
playerid_unique = fifa_player['Player id'].is_unique
print(f"Is 'Player id' column unique? {playerid_unique}")
```

Is 'Player id' column unique? True

```
def player(dataframe):
    Create Player.csv file from the dataframe
    Columns: Player
    Parameters
    dataframe : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the Fifa player data
    Returns
    player table : dataframe
        The player table
    player_table = dataframe[['Player id','Player','Position','Number','D.O.B','Age','Height (cm)','Caps','Internati
    # Split the 'D.O.B' column into separate columns for year, month, and day
    player_table[['Day', 'Month', 'Year']] = player_table['D.O.B'].str.split('.', expand=True)
    # Convert 'Year', 'Month', and 'Day' columns to integers
    player_table[['Day', 'Month', 'Year']] = player_table[['Day', 'Month', 'Year']].astype(int)
    player_table = player_table.dropna().drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True)
    player_table.to_csv('player.csv', index=False)
    return player_table
```

```
■ player.csv ×
player.csv
        Player id, Player, Position, Number, D.O.B, Age, Height (cm), Caps, International goals, Plays in home country?, Day, M
        336722, Alan PULIDO, Forward, 11, 08.03.1991, 23, 176, 5, 4, True, 8, 3, 1991
        368902, Adam TAGGART, Forward, 9, 02.06.1993, 21, 172, 4, 3, True, 2, 6, 1993
        362641, Reza GHOOCHANNEJAD, Forward, 16, 20.09.1987, 26, 181, 13, 9, False, 20, 9, 1987
        314197, NEYMAR, Forward, 10, 05.02.1992, 22, 175, 48, 31, False, 5, 2, 1992
       212306, Didier DROGBA, Forward, 11, 11.03.1978, 36, 180, 100, 61, False, 11, 3, 1978
        229884, David VILLA, Forward, 7, 03.12.1981, 32, 175, 95, 56, True, 3, 12, 1981
       305372, Abel HERNANDEZ, Forward, 8, 08.08.1990, 23, 186, 12, 7, False, 8, 8, 1990
        228599, Javier HERNANDEZ, Forward, 14,01.06.1988, 26,175,61,35, False, 1,6,1988
       300409, Edin DZEKO, Forward, 11, 17.03.1986, 28, 192, 62, 35, False, 17, 3, 1986
        184615, Klaas Jan HUNTELAAR, Forward, 19, 12.08.1983, 30, 187, 61, 34, False, 12, 8, 1983
        271550,Gonzalo HIGUAIN,Forward,9,10.12.1987,26,184,36,20,False,10,12,1987
       227851,Oribe PERALTA,Forward,19,12.01.1984,30,177,27,15,True,12,1,1984
        354859,Islam SLIMANI,Forward,13,18.06.1988,26,188,19,10,False,18,6,1988
       182206,Miroslav KLOSE,Forward,11,09.06.1978,36,182,131,68,False,9,6,1978
       217315, Robin VAN PERSIE, Forward, 9, 06.08.1983, 30, 186, 84, 43, False, 6, 8, 1983
        286278, Shinji OKAZAKI, Forward, 9, 16.04.1986, 28, 174, 75, 38, False, 16, 4, 1986
       270775, Luis SUAREZ, Forward, 9, 24.01.1987, 27, 181, 77, 39, False, 24, 1, 1987
        233952, FRED, Forward, 9, 03.10.1983, 30, 186, 32, 16, True, 3, 10, 1983
       312316, Eric CHOUPO MOTING, Forward, 13, 23.03.1989, 25, 190, 26, 13, False, 23, 3, 1989
       356411, Fabian SCHAER, Defender, 22, 20.12.1991, 22, 186, 6, 3, True, 20, 12, 1991
        338673, Uche NWOFOR, Forward, 19, 17.09.1991, 22, 177, 6, 3, False, 17, 9, 1991
       373224, Rickie LAMBERT, Forward, 18, 16.02.1982, 32, 188, 4, 2, True, 16, 2, 1982
        379894, Miiko ALBORNOZ, Defender, 3, 30.11.1990, 23, 180, 2, 1, False, 30, 11, 1990
        208353, Asamoah GYAN, Forward, 3, 22.11.1985, 28, 186, 77, 38, False, 22, 11, 1985
       296994, El Arabi SOUDANI, Forward, 15, 25.11.1987, 26, 177, 21, 10, False, 25, 11, 1987
       339508, Chris WONDOLOWSKI, Forward, 18, 28.01.1983, 31, 182, 19, 9, True, 28, 1, 1983
       213001, Tim CAHILL, Forward, 4, 06.12.1979, 34, 180, 68, 32, False, 6, 12, 1979
       214384, EDUARDO_1, Forward, 22, 25.02.1983, 31, 177, 62, 29, False, 25, 2, 1983
       170667, Samuel ET00, Forward, 9, 10.03.1981, 33, 181, 117, 54, False, 10, 3, 1981
       271414, Carlo COSTLY, Forward, 13, 18.07.1982, 31, 190, 68, 31, True, 18, 7, 1982
       275096, Yoichiro KAKITANI, Forward, 11, 03, 01, 1990, 24, 177, 11, 5, True, 3, 1, 1990
```

Next, we move on to the relationship tables:

rel\_plays\_for.csv: This file will contain information about the relationship between players and clubs. The columns are included in this table such as Player id and Club, indicating which player plays for which club.

```
def player_club(dataframe, club_table):
    Create Player_Club.csv file from the dataframe
    Columns: Player id, ClubID
    Parameters
    dataframe : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the player data
    club table : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the club data
   Returns
    player club : dataframe
        The player_club table
    player_club = dataframe.merge(club_table, how='left')
    player_club = player_club[['Player id', 'Club']]
    player_club.to_csv(
        'rel_plays_for.csv', columns=['Player id', 'Club'], header=True, index=False, sep=',')
    return player_club
```

```
# rel_plays_for.csv ×
rel_plays_for.csv
       Player id, Club
       336722, Tigres UANL
       368902, Newcastle United Jets FC
       362641, Charlton Athletic FC
       314197,FC Barcelona
       212306, Galatasaray SK
       229884, Atletico Madrid
       305372,US Citta di Palermo
       228599, Manchester United FC
       300409, Manchester City FC
 10
       184615,FC Schalke 04
 11
       271550,SSC Napoli
 12
       227851, Club Santos Laguna
 13
       354859, Sporting CP
 14
       182206,SS Lazio
 15
       217315, Manchester United FC
 16
       286278,FSV Mainz 05
 17
       270775, Liverpool FC
 18
       233952, Fluminense FC
 19
       312316,FSV Mainz 05
 20
       356411,FC Basel
 21
 22
       338673,SC Heerenveen
 23
       373224, Southampton FC
       379894, Malmo FF
 24
       208353,Al Ain FC
 26
       296994, GNK Dinamo Zagreb
 27
       339508, San Jose Earthquakes
 28
       213001, New York Red Bulls
```

\* rel\_represents.csv: This file will contain information about the relationship between players and countries. The country represents the national team of the player. It could include columns such as Player id and Country.

```
def player country(dataframe, country table):
    Create Player_Country.csv file from the dataframe
    Columns: Player id, CountryID
    Parameters
    dataframe : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the player data
    country table : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the country data
    Returns
    player_country : dataframe
        The player_country table
    player_country = dataframe.merge(country_table, how='left')
    player_country = player_country[['Player_id', 'Country']]
   player country to csv(
        'rel_represents.csv', columns=['Player id', 'Country'], header=True, index=False, sep=',')
    return player_country
```

```
rel_represents.csv
      Player id, Country
      336722, Mexico
      368902,Australia
      362641,Iran
      314197, Brazil
      212306, Ivory Coast
      229884,Spain
      305372, Uruguay
      228599, Mexico
      300409, Bosnia & Herzegovina
      184615, Netherlands
11
      271550, Argentina
12
      227851, Mexico
13
      354859, Algeria
      182206, Germany
      217315, Netherlands
17
      286278, Japan
      270775, Uruguay
      233952, Brazil
      312316, Cameroon
      356411, Switzerland
21
22
      338673, Nigeria
23
      373224, England
      379894,Chile
      208353,Ghana
25
      296994, Algeria
      339508,USA
      213001, Australia
```

■ rel\_represents.csv ×

rel\_based\_in.csv: This file will contain information about the relationship between clubs and the countries of the clubs they are based in. It could include columns such as ClubID and Club (country), indicating which club is based in which country. We have removed duplications for the file in the function.

```
■ rel_based_in.csv ×
def club_clubcountry(dataframe, clubcountry_table, club_table):
                                                                                                                    rel_based_in.csv
    Create Player_Country.csv file from the dataframe
    Columns: Player id, CountryID
                                                                                                                           Club ID, Club (country)
                                                                                                                           1,Mexico
    Parameters
                                                                                                                           2, Australia
    dataframe : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the player data
                                                                                                                           3, England
    country_table : dataframe
        The dataframe that contains the country data
                                                                                                                           4,Spain
                                                                                                                           5, Turkey
    Returns
                                                                                                                           6,Spain
    player_country : dataframe
                                                                                                                           7,Italy
        The player_country table
                                                                                                                           8, England
    club_clubcountry = dataframe.merge(club_table, how='left')
                                                                                                                           9, England
    club clubcountry = dataframe.merge(clubcountry table, how='left')
    club_clubcountry = club_clubcountry[['Club ID', 'Club (country)']]
                                                                                                                     11
                                                                                                                           10, Germany
    club_clubcountry = club_clubcountry.dropna().drop_duplicates().reset_index(drop=True) #remove duplicate rows
                                                                                                                     12
                                                                                                                           11, Italy
    club_clubcountry.to_csv(
        'rel_based_in.csv', columns=['Club ID', 'Club (country)'], header=True, index=False, sep=',')
                                                                                                                           12.Mexico
    return club clubcountry
```

# 4. Create Graph Database and Data Loading

# 4.1 Create Graph Database and import CSVs

In Neo4j Desktop, we will create a DBMS and start to activate the database. We then put all the CSV files as proceeded to the Neo4j import folder and click 'Open' for the Neo4j browser shown in Figure 3.2a-c as follows.

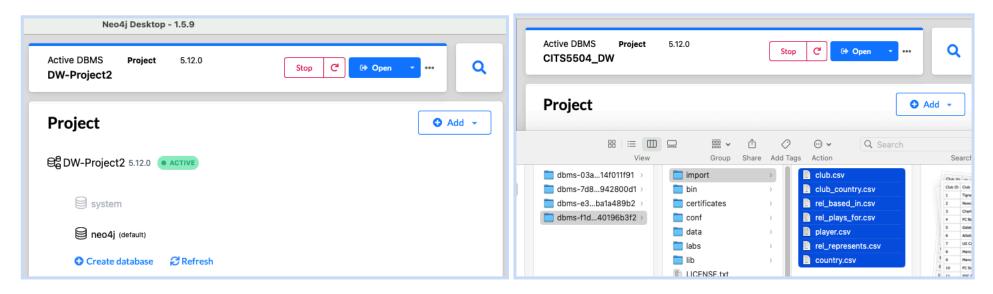


Figure 4.1a. Create Graph database DW-Project2 on Neo4j

Figure 4.1b. Put CSVs into Neo4j import folder

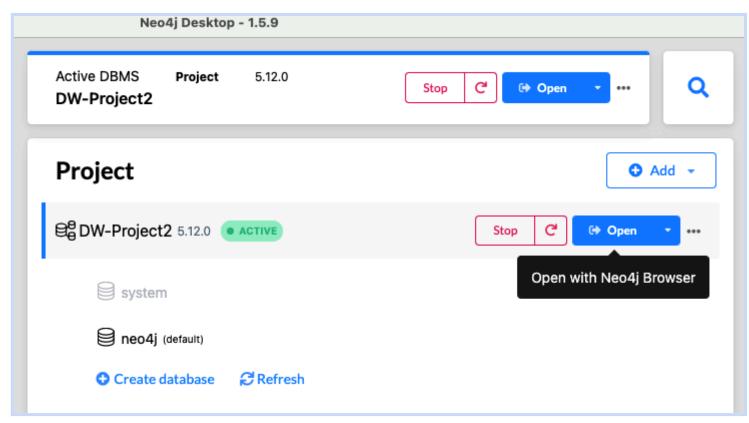


Figure 4.1c. Click open with Neo4j Browser

Refer to Import\_data.txt file, it shows all the codes that we use to load node tables and relationship tables.

❖ 4.11 Load Node Tables

```
1 //LOAD NODE TABLES
2 //Load player.csv file
3 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///player.csv' AS row
   CREATE (p:Player {
       playerID: TOINTEGER(row. Player id),
5
       player: row.Player,
7
       position: row.Position,
8
       number: row.Number,
       DOB: row. D.O.B,
9
       day: row.Day,
10
       month: row.Month,
11
12
       year: row.Year,
```

```
age: TOINTEGER(row.Age),
13
        height: TOINTEGER(row. `Height (cm)`),
14
15
        caps: TOINTEGER(row.Caps),
        internationalGoals: TOINTEGER(row. International
    goals`),
        playsInHomeCountry: CASE row. Plays in home
    country?`
                                 WHEN 'True' THEN true
18
    convert to boolean datatype
19
                                 WHEN 'False' THEN false
20
                                 ELSE NULL END
21 1)
      Added 736 labels, created 736 nodes, set 8832 properties, completed after 1955 ms.
```

Figure 3.2d. Create Player node

```
1 //Load club.csv file
2 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///club.csv' AS row
3 CREATE (cl:Club {
4 clubID: TOINTEGER(row.`Club ID`),
5 club: row.Club
6 })

Added 297 labels, created 297 nodes, set 594 properties, completed after 330 ms.
```

Figure 3.2e. Creat Club node

```
1 //Load club_country.csv file
2 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///club_country.csv'
AS row
3 CREATE (cc:ClubCountry {
4 | clubCountryID: toInteger(row.`Club Country ID`),
5 | `club_country`: row.`Club (country)`
6 })

Added 51 labels, created 51 nodes, set 102 properties, completed after 85 ms.
```

Figure 3.2f. Create ClubCountry node

```
1 //Load country.csv file
2 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///country.csv' AS row
3 CREATE (nation:Country {
4 | countryID: toInteger(row.`Country ID`),
5 | country: row.Country
6 })

Added 32 labels, created 32 nodes, set 64 properties, completed after 85 ms.
```

Figure 3.2g. Create Country node

### 4.12 Load Relationship Tables

```
1 //LOAD RELATIONSHIP TABLES
2 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///rel_based_in.csv'
AS row
3 MATCH (cl:Club {clubID: toInteger(row.`Club ID`)})
4 MATCH (cc:ClubCountry {club_country: row.`Club (country)`})
5 CREATE (cl)-[:BASED_IN]→[cc]]

Created 297 relationships, completed after 915 ms.
```

### Figure created BASED\_IN relationship

```
1 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///rel_represents.csv'
AS row
2 MATCH (p:Player {playerID: toInteger(row.`Player id`)})
3 MATCH (nation:Country {country: row.Country})
4 CREATE (p)-[:REPRESENTS]→(nation)

Created 736 relationships, completed after 841 ms.
```

### Figure create relationship 'REPRESENTS'

```
1 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///rel_plays_for.csv'
AS row
2 MATCH (p:Player {playerID: toInteger(row.`Player id`)})
3 MATCH (cl:Club {club: row.`Club`})
4 CREATE (p)-[:PLAYS_FOR]→[cl])

Created 736 relationships, completed after 1070 ms.
```

Figure created relationship 'PLAYS\_FOR'

# 4.2 Created Nodes and Properties



Figure 3.3: created nodes and relationships

	1
NODE/RELATIONSHIP	COUNT
Club	297
ClubCountry	51
Country	32
Player	736
Node subtotal	1116
BASED_IN	297
PLAYS_FOR	736
REPRESENTS	736
Relationship subtotal	1769

# 5.Queries

# 5.1 Required Queries

1. What is the jersy number of the player with <a specific

player id>?

Figure query 1. What is the jersy number of the player with playerID: 229397?

2. Which clubs are based in <a specific country>?



Figure query 2. Which clubs are based in Australia?

3. Which club does <a specific player> play for?



Figure query 3. Which club does Lionel MESSI play for?

4. How old is <a specific player>?

MATCH (p:Player {player: 'Lionel MESSI'})

RETURN p.age AS age

1 MATCH (p:Player {player: 'Lionel MESSI'})
2 RETURN p.age AS age

age

age

1 age

Figure query 4. How old is Lionel MESSI?

5. In which country is the club that <a specific player> plays for?



Figure query 5. In which country is the club that Lionel MESSI plays for?

6. Find a club that has players from <a specific country>.

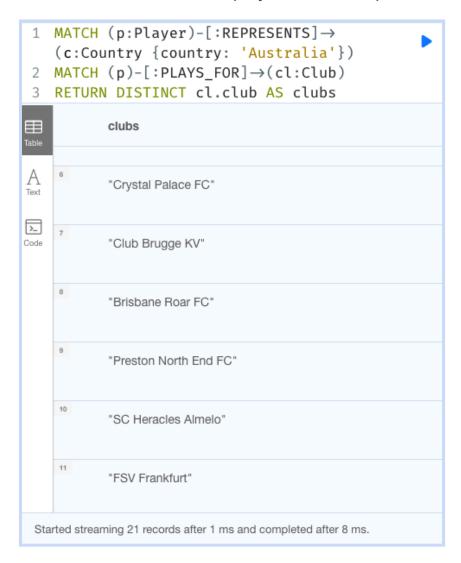


Figure query 6. A club that has players from Australia

7. Find all players play at <a specific club>, returning in ascending orders of age.

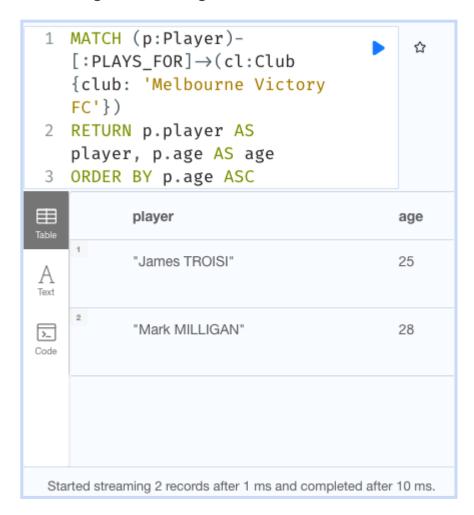


Figure query 7. Find all players play at Melbourne Victory FC, returning in ascending orders of age

8. Find all <a specific position> players in the national team of <a specific country>, returning in descending order of caps.

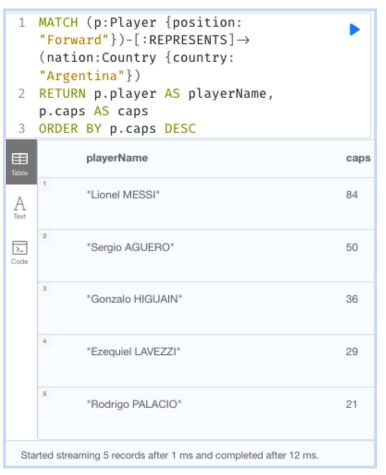


Figure query 8. Find all Forward players in the national team of Argentina, returning in descending order of caps.

9. Find all players born in <a specific year> and in national team of <a specific country>, returning in descending order of caps.



Figure query 9. Find all players born in 1987 and in the national team of Argentina, returning in descending order of caps.

10. Find the players that belongs to the same club in national team of <a specific country>, returning in descending order of international goals.



Figure query 10. Find the players that belongs to the same club in national team of Argentina, returning in descending order of international goals.

11. Count how many players are born in <a specific year>.

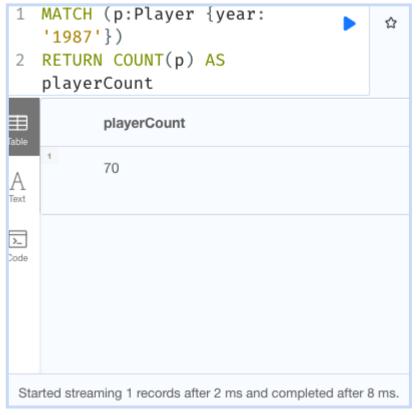


Figure query 11. Count how many players were born in 1987.

12. Which age has the highest participation in the 2014 FIFA World Cup?



Figure query 12. Which age has the highest participation in the 2014 FIFA World Cup?

13. Find the path with a length of 2 or 3 between <two specific clubs>.

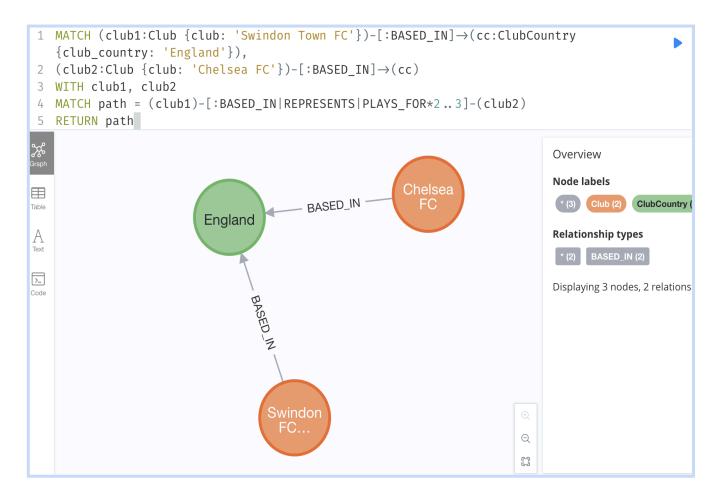


Figure query 13. The path with a length of 2 between two specific clubs

14. Find the top 5 countries with players who have the highest average number of international goals. Return the countries and their average international goals in descending order.

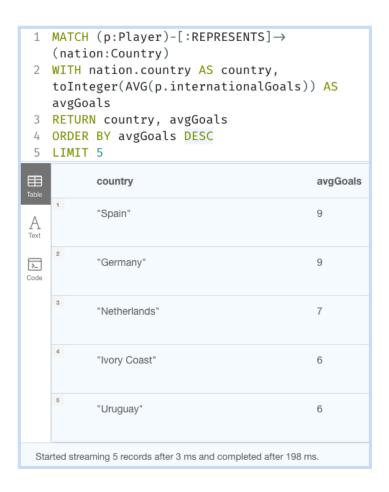


Figure query 14. Top 5 countries with players have highest average number of international goals

15. (CITS5504 only) Identify pairs of players from the same national team who play in different positions but have the closest number of caps. Return these pairs along with their positions and the difference in caps.

Figure query 15 assumption 1-2: Identify pairs of players from the same national team who play in different positions but have the closest number of caps. Return these pairs along with their positions and the difference in caps

\* Assumption 1: We assume that the closest number of caps is 0 which means the players have the same number of caps.

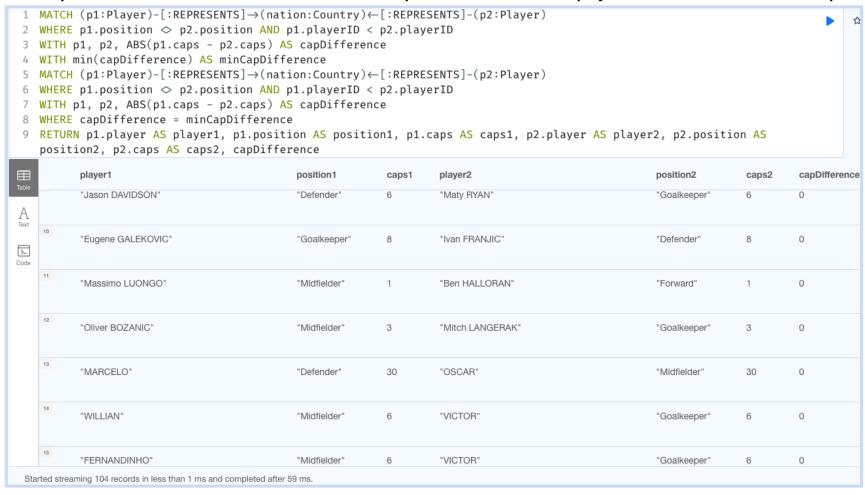


Figure query 15: assumption 1

# \* Assumption 2: In the case that the closest number of caps is 1, which is the minimum difference of caps of the two players in the same national team when they have a different number of caps.



Figure query 15: assumption 2

# 5.2 Self-designed queries

Query 16.1 Find the player with the highest number of caps in Australia

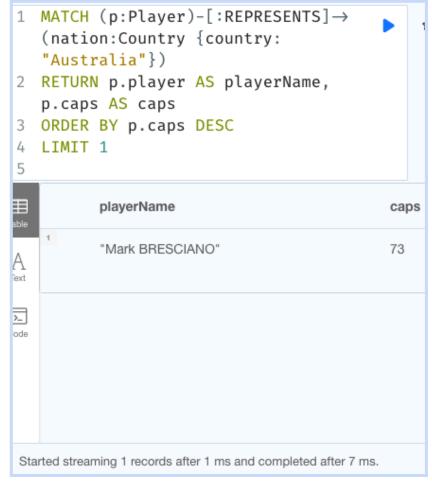


Figure Query 16.1. Find the player with the highest number of caps in Australia

Query 16.2 List all players who play for clubs in their home country.



Figure Query 16.2 List all players who play for clubs in their home country.

Query 16.3: Find the average height of players in each national team, returning in descending order of average height

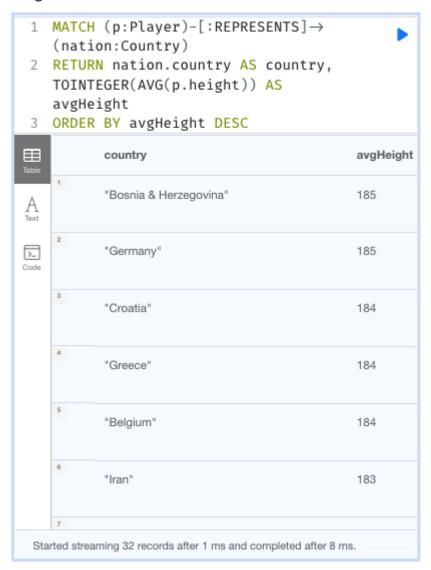


Figure Query 16.3. Find the average height of players in each national team, returning in descending order of average height

### 6. Discussion

# 6.1 Capability of Graph Databases Compared to Relational Databases

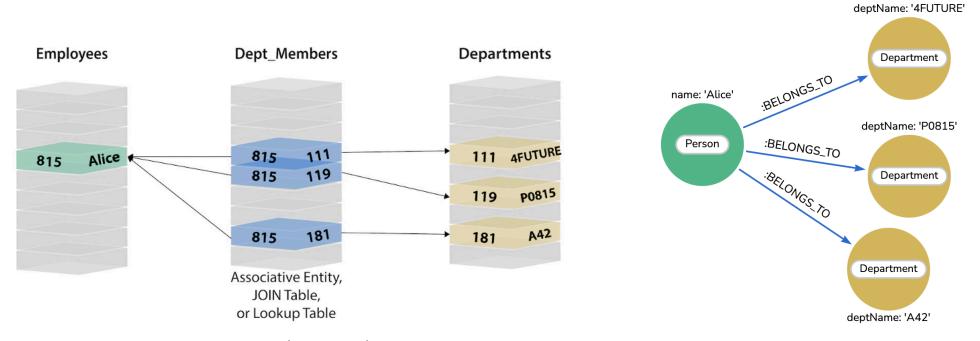


Figure 6.1a. Relational database model (Neo4j, n.d.)

Figure 6.1b. Graph database model (Neo4j, n.d.)

There are pros and cons when using relational database models or graph database models. However, the transition from traditional relational database to graph database delivers key achievements which would be challenges and not feasible in the traditional model such as flexibility, simplicity, agility and particularity.

\* Flexibility in relationship modeling and simplicity: In graph databases, it offers benefits from data integration and data linkage due to its flexible relationship modeling capability. It allows the users to create node tables and relationship tables to connect between entities with

explicit representation relationships in the model. This makes it more feasible and easier in a complex-interaction relationship database especially in the large dataset. Refer to Figure 5.1a, in the traditional relational database model, we have the person Alice with ID '815' in the Employees table JOIN with Dept\_Members table which has three rows matching with the search for the employee ID '815', then we can locate the department of this employee. In the graph database, we can retrieve the department of the Person named 'Alice' with the 'BELONGS\_TO' relationship which is more direct and simplifier (Neo4j, n.d.). Regarding many-to-many relationships, retrieving multiple JOIN tables with tangled relationships in the relational database, it would create complexity and unscalability as graph database modeling can scale up and down as required. The graph-based management implies straightforward relationships in properties, which enables simpler queries.

- \* Storage and handling large datasets: In the era of thriving rapid technology landscapes, handling large datasets for high performance of analytics is an ideal in mastering challenges posed by big data. The large dataset in regards of complexity and size, creating confrontation with outdated relational database management in processing large datasets as large datasets are non-relational or unstructured rising significant challenges when dealing with these semi-structured large datasets (Sivarajah et al., 2017). Neo4j employs compressed storage that increases more space for disk and maintains data storage efficient performance. A research found that there are 13.4% reduction in disk space and 30% improvement efficiency in retrieving by conducting to regulate the Neo4j database compared to the methods of relational database on oilfield ontology evaluation (Gong et al., 2018). Graph-database management is now widely approached by large-scale data enterprises such as software, telecommunication and internet companies (Marzi, 2012).
- Agility and adaptability: Speed and adaptability are one of the key advantages for graph-based management which can be challenges in the relational database. It allows for adaptation to data modification and addition, in which a new relationship is added to the existing structure consistently without long processing steps such as in the traditional model. RDBMS delivers slow and long-consumed time for redesigning the schema that obstructs software development processes and impedes scale and innovation efficiently, whereas the graph database model is pacing in delivering dynamic modern applications and business requirements with its ability to change (Packer, 2021).
- Insurance fraud detection: With regards to the ability of high interconnected data efficiency, graph-based database management does better than relational databases in supporting detection of anomalies and making the information system responsive in insurance companies (Graph tech, 2023). Anti-fraud investigators normally rely on automation tools when investigating clues and connections from various sources, therefore, with the automation system can deliver faster way for detection, which traditional rules-based systems produces false positive detection (Linkurious, 2022)

❖ **Network system optimisation:** The graph database can do well in network resource management optimisation as its automatic and direct relationship in connecting data, which supports in supply chain industry, chemical engineering, energy systems and other industries that required high quality in network system management, while relational databases takes longer time consuming in visualising topology (Graph tech, 2023).

### 6.2 How Graph Data Science Applied to Practical Application

- \* Revolutionising in Healthcare: The application of Graph Data Science (GDS) emerges in the healthcare industry in efficiency of drug discoveries and patient journey improvement. Based on the graph storage-efficient ability, it can store information spanning over 50 years including genes, compounds, diseases, symptoms and side effects which concrete strong data source foundation for researchers delve into new drug predictions by evaluating relationships, network structures, and similarities within graph database to advocate potential implementation of existing drugs (Tech First, 2020). Moreover, GDS contributes to the improvement of the patient pathway in chronic or serious illness treatments in which these treatments usually make progress over a period of time as such researchers and healthcare providers deploy graph-based systems to have understanding what would influence patients through observing mapped graphs to sequence alternatives and path splits after visits (Tech First, 2020).
- Strengthening in cybersecurity: Nowadays, cyber threats are posing significant risks and harms to not only businesses but also individuals. GDS enhances to detect and mitigate threats of cyber by analysing patterns and anomalies in the graph system through visualisation of graph topology, which can prevent cyber attacks and protect confidential data (Hong, 2023). The graph database inscribes what are restrictions of traditional relational databases resembling scalability and rigidity schema concerns, thus Cypher Query Language and Neo4j graph play an important role in developing cybersecurity practices by enforcing access controls and facilitating data encryption (Bhalekar et al., 2024). Therefore, graph-based management is also widely used in finance institutions and insurance companies where fraud detection is a priority pose for the business.

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