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- **Dynamic TreeView**
- **Approaches to provide TreeData dynamically**
- **Fundamentals of Graph Theory**
- **Server Sided Java-Frameworks to handle Graphs**
- **JGraphT**



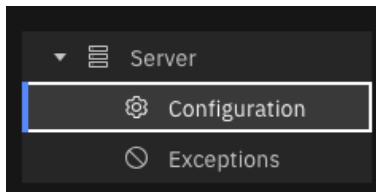
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Static TreeView



```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

import { TreeView, TreeNode } from '@carbon/react';
import { BareMetalServer, Settings, Error } from '@carbon/icons-react';
```

```
render() {

  ...

  <TreeView
    label=""
    onSelect={() => { }}
  >
    <TreeNode
      id="1"
      label="Server"
      value=""
      isExpanded={true}
      renderIcon={BareMetalServer}>

      <TreeNode
        id="1-1"
        label="Configuration"
        value=""
        renderIcon={Settings}
        onSelect={this.toggleUi.bind(this, 'config')}
      />

      <TreeNode
        id="1-2"
        label="Exceptions"
        value=""
        renderIcon={Error}
        onSelect={this.toggleUi.bind(this, 'exceptions')}
      />

    </TreeNode>

  </TreeView>
```



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Reasons for Dynamic

- **Data displayed in the TreeView is not known at the time of UI programming** but is provided externally (e.g. via REST-Endpoint).

The following illustration shows **various tree structure** – typical examples:

- *Company Organization*
- *Hierarchical bill of materials for a product* (similar to an exploded view)
- Directory Tree (directories, subdirectories, files)



IBM Carbon's TreeView - A look ahead to dynamic behavior

The TreeView expects the following data structure ... this can be populated via JSON in an easy way:

```
type TypeTreeNode = {  
  id: string;  
  label: string;  
  children?: TreeNode[];  
};  
  
type TypeTreeNodeList = TypeTreeNode[]
```

```
function captureTreeContentExample()  
{  
  let data = [  
  
    {  
      id: "1",  
      label: "First Node",  
      children: [  
        { id: "1-1", label: "Child 1"},  
        { id: "1-2", label: "Child 2"},  
      ],  
    },  
  
    {  
      id: "2",  
      label: "Second Node",  
    },  
  
  ];  
  return data;  
}
```

Dilemma:

- It is not the task of a backend implementation (e.g. REST endpoint) to meet all the specific requirements of a front end.
- There may be many front ends on different end devices with different requirements.



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Take a look at the example:



Tree (via Java Script filled)



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Example: Directory Tree

```
.
├── explain_packages
│   ├── EXAMPLE_TREE
│   │   └── placeholder.txt
│   ├── EXAMPLE_TREE_BACKEND_FILLED_1
│   │   └── placeholder.txt
│   ├── EXAMPLE_TREE_BACKEND_FILLED_2
│   │   └── placeholder.txt
│   └── EXAMPLE_TREE_SELF_FILLED
│       └── placeholder.txt
└── i18n
    └── locales
        ├── de
        │   └── translation.properties
        └── en
            └── translation.properties
```



Dynamic Tree-Data – Approach 2: Tree-Data is List with hierarchical Information



Example: Content of a relational Database

A-Z file	A-Z mimetype
2001:db8:85a3:0:0:8a2e:370:7334.txt	text/plain
Test2.zip_unzip/Test2/FolderA1/Datei3-FolderA1.txt	text/plain
Test2.zip_unzip/Test2/FolderA1/FolderA2/Datei3-FolderA2.txt	text/plain
Test2.zip_unzip/Test2/FolderA1/FolderA2/FolderA3/Datei3-FolderA3.txt	text/plain
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Dynamic Tree-Data – Approaches

Approach 1

REST-Client (Java Script)



REST-Endpoint (Java)
delivers Tree (direct)



Approach 2

REST-Client (Java Script)



REST-Endpoint (Java)
delivers Tree



Transformer (Java)



Java reads Source: List
with Hierarchy – Information



Other Approach

Transformer (JavaScript)



REST-Client (Java Script)



REST-Endpoint delivers List
with Hierarchy – Information





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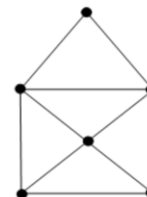
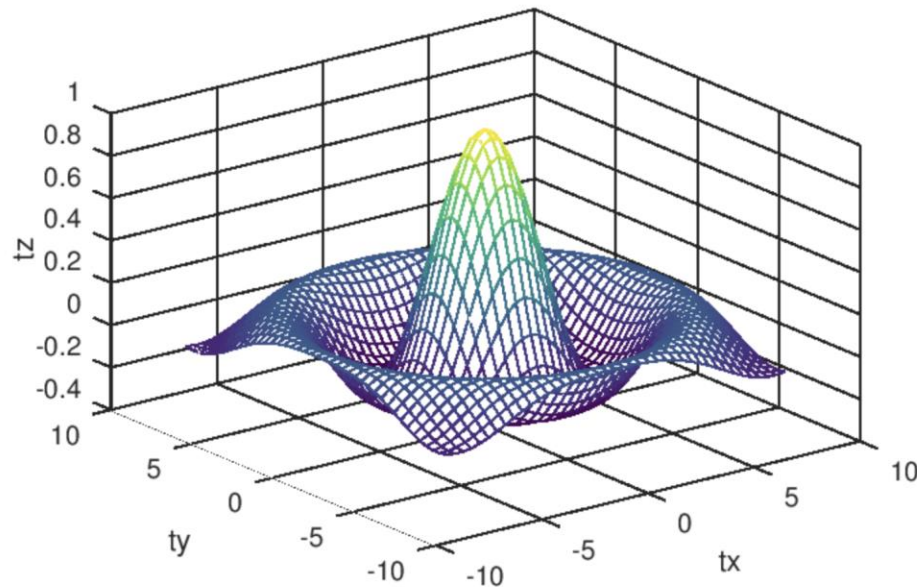
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What is a Graph

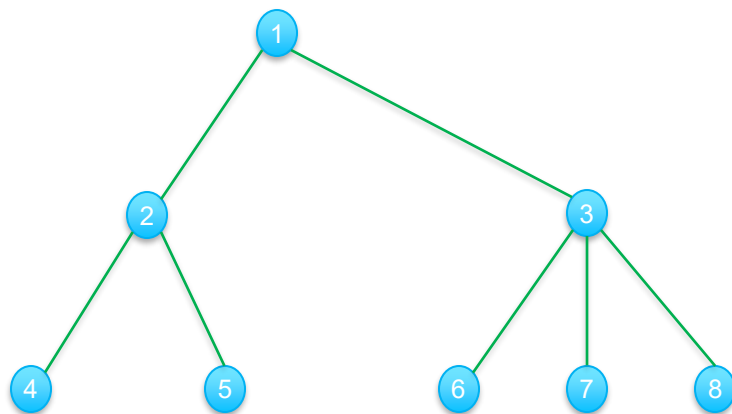



Any object consisting of **Nodes** and connections (= **Edges**)





How to understand a Tree as Graph



Node with an ID 

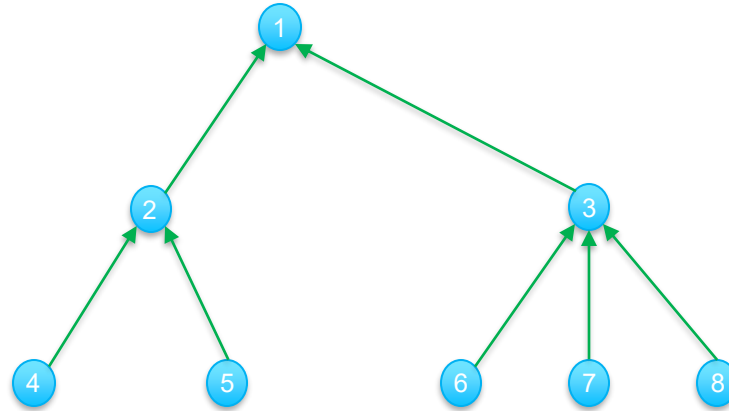
Edge 



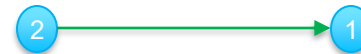
A Tree is a directed Graph



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A directed Edge



... points from one Node (2) to another Node (1)

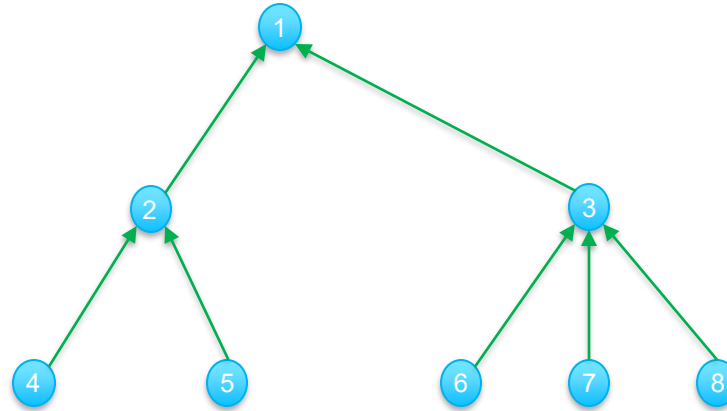
... **ParentID** of (2) is (1)



A Node within a Tree can have Children[]



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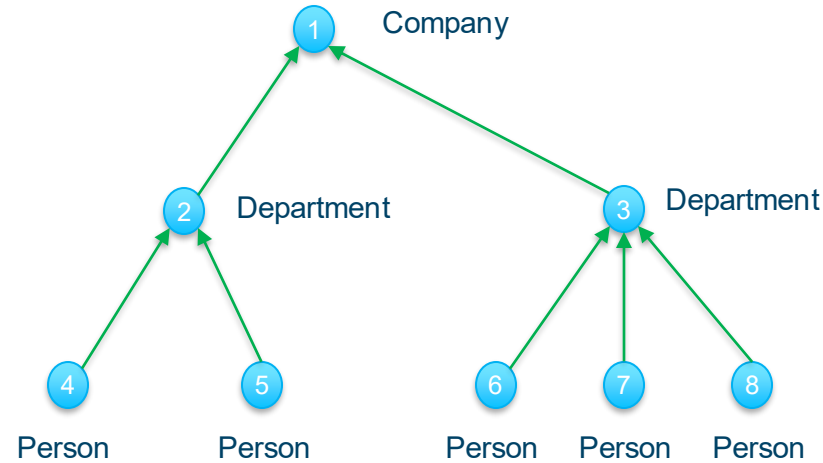
1 children[] : 2 3
2 children[] : 4 5
3 children[] : 6 7 8



Typically a Node within a Tree represents Objects of normal Life

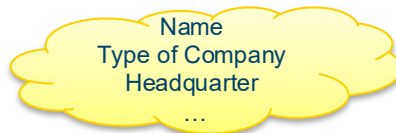


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What helps: Each Objekt is defined by Attributes (we say: [Payload](#))

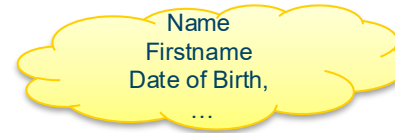
Company



Department



Person



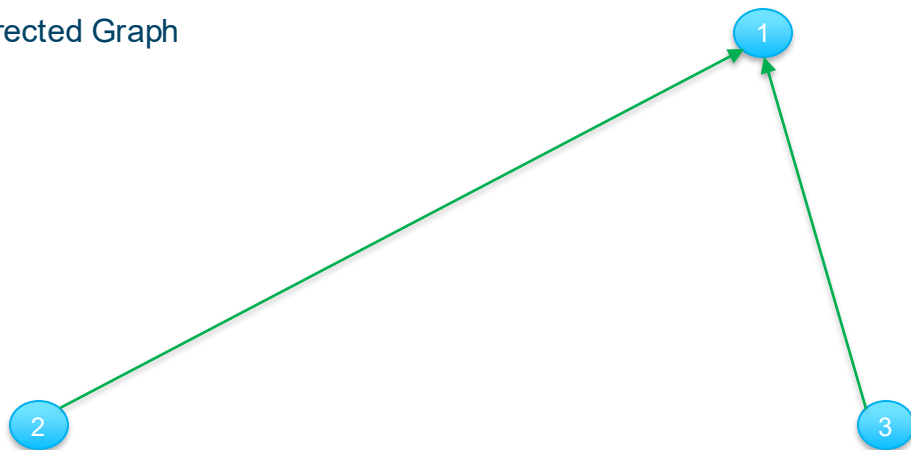


A Tree as Graph - Summary



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Directed Graph

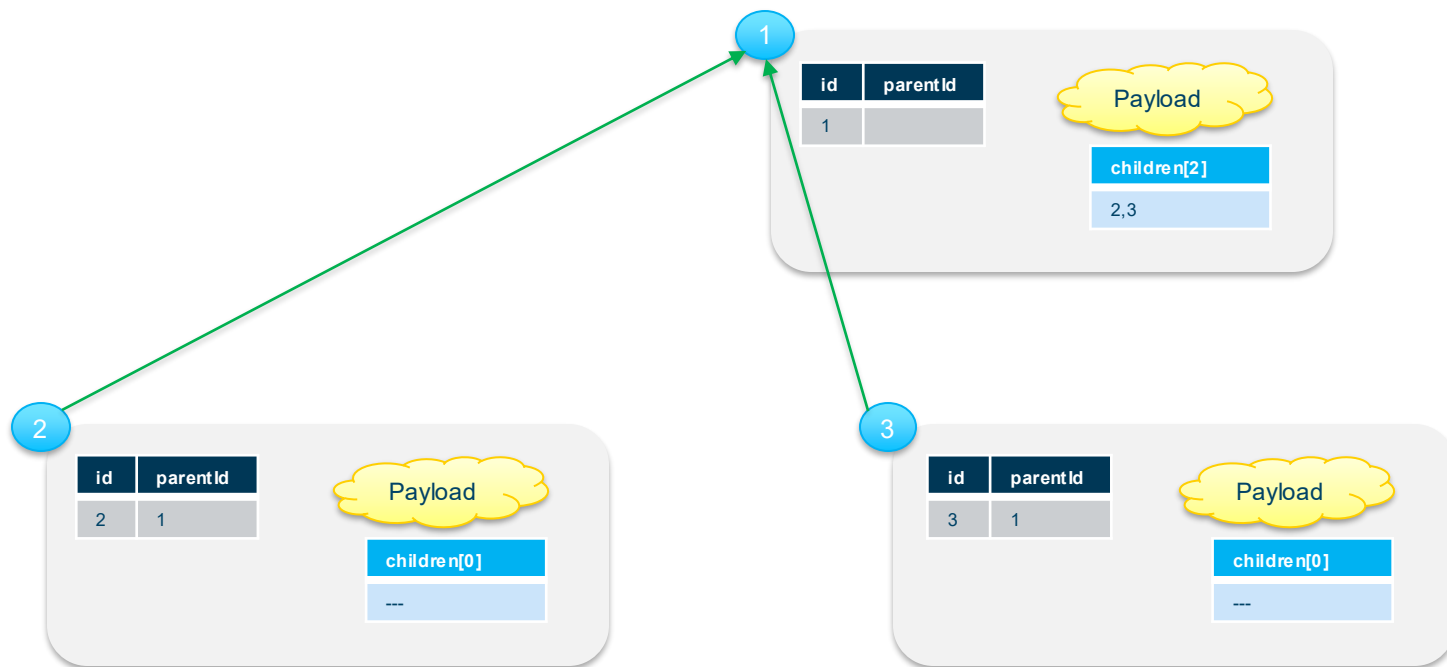




A Tree as Graph – Helpful Attributes



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ChatGPT:

Core Java Graph Libraries

JGraphT

A robust and widely-used library offering a rich collection of graph types and advanced algorithms (shortest paths, spanning trees, matching, flows, subgraph isomorphism, NP-hard approximations, and more) [arXiv](#) . Excellent for general-purpose graph algorithm work with well-documented APIs.

JUNG (Java Universal Network/Graph Framework)

Focused on network analysis and visualization, JUNG supports a variety of graph types, offers layout algorithms, centrality measures, clustering, and interactive exploration tools [Wikipedia](#) . Note: Its latest stable release was in 2016; a preview exists from 2020 [Wikipedia](#) .

Graph4J

A newer Java graph library focusing on performance and memory efficiency, using primitive arrays rather than object-based structures, excelling in speed and low memory overhead [arXiv](#) .

...

License Experience

EPL

LGPL

OK

BSD

Not so easy

GPL

difficult



Selected: JGraphT

- Is established in the market (actively maintained and frequently used)
- Helps on particular Topics, to avoid a lot of manual work
 - Avoid Loops in Trees
 - Avoid unclean trees (e.g., 1 node with multiple parents)
- No License Issues
- Is flexible to handle own Java Data Structure

=> Therefore: JGraphT was selected



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- **JGraphT (Results asking Ai)**



Flexible Graph Modeling

- **Generic types for vertices and edges:** JGraphT lets you use *any Java object*—strings, URLs, XML documents, or even other graphs—for vertices and edges, with type safety provided by generics.

[jgrapht.org](#) [Open Hub](#)

- **Wide range of graph structures:**
 - Directed and undirected
 - Weighted and unweighted
 - Simple graphs, multigraphs, pseudographs [jgrapht.org](#) [java-source.net](#)
- **Advanced graph variants:**
 - **Unmodifiable graphs** for safe, read-only usage
 - **Listenable graphs** that allow external monitoring of graph changes
 - **Live subgraph views**, adapters for combining and converting graphs (e.g., treating a directed graph as undirected) [jgrapht.org](#)

Algorithmic Power

- **Rich traversal support:** DFS, BFS, along with specialized iterators [jgrapht.org](#)
- **Extensive algorithm library**, including:
 - Path finding (e.g., shortest paths)
 - Clique detection, graph isomorphism
 - Coloring, cycle detection, connectivity
 - Matching, flows, cuts, centrality measures
 - NP-hard problem approximations (e.g., independent set, traveling salesman)
 - Exotic algorithms like Berge graph detection [jgrapht.org](#) [Eindhoven Tech Research Portal](#)
- **Importers and Exporters:** Support for formats like GraphViz, GraphML, adjacency lists/matrices, plus adapters for integration with libraries like JGraphX and Guava [jgrapht.org](#) [coe.psu.ac.th](#)

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Has JGraphT classes for Nodes and Trees

You're asking whether JGraphT includes dedicated "Node" and "Tree" classes. It doesn't have generic classes named Node or Tree, but it does offer a range of **graph, tree-specific algorithms**, and **utility node containers**.

...

Summary Table

Concept	JGraphT Support
Generic <code>Node</code> class	<u>None — vertices are user-defined objects</u>
Generic <code>Tree</code> class	<u>None — but many tree-specific algorithms and data structures</u>

JGraphT's Vocabulary:

Vertex & Edge



JGraphT – Example for an Undirected Graph



```
import org.jgrapht.*;
import org.jgrapht.graph.*;

public class ExampleUndirectedGraph {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Graph<String, DefaultEdge> g = new SimpleGraph<>(DefaultEdge.class);

        g.addVertex("A");
        g.addVertex("B");
        g.addVertex("C");

        g.addEdge("A", "B");
        g.addEdge("B", "C");
        g.addEdge("C", "A");

        System.out.println(g);
    }
}
```

JGraphT's Vocabulary:

Vertex & Edge



Simplest class to implement a Vertex in JGraphT



In **JGraphT**, vertices can be *any* Java object — so you can make a simple class for them like this:

```
java                                                                    Copy Edit

public class Vertex {
    private String id;
    private String label;

    public Vertex(String id, String label) {
        this.id = id;
        this.label = label;
    }

    public String getId() { return id; }
    public String getLabel() { return label; }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return label; // How it will appear when printing the graph
    }

    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        if (this == o) return true;
        if (!(o instanceof Vertex)) return false;
        Vertex v = (Vertex) o;
        return id.equals(v.id);
    }

    @Override
    public int hashCode() {
        return id.hashCode();
    }
}
```

Example usage with JGraphT:

```
java                                                                    Copy Edit

Graph<Vertex, DefaultEdge> g = new SimpleGraph<>(DefaultEdge.class);
Vertex v1 = new Vertex("1", "A");
Vertex v2 = new Vertex("2", "B");
g.addVertex(v1);
g.addVertex(v2);
g.addEdge(v1, v2);
System.out.println(g);
```

Key points for JGraphT vertices:

- `equals` and `hashCode` must be consistent — graphs use these to identify vertices.
- `toString()` controls how vertices appear in console output.
- You can store extra data (like coordinates, weights, etc.) as fields.

You will see this in our Example Packages:

- ▼ common.utils.jgrapht.pojo
 - > PojoJGraphtTreeNode.java
 - > **PojoJGraphtVertex.java**
 - > PojoPayloadAbstract.java
 - > PojoPayloadUiControl.java



There are **no widely-used, standalone libraries that are built on top of JGraphT specifically to handle trees**, but there are a few directions worth exploring:

✓ 1. Libraries or Tools Using JGraphT Internally

Some projects use JGraphT internally and may provide tree utilities as part of their domain-specific features. However, these are usually:

- Not general-purpose tree libraries

✓ 2. JGraphT + Tree Abstractions (DIY / Helper Wrappers)

Because of JGraphT's flexibility, many developers write their own lightweight wrapper or utility layer on top of `DirectedGraph` or `DirectedAcyclicGraph` to enforce tree semantics.

You can create:

- A `TreeNode` wrapper around vertices
- A helper class that tracks parent/child relationships
- Traversal and structural validation methods

There are GitHub projects and blog posts with such helpers, but again, not formal libraries.



We do so in our [Example Packages](#)



Remember: Our Approaches

Approach 1

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Approach 2

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Transformer (Java)



Java reads Source: List
with Hierarchy – Information

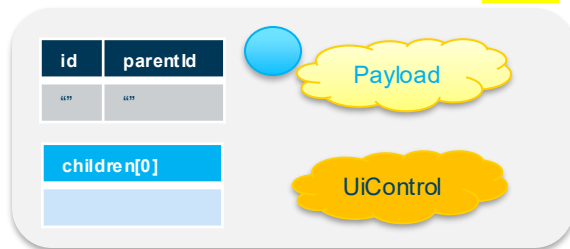


Technical Requirement: Consistency of Result (independent from Approach)

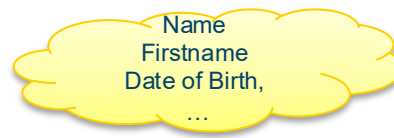
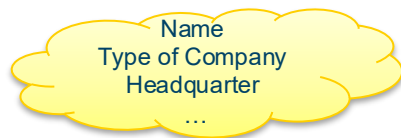


Central Object

Vertex



Types of Payload



UiControl





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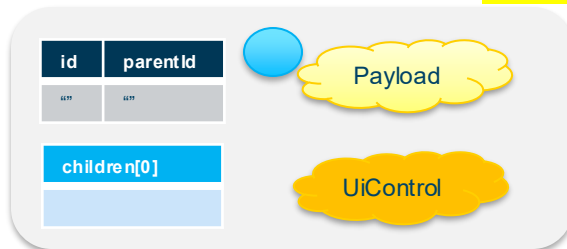




Approach 1: Recursion

// Handle Root

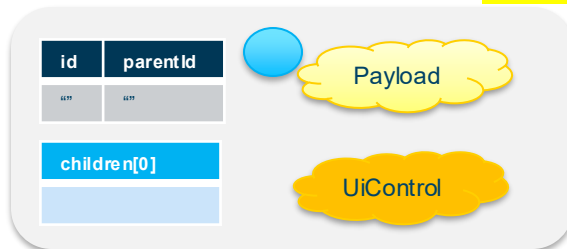
Root Vertex





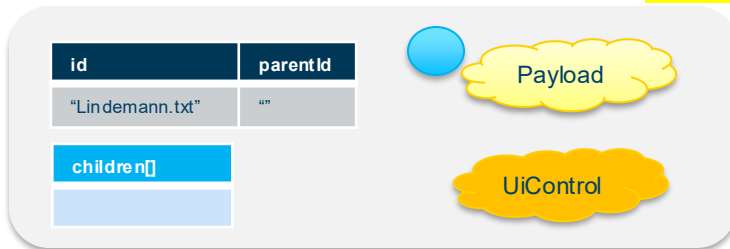
Approach 1: Recursion

Root Vertex



// Handle Child

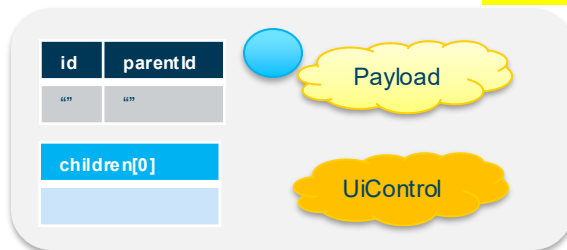
Child Vertex





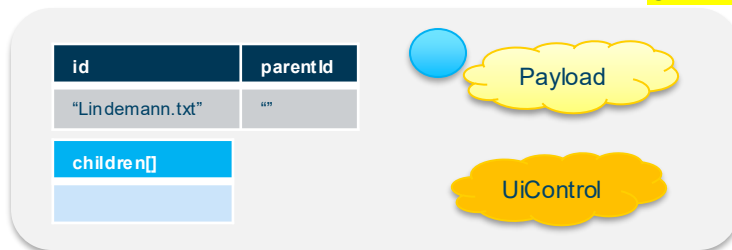
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Root Vertex



// Hierarchy
Handling

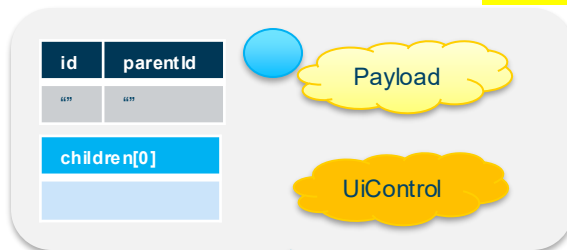
Child Vertex





Approach 1: Recursion

Root Vertex



Edge (Child => Parent)



Child Vertex

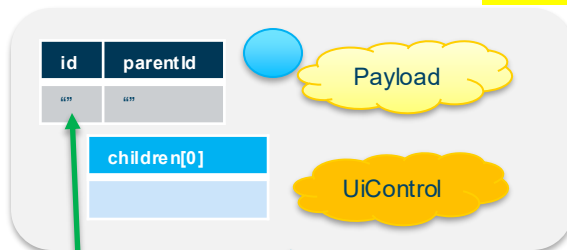


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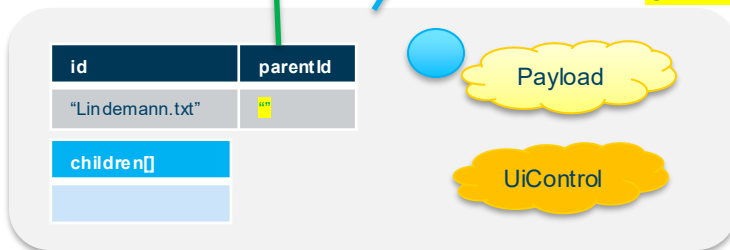


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Root Vertex



Child Vertex

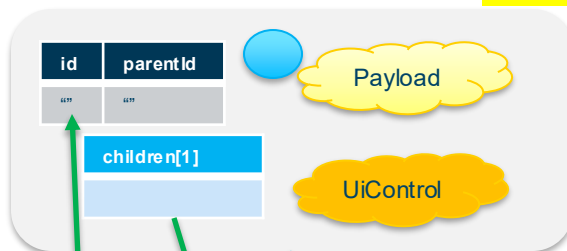


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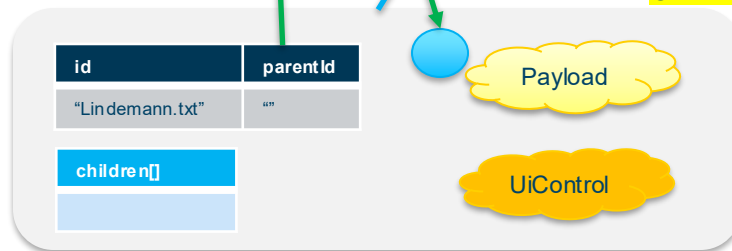


Approach 1: Recursion

Root Vertex



Child Vertex

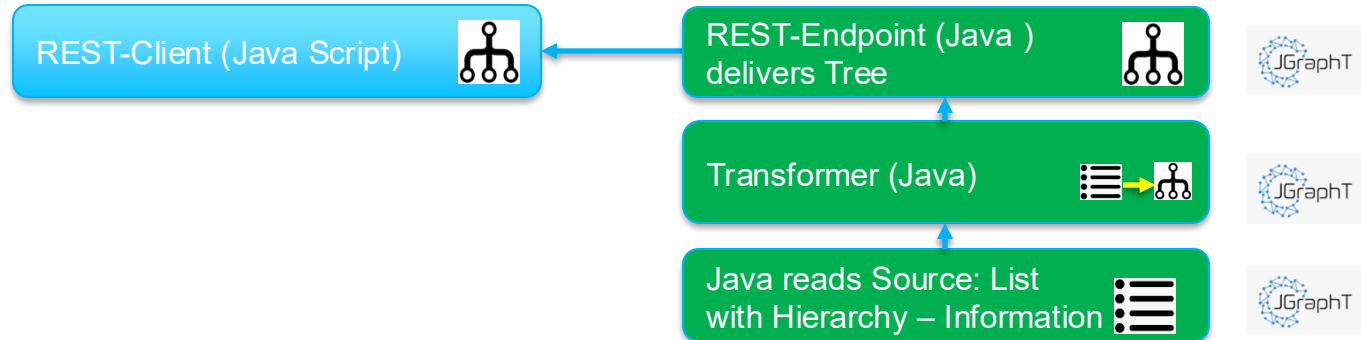


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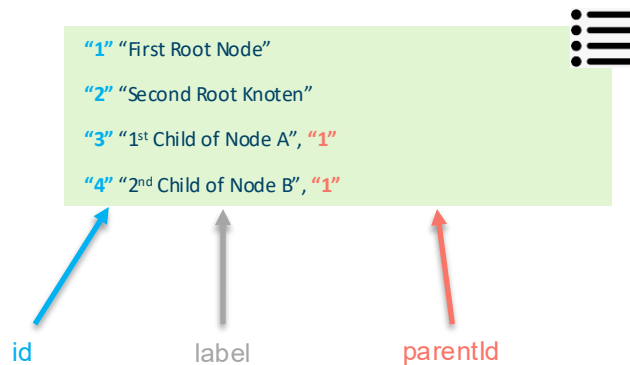


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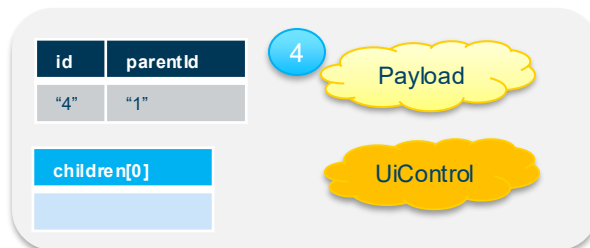
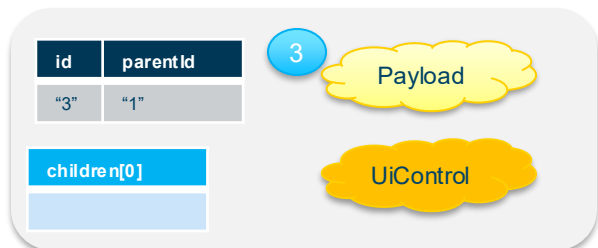
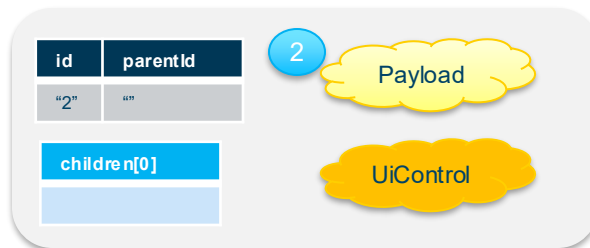
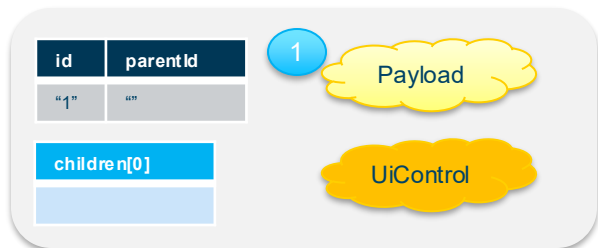


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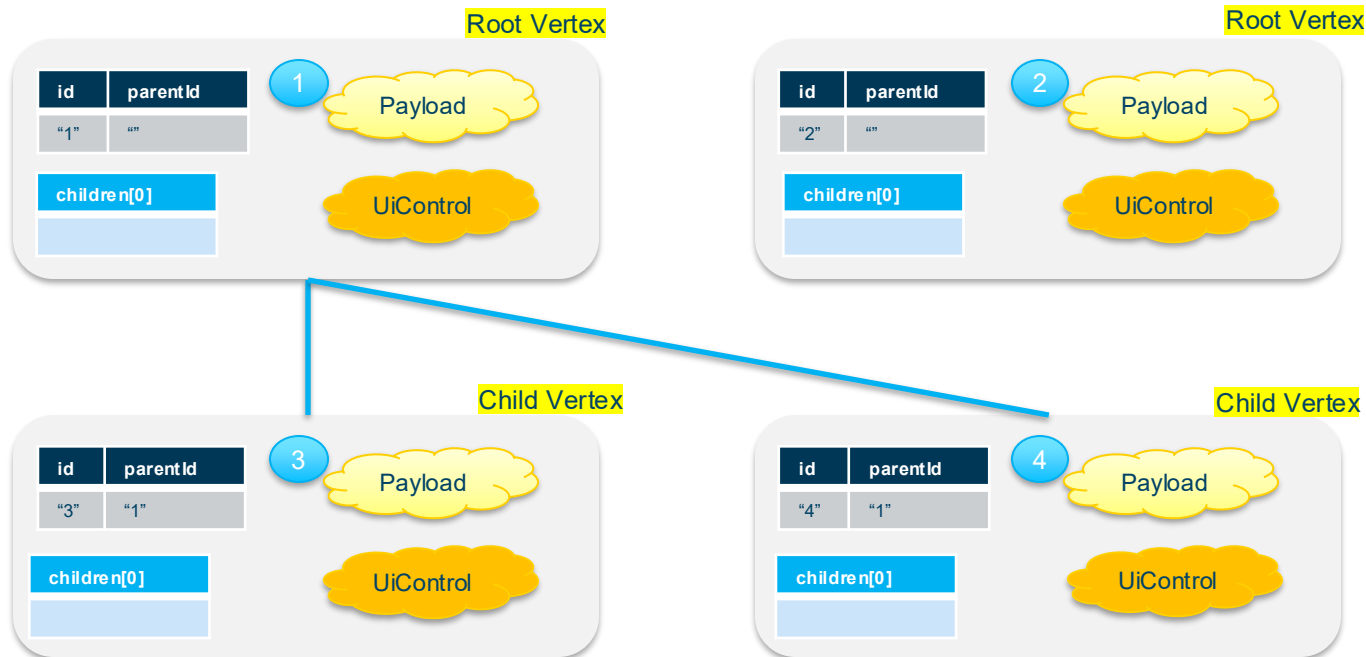


Approach 2: List with hierarchical information



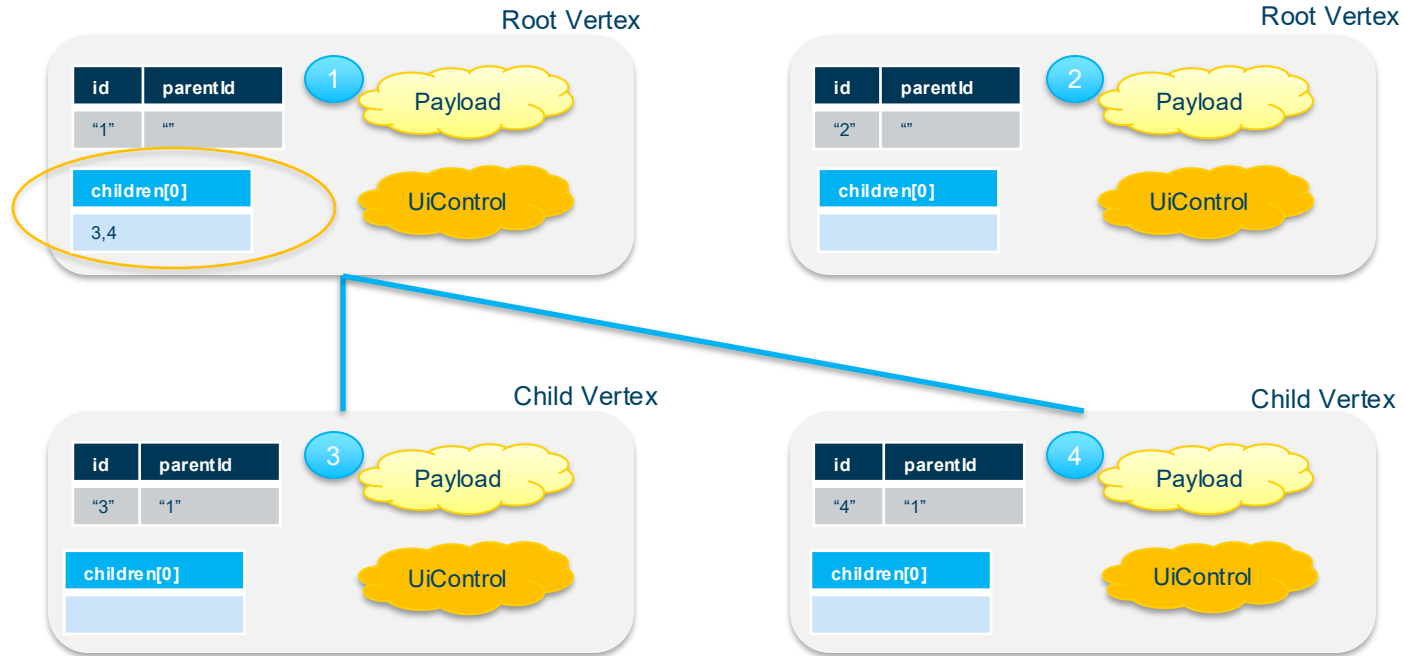


Approach 2: List with hierarchical information





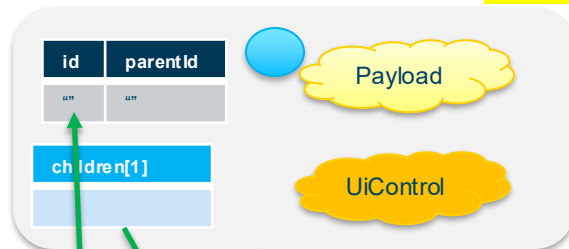
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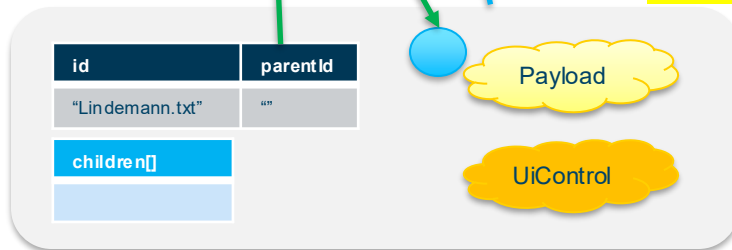
Approach 1 and 2 provide the same consistent Data Structure

Root Vertex



Edge

Child Vertex



// Hierarchy
Handling



Pojo: Data to deal with and to hand over to IBM Carbon Client

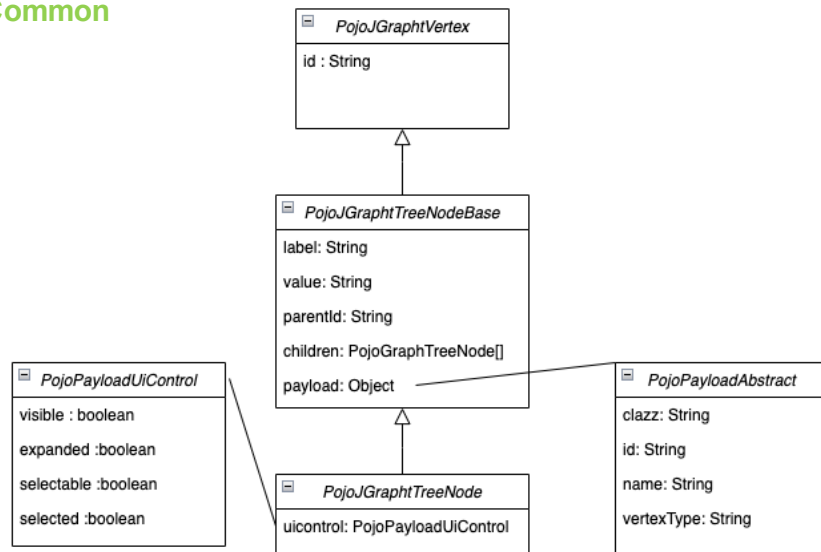
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Pojo = Plain Old Java Object

- Attributes
- Getter & Setter





Common





Technical Use Case



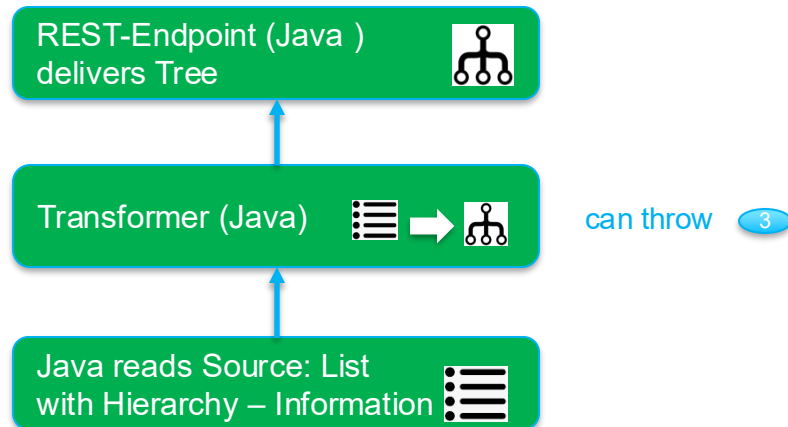
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 - >  JGraphTParentChildrenPopulator.java 2
 - >  UIGraph.java

- ✓  common.utils.jgrapht.exceptions
 - >  InconsistentHierarchyException.java 3

1

Performs this Job in Approach 2:



2

Supports unique Data Structure in Approach 1

REST-Endpoint (Java)
delivers Tree (direct)



Overview about the Examples:

▼ 📄 Topic: Tree

- 🖥️ Tree (via Java Script filled)
- 🖥️ Tree (filled from Explain-Directory)
- 🖥️ Tree (filled by Backend-List)
- 🖥️ Tree (filled by Backend)

Implementation without Server & Endpoints

GET

/api/carbonplay/Example/TreeViaRecursion Deliver Explain Directory (recursiv

GET

/api/carbonplay/Example/TreeViaList Deliver an example Tree to populate a Car

GET

/api/carbonplay/Example/Tree/Direct/Example Deliver an example Tree to p



The Basic Sequence Diagram

All Examples follow this
Sequence Diagram

... more or less with
Variations

