Application Design Using Java

Lecture 23

CLASS PLAN

Main Topics

- Overview of graph databases
- Installing and using Neo4j

Neo4j API

- HTTP API
  - Transactional Cypher HTTP endpoint
  - POST to a HTTP URL to send queries, and to receive responses from Neo4j
- Drivers
  - The preferred way to access a Neo4j server from an application
  - Use the Bolt protocol and have uniform design and use
  - Available in four languages: C# .NET, Java, JavaScript, and Python
  - Additional community drivers for: Spring, Ruby, PHP, R, Go, Erlang / Elixir, C/C++, Clojure, Perl, Haskell
  - API is defined independently of any programming language
- Procedures
  - Allow Neo4j to be extended by writing custom code which can be invoked directly from Cypher
  - Written in Java and compiled into jar files
  - To call a stored procedure, use a Cypher CALL clause

Neo4j Resources

- Neo4j Web site: https://neo4j.com/
- Neo4j installation manual: https://neo4j.com/docs/operations-manual/current/deployment/single-instance/
- Cypher Refcard https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/current/
- Coursera course “Graph Analytics for Big Data” from the University of California, San Diego (https://www.coursera.org/learn/big-data-graph-analytics) has a lesson “Graph Analytics With Neo4j”
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Neo4j Installation

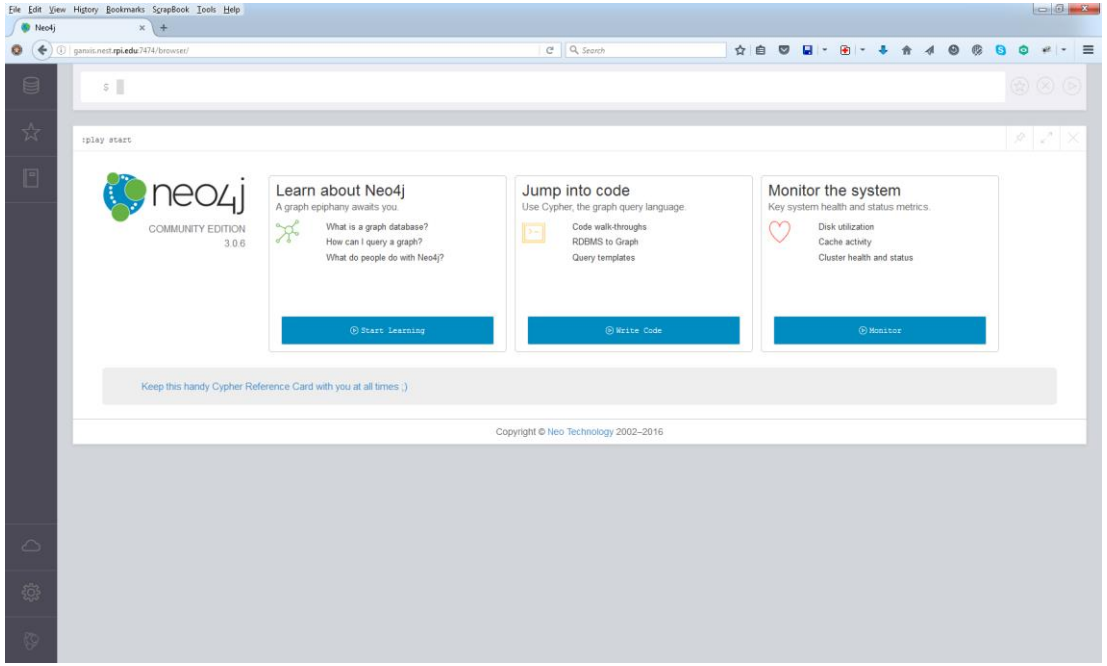
- Neo4j runs on Linux, Windows, and OS X
- A Java 8 runtime is required
- Several ways to install on Linux, depending on the Linux distro (see the “Neo4j Resources” slide)
- Check the /etc/neo4j/neo4j.conf configuration file:

```
# HTTP Connector
dbms.connector.http.type=HTTP
dbms.connector.http.enabled=true
# To accept non-local HTTP connections, uncomment this line
dbms.connector.http.address=0.0.0.0:7474
```

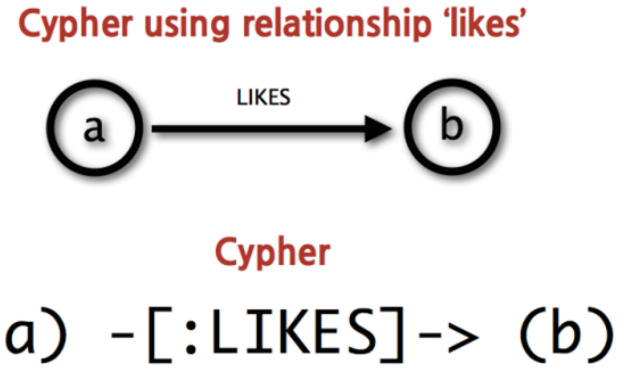
- File locations depend on the operating system, as described here: https://neo4j.com/docs/operations-manual/current/deployment/file-locations/
- Make sure you start the Neo4j server (e.g., “./bin/neo4j start” or “service neo4j start” on Linux)

Neo4j Browser

- Open the URL http://localhost:7474 (replace “localhost” with your server name, and 7474 with the port name as set in neo4j.conf)
- Enter the username/ password (if not set, Neo4j browser will prompt you to select the username and password)
- Start working with Neo4j by entering Cypher queries and observing their results
- Save frequently used Queries to Favorites



The Structure of a Cypher Query



- Nodes are surrounded with parentheses which look like circles, e.g. (a)
- A relationship is basically an arrow --> between two nodes with additional information placed in square brackets inside of the arrow
- A query is comprised of several distinct clauses, like:
  - MATCH: The graph pattern to match. This is the most common way to get data from the graph.
  - WHERE: Not a clause in its own right, but rather part of MATCH, OPTIONAL MATCH and WITH. Adds constraints to a pattern, or filters the intermediate result passing through WITH.
  - RETURN: What to return.

```
MATCH (john {name: 'John'})-[:friend]->()-[:friend]->(fof) RETURN john.name, fof.name
```

http://www.peikids.org/what-we-do/ourmission/attachment/paint-hands/

Writing Cypher Queries

- Node labels, relationship types and property names are **case-sensitive** in Cypher
- **CREATE** creates nodes with labels and properties or more complex structures
- **MERGE** matches existing or creates new nodes and patterns. This is especially useful together with uniqueness constraints.
- **DELETE** deletes nodes, relationships, or paths. Nodes can only be deleted when they have no other relationships still existing
- **DETACH DELETE** deletes nodes and all their relationships
- **SET** sets values to properties and add labels on nodes
- **REMOVE** removes properties and labels on nodes
- **ORDER BY** is a sub-clause that specifies that the output should be sorted and how

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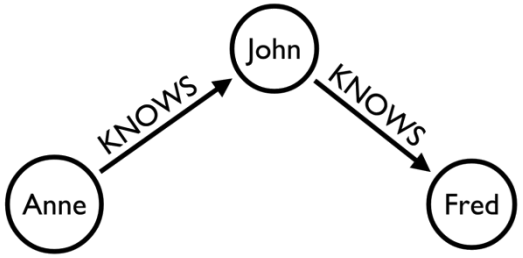
Importing and Exporting Data

- Loading data from CSV is the most straightforward way of importing data into Neo4j
- For fast batch import of huge datasets, use the neo4j-import tool
- Lots of other tools for different data formats and database sizes
- More on importing data at https://neo4j.com/developer/guide-importing-data-and-etl/
- Export data using Neo4j browser or neo4j-shell-tools

Loading Data from CSV



- Understand your graph model

```
(p1:Person {userId:10,name:"Anne"})-[:KNOWS]->(p2:Person {userId:123,name:"John"})
```

- CSV files
  - people.csv

```
1,"John" 10,"Jane" 234,"Fred" 4893,"Mark" 234943,"Anne"
```

  - friendships.csv

```
1,234 10,4893 234,1 4893,234943 234943,234 234943,1
```

- Run the following Cypher queries:
  - `CREATE CONSTRAINT ON (p:Person) ASSERT p.userId IS UNIQUE;`
  -
```
LOAD CSV FROM "file:///people.csv" AS csvLine
MERGE (p:Person {userId: toInteger(csvLine[0]), name: csvLine[1]});
```

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```
LOAD CSV FROM "file:///friendships.csv " AS csvLine MATCH (p1:Person {userId:
toInteger(csvLine [0])}), (p2:Person {userId: toInteger(csvLine [1])})
CREATE (p1)-[:KNOWS]->(p2);
```

  - `CREATE INDEX ON :Person(name);`
- Check the results:

```
MATCH (:Person {name:"Anne"})-[:KNOWS*2..2]-(p2) RETURN p2.name, count(*) as freq
ORDER BY freq DESC;
```

https://dzone.com/articles/how-neo4j-data-import-minimal

Loading Data from a Spreadsheet

- Lay out your data in a spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Browser				
2	id	name	gender	from-name	to-name
3	1	Meetup Malmö			
4	2	Donald Duck	man	2	5
5	3	Fredrik	man	7	1
6	4	Jakub	man	5	10
7	5	Johan	man	8	9
8	6	Patrik	man	3	4
9	7	Pernilla	woman	2	12
10	8	Peter	man	3	2
11	9	Rik	man	9	8
12	10	Sebastian	man	7	3
13	11	Thorbjørn	man	11	8
14	12	Tobias	man	12	8

- Use formulas to generate the required Cypher statements

```
="merge (_"&A4&":Person {id:'"&A4&"', name:'"&B4&"', gender:'"&C4&"'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)"
```

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Browser							
2	id	name	gender		from-n	to-nan	type	Relationship
3	1	Meetup Malmö		merge (meetup:Event {id:'1', name:'Meetup Malmö'})				
4	2	Donald Duck	man	merge (_2:Person {id:'2', name:'Donald Duck', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	2	5	WORKS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'2'}), (p2:Person {id:'5'}) MERGE (p1)-[:V
5	3	Fredrik	man	merge (_3:Person {id:'3', name:'Fredrik', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	7	1	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'7'}), (p2:Person {id:'1'}) MERGE (p1)-[:F
6	4	Jakub	man	merge (_4:Person {id:'4', name:'Jakub', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	5	10	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'5'}), (p2:Person {id:'10'}) MERGE (p1)-[:
7	5	Johan	man	merge (_5:Person {id:'5', name:'Johan ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	8	9	WORKS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'8'}), (p2:Person {id:'9'}) MERGE (p1)-[:V
8	6	Patrik	man	merge (_6:Person {id:'6', name:'Patrik ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	3	4	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'3'}), (p2:Person {id:'4'}) MERGE (p1)-[:F
9	7	Pernilla	woman	merge (_7:Person {id:'7', name:'Pernilla', gender:'woman'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	2	12	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'2'}), (p2:Person {id:'12'}) MERGE (p1)-[:
10	8	Peter	man	merge (_8:Person {id:'8', name:'Peter ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	3	2	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'3'}), (p2:Person {id:'2'}) MERGE (p1)-[:F
11	9	Rik	man	merge (_9:Person {id:'9', name:'Rik ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	9	8	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'9'}), (p2:Person {id:'8'}) MERGE (p1)-[:F
12	10	Sebastian	man	merge (_10:Person {id:'10', name:'Sebastian ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	7	3	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'7'}), (p2:Person {id:'3'}) MERGE (p1)-[:F
13	11	Thorbjørn	man	merge (_11:Person {id:'11', name:'Thorbjørn ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	11	8	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'11'}), (p2:Person {id:'8'}) MERGE (p1)-[:
14	12	Tobias	man	merge (_12:Person {id:'12', name:'Tobias ', gender:'man'})-[:ATTENDS]->(meetup)	12	8	FRIENDS_WITH	WITH 1 as dummy MATCH (p1:Person {id:'12'}), (p2:Person {id:'8'}) MERGE (p1)-[:
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- Collect Cypher queries and run them
- Check the results:

```
MATCH (p1:Person)-[:ATTENDS]-(e:Event{name:"Meetup Malmö"})-[:ATTENDS]-
(p2:Person) WHERE (p1)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]-(p2) RETURN p1, p2, e;
```

Based on a blog post by Rik Van Bruggen (https://neo4j.com/blog/importing-data-into-neo4j-the-spreadsheet-way/)

Loading Data from a GraphML file

- Use **neo4j-shell-tools** from https://github.com/jexp/neo4j-shell-tools
- Populate the database from a GraphML file

```
import-graphml -i /usr/share/neo4j/import/airlines.graphml -r
HAS_DIRECT_FLIGHTS_TO -b 20000 -c -t
```

- Check the results:

```
MATCH (a)--()
WITH a.tooltip as airport, count(*) as flights
RETURN airport, flights ORDER BY flights DESC LIMIT 10
```

Loading Data from an Arbitrary Format

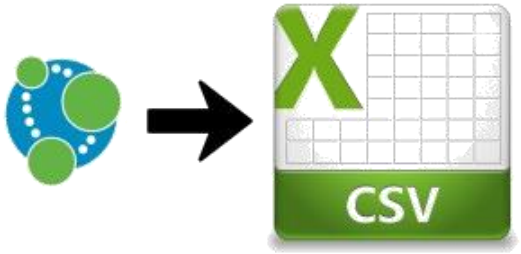
- Write a simple program to convert your file into a set of two CSV files
- Load data from the CSV file into a Neo4j database
  - `CREATE CONSTRAINT CharacterNameUnique ON (c:Character) ASSERT c.name IS UNIQUE;`
  - `LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM "file:///Marvel-nodes.csv" AS csvLine MERGE (c:Character {name: csvLine.NodeID});`
  - `LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM "file:///Marvel-edges.csv" AS csvLine MATCH (c1:Character {name: csvLine.EdgeFrom}), (c2:Character {name: csvLine.EdgeTo}) CREATE (c1)-[:APPEARED_WITH]->(c2);`
  - `CREATE INDEX FOR (c:Character) on (c.name);`
- Check the results:

```
MATCH (c:Character)-[r]-()
WITH c as characters, count(distinct r) as degree
RETURN degree, count(characters) ORDER BY degree ASC
```

```
from sys import argv


def read_edge_list(filename):
    nodeset= set([])
    edgelist = []
    with open(filename, 'r') as file_handle:
        for line in file_handle:
            if line[0] != '#':
                data = line.split('","')
                node_from = data[0] + '"'
                node_to = '"' + data[1].strip()
                nodeset.add(node_from)
                nodeset.add(node_to)
                edgelist.append([node_from, node_to])
    return nodeset, edgelist


def write_csv_nodes(nodes, file_nodes):
    with open(file_nodes, 'w') as file_handle:
        file_handle.write("NodeID\n")
        for node in nodes:
            file_handle.write('{0}\n'.format(node))



def write_csv_edges(edges, file_nodes):
    with open(file_nodes, 'w') as file_handle:
        file_handle.write("EdgeFrom,EdgeTo\n")
        for edge in edges:

file_handle.write('{0},{1}\n'.format(edge[0], edge[1]))

script, input_file, output_file_nodes,
output_file_edges = argv
nodes, edges = read_edge_list(input_file)
write_csv_nodes(nodes, output_file_nodes)
write_csv_edges(edges, output_file_edges)
```

Wikipedia vote network from http://snap.stanford.edu/data/wiki-Vote.html

Exporting Data From Neo4j



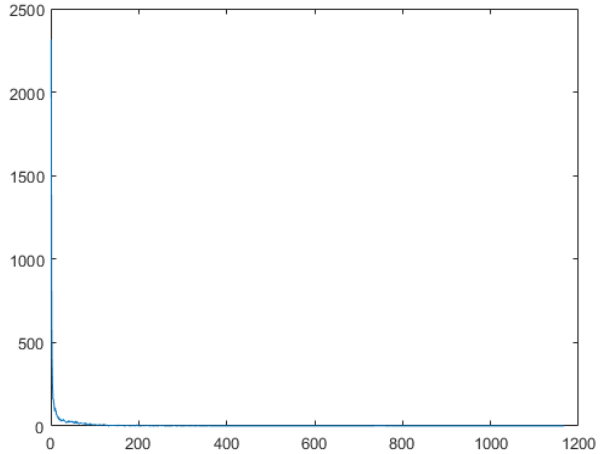
- Click the download icon on the table view of the Cypher query results
- Use neo4j-shell-tools to export results of a Cypher query to a CSV or GraphML file
- Access the graph data with Neo4j API and save it in the desired format

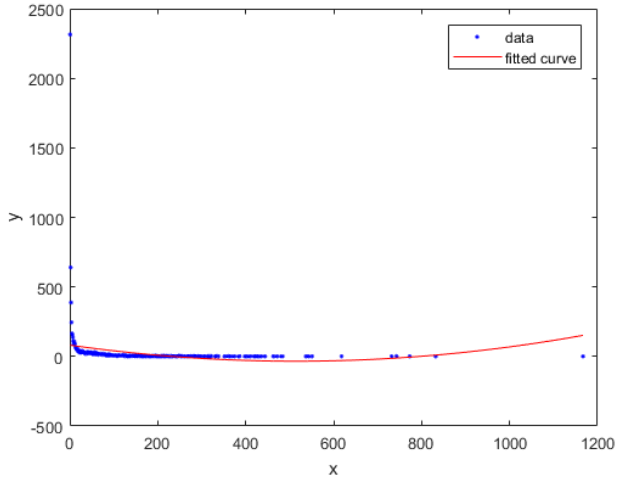
Analyzing Graph Data with MATLAB

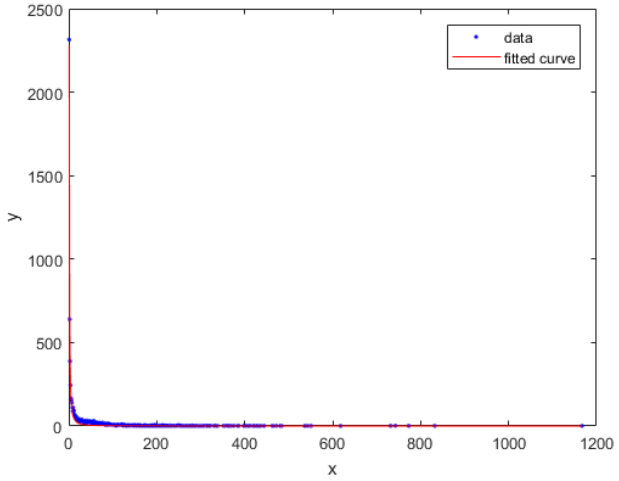
- Load CSV data exported from Neo4j into MATLAB
- Use MATLAB to perform additional analysis and to draw plots
- Export analysis results and plots for publication

```
filename = 'filename.csv';
M = csvread(filename,1,0);
x = M(:,1);
y = M(:,2);
plot(x,y)
f=fit(x,y,'poly2')
plot(f,x,y)
f=fit(x,y,'power1')
plot(f,x,y)
```

```
f =

     General model Power1:
     f(x) = a*x^b
     Coefficients (with 95% confidence bounds):
       a =         2282  (2257, 2308)
       b =      -1.579  (-1.607, -1.552)

>>
```







Using Transactional Cypher HTTP Endpoint

- Allows you to execute a series of Cypher statements within the scope of a transaction
- The transaction may be kept open across multiple HTTP requests, until the client chooses to commit or roll back
- Each HTTP request can include a list of statements
- Requests should include an Authorization header, with a value of Basic <payload>, where "payload" is a base64 encoded string of "username:password"

```
import requests
from requests.exceptions import ConnectionError
import json

NEO4J_SERVER = 'http://localhost:7474'
NEO4J_COMMIT_ENDPOINT = '/db/data/transaction/commit'
NEO4J_CREDENTIALS = '************'

def execute_neo4j_cypher(url, credentials, query, parameters):
    result = None
    query_text = json.dumps(dict(statements = [dict(statement =
query, parameters = parameters)]))

    headers = {'Accept' : 'application/json', 'Content-type' :
'application/json', 'Authorization:' : 'Basic ' + credentials}
    try:
        resp = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data =
query_text)
        result = resp.json()
    except ConnectionError as exception:
        print exception # Log error
    if len(result['errors']) > 0:
        print '@@@ ERROR! Error executing Cypher query' # Log
error
        print '@@@ ', query, '<-', parameters
        print '@@@ ' + str(result)
    return result

query = 'MERGE (p: Person {id:{userid}, name:{name}}) ON CREATE
SET p.created = timestamp() ON MATCH SET p.matched =
timestamp() RETURN p'
parameters = dict()
parameters['userid'] = 17
parameters['name'] = 'J J'
execute_neo4j_cypher(NEO4J_SERVER + NEO4J_COMMIT_ENDPOINT,
NEO4J_CREDENTIALS, query, parameters)
```

Using Drivers to Access Neo4j

- Binary Bolt protocol (starting with Neo4j 3.0)
- Binary protocol is enabled in Neo4j by default and can be used in any language driver that supports it
- Native Java driver officially supported by Neo4j
- Drivers implement all low level connection and communication tasks

```
import org.neo4j.driver.v1.*;

public class Neo4j
{
 public static void javaDriverDemo() {
    Driver driver = GraphDatabase.driver("bolt://localhost", "neo4j", "neo4j"));
    Session session = driver.session();

    StatementResult result = session.run("MATCH (a)-[]-(b)-[]-(c)-[]-(a) WHERE a.id < b.id AND b.id < c.id RETURN DISTINCT a,b,c");
    int counter = 0;
    while (result.hasNext())
    {
              counter++;
              Record record = result.next();
              System.out.println(record.get("a").get("id") + " \t" + record.get("b").get("id") + " \t" + record.get("c").get("id"));
    }
    System.out.println("Count: " + counter);
    session.close();
    driver.close();
 }
 public static void main(String [] args)
 {
    javaDriverDemo();
 }
}
```

Using Core Java API

- Native Java API performs database operations directly with Neo4j core

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
import org.neo4j.graphdb.*

public class Neo4j
{
   public enum NodeLabels implements Label { NODE; }
   public enum EdgeLabels implements RelationshipType{ CONNECTED; }
   public static void javaNativeDemo(int nodes, double p) {
      Node node1, node2; Random randomgen = new Random();
      GraphDatabaseFactory dbFactory = new GraphDatabaseFactory();
      GraphDatabaseService db = dbFactory.newEmbeddedDatabase(new File("TestNeo4jDB"));
      try (Transaction tx = db.beginTx()) {
         for (int i = 1; i <= nodes; i++) {
            Node node = db.createNode(NodeLabels.NODE);
            node.setProperty("id", i);
         }
         for (int i = 1; i <= nodes; i++)
            for (int j = i + 1; j <= nodes; j++) {
               if (randomgen.nextDouble() < p) {
                  node1 = db.findNode(NodeLabels.NODE, "id", i);
                  node2 = db.findNode(NodeLabels.NODE, "id", j);
                  Relationship relationship = node1.createRelationshipTo(node2,EdgeLabels.CONNECTED);
                  relationship = node2.createRelationshipTo(node1,EdgeLabels.CONNECTED);
               }
            }
         tx.success();
      }
      db.shutdown();
   }
   public static void main(String [] args) {
      javaNativeDemo(100, 0.2); }
}
```

//TODO before next lecture:

- Homework 5 due on 4/30 at 11:59 pm EDT. Must be submitted on Submitty.