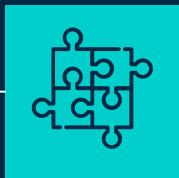


# GRAPH DATABASES

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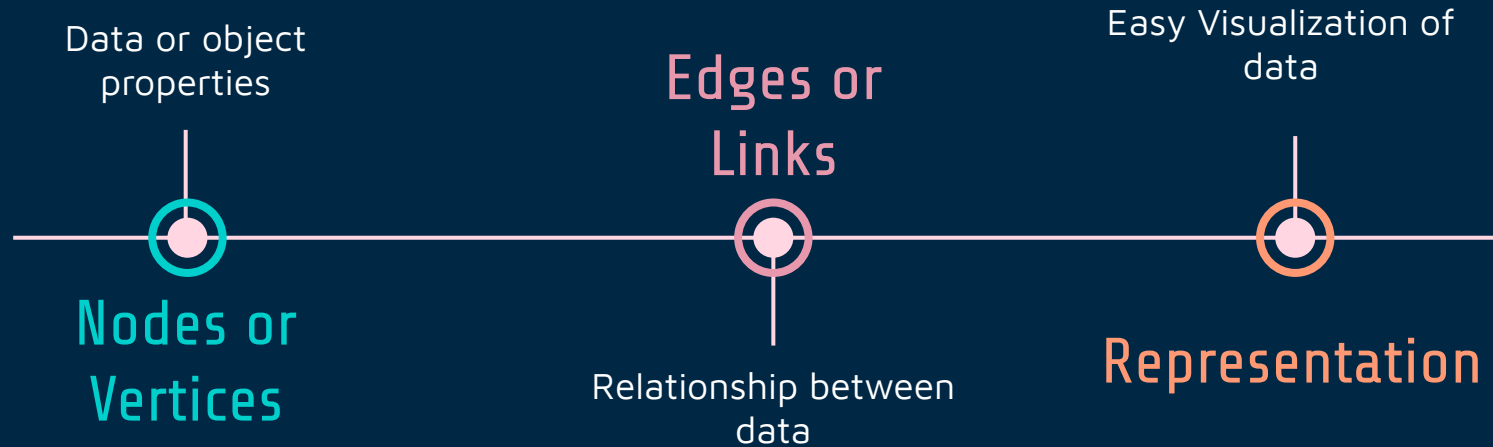
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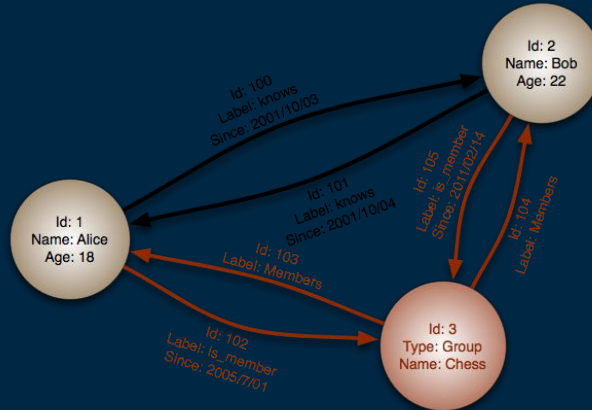
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# WHAT IS A GRAPH-ORIENTED DATABASE



# Evolution of Graph Database

- 1969: In CODASYL, definition of Network Database Language.
- 1980s: Labeled graphs.
- 1990s: Performance improvements.
- 2000s: Neo4j and Oracle Spatial and Graph became available.
- 2010s: Horizontal scalability and further enchantments.



# HOW DO THEY WORK?

- There is not a uniform query language.
- Use of graph algorithms (simplify and speed up complex queries)
  - DFS -> search for the next deepest node
  - BFS -> moves from one level to another
- Algorithms allow finding patterns or shortest path
- Relationships are saved in the database itself.
- Database avoids recalculating all relationships bring a big performance increase even with complicated queries.

# A WAY OF REPRESENTING DATA

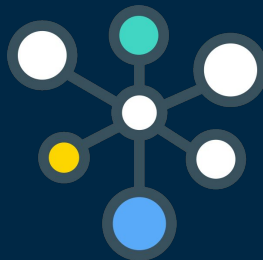
## Relational Database



### Good for:

- Well-understood data structures that don't change too frequently
- Known problems involving discrete parts of the data with minimal connectivity

## Graph Database



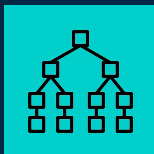
### Good for:

- Dynamic systems: where the data topology is difficult to predict and has a high connectivity
- Dynamic requirements: the evolve with the business
- Problems where the relationships in data contribute meaning and value

# USE OF GDB

## Hierarchical trees

Organizational  
structures of  
companies



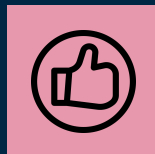
## Route calculation in logistics

Most optimal route to  
distribute products



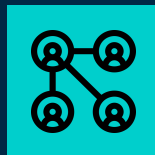
## Recommendation systems

Relationship of similarity  
or proximity of products



## Social relationships

Finding relationships  
between people



# ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

## Advantages

- Search speed depends only on the number of specific relationships, not on the data set
- Real-time results
- Intuitive and summary presentation of relationships
- Flexible and agile structures

## Disadvantage

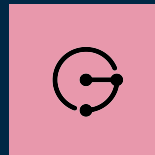
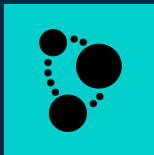
- It is difficult to scale, as it is designed for single server architectures
- Without a fixed schema to make consistent queries



# MOST KNOWN GDB

## Neo4j

Intuitive, using a graph model for data representation

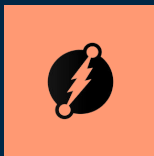


## Janus Graph

Elastic and linear scalability for a growing data and user base

## DGraph

Low enough latency to be serving real time user queries

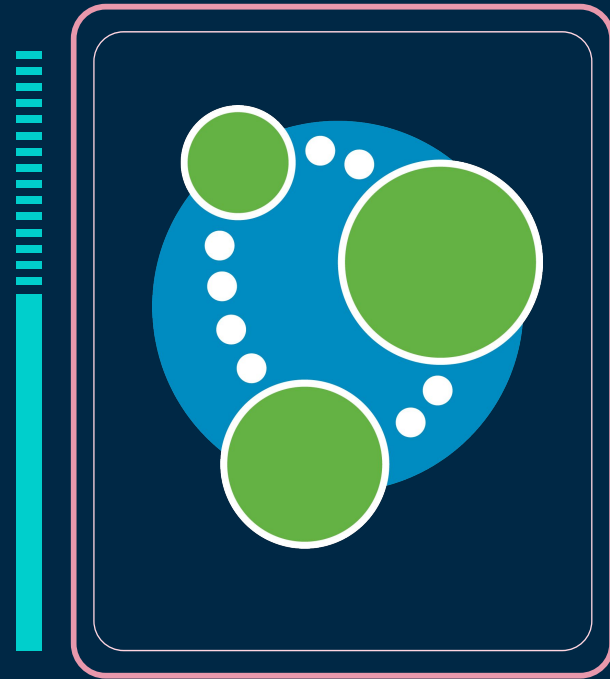


## Giraph

Analyze social media data

# WHY NEO4J?

- Highly Performant Read and Write Scalability
- High Performance Thanks to Native Graph Storage & Processing
- Easy to Learn (UI with intuitive interaction)
- Easy to Use(**Cypher**, the world's most powerful and productive graph query language)



# NEO4J PROPERTIES

Queries update the  
node and not the  
entire graph



Performance

Agility



Test-driven  
development practices

Possibility of adding  
elements without  
disassembling the  
functionality



Flexibility

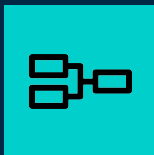
# WHAT IS CYPHER

- Declarative graph query language that allows for expressive and efficient querying, updating and administering of the graph.
- Designed to be suitable for both developers and operations professionals.
- Designed to be simple, yet powerful.
- Inspired by a number of different approaches and builds on established practices for expressive querying.

# NEO4J CLAUSES

## MATCH

Search for the pattern described in it.



## CREATE

Create nodes and relationships.



## SET

Update labels on nodes and properties on nodes and relationships



## DELETE

Delete nodes or relationships

# NODE VISUALIZATION

**Syntax:** MATCH(var {Property1:'PropertyName1'}) RETURN var

**Example:** MATCH (tom {name: "Tom Hanks"}) RETURN tom



# NODE CREATION

**Syntax:** CREATE (Name:Label {Property1:'PropertyName1',  
Property2:'PropertyName1'})

**Example:** CREATE (n:Person {name: 'Andy', title: 'Developer'})



# CREATION OF RELATIONSHIPS

**Syntax:** (node1)-[:RELATION\_TYPE]->(node2),

**Example:** (Madonna)-[:ACTED\_IN] -> (A League of Their Own)

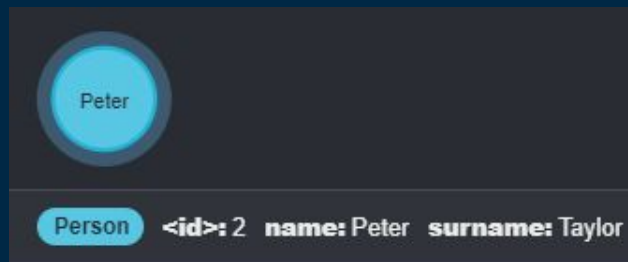




# UPDATE LABELS/PROPERTIES

**Syntax:** (var{Property1:'PropertyName1'}) SET var.Property2 = 'newProperty'

**Example:** (n {name: 'Andy'}) SET n.surname = 'Taylor'



# DELETE LABELS/PROPERTIES

**Syntax:** (var{Property1:'PropertyName1'}) DELETE var

**Example:** (n {name: 'Peter'}) DELETE n

```
neo4j$ MATCH (n {name: 'Peter'}) DELETE n
```



Table

Deleted 1 node, completed after 3 ms.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Learned a new engine
- Useful at the moment that there are many relationships
- Easy to learn and use

**Now let's see the demo**

