

Hands-On BloodHound

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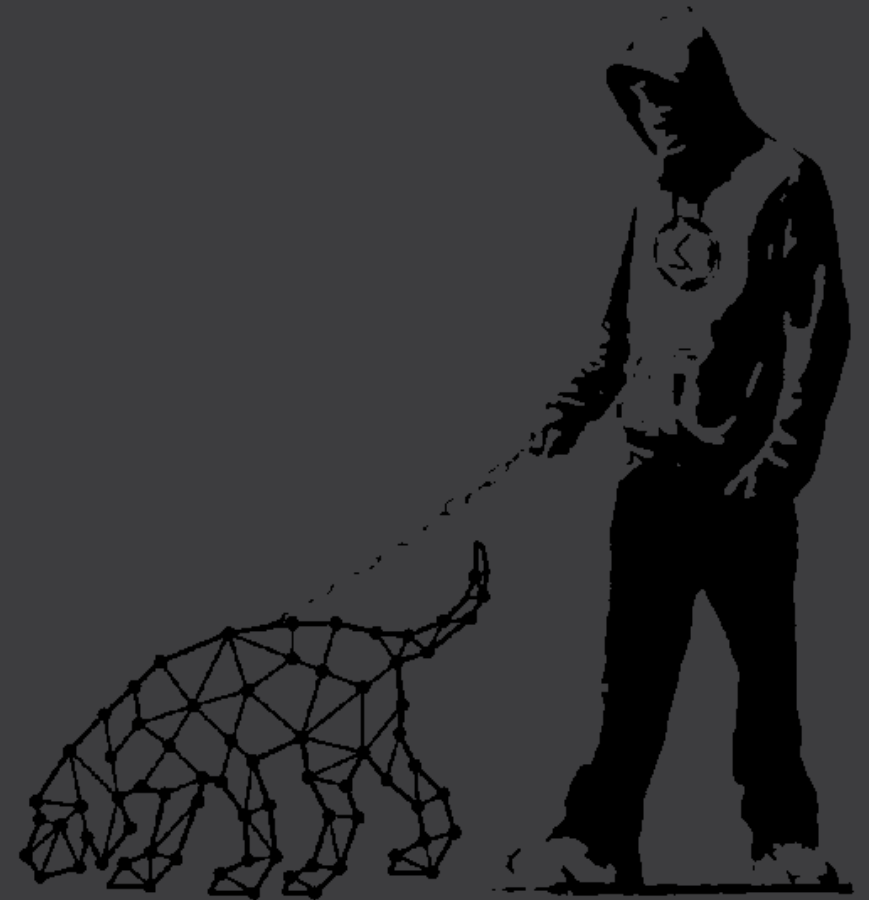
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Agenda

- BloodHound? Wut?
- Data & Collection
- Cypher - Basics
- Cypher - Advanced
- REST API & Automation

And memes...



Goal

At the end of this session, you should

- Understand **how BloodHound works** and how it could be useful for you [Red/Blue]
- Feel familiar with the **UI & tool features**
- Understand the basics of **Cypher language**
- **Create/Debug queries** [UI/Browser]
- Understand the workings of the **REST API**
- Know where to find **Info/Help** if needed



Prereq & Scope

If you want to follow along during the workshop

- Please **install BloodHound** BEFORE the session

[Due to time constrained this will NOT be done during session]

This training is about **Bloodhound & Cypher**, the following topics will not be covered in this workshop:

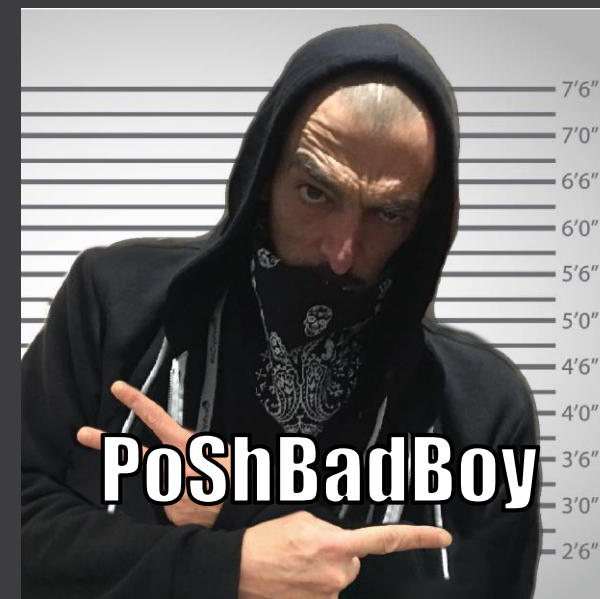
- Active Directory & Hardening in General
- Specific Attack Scenario



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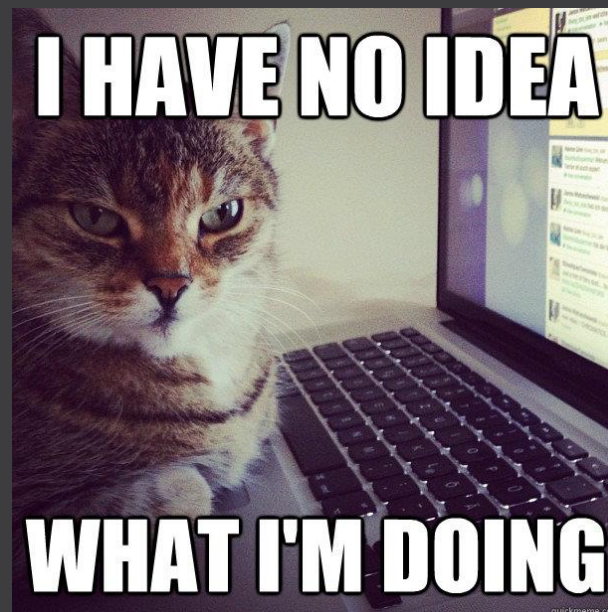
Walter Legowski - @SadProcessor

- Windows Security Consultant [ERNW]
- Born FR, Live NL, Work DE
- Like Buildings/Windows/Backdoors
- Like Cats/Trees/Backstreets
- Don't like Dogs
- Made exception for BloodHound



Disclaimer

- **I am not a Cypher expert** [I'm a Cat]
- Training only scratches the surface
- Excuses if any errors/typos in my slides



- **DO NOT SCAN A CORPORATE NETWORK WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORISATION**





Ready?
Let's Go...

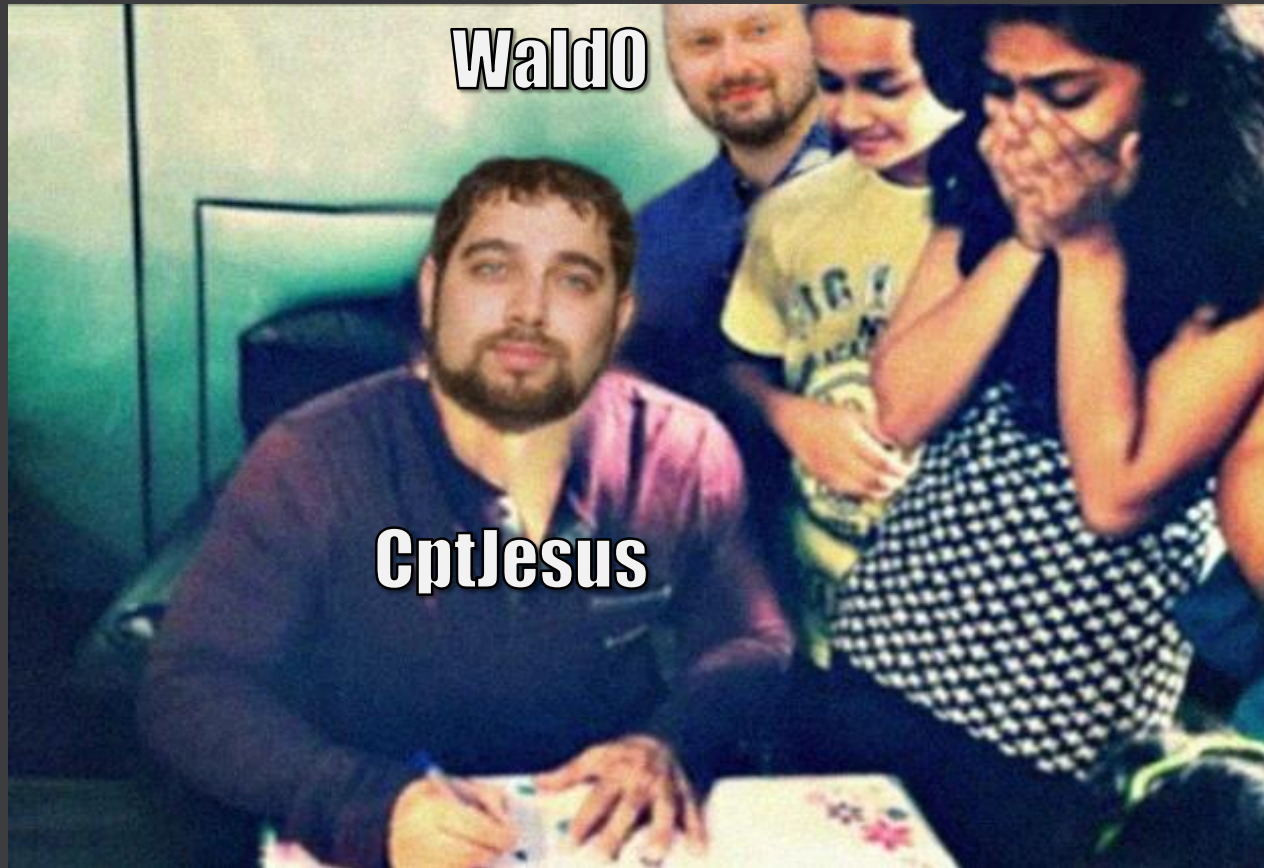


1- BloodHound? Wut?

- Who?
- What?
- Why?
- Where?
- How?



BloodHound - Who?



Created by

- [@Wald0](#)
- [@CptJesus](#)
- [@harmj0y](#)

[click follow...]



BloodHound - What?

Defenders think in lists,
Attackers think in graphs,
As long as this is true,
Attackers win...

[John Lambert, MS Threat Intel]



Read: <https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/johnla/2015/04/26/defenders-think-in-lists-attackers-think-in-graphs-as-long-as-this-is-true-attackers-win/>



BloodHound - What?

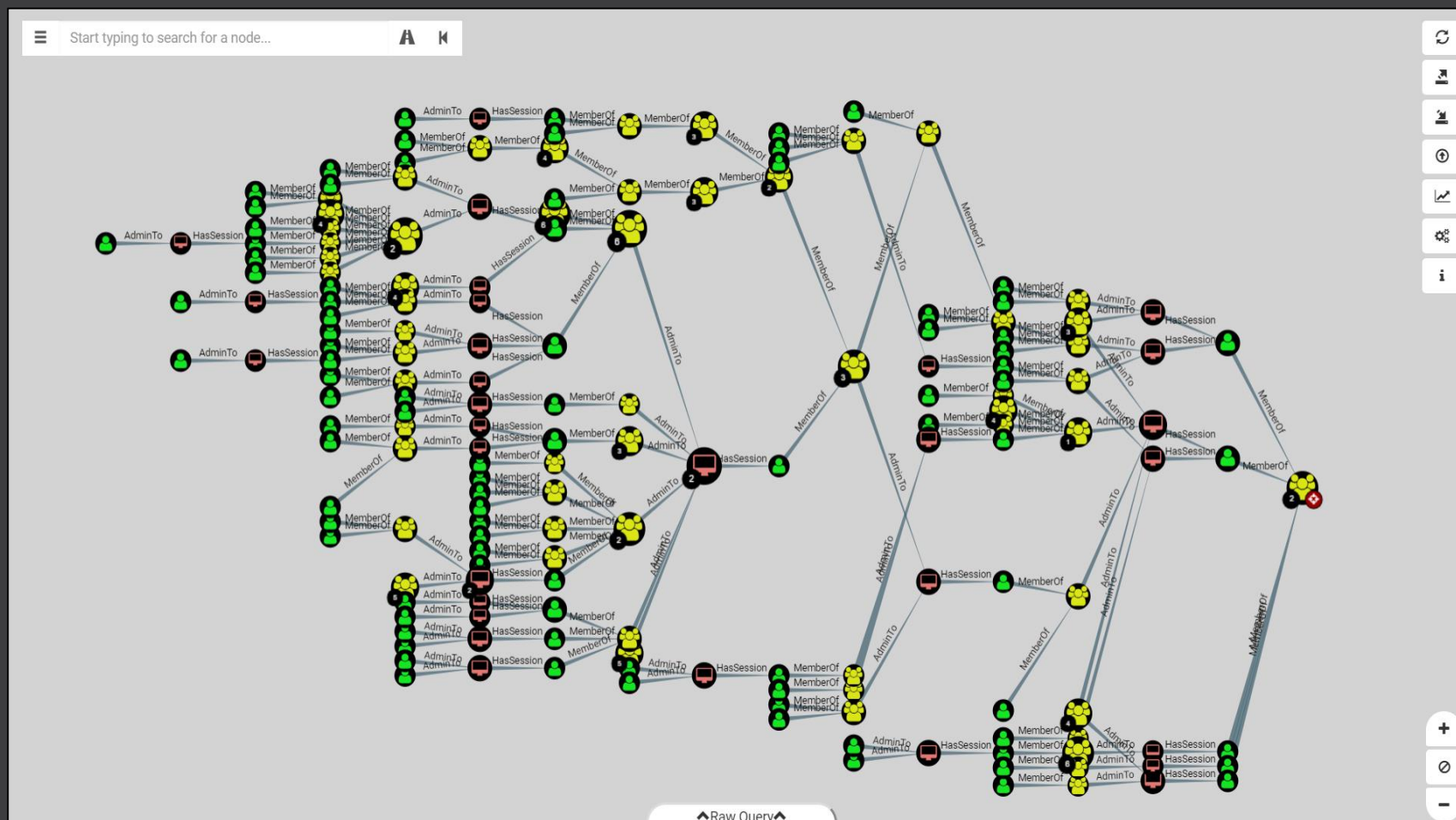
An **AD Attack Path Mapping Tool**,
originally designed for **Post-Exploitation**,
and useful for **AD Hardening**
in general...

Collects and **graphs** relationships
between **AD** Objects, and helps discover
security weaknesses.

Code: <https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound>



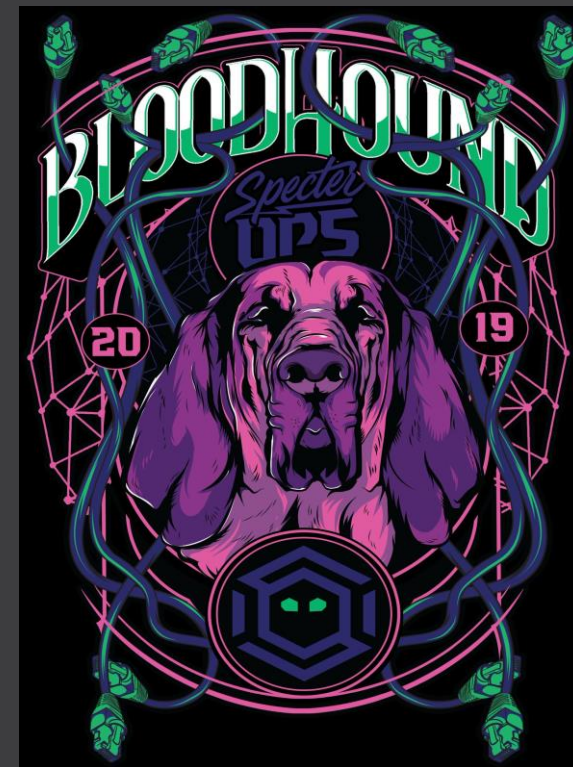
BloodHound - What?



BloodHound - What?

An **AD attack path** mapping tool...

- **Open Source** [all OS flavor]
- Based on **neo4j** graph DB
- Initial release: 2016
- Current version: 2.2
- Well maintained & documented
- User Community ++



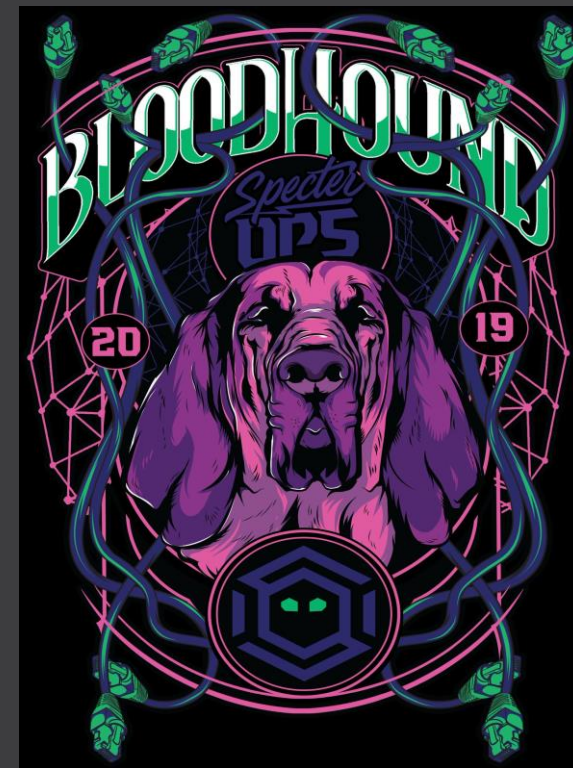
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BloodHound - What?

An **AD Hardening** tool...

- Originally designed for **Red Team** reconnaissance [Post-Exploitation]
- Gaining popularity in **Blue Teams**
- Can be used for Security **Consulting** and **AD Auditing**
- **Expandable & Automatable**

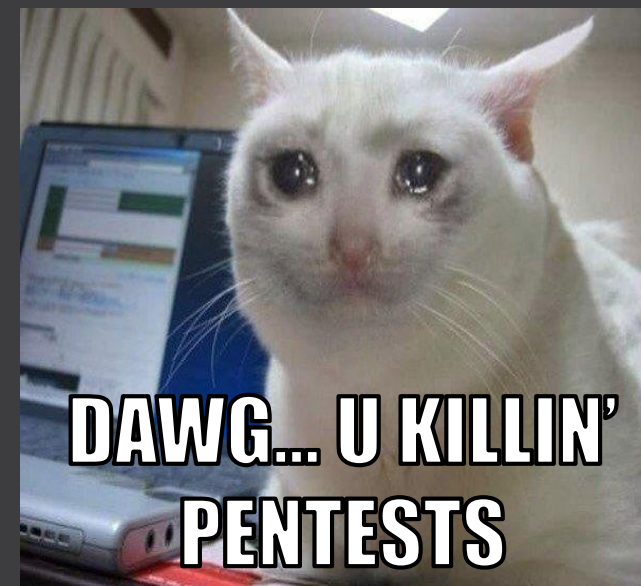


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BloodHound - Why?

- **RED:** Find Path to Attack
[Report > Blue > Consultant > Fix]
- **BLUE:** Find Paths to Defend
[Report > Consultant > Fix]
- **CONSULTANT:** Find MisConfigs
[Fix > Report]



BloodHound - Where?

Tool & Resources...

- Neo4j Community Edition

<https://neo4j.com/download-center/#community>

- BloodHound Source code

<https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound>

- BloodHound Wiki

<https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki>

- Neo4j Cypher Reference Card

<https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/current/>

- Dog Whisperer Handbook

https://www.ernw.de/download/BloodHoundWorkshop/ERNW_DogWhispererHandbook.pdf

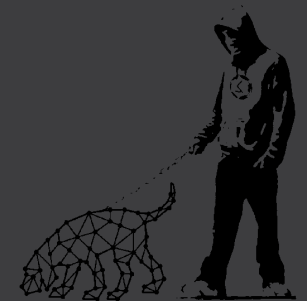


BloodHound - How?

Install... [Windows64]

- [Install Java64bit]
- Unzip Neo4j Community Edition
- Install & Start neo4j service
- Go to <http://localhost:7474>
- Set new password
- Unzip BloodHound Source
- Start bloodhound.exe & enter password

Wiki: <https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki/Getting-started>



BloodHound - More

Get yourself on the BloodHound Slack

- Read tons of interesting stuff
 - Meet tons of interesting people [4500+]
 - Ask Wald0 about **#cypher_queries**
 - Speak **#kerberos** with Harmj0y
 - Ask Jesus **#random** things
 - Hate @PrimaryTyler, CISSP as you like
- And more...

Invite: <https://bloodhoundgang.herokuapp.com/>



Hands-On: Slack

Join the Gang... [only if you like ofc]

- Invite yourself to the BloodHound Slack
- Check out some channels
- Join a few of your choosing

- Bonus:

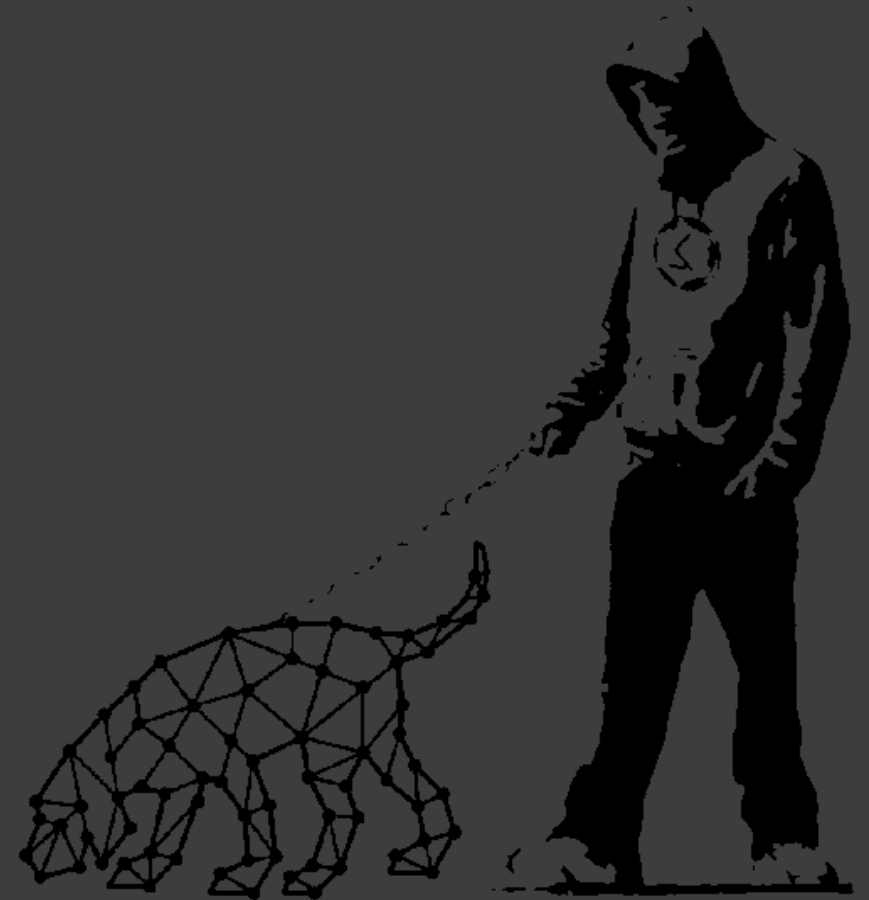
Ask @CptJesus for an autograph in #bloodhound-chat
[or hate @PrimaryTyler, CISSP in his dedicated channel]
and win a BloodHound sticker!!

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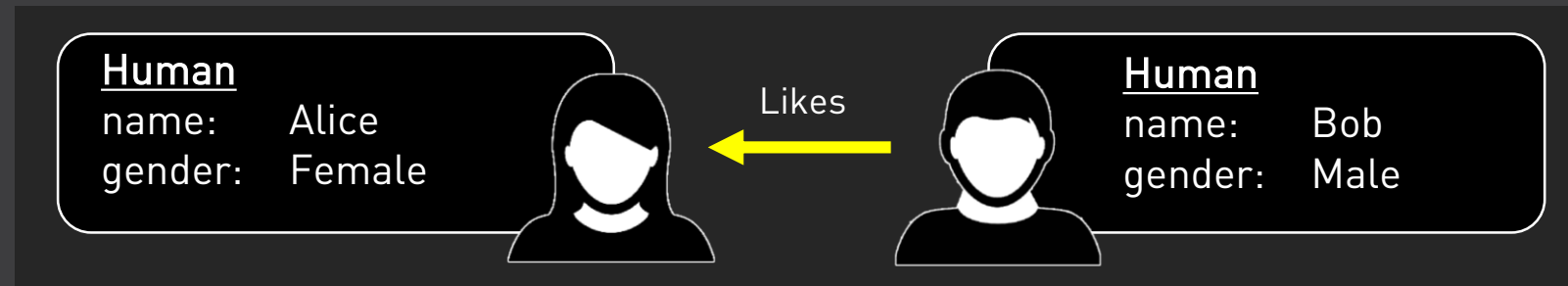


2- Data & Collection

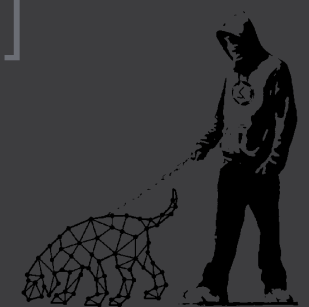
- Alice & Bob
- BloodHound Data
- SharpHounds
- Collection Methods
- Data Import



Alice & Bob - Terminology



- Objects are called **Nodes** [Humans Alice & Bob]
- Nodes have a type aka **Label** [Human]
- Nodes have **properties** [name/gender]
- Relationships are called an **Edges** [Likes]
- Edges can also have properties



Alice & Bob - Terminology

Important:
Edges are directional

[Need two Edges for relationship to go both ways...]



Human

name: Alice
gender: Female



Likes



Human

name: Bob
gender: Male

Human

name: Alice
gender: Female



Likes



Human

name: Bob
gender: Male

Human

name: Alice
gender: Female



Likes



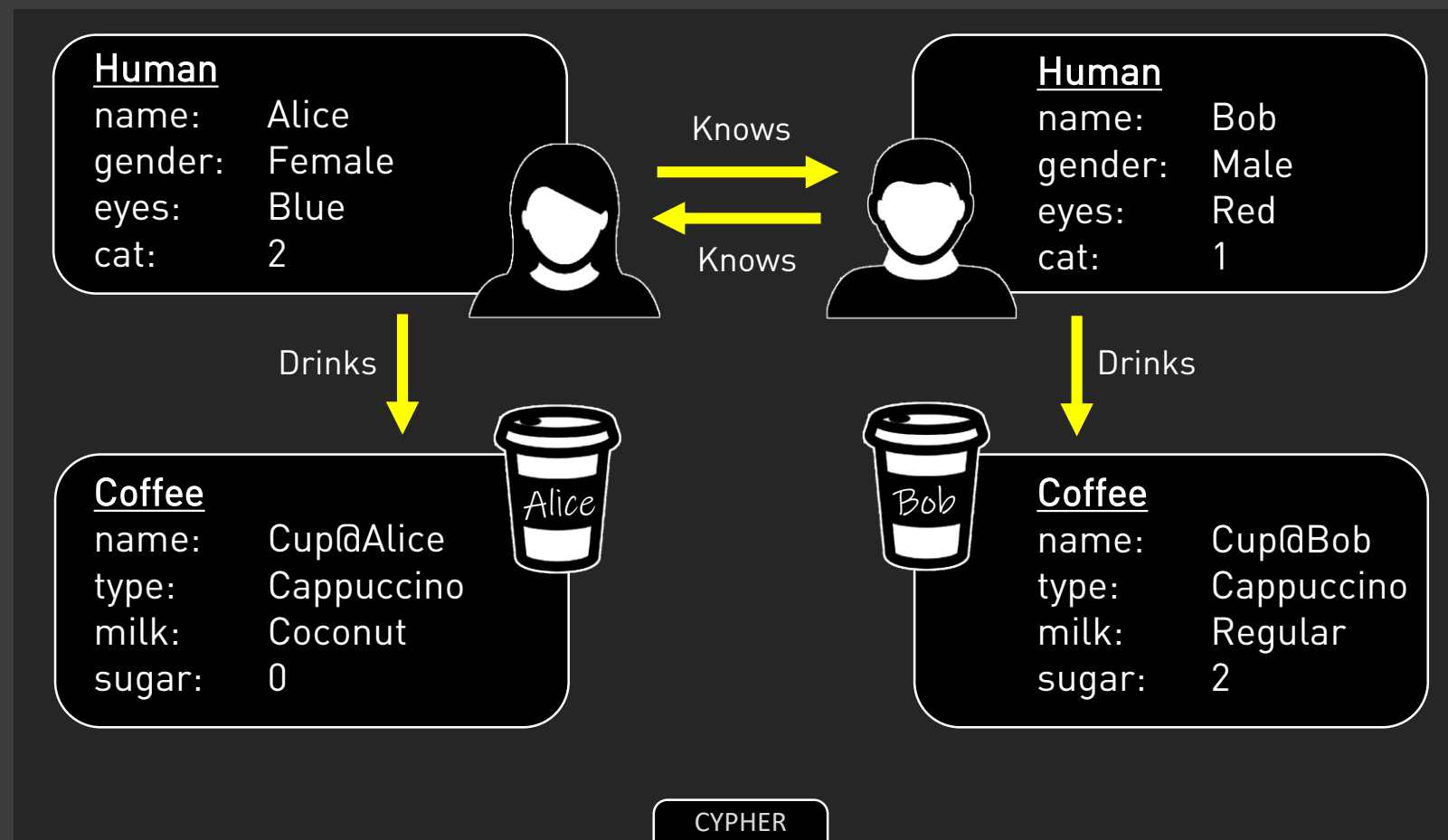
Likes



Human

name: Bob
gender: Male

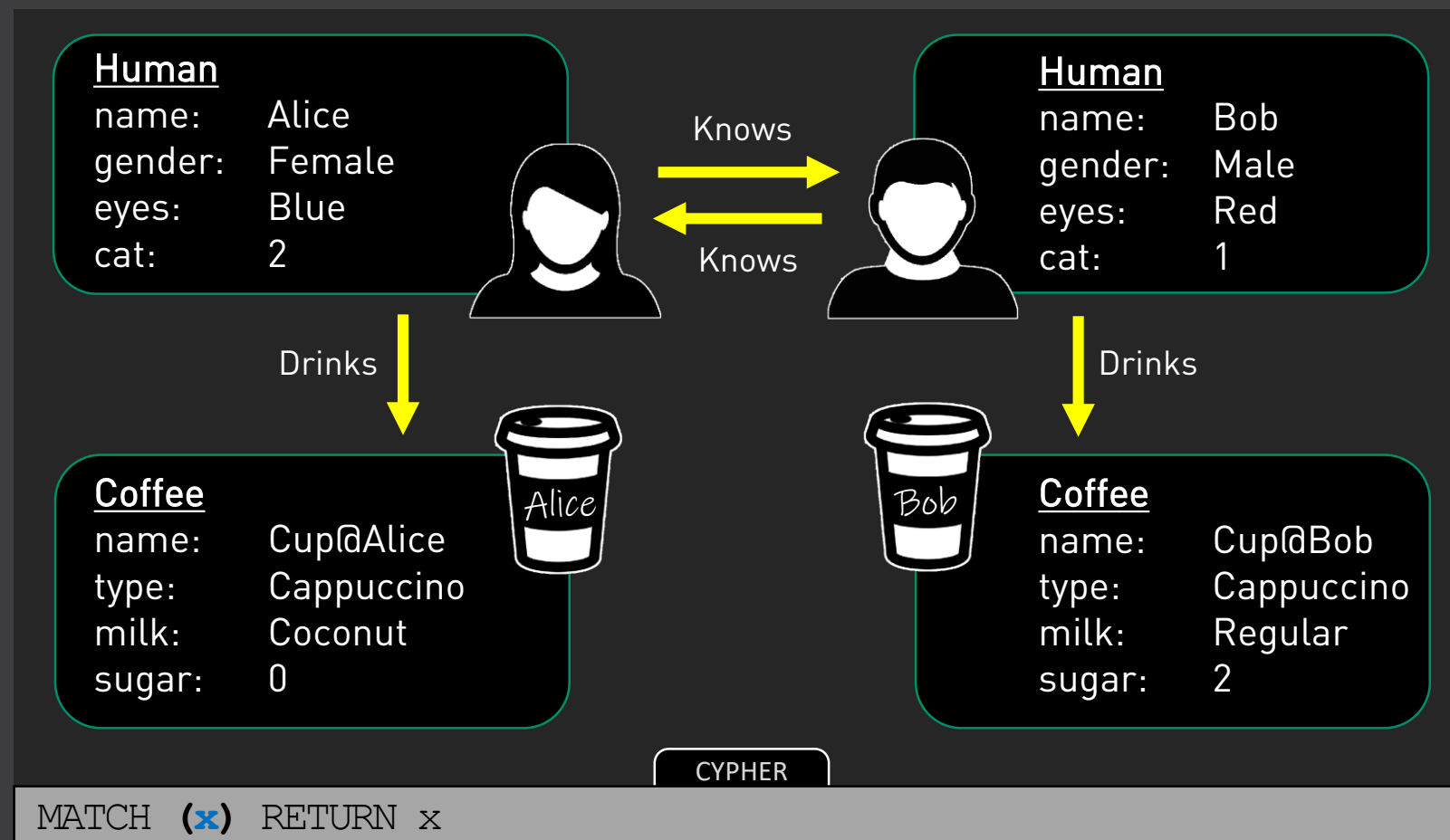
Alice & Bob - Dataset



Now let's
imagine this
is our data.
**Let's see
what we can
ask neo4j...**



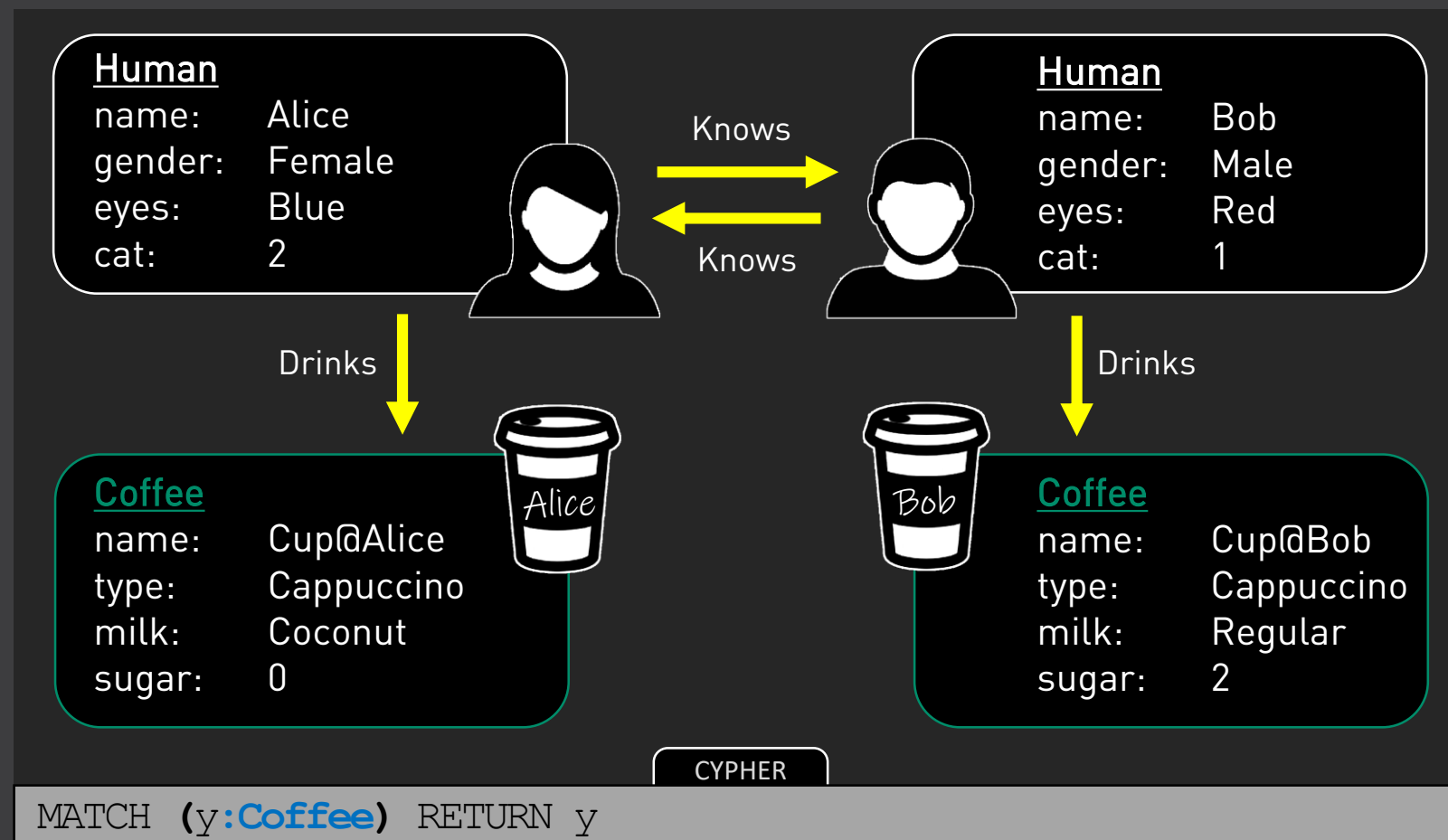
Alice & Bob - Queries



Return all
Objects...
[Nodes]



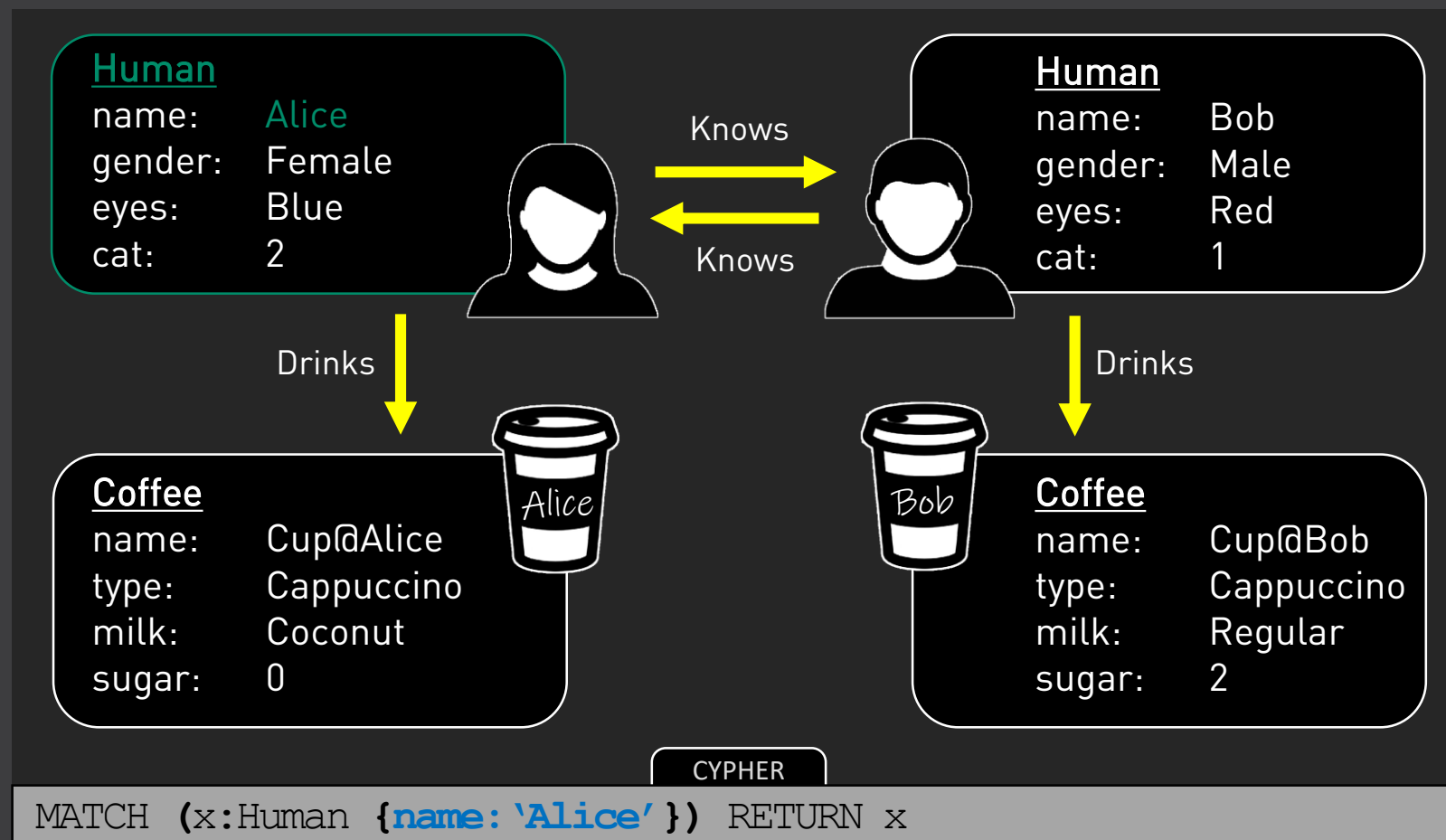
Alice & Bob - Queries



Return all
Nodes of
type Coffee
[Label]



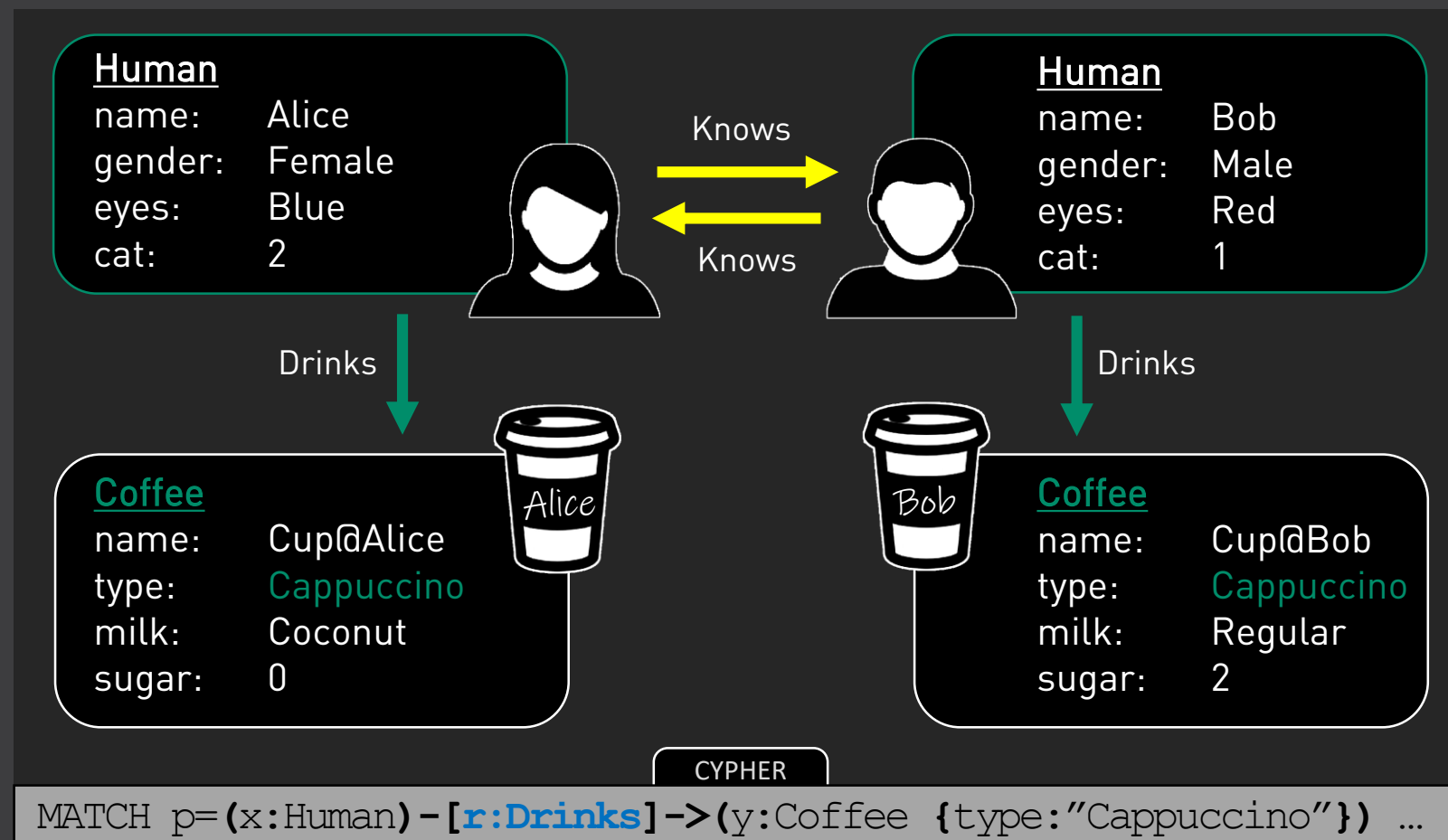
Alice & Bob - Queries



Is there a
Human with
name Alice?
[Property]



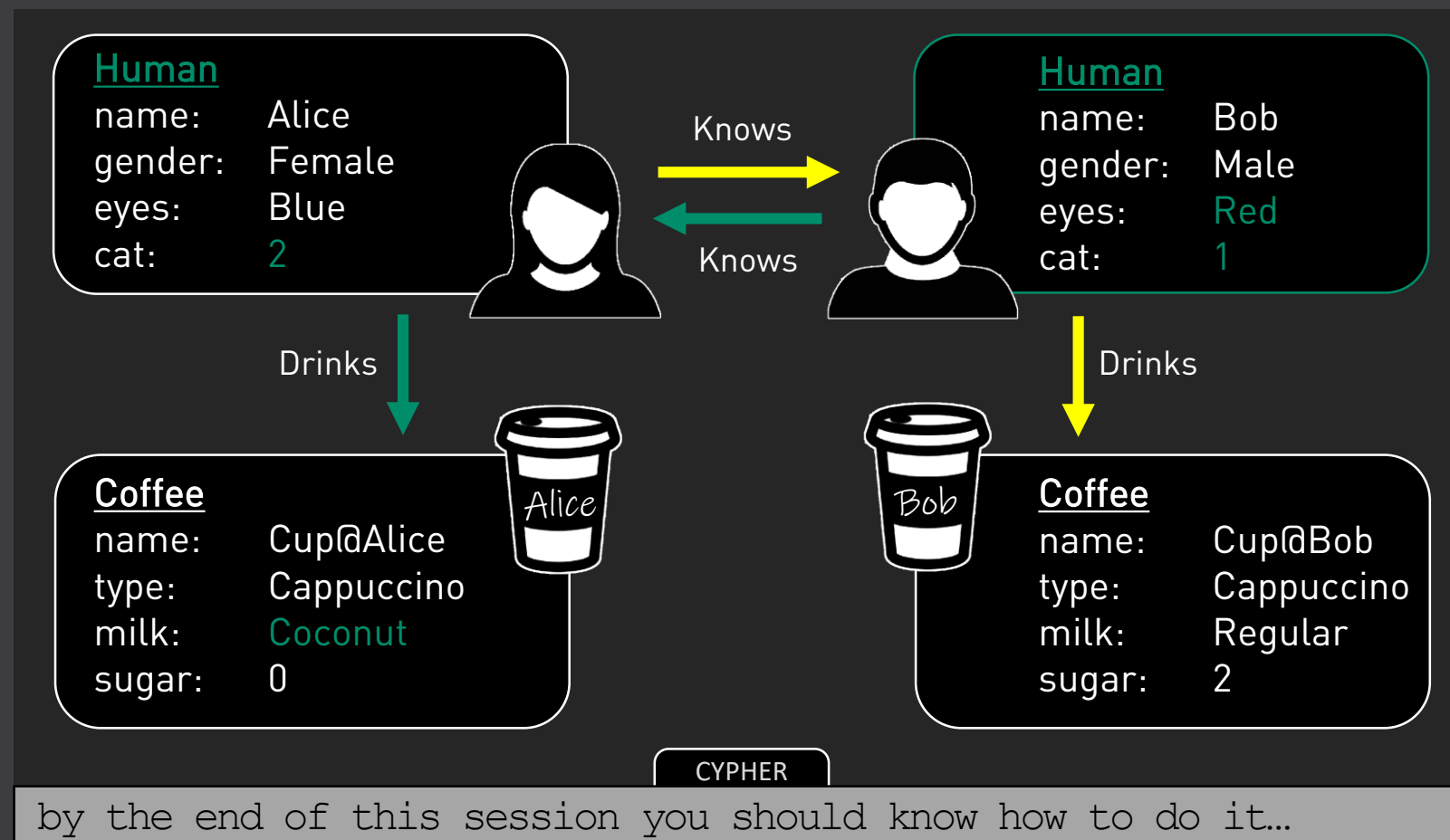
Alice & Bob - Queries



Who Drinks
Cappuccino?
[Edge]



Alice & Bob - Queries



Does anyone with red eyes know somebody that drinks cappuccino with coconut milk and that has more cats than him?



Sample DB - Install

For this workshop, we will use fake AD data

Install as follows:

- Download & Unzip folder

<https://github.com/SadProcessor/HandsOnBloodHound/blob/master/SampleData/graph.db.practice.zip>

- Place in neo4j \data\databases folder
- **Stop neo4j service**
- Rename graph.db to graph.db.old
- **Rename graph.db.training to graph.db**
- **Start service** & Restart BloodHound



BloodHound Data



BloodHound Data - Nodes

BloodHound uses **6 Node types** [aka Node Labels]



:Domain



:Group



:OU



:Computer



:GPO



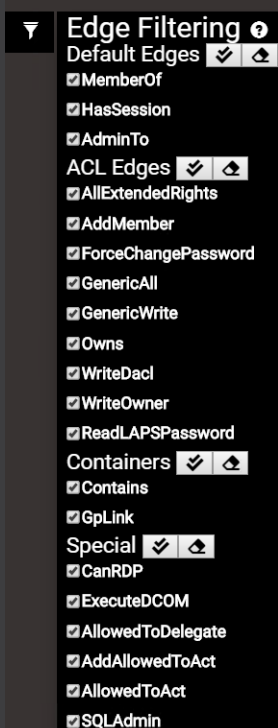
:User

Each Node
type has
matching set
of **properties**



BloodHound Data - Edges

BloodHound uses **19 Edge types**



Default

MemberOf
HasSession
AdminTo

Special

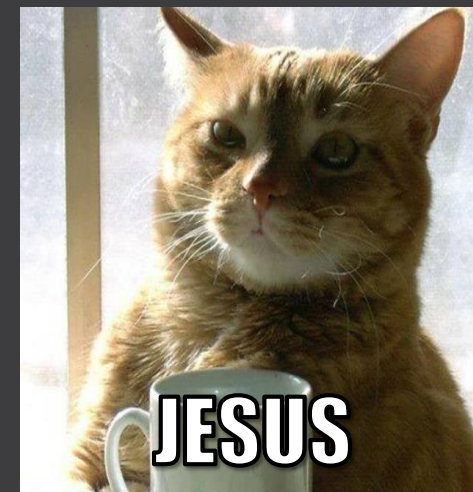
ExecuteDCOM
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AddAllowedToAct
AllowedToAct
SQLAdmin

ACL

AllExtendedRights
AddMember
ForceChangePassword
GenericAll
GenericWrite
Owns
WriteDacl
WriteOwner
ReadLAPSPassword

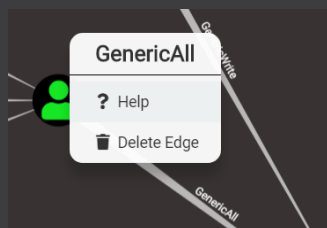
Container

Contains
GpLink

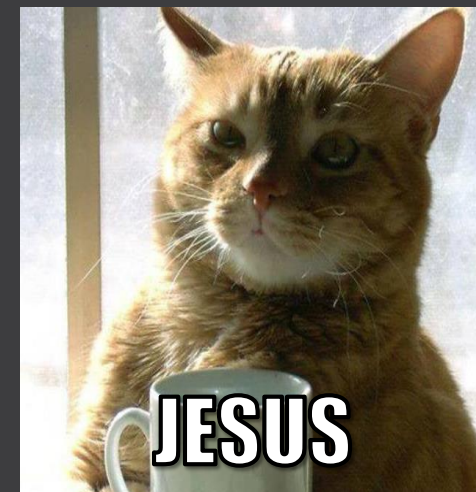
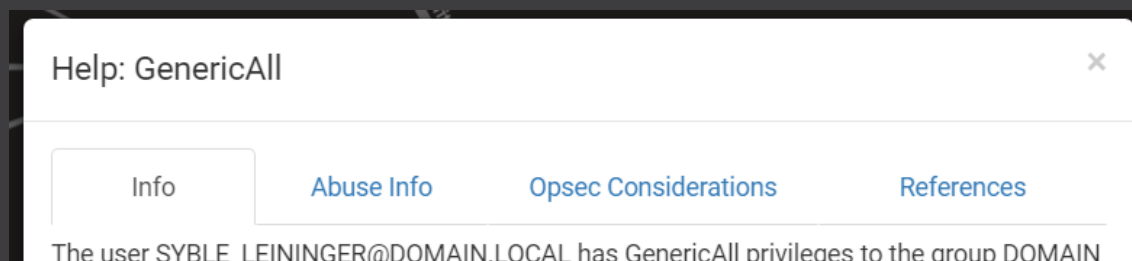


BloodHound Data - Edges

Each Edge represents a [one]way to move



Right-Click Edge for Edge Help



This will open a contextual menu with General Info, Attack Info, Opsec Info, and Extra Refs on the topic



Hands-On: UI Tour

In the **BloodHound UI**, find how to:

- Check BD Properties
- Toggle Dark Mode On/Off [Keep your fav]
- Set Debug Mode On [forever]
- View a Node and it's properties
- View a Path One-to-One
- Request shortest Paths Any-to-One
- Run Build-In Queries

[And more by [right-]clicking around...]

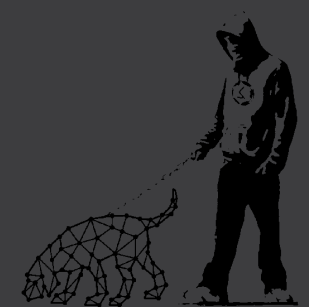


SharpHounds - Info

SharpHound is the BloodHound Data Collector

- [Re]Written in C# for better performances
- Uses LDAP & win32 API Calls to gather info
- Most data can be collected at user level
- Comes in two flavors [.exe/.ps1]
- Various Collection Methods [switches]

Read: <https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki/Data-Collector>



Collection Methods - Overview

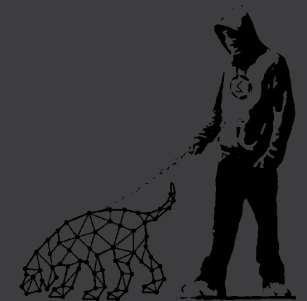
Data collected depends on Collection Method chosen

- To collect everything [no admin needed]

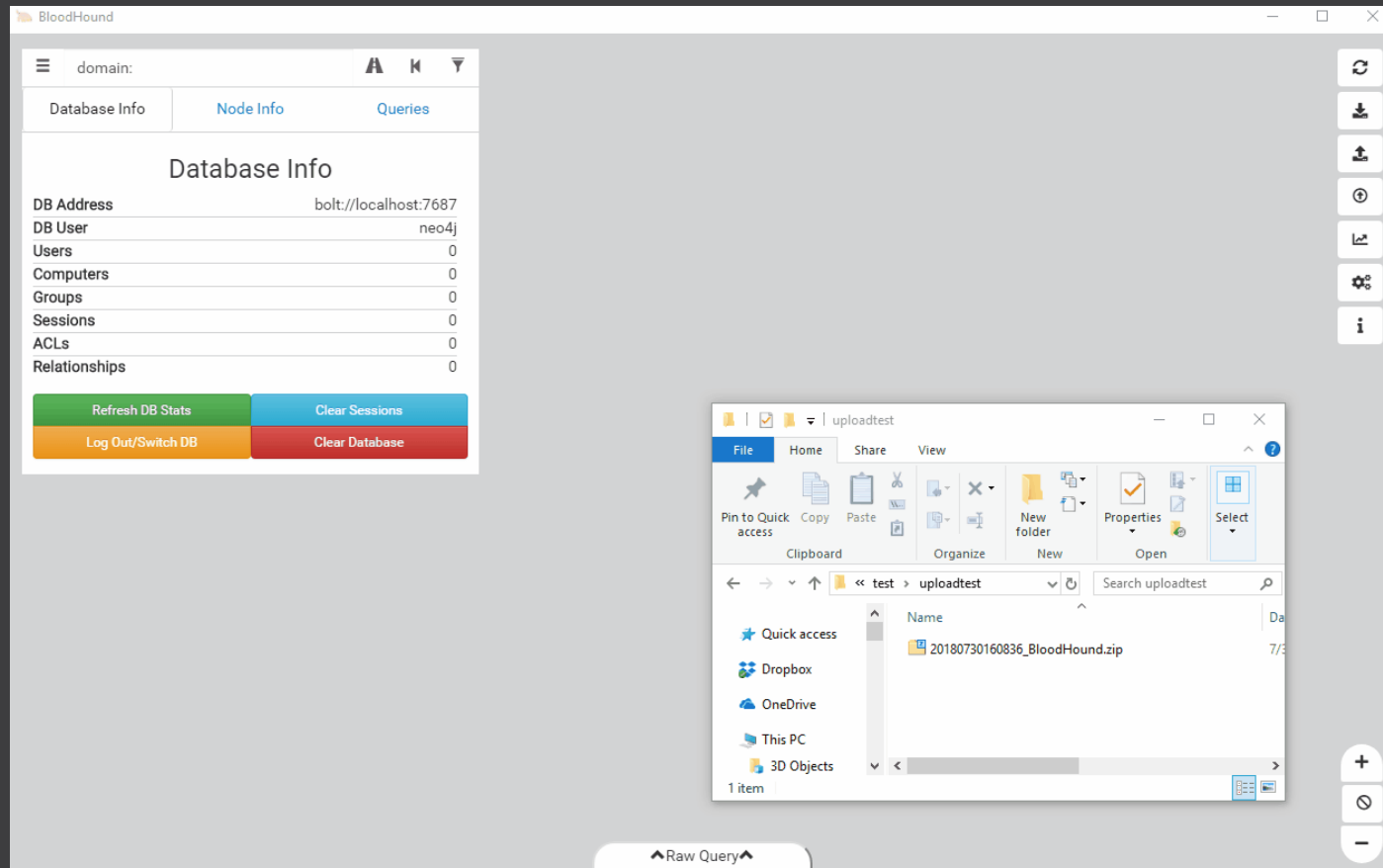
Invoke-BloodHound -CollectionMethod All -SearchForest

- Make sure to read Wiki & CptJesus's post on the topic
- Check .ps1 code & Help pages

Read: <https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki/Data-Collector>



Data Import - HowTo



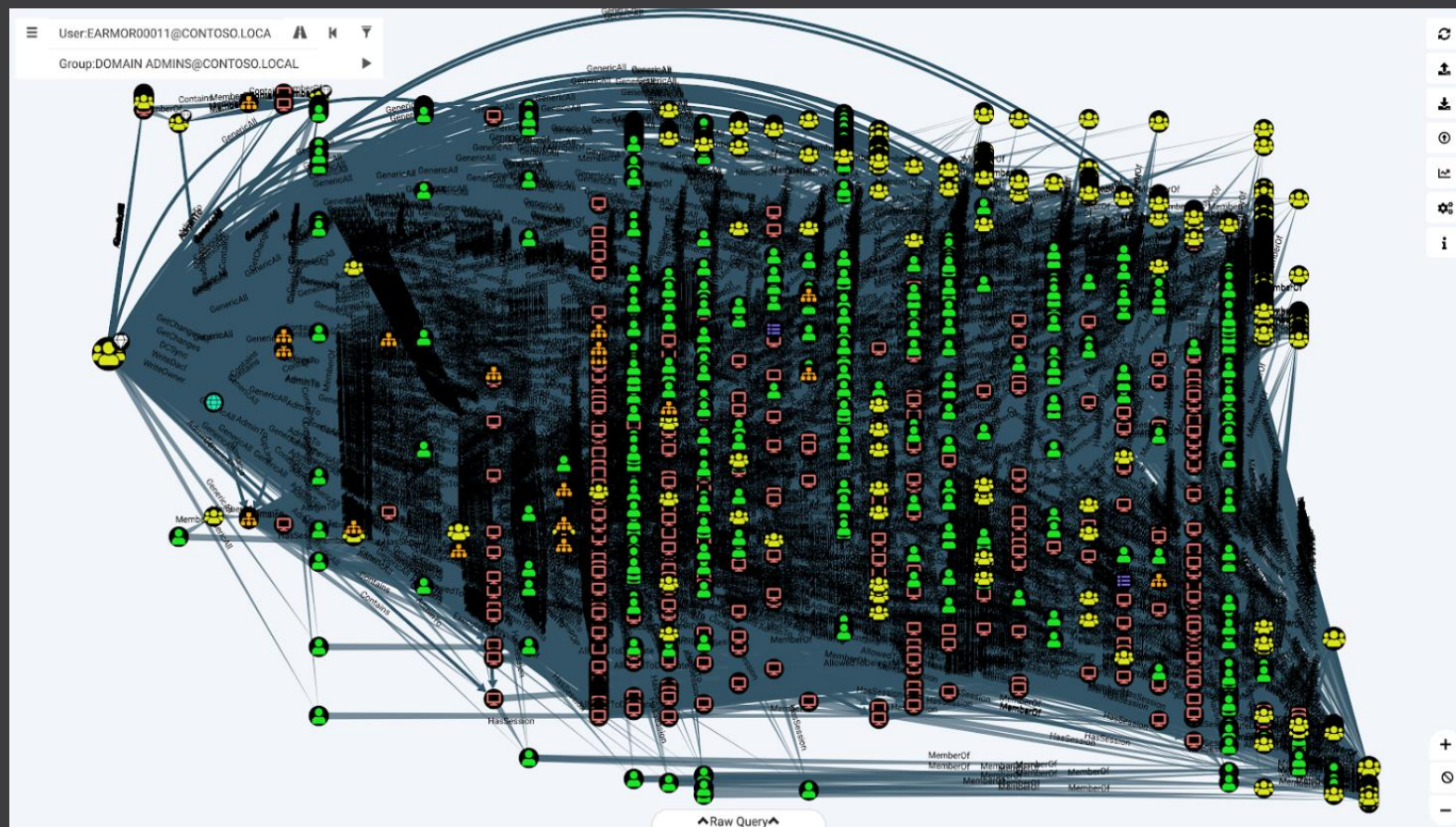
To Import
[more]
collected
data, simply
drag [extra]
zip files into
the UI



Data - A lot of data...

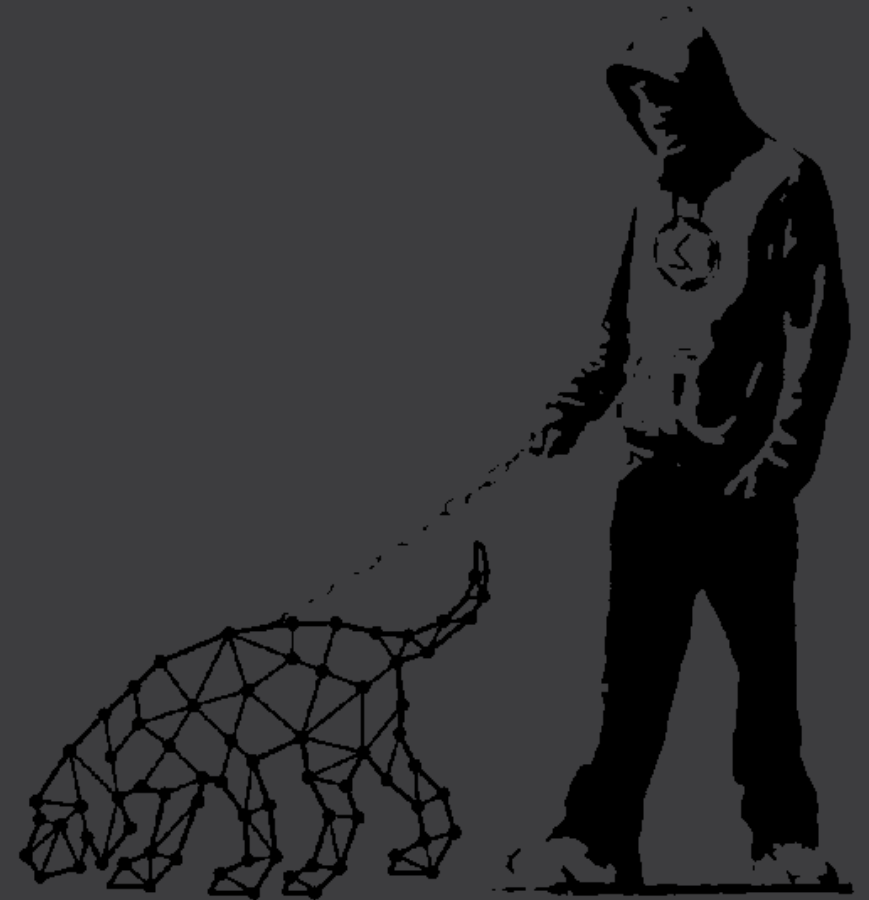


How to
navigate
all this??
LEARN
CYPHER...



3- Cypher Basics

- Node & Path Queries
- Filtering & Comparing
- Adding & Deleting Stuff
- Debugging Queries
- Neo4j Browser
- Counting Nodes



Node Queries - Basic

Example of basic Node Queries

```
// All Nodes
```

```
MATCH (x) RETURN x
```

```
// All User Nodes
```

```
MATCH (x:User) RETURN x
```

```
// Node by Property
```

```
MATCH (x:User {name: 'BOB@DEMO.LAB'}) RETURN x
```



Path Queries - Basic

Example of Basic Path Query

```
// Path User Bob to DA  
MATCH (u:User {name:'BOB@DEMO.LAB'})  
MATCH (c:Group {name:'DOMAIN ADMINS@DEMO.LAB'})  
MATCH p=shortestPath((u)-[r*1..]->(c))  
RETURN p
```



Path Queries - Basic

Example Path – Owned to HighValue

```
// Path Own to High Value – All Shortest  
MATCH (u:User {highvalue:true})  
MATCH (c:Computer {owned:true})  
MATCH p=allShortestPaths((c)-[r*1..]->(u))  
RETURN p
```



Filtering Stuff - WHERE

The WHERE clause can be used to filter:

```
MATCH (x:User {name: 'BOB@DEMO.LAB'}) RETURN x
// same as
MATCH (x:User)
WHERE x.name='BOB@DEMO.LAB'
RETURN x
```

[WHERE can be used with other operators than equal]



Comparing Stuff - Operators

List of Comparison Operators:

OPERATOR	SYNTAX
Is Equal To	=
Is Not Equal To	<>
Is Less Than	<
Is Greater Than	>
Is Less or Equal	<=
Is Greater or Equal	>=
Is Null	IS NULL
Is Not Null	IS NOT NULL
Prefix Search*	STARTS WITH
Suffix Search*	ENDS WITH
Inclusion Search*	CONTAINS
RegEx*	=~

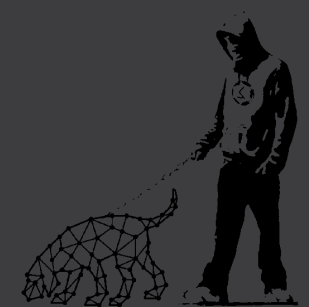
* String specific



Comparing Stuff - Operators

Example using RegEx

```
// Group SID with regex  
MATCH (g:Group) WHERE g.objectsid =~ '^S-1-5-32-548$'  
RETURN g
```



Hands-On: Nodes&Paths

In the **BloodHound UI:**

- Search for User
TRUDY_NEELD@DOMAIN.LOCAL
- Check Node properties
- Ask for shortest path from Trudy to Group
DOMAIN_ADMINS@DOMAIN.LOCAL
- Ask for same path but without ACL Edges



Adding Stuff - Node

The following syntax is used to create a Node & Add props

```
// Create Node  
MERGE (u:User {name: 'BOB'})  
  
// Add Props  
MATCH (u:User {name: 'BOB'})  
SET u.age=23, u.hair='Black'
```



Adding Stuff - Edge

The following syntax is used to create an Edge:

```
// Create Edge Between Nodes  
MATCH (b:Human {name: 'BOB'})  
MATCH (a:Human {name: 'ALICE'})  
CREATE (b)-[r:Likes]->(a)
```



Deleting Stuff - Edge

The following syntax is used to delete an Edge:

```
// Delete Relationship  
MATCH (b:Human {name: 'BOB'})-[r:Likes]->(a:Human {name: 'ALICE'})  
DELETE r
```



Deleting Stuff - Node

The following syntax is used to delete a Node:

```
// Delete Node  
MATCH (u:User {name: 'BOB'})  
DETACH DELETE u
```

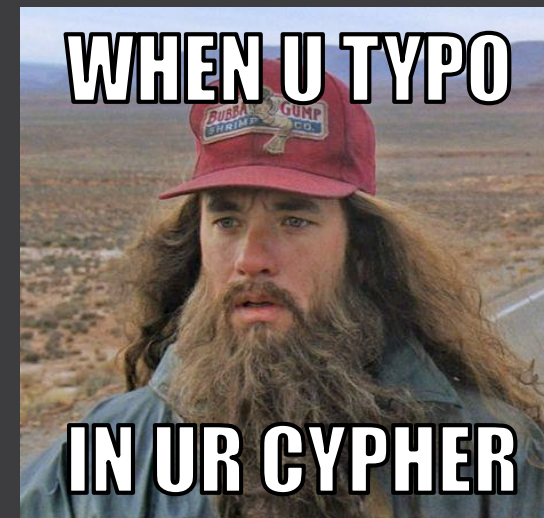
More: https://www.ernw.de/download/BloodHoundWorkshop/ERNW_DogWhispererHandbook.pdf



Making Errors - Typos

It happens...

- UI will not show any error message
- Your dog will run forever
- Prefer Browser to Build/Debug queries



ERROR

Neo.ClientError.Statement.SyntaxError

```
Neo.ClientError.Statement.SyntaxError: Invalid input ';;': expected an identifier character, node la
pattern (line 1, column 9 (offset: 8))
"MATCH (u;User) RETURN u"
      ^
```



Hands-On: GodMode

Perform the following:

- Create Humans named Alice & Bob
- Add an age property to each
- Create relationships between them
- Request path from Alice to Bob
- Delete an Edge
- Delete Both Nodes

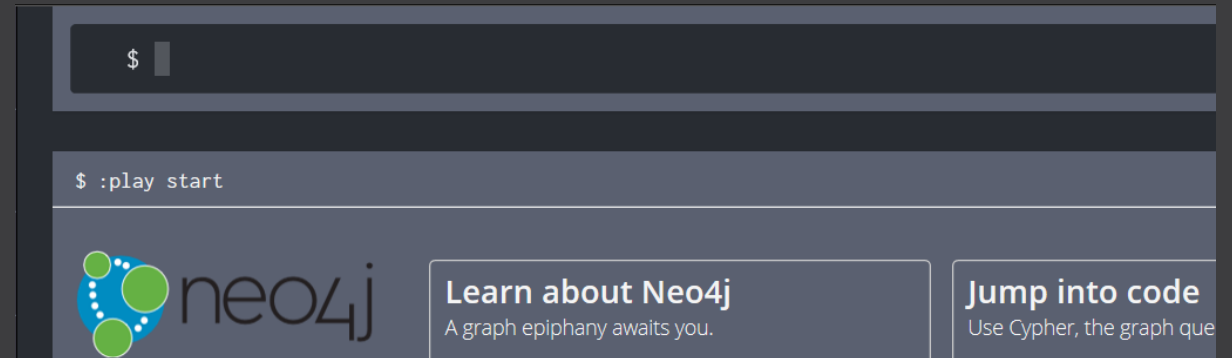


Neo4j Browser - 2nd Home

The Neo4j Browser is the best place to work on queries:

- Bigger font
- Syntax coloring
- Error messages
- **Return numbers**

And more...



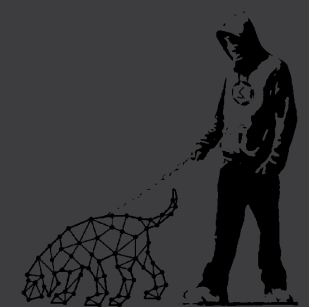
It is located at <http://localhost:7474>



Counting Stuff – COUNT()

The following syntax can be used to count Nodes

```
MATCH
(g:Group {name: 'DOMAIN ADMINS@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL'}),
p=shortestPath((x:User)-[r*1..]->(g))
RETURN COUNT(DISTINCT(x))
```



Hands-On: Browser

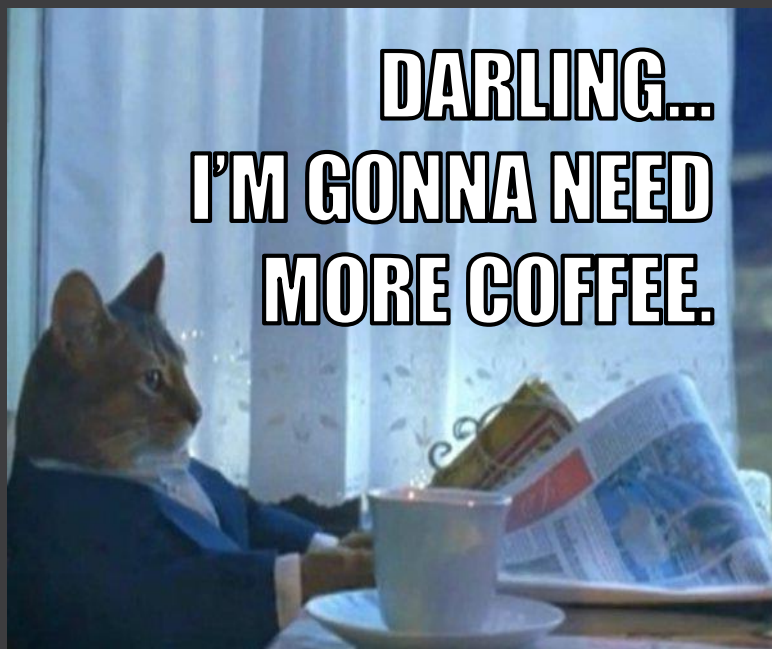
Using the **neo4j browser**:

- Try Nodes&Paths exercise again
- Try GodMode exercise again
- Try counting some Nodes

[Make Errors...]

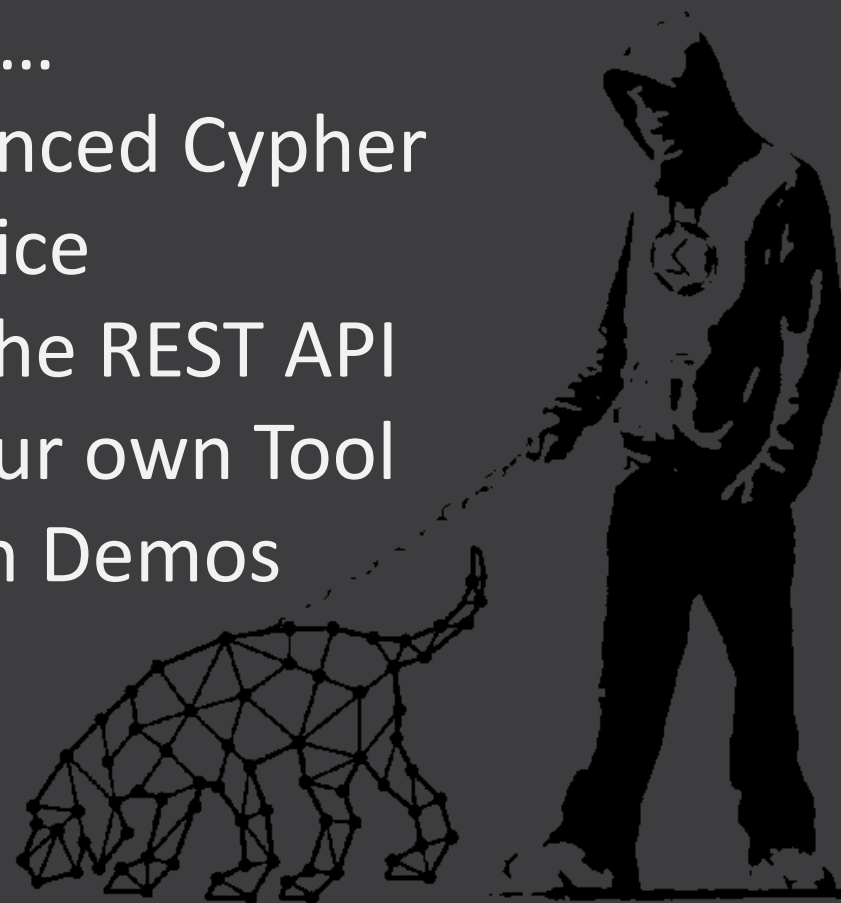


Break [10m]



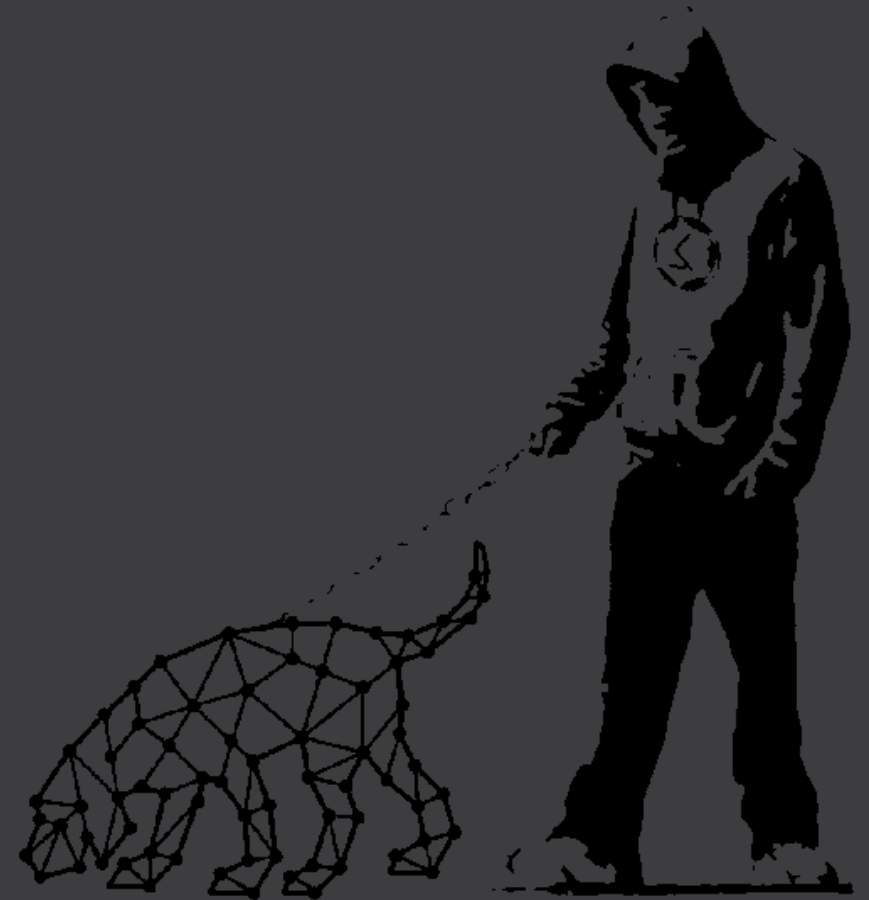
And after that...

- Some Advanced Cypher
- More Practice
- A bit over the REST API
- Building your own Tool
- Automation Demos



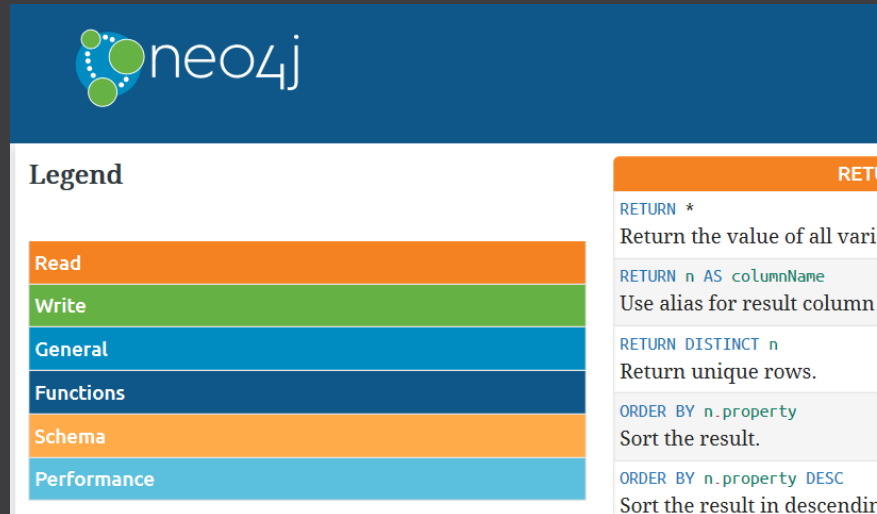
4- Cypher Advanced

- More Functions()
- Cypher Manual
- Cypher Gallery
- Query Tuning

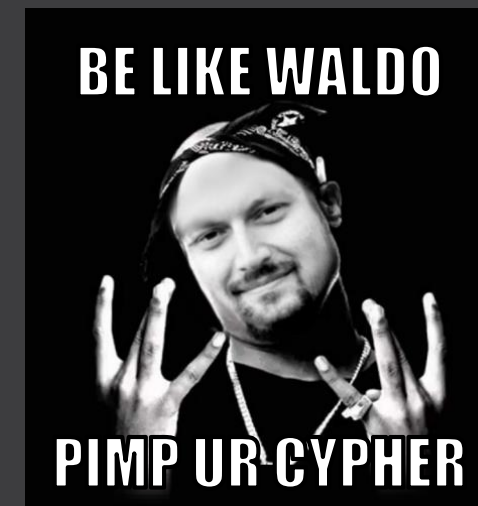


More Functions() - Ref Card

There are many Functions available...
Check out the **cypher Reference Card** for a quick overview...



Ref: <https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/3.5/>



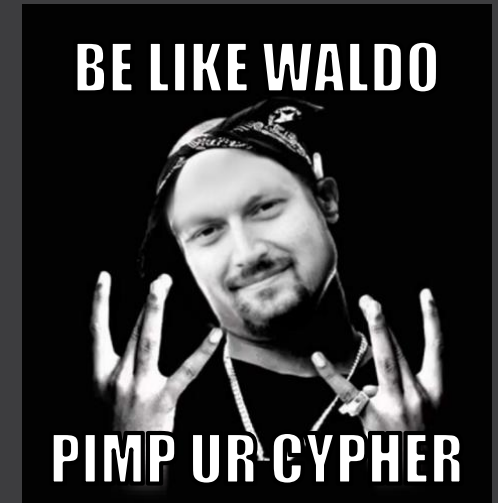
More Functions() - Example

See if you can understand what happens in this bit of cypher [use the ref card]

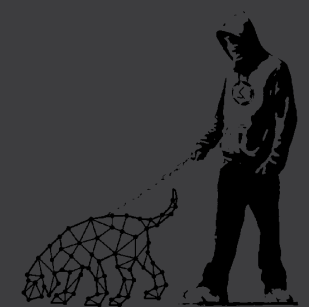
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```
WHERE ALL(x in RELS(p) WHERE (TYPE(x)='MemberOf' OR x.isacl=true))
```

...



Ref: <https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/3.5/>



Cypher Manual - The Bible

We have only scratched the surface...
There is a full Cypher online reference waiting for you

The Neo4j Cypher Manual v3.5

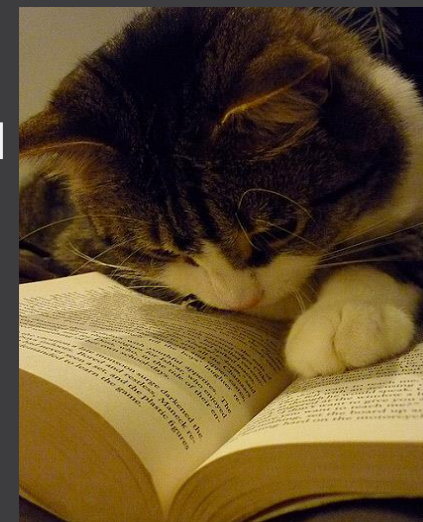
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This manual covers the following areas:

- [Chapter 1, Introduction](#) — Introducing the Cypher query language.
- [Chapter 2, Syntax](#) — Learn Cypher query syntax.
- [Chapter 3, Clauses](#) — Reference of Cypher query clauses.
- [Chapter 4, Functions](#) — Reference of Cypher query functions.
- [Chapter 5, Schema](#) — Working with indexes and constraints in Cypher.
- [Chapter 6, Query tuning](#) — Learn to analyze queries and tune them for performance.
- [Chapter 7, Execution plans](#) — Cypher execution plans and operators.
- [Chapter 8, Deprecations, additions and compatibility](#) — An overview of language developments across



Manual: <https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/3.5/>



Cypher Gallery - Community

List of Cypher cheats by Community Members

<https://gist.github.com/jeffmcjunkin/7b4a67bb7dd0cfbfbd83768f3aa6eb12>

<https://hausec.com/2019/09/09/bloodhound-cypher-cheatsheet/>

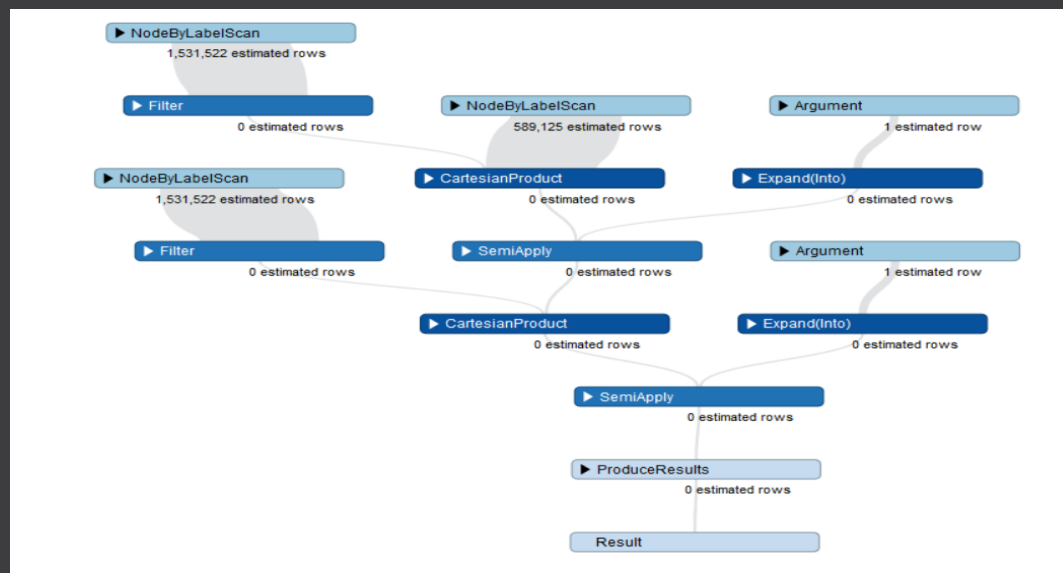
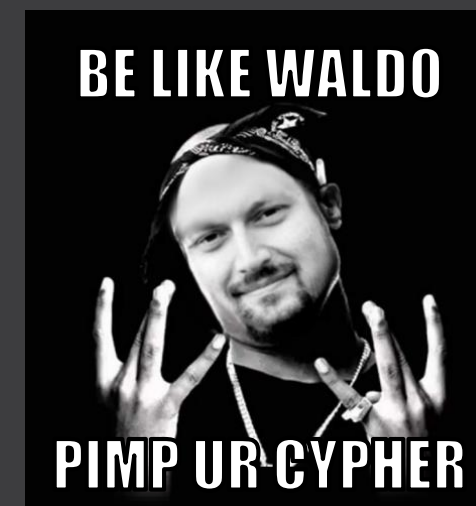
<https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki/Cypher-Query-Gallery>

Share your cool queries on BloodHound slack...



Query Tuning - Performance

Tip: Add **EXPLAIN** or **PROFILE** in front of your Cypher Query to understand how it performs under the hood... [Browser Only]



Hands-On: Moar Cypher

Check out the **Cypher Gallery** links and:

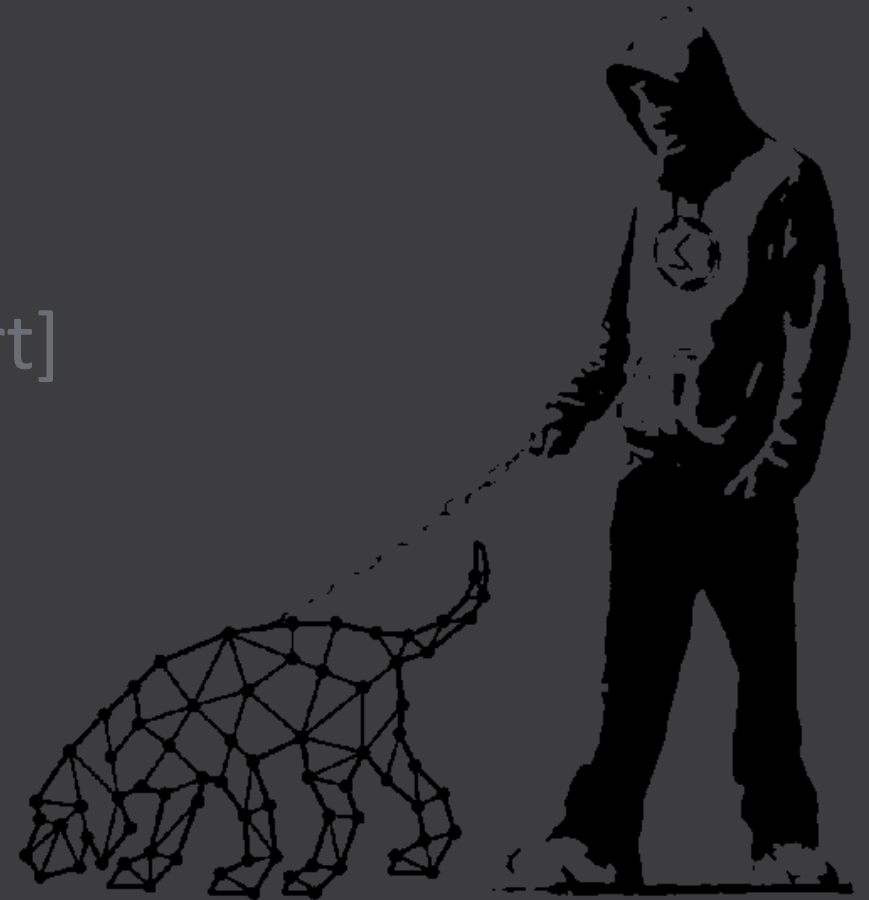
- Find some cool Queries you like
- Tweak them to your pleasure
- Run them in UI & Browser
- Add EXPLAIN & PROFILE in front

[Make moar errors...]



5- REST API & Automation

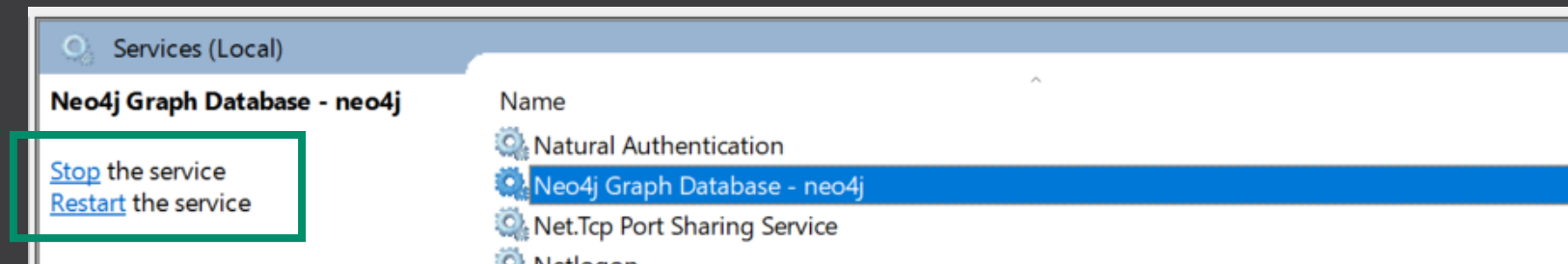
- REST API Basics
- Invoke-Cypher
- CypherDog Demo [Full Client]
- WatchDog Demo [Metrics & Report]



REST API - Setup

Enable **Unauthenticated** API requests [#!/\ LocalHost Only /\!]

- Stop neo4j service



- Uncomment in neo4j\conf\neo4j.conf

```
24  # Whether requests to Neo4j are authenticated.  
25  # To disable authentication, uncomment this line  
26  dbms.security.auth_enabled=false  
27
```

- Start neo4j service



REST API - Basic Call

```
1  # Prep Vars
2  $Server = 'localhost'
3  $Port   = '7474'
4  $Uri    = "http://$Server:$Port/db/data/cypher"
5  $Header = @{ 'Accept'='application/json; charset=UTF-8'; 'Content-Type'='application/json' }
6  $Method = 'POST'
7  $Body   = '----- tbd -----'
8
9  # Set body
10 $Body = '{
11     "query" : "MATCH (A:Computer {name: {ParamA}}) RETURN A",
12     "params" : { "ParamA" : "APOLLO.EXTERNAL.LOCAL" }
13 }'
14
15
16 # Make Call
17 $Reply = Invoke-RestMethod -Uri $Uri -Method $Method -Headers $Header -Body $Body
18
```

PowerShell
example of a
basic call
to API

Bash: <https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/wiki/neo4j-REST-API>



REST API - Nodes

This is what a returned Node looks like [PoSh]

```
> cypher "MATCH (n:User {name: 'JACOB_NEWELL@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL'}) RETURN n" -Expand data

metadata      : @{id=410; labels=System.Object[]}
data          : @{highvalue=False; sensitive=True; enabled=True; hasspn=False;
                  domain=SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL; name=JACOB_NEWELL@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL;
                  objectsid=S-1-5-21-2505991005-2303352498-2358670217-2111; adm
paged_traverse : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/paged/traverse/{return
outgoing_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/out
outgoing_typed_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/out/{-li
labels         : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/labels
create_relationship : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships
traverse       : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/traverse/{returnType}
extensions     :
all_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/all
all_typed_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/all/{-li
property       : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/properties/{key}
self           : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410
incoming_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/in
properties     : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/properties
incoming_typed_relationships : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/410/relationships/in/{-lis
```



REST API - Paths

This is what a returned Path looks like [PoSh]

```
relationships : {http://localhost:7474/db/data/relationship/50808, http://localhost:7474/db/data/relationship/46395,  
                http://localhost:7474/db/data/relationship/50312, http://localhost:7474/db/data/relationship/50313...}  
nodes         : {http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/373, http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/477, http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/48395,  
                http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/472...}  
directions    : {->, ->, ->, ->...}  
length        : 5  
start         : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/373  
end           : http://localhost:7474/db/data/node/47074
```

More calls will need to be made to retrieve Node & Edge info [curl/irm]



Invoke-Cypher - Cmdlet

Invoke-Cypher is a simple Cmdlet to send Cypher queries to the BloodHound REST API.

```
> help Invoke-Cypher
```

NAME

Invoke-Cypher

SYNOPSIS

Invoke Cypher

SYNTAX

Invoke-Cypher [-Query] <String> [[-Params] <Hashtable>] [[-Expand] <String[]>] [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIPTION

Post Cypher Query to BloodHound REST API



Hands-On: API Calls

Read the **Invoke-Cypher.ps1** Cmdlet code and help page. Using the Cmdlet:

- Try **Nodes&Paths** exercise again
- Try **GodMode** exercise again
- Try other queries of your creation



```
[Get-Help Invoke-Cypher -Full]
```



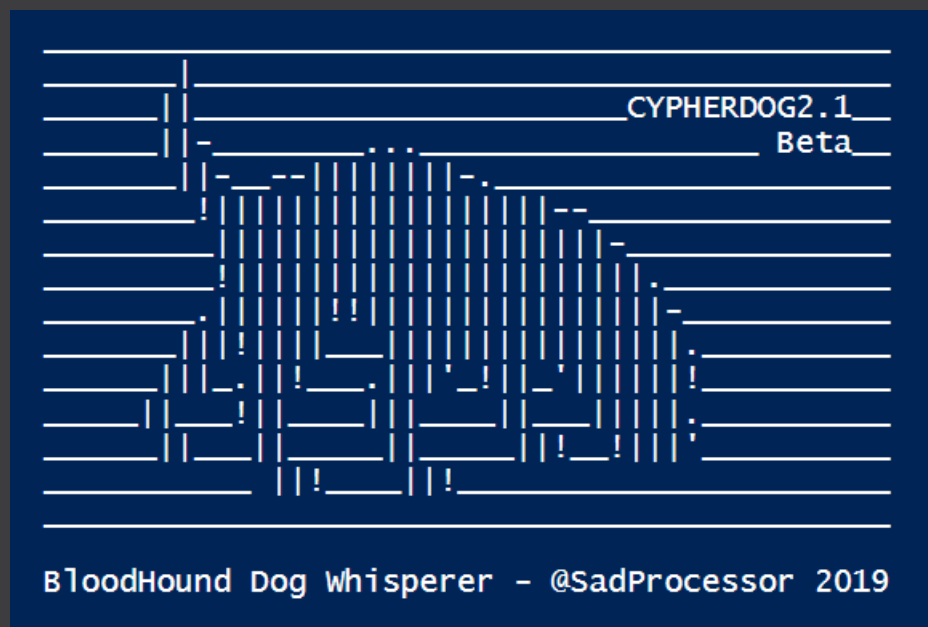
Tool Demos [if enough time]

- CypherDog
- WatchDog



CypherDog - Demo

CypherDog is a PowerShell BloodHound Client allowing Data Manipulation & Automation

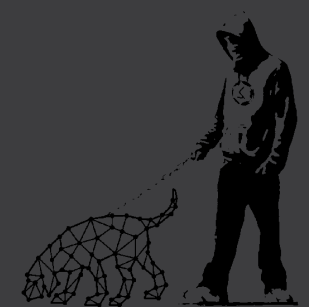


WatchDog - Demo

WatchDog is an BloodHound Data Scanner [POC/WiP]

Top20 Overall - TotalImpact [19 : 637 : 100]

Type	Name	Hit	Weight	Impact
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Group	ENTERPRISE_ADMINS@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	158	24.8
User	SYBLE_LEININGER@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	143	22.4
Group	ACCOUNT_OPERATORS@DOMAIN.LOCAL	18	141	22.1
User	HAZEL_DUNFEE@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	104	16.3
Computer	WS_4.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	95	14.9
Group	REMOTE_MANAGEMENT_USERS@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	95	14.9
User	EUGENIE_HITES@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	86	13.5
Computer	WS_17.SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	18	85	13.3
Computer	WS_12.SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	79	12.4
Group	DOMAIN_GUESTS@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	79	12.4
Group	DOMAIN_ADMINS@DOMAIN.LOCAL	18	77	12.1
Group	DISTRIBUTED_COM_USERS@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	16	66	10.4
User	SHERWOOD_ENDRES@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	65	10.2
User	MICHEAL_MAUERER@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	55	8.6
Computer	SRV_9.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	55	8.6
User	PENNI_ROGAN@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	54	8.5
Group	RAS_AND_IAS_SERVERS@SUB.DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	54	8.5
User	SOLEDAD_UHRIG@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	47	7.4
User	THI_RODKEY@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	47	7.4
User	LOREAN_EUGENE@DOMAIN.LOCAL	19	45	7.1





Questions...

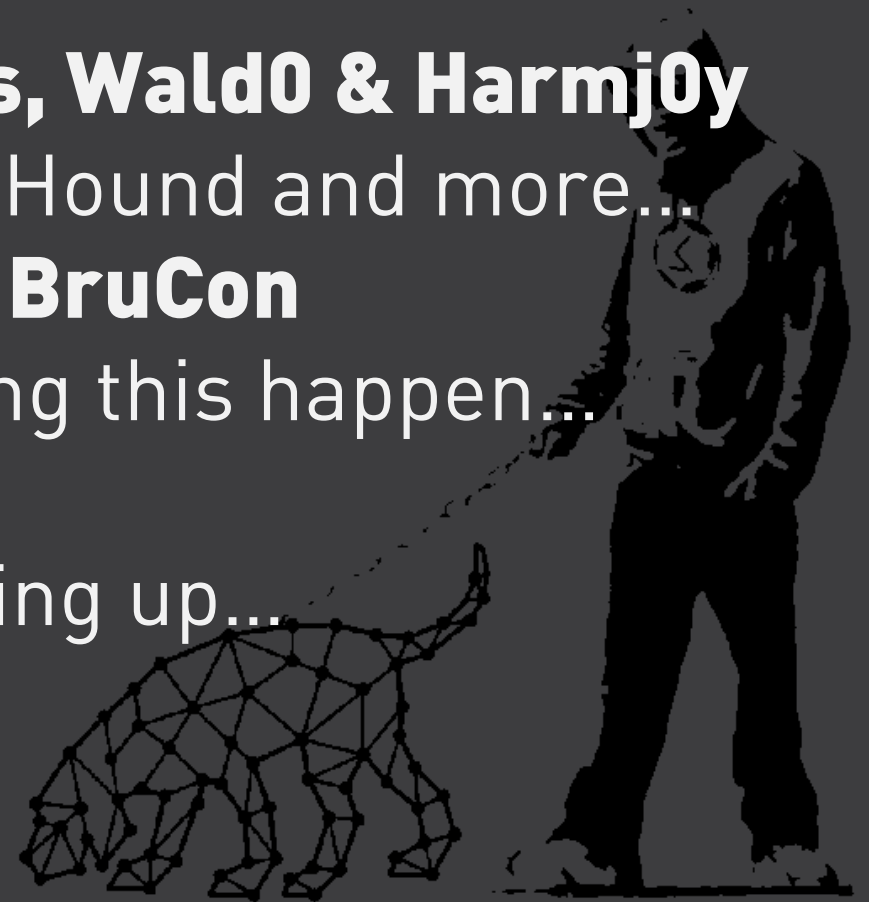
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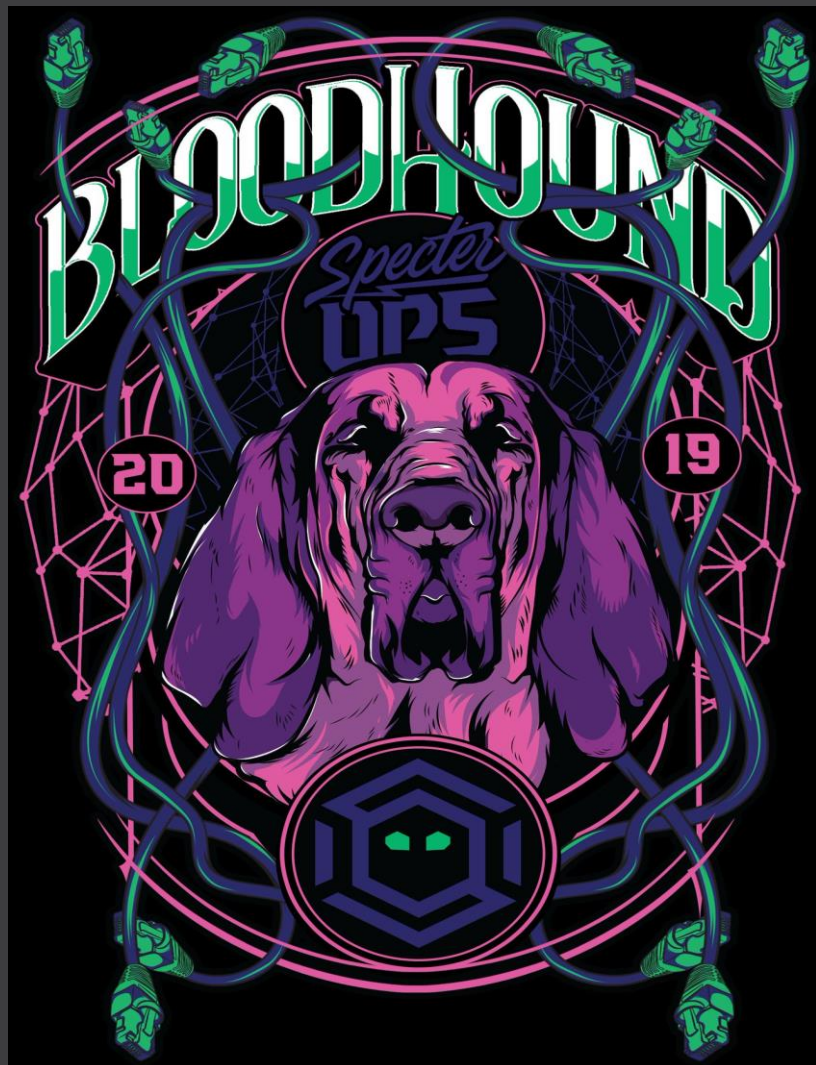




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