

# Introduction to Neo4j











# Outline

- Fundamental concepts
- The **Cypher** language (warm-up)
  - creating a graph
  - executing queries
- Examples:
  - Movie Database
  - The Panama Papers

# What is Neo4j

- Neo4j is a graph database management system.

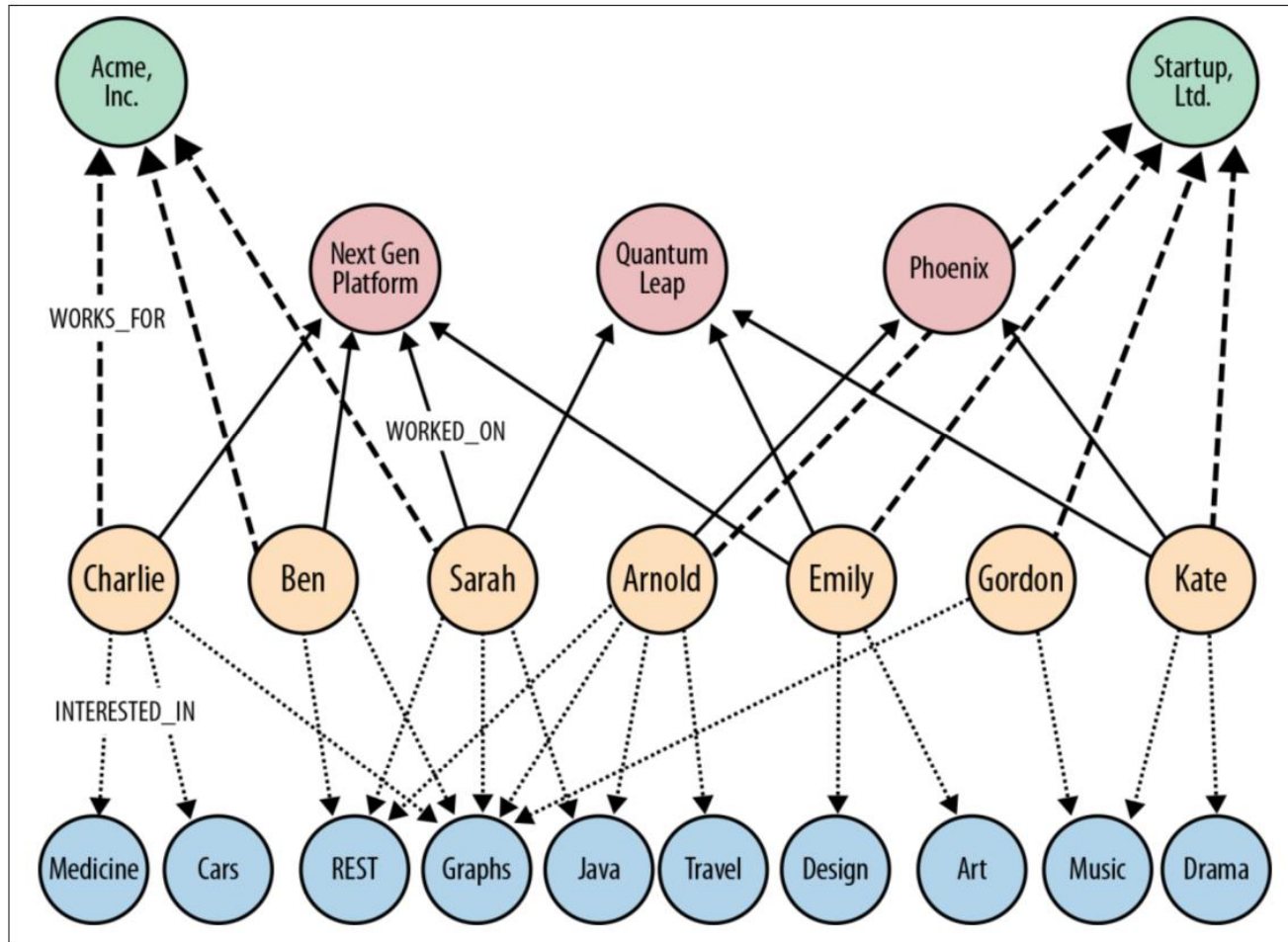
← Increasing Data Complexity	Type	Examples
	Key-Value Store	 
	Wide Column Store	 
	Document Store	 
<-----	Graph Store	 

Source: <http://sqrrl.com/product/nosql/>

# Storage Model

- Linked list of fixed size records
- In the disk every item is a record:
  - Graph Nodes. Pointers to:
    - First item of relationships
    - First item properties
  - Relationships (graph edges). Pointers to:
    - Nodes that are connected with this edge
    - First item properties
    - Next Relationships for the respective nodes
  - Properties:
    - Key value items
    - Points to the next property on the list

# A Heterogeneous Network



Source: *Graph Databases*, O'Reilly, 2013

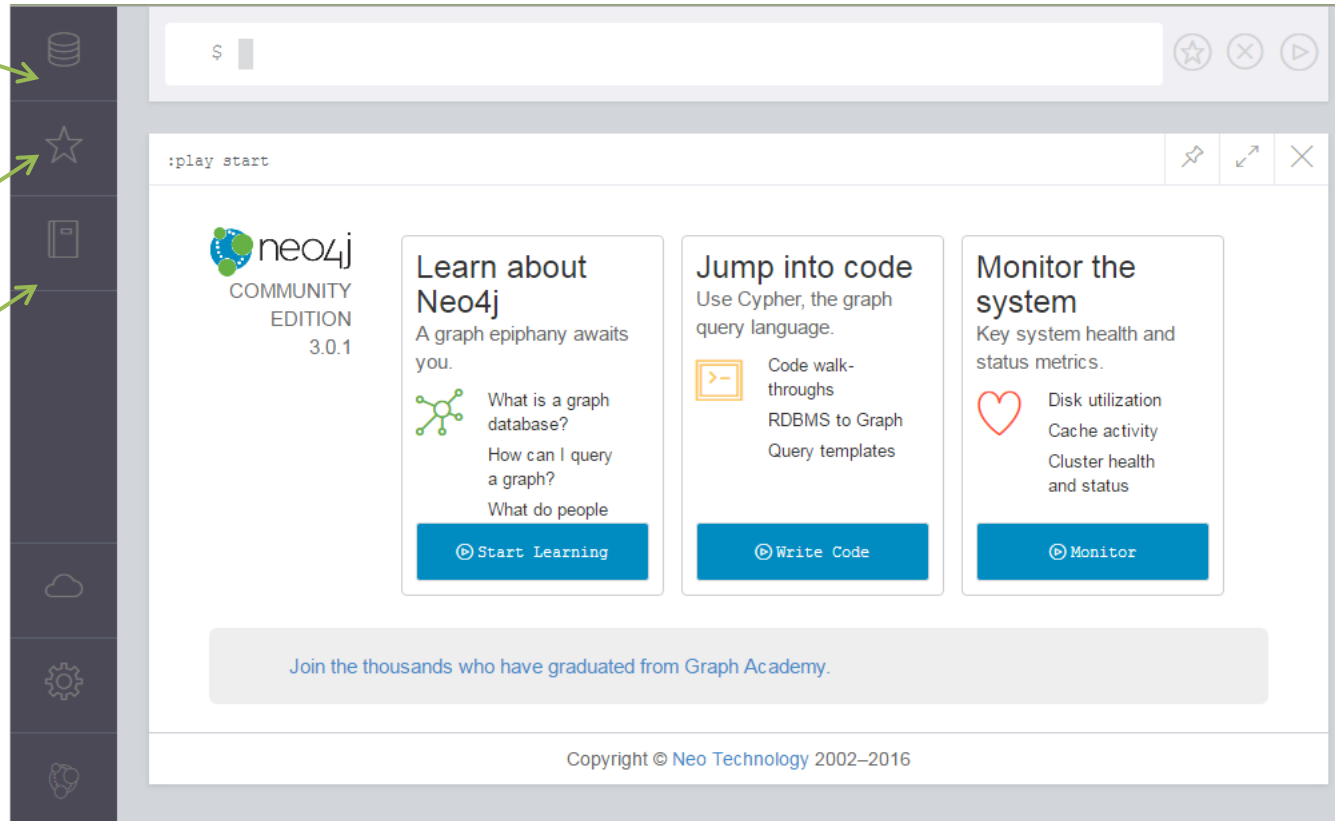
# Start Neo4j

- Use chrome or firefox to go to: <http://localhost:7474/>
- Username/Password: neo4j,neo4j1

Quick Reminder of  
all labels, keys and  
relationship types

Simple  
examples

Documentation



# Creating Nodes

```
CREATE (:Person{name:"Mary",age:25,city:"Paris"});  
CREATE (:Person{name:"John",age:40,city:"London"});  
CREATE (:Person{name:"Chris",age:27,city:"Athens"});  
CREATE (:Person{name:"Lucia",age:33,city:"Madrid"});  
CREATE (:Person{name:"Lina",age:20,city:"Madrid"});
```

OR

```
CREATE (:Person{name:"Mary",age:25,city:"Paris"}),  
      (:Person{name:"John",age:40,city:"London"}),  
      (:Person{name:"Chris",age:27,city:"Athens"}),  
      (:Person{name:"Lucia",age:33,city:"Madrid"}),  
      (:Person{name:"Lina",age:20,city:"Madrid"});
```

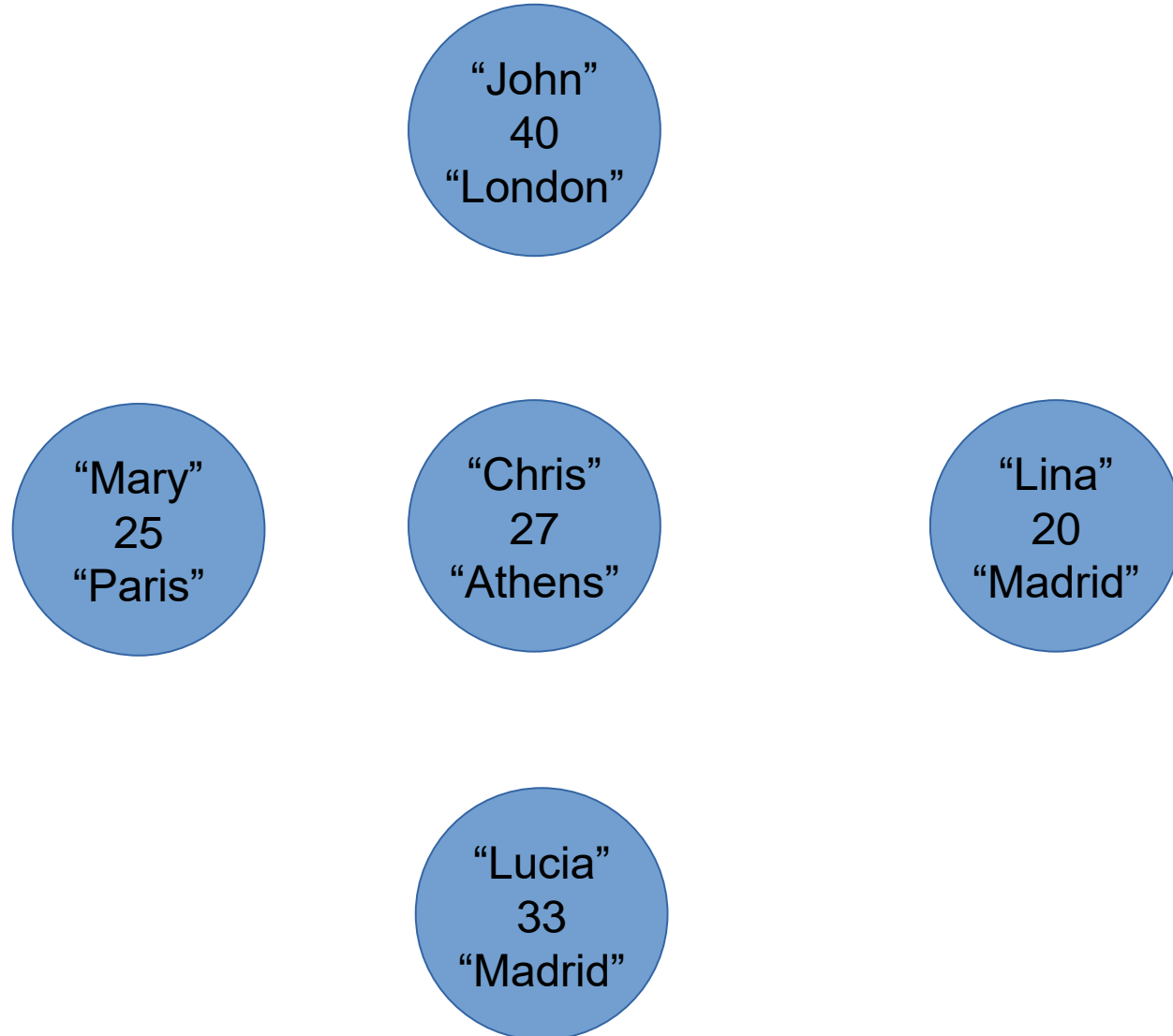
# Nodes

**Person properties:**

*name*

*age*

*city*





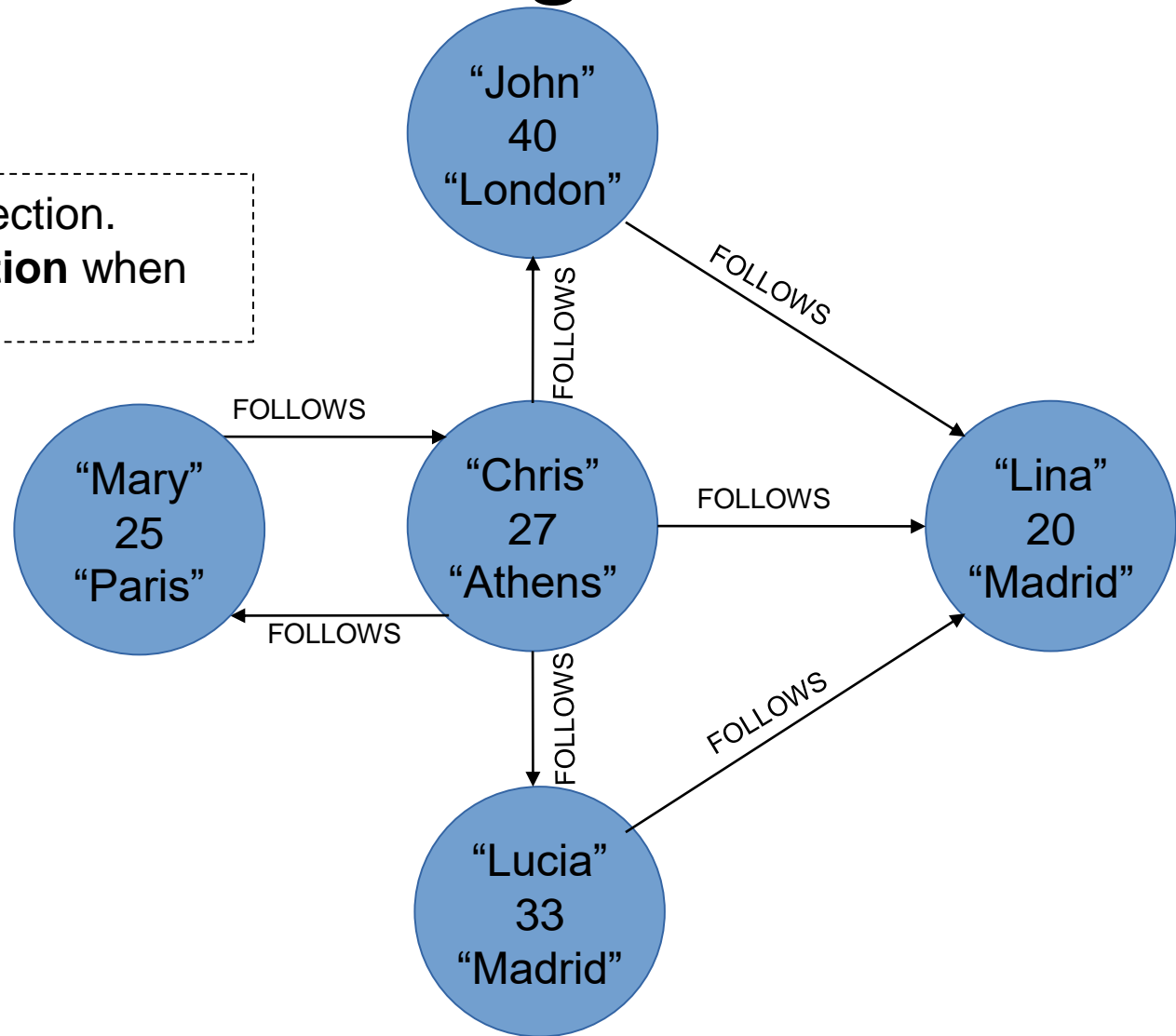
# Creating Relationships

```
MATCH (a:Person) , (b:Person)
WHERE a.name = 'Mary' AND b.name = 'Chris'
CREATE (a)-[r:FOLLOWS]->(b)
RETURN r;
```

Copy paste the rest from the file :  
*warmup-code.txt*

# Nodes with edges

All edges must have a direction.  
We **can ignore the direction** when  
we query the graph.



# Simple Queries (1)

```
// Display all nodes
```

```
MATCH (n)
```

```
RETURN n;
```

```
// Display a node with specific properties
```

```
MATCH (n {name:"Mary"})
```

```
RETURN n;
```

```
// More than one nodes may be returned
```

```
MATCH (n {city:"Madrid"})
```

```
RETURN n;
```

```
// From the nodes returned, display only specific  
properties
```

```
MATCH (n {city:"Madrid"})
```

```
RETURN n.name;
```

# Simple Queries (2)

```
MATCH (n)
WHERE n.age >= 20 AND n.age <= 35
RETURN n;
```

```
MATCH (n)
RETURN ID(n), n.name;
```

```
MATCH (n)
RETURN n
ORDER BY n.age DESC;
```

# Simple Queries (3)

```
// Is Mary following Chris ?
```

```
MATCH p = (a)-[:FOLLOWS]->(b)
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND b.name='Chris'
RETURN p;
```

```
// Return all relationships between two nodes
```

```
MATCH p = (a)-[*]-(b)
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND b.name='Chris'
RETURN p
```

```
// Return the label of relation between two nodes
```

```
MATCH p = (a)-[r]-(b)
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND b.name='Chris'
RETURN DISTINCT type(r)
```

# Path Queries (1)

```
// Find all nodes in a path between two nodes.  
// The path must contain 2 hops only.  
MATCH p=(a)-->(b)-->(c)  
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND c.name='Lina'  
RETURN nodes(p);
```

- Try doing the same but specify the relationship : **FOLLOWS**

# Path Queries (2)

```
// Return all relationships in a path  
MATCH p=(a)-->(b)-->(c)  
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND c.name='Lina'  
RETURN relationships(p)
```

- What if we do not care about link direction?

# Updates

```
// Updating properties
```

```
MATCH (n { name: "Lina" })
```

```
SET n.city = "Porto"
```

```
RETURN n;
```

```
// Back to Madrid ...
```

```
MATCH (n { name: "Lina" })
```

```
SET n.city = "Madrid"
```

```
RETURN n;
```



# Deleting Nodes

- Delete Chris and all relationships

```
MATCH (n { name:'Chris' })  
DETACH DELETE n;
```

# Deleting Relationships

```
MATCH (a) - [r:FOLLOWS] -> (b)
WHERE a.name='Mary' AND b.name='Chris'
DELETE r;
```

- Restore the link

```
MATCH (a:Person) , (b:Person)
WHERE a.name = 'Mary' AND b.name = 'Chris'
CREATE (a) - [r:FOLLOWS] -> (b)
RETURN r;
```

# Removing Properties

```
MATCH (n { name: "Mary" })  
SET n.boss = "yes"  
RETURN n;
```

```
MATCH (n { name: "Mary" })  
REMOVE n.boss  
RETURN n;
```

# Collect & Count

- Find all neighbors of node with ID = 1

```
MATCH (n) -- (m)
WHERE ID(n)=1
RETURN n, collect(m) ;
```

- Find the 10 nodes with the highest degrees

```
MATCH (n) -- (c)
RETURN n, count(*) as connections
ORDER BY connections DESC
LIMIT 10 ;
```

# ForEach

- Mark all nodes along a path

```
MATCH p =(s)-[*]->(d)
WHERE s.name='Mary' AND d.name='Chris'
FOREACH (n IN nodes(p) | SET n.marked = TRUE);
```

The FOREACH clause is used to update data within a collection, whether components of a path, or result of aggregation.

# Nodes of Different Type

```
CREATE (:Car{brand:"Citroen",model:"C5",sn:"112"});  
CREATE (:Car{brand:"Peugeot",model:"106",sn:"423"});  
CREATE (:Car{brand:"Citroen",model:"C3",sn:"110"});
```

# Relationships of Different Type

```
MATCH (a:Person), (b:Car)
WHERE a.name = "John" AND b.sn = 112
CREATE (a)-[r:OWNS]->(b)
RETURN r;
```

```
MATCH (a:Person), (b:Car)
WHERE a.name = "John" AND b.sn = 423
CREATE (a)-[r:OWNS]->(b)
RETURN r;
```

```
MATCH (a:Person), (b:Car)
WHERE a.name = "Lucia" AND b.sn = 110
CREATE (a)-[r:OWNS]->(b)
RETURN r;
```

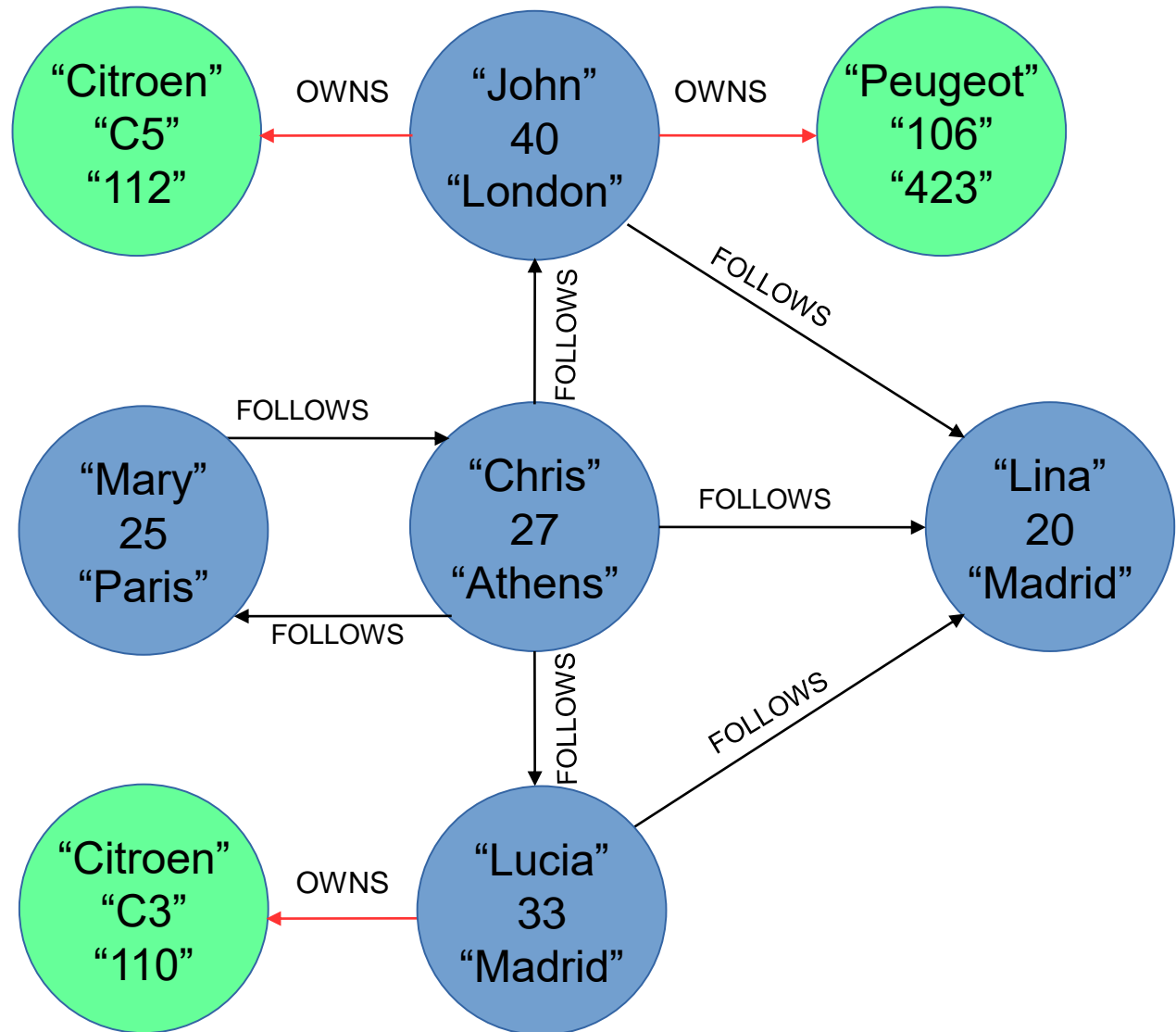
# Heterogeneous Network

## Person properties:

*name*  
*age*  
*city*

## Car properties:

*brand*  
*model*  
*sn*





# Unwind

- Find all distinct labels in the graph

```
MATCH (n)
WITH DISTINCT labels(n) as labels
UNWIND labels as label
RETURN distinct label
ORDER BY label
```

- *Get the intermediate result of the first two lines*

# Shortest Path

```
MATCH (a:Person { name:"Mary" }) ,  
      (b:Person { name:"Lina" }) ,  
      p = shortestPath((a)-[:FOLLOWS*]-(b))  
RETURN p;
```

# More Examples

- Find out the friends of Mary's friends that are not already her friends

```
MATCH (mary { name: 'Mary' })-[:FOLLOWS*2..2]->(friend_of_friend)
WHERE NOT (mary)-[:FOLLOWS]-(friend_of_friend)
RETURN friend_of_friend.name, COUNT(*)
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC , friend_of_friend.name;
```

- Find the sn of the cars owned by the friends of the friends of Mary

```
MATCH (a) - [:FOLLOWS] -> (b) - [:FOLLOWS] -> (c) - [:OWNS] -> (acar)
WHERE a.name="Mary"
RETURN acar.sn;
```

# Movie Database

- Create a folder **import** in ..  
Documents\Neo4j\default.graphdb
- Copy the tsv files in import
- Then, use the file load-movies.txt in order to create and populate the movie database
  - Don't forget the indexes

# IMDB Queries (1)

- For 'Reiner, Rob', fetch all of his associated movies. Order the results by his role in the movie (Actor/Director)
- Find all people acted in the same movies with 'Reeves, Keane'
- Find all the movies in which 'Reeves, Keane' and 'Moss, Carolyn' have co-starred. Order them by title and year
- For 'Bale, Christian' find his average movie rating
  - *Helpful functions avg, round*

## IMDB Queries (2)

- Find the titles of the movies that the co-actors of 'Reeves, Keane' have played in, excluding the titles of the movies where 'Reeves, Keane' has acted
- Find the names of the actors that acted with 'Baldwin, Alec' and the number of movies as well.
  - Limit to 15 results
  - Include the titles

# Reduce

- What if we wanted to know the average rating per movie that they co-starred?

```
//ASSUME name:nm, movie collection: MC  
//pass it to the reduce function -> WITH
```

```
RETURN nm,  
REDUCE(srt=0, tmpM in mc | srt+tmpM.rating)/cnt AS avgR
```

# Real World Example: **Panama Papers**

- The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) used Neo4j
  - exposed how offshore tax havens are used at scale by elites
- Let's see part of what they did:
  - family of the **Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev**
  - <http://neo4j.com/graphgist/ec65c2fa-9d83-4894-bc1e-98c475c7b57a>



# New Database

- Stop Neo4j
- Create new folder in :
  - Documents\Neo4j e.g. panama.graphdb
- Change the path in the Database Location
- Start Neo4j
  - New password will be needed
- Run the code from *panama\_create.txt*

# Interesting Queries (1)

## //Family Involvements

```
MATCH (o:Officer)-[r]-(c:Company)
WHERE toLower(o.name) CONTAINS "aliyev"
RETURN o,r,c
```

## //Who Are the Officers of a Company and Their Roles

```
MATCH (c:Company)-[r]-(o:Officer)
WHERE c.name = "Exaltation Limited"
RETURN *
```

## //Shortest Path between Two People

```
MATCH p=shortestPath((a:Officer)-[*]-(b:Officer))
WHERE a.name="Mehriban Aliyeva" and b.name="Arzu Aliyeva"
RETURN p
```

# Interesting Queries (2)

## //Joint Company Involvements of Family Members

```
MATCH (o1:Officer)-[r1]->(c:Company)<-[r2]-(o2:Officer)
WITH o1.name AS first, o2.name AS second,
      count(*) AS cnt,
      collect({ name: c.name, kind1: type(r1),
                  kind2:type(r2)}) AS involvements
WHERE cnt > 1 AND first < second
RETURN first, second, involvements, cnt
```

<http://neo4j.com/blog/analyzing-panama-papers-neo4j/>

**THANK YOU**