

LECTURE 17 – GRAPH DATABASE

CS2209

Information
Storage and
Management II

A TRADITION OF
INDEPENDENT
THINKING



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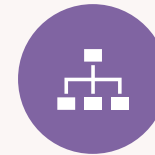
WHAT WE SAW LAST LECTURE



Graphs



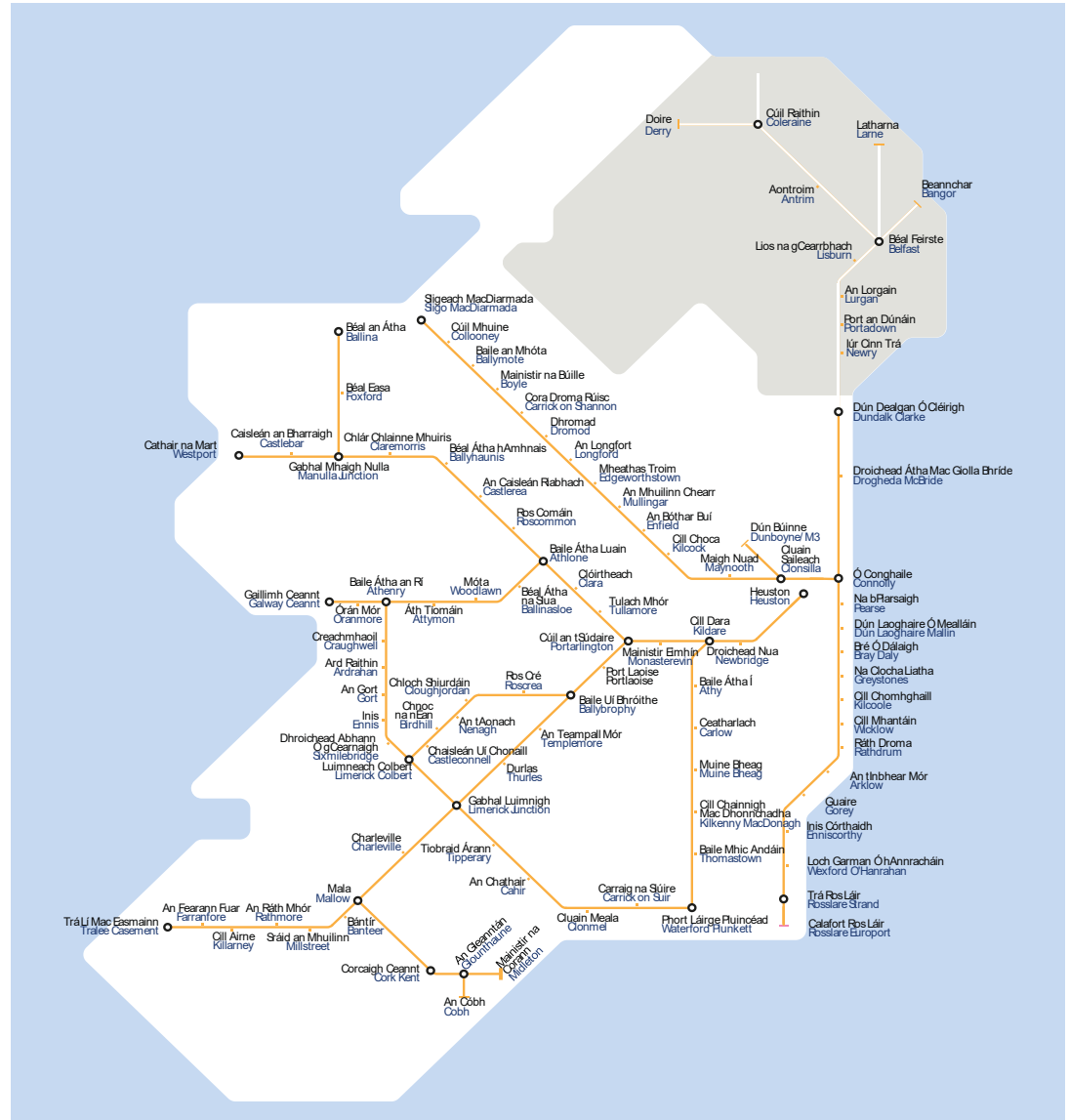
Graph
Representations



Graph Database
Definition

GRAPHS AS MODELS

- Networks:
 - Transportation
 - Roadmaps
 - Computers
 - Electrical
 - ...



- A graph is a formalism for representing relationships among items. One way to represent graphs:

- A **graph** $G = (V, E)$

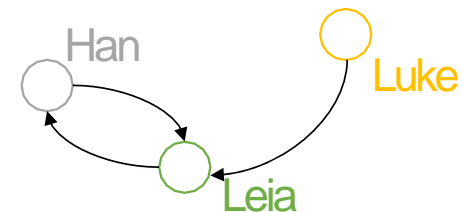
- A set of **vertices**, also known as **nodes**

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

- A set of **edges**

$$E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$$

- Each edge e_i is a pair of vertices (v_j, v_k)
 - An edge “connects” the vertices
 - It can also be represented as $v_j v_k$

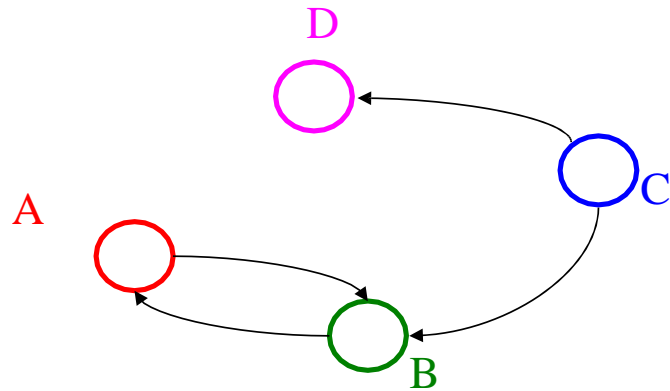


$$V = \{\text{Han}, \text{Leia}, \text{Luke}\}$$

$$E = \{(\text{Luke}, \text{Leia}), (\text{Han}, \text{Leia}), (\text{Leia}, \text{Han})\}$$

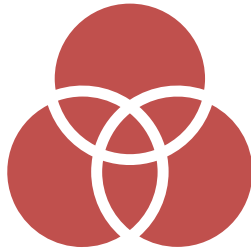
GRAPH EXAMPLE

- How are the sets V and E for this graph?



$$V = \{A, B, C, D\}$$

$$E = \{(C, B), (A, B), (B, A), (C, D)\}$$



Incidence Matrix:

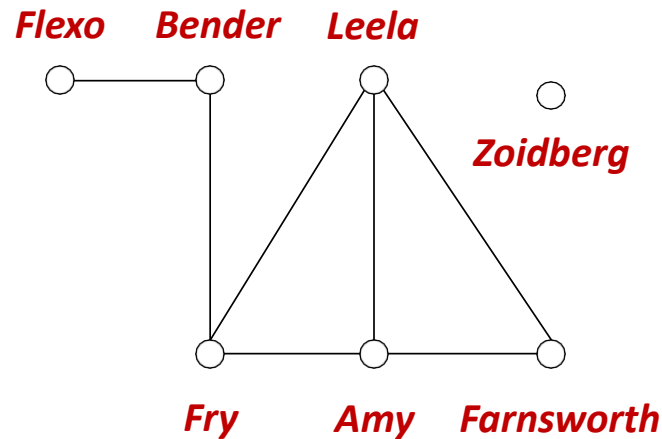
Depicts the incidents of
an edge with a vertex

Adjacency Matrix/List:

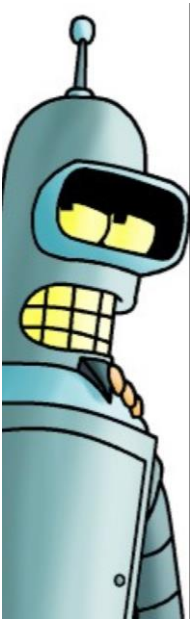
Depicts the connections
between two vertices

SOCIAL NETWORKS

- Modelling Social Networks with graphs, the vertices just happen to have people's names
- Such a graph could represent friendships (or any kind of relationship)

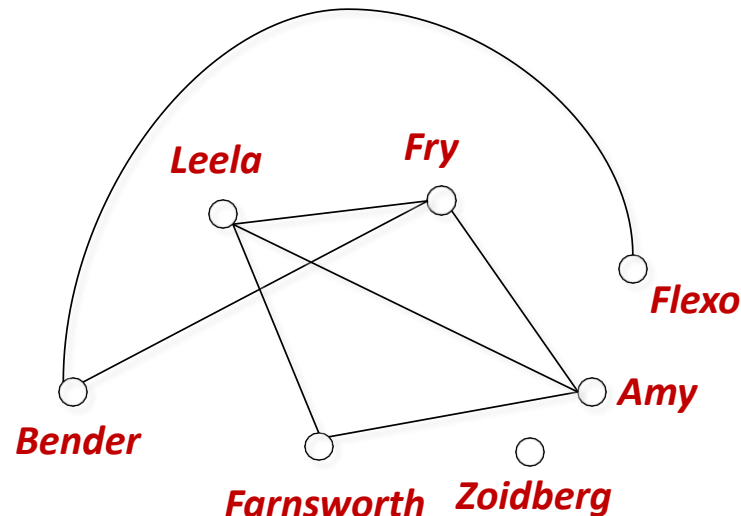


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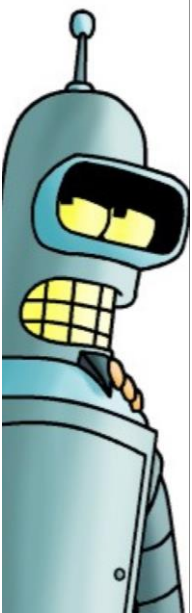


SOCIAL NETWORKS

- Now check out the graph below.
- What can we say about it in comparison to the previous figure?



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MORAL OF THE STORY



One graph may be drawn in (infinitely) many ways, but it always provides us with the same information



Graphs are **a structure for describing relationships** between objects



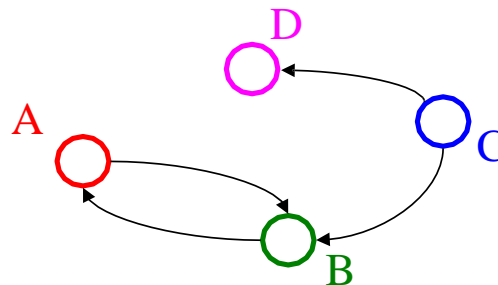
The vertices denote the objects and the edges represent the relationship

DIRECTED GRAPHS: DEGREE

In-degree of a vertex: number of in-bound edges, i.e., edges where the vertex is the destination

Out-degree of a vertex: number of out-bound edges, i.e., edges where the vertex is the source

Degree of a vertex: Sum of in-degree and out-degree

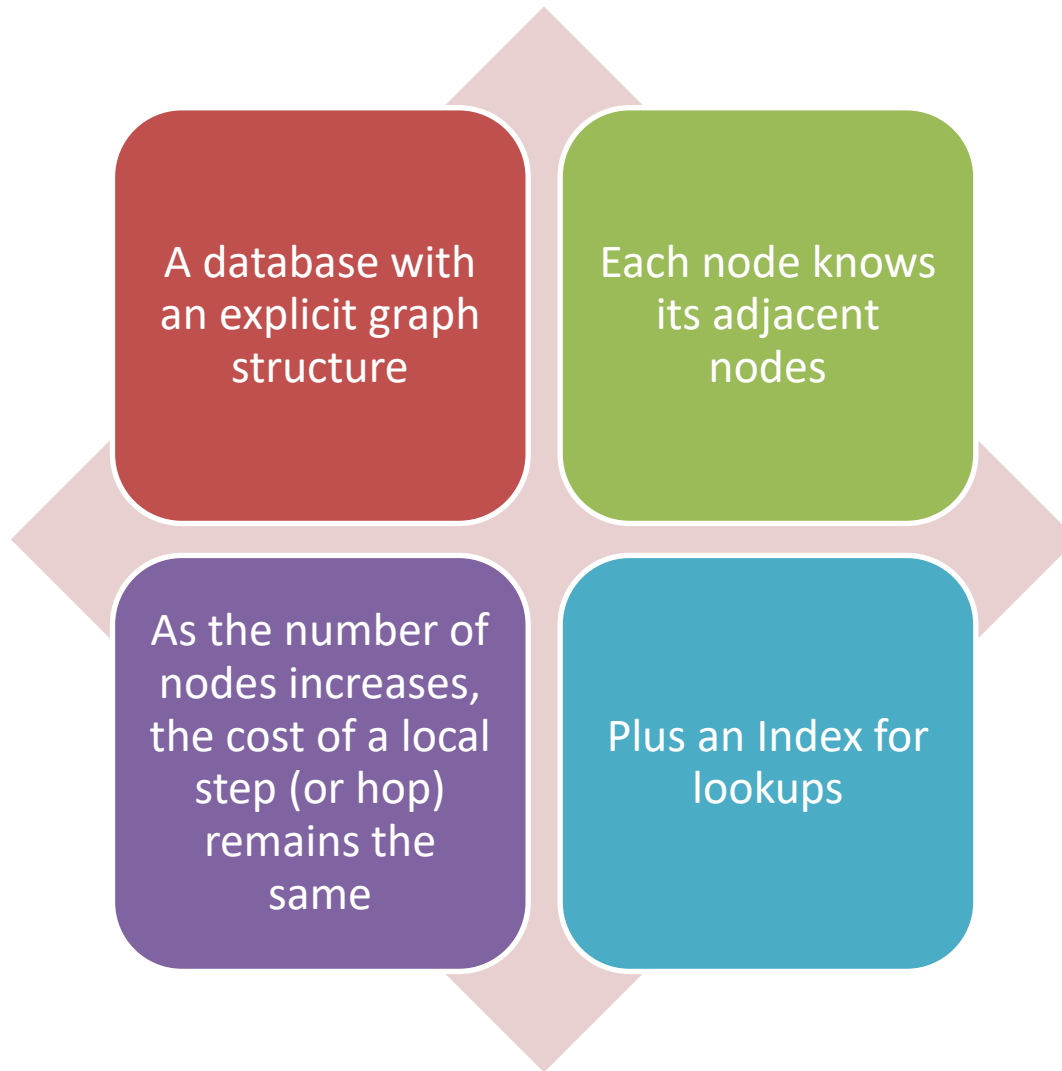


NUMBER OF EDGES

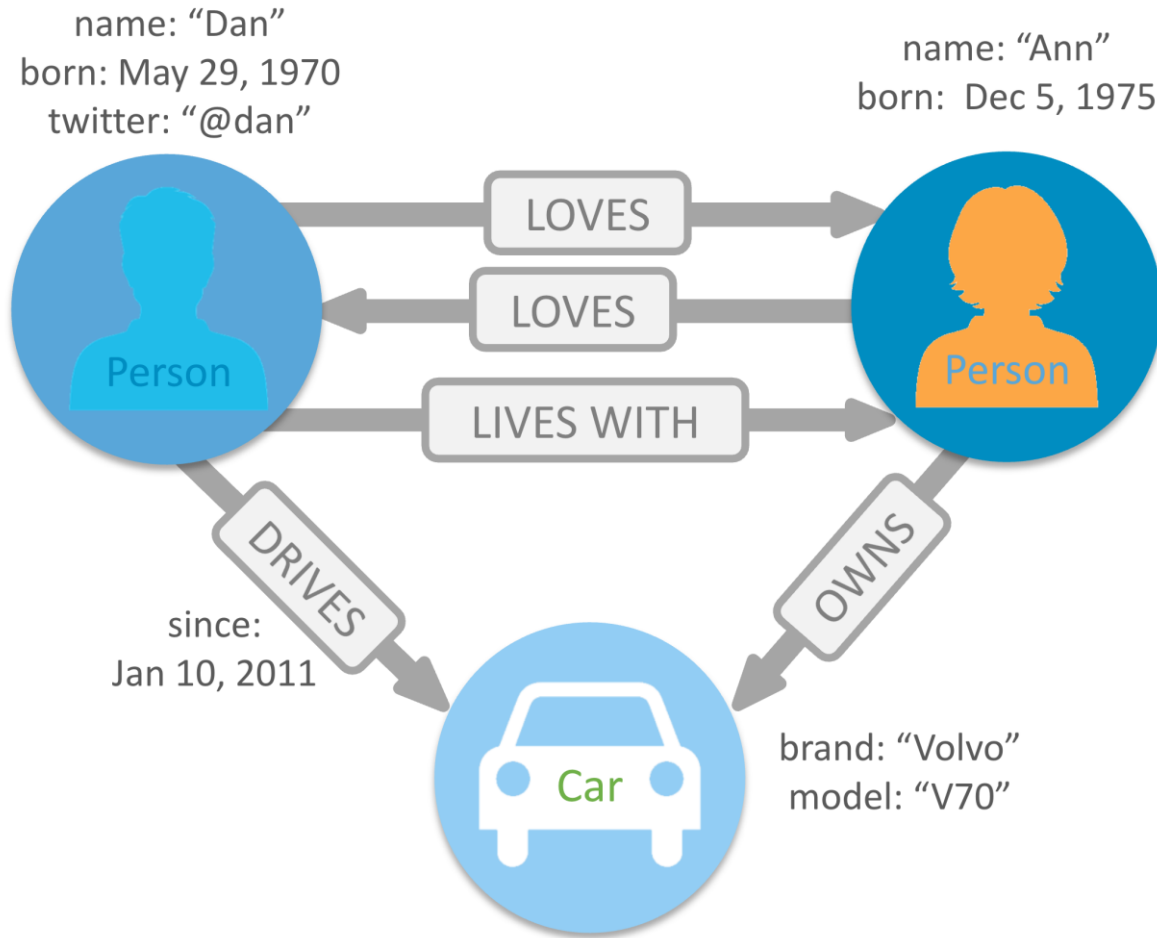
For a graph $G = (V, E)$

- $|V|$ is the number of vertices
- $|E|$ is the number of edges (assuming no self-loops)
 - Minimum? 0
 - Maximum for directed? $|V| * (|V| - 1) \in O(|V|^2)$
 - Maximum for undirected? $(|V| * (|V| - 1)) / 2 \in O(|V|^2)$
 - A node can have a degree / in-degree / out-degree of zero!

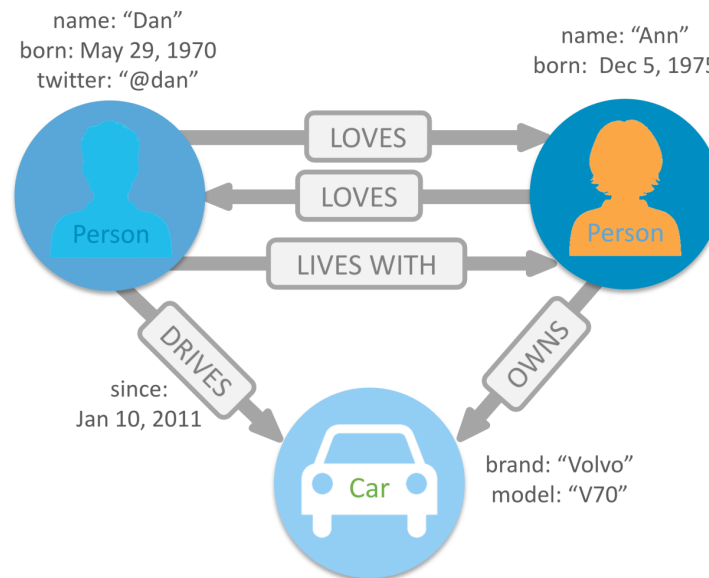
WHAT IS A GRAPH DATABASE?



GRAPH DATA

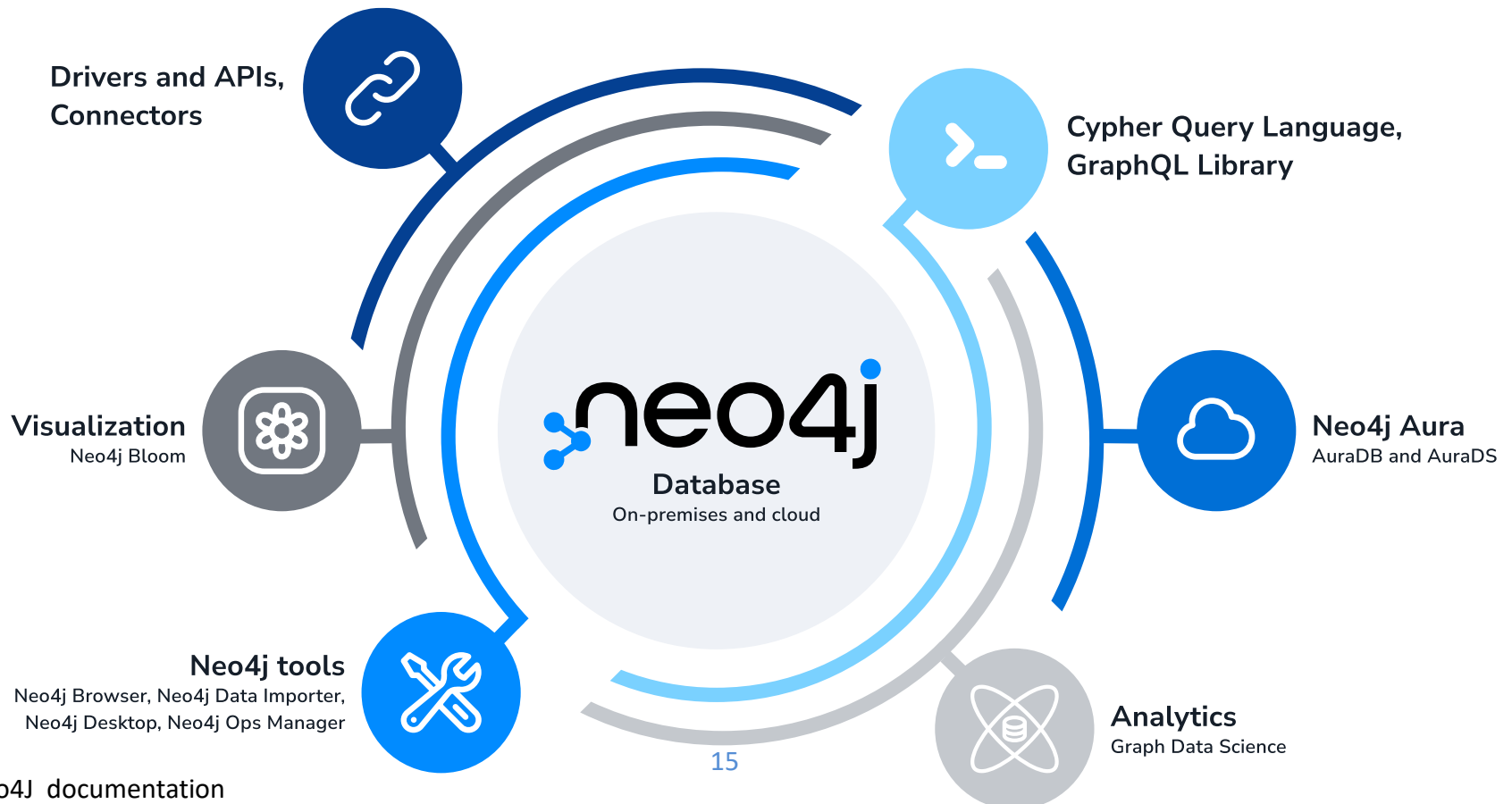


- **Nodes** describe entities (discrete objects) of a domain. They can have zero or more labels to define (classify) what kind of nodes they are.
- **Relationships** describe a connection between a source node and a target node. They are directional and always have a direction (one direction). They also have one **type** to describe the type of relationship they are.
- Nodes and relationships can have **properties** (key-value pairs), which further describe them.



WHAT IS NEO4J?

- A Graph Database
- Property Graph
- *Full ACID: (atomicity, consistency, isolation, durability)*
- 32 Billion Nodes, 32 Billion Relationships, 64 Billion Properties
- Embedded Server
- REST API



NEO4J – TYPICAL USAGES



Highly connected
data
(social networks)



Recommendations
(e-commerce)



Path Finding

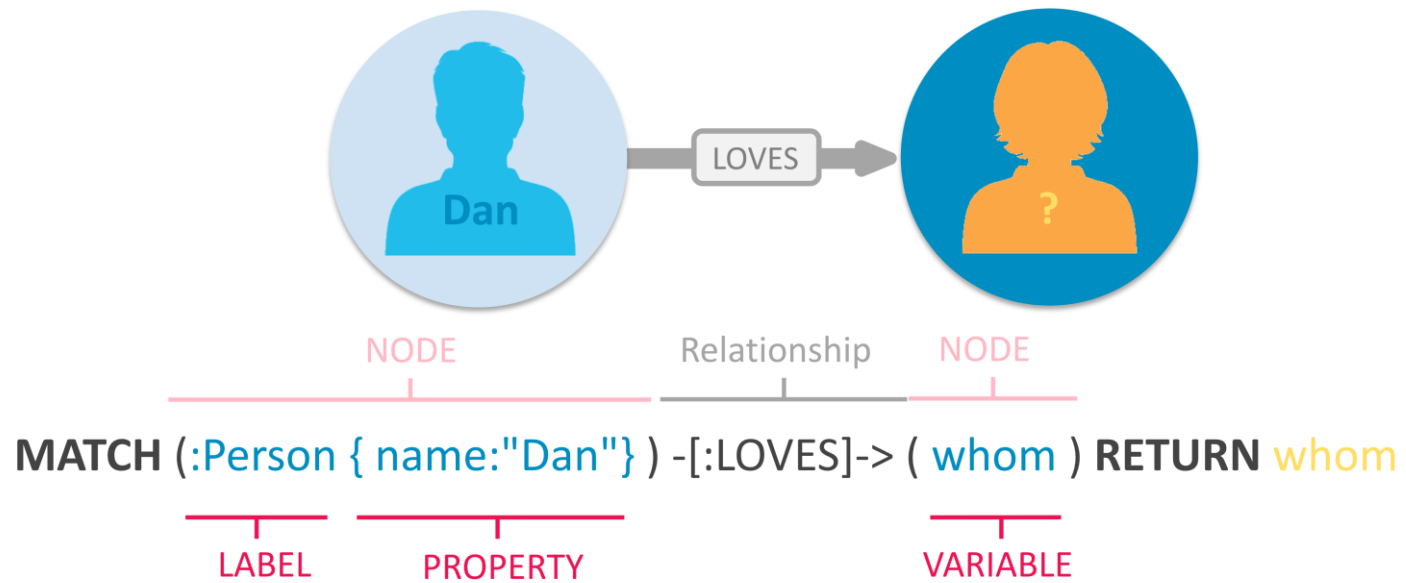


A* (Least Cost
path)



Data First Schema
(bottom-up, but
you still need to
design)

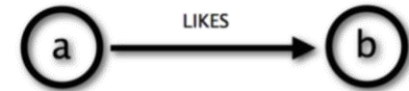
CYPHER QUERY



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

Cypher using relationship 'likes'



Cypher

(a) -[:LIKES]-> (b)

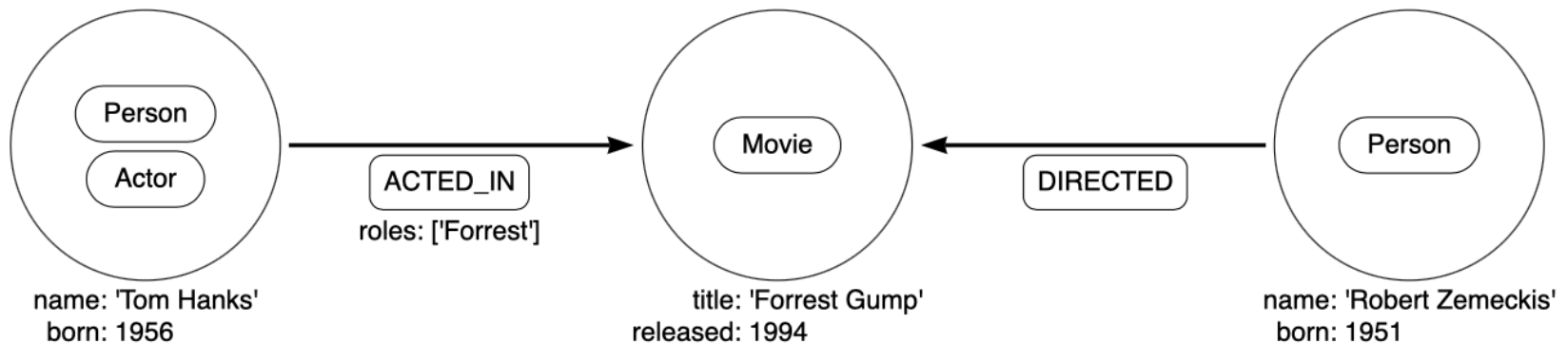
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MATCH (john {name: 'John'})-[:friend]->()-[:friend]->(fof) RETURN john.name, fof.name
```

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 | A sub-clause that specifies that the output should be sorted and how |

GRAPH DATABASE - EXAMPLE



```
CREATE (:Person:Actor {name: 'Tom Hanks', born: 1956})-  
  [:ACTED_IN {roles: ['Forrest']}]->(:Movie {title:  
  'Forrest Gump'})<-[:DIRECTED]-(:Person {name: 'Robert  
    Zemeckis', born: 1951})
```

SUMMARY



Graph Data



Neo4J



Cypher Query

