

Supply Chain Analysis

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DSC-202: Data Management for Data Science

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Application Context

Future-Ready Platform

Dual-Database Architecture

Scalability & Flexibility

Integrated Data Sources

Industry Relevance

Decision-Making & Analytics

Complex Supply Chain
Environment

Application achievements

Real-Time Decision Support

Optimized Resource Allocation

Enhanced Supply Chain Visibility

Accurate Inventory Tracking

Integrated Data Insights

Predictive Analytics

Data Source

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Statistical Database (FAOSTAT). The top navigation bar includes the FAO logo, the text "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations", a search bar powered by Google, and language links for Arabic, 中文 (Chinese), English, Français (French), Русский (Russian), and Español (Spanish).

The main content area is titled "FAOSTAT" and features a navigation menu with links to "Data", "Selected Indicators", "Compare Data", "Rankings", "Definitions and Standards", "FAQ", and a search bar. Below this is a section titled "Data" with two tabs: "DOMAINS" (which is selected) and "DOMAINS TABLE".

The "DOMAINS" section lists various data domains with corresponding icons:

- Production
- Food Security and Nutrition (SDG indicators)
- Food Balances
- Trade
- Prices
- Cost and Affordability of a Healthy Diet
- Population and Employment
- Investment (SDG indicator)
- Macro-Economic Indicators
- Food Value Chain
- Climate Change: Agrifood systems emissions
- Forestry

At the bottom left, there is a button labeled "#collapse_I".

Data Sources

Role of data source

PRODUCTION

- Production of items/commodities
- Yearly data from 1990 to 2023
- Elements like Yield, Harvest, Crops, etc.

FOOD BALANCES

- Production and Consumption of commodities
- Indicators, Flags, Elements
- Yearly data from 1990 to 2023

FAOSTAT

(Food and Agriculture
Organization's
Statistical Database)

[URL: FAOSTAT Datasets](#)

Data Sources

Role of data source

TRADE

- Trade Matrix between countries
- Import & Export quantities of products
- Trade Indicators

PRICES

- Price metrics in USD and SLC.
- Exchange rate data
- Producer and Consumer Prices

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Data Sources

Structure and content of data source

Price Data (price.csv)

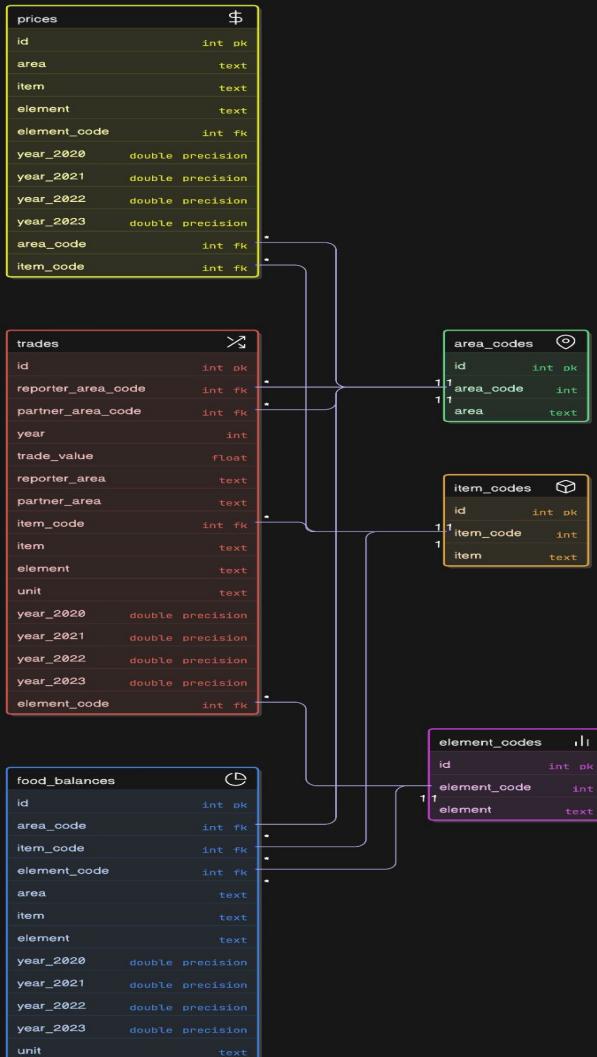
- **Structure:**
 - **Attributes:** area, area_code, item, item_code, element, element_code, unit.
 - **Time Series:** Columns for multiple years (from 1991 up to 2023, with a focus on recent years 2020–2023).
- **Content:**
 - Captures detailed price information for a wide range of products.
 - Consistent naming conventions facilitate historical and comparative analyses.

Trade Data (trade.csv)

- **Structure:**
 - **Attributes:** reporter_area, reporter_area_code, partner_area, partner_area_code, item, item_code, element, element_code, unit.
 - **Time Series:** Annual trade values for 2020 to 2023.
- **Content:**
 - Documents bilateral trade statistics and the movement of goods.
 - Combines geographic and product-specific data to reveal supply chain interconnections.

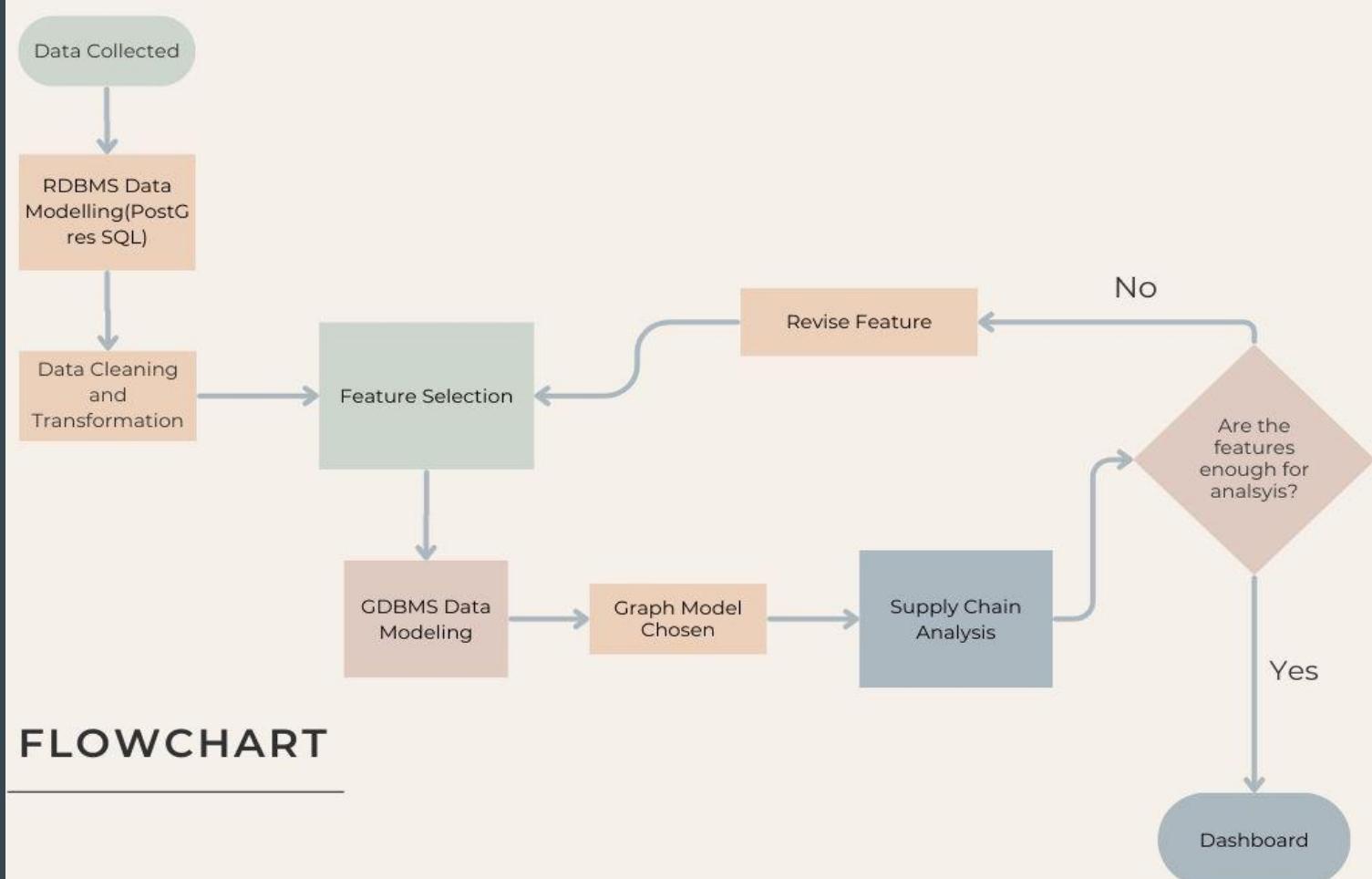
Food Balances Data (foodbalance.csv)

- **Structure:**
 - **Attributes:** area_code, area, item_code, item, element_code, element, unit.
 - **Time Series:** Annual records for the years 2020 to 2023.
- **Content:**
 - Represents the quantitative balance of food commodities.
 - Supports the assessment of production, consumption, and stock levels to manage food inventory effectively.



Methodology

Technical Steps Taken:



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Methodology

1. RDBMS

Relational Data Model

- **Structured Schema Design:**
 - Defined tables for Price Data, Trade Data, and Food Balances.
 - Each table includes attributes for region/country codes, products, and time series data (years).
- **Normalization:**
 - Ensured minimal data redundancy by normalizing entities like area, item, and element.

Preprocessing

- **Data Cleaning:**
 - Handled missing values, standardized units, and corrected inconsistent formats.
- **Data Transformation:**
 - Converted raw data into time series formats.
 - Aggregated and normalized data to prepare for further analysis.

Feature Selection

- **Key Variables Identification:**
 - Selected critical variables like trade volume, price trends, and commodity balances.
- **Dimensionality Reduction:**
 - Removed extraneous columns to focus on impactful features.
- **Data Integration:**
 - Combined insights across Price, Trade, and Food Balances datasets to enable comprehensive inventory analysis.

Logical Combination of Data Sources

- Joined tables via common keys (e.g., area_code, item_code) to create unified views.
- Created summary tables and views to support queries on inventory levels, pricing trends, and trade relationships.

```

CREATE TABLE prices (
    area_code INTEGER,
    area TEXT,
    item_code INTEGER,
    item TEXT,
    element TEXT,
    element_code INTEGER,
    unit TEXT,
    year_2020 DOUBLE PRECISION,
    year_2021 DOUBLE PRECISION,
    year_2022 DOUBLE PRECISION,
    year_2023 DOUBLE PRECISION,
    PRIMARY KEY (area_code, item_code, element_code), -- Unique per country-product-element
    FOREIGN KEY (area_code) REFERENCES area_codes(area_code),
    FOREIGN KEY (item_code) REFERENCES item_codes(item_code),
    FOREIGN KEY (element_code) REFERENCES element_codes(element_code)
);

--food bal load

INSERT INTO postgres.public.area_codes (
    area_code,
    area
)
SELECT area_code,
    area
FROM production Cle_area_code
WHERE area IN ('United States of America', 'Ecuador', 'Uruguay', 'Canada', 'Brazil');

INSERT INTO postgres.public.item_codes (
    item_code,
    item
)
SELECT item_code,
    item
FROM production Cle_item_code
WHERE item IN ('Apples', 'Oats', 'Spinach', 'Chickens', 'Wheat');

INSERT INTO element_codes (
    element_code,
    element
)
SELECT element_code,
    element
FROM production Cle_elements
--WHERE element IN ('Import quantity', 'Import value', 'Export quantity', 'Export value', 'Production', 'Food supply quantity (tonnes)', 'Producer Price (USD/tonne)')
;

```

Exported:

1. food_balances.csv
2. trades.csv
3. prices.csv

```

141 CREATE TABLE food_balances (
142     area_code INTEGER,
143     area TEXT,
144     item_code INTEGER,
145     item TEXT,
146     element_code INTEGER,
147     element TEXT,
148     unit TEXT,
149     year_2020 DOUBLE PRECISION,
150     year_2021 DOUBLE PRECISION,
151     year_2022 DOUBLE PRECISION,
152     year_2023 DOUBLE PRECISION,
153     PRIMARY KEY (area_code, item_code, element_code), -- Ensures unique country-product-element
154     FOREIGN KEY (area_code) REFERENCES area_codes(area_code), -- Links to area table
155     FOREIGN KEY (item_code) REFERENCES item_codes(item_code), -- Links to item table
156     FOREIGN KEY (element_code) REFERENCES element_codes(element_code) -- Links to element table
157 );
158
159 -- Table for Trade (Import & Export Data)
160 CREATE TABLE trades (
161     reporter_area_code INT,
162     reporter_area TEXT,
163     partner_area_code INT,
164     partner_area TEXT,
165     item_code INT,
166     item TEXT,
167     element_code INT,
168     element TEXT,
169     unit TEXT,
170     year_2020 DOUBLE PRECISION,
171     year_2021 DOUBLE PRECISION,
172     year_2022 DOUBLE PRECISION,
173     year_2023 DOUBLE PRECISION,
174     PRIMARY KEY (reporter_area_code, partner_area_code, item_code, element_code),
175     FOREIGN KEY (reporter_area_code) REFERENCES area_codes(area_code),
176     FOREIGN KEY (partner_area_code) REFERENCES area_codes(area_code),
177     FOREIGN KEY (item_code) REFERENCES item_codes(item_code),
178     FOREIGN KEY (element_code) REFERENCES element_codes(element_code)
179 );

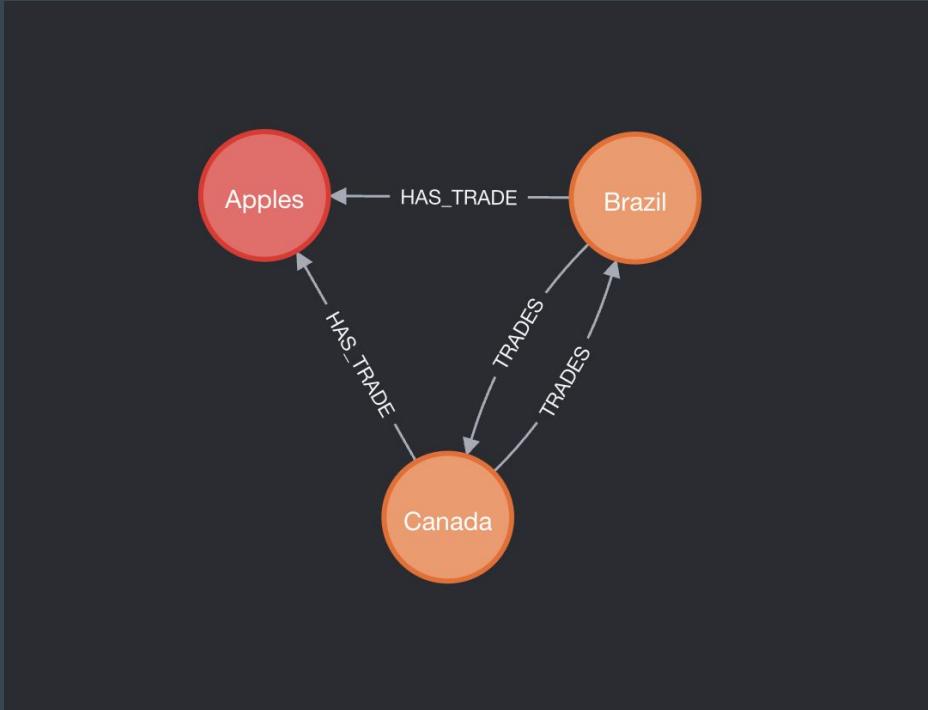
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Methodology

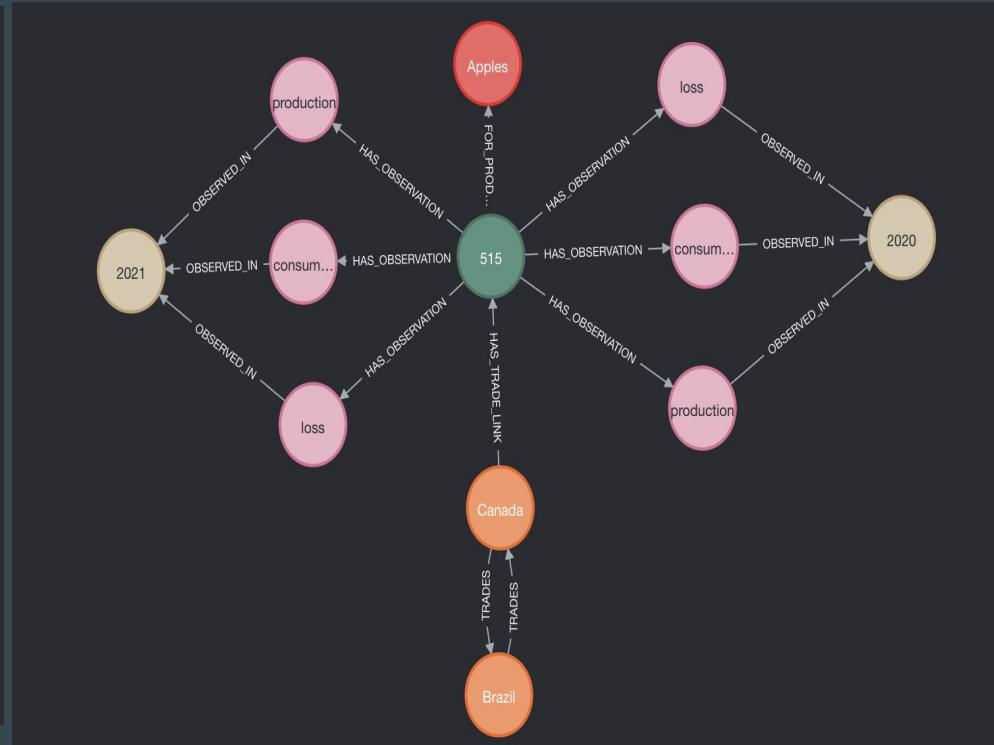
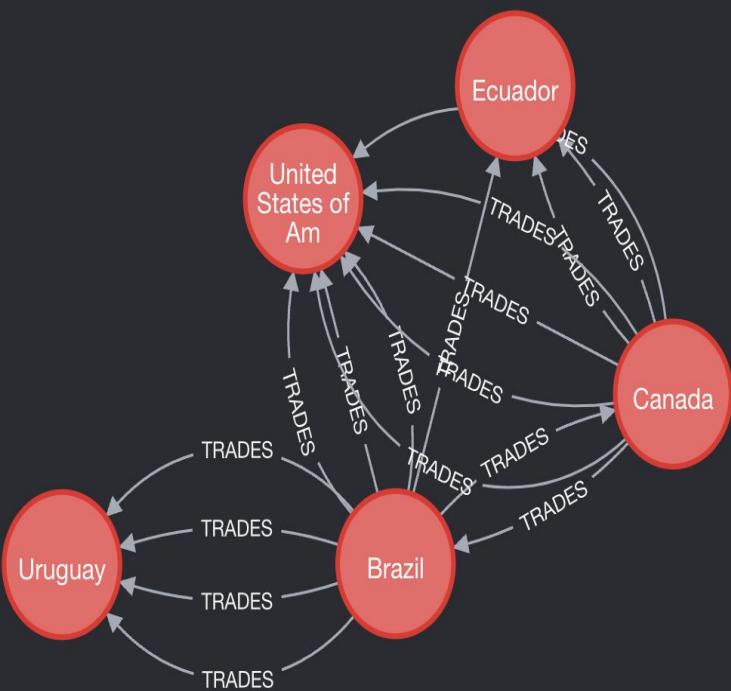
Graph Data Model (Old vs New)

Old Model	New Model
<p>Nodes: Country, Product</p> <p>Relationships:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (Country)-[:TRADES {export, unit}] -> (Country)2. (Country)-[:HAS_TRADE {production, consumption, loss, unit, year}] -> (Country)	<p>Nodes: Country, Product, Year, Trade Link, Element</p> <p>Relationships:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (Country)-[:TRADES {year, volume, price}] -> (Country)2. (Country)-[:HAS_TRADE_LINK] -> (TradeLink Node)-[:HAS_OBSERVATION] -> (ELEMENT)-[:OBSERVED_IN] -> (YEAR)3. (Country)-[:HAS_TRADE_LINK] -> (TradeLink Node)-[:FOR_PRODUCTION] -> (PRODUCT)

Old Model



New Model



Methodology- End Result Structure

DBMS Integration:

We have combined two Database Management Systems- RDBMS (here, PostgreSQL) and GDBMS (here, Neo4j), to form an integrated environment. The RDBMS manages structured data like prices, trades and food balances, while the GDBMS focuses on the complex relationships among countries, items, prices and traders.

Unified Dashboards & Advanced Queries:

We used this dual-layered data architecture to create interactive dashboards, merging key insights from both the relational and graph databases. Additionally, we ran Cypher queries to tackle complex real-world challenges, such as tracking price fluctuations and shortest path graphs, ensuring a comprehensive and flexible solution.

Demonstration

RDBMS Query

Node-relationship

Cypher
Queries(simple-complex)

Dashboards

Cypher Queries

Answering real world problems

```
1 MATCH (c:Country)-[:HAS_TRADE_LINK]→(tl:TradeLink)-[:FOR_PRODUCT]→(p:FoodProduct)
2 MATCH (tl)-[:HAS_OBSERVATION]→(o:Observation)-[:OBSERVED_IN]→(y:Year)
3 RETURN c.name, p.name, o.type, o.value, y.year
4 LIMIT 20;
5
```

```
1 MATCH (c1:Country)-[r:TRADES]→(c2:Country)
2 RETURN c1.name, c2.name, r.product_name, r.export_2023
3 LIMIT 10;
```

```
1 LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'file:///trades.csv' AS row
2 MERGE (c:Country {
3   area_code: toInteger(trim(row.reporter_area_code)),
4   name: trim(row.reporter_area)
5 });
6 MERGE (c2:Country {
7   area_code: toInteger(trim(row.partner_area_code)),
8   name: trim(row.partner_area)
9 });
10
```

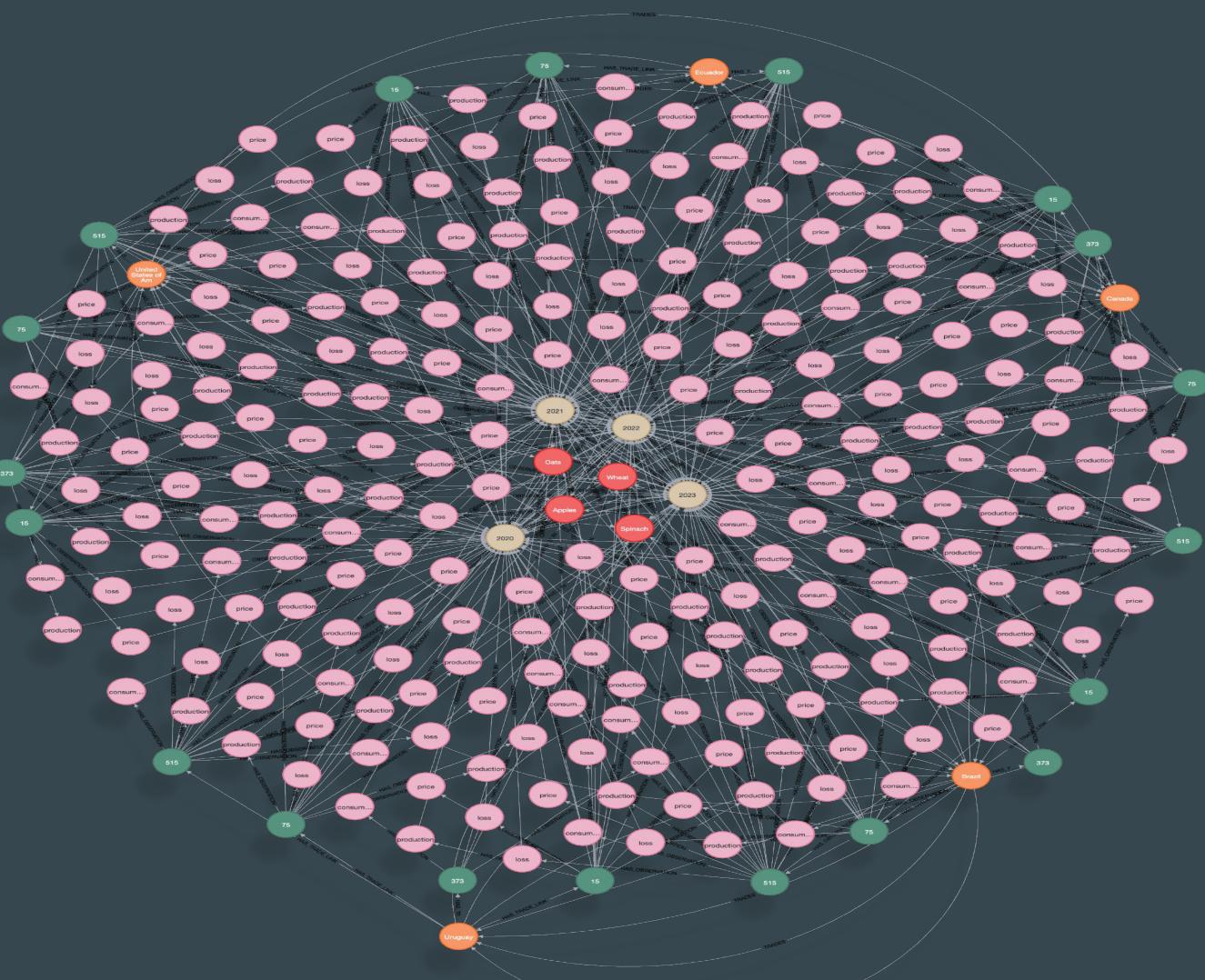
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MATCH (c:Country {name: "Brazil"})-[:TRADES]→(partner:Country)
OPTIONAL MATCH (c)-[:HAS_TRADE_LINK]→(tl:TradeLink)-[:FOR_PRODUCT]→(p:FoodProduct)

OPTIONAL MATCH (tl)-[:HAS_OBSERVATION]→(prod:Observation {type: "production"})
OPTIONAL MATCH (tl)-[:HAS_OBSERVATION]→(loss:Observation {type: "loss"})
OPTIONAL MATCH (tl)-[:HAS_OBSERVATION]→(cons:Observation {type: "consumption"})

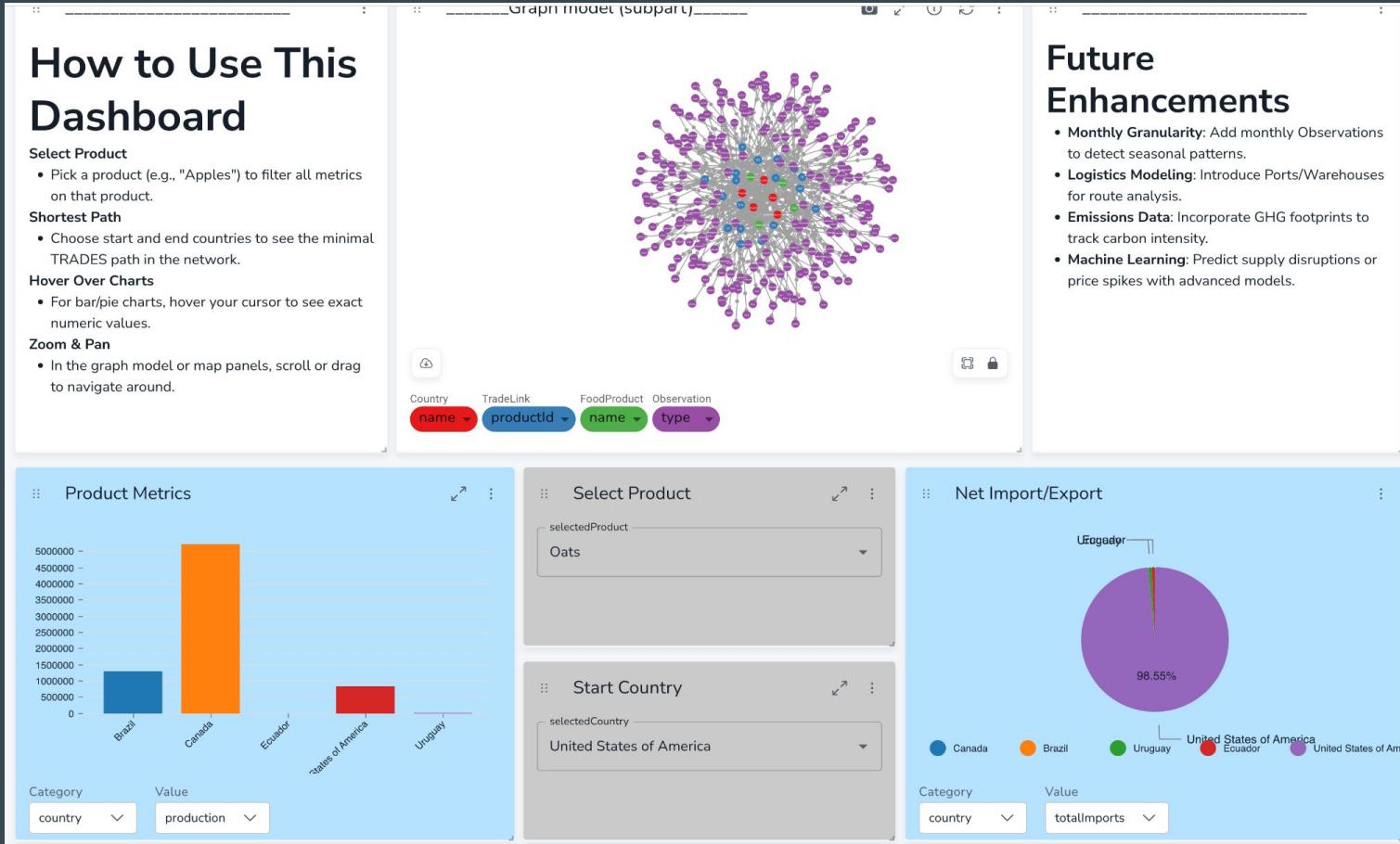
OPTIONAL MATCH (company:Company)-[:INVOLVED_IN]→(tl)
// Companies related to trade links

OPTIONAL MATCH (company)-[:PRODUCES]→(prod)
OPTIONAL MATCH (company)-[:LOSSES]→(loss)
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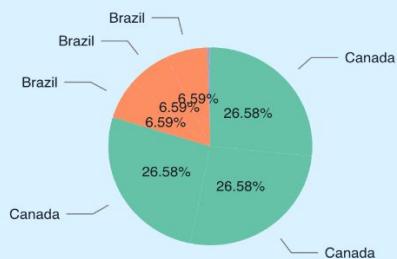
Result



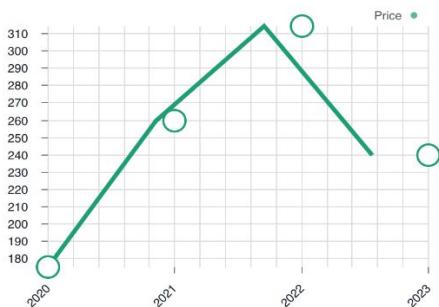
Dashboard



Alternate supplier of a product



Price fluctuations



Trade ban

1 Query returned no data.
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Import&Export of all countries all products

country	product	totalExports	totalImports
Canada	Wheat	1,030,422	33,219
Canada	Oats	427,975	0
Brazil	Wheat	274,707	19,472
Canada	Apples	38,116	0
Canada	Spinach	18,744	0

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Start Country

startcountry
United States of America

End Country

endcountry
Canada

Shortest trade path



Country

name ▾

:: Net Revenue

ExportingCountry	Revenue	Unit
Canada	1,030,422	1000 USD
Brazil	274,707	1000 USD
United States of A...	116,369	1000 USD
Uruguay	39,759	1000 USD

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:: Select Product

chosenProduct

Wheat

"Visualization sells insights, not pictures."

:: Product Growth Rate

Product	Year	TotalConsump...	GrowthRate
Spinach	2,023	358,630.09	20.34
Apples	2,022	5,196,721.32	0.65
Spinach	2,022	298,010.32	-1.71
Apples	2,023	4,953,547.45	-4.68
Apples	2,021	5,162,988.69	-8.61

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CURRENT LIMITATIONS

Limited
Advanced
Analytics

Complexity
of
Multi-DBMS
Integration

Lack of
logistics data

Partial
Dataset
Utilization

Data Refresh
and Updates

FUTURE SCOPE

User-Friendly Dashboards

Data Pipeline for ingestion

Scalable Architecture

ML models for Forecasting

Expansion of Data Coverage

Generate logistics data

THANK YOU

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