Neo4j Cypher Refcard 4.4

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Syntax

Read query structure

```
[USE]
[MATCH WHERE]
[OPTIONAL MATCH WHERE]
[WITH [ORDER BY] [SKIP] [LIMIT]]
RETURN [ORDER BY] [SKIP] [LIMIT]
```

MATCH

```
MATCH (n:Person)-[:KNOWS]->(m:Person)
WHERE n.name = 'Alice'
```
Node patterns can contain labels and properties.

```
MATCH (n)-->(m)
```
Any pattern can be used in `MATCH`.

```
MATCH (n {name: 'Alice'})-->(m)
```
Patterns with node properties.

```
MATCH p = (n)-->(m)
```
Assign a path to `p`.

```
OPTIONAL MATCH (n)-[r]->(m)
```
Optional pattern: `null`s will be used for missing parts.

WHERE

```
WHERE n.property <> $value
```
Use a predicate to filter. Note that `WHERE` is always part of a `MATCH`, `OPTIONAL MATCH` or `WITH` clause. Putting it after a different clause in a query will alter what it does.

```
WHERE EXISTS {
  MATCH (n)-->(m) WHERE n.age = m.age
}
```
Use an existential subquery to filter.

Write-only query structure

```
[USE]
(CREATE | MERGE)*
[SET|DELETE|REMOVE|FOREACH]*
[RETURN [ORDER BY] [SKIP] [LIMIT]]
```

Read-write query structure

```
[USE]
[MATCH WHERE]
[OPTIONAL MATCH WHERE]
[WITH [ORDER BY] [SKIP] [LIMIT]]
(CREATE | MERGE)*
[SET|DELETE|REMOVE|FOREACH]*
[RETURN [ORDER BY] [SKIP] [LIMIT]]
```

CREATE

```
CREATE (n {name: $value})
```
Create a node with the given properties.

```
CREATE (n $map)
```
Create a node with the given properties.

```
UNWIND $listOfMaps AS properties
CREATE (n) SET n = properties
```
Create nodes with the given properties.

```
CREATE (n)-[r:KNOWS]->(m)
```
Create a relationship with the given type and direction; bind a variable to it.

```
CREATE (n)-[:LOVES {since: $value}]->(m)
```
Create a relationship with the given type, direction, and properties.

SET

```
SET n.property1 = $value1,
    n.property2 = $value2
```
Update or create a property.

```
SET n = $map
```
Set all properties. This will remove any existing properties.

```
SET n += $map
```
Add and update properties, while keeping existing ones.

```
SET n:Person
```
Adds a label `Person` to a node.

Import

```
LOAD CSV FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists.csv' AS line
CREATE (:Artist {name: line[1], year: toInteger(line[2])})
```
Load data from a CSV file and create nodes.

```
LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists-with-headers.csv' AS line
CREATE (:Artist {name: line.Name, year:
toInteger(line.Year)})
```
Load CSV data which has headers.

```
USING PERIODIC COMMIT 500
LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists-with-headers.csv' AS line
CREATE (:Artist {name: line.Name, year:
toInteger(line.Year)})
```
Commit the current transaction after every 500 rows when importing large amounts of data.

```
LOAD CSV FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists-fieldterminator.csv'
AS line FIELDTERMINATOR ';'
CREATE (:Artist {name: line[1], year: toInteger(line[2])})
```
Use a different field terminator, not the default which is a comma (with no whitespace around it).

```
LOAD CSV FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists.csv' AS line
RETURN DISTINCT file()
```
Returns the absolute path of the file that `LOAD CSV` is processing, returns `null` if called outside of `LOAD CSV` context.

```
LOAD CSV FROM
'https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/4.4/csv/artists.csv' AS line
RETURN linenumber()
```
Returns the line number that `LOAD CSV` is currently processing, returns `null` if called outside of `LOAD CSV` context.

Functions

```
coalesce(n.property, $defaultValue)
```
The first non-`null` expression.

```
timestamp()
```
Milliseconds since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC.

```
id(nodeOrRelationship)
```
The internal id of the relationship or node.

```
toInteger($expr)
```
Converts the given input into an integer if possible; otherwise it returns `null`.

```
toFloat($expr)
```
Converts the given input into a floating point number if possible; otherwise it returns `null`.

```
toBoolean($expr)
```
Converts the given input into a boolean if possible; otherwise it returns `null`.

```
keys($expr)
```
Returns a list of string representations for the property names of a node, relationship, or map.

```
properties($expr)
```
Returns a map containing all the properties of a node or relationship.

Path functions

```
length(path)
```
The number of relationships in the path.

```
nodes(path)
```
The nodes in the path as a list.

```
relationships(path)
```
The relationships in the path as a list.

```
[x IN nodes(path) | x.prop]
```
Extract properties from the nodes in a path.

Spatial functions

```
point({x: $x, y: $y})
```
Returns a point in a 2D cartesian coordinate system.

```
point({latitude: $y, longitude: $x})
```
Returns a point in a 2D geographic coordinate system, with coordinates specified in decimal degrees.

```
point({x: $x, y: $y, z: $z})
```
Returns a point in a 3D cartesian coordinate system.

```
point({latitude: $y, longitude: $x, height: $z})
```
Returns a point in a 3D geographic coordinate system, with latitude and longitude in decimal degrees, and height in meters.

```
point.distance(point({x: $x1, y: $y1}), point({x: $x2, y:
$y2}))
```
Returns a floating point number representing the linear distance between two points. The returned units will be the same as those of the point coordinates, and it will work for both 2D and 3D cartesian points.

```
point.distance(point({latitude: $y1, longitude: $x1}),
point({latitude: $y2, longitude: $x2}))
```
Returns the geodesic distance between two points in meters. It can be used for 3D geographic points as well.

Temporal functions

```
date("2018-04-05")
```
Returns a date parsed from a string.

```
localtime("12:45:30.25")
```
Returns a time with no time zone.

```
time("12:45:30.25+01:00")
```
Returns a time in a specified time zone.

```
localdatetime("2018-04-05T12:34:00")
```
Returns a datetime with no time zone.

```
datetime("2018-04-05T12:34:00[Europe/Berlin]")
```
Returns a datetime in the specified time zone.

```
datetime({epochMillis: 3360000})
```
Transforms 3360000 as a UNIX Epoch time into a normal datetime.

```
date({year: $year, month: $month, day: $day})
```
All of the temporal functions can also be called with a map of named components. This example returns a date from `year`, `month` and `day` components. Each function supports a different set of possible components.

```
datetime({date: $date, time: $time})
```
Temporal types can be created by combining other types. This example creates a `datetime` from a `date` and a `time`.

```
date({date: $datetime, day: 5})
```
Temporal types can be created by selecting from more complex types, as well as overriding individual components. This example creates a `date` by selecting from a `datetime`, as well as overriding the `day` component.

```
WITH date("2018-04-05") AS d
RETURN d.year, d.month, d.day, d.week, d.dayOfWeek
```
Accessors allow extracting components of temporal types.

Duration functions

```
duration("P1Y2M10DT12H45M30.25S")
```
Returns a duration of 1 year, 2 months, 10 days, 12 hours, 45 minutes and 30.25 seconds.

```
duration.between($date1,$date2)
```
Returns a duration between two temporal instances.

```
WITH duration("P1Y2M10DT12H45M") AS d
RETURN d.years, d.months, d.days, d.hours, d.minutes
```
Returns 1 year, 14 months, 10 days, 12 hours and 765 minutes.

```
WITH duration("P1Y2M10DT12H45M") AS d
RETURN d.years, d.monthsOfYear, d.days, d.hours,
d.minutesOfHour
```
Returns 1 year, 2 months, 10 days, 12 hours and 45 minutes.

```
date("2015-01-01") + duration("P1Y1M1D")
```
Returns a date of `2016-02-02`. It is also possible to subtract durations from temporal instances.

```
duration("PT30S") * 10
```
Returns a duration of 5 minutes. It is also possible to divide a duration by a number.

Relationship functions

```
type(a_relationship)
```
String representation of the relationship type.

```
startNode(a_relationship)
```
Start node of the relationship.

```
endNode(a_relationship)
```
End node of the relationship.

```
id(a_relationship)
```
The internal id of the relationship.

Aggregating functions

```
count(*)
```
The number of matching rows.

```
count(variable)
```
The number of non-`null` values.

```
count(DISTINCT variable)
```
All aggregating functions also take the `DISTINCT` operator, which removes duplicates from the values.

```
collect(n.property)
```
List from the values, ignores `null`.

```
sum(n.property)
```
Sum numerical values. Similar functions are `avg()`, `min()`, `max()`.

```
percentileDisc(n.property, $percentile)
```
Discrete percentile. Continuous percentile is `percentileCont()`. The `percentile` argument is from `0.0` to `1.0`.

```
stDev(n.property)
```
Standard deviation for a sample of a population. For an entire population use `stDevP()`.

Database management

```
CREATE OR REPLACE DATABASE myDatabase
```
(★) Create a database named `myDatabase`. If a database with that name exists, then the existing database is deleted and a new one created.

```
ALTER DATABASE myDatabase SET ACCESS READ ONLY
```
(★) Modify a database named `myDatabase` to be read-only.

```
STOP DATABASE myDatabase
```
(★) Stop the database `myDatabase`.

```
START DATABASE myDatabase
```
(★) Start the database `myDatabase`.

```
SHOW DATABASES
```
List all databases in the system and information about them.

```
SHOW DATABASES
YIELD name, currentStatus
WHERE name CONTAINS 'my' AND currentStatus = 'online'
```
List information about databases, filtered by name and online status and further refined by conditions on these.

```
SHOW DATABASE myDatabase
```
List information about the database `myDatabase`.

```
SHOW DEFAULT DATABASE
```
List information about the default database.

```
SHOW HOME DATABASE
```
List information about the current users home database.

```
DROP DATABASE myDatabase IF EXISTS
```
(★) Delete the database `myDatabase`, if it exists.

(★) Alias management

```
CREATE ALIAS myAlias FOR DATABASE myDatabase
```
Create a local alias `myAlias` for the database with name `myDatabase`.

```
CREATE ALIAS myRemote FOR DATABASE myDatabase AT
"neo4j+s://location:7687"
USER alice PASSWORD "password"
DRIVER { connection_timeout : duration({ minutes: 1 }) }
```
Create a remote alias `myRemote` for the database with name `myDatabase`.

```
ALTER ALIAS myAlias SET DATABASE TARGET myDatabase
```
Alter the local alias `myAlias` to target the database with name `myDatabase`.

```
ALTER ALIAS myRemote SET
DATABASE TARGET myDatabase AT "neo4j+s://location:7687"
USER bob PASSWORD "password"
DRIVER { connection_timeout : duration({ minutes: 1 }) }
```
Alter the remote alias `myRemote` with possible subclauses.

```
SHOW ALIASES FOR DATABASE
```
List all database aliases.

```
DROP ALIAS myAlias IF EXISTS FOR DATABASE
```
Drop the database alias `myAlias`.

User management

```
CREATE USER alice SET PASSWORD $password
```
Create a new user and a password. This password must be changed on the first login.

```
ALTER USER alice SET PASSWORD $password CHANGE NOT
REQUIRED
```
Set a new password for a user. This user will not be required to change this password on the next login.

```
ALTER USER alice IF EXISTS SET PASSWORD CHANGE REQUIRED
```
If the specified user exists, force this user to change their password on the next login.

```
ALTER USER alice SET STATUS SUSPENDED
```
(★) Change the user status to suspended. Use `SET STATUS ACTIVE` to reactivate the user.

```
ALTER USER alice SET HOME DATABASE otherDb
```
(★) Change the home database of user to otherDb. Use `REMOVE HOME DATABASE` to unset the home database for the user and fallback to the default database.

```
ALTER CURRENT USER SET PASSWORD FROM $old TO $new
```
Change the password of the logged-in user. The user will not be required to change this password on the next login.

```
SHOW CURRENT USER
```
List the currently logged-in user, their status, roles and whether they need to change their password.
(★) Status and roles are Enterprise Edition only.

```
SHOW USERS
```
List all users in the system, their status, roles and if they need to change their password.
(★) Status and roles are Enterprise Edition only.

```
SHOW USERS
YIELD user, suspended
WHERE suspended = true
```
List users in the system, filtered by their name and status and further refined by whether they are suspended.
(★) Status is Enterprise Edition only.

```
RENAME USER alice TO alice_delete
```
Rename the user alice to alice_delete.

```
DROP USER alice_delete
```
Delete the user.

(★) Role management

```
CREATE ROLE my_role
```
Create a role.

```
CREATE ROLE my_second_role IF NOT EXISTS AS COPY OF
my_role
```
Create a role named `my_second_role`, unless it already exists, as a copy of the existing `my_role`.

```
RENAME ROLE my_second_role TO my_other_role
```
Rename a role named `my_second_role` to `my_other_role`.

```
GRANT ROLE my_role, my_other_role TO alice
```
Assign roles to a user.

```
REVOKE ROLE my_other_role FROM alice
```
Remove a specified role from a user.

```
SHOW ROLES
```
List all roles in the system.

```
SHOW ROLES
YIELD role
WHERE role CONTAINS 'my'
```
List roles, filtered by the name of the role and further refined by whether the name contains 'my'.

```
SHOW POPULATED ROLES WITH USERS
```
List all roles that are assigned to at least one user in the system, and the users assigned to those roles.

```
DROP ROLE my_role
```
Delete a role.

(★) Graph read privileges

```
GRANT TRAVERSE ON GRAPH * NODES * TO my_role
```
Grant `traverse` privilege on all nodes and all graphs to a role.

```
DENY READ {prop} ON GRAPH foo RELATIONSHIP Type TO my_role
```
Deny `read` privilege on a specified property, on all relationships with a specified type in a specified graph, to a role.

```
GRANT MATCH {*} ON HOME GRAPH ELEMENTS Label TO my_role
```
Grant `read` privilege on all properties and `traverse` privilege in the home graph, to a role. Here, both privileges apply to all nodes and relationships with a specified label/type in the graph.

RETURN

```
RETURN *
```
Return the value of all variables.

```
RETURN n AS columnName
```
Use alias for result column name.

```
RETURN DISTINCT n
```
Return unique rows.

```
ORDER BY n.property
```
Sort the result.

```
ORDER BY n.property DESC
```
Sort the result in descending order.

```
SKIP $skipNumber
```
Skip a number of results.

```
LIMIT $limitNumber
```
Limit the number of results.

```
SKIP $skipNumber LIMIT $limitNumber
```
Skip results at the top and limit the number of results.

```
RETURN count(*)
```
The number of matching rows. See Aggregating functions for more.

WITH

```
MATCH (user)-[:FRIEND]-(friend)
WHERE user.name = $name
WITH user, count(friend) AS friends
WHERE friends > 10
RETURN user
```
The `WITH` syntax is similar to `RETURN`. It separates query parts explicitly, allowing you to declare which variables to carry over to the next part.

```
MATCH (user)-[:FRIEND]-(friend)
WITH user, count(friend) AS friends
ORDER BY friends DESC
  SKIP 1
  LIMIT 3
RETURN user
```
`ORDER BY`, `SKIP`, and `LIMIT` can also be used with `WITH`.

UNION

```
MATCH (a)-[:KNOWS]->(b)
RETURN b.name
UNION
MATCH (a)-[:LOVES]->(b)
RETURN b.name
```
Returns the distinct union of all query results. Result column types and names have to match.

```
MATCH (a)-[:KNOWS]->(b)
RETURN b.name
UNION ALL
MATCH (a)-[:LOVES]->(b)
RETURN b.name
```
Returns the union of all query results, including duplicated rows.

MERGE

```
MERGE (n:Person {name: $value})
  ON CREATE SET n.created = timestamp()
  ON MATCH SET
    n.counter = coalesce(n.counter, 0) + 1,
    n.accessTime = timestamp()
```
Match a pattern or create it if it does not exist. Use `ON CREATE` and `ON MATCH` for conditional updates.

```
MATCH (a:Person {name: $value1}),
      (b:Person {name: $value2})
MERGE (a)-[r:LOVES]->(b)
```
`MERGE` finds or creates a relationship between the nodes.

```
MATCH (a:Person {name: $value1})
MERGE
  (a)-[r:KNOWS]->(b:Person {name: $value3})
```
`MERGE` finds or creates paths attached to the node.

DELETE

```
DELETE n, r
```
Delete a node and a relationship.

```
DETACH DELETE n
```
Delete a node and all relationships connected to it.

```
MATCH (n)
DETACH DELETE n
```
Delete all nodes and relationships from the database.

REMOVE

```
REMOVE n:Person
```
Remove a label from `n`.

```
REMOVE n.property
```
Remove a property.

FOREACH

```
FOREACH (r IN relationships(path) |
  SET r.marked = true)
```
Execute a mutating operation for each relationship in a path.

```
FOREACH (value IN coll |
 CREATE (:Person {name: value}))
```
Execute a mutating operation for each element in a list.

CALL subquery

```
CALL {
  MATCH (p:Person)-[:FRIEND_OF]->(other:Person) RETURN p,
other
  UNION
  MATCH (p:Child)-[:CHILD_OF]->(other:Parent) RETURN p,
other
}
```
This calls a subquery with two union parts. The result of the subquery can afterwards be post-processed.

CALL procedure

```
CALL db.labels() YIELD label
```
This shows a standalone call to the built-in procedure `db.labels` to list all labels used in the database. Note that required procedure arguments are given explicitly in brackets after the procedure name.

```
CALL db.labels() YIELD *
```
Standalone calls may use `YIELD *` to return all columns.

```
CALL java.stored.procedureWithArgs
```
Standalone calls may omit `YIELD` and also provide arguments implicitly via statement parameters, e.g. a standalone call requiring one argument `input` may be run by passing the parameter map `{input: 'foo'}`.

```
CALL db.labels() YIELD label
RETURN count(label) AS count
```
Calls the built-in procedure `db.labels` inside a larger query to count all labels used in the database. Calls inside a larger query always requires passing arguments and naming results explicitly with `YIELD`.

USE

```
USE myDatabase
```
Select `myDatabase` to execute query, or query part, against.

```
USE neo4j
MATCH (n:Person)-[:KNOWS]->(m:Person)
WHERE n.name = 'Alice'
```
`MATCH` query executed against `neo4j` database.

SHOW FUNCTIONS and PROCEDURES

```
SHOW FUNCTIONS
```
Listing all available functions.

```
SHOW PROCEDURES EXECUTABLE YIELD name
```
List all procedures that can be executed by the current user and return only the name of the procedures.

SHOW and TERMINATE TRANSACTIONS

```
SHOW TRANSACTIONS
```
Listing all available transactions.

```
TERMINATE TRANSACTIONS 'neo4j-transaction-42'
```
Terminate the transaction with ID `neo4j-transaction-42`.

Labels

```
CREATE (n:Person {name: $value})
```
Create a node with label and property.

```
MERGE (n:Person {name: $value})
```
Matches or creates unique node(s) with the label and property.

```
SET n:Spouse:Parent:Employee
```
Add label(s) to a node.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
```
Matches nodes labeled `Person`.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
WHERE n.name = $value
```
Matches nodes labeled `Person` with the given `name`.

```
WHERE (n:Person)
```
Checks the existence of the label on the node.

```
labels(n)
```
Labels of the node.

```
REMOVE n:Person
```
Remove the label from the node.

Lists

```
['a', 'b', 'c'] AS list
```
Literal lists are declared in square brackets.

```
size($list) AS len, $list[0] AS value
```
Lists can be passed in as parameters.

```
range($firstNum, $lastNum, $step) AS list
```
`range()` creates a list of numbers (`step` is optional), other functions returning lists are: `labels()`, `nodes()`, `relationships()`.

```
MATCH p = (a)-[:KNOWS*]->()
RETURN relationships(p) AS r
```
The list of relationships comprising a variable length path can be returned using named paths and `relationships()`.

```
RETURN matchedNode.list[0] AS value,
       size(matchedNode.list) AS len
```
Properties can be lists of strings, numbers or booleans.

```
list[$idx] AS value,
list[$startIdx..$endIdx] AS slice
```
List elements can be accessed with `idx` subscripts in square brackets. Invalid indexes return `null`. Slices can be retrieved with intervals from `start_idx` to `end_idx`, each of which can be omitted or negative. Out of range elements are ignored.

```
UNWIND $names AS name
MATCH (n {name: name})
RETURN avg(n.age)
```
With `UNWIND`, any list can be transformed back into individual rows. The example matches all names from a list of names.

```
MATCH (a)
RETURN [(a)-->(b) WHERE b.name = 'Bob' | b.age]
```
Pattern comprehensions may be used to do a custom projection from a match directly into a list.

```
MATCH (person)
RETURN person { .name, .age}
```
Map projections may be easily constructed from nodes, relationships and other map values.

List expressions

```
size($list)
```
Number of elements in the list.

```
reverse($list)
```
Reverse the order of the elements in the list.

```
head($list)
```
Get the first element of the list. Return `null` for an empty list. Eqivalent to the list indexing `$list[0]`.

```
last($list)
```
Get the last element of the list. Return `null` for an empty list. Eqivalent to the list indexing `$list[-1]`.

```
tail($list)
```
Get all elements except for the first element. Return `[]` for an empty list. Eqivalent to the list slice `$list[1..]`. Out-of-bound slices are truncated to an empty list `[]`.

```
[x IN list | x.prop]
```
A list of the value of the expression for each element in the original list.

```
[x IN list WHERE x.prop <> $value]
```
A filtered list of the elements where the predicate is `true`.

```
[x IN list WHERE x.prop <> $value | x.prop]
```
A list comprehension that filters a list and extracts the value of the expression for each element in that list.

```
reduce(s = "", x IN list | s + x.prop)
```
Evaluate expression for each element in the list, accumulate the results.

Mathematical functions

```
abs($expr)
```
The absolute value.

```
rand()
```
Returns a random number in the range from 0 (inclusive) to 1 (exclusive), `[0,1)`. Returns a new value for each call. Also useful for selecting a subset or random ordering.

```
round($expr)
```
Round to the nearest integer; `ceil()` and `floor()` find the next integer up or down.

```
sqrt($expr)
```
The square root.

```
sign($expr)
```
`0` if zero, `-1` if negative, `1` if positive.

```
sin($expr)
```
Trigonometric functions also include `cos()`, `tan()`, `cot()`, `asin()`, `acos()`, `atan()`, `atan2()`, and `haversin()`. All arguments for the trigonometric functions should be in radians, if not otherwise specified.

```
degrees($expr), radians($expr), pi()
```
Converts radians into degrees; use `radians()` for the reverse, and `pi()` for π.

```
log10($expr), log($expr), exp($expr), e()
```
Logarithm base 10, natural logarithm, `e` to the power of the parameter, and the value of `e`.

String functions

```
toString($expression)
```
String representation of the expression.

```
replace($original, $search, $replacement)
```
Replace all occurrences of `search` with `replacement`. All arguments must be expressions.

```
substring($original, $begin, $subLength)
```
Get part of a string. The `subLength` argument is optional.

```
left($original, $subLength),
  right($original, $subLength)
```
The first part of a string. The last part of the string.

```
trim($original), lTrim($original),
  rTrim($original)
```
Trim all whitespace, or on the left or right side.

```
toUpper($original), toLower($original)
```
UPPERCASE and lowercase.

```
split($original, $delimiter)
```
Split a string into a list of strings.

```
reverse($original)
```
Reverse a string.

```
size($string)
```
Calculate the number of characters in the string.

(★) Graph write privileges

```
GRANT CREATE ON GRAPH * NODES Label TO my_role
```
Grant `create` privilege on all nodes with a specified label in all graphs to a role.

```
DENY DELETE ON GRAPH neo4j TO my_role
```
Deny `delete` privilege on all nodes and relationships in a specified graph to a role.

```
REVOKE SET LABEL Label ON GRAPH * FROM my_role
```
Revoke `set label` privilege for the specified label on all graphs to a role.

```
GRANT REMOVE LABEL * ON GRAPH foo TO my_role
```
Grant `remove label` privilege for all labels on a specified graph to a role.

```
DENY SET PROPERTY {prop} ON GRAPH foo RELATIONSHIPS Type
TO my_role
```
Deny `set property` privilege on a specified property, on all relationships with a specified type in a specified graph, to a role.

```
GRANT MERGE {*} ON GRAPH * NODES Label TO my_role
```
Grant `merge` privilege on all properties, on all nodes with a specified label in all graphs, to a role.

```
REVOKE WRITE ON GRAPH * FROM my_role
```
Revoke `write` privilege on all graphs from a role.

```
DENY ALL GRAPH PRIVILEGES ON GRAPH foo TO my_role
```
Deny `all graph privileges` privilege on a specified graph to a role.

(★) SHOW PRIVILEGES

```
SHOW PRIVILEGES AS COMMANDS
```
List all privileges in the system as Cypher commands.

```
SHOW PRIVILEGES
```
List all privileges in the system, and the roles that they are assigned to.

```
SHOW PRIVILEGES
YIELD role, action, access
WHERE role = 'my_role'
```
List information about privileges, filtered by role, action and access and further refined by the name of the role.

```
SHOW ROLE my_role PRIVILEGES AS COMMANDS
```
List all privileges assigned to a role as Cypher commands.

```
SHOW ROLE my_role, my_second_role PRIVILEGES AS COMMANDS
```
List all privileges assigned to each of the multiple roles as Cypher commands.

```
SHOW USER alice PRIVILEGES AS COMMANDS
```
List all privileges of a user, and the role that they are assigned to as Cypher commands.

```
SHOW USER PRIVILEGES AS COMMANDS
```
List all privileges of the currently logged in user, and the role that they are assigned to as Cypher commands.

(★) Role management privileges

```
GRANT CREATE ROLE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to create roles to a role.

```
GRANT RENAME ROLE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to rename roles to a role.

```
GRANT DROP ROLE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to delete roles to a role.

```
DENY ASSIGN ROLE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny the privilege to assign roles to users to a role.

```
DENY REMOVE ROLE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny the privilege to remove roles from users to a role.

```
REVOKE DENY SHOW ROLE ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the denied privilege to show roles from a role.

```
GRANT ROLE MANAGEMENT ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant all privileges to manage roles to a role.

(★) User management privileges

```
GRANT CREATE USER ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to create users to a role.

```
GRANT RENAME USER ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to rename users to a role.

```
DENY ALTER USER ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny the privilege to alter users to a role.

```
REVOKE SET PASSWORDS ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the granted and denied privileges to alter users' passwords from a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT SET USER STATUS ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the granted privilege to alter the account status of users from a role.

```
GRANT SET USER HOME DATABASE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege alter the home database of users to a role.

```
GRANT DROP USER ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to delete users to a role.

```
REVOKE DENY SHOW USER ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the denied privilege to show users from a role.

```
GRANT USER MANAGEMENT ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant all privileges to manage users to a role.

(★) Database management privileges

```
GRANT CREATE DATABASE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to create databases and aliases to a role.

```
REVOKE DENY DROP DATABASE ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the denied privilege to delete databases and aliases from a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT ALTER DATABASE ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the granted privilege to alter databases and aliases from a role.

```
GRANT SET DATABASE ACCESS ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Granted privilege to set database access mode to a role.

```
DENY DATABASE MANAGEMENT ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny all privileges to manage databases and aliases to a role.

(★) Alias management privileges

```
GRANT CREATE ALIAS ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to create aliases to a role.

```
REVOKE DENY DROP ALIAS ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the denied privilege to delete aliases from a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT ALTER ALIAS ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the granted privilege to alter aliases from a role.

```
GRANT SHOW ALIAS ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Granted privilege to list aliases to a role.

```
DENY ALIAS MANAGEMENT ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny all privileges to manage aliases to a role.

Operators

General	`DISTINCT, ., []`
Mathematical	`+, -, *, /, %, ^`
Comparison	`=, <>, <, >, <=, >=, IS NULL, IS NOT NULL`
Boolean	`AND, OR, XOR, NOT`
String	`+`
List	`+, IN, [x], [x .. y]`
Regular Expression	`=~`
String matching	`STARTS WITH, ENDS WITH, CONTAINS`

null

- `null` is used to represent missing/undefined values.
- `null` is not equal to `null`. Not knowing two values does not imply that they are the same value. So the expression `null = null` yields `null` and not `true`. To check if an expression is `null`, use `IS NULL`.
- Arithmetic expressions, comparisons and function calls (except `coalesce`) will return `null` if any argument is `null`.
- An attempt to access a missing element in a list or a property that doesn't exist yields `null`.
- In `OPTIONAL MATCH` clauses, `null`s will be used for missing parts of the pattern.

Patterns

```
(n:Person)
```
Node with `Person` label.

```
(n:Person:Swedish)
```
Node with both `Person` and `Swedish` labels.

```
(n:Person {name: $value})
```
Node with the declared properties.

```
()-[r {name: $value}]-()
```
Matches relationships with the declared properties.

```
(n)-->(m)
```
Relationship from `n` to `m`.

```
(n)--(m)
```
Relationship in any direction between `n` and `m`.

```
(n:Person)-->(m)
```
Node `n` labeled `Person` with relationship to `m`.

```
(m)<-[:KNOWS]-(n)
```
Relationship of type `KNOWS` from `n` to `m`.

```
(n)-[:KNOWS|LOVES]->(m)
```
Relationship of type `KNOWS` or of type `LOVES` from `n` to `m`.

```
(n)-[r]->(m)
```
Bind the relationship to variable `r`.

```
(n)-[*1..5]->(m)
```
Variable length path of between 1 and 5 relationships from `n` to `m`.

```
(n)-[*]->(m)
```
Variable length path of any number of relationships from `n` to `m`. (See Performance section.)

```
(n)-[:KNOWS]->(m {property: $value})
```
A relationship of type `KNOWS` from a node `n` to a node `m` with the declared property.

```
shortestPath((n1:Person)-[*..6]-(n2:Person))
```
Find a single shortest path.

```
allShortestPaths((n1:Person)-[*..6]->(n2:Person))
```
Find all shortest paths.

```
size((n)-->()-->())
```
Count the paths matching the pattern.

Maps

```
{name: 'Alice', age: 38,
 address: {city: 'London', residential: true}}
```
Literal maps are declared in curly braces much like property maps. Lists are supported.

```
WITH {person: {name: 'Anne', age: 25}} AS p
RETURN p.person.name
```
Access the property of a nested map.

```
MERGE (p:Person {name: $map.name})
  ON CREATE SET p = $map
```
Maps can be passed in as parameters and used either as a map or by accessing keys.

```
MATCH (matchedNode:Person)
RETURN matchedNode
```
Nodes and relationships are returned as maps of their data.

```
map.name, map.age, map.children[0]
```
Map entries can be accessed by their keys. Invalid keys result in an error.

Predicates

```
n.property <> $value
```
Use comparison operators.

```
toString(n.property) = $value
```
Use functions.

```
n.number >= 1 AND n.number <= 10
```
Use boolean operators to combine predicates.

```
1 <= n.number <= 10
```
Use chained operators to combine predicates.

```
n:Person
```
Check for node labels.

```
variable IS NOT NULL
```
Check if something is not `null`, e.g. that a property exists.

```
n.property IS NULL OR n.property = $value
```
Either the property does not exist or the predicate is `true`.

```
n.property = $value
```
Non-existing property returns `null`, which is not equal to anything.

```
n["property"] = $value
```
Properties may also be accessed using a dynamically computed property name.

```
n.property STARTS WITH 'Tim' OR
n.property ENDS WITH 'n' OR
n.property CONTAINS 'goodie'
```
String matching.

```
n.property =~ 'Tim.*'
```
String regular expression matching.

```
(n)-[:KNOWS]->(m)
```
Ensure the pattern has at least one match.

```
NOT (n)-[:KNOWS]->(m)
```
Exclude matches to `(n)-[:KNOWS]->(m)` from the result.

```
n.property IN [$value1, $value2]
```
Check if an element exists in a list.

List predicates

```
all(x IN coll WHERE x.property IS NOT NULL)
```
Returns `true` if the predicate is `true` for all elements in the list.

```
any(x IN coll WHERE x.property IS NOT NULL)
```
Returns `true` if the predicate is `true` for at least one element in the list.

```
none(x IN coll WHERE x.property IS NOT NULL)
```
Returns `true` if the predicate is `false` for all elements in the list.

```
single(x IN coll WHERE x.property IS NOT NULL)
```
Returns `true` if the predicate is `true` for exactly one element in the list.

CASE

```
CASE n.eyes
 WHEN 'blue' THEN 1
 WHEN 'brown' THEN 2
 ELSE 3
END
```
Return `THEN` value from the matching `WHEN` value. The `ELSE` value is optional, and substituted for `null` if missing.

```
CASE
 WHEN n.eyes = 'blue' THEN 1
 WHEN n.age < 40 THEN 2
 ELSE 3
END
```
Return `THEN` value from the first `WHEN` predicate evaluating to `true`. Predicates are evaluated in order.

INDEX

```
CREATE INDEX FOR (p:Person) ON (p.name)
```
Create a b-tree index on nodes with label `Person` and property `name`.

```
CREATE INDEX index_name FOR ()-[k:KNOWS]-() ON (k.since)
```
Create a b-tree index with the name `index_name` on relationships with type `KNOWS` and property `since`.

```
CREATE INDEX FOR (p:Person) ON (p.surname)
OPTIONS {indexProvider: 'native-btree-1.0', indexConfig:
{`spatial.cartesian.min`: [-100.0, -100.0],
`spatial.cartesian.max`: [100.0, 100.0]}}
```
Create a b-tree index on nodes with label `Person` and property `surname` with the index provider `native-btree-1.0` and given `spatial.cartesian` settings. The other index settings will have their default values.

```
CREATE INDEX FOR (p:Person) ON (p.name, p.age)
```
Create a composite b-tree index on nodes with label `Person` and the properties `name` and `age`, throws an error if the index already exist.

```
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS FOR (p:Person) ON (p.name,
p.age)
```
Create a composite b-tree index on nodes with label `Person` and the properties `name` and `age` if it does not already exist, does nothing if it did exist.

```
CREATE LOOKUP INDEX lookup_index_name FOR (n) ON EACH
labels(n)
```
Create a token lookup index with the name `lookup_index_name` on nodes with any label.

```
CREATE LOOKUP INDEX FOR ()-[r]-() ON EACH type(r)
```
Create a token lookup index on relationships with any relationship type.

```
CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX node_fulltext_index_name FOR
(n:Friend) ON EACH [n.name]
OPTIONS {indexConfig: {`fulltext.analyzer`: 'swedish'}}
```
Create a fulltext index on nodes with the name `node_fulltext_index_name` and analyzer `swedish`. Fulltext indexes on nodes can only be used by from the procedure `db.index.fulltext.queryNodes`. The other index settings will have their default values.

```
CREATE FULLTEXT INDEX rel_fulltext_index_name FOR ()-
[r:HAS_PET|BROUGHT_PET]-() ON EACH [r.since, r.price]
```
Create a fulltext index on relationships with the name `rel_fulltext_index_name`. Fulltext indexes on relationships can only be used by from the procedure `db.index.fulltext.queryRelationships`.

```
CREATE TEXT INDEX FOR (f:Friend) ON (f.email)
```
Create a text index on nodes with label `Friend` and property `email`.

```
CREATE TEXT INDEX text_index_name FOR ()-[h:HAS_PET]-() ON
(h.favoriteToy)
```
Create a text index with the name `text_index_name` on relationships with type `HAS_PET` and property `favoriteToy`.

```
SHOW INDEXES
```
List all indexes.

```
MATCH (n:Person) WHERE n.name = $value
```
An BTREE index can be automatically used for the equality comparison. Note that for example `toLower(n.name) = $value` will not use an index.

```
MATCH (n:Person) WHERE n.name = "Alice"
```
An TEXT index can be automatically used for the equality comparison when comparing to a string. Note that for example `toLower(n.name) = "string"` does not use an index.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
WHERE n.name < "Bob"
```
An index can automatically be used for range predicates. Note that a TEXT index is only used if the predicate compares the property with a string.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
WHERE n.name IN [$value]
```
An index can automatically be used for the `IN` list checks.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
WHERE n.name IN ['Bob', 'Alice']
```
An TEXT index can automatically be used for the `IN` list checks when all elements in the list are strings.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
WHERE n.name = $value and n.age = $value2
```
A composite index can be automatically used for equality comparison of both properties. Note that there needs to be predicates on all properties of the composite index for it to be used.

```
MATCH (n:Person)
USING INDEX n:Person(name)
WHERE n.name = $value
```
Index usage can be enforced when Cypher uses a suboptimal index, or more than one index should be used.

```
DROP INDEX index_name
```
Drop the index named `index_name`, throws an error if the index does not exist.

```
DROP INDEX index_name IF EXISTS
```
Drop the index named `index_name` if it exists, does nothing if it does not exist.

CONSTRAINT

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT FOR (p:Person)
       REQUIRE p.name IS UNIQUE
```
Create a unique property constraint on the label `Person` and property `name`. If any other node with that label is updated or created with a `name` that already exists, the write operation will fail. This constraint will create an accompanying index.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT uniqueness FOR (p:Person)
       REQUIRE (p.firstname, p.age) IS UNIQUE
```
Create a unique property constraint with the name `uniqueness` on the label `Person` and properties `firstname` and `age`. If any other node with that label is updated or created with a `firstname` and `age` combination that already exists, the write operation fails. This constraint creates an accompanying index.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT FOR (p:Person)
       REQUIRE p.surname IS UNIQUE
       OPTIONS {indexProvider: 'native-btree-1.0'}
```
Create a unique property constraint on the label `Person` and property `surname` with the index provider `native-btree-1.0` for the accompanying index.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT FOR (p:Person)
       REQUIRE p.name IS NOT NULL
```
(★) Create a node property existence constraint on the label `Person` and property `name`, throws an error if the constraint already exists. If a node with that label is created without a `name`, or if the `name` property is removed from an existing node with the `Person` label, the write operation will fail.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT node_exists IF NOT EXISTS FOR (p:Person)
       REQUIRE p.name IS NOT NULL
```
(★) If a node property existence constraint on the label `Person` and property `name` or any constraint with the name `node_exists` already exist then nothing happens. If no such constraint exists, then it will be created.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT FOR ()-[l:LIKED]-()
       REQUIRE l.when IS NOT NULL
```
(★) Create a relationship property existence constraint on the type `LIKED` and property `when`. If a relationship with that type is created without a `when`, or if the `when` property is removed from an existing relationship with the `LIKED` type, the write operation will fail.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT relationship_exists FOR ()-[l:LIKED]-()
       REQUIRE l.since IS NOT NULL
```
(★) Create a relationship property existence constraint with the name `relationship_exists` on the type `LIKED` and property `since`. If a relationship with that type is created without a `since`, or if the `since` property is removed from an existing relationship with the `LIKED` type, the write operation will fail.

```
SHOW UNIQUE CONSTRAINTS YIELD *
```
List all unique constraints.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT FOR (p:Person)
      REQUIRE (p.firstname, p.surname) IS NODE KEY
```
(★) Create a node key constraint on the label `Person` and properties `firstname` and `surname`. If a node with that label is created without both `firstname` and `surname` or if the combination of the two is not unique, or if the `firstname` and/or `surname` properties on an existing node with the `Person` label is modified to violate these constraints, the write operation fails. This constraint creates an accompanying index.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT node_key FOR (p:Person)
      REQUIRE p.firstname IS NODE KEY
```
(★) Create a node key constraint with the name `node_key` on the label `Person` and property `firstname`. If a node with that label is created without the `firstname` property or if the value is not unique, or if the `firstname` property on an existing node with the `Person` label is modified to violate these constraints, the write operation fails. This constraint creates an accompanying index.

```
CREATE CONSTRAINT node_key_with_config FOR (p:Person)
      REQUIRE (p.name, p.age) IS NODE KEY
      OPTIONS {indexConfig: {`spatial.wgs-84.min`:
[-100.0, -100.0], `spatial.wgs-84.max`: [100.0, 100.0]}}
```
(★) Create a node key constraint with the name `node_key_with_config` on the label `Person`, properties `name` and `age`, and given `spatial.wgs-84` settings for the accompanying b-tree index. The other index settings will have their default values.

```
DROP CONSTRAINT uniqueness
```
Dropping the constraint with the name `uniqueness`, throws an error if the constraint does not exist. If the constraint has an accompanying index, that is also dropped.

```
DROP CONSTRAINT uniqueness IF EXISTS
```
Dropping the constraint with the name `uniqueness` if it exists, does nothing if it does not exist. If the constraint has an accompanying index, that is also dropped.

Performance

- Use parameters instead of literals when possible. This allows Cypher to re-use your queries instead of having to parse and build new execution plans.
- Always set an upper limit for your variable length patterns. It's possible to have a query go wild and touch all nodes in a graph by mistake.
- Return only the data you need. Avoid returning whole nodes and relationships — instead, pick the data you need and return only that.
- Use `PROFILE` / `EXPLAIN` to analyze the performance of your queries. See Query Tuning for more information on these and other topics, such as planner hints.

(★) Database privileges

```
GRANT ACCESS ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to access and run queries against all databases to a role.

```
GRANT START ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to start all databases to a role.

```
GRANT STOP ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to stop all databases to a role.

```
GRANT CREATE INDEX ON DATABASE foo TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to create indexes on a specified database to a role.

```
GRANT DROP INDEX ON DATABASE foo TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to drop indexes on a specified database to a role.

```
GRANT SHOW INDEX ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to show indexes on all databases to a role.

```
DENY INDEX MANAGEMENT ON DATABASE bar TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to create and drop indexes on a specified database to a role.

```
GRANT CREATE CONSTRAINT ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to create constraints on all databases to a role.

```
DENY DROP CONSTRAINT ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to drop constraints on all databases to a role.

```
DENY SHOW CONSTRAINT ON DATABASE foo TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to show constraints on a specified database to a role.

```
REVOKE CONSTRAINT ON DATABASE * FROM my_role
```
Revoke granted and denied privileges to create and drop constraints on all databases from a role.

```
GRANT CREATE NEW LABELS ON DATABASE * TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to create new labels on all databases to a role.

```
DENY CREATE NEW TYPES ON DATABASE foo TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to create new relationship types on a specified database to a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT CREATE NEW PROPERTY NAMES ON DATABASE bar
FROM my_role
```
Revoke the grant privilege to create new property names on a specified database from a role.

```
GRANT NAME MANAGEMENT ON HOME DATABASE TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to create labels, relationship types, and property names on the home database to a role.

```
GRANT ALL ON DATABASE baz TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to access, create and drop indexes and constraints, create new labels, types and property names on a specified database to a role.

```
GRANT SHOW TRANSACTION (*) ON DATABASE foo TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to list transactions and queries from all users on a specified database to a role.

```
DENY TERMINATE TRANSACTION (user1, user2) ON DATABASES *
TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to kill transactions and queries from user1 and user2 on all databases to a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT ON HOME DATABASE FROM
my_role
```
Revoke the granted privilege to list and kill transactions and queries from all users on the home database from a role.

(★) Privilege management privileges

```
GRANT SHOW PRIVILEGE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant the privilege to show privileges to a role.

```
DENY ASSIGN PRIVILEGE ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny the privilege to assign privileges to roles to a role.

```
REVOKE GRANT REMOVE PRIVILEGE ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke the granted privilege to remove privileges from roles from a role.

```
REVOKE PRIVILEGE MANAGEMENT ON DBMS FROM my_role
```
Revoke all granted and denied privileges for manage privileges from a role.

(★) DBMS privileges

```
GRANT ALL ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Grant privilege to perform all role, user, database, alias, privilege, procedure, function, and impersonation management to a role.

```
DENY IMPERSONATE (alice) ON DBMS TO my_role
```
Deny privilege to impersonate the specified user to a role.

(★) Functionality available in Neo4j Enterprise Edition.