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 <u>graph </u>database management system.

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
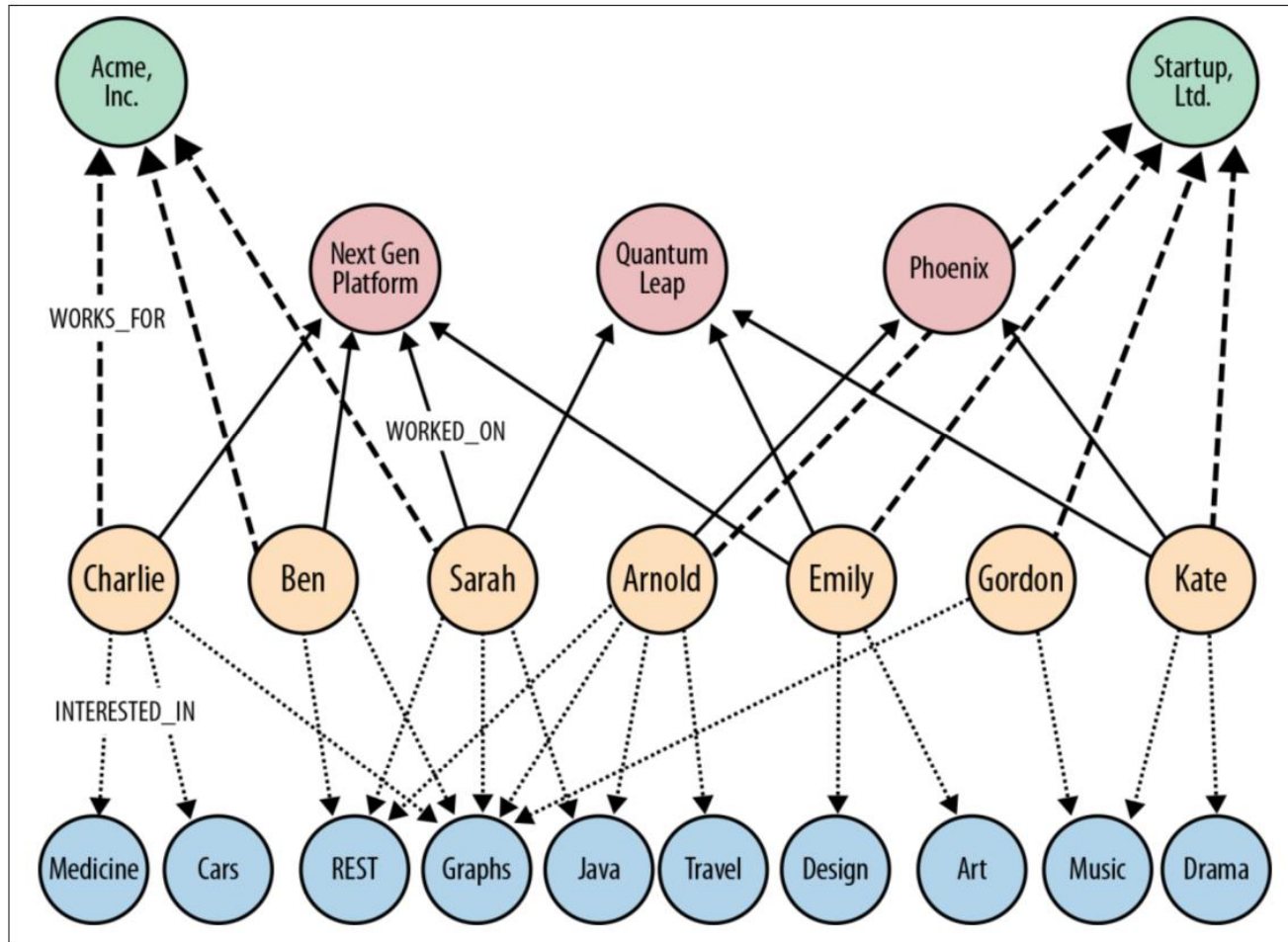
Start Neo4j

- Use chrome of firefox to go to: http://localhost:7474/
- Username/Password: Neo4j,Neo4j

Quick Reminder of all labels, keys and relationship types

Simple examples

Documentation
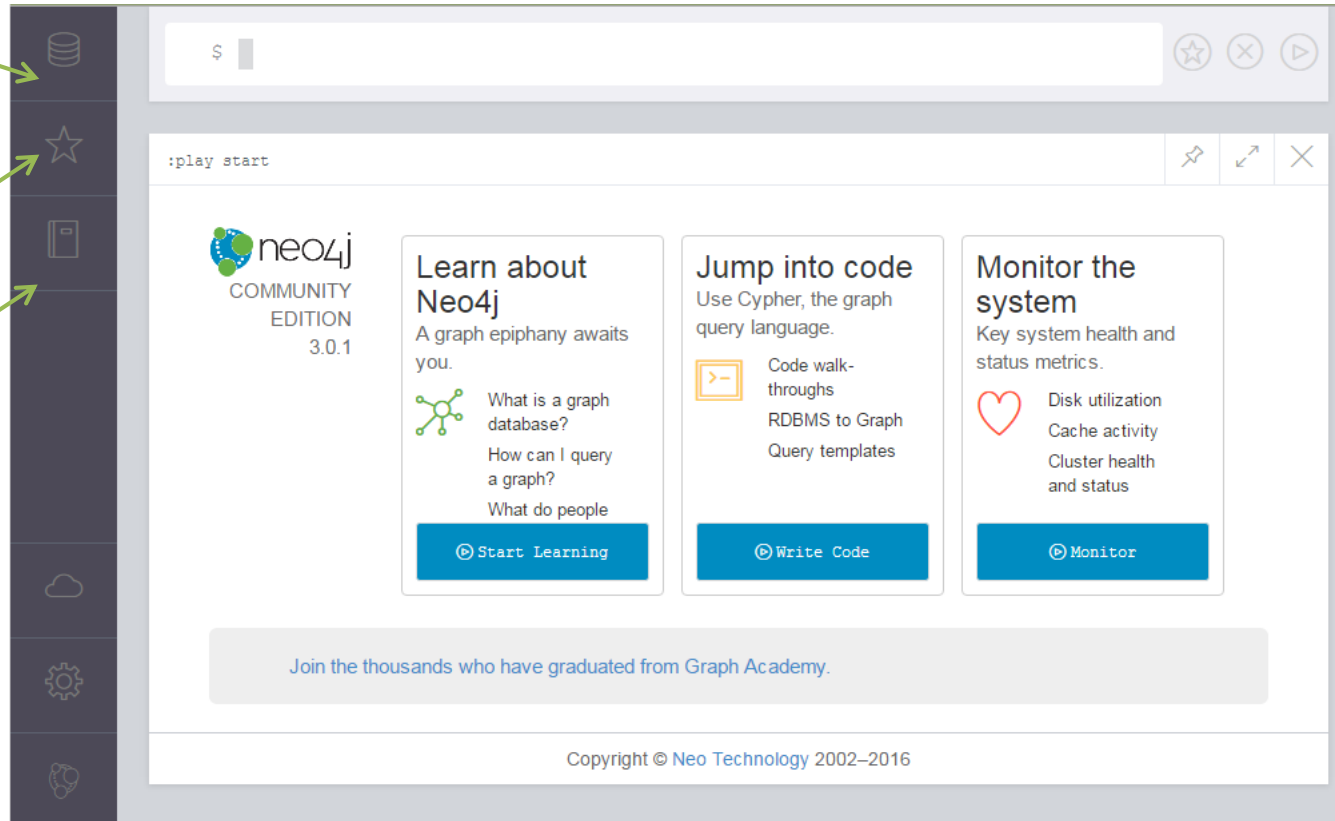
Creating Nodes

```
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

"John"
40
"London"

"Mary"
25
"Paris"

"Chris"
27
"Athens"

"Lina"
20
"Madrid"

"Lucia"
33
"Madrid"
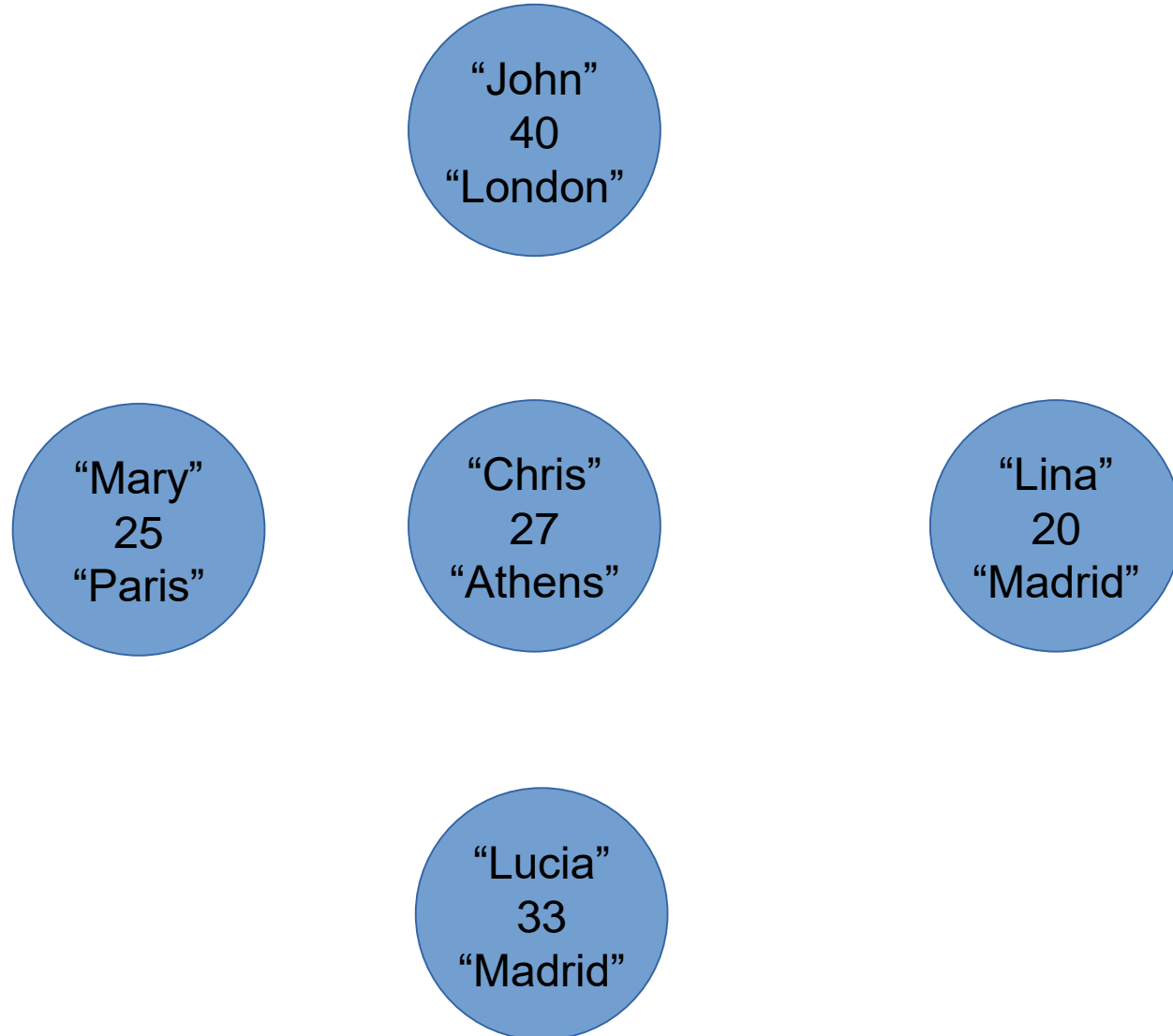
Creating Relationships

```
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.
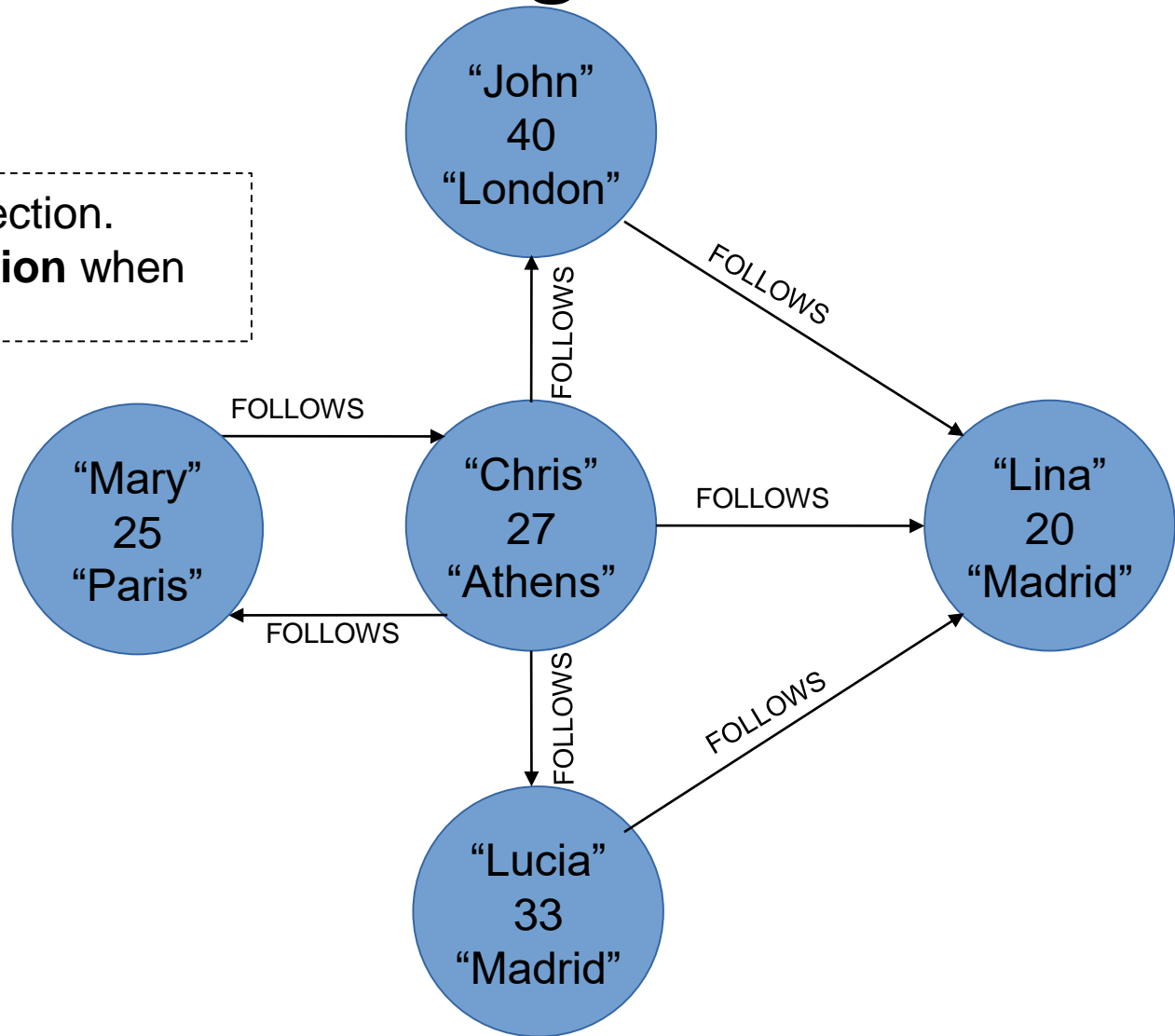
Simple Queries (1)

```
// 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

"Citroen" "C5" "112"

OWNS

"John" 40 "London"

OWNS

"Peugeot" "106" "423"

FOLLOWS

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"Mary" 25 "Paris"

FOLLOWS

"Chris" 27 "Athens"

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"Lina" 20 "Madrid"

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"Citroen" "C3" "110"

OWNS

"Lucia" 33 "Madrid"

FOLLOWS
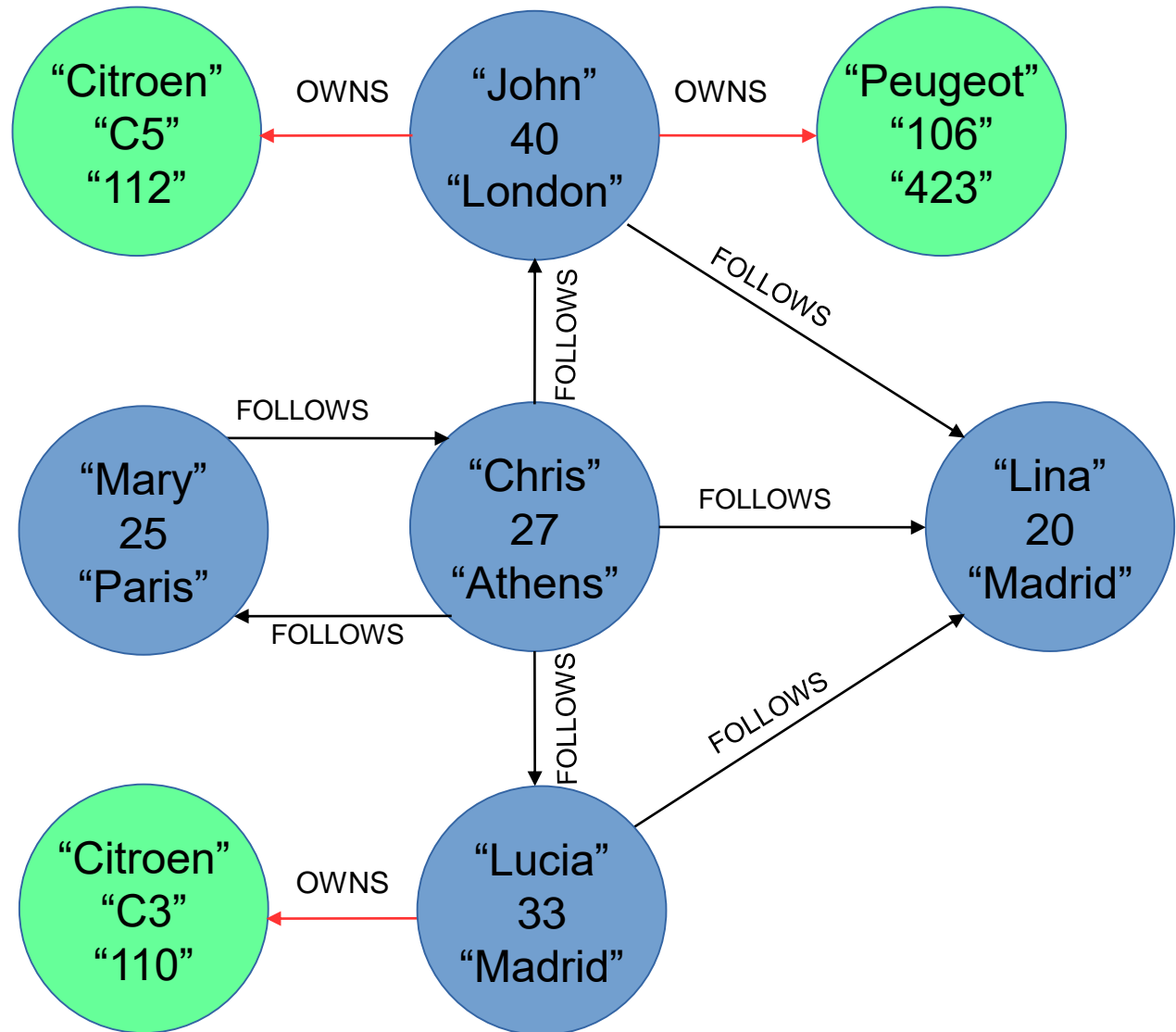
Unwind

- 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-stared. 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-stared?

```
//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 DB
  - Change config file (in conf folder)
- 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