

## 1. What is Neo4j?

- A **graph database system** supporting both transactional and analytical graph processing.
- Belongs to a newer class of **NoSQL databases**.
- Features:
  - Schema-optional
  - Various types of indexing
  - ACID-compliant
  - Distributed computing support
- Similar systems: Microsoft CosmosDB, Amazon Neptune

## 2. Neo4j Query Language & Plugins

- **Cypher**: SQL-like graph query language introduced in 2011  
Example pattern:  
  
(node)-[:RELATION]->(otherNode)
- **APOC Plugin**: Adds procedures and functions (e.g., string manipulation, path finding)
- **Graph Data Science Plugin**: Offers high-performance implementations of graph algorithms

## 3. Docker Compose for Neo4j

- **Docker Compose** allows you to define and manage multi-container apps.
- Uses a `docker-compose.yml` file to define:
  - Services
  - Volumes
  - Networks

## 4. Example `docker-compose.yaml`

services:

neo4j:

container\_name: neo4j

image: neo4j:latest

ports:

- 7474:7474

- 7687:7687

environment:

- NEO4J\_AUTH=neo4j/\${NEO4J\_PASSWORD}

- NEO4J\_apoc\_export\_file\_enabled=true

- NEO4J\_apoc\_import\_file\_enabled=true

- NEO4J\_apoc\_import\_file\_use\_\_neo4j\_\_config=true

- NEO4J\_PLUGINS=["apoc", "graph-data-science"]

volumes:

- ./neo4j\_db/data:/data

- ./neo4j\_db/logs:/logs

- ./neo4j\_db/import:/var/lib/neo4j/import

- ./neo4j\_db/plugins:/plugins

**Note:** Never hard-code secrets in this file. Use a `.env` file.

## 5. Example `.env` File

NEO4J\_PASSWORD=abc123!!!

## 6. Docker Compose Commands

```
docker --version          # test CLI install
docker compose up         # start containers
docker compose up -d      # detached mode
docker compose down       # stop and remove containers
docker compose start
docker compose stop
docker compose build
docker compose build --no-cache
```

## 7. Neo4j Browser

- Open in browser at <http://localhost:7474>
- Login using credentials set in [.env](#)

## 8. Creating Nodes (Users)

```
CREATE (:User {name: "Alice", birthPlace: "Paris"})
```

```
CREATE (:User {name: "Bob", birthPlace: "London"})
```

```
CREATE (:User {name: "Carol", birthPlace: "London"})
```

```
CREATE (:User {name: "Dave", birthPlace: "London"})
```

```
CREATE (:User {name: "Eve", birthPlace: "Rome"})
```

## 9. Creating Relationships (Edges)

```
MATCH (alice:User {name: "Alice"})
```

```
MATCH (bob:User {name: "Bob"})
```

```
CREATE (alice)-[:KNOWS {since: "2022-12-01"}]->(bob)
```

## 10. Matching

Find all users born in London:

```
MATCH (usr:User {birthPlace: "London"})
```

```
RETURN usr.name, usr.birthPlace
```

## 11. Importing CSV Data

- Clone: <https://github.com/PacktPublishing/Graph-Data-Science-with-Neo4j>
- Unzip `netflix.zip` inside `Chapter02/data`
- Move `netflix_titles.csv` to:

```
./neo4j_db/import/
```

## 12. Basic Import

LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS

FROM 'file:///netflix\_titles.csv' AS line

CREATE(:Movie {

id: line.show\_id,

title: line.title,

releaseYear: line.release\_year

})

## 13. Loading Directors (with Duplicates)

LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS

FROM 'file:///netflix\_titles.csv' AS line

WITH split(line.director, ",") as directors\_list

UNWIND directors\_list AS director\_name

CREATE (:Person {name: trim(director\_name)})

## 14. Loading Directors (with Merge)

```
MATCH (p:Person) DELETE p

LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS
FROM 'file:///netflix_titles.csv' AS line

WITH split(line.director, ",") as directors_list

UNWIND directors_list AS director_name

MERGE (:Person {name: director_name})
```

## 15. Creating Edges (Person → Movie)

```
LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS
FROM 'file:///netflix_titles.csv' AS line

MATCH (m:Movie {id: line.show_id})

WITH m, split(line.director, ",") as directors_list

UNWIND directors_list AS director_name

MATCH (p:Person {name: director_name})

CREATE (p)-[:DIRECTED]->(m)
```

## 16. Query Example – Directed Movie

```
MATCH (m:Movie {title: "Ray"})<-[:DIRECTED]-(p:Person)

RETURN m, p
```