

Challenge - Data Engineering

In this challenge, suppose we are looking to do social network analysis for prospective customers. We want to extract from their social network a metric called "closeness centrality".

Centrality metrics try to approximate a measure of influence of an individual within a social network. The distance between any two vertices is their shortest path. The **farness** of a given vertex **v** is the sum of all distances from each vertex to **v**. Finally, the **closeness** of a vertex **v** is the inverse of the **farness**.

The first part of the challenge is to rank the vertices in a given graph by their **closeness**. The graph is provided in the attached file; each line of the file consists of two vertex names separated by a single space, representing an edge between those two nodes.

The second part of the challenge is to create a RESTful web server with endpoints to register edges and display the centrality of the graph.

You should deliver a git repository with your code and a short README file outlining the solution and explaining how to build and run the code. You should deliver your code in language — Scala or Python we'll analyse the structure and readability of the code-base. We expect production-grade code. There is no problem in using libraries, for instance for testing or network interaction, but please avoid using a library that already implements the core graph or social network algorithms.

Don't shy away from asking questions whenever you encounter a problem. Also, please do get in touch at any moment if you believe the timeframe is unrealistic.

References:

- Closeness Centrality: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centrality#Closeness_centrality
- Shortest path: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shortest_path_problem

Dataset:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1gFPNfqrTKspVWvuB7Z4kA_snXZJ_N3yh