Implementing Graph Data Models in Neo4j



Lesson Overview

Modules in this course:

- 1. Implementing Your First Model
- 2. Importing Data
- 3. Profiling Queries
- 4. Refactoring Graphs



Implementing Graph Data Models in Neo4j



In This Module You'll Learn ...

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Write Cypher code to implement a simple graph data model
- Confirm that the starter data is in the graph



Model Domain

https://www.bts.gov/browse-statistical-products-and-data





Model Data

Origin				
OriginAirportID	Origin Airport, Airport ID. An identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a unique airport. Use this field for airport analysis across a range of years because an airport can change its airport code and airport codes can be reused.	Analysis		
OriginAirportSeqID	Origin Airport, Airport Sequence ID. An identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a unique airport at a given point of time. Airport attributes, such as airport name or coordinates, may change over time.			
OriginCityMarketID	Origin Airport, City Market ID. City Market ID is an identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a city market. Use this field to consolidate airports serving the same city market.	Analysis		
Origin	Origin Airport	Analysis		
OriginCityName	Origin Airport, City Name			
OriginState	Origin Airport, State Code	Analysis		
OriginStateFips	Origin Airport, State Fips	Analysis		
OriginStateName	Origin Airport, State Name			
OriginWac	Origin Airport, World Area Code	Analysis		

Destination				
DestAirportID	Destination Airport, Airport ID. An identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a unique airport. Use this field for airport analysis across a range of years because an airport can change its airport code and airport codes can be reused.	A CONTRACTOR OF TAXABLE		
DestAirportSeqID	Destination Airport, Airport Sequence ID. An identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a unique airport at a given point of time. Airport attributes, such as airport name or coordinates, may change over time.			
DestCityMarketID	Destination Airport, City Market ID. City Market ID is an identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a city market. Use this field to consolidate airports serving the same city market.	Analysis		
Dest	Destination Airport	Analysis		
DestCityName	Destination Airport, City Name			
DestState	Destination Airport, State Code	Analysis		
DestStateFips	Destination Airport, State Fips	Analysis		
DestStateName	Destination Airport, State Name			
DestWac	Destination Airport, World Area Code	Analysis		

Time Period		
Year	Year	
Quarter	Quarter (1-4)	Analysis
Month	Month	Analysis
DayofMonth	Day of Month	
DayOfWeek	Day of Week	Analysis
FlightDate	Flight Date (yyyymmdd)	



Model Application Question

As an air travel enthusiast,

I want to know how airports are connected,
so I find the busiest airports.



Model Sample Data

Airport co

code: 'LAX'

code: 'LAS' Airport

airline: 'WN' flightNumber: '82'

date: '2019-1-3'

departure: 1715

arrival: 1820

As an air travel enthusiast,
I want to know how
airports are connected,
so I find the busiest
airports.

airline: 'WN' flightNumber: '500'

date: '2019-1-3'

departure: 1445

arrival: 1710

Airport

code: 'ABQ'

Exercise 1: Getting Started with the Airport Graph Data Model

Before you start this exercise you must:

- 1. Create a project in Neo4j Desktop, create a blank sandbox, or create a Neo4j Aura instance
- 2. If using Neo4j Desktop, create a local 4.x database in the project and start it
- 3. Open a Neo4j Browser window for the database

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

:play 4.0-neo4j-modeling-exercises

and follow the instructions for Exercise 1.

Note: This exercise has 3 steps. Estimated time to complete: 15 minutes.



Importing Data into the Graph



In This Module You'll Learn ...

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Write Cypher code to import CSV data into a graph
- Confirm that the data has been loaded

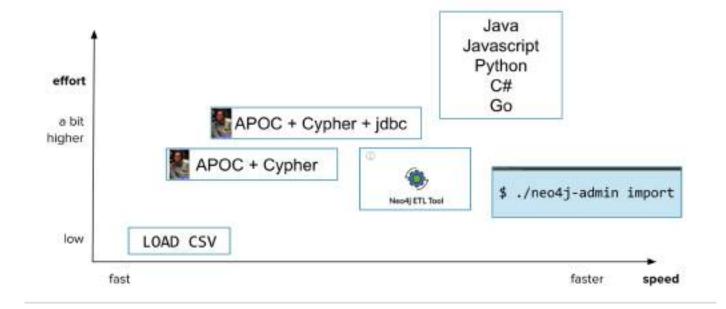


Options for Importing Data into a Graph

There are many options for importing data into Neo4j

The option selected for importing data depends on ...

- The amount of data to be imported
- The available tools and knowledge of those tools
- The amount of time allocated to perform the import





Import Preparation

- Names of entities (node labels)
- Names of relationships
- Names of properties for nodes and relationships
- Constraints to be defined
- Indexes required
- The most important queries



LOAD CSV Syntax

Simplified syntax for using LOAD CSV:

```
LOAD CSV // load csv data
WITH HEADERS // optionally use first header row as keys in "row" map
FROM "url" // file:/// file relative to $NEO4J_HOME/import or http://
AS row // return each row of the CSV as list of strings or map
// ... rest of the Cypher statement ...
```

Use LOAD CSV for CSV files that contain fewer than 100k lines



Inspecting CSV File Data on a Network

```
LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'https://r.neo4j.com/flights 2019 1k' AS row
    2 RETURN row
    LIMIT 5
      row
Taxi
          "FlightNum": "335",
1
          "Origin": "IAD",
          "LateAircraftDelay": "NA",
          "NASDelay": "NA",
          "ArrTime": "2211",
          "AirTime": "116",
          "DepTime": "2003",
          "Month": "1",
          "CRSElapsedTime": "150",
          "DayofMonth": "3",
          "Distance": "810",
          "CRSDepTime": "1955".
          "SecurityDelay": "NA",
          "DayOfWeek": "4".
  Started streaming 5 records after 1 ms and completed after 954 ms.
```



Creating Nodes and Relationships

LOAD CSV command reads rows of data from a CSV file

• It then creates nodes and relationships in the graph

```
LOAD CSV WITH HEADERS FROM 'https://r.neo4j.com/flights_2019_1k' AS row
MERGE (origin:Airport {code: row.Origin})
MERGE (destination:Airport {code: row.Dest})
MERGE (origin)-[connection:CONNECTED TO {
  airline: row.UniqueCarrier,
  flightNumber: row.FlightNum,
  date: toInteger(row.Year) + '-' + toInteger(row.Month) + '-' +
        toInteger(row.DayofMonth)}]->(destination)
ON CREATE SET connection.departure = toInteger(row.CRSDepTime),
              connection.arrival = toInteger(row.CRSArrTime)
```



Exercise 2: Loading Airport Data

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

:play 4.0-neo4j-modeling-exercises

and follow the instructions for Exercise 2.

Note: This exercise has 9 steps. Estimated time to complete: 30 minutes.



Summary

You should now be able to:

- Write Cypher code to import CSV data with Cypher
- Confirm that the data has been loaded





In This Module You'll Learn ...

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Profile queries against the graph
- Determine if a query can be improved

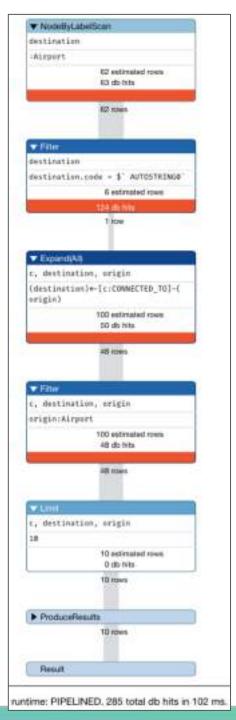


Profiling a Query

```
PROFILE
MATCH (origin:Airport)-
   [c:CONNECTED_TO]->(destination:Airport)
WHERE destination.code = 'LAS'
RETURN origin, destination, c LIMIT 10
```

Code to profile a query

Retrieve all connections that have a destination of LAS





Analyzing the Query Profile (1 of 3)



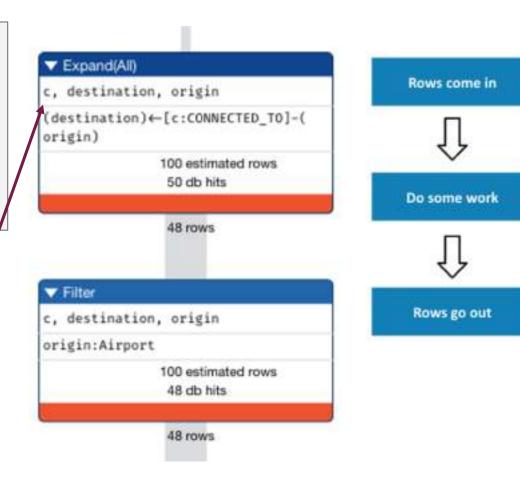


Analyzing the Query Profile (2 of 3)

```
PROFILE
MATCH (origin:Airport)-
    [c:CONNECTED_TO]->(destination:Airport)
WHERE destination.code = 'LAS'
RETURN origin, destination, c LIMIT 10
```

Code analysis

- Pattern origin-[c]->(destination)
 - o 48 nodes
- No filter for pattern
 - All 48 nodes pass through



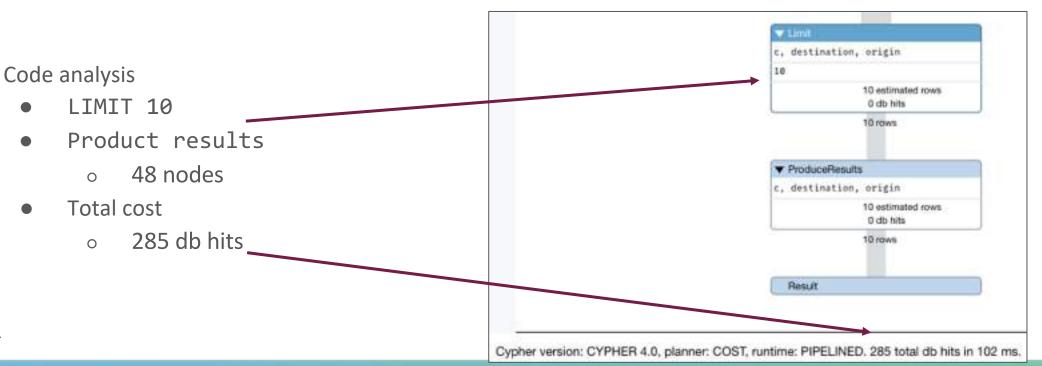


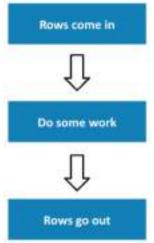
Analyzing the Query Profile (3 of 3)

```
PROFILE
MATCH (origin:Airport)-
   [c:CONNECTED_TO]->(destination:Airport)
WHERE destination.code = 'LAS'
RETURN origin, destination, c LIMIT 10
```

Code analysis

- Product results
 - o 48 nodes
- Total cost
 - o 285 db hits







Analyzing Without :Airport Filter

```
PROFILE

MATCH (origin) - not specified

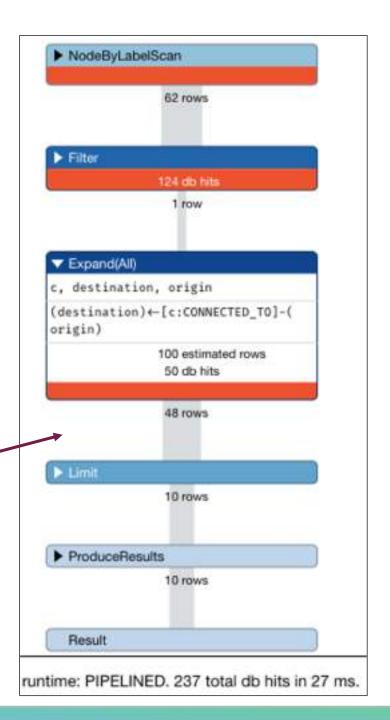
[c:CONNECTED_TO] -> (destination:Airport)

WHERE destination.code = 'LAS'

RETURN origin, destination, c LIMIT 10
```



Without this Filter step there are 48 less db hits





Exercise 3: Profiling Queries

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

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and follow the instructions for Exercise 3.

Note: This exercise has 2 steps. Estimated time to complete: 15 minutes.

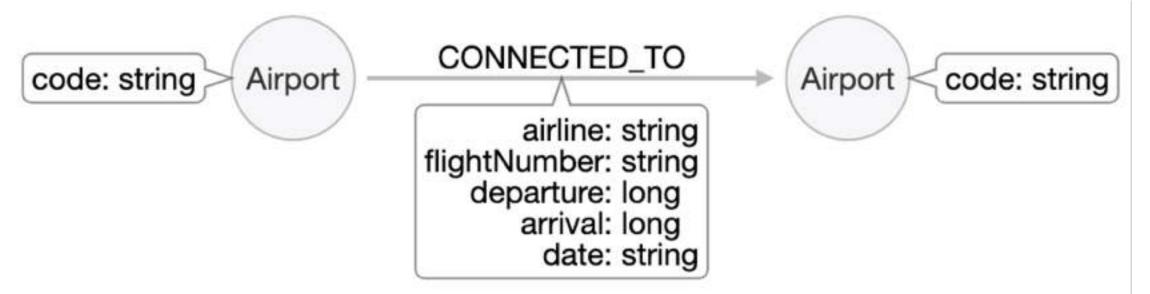


Does the Model Need to be Changed?

The previous exercise asked this question:

• What are the airports and flight information for flight number 1016 for airline WN?

The current model:

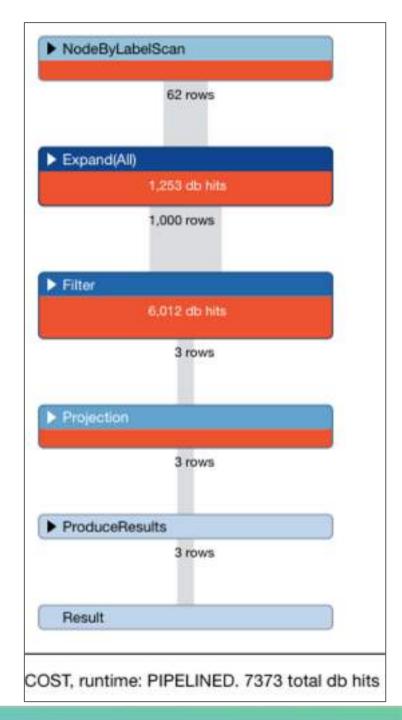




Analyzing the Other Question

What are the airports and flight information for flight number 1016 for airline WN?

```
PROFTIF
MATCH (origin:Airport)-
       [connection:CONNECTED_TO]->
       (destination:Airport)
WHERE connection.airline = 'WN'
  AND connection.flightNumber = '1016'
RETURN origin.code, destination.code,
       connection.date,
       Connection.departure,
connection.arrival
```



Summary

You should now be able to:

- Profile queries against the graph
- Determine if a query can be improved



Refactoring Graphs

Refactoring Steps

- Create constraints as needed
- 2. Execute the refactor:
 - a. MATCH the data to be moved
 - b. Create new nodes
 - c. Create new relationships
- 3. Create indexes as needed
- 4. PROFILE all queries against the new model

If the **new model** performs well for **all** queries

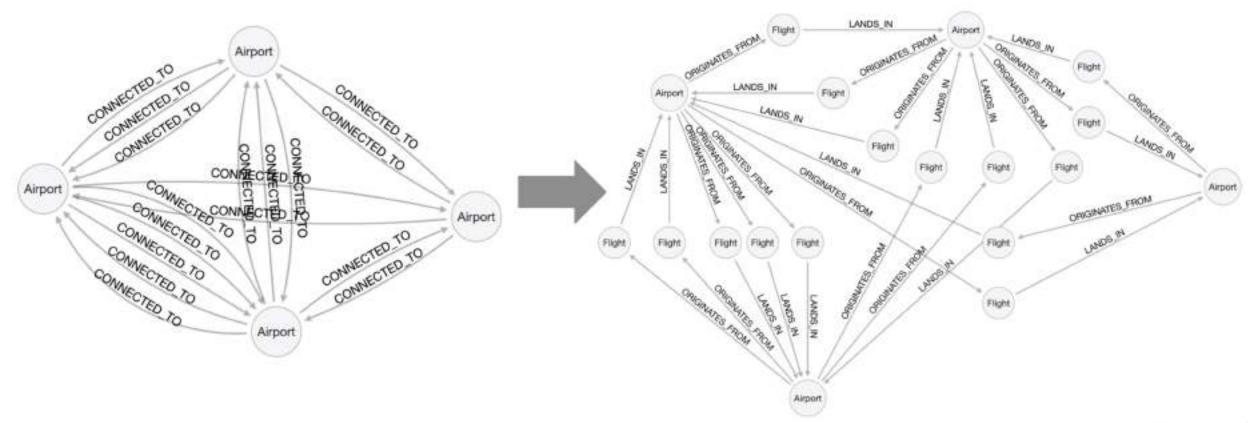
- Delete the old model
- Otherwise,keep both models



Evolving the Model

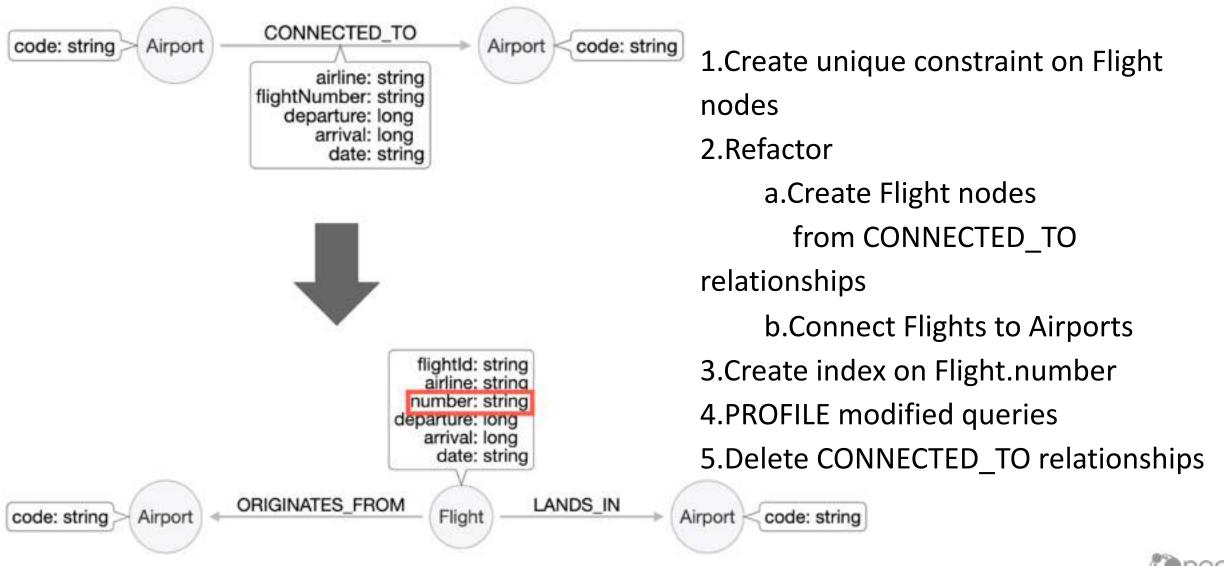
To solve this problem intermediate node Flight is introduced

• It is based upon the properties of the CONNECTED_TO relationship





Refactor Details





Unique flightId

The Flight.flightId property is composed of five pieces of data

- This combination assures that all Flight nodes are unique
 - 1. Airline
 - 2. flightNumber
 - 3. Code for the origin Airport
 - 4. Code for the destination Airport
 - 5. Date



Creating a Constraint

Prior to refactoring the uniqueness constraint is added

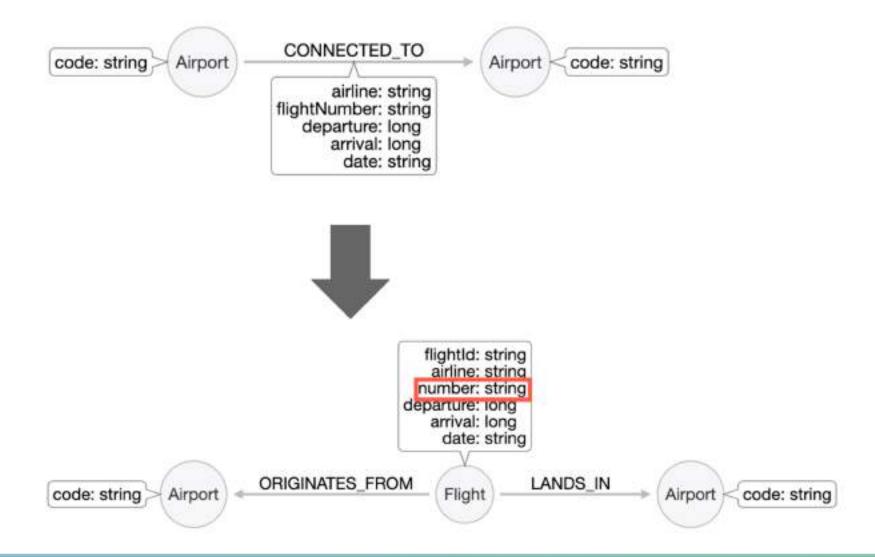
```
CREATE CONSTRAINT Flight_flightId_constraint ON (f:Flight)
ASSERT f.flightId IS UNIQUE
```



Refactoring the Graph

```
MATCH (origin:Airport)-[connection:CONNECTED TO]-
>(destination:Airport)
MERGE (newFlight:Flight {flightId: connection.airline +
connection.flightNumber +
       '_' + connection.date + '_' + origin.code + '_' +
destination.code })
ON CREATE SET newFlight.date = connection.date,
              newFlight.airline = connection.airline,
              newFlight.number = connection.flightNumber,
              newFlight.departure = connection.departure,
              newFlight.arrival = connection.arrival
MERGE (origin)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(newFlight)</pre>
MERGE (newFlight)-[:LANDS IN]->(destination)
```

Two Models Exist In The Same Graph





Create an Index on Flight Number

CREATE INDEX Flight_number_index FOR (f:Flight) ON (f.number)



Profiling the Query

Question: What are the airports and flight information for flight number 1016 for airline WN?

```
Original
Query
```

```
PROFILE
MATCH (origin:Airport)-[connection:CONNECTED_TO]-
>(destination:Airport)
WHERE connection.airline = 'WN' AND
connection.flightNumber = '1016'
```

```
New Query
```

```
PROFILE

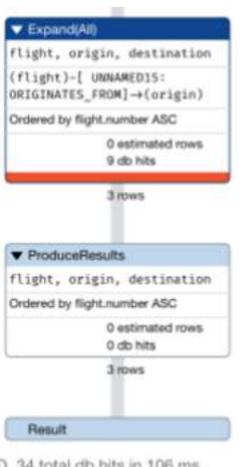
MATCH (origin)<-[:ORIGINATES_FROM]-(flight:Flight)-
        [:LANDS_IN]->(destination)

WHERE flight.airline = 'WN' AND
        flight.number = '1016' RETURN origin, destination,
flight
```

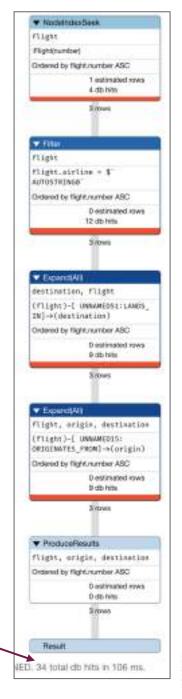


Profile Result





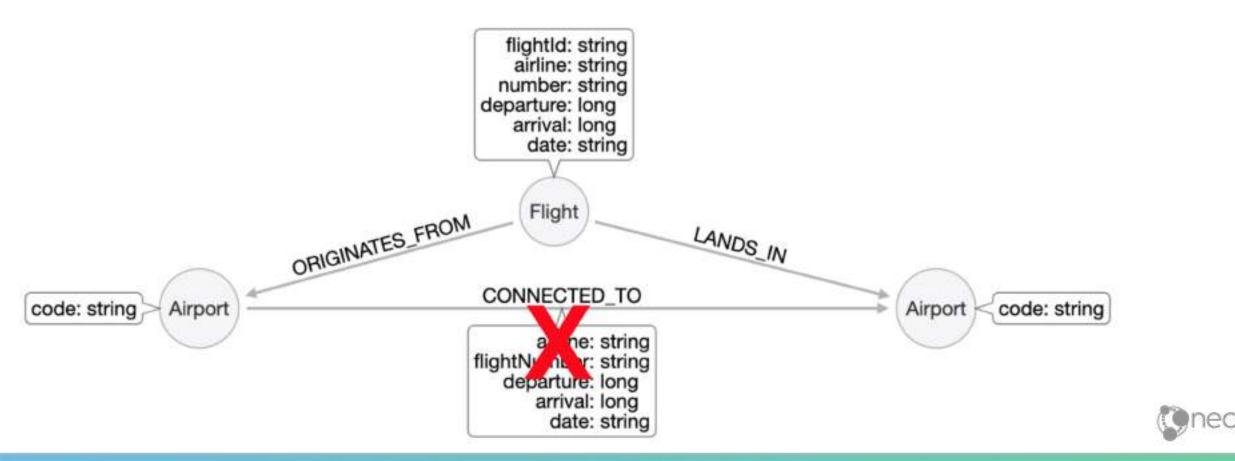
D. 34 total db hits in 106 ms.





Removing the Old Model

MATCH ()-[connection:CONNECTED_TO]->()
DELETE connection



Exercise 4: Creating Flight Nodes from CONNECTED_TO Relationships

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

:play 4.0-neo4j-modeling-exercises

and follow the instructions for Exercise 4.

Note: This exercise has 7 steps. Estimated time to complete: 30 minutes.



An Additional Domain Question

Here is another question is that needs to be answered by the application:

 As a frequent traveller I want to find flights from <origin> to <destination> on <date> so that I can book my business flight

For example:

Find all flights going from Los Angeles (LAS)
 to Chicago Midway International (MDW)
 on January 3rd, 2019.



Implementing the Query

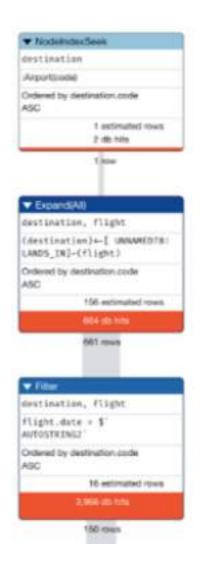
```
MATCH (origin:Airport {code: 'LAS'})
    <-[:ORIGINATES_FROM]-(flight:Flight)-[:LANDS_IN]->
        (destination:Airport {code: 'MDW'})
WHERE flight.date = '2019-1-3'
RETURN origin, destination, flight
```

The next exercise makes use of this query

From the US Bureau of Transportation data 10k nodes will be added to the graph

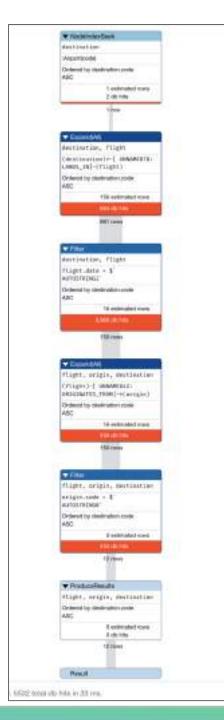


Profiling the Query

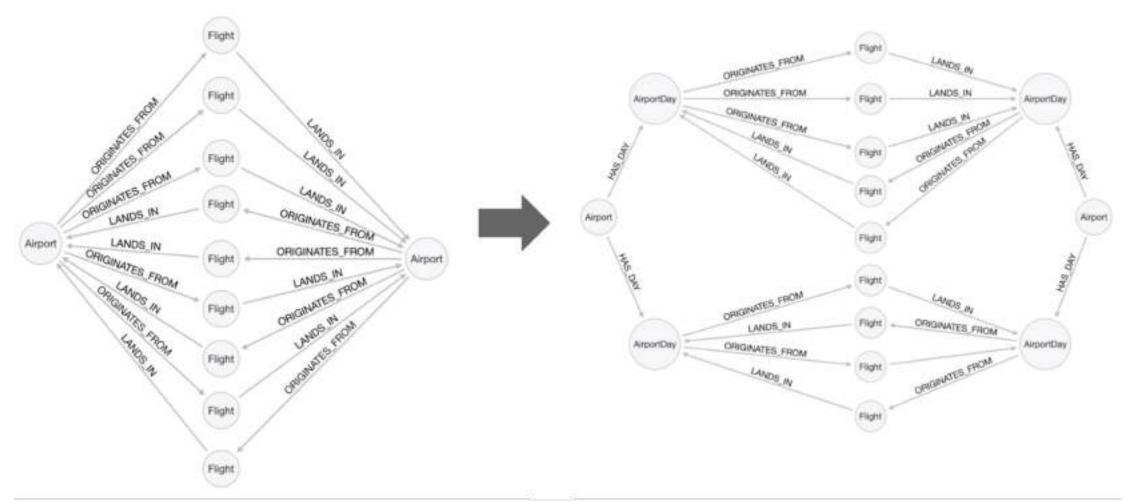




The result after profiling the query that contains 10k nodes



Performing Another Refactor



Note: A node is only pulled out if you are going to query through it, otherwise a property will suffice



Refactor Details

flightld: string airline: string number: string departure: long arrival: long date: string ORIGINATES FROM LANDS IN code: string Flight code: string Airport airline: string number: string departure: long airportDayld: string date: string airportDayld: string date: string arrival: long ORIGINATES_FROM LANDS IN AirportDay AirportDay

code: string

CREATE CONSTRAINT

AirportDay_airportDayId_con straint

ON (a:AirportDay)

ASSERT a.airportDayId IS

UNIQUE

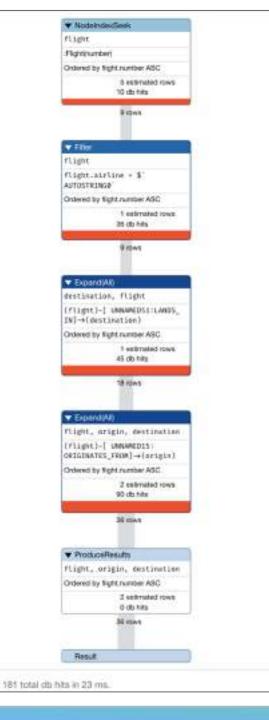


code: string

Refactor Implementation

```
MATCH (origin:Airport)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight:Flight)-
      [:LANDS IN]->(destination:Airport)
MERGE (originAirportDay:AirportDay {airportDayId: origin.code +
' ' + flight.date})
SET originAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (destinationAirportDay:AirportDay
      {airportDayId: destination.code + ' ' + flight.date})
SET destinationAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (origin)-[:HAS DAY]->(originAirportDay)
MERGE (flight)-[:ORIGINATES_FROM]->(originAirportDay)
MERGE (flight)-[:LANDS IN]->(destinationAirportDay)
MERGE (destination)-[:HAS DAY]->(destinationAirportDay)
```





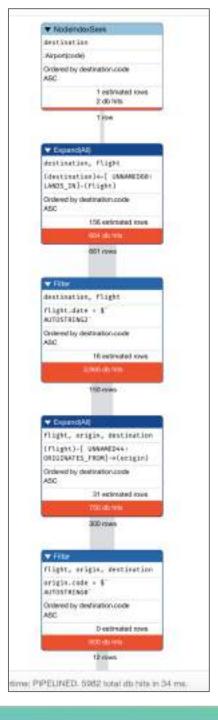
Profiling the First Query

```
PROFILE
MATCH (origin)<-[:ORIGINATES_FROM]-
    (flight:Flight)-
        [:LANDS_IN]->(destination)
WHERE flight.airline = 'WN' AND
        flight.number = '1016' RETURN origin,
destination, flight
```



Profiling the Original Second Query

```
PROFILE MATCH (origin:Airport
{code: 'LAS'})
    <-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-
(flight:Flight)-
    [:LANDS IN]->
    (destination:Airport {code:
'MDW' } )
WHERE flight.date = '2019-1-3'
RETURN origin, destination, flight
```





Profiling the Revised Second Query

```
PROFILE MATCH (origin:Airport {code:
'LAS'})-
    [:HAS DAY]->(:AirportDay {date:
'2019-1-3'})<-</pre>
    [:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight:Flight),
    (flight)-[:LANDS IN]->
    (:AirportDay {date: '2019-1-3'})<-
    [:HAS DAY]-(destination:Airport
{code: 'MDW'})
RETURN origin, destination, flight
```





Exercise 5: Creating the AirportDay Node From the Airport and Flight Nodes

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

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and follow the instructions for Exercise 5.

Note: This exercise has 7 steps. Estimated time to complete: 30 minutes.



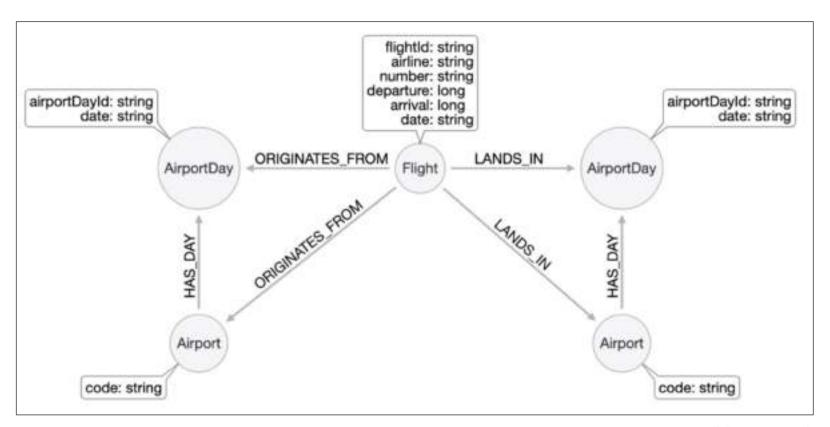
More Questions for the Model?

The model performs well for these questions:

- 1. What are the airports and flight information for flight number xx for airline yy?
- 2. Find all the flights going from xx to yy on the date zz.

What if this question is added:

Which airport has the most incoming flights?



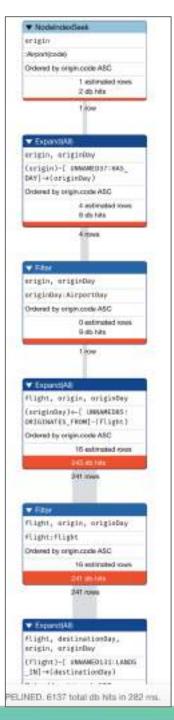


Another Question for the Model

Suppose we added this question:

What are the flights from LAS that arrive at MDW on 2019-1-3?

```
PROFTIF
MATCH (origin:Airport {code: 'LAS'})-[:HAS DAY]->
      (originDay:AirportDay),
      (originDay)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight:Flight),</pre>
      (flight)-[:LANDS IN]->(destinationDay),
      (destinationDay:AirportDay)<-[:HAS DAY]-</pre>
      (destination:Airport {code: 'MDW'})
WHERE originDay.date = '2019-1-3' AND
      destinationDay.date = '2019-1-3'
RETURN flight.date, flight.number, flight.airline,
       flight.departure, flight.arrival
ORDER BY flight.date, flight.departure
```



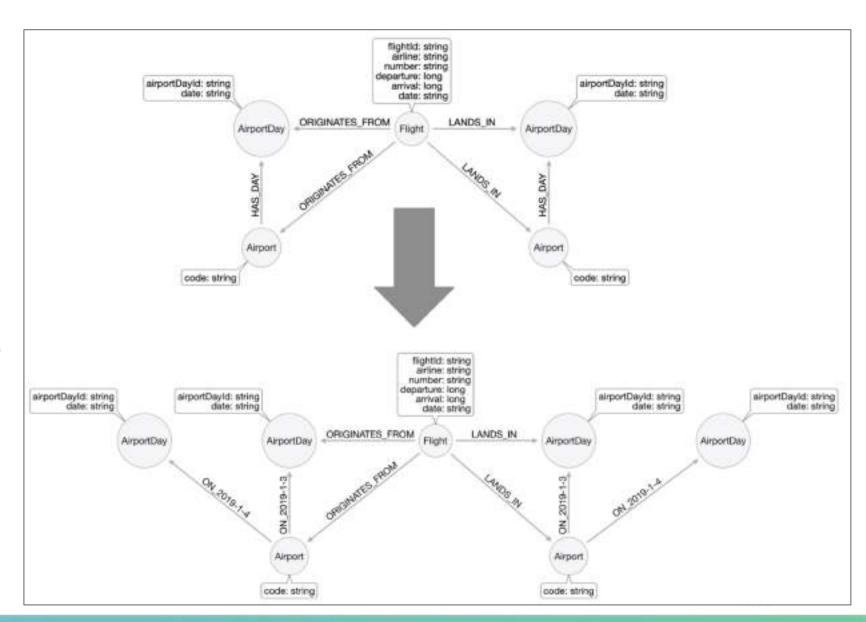


Refactoring for Specific Relationships

A best practice for graph data modeling:

 Make relationships more specific if it helps query performance

Modify *HAS_DAY* relationship to be *ON_2019-1-3*, *ON_2019-1-4*, etc.



APOC to the Rescue!

APOC supports creating relationships based upon data in the graph

syntax:

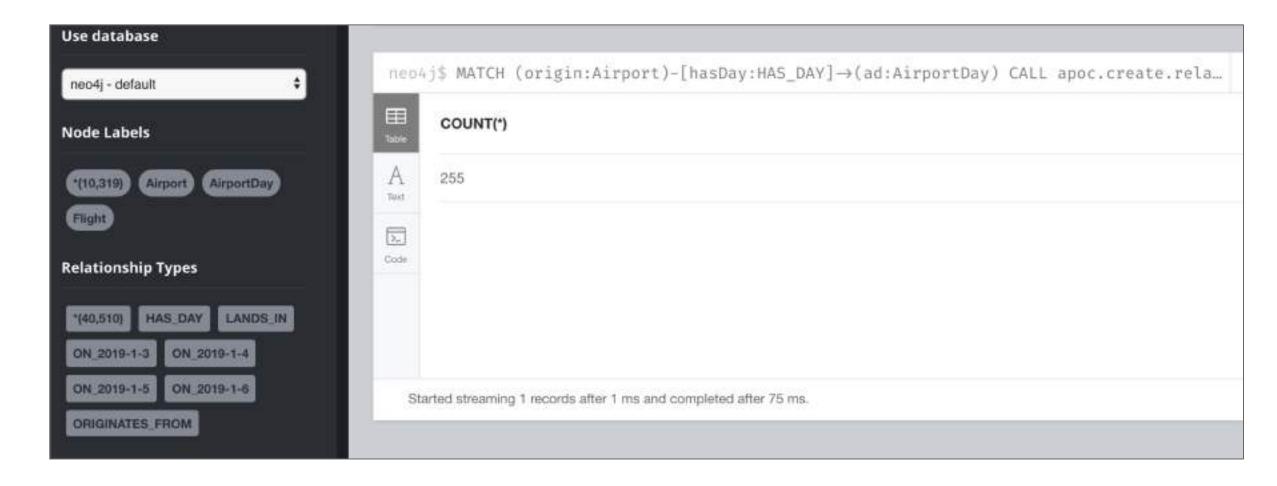


Creating Specialized Relationships with APOC

Code to transform *HAS_DAY* relationships to specific relationships:



Refactoring Result

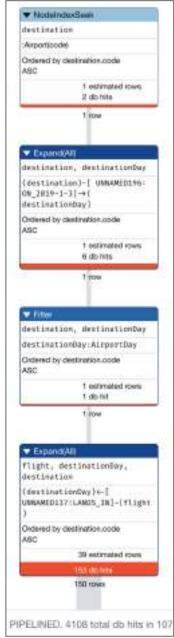




Does the Query Improve?

Rewrite the query, since the model has changed:

```
PROFTLE
MATCH (origin:Airport {code: 'LAS'})-[:`ON 2019-1-3`]->
      (originDay:AirportDay),
      (originDay)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight:Flight),</pre>
      (flight)-[:LANDS_IN]->(destinationDay),
      (destinationDay:AirportDay)<-[:`ON 2019-1-3`]</pre>
      -(destination:Airport {code: 'MDW'})
RETURN flight.date, flight.number, flight.airline,
       flight.departure, flight.arrival
ORDER BY flight.date, flight.departure
```





Exercise 6: Creating Specific Relationships

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

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and follow the instructions for Exercise 6.

Note: This exercise has 2 steps. Estimated time to complete: 15 minutes.



Refactoring Large Graphs

The heap size needs to be adapted to match, or operate in batches.

Increase these values for the server in the **neo4j.conf** file to support the need for additional memory:

- dbms.memory.heap.initial_size=2G (default 512m)
- dbms.memory.heap.max_size=2G (default 1G)



Batching the Refactoring Process

- 1. Tag all the nodes that need to processed with a temporary label
 - For example *Process* could be used as the temporary label

```
MATCH (f:Flight)
SET f:Process
```

- 1. Iterate over the subset of nodes flagged with the temporary label
 - This is done using LIMIT
 - a. Execute the refactoring code
 - b. Remove the temporary label from the nodes
 - c. Return a count of how many rows were processed
- 1. The refactoring is is done when the count reaches 0



Example Code for a Batch

```
MATCH (flight:Process)
WITH flight LIMIT 500
MATCH (origin:Airport)<-[:ORIGINATES_FROM]-(flight)-[:LANDS_IN]->(destination:Airport)
MERGE (originAirportDay:AirportDay {airportDayId: origin.code + " " + flight.date})
ON CREATE SET originAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (destinationAirportDay:AirportDay {airportDayId: destination.code + " " + flight.date})
ON CREATE SET destinationAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (origin)-[:HAS DAY]->(originAirportDay)
MERGE (originAirportDay)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight)</pre>
MERGE (flight)-[:LANDS_IN]-(destinationAirportDay)
MERGE (destination)-[:HAS DAY]->(destinationAirportDay)
REMOVE flight:Process
RETURN count(*)
```



Using apoc.periodoc.commit

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Batching with APOC

```
CALL apoc.periodic.commit('
MATCH (flight:Process)
WITH flight LIMIT $limit
MATCH (origin:Airport)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight)-[:LANDS IN]->(destination:Airport)
MERGE (originAirportDay:AirportDay {airportDayId: origin.code + "_" + flight.date})
ON CREATE SET originAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (destinationAirportDay:AirportDay {airportDayId: destination.code + " " + flight.date})
ON CREATE SET destinationAirportDay.date = flight.date
MERGE (origin)-[:HAS DAY]->(originAirportDay)
MERGE (originAirportDay)<-[:ORIGINATES FROM]-(flight)</pre>
MERGE (flight)-[:LANDS IN]-(destinationAirportDay)
MERGE (destination)-[:HAS DAY]->(destinationAirportDay)
REMOVE flight:Process
RETURN count(*)
',{limit:500}
```

Result of the Batch Processing





Exercise 7: Refactoring Large Graphs

In the query edit pane of Neo4j Browser, execute the browser command:

:play 4.0-neo4j-modeling-exercises

and follow the instructions for Exercise 7.

Note: This exercise has 8 steps. Estimated time to complete: 30 minutes.



Summary

You should now be able to:

- Create constraints to improve performance of node creation and queries
- Determine if a query can be improved
- Write Cypher code to refactor a data model
- Create indexes that to improve query performance
- Refactor a graph by creating intermediate nodes
- Refactor a graph by specializing relationships
- Perform batch processing when refactoring a large graph



Summary Implementing Graph Data Models in Neo4j 4.0



Course Summary

In this course, you have learned how to:

- Implement a simple graph data model
- Import data into an existing graph data model
- Profile query performance against the implemented graph
- Refactor graph data models

