

Welcome!

- 1 Find a seat. Say hi!
- 2 Grab a USB key, and plug it in.
- 3 Run the “Install Neo4j” application (Mac or Windows).
When you see the README and the command prompt, you’re ready.
- 4 Grab a coffee and get ready to begin!

Neo4j Tutorial

(you) - [:know] ->(Neo4j)

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Thanks for beta-testing

- New Neo4j Milestone 2.0.0-M06
- Shiny new Neo4j Browser
- New Windows Installer
- Please help us test it
- And provide feedback



Why did you come?

Answer five questions

- What is Neo4j?
- Why would I use it?
- How do I model data?
- How do I enter data?
- How do I query data?

and...



provide the confidence to start building a
graph enabled application

Schedule

8.30am - Registration, installation and breakfast

9.00am - Session 1: Graphs and Modeling

10.30am - Morning coffee break

10.45am - Session 2: Neo4j and Cypher

12.00pm - Lunch

1.00pm - Session 3: Advanced queries using Cypher

2.30pm - Afternoon coffee break

2.45pm - Session 4: Next steps and Q&A

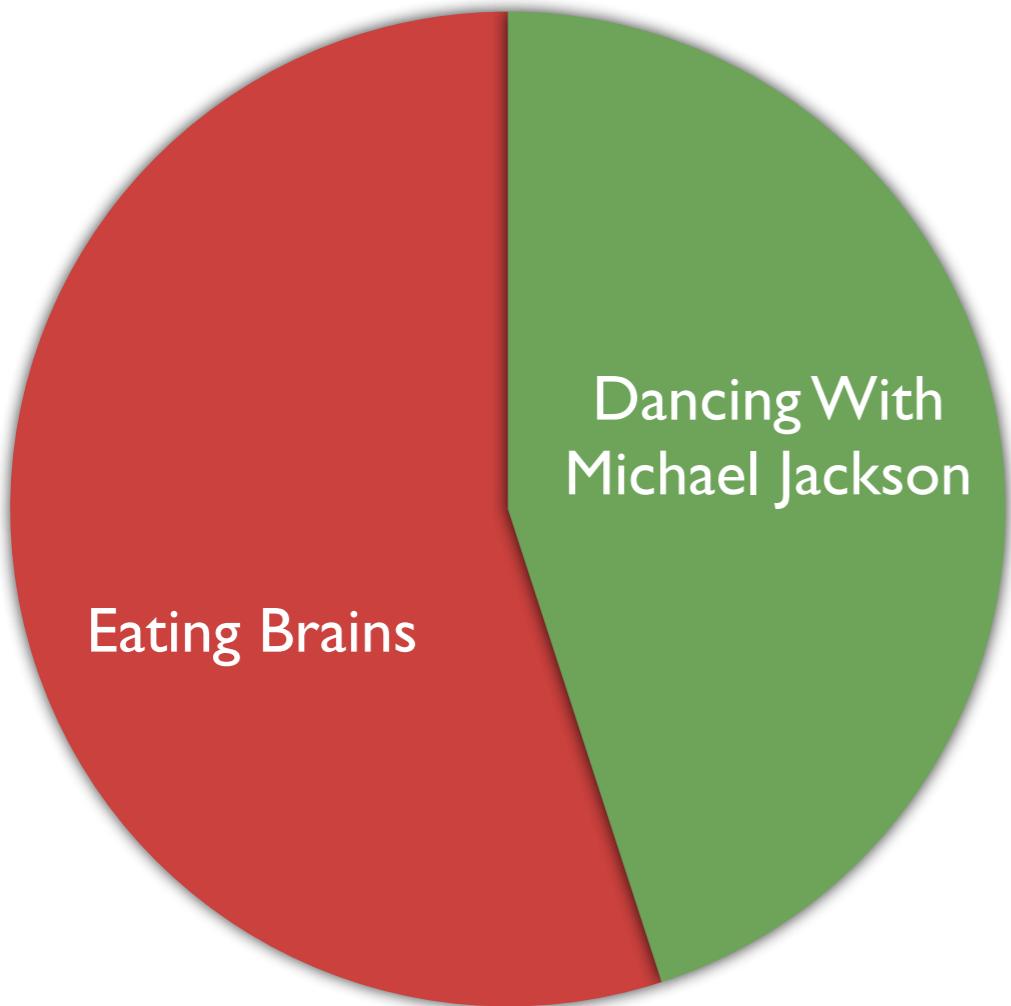
4.00pm - End of training



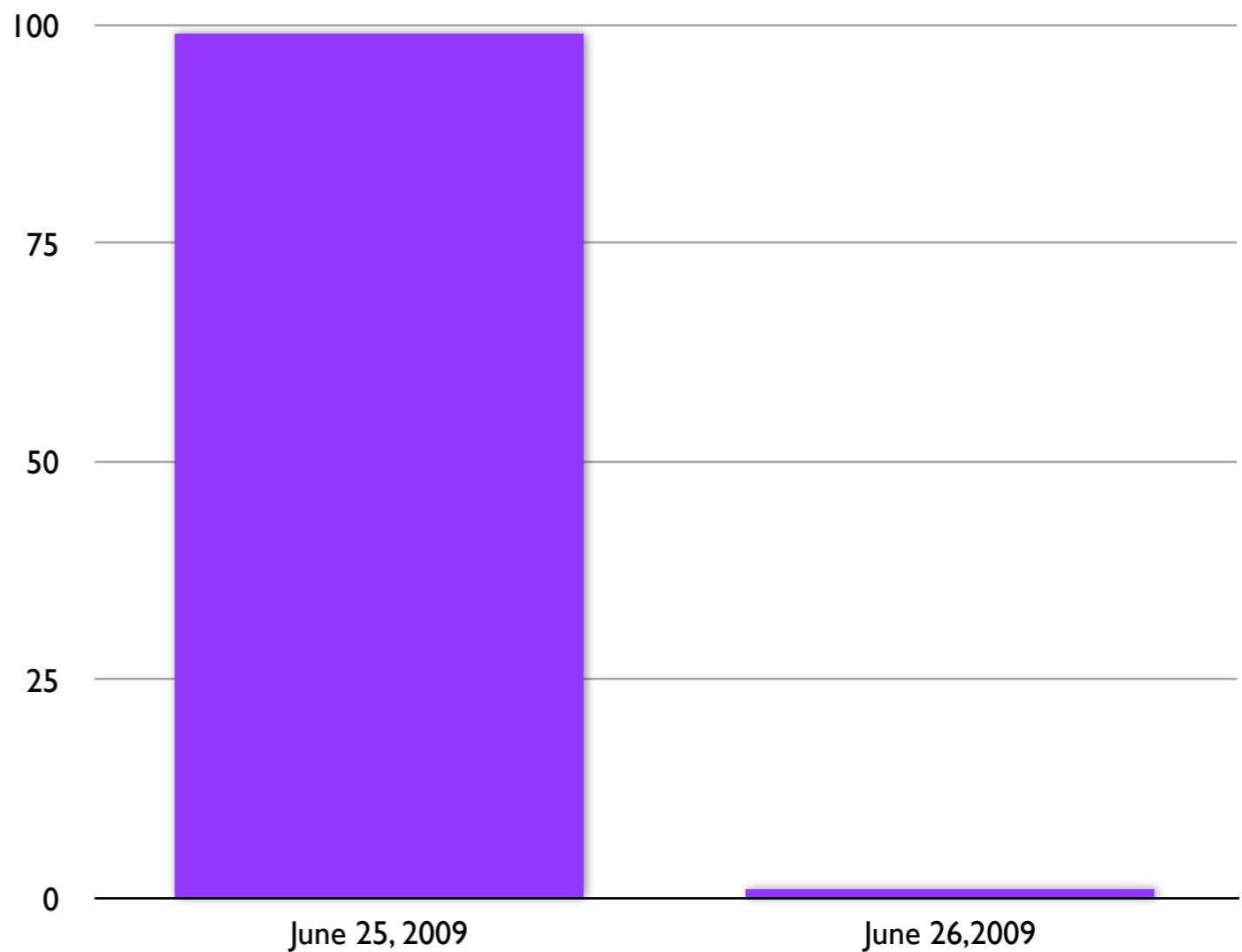
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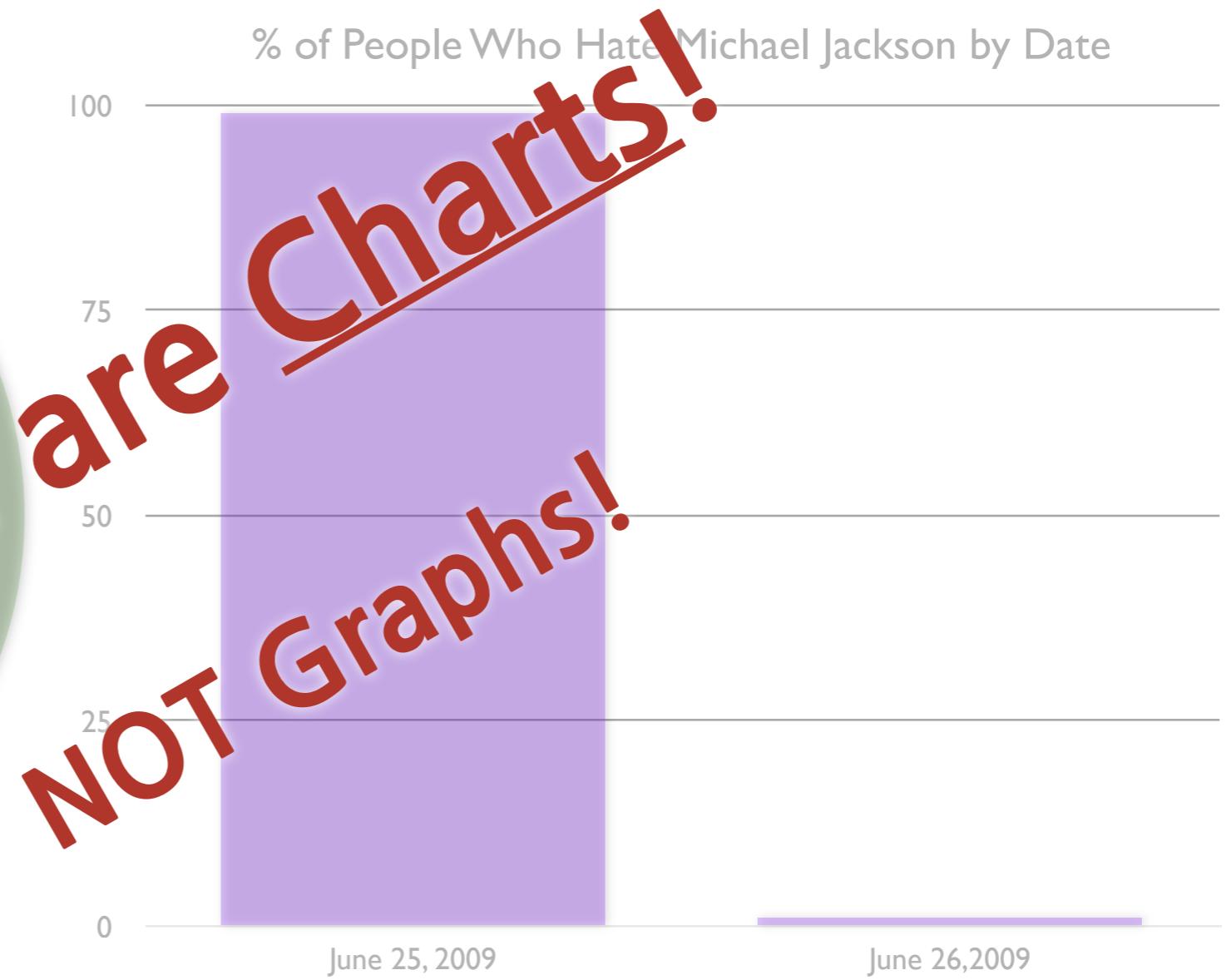
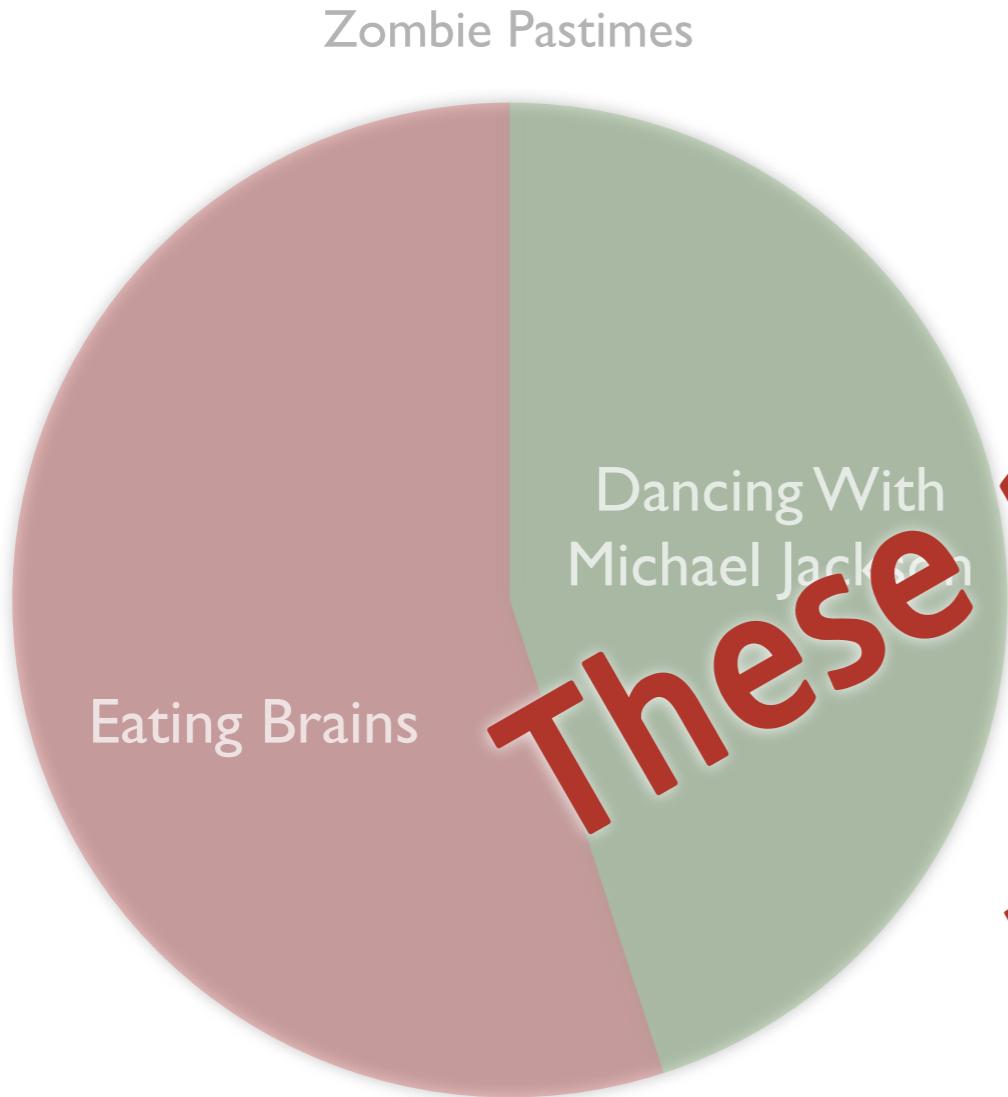
**But first...
an important message...**

Zombie Pastimes



% of People Who Hate Michael Jackson by Date

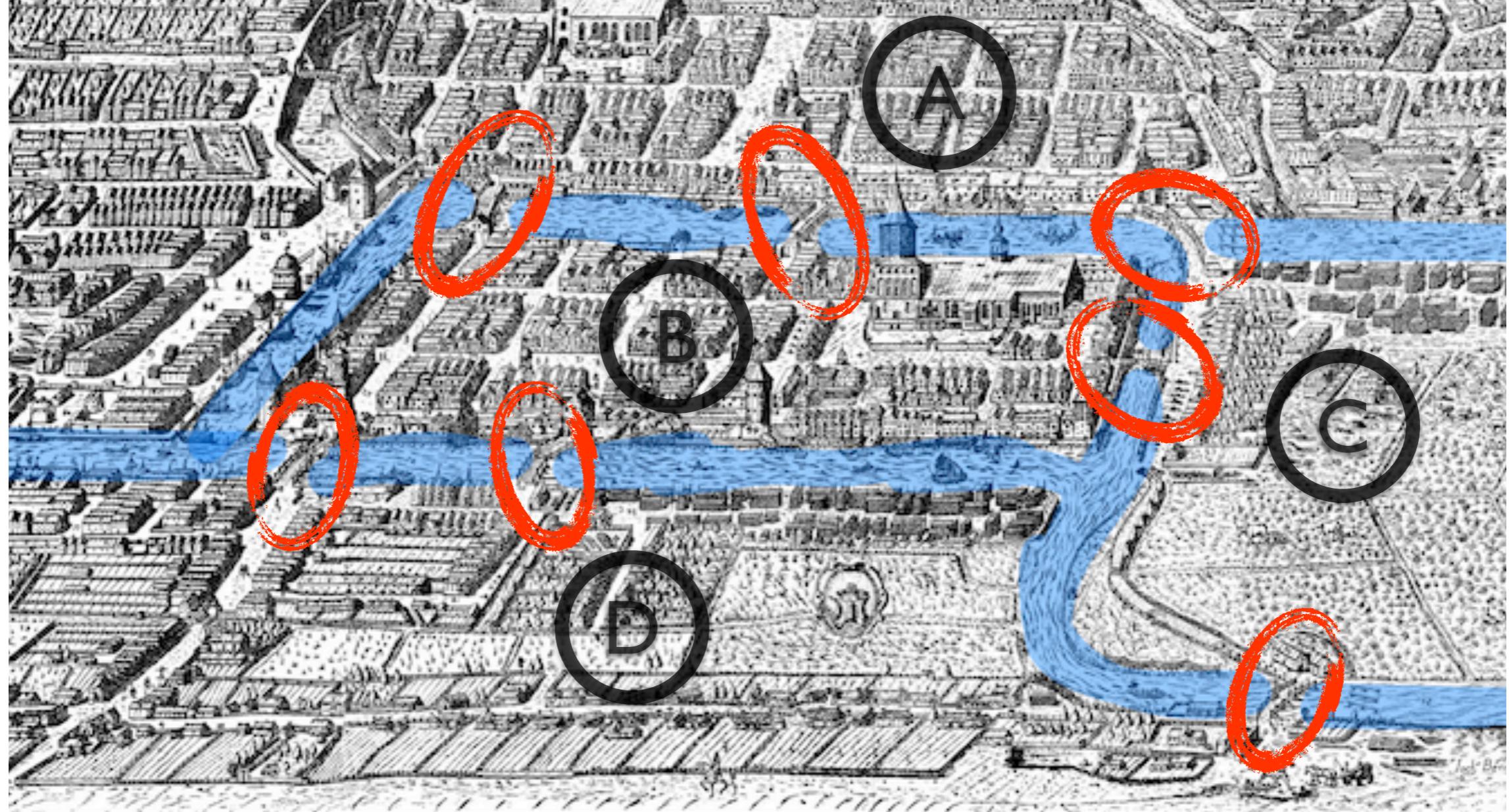


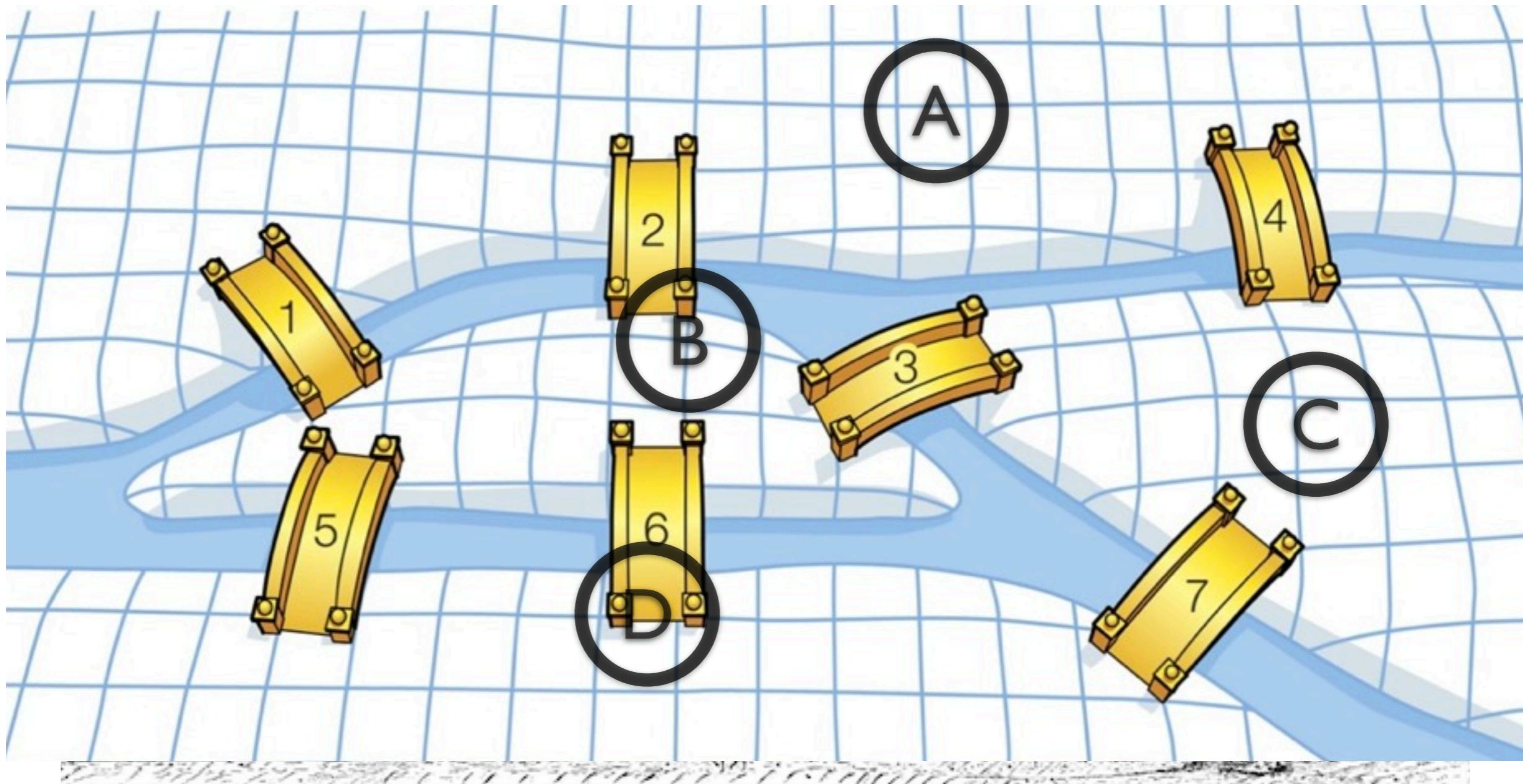


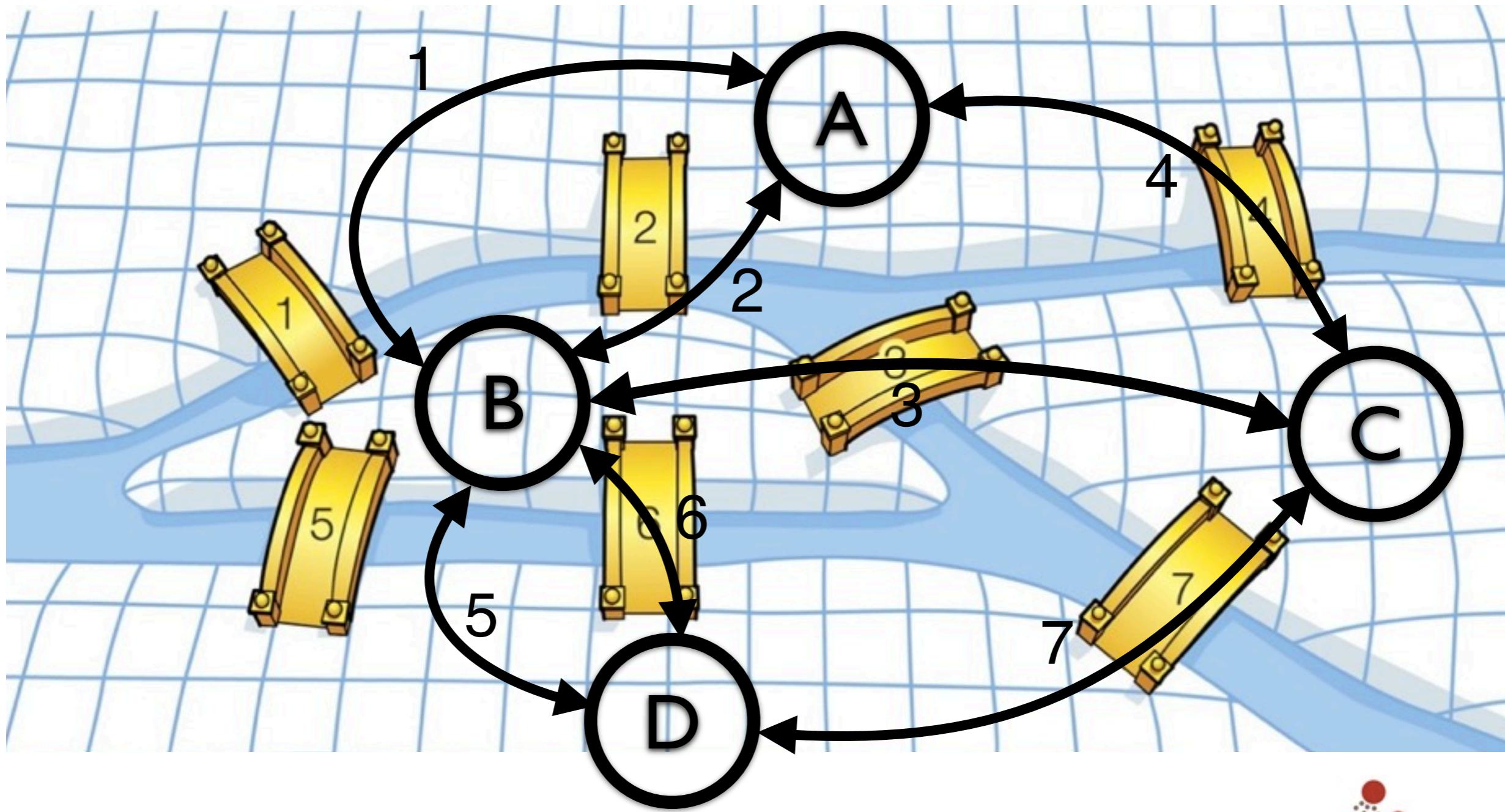


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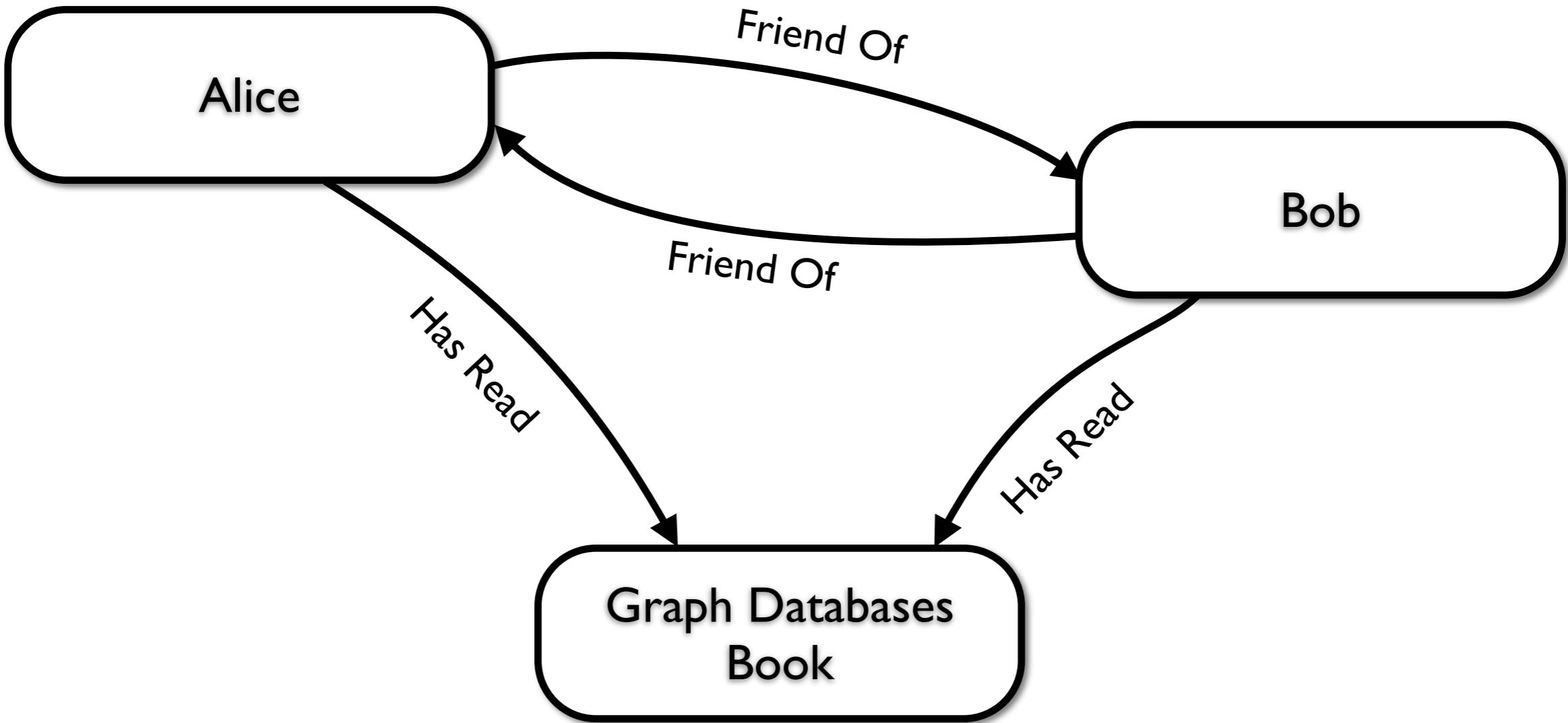
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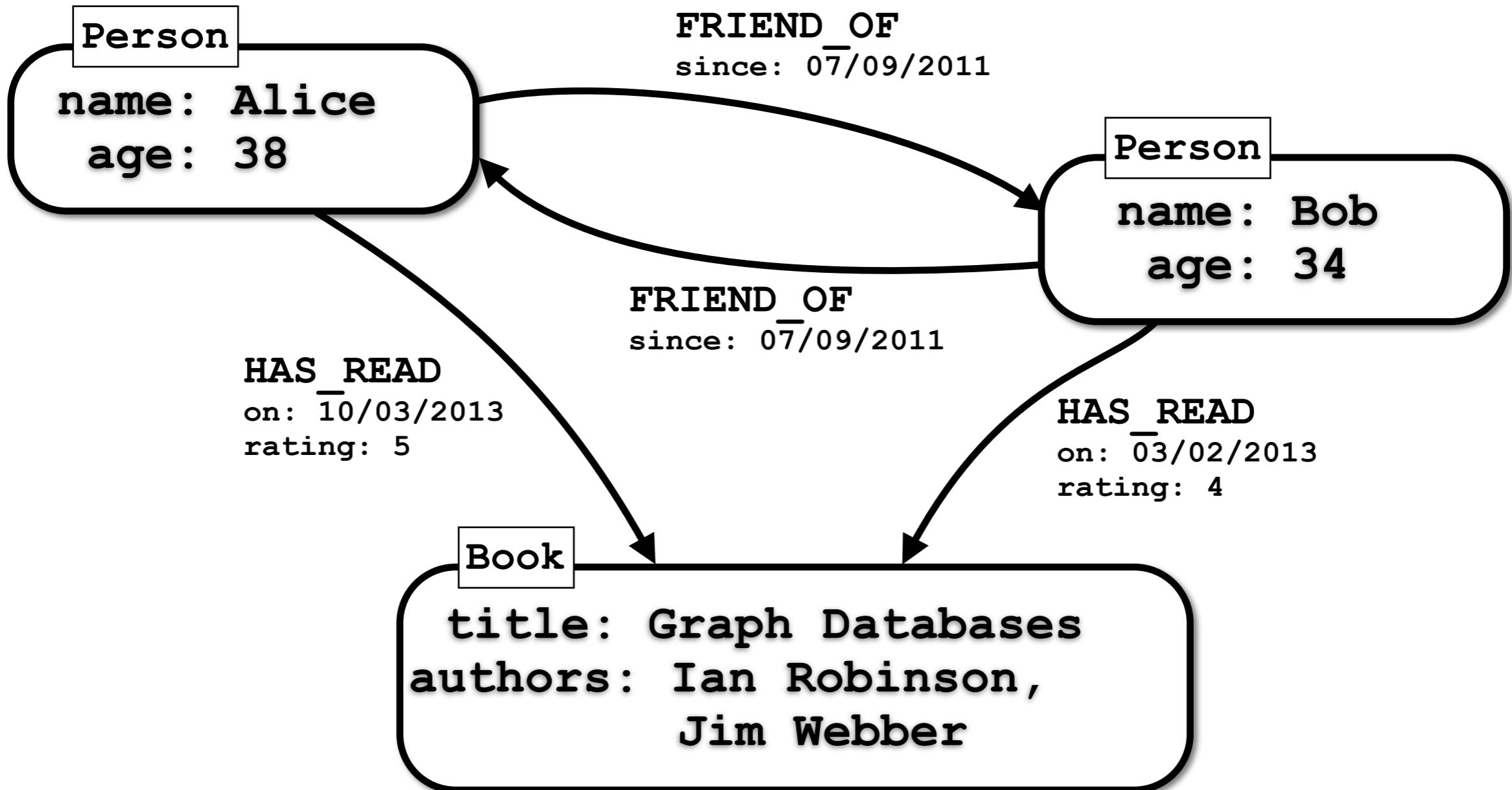






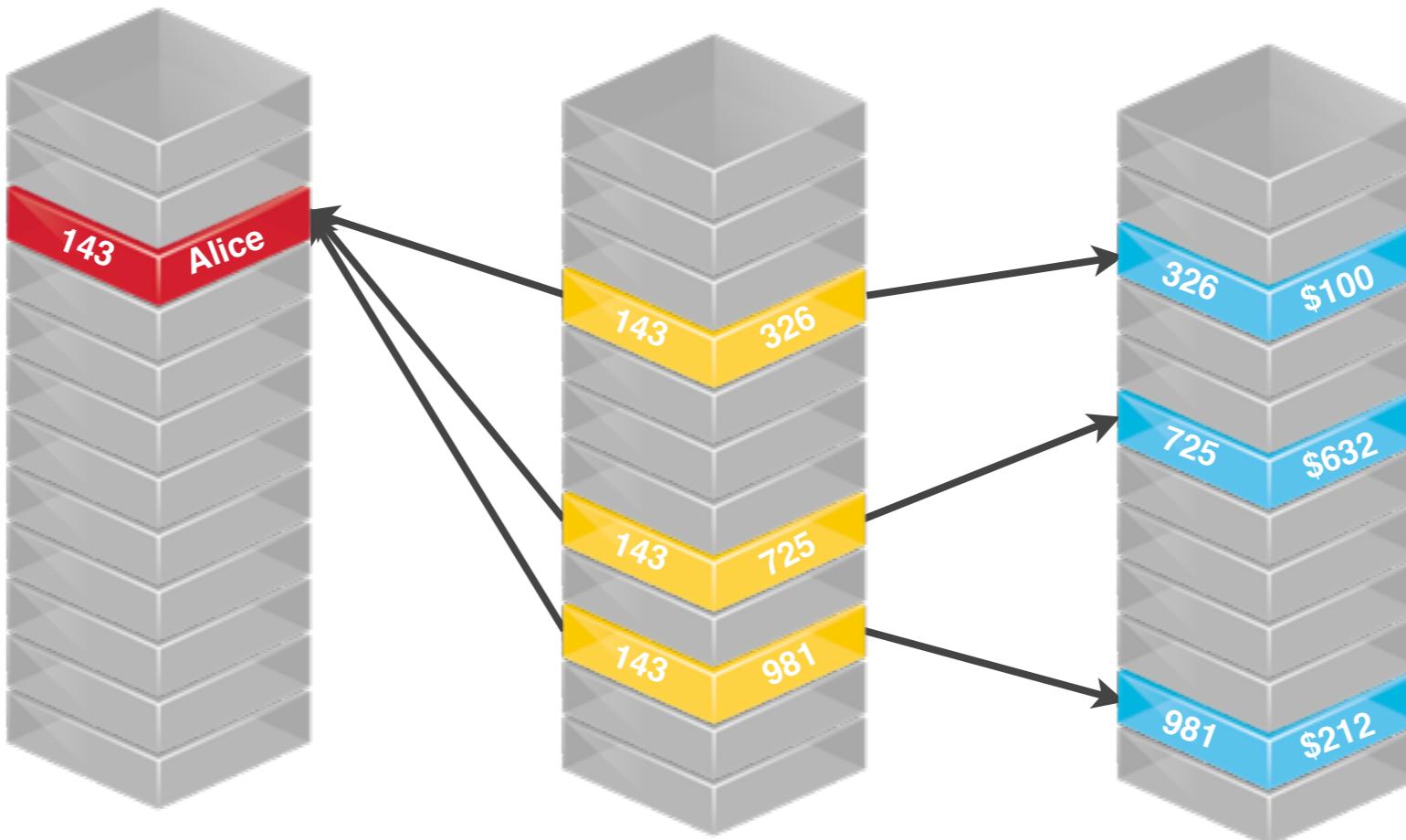
So what about data?







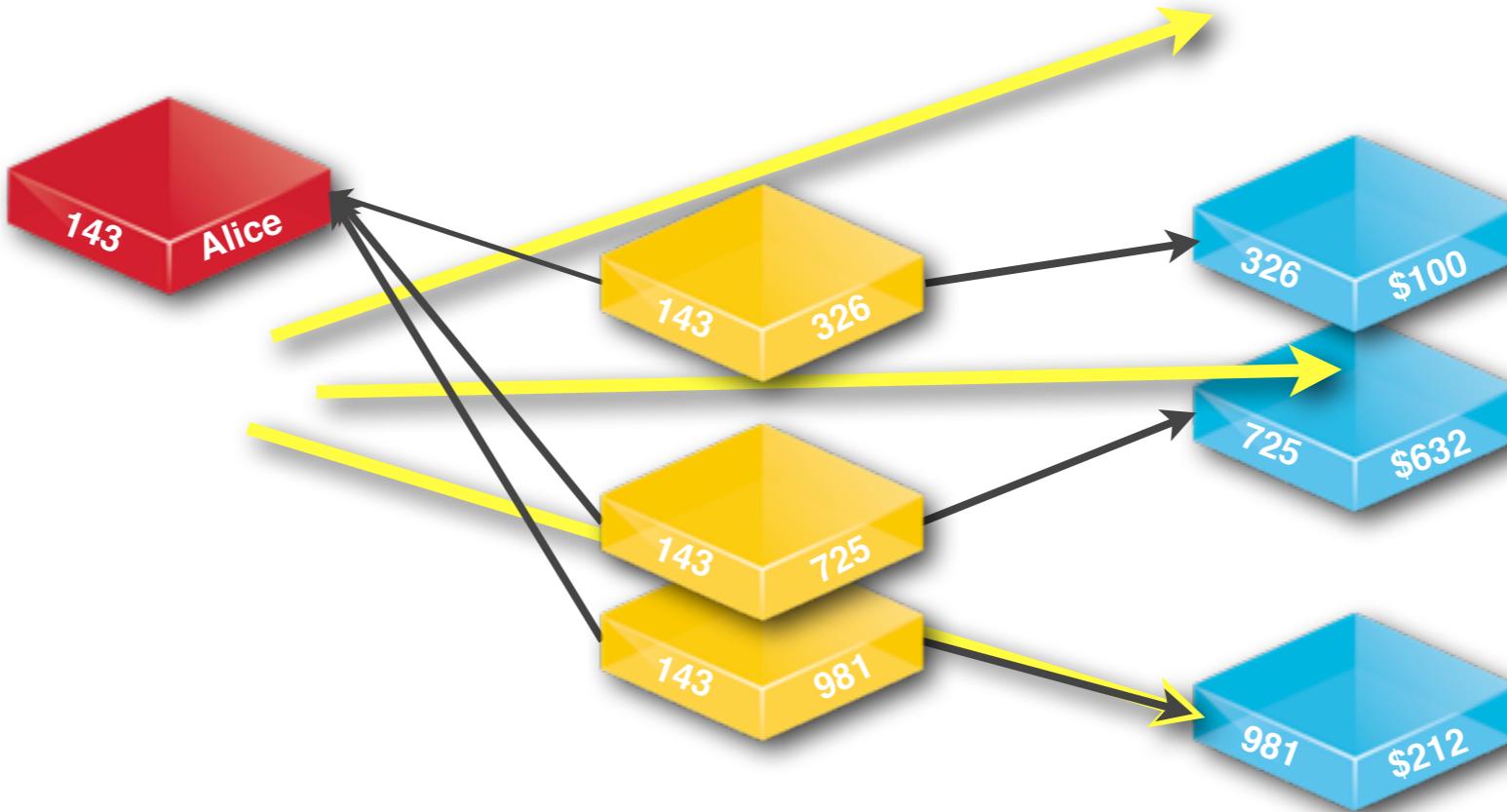
Segue: Graphs in a Relational World

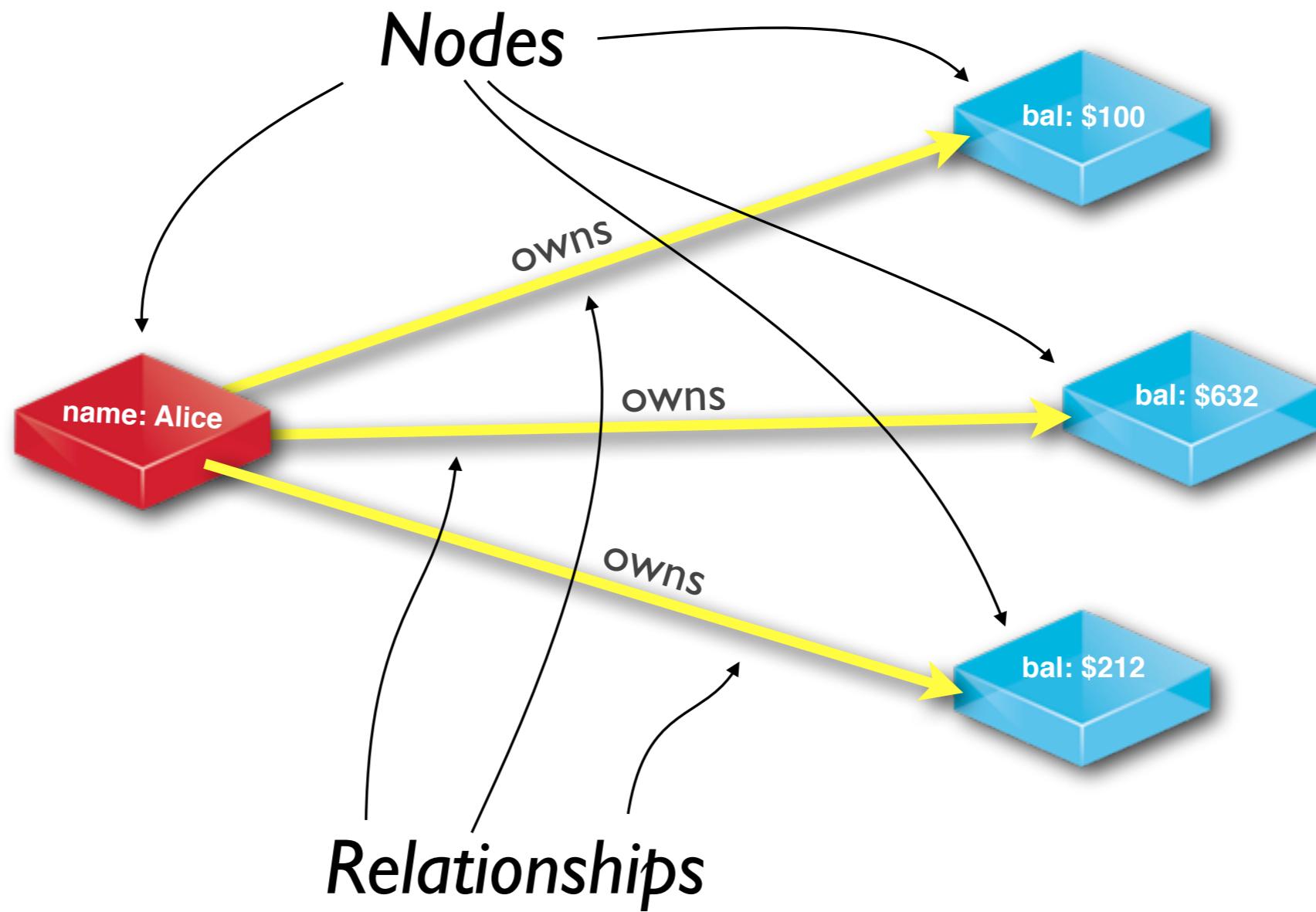


Customers

Customer_Accounts

Accounts

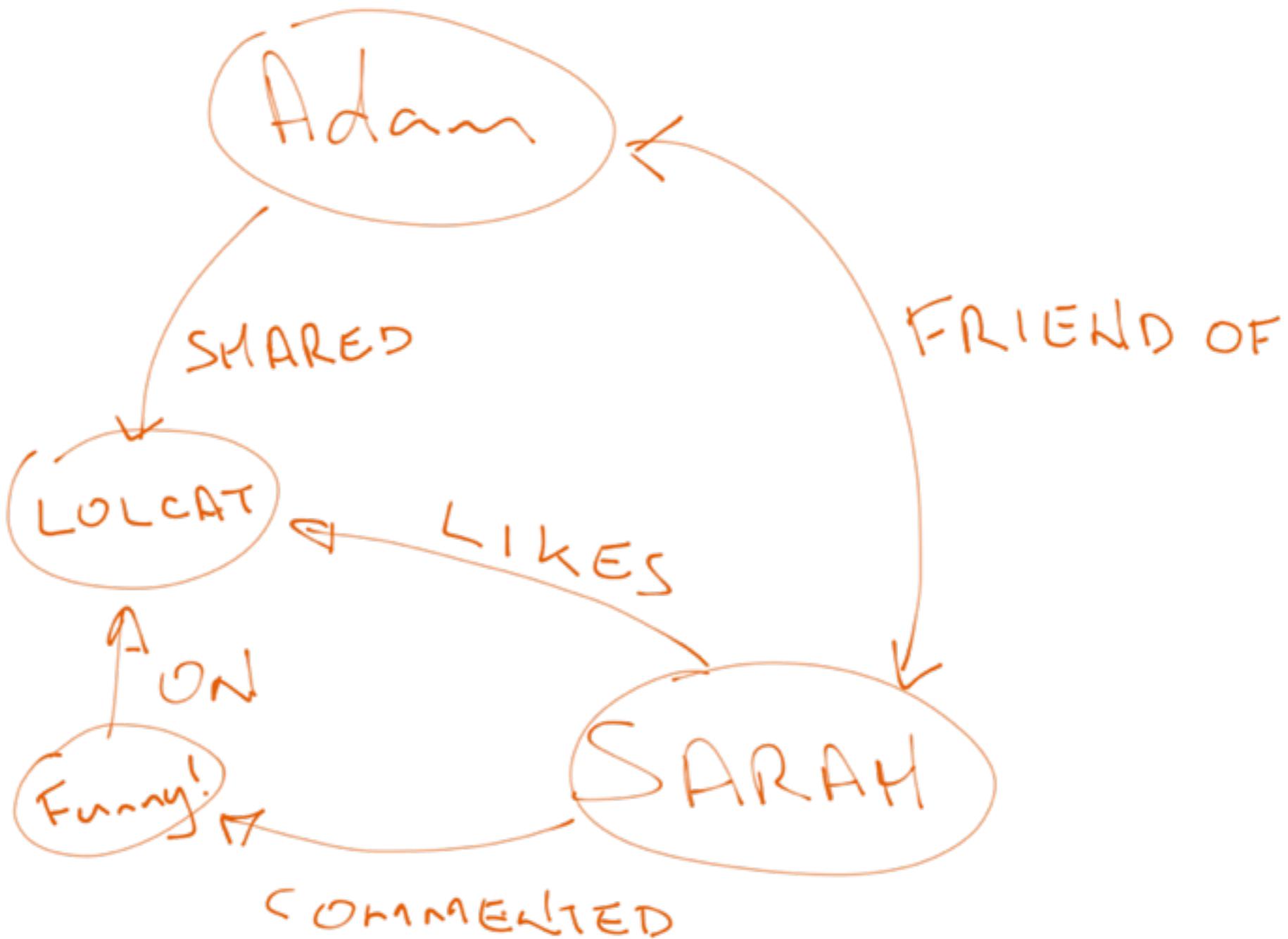


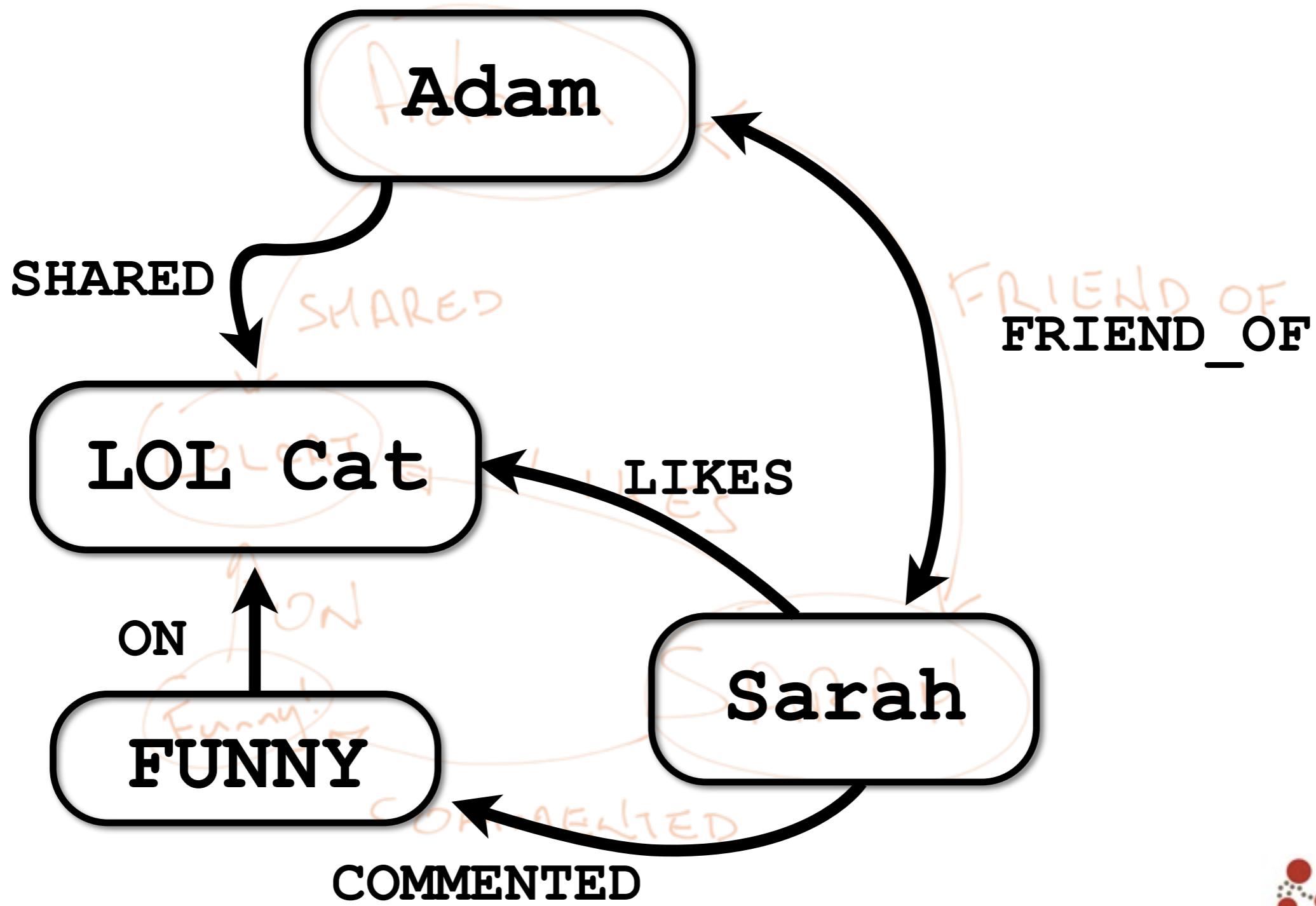


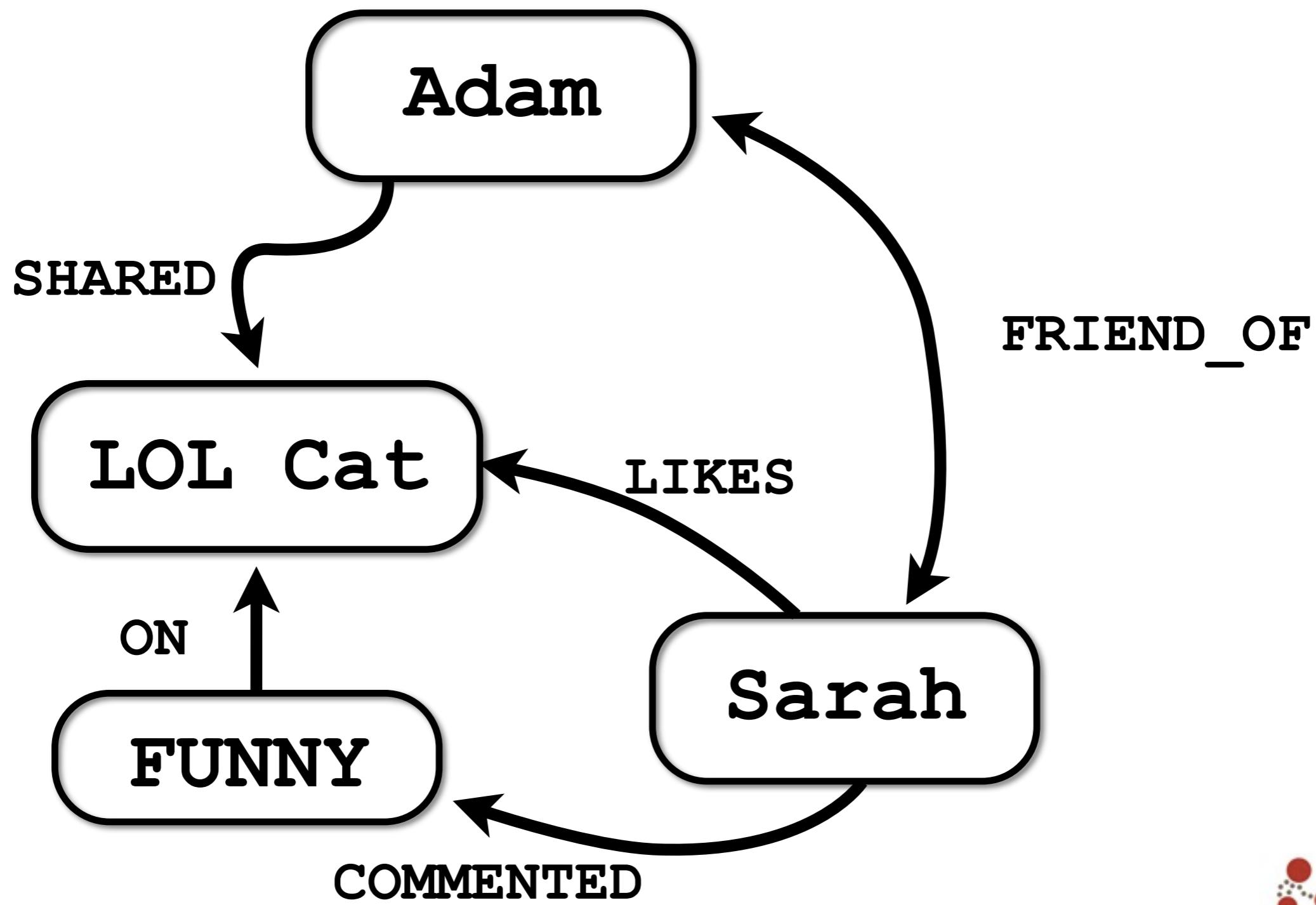


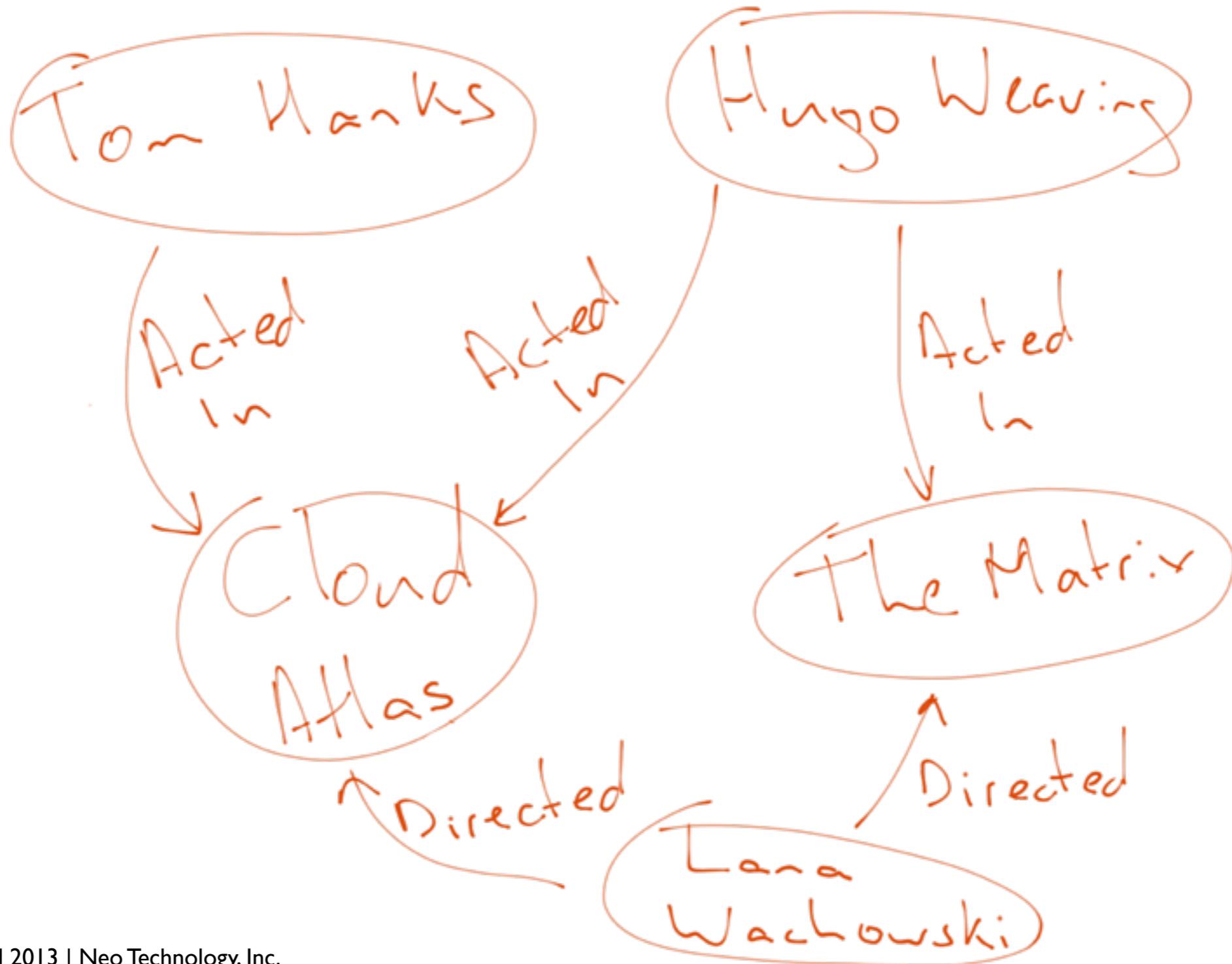
(Modeling with Graphs)

Start with a whiteboard



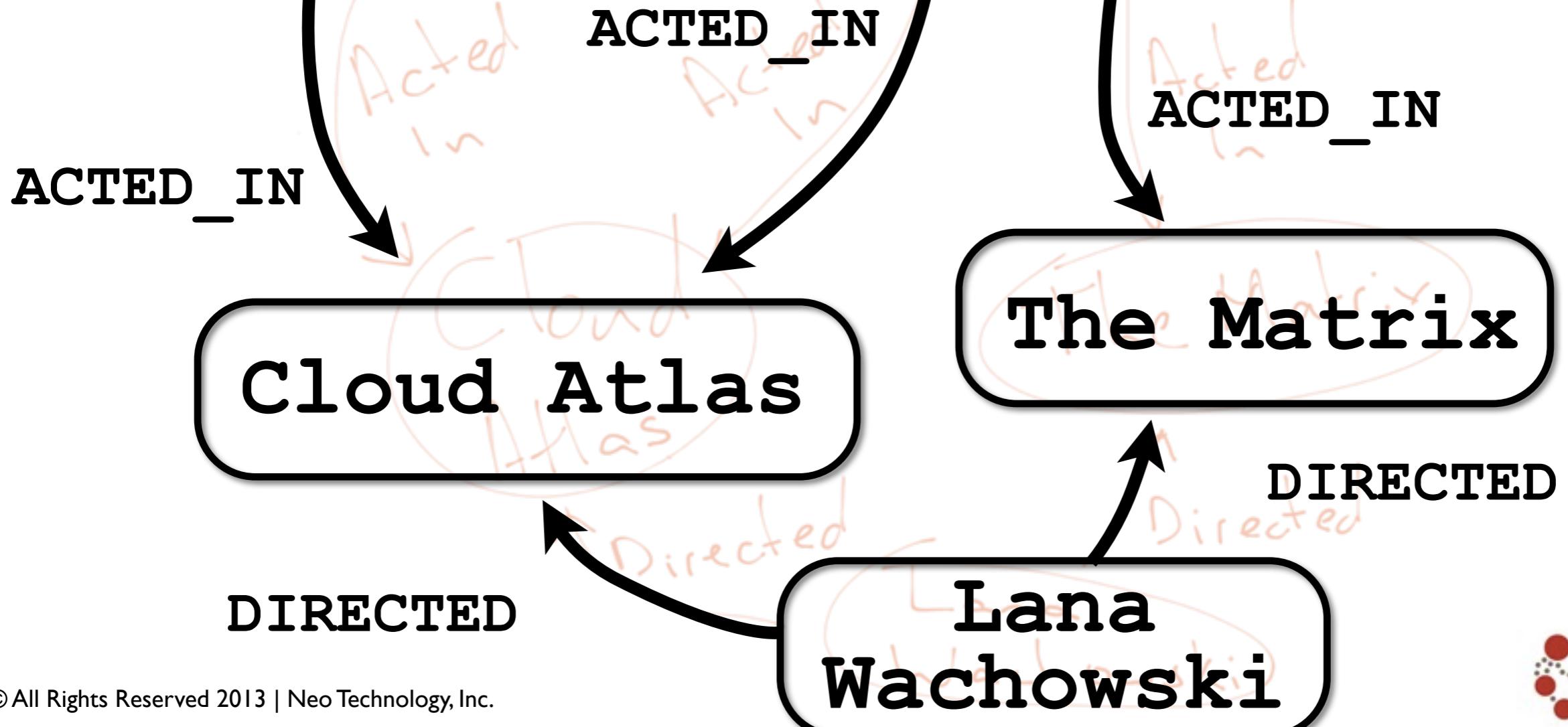




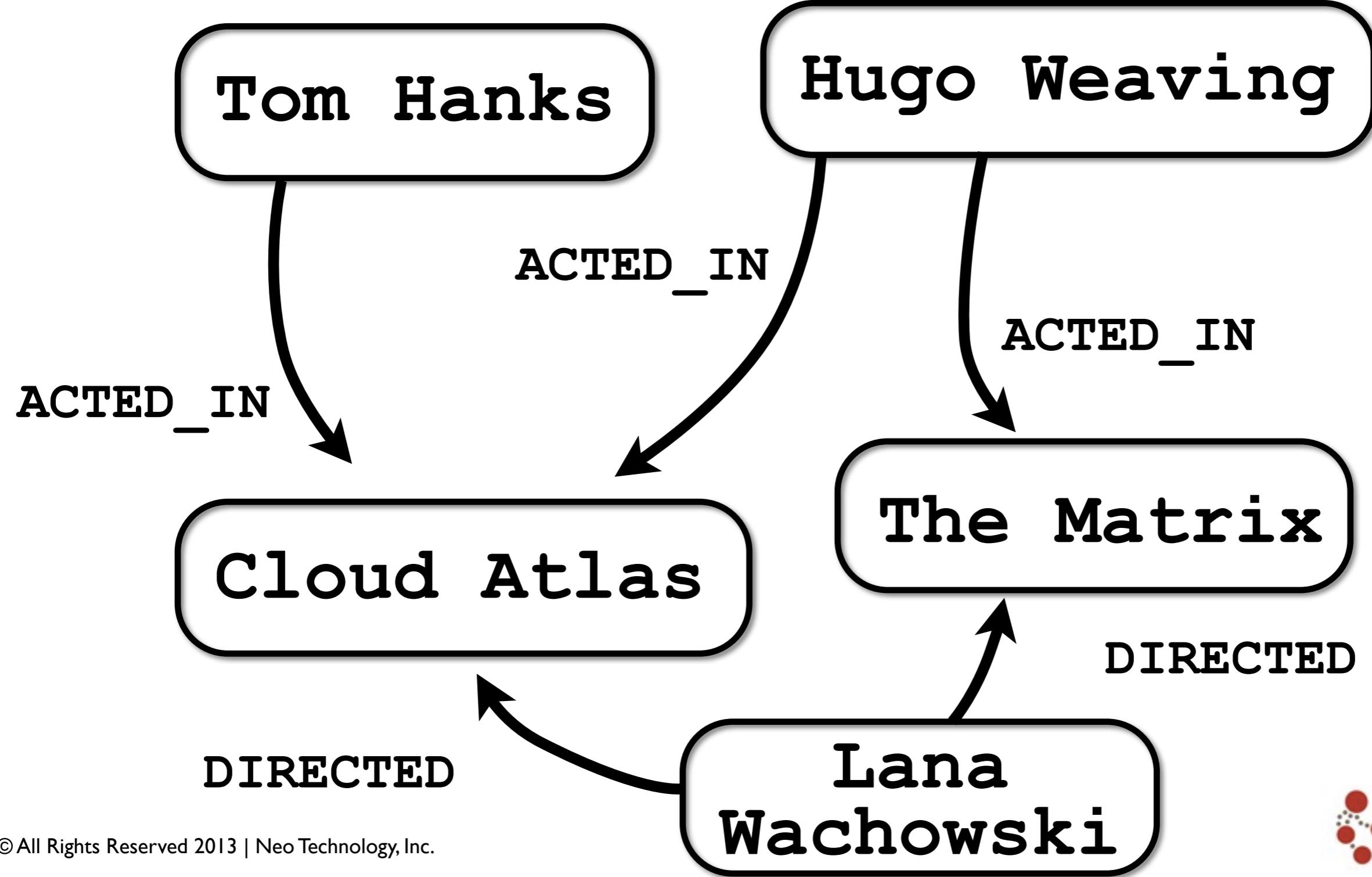


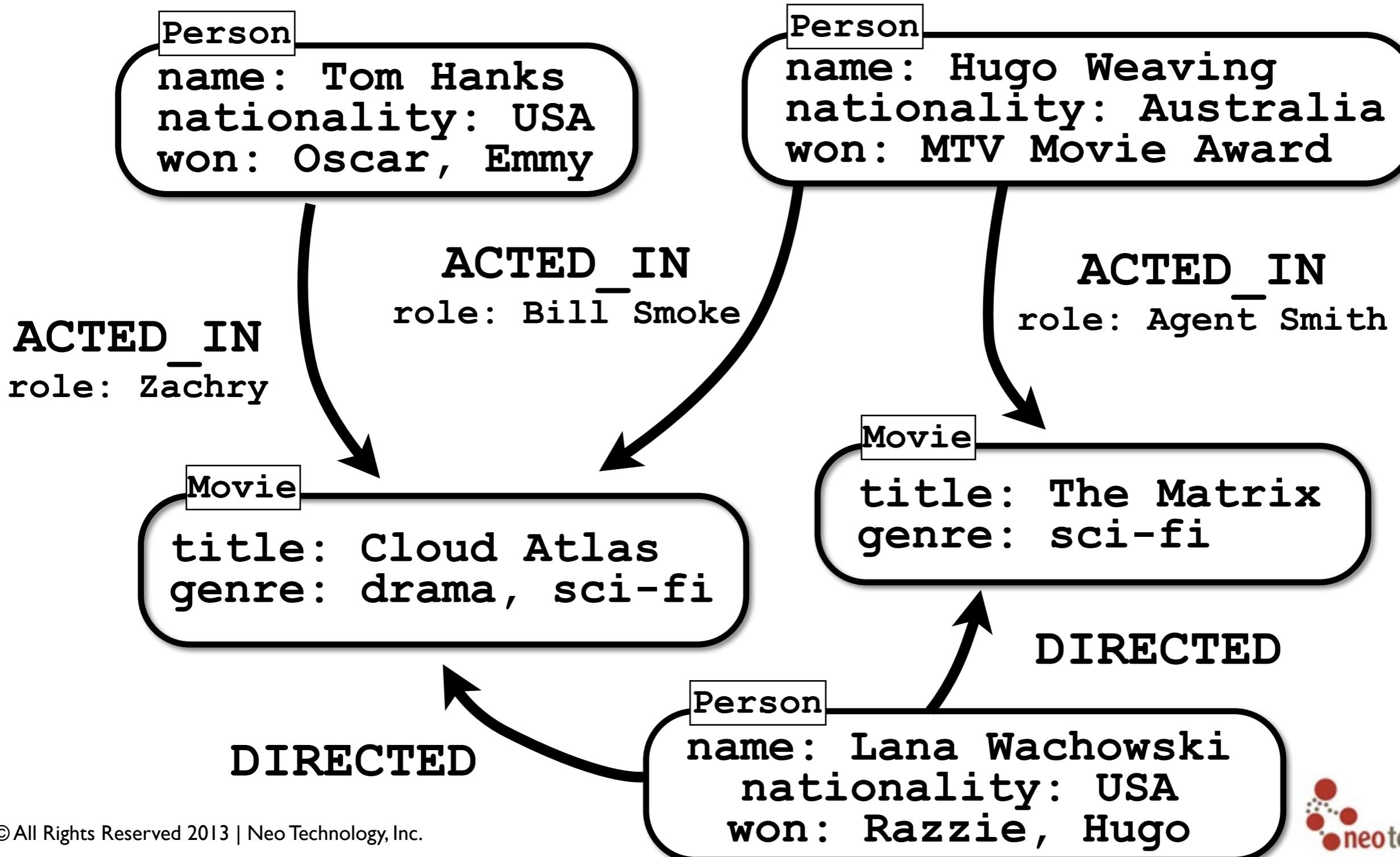
Tom Hanks

Hugo Weaving



Model Incrementally







Coffee?



(Brief tour of Neo4j)

Neo4j Browser - finding help

The screenshot shows the Neo4j Browser interface. On the left is a sidebar with icons for file operations (New, Open, Save, etc.) and a help icon. The main area has a terminal-like input field at the top with the command '\$:play intro'. Below it is a help frame with a purple header bar containing 'HELP' and ':help'. The frame has a close and delete button in the top right. The content of the frame is as follows:

Help

What is all this?

Neo4j Browser is a command shell. Use the editor bar up above ↑ to enter Cypher queries or client-side commands. Each command will produce a "frame" like this one in the result stream.

Use the `:help` command to learn about other topics.

New to Neo4j? Try one of the guides to learn the basics.

Usage: `:help <topic>`

Topics: [:help cypher](#) [:help commands](#) [:help keys](#)

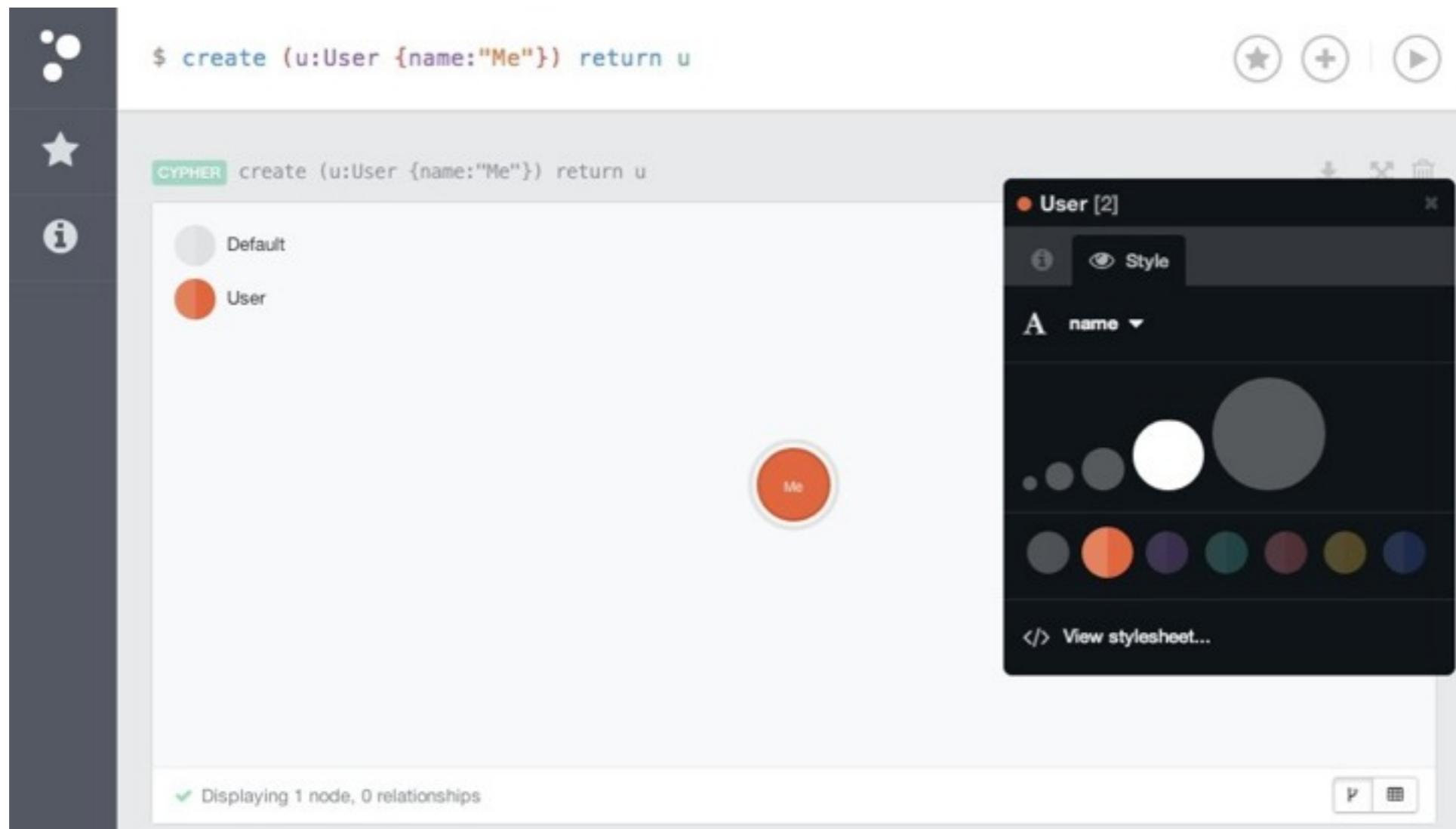
Guides: [:play intro](#) [:play graphs](#) [:play cypher](#)

Sample data: [:play movies](#)

Reference: [Neo4j Manual](#)

<http://localhost:7474/>

Neo4j Browser - execute Cypher, visualize



Neo4j Browser - importing sample data

The screenshot shows the Neo4j Browser interface with the following elements:

- Top Bar:** Displays the command `$:play movies` and three icons: a star, a plus sign, and a play button.
- Left Sidebar:** Contains three icons: a graph, a star, and an info symbol.
- Content Area:** A title bar with "PLAY :play movies" and an info icon. Below it is a section titled "Movies" with the subtitle "Actors and their appearances. Click the code to load into the editor, then run it." A large text area contains the following Cypher CREATE query:

```
CREATE (TheMatrix:Movie {title:'The Matrix', released:1999, tagline:'Welcome to the Real World'})  
CREATE (Keanu:Person {name:'Keanu Reeves', born:1964})  
CREATE (Carrie:Person {name:'Carrie-Anne Moss', born:1967})  
CREATE (Laurence:Person {name:'Laurence Fishburne', born:1961})  
CREATE (Hugo:Person {name:'Hugo Weaving', born:1960})  
CREATE (AndyW:Person {name:'Andy Wachowski', born:1967})  
CREATE (LanaW:Person {name:'Lana Wachowski', born:1965})  
CREATE (Joels:Person {name:'Joel Silver', born:1952})  
CREATE  
    (Keanu)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:['Neo']}]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (Carrie)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:['Trinity']}]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (Laurence)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:['Morpheus']}]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (Hugo)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:['Agent Smith']}]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (AndyW)-[:DIRECTED]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (LanaW)-[:DIRECTED]>|(TheMatrix),  
    (Joels)-[:PRODUCED]>|(TheMatrix)
```

Neo4j Data browser - display more data

Saved scripts +

General

- Get some data
- Count nodes
- What is related, and how

System

- match (n)-[r]->m return n,r,m
- Is master
- Is slave
- System info

Drop Cypher script file to import

1 // Get some data
2 MATCH (n) RETURN n LIMIT 100

CYPHER MATCH (n) RETURN n LIMIT 100

Displaying 100 nodes, 128 relationships

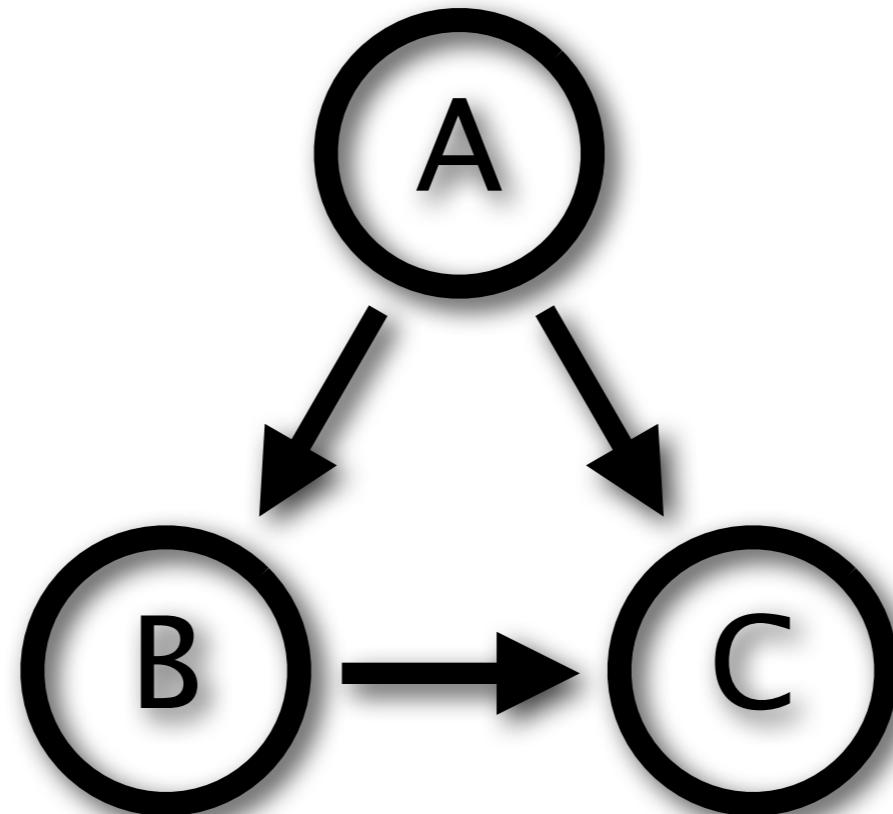


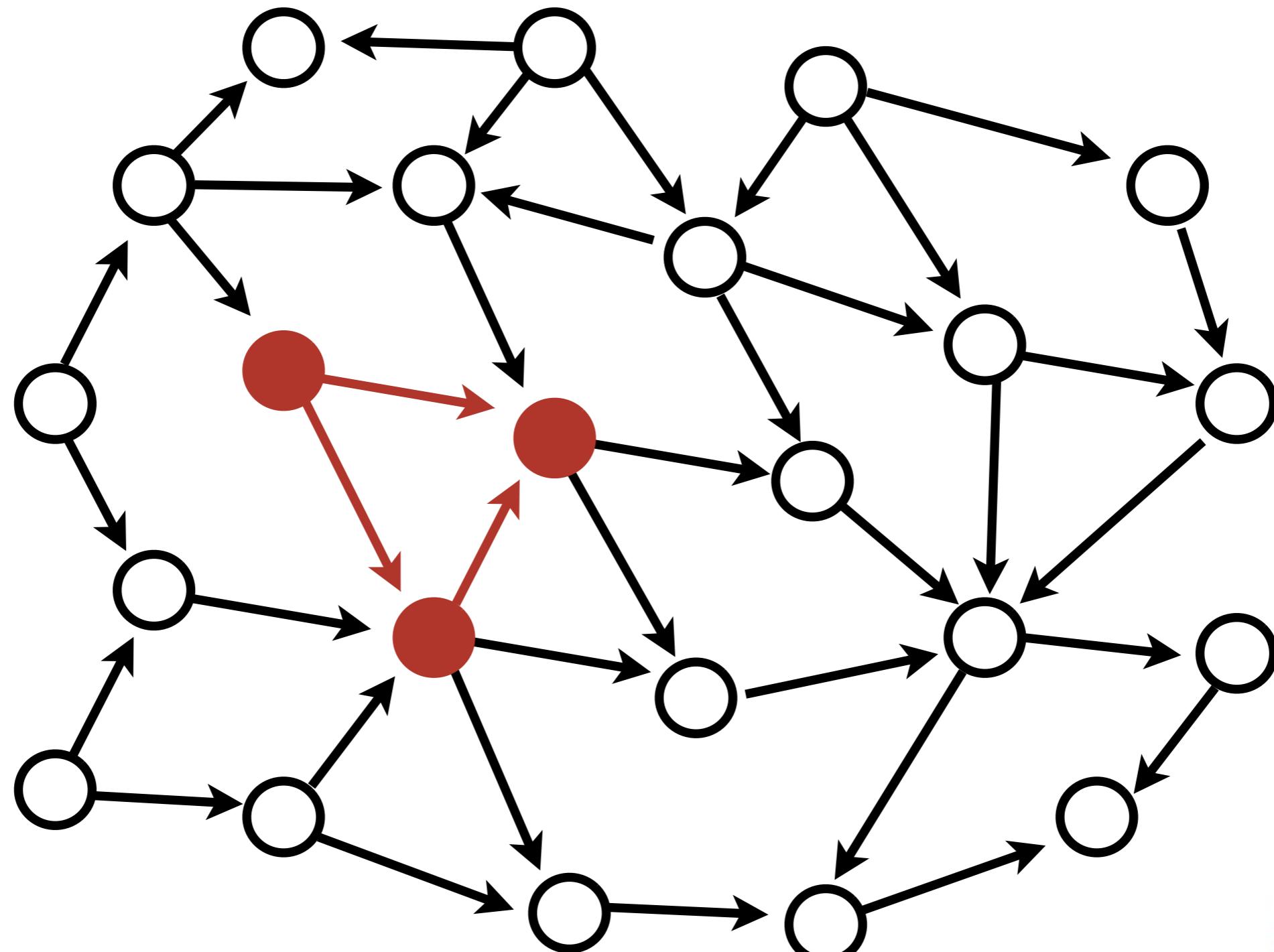
(Introduction to Cypher)

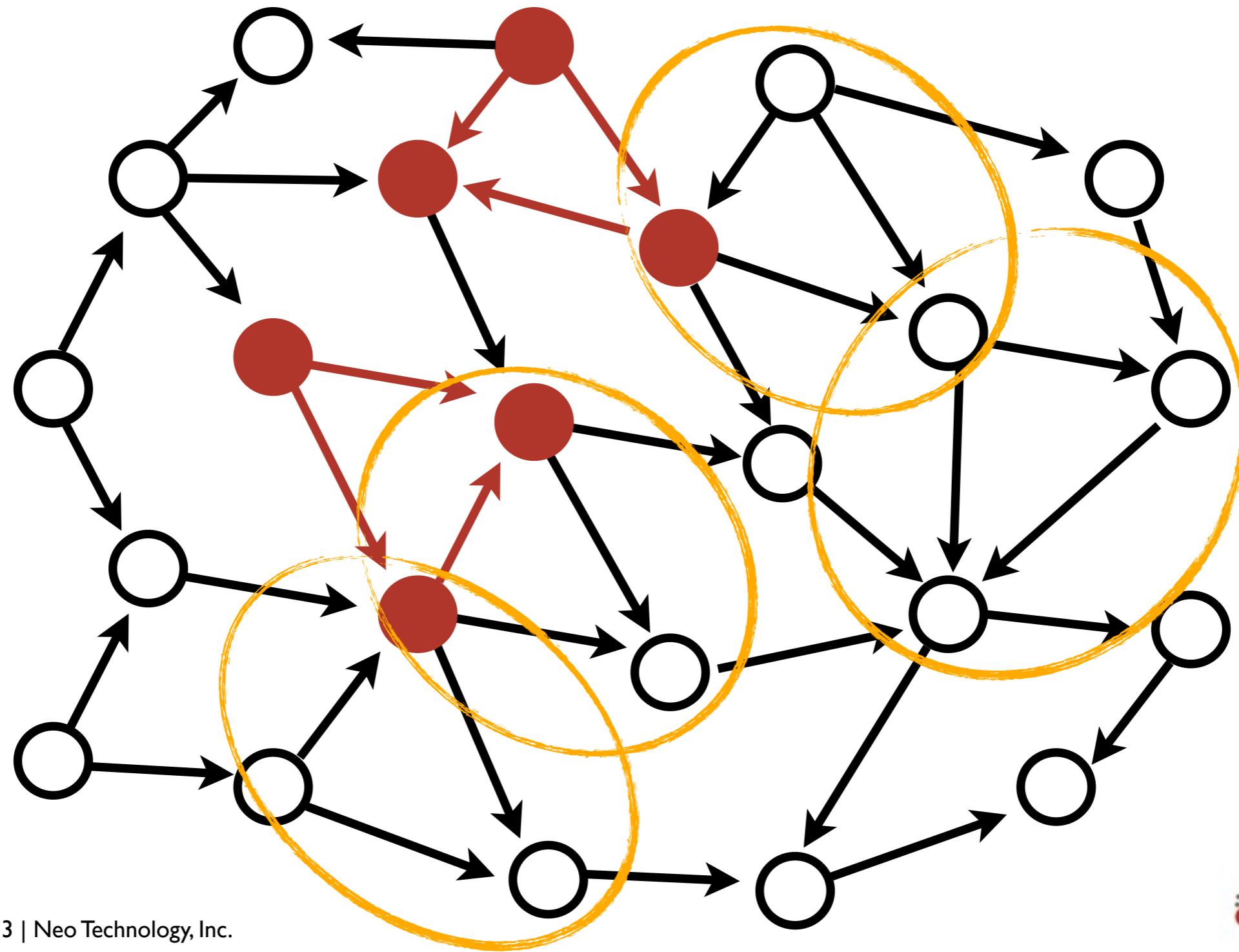
Cypher is Neo4j's graph query language

- Declarative Pattern-Matching language
- SQL-like syntax
- Designed for graphs

It's all about Patterns

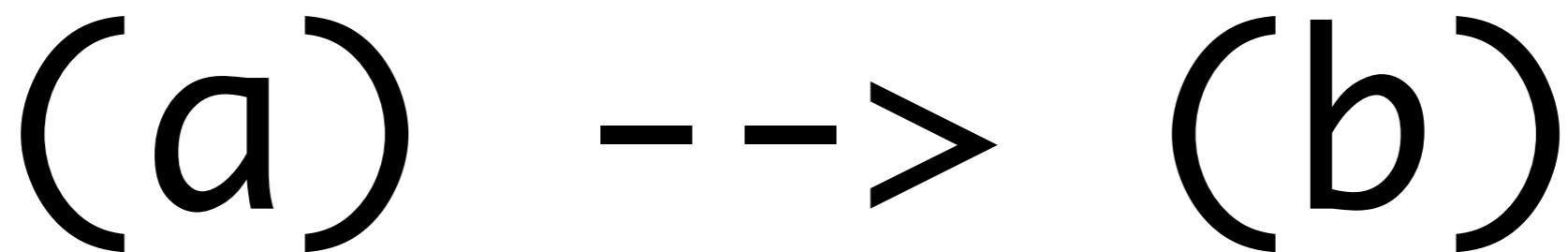






How?

Two nodes, one relationship

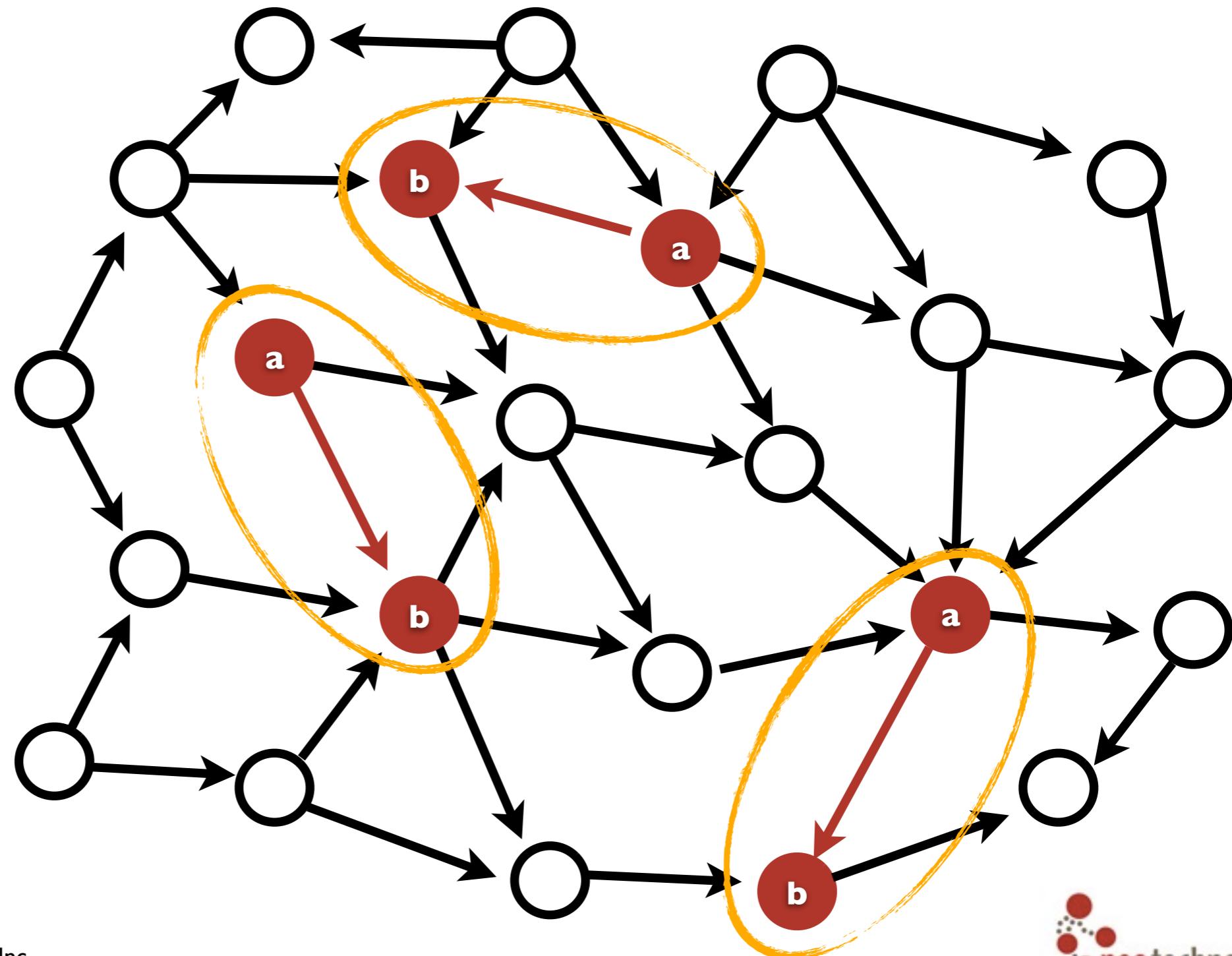


Two nodes, one relationship

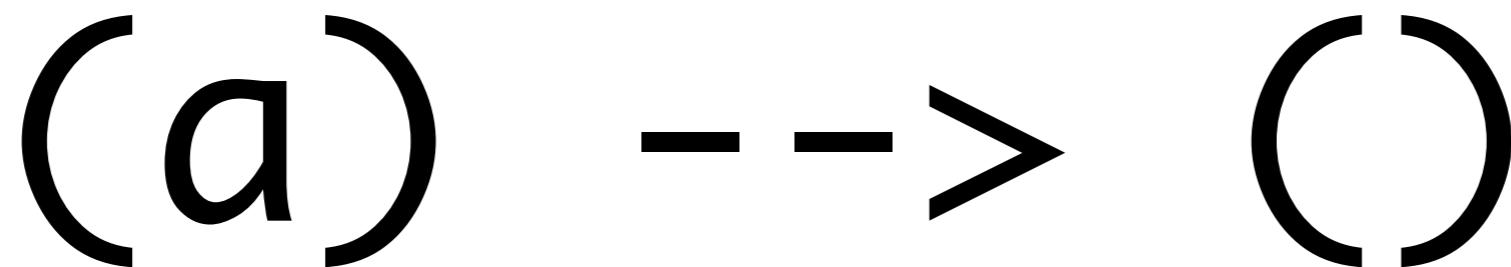
```
MATCH (a) - ->(b)  
RETURN a, b;
```



MATCH (a) -->(b)
RETURN a, b;



Two nodes, one relationship



Two nodes, one relationship

```
MATCH (a) - ->()  
RETURN a;
```

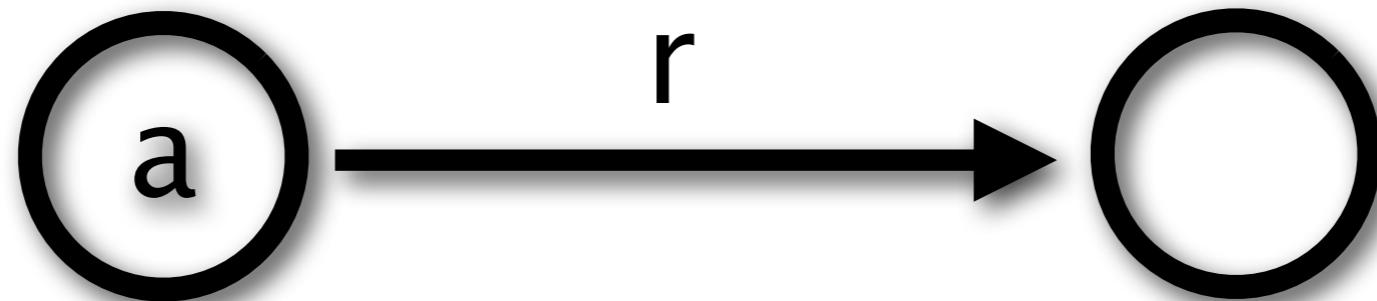


Two nodes, one relationship

```
MATCH (a) - ->()  
RETURN a.name;
```



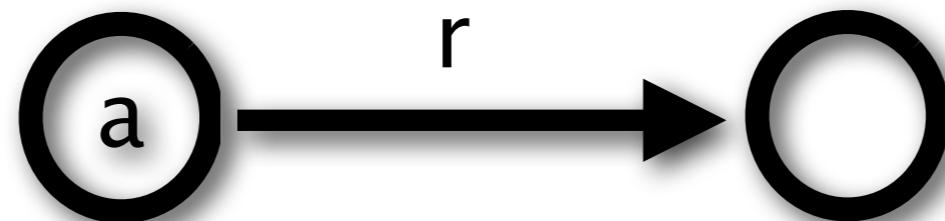
Two nodes, one relationship



(a) - [r] -> ()

Two nodes, one relationship

```
MATCH (a)-[r]->()
RETURN a.name, type(r);
```



Two nodes, one relationship



(a) -[:ACTED_IN]-> (m)

Two nodes, one relationship

```
MATCH (a) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (m)  
RETURN a.name, m.title;
```

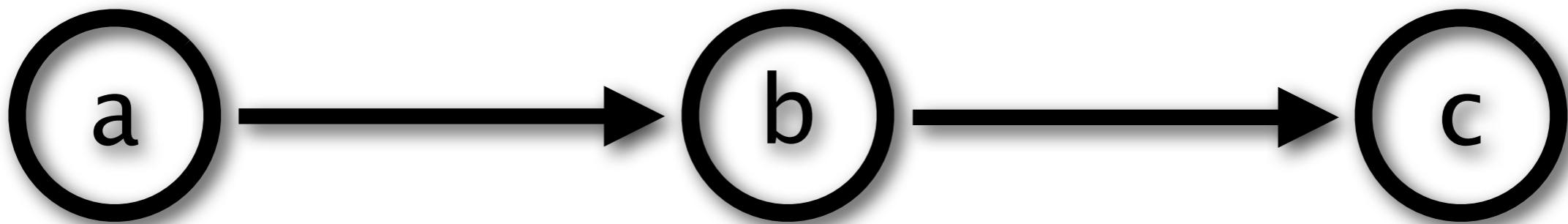


Two nodes, one relationship

```
MATCH (a) - [r:ACTED_IN] ->(m)  
RETURN a.name, r.roles, m.title;
```

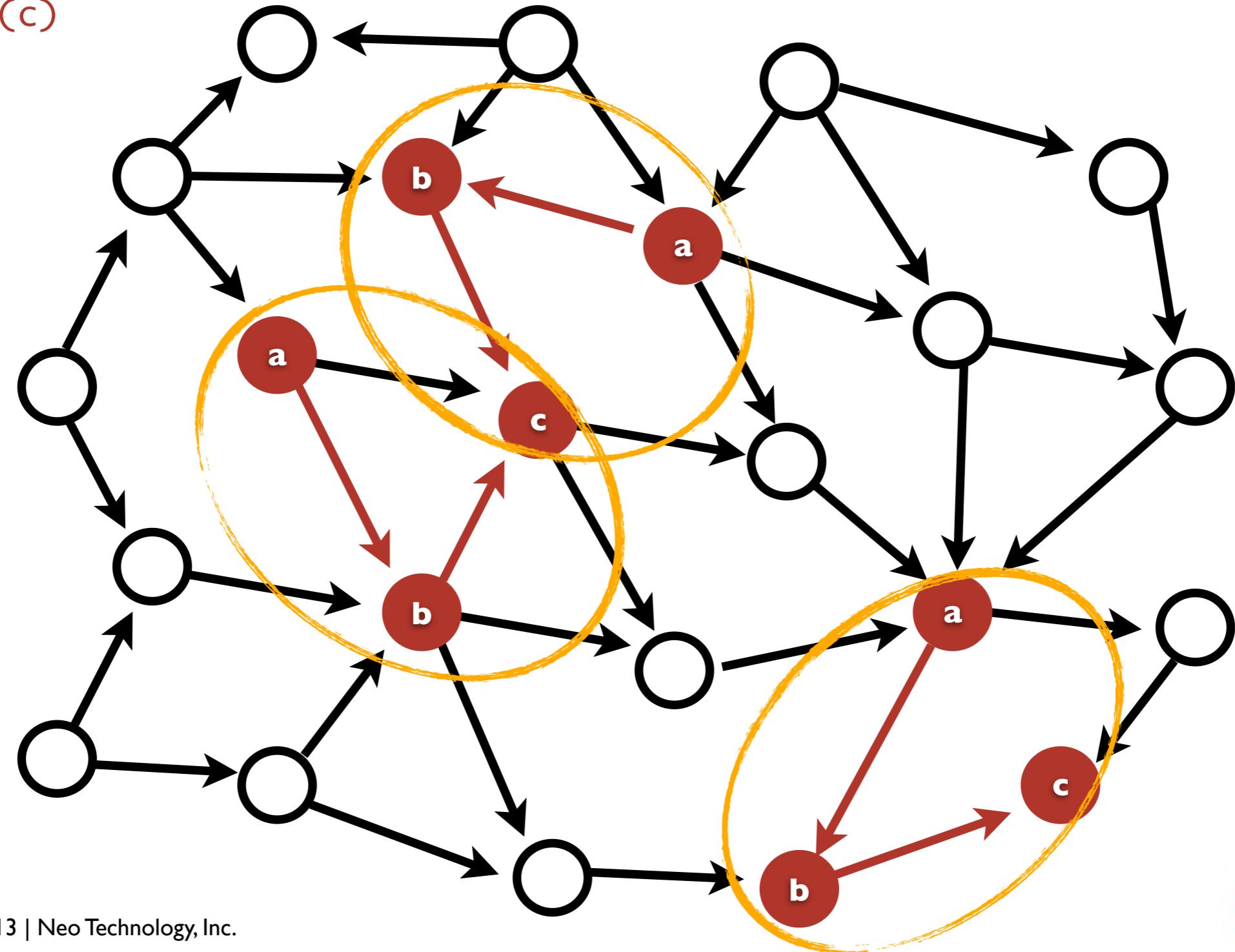


Paths

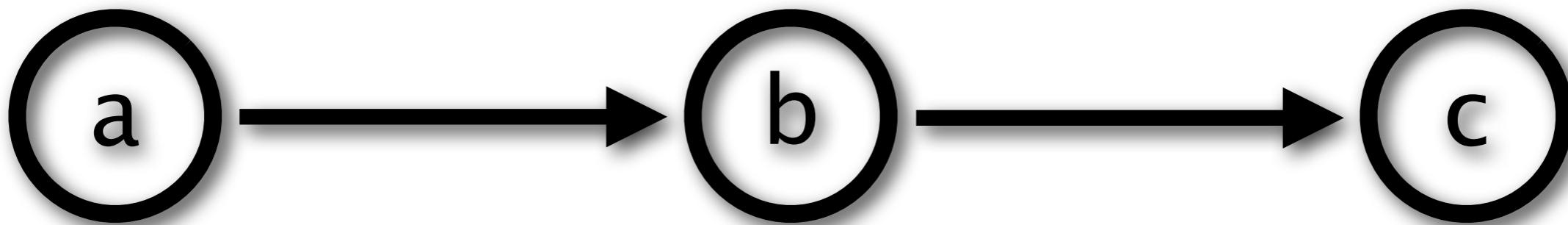


(a) - -> (b) - -> (c)

(a)--->(b)--->(c)

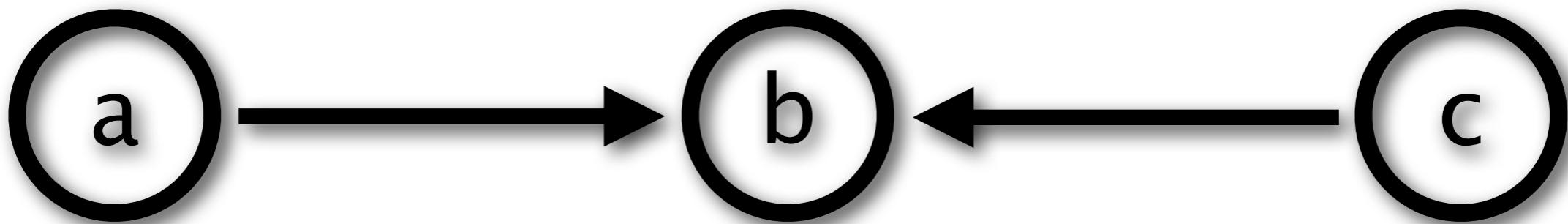


Paths



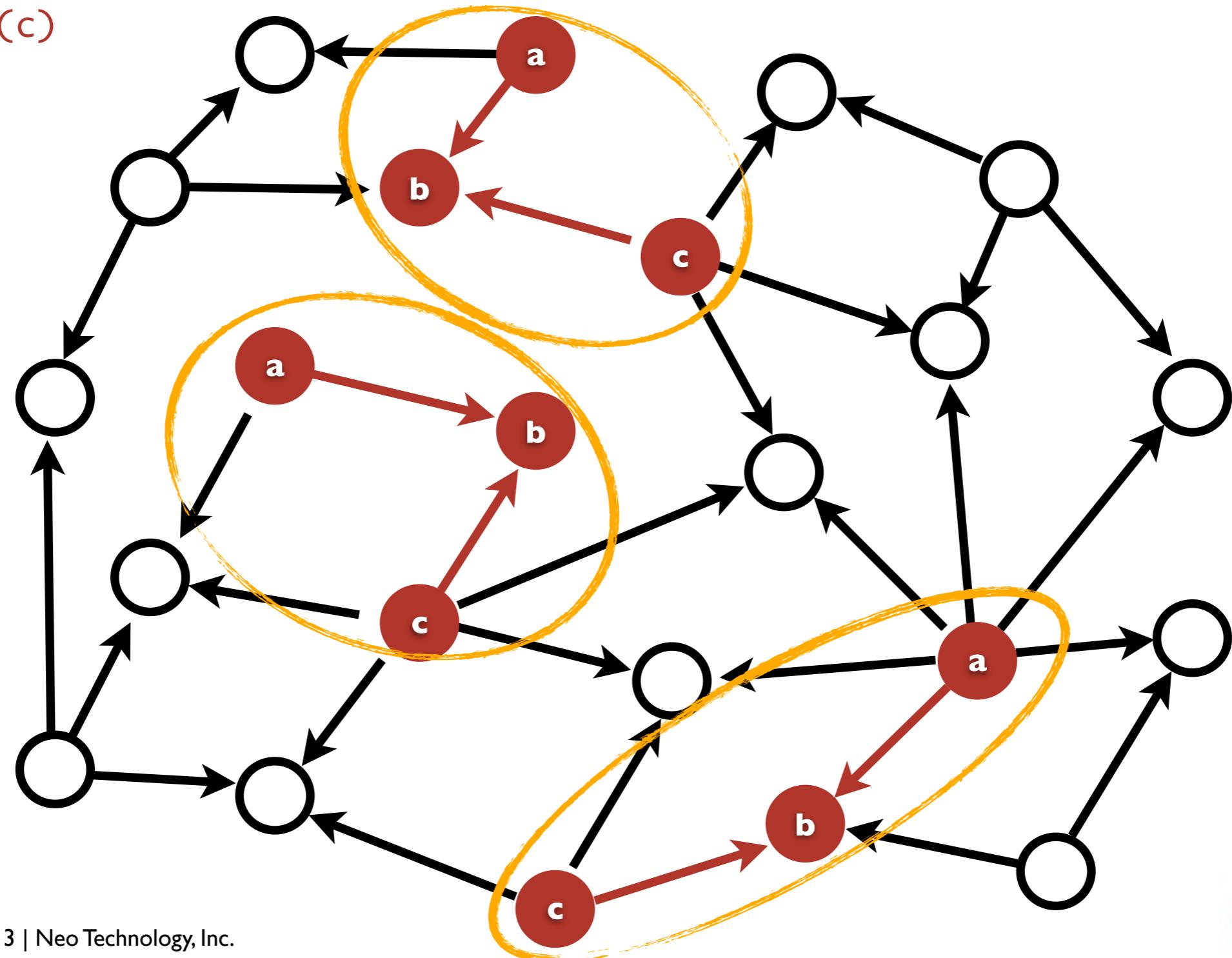
(a) - -> (b) - -> (c)

Paths



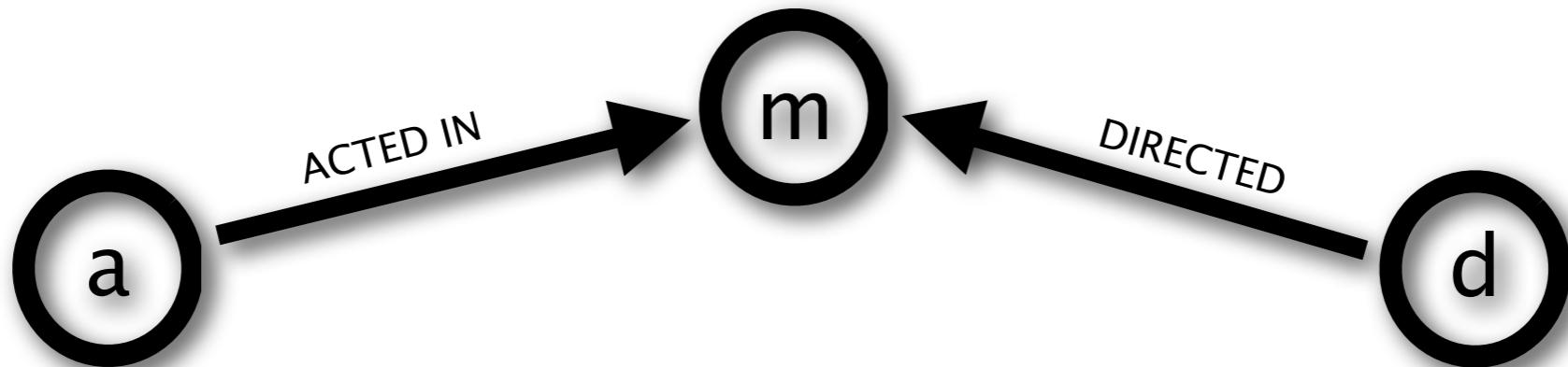
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(a)-->(b)<--(c)



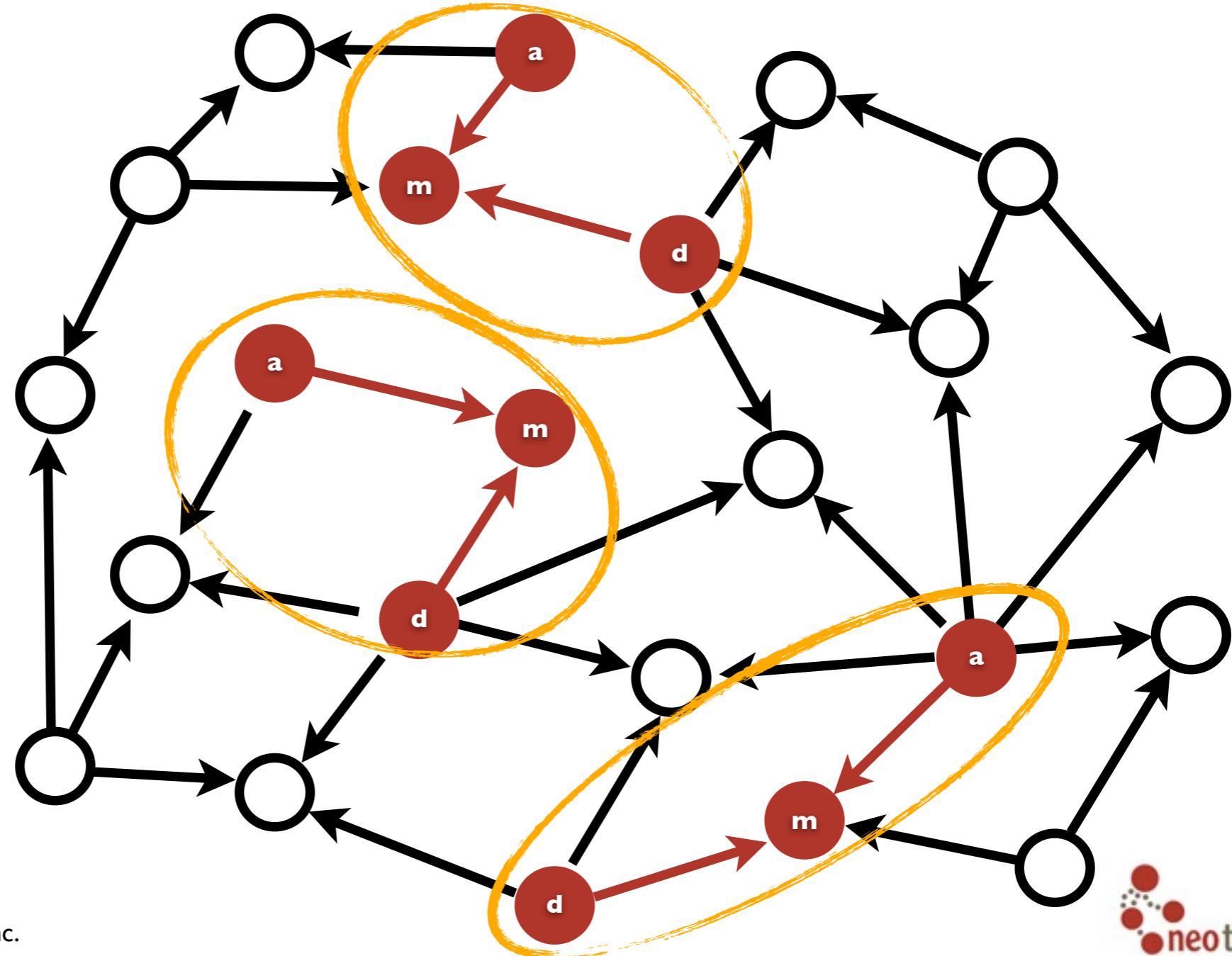
Paths

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```



```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)
```

```
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```



Paths

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```

a.name	m.title	d.name
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix Reloaded”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Noah Wyle”	“A Few Good Men”	“Rob Reiner”
“Tom Hanks”	“Cloud Atlas”	“Andy Wachowski”
...

Paths

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name AS actor, m.title AS movie,  
       d.name AS director;
```

actor	movie	director
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix Reloaded”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Noah Wyle”	“A Few Good Men”	“Rob Reiner”
“Tom Hanks”	“Cloud Atlas”	“Andy Wachowski”
...

Paths

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m), (m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```



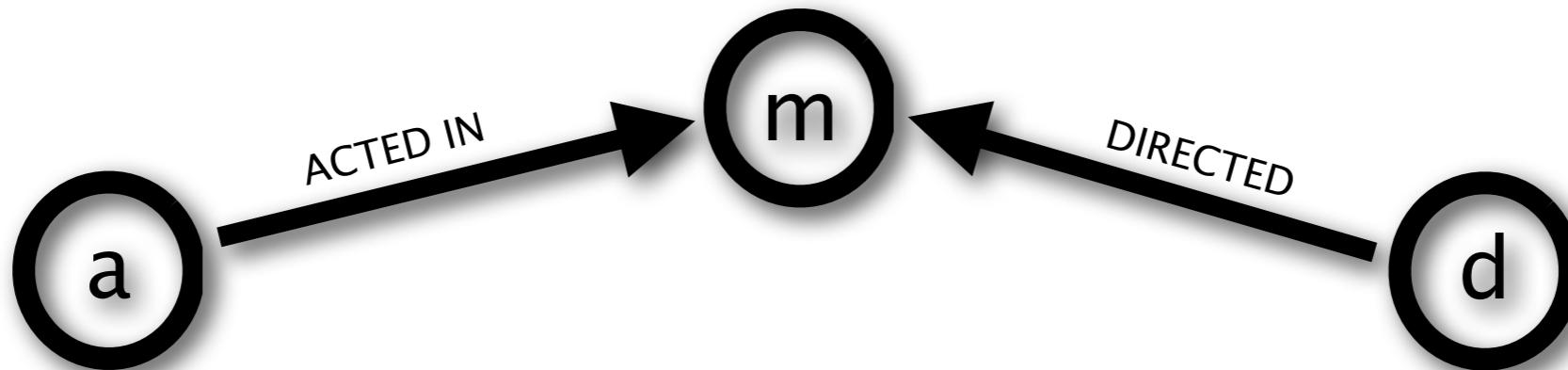
Paths

```
MATCH (a) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (m), (d) - [:DIRECTED] -> (m)  
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```



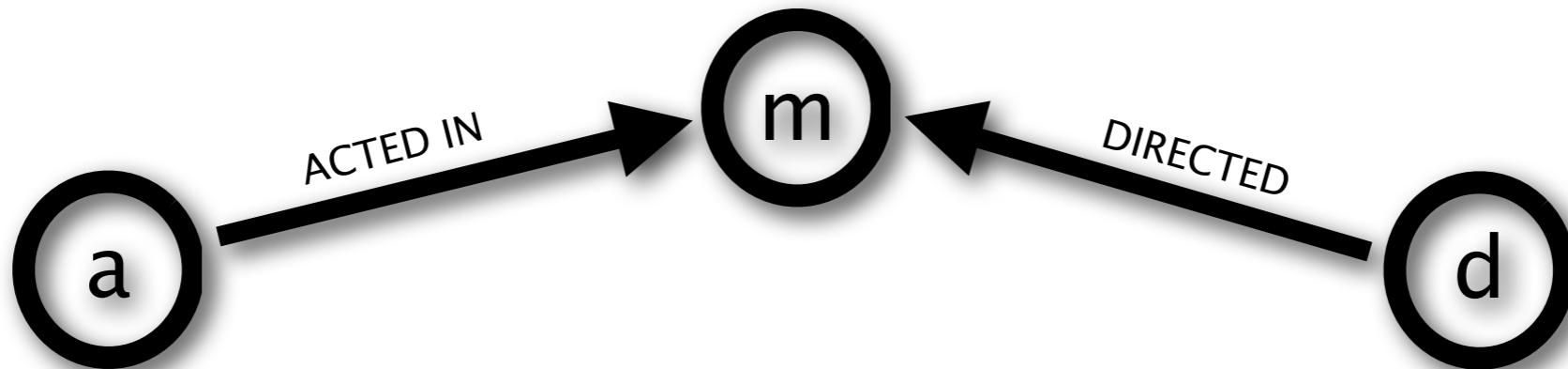
Paths

```
MATCH p=(a) - [ :ACTED_IN] ->(m)<- [ :DIRECTED] - (d)  
RETURN p;
```



Paths

```
MATCH p=(a) - [ :ACTED_IN] ->(m)<- [ :DIRECTED] - (d)  
RETURN nodes(p);
```



Paths

```
MATCH p1=(a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m), p2=(d)-[:DIRECTED]->(m)  
RETURN p1, p2;
```



Aggregation

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[ :DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, m.title, d.name;
```

a.name	m.title	d.name
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Keanu Reeves”	“The Matrix Reloaded”	“Andy Wachowski”
“Noah Wyle”	“A Few Good Men”	“Rob Reiner”
“Tom Hanks”	“Cloud Atlas”	“Andy Wachowski”
...

Aggregation

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[ :DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, d.name, count(*) ;
```

a.name	d.name	count(*)
“Aaron Sorkin”	“Rob Reiner”	2
“Keanu Reeves”	“Andy Wachowski”	3
“Hugo Weaving”	“Tom Tykwer”	1
...

Aggregation

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[ :DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, d.name, count(m);
```

a.name	d.name	count(m)
“Aaron Sorkin”	“Rob Reiner”	2
“Keanu Reeves”	“Andy Wachowski”	3
“Hugo Weaving”	“Tom Tykwer”	1
...

LAB

Which directors also acted in their movie?

```
MATCH (d)-[:DIRECTED]->(m)<-[:ACTED_IN]-(d)  
RETURN d.name, m.title;
```

Unique relationships in paths

```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:ACTED_IN]-(a)  
RETURN a.name, m.title;
```

Sort & Limit

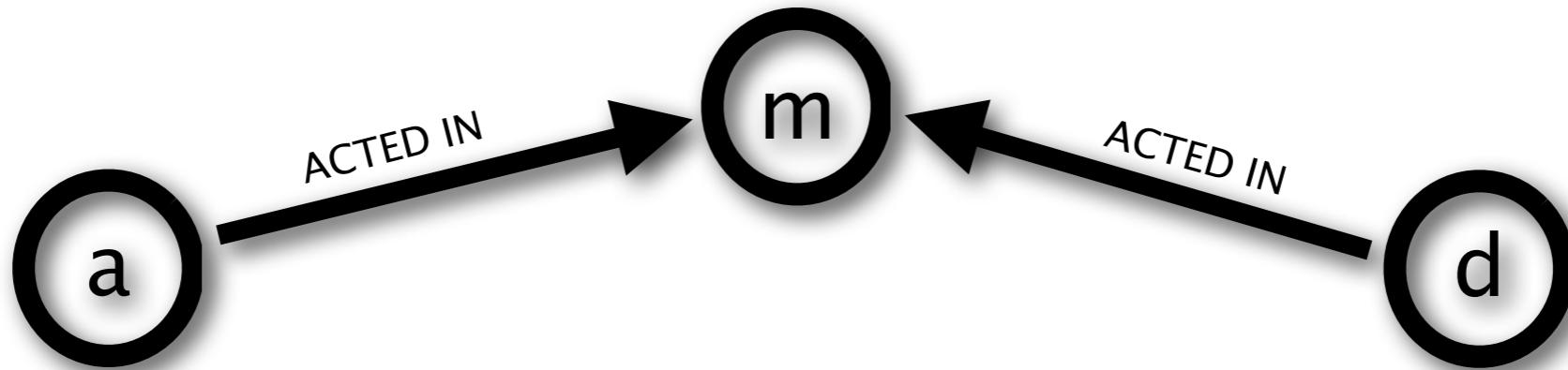
```
MATCH (a)-[:ACTED_IN]->(m)<-[:DIRECTED]-(d)  
RETURN a.name, d.name, count(*) AS count  
ORDER BY count DESC  
LIMIT 5;
```

Aggregation

- count(x) - *add up the number of occurrences*
- min(x) - *get the lowest value*
- max(x) - *get the highest value*
- avg(x) - *get the average of a numeric value*
- sum(x) - *add up all values*
- collect(x) - *collected all the occurrences into an array*

Aggregation

```
MATCH (a) - [:ACTED_IN] ->(m)<- [:DIRECTED] - (d)  
RETURN a.name, d.name, collect(m.title);
```



Starting somewhere

All-nodes Query

```
MATCH (n)  
RETURN n;
```

Matches every node in the graph

Find a specific node (within all-nodes)

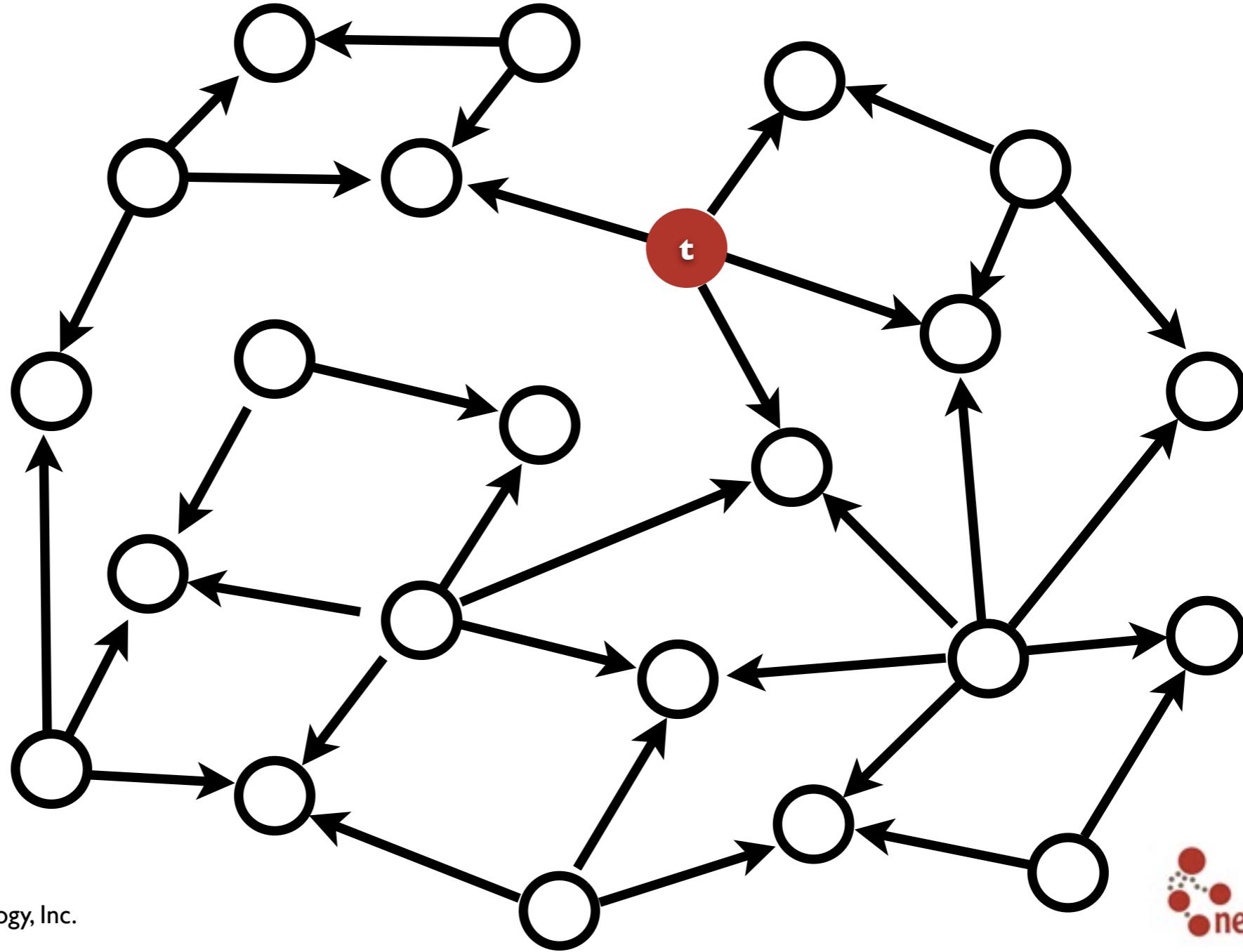
```
MATCH (n)  
WHERE has(n.name) AND n.name = "Tom Hanks"  
RETURN n;
```

WHERE - filter the results

has(n.name) - the name property must exist

n.name = "Tom Hanks" - and have that value

```
MATCH (n)
WHERE has(n.name) AND n.name = "Tom Hanks"
RETURN n;
```

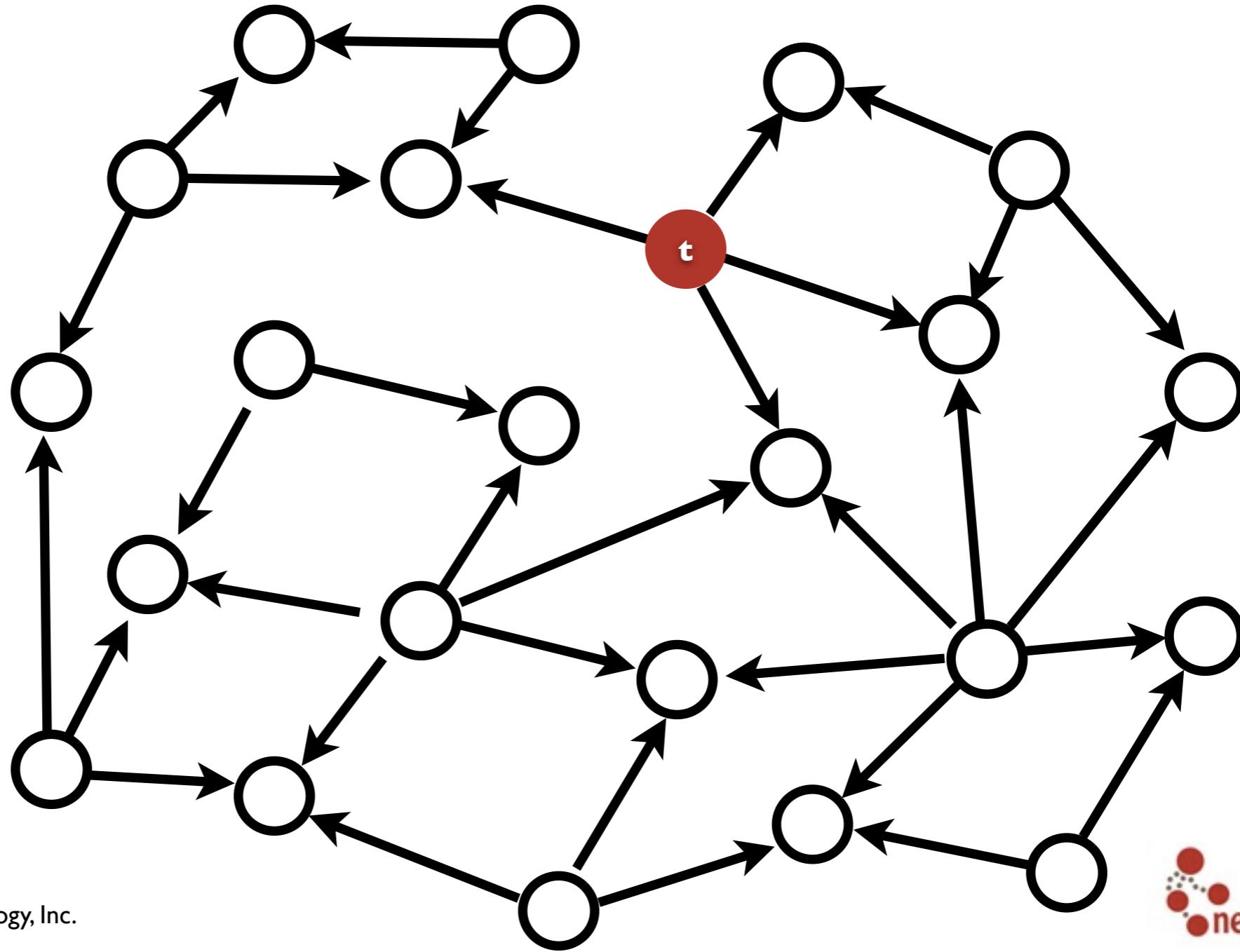


Find a specific node (with a label)

```
MATCH (tom:Person)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN tom;
```

:Person - Matches only nodes labeled as Person

```
MATCH (tom:Person)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN tom;
```

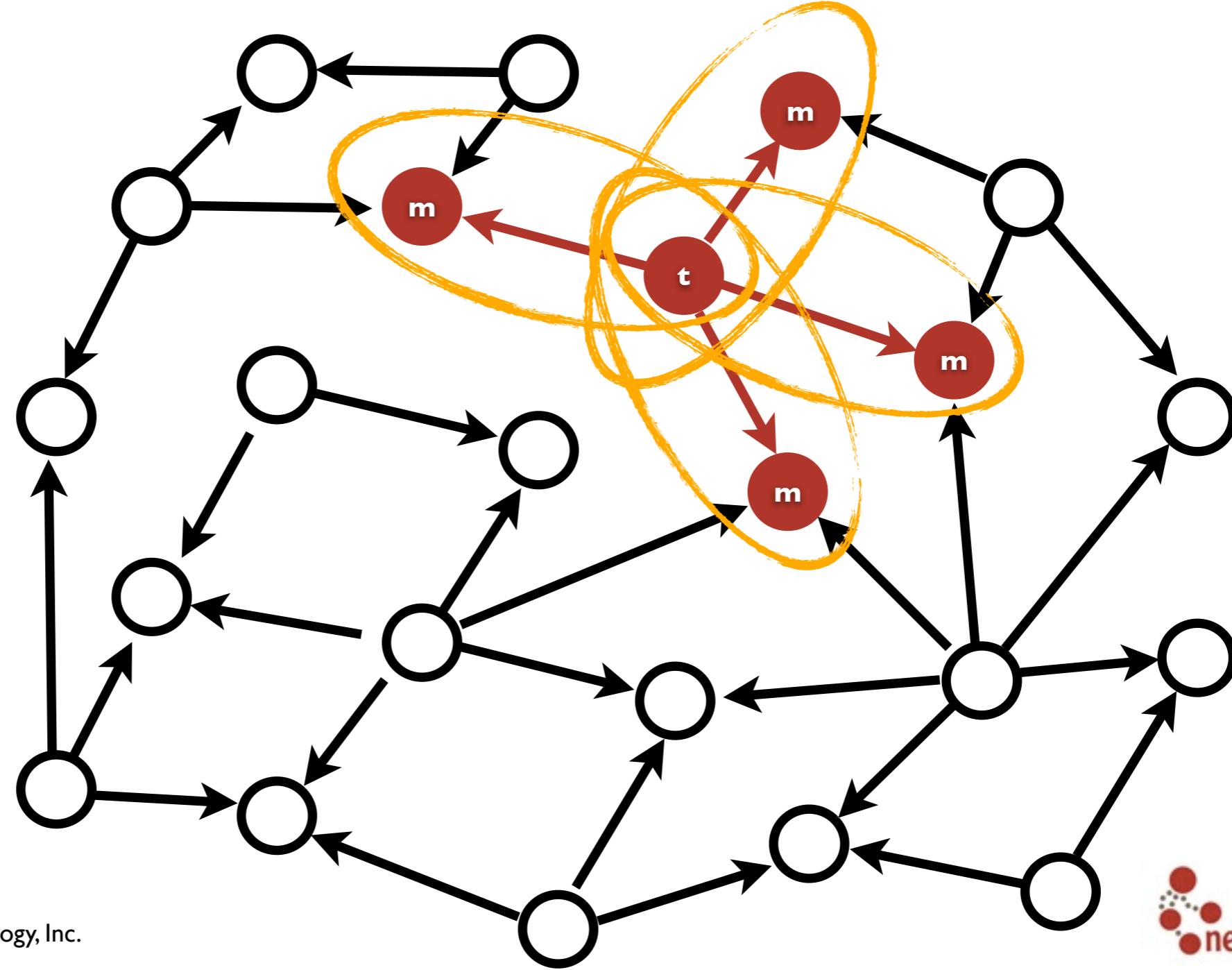


Start with a specific (labeled) node

```
MATCH (tom:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie:Movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN movie.title;
```

(Movies featuring Tom Hanks)

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie:Movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN movie.title;
```



Start with a specific labeled node

```
MATCH (tom:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie:Movie),  
      (director:Person)-[:DIRECTED]->(movie:Movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN director.name;
```

(Directors who worked with Tom Hanks)

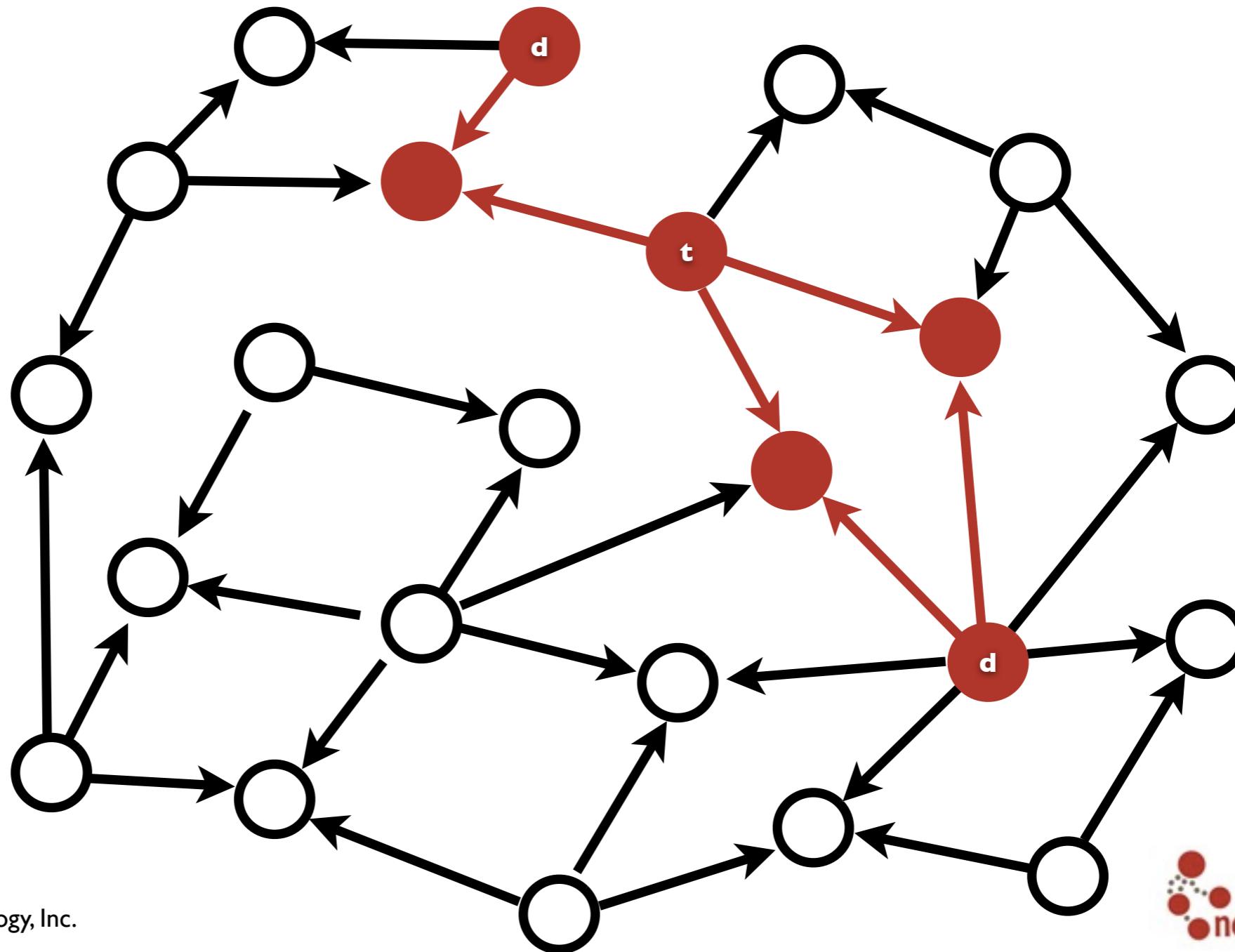


```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie:Movie)
```

```
(director:Person) - [:DIRECTED] -> (movie)
```

```
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"
```

```
RETURN director.name;
```



Start with a specific labeled node

```
MATCH (tom:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->()-<[:DIRECTED]-(director)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
RETURN DISTINCT director.name;
```

(Directors who worked with Tom Hanks)

Create label-specific index

```
CREATE INDEX ON :Person(name)  
CREATE INDEX ON :Movie(title)
```

Create two indexes.

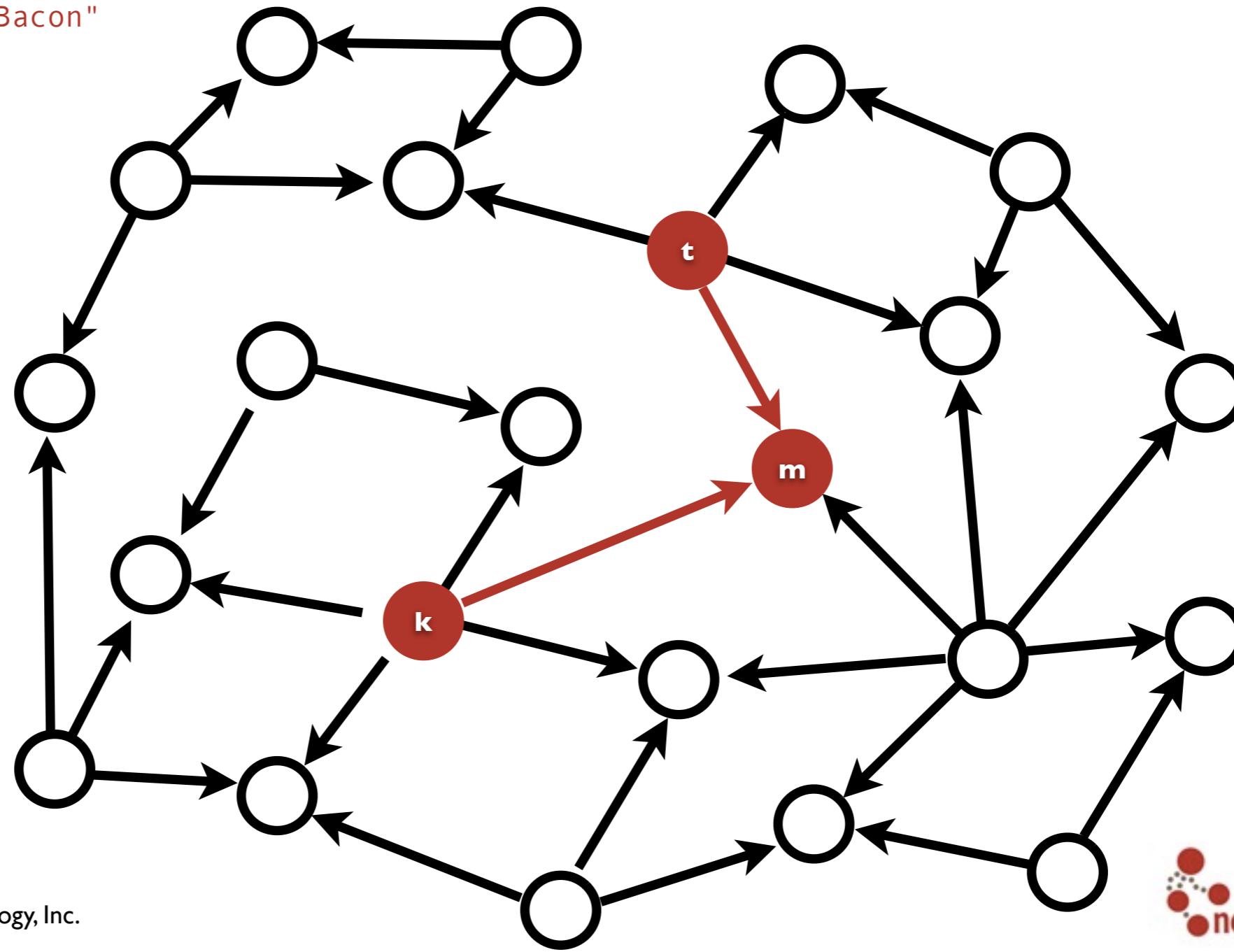
- nodes labeled as `Person`, indexed by `name` property
- nodes labeled as `Movie`, indexed by `title` property

Labels on pattern "anchors"

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie) ,  
      (kevin:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks" AND  
      kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"  
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```

(Movies featuring both Tom Hanks and Kevin Bacon)

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie) ,  
      (kevin:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks" AND  
      kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"  
RETURN movie.title;
```



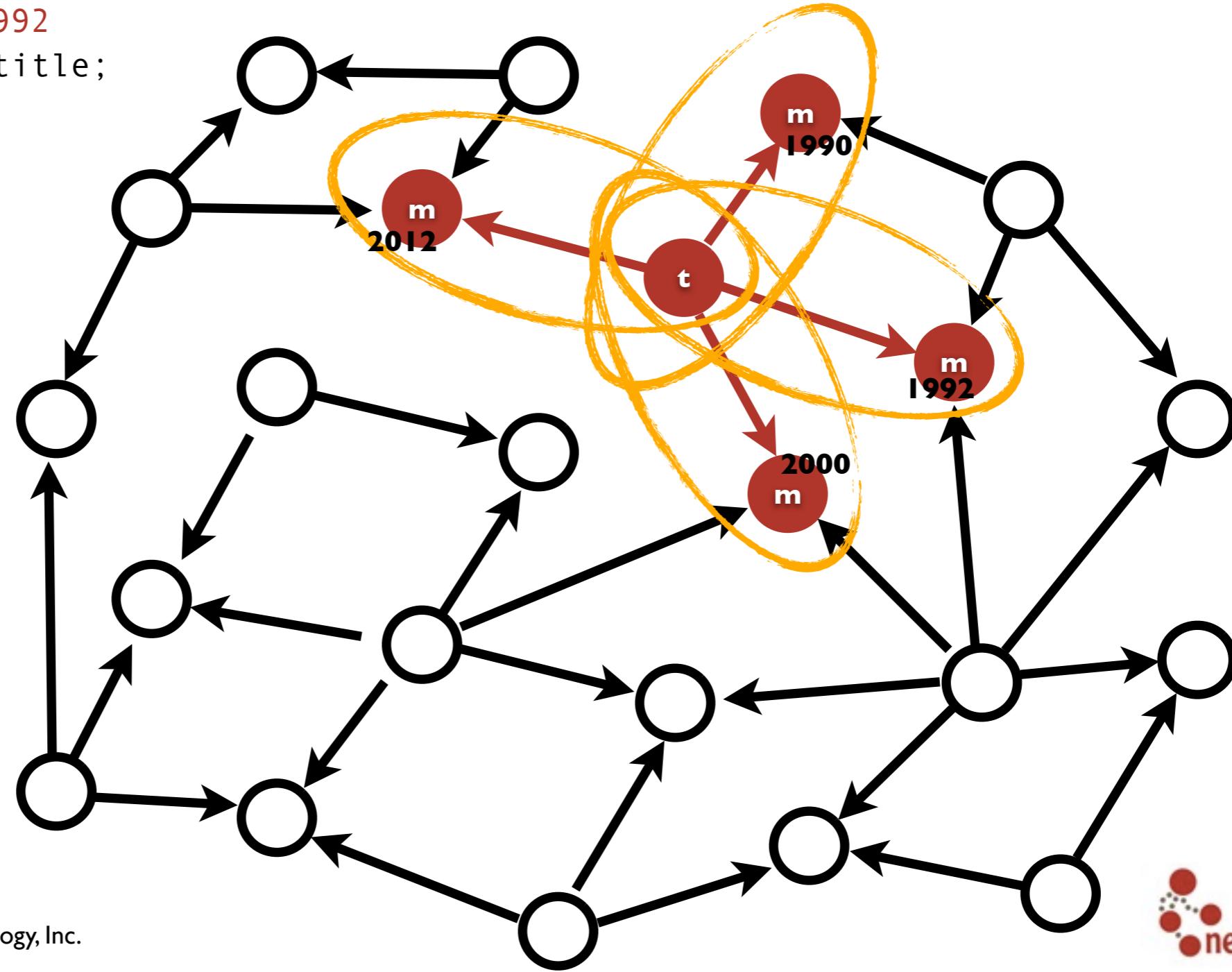
Conditions

Constraints on properties

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie:Movie)
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"
AND movie.released < 1992
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```

(Movies in which Tom Hanks acted, that were released before 1992)

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie:Movie)
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"
AND movie.released < 1992
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```



Constraints on properties

```
MATCH (actor:Person)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(movie)
WHERE actor.name="Keanu Reeves"
AND "Neo" IN r.roles
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```

(Doesn't work in M06)

(Movies in which Keanu Reeves played Neo)

Constraints on properties

```
MATCH (actor:Person)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(movie)
WHERE actor.name="Keanu Reeves"
AND ANY( x IN r.roles WHERE x = "Neo")
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```

(Movies in which Keanu Reeves played Neo)

Constraints based on comparisons

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie) ,  
      (a:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE tom.name="Tom Hanks"  
AND a.born < tom.born  
RETURN DISTINCT a.name;
```

(Actors who worked with Tom and are older than he was)

Constraints based on comparisons

```
MATCH (tom:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie),  
      (a:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE tom.name = "Tom Hanks"  
AND a.born < tom.born  
RETURN DISTINCT a.name, (tom.born - a.born) AS diff;
```

(Actors who worked with Tom and are older than he was)

Constraints based on patterns

```
MATCH (gene:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie) ,  
      (n) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE gene.name="Gene Hackman"  
RETURN DISTINCT n.name;
```

(Actors who worked with Gene Hackman)

Constraints based on patterns

```
MATCH (gene:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie) ,  
      (n) - [:ACTED_IN] -> (movie)  
WHERE gene.name="Gene Hackman"  
AND (n) - [:DIRECTED] -> ()  
RETURN DISTINCT n.name;
```

(Actors who worked with Gene and were directors of their own films)

Constraints based on patterns

```
MATCH (keanu:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie),  
      (n)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie),  
      (hugo:Person)  
WHERE keanu.name="Keanu Reeves" AND  
      hugo.name="Hugo Weaving"  
AND NOT (hugo)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie)  
RETURN DISTINCT n.name;
```

(Actors who worked with Keanu, but not when he was also working with Hugo)

LAB

Who are the five busiest actors?

```
MATCH (a:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->()
RETURN a.name, count(*) AS count
ORDER BY count DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

ADVANCED LAB

Recommend 3 actors that Keanu Reeves
should work with (but hasn't).

```
MATCH (keanu:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->()-<-[ :ACTED_IN]-(c) ,  
      (c)-[:ACTED_IN]->()-<-[ :ACTED_IN]-(coc)  
WHERE keanu.name="Keanu Reeves"  
      AND NOT((keanu)-[:ACTED_IN]->()-<-[ :ACTED_IN]-(coc))  
      AND coc <> keanu  
RETURN coc.name, count(coc)  
ORDER BY count(coc) DESC  
LIMIT 3;
```



Coffee? Lunch?

```
MATCH (kevin:Person)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie)
WHERE kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"
RETURN DISTINCT movie.title;
```

(Movies featuring Kevin Bacon)



(Updating Graphs with Cypher)

Creating nodes

```
CREATE (m:Movie {title:"Mystic River",  
released:1993});
```

```
MATCH (movie:Movie)  
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River"  
RETURN movie;
```

Adding properties

```
MATCH (movie:Movie)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River"
SET movie.tagline = "We bury our sins here, Dave. We wash them clean."
RETURN movie;
```

Changing properties

```
MATCH (movie:Movie)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River"
SET movie.released = 2003
RETURN movie;
```

Creating Relationships

```
MATCH (movie:Movie),(kevin:Person)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River" AND
      kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"
CREATE UNIQUE (kevin)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:["Sean"]}]-(movie)
```

```
MATCH (kevin)-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie)
WHERE kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"
RETURN movie.title;
```



LAB

Change Kevin Bacon's role in Mystic River from "Sean" to "Sean Devine"

```
MATCH (kevin:Person)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(movie:Movie)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River" AND
      kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"
SET r.roles = ["Sean Devine"]
RETURN r.roles;
```

LAB

Change Kevin Bacon's role in Mystic River from "Sean" to "Sean Devine"

```
MATCH (kevin:Person)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(movie:Movie)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River" AND
      kevin.name="Kevin Bacon"
SET r.roles = [n in r.roles WHERE n <> "Sean"] + "Sean Devine"
RETURN r.roles;
```



LAB

Add Clint Eastwood as the director of Mystic River

```
MATCH (movie:Movie), (clint:Person)
WHERE movie.title="Mystic River" AND
      clint.name="Clint Eastwood"
CREATE UNIQUE (clint)-[:DIRECTED]->(movie);
```

LAB

List all the characters in the movie “The Matrix”

```
MATCH (matrix:Movie)<- [r:ACTED_IN] -()
WHERE matrix.title="The Matrix"
RETURN r.roles;
```

```
MATCH (matrix:Movie)<- [r:ACTED_IN] - (a)
WHERE matrix.title="The Matrix"
AND a.name =~ ".*Emil.*"
RETURN a;
```

Deleting nodes

```
MATCH (emil:Person)  
WHERE emil.name="Emil Eifrem"  
DELETE emil;
```

(Wrong Error Message)



Deleting relationships

```
MATCH (emil:Person)-[r]-()
WHERE emil.name="Emil Eifrem"
DELETE r;
```

Deleting nodes and relationships

Deleting nodes and relationships

```
START emil=node(*)  
MATCH (emil)-[r?]->()  
WHERE emil.name="Emil Eifrem"  
DELETE r, emil;
```

START - used to scope starting points

node(*) - scope to all possible nodes

LAB

Add KNOWS relationships between all actors who
were in the same movie

```
MATCH (a:Person) - [:ACTED_IN] -> () <- [:ACTED_IN] - (b:Person)  
CREATE UNIQUE (a) - [:KNOWS] -> (b);
```

Match or Create is MERGE

```
MERGE (p:Person {name:"Clint Eastwood"})  
RETURN p
```

Uses indexes, constraints and locks to guarantee unique lookup and creation

Match or Create is MERGE

```
MERGE (p:Person {name:"Clint Eastwood"})  
ON CREATE p SET p.created = timestamp()  
ON MATCH p SET p.accessed = coalesce(p.accessed,0)+1  
RETURN p
```

ON CREATE x SET - executed on create

ON MATCH x SET - executed on match



Coffee?

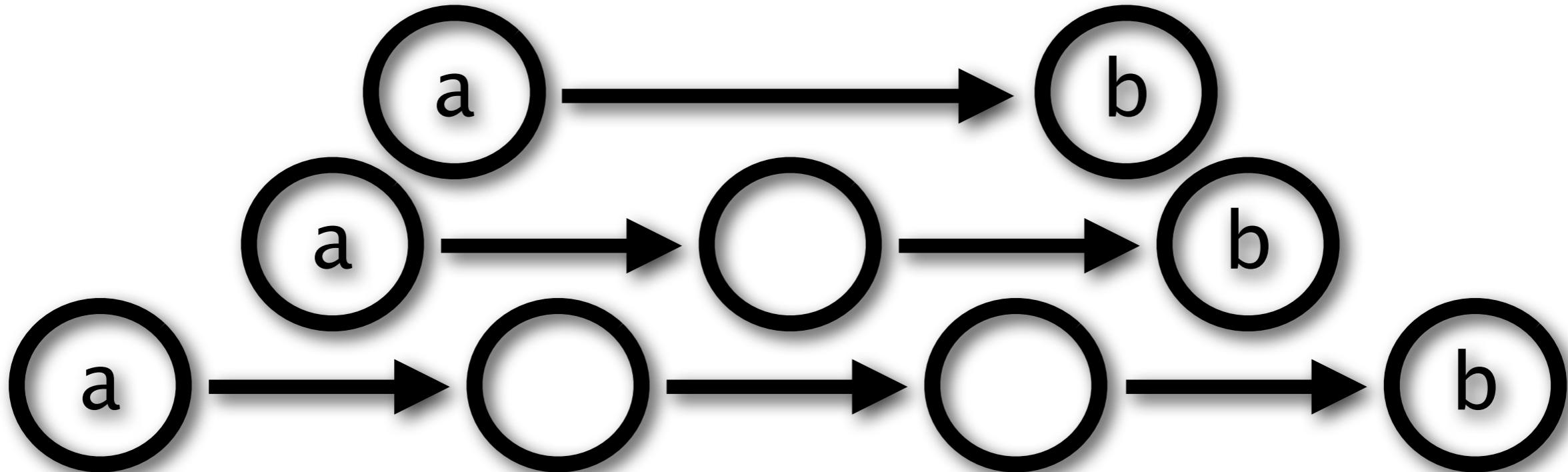
(More Cypher)

Matching multiple relationships

```
MATCH  (a)-[:ACTED_IN|:DIRECTED]->()-<-[:ACTED_IN|:DIRECTED]-(b)  
CREATE UNIQUE (a)-[:KNOWS]->(b);
```

(Create KNOWS relationships between anyone, Actors or Directors, who worked together)

Variable length paths



(a)-[*1..3]->(b)

Friends-of-Friends

```
MATCH (keanu:Person) - [:KNOWS*2] -> (fof)
WHERE keanu.name="Keanu Reeves"
RETURN DISTINCT fof.name;
```

LAB

Return Friends-of-Friends who are not immediate friends

```
MATCH (keanu:Person) - [:KNOWS*2] ->(fof)
WHERE keanu.name="Keanu Reeves"
AND NOT (keanu) - [:KNOWS] - (fof)
RETURN DISTINCT fof.name;
```

Bacon Number!

```
MATCH p=shortestPath(  
    (charlize:Person) - [:KNOWS*] -> (bacon:Person)  
)  
WHERE charlize.name="Charlize Theron" AND  
      bacon.name="Kevin Bacon"  
RETURN length(rels(p));
```

LAB

Return the names of the people joining
Charlize to Kevin.

```
MATCH p=shortestPath((charlize:Person)-[:KNOWS*]->(bacon:Person))
WHERE charlize.name="Charlize Theron" AND
      bacon.name="Kevin Bacon"
RETURN [n in nodes(p) | n.name] AS names;
```

(Graphs are Everywhere)

Neo4j Case Studies



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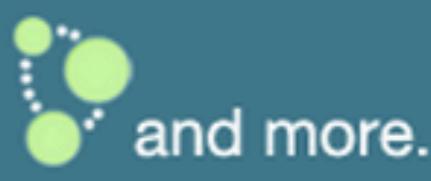
Pitney Bowes



FIFTYTHREE

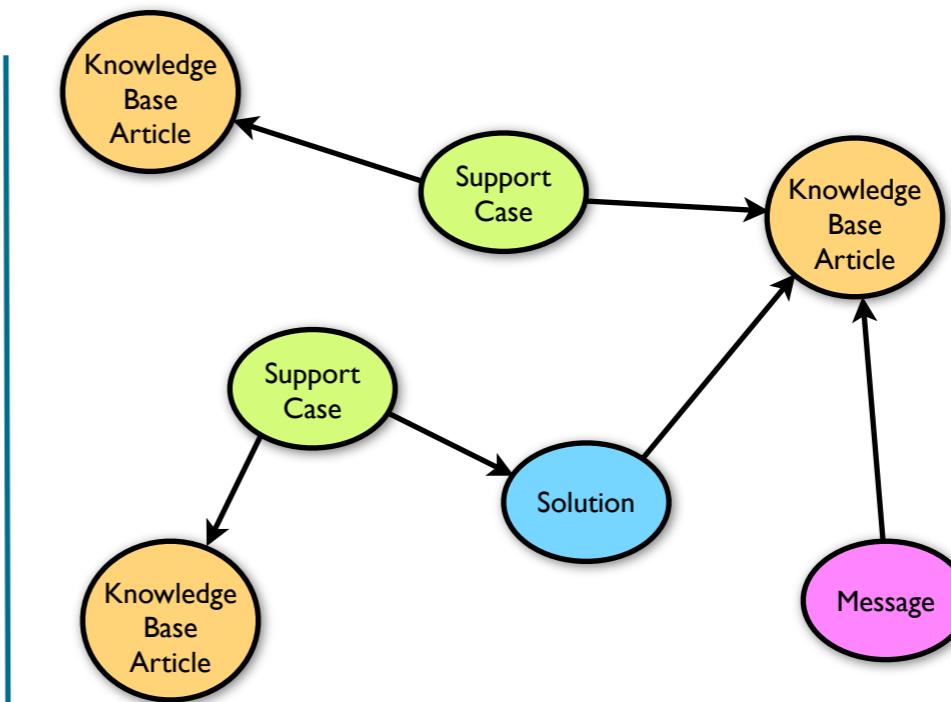


DRW TRADING GROUP



Background

- Cisco.com serves customer and business customers with Support Services
- Needed real-time recommendations, to encourage use of online knowledge base
- Cisco had been successfully using Neo4j for its internal master data management solution.
 - Identified a strong fit for online recommendations



Business problem

- Call center volumes needed to be lowered by improving the efficacy of online self service
- Leverage large amounts of knowledge stored in service cases, solutions, articles, forums, etc.
- Problem resolution times, as well as support costs, needed to be lowered

Solution & Benefits

- Cases, solutions, articles, etc. continuously scraped for cross-reference links, and represented in Neo4j
- Real-time reading recommendations via Neo4j
- Neo4j Enterprise with HA cluster
- The result: customers obtain help faster, with decreased reliance on customer support

Background

- One of the world's largest communications equipment manufacturers
- #91 Global 2000. \$44B in annual sales.
- Needed a system that could accommodate its master data hierarchies in a performant way
- HMP is a Master Data Management system at whose heart is Neo4j. Data access services available 24x7 to applications companywide



Business problem

- Sales compensation system had become unable to meet Cisco's needs
- Existing Oracle RAC system had reached its limits:
 - Insufficient flexibility for handling complex organizational hierarchies and mappings
 - “Real-time” queries were taking > 1 minute!
- Business-critical “PI” system needs to be continually available, with zero downtime

Solution & Benefits

- Cisco created a new system: the Hierarchy Management Platform (HMP)
- Allows Cisco to manage master data centrally, and centralize data access and business rules
- Neo4j provided “Minutes to Milliseconds” performance over Oracle RAC, serving master data in real time
- The graph database model provided exactly the flexibility needed to support Cisco's business rules
- HMP so successful that it has expanded to include product hierarchy

Background

- One of the world's largest logistics carriers
- Projected to outgrow capacity of old system
- New parcel routing system
 - Single source of truth for entire network
 - B2C & B2B parcel tracking
 - Real-time routing: up to 5M parcels per day



Business problem

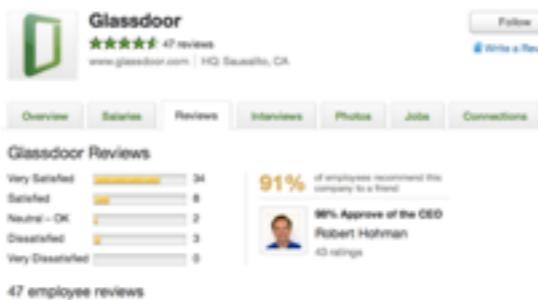
- 24x7 availability, year round
- Peak loads of 2500+ parcels per second
- Complex and diverse software stack
- Need predictable performance & linear scalability
- Daily changes to logistics network: route from any point, to any point

Solution & Benefits

- Neo4j provides the ideal domain fit:
 - a logistics network is a graph
- Extreme availability & performance with Neo4j clustering
- Hugely simplified queries, vs. relational for complex routing
- Flexible data model can reflect real-world data variance much better than relational
- “Whiteboard friendly” model easy to understand

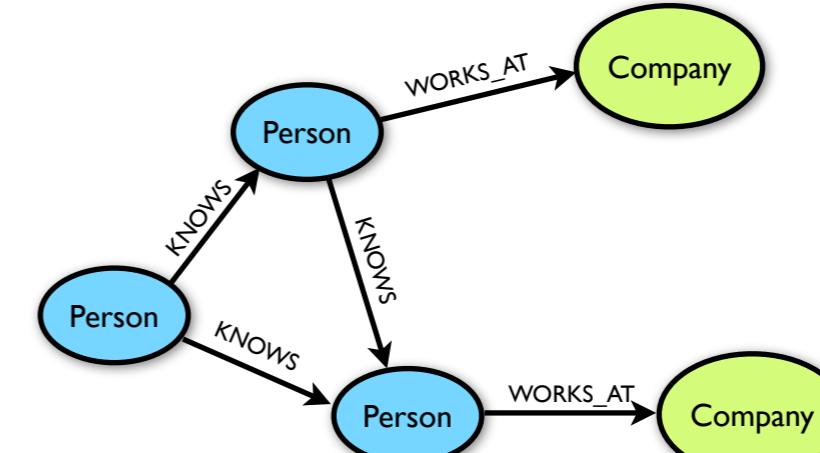
Background

- Online jobs and career community, providing anonymized inside information to job seekers



Business problem

- Wanted to leverage known fact that most jobs are found through personal & professional connections
- Needed to rely on an existing source of social network data. Facebook was the ideal choice.
- End users needed to get instant gratification
- Aiming to have the best job search service, in a very competitive market



Solution & Benefits

- First-to-market with a product that let users find jobs through their network of Facebook friends
- Job recommendations served real-time from Neo4j
- Individual Facebook graphs imported real-time into Neo4j
- Glassdoor now stores > 50% of the entire Facebook social graph
- Neo4j cluster has grown seamlessly, with new instances being brought online as graph size and load have increased



Industry: Web/ISV

Use case: Content Management, Social, Access Control

San Jose, CA

Adobe

Background

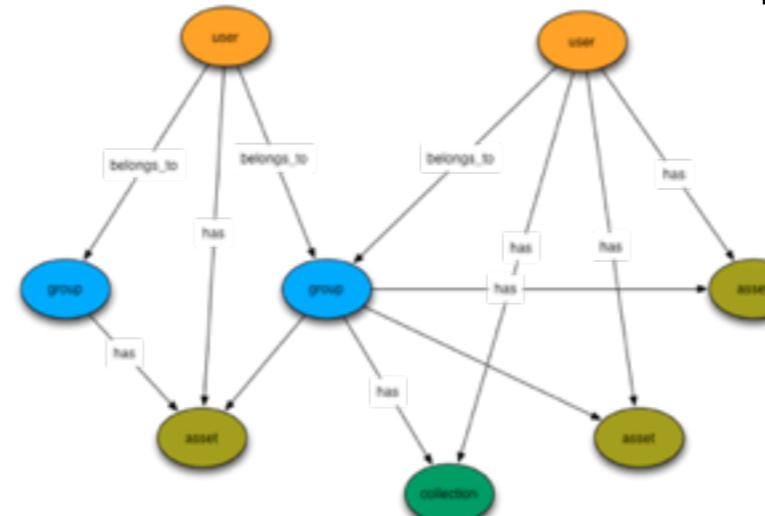
- One of the ten largest software companies globally
- \$4B+ in revenue. Over 11,000 employees.
- Launched Creative Cloud in 2012, allowing its Creative Suite users to collaborate via the Cloud



Business problem

- Adobe needed a highly robust and available, 24x7 distributed global system, supporting collaboration for users of its highest revenue product line
- Storing creative artifacts in the cloud meant managing access rights for (eventually) millions of users, groups, collections, and pieces of content
- Complex access control rules controlling who was connected to whom, and who could see or edit what, proved a significant technical challenge

User-Content-Access Graph



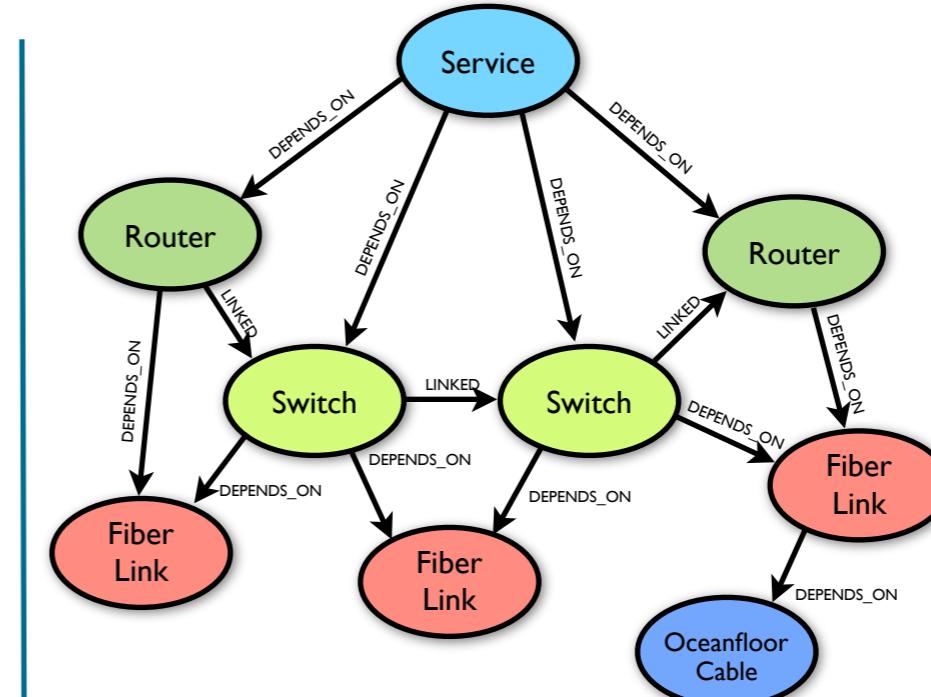
Solution & Benefits

- Selected Neo4j to meet very aggressive project deadlines. The flexibility of the graph model, and performance, were the two major selection factors.
- Easily evolve the system to meet tomorrow's needs
- Extremely high availability and transactional performance requirements. 24x7 with no downtime.
- Neo4j allows consistently fast response times with complex queries, even as the system grows
- First (and possibly still only) database cluster to run across three Amazon EC2 regions: U.S., Europe, Asia



Background

- Second largest communications company in France
- Part of Vivendi Group, partnering with Vodafone



Business problem

- Infrastructure maintenance took one full week to plan, because of the need to model network impacts
- Needed rapid, automated “what if” analysis to ensure resilience during unplanned network outages
- Identify weaknesses in the network to uncover the need for additional redundancy
- Network information spread across > 30 systems, with daily changes to network infrastructure
- Business needs sometimes changed very rapidly

Solution & Benefits

- Flexible network inventory management system, to support modeling, aggregation & troubleshooting
- Single source of truth (Neo4j) representing the entire network
- Dynamic system loads data from 30+ systems, and allows new applications to access network data
- Modeling efforts greatly reduced because of the near 1:1 mapping between the real world and the graph
- Flexible schema highly adaptable to changing business requirements

Background

- Europe's largest communications company
- Provider of mobile & land telephone lines to consumers and businesses, as well as internet services, television, and other services

> 236,000
Employees worldwide in 2011

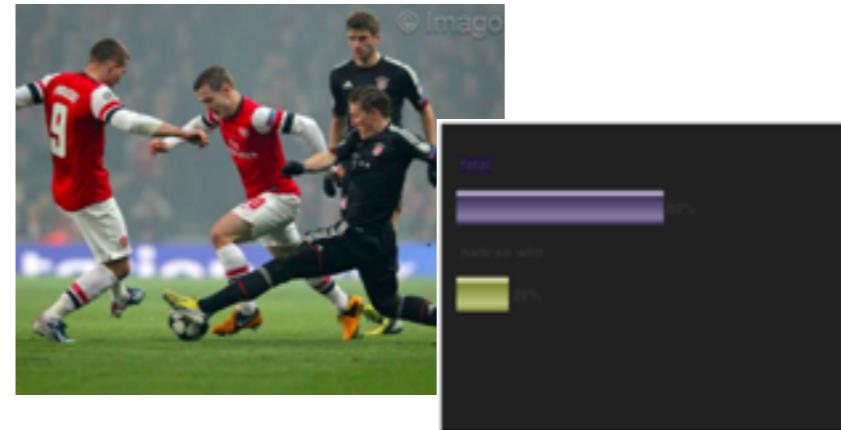
50
Countries

> 58 bn. €
Revenue in 2011

Business problem

- The Fanorakel application allows fans to have an interactive experience while watching sports
- Fans can vote for referee decisions and interact with other fans watching the game
- Highly connected dataset with real-time updates
- Queries need to be served real-time on rapidly changing data
- One technical challenge is to handle the very high spikes of activity during popular games

Interactive Television Programming



Solution & Benefits

- Interactive, social offering gives fans a way to experience the game more closely
- Increased customer stickiness for Deutsche Telekom
- A completely new channel for reaching customers with information, promotions, and ads
- Clear competitive advantage



Industry: Web/ISV, Communications

Use case: Network Management

Global (U.S., France)

Hewlett Packard

Background

- World's largest provider of IT infrastructure, software & services
- HP's Unified Correlation Analyzer (UCA) application is a key application inside HP's OSS Assurance portfolio
- Carrier-class resource & service management, problem determination, root cause & service impact analysis
- Helps communications operators manage large, complex and fast changing networks



Business problem

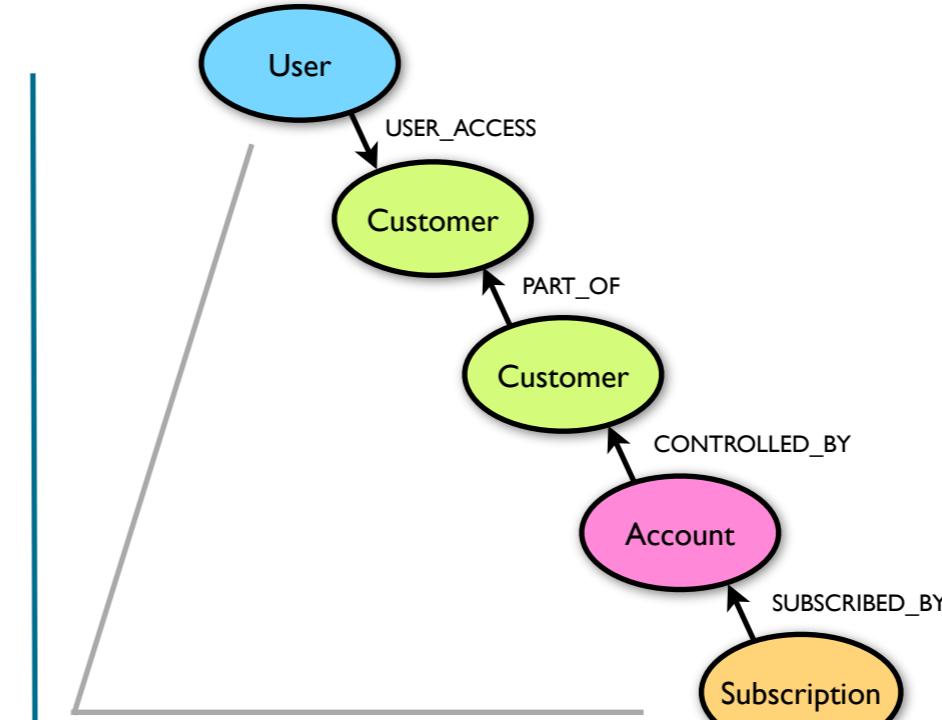
- Use network topology information to identify root problems causes on the network
- Simplify alarm handling by human operators
- Automate handling of certain types of alarms Help operators respond rapidly to network issues
- Filter/group/eliminate redundant Network Management System alarms by event correlation

Solution & Benefits

- Accelerated product development time
- Extremely fast querying of network topology
- Graph representation a perfect domain fit
- 24x7 carrier-grade reliability with Neo4j HA clustering
- Met objective in under 6 months

Background

- 10th largest Telco provider in the world, leading in the Nordics
- Online self-serve system where large business admins manage employee subscriptions and plans
- Mission-critical system whose availability and responsiveness is critical to customer satisfaction



Business problem

- Degrading relational performance. User login taking minutes while system retrieved access rights
- Millions of plans, customers, admins, groups. Highly interconnected data set w/massive joins
- Nightly batch workaround solved the performance problem, but meant data was no longer current
- Primary system was Sybase. Batch pre-compute workaround projected to reach 9 hours by 2014: longer than the nightly batch window

Solution & Benefits

- Moved authorization functionality from Sybase to Neo4j
- Modeling the resource graph in Neo4j was straightforward, as the domain is inherently a graph
- Able to retire the batch process, and move to real-time responses: measured in milliseconds
- Users able to see fresh data, not yesterday's snapshot
- Customer retention risks fully mitigated

Industry: Professional Social Network

Use case: Social, Recommendations

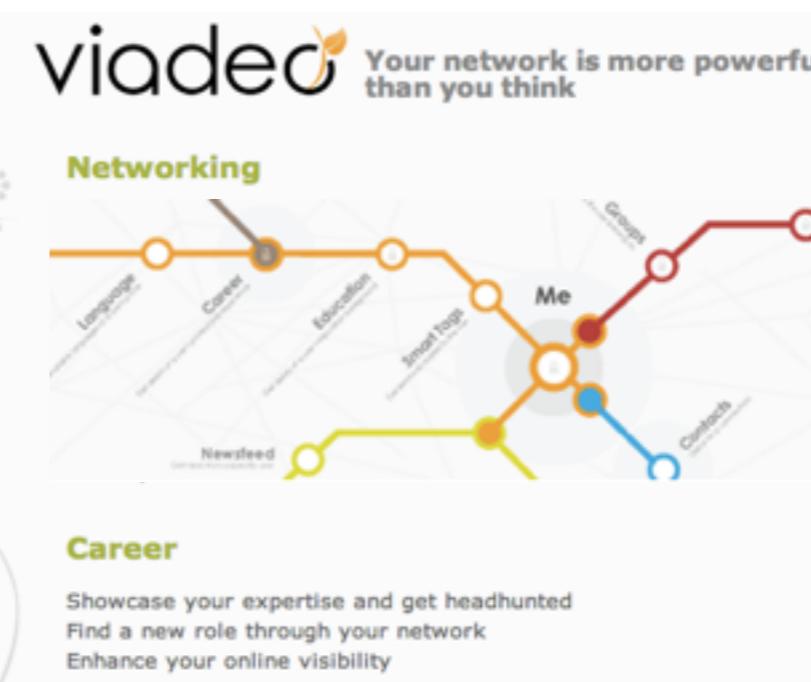
Silicon Valley & France



Viadeo

Background

- World's second-largest professional network (after LinkedIn)
- 50M members. 30K+ new members daily.
- Over 400 staff with offices in 12 countries



Business problem

- Business imperative for real-time recommendations: to attract new users and retain existing ones
- Key differentiator: show members how they are connected to any other member
- Real-time traversals of social graph not feasible with MySQL cluster. Batch precompute meant stale data.
- Process taking longer & longer: > 1 week!

Solution & Benefits

- Neo4j solution implemented in 8 weeks with 3 part-time programmers
- Able to move from batch to real-time: improved responsiveness with up-to-date data.
- Viadeo (at the time) had 8M members and 35M relationships.
- Neo4j cluster now sits at the heart of Viadeo's professional network, connecting 50M + professionals

Background

- Hong Kong based telephony infrastructure provider (aka M800 aka Pop Media)
- Exclusive China Mobile partner for international toll-free services. SMS Hub & other offerings
- 2012 Red Herring Top 100 Global Winner



Business problem

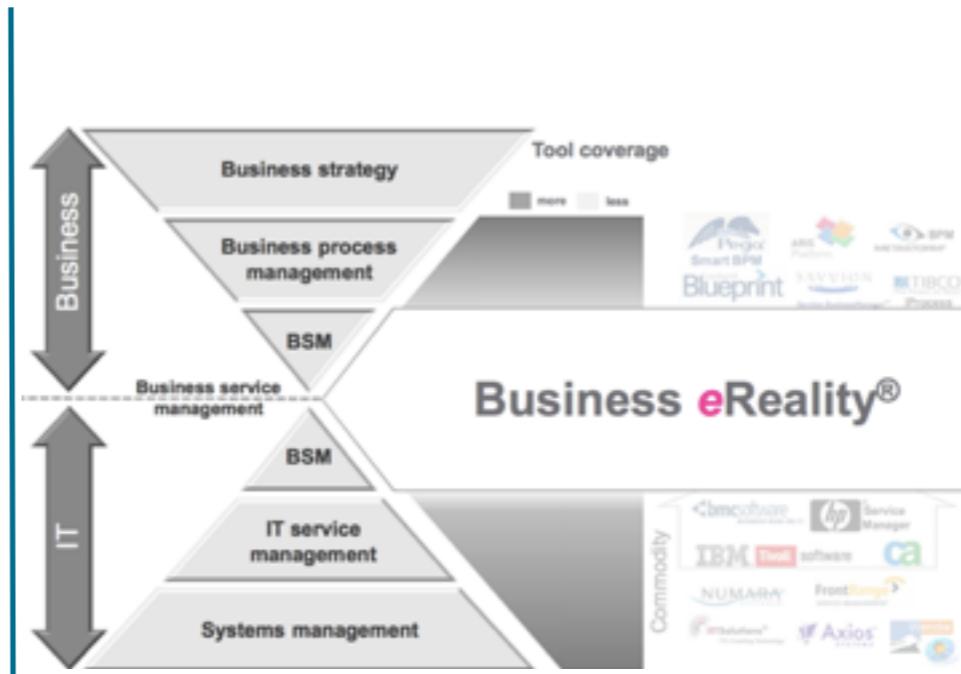
- Launched a new mobile communication app “Maaii” allowing consumers to communicate by voice & text
(Similar to Line, Viber, Rebtel, VoxOx...)
- Needed to store & relate devices, users, and contacts
- Import phone numbers from users’ address books. Rapidly serve up contacts from central database to the mobile app
- Currently around 3M users w/200M nodes in the graph

Solution & Benefits

- Quick transactional performance for key operations:
 - friend suggestions (“friend of friend”)
 - updating contacts, blocking calls, etc.
 - etc.
- High availability telephony app uses Neo4j clustering
- Strong architecture fit: Scala w/Neo4j embedded

Background

- Junisphere AG is a Zurich-based IT solutions provider
- Founded in 2001. Profitable. Self funded.
- Software & services.
- Novel approach to infrastructure monitoring:
Starts with the end user, mapped to business processes and services, and dependent infrastructure



Business problem

- “Business Service Management” requires mapping of complex graph, covering: business processes--> business services--> IT infrastructure
- Embed capability of storing and retrieving this information into OEM application
- Re-architecting outdated C++ application based on relational database, with Java

Solution & Benefits

- Actively sought out a Java-based solution that could store data as a graph
- Domain model is reflected directly in the database:
 - “No time lost in translation”
 - “Our business and enterprise consultants now speak the same language, and can model the domain with the database on a 1:1 ratio.”
- Spring Data Neo4j strong fit for Java architecture

Teachscape

Background

- Teachscape, Inc. develops online learning tools for K-12 teachers, school principals, and other instructional leaders.
- Teachscape evaluated relational as an option, considering MySQL and Oracle.
- Neo4j was selected because the graph data model provides a more natural fit for managing organizational hierarchy and access to assets.



Business problem

- Neo4j was selected to be at the heart of a new architecture.
- The user management system, centered around Neo4j, will be used to support single sign-on, user management, contract management, and end-user access to their subscription entitlements.

Solution & Benefits

- **Domain and technology fit**
 - simple domain model where the relationships are relatively complex. Secondary factors included support for transactions, strong Java support, and well-implemented Lucene indexing integration
- **Speed and Flexibility**
 - The business depends on being able to do complex walks quickly and efficiently. This was a major factor in the decision to use Neo4j.
- **Ease of Use**
 - accommodate efficient access for home-grown and commercial off-the-shelf applications, as well as ad-hoc use.
 - Extreme availability & performance with Neo4j clustering
 - Hugely simplified queries, vs. relational for complex routing
 - Flexible data model can reflect real-world data variance much better than relational
 - “Whiteboard friendly” model easy to understand

SevenBridges Genomics

Background

- Bioinformatics company offering gene sequencing "as a service" (over the web)
- Provider of genomic information services
- Needed a new platform to support storage & retrieval of sequenced genomes in the cloud



Business problem

- Neo4j is used to store metadata about each sequenced genome (including a pointer to the sequenced genome itself, which is a binary file stored on Amazon S3), and to support search and other forms of information processing against the genomic data.
- graph database was chosen because “Our specific domain maps naturally onto graph paradigm”.

Solution & Benefits

- **Domain fit**
 - Domain naturally lends itself to a graph representation.
 - Graph model determined to be a perfect fit.
- **Agility & Performance**
 - Saved time with Neo4j as compared to the alternatives.
 - Queries “practically write themselves.”
- **Solution Completeness**
 - “Neo4j is incomparably better than other graph databases.”



(More about Neo4j)

Neo4j offers three APIs:

1. Cypher for most work
2. REST for management
3. Plugin API for special cases

Language Drivers

Friends of Neo4j speak many languages, and work in many frameworks.



Neo4j REST API

Neo4j Team

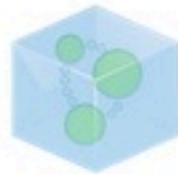
Discoverable, language-neutral data access from anything that can send HTTP requests. You could write a whole application with just bash scripts and curl.



Spring Data Neo4j

Neo4j Team

Familiar POJO-based development, enabling object-to-graph mapping using annotations. Amazingly simple, with full graph power just a traversal query away.



Java API

Neo4j Team

For intimate access, talk directly to Neo4j's graph engine directly in your JVM based application. Full feature parity with Neo4j Server, including HA clustering.



neo4j.rb

Andreas Ronge

Ruby on Rails? Try coasting along graph paths with Neo4j. Everything you know and love, wrapped with graph glory.



Neography

Max de Marzi

For native Ruby access to Neo4j, Neography provides a thin, elegant wrapper around the REST API.



Neo4jPHP

Josh Adell

Neo4jPHP provides an API that is both intuitive and flexible, and it takes advantage of 'under-the-hood' performance enhancements, such as caching and lazy-loading.

<http://www.neo4j.org/develop/drivers>

Traverses 1,000,000+ relationships / second
on commodity hardware

Scale: 34 Bn nodes/relationships

Licensing options



(Next steps)

The rise of the graph

It's not just social

Find the graphs in your domain,
and model them

Get involved in the community

Stack Overflow



Find answers or reach to fellow
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