CSCI 5408 – Data Management, Warehousing and Analytics

Group Project Report (Group-29)

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In this group project, we have used *Neo4j* graph database.

Significance of Neo4j:

- It does not require complex joins to retrieve connected/related data as it is very easy to retrieve its adjacent node or relationship details without joins or indexes[3].
- Performs way better than relational (SQL) and non-relational (NOSQL) databases for huge data sets with complex relationships as it treats relationships between data as equally important to the data itself[1].
- Highly scalable and available[2].
- Constant time traversals in big graphs for both depth and breadth due to efficient representation of nodes and relationships[2].
- Performance doesn't drop even after increasing the data queries exponentially[1].

Limitations of Neo4j:

- Hard to visualize complex data sets.
- It does not support sharding[3].
- Limitation of supporting number of nodes, relationships and properties[3].

Individual Contribution:

Both of us worked on data scraping and Neo4j individually after initial discussion, compared our works and came up with the final outcome together.

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