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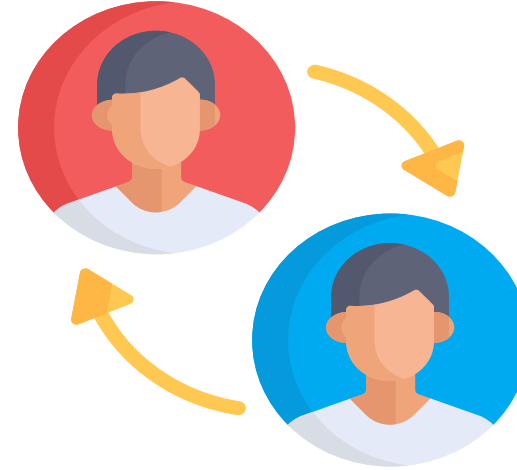
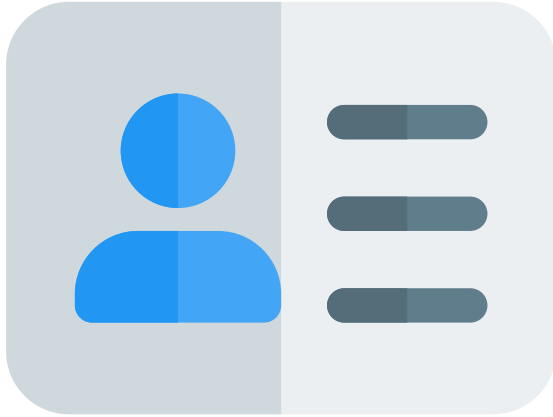
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Who uses Graph Tables?

GRAPH DATABASE TABLES VS HIERARCHYID

HIERARCHYID	GRAPH DATABASE TABLES
Highly Structured Data	No fixed boundaries
Multiple Parents are not allowed	Multiple parents are possible
You can have only one root	Root doesn't exist
One to Many Relationships	Many to Many Relationships
Indexable	Indexable
CLR Functions to find data	MATCH Clause
SQL Server 2008+	SQL Server 2017+

GRAPH DATABASE TABLE TYPES



NODE TABLES

Keep Entity Data

\$nodeId is the identity of an Entity

They can have any type of columns

EDGE TABLES

Keep Relation Data

\$edgeId is the identity of a relation

They can have any type of columns

\$from_id and \$to_id controls the relation

Relations can not be updated

Directions are important.

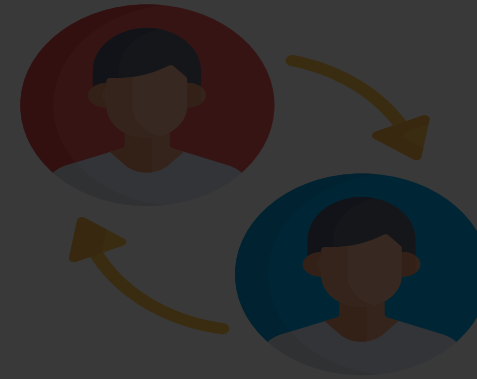
GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <CREATE>



NODE TABLES

```
CREATE TABLE Products (  
  Id int PRIMARY KEY  
  Brand varchar(50) not null  
  ProductName varchar(200)  
  InStock bit not null,  
  InvoicePrice money not null,  
  RetailPrice money not null,  
  Active bit not null,  
  Rating tinyint not null  
) AS NODE
```

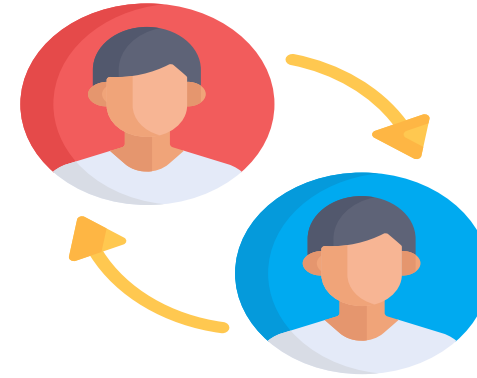
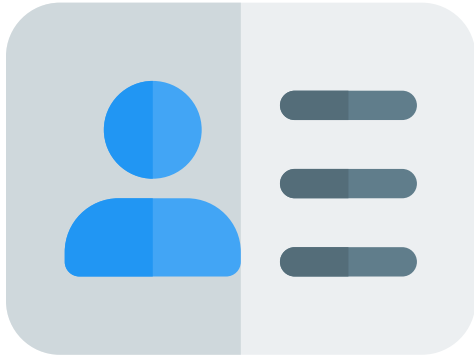
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EDGE TABLES

```
CREATE TABLE AlikeProduct (  
  datetime default GetDate()  
)
```


GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <INSERT>



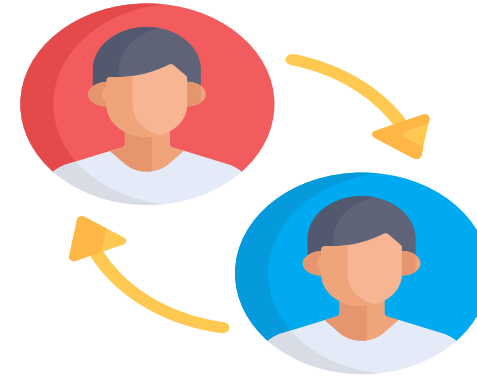
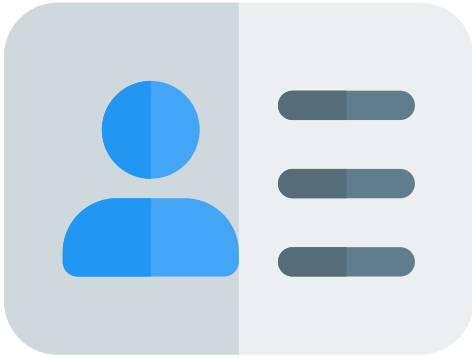
NODE TABLES

```
INSERT INTO Products (Brand, ProductName,  
InStock, InvoicePrice, RetailPrice, Active,  
Rating)  
VALUES  
( 'Amazon', 'Kindle Fire 7', 1, 30, 49, 1, 4),  
( 'Amazon', 'Kindle Fire HD 8', 1, 50, 79, 1, 5),  
( 'Amazon', 'Kindle Fire 7 Kids', 1, 55, 99, 1, 4)
```

EDGE TABLES

```
INSERT INTO AlikeProduct VALUES(  
(SELECT $node_id FROM Products WHERE Id = 1),  
(SELECT $node_id FROM Products WHERE Id = 2),  
GetDate())
```

GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <UPDATE>



NODE TABLES

```
UPDATE Products
SET InStock = 0
WHERE ProductId = 1
```

EDGE TABLES

```
UPDATE AlikeProduct
SET CreatedDt = GETDATE() -1
FROM Products p1, AlikeProduct ap, Products p2
WHERE MATCH(p1-(ap)->p2) and p1.ProductId =1
```

YOU CANNOT UPDATE RELATIONS
\$FROM_ID or \$TO_ID

GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <SELECT>

NODE TABLES

	\$node_id_6ACA178D479F4B5FBB88C806CB64C7AF	ProductId	Brand	ProductName	InStock	InvoicePrice	RetailPrice	Active	Rating
1	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":...	1	Amazon	Kindle Fire 7	1	30.00	49.00	1	4
2	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":...	2	Amazon	Kindle Fire HD 8	1	50.00	79.00	1	5
3	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":...	3	Amazon	Kindle Fire 7 Kids	1	55.00	99.00	1	4
4	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":...	4	Amazon	Kindle PaperWhite	1	87.00	120.00	1	4
5	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":...	5	Amazon	Kindle Fire HD 10	1	99.00	149.00	1	5

EDGE TABLES

	\$edge_id_AD5111F3447F4...	\$from_id_6E22AE584BB6428A831ED3BEFCB84CF0	\$to_id_22754BBCE410471B99F8EBCFA83D5A97	CreatedDt
1	{"type":"edge","schema":"..."}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":0}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":1}	2020-10-15 10:23:17.603
2	{"type":"edge","schema":"..."}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":1}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":5}	2020-10-15 10:23:17.603
3	{"type":"edge","schema":"..."}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":6}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":7}	2020-10-15 10:23:17.603
4	{"type":"edge","schema":"..."}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":6}	{"type":"node","schema":"dbo","table":"Products","id":8}	2020-10-15 10:23:17.603

MATCH(graph_search_pattern)

- Specifies the pattern to search
- Pattern needs to go from one entity to another using a relationship
- Arrow character specifies the direction.
- Parenthesis remarks the relationships

```
SELECT U.Name, W.CreatedDT, P.ProductId, P.Brand, P.ProductName  
FROM Products P, Wished W, Users U  
WHERE MATCH(U-(W)->P) and U.UserId = 1
```


QUERYING GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <MATCH>



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Brand: Amazon

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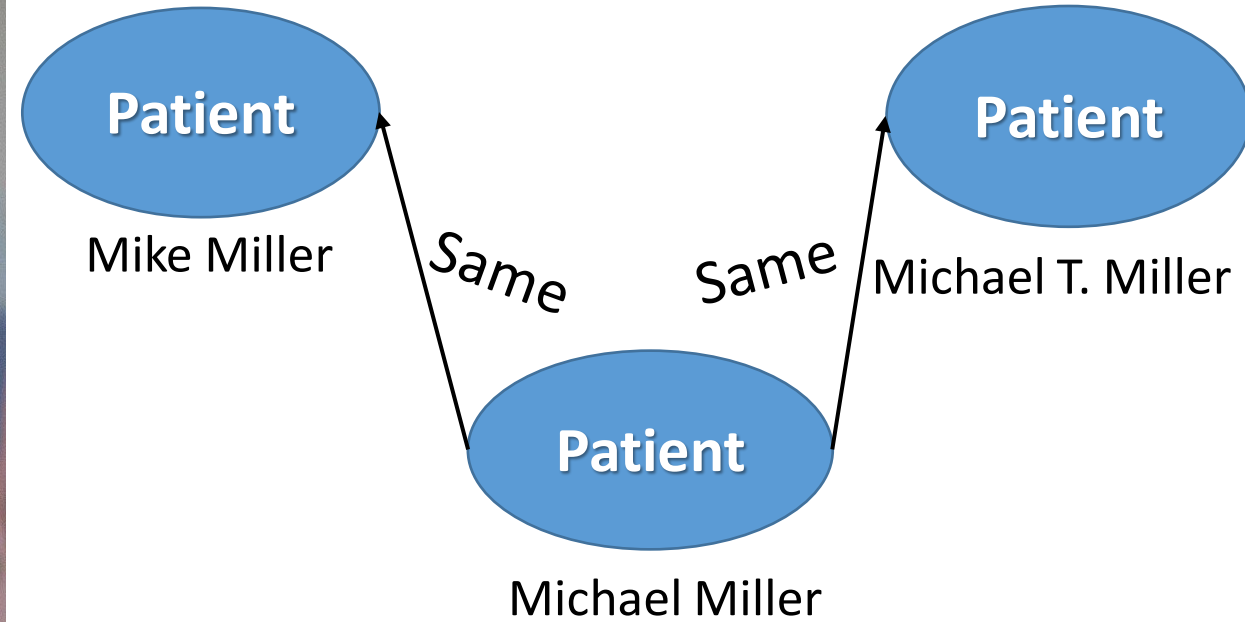
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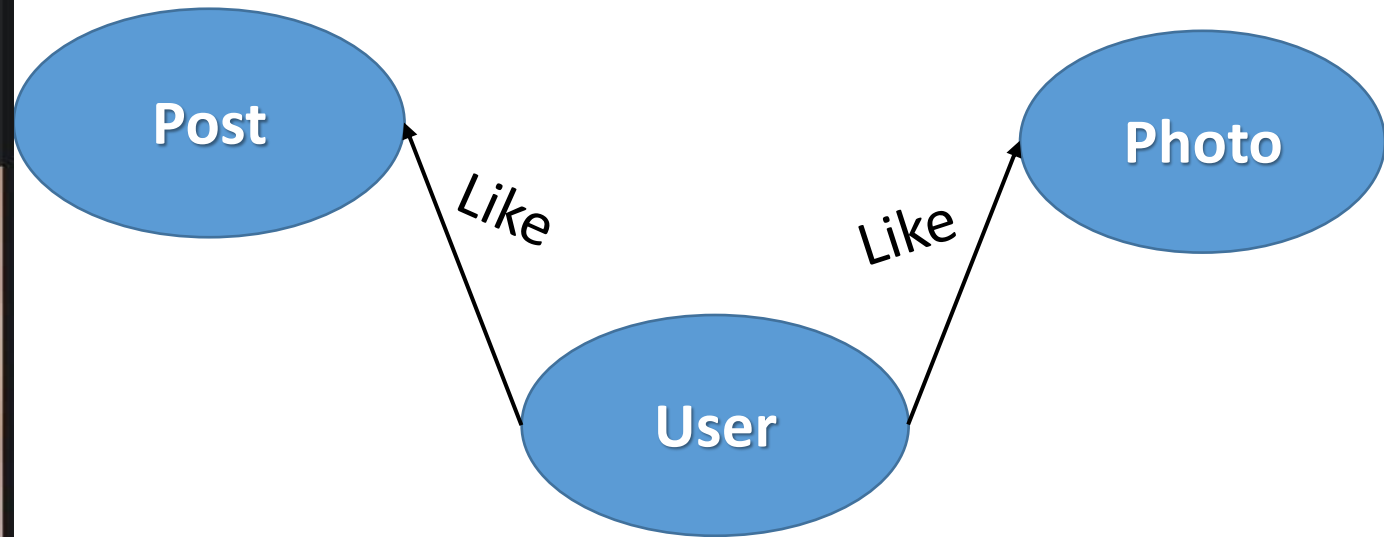
```
SELECT P.Name, P.Desc, P.Price, P2.Name, P2.Price, P2.Desc
FROM Products P, Alike A, Products P2
WHERE MATCH(P-(A)->P2) AND P.Id = 1
```

QUERYING GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <MATCH>



```
SELECT P1.Name, P1.MRN, P2.Name,  
P2.MRN  
FROM Patient P1, Same S,  
Patient P2  
WHERE MATCH(P1-(S)->P2)  
and P1.Id= 1
```

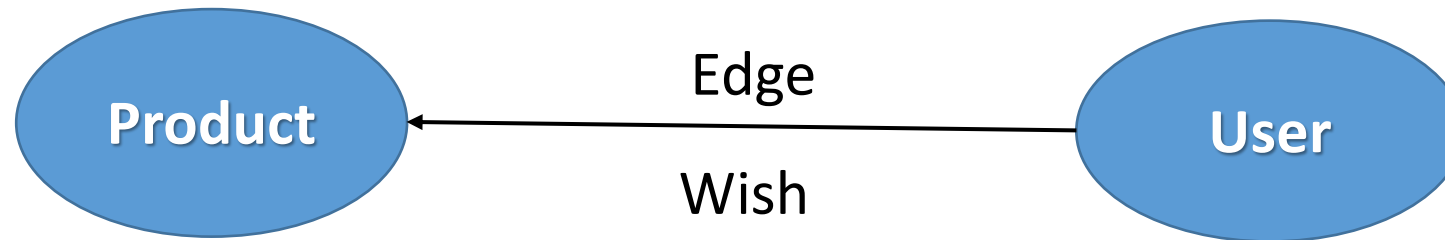

QUERYING GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <MATCH>



```
SELECT U.Name, L.OccuredDt, P.Id,  
P.Text  
FROM Users U, Like L, Posts P  
WHERE MATCH(U-(L)->P) AND P.Id = 1
```

GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <EDGE CONSTRAINTS>

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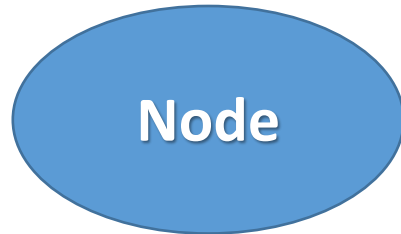
```
ALTER TABLE Wished ADD CONSTRAINT EC_Wish  
CONNECTION (Users TO Products)
```

```
ALTER TABLE Wished ADD CONSTRAINT EC_Wish  
CONNECTION (Users TO Products, Guests TO Products)
```

```
ALTER TABLE Wished ADD CONSTRAINT EC_Wish  
CONNECTION (Users TO Products) ON DELETE CASCADE
```

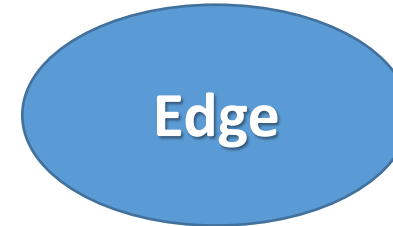
```
ALTER TABLE Wished ADD CONSTRAINT EC_Wish  
CONNECTION (Users TO Products) ON DELETE NO ACTION
```


INDEXING GRAPH DATABASE



Node

\$node_id



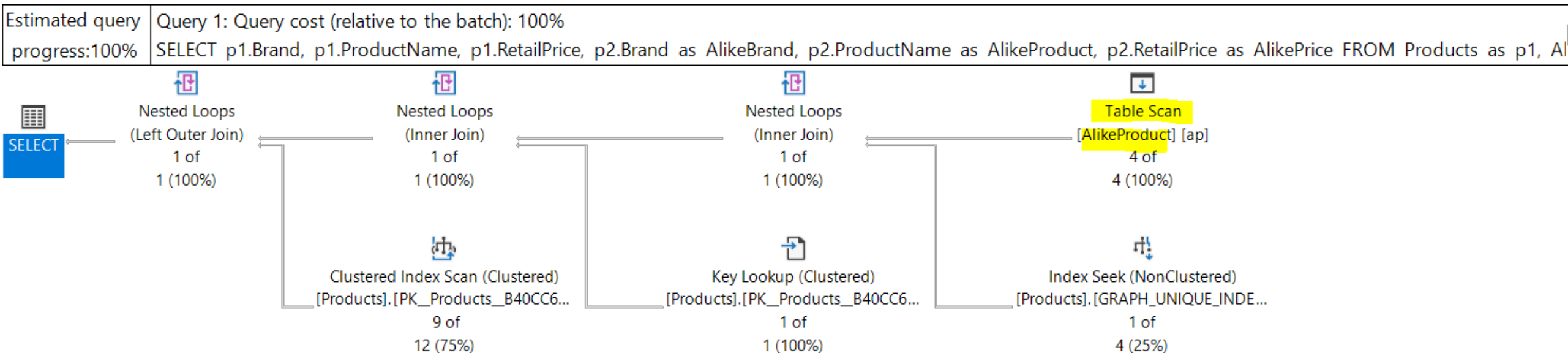
Edge

\$edge_id
\$from_id
\$to_id

```
SELECT p1.Brand, p1.ProductName, p1.RetailPrice, p2.Brand as  
AlikeBrand, p2.ProductName as AlikeProduct, p2.RetailPrice as  
AlikePrice  
FROM Products as p1, AlikeProduct as ap, Products p2  
WHERE MATCH(p1-(ap)->p2)  
AND p1.ProductId = 1
```

INDEXING GRAPH DATABASE

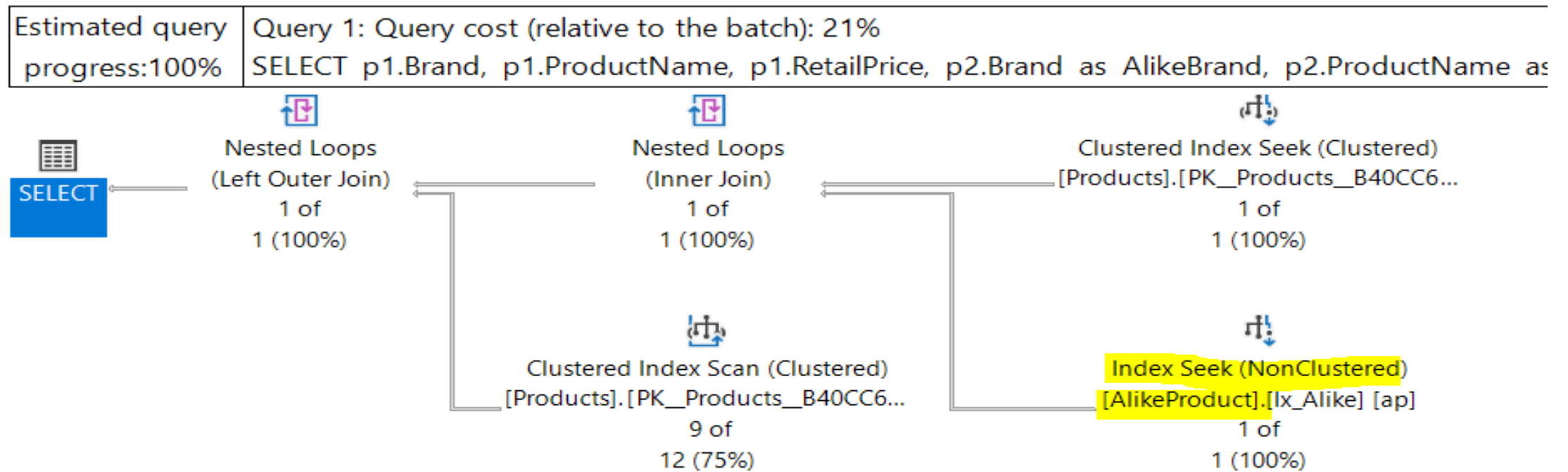
```
SELECT p1.Brand, p1.ProductName, p1.RetailPrice, p2.Brand as  
AlikeBrand, p2.ProductName as AlikeProduct, p2.RetailPrice as  
AlikePrice  
FROM Products as p1, AlikeProduct as ap, Products p2  
WHERE MATCH(p1-(ap)->p2)  
AND p1.ProductId = 1
```



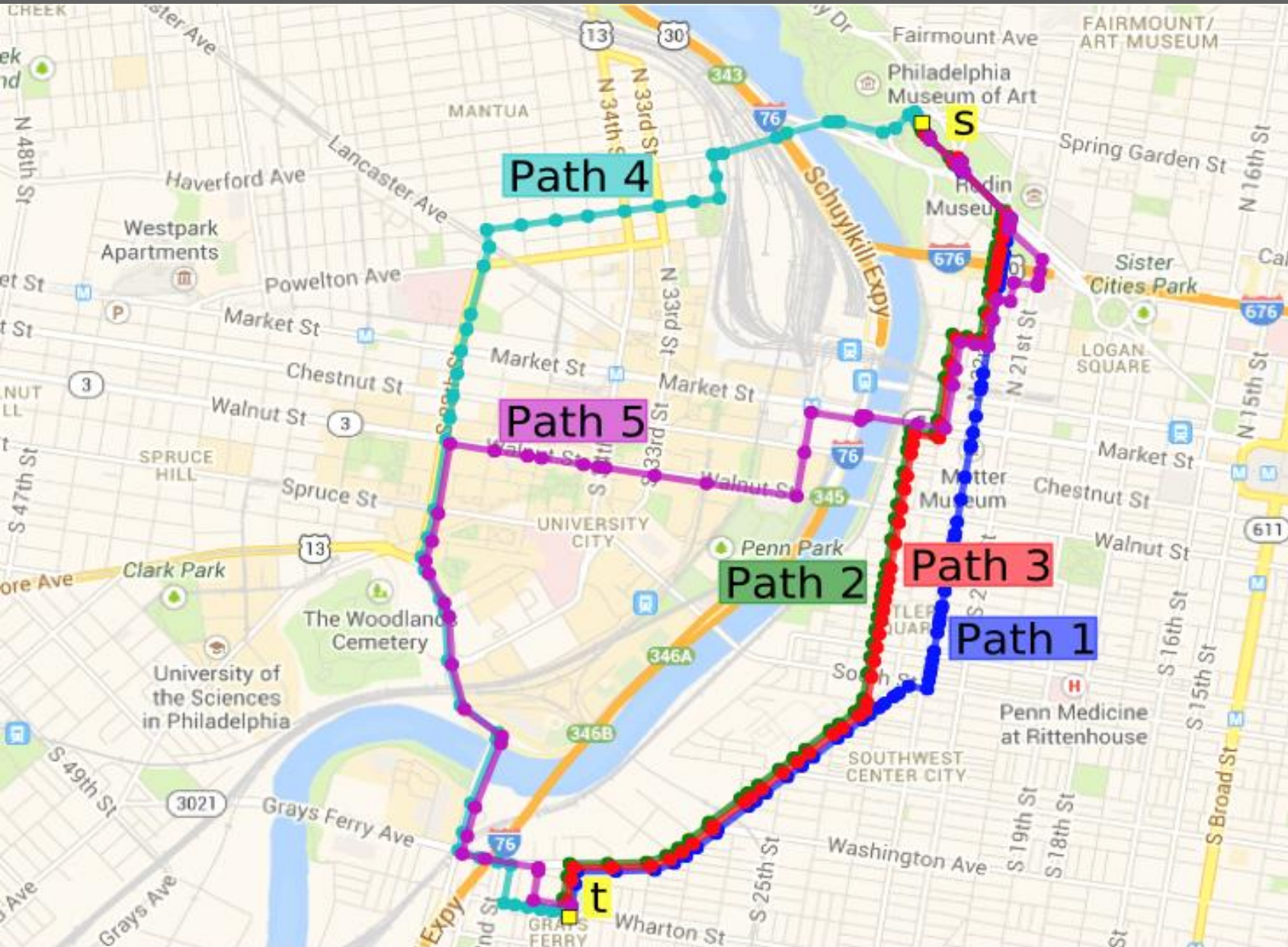
INDEXING GRAPH DATABASE

```
CREATE UNIQUE NONCLUSTERED INDEX Ix_Alike on AlikeProduct($From_Id, $To_Id)
CREATE UNIQUE NONCLUSTERED INDEX Ix_Wished on Wished ($From_id, $To_id)
```

```
SELECT p1.Brand, p1.ProductName, p1.RetailPrice, p2.Brand as AlikeBrand,
p2.ProductName as AlikeProduct, p2.RetailPrice as AlikePrice
FROM Products as p1, AlikeProduct as ap, Products p2
WHERE MATCH(p1-(ap)->p2)
AND p1.ProductId = 1
```



QUERYING GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <SHORTEST PATH>



- Finds shortest path between two entities.
- Use in MATCH()



```
SELECT {Graph Path Agg Funcs}  
FROM {FOR PATH}  
WHERE MATCH(){Arbitrary  
Length}
```


QUERYING GRAPH DATABASE TABLES <SHORTEST PATH>

SELECT GRAPH PATH AGG FUNCTION WITHIN ORDER CLAUSE

STRING_AGG()

LAST_VALUE()

SUM()

COUNT()

AVG()

MIN()

MAX()

GROUP (GRAPH PATH)

+ : Repeat 1 or more times

{1,n}: Repeat the pattern 1 to n times

FROM Node Or Edge Tables FOR PATH

WHERE MATCH(SHORTEST_PATH(graph search pattern)+ | {1,n}))



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