

# DSA Hackathon Problem Statement

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## **Problem Statement: Social Network Friend Recommendation System**

Create a program to manage a social network of users, where users can establish and query connections, find new friends based on shared contacts, and access various functionalities.

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### **Input Format:**

1. **Initial Setup:** The network is initialized with users and their connections based on input data.

- 7 // Number of users
- Alice Bob Charlie Dave Eve Karen John // List of user names
- 7 // Number of friendships
- Alice Bob
- Alice Eve
- Alice Dave
- Alice Charlie
- Bob Charlie
- Bob John
- Karen Dave

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### **Functionalities:**

#### **Display Network Structure:**

- **Input:** print\_network
- **Output:** Display all users and their connections.  
**Example:**  
Alice: Bob, Eve, Dave, Charlie  
Bob: Alice, Charlie, John  
Charlie: Bob, Alice  
Dave: Alice, Karen  
Eve: Alice  
Karen: Dave  
John: Bob

#### **List Friends of a User:**

- **Input:** list\_friends <user>
- **Output:** List all friends of the specified <user>.  
**Example:**  
Friends of Charlie:  
- Alice  
- Bob

## Find Mutual Friends:

- **Input:** mutual\_friends <user1> <user2>
- **Output:** Display mutual connections between <user1> and <user2>.  
**Example:**  
Mutual friends between Alice and Bob:
  - Charlie

## Find Possible Friends (Recommendations):

- **Input:** recommend\_friends <user> <degree>
- **Output:** Suggest friends for <user> by finding users connected within <degree> levels (e.g., friends of friends).  
**Example:**  
Friend recommendations for Alice within 2 levels:
  - Karen
  - John

## Identify Popular Users:

- **Input:** most\_popular
- **Output:** List users based on the number of their connections, in descending order.  
**Example:**  
Most popular users:
  - Alice (4 connections)

## Find Shortest Path Between Users:

- **Input:** shortest\_path <user1> <user2>
- **Output:** Display the shortest path from <user1> to <user2> if it exists, showing the sequence of connections.  
**Example:**  
Shortest path from John to Dave:  
John -> Bob -> Alice -> Dave

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## Constraints:

- The network's structure should be provided as an initial input.
- The program should handle cases where no connection exists between users.
- The solution should manage and query connections efficiently.