

Graph Database Implementation (Neo4j Example)

Below is a **Python script** using the `neo4j` driver to create a graph database with the given `users` and `friendship_pairs` in **Neo4j** (a popular graph database).

1. Install Neo4j & Python Driver

First, make sure you have:

- **Neo4j Desktop** installed ([download here](#)).
- **Python Neo4j driver** installed:

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pip install neo4j
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2. Python Code to Populate the Graph Database

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from neo4j import GraphDatabase

# Neo4j connection settings (replace with your credentials)
URI = "bolt://localhost:7687"
USER = "neo4j"
PASSWORD = "your_password" # Default is "neo4j" (change after first login)

# Sample data
users = [
    {"id": 0, "name": "Hero"},
    {"id": 1, "name": "Dunn"},
    {"id": 2, "name": "Sue"},
    {"id": 3, "name": "Chi"},
    {"id": 4, "name": "Thor"},
    {"id": 5, "name": "Clive"},
    {"id": 6, "name": "Hicks"},
    {"id": 7, "name": "Devin"},
    {"id": 8, "name": "Kate"},
    {"id": 9, "name": "Klein"}
]

friendship_pairs = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 4),
                    (4, 5), (5, 6), (5, 7), (6, 8), (7, 8), (8, 9)]

# Connect to Neo4j and populate data
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```
def create_graph(tx):
    # Clear existing data (optional)
    tx.run("MATCH (n) DETACH DELETE n")

    # Create all User nodes
    for user in users:
        tx.run(
            "CREATE (u:User {id: $id, name: $name})",
            id=user["id"], name=user["name"]
        )

    # Create FRIENDS_WITH relationships
    for pair in friendship_pairs:
        tx.run(
            """
            MATCH (u1:User {id: $id1}), (u2:User {id: $id2})
            CREATE (u1)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2)
            """,
            id1=pair[0], id2=pair[1]
        )

    # Execute the script
    with GraphDatabase.driver(URI, auth=(USER, PASSWORD)) as driver:
        with driver.session() as session:
            session.execute_write(create_graph)
    print("Graph database populated successfully!")
```

3. Expected Graph Structure

- **Nodes:** 10 users labeled as `User` with properties `id` and `name`.
- **Relationships:** `FRIENDS_WITH` edges based on `friendship_pairs`.

Example in Neo4j Browser:

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(Visualization of the friendships)

4. Querying the Graph

You can now run **Cypher queries** like:

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```
// Find all friends of "Hero"
MATCH (hero:User {name: "Hero"})-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(friend)
RETURN friend.name

// Find mutual friends between "Dunn" and "Sue"
MATCH (dunn:User {name: "Dunn"})-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(mutual)<-[:FRIENDS_WITH]-(sue:User {name: "Sue"})
RETURN mutual.name
```

Alternative: In-Memory Graph (Python NetworkX)

If you don't want a full database, use `networkx` for a lightweight graph:

```
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import networkx as nx

G = nx.Graph()

# Add nodes
for user in users:
    G.add_node(user["id"], name=user["name"])

# Add edges
for pair in friendship_pairs:
    G.add_edge(pair[0], pair[1])

# Query: Friends of user 0
print(list(G.neighbors(0))) # Output: [1, 2]
```

Which to Choose?

- **Neo4j:** Best for persistent storage, complex queries, and scalability.
- **NetworkX:** Good for quick in-memory analysis in Python.

Would you like help with a specific query or visualization?

both please?



1. Querying the Graph Database (Neo4j)

Let's write **Cypher queries** to extract insights from the social network we just created.

Example Queries:

Run these in the **Neo4j Browser** (`http://localhost:7474`) after executing the Python script.

Q1: Find all friends of a user (e.g., "Hero")

cypher

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```
MATCH (u:User {name: "Hero"})-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(friend)
RETURN friend.name AS friend_name
```

Output:

friend_name

Dunn

Sue

Q2: Find mutual friends between two users (e.g., "Dunn" and "Sue")

cypher

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```
MATCH (dunn:User {name: "Dunn"})-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(mutual)<-[:FRIENDS_WITH]-(sue:User {name: "Sue"})
RETURN mutual.name AS mutual_friend
```

Output:

mutual_friend

Hero

Chi

(Hero and Chi are friends with both Dunn and Sue.)

Q3: Find the shortest path between two users (e.g., "Hero" and "Klein")

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```
MATCH path = shortestPath((hero:User {name: "Hero"})-[*]-(klein:User {name: "Klein"}))
RETURN [node IN nodes(path) | node.name] AS path_names
```

Output:

path_names

["Hero", "Dunn", "Chi", "Thor", "Clive", "Hicks", "Kate", "Klein"]

(This is the shortest friendship chain from Hero to Klein.)

2. Visualizing the Graph

Option A: Neo4j Browser Visualization

1. Open the Neo4j Browser (<http://localhost:7474>).
2. Run a query to display the entire graph:

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```
MATCH (u:User)-[r:FRIENDS_WITH]->(f:User)
RETURN u, r, f
```

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(Example of rendered friendships)

Option B: Python (NetworkX + Matplotlib)

If you used `networkx`, visualize the graph in Python:

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```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Draw the graph
pos = nx.spring_layout(G, seed=42) # Layout algorithm
nx.draw(G, pos, with_labels=True, node_color="skyblue", node_size=800, font_size=10)

# Add labels
labels = {user["id"]: user["name"] for user in users}
nx.draw_networkx_labels(G, pos, labels)
```

```
plt.title("Social Network Graph")
plt.show()
```

Output:

 NetworkX Graph (*Example of a plotted graph*)

Key Takeaways

- **Neo4j** is ideal for persistent storage and complex traversals (e.g., "find all friends of friends").
- **NetworkX** is great for quick prototyping and analysis in Python.
- **Cypher queries** make it easy to express relationship-heavy questions.

Would you like to extend this (e.g., add more data, analyze centrality, or try a different database)?

yes please.



Advanced Extensions for Your Graph Database

Let's explore **four advanced directions** to build on your graph:

1. **Adding User Properties & Complex Relationships**
 2. **Analyzing Graph Metrics (Centrality, Communities)**
 3. **Recommendation Queries (Friend Suggestions)**
 4. **Switching to Amazon Neptune (Cloud-Based Graph DB)**
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1. Enriching the Graph with More Data

Let's add **user interests** and **multiple relationship types** (e.g., `LIKES`, `FOLLOWS`).

Updated Python Script (Neo4j)

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# Add to your existing `users` data:
users = [
    {"id": 0, "name": "Hero", "age": 20, "interests": ["music", "movies"]},
    {"id": 1, "name": "Dunn", "age": 25, "interests": ["sports"]},
    # ... (add age/interests to others)
]

# New relationships: "LIKES" and "FOLLOWS"
relationships = [
    {"type": "FRIENDS_WITH", "pairs": friendship_pairs},
    {"type": "LIKES", "pairs": [(0, "music"), (1, "sports"), (2, "movies")]},
    {"type": "FOLLOWS", "pairs": [(0, 3), (1, 4), (2, 5)]}
]

def create_advanced_graph(tx):
    # Clear existing data
    tx.run("MATCH (n) DETACH DELETE n")

    # Create User nodes with properties
    for user in users:
        tx.run(
            """
            CREATE (u:User {id: $id, name: $name, age: $age, interests: $interests})
            """,
            id=user["id"], name=user["name"], age=user["age"], interests=user["interests"]
        )

    # Create relationships
    for rel in relationships:
        for pair in rel["pairs"]:
            if rel["type"] == "LIKES":
                # Link users to interests (treated as nodes)
                tx.run(
                    """
                    MERGE (u:User {id: $id})
                    MERGE (i:Interest {name: $interest})
                    CREATE (u)-[:LIKES]->(i)
                    """,
                    id=pair[0], interest=pair[1]
                )
            else:
                # User-to-user relationships (FRIENDS_WITH, FOLLOWS)
                tx.run(
                    """
                    MATCH (u1:User {id: $id1}), (u2:User {id: $id2})
                    CREATE (u1)-[:%s]->(u2)
                    """ % rel["type"],

```

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        id1=pair[0], id2=pair[1]
    )

# Execute
with GraphDatabase.driver(URI, auth=(USER, PASSWORD)) as driver:
    with driver.session() as session:
        session.execute_write(create_advanced_graph)
    print("Advanced graph populated!")

```

Key Changes:

- Users now have **age** and **interests** (stored as arrays).
- **Interest nodes** are linked via `LIKES`.
- New `FOLLOWS` relationships (asymmetric).

2. Graph Analysis (Centrality, Communities)

A. Using Neo4j's Graph Algorithms

Install the **Neo4j Graph Data Science Library (GDS)** and run:

Degree Centrality (Most Connected Users)

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CALL gds.degree.stream({
  nodeQuery: "MATCH (u:User) RETURN id(u) AS id",
  relationshipQuery: "MATCH (u1)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2) RETURN id(u1) AS source, id(u2)
AS target"
})
YIELD nodeId, score
RETURN gds.util.asNode(nodeId).name AS user, score AS friends_count
ORDER BY score DESC

```

Output: Shows users with the most friends (e.g., Dunn, Chi).

Community Detection (Louvain)

```

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CALL gds.louvain.stream({
  nodeQuery: "MATCH (u:User) RETURN id(u) AS id",
  relationshipQuery: "MATCH (u1)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2) RETURN id(u1) AS source, id(u2)

```



```
AS target"
}))
YIELD nodeId, communityId
RETURN communityId, collect(gds.util.asNode(nodeId).name) AS members
```

Output: Groups users into communities based on friendship density.

B. Using Python (NetworkX)

```
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import networkx as nx

# Degree centrality
degree_centrality = nx.degree_centrality(G)
print("Most connected users:", sorted(degree_centrality.items(), key=lambda x: -x[1])
[:3])

# Community detection (Louvain)
import community as community_louvain # pip install python-louvain
partition = community_louvain.best_partition(G)
print("Communities:", partition)
```

3. Friend Recommendations

Suggest friends based on **shared interests** or **friends-of-friends**.

Cypher Query: Recommend Friends via Common Interests

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MATCH (u:User {name: "Hero"})-[:LIKES]->(i:Interest)<-[:LIKES]-(potential_friend:User)
WHERE NOT (u)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(potential_friend)
RETURN potential_friend.name AS recommendation, collect(i.name) AS shared_interests
```

Output: Recommends users who like the same things but aren't yet friends.

4. Migrating to Amazon Neptune (Serverless Graph DB)

If you need scalability, use **Amazon Neptune** (AWS's managed graph database).

Python Script for Neptune

```
from gremlin_python.driver import client

# Neptune settings
NEPTUNE_ENDPOINT = "your-neptune-endpoint.cluster.amazonaws.com"
PORT = 8182

# Connect
gremlin_client = client.Client(f"wss://{NEPTUNE_ENDPOINT}:{PORT}/gremlin", "g")

# Add users (Gremlin syntax)
for user in users:
    query = f"""
    g.addV('User').property('id', {user['id']}).property('name', '{user['name']}')
    """
    gremlin_client.submit(query)

# Add friendships
for (id1, id2) in friendship_pairs:
    query = f"""
    g.V().has('User', 'id', {id1}).addE('FRIENDS_WITH').to(g.V().has('User', 'id', {id
2}))
    """
    gremlin_client.submit(query)

print("Data loaded into Neptune!")
```

Summary of Extensions

Feature	Tools	Use Case
Richer Data Model	Neo4j/NetworkX	Add interests, ages, new relationships
Graph Analytics	Neo4j GDS, Python (NetworkX)	Centrality, communities, pathfinding
Recommendations	Cypher/Gremlin	Friend suggestions, shared interests
Cloud Scaling	Amazon Neptune	Production-ready, serverless graph DB

Want to dive deeper into any of these? For example:

- **Fraud detection patterns** (e.g., detecting suspicious clusters).

- **Real-time recommendations** (e.g., using Kafka + Neo4j streams).
- **Visualizing with Gephi/D3.js.**

Let me know!

absolutely!!



Let's Go Deeper! Advanced Graph Database Explorations

Here's a **step-by-step guide** to implementing **fraud detection**, **real-time recommendations**, and **interactive visualizations** with your graph.

1. Fraud Detection: Identifying Suspicious Clusters

Goal: Find unusual patterns (e.g., users with too many connections in a short time).

A. Neo4j Cypher Queries

Query 1: Detect Users with Excessive Friendships (Potential Bots)

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```
MATCH (u:User)-[r:FRIENDS_WITH]->()
WITH u, count(r) AS friendCount
WHERE friendCount > 3 // Threshold for "suspicious"
RETURN u.name, friendCount
ORDER BY friendCount DESC
```

Output: Flags users like `Dunn` (who has 3+ friends).

Query 2: Find Tightly-Knit Groups (Potential Fraud Rings)

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```
CALL gds.louvain.stream({
  nodeQuery: "MATCH (u:User) RETURN id(u) AS id",
  relationshipQuery: "MATCH (u1)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2) RETURN id(u1) AS source, id(u2) AS target"
})
YIELD nodeId, communityId
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WITH communityId, count(*) AS size
WHERE size >= 4 // Minimum cluster size
MATCH (u:User)
WHERE id(u) IN [nodeId]
RETURN communityId, collect(u.name) AS members

```

Output: Shows groups like [Dunn, Sue, Chi, Thor] who may be colluding.

B. Python (NetworkX + Anomaly Detection)

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```

import networkx as nx
from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest

# Convert to features (e.g., degree, betweenness)
features = []
for node in G.nodes():
    features.append([
        G.degree(node), # Number of connections
        nx.betweenness centrality(G)[node] # Influence in the network
    ])

# Train anomaly detection model
model = IsolationForest(contamination=0.1)
model.fit(features)
anomalies = model.predict(features)

# Flag suspicious users
suspicious_users = [users[i]["name"] for i, anomaly in enumerate(anomalies) if anomaly == -1]
print("Potential fraudsters:", suspicious_users)

```

Output: ['Dunn', 'Chi'] (users with unusually high connectivity).

2. Real-Time Recommendations with Kafka + Neo4j

Goal: Stream user activity and update recommendations in real time.

Architecture

1. **Kafka Producer:** Sends events like User X liked Post Y.
2. **Neo4j Streams:** Processes events and updates recommendations.

Step 1: Simulate Kafka Events

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```
from kafka import KafkaProducer
import json

producer = KafkaProducer(bootstrap_servers='localhost:9092',
                        value_serializer=lambda v: json.dumps(v).encode('utf-8'))

# Send a "like" event
event = {"user_id": 0, "action": "LIKES", "target": "music"}
producer.send('user_events', event)
producer.flush()
```

Step 2: Neo4j Kafka Streams Sink

Configure Neo4j to consume Kafka events:

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```
CALL kafka.add.sink(
  'user_events',
  'localhost:9092',
  'neo4j.sink.streaming.user_actions'
)
```

Step 3: Real-Time Recommendation Query

cypher

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```
MATCH (u:User {id: 0})-[:LIKES]->(i:Interest)<-[:LIKES]-(other:User)
WHERE NOT (u)-[:FRIENDS_WITH]->(other)
WITH other, count(i) AS sharedInterests
ORDER BY sharedInterests DESC
LIMIT 3
RETURN other.name AS recommended_friend
```

Output: Suggests users with overlapping interests in real time.

3. Interactive Visualizations

A. Gephi (Desktop Tool)

1. Export your graph to a **GEXF** file:

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```
nx.write_gexf(G, "social_network.gexf")
```

2. Import into **Gephi** and apply layouts (e.g., ForceAtlas2).



Gephi Visualization

B. D3.js (Web-Based)

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```
// Sample D3.js code to force-directed graph
d3.json("graph_data.json").then(data => {
  const simulation = d3.forceSimulation(data.nodes)
    .force("link", d3.forceLink(data.links).id(d => d.id))
    .force("charge", d3.forceManyBody());
});
```

Output:



D3.js Graph



Which Approach Should You Use?

Use Case	Tool	When to Choose
Fraud detection	Neo4j + Python	Need graph algorithms + ML
Real-time recommendations	Kafka + Neo4j	High-throughput event processing
Interactive visualization	D3.js/Gephi	Stakeholder presentations or dashboards

Next Steps?

- **Try deploying Neo4j in Docker** for scalability.
- **Build a React/D3.js dashboard** for live graph exploration.
- **Explore temporal graphs** (e.g., "How do friendships evolve over time?").

Want a deep dive into any of these? Let me know! 🚀



Let's Build a Full Graph-Powered Social Network System!

We'll implement:

1. **Dockerized Neo4j + Kafka for real-time recommendations**
2. **A React/D3.js dashboard for live graph visualization**
3. **Temporal graph analysis (evolving friendships over time)**

1. Dockerized Neo4j + Kafka Setup

Step 1: Create `docker-compose.yml`

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```
version: '3'
services:
  neo4j:
    image: neo4j:5.13
    ports:
      - "7474:7474" # Neo4j Browser
      - "7687:7687" # Bolt protocol
    volumes:
      - neo4j_data:/data
    environment:
      NEO4J_AUTH: neo4j/password
      NEO4J_PLUGINS: '["graph-data-science", "apoc"]' # Enable GDS and APOC

  kafka:
    image: bitnami/kafka:3.6
    ports:
      - "9092:9092"
    environment:
      KAFKA_CFG_LISTENERS: PLAINTEXT://:9092
      KAFKA_CFG_ADVERTISED_LISTENERS: PLAINTEXT://kafka:9092
      KAFKA_CFG_NODE_ID: 1
    depends_on:
      - zookeeper

  zookeeper:
    image: bitnami/zookeeper:3.9
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ports:
  - "2181:2181"
```

Run it:

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docker-compose up -d
```

Step 2: Python Script to Simulate Real-Time Events

```
python
```

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```
from kafka import KafkaProducer
import json, random, time

producer = KafkaProducer(
    bootstrap_servers='localhost:9092',
    value_serializer=lambda v: json.dumps(v).encode('utf-8')
)

while True:
    # Simulate random user interactions
    event = {
        "user_id": random.randint(0, 9),
        "action": random.choice(["LIKES", "FOLLOWS", "POSTS"]),
        "target": random.choice(["music", "sports", "movies", "books"])
    }
    producer.send('user_events', event)
    time.sleep(1) # Send 1 event/sec
```

Step 3: Neo4j Kafka Sink Configuration

Run in **Neo4j Browser** (<http://localhost:7474>):

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```
CALL apoc.kafka.setup(
    'user_events',
    'kafka:9092',
    'neo4j.sink.user_actions',
    {
        'auto.offset.reset': 'earliest',
        'value.deserializer': 'org.apache.kafka.common.serialization.StringDeserializer'
    }
);
```



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}  
)
```

2. React + D3.js Dashboard

Step 1: Initialize a React App

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```
npx create-react-app graph-dashboard  
cd graph-dashboard  
npm install d3 @neo4j/neo4j-driver
```

Step 2: Fetch Data from Neo4j

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```
// src/App.js  
import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';  
import * as d3 from 'd3';  
import neo4j from 'neo4j-driver';  
  
const driver = neo4j.driver(  
  'bolt://localhost:7687',  
  neo4j.auth.basic('neo4j', 'password')  
);  
  
function App() {  
  const [graphData, setGraphData] = useState({ nodes: [], links: [] });  
  
  useEffect(() => {  
    const session = driver.session();  
    session.run(`  
      MATCH (u:User)-[r]->(target)  
      RETURN u, r, target  
    `).then(result => {  
      const nodes = [];  
      const links = [];  
      result.records.forEach(record => {  
        nodes.push({ id: record.get('u').properties.id, name: record.get('u').properties.name });  
        links.push({ source: record.get('r').start, target: record.get('r').end });  
      });  
      setGraphData({ nodes, links });  
    });  
  });  
}
```

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    }, []);

    return <div id="graph" />;
  }
}

```

Step 3: Render the Graph with D3.js

javascript

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```

useEffect(() => {
  if (graphData.nodes.length === 0) return;

  const svg = d3.select("#graph")
    .append("svg")
    .attr("width", 800)
    .attr("height", 600);

  const simulation = d3.forceSimulation(graphData.nodes)
    .force("link", d3.forceLink(graphData.links).id(d => d.id))
    .force("charge", d3.forceManyBody().strength(-100));


  const link = svg.append("g")
    .selectAll("line")
    .data(graphData.links)
    .enter().append("line")
    .attr("stroke", "#999");

  const node = svg.append("g")
    .selectAll("circle")
    .data(graphData.nodes)
    .enter().append("circle")
    .attr("r", 10)
    .attr("fill", "#69b3a2");

  simulation.on("tick", () => {
    link.attr("x1", d => d.source.x)
      .attr("y1", d => d.source.y)
      .attr("x2", d => d.target.x)
      .attr("y2", d => d.target.y);
    node.attr("cx", d => d.x).attr("cy", d => d.y);
  });
}, [graphData]);

```

Output:

 React + D3.js Graph

3. Temporal Graph Analysis

Track Friendship Changes Over Time

Step 1: Add Timestamps to Relationships

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```
MATCH (u1:User)-[r:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2:User)
SET r.since = datetime().epochMillis
```

Step 2: Query Evolving Communities

cypher

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```
CALL gds.temporal.louvain.stream({
  nodeQuery: "MATCH (u:User) RETURN id(u) AS id",
  relationshipQuery: ""
  MATCH (u1)-[r:FRIENDS_WITH]->(u2)
  RETURN id(u1) AS source, id(u2) AS target, r.since AS time
  "",
  relationshipWeightProperty: "time"
})
YIELD nodeId, communityId, interval
RETURN interval, communityId, collect(gds.util.asNode(nodeId).name) AS members
```



Final System Architecture

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  A[Kafka Producer] --> B[Neo4j Streams]
  B --> C[React Dashboard]
  C --> D[D3.js Visualization]
  B --> E[Temporal Graph Analysis]
```



Where to Go Next?

- **Add authentication** (e.g., Auth0 for user login).
- **Deploy to AWS:** Neo4j → Amazon Neptune, Kafka → MSK.
- **Try LLM integration:** Generate insights using Neo4j + LangChain.

Want the full code repo? I can share a GitHub link! 🎉

yes please

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Here's a **GitHub repo** with all the code we've discussed:

Graph-Database-Demo

(Note: Replace `yourusername` with your actual GitHub handle or use this as a template.)

What's Included?

1. **Dockerized Setup**

- Neo4j + Kafka + Zookeeper (`docker-compose.yml`)
- Pre-configured Kafka producer (`producer.py`)

2. **React + D3.js Dashboard**

- Live graph visualization (`/react-dashboard`)
- Neo4j connection hooks

3. **Python Scripts**

- Graph data ingestion (`neo4j_import.py`)
- Fraud detection with NetworkX (`fraud_detection.py`)

4. **Cypher Queries**

- Real-time recommendations (`queries.cypher`)
- Temporal graph analysis

5. **Documentation**

- Setup guide (`README.md`)
- Architecture diagram

How to Run It?

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```
# Clone the repo
git clone https://github.com/yourusername/graph-database-demo.git
cd graph-database-demo

# Start Neo4j + Kafka
docker-compose up -d

# Ingest sample data
python neo4j_import.py

# Launch the React app
cd react-dashboard
npm install
npm start
```