# Business 4720 - Class 4 Querying Graph and Document Databases

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#### This Class

#### What You Will Learn:

Querying Property Graphs with Neo4J and Cypher



#### **Use Cases**

- Fraud detection
- ► IT infrastructure monitoring
- Recommender engines
- Master data management
- Social media and social network analytics
- Supply chain management
- ► Financial services
- Life sciences



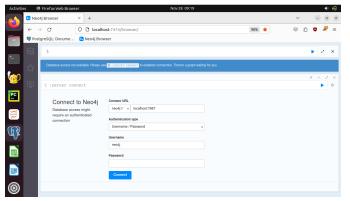
### Graph Query Languages

- SPARQL SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language (W3C, 2008, 2013)
- Gremlin (Apache Tinkerpop 2009, 2023)
- Cypher (Neo4J 2011, openCypher 2015)
- GraphQL (Facebook, 2015, 2021)
- ► GQL (ISO/IEC, forthcoming 2023)



### Graph Analytics with Neo4J and Cypher

- Neo4J Community Edition installed in course virtual machine
- ▶ Browse to http://localhost:7474
- Username neo4j password busi4720





# Neo4J Property Graphs

#### Nodes

- May be labelled with zero, one or more labels
- ► Labels group nodes into sets
- ► Can have key-value pairs ("properties")

#### Relationships

- Directed, named connection between two nodes
- ► Typed with one relationship type
- Can have key-value pairs ("properties")
- Can be navigated in any direction

#### Path

- Sequence of alternating nodes and relationships
- Starts and ends at a node



# The Cypher Language

#### Basic Ideas

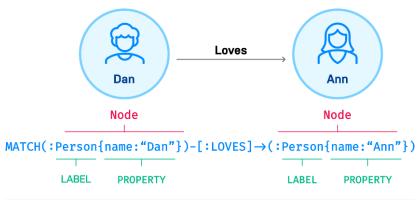
- Declarative (styled after SQL)
- Pattern matching (styled after SPARQL)
- Cypher query has multiple clauses ("query pipelines")
- Read and write in a single Cypher statement
- Queries must return data

### Cyper and Graph Concepts





# Cypher and Graph Concepts



https://neo4j.com/docs/getting-started/\_images/sample-cypher.svg



# Cypher Syntax

#### **Graph Nodes**

```
(variable : Label)
```

Optional variable name, optional label

#### Relationships

```
() - [variable : Label] - ()

() - [variable : Label] -> ()

() <- [variable : Label] - ()

() - - ()

() - -> ()

() <- - ()
```

- Optional variable name, optional label
- Directionality matters for querying and must match that of the relationship as created

### Cypher Syntax [cont'd]

#### **Node Properties**

```
(v:L { propertyName: propertyValue } )
```

#### Relationship Properties

```
[r:L { propertyName: propertyValue } ]
```

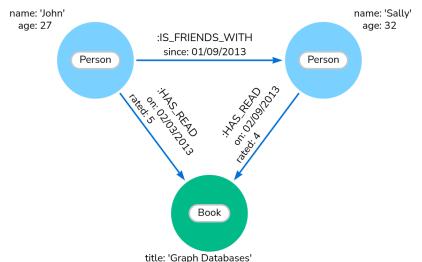
#### Pattern

```
(n1:L1 \{p1:v1\})-[r:L2 \{p2:v2\}]->(n2:L2 \{p3:v3\})
```

- Can be complex or simple
- Must be used with a keyword like MATCH for querying or like CREATE or MERGE for data definition



### Defining Graphs in Cypher



authors: 'Jim Webber, Ian Robinson'

# Defining Graphs in Cypher

```
MERGE (j:Person {name: 'John'})
  ON CREATE SET j.age = 27
MERGE (s:Person {name: 'Sally'})
  ON CREATE SET s.age = 32
MERGE (b:Book {title: 'Graph Databases'})
  ON CREATE SET b.authors = ['Jim Webber', 'Ian Robinson']
MERGE (j)-[rel1:IS_FRIENDS_WITH]-> (s)
  ON CREATE SET rel1.since = '01/09/2013'
MERGE (j)-[rel2:HAS_READ]-> (b)
  ON CREATE SET rel2.on = '02/03/2013', rel2.rated = 5
MERGE (s)-[rel3:HAS_READ]-> (b)
  ON CREATE SET rel3.on = '02/09/2013', rel3.rated = 4
```

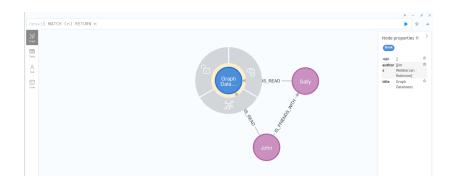
MERGE ensures a node or relationship exists in the graph, creating it if necessary; CREATE creates a node or relationship

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

MATCH searches the graph for a pattern



# Defining Graphs in Cypher



#### Hands-On Exercises

Define a graph in Cypher that represents the following statement:

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- Identify nodes, relationships, and properties of nodes and relationships
- Use CREATE or MERGE statements to create nodes first, then relationships
- Use MATCH to verify your graph is correct.



#### Clean-Up

To remove Persons and Books and relationships between them:

```
MATCH (:Person|Book)-[r]-(:Person|Book) DELETE r;
MATCH (n:Person|Book) DELETE n;
```

Similar for other types of relationships or labels.

To remove **all** relationships and nodes use:

```
MATCH ()-[relationship]-() DELETE relationship;
MATCH (node) DELETE node;
```



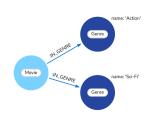
### Property or Relationship?



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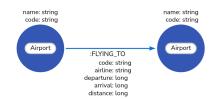
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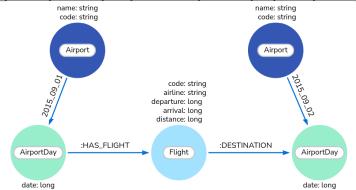
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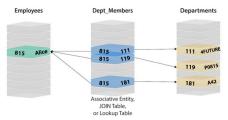
#### Flexible Data Modeling



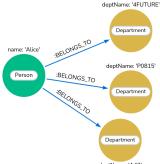
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#### Graph Data versus Relational Data



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### Graph Data versus Relational Data

#### Conversion

- ▶ Tables to Node Labels
- Rows to Nodes
- Columns to Node Properties
- Foreign keys to Relationships
- ► Join tables to Relationships
- Remove NULL and default values



### The Pagila Database for Neo4J

Import the Pagila Datase (This may take ten or more minutes; already done in the course Virtual Machine):

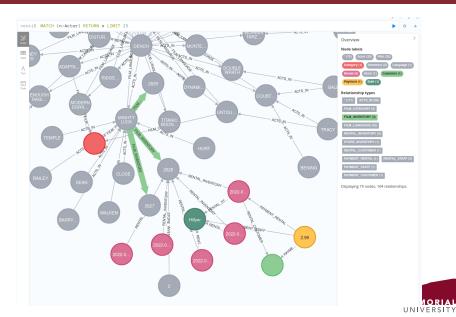
```
CALL apoc.cypher.runFile(
  'https://evermann.ca/busi4720/neo4j/import_pagila_from_csv.cypher')
```

#### Verify some data

```
MATCH (n:Actor) RETURN n LIMIT 25
```

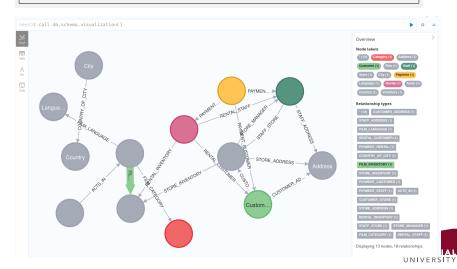


# Explore the Pagila Graph



# Explore the Pagila Schema

CALL db.schema.visualization()



# Cypher Query Examples

#### Find actors by last name, limit to 10

```
MATCH (a:Actor)
RETURN a.firstName, a.lastName
ORDER BY a.lastName DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

Find films whose title starts with a 'T' and that have a rental rate less than 3, sort by film title, limit to 10

```
MATCH (f:Film {rating: 'PG'})
WHERE (f.title STARTS WITH 'T') AND (f.rentalRate < 3)
RETURN f.title, f.rating, f.rentalRate
ORDER BY f.title ASC LIMIT 10;</pre>
```



#### Find rental customers that live in India

```
MATCH (r:Rental)
    - [:RENTAL_CUSTOMER] -> (c)
    - [:CUSTOMER_ADDRESS] -> ()
    - [:ADDRESS_CITY] -> ()
    - [:COUNTRY_OF_CITY] -> (ct {country: 'India'})
RETURN c.firstName, c.lastName, r.rentalDate LIMIT 5
```

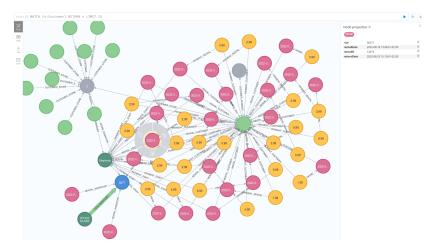
#### Hands-On Exercise

#### Find all customers that have rented a film with rating "PG"

- Explore the graph visually in Neo4J browser, note the relationship types
- Consider the path from customer to film via rental and inventory
- Design a pattern that starts with a customer node and ends with a film node
- Define an appropriate WHERE clause of property restrictions in node patterns



#### Hands-On Exercise





# **Aggregation**: Find the mean and standard deviation of rental payments by country

#### https:

//neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/current/functions/aggregating/



**Collection**: Find the sets of last names of the movie cast, and the total number of actors

**Collection**: Find the set of sof film title by rental customer and the number of rentals

```
MATCH (f:Film) - [:FILM_INVENTORY]
    - () - [:RENTAL_INVENTORY]
    - (r:Rental) - [:RENTAL_CUSTOMER]
    -> (c:Customer)
RETURN c.lastName,
    collect(f.title) AS filmRentals,
    count(*) AS numRentals;
```

# **Collection**: Find the set of rental customers for each film and the rental count

```
MATCH (f:Film) - [:FILM_INVENTORY]
    - () - [:RENTAL_INVENTORY]
    - (r:Rental) - [:RENTAL_CUSTOMER]
    -> (c:Customer)
RETURN DISTINCT f.title,
    collect(c.lastName+' '+left(c.firstName,1)+'.')
    AS custNames,
    count(*) as rentalCount
```

# **Sub-Query**: Find the customers who rent films that are in inventory at multiple stores

```
MATCH (c:Customer) <- [:RENTAL CUSTOMER]
     -(r:Rental)-[:RENTAL INVENTORY]
     -()-[:FILM INVENTORY]
     -(f:Film)
WITH c. count {
  MATCH (f) - [:FILM INVENTORY]
       -()-[:STORE INVENTORY]
       -(s:Store)
  RETURN DISTINCT s.storeID
} AS storeNum
where storeNum > 1
RETURN DISTINCT
  c.lastName
       \pm 1 - 1
       +left(c.firstName, 1)
       +'.' AS custName,
  storeNum
```

#### Christian Akroyd's co-actors

# **Quantified Relationships**: Movies and actors up to 2 "hops" away from Christian Akroyd

**Built-In Function**: The shortest path of an acts-in relationship between Christian Akroyd and Charlize Dench

Pattern in WHERE clause, multiple MATCH patterns Find actors that Christian Akroyd hasn't yet worked with, but his co-actors have. Extend Christian Akroyd's co-actors, to find co-co-actors who haven't worked with him.



# Find someone who can introduce Christian Akroyd to Susan Davis

#### **Further Information**

Getting Started	https://neo4j.com/docs/ getting-started/
Cypher Manual	https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual
Graph Data Science	https://neo4j.com/docs/ graph-data-science
APOC Library	https://neo4j.com/docs/apoc/current/
Use Cases	https://neo4j.com/use-cases/
Resources	https://neo4j.com/resources/



#### Hands-On Exercises

- 1 Are there two customers that have the same address?
- Which customers have rented the same set of films?
- Find all films with a single actor
- Calculate the rental revenue per customer. Who are the top 5? Bottom 5?
- Calculate the rental counts for each country of customer. Are there countries with no rentals?
- 6 Create a graph that represents a product hierarchy.

