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return the graph structure of a Neo4j cypher query using jquery



based on The [Neo4j docs](#), executing:

```
:POST /db/data/transaction/commit
{"statements":[{"statement":"MATCH path = (n)-[r]->(m) RETURN path",
"resultDataContents":["graph","row"]}]}
```

in the neo4j browser returns the graph structure plus the rows. I wonder how can I specify ("resultDataContents": ["graph","row"]) in a jQuery ajax request. I have tried this which doesn't work:

```
var request = $.ajax({
  type: "POST",
  url: "http://localhost:7474/db/data/cypher",
  accepts: { json: "application/json" },
  dataType: "json",
  contentType:"application/json",
  data: JSON.stringify({ "query" : "MATCH (n)--(m) RETURN n,m LIMIT 2", "params":
});
```

Essentially I want to build a neo4j browser clone where I can submit queries and receive the results and perhaps visualize them.

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edited Apr 3 at 23:02

asked Apr 3 at 22:38

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The result data formats are only available through the cypher http transactional endpoint : <http://neo4j.com/docs/stable/rest-api-transactional.html#rest-api-return-results-in-graph-format>

Which is the one used by the neo4j browser. Notice the difference between the two urls you mention.

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answered Apr 3 at 22:50

Christophe Willemsen
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Thanks. How can I send an XHR to those endpoints ? How does Neo4j Browser do it ? Can you please explain a bit more ? – [MostafaMV](#) Apr 3 at 23:00

2 RTFM mate, this is just the data sent that is slightly different from the legacy Cypher endpoint. The json data looks like this (as mentioned in the documentation) { "statements" : [{ "statement" : "CREATE (bike:Bike { weight: 10 }) CREATE (frontWheel:Wheel { spokes: 3 }) CREATE (backWheel:Wheel { spokes: 32 }) CREATE p1 = (bike)-[:HAS { position: 1 }]->(frontWheel) CREATE p2 = (bike)-[:HAS { position: 2 }]->(backWheel) RETURN bike, p1, p2", "resultDataContents" : ["row", "graph"] }] } – [Christophe Willemsen](#) Apr 3 at 23:10

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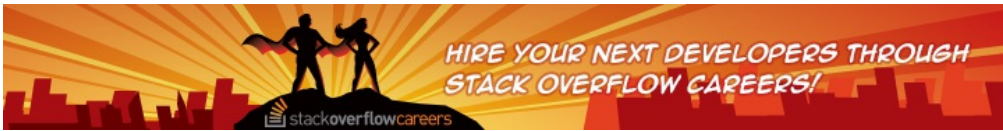


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Here is the whole procedure from query to obtaining the nodes and links of the graph.

Note that the neo4j docs (Converting Neo4j Query Results to D3 JSON) has an error : replace start with source and end with target if you want to use the graph for force directed layout.

```
// The query
var query= {"statements":[{"statement":"MATCH p=(n)-->(m)<--(k),(n)--(k) RETURN p
"resultDataContents":["graph","row"]}]};

//the helper function provided by neo4j documents
function idIndex(a,id) {
  for (var i=0;i<a.length;i++) {
    if (a[i].id == id) return i;}
  return null;
}
// jquery ajax call
var request = $.ajax({
  type: "POST",
  url: "http://localhost:7474/db/data/transaction/commit",
  accepts: { json: "application/json" },
  dataType: "json",
  contentType:"application/json",
  data: JSON.stringify(query),
  //now pass a callback to success to do something with the data
  success: function (data) {
    // parsing the output of neo4j rest api
    data.results[0].data.forEach(function (row) {
      row.graph.nodes.forEach(function (n) {
        if (idIndex(nodes,n.id) == null){
          nodes.push({id:n.id,label:n.labels[0],title:n.properties.name})
        }
      });
      links = links.concat( row.graph.relationships.map(function(r) {
        // the neo4j documents has an error : replace start with source and
        return {source:idIndex(nodes,r.startNode),target:idIndex(nodes,r.endNode)}
      }));
    });
    var graph = {nodes:nodes, links:links};

    // Now do something awesome with the graph!
  }
});
```

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answered Apr 4 at 15:53

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