

Ten. Million. Questions. Let's celebrate [all we've done together](#).

Stack Overflow is a question and answer site for professional and enthusiast programmers. It's 100% free.

[Take the 2-minute tour](#) ×

Batch execute CREATE statements in Cypher / Neo4j

{ USE STACK OVERFLOW TO
FIND THE BEST DEVELOPERS }

 stackoverflowcareers

asked 4 months ago

viewed 80 times

active 4 months ago



In Neo4j / Cypher: I have a file that contains about 80,000 statements like this one:

0



```
create (n:contract
{numctr:"35129",CDETPCTR:"GENERAL",DATDBTCTR:"455407200000",DATTFINCTR:"455407200000"});
```

I want to import them in my local neo4j server; when I drag the file to the "Drop a file to import Cypher or Grass" area in the neo4j admin, I get a silent failure (nothing is imported, I can't find an error message).

Is there a better way to execute all the statements in my file, like one would do in mysql:

```
mysql -u username -p database_name < file-to-import.sql
```

Thanks

Yann

neo4j

[share](#) [improve this question](#)

[add a comment](#)

asked Apr 13 at 15:15

 Yann
466 ● 1 ● 8

1 Answer

[active](#)[oldest](#)[votes](#)

It's almost the same in Neo4j, if you have semicolon separated statements.

2



It also helps if you put a `BEGIN` at the beginning and a `COMMIT` at the end of your 80k statements so that they are all executed in one transaction.

```
bin/neo4j-shell -file file-to-import.cql
```

The shell connects to a running server, if you want to create a new datastore you can provide – path `path/to/graph.db`

[share](#) [improve this answer](#)

answered Apr 13 at 16:29

 Michael Hunger
25.2k ● 2 ● 21 ● 41

I'm getting this in Windows when I try to run the neo4jshell: C:\Program Files (x86)\Neo4j Community\bin>Neo4jShell.bat Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: org/neo4j/shell/StartClient Caused by: java.lang.ClassNotFoundException: org.neo4j.shell.StartClient ... Could not find the main class: org.neo4j.shell.StartClient. Program will exit. – [Yann](#) Apr 14 at 12:50

[add a comment](#)

Blog

 [Why Stack Overflow is a Good Workplace for Women](#)

Looking for a job?

[Senior iOS Developer](#)
Smartsheet
Bellevue, WA
[ios](#) [objective-c](#)

[Senior Software Developer, Application Integrations](#)
Smartsheet
Bellevue, WA
[java](#) [.net](#)

[Senior Software Engineer in Big Data](#)
Microsoft
Bellevue, WA
[c#](#) [sql](#)

[Senior Web Developer](#)
Labelmaster Software
Seattle, WA
[mongodb](#) [nosql](#)

Related

- 0 [Neo4j RESTAPI Batch cypher JSON parse issue](#)
- 0 [Neo4j: Best way to batch relate nodes using Cypher?](#)
- 0 [NEO4J execute several statement](#)
- 0 [Neo4j - Checking values validity in import-cypher statement](#)
- 1 [neo4j: Custom script names](#)
- 1 [Neo4j crashes on batch import](#)
- 2 [Trying to execute a list of Cypher statements in Neo4j via the admin interface](#)
- 0 [Neo4j browser interface stops working or reconnecting](#)
- 0 [neo4j multiple create cypher commands vs batch insert](#)

Your Answer

