Introduction to Graph Databases

Knowledge bases course Master program of Al Sofia University, Bulgaria

From previous semester

- What is an ontology?
- What is OWL?
- What is RDF?

Agenda

- Trends in Data
- NOSQL
- What is a Graph?
- What is a Graph Database?
- What is GraphDB?

Data is more Semi-Structured:

- If you tried to collect all the data of every movie ever made, how would you model it?
- Actors, Characters, Locations, Dates, Costs, Ratings, Showings, Ticket Sales, etc.



NOSQL

Not Only SQL

NoSQL











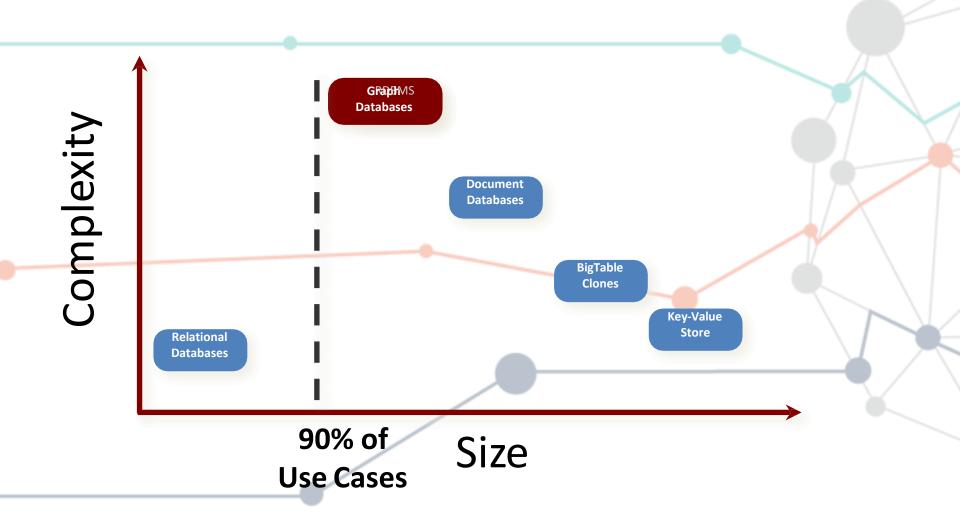
Graph Databases

- Data Model:
 - Nodes and Relationships
- Examples:
 - Neo4j, OrientDB, GraphDB

Graph Databases: Pros and Cons

- Pros:
 - Powerful data model
 - Connected data locally indexed
 - Easy to query
- Cons
 - Requires rewiring your brain

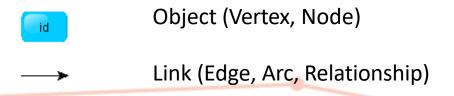
Living in a NOSQL World



What is a Graph?

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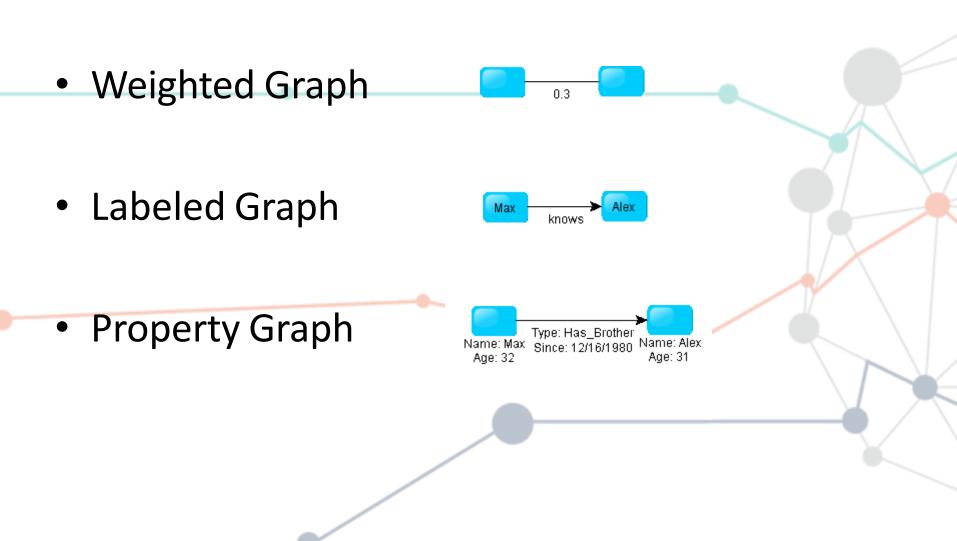
 An abstract representation of a set of objects where some pairs are connected by links.



Different Kinds of Graphs

 Undirected Graph Directed Graph Pseudo Graph Multi Graph

More Kinds of Graphs



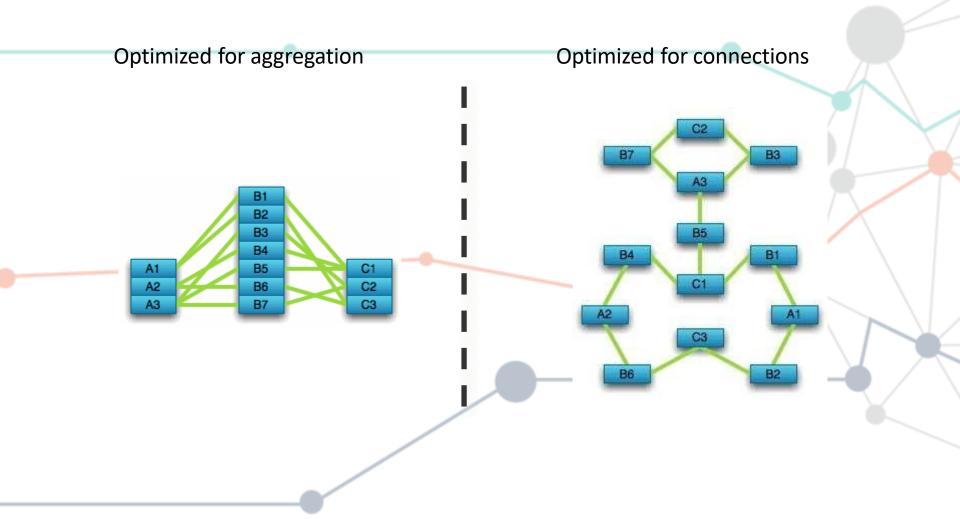
What is a Graph Database?

- A database with an explicit graph structure
- Each node knows its adjacent nodes
- As the number of nodes increases, the cost of a local step (or hop) remains the same

Graph database vs. relational database

	Graph database	Relational database	
FORMAT	Nodes and edges	Tables with rows and columns	
RELATIONSHIPS	Considered data, represented by edges between nodes	Related across tables, established using foreign keys between tables	
COMPLEX QUERIES	Run quickly and do not require joins	Require complex joins between tables	
TOP USE CASES	Relationship-heavy use cases, including fraud detection and recommendation engines	Transaction-focused use cases, including online transactions and accounting	
EXAMPLE		••••	

Compared to Relational Databases



What is GraphDB?

What is GraphDB?

- Semantic graph Database, created by the Bulgarian company Ontotext
- Supports RDF and SPARQL
- Suitable for loading and working with data, exploring relationships, data integration and scaling
- In this course, we will use GraphDB Free

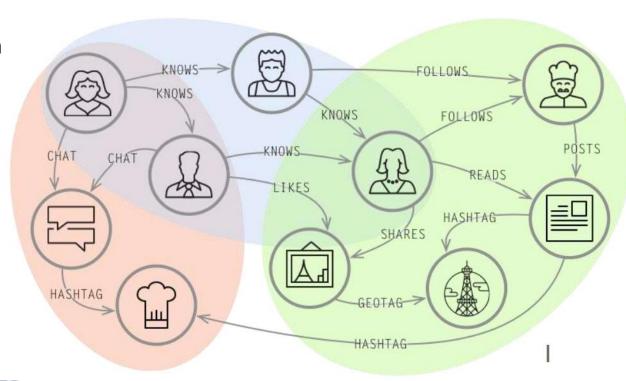
Good for

- Semantically rich data
- Highly connected data (social networks)
- Recommendations (e-commerce)

Social Networks

Used for:

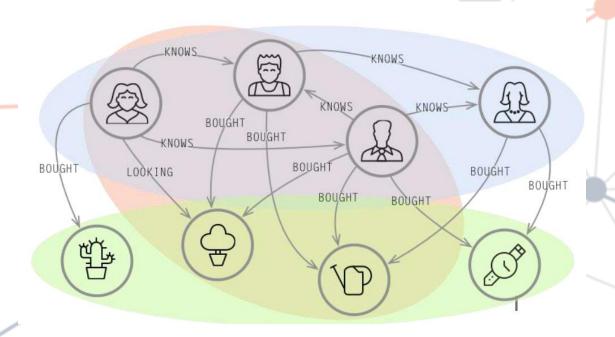
- Recommendation of friends
- Analysis of influence
- Implicit user clusters



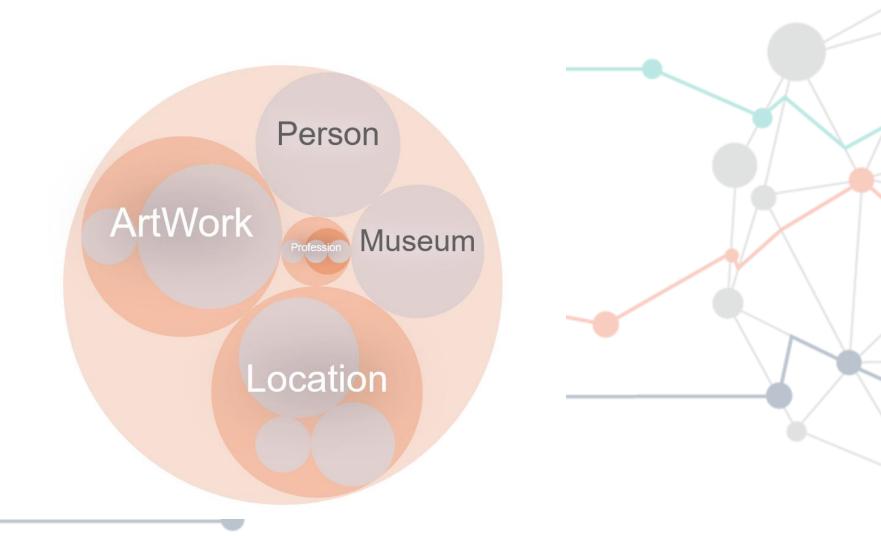
Recommendations

Used for:

 Recommendation of products, services and content



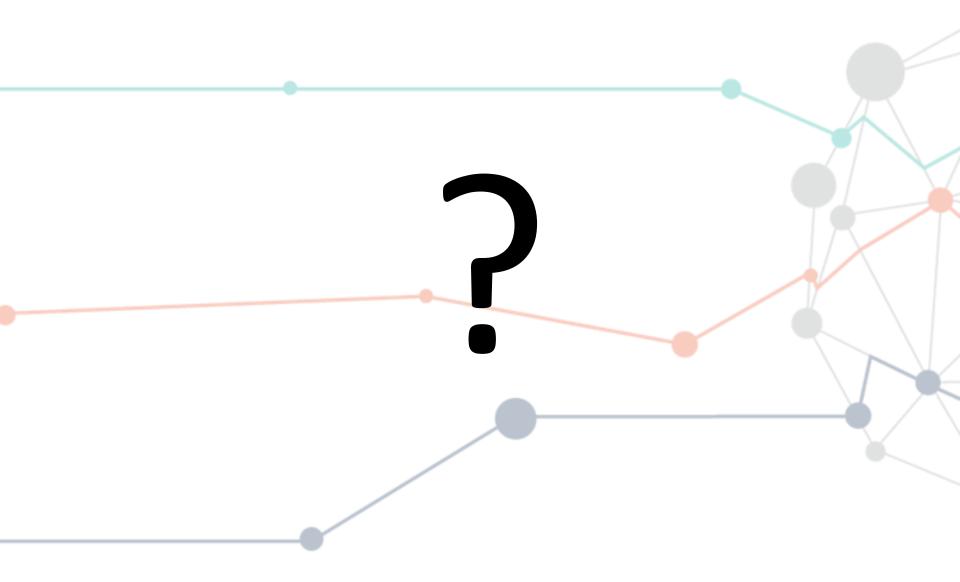
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	subject \$	predicate \$	object \$	context \$
1	art:AdolpheMonticelli %	art:firstName	"Adolphe"	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
2	art:AdolpheMonticelli	art:hasProfession	art:Painter	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
3	art:AdolpheMonticelli	art:lastName	"Monticelli"	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
4	art:AdolpheMonticelli	rdf:type	art:Person	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
5	art:ArtWork	rdf:type	owl:Class	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
6	art:ArtWork	rdfs:comment	"A work of art, artwork, art piece, pie ce of art or art object is an aesthetic physical item or artistic creation" ^{@en}	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
7	art:ArtWork	rdfs:label	"ArtWork" ^{@en}	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit
8	art:Artist	rdf:type	owl:Class	http://www.ontotext.com/explicit

Questions?



Thank you!