

# Thinking in Graphs

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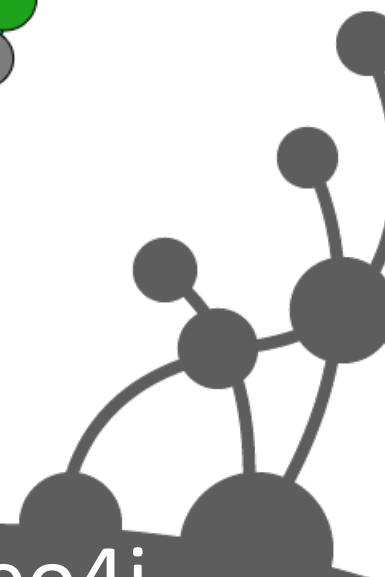
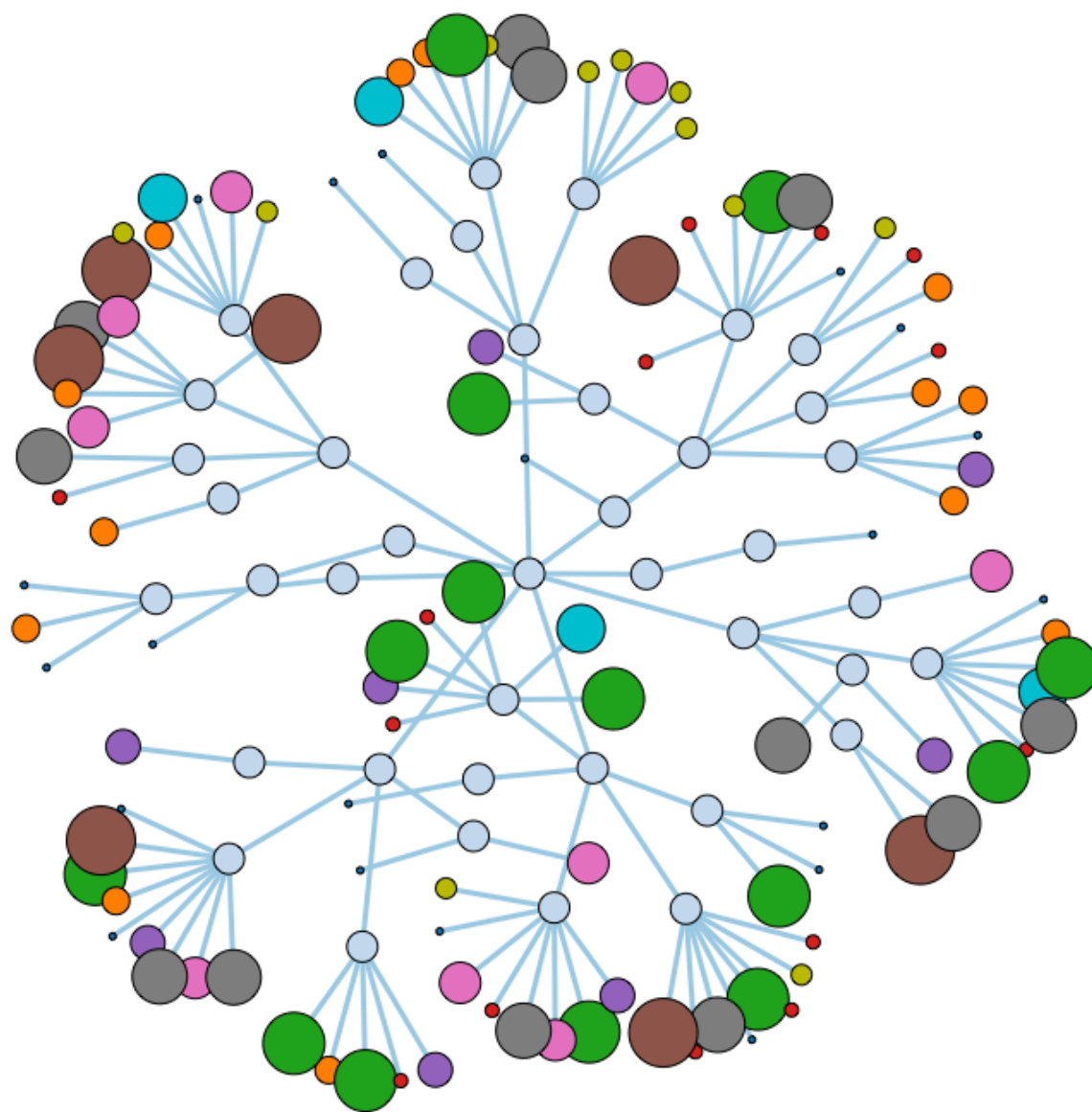
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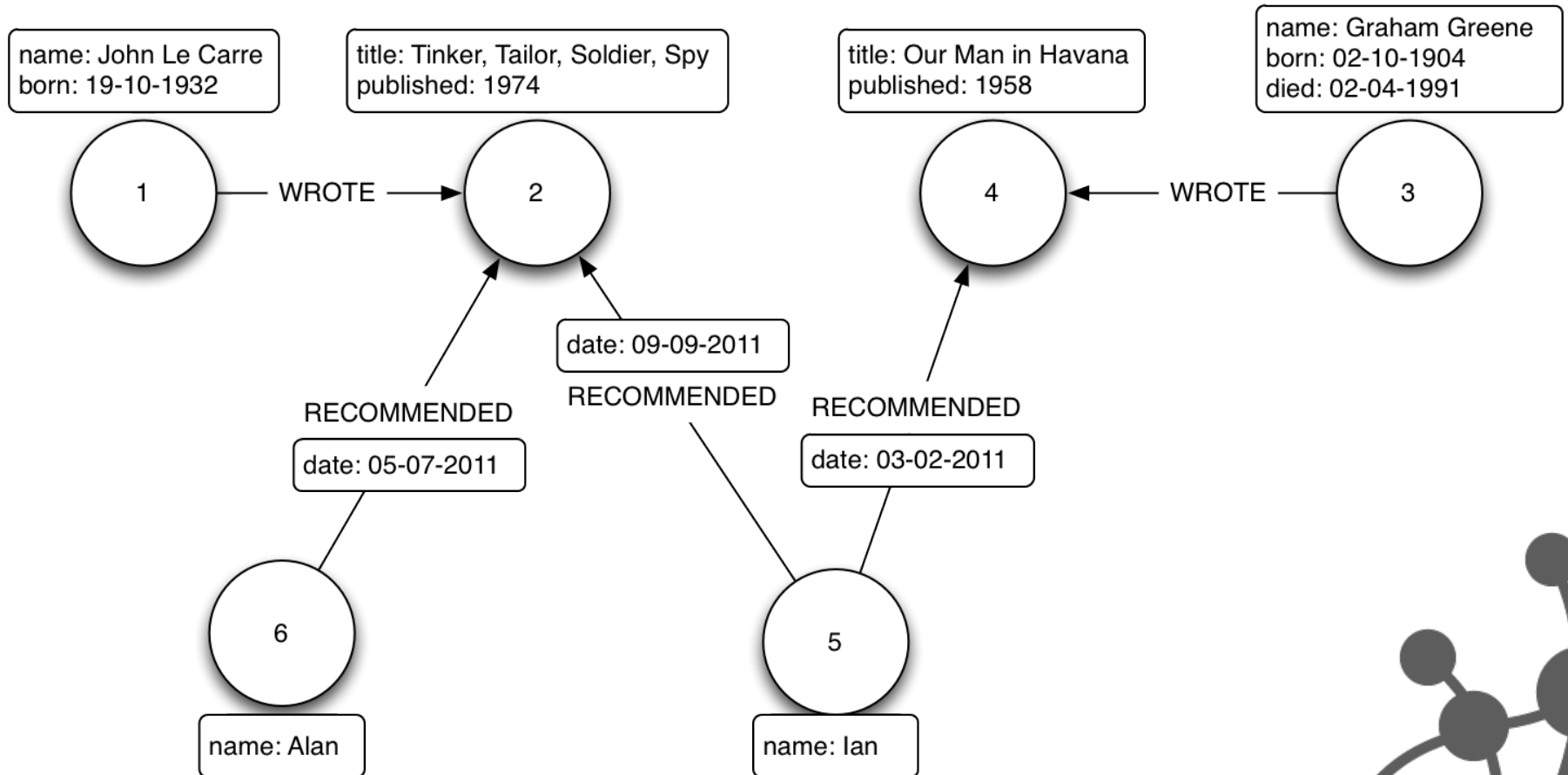
# Data Complexity

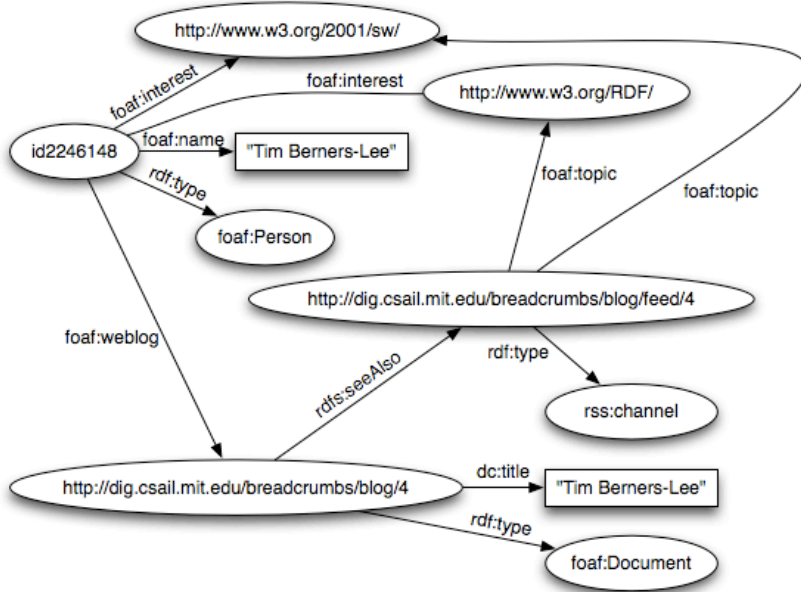
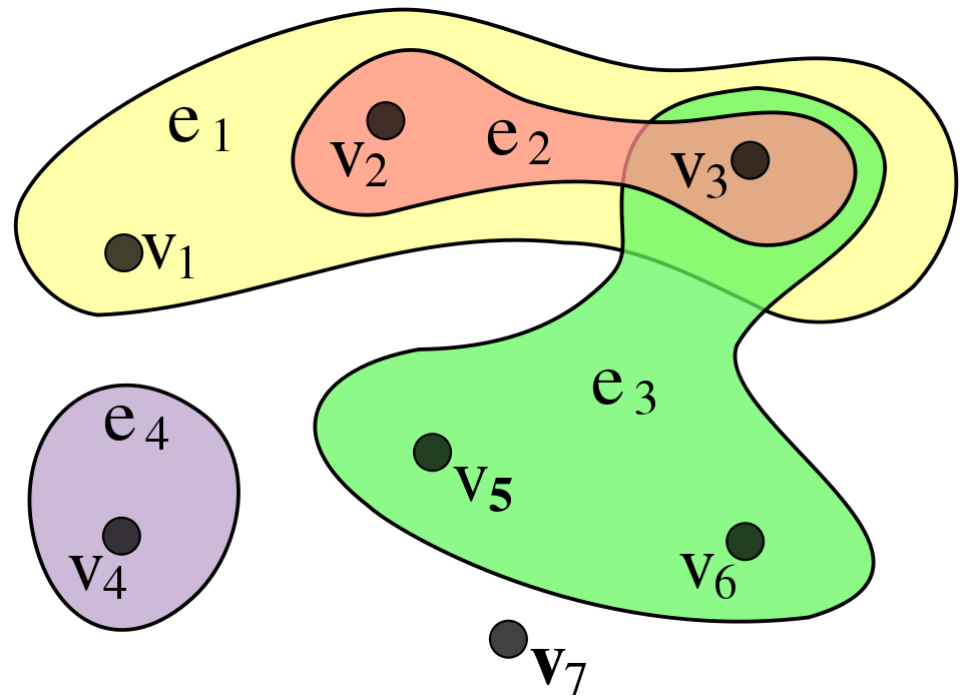
*complexity = f(size, connectedness, semi-structure)*



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# Property Graph Data Model



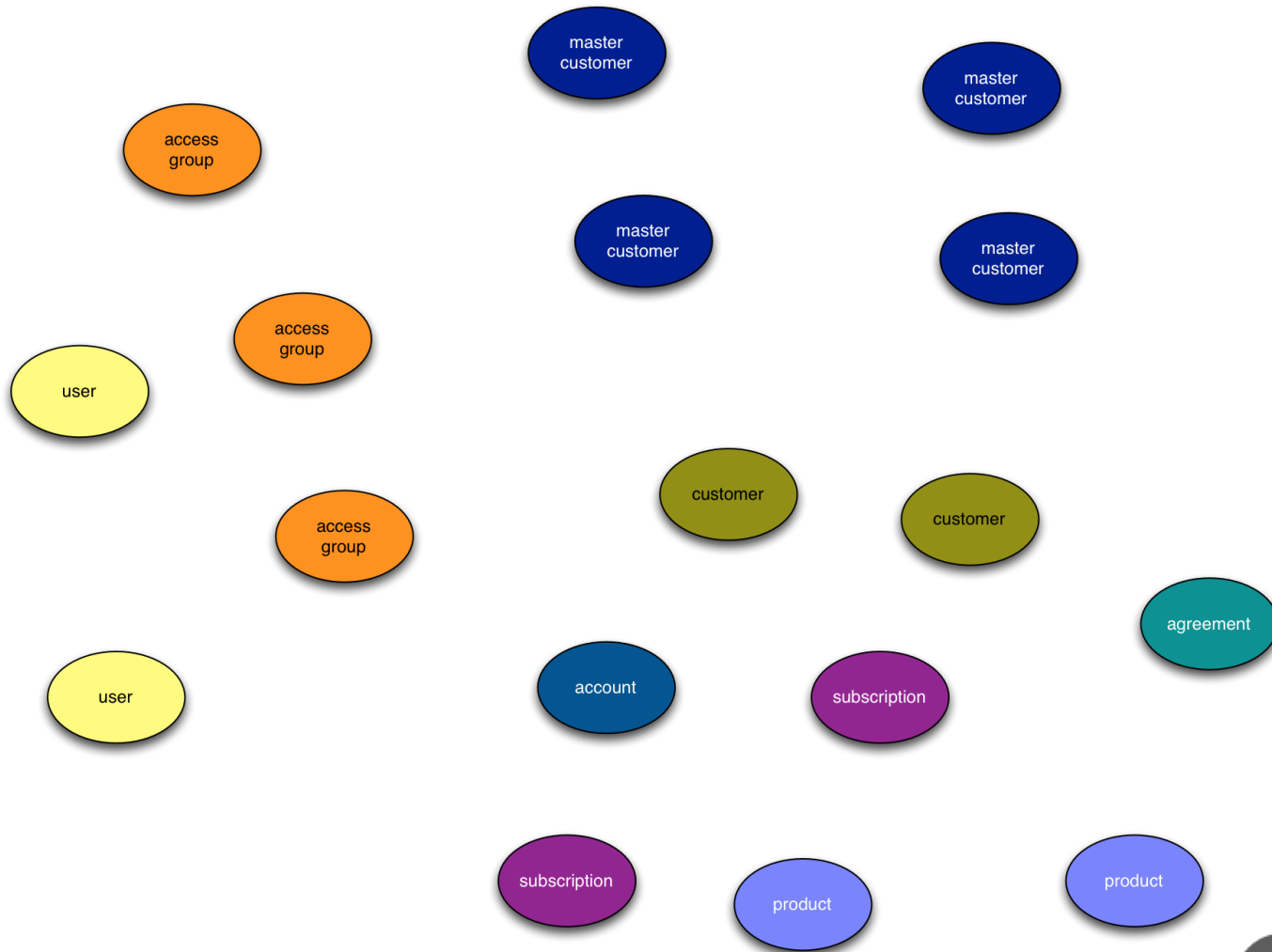


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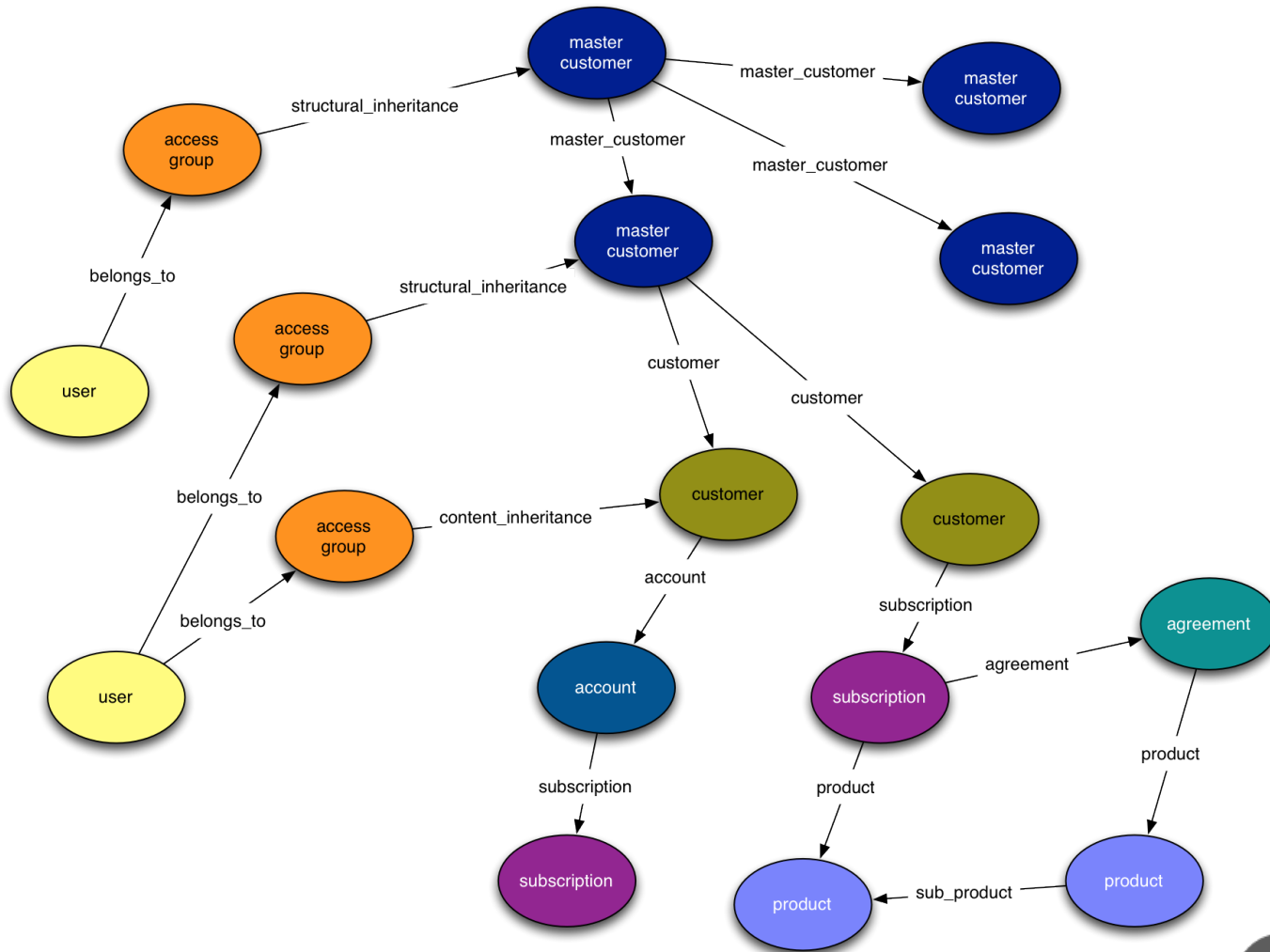
# Expressive Graph Data Model

- Complex, densely-connected domains
  - Lots of join tables? Relationships
  - Lots of sparse tables? Semi-structure
- Messy data
  - Ad hoc exceptions
- Relationships as first-class elements
  - Semantic clarity: named, directed
  - Not simply constraints

# Schema-Free...

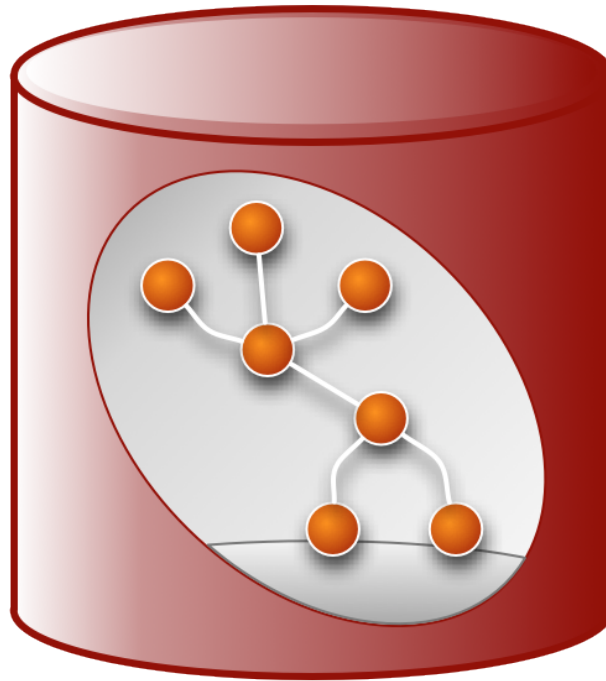


# But Structured



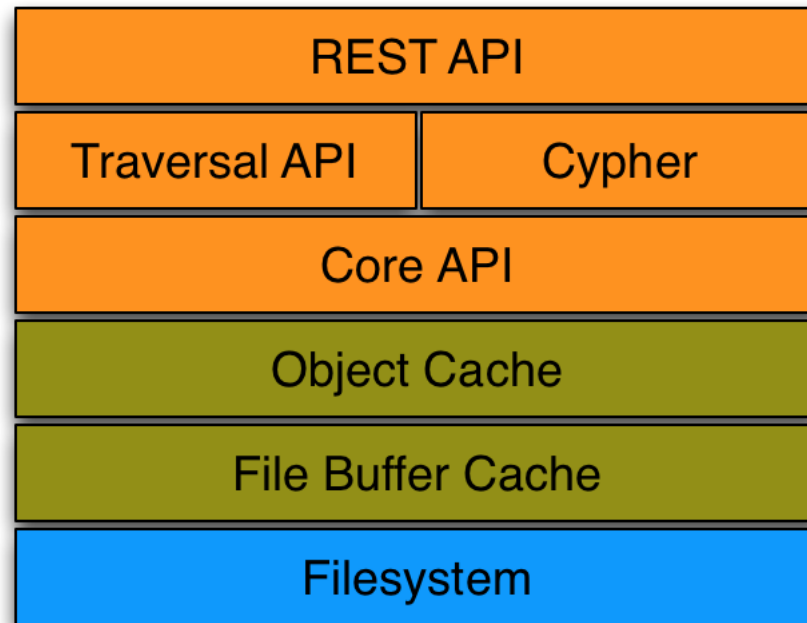


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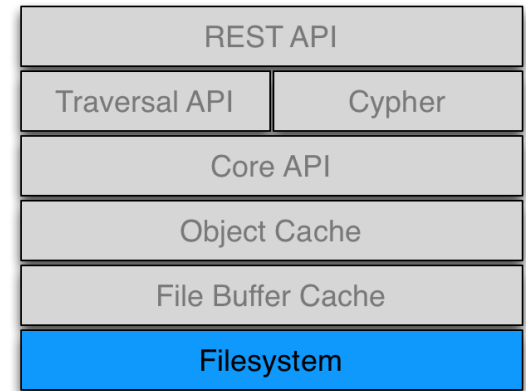
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# Neo4j Architecture



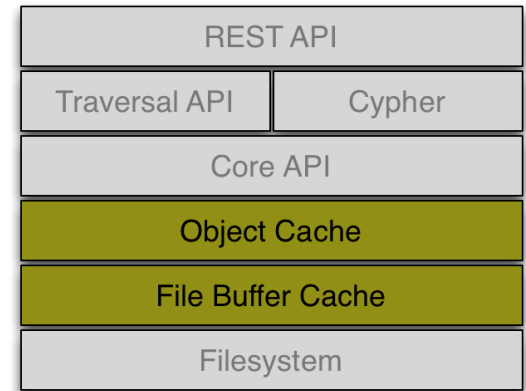
# Filesystem

- Neo4j uses several stores:
  - Node
  - Relationship
  - Property
    - including short strings and small arrays
  - String
    - for long strings
  - Array
    - for large arrays



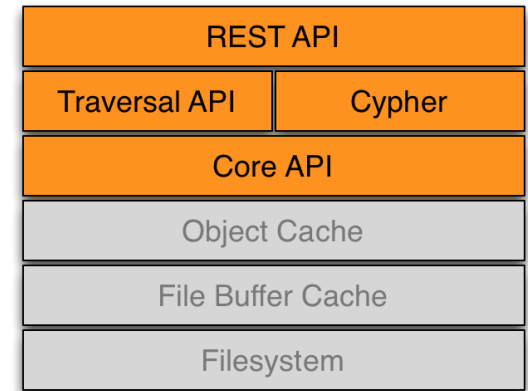
# Caches

- File Buffer Cache:
  - Memory-mapped NIO
- Object Cache:
  - Nodes
  - Relationships



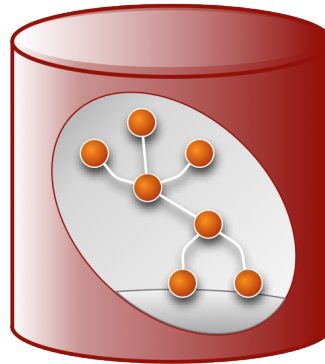
# APIs

- Core API:
  - Nodes
  - Relationships
- Traversal API:
  - Lazily spider the graph
- Cypher
  - Graph pattern matching
- REST
  - JSON over HTTP



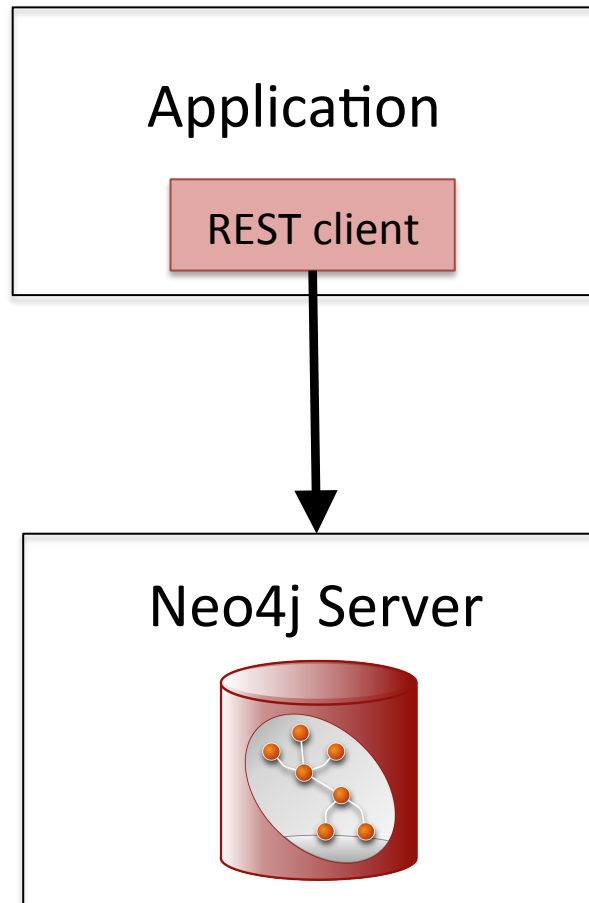
# Embedded

Application



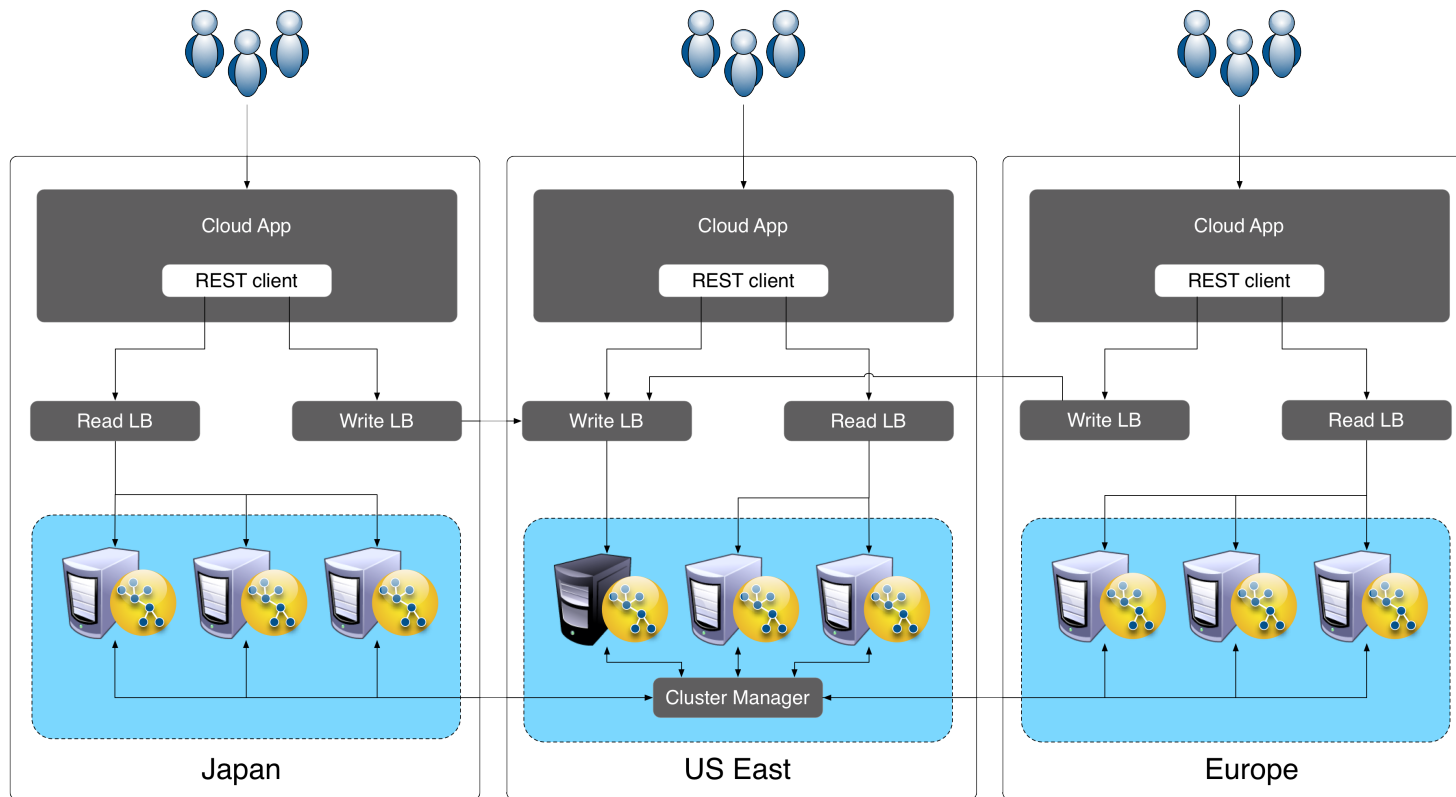
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# Server



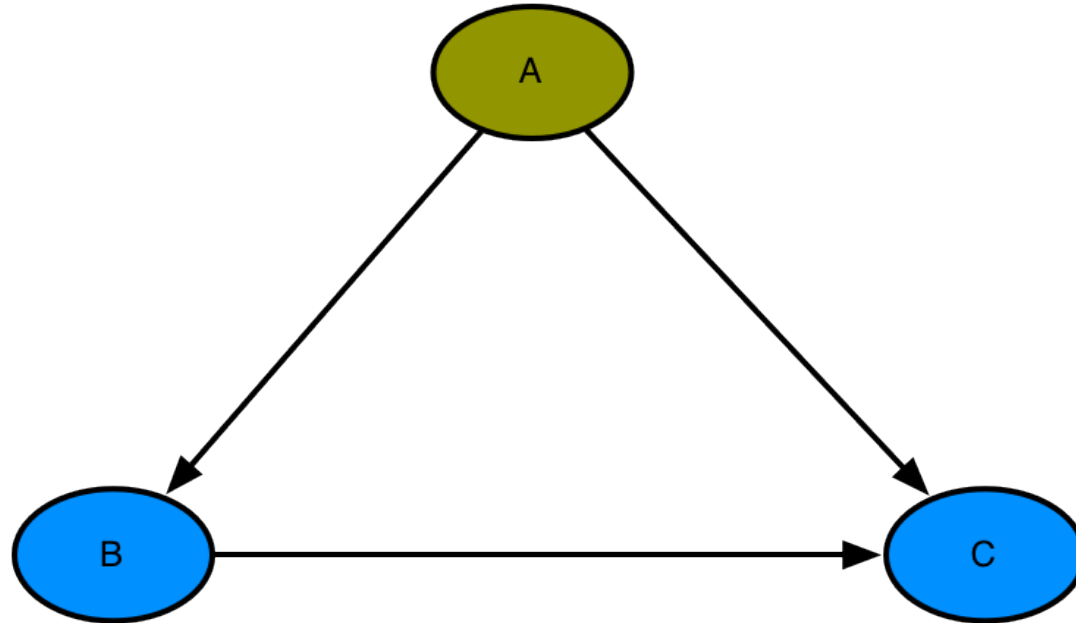
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# High Availability



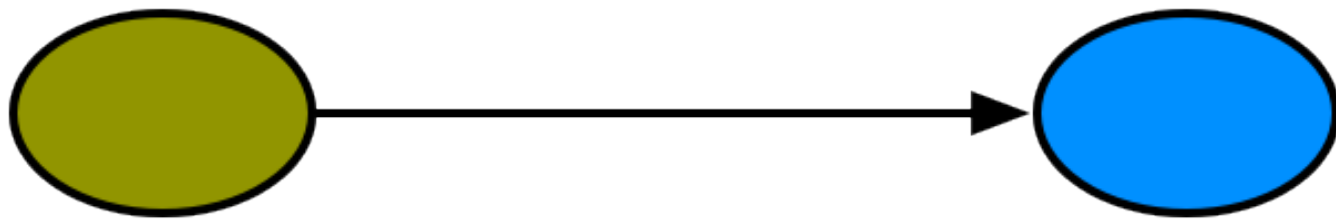


# Cypher – A Graph Language



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# Anonymous Nodes & Rels



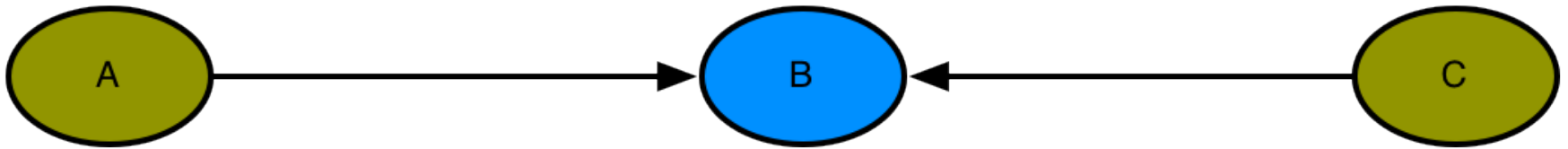
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# ASCII Art Patterns



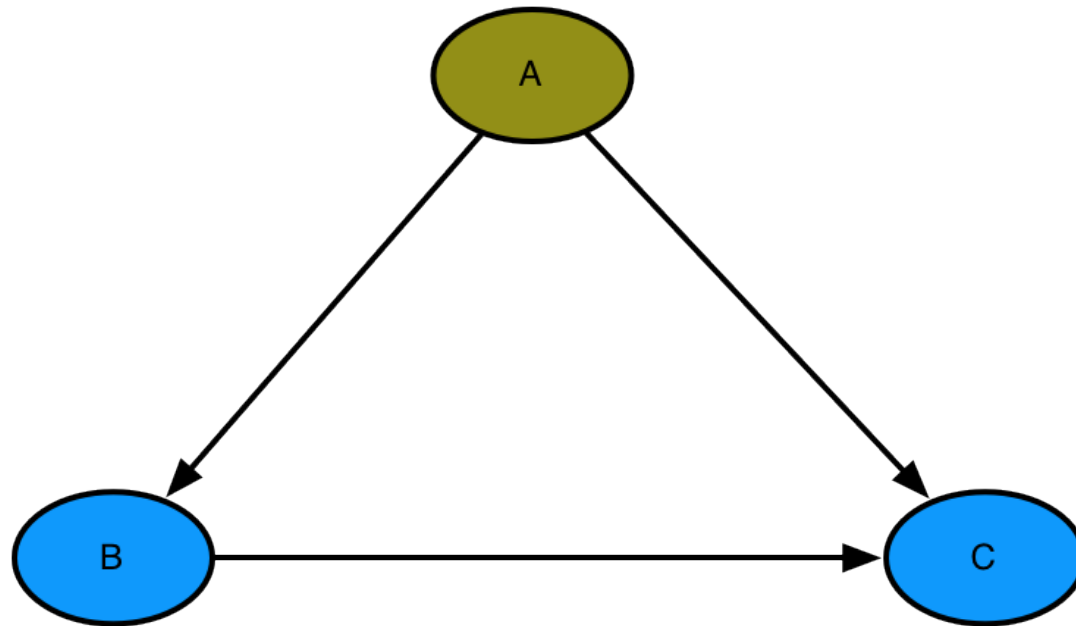
A-[ :CONNECTED\_TO]->B

# ASCII Art Patterns



A-->B<--C

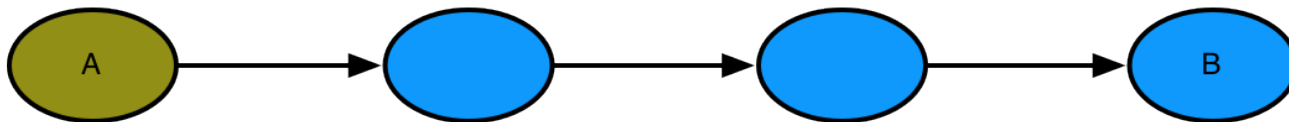
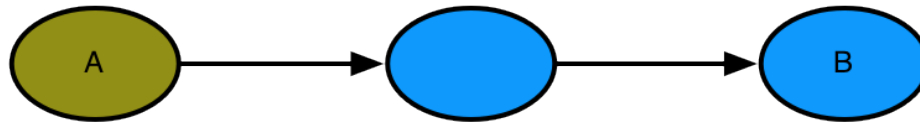
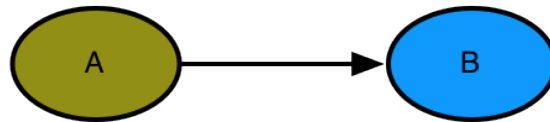
# ASCII Art Patterns



$A \dashrightarrow B \dashrightarrow C, A \dashrightarrow C$

$A \dashrightarrow B \dashrightarrow C \dashleftarrow A$

# Variable Length Paths



$A - [*] \rightarrow B$

# Create Some Data

CREATE

```
(cc {name: 'Cost Centre 1'}),  
(lb {name: 'Ledger Book 1'}),  
cc-[ :HAS_LEDGER_BOOK]->lb
```

# Add Data

```
START          party=node:party(name='Party 1'),
               sourcebook=node:source_book(name='Source Book 1')
CREATE UNIQUE  sourcebook-[:HAS_TRADE]->(trade {id:'0001'}),
               trade-[:PARTY_ALIAS]->
                 (partyalias {name:'Party Alias 1'}),
               trade-[:CURRENCY]->
                 (currency {name:'GBP', _label:'currency'}),
               party-[:ALIAS]->partyalias
RETURN        trade
```

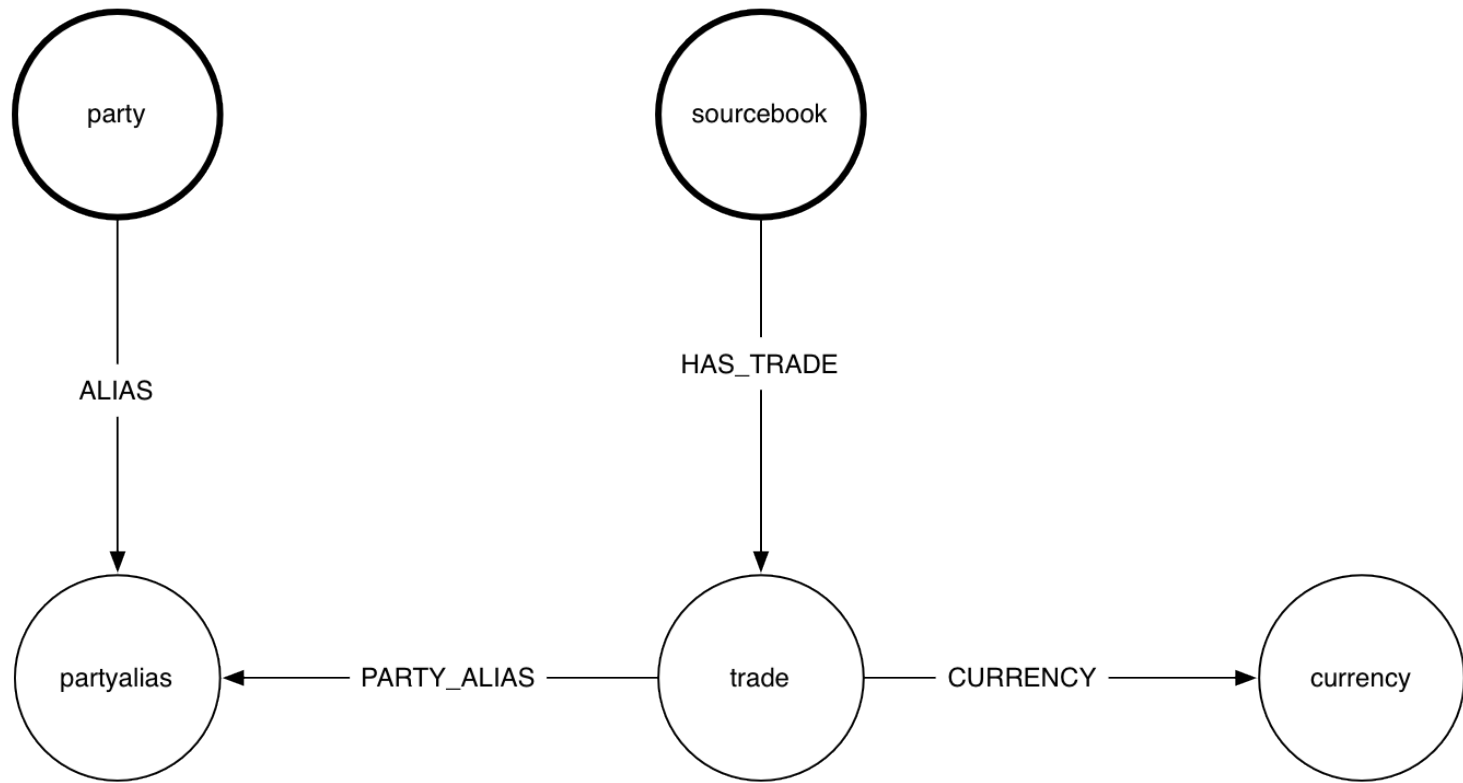


# Find Start Nodes in Indexes

```
START                party=node:party(name='Party 1'),
                      sourcebook=node:source_book(name='Source Book 1')
CREATE UNIQUE sourcebook-[:HAS_TRADE]->(trade {id:'0001'}),
trade-[:PARTY_ALIAS]->
    (partyalias {name:'Party Alias 1'}),
trade-[:CURRENCY]->
    (currency {name:'GBP', _label:'currency'}),
party-[:ALIAS]->partyalias
RETURN              trade
```

# Describe New Data

```
START      party=node:party(name='Party 1'),
           sourcebook=node:source_book(name='Source Book 1')
CREATE UNIQUE sourcebook-[:HAS_TRADE]->(trade {id:'0001'}),
           trade-[:PARTY_ALIAS]->
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RETURN     trade
```



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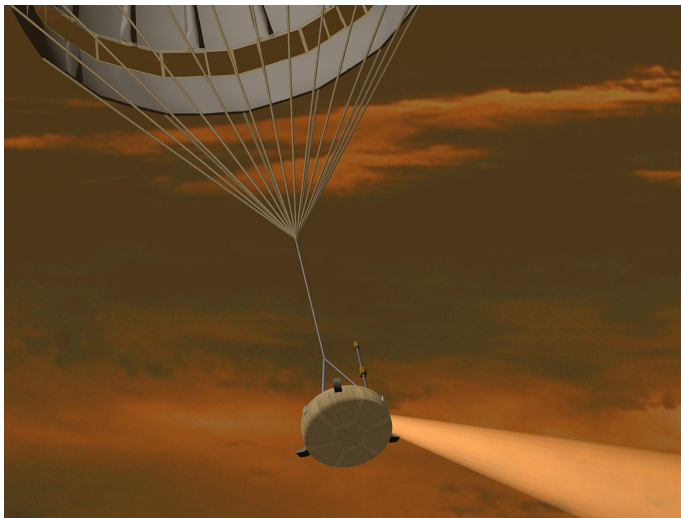
# Return New Node

```
START      party=node:party(name='Party 1'),
           sourcebook=node:source_book(name='Source Book 1')
CREATE UNIQUE sourcebook-[:HAS_TRADE]->(trade {id:'0001'}),
           trade-[:PARTY_ALIAS]->
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RETURN     trade
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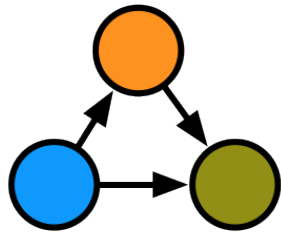
# Querying the Graph

Graph local:

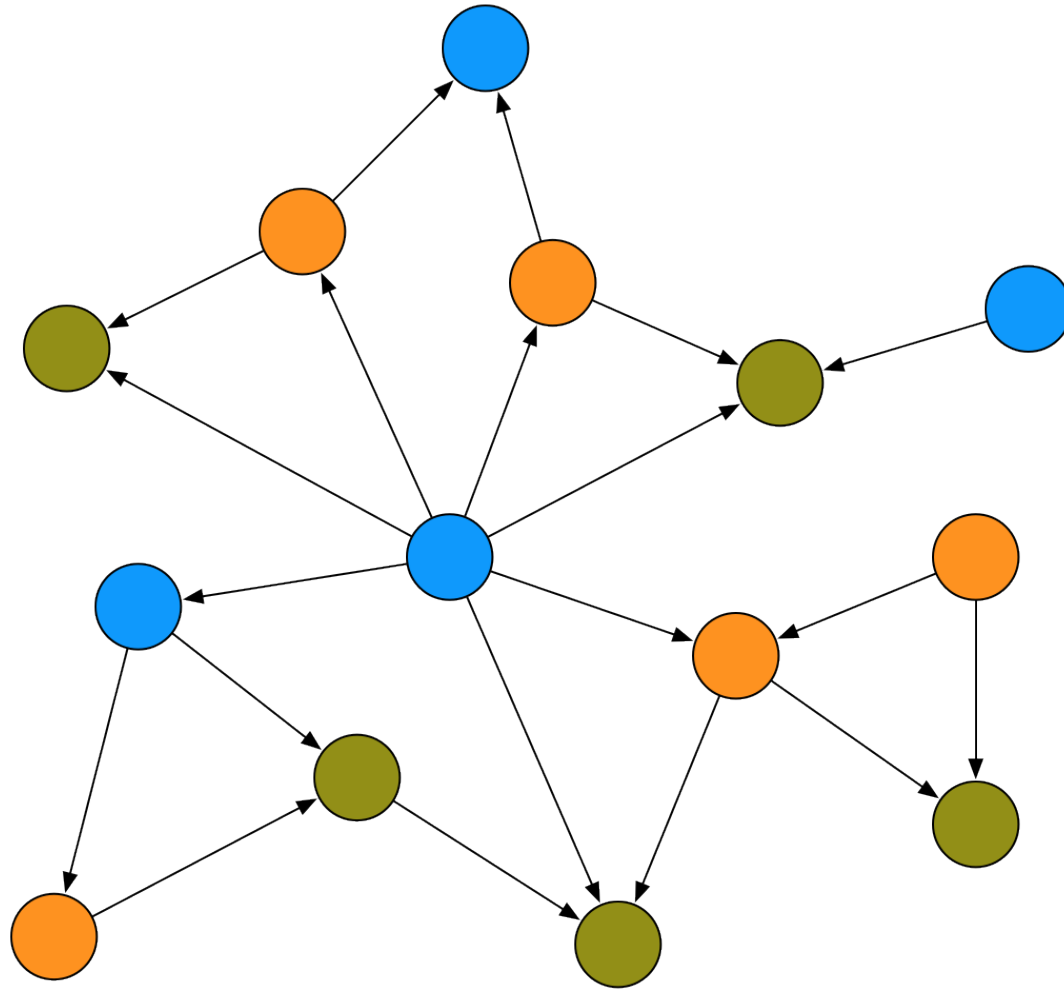
- One or more start nodes
- Explore surrounding graph
- Millions of joins per second



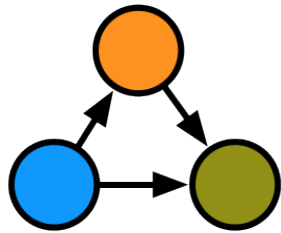
# Pattern Matching



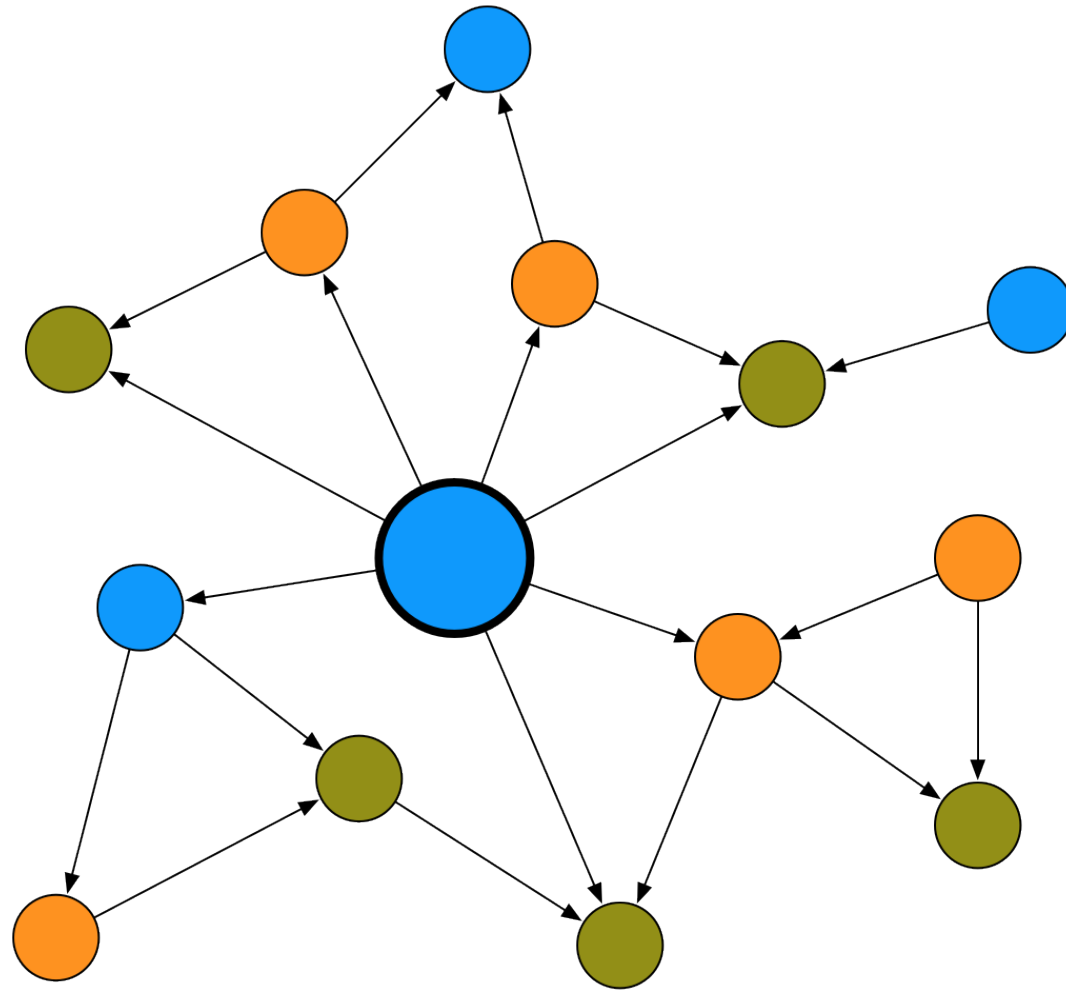
Pattern



# Start Node

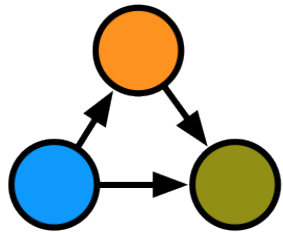


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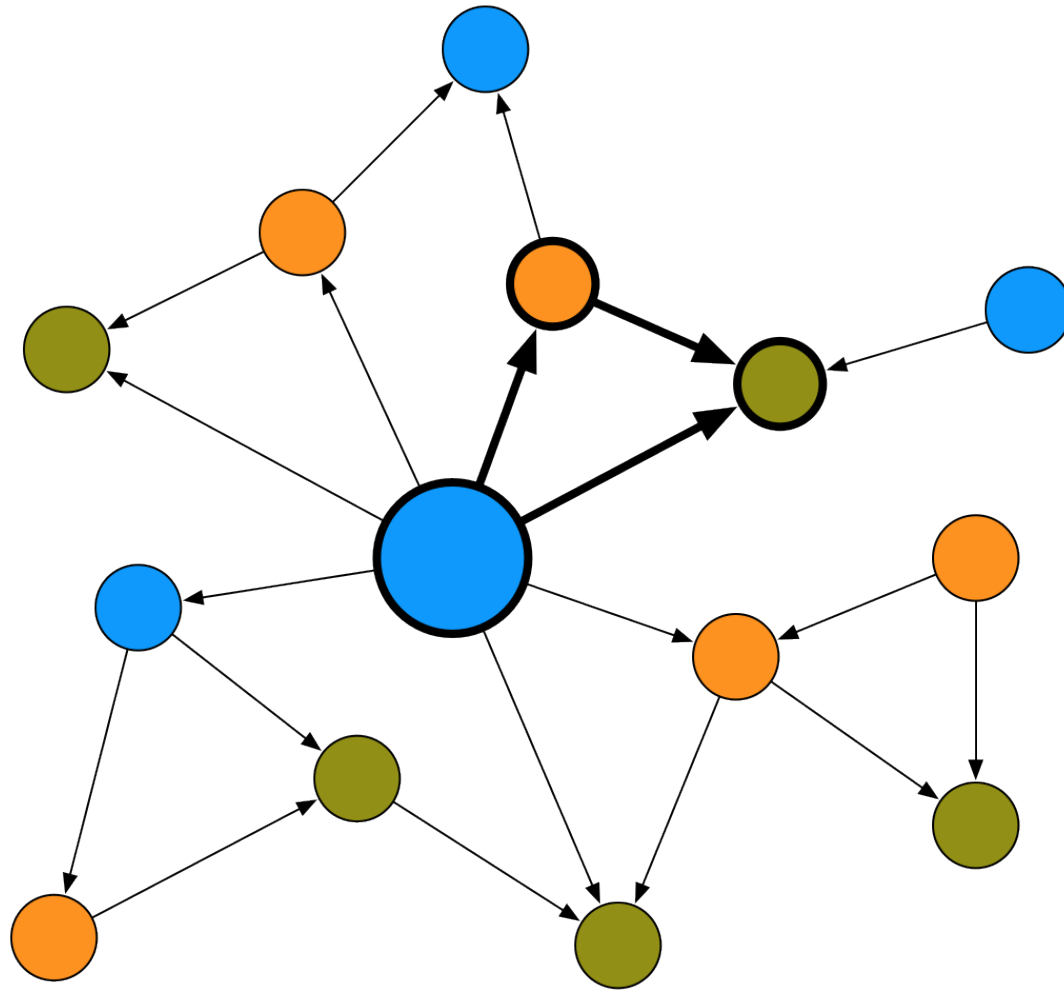


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# Match

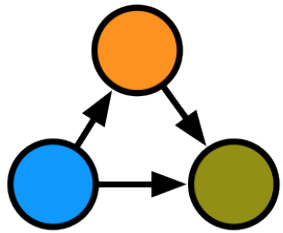


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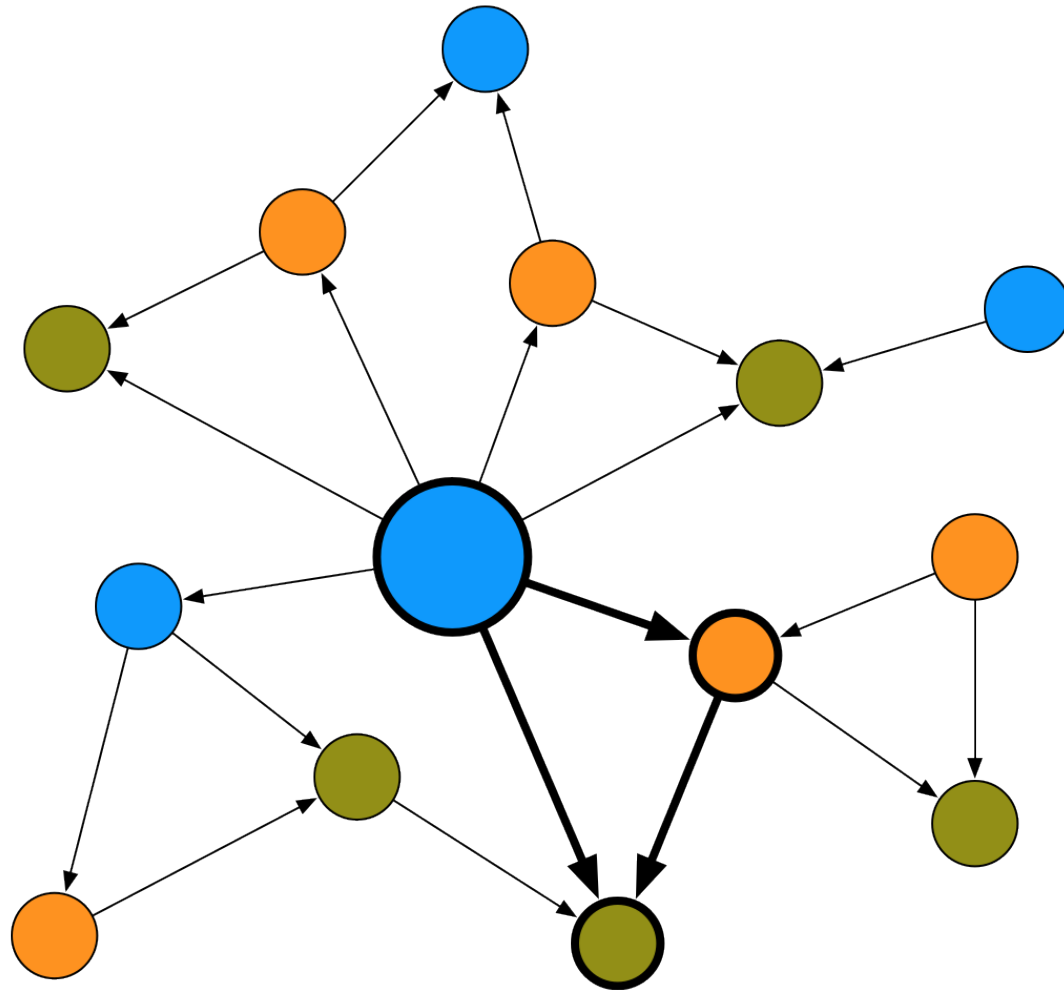




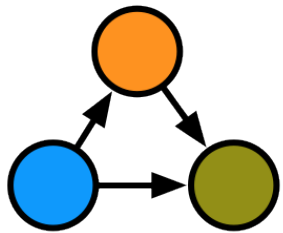
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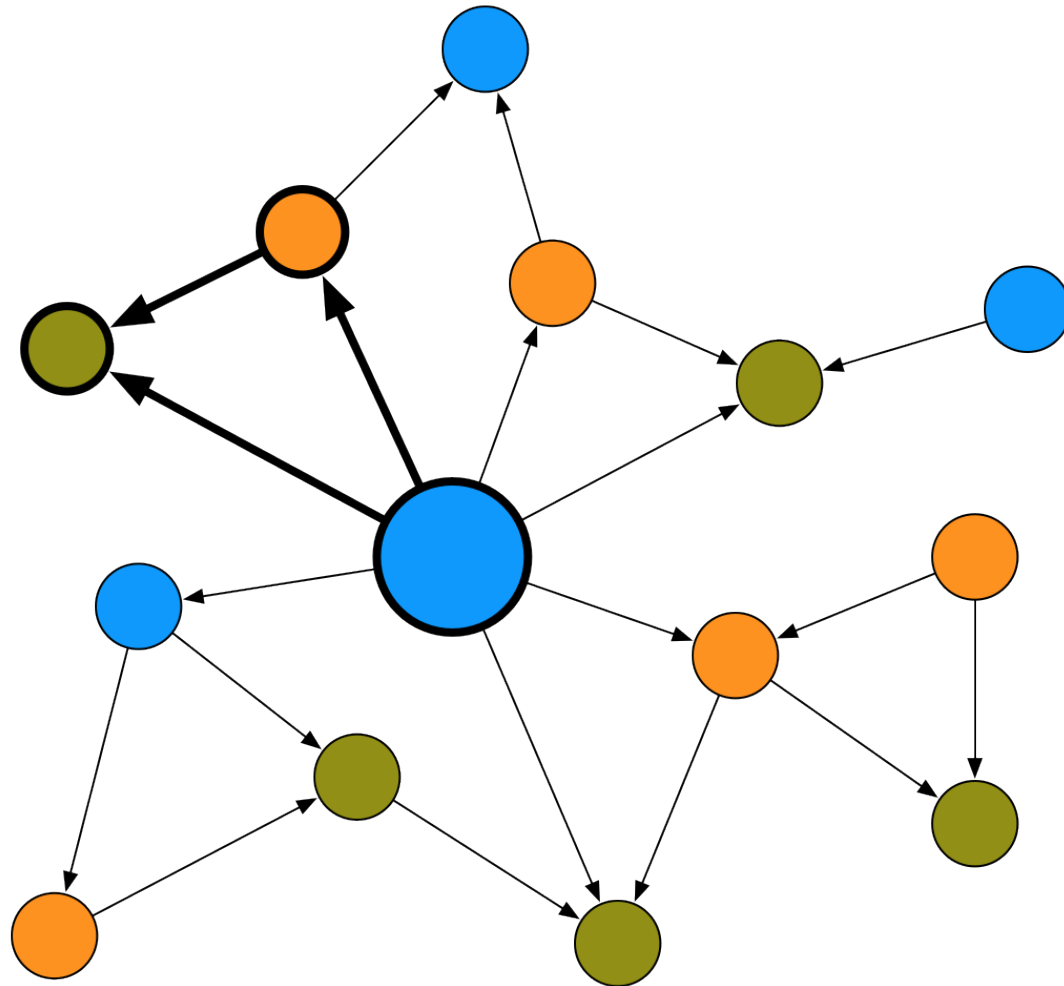
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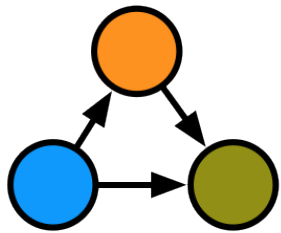
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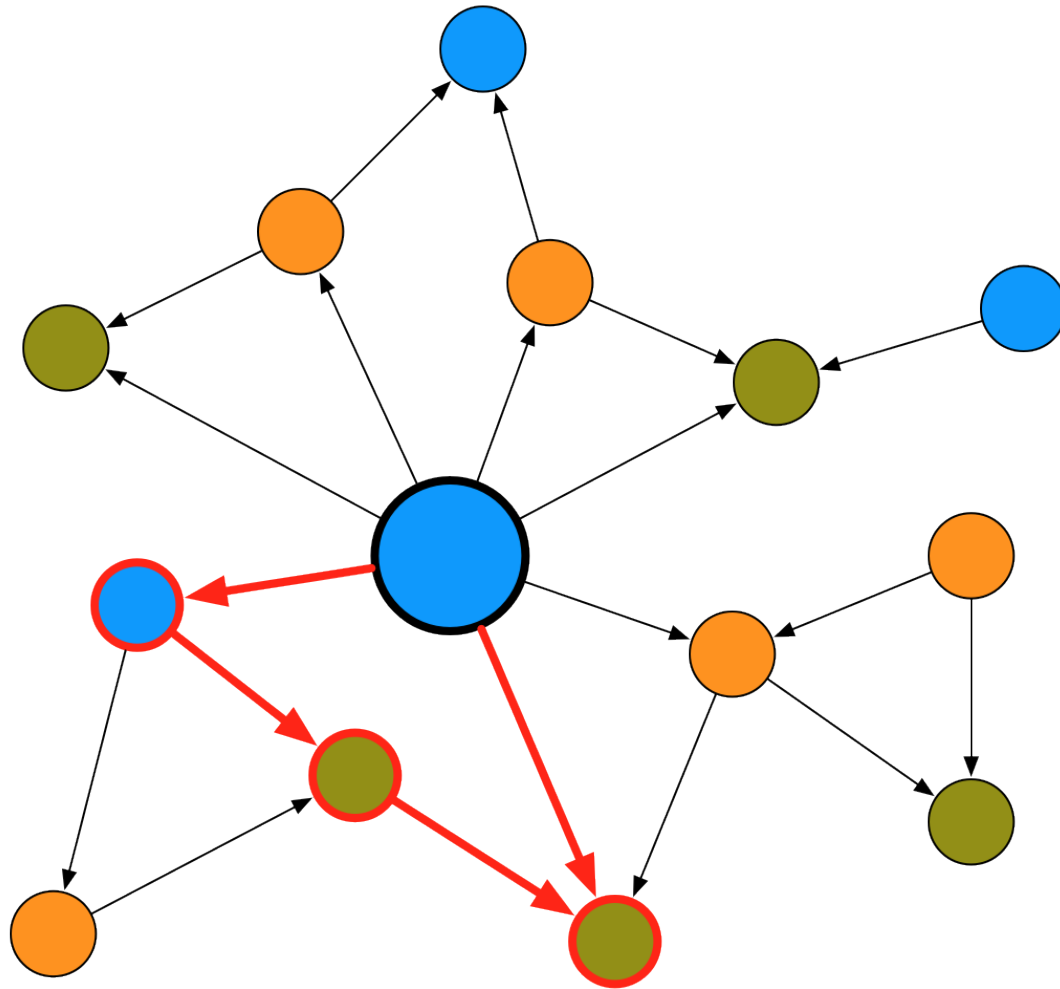
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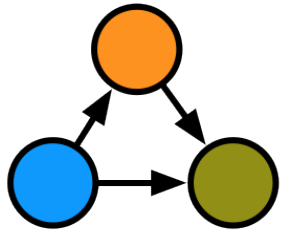
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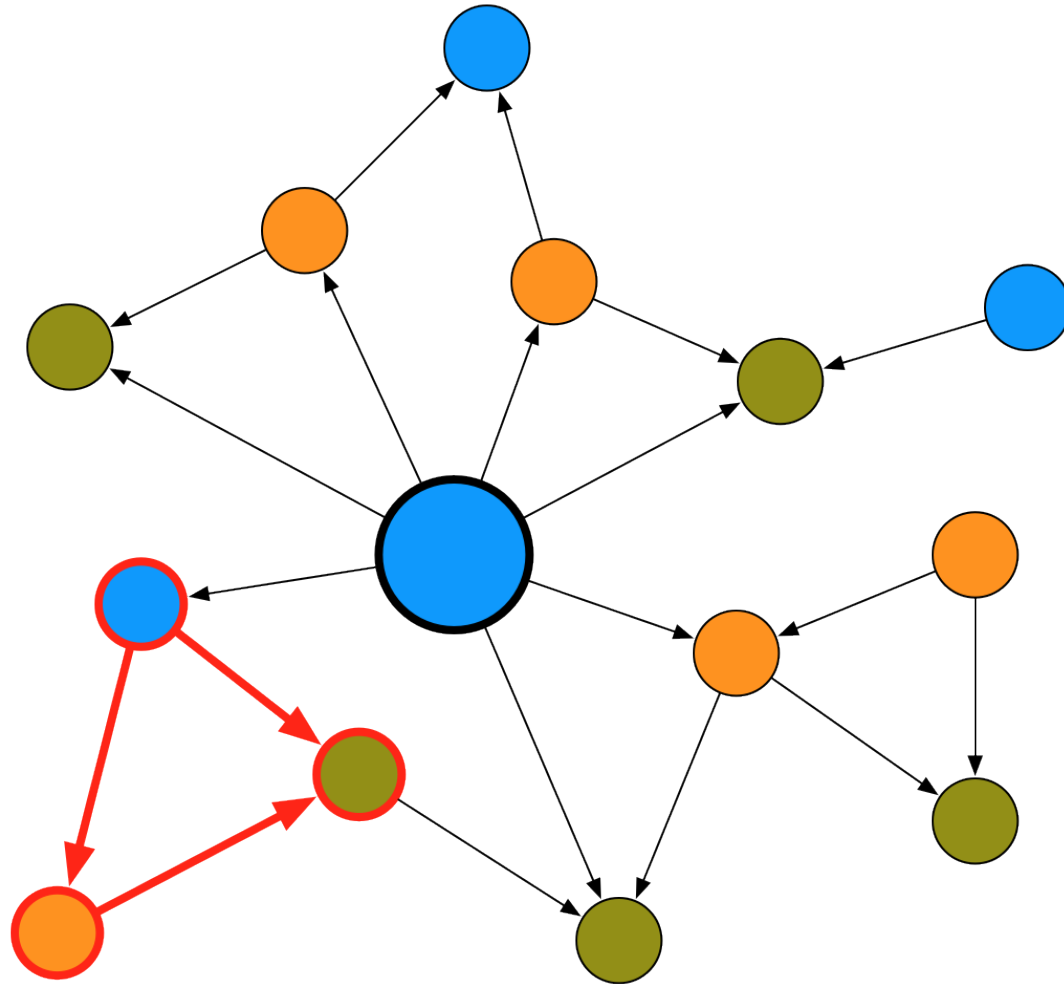
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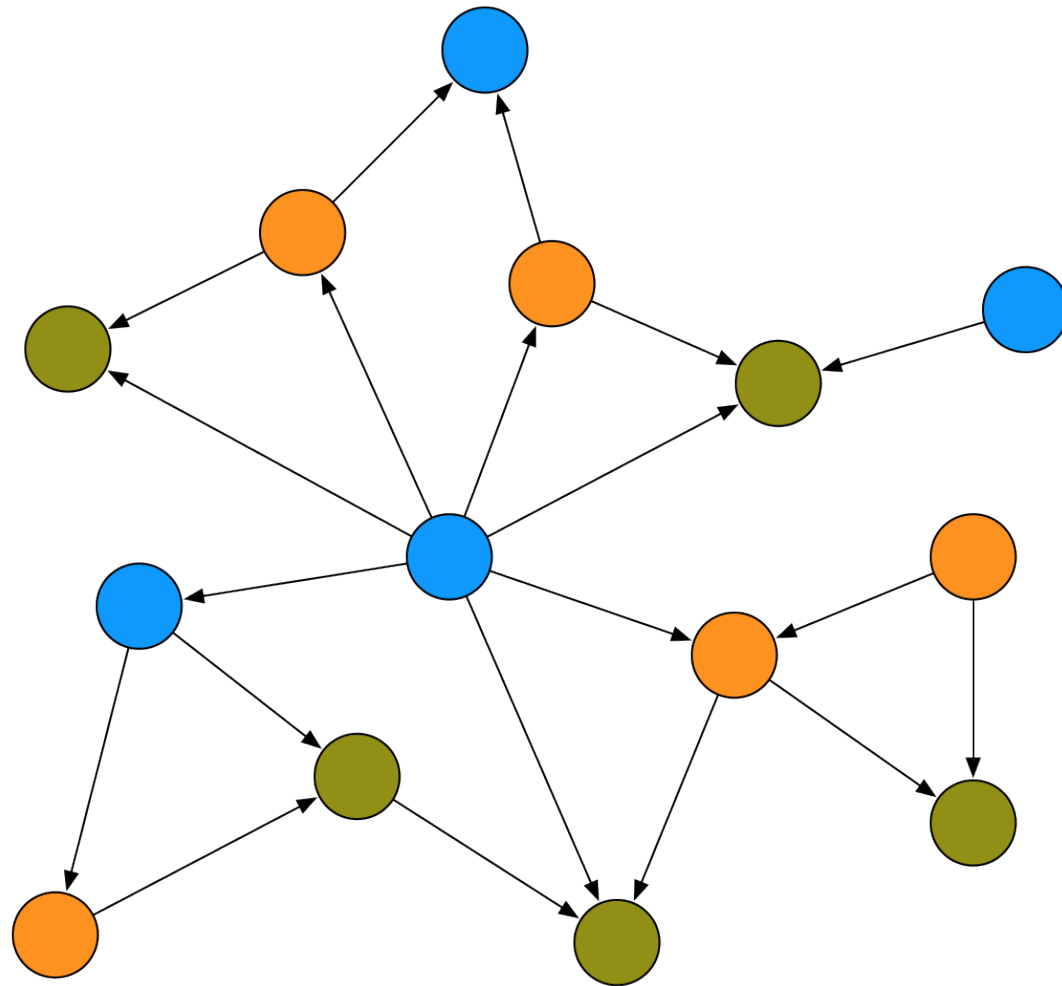
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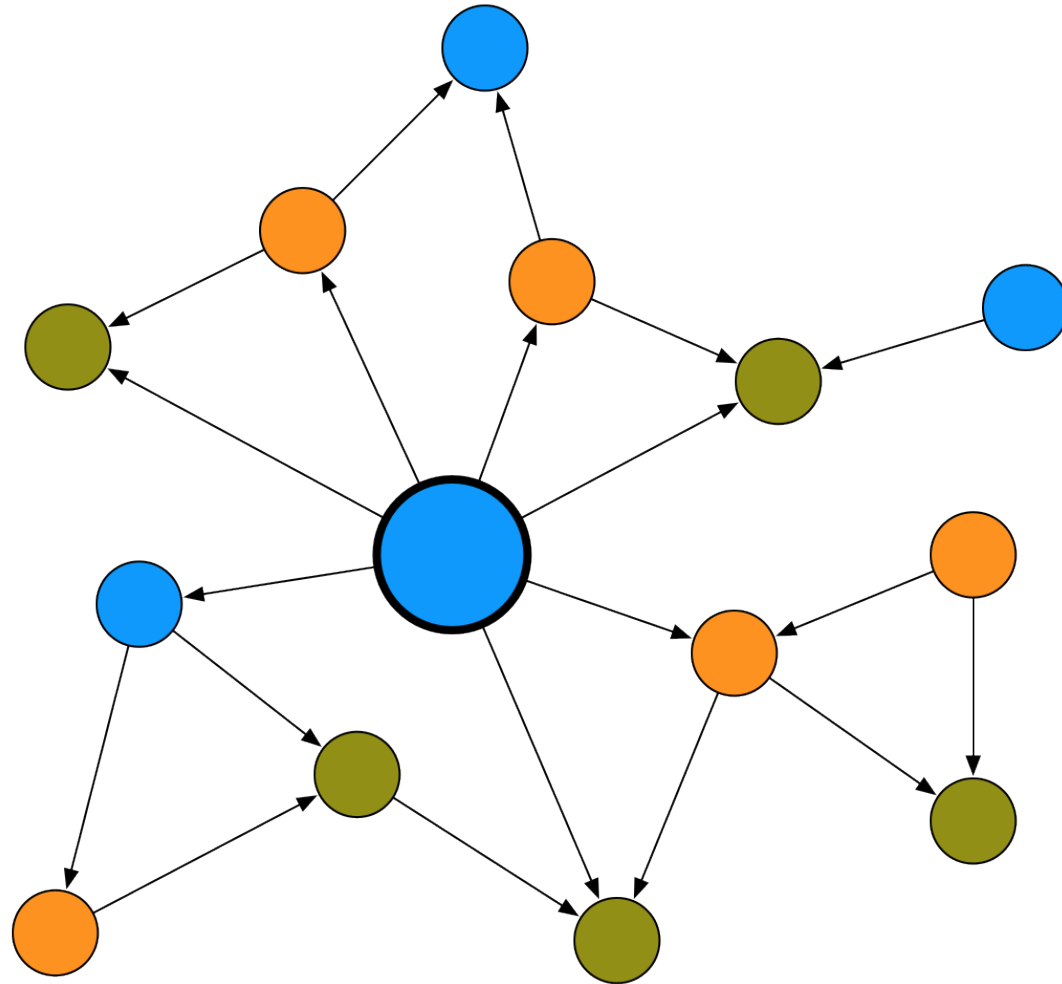


# Traversal



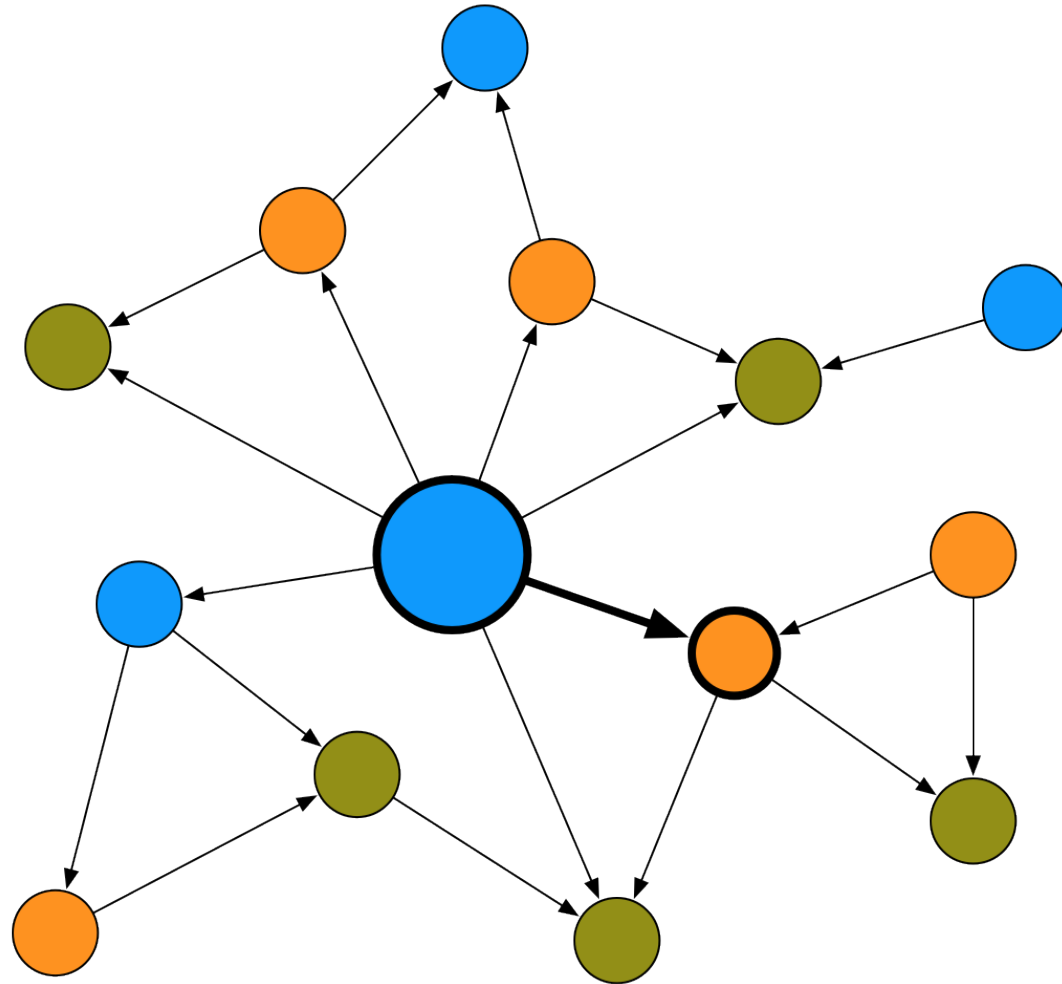
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# Start Node



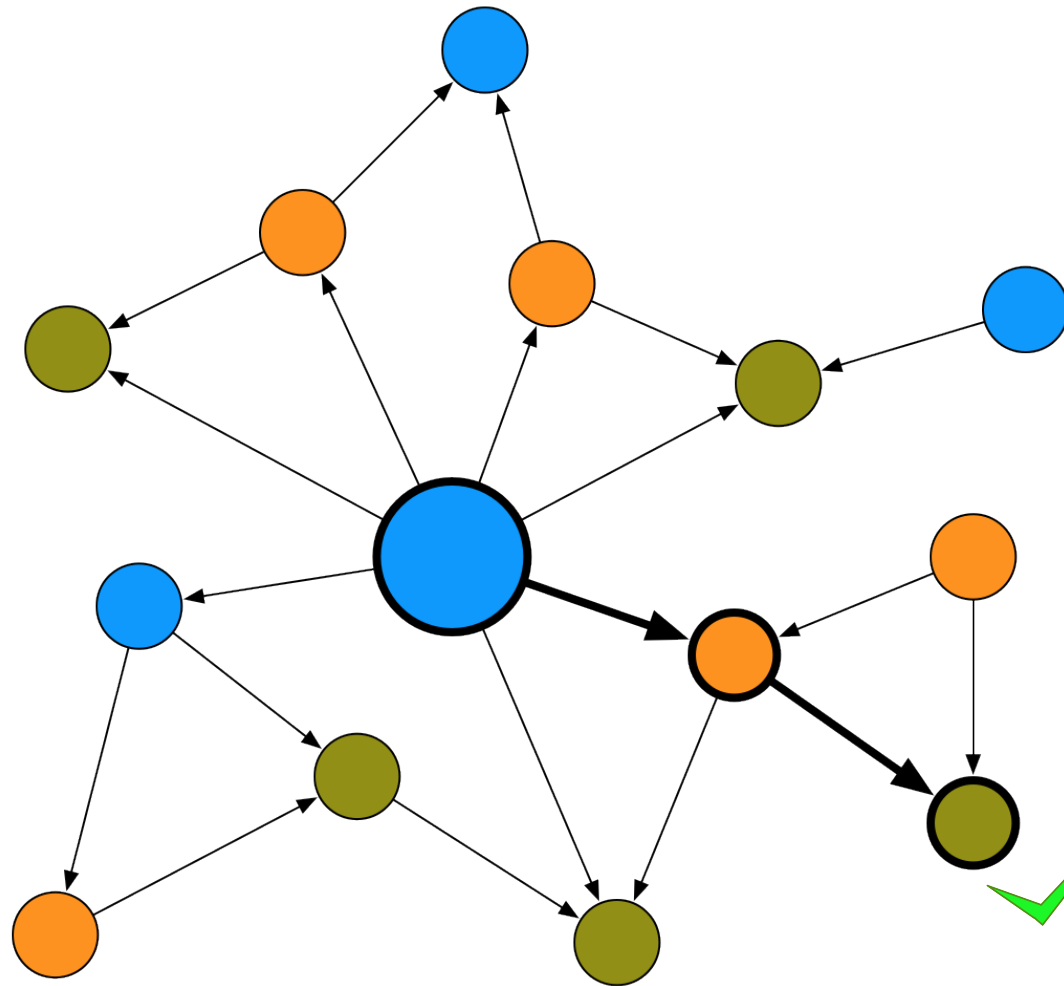
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# Follow Relationships



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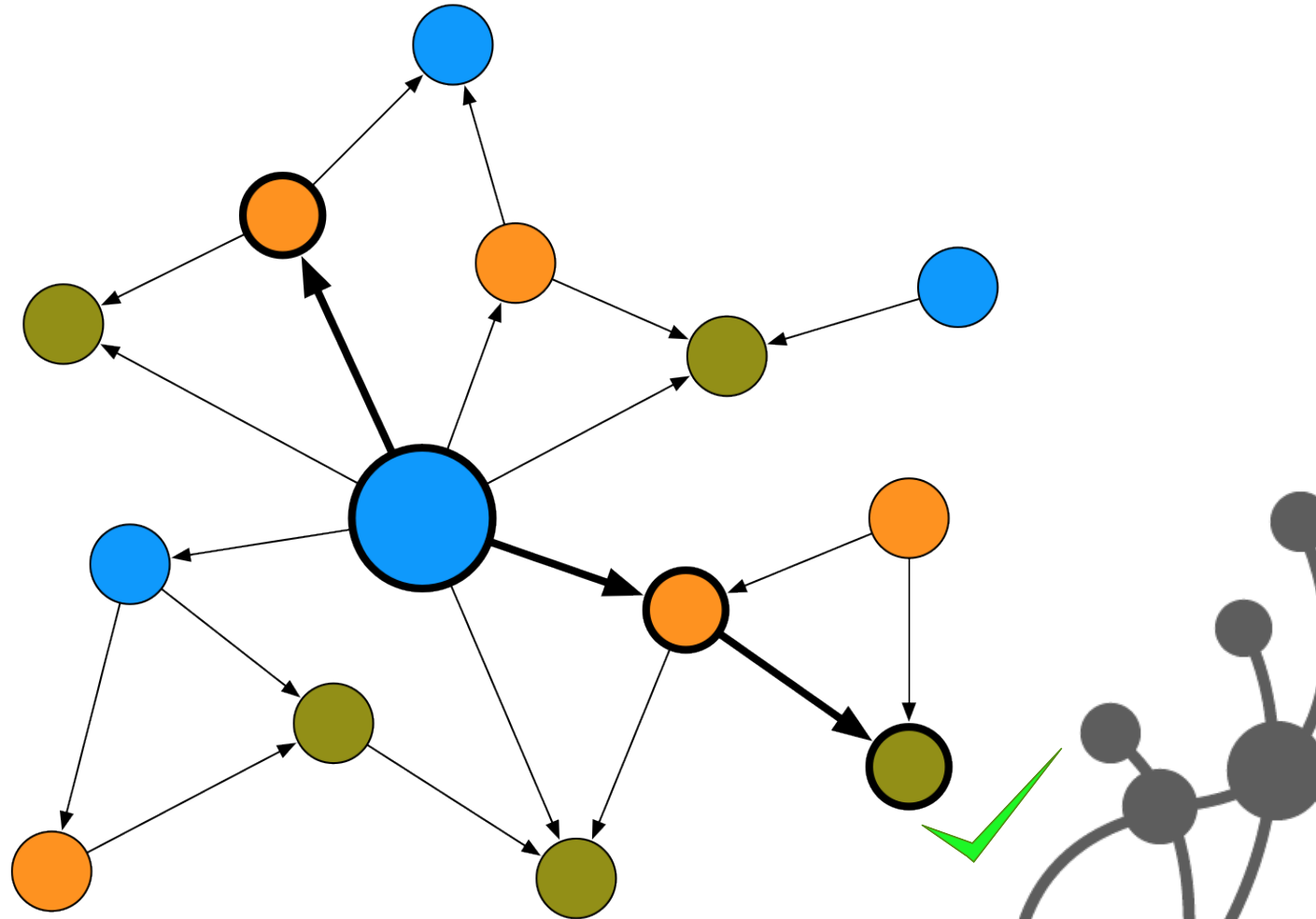
# Evaluate Node



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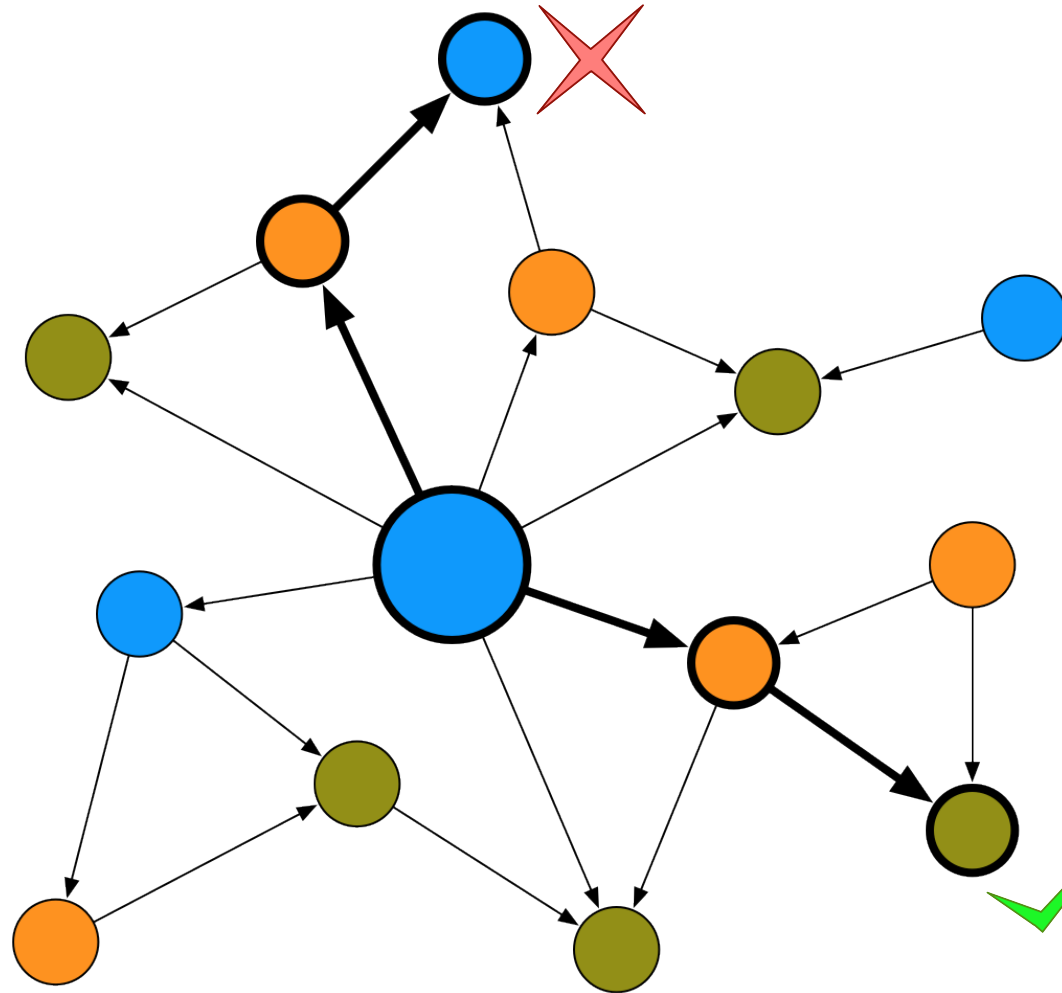


# Continue Traversing



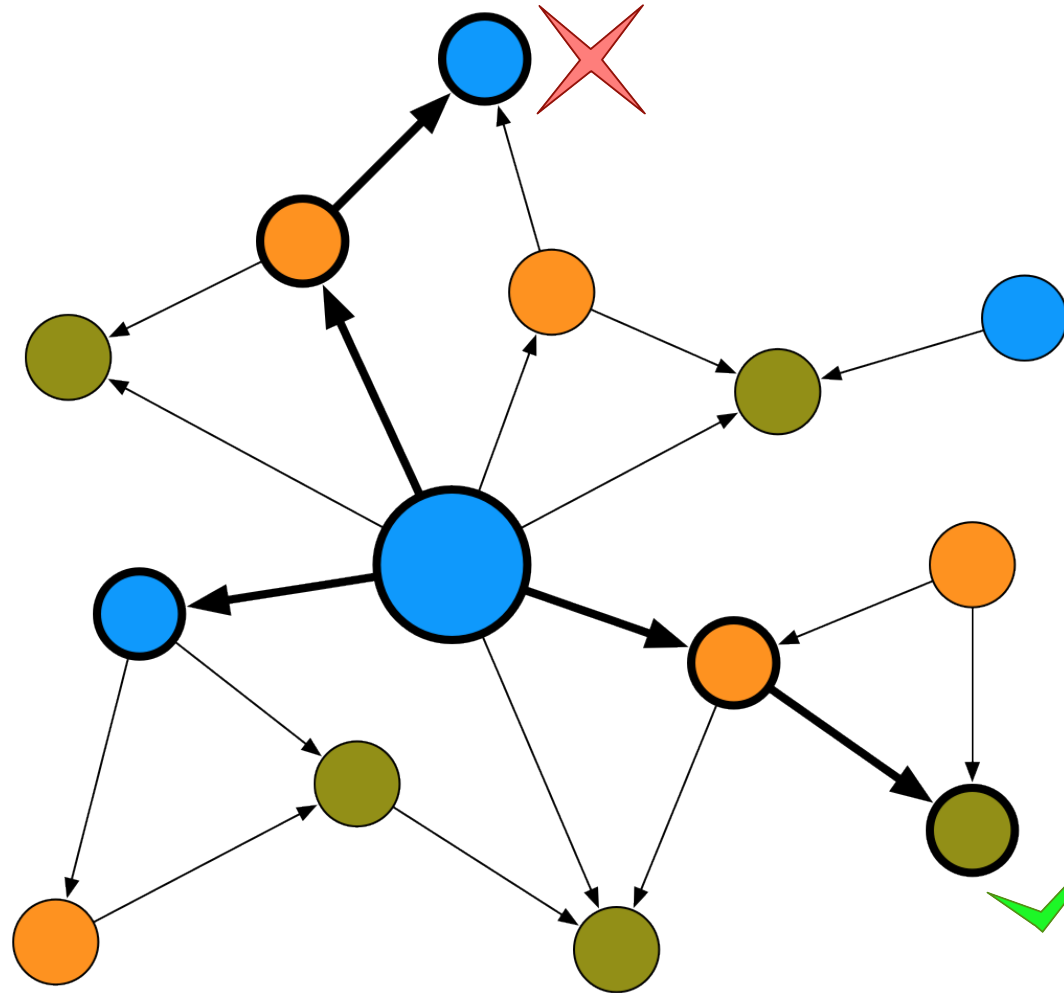
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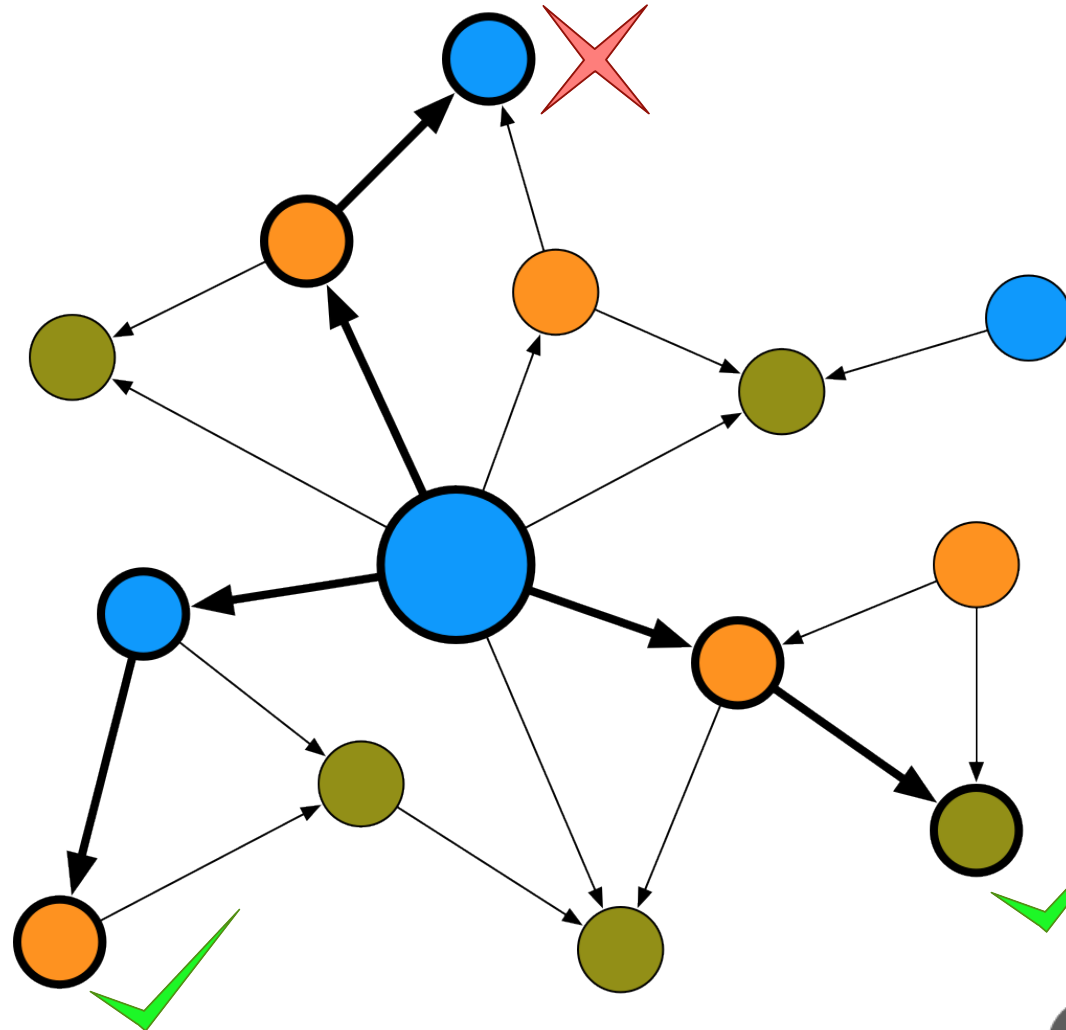


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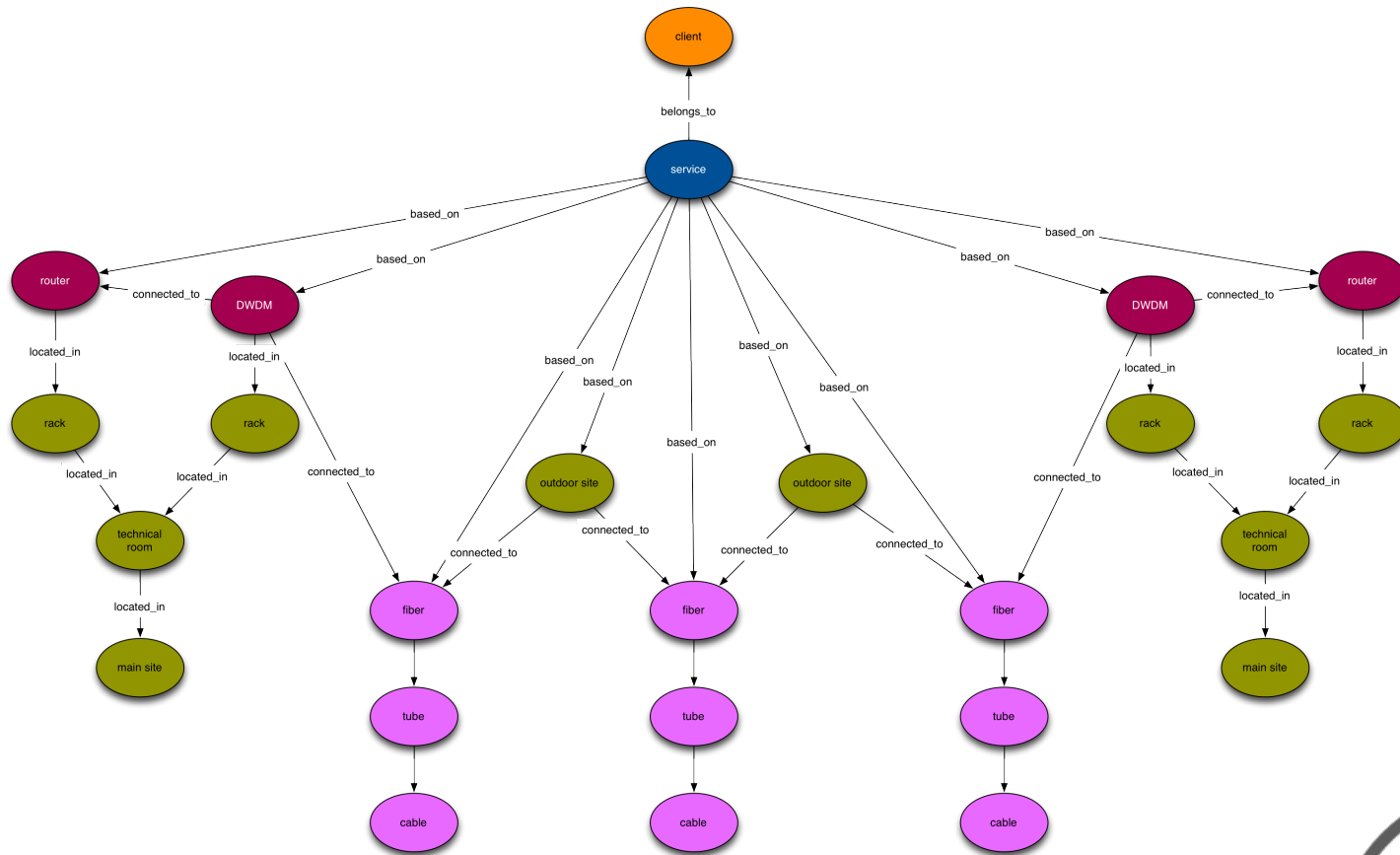
# All Trades for Cost Centre

```
START    cc=node:cost_centre(name='Cost Centre 1')  
MATCH    cc-[*3]->trade  
RETURN   trade;
```

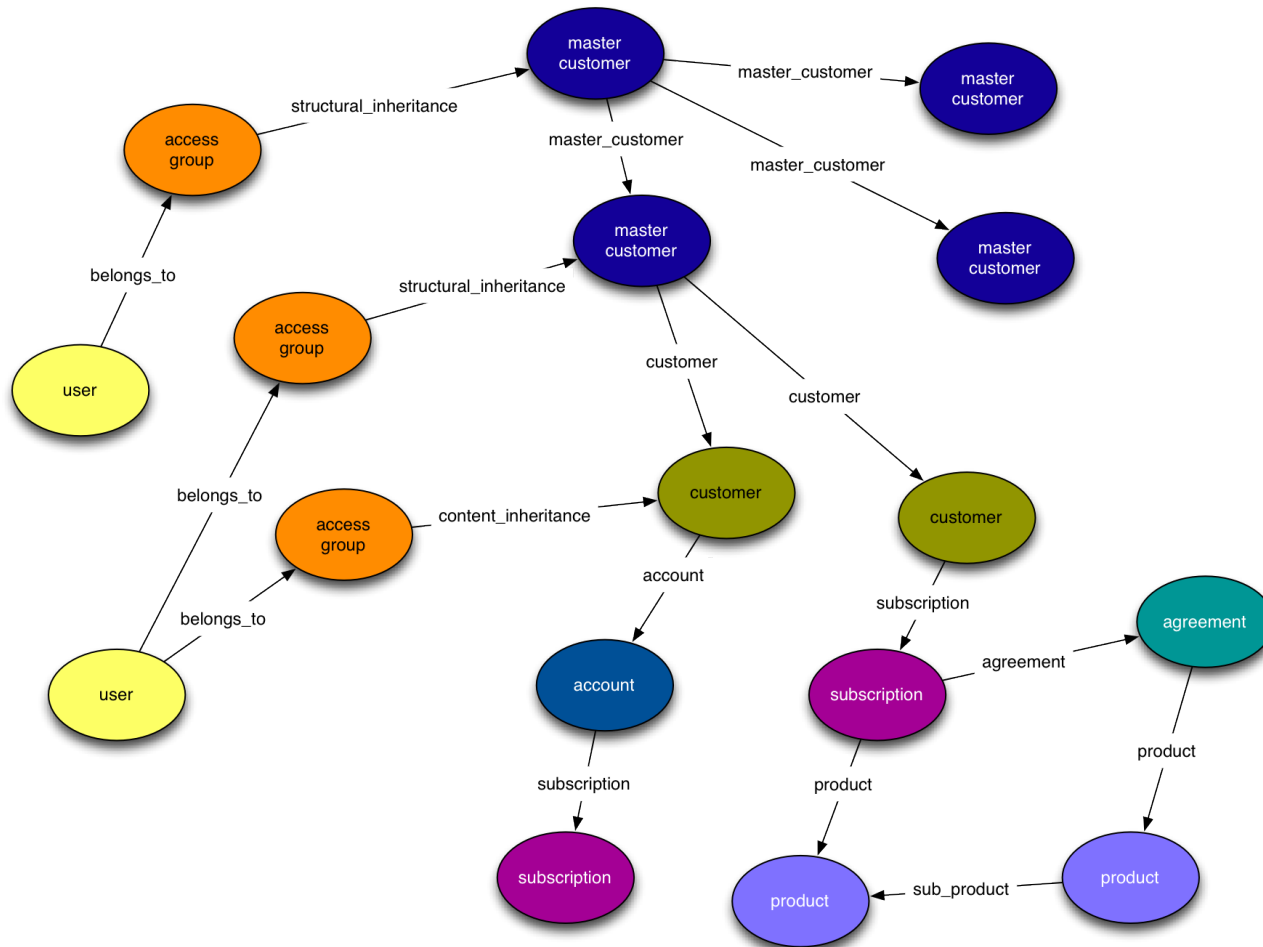
# Is Party Connected?

```
START    cc=node:cost_centre(name='Cost Centre 1'),  
         party=node:party(name='Party 1')  
MATCH    p=shortestPath(cc-[*..5]-party)  
RETURN   length(p);
```

# Network Impact Analysis

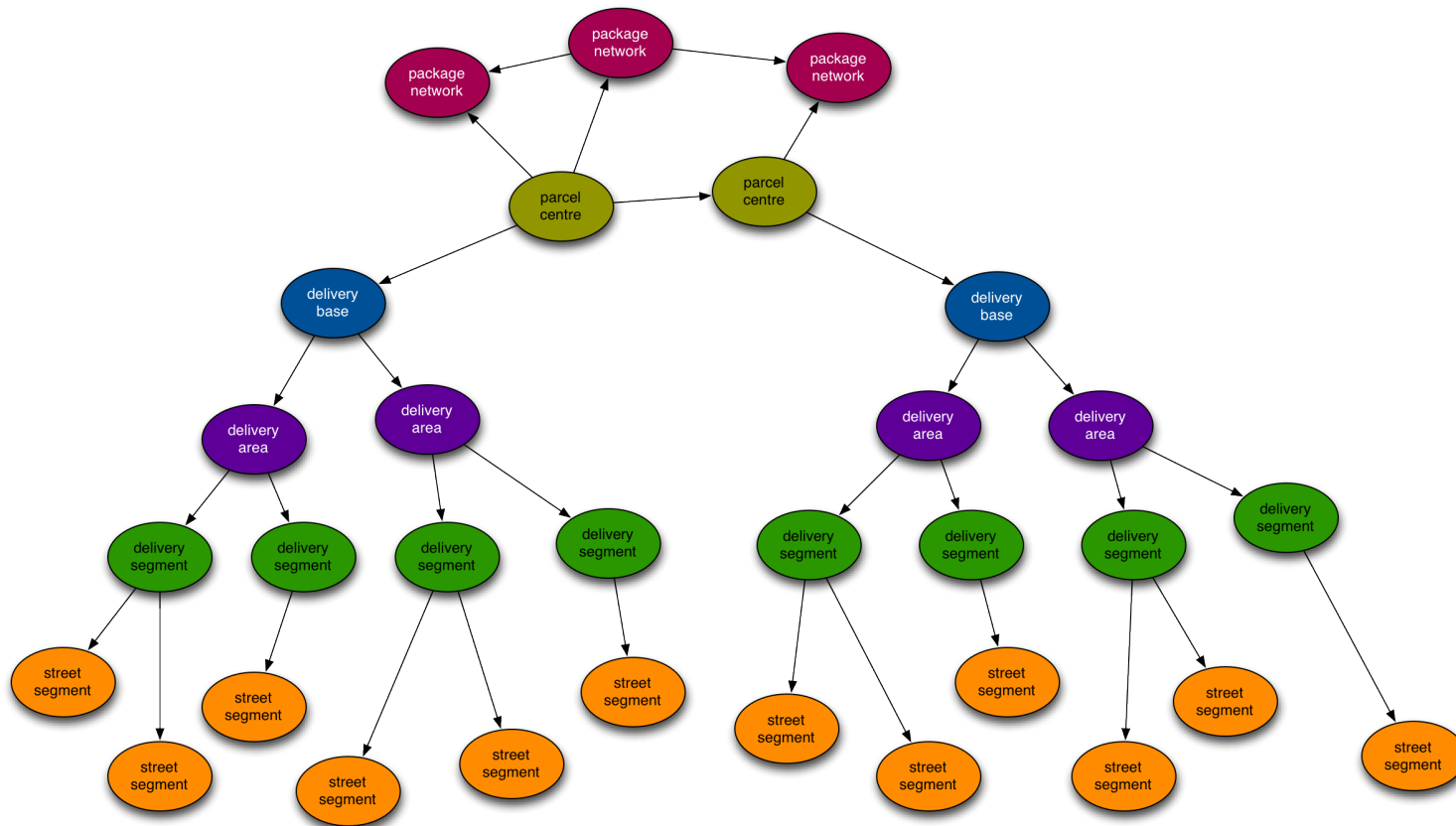


# Asset Management & Access Control

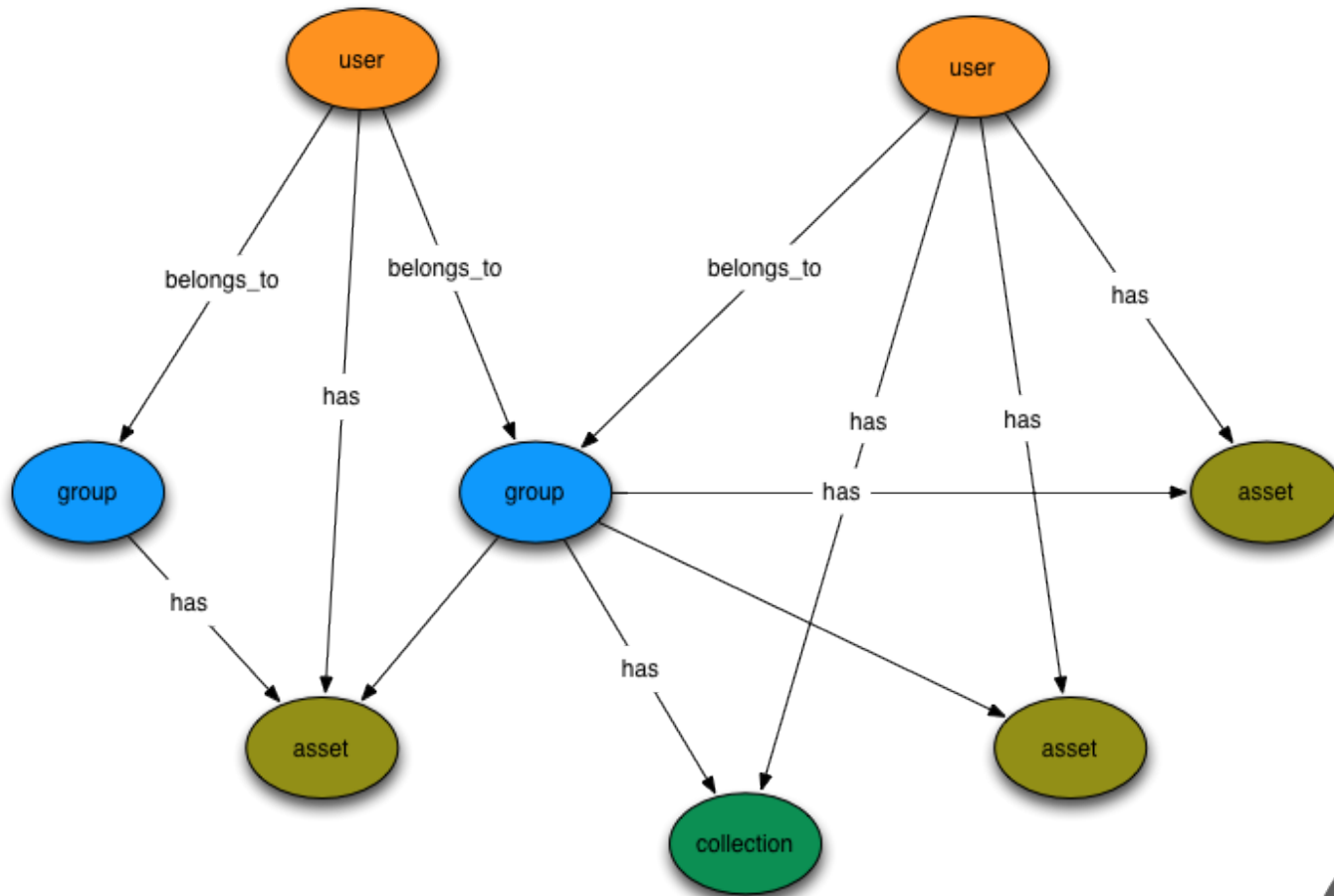




# Logistics



# Social Network & Recommendations

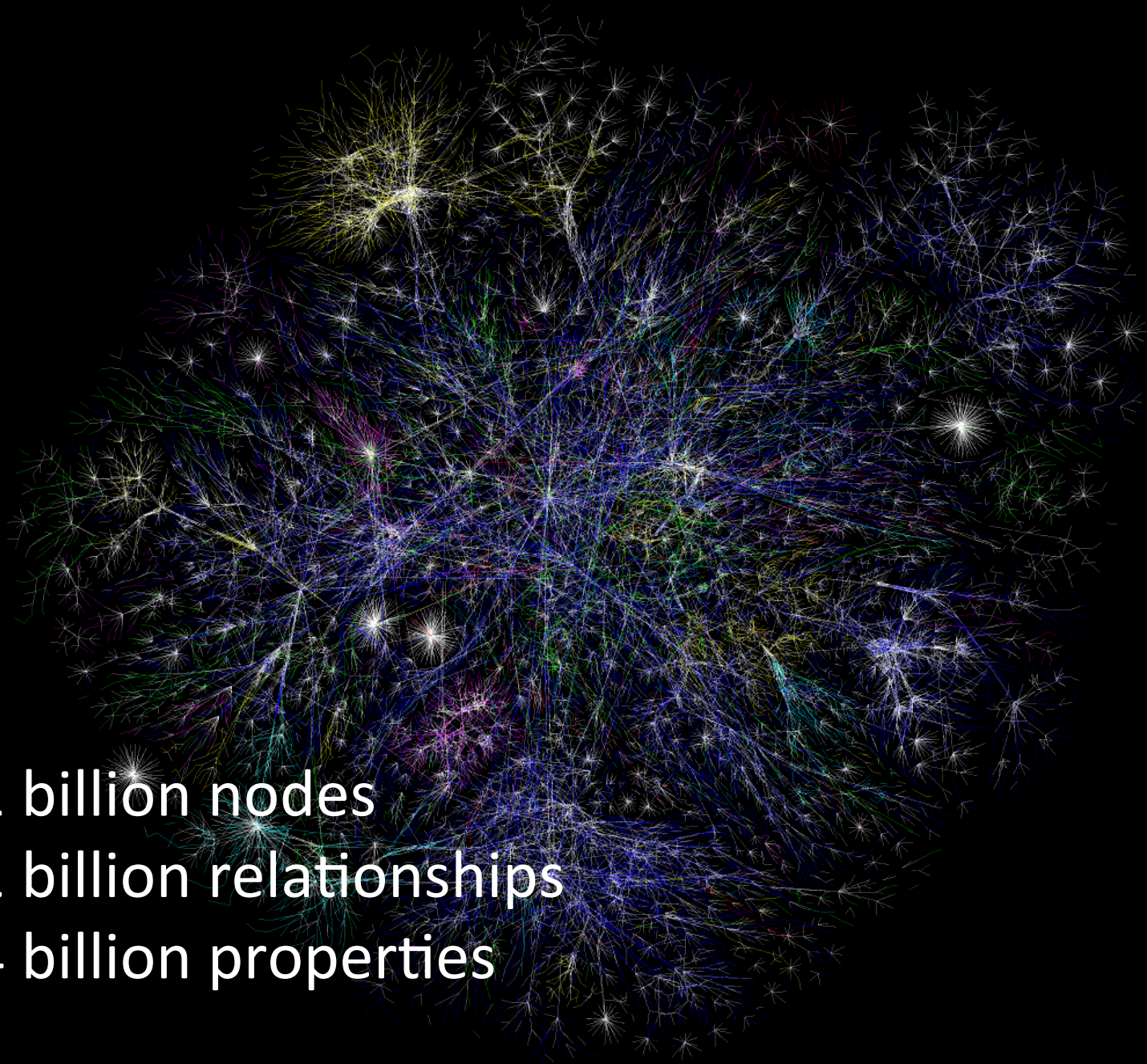


# Questions

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32 billion nodes

32 billion relationships

64 billion properties