

Graph Databases

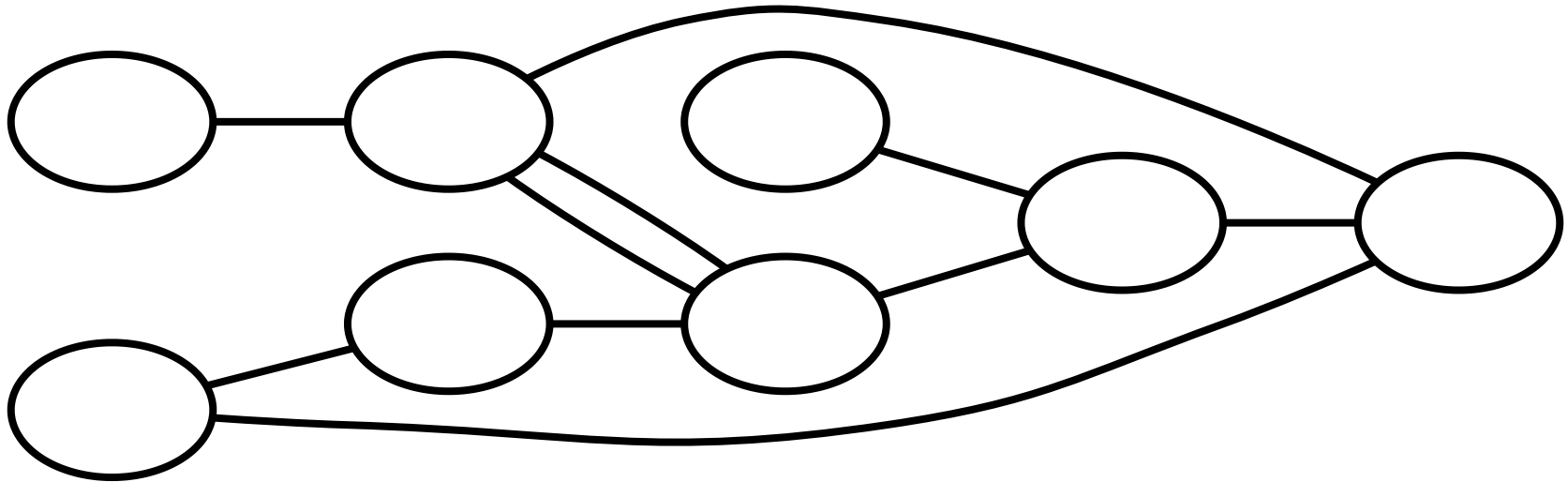
Introduction, Standardization, Opportunities

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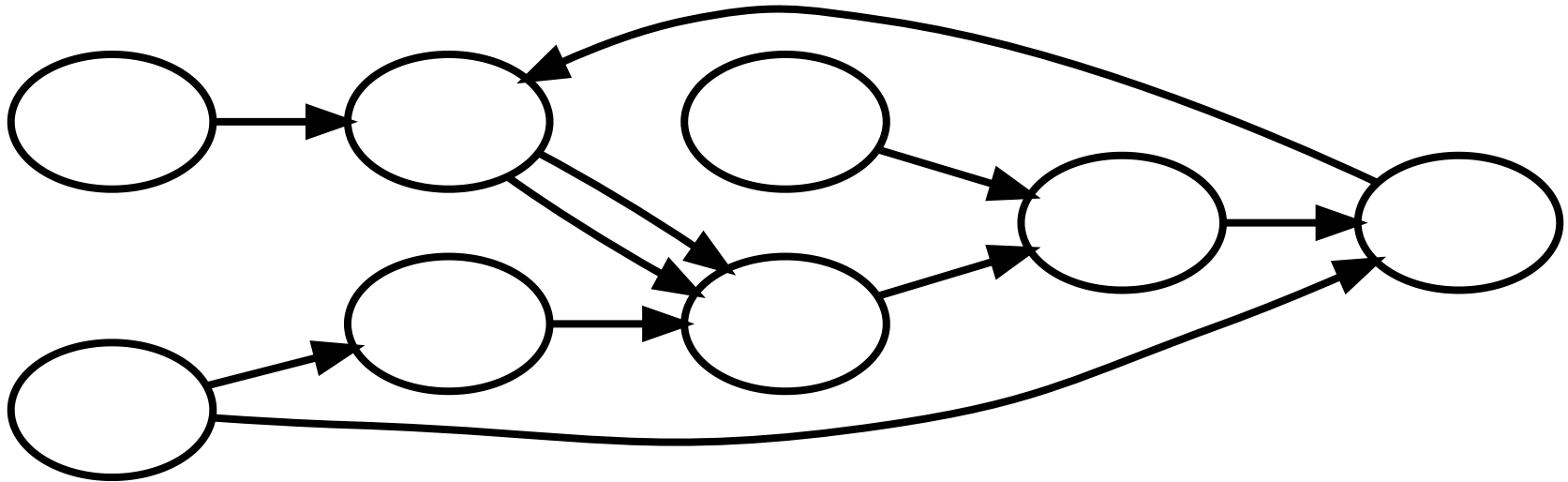
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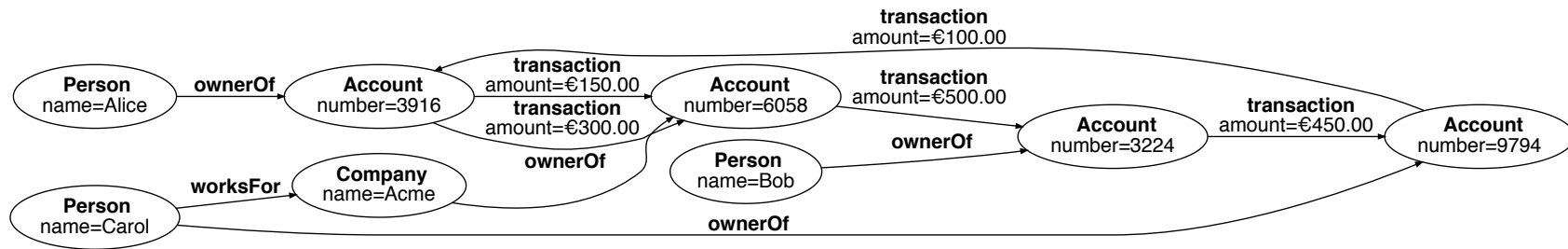


terms: vertex, node; edge, relationship, arc

directed graph

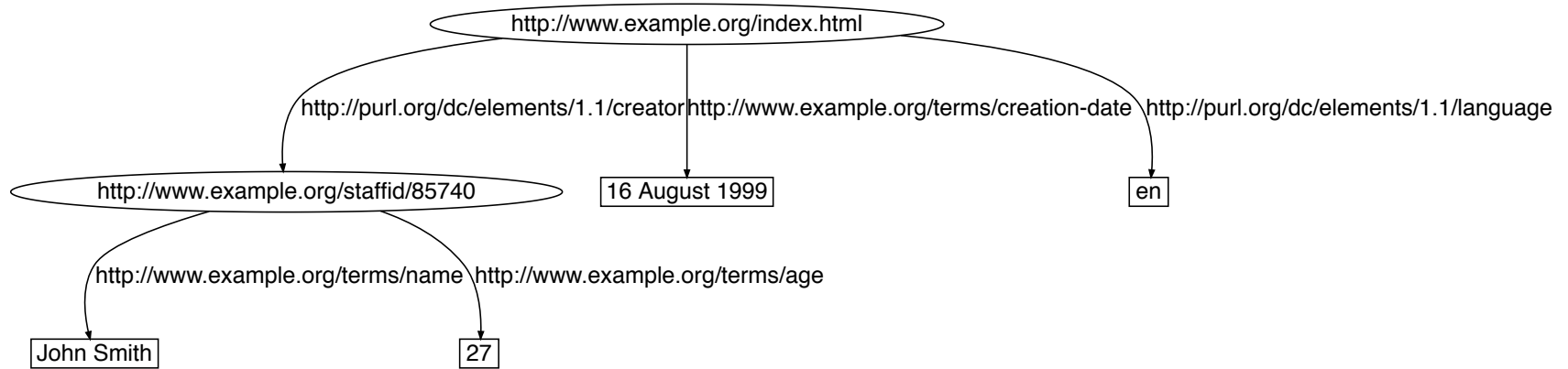


property graph



terms: property, label

RDF



terms: triple, subject, predicate, object

property graph vs. RDF

	PG	RDF
standardization	ISO	W3C
languages	Cypher, PGQL, G-CORE, GSQL, GQL	SPARQL, OWL
serialization	(CSV)	XML, JSON
vendors	Neo4j, Oracle, TigerGraph, AWS	Virtuoso, Apache, AWS, many
logic	closed-world	open-world(?)

GraphQL

graph database uses

- social network
- recommendations
- knowledge representation
- bioinformatics
- logistics
- public infrastructure
- finance analytics
- access control

SPARQL

W3C RDF query language

```
PREFIX ex: <http://example.com/exampleOntology#>
SELECT ?capital
       ?country
WHERE
{
  ?x  ex:cityname      ?capital  ;
      ex:isCapitalOf  ?y        .
  ?y  ex:countryname  ?country  ;
      ex:isInContinent ex:Africa .
}
```


Cypher

graph query language by Neo4j

```
MATCH (nicole:Actor {name: 'Nicole Kidman'})-[:ACTED_IN]->(movie:Movie)
WHERE movie.year < $yearParameter
RETURN movie
```

PGQL

graph query language by Oracle

```
SELECT owner.name AS account_holder,  
       SUM(t.amount) AS total_transacted  
FROM financial_transactions  
MATCH (p:Person) -[:ownerOf]-> (:Account)  
       -[t:transaction]- (:Account) <-[:ownerOf]- (owner:Person|Company)  
WHERE p.name = 'Alice'  
GROUP BY owner
```

G-CORE

graph query research language by LDBC

```
CONSTRUCT (c) <- [:worksAt]-(n)
MATCH (c: Company) ON company_graph,
      (n: Person) ON social_graph
WHERE c.name = n.employer
```

The GQL Manifesto

<https://gql.today/>

Cypher + PGQL + G-CORE = GQL?

PGQL

- READ ONLY
- RPQs
- No GRAPH CONSTRUCT/PROJECT:
- NOT COMPOSABLE YET

ORACLE PGX

G_{CORE}

ADVISES

- CREATE-READ
- RPQs
- GRAPH CONSTRUCT/PROJECT:
- COMPOSABLE

NO IMPLEMENTATIONS YET

Cypher

- CREATE-READ-UPDATE-DELETE
- No RPQs
- GRAPH CONSTRUCT/PROJECT:
- COMPOSABLE

- Neo4j DB
- Agens Graph
- Redis Graph
- SAP HANA Graph
- Cypher for SPARK/Gremlin
- Memgraph
- in Graph
- Cypher.PL

NEW FUSED

GQL

- CREATE-READ-UPDATE-DELETE
- RPQs
- GRAPH CONSTRUCT/PROJECT:
- COMPOSABLE

GQL

- new standardization project of ISO/IEC JTC1 SC32 WG3 (ISO 39075?)
- could be ready in 3–4 years
- not compatible with SQL

SQL/PGQ

- will be new SQL:202x part 16
- read-only graph queries on top of tables

SQL/PGQ: create tables

```
CREATE TABLE person ( ... );  
CREATE TABLE message ( ... );
```

```
CREATE TABLE created ( ... );  
CREATE TABLE commented ( ... );
```


SQL/PGQ: create graph

```
CREATE PROPERTY GRAPH my_graph
  VERTEX TABLES (person, message)
  EDGE TABLES (
    created SOURCE person DESTINATION message,
    commented SOURCE person DESTINATION message
  );
```

SQL/PGQ: query graph

```
SELECT gt.creation_date, gt.content
FROM my_graph GRAPH_TABLE (
  MATCH
    (creator IS person WHERE creator.email = 'foo@example.com')
    -[ IS created ]->
    (m IS message)
    <-[ IS commented ]-
    (commenter IS person)
  WHERE creator.email <> commenter.email
  COLUMNS (m.creation_date, m.content)
) AS gt;
```

SQL/PGQ: another query

```
SELECT id, name
FROM movies_graph GRAPH_TABLE (
    MATCH
      (nicole:Actor WHERE name = 'Nicole Kidman')
      -[:ACTED_IN]->
      (movie:Movie)
      WHERE movie.year < $1
      COLUMNS (movie.id, movie.name)
) AS gt;
```

SQL/PGQ: and another one

```
SELECT owner_name AS account_holder,  
       SUM(t_amount) AS total_transacted  
FROM financial_transactions GRAPH_TABLE (  
    MATCH (p:Person) -[:ownerOf]-> (:Account)  
          -[:transaction]- (:Account) <-[:ownerOf]- (owner:Person|Company)  
    WHERE p.name = 'Alice'  
    COLUMNS (owner.name AS owner_name, t.amount AS t_amount)  
    ) AS ft  
GROUP BY owner_name;
```

summary

- property graphs
- GQL
- SQL/PGQ

links and credits

- RDF
 - <https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-primer/>
- SPARQL
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SPARQL>
 - <https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-overview/>
- Cypher
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cypher_Query_Language
 - <https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/current/>
 - <https://www.opencypher.org/>
- PGQL
 - <http://pgql-lang.org/>
- G-CORE
 - <http://ldbncouncil.org/sites/default/files/main-cr.pdf>
- GQL
 - <https://www.gqlstandards.org/>
- SQL/PGQ
 - <https://www.w3.org/Data/events/data-ws-2019/assets/lightning/OskarVanRest.pdf>
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