MIE-PDB.16: Advanced Database Systems

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Practical Class 5

Neo4j

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Data Model

Database system structure

 $\mathsf{Instance} \to \mathsf{single} \ \mathbf{graph}$

Property graph = directed labeled multigraph

Collection of vertices (nodes) and edges (relationships)

Node

- Internal identifier
- Set of labels, set of properties

Relationship

- Internal identifier
- Direction, start and end node
- Exactly one type, set of properties

First Steps

Connect to our NoSQL server

- SSH / PuTTY and SFTP / WinSCP
- nosql.ms.mff.cuni.cz:42222

Start Neo4j shell and create your database

• neo4j-shell --path directory

Get familiar with basic commands

- help
- exit

Fill your database with sample data

• See /home/PDB/neo4j/data.cypher

- Find movies with identifier medvidek
- Return movie nodes together with title properties

- Find actors born in 1965 or later
- Return actor names and years they were born
- Sort the result using years (in descending order) and then names (in ascending order)

Express the following Cypher query

• Find titles of movies in which Jiri Machacek played

Express the following Cypher query

Find movies where at least one actor played

Express the following Cypher query

· Find actors who played with Ivan Trojan

- Find all friends of actor Ivan Trojan
- Include friends of friends etc.
- Return actor names

- Find pairs of movies and their actors
- Include movies without actors as well

- Find actors who played in movies having above average number of actors
- Return actor names

References

Embedded database and traversal framework

https://neo4j.com/docs/java-reference/current/

JavaDoc

https://neo4j.com/docs/java-reference/current/javadocs/

Cypher query language

https://neo4j.com/docs/developer-manual/current/cypher/

Cypher reference card

https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-refcard/current/