# AllegroGraph

a graph database



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## Overview

#### • What we store

• How we store it – the possibilities

• Using AllegroGraph



## Databases

- Put stuff in
- Get stuff out

- quickly
- safely



## Stuff

• things with attributes and connections

• Reasoning, rules, inference

- Lots of things. Really. Lots.
- Lots of change. all the time.



## What stuff in?

- Modeling knowledge of assets in an Enterprise
- Modeling an extensive river network
- Representing 1000's of different types of objects
- Managing biological knowledge
- Multimedia Metadata
- Bug and version tracking 🔇
- Collaborative Workspace for Analyst







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## NASA Constellation project...

- Deals with 1000s of different types of objects:
  - Machine parts
  - Processes
  - Software
  - People skills
  - Drawings
  - Documents

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- In 100s of distributed databases
- Coordinated through registries
- To provide meaningful search





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# A River Network



- Given the polluted segment S1 find all the upstream segments within 50 miles of City1200
- Given the polluted drainage D1 find all the schools in the rectangle <x1, y1, x2, y2> that might be influenced

## Semantic Web...

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## What stuff out?

- Things like *this*
- Things like *this* only with *that*
- Things like *this* only with *that* and the other thing sorted by *that*
- Things like *this linked* to that *linked* to that *linked* to *that and that* and back to things like *this*
- Things like *this* where *that* can be *inferred* from *this* other stuff



## In particular

- We want to ask for
  - What Attributes
  - Where geospatial

Find the people I know that share my taste and have traveled to Hawaii during the last year?

- When events and temporal logic
- Whom Social networks



## Data - Dissected

Documents (unstructured – mostly)

- Key/value
- subject/predicate/object
- Tuples (by row, by column)



## System of Analysis

- The main data is stored safely away somewhere else
- Batch & Bulk oriented loads
- Materialize types and other inferences
- Do queries & analysis
- Few simultaneous users



## System of Record

- Data changes on a second to second basis
- You care about the long time persistence of the data
- You care about transactions and recoverability
- You care about concurrent access
- You care about continuous querying and instant reasoning



## How?

- Relational Database Systems
- Object Oriented Databases
- Key-value Databases
- Graph databases (Triple Stores)

• Essentially equivalent; the devil is in the details.



## RDBMS



Tables
Columns
Indices
Joins

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## RDBMS

- Mature and Standardized (SQL)
- Robust, safe, scalable
  - Great for simple queries that touch only a few tables once
- But...
  - Modeling the world in tables is hard
  - Table schema is inflexible; early design lock-in
  - One-to-many and many-to-many relationships add extra tables
  - Lousy for queries that follow transitive relationships across many tables (or the same table many times)

## Graph DBMS

#### • Subject – Predicate – Object

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## GDBMS

- Easy to put stuff in
- No Schema, everything indexed
- But...
  - Young technology
  - Less robust, less standardized



## Our problem

- Continually accrue massive interconnected information with an evolving schema (or no schema) including text, events, relationships, locations
- Query this data using description logics, custom rule sets and ask for information on moving objects, events, and social networks, in real-time



## In particular

- We want to ask for
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Find another truck that can pick up package *X* at location *Y* so that I can pick up package *A* at location *B* so that we both will arrive at *P* before time *T*.

- When events and temporal logic
- Whom Social networks



# RDBMS is not the answer

- A graph database looks like an relational database with only one table so start with an RDBMS and add triple-store features
- The relational model is *too* complex for triplestores
- The relational model is *too* simplistic for rapidly evolving schemas and massive transitive relations



### Hadoop is not the answer

- Yes, it is a great way to store billions of triples
  - Hadoop can be used for work that is batchoriented rather than real-time, very dataintensive, and parallelizable.
- But what about
  - Deeply nested SPARQL or rule based queries (e.g., Prolog)
  - Graph & Social network analysis.
  - Reasoning and inference



# Building a triplestore

- Start fresh and add *enterprise* features
- adding *triples* (with five parts)
- Emphasis is on addition (not updates, not deletion)



# Really Simple Diagram



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## AllegroGraph 4.0

- ACID Transactions and Recoverability
  - page management
  - checkpointing every *x*-minutes or *y*-triples
- Read/write concurrency
  - 100 % read concurrency at all times
- Dynamic and automatic indexing
  - with column based compression
- Resource management
  - Use all disks, all memory and all processors (one box)
  - Automatic, or user configurable



## AllegroGraph 4.0

- Per-predicate *Lucene* style text indexing
- 2D and 3D geo-temporal indexing for moving objects
- Social networking toolkit with path finding, importance measures, etc.
- REST protocol for all client interaction
  - Franz supported: Sesame, Jena, Python,
  - Community supported: Ruby, Perl, C#



# 2D and 3D details

## AllegroGraph



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## Performance: Input

#### • \$5000 quad-core machine with 32 Gigabytes RAM

dataset	Size (Billions)	Time
LUBM 8000	1.1	3:48
Billion Triples Challenge	1.15	5:13
2000 Census data	0.99	2:00
	3.2	11:01

• *with* full-text indexing on all strings



# Thanks

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