

Understanding Datasets

Seeing the Unseen through Graph Automations

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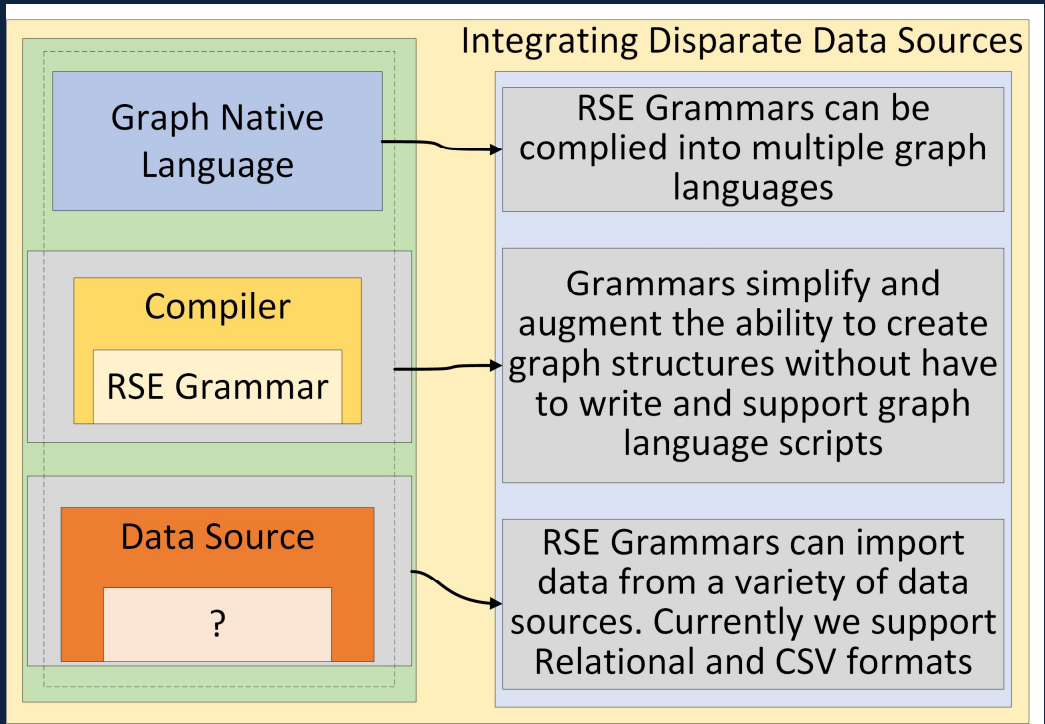
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- **Simplified mechanism for building and unifying disparate data sources into a normalize high performance Unified Data Fabric, which can be evaluated and understood for Analytics, Machine Learning, and Simulations**
- **Mechanisms to visually explore and understand both data entities and their relationships to one another**
- **Mechanisms to understand and traverse threads of augmented entities**
- **Mechanisms to project and understand through graph analytics the desired dataset**

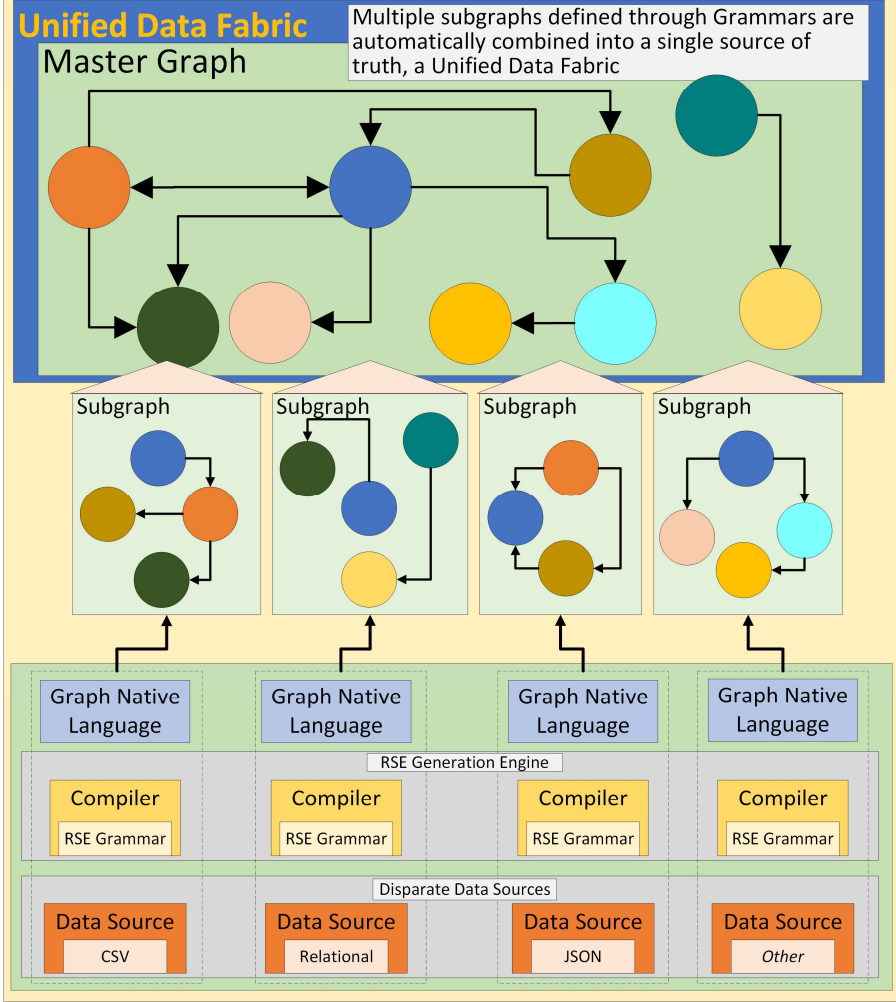
The Rules Simulation Engine is the Answer, One mechanism for all these things, and more.

Grammar Overview

Grammars are compiled into native graph languages, currently Cypher a Neo4J open standard, but could also generate other Graph languages.
Grammars are able load data from an ever-growing set of data sources.



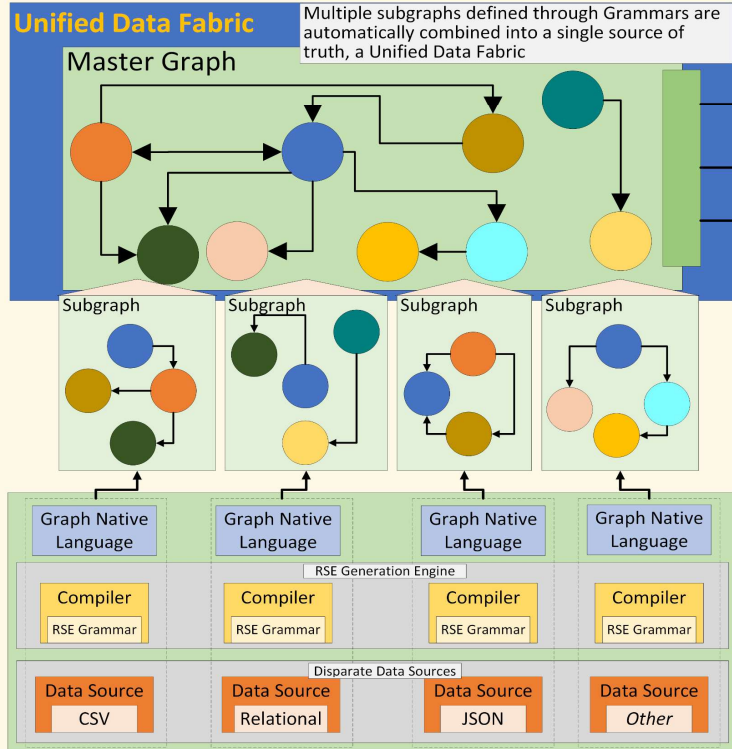
Unified Data Fabric Creation Mechanism



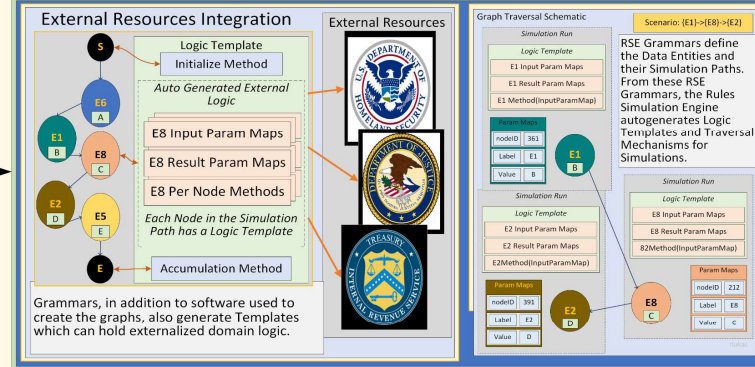
Overview Schematic

Rules Simulation Engine Schematic

Easily "See the Unseen" through an easily constructed, high performance, Unified Data Fabric composed from multiple subgraphs. Subgraphs are constructed, from disparate data sources, through our Grammar technologies. Insights from the Unified Data Fabric are enhanced through high powered analytics, machine learning technologies, as well as our Rules Simulation Engine powered by autogenerated domain agnostic Templates.

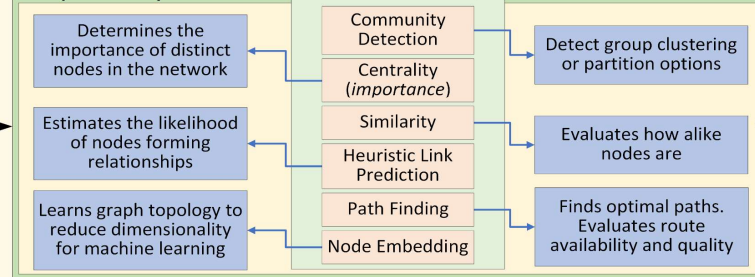


Simulation Through Autogenerated Templates



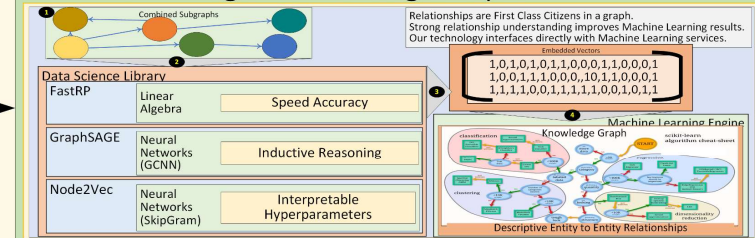
Traverse graph pathways invoking agnostic externalize domain logic. Grammars also generate these domain agnostic Templates

Graph Analytics



Perform rich graph analytics over a high performance, easily customizable, data structures

Machine Learning and Knowledge Graphs

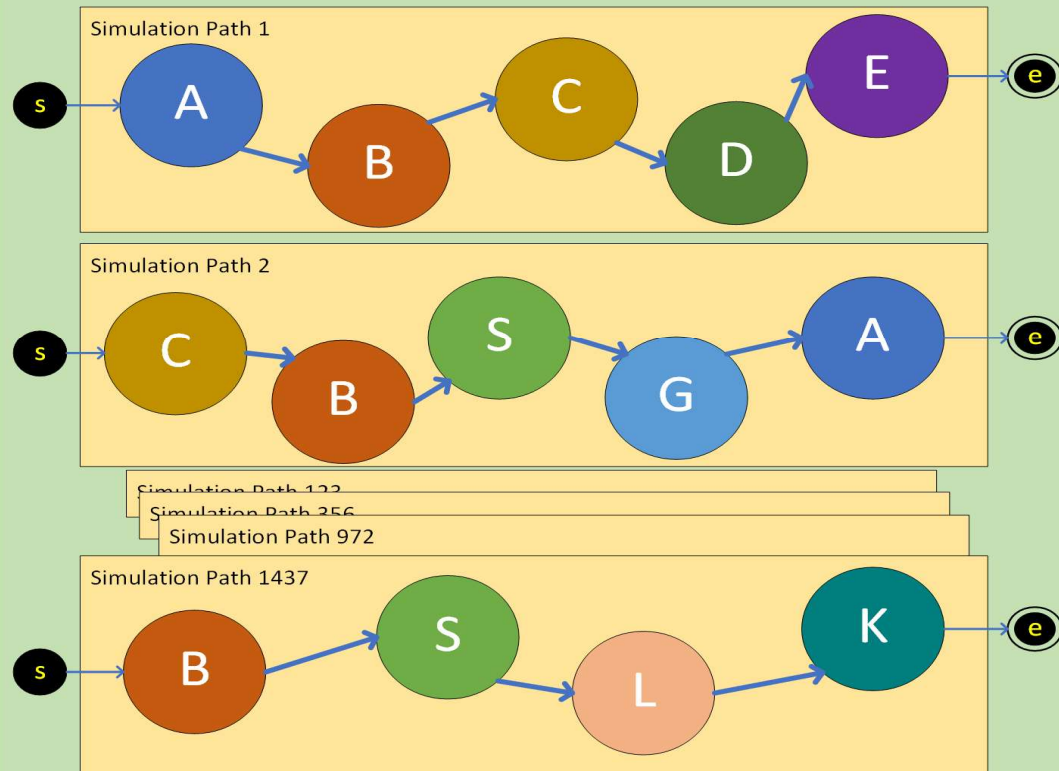


Easily vectorize RSE structures for integration with Machine Learning Engines.

Making Decisions Through Thread Pathways

Create & Accumulate Graphs

Variable Path, Variable Steps



Most projects can identify *Data Entities* that might contribute to the eventual outcome, with new *Data Entities* constantly emerging.

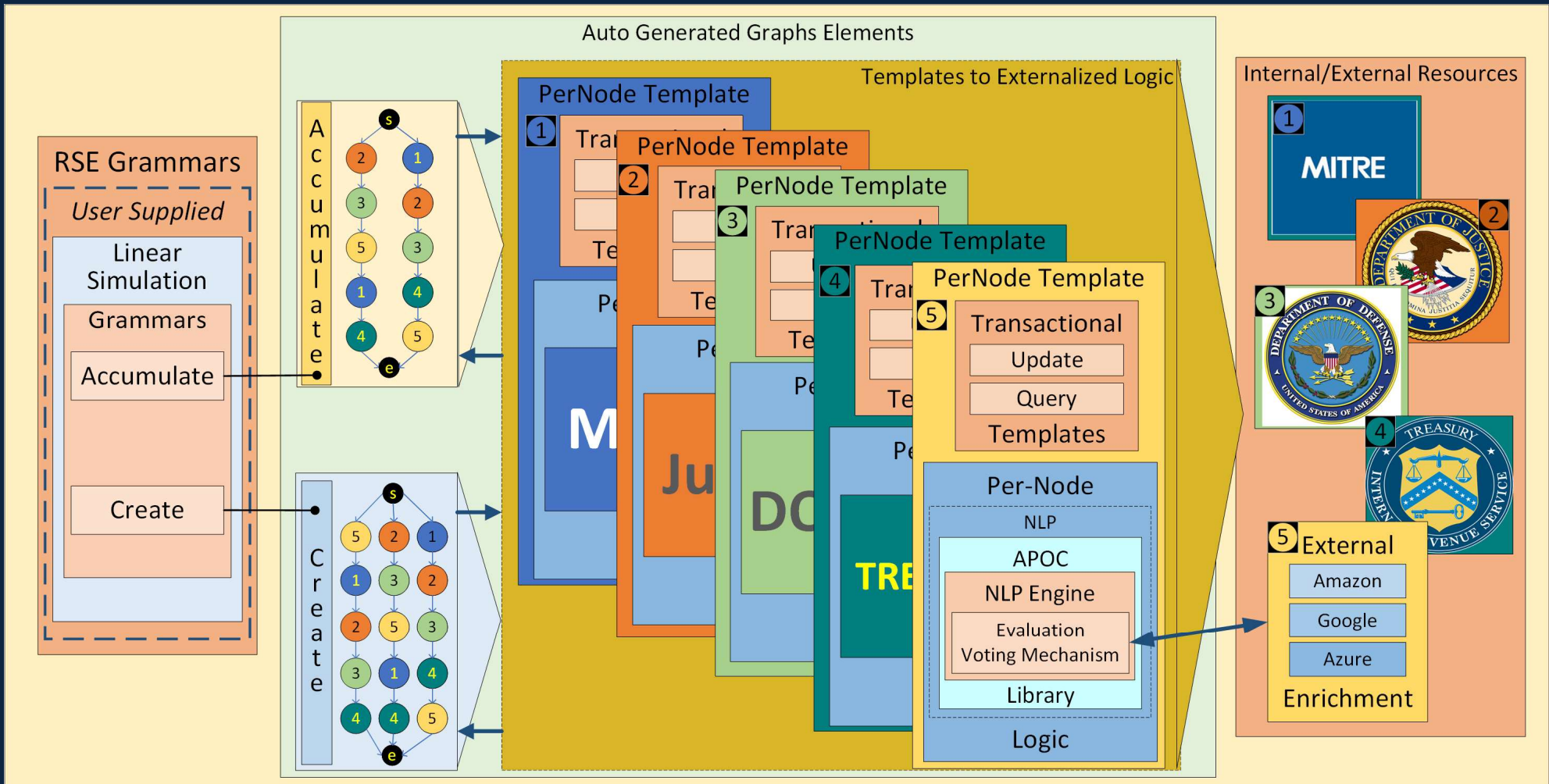
Our Solution provides a simple mechanism to define scenarios. These scenarios select, and order, *Data Entities* which can be included into variable length *Simulation Paths*.

$\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\} \rightarrow \{C\} \rightarrow \{D\} \rightarrow \{E\},$
 $\{C\} \rightarrow \{B\} \rightarrow \{S\} \rightarrow \{G\} \rightarrow \{A\},$
 $\{B\} \rightarrow \{S\} \rightarrow \{L\} \rightarrow \{K\}, \dots$

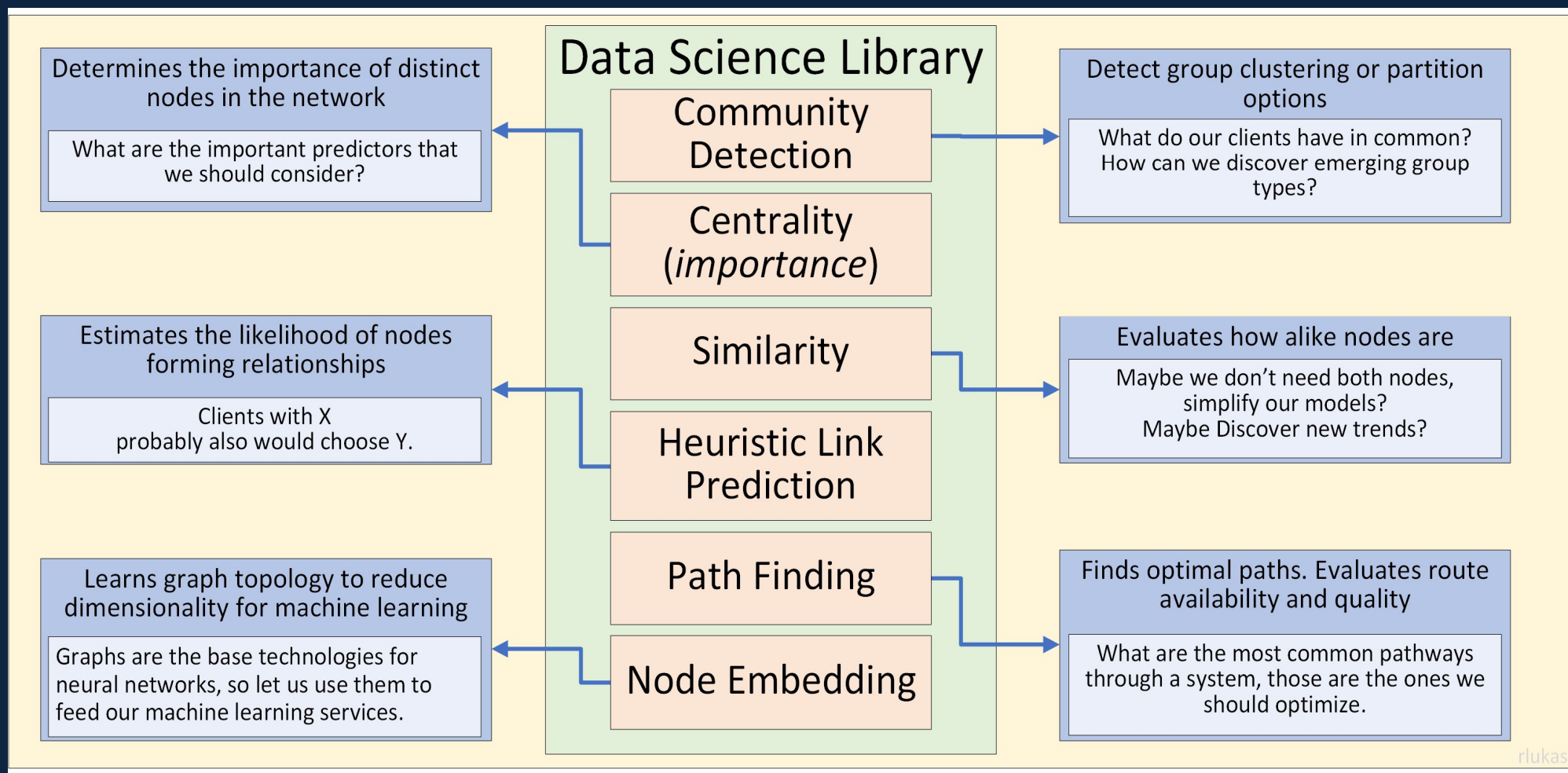
Data Entity values may have multiple settings. For example, Income Levels may be described as a set of ranges.

Because of the dynamic nature of projects, *Simulation Paths* must be easily, and dynamically, defined from external sources.

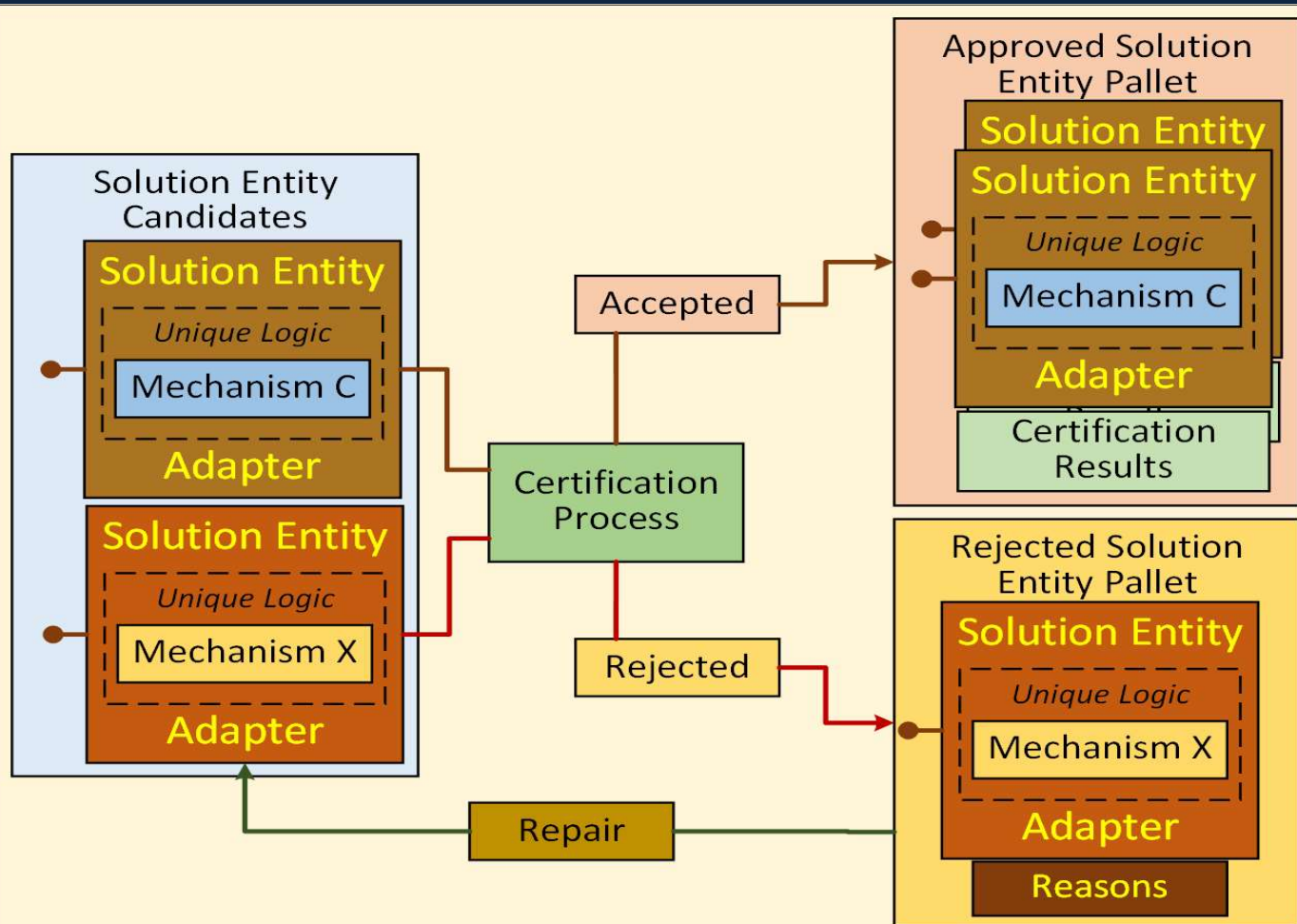
Thread Entities Receive Domain Logic



Data Science Library: A Global View

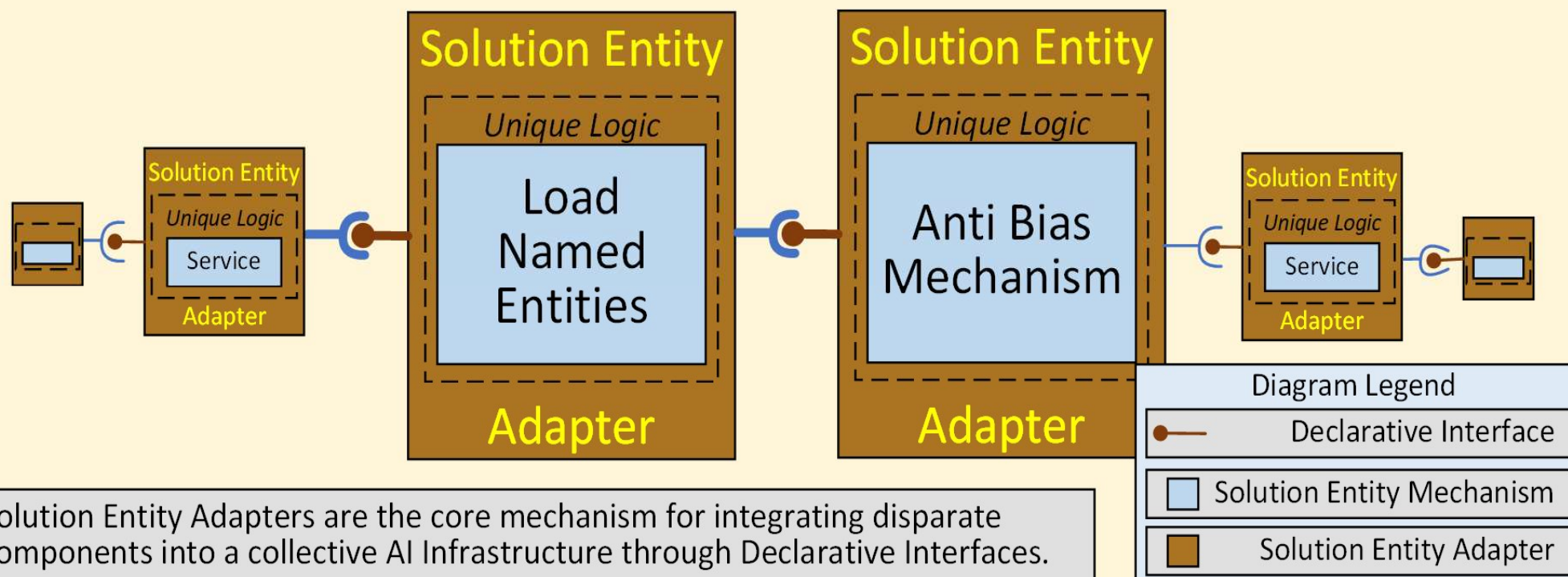


Solution Entity Pallet Mechanisms (CI/CD)



- **Solution Entities are the cornerstone of our solution.**
- **Solution Entities undergo a Certification Process and normal CI/CD pipeline**
- **Solution Entities are combined provide perspectives into our high-performance datasets.**

The AI Infrastructure Pipeline



Solution Entities are the next generation, domain agnostic Rule Engine Templates, residing in, and are selected from, a pallet library. Solution Entities expose and are connected through declarative interfaces

Interface Mechanisms

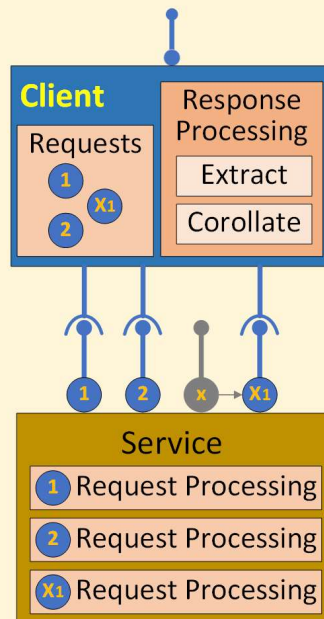
Current Interface Schema

Servers and Clients are Roles. A component often operates in both Roles

The need for an attribute set, generally requires acquisition through multiple interfaces and multiple requests from the Client.

The Client then has to parse the presented structures to obtain the desired results.

The Client is tightly bound to the structure of the Server. Changes to the Server interfaces (X -> X₁) directly affects all X dependent Clients.



Each Service interface exposes one or more methods (functions with parameters and return types)

SOAP, REST, and Language Native, although different, are common interface types

Declarative Interfaces establish a common declarative request mechanism throughout the entire topology

Tightly bound components are contrary to Plug and Play topologies

Interface versioning complicates the topology and the exposing Services

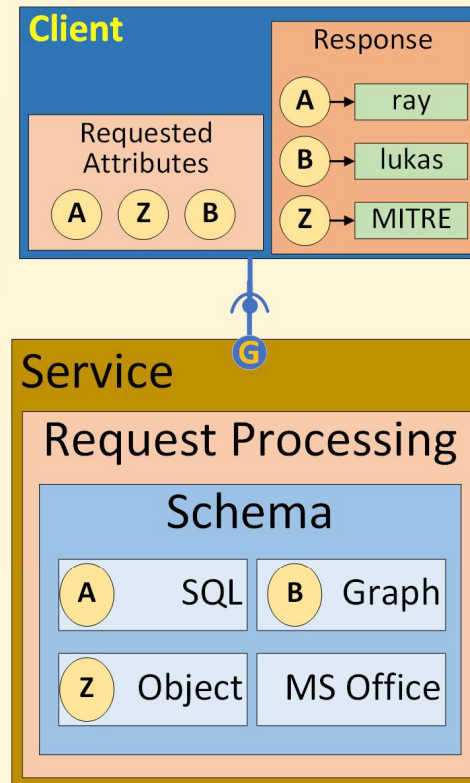
Transferring unrequested attributes harms performance on multiple levels

Declarative Interface Schema

The Service Exposes a single interface to all Clients and Client versions.

Requests contain a the list of Requested Attributes. Services send only Requested Attributes simplifying Client processing.

Declarative Interfaces simplifies both the micro and macro topologies



The Schema contains pre-canned components which provide access to disparate data sources.

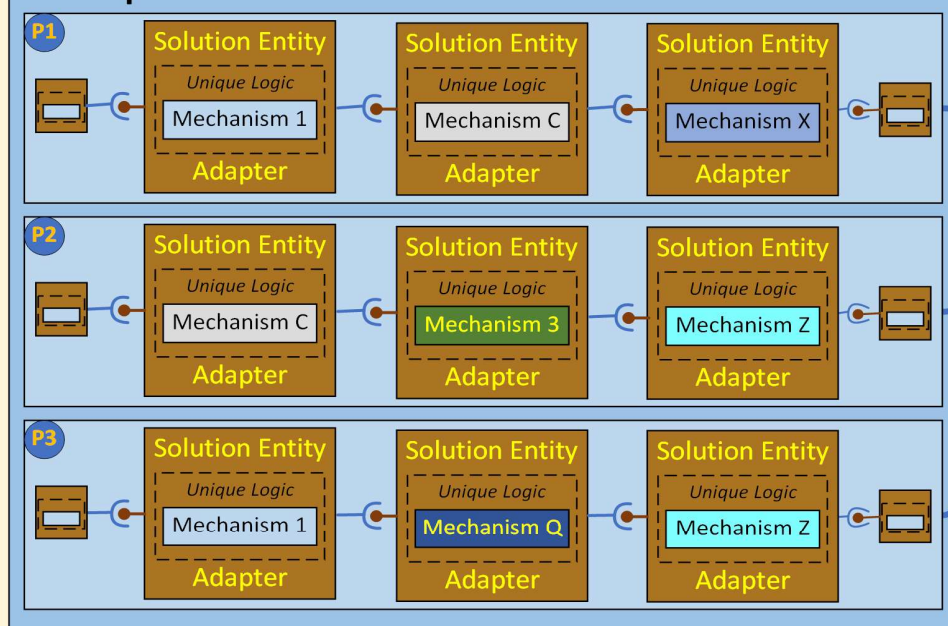
The Schema creates a standardized Key:Value Response object which is returned to the Requestor.

Declarative interfaces promote a Plug and Play Infrastructure

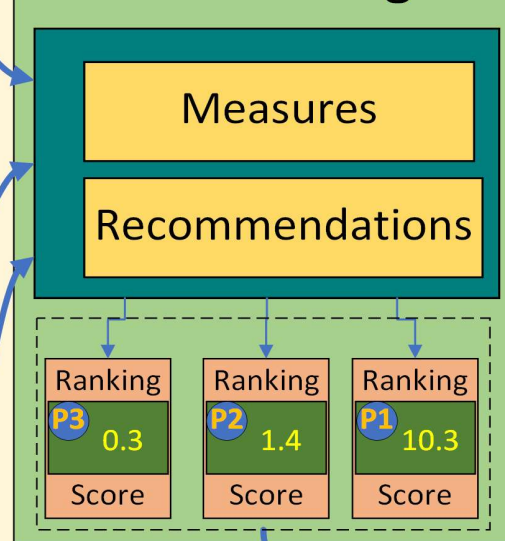
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Gaining and Evaluating Different Perspectives

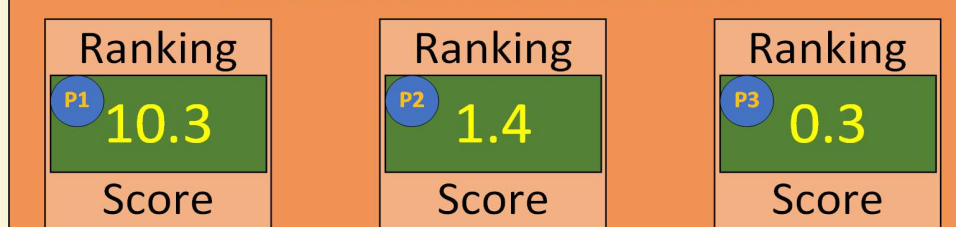
Perspectives



Evaluation Engine

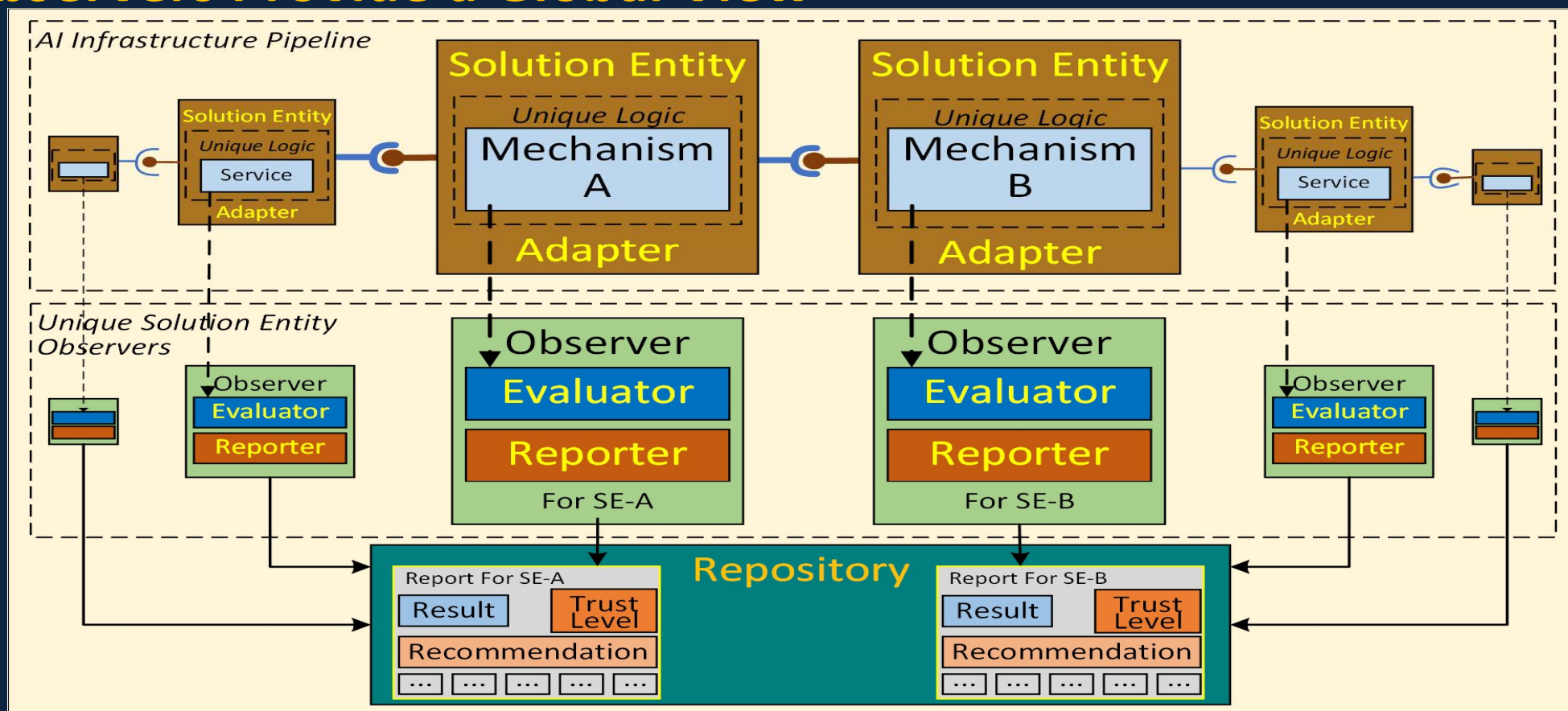


Ranked Recommendations



- **Solution Entities** are combined in any order for multiple perspectives
- Perspectives are then fed into the Evaluation Engine which produce Ranking Scores.

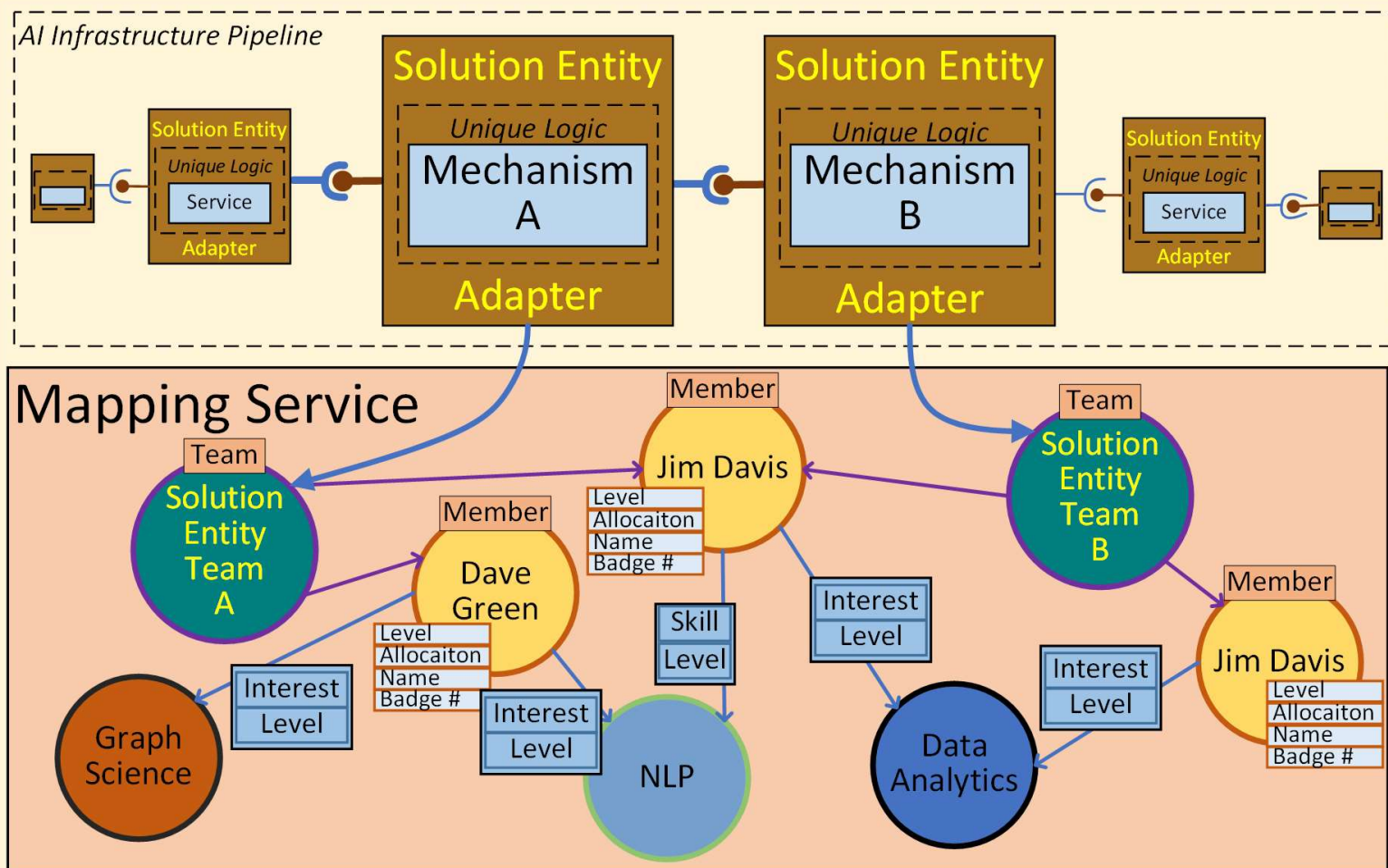
Observers Provide a Global View



Each Solution Entity Adapter implements an Observer Pattern which reports Events and Relevant State into a common Mapping Service Repository

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General Mapping Service



Solution Entity States are preserved directly through their Adapters or the Observers into a high-performance graph structure which are easily be explored visually or through graph analytics.

Wrap Up

The Problem To Solve

- Simplified mechanism for building and unifying disparate data sources into a normalized high performance Unified Data Fabric, which can be evaluated and understood
MITRE Grammars/Compiler provide a simple mechanism to create new graph structures to address emerging explorations through multiple services
- Mechanisms to visually explore and understand both data entities and their relationships to one another
Bloom: Perspectives, Share Discoveries within teams, Near Natural Language processing
Browser: Cypher developers interface simplified through our Grammars
- Mechanisms to understand and traverse threads of augmented entities
Templates and Solution Entities provide domain agnostic Rules Engine thread processing
- Mechanisms to project and understand through graph analytics the desired dataset
Analytic Projections and Machine Learning integration through Data Science Library

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The Attached Appendix Supplies More Detailed Explanations of RSE Grammars and Subgraphs

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Database Comparisons

Database	Purpose	Attributes
Relational		
Oracle	Table Based	Highly Refined
SQL Server	Rows and Columns	ACID Transactions
		Schema Based
No SQL		
MongoDB	Key-Value Storage	Eventual Consistency
Cassandra	Document Storage	Great for Web Interactions
Spanner		
Graph		
Anzo	Model Simplicity	White Board Friendly
Neo4J	High Speed Entity-Entity Traversals	ACID Transactions
		Schemaless

★ Mongo DB contains ACID Transactions

Relational

Strict schema and data normalization separating data into tables. To preserve data consistency ACID transactions are supported. This imposes limitations on how relationships can be queried. Translations from OO to Rel are difficult and expensive.

Relational model and other NoSQL database models link the data by implicit connections

Relationships are reunified at query time

Graph

Whiteboard Friendly/Object Oriented: Native Graph databases have no pre-canned schema. Structures are directly mapped, any node can point to any other node. Unlimited query environment.

Relationships are first-class citizen in a graph database and can be labelled, directed, and assigned properties

★ Graphs and their Analytics Libraries are Very Scalable. Our graph technology can handle Trillions of nodes. Graphs with less than 10 million nodes and relationship are considered small.

But Which Is The Best? It Depends On What You Are Doing

Performance: Connections are made a creation time, not at query time

RSE General Terminology

Basic Graph Terminologies

Grammars: Grammars provide a simplified abstraction mechanism from the underlying graph technologies (in our case the Cypher Language) used to describe, and create graph, structures. Grammars are much like a high level programming language (C, C++, Java) which abstract the underlying CPU capabilities (assembly/machine code) mechanisms. *Grammars are compiled into the underlying Cypher codes.*

Pattern: Patterns are basic text strings (called ASCII Art) which describes a Node's Relationship to another Node. (Node)-[Relationship]->(Node). *See Appendix for details.*

Cypher: Cypher is the language of Graphs. Our Grammars are abstractions of Cypher and are compiled into Cypher which can be easily deployed to create new high performant graph structures. Cypher's compliment in the relational data world would be SQL. Cypher is basic *SQL for Graphs, but much better.*

Create and Merge Commands: Two basic and commonly used Cypher commands. Create creates the presented Pattern, even if it already exists. Merge uses the presented Pattern if it already exists, else it creates a new pattern in the database. *This is the underlying mechanism for auto connecting subgraphs and/or sharing threads in the Accumulation graphs.*

Rules Simulation Engine Terminologies

Rules Engine: A Rules Engine is a service that allows domain (system) logic to be defined and invoked externally from the engine. Since the logic of the system is externalized from the engine, this allows the engine to be easily adapted to, and used across, virtually any domain. *This is a cornerstone concept in our solution, and how we provide a domain agnostic solution.*

Simulation Path: A graph is a series of interconnected entities (nodes). Our Rules Simulation Engine is able to traverse these pathways and for each node invoke externalized domain logic living inside autogenerated templates. This is how our Rules Simulation Engine implements a high performance, domain agnostic, decision/simulation mechanism. *This technique is generally used with Create and Accumulate (threading type) graphs. Merge graphs are generally for graph analytics.*

RSE Grammar Node Types

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Standard Element Types

Node (instanceVar:LabelList{AttributeNameValueList})

Relationship (node)-[instanceVar:RelationshipLabelList{AttributeNameValueList}]- (node)

Enhanced Element Types

Enhanced Visualization

Index Nodes: These are special autogenerated nodes which group like nodes together. For example, all the states in a country, all the counties in a state, all cities in a county all the data centers for each city. Each of these topology nodes are index nodes.

Graph Debugging

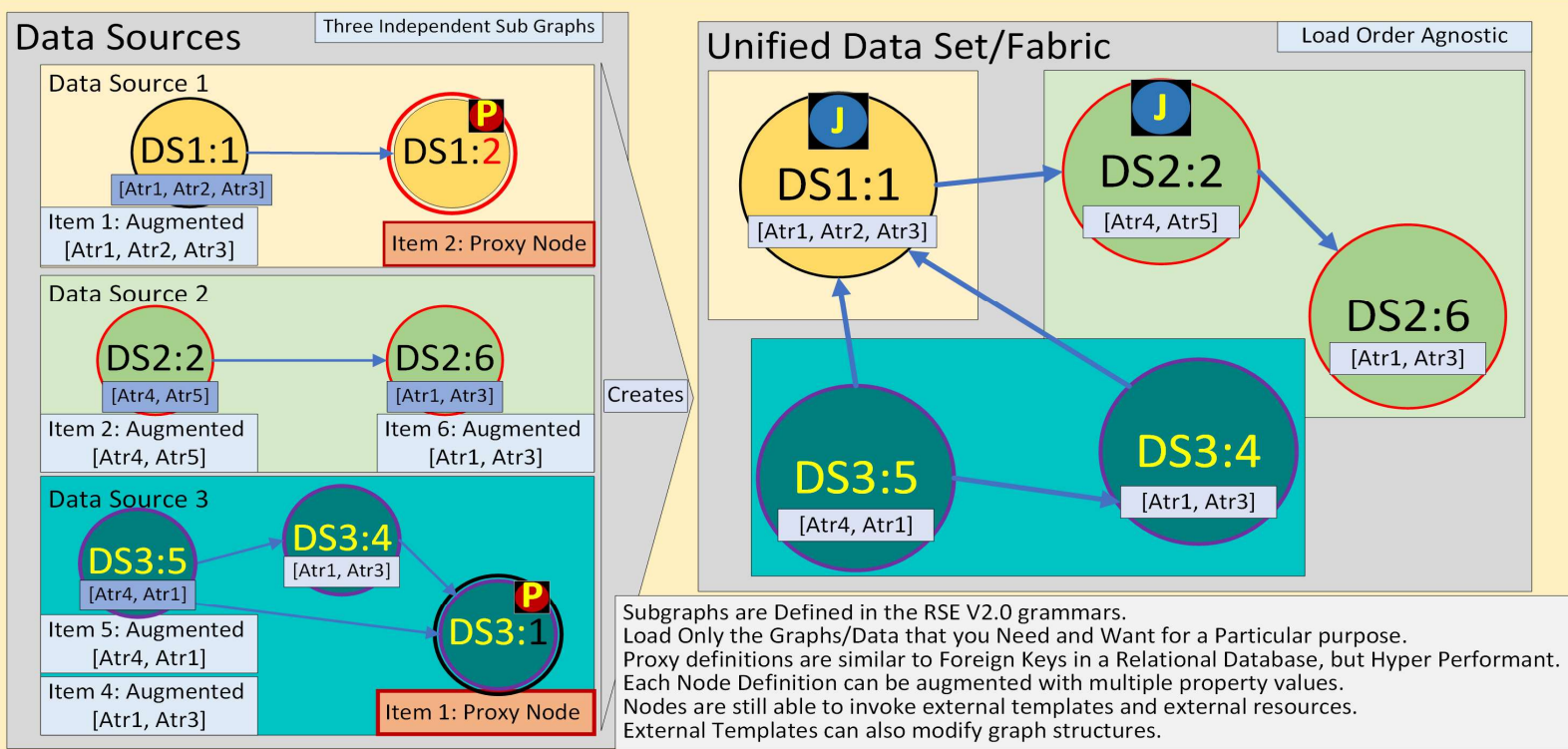
Data Source Nodes: Special nodes created for each data source that connect to all the nodes from that data source. Data Source nodes allow you to visualize the data sources for each node in a subgraph.

Error Graphs: ErrorType nodes are generated when errors are found in the underlying data source. Each ErrorType node points to nodes which describe each occurrence of such errors. Currently null data elements are supported, with additional error detection schemas under development

Unified Data Fabric

Subgraph Technology: Each Data Source can define one or more subgraphs. Subgraphs can be loaded in any order, or not at all.

Proxy Nodes: Proxy Nodes (DS1:2 and DS3:1) are Place holder (Proxy) nodes which define connection points that will be mapped to by other subgraphs. Proxy Nodes hold only the state information defined in that Data Source.



Proxy Node Mappings

- DS1:2 is defined in DS2:2. When DS2 is loaded DS1:2 is mapped and augmented with Attribute 4 and Attribute 5
- DS3:1 is defined in DS1:1. Loading the Data Source 1 subgraph maps to DS3:1 and load Attribute 1, Attribute 2, and Attribute 3

Visual Exploration Mechanisms

Exploration of Graph Interface Services

Bloom



GPU
Accelerated
Visualization

High
performance
physics and
rendering

Easily discover patterns yielding more questions and explorations.

Near natural language visual explorations of graph structures without knowing SQL or Cypher. Bloom even can suggests entities to include in your visualizations.

Provides mechanisms to easily update graph entities without knowing Cypher

Graph customizations (millions of colors, property based styles, icons, auto sizing, etc.)

Easily augmented capabilities through embedded Cypher enrichments

Provides defined perspectives which are tailored for a specific role or context

Subgraphs, Perspectives, Scenes, and other enrichments can be shared

Browser



Developer Tool requires Cypher, the Language of Graphs, Knowledge

Limited display (colors, sizing of entities, no node icons, etc.) capabilities

Node Definition

Node Definition Grammar

Grammar Components

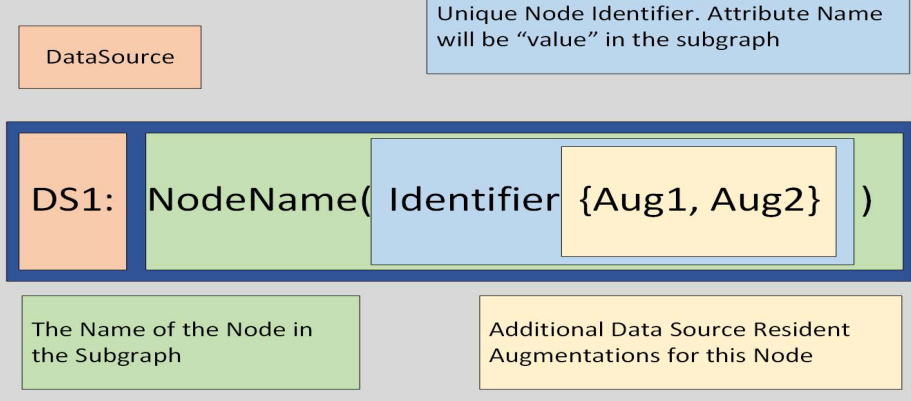
DS1	DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;; FISMA@;})
NodeName	DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;; FISMA@;})
Identifier	DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;; FISMA@;})
{Aug1, Aug2}	DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;; FISMA@;})

MultiFields

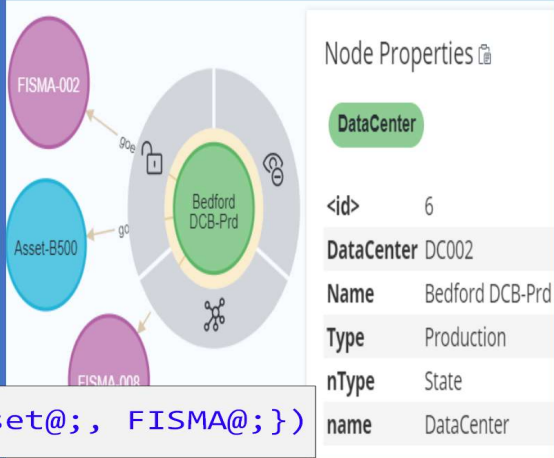
MultiFields contain multiple delimited data elements embedded into a single column. In this example these are separated by the semicolon character.

 Multifield Definition Semicolon Delimiter

Node Definition Grammar



Data Center Node



Data Source

Defines where this node should obtain its attributes. Current supported data sources include CSV files and Relational Database Tables.

Node Name

Node names are no longer restricted to the column name.

Identifier

List of the unique identifiers (primary key concept) for this node.

Augmentations

Defines additional attributes from the data source which should be included into this Node.

Improved Autogenerated Graph Structures

Accumulate, Create, and Merge graph

Subgraph Definition

Subgraph Definition

Root Node -> Destination Nodes

Root Node

DS1: NodeName(Identifier {Aug1, Aug2})

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Destination Node List

DS1: NodeName(Identifier {Aug1, Aug2}) ,

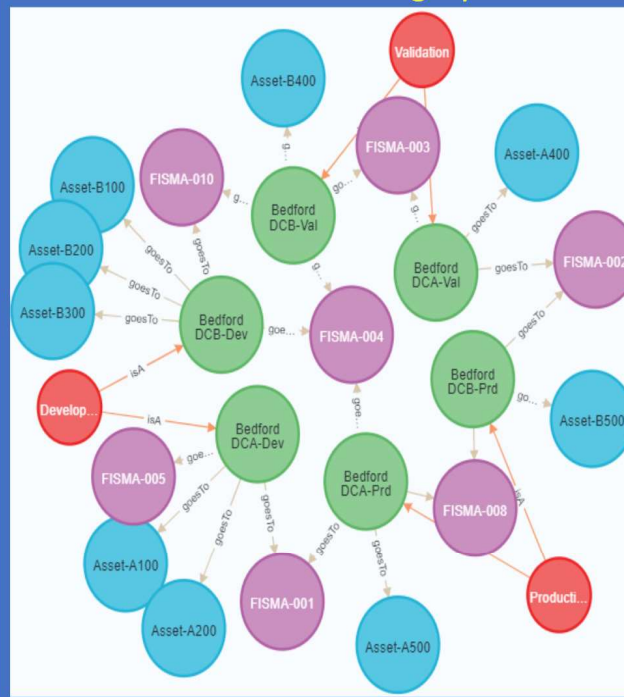
DS1: NodeName(Identifier {Aug1, Aug2})]

Graph Definition Example

DataCntDS:Type@I(Type)

> [DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;, FISMA@;})]

Data Center Subgraph



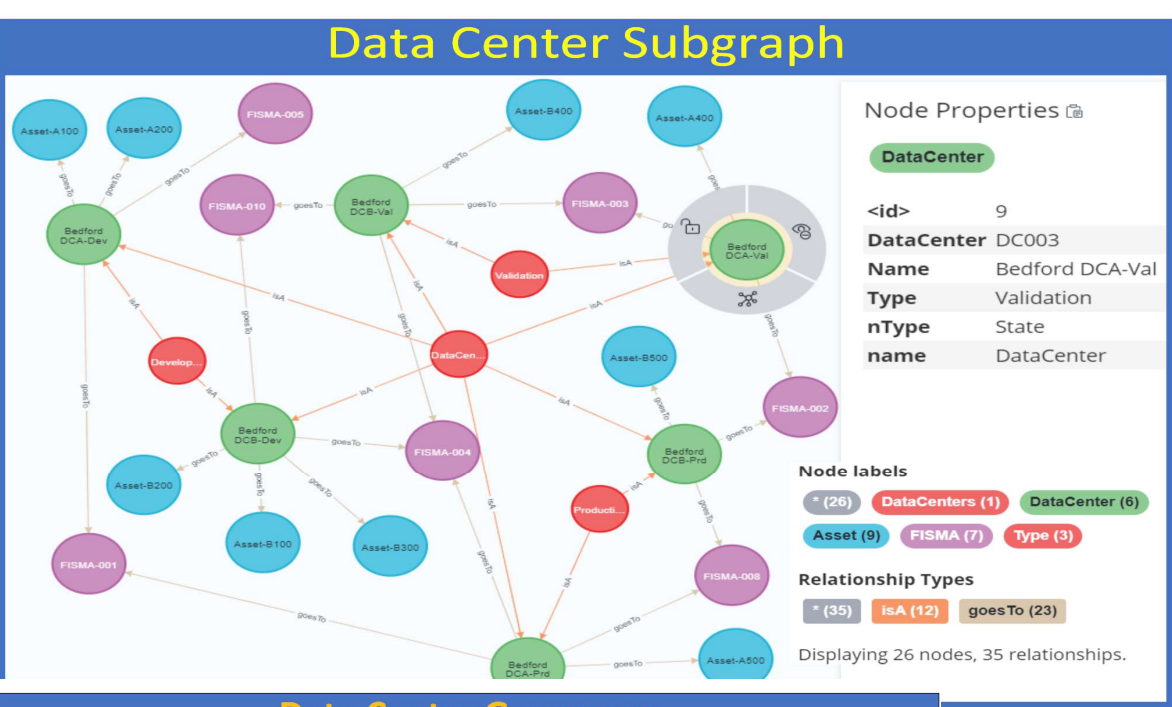
Node Interconnections

Subgraph Technology:

- Each Data Source defines can a subgraph. The DataCenter data source defines the following Data Center subgraph.
- Multiple subgraphs can, through our simplifies grammars, be defined each from separate or shared data sources and types.
- Subgraphs can be loaded in any order, or not at all. Loading a subgraph automatically connects like nodes together into a Master Graph
- Only load the data you need for your specific explorations

Data Center Subgraph

Constructing the Data Center Subgraph



We can see that the Data Center Data Source contains two multifield elements, Assets and supported FISMA elements

There are two types of Index nodes, both shown in Red. DataCenter Index node in the center points to all Data Center nodes. The Type Index node (Production, Validation, and Development) connect to their respective Data Center types.

Asset nodes are Proxy Nodes, containing on the Asset ID.

Data Center Grammars

Define Data Center Index Node

```
DataCentersDS:DataCenters@I()
```

Define Data Center Node with Asset and FISMA Multifields

```
DataCntDS:DataCenter(Name{DataCenter, Type, Asset@;, FISMA@;})
```

Define Data Center Type Index Node

```
DataCentersDS:Type@I(Type)
```

Data Center Data

	DataCenter	Name	Type	Asset	FISMA
1	DC001	Bedford DCA-Prd	Production	Asset-A500	FISMA-001; FISMA-004; FISMA-008
2	DC002	Bedford DCB-Prd	Production	Asset-B500	FISMA-002;FISMA-008
3	DC003	Bedford DCA-Val	Validation	Asset-A400	FISMA-003;FISMA-003;FISMA-002
4	DC004	Bedford DCB-Val	Validation	Asset-B400	FISMA-004;FISMA-010;FISMA-003
5	DC005	Bedford DCA-Dev	Development	Asset-A100;Asset-A200	FISMA-005;FISMA-001
6	DC006	Bedford DCB-Dev	Development	Asset-B100;Asset-B200;Asset-B300	FISMA-004;FISMA-010

Asset Subgraph

Define Asset Index Node

AssetsDS:Assets@I()

Define Vendor, AssetType, ClassType, DeviceType Index Nodes

AssetsDS:Vendor@I(Vendor)
AssetsDS:AssetType@I(AssetType)
AssetsDS:ClassType@I(Class)
AssetsDS:DeviceType@I(DeviceType)

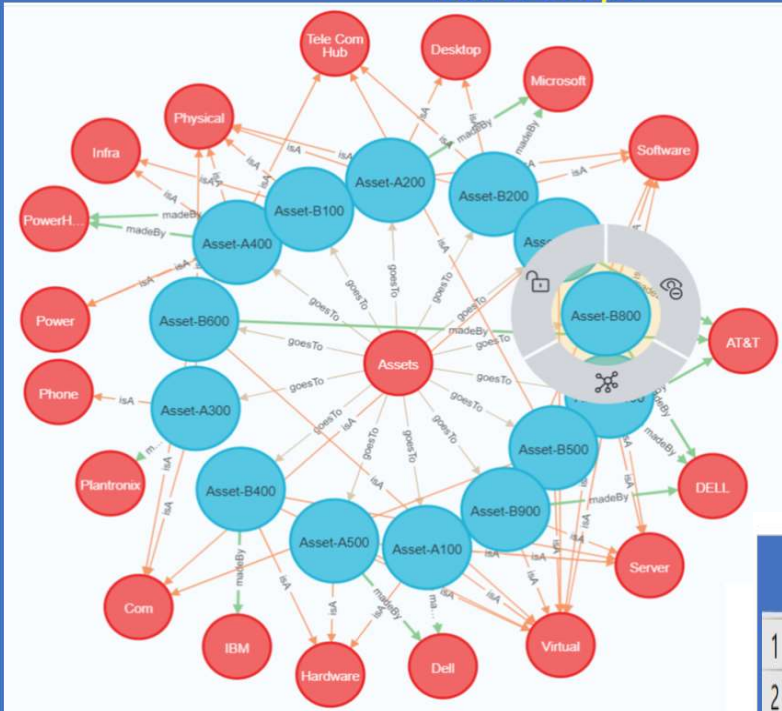
Define Asset Node

AssetsDS:Asset(Asset{AssetName, Vendor, Class, AssetType, DeviceType, BiosGuid, Versions, HostName, IP_Address_Type, IP_Address})

Asset Data

	Asset	AssetName	Vendor	AssetType	Class	DeviceType	BiosGuid	Versions	HostName	IP_Address_Type	IP_Address
1	Asset										
2	Asset-A100	Dell Server	Dell	Server	Virtual	Hardware	S100-BG	V3.2.4	Host-A100	IPV6	123.123.123.001
3	Asset-A200	Windows Office	Microsoft	Desktop	Physical	Software	D200-BG	C-2-5	Host-A200	IPV4	123.123.123.002
4	Asset-A300	Phone Systems	Plantronix	Phone	Physical	Com	PH100-BG	V8.3.1	Host-A300	IPV6	123.123.123.003
5	Asset-A400	Power Generator	PowerHouse	Power	Physical	Infra	PW100-BG	C2	Host-A400	IPV4	123.123.123.004
6	Asset-A500	Dell Server	Dell	Server	Virtual	Hardware	S200-BG	V3.4	Host-A500	IPV6	123.123.123.005
7	Asset-B100	Power Generator	PowerHouse	Power	Physical	Infra	PW200-BG	C2	Host-B100	IPV4	123.123.123.006

Asset Graph



Node Properties

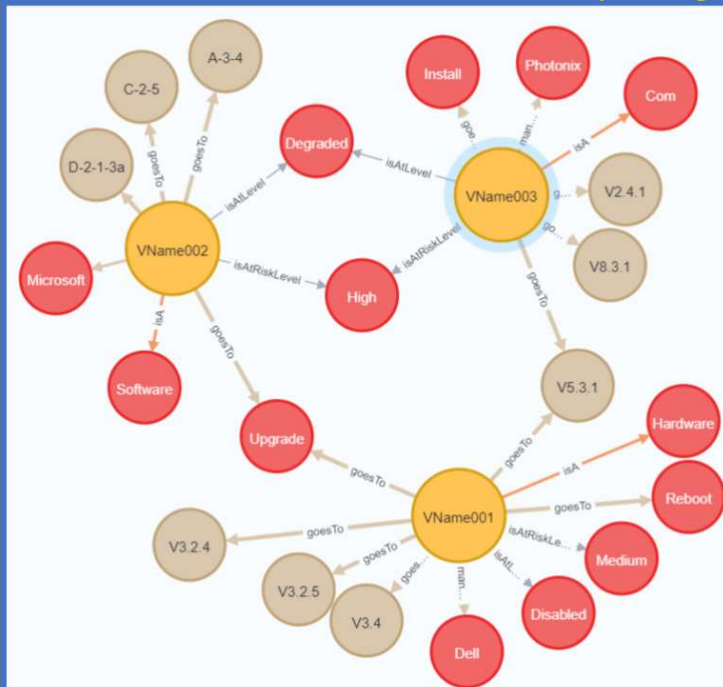
Asset

<id> 39
Asset Asset-B800
AssetName Unix OS
AssetType Server
BiosGuid S300-BG
Class Virtual
DeviceType Software
HostName Host-B300
IP_Address 123.123.123.006
IP_Address_Type IPV4
Type
Vendor DELL
Versions U5.8
nType State

Assets have a single Asset Index node pointing to all Assets

Assets have multiple Index nodes each describing various Asset characteristics

Constructing the Vulnerability Subgraph



Vulnerability

Vulnerability Grammars

Define Vulnerability Index Node

VulnerabilitiesDS:Vulnerabilities@I()

Define RiskLevel, DeviceType, Effects, Vendor Index Nodes

```
VulnerabilitiesDS:RiskLevel@I(RiskLevel)
VulnerabilitiesDS:DeviceType@I(DeviceType)
VulnerabilitiesDS:Effects@I(Effects)
VulnerabilitiesDS:Vendor@I(Vendor)
```

Define Vulnerability Node

```
VulnerabilitiesDS:Vulnerability(Vulnerability{Name, DiscoveryDate,
Description, DeviceType, AssetName, Effects, RiskLevel,
DeviceType, Versions@;, ImplemImpact@;})
```

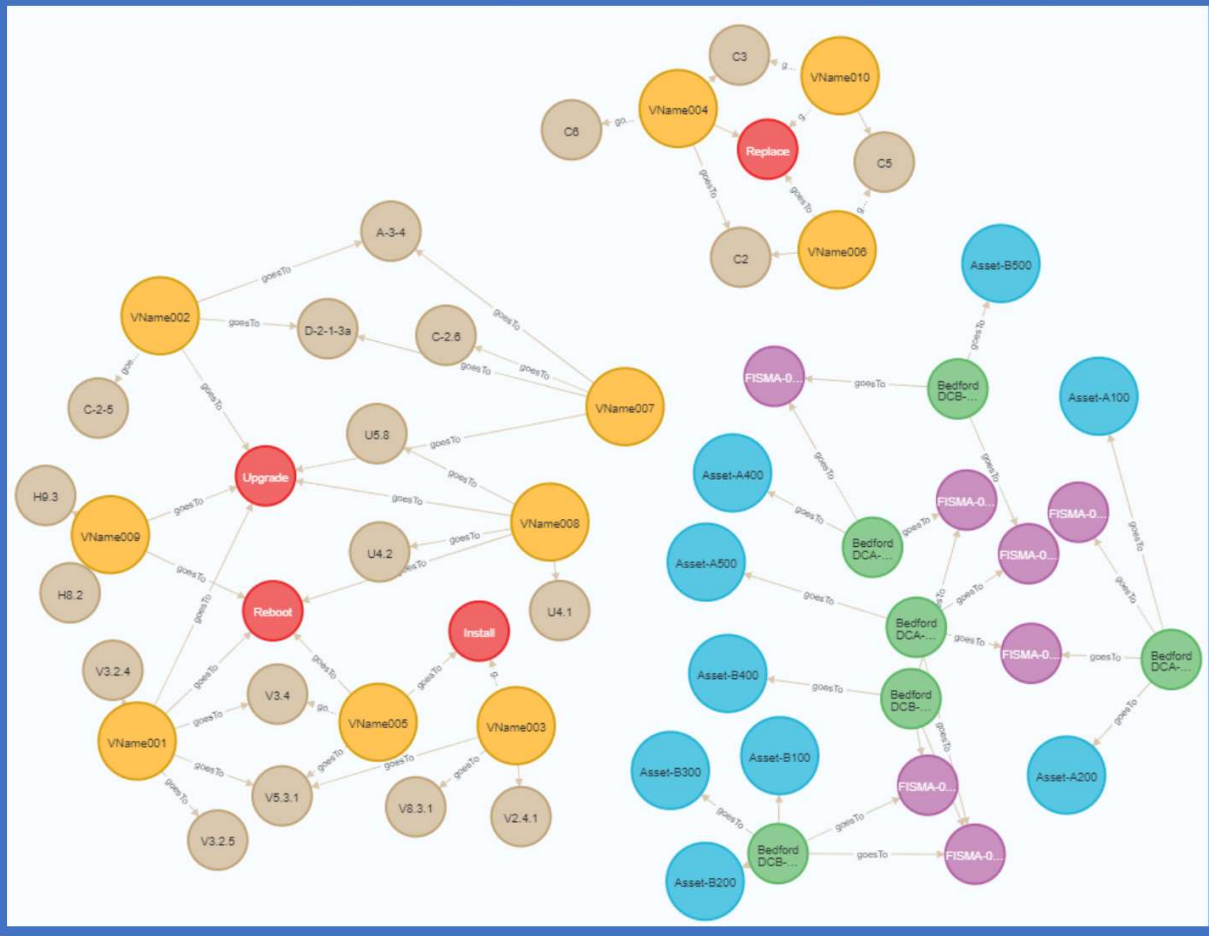
Vulnerability Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Vulnerability	Name	Discovery Date	Description	Device Type	Asset Name	Effects	Risk Level	Vendor	Implement Impact	Versions
2	Vuln001	VName001	3/15/1998	Network Failures	Hardware	Dell Server	Disabled	High	Dell	Upgrade;Reboot	V3.2.4; V3.2.5; V3.4;V5.3.1
3	Vuln002	VName002	4/5/2021	Performance Impact	Software	Windows Office	Degraded	Medium	Microsoft	Upgrade	A-3-4; C-2-5; D-2-1-3a
4	Vuln003	VName003	9/23/2020	Static on external conn	Com	Phone Systems	Degraded	Low	Photonix	Install	V5.3.1;V2.4.1;V8.3.1
5	Vuln004	VName004	3/6/2001	Reduced Power Output	Infra	Power Generator	Degraded	Medium	Powerwerx	Replace	C6;C2;C3
6	Vuln005	VName005	5/10/2020	Device access disabled	Hardware	Dell Server	Disabled	High	Dell	Install;Reboot	V3.4;V5.3.1
7	Vuln006	VName006	8/12/2019	Faulty output voltage	Infra	Power Generator	Disabled	High	Powerwerx	Replace	C2;C5
8	Vuln007	VName007	7/25/2004	Network Failures	Software	Windows Office	Disabled	Medium	Microsoft	Upgrade	A-3-4; C-2-6; D-2-1-3a
9	Vuln008	VName008	7/10/2005	Performance Impact	Software	Unix OS	Degraded	Low	IBM	Upgrade;Reboot	U4.2;U4.1;U5.8
10	Vuln009	VName009	9/3/2010	Network Failures	Hardware	IBM Server	Disabled	Medium	IBM	Upgrade;Reboot	H9.3;H8.2
11	Vuln010	VName010	10/4/2014	Voice stream interrupt	Com	Phone Systems	Degraded	Low	Photonix	Replace	C3;C5

Vulnerability 001 and 002 require an Upgrade. 001 also requires a Reboot, etc.

Combined Master Graph

Data Center, Assets, and Vulnerability Subgraphs



The Master Graph contains all three subgraphs, and describes the Data Centers, Assets, and Vulnerabilities.

Assets (in Blue) are not connected to Vulnerabilities (in Gold) as shown in the Master Graph and the following Cypher Query.

Show Asset-Vulnerability Connections

```
neo4j$ match (a:Asset)-[]->(b:Vulnerability) return a, b
```

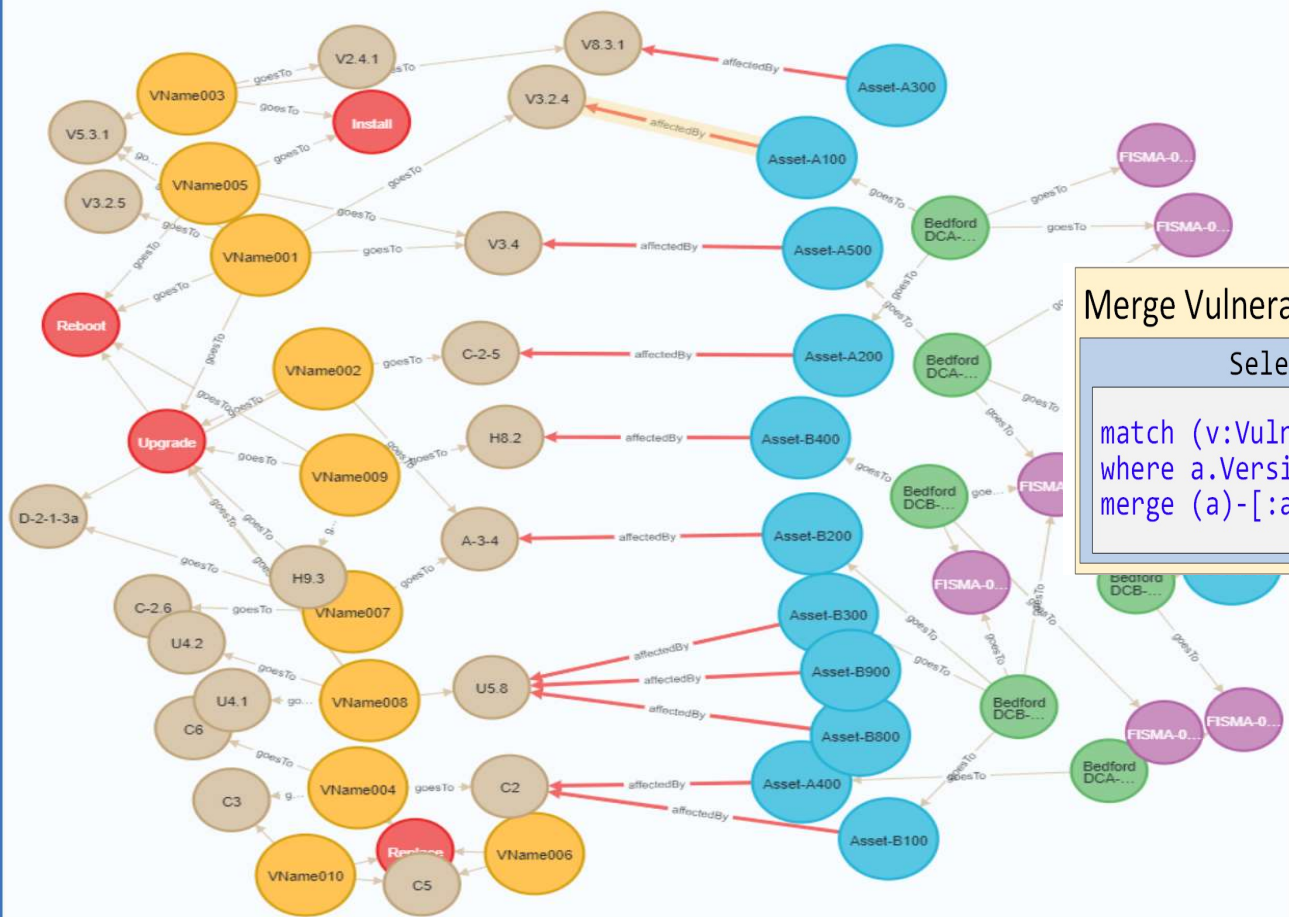
(no changes, no records)

The underlying data sources have no such connections.

Merging Vulnerability and Assets

Building New Relationships

Merged Vulnerabilities and Assets



Standard Cypher, the language of graphs, as shown below, can be used to bind these entities together. The Bloom interface also provides this capability.

Merge Vulnerabilities and Affected Assets Together

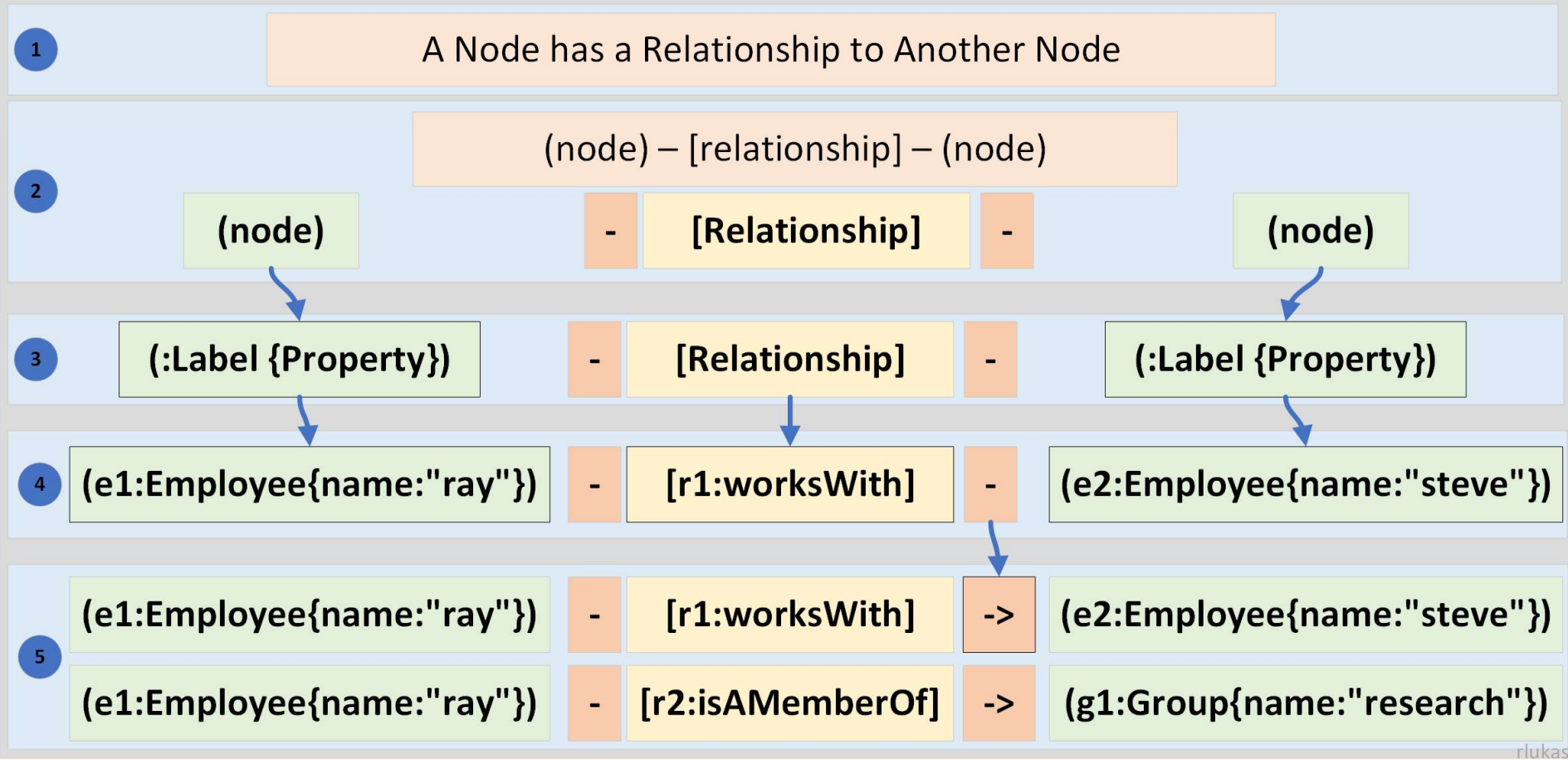
Select matching nodes and build relationships

```
match (v:Vulnerability)-[gt:goesTo]->(ve:Versions), (a:Asset)
where a.Versions = ve.Versions and v.DeviceType = a.DeviceType
merge (a)-[:affectedBy]->(ve)
```

We can also see that some Assets, A330, B800, and B900 for example, are not bound in our Data Sets to a Data Center. This rogue assets might require further exploration.

Understanding Patterns

ASCII Art



Load Nodes and Linkages Mechanism

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1 :auto USING PERIODIC COMMIT 300 load 2 csv with headers from 3 "file:///dataSet.csv" as 4 dataSetRow
  with dataSetRow 5
6 6) ForEach(_ In Case When ((dataSetRow.dataCenterColName Is not Null)) Then [1] Else [] End|
  7 Merge (dataCenterInstance:DataCenter{name:"DataCenter",
    dataSetRow.datacenter_id_derived}))
  8 set dataCenterInstance.nType = trim("State")
  9 ForEach(_ In Case When ((dataSetRow.ServerID Is not Null)) Then [1] Else [] End|
    Merge (serverInstance:Server{name:"Server", ServerID:trim(dataSetRow.ServerID)})
    set serverInstance.macaddress = trim(dataSetRow.macAddress)
    set serverInstance.dnsname = trim(dataSetRow.dnsname)
    set serverInstance.nType = trim("State")

    merge (dataCenterInstance)-[dataCenterToServerLink:contains]->(serverInstance)
  ) //end For ((dataSetRow.ServerID Is not Null)) command
6) //end For ((dataSetRow.dataCenterColName Is not Null)) command
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Multifield

Multifield Mechanism

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:auto USING PERIODIC COMMIT 300 load csv with headers from "file:///newVersion.csv" as osRow
with osRow

1 1. ForEach(_ In Case When ((osRow.ServerID Is not Null)) Then [1] Else [] End|
   Merge (serverInstance:Server{name:"Server", ServerID:trim(dataSetRow.ServerID)})

2 2. ForEach(_ In Case When (osRow.os is not null) Then [1] Else [] End|
   3. ForEach(osItem in split(osRow.os, ';') Then [1] Else [] End|
      4. ForEach(_ IN CASE WHEN (osItem <> '') Then [1] Else [] End|
         5. merge (osInstance:OS{name:"OS", operSys:trim(osItem)})
            set osInstance.nType = trim("Index")
            merge (serverInstance)-[:isA]->(osInstance)
      )
   )
)

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